

The Vicarage,
Barton-on-Humber,

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

I promised in last month's edition of the Church in Barton that in this issue there would be an article giving some background to the new Calendar which begins next Sunday.

First of all what are the changes? The one most immediately obvious is that the preparation of the Church for Christmas is **extended** to nine weeks instead of four. The reason for this change is that the Advent season is not long enough to deal with all the necessary material and subject matter of the growth in the Old Testament expectation of the Messiah. The natural place to start in this is the Creation and the Fall, leading to Man's realisation that only by God's unprecedented initiative can Man's **salvation be** brought about.

There follows after Christmas a further nine week season the overall theme of which is the work of Christ in his ministry on earth, beginning with the events of his childhood and moving on to his ministry as teacher, healer and his preparation of the disciples.

This is followed by the nine week preparation for Easter - the same as before. The emphasis here is upon Christ's proclamation of the Kingdom of God. After Easter there is retained the keeping of the Great Forty Days until Pentecost and the Gift of the Spirit upon the Church. From Pentecost (Whitsun) there follow the weeks of teaching concerning the Christian Life. We have then come full circle to the preparation for Christmas.

The two major improvements that are made by the **Calendar are these**. First, each Sunday of the year has a distinct theme which is followed in the collect for the Day, the Psalms set for Holy Communion and Evensong, as well as the readings for both these services. This sensible approach had largely been lost in the old Calendar through a multitude of historical accidents.

Second, there is so much material in the Bible that the old Calendar was forced to omit much of it. We now have a two year cycle of readings which enable the endless wealth of the Bible to be used to much better purpose.

[With apologies that at this point the Vicar's typewriter went on strike.]

All in all, the new Calendar is probably the most welcome change to be made in the Church's worship during this period of renewal. It means, of course, that our Book of Common Prayer becomes that much more useless in our following of the Church's services. This is very regrettable because it discourages us from reading the passages in preparation for Sunday worship and from following the readings during the service.

To help overcome this difficulty we are printing the passages to be read at Holy Communion in the magazine, as well as the overall theme for each Sunday. All the readings are from the New English Bible. I suggest that you look up the readings beforehand and bring your NEB with you to the services.

All Souls' Day. November 2nd. As usual, the names of those who have died in the previous twelve months will be remembered at the altar on All Souls' Day. 8pm. If you have other relatives whom you wish to have included, please let the Vicar or Mr. Emerson have their full names in writing by November 1st.

Remembrance Sunday. November 11th As in past years, the Remembrance Sunday service will be held in St. Peter's Church at 12 noon.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Speedy

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Thursday ALL SAINTS' DAY Holy Communion 10am
- 2 Friday All Souls' Day Holy Communion & Requiem 8pm
Choir Practice 6.45pm and 7pm
- 3 Saturday Holy Communion 10am
- 4 SUNDAY EIGHTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS
Theme: Holy Communion 8am
'The Fall Parish Communion 9.30am
*Genesis 4:1-10 Sunday School 11am and 2.15pm
1John 3:9-18 Holy Baptism 3.15pm
Mark 7:14-23 Evensong 6.30pm
- 5 Monday Holy Communion 7pm
- 6 Tuesday Holy Communion 7.30am
Junior Choir 5.30pm
Sunday School Teachers Meeting 8pm St. Mary's Vestry
- 7 Wednesday Holy Communion 9.30am (Mothers' Union)
- 8 Thursday Holy Communion 10am
- 9 Friday Choir Practice 6.45pm and 7pm
Holy Communion 8pm
- 10 Saturday Holy Communion 9am
- 11 REMEMBRANCE SEVENTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY Holy Communion 8am
Theme Parish Communion 9.30am
Promise of Sunday School 11am and 2.15pm
Redemption: Remembrance Service in St. Peter's 12noon
~~Mass~~ Abraham Holy Baptism 3.15pm
*Gen 22:1-18 Evensong 6.30pm
James 2:14-24
Luke 20:9-16
- 12 Monday Holy Communion 7pm
- 13 Tuesday Holy Communion 7.30am
Junior Choir Practice 5.30pm
Standing Committee 8pm St. Mary's Vestry
- 14 Wednesday Holy Communion 9.30am

- 15 Thursday Holy Communion 10am
- 16 Friday Choir Practice 6.45pm and 7pm
Holy Communion 8pm
- 17 Saturday Holy Communion 9am
- 18 SUNDAY SIXTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 Promise of Holy Communion 8am
 Redemption: Parish Communion 9.30am
 Moses Sunday School 11am and 2.15pm
 *Exod 6:2-8 Concert 'Barton Young Musicians' 3pm
 Heb 11:17-29 Evensong 6.30pm
 Mark 13:5-13
- 19 Monday - 23 Friday Yarborough Deanery Clergy Conference
- 20 Tuesday Junior Choir 5.30pm
- 23 Friday Choir Practice 6.45pm and 7pm
Holy Communion 8pm
- 24 Saturday Holy Communion 9am
- 25 SUNDAY FIFTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 The Faithful Holy Communion 8am
 Remnant Parish Communion 9.30am
 *Isaiah 10: Sunday School 11am and 2.15pm
 20-23 Holy Baptism 3.15pm
 Rom 9:19-29 Evensong 6.30pm
 Mark 13:14-23
- 26 Monday Holy Communion 7pm
Parochial Church Council 7.30pm
- 27 Tuesday Holy Communion 7.30am
Junior Choir 5.30pm
- 28 Wednesday Holy Communion 9.30am
- 29 Thursday Day of Prayer for Overseas Missions
Holy Communion 10am
- 30 Friday SAINT ANDREW AM. Holy Communion 8pm
Choir Practice 6.45pm and 7pm
- December
- 1 Saturday Holy Communion 9am
- 2 SUNDAY Fourth before Christmas ADVENT 1
 Holy Communion 8am
 Parish Communion 9.30am
 Sunday School 11am and 2.15pm
 Holy Baptism 3.15pm
 ADVENT CAROL SERVICE & PROCESSION 6.30pm