

WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome you if you are a visitor or newcomer to the church. If you'd like to, please make yourself known to the sidesperson or a churchwarden; we'd be delighted if you'd join us for coffee in the church hall after the service. We use a variety of liturgy. There is a T loop in the church for the benefit of people with hearing aids and a heater under each pew which you can switch on if it is chilly. There is a WC and changing facilities in the vestry opposite the entrance which you can use at any time. Find more at www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk

ISAIAH 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the

unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

MATTHEW 11:2-11

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. 'Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

WARM WEDNESDAY WELCOME

The Church Hall is open each Wednesday afternoon to offer hot drinks and a warm welcome. We have board games, magazines, homework space and information about other local groups. We plan to operate from November to March. Please let friends and neighbours know. For more information, contact Jane Burd (janeburd0@gmail.com).

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Debbie Bailey is usually in the office from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Our Music Licences: CCLI Licence # 493757 ; One License 401285-M

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 14 December

- 9.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas.
Followed by coffee and cake.
- 9.30 am Babies and Toddlers.
- 3 pm Wednesday Welcome.

Saturday 17 December

- 5 pm Carols round the Tree at Elsfield

Sunday 18 December

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP).
- 10 am Thanksgiving service for Hayden & Martha and all are welcome to join.

LIVE streamed straight onto YouTube

- 6 pm Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER FROM 10 am

We will be in the hall decorating the wreaths ready to put up in the church after lunch. There will be refreshments in the hall to get us all into the festive mood. Please come along and decorate the wreaths or to help Brian and James with setting up the church. Please do bring with you foliage or cakes :)

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS ON 18 DECEMBER

Celebrating the 900th Church Anniversary in Marston at 6 pm on Sunday 18 December. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

CAROL SERVICE at BRADLANDS 19 DECEMBER

There is a carol service at Bradlands on Monday 19th December at 4pm. All are welcome to join.

BEER & CAROLS at THE RED LION 20 DECEMBER

Tuesday 20th at 7 pm.

CELTIC GATHERING 21 DECEMBER

Mark the winter equinox at a Yule gathering around the fire pit outside the vicarage from 6.30 pm on Wednesday 21 December.

CAROL SERVICE AT ST THOMAS 22 DECEMBER

Enjoy the legendary hospitality of St Thomas and the Elsfield Singers at their carol service from 7 pm on Thursday 22 December.

CAROLS IN THE PUB 23 DECEMBER

The festivities continue at the Victoria Arms from 7 pm on Friday 23 December. But don't overdo it, because still to come is...

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER

Carol Services at 5 pm and 7 pm and Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER

Family Communion at 10 am.



11th DECEMBER 2022
The Third Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S SERVICES

8 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Led by Revd Skye Denno
Preacher Revd Skye Denno
Gospel Matthew 11:2-11
(page 52 in the BCP)

10 am HOLY COMMUNION

Live streamed straight onto YouTube

Led by Revd Skye Denno
Preacher Joel Denno
Gospel Matthew 11:2-11
Gathering On Jordan's bank CP34
Gradual The people that in darkness sat
CP38 (Omit V3)
Offertory Hark my soul it is the Lord
CP457
Communion
Anthem Blessed Bread – Rizza
Sending Tell out my soul CP362

10 am

MESSY CHURCH in the Hall