

Psalm 126.

1 When the Lord restored the | fortunes of | Zion,
then were | we like | those who | dream.

2 Then was our mouth | filled with | laughter
and our | tongue with | songs of | joy.

3 Then said they a | mong the | nations,
'The | Lord has done | great things for them.'

4 The Lord has indeed done great things | for us,
and | therefore | we re | joiced.

5 Restore again our | fortunes, O | Lord,
as the | river beds | of the | desert.

6 Those who | sow in | tears
shall | reap with | songs of | joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, | bearing the | seed
will come back with shouts of joy,
| bearing their | sheaves | with them.

The Parish Church of St Oswald, Durham

17th December 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Parish Eucharist

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end 1 Thess. 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28
Hymns: 34, 473 Communion: 213, 444



6:00pm Christmas Carol Service

followed by mince pies

*All baptised people are welcome to receive holy communion.
Gluten free wafers available on request when you come for communion.
If you would like to be baptised, or confirmed, please speak to Peter.*

NEXT WEEK

9:15am Monday to Friday

4:30pm Monday to Friday

2:30pm Monday

9:15am Thursday

Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer

Hallgarth Nursing Home Christmas Communion

St Oswald's School Christmas Service

Next Sunday - The Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Parish Eucharist

2 Sam. 7.1-11, 16 Rom. 16.25-end Luke 1.26-38
Hymns: 362, 231(osv) Communion: 243, 58

4:00pm Blessing of the Crib Service

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am All age Parish Eucharist

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Please pray for: Doreen Patterson, Margot Johnson, Xiao Han (a friend of Sunny's), Janice Berryman and Barbara Howitt

Please let the office know if you would like someone to be prayed for and added to this prayer list

Large print service booklets

Are available at the back of the Church alongside large print hymn books

Outreach Project

Thank you for your consideration of the work of RTProjects over the last weeks. Our Outreach Project over the Christmas period will be the Brain Tumour Charity. There is an article about their work in the parish Magazine

Our Autumn Outreach appeal for RT Projects in Gilesgate raised exactly £600 including Gift Aid. Thank you to everyone who took part, and let's not forget how welcoming Beano and Emma are if anyone wants to go and see what they do. There's talk of getting Van Mildert student volunteers to help us make a big angel next year ...

Road Closure - Church Street

By way of information, please be aware of a road closure impacting Church Street, Durham from Monday 8th January until Monday 22nd January. The road will be closed from 07.30 until 18.00 daily. The road closure has been planned by Northumbrian Water, to excavate and construct a new manhole sewer and drainage.

A number of agreed parking bays will be suspended to allow a 2 way access along Hallgarth Street and for temporary bus stops.

To accommodate pedestrians, a pedestrian route through the works site is to be maintained to allow access to Kingsgate Bridge. Temporary pedestrian lights will be in place at the junction to assist pedestrian movement while the main lights are switched off. It is hoped by implementing the above measures that disruption will be reduced.

Food Bank

Please leave any contributions in the green baskets at the back of the south aisle. Top needs at present are tinned fruit and vegetables, packets of biscuits, and bars of chocolate

Forthcoming Church events

Monday 18th December 2.30pm Hallgarth Nursing Home Christmas Communion
St Oswald's School Christmas Service will take place on 21st December at 9.15am

Sunday 24th December: *Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve*

	8:00am	Holy Communion
	11:00am	Parish Eucharist
	4:00pm	Blessing of the Crib Service
	11:30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day:	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:00am	Parish Eucharist (please note earlier time)

Upcoming Concerts in Church

Fri 12th Jan. New Year Concert/Semper Cantate. Performance starts 7:00pm

DURHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Sunday 31st December 2017

6.15pm	Procession from Market Place - please bring your own lantern
6.30pm	Service in Durham Cathedral - address by Revd Shaun Swithenbank singing led by St Oswald's Choir

ALL WELCOME

Unfortunately the Parish Office email is not working at the moment. Please excuse any omitted entries to this week's notice sheet, and hopefully we should be all up and running again next week

security notice

Please be careful to take your valuables, such as handbags, up to communion with you, so that these are not left unguarded in the pews, in case of a opportunist intruder.