# Welcome to St John's Church-Elmswell



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## 10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

If you are visiting or have recently moved to Elmswell and are here for the first time, a warm welcome to you. Everyone is invited to stay for tea and coffee in the church room after the service.

If you have or know of a pastoral need, please contact one of the Clergy



**Collect** (Special prayer for today)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer.

who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary

to be the mother of your Son:

grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him

when he comes again as our judge;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

#### **BIBLE READINGS**

O/T Reading: Isaiah 7: 10 to 16 (p692) Gospel: Matthew 1: 18 to 25 (p966)

#### CAROLS

1 Unto us a boy is born
26 See him lying on a bed of straw
3 O little town of Bethleham
10 While shepherds watched
16 Joy to the world

#### Notice Board

**CAN YOU HELP?** We still urgently require persons to join the rota for cleaning the church. You would work in pairs. If you can spare an hour once a month to keep our church clean please speak to Rosie Ellis. **Did you know?** You can now make a donation to the church by using the Contactless Giving machine which has been installed at the back of the church.

#### The week ahead

Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve 3.30pm Messy Nativity (Family Carols)

11.00pm Late Night Communion.

**Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day** 8.00am Early Morning Communion (Book of Common Prayer).

10.00am All Age Christmas Celebration.

### Diary Dates

**Saturday 4 January** 9.00am to 9.45am Prayer meeting in the church room.

## Looking Further Ahead.

Thursday 8 January 9.30am to 11.30am 'Mums The Word' at the Rectory.

**Saturday 11 January** 8.30am Men's Breakfast in the church room. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of the church.



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Next Sunday..10.30am Informal Communion (all age)