

NEWS AND NOTICES

OUR GIFT SERVICE on Sunday 7th December will support **Zarach** who would like donations of pyjamas for for all genders and sizes, and **Leeds Children's Charity at Lineham Farm**. Their suggested gift list will be found here: [Christmas Gift List 2025](#). Please bring your gifts, unwrapped, to the service.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK'S ADVENT BOOK 2025 is '*Listening to the music of the soul*' by Bishop Guli Frances-Dehqani. You might consider reading it alone or with others, perhaps as part of your housegroup or small group. **Michelle will be offering an Advent book club zoom meeting on Sunday 14th December 4-5pm** for anyone interested in sharing thoughts on the book so far. If you would like details of how to join the zoom meeting contact vicar@stedmundsroundhay.org.uk

ST ED'S YOUNG ADULTS GROUP. 18+ for young people in and around the Roundhay area at any stage of life (work/uni etc). Meeting **every Thursday, 7pm at Hesco Lounge, Street Lane**. Please contact Isabelle Lepine on 07847622184.

THE MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets on **8th December in church from 10:30 till 12**. We start with a chat and coffee, with the main meeting starting at 11. We will be looking at the following Sunday's readings, James 5:7-10 & Matthew 11:2-11.

HOME MADE CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS for sale with proceeds to church funds. 2lb - £9, 1lb - £7. They will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre. To order one, please contact Anne Sampford at brian.sampford@hotmail.co.uk.

ROUNDHAY WI GOLDEN PLOVER CAROL SERVICE at St Edmund's on **Tuesday 9th December**. Arrive from **6.30pm for a 7pm start**. Everyone is invited to join Roundhay Womens Institute and several local WIs (known collectively as the Golden Plover group) in a Carol Service and Readings with the theme of 'Christmas Hope'. Collection for St. Gemma's. Refreshments will be available after the Service. Bring along family, neighbours & friends.

ST ED'S SMALL GROUP for young people in years 11 to 13 will have our **second meeting on Tuesday 9th December from 7 - 8.30pm** in the church hall. There will be pizza! Years 11-13, please join us; we aim to meet fortnightly during term time.

THE JULIAN PRAYER MEETING on **Thursday 11th December at 2pm** for a guided short reflection and a time of contemplative prayer, followed by refreshments if you would like to stay on for that. Information is available from Julie Meakin: jpmekin@hotmail.co.uk or from Terry Robson: terry1robson@icloud.com

ST EDMUND'S COMMUNITY HUB /RVS LUNCH for senior members. Come join us in the back of Church on Tuesdays between 11 and 1pm. Lunch and a warm welcome are guaranteed; £2 contribution.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are always available at Communion: please ask.

PLEASE STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS after the 10am service. served at the back of the church.

A warm welcome from St Edmund's Parish Church

Sunday 7th December 2025 The second Sunday of Advent

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who will worship with us whether in church or at home.

8am

HOLY COMMUNION

Revd Michelle Lepine is presiding and preaching.

10am

GIFT SERVICE, ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP

Led by Revd Michelle Lepine.

This service will be available on-line.

6.30pm

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Led by Terry Robson.

Our live streamed services are shared live on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StEdsRoundhay>

You do not need a Facebook account to watch them.

Services this week

Wednesday 10th December

11am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Michelle Lepine

Thursday 11th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

Services next Sunday

Sunday 14th December

The third Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion, with healing.

10am Holy Communion, with healing.

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**COLLECT FOR THE
SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

**Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus
Christ comes again as judge
and Saviour
we may be ready to receive
him, who is our Lord and our
God. Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might

glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name’;

¹⁰ and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

¹¹ and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’;

¹² and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’ ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have asked for prayer:
Doreen, Wayne, Rachael, Andrea, Julie, Evelyn, Sarah and Jocelyn.

The recently departed.

Andy & Kati, our CMS mission partners in Brazil.

Andi & Kati’s latest letter from Brazil will be found here:

[Andy & Kati](#)



**ST EDMUND’S
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Saturday 6th December
10.30am to 2pm**

**Books, Bric a Brac, Cakes,
Games & Bouncy Castle,
Raffle, Tombola,
Refreshments, Christmas Music,
Plants, Nativity Inn**

***If you’re reading this before
Saturday, it’s not too late to offer
help to make our Christmas Fayre
a day to remember.***

You can help by:-

**Volunteering to be a welcomer or
helping to run a stall.
Helping to set up and tidy up.**