

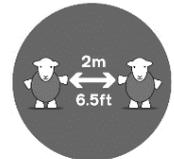
# The United Benefice of Barlborough and Clowne



Please Wear  
Your Mask



**Bulletin and Order of Service for the**



Please Maintain  
Safe Distance



## **Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**REJOICE!**

**St James the Greater, Barlborough**

**Please take this order of service home with you**

## **Welcome back to church! Here are our notices for this week:**

I'm so glad we are able to gather for worship again, we will be continuing as we did before so please be mindful of social distancing, wearing your masks and being sensible and cautious.

I'm delighted to say that we have set up online giving for both our churches now. To find out how to give online either as a one off or by regular direct debit simply visit: <http://bcjj.org.uk/giving/>.

Look out for the **Advent Windows** appearing around the villages, by Christmas Eve there will be a route of 24 to view. To see the map for Barlborough visit <http://bit.ly/adventwindowsbarlborough>, to see the map for Clowne visit <http://bit.ly/adventwindowsclowne>. A new window will be revealed each day in December.

Order some handmade **Christmas Masks** from Dawn Morton (email [morton@mortons4.plus.com](mailto:morton@mortons4.plus.com)) sold in aid of Barlborough Church (£3 each or 2 for £5). A great stocking filler!

You can also purchase Barlborough Christmas Hamper **Raffle Tickets** online through Octavia Quinn (email her to order: [ocky9279@hotmail.com](mailto:ocky9279@hotmail.com)). Or ring Sylvia Bradbury on 812824 to order over the phone.

We are sending Christmas Cards to inmates who are part of a Bible Study group at Durham Prison. If you would like to join in, please take a letter away today which provides all the instructions.

Please leave any **collection money** on the plate provided at the back of church or even better, set up a direct debit by ringing this number in the week: 0333 002 1271.

You will need your bank details and the correct code for the church you wish to give to regularly. *Parish Giving Scheme codes:* St John the Baptist, Clowne: 120612060, St James the Greater, Barlborough: 120612054

## **Christmas Services 2020**

The only service we had to cancel because of the November lockdown that was part of the Advent and Christmas season was our Advent Carols. All other services will go ahead as planned:

**Tuesday, December 15** –Light of Life Christmas remembrance service  
7pm live on Facebook (available afterwards on YouTube) Give names to be read out to Rev Bryony.

**Sunday, December 20** – Advent 4 – 10am at Clowne

6pm - Online 9 Lessons and Carols Pre-recorded service premiered on Facebook and YouTube

**Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December** –

9.15am Phone Church Clowne – Christmas Eucharist

10.15am Phone Church Barlborough – Christmas Eucharist

3pm 9 Lessons and Carols on the telephone – our service played over the phone for those without internet to listen to. Dial 0333 0164 757 and then dial 51074674 # this is the Room Number, and 5602 # this is the Guest Pin.

4.30pm Online Crib Service on YouTube and Facebook (also viewable any time here: <http://bit.ly/cribservice>)

Outside Carol Singing at 6pm Barlborough (details TBC)

Midnight Mass at Barlborough – 11.30pm ticketed service (split between Barlborough - 15 & Clowne - 15), service will also be livestreamed on Facebook.

**Christmas Day Friday 25th December**

– Christmas Morning Eucharist at Clowne – 9.15am

**Sunday, December 27** – Christmas 1 - 10am at Barlborough (note: this service will not be livestreamed).

**Choir:** Introit - Gaudete

*Please stand as you are able as the minister enters*

## **THE GREETING**

✠In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

People of God: return!  
You are called to be God's own.  
From the mountains announce the good news.  
God comes in justice and peace,  
to all who follow his ways.  
You are God's children.  
**Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ  
today and for ever.**  
**Amen.**



*Please be seated*

## **WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
✠forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer.*

Let us pray:

**God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **BIBLE READINGS**

**Isaiah 61.1–4,8–11**

**I Thessalonians 5.16–24**

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL READING**

*Please stand and face the Gospel reader.*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*cf Isaiah 40.3–5*

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John (1.6–8,19–28):**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

19 This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’<sup>21</sup>And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ <sup>23</sup>He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord”’, as the prophet Isaiah said.

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ <sup>26</sup>John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to

untie the thong of his sandal.’<sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

## **THE SERMON**



### **Mary Oliver - "Don't Hesitate"**

If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate. Give in to it. There are plenty of lives and whole towns destroyed or about to be. We are not wise, and not very often kind. And much can never be redeemed. Still, life has some possibility left. Perhaps this is its way of fighting back, that sometimes something happens better than all the riches or power in the world. It could be anything, be very likely you notice it in the instant when love begins. Anyway, that's often the case. Anyway, whatever it is, don't be afraid of its plenty.

Joy is not made to be a crumb.

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Please stand as you are able*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*We kneel or sit for our prayers.*

### **Our prayers are asked for:**

*The sick and in need:*

Wyatt & Garrett Ruthven, Barbara Needham, Veronica Blackwell, Margaret & Jim Gilmore, Luke Firth, Sandra Mellor, Chloe Parkes, Betty Wood, George Naylor, Elizabeth Hamilton, Robert Verity, Lillie Wood, Richard Abbiss, John Tuckwood, Peter Widdowson, Margaret Malpass, Jackie Piercy

*The dearly departed:*

Madge Bunting, Dorothy Gambles, Fred Partlett, Sheila Fenton, Pauline Laws, Betty Graham, Andrea Webster, Ernest Burton



*Maranatha is an Aramaic word – it means ‘come Lord’ and is one of the earliest prayers of the first Christians.*

## THE PEACE

*Please stand as you are able*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

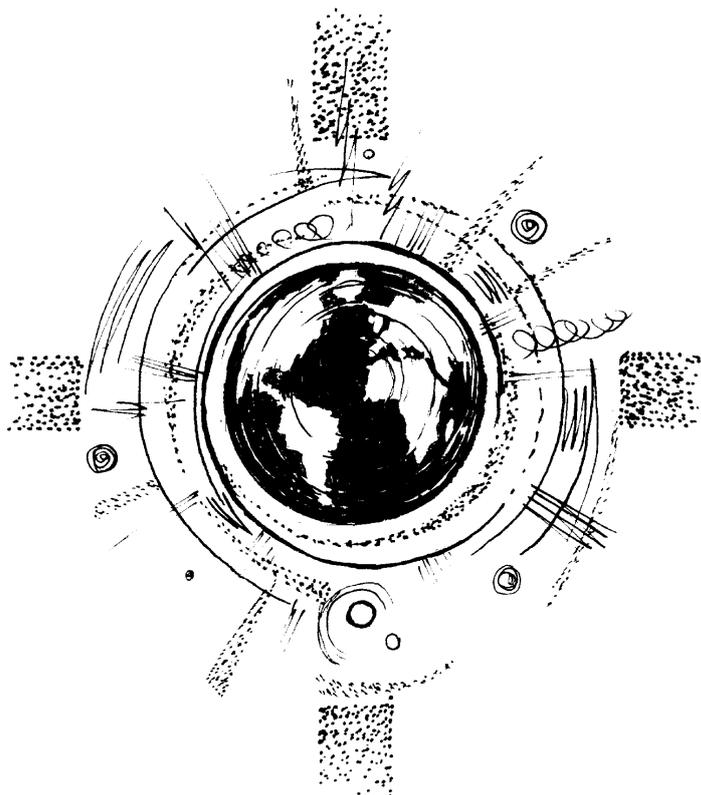
*cf Luke 1.78,79*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

*We greet each other at a safe physical distance!*

## PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom. **Amen.**



# THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please be seated*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.  
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Baptist, St James and all  
your saints to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Looking for the coming of his Kingdom, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **THE GIVING OF COMMUNION**

God's holy gifts  
For God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.**

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*Please come to receive communion when prompted and follow the markings on the floor to remain at safe physical distance. Take your time, no need to rush. Bring this booklet with you if you would prefer a blessing.*

**Choir Anthem:** The Angels and Shepherds

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

*The president says the post communion prayer and all respond*  
**Amen.**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Choir:** Lo he comes with clouds descending

## **THE BLESSING**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

*The president gives the blessing using these or other authorised words:*

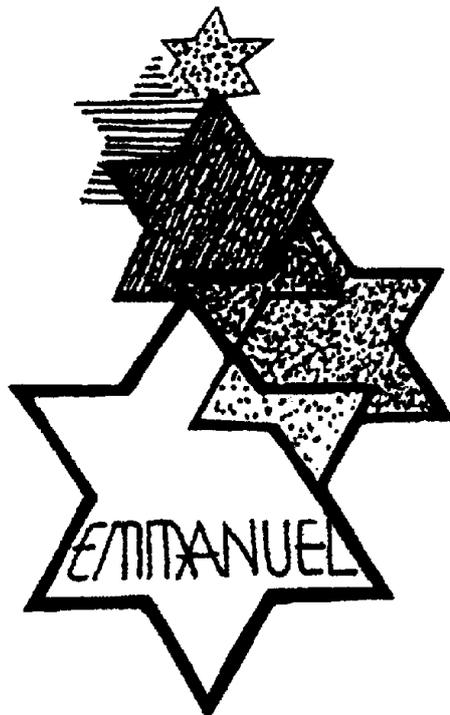
Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you  
and remain with you this day and always. **Amen.**

*A minister says*

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting. Amen.**

*The minister and people depart. Please take this booklet with you to avoid contamination. Thank you.*



# Worship for all in the Parishes of Barlborough and Clowne



## Online provision

Visit our website <http://bcjj.org.uk> to find our daily prayer podcast, our services and sermons all in one place.

All services are recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel after broadcast live. To find our channel put 'Barlborough and Clowne' into the search bar on YouTube. If you have a smart TV you may be able to watch our services on your TV!



## Phone provision

Dial a Sermon is always available. Ring 01246 388487 to listen to this week's sermon at any time of day or night.

We have a Phone Church Communion Service every Thursday morning, 9.15am Clowne, 10.15am Barlborough. Dial **0333 0164 757** and then dial 51074674 # this is the Room Number, and 5602 # this is the Guest Pin. You can dial in from a mobile or landline and the call is either free (if you have bundled minutes in your contract) or local cost. You're welcome to join either service!



## In Person Provision

We have a Sunday Eucharist each week at 10.00am in one of our churches. Church services are live streamed on Facebook and then uploaded to YouTube with the words on screen to follow at home by the evening.

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Clowne

**Christmas Eve** 11.30pm Midnight Mass - Barlborough

**Christmas Day** 9.15am Christmas Festival Eucharist – Clowne

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December** – Barlborough

**Sunday, January 3** – Epiphany - 10am at Clowne

**Sunday, January 10** – Epiphany I - Baptism of Christ - 10am at Barlborough