

# The United Benefice of Barlborough and Clowne

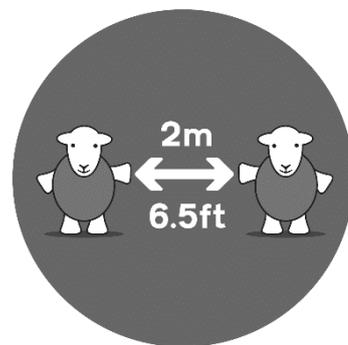
## St James the Greater, Barlborough



Please Wear  
Your Mask



Welcome  
Back



Please Maintain  
Safe Distance



### Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Advent

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Please take this order of service home with you

## Notices

Our **Light of Life Christmas Memorial Services** are on the following dates:

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm St James, Barlborough**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm St John the Baptist, Clowne**

As part of the Light of Life service we invite you to dedicate a light on our Christmas tree to those special people in your thoughts.

This is a special way to remember and give thanks. For each dedication you make we will give or send to you a special “Light of Life” card for you to keep or send to a friend. Please use the forms available at the back of church to make your dedication.

Please take some **raffle tickets** to sell to friends and family.

### **Christmas Appeal 2021 – supporting the Freedom Project**

For this year’s Christmas appeal we are supporting the Freedom Project with their work with families and the homeless. Please bring along to church a toy up to the value of £5 or toiletries/warm socks/gloves up to the value of £5. Please leave these *unwrapped* so that the project workers can allocate them to the right recipients (they know the families well). You might find it easiest to put them in a gift bag, but it is fine if they are loose – they will be wrapped by staff at the Freedom Project. Place these gifts in front of the altar at church, you can bring them any time up until the Carol Services on 19th December at Barlborough and 21<sup>st</sup> December at Clowne.

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

## Contact the clergy:

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Please note that the clergy's usual day off is a Friday. Find out other information about our churches on our website: <http://bcjj.org.uk>

## These are our upcoming service and event times for your diary:

**Tuesday 14th December** - 7pm Light of Life Christmas Memorial Service at Clowne - Dedicate a light on our Christmas Tree

## **Sunday 19th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8.30am Morning Prayer, Barlborough

10.00am Benefice Eucharist, Clowne

5.00pm Traditional 9 Lessons and Carols at Barlborough

**Tuesday 21st December** - 7pm 9 Lessons and Carols at Clowne

## **Christmas Eve**

4pm Family Crib and Carol Service at Clowne

6pm Family Crib and Carol Service at Barlborough

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Barlborough and Clowne

**Christmas Day** - 9.15am Festival Eucharist at Clowne

**Sunday 26th December** - 9.15am Said Eucharist for St Stephen in the Lady Chapel

*Please remain seated as the choir sing the Introit*

## **OPENING HYMN**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **193 Hail to the Lord's anointed**

*Please be seated*

## **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 GLORIA**

*Please stand as we sing the Gloria*

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer.*

As we stand, 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**

### **Zephaniah 3.14–end**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

### **Philippians 4.4–7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN** *Please stand as you are able*

**401 On Jordan's bank the baptist's cry**

## GOSPEL READING

*Please remain standing and face the deacon as he reads the Gospel*

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.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 3.7–18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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. <sup>9</sup>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.’

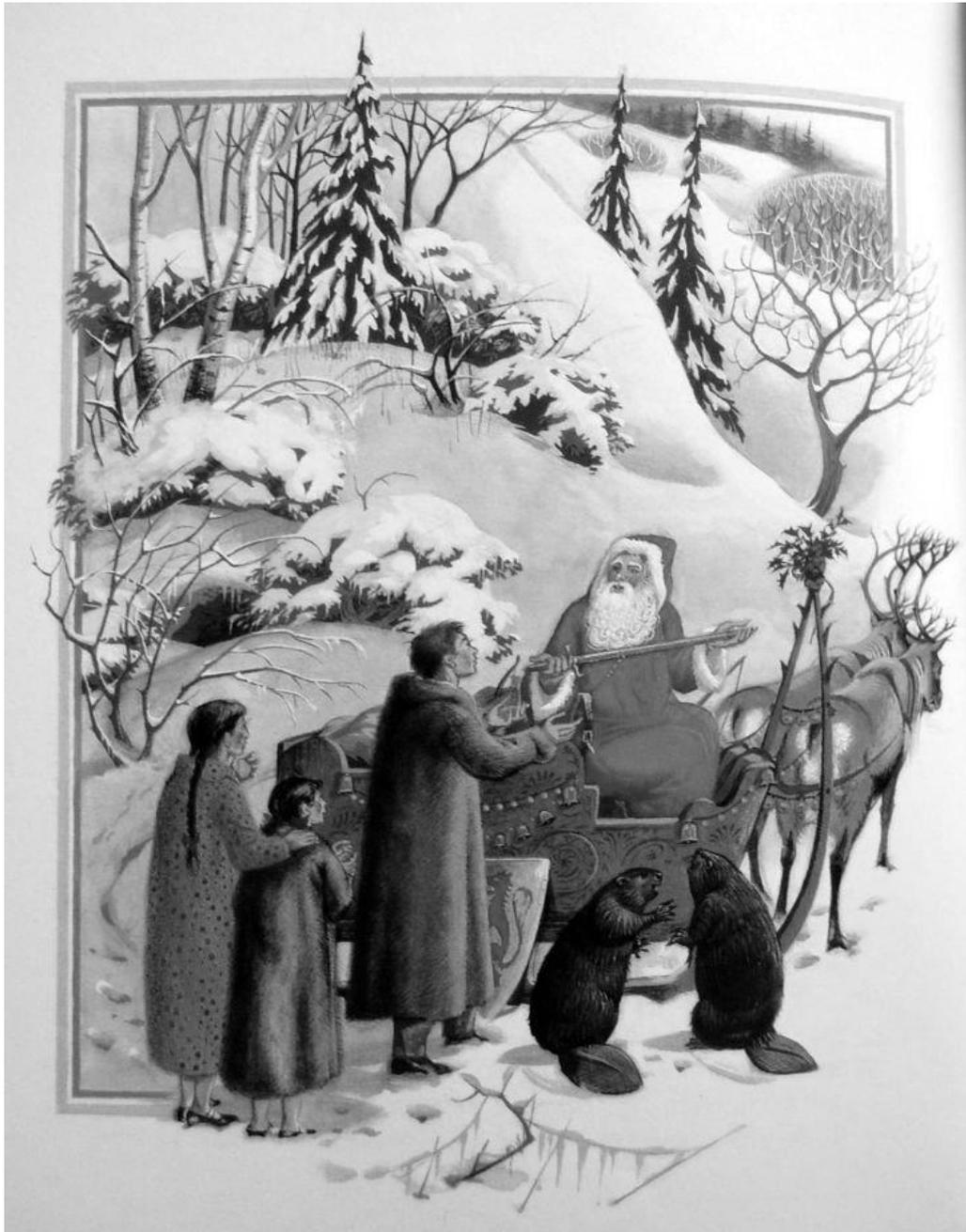
<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ <sup>12</sup>Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ <sup>13</sup>He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit for **THE SERMON**



## 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.*

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



**This week our prayers are asked for:**

*The sick and in need:*

Wyatt & Garrett Ruthven, Barbara Needham, Veronica Blackwell, Luke Firth, Chloe Parkes, Betty Wood, Lillie Wood, Richard Abbiss, Margaret Malpass, Scarlett Bolton (3), Susan Proffitt, Joan Phillimore, Alan Taylor, Steve Short, Kath Adams, Heather Davies, Pat Ashley, Barbara Anderson

*The dearly departed:*

Rachel Towner, John Armfield, Mildred Smith

## ***We Share Holy Communion***

*We stand and the president introduces the Peace.*

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.

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

*Please share the peace in a safe manner!*

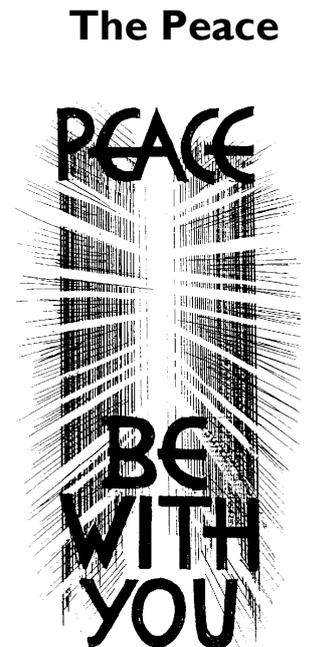
## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Please remain standing as you are able for the offertory hymn*

**392 O thou who camest from above**

## **PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.  
**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.

Great is the mystery of faith...  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again**



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 the 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**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **AGNUS DEI** *we sing*

**Lamb of God you take away, the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away, the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away, the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## **THE GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*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. Please bring this booklet with you if you would prefer a blessing. Please wear a mask as you move around the building (unless you're exempt).*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

**287 Just as I am**

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

277 Jesus shall reign

## THE BLESSING

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

Let us bow our heads to receive God's blessing.

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,  
the +Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*The deacon dismisses the congregation:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

