Church events next week

Monday 23rd November
CHRISTMAS TREES ARRIVE (DECORATING AT VARIOUS TIMES ALL WEEK)
9.00am Morning Prayer, Becket Chapel
9.30am Baby & Toddler Group, Parish Hall
2.00pm Bereavement Journey, Vestry
7.00pm John 17 Prayer for Kendal at **Salvation Army**

Tuesday 24th November
10.00am Contemplative Prayer, Vestry
12.00pm Connect Café, Salvation Army on Gillinggate
5.30pm Twilight Communion

Wednesday 25th November
OFFICE CLOSED
9.15am Morning Prayer via Zoom
(please email office@kendalparishchurch.co.uk for link)
10.00am Coffee and Cake, Kitchenette Area
10.45am Vestry booked for Lakeland Sinfonia
1.00pm Lakeland Sinfonia Concert
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday 26th November
9.00am Morning Prayer, Becket Chapel
10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
7.00pm PCC, Kitchenette Area

Friday 27th November
12.30pm Organ Concert (Marc Murray, Bury)
2.00pm Parish Hall Trustees Meeting, Vestry
3.30pm Christmas Tree Festival opens
3.30pm Kendal Choristers
5.30pm Youth Group
7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday 28th November
9.30am Ladies' Breakfast, Booths
10.00am Christmas Tree Festival
2.00pm Vestry booked for Northern Sinfonia
7.30pm Northern Sinfonia Concert

Sunday 29th November
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
11.15am The Gathering
12.00pm Christmas Tree Festival
4.00pm Darkness to Light

A welcoming Christian community serving the people of Kendal

Sunday 22nd November 2026

HOLY TRINITY
KENDAL PARISH CHURCH

Welcome to our Services today

If you are new to Kendal Parish Church you are most welcome and we look forward to getting to know you. Please pick up a Welcome Pack from the table at the back of the church. This contains information about activities and volunteering at KPC along with forms to sign up our contact list and Electoral Role. Please join us for refreshments and make yourself known to the Clergy or Wardens.
A Loop System is in operation for hearing aid users with a 'T' switch.
Gluten free wafers and alcohol free wine are available at all our services. Please speak to a welcomer so they can let the priest know what you require.
During the service you may be invited to stand. If you prefer to remain seated please do so. If you need any information or assistance, please ask the Duty Warden.

This week we pray for:

The sick - Sheila Brooks, Sheila Smith & Helen Hemingway.
The departed & their families - Brenda Hodgson & Karen Holmes.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
(Collect, Epistle and Gospel can be found on page 197)

9.30am Morning Prayer
Hymns 166 Crown Him with many Crowns
490 Jesus shall reign
627 Ye Servants of God
398 Christ Triumphant
Psalm 150 *Stanford* (sung by the Choir in place of the Benedictus)
Choir Anthem Hymn for St.Cecilia *Howells*
Today we celebrate St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music. In 1960 Herbert Howells set this poem in her praise. weaving imagery of morning joy, angelic music, martyrdom, and a final earthly song rising to meet heaven.
Final Voluntary Fantaisie in Eb (conclusion) – Saint-Saens

10.45am Coffee & Chat

11.15am The Gathering, with Communion

4.00pm Prayers for Peace

Helping Elsewhere - Revd. Ashley Henderson is taking the service at St. Thomas, Crosscrake this morning and Evensong at St.Cuthbert's, Kentmere, this afternoon.

Advent starts next week! It is a part of the Church's Year that tends, alas, to get squashed out by the commercialism of Christmas. Here are 3 things to help us in our Advent observance.

For the Communion Setting at our 9.30am services we will be trying out a new version of an old favourite. John Merbecke in 1550 was the first composer to set the new English words of the Book of Common Prayer and his was the standard setting until the modernisation of the liturgy in the late 20th century. Here at KPC Merbecke used to be sung on the 5th Sunday pre-Covid. In this new arrangement I have tried to keep the familiar melodies but adapt them to the Common Worship words.

Please come to the Advent Carol Service on Advent **Sunday 29th November** at 4.00pm. Sing the great Advent hymns and enjoy the choir carols, this year with a cello soloist.

On **Friday 11th December** at 8.45pm there will be a service of Compline by Candlelight. How about getting away from the Christmas rush for a moment of peaceful contemplation. Jonathan Bielby.

Organ Concert - the last one in this series will be on **Friday 27th November** at 12.30pm and will be given by Marc Murray, from Bury, Manchester.

Hedgehogs! - do you love our spiny friends? Come along to the Helm Mission Community Environment Group meeting at Kendal United Reformed Church at 106 Highgate on **Saturday 28th November** to hear from local hedgehog carer Julie Merrall about how to help them. Refreshments from 10.00am. Contact Rev Lucy revlucyfoster@mail.com for more details or just turn up on the day.

Light Up A Life - Remembrance & Celebration Service - this will be held at KPC on **Monday 30th November** at 6.30pm. Hosted by St John's Hospice, this evening is dedicated to celebrating the lives and cherished memories of loved ones who may no longer be with us this Christmas season. Join us for an evening of readings, quiet reflection and music provided by Windermere & Bowness Community Choir and Burneside Brass Band. After the event you are very welcome to stay for a hot drink and mince pie. The evening is free to attend and all are welcome - even if you have not had loved ones cared for by St John's Hospice.

Christmas Tree Festival Craft Table - thank you to all who have been beavering away over the last few months. Can you please bring into church your already priced stock so that I can decide how much space is needed to display it properly? If you could either bring it in to church on a Sunday and give it to me or leave it in the Church office mid week that would be great, Ian Fishwick.

Cakes for Christmas Tree Festival - if anyone is able to make a cake for any of the 4 weekends of the Tree Festival or help serve refreshments please can you let Ann West or Andrea Burton know. Thank you.

Keep the Paths Clear group - the next session will be on **Saturday 5th December** at KPC from 9.00am-12..00pm, with a break for refreshments. All ages welcome. Bring gardening hand tools, also useful wire brushes and wall paper scrapers. Please Help.

Interfaith Silent Climate Vigils - the next one is on **Monday 7th December** at 10.30am at the Birdcage, Finkle Street, Kendal. The vigil will last 45 minutes. Vigils are held on the first Monday of each month & are organised by Kendal and Sedbergh Friends Sustainability Group.

Sermons - if you would like a copy of any sermons please let the office know and we can email you a copy if you are on email or provide a hard copy if not. We can't guarantee being able to do this every week but will try to meet any requests as and when we receive them. Some sermon texts may be available in advance of a service but we anticipate the majority will be afterwards.

Manna House is experiencing financial difficulties as their funding has been drastically cut. If you would like to help by becoming a "Friend of Manna House", there are some application forms at the back of church. Thank you

Kendal Food Bank - this month they need tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned mixed veg, tinned sweetcorn Christmas cake bars, Christmas puddings, selection boxes & children's Christmas novelties. These can be left in the box at the back of church - thanks. Mince Pies would also be much appreciated, but please check the date as some are the end of the month (Sainsbury's have some for January 2027….)

The Baby & Toddler group are collecting chocolate oranges again to donate to the food bank. Can you help us to beat last year's total? Any donations can be given to Dot. Thank you.

We are hiring - as part of the KCT1000 project we are looking to recruit to two exciting new roles: the Operations & Events Manager (£28k p.a. - 28 hours/week) who will lead our partnership and community engagement work; and the Heritage Engagement & Volunteer Co-ordinator (£24k p.a. - 28 hours/week) who will be responsible for developing our volunteer programme and engaging new audiences with the heritage of our church. For more information, please see our website kendalparishchurch.co.uk/kct1000. Closing Date **27th November.** Please spread the word to anyone you think may be interested.

Prayer Chain
Would you like us to pray for you or for someone you are concerned about? We believe God knows and cares about all our needs so we don't require any details of the situation. Please text or leave a message on 07942617718. A group of people spread across our church will be glad to pray for them.