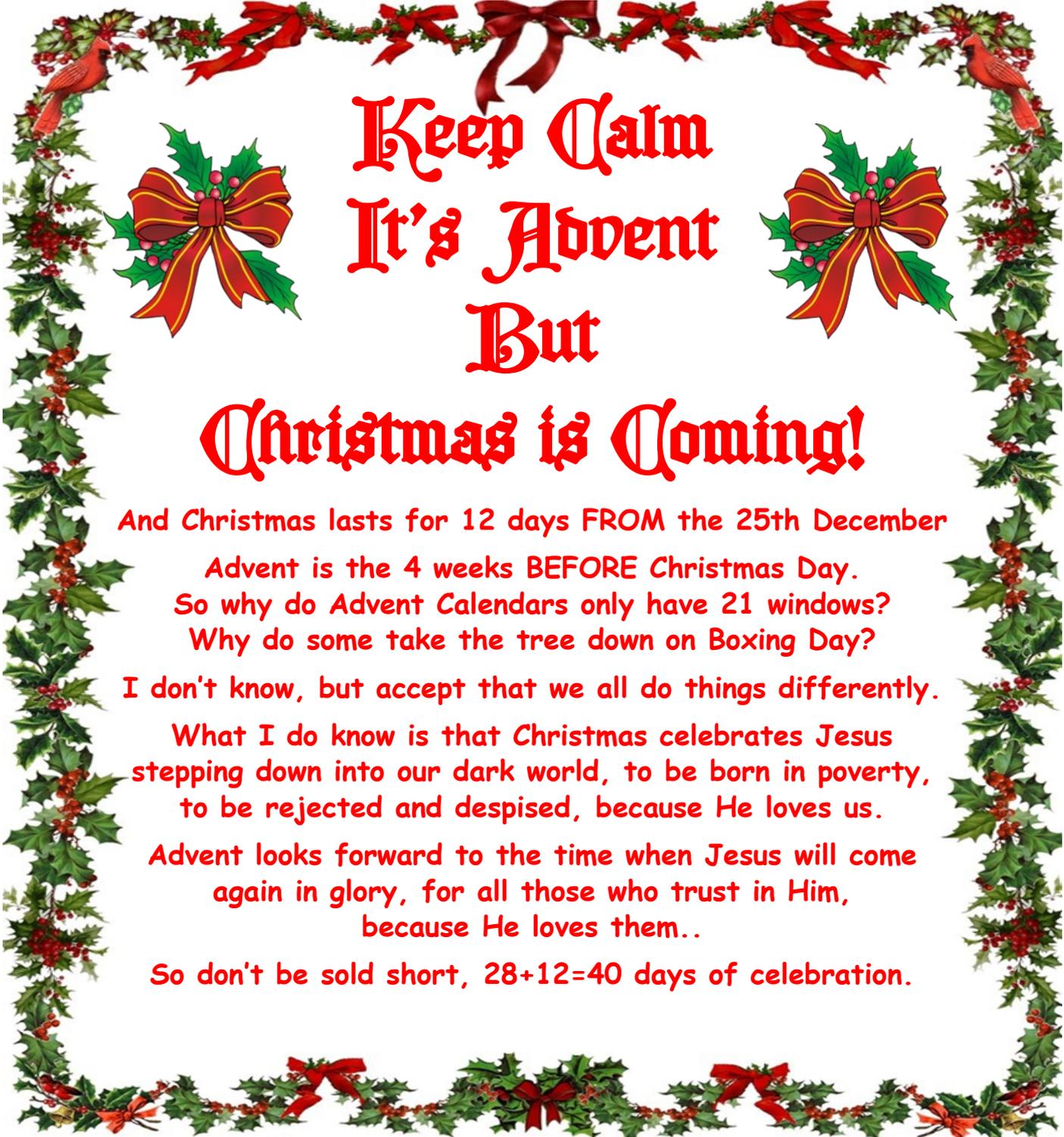


# THE LINK

Free

December 2023 - January 2024

Serving the communities of Burnby, Great Gibendale,  
Goodmanham, Hayton, Huggate, Londsborough, Market Weighton, Millington,  
Runburnholme, Pocklington, Sancton, Shiptonthorpe and Warton



Keep Calm  
It's Advent  
But

Christmas is Coming!

And Christmas lasts for 12 days FROM the 25th December

Advent is the 4 weeks BEFORE Christmas Day.

So why do Advent Calendars only have 21 windows?

Why do some take the tree down on Boxing Day?

I don't know, but accept that we all do things differently.

What I do know is that Christmas celebrates Jesus stepping down into our dark world, to be born in poverty, to be rejected and despised, because He loves us.

Advent looks forward to the time when Jesus will come again in glory, for all those who trust in Him, because He loves them..

So don't be sold short,  $28+12=40$  days of celebration.



**Pocklington Wold: Revd Dr Jake Belder:**

Vicar of Burnby, Hayton, Gt Givendale, Huggate, Millington,  
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Rector of Market Weighton, Goodmanham, Londesborough, Sancton and  
Shiptonthorpe

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<b><u>All Saints, Sancton</u></b>	Vacant	contact Rev Caroline Pinchbeck
<b><u>All Saints Shiptonthorpe</u></b>	Mrs Freda Bailey	01430 873318



**Which shall be  
to all people.  
Luke 2:10**

*Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. (Luke's Gospel Chapter 1 verses 1 &2).*

Each year at this time for me there is great excitement as to from whom I might receive the first Christmas card in the post. Always, I like to guess from either the postmark, or the handwriting. Excitement building as to what news is going to be shared as to my friends' activities in 2023. Luke's Gospel in the first chapter recounts many encounters with angels who are messengers to Zechariah (father of John the Baptist), Elizabeth, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. As the angels visit, they share messages of hope, and the promises of God that are to be fulfilled.

After the angels have declared God's vision, both Zechariah and Mary respond with a great hymn of praise. For Zechariah, in the words of the Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. For Mary, in the words of the Magnificat - My soul shall glorify the Lord.



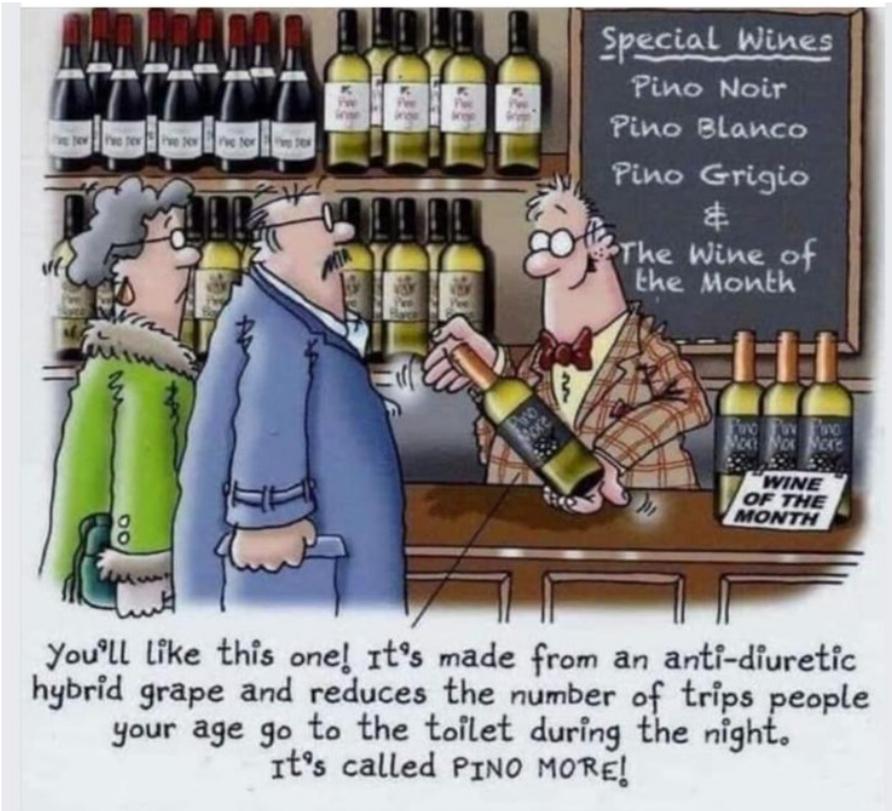
In the services of lessons and carols in the coming weeks we will hear again these eighty verses of Luke's first chapter, there is the sharing of good news. There is an energy, excitement, and vision of hope. This year has brought with it many stories of earthquakes, floods, and war. So many communities have been destroyed or disrupted by these events both abroad and more closely to the East Riding with all the rain that we have had recently. It can be easy to be overwhelmed by all the suffering and pain in our world. And yet in the words of that first chapter, is that there is hope when all things might seem impossible and unchanged able.

And yet, as we hear again the readings at Carol services, we hear of God's gift to the world in Jesus Christ who brings this great message of hope and peace in the world. He is born in a humble stable, and yet still he is transforming lives two thousand years later.

May peace and hope be with you at this Christmas time, and may you be richly blessed in the coming year.

*Caroline*

# A SERIOUS (not really ) WINE RECOMMENDATION FOR SENIORS



@ ST JOHN'S MARKET WELGTON

**Come and join us on**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**at 2.30pm**

*Christmas Afternoon Tea*

*£7.50 per head*



*Proceeds for All We Can and Church funds*

Ring 01430 873488 to book

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

★ It is superstitious to worship angels; ★

★ it is proper to love ★

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★ would be a high ★

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★ Sovereign Court ★

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★ did not give to ★

★ holy angels a ★

★ place in our ★

★ hearts warmest ★

★ love. ★

★ *Charles Spurgeons* ★

★ *Christmas sermon, 20th* ★

★ *December 1856 at the* ★

★ *Music Hall, Royal Surrey* ★

★ *Gardens* ★



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**WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS**



## News from Burnby

Many thanks to Sara for organising our latest village coffee morning. The cakes were delicious and £40 was raised towards the upkeep of St Giles. Also to everyone who helped with the Churchyard tidy and to

Sara and Daniel for providing coffee and bacon butties to keep us going!



We had a lovely Harvest Festival service, led by Revd. Bronnie. Thank you to Sandra and Sara for the beautiful flower arrangements and to everyone for the generous donations of food and money for People's Pantry. It was great to have a good catch up with everyone over supper afterwards too. (Just a quick reminder that tins, packets and other non-perishable items for People's Pantry can be left in Church or dropped off at Steve & Paula's house 'Lime Trees').



Many thanks to Burnby Friends, our newly registered charity, for organising a fascinating history evening, to the presenters Phil Gilbank and Andrew Sefton and everyone who supported the event. It was a superb evening, raising £300. Burnby Friends are keen to build on the information provided, so it would be great if you could let Carol Gray know of any interesting snippets of the history of our village you know.

Thank you to everyone who has donated warm clothing and toiletries to Carecent for the homeless this year and to Carol for organising collections and deliveries.

## Dates for Your Diary

As always, you are very welcome to join us at any of the following services and community events:

Carol and Brenda are hosting a **Christmas coffee morning at 10.30am on Saturday 2 December at The Hagues**, when Emma Farley will be showcasing her silversmithing products and Mervyn Gray his amazing wood carvings. Georgina Curry will also be presenting her famous Burnby quiz. Entry by donation. Always a great event to get us in the festive spirit and one not to be missed.

**On Sunday 3 December**, we look forward to welcoming Revd. Jake to lead our Family Communion service, assisted by Revd. Bronnie.

**Our Carol Service, led by Revd. Bronnie, will take place at 7pm on Friday 15 December.** Enjoy a tippie on arrival and a bring and share buffet supper afterwards. A collection will take place for the Children's Society. Always a popular event in our village calendar and a great opportunity to get together. I wonder what Revd. Bronnie has in store for us this year!

**On Sunday 7 January**, Revd. Bronnie will lead our **Morning Worship Together.**

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year!



©Andy Robb



*What is under the tree is not so important as who is around it.  
And the best gift of all is Jesus*



## News from St Martins Church

### Hayton

#### Remembrance Day Service

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November a remembrance service was held at St Martin's Church. A small congregation attended the service which was led by Reverend Bronnie Broadhurst and a lesson was read by Mrs Noreen Thorpe. The 11<sup>th</sup> November is also St, Martins Day, Bronnie told us the history of St. Martin and how in the olden days, a goose was always eaten to commemorate the occasion it is also known as Martinmas a Christian Feast to commemorate the death and burial of 4<sup>th</sup> Century St Martin of Tours.

Prayers were said and the names of villagers who lost their lives in the war, were read out. In some cases more than 2 men from a family had sadly been killed.

Thank you to the bell ringers for attending too.

The next service to be held at Hayton will be on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm, everyone is welcome.



## News from Millington

**Millington Village Hall is open for  
Tea, Coffee, Chat and Company**

**Wednesdays 10.30 to 12**

If you are new to the village, come and meet your neighbours.

Tea, coffee and biscuits  
No charge, donations welcome



For more info call Camilla 301931 or Joy 306655





## News from Warter



We have had an extremely busy term so far at Warter School, with a

strong emphasis on further developing our curriculum, local collaborations and participating in sporting events and enhancing the curriculum through trips, visits and guest speakers! Pupil Leadership is going from strength to strength and our Warter Worshippers team recently planned and led a Remembrance Day service for the school which was incredibly poignant.

The Merlins children (our Year 6 class) have been exploring how giving to others is a reflection of the gratitude God's people have for what he has given them. We spoke about the importance of giving and what this means to us. In Merlins, we think giving should be a selfless act and we do it for the betterment of others or to make others feel happy. An example of giving in our class was giving up time to help create a nice area for a family member to spend with his family. In the New Testament, we read how Christians in one part of the world sent financial help to their brothers and sisters elsewhere who were experiencing a bad harvest. We started a food bank collection in school for the People's Pantry, which helps reduce food waste and fight poverty in the local area. Our donations helped support people in the local community and we were blown away by the sheer generosity of the families within our school. The People's Pantry were highly thankful and celebrated our generosity. We believe helping people in our community is important, as it is important to give back and ensure that we are all looking out for one another to make the community the best it can be.

*Well done Year 6*



## News from Londesborough

**Table Top Sale** – On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 10-00 am to 2-00pm, the sale will take place in the Concert Hall. Money raised will go to the Together We Care Group, supporting unpaid carers, the cared for and people living with long term health conditions. Refreshments will be available.



**The Harvest Festival Service and Feast**- All who attended the Harvest Festival and Feast enjoyed excellent food and good company. Many thanks to those who provided the hot choices of main course and delicious desserts. Gifts of tins of food and fruit donated at the Service were given to the People's Pantry.

**Special Thanks** -to the 10 people who came along on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October and helped to tidy the churchyard. We spent 2 hours cutting back the holly tree, clearing weeds and tidying around the path leading to the church. The PCC is very grateful to those who put in the hard work.

**Londesborough Quiz Night** –Following the great success of quiz nights, the Christmas quiz will take place on

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** with doors opening at 6-30pm for 7-00pm. As numbers are limited, unfortunately it will only be for residents/friends of Londesborough. People wishing to book a place should contact Julie on 07849484651 or

Nick on 07972193811 in advance, to let them know that you would like to attend. Thanks to Nick, Julie and Katie for continuing to organise the event.



**Hessle Swing and Jazz Band** – The Band presents a Festive Concert in the Concert Hall on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Doors opening at 7-00pm for 7-30pm. Tickets will cost £5 for adults and £2 for under 16s. Bring your own drinks and enjoy listening to the Band. Tickets are available from Nick on 07972193811.

### **Christmas Carol Service**

The Carol Service will take place on

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4-00pm.**

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in. The Christmas Draw will take place, with refreshments, at the end of the service.

**Christmas Draw Tickets** - Tickets are now available from PCC members with the usual excellent prizes. The draw will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, following the Carol Service at 4-00pm.

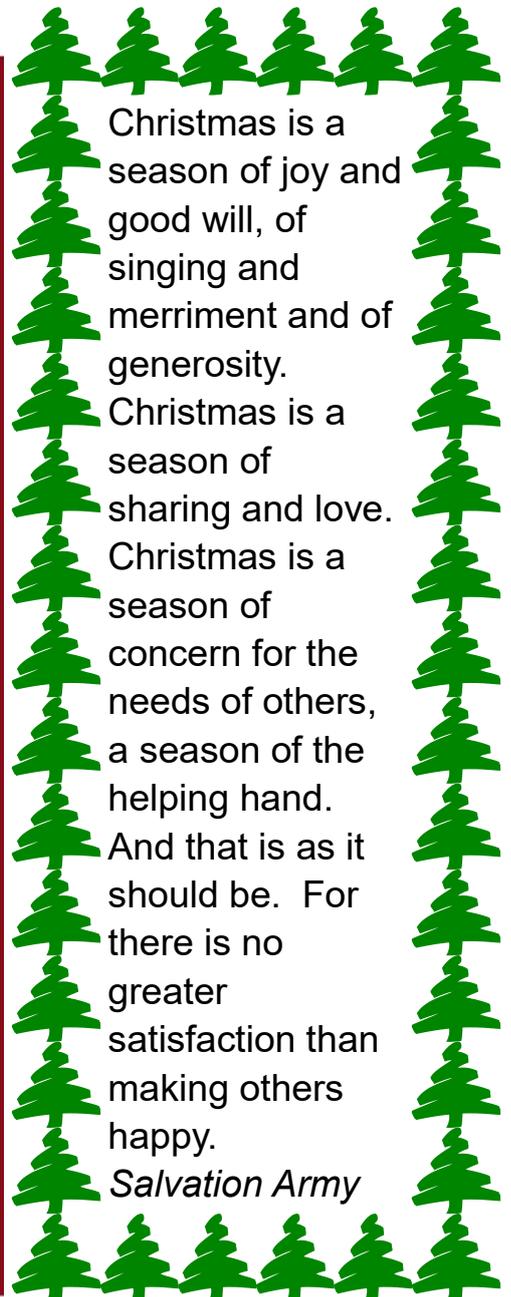


**Carols around the tree – On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at 6-00pm, thanks to Londesborough Parish Council, weather permitting, we will be singing round the Christmas tree outside the church gates. There will be carols, hot food and presents for the children.



**Future dates for your diary –  
Snowdrop Sundays –**

These will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 from 10-30am to 3-30 pm. At the discretion of the owner, The Wilderness, which is a private garden, will be open to visitors. This will be dependent on weather conditions or winter damage. The Reading Room will be open for hot drinks and delicious homemade treats. Our organist will play in the church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and the Weighton Waytes will sing in the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Times for both will be confirmed in the next issue of The Link.


 Christmas is a season of joy and good will, of singing and merriment and of generosity. Christmas is a season of sharing and love. Christmas is a season of concern for the needs of others, a season of the helping hand. And that is as it should be. For there is no greater satisfaction than making others happy.
   
*Salvation Army*



*Help us to help Olly*  
**FEED THE HOMELESS**  
*At Christmas*

Olly Southgate will once again be helping homeless charities feed hundreds of people in our local towns and cities. He needs: Christmas puddings, gravy, drinks, cakes, biscuits, crisps, snacks etc.

Drop your donations in the collection box at  
**Tomlinson Opticians,  
 Westfield House, The Mires**


# Services for Pocklington & Wold

## December 2023 - January 2024

3 <sup>rd</sup> December Advent 1		
Time	Parish	Service
09.15	Burnby	FC
	Huggate	AAW
10.45	Pocklington	HC
15.00	Nunburnholme	Christingle
10 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2		
09.15	Millington	HC
	Givendale	HC BCP
10.45	Pocklington	HC
16.00	Huggate	EP BCP
15 December Advent 2		
19.00	Burnby	Carol Service
17 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3		
10.00	Huggate	Christingle
10.45	Pocklington	HC / Christingle
15.00	Nunburnholme	Carol Service
16.00	Pocklington	Carol Service
	Millington	Carol Service
24 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 4 / Christmas Eve		
10.45	Pocklington	HC
16.00	Pocklington	Crib Service
18.00	Huggate	HC Christmas
18.30	Givendale	Carol Service
19.00	Nunburnholme	HC Christmas
23.30	Hayton	Midnight Communion
23.30	Pocklington	Midnight Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day		
09.15	Millington	HC
10.00	Pocklington	HC
31 <sup>st</sup> December Christmas 1 / Epiphany Group Service		
10.45	Pocklington	HC

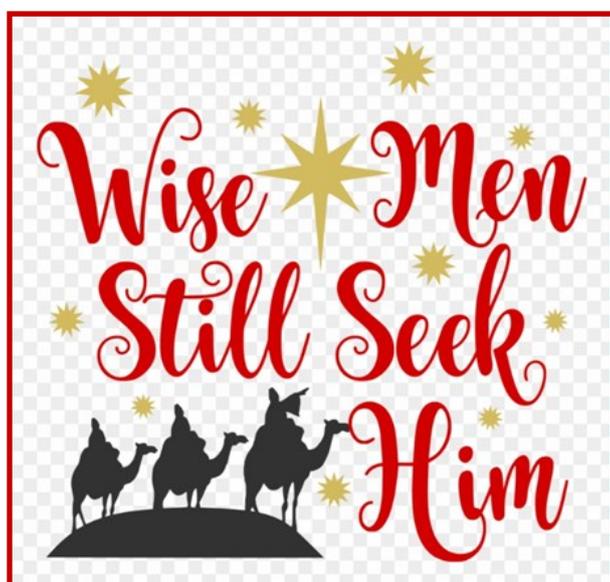
**Services  
January 2024**

January 2024 services will be announced in due course. Please contact Church Wardens for details of services at your local Parish church.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and Glory shone around.

“Fear not!” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled minds.

“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.



**I heard the bells on Christmas day** is a carol penned in 1864 by Henry Longfellow. It was sung by Burl Ives in 1965 and by Johnny Cash in 2001. It reflects how Peace

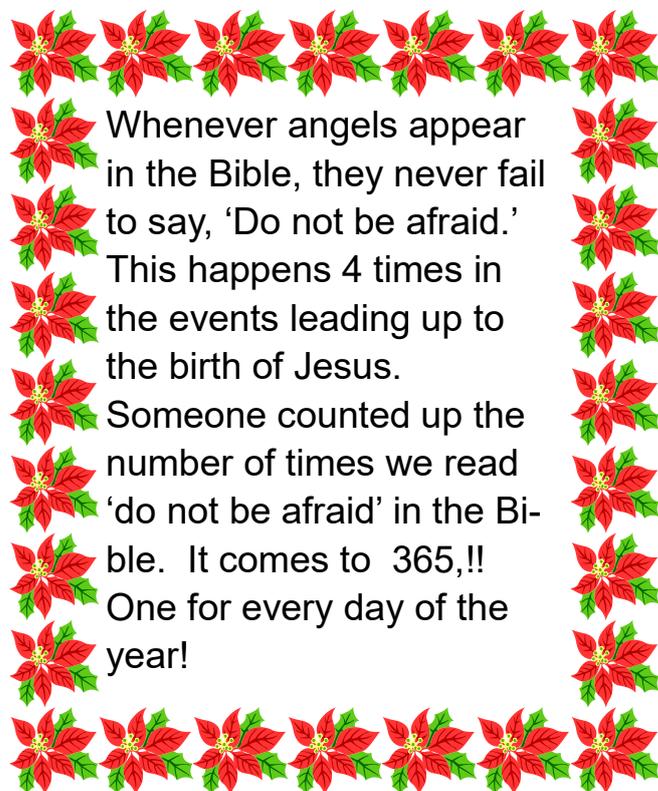
on earth can only be achieved when there is peace in our hearts. Do you know peace? The peace of God passes all understanding.

# Services For Weighton Wold

## December 2023 - January 2024

3 <sup>rd</sup> December Advent 1		
Time	Parish	Service
10.30	Market Weighton	Holy Communion
	Shiptonthorpe	MP
10.45	Londesborough	MP
10 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2		
10.30	Market Weighton	Holy Communion
10.45	Londesborough	Holy Communion
16.30	Shiptonthorpe	Christingle
17 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3		
10.30	Market Weighton	Holy Communion
	Shiptonthorpe	Holy Communion
15.00	Goodmanham	Carol Service
16.00	Londesborough	Carol Service
18.00	Sancton	Lessons & Carols
24 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 4 / Christmas Eve		
10.30	Market Weighton	Holy Communion
15.00	Goodmanham	First Christmas
15.00	Market Weighton	Christingle
16.30	Shiptonthorpe	Carols & Nativity
17.00	Market Weighton	Christingle
22.00	Goodmanham	Holy Communion
23.30	Market Weighton	Midnight Mass
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day		
09.30	Shiptonthorpe	Family Communion
10.00	Sancton	Holy Communion
10.30	Market Weighton	Holy Communion
31 <sup>st</sup> December Christmas 1 / Epiphany Group Service		
10.30	Market Weighton	Holy Communion

7 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany		
Time	Parish	Service
10.30	Market Weighton	HC
	Shiptonthorpe	HC
10.45	Londesborough	HC
14 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2		
10.30	Market Weighton	HC
	Shiptonthorpe	AAW
10.45	Londesborough	HC
21 <sup>st</sup> January Epiphany 3		
10.30	Market Weighton	HC
	Shiptonthorpe	MP
18.00	Sancton	EP
28 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 4		
09.00	Goodmanham	HC
10.30	Market Weighton	HC
	Shiptonthorpe	FC
10.45	Londesborough	MP





## What's on in and around Pocklington

A Craft Group meet in All Saints 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from 2 –4pm

**Bible Study** is held on Monday 7.30, Wednesday 11am.

Combine a stroll around the market or just come and enjoy some company on Tuesday mornings 10-11.30am. Everyone is welcome



### Pocklington



**Praise** (a bit like Songs of Praise) evenings are held at the Methodist Church on the last Friday of the month at 7.30pm. Light supper afterwards. No charge, donations welcomed.

Next meeting 29th December

### All Saints Church Pocklington



# Christmas Tree Festival

In Church

Saturday 18th November -  
Wednesday 13th December



*Sunday 26th Nov:*

1.30 - 4.00pm

Craft Fair  
with a variety of stalls  
Meet Father Christmas



**All Welcome!**

## What's on in Weighton Wold

Sunbeams is on Tuesdays at All Saints M W:  
1.30-3pm

Craft activities

Please do sign in on arrival, £1.50 donation if you can.

Toilets and baby change facilities available.  
Refreshments on tap too. See you there!



### A good Sing

If you enjoy singing come along to All Saints Mondays  
@ 2pm

### Jigsaws and Games

Thursday afternoons. Pop in for a cuppa and some chat

### Warm Wednesdays

Working in partnership with  
-St John's Church

Working with the community,  
for the community

Soup and a roll 12-1pm



Talking about loss will also be at the same time



At All Saints Angels are our focus as a group of parishes in one way or another over the Advent and Christmas period, as we welcome the Junior School to explore the messages the angels bring as part of their Christmas preparations.

**We are also going to have a trail for others to explore as well.**

### **Abba sang of angels** Who hasn't heard it? **Mama Mia!**

"I have a dream, a song to sing. To help me cope with anything.

If you see the wonder of a fairy tale You can take the future, even if you fail

***I believe in angels, Something good in everything I see, I believe in angels, When I know the time is right for me, I'll cross the stream, I have a dream.***

I have a dream, a fantasy, To help me through reality, And my destination makes it worth the while, Pushing through the darkness; still another mile."

***We'll all cross the stream one day (die). It's the one thing guaranteed when we are born. The Bible tells us we don't just have to dream, we can Know our destination when we put our faith and trust in Him. Check out John 3:16***



YOU'RE BRINGING FRIENDS?

WE'RE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS... WHEN ONE OF US GOES OUT, WE ALL GO OUT!

## Calling all Children

Here's a little colouring page for you. If you complete it and bring it to the Christingle or Carol Service at Siptonthorpe, I will make sure you receive a reward. Alternatively, you can pop it through my letterbox at Rose Villa, Town Street. (You never know, if you take it to your own village church, if the warden has read this, they may have a sweet reward for you there.)

We would love to see you at

our Christmas services, bring as many friends as you like. If you are not able to come, remember, presents under the tree are nice, but the best gift of all is to have Jesus in your heart.



**Happy Christmas**

Wydale Hall

# FAMILY FUN DAY

Free visit to Santa (+ small gift)

Refreshments

Christmas Crafts

Visit Wydale's Christmas Decorations

**SAT 16TH DECEMBER**

**10AM - 4PM**

01723 859270  
admin@wydale.org

No need to book - just come!



# Nunburnholme News

## Harvest Thanksgiving

We held our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 1st October. Annie Harrison, our very own



focal minister, took the service assisted by several pupils from Warter C of E Primary School.

The ambience in our church was warm and friendly, and many commented on how much they had enjoyed the service.

Especially as the children, taking the



readings and prayers, delivered particularly well, with clear voices and expression.



Afterwards the shared thanksgiving lunch was an extremely busy event with lots of socialising amongst friends and villagers!



**Bell Ringing** In Nunburnholme we are fortunate to have our very own bell ringing band. The ringers who, before each service, ring our six bells (known in the bell ringing world as one of the best set of bells in East Yorkshire). If you are interested to learn to ring, our Ringing Master, Mike, would be happy to teach you! For further information contact Ann tel: 01759 304311.



### Remembrance Sunday

We have often rung muffled bells on Remembrance Sunday. However this year, for the first time, we held a short memorial service in the churchyard at 11am. A wreath of poppies was placed next to the Commonwealth Graves, by Helen Halkon, Chair of Nunburnholme with Kilnwick Percy PC. After the service the group were kindly invited to Helen and Peter Halkon's house for refreshments.

### 100 Club Draw for September 2023

1st No 1	Melody Carlin	£20.65
2nd No 5	Kate & Phil Jennings	£8.85

### 100 Club Draw for October 2023

1st No 2	Ghyll Carlin	£19.95
2nd No 71	Jean Stringer	£8.55
Quarterly No 36	Tina Jenkins	£37.05



### We are still looking for new 100 Club Members. Why not buy a membership as a gift?

If you are wondering what to give as a Christmas present look no further. Membership to Nunburnholme Church 100 Club for a year is only £24, and there is a possibility of winning some prize money during that time; plus the gift is also supporting our beautiful historic church! Contact Ann [johnann73@aol.com](mailto:johnann73@aol.com) or 01759 304311 for further details.....

### Dates for Diary

#### Saturday 2nd December at 6pm in St James' Church, Good Company present a Christmas Concert 'Nowell, Nowell!'

The Jubilee Committee is organising a hot supper and dessert, **tickets are £12.50 and children under 16 free!**

The Jubilee Committee will also run a licensed bar selling local beer. **Raising funds for the British Heart Foundation.**

**Sunday 3rd December Christingle Service in church at 3pm**, everyone very welcome.

**Sunday 17th December at 3pm, Carol Service and Nativity**, please join us to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## News from Shiptonthorpe

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT  
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU**

The generosity and care for others is wonderful to see. **£520** was raised at the coffee morning at the home of Margaret Dixon. A



further **£20** was popped into the collection box at the hospital as a cheque had already been sent. Thank you to all who donated, all who baked, all who ate cake, and Margaret for hosting.

Not only are **13 shoeboxes** on the way to either Moldova, Bulgaria or Ukraine, a total of **£61** was donated so, including the **£39** postage, **£100** is also enroute to



**Link to Hope.**

**Remembrance Sunday** was attended by All Ages this year, (4-80+). We all remembered and gave thanks.

Harper (aged 7) beautifully read a poem about the poppies.



**£55 has  
been  
donated to  
RBL**

If you ever need a confidential chat, or are seeking practical help, please don't hesitate to ring Shelagh (01430 871612), Mike or Freda (873318),

### Shiptonthorpe Relief in Need

Are you a resident of Shiptonthorpe or Londesborough? If ever you, or someone you know in either village, is in financial need, this charity may be able to help. Please contact one of the Trustees, in total confidence.

Mrs. Hilary Hazell (Chairperson)	01430 873426
Tony Vinnell	01430 879542
Irene Mumby	01430 871078
Sarah Wilkins	01430 873464
Robert Ducker	07889 198948
Revd Shelagh Jones	01430 871612

## Light up the Christmas Tree!

Most people have a Christmas tree, but do you assume it's just another Christmas decoration, part of the fun, a tradition that came from Germany less than 200 years ago? Or do you realise it is a religious symbol of Christmas, and very English?



The Christmas tree indeed came from Germany in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but it was an English monk called Boniface in the 7<sup>th</sup> century who had the idea when he travelled to Germany to teach the people about Jesus Christ. He found the people worshipping pagan gods in sacred groves, so he hung lighted candles in the trees and taught the people about Jesus and how he is known as the Light of the World. Candles in trees became part of their Christian worship, especially at Christmas to celebrate the coming of that Light into the world with Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Gradually the tradition grew of putting candle-lit trees in their houses, symbolise the Light of Christ coming into their homes.

All Christmas lights have similar symbolism. As you look at the lights on your tree, think of Christ's Light coming into your home, and maybe come to one of our Christmas services to celebrate that.

Happy Christmas! *Shelagh*



### **ALL AGES Services at Shiptonthorpe**

Jesus spoke to everyone, and anyone: from the teachers in the temple, the (often) corrupt leaders of religion, labourers, doctors, men, women, sinners, adulteries and CHILDREN. Not only did He say, "Suffer the little children to come to me," but that we **must** be as little children to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Please do come and join us at  
4.30pm 10th December for our Christingle and at  
4.30pm 24th December for our Carol Service**

On the 14th January all children (whatever age) can come dressed as Kings, Queens, explorers, astrologers.

Sweets for the best dressed



# St Mary's Beverley CLCGB Christmas Concert

St Mary's Church, North Bar Within, Beverley

9th December 2023

6-30pm

Tickets

Adults £5 - Under 10's £2.50

Tickets available from HQ or on the door.

Refreshments available, tea, coffee, hot chocolate,  
biscuits, mince pies & mulled wine.

St Mary's Beverley CLCGB

17 Oct · 6

Raffle

Shiptonthorpe Community Theatre  
presents

# SLEEPING BEAUTY

By Alan P Frayn

SHIPTONTHORPE  
VILLAGE HALL  
FEBRUARY 2024

Friday 2nd February at 7pm  
Saturday 3rd February at 3pm & 7pm  
Sunday 4th February at 2pm  
Friday 9th February at 7pm  
Saturday 10th February at 3pm & 7pm

Ticket Prices

Adults £8 Children (u14) £5

Family Ticket £20 (2 adults & 2 children)

Gala Performance

Saturday 10th February at 7pm

Adults £12.50 Children £7

Includes glass of wine/soft drink

For tickets email  
[richardward@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richardward@yahoo.co.uk)  
or call Richard on  
07922 443639



# A MEMORIAL SERVICE



**@ Pocklington**  
**Sunday 3 Dec @ 3pm**  
*followed by refreshments*

Christmas is a special time but for some people it is also a time of sadness. We see the empty chair and remember the loved one who is no longer with us.



If that is the case, this service is for you. It will give you space to be sad, space to remember, and space to give thanks.

**You, your family and friends are welcome**

Christmas can be a difficult time for those who are alone, or have lost someone dear to them.

If you feel the need for some quiet reflection, here are two services that you may find comforting.



# Quiet Christmas

ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
MARKET WEIGHTON

WEDNESDAY 20TH  
DECEMBER AT 2PM

In the peace of the church, there will be the opportunity to hear about the Christmas angels, to light a candle for those we miss, to leave prayers on the Memory Tree, listen to music and quietly reflect on Emmanuel – God with us.



# Christmas 2023



at the parish churches of Market  
Weighton, Goodmanham, Londesborough,  
Sancton and Shiptonthorpe

2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am - 1pm	Christmas Bazar	Market Weighton
10 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	Christingle	Shiptonthorpe
15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Weighton Waytes Christmas Concert	Market Weighton
17 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Carol Service	Goodmanham
	4pm	Carol Service	Londesborough
	6pm	Carol Service	Sancton
21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Carol Service	Market Weighton
24 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	First Christmas for children & their families	Goodmanham
	3pm & 5pm	Crib Service	Market Weighton
	4.30pm	Carol Service & Nativity	Shiptonthorpe
	10pm	Candlelight Communion	Goodmanham
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Market Weighton
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Christmas Communion	Shiptonthorpe
	10am	Christmas Morning Service	Sancton
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Market Weighton

*"O come, let us adore Him!"*

