



THE STREET PARISHES NEWSLETTER December 2017

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From the Rectory:

Dear Readers,

Was there really a baby in the feeding trough?

It's that time of year again, you may either love it or hate ... Christmas. But what does it all really mean. Yes, we all know of the Yuletide feast and the need to celebrate at the darkest time of year. A time to provide light to chase the darkness; cheer for the depressed; a time to break the bank accounts in cheerful giving, but is there more to this?

Christmas is the festival when we celebrate Jesus's birth, the source of our faith. As followers, ours is the faith that bases itself on historical fact, having opened itself to various forms of critique through the generations; one which, if not true, would have been easy to crush in its early days, by refuting its historical evidence. Yet it has stood the test of time and still remains strong today. A source of strength and inspiration for many, a stumbling block for others; an unlikely story if ever there was one, and yet the witness and evidence of Christ's light working through generations of people continues to speak to its authenticity. So... is this the year to look into the feeding trough.... see what you find?

May Christ be born in you and you in him this Christmas and have a merry and joyful festive period.

*God bless,
Martin*

14 Dec, Thurs. 10.30-11.30am Hovingham Tea Spot Join us in the Rolling Pin Café at the Hovingham Bakery for a cuppa, chat and company. Share your stories, meet new people, have a drink and a chat. £2.50 per person. If you need transport call Louise 628064 or Sue 628077 and we will pick you up. All ages welcome! Organised by the Hovingham Methodist Chapel by kind permission of the Bakery Cafe.

19 Dec, Tues 6.00pm Slingsby Carol Singing in the village (Cavendish Court, High Street, The Green, Green Crescent) followed by singing in the Grapes Inn. Meet at Chapel.

20 Dec, Weds, 12 noon Festive Soupa Lunch Followed by Carol Singing, Slingsby Chapel Schoolroom. Come along for soup, sandwiches, pudding and a good chat. There is no charge but donations welcome. No need to book, just come along. All welcome! Contacts Stephen and Rachel Prest 628277 or Trudy Carr 628302.

NOTICES

A Belated Thank You to everyone who helped and supported the Amotherby Jigsaw Festival. We raised £300, which has been split between St Helen's and Ryedale Carers Support.

Barton Autumn Safari Supper was once again a most enjoyable occasion and made £426 for church funds. Thanks go to everyone who joined in and particularly to the very generous caterers who treated us to some delicious meals!

Barton Harvest Thanksgiving was well attended and much enjoyed. Thank you for all the lovely and varied produce decorating the church. The auction raised £205 which is being donated to Malton Food Bank. Many thanks to all who joined in, particularly to the auctioneer, Rory, and Marion who prepared and cleared the Hall.

Would you like to be visited? We are conscious that there are many people living in our parishes who may be lonely and appreciate being visited. If you would like to be visited, please contact Rev Martin Allwood who will organise someone to come and see you.

Slingsby Tea Towels are available and will make excellent Christmas presents. They have scenes of Slingsby on them, originally painted by the late Ken Bland and are used by permission of his wife Pam. Cost £4.50, or 2 for £8.00, and are available from Tony's Farm Shop, The Methodist Chapel or Rachel Prest.

Slingsby Calendars now on sale £6.00 available from Janet 628625 or from Village Shop.

ADVANCE NOTICES

13 Jan, Sat, 10.30am Benefice Meeting, Barton Village Hall to discuss the viability of a Benefice wide Heritage Lottery Fund application. This meeting is open to anyone within the Benefice who is interested.

FROM THE RECORDS

Baptism: Edward John Wainwright, 5 November, All Saints, Hovingham
Martha Grace Fairweather, 26 November, All Saints, Slingsby

Funeral: Matthew Hall, 90 yrs., funeral 22 November, St George's, Scackleton

Copy for the January newsletter by **18 December** please, to Daphne Rose,
The Cottage, Barton le Street, YO17 6PN, 01653 628868 or dafnolia@yahoo.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

03/12/17	09.00am	Barton	Eucharist
	10.00am	Amotherby	Family Service
	10.30am	Hovingham	Matins
	3.00pm	Slingsby	Christmas Concert
	6.30pm	Coneysthorpe	St Nicholas Service
10/12/17	09.00am	Amotherby	Eucharist
	10.30am	Hovingham	Eucharist
	10.45am	Slingsby	Matins
	3.00pm	Scackleton	Christmas Carol Service
14/12/17	6.30pm	Barton	Christmas Carol Service
17/12/17	09.00am	Barton	Eucharist
	10.30am	Slingsby	Eucharist
24/12/17	10.30am	Scackleton	Benefice Eucharist
	4.00pm	Amotherby	Christmas Eve Crib Service
	4.00pm	Barton	Christmas Eve Crib Service
	4.00pm	Hovingham	Christingle
	4.15pm	Slingsby	Candle and Crib Service
	10.00pm	Hovingham	Christmas Eve Eucharist
25/12/17	10.30am	Slingsby	Benefice Eucharist
31/12/17	10.30am	Barton	Benefice Eucharist

Roman Catholic Mass at 6.30pm Sat & 9.30am Sun at St Leonard's, Malton and 9.00am Sun at St Aidan's, Oswaldkirk.

Wednesday services in Slingsby Church at 9.30am Eucharist 6 and 20 Dec, with lay led Morning Prayer 13 and 27 Dec, followed by coffee and chat.

Thursday services in Hovingham Church at 9.30am Eucharist 14 Dec, with lay led Morning Prayer 7 and 21 Dec. These and the ones in Slingsby are short, simple services. Due to small numbers attending in Hovingham please let Eddie Lucas or Rev Martin know if you intend to come, to avoid disappointment in the event of cancellation.

Methodist Services in December

Slingsby		Hovingham	
03/12 10.30am	T Short	03/12 10.30am	R Stannard
10/12 10.30am	J Pickering	10/12 10.45am	J Clark
17/12 06.00pm	Carol Service	17/12 06.30pm	Worsley Arms, Carols
24/12 10.30am	L Hayes	24/12 10.30am	LA
31/12 10.30am	R Prest	31/12 02.30pm	Combined, Pickering
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WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

2 Dec, Sat, 2.00pm Barton Christmas Fayre Stalls include cakes etc Christmas decorations, toys, books, bran tub, tombola etc. Come and join us for a cup of tea and mince pies while you browse.

2 Dec, Sat, Slingsby Christmas Baking Orders Last date to place your orders with Trudy for delivery of baking on Sat, 9 Dec.

2 Dec, Sat, 5.00pm Christmas Music and Carols, Hovingham Church with Ampleforth and Ryedale Concert Choir (and audience participation). Tickets £10.00 including mulled wine and mince pies (under 16s free) call 628386 or 628933

3 Dec, Sun, 3.00pm All Saints Church, Slingsby Christmas Concert A programme of Christmas songs and carols by Terrington Village Choir £6.00 per person to include tea, coffee and home-made cake. Tickets from members of PCC or Slingsby Village Shop. Proceeds will contribute towards £50,000 required for roof repair.

3 Dec, Sun, 4.00pm Coneysthorpe Chapel An interactive service with children in mind to Celebrate the Coming of Christmas. Tea and cake included!

5 Dec, Tues, 7.00pm Slingsby Sowers and Growers Repeat of last year's successful garland and wreath making, in Village Hall Committee Room, with Kymm Queen, £5.00 members, £7.00 non members, to include mince pies, tickets to be booked in advance from Janet Clarke 628625.

5 Dec, Tues, 7.00pm Hovingham Women's Fellowship members to meet for the Christmas meal. Further details from Sue 628077. There will be no meeting in January.

7 Dec, Thurs, 10.00-11.30am Slingsby Tea Spot Join us in the Chapel Schoolroom for a cuppa, chat, cake and company. Drop in anytime. If you need transport call Louise on 628064 and we will pick you up. All ages welcome!

9 Dec, Sat, 7.15pm Eyes Down for Bingo, Slingsby Village Hall Refreshments served. There will be no pantomime this year due to lack of support.

10 Dec, Sun, 5.00-6.30pm 2nd Sunday Club, Slingsby Methodist Church This is a new monthly event for children in school years 1-6. Tea followed by.... Christmas activities! £1.00 per child, numbers for food appreciated, but not essential, text Louise Hayes 07840220900 with name, age of child and any dietary issues.

12 Dec, Tues, from apx 12 noon Slingsby Fish, Chips and Peas Malton and Norton Lions Club are again delivering these at the subsidised rate of £3.00 per person for the disabled and elderly. To order, contact Stephen 628277 or Trudy 628302 or e:mail stephenprest@outlook.com. Future dates 9 Jan, 13 Feb and 13 Mar.

12 Dec, Tues, 7.15pm Slingsby Ladies Group meet in the Methodist Schoolroom for mince pies and Christmas entertainment by Karen Bishop. New members welcome!

13 Dec, Weds, 7.00pm Carols at the Swinton Arms Join us for your favourite carols.

13 Dec, Weds, 7.30pm Natterjacks This month's meeting will be the annual Christmas meal 7.30pm, Worsley Arms, Hovingham. Details from Edwin.lucas@otlook.com.