Notices

Any items for next week's sheet to Angela Sewell by Wednesday please. alsewell@btinternet.com or 078454 81179

NEWS FROM THE VICARAGE

On 1st January Robin announced that he is taking early retirement from parish ministry as from 31st March. His last working day in the Benefice will be Sunday 5th March.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

It was announced on Tuesday that the next Bishop of Blackburn is to be Philip North, presently Bishop of Burnley in the Diocese. More information, including a link to a video of Bishop Jill talking to Bishop Philip, can be found at

www.blackburn.anglican.org/news/752/the-tenth-bishop-ofblackburn-is

MESSAGE FROM JANET THOMPSON

I write to the churches of our benefice to thank you for your gifts presented to me at my last service as an LLM on Christmas Eve. Whilst life for Alan and myself is going to be completely different from now on, I thank God for the opportunities given to me to carry out the work I was called to do, during which time I enjoyed meeting so many people on so many various occasions. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during the forthcoming vacancy.

With grateful thanks for the times shared with you. Best wishes, Janet Thompson

WINTER WARMER LUNCHES AT BORWICK & PRIEST HUTTON

Everyone is welcome to enjoy warm space and warm company between 11am and 2pm at Borwick & Priest Hutton Memorial Hall on the following dates: 19th January, 5th February, 26th February. No booking required, just come along and meet friends.

INTERESTED IN THE ENVIRONMENT?

Meeting for those interested in wildlife and the churchyard, the AONB, recycling, reducing the carbon footprint of our church buildings, a discussion of future challenges: Saturday 21st January at 10.30am in St Oswald's. More info Sue Brown, 734014.

CHILDREN SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES

From Janet Mann: We will be emptying & counting Children Society boxes at the beginning of February, so please could anyone with a box return it to St Oswald's by the end of January. (Please give to me or a churchwarden, etc. to be put in the safe.) If you have a problem, please ring me on 01524 419252 and I will arrange to pick

YOUNG GENERATIONS GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

This group for young people aged 9+ meets each 1st Sunday 6-8pm at St Oswald's, apart from August; the next meeting is 5th February. If you are interested and want to know more please contact Emma, evbrantley@hotmail.com.

BREAKING BREAD LUNCHES

We are looking for help to drive two people from within Warton to our Breaking Bread lunches and to take them home again after. For more information or to offer to help please contact Annette MacKenzie

Please remember in your prayers...

Those who are sick or in particular need: Peter Thompson, Sr Michaela, Angela, Ian Sedgewick, Agnes Bainbridge, Val, Lesley Keighley.

Those with longer term needs or in residential care: Phyllis Hargreaves, Jean Nelson, Reg, Eleanor, Winifred Halliday, Tracey Wilson, Paul Gee, Sheila Barnes, Carolyn Wolstenholme and those who are housebound.

The recently departed: Irene Halford, Roy Hamling.

At their anniversary: Pauline Pearce, Clifford Parkinson, Pamela Wallis, Eileen Simpson, Ken Pearce, Christine Graham, Leonard Keen, Dorothy Roberts, Ruby Coleman, Alfred Parkin,.

Names of those with immediate needs will be included for 8 weeks and then included with those with longer term needs for a further 8 weeks unless advised otherwise.

The United Benefice of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick with St John, Yealand

Sunday 15th January THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8.00 a.m. Eucharist at St Oswald's

9.15 a.m. Parish Eucharist at St John's (also livestreamed)

9.15 a.m. Eucharist at St Mary's

11.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist at St Oswald's

Isaiah 42.1-9; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-end

This Week — Praying Together

The readings are from the daily Eucharistic lectionary. A simple form of service for Morning Prayer can be downloaded from the benefice website.

Mon 16

Hebrews 5.1-10; Psalm 110.1-4; Mark 2.18-22 Church Hall committee meeting at the Hall 9.15 a.m.

Tue 17 Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 3 Hebrews 6.10-end; Psalm 111; Mark 2.23-end

9.00 a.m. Coffee Stop at St Oswald's

Wed 18

Hebrews 7.1-3,15-17; Psalm 110.1-4; Mark 3.1-6

Eucharist at St John's 9.15 a.m.

7.00 p.m. Looking Forward Group meeting at St Mary's

Thu 19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

Hebrews 7.25-8.6; Psalm 40.7-10,17-end; Mark 3.7-12

11.00 a.m. Eucharist at St Oswald's 11.45 a.m. Breaking Bread Lunch

11.00 a.m. Winter Warmer Lunch at Borwick & Priest **Hutton Memorial Hall**

Fri 20

Hebrews 8.6-end; Psalm 85.7-end; Mark 3.13-19

Sat 21 Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304

Hebrews 9.2-3,11-14; Psalm 47.1-8; Mark 3.20-21 10.30 a.m. 'Interested in the Environment?' meeting at St Oswald's

Sunday 22nd January THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8.00 a.m. Eucharist at St Oswald's

9.15 a.m. Parish Eucharist at St John's (also livestreamed)

11.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist at St Oswald's

Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

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Please note that the Vicar's rest day is usually Friday; please contact him only in an emergency on this day.

