

# Parish News

The Benefice Magazine for  
St Oswald's, Warton  
and St Mary's, Borwick  
with St John's, Yealand



**December 2022  
& January 2023**

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## DEAR READER .....

### Hello everyone

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If you need any help with the above, please do not hesitate to ask Robin or myself for advice, we are always happy to help 😊

Kind regards, Kate

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## Accessing the Parish News magazine

As we have explained in recent editions of the magazine we have decided that we need to reduce the overall cost of printing the magazine.

Like many other publications, we are aware that an increasing number of people are able to access and read newspapers and magazines online on their computer/tablets/phone or by downloading a copy and printing if they need to.

Copies of the Parish News will be delivered to people who have requested this option and copies will continue to be available for collection from each of our churches.

If you, or someone you know, would like a print copy delivered to your home please let the Vicar know by phone at 01524 732946 or by email at [vicarwby@outlook.com](mailto:vicarwby@outlook.com) or by post at The Vicarage, 92 Main Street, Warton, Carnforth LA5 9PG.

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or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/UnitedWBY/](https://www.facebook.com/UnitedWBY/)

or on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/UnitedWBY>



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## Welcome to our December/January Parish News

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Dear friends,

During December we travel through the season of Advent, the time of preparation for the great celebration of Christmas when we remember the moment in history when God came to reveal God's self in the human face of Jesus.

The story of God in Jesus is a story of God sharing fully in our humanity, the good and the bad, the highs and the lows. In a world that continues to face great challenges from the war in Ukraine, the climate crisis and the aftermath of the Covid pandemic which has turned into the cost of living crisis, God comes to offer a new vision; a vision of a new way of being.

The drama of God's story, which became the Jesus story, is shocking, it is radical and subversive. As Bishop Michael Curry said: "Jesus did not establish an institution, though institutions can serve his cause. He did not organize a political party, though his teachings have a profound impact on politics. Jesus did not even found a religion. No, Jesus began a movement, fuelled by his Spirit, a movement whose purpose was and is to change the face of the earth from the nightmare it often is into the dream that God intends."

A year ago we were reflecting on the outcome of the COP26 UN Climate Change conference held in Glasgow. I quoted the Church of England's lead bishop for environmental affairs who said, "We must now keep up the moral pressure so that pledges are urgently turned into measurable action". Now we reflect on COP27 recently held in Egypt. Bishop Graham Usher said the conference "gave cause for hope in some ways, but frustration in others. On the positive side, we can welcome the agreement about a Loss and Damage

fund...Those are the first steps towards climate justice, but they must continue at pace. However, whilst the commitment to 'keep 1.5 alive' is still there, it is not yet matched by enough global ambition to phase out fossil usage. It may even be that we have missed the boat to achieve this, but is it something that we must continue to push for. Every fraction of a degree matters. World leaders, indeed all of us, must ask: how many more of our targets can be missed?"

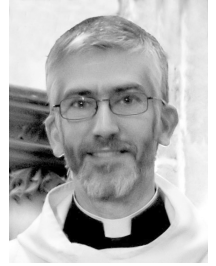
There are great challenges ahead for all of us as we prepare to leave 2022 behind and move into 2023. In the midst of change and uncertainty, we are called to hold on to the message of Christmas, that God is with us. God came, and still comes, amongst us in Jesus; to show us that a love that reaches out with a genuine compassion for everyone is possible. The challenge is to accept that, as one Bishop said, 'In the end, there is no one God does not love'.

As we come to celebrate once again the Christmas story, the story of God coming to live a human life, think about the story as being about God choosing to get God's hands dirty. The incarnation is about God choosing to get stuck in amongst the nitty gritty of life, not staying on the side-line and just watching it all happen.

God comes calling and challenging; God comes inviting us to believe and trust that God's ways are worth following. So, this Christmas we think again about the message of God's radical, inclusive, transforming love for all Creation and all humankind.

May Jesus find a place in your heart this Christmas and New Year.

**Robin Figg, Vicar**



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## Services during December and January

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### The regular pattern of services on Sundays is:

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Oswald's (according to the Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.15am Parish Eucharist at St John's. This service will be livestreamed on the Benefice [YouTube channel](#).
- 9.15am Eucharist at St Mary's (on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month).
- 11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Oswald's

### The regular pattern of midweek services is:

- Tuesdays Eucharist at St Mary's at 11.00am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month
- Wednesdays Eucharist at St John's at 9.15am
- Thursdays Eucharist at St Oswald's at 11.00am

### Daily Monday, Tuesday, Thursday to Saturday at 9.15am

The Vicar will say Morning Prayer on behalf of all the people of the benefice. People are invited to join Robin by saying Morning Prayer at home. A simple form of Morning Prayer is available to download from the benefice website at [www.ubwby.org](http://www.ubwby.org).

### Night Prayer

A recording of Night Prayer (Compline) is available via the link on the home page of our website; the form of service is also available to download.

### The pattern of midweek activities in our churches includes:

- Tuesdays Coffee Stop at St Oswald's from 9.00am until 11.00am
- Tuesdays *Faith Matters* group at St Mary's at 12 noon until 1.00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Bring your own lunch; drinks provided.
- Wednesdays Knit & Natter at St John's at 2.00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month
- Thursdays Breaking Bread Lunch at St Oswald's at 11.45am
- Winter Warmer Lunches at Borwick & Priest Hutton Memorial Hall from 11.00am until 2.00pm on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month.
- Fridays Coffee @ St John's from 10.30am until 12 noon.

**Please check the Weekly Sheet, Benefice website or Facebook page for any changes to the above information.**

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## Services during December and January

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### Special Services for Advent and Christmas

#### Sunday 27th November

6.00pm Advent Carol Service at Oswald's, Warton

#### Sunday 11th December

4.00pm Christingle Service at Oswald's, Warton

#### Thursday 15th December

7.00pm Christmas Carol Service at St John's, Yealand

#### Sunday 18th December

6.00pm Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's, Borwick

#### Tuesday 20th December

7.00pm Christmas Carol Service at St Oswald's, Warton

#### Saturday 24th December—Christmas Eve

5.30pm Crib Service at St John's, Yealand

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist at St Oswald's, Warton

#### Sunday 25th December—Christmas Day

9.15am Eucharist with carols at St Mary's, Borwick

11.00am Eucharist with carols at St Oswald's, Warton

#### Sunday 1st January

10.30am Patronal Festival Eucharist at St John's

***Please note that this will be the only service in the benefice on this day***

#### Sunday 8th January

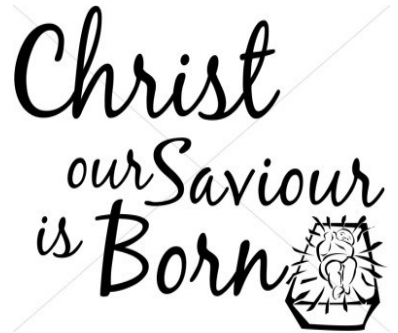
The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated today.

#### Sunday 15th January

The Feast of the Baptism of Christ will be celebrated today.

#### Sunday 29th January

The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) will be celebrated today.



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## From our churches

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### Advent

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation. The readings and liturgies direct us towards Christ's birth, and the promise of God's presence with us always, in every time and every place.

The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22).

Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas.



### Christmas

The celebration of Christ's incarnation at Christmas is one of the two poles of the Christian year. The wonderful mystery of God's dwelling among us in the fullness of humanity, as Emmanuel, foretold by the prophets and born of Mary, provides the material of the feast:

Christmas is much more than simply the celebration of Jesus' birth. The task of the Christmas liturgy is to recall us, amid all the joyful customs and celebrations of Christmas, to this central truth of the Word made flesh for our salvation.

It is, of course, Christ's nativity that has provided the occasion for this festival of the incarnation, since the end of the third century. The Christmas crib and the nativity play can both be said to descend from the tableau of Christ's birth that Francis of Assisi arranged when he celebrated Christmas at Greccio in 1223. Christmas carols are a medieval tradition, which has been notably developed from the end of the nineteenth century.



### Epiphany

In the Western churches, the Epiphany ('manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Matthew's account speaks simply of 'wise men from the east'; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings and recalled their resonant names – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

In this perspective, Epiphanytide is an apt season to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, appropriately falls in the Epiphany season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian

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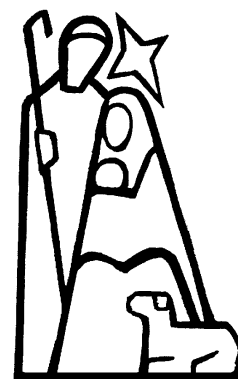
## From our churches

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Unity. In the Eastern churches, the Epiphany is, rather, the celebration of Christ's baptism at the hands of John, when the heavens were opened and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son. The miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory', follows immediately:

The arrangement of the Sundays of Epiphany in the Revised Common Lectionary deliberately draws out these aspects.

The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas). The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering; the Incarnation is directed to the Passion; and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter.



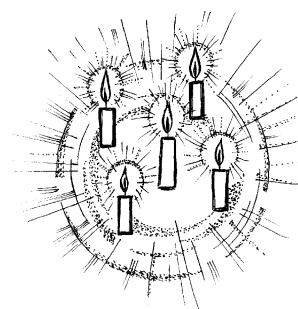
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## A LIGHT FOR A LOVED ONE

### Remembering our departed loved ones at Christmas

Would you like a candle to be named and lit in St Oswald's in memory of a loved one at our Christmas Tree Festival and our Christmas Services? There is no charge for this, but any donation will go to the Restoration Fund; no-one though must feel any obligation. Please pick up a leaflet from one of our churches or send the following details to the Vicar at the Vicarage or via one of our churches.

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- \* Your name and address including postcode and telephone number:
- \* Amount of donation if made:
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## From our churches



# The Community Christmas Hug Christmas Tree Festival



7th - 11th December, St Oswald's Church, Warton

Open daily 1.00pm to 4.30pm

**\*FREE ENTRY\***



**Swap Stalls:** find a book, toy, Christmas present or warm clothing for a swap or a donation

**Refreshments:** delicious home baking, tea/coffee/juice. Pay if/as you can

### Wednesday 7th

**7.00pm - The Ossie Sisters**

*Our own close harmony trio will entertain us with some classics*

### Thursday 8th

**2.00pm - 3.00pm - The Red Cats**

*The Warton-based group will bring us toe-tapping music*

### Friday 9th

**1.15pm - 2.00pm ~ Yealand CofE Primary School**

*Our lovely church primary school will treat us to some Christmas songs*

**3.30pm - 4.00pm Christmas Carol Sing-along**

*Led by our choristers, come and enjoy singing some of your favourite Christmas Carols - colouring competition for children*

### Saturday 10th

**1.30pm - 2.30pm ~ Pip Alpin**

*Browse the trees, accompanied by beautiful piano music*

### Sunday 11th

**Christingle making. Either: 2.00pm - 3.30pm - Warton Methodist Church or  
2.30pm - 3.30pm ~ St Oswald's Church**



## Festival Finale



# 4pm Community Christingle Service

**St Oswald's Church**

**Followed by refreshments - All welcome**

Retiring collection for

The  
Children's  
Society





From our churches



The Community Christmas Hug

# Christmas Tree



# Festival



7th - 11th December

**St Oswald's Church, Warton**

Raising funds for local groups and charities

**Open daily 1.00pm to 4.30pm**

**\*FREE ENTRY\***

**Refreshments:** Pay if/as you can

**Swap stalls:** toys, books, warm clothes, Christmas presents, for a swap or donation

**Opening concert** 7pm Wednesday - The Ossie Sisters

**Live music** performances each day



**Festival Finale 4pm Sunday 11th**

**Community Christingle**



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## From our churches

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### The Gospel according to Matthew

The pattern of readings from the Bible for use in Christian worship is known as the lectionary. Each Sunday three bible readings are prescribed: a passage from the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, or the Acts of the Apostles; another from either the Book of Revelation or the Epistles; and finally a passage from one of the four Gospels.

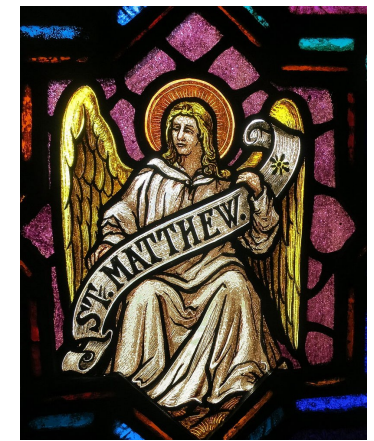
The pattern of readings runs in three-year cycles; the gospel readings in the first year (Year A) are taken from the Gospel according to Matthew, those in the second year (or Year B) from the Gospel according to Mark, and in the third year (or Year C) come from the Gospel according to Luke. Portions of the Gospel of John are read at certain festivals every year.

On Advent Sunday (27th November) we begin Year A, so the gospel readings will be from Matthew. Here is a guide to this Gospel.

For convenience, the book can be divided into four structurally distinct sections: Two introductory sections; the main section, which can be further broken into five sections, each with a narrative component followed by a long discourse of Jesus; and finally, the Passion and Resurrection section.

1. Containing the genealogy, the birth, and the infancy of Jesus (Matthew 1; Matthew 2).
2. The discourses and actions of John the Baptist preparatory to Christ's public ministry (Matthew 3; Matthew 4:11).
3. The discourses and actions of Christ in Galilee (4:12–26:1).
  - I. The Sermon on the Mount, concerning morality (Ch. 5–7)
  - II. The Missionary Discourse, concerning the mission Jesus gave his Twelve Apostles. (10–11:1)
  - III. The Parable Discourse, stories that teach about the Kingdom of Heaven (13).
  - IV. The "Church Order" Discourse, concerning relationships among Christians (18–19:1).
  - V. The Eschatological Discourse, which includes the Olivet Discourse and Judgement of the Nations, concerning his Second Coming and the end of the age (24–25).
4. The sufferings, death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Great Commission (26–28).

The one aim pervading the book is to show that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah — he "of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write" — and that in him the ancient prophecies had their fulfillment. This book is full of allusions to passages of the Old Testament which the book interprets as predicting and foreshadowing Jesus' life and mission. This Gospel contains no fewer than sixty-five references to the Old Testament, forty-three of these being direct verbal citations, thus greatly outnumbering those found in the other Gospels. The main feature of this Gospel may be expressed in the motto "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (5:17).



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## From our churches

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### Retirement of Janet Thompson as a Licensed Lay Minister

After 55 years as an authorised/licensed minister, first as a Methodist Local Preacher and then as a Church of England Reader/Licensed Lay Minister, Janet has decided to retire from active ministry at the end of this year. Janet's last service as a robed minister will be the Christmas Midnight Eucharist; Janet will preach at this service.

We invited Janet to offer a reflection on her ministry.

#### Janet writes:

As another year comes to a close I have decided after a great deal of prayerful consideration to retire from active ministry as a Licensed Lay Minister at the end of the year.

All my life I have lived in a Christian home and from an early age experienced life as a member of the Methodist Church. When I was 18 years old and following in my father's footsteps, I felt a call to becoming a Methodist Local Preacher. After two years training I became an accredited Local Preacher in December 1967.

When I got married my husband Alan, who had been brought up in the Church of England, joined the Methodist Church to allow our family to grow together in our Christian life. We became Sunday School leaders for teenagers, Church Stewards and Circuit Stewards. Through our married life I also have been part of three church choirs and a number of musical societies.

My husband and three sons always supported me throughout my time as a Local Preacher, which position I held for 35 years until, as a family, we moved to the Church of England to Holy Trinity Bolton le Sands where Alan was brought up. There I became a Licensed Reader for 10 years and then over 10 years ago I moved to St Oswald's benefice where I have served as a Licensed Lay Minister. In December 2022 I will have completed 55 years of ministry. During this time I have met some wonderful people, shared their happiness and shared their sorrow which I consider a great privilege.

Thank you to you all and particularly thank you to Alan who has always been there for me and our family. God bless you all.



Thank you, Janet, for your many years  
of faithful service to God's Church.

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*thank you* 😊

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## From our churches

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### Coffee Stop at St Oswald's

is somewhere to meet for a drink, cake and a chat!

**Every Tuesday 9am to 11am** at St Oswald's Church, Warton  
(toys are available for young children).



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### Join us for Lunch!

**Every Thursday at St Oswald's** we offer a lunch, usually soup, sandwiches and cakes. We have a quiet Eucharist in church at 11am followed by lunch at about 11.45am. Join us for either, or both! Carers are welcome too.

If you need transport we will try to help.

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### Coffee @ St.John's

**Every Friday 10:30am till 12pm.**

Please join us for coffee, tea and cake.  
Book and jigsaw swap. All welcome.



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### Bible Study Group – daytime

A monthly bible study group meets on the **2nd Monday of each month from 10am until 12 noon** at Fernlands, Tewitfield.

Contact Noeline Clarke on 01524 732825 for more details.

All are welcome.



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### Bible Study Group—evening

It is hoped to start a new bible study group in January meeting on **Wednesday evenings from 7pm** at Jodie Kilty's home in Yealand Conyers. If you might be interested please contact Jodie at [Jodiekilty@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Jodiekilty@hotmail.co.uk) or Robin, the Vicar. How often to meet will be agreed by those who express an interest.



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This Gospel sets forth a view of Jesus as the Christ and portrays him as an heir to King David's throne, the rightful King of the Jews.

Some believe this gospel was written to the Jewish community, thus explaining all the allusions to passages of the Old Testament, however, see also Great Commission (which is directed at "all nations") and Interpretations of the Sermon on the Mount and Christian view of the Law.



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## From our Junior Church

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We have completed the first part of our wildflower and wildlife project in the graveyard and are eagerly looking forward to things sprouting in the spring! We have planted wildflower seeds, put up bird and bat boxes, made a hedgehog house, two bug hotels and a small pond.



We would particularly like to thank Malcolm, a volunteer from the RSPB, who came and gave us a wonderful session about different birds, their nests and about other creatures we might see. He also gave us very useful advice about the placing of the bird and bat boxes. We hope that the things we have done will help God's creation to flourish and we give thanks for all the fun we have had doing them.



The second half of this term will be as busy as the first, with our involvement in the Act of Remembrance, the Autumn Fair, the All Together service and with preparations for the Christmas Tree festival. During Advent we will be thinking about the role angels played in the events of the first Christmas.

Do get in touch if you would like to join us. We meet every Sunday in term time in St Oswald's Church Hall from 11 - 12am with children aged 3 to 10 and under 3's accompanied by an adult. We explore our faith together through activities, games, songs, drama and fun! For more information, contact Vanessa Alpin on 07746 790979.



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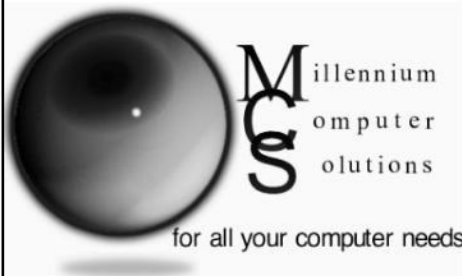
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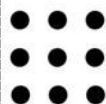


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## From our churches

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Thank you and a Happy Christmas and blessed New Year from all at Mosamaria.

**The children at Mosamaria would like to say "Thank you for helping them throughout 2022 and pray that you will continue to remember them in 2023"**

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### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES

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 it to me or a church warden etc.)

If you have a problem, please ring me on 01524 419252 and I will arrange to pick it up.

As this is a two-month edition of Parish News this request is a little early – please wait at least until the New Year before bringing it in.

Thank you, Janet Mann

**The  
Children's  
Society**



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## From our churches

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## From our villages

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2 - 3.30pm Warton Methodist Church  
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OR

The Christingle Creation Session  
2.30 - 3.30pm St Oswald's Church

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then come together for

A Community Christingle Service

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by the light of the Christmas trees

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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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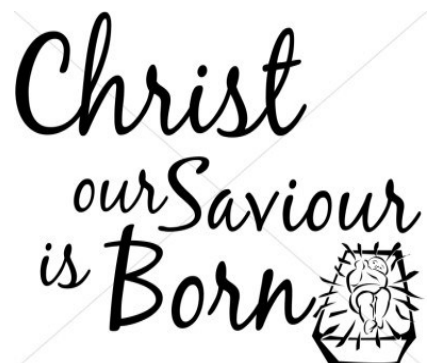
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## From our churches

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### Knit and Natter at St John's

Knit and Natter will meet on Wednesday 14th December & Wednesday 11th January at 2.00 in St John's.

The benefice continues to support Knit-A-Square.com, helping orphaned or vulnerable children in South Africa. To date we have sent several thousand 8" knitted or crocheted squares to

be made into blankets, along with a number of hats and toys. I have been given a large quantity of wool to be used to make things for the charity. Please let me know if you would like some or if you would like to know more about what is needed. Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed and keep up the good work!

Sally-Ann Rothwell (734585, [sally-ann@thebower.co.uk](mailto:sally-ann@thebower.co.uk))

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## Remembrance Sunday at our War Memorials



Warton War Memorial  
at St Oswald's' Church



Borwick & Priest Hutton  
Memorial Stone  
at the Memorial Hall



Yealands War Memorial  
near the Village Hall

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## From the Parish Registers

### Baptisms

Sunday 6th November Amory Mead-Williams (at St Oswald's)

### Burial of Ashes

Saturday 19th November Marion Clarke (at St Oswald's)



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## From our Villages

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Having just had our Remembrance Day services and parades in the local villages here and also throughout the country and enjoying the unseasonably warm weather, it is difficult to turn our minds to Christmas (even although it is only 6 weeks away as I write this article).

We are looking forward to the season of Advent when we remember the events leading up to Jesus' birth and the joyfulness of that Christmas Day when His mother Mary brought Him into the world. As we ponder over these things and perhaps attend more church services than usual and enjoy our preparations for Christmas, may we never forget what that birth meant to the world and to us as Christians today and may we remember others who don't have the riches we have - through Jesus and also the blessings that God gives us daily - as we enjoy the Christmas season together.

Here at Warton Methodist Church, we enjoyed our Toy Service to commence Advent on the first Sunday of Advent and during December there are a number of extra events to which we would like to invite you:

**Sunday 11th December** - Messy Christingle 2.00-3.30pm - then going down to St Oswald's for a Community Christingle Service at 4.00pm taking the Christingles you have made.

**Thursday 15th December** - Lancashire Sings Christmas at 7.00pm in The George Washington. Come and sing your heart out with Radio Lancashire on the radio. This event hasn't taken place for a few years due to the Covid pandemic so it is great that it has been re-introduced again this year.

**Sunday 18th December** - Pop Up Nativity Family Service at 10.00am with Rev. Emma Holroyd. Come along and join in the fun. Dress up in character and take part as we tell the Christmas Story with live characters.

**Thursday 22nd December** - Christmas Carols outside in Warton Church car park accompanied by the Salvation Army Band. Come along and join your voice then stay for some hot drinks and mince pies.

**Sunday 25th December** - Christmas Day Service with Rev David Atkinson at 10.00am

**Sunday 1st January** - New Year's Day Service with Rev Derek North at 10.00am

**Sunday 8th January** - Covenant Service with Rev Emma Holroyd at 10.00am

All of our Sunday morning services continue to be held at 10.00am each Sunday.

Little Stars continue on Thursday mornings from 9.00-11.00am during term-time. The final one before Christmas will be on Thursday 15th December and will be the Christmas Party. They will re-commence again in the New Year on Thursday 5th January.

If you require any further information, please contact our minister, Rev Emma Holroyd, on 01524 941266 or by email at [emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk](mailto:emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk)

**We wish everyone in Warton and surrounding villages a very Happy Christmas and New Year. May God bless you in 2023.**

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## RSPB Leighton Moss

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The cold weather is upon us, and while it may be tempting to stay inside, you will be rewarded if you wrap up warm in your waterproofs and head out to see winter wildlife.

A highlight at this time of year is the array of wildfowl, decked out in its finest winter plumage.

Wetlands in the UK are vital habitat for ducks, geese and swans, as they leave their arctic breeding grounds in late summer in search of milder weather.

RSPB Leighton Moss has always been renowned for attracting a variety of overwintering ducks, with feeding opportunities for both dabblers and divers: teal, pintail, pochard, goldeneye and tufted duck to name a few. A firm visitor favourite on the reserve is a cinnamon teal x shoveler hybrid, an unusual looking duck, with the distinctive shoveler bill, who has returned to Leighton Moss for four consecutive winters. If you need a helping hand identifying what's what then why not join us on our Wonderful Wildfowl walk where an expert guide can give you a helping hand? Book online now!

At this time of year, we get lots of questions about starling murmurations. In past years, we could expect to see the spectacle on the reserve in November/December time, with build ups of c100,000 birds. Last winter, however, we saw the biggest murmuration in February. We are unsure of what has caused this change – and we don't have any prior indication of what to expect this year. We recommend keeping an eye on our Facebook and Twitter pages, or our blog, if you'd like to stay up to date!

If you're looking for some family fun for your little ones, then our Robin Robin trail and activity pack is on sale throughout December! Aardman's film Robin Robin, a seasonal story about a little robin learning to love who she is, will be returning to Netflix this Christmas. Your family can join Robin and explore Leighton Moss on a big sneak! More details are available on our website, and packs can be purchased from our Welcome desk for £3 (normal admission fees apply).

While we're all feasting on mince pies throughout the winter months, your garden birds might also be feeling a little peckish. Birds benefit from high fat foods as they build their energy stores to aid them through cold nights. Suet based bird food products are a popular choice, and can even be made at home. Alongside traditional beef suet based products, the Leighton Moss shop now offers insect based suet as an alternative – come along and have a chat to our retail team for more information on how to attract birds to your garden!

Now, if you do love your garden birds, then why not take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch? All it requires is an hour of your time while you record the birds you see in your garden, park or favourite wild place. Not only is this lots of fun and a great way to feel connected to nature, but the submitted data is invaluable for keeping track of population increases and declines, which informs our conservation work. Check out the RSPB's website for more information.

We hope to see you on the reserve over the festive period.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the team at RSPB Leighton Moss.**





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## From our schools

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*'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith.'*

*1 Timothy 4:12*

Well we are now all settled back into school life and enjoying the opportunity to get out and about and plan things for the year. So far, the children have taken part in some virtual learning with the British Museum, spent some time at Forest School and had a visit to the Judges Lodgings in Lancaster. There are a lot more trips and events planned for this half term, some of which are open to the community.

Once again, the wonderful children of Swallow Class will be singing at this year's Cancer Care Christmas Fair in Leighton Hall. The event will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, so the children are busy rehearsing and are to be filmed for the Cancer Care website events page, very exciting.

The school has also been chosen to take part in this year's Lancaster BID Christmas event and are busy decorating a reindeer which will go on display in December in a chosen shop in Lancaster city centre. People will then be able to go on a reindeer trail and vote for their favourite reindeer, with the winning group receiving a prize.

The school will be decorating a tree for this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St. Oswald's with all proceeds received going to the children's chosen charity for this year which is the Forget-Me-Not Centre at St. John's Hospice. The centre continues to be a very important support for some of our school community.

Finally, as I know that this newsletter will hit your doorstep as the December edition. I would like to invite you all to come along to St. John's on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30 for this year's Nativity followed by a raffle and tea, coffee and mince pies. It would be lovely to share this celebration of Christmas with you all.

Don't forget to follow the school on Facebook and take a look at all the fun things the children get up to. Also, check out the school website [www.yealand.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.yealand.lancs.sch.uk) to see videos of the children's learning including authored stories read by the children themselves!



**The Governors, staff and children of Yealand CE Primary School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.**

Best wishes, Katrina Gale

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## From our schools

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Archbishop Hutton's  
Primary School

It's hard to believe we are approaching Christmas. Life in school has been busy as usual so the weeks have flown by.

Class 4 started this half-term with a visit to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester to find out as much as they could about World War 2 to start off their topic work and the whole school welcomed top athlete Stuart Robinson to the school. Stuart led a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils and followed up with an assembly where children could ask him questions about playing wheelchair rugby.

Last term we focussed on healthy bodies and we explored this theme in our Science and DT sessions. Every child planned and made a healthy meal; Class 1 made fruit smoothies; Class 2 learnt how to cut vegetables for a healthy wrap; Class 3 chose a recipe, bought the ingredients and cooked it; Class 4 had a great couple of days making starters, mains and deserts as part of a Come Dine With Me challenge. The smells in school were tummy rumble inducing!

We have had the Scholastic Book Fair in school for the first time in three years. The book fair offers a wide range of exciting books - many at reduced prices. For every book sold the school gets some money to spend for the library so it will be great to update our library books with some new titles.

For the second year running, we have worked with Cumbria Boxes of Hope to support their shoebox gifts campaign. Despite the current cost of living crisis, we have managed just over 20 shoebox gifts to help refugees in Romania. This year the gifts will also be given to children who have fled the fighting in the Ukraine.

Now that we are in December, we are busy rehearsing our Nativity play which will be performed in Warton Methodist Church at the end of term. We are also looking forward to our annual visit to The Dukes Theatre to see 'Robin Hood' and one of our favourite days in school... Christmas Dinner day! We will be sporting our Christmas Jumpers whilst enjoying a scrumptious turkey dinner. We will end the Autumn Term with a day of party games.

**We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all  
a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
from all the staff and children at Archbishop Hutton's Primary School**

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## From our villages

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### Warton Village Hall

Support your Village -- Hire the Village Hall for Family events, Indoor bowls, Dance classes, Keep fit etc etc.

Newly refurbished kitchen and decor. Spacious Hall and ante rooms.

For viewing, booking and rates contact Carol Wolfenden 01524 732091 / 07929283657

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### Music and Memories at Carnforth Free Methodist Church

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. We provide an afternoon of enjoyment and fun for people living with Dementia and their carers and also anyone living with memory issues. We sing songs old and new, a couple of old hymns, have a thought of the day, singing rounds and attempt to play handheld percussion instruments. We round off the afternoon by chatting with our guests and having tea, coffee and home-made cake. There is no charge for this session. All our volunteers have attended a safeguarding session, one on basic hand washing and also a Dementia Friends session. My background is in nursing older people and I am a safeguarding trainer, a Dementia and Dignity Champion and I have had training in Dementia.

Marilyn Thomson, Group Co-ordinator.

Contact: [dementiafriendlycfm@gmail.com](mailto:dementiafriendlycfm@gmail.com) or 07547957371.

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### GriefShare Support Group

Have you been bereaved? Grief is often a painful and emotional journey with many challenges. GriefShare is a support group offering ongoing help, comfort and encouragement through videos, discussion and workbook. You will find practical help in the videos for the way ahead, reassurance from others in the group who are feeling the same way and further help in the workbook.

Meeting weekly on Wednesdays from October 26th until February 15th, 2pm - 3.30pm at CFM Community Centre, 101 Kellet Rd, Carnforth LA9 5LS (next to the High School)

See more details on the GriefShare website: <https://www.griefshare.org>

You can register for the group on the website, type Carnforth in the find a group search box, or contact [carnforthgriefshare@gmail.com](mailto:carnforthgriefshare@gmail.com) or ring Elspeth: 01524 702966

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### A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart  
As Christmas time draws near.  
May hope fill each room you decorate  
And bring joy to those you hold dear.  
May peace be before you at every meal  
And faith ring through every song.  
For Christ is alive, the light of the world  
May he bless you all season long.

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## Supporting our churches financially

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Like all churches, we rely on the generosity of our congregations and our communities to support our mission and ministry.

We are extremely grateful for the many people who give regularly to Church by standing order, by weekly envelope or by cash donation when attending a church service.

Donate Online 

People are now able to make donations online to the Church in the Benefice, through our **GiveALittle page**. If you have device with the ability to scan QR codes you can go to

our GiveALittle page by scanning our code printed here...

...or you can follow the link from the home page of our benefice website at [www.ubwby.org](http://www.ubwby.org)

The Giving page on our website also give details of how to set up a standing order, which is one of the principal ways of supporting the Church financially and it is the most effective way to give to the Church.

The Giving page also has other information about giving to Church.



### Easyfundraising

Another way to support the churches is to do your online shopping using easyfundraising® which is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. It is simple to use and it's free. Since the launch in 2005, over £31 million has been raised for good causes.



Each of our three churches are registered with easyfundraising®. This means you can choose to support one of our individual churches through easyfundraising®, raising free donations every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate when you use easyfundraising® to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a big difference, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment.

Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for "St Oswald's Church-Warton-Carnforth" or "St John's Church, Yealand Conyers" or "St Mary's Church - Borwick"

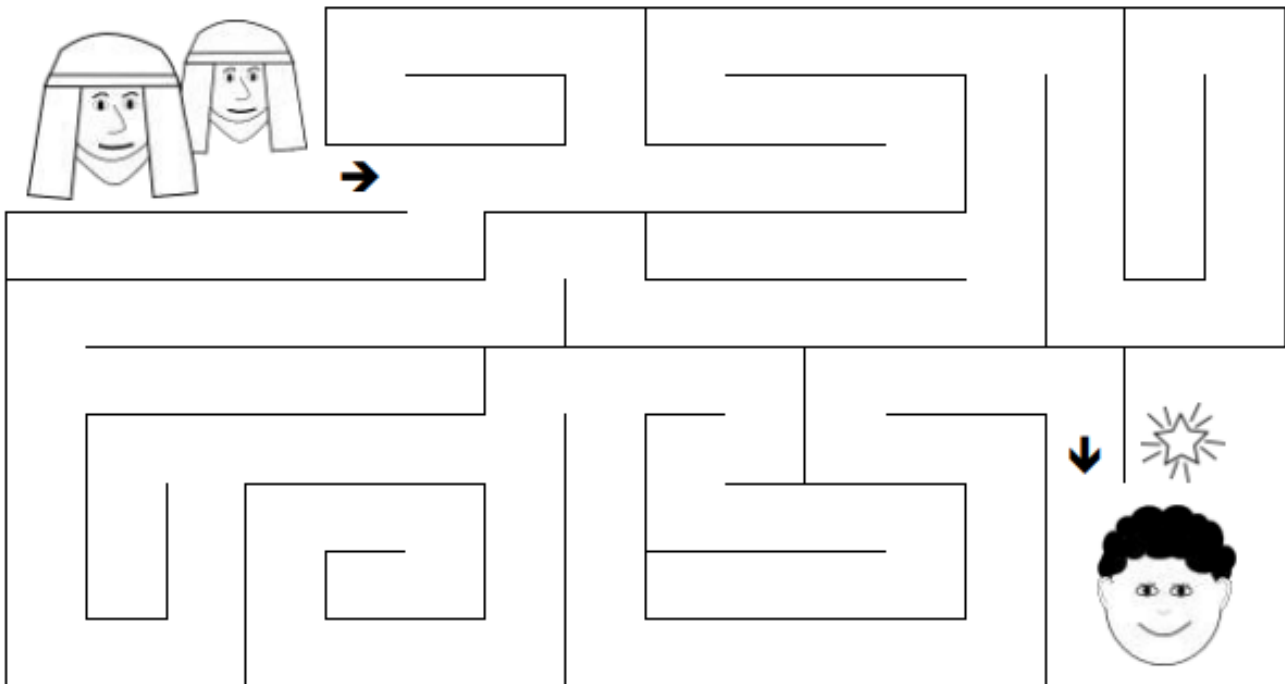
## For our younger readers

### What Does the Bible Say about the Wise Men?

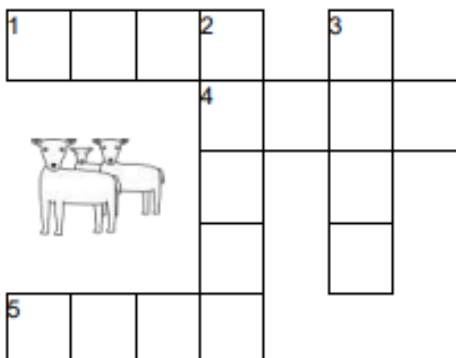
Mark each statement yes (true) or no (false). Then check your answers on the back of the page.

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| The wise men followed a star to find Jesus. | yes | no |
| There were three wise men.                  | yes | no |
| The wise men brought three gifts to Jesus.  | yes | no |
| The wise men saw Baby Jesus in the manger.  | yes | no |
| The wise men worshipped Jesus.              | yes | no |

Help the wise men find their way to Jesus.



### Shepherds in the Bible



#### Across

- Psalm 23 says "The \_\_\_\_\_ is my shepherd."
- \_\_\_\_\_ the prophet was a shepherd.
- Jesus said, "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ shepherd."

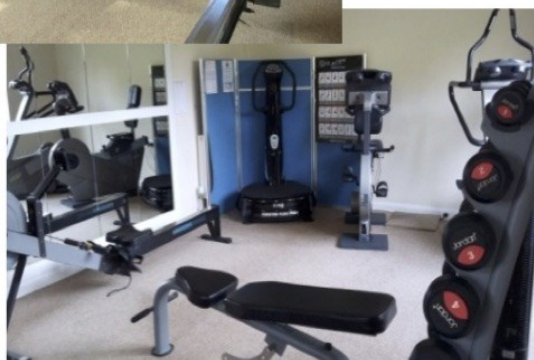
#### Down

- King \_\_\_\_\_ was a shepherd before he was king.
- Shepherds were the first visitors when Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Word List

AMOS  
BORN  
DAVID  
GOOD  
LORD

# Warton Community Gym



Memberships from £35 for  
3 months

Situated at the back of Warton Church Hall, our not for profit community gym is the best place for you to fulfill your health and wellbeing needs.

We have equipment such as running machines, weights, vibration plate, rower, and bicycle.

We have available memberships for 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months. We have special rates for seniors, and can also take members who are between 14 – 17 years, as long as an adult accompanies them.

Open 7am – 10pm Monday - Sunday

For more information, or to arrange a viewing please call  
Hannah on 07761756983, or send an e-mail to  
[wartoncommunitygym@gmail.com](mailto:wartoncommunitygym@gmail.com)

# Warton Church Hall

Available to hire weekdays,  
evenings, and weekends.

The Church Hall is a spacious venue , available for private parties, groups or classes. The hall is also equipped with kitchen and toilet facilities.

We also have a separate meeting room situated towards the back of the hall, which is available to hire for small or regular meetings - or in addition to the Main Hall.

For more information, or to arrange a viewing please contact Carol on 07929283657.



Warton Church Hall. Main Street. Warton. Carnforth. LA5 9PG

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## The Parish News Team

Articles for submission, send to Kate Waddington at  
[ParishNews@outlook.com](mailto:ParishNews@outlook.com) by 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

**Advertising enquiries** should be made to Pam Bentley Tel: 822077  
or by email to [bentley.pam@sky.com](mailto:bentley.pam@sky.com)

*No charges are made for details of activities from non-profit making community groups within our villages, though donations towards the cost of production are always welcomed. For advertising fundraising events, there is a modest charge.*

**Distribution enquiries** should be made to Angela Sewell Tel: 734308  
or by email to [alsewell@btinternet.com](mailto:alsewell@btinternet.com)

*There is no charge for "Parish News", but we are grateful to those who feel able, from time to time, to make a donation towards the cost of production.*

*These can be made by cash or cheque (payable to "PCC of Warton"); please mark the envelope 'Parish News' and send to The Vicarage, 92 Main Street, Warton, Carnforth LA5 9PG or hand to a churchwarden in church. Thank you.*

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### A prayer for those in need

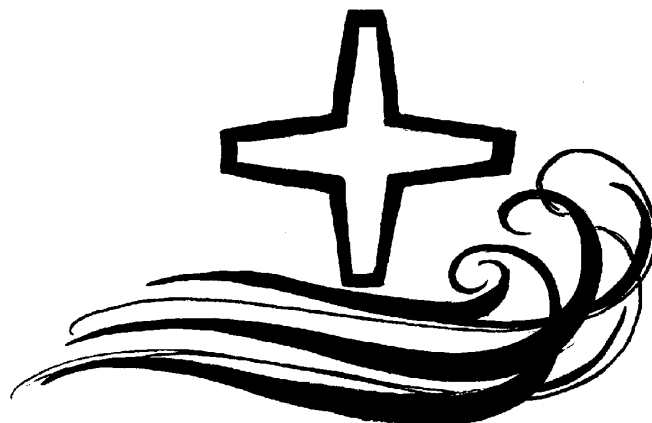
Merciful God, be near to those who are troubled with sickness or other need; in the power of your love, bring relief from present suffering and the return of health, that being made whole in body mind and spirit, they may give thanks again for the gift of life.

Be with all who work for healing, especially those who care for the sick and those in need with professional skill and loving care. Bless them with patience and compassion in their work and grant that in due time they will share in thanks for health and life restored.



### A prayer for those who mourn

May you be held by the God of compassion as you remember your loved ones today. May God be with you in your sorrow, and comfort you in your loss. May your God, your family and your friends, give you strength and confidence. May your spirit be lifted, may your heart be filled with peace, and may the light of God's promise fill you with joy and hope. Amen.



## Benefice Contacts

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| <b>Vicar</b>                  | The Revd Robin Figg                                           | Tel: 732946<br><a href="mailto:vicarwby@outlook.com">vicarwby@outlook.com</a> |
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| <b>Churchwardens</b>          |                                                               |                                                                               |
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| <b>St Mary's</b>              | Mrs Sally Fletcher<br>Mrs Joyce Tombs                         | Tel: 732735                                                                   |
| <b>St John's</b>              | Mrs Clare Hunter<br>Mrs Jean Tunncliffe Wilson                | Tel: 781274                                                                   |
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All enquiries regarding christenings, weddings, anniversary blessings please contact the Vicar.

The Vicar's day off is usually Friday.

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