Notices

Any items for next week's sheet to Angela Sewell by Wednesday please. alsewell@btinternet.com or 07845481179

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

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 TODAY 4th December. If you are interested and want to know more please contact Emma, evbrantley@hotmail.com.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The Christmas Tree Festival will take place from Wednesday 7th to Sunday 11th December at St Oswald's. The theme is 'The Community Christmas Hug'. The Festival will be open 1.00-4.30pm each day. Help is needed with stewarding, serving refreshments and providing cakes, mince pies, etc.; please sign the lists in St Oswald's. Contact Alison Semple, 07484 756755, or Tracey Lawther for more information. Flyers with details of the Festival programme are available; please take some and help publicise the Festival.

A LIGHT FOR A LOVED ONE

If you would like a candle lit in memory of a loved one during the Christmas Tree Festival and the Christmas services at St Oswald's please complete the form available in each church.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND PLANTS

Wreaths and plants can be ordered for collection 16th to 18th December in St Oswald's. Forms with information of what will be available can be found in each church; forms can be returned to St Oswald's or the Vicarage.

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 $1^{\rm st}$ and $3^{\rm rd}$ Thursdays from November to February; next lunch on $15^{\rm th}$ December. No booking required, just come along and meet friends.

ADVENT READINGS BOOKLET

The Diocese has produced a booklet of daily readings for Advent titled 'Watching in Hope'. Copies are available in each church; please take one. You can download it at https://bit.ly/3EdCCYO.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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 or Robin. How often to meet will be agreed by those who express an interest.

Please remember in your prayers...

Those who are sick or in particular need: *Peter Thompson, Sr Michaela, Angela, Ian Sedgewick.*

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

The recently departed: Bernard Wooff, Elizabeth (Betty) Greenwood, Greta Puttick.

At their anniversary: James Fairclough, Joyce Atkinson, Hilary Roffey, Richard Stevenson, Samantha Clegg.

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 4th December THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 11.1-10: Romans 15.4-13: Matthew 3.1-12

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 5

Isaiah 35; Psalm 85.7-end; Luke 5.17-26

Tue 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c 326

Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 96.1,10-end; Matthew 18.12-14

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

7.30 p.m. Yealand PCC meeting at St John's

Wed 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher, 397

Isaiah 40.25-end; Psalm 103.8-13; Matthew 11.28-end

9.15 a.m. Eucharist at St John's

1.00-4.30 p.m. Christmas Tree Festival at St Oswald's

7.00 p.m. The Ossies Sisters concert at St Oswald's

Thu 8 The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Isaiah 26.1-6; Psalm 118.18-27a; Matthew 7.21,24-27

11.00 a.m. Eucharist at St Oswald's

11.45 a.m. Breaking Bread lunch at St Oswald's

1.00-4.30 p.m. Christmas Tree Festival at St Oswald's

2.00-3.00 p.m. Red Cats concert at St Oswald's

Fri 9

Isaiah 48.17-19; Psalm 1; Matthew 11.16-19

10.30 a.m. Coffee@St John's

1.00-4.30 p.m. Christmas Tree Festival at St Oswald's

1.15-2.00 p.m. Christmas songs with Yealand School

3.30-4.00 p.m. Carols with St Oswald's Choir

Sat 10

2 Kings 2.9-12; Psalm 80.1-4,18-19; Matthew 17.10-13

1.00-4.30 p.m. Christmas Tree Festival at St Oswald's

1.30-2.30 p.m. Pip Alpin piano music

Sun 11

1.00-4.30 p.m. Christmas Tree Festival at St *Oswald's* 2.30-4.00 p.m. Christingle making at St Oswald's

Sunday 11th December The Third Sunday of Advent

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

4.00 p.m. Christingle Service at St Oswald's

Isaiah 35.1-10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

Vicar: The Revd Robin Figg Licensed Annette MacKenzie Lay Ministers: Janet Thompson T: 01524 823503

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

