

SLINGSBY - "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" SHOEBOXES. A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the shoe box appeal. We sent off 101 boxes which is a record and will bring a lot of joy and happiness to so many underprivileged children this Christmas. Thanks very much Rachel Prest.

Many thanks to all who supported the Hovingham Christmas Fair on Nov 18, with their gifts, time and talents. It was good to see so many there and to receive kind comments on the warm and relaxed atmosphere. After expenses, each church should receive about £200. Thank you again, C. Horne & S. Wainwright.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2007, Hovingham and District. A total of £906.30 was raised, including £66.15 from Scackleton; £114.42 from Coulton; £50.40 from Stonegrave; £471.58 from Hovingham and £203.75 from the Church/Chapel service. Claire Orange-Bromehead would like to thank all the collectors for a magnificent result – an increase of £224.50 on 2006.

News from Barton. After the Harvest Festival we had an auction of produce. £87 was raised for R.A.B.I. Thanks to Atty Dickson the auctioneer. There was a record attendance at the Autumn Safari Supper and £606 was raised. Very many thanks to the caterers and all who joined in. Thank you to Guy Raines and Celia Raines for once again keeping the church yard in such good order.

CHAOS - (Childrens Activities on Sundays). A new group at Slingsby Methodist Church, aimed at primary school age children. 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month starting 6th January, 10.30-11.30am. Singing, stories, activities, craft, drama etc. All children from the area welcome. For more information phone Louise on 628064.

PLAY and PRAISE meets Tuesdays 9.30-11.00am, Slingsby Methodist Church. Play and coffee followed by Bible story, singing with instruments and craft. Aimed at 0-4 year olds. Newcomers welcome. Louise 628064.

Slingsby Produce Show. This year's show was very successful, both in terms of entries and financially. As a result, the committee has been able to donate £300 to the Village Hall and £200 to the Youth Club. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

Nature Notes. It has been a very beautiful autumn this year, bringing with it sunny days and an abundance of apples. Now that the summer migrants have disappeared we can expect an influx of winter visitors, such as fieldfares and continental blackbirds. I recorded fieldfares for the first time on 28th October. At the end of October a goshawk was circling over Slingsby. These raptors, larger than a sparrowhawk with different flight pattern, are now breeding successfully in Dalby Forest. M.T. 3.11.02. (628620)

Advance Notice of the Hovingham Players' panto 'The Wizard that Woz', to be presented in Hovingham Village Hall on January 10,11&12. Doors open at 6.30 and the performance will commence at 7.00pm. Tickets, £8 for adults and £4 for children (to include drink & munchkins!), now available from the Hovingham village stores (no credit card payments please).

From the records:

Baptism: Jack Ivor Deighton at Coneysthorpe Chapel, 18 November

Funeral: Mavis Milson age 75 of Norton, formerly Swinton, at St Helen's Amotherby 21 November, followed by burial in Amotherby Cemetery.

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From the Rectory.

Dear Friends,

Some years ago, having prepared a group of teenagers for Confirmation and spent some time teaching them about the Communion service, one of them responded, **'I didn't know there was so much meaning in it!'** Well, surely the same goes for Christmas. I hope, amidst the rush of getting ready for the festive season, we can all spend some time thinking about the true **meaning of Christmas.** There's a lot in it!

May you have a fruitful Advent and a very Happy Christmas.

With my love and prayers, Beryl.

CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday	Date	Time	Church	Service
1	02-Dec Advent 1	9.00am	Barton	Eucharist
		10.30am	Amotherby	Family Service
		10.30am	Hovingham	Morning Prayer BCP
		10.30am	Slingsby	Morning Prayer BCP
2	09-Dec Advent 2	9.00am	Coneysthorpe	Eucharist
		9.00am	Amotherby	Eucharist
		10.30am	Hovingham	United service @ chapel
		3.00pm	Scackleton	Eucharist
		4.00pm	Slingsby	Christingle @ Chapel
Thursday 3	13-Dec 16-Dec Advent 3	7.00pm	Barton	Carols
		8.00am	Barton	Eucharist
		9.00am	Amotherby	Eucharist
		3.00pm	Scackleton	Carols

		6.00pm	Hovingham	United Carols @ Chapel
		6.00pm	Slingsby	United Carols @ Church
4	23-Dec	10.00am	Amotherby	Benefice Eucharist
	Advent 4			
	24-Dec	4.00pm	Amotherby	Christingle
	Christmas	4.00pm	Barton	Crib Service
	Eve	4.00pm	Hovingham	Christingle
		4.15pm	Slingsby	Candle Service
		6.00pm	Coneysthorpe	Crib/Carols
		11.30pm	Hovingham	Midnight Mass
		11.30pm	Barton	Midnight Mass
	25-Dec	9.00am	Scackleton	Eucharist
	Christmas	10.30am	Slingsby	Family S / Eucharist
5	30-Dec	10.30am	Slingsby	Covenant Service at Chapel
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1	06-Jan	9.00am	Barton	Eucharist
	Epiphany	10.30am	Amotherby	Family Service
		10.30am	Hovingham	Morning Prayer BCP
		10.30am	Slingsby	Morning Prayer BCP

Every Wed at 9.30am Eucharist at All Saints Slingsby and every Thurs at 9.30am Morning Prayer at All Saints Hovingham (following School service at 9.15am - all welcome to this too).

Roman Catholic Mass at 6.30pm Sat & 9.30am Sun at St Leonard's, Malton

Methodist Worship in December

Slingsby	Hovingham
2 Dec , 10.30 N. Smith; 6.00 CTSR	2 Dec , 6.00CTSR
9 Dec , 4.00 Christingle, R Prest	9 Dec , 10.30 Utd. E. Dennis/B Bowes
16 Dec , 6.00 Carols at the Church	16 Dec , 6.00, Utd. Carols G Sellars
23 Dec , 10.30 LA	23 Dec , 10.30 J Brown
30 Dec , 10.30, G Sellars, United Covenant Service	30 Dec , 10.30 F Allison.

Slingsby Sidesmen Rota.,

2 Dec, Mr & Mrs Miller; **16 Dec**, Mr Woollons, Mr Bulmer; **24 Dec**, Mrs Petch, Mrs H Prest; **25 Dec**, Mrs Roberts, Mrs M Dixon; **30 Dec**, Mrs Carmichael, Mrs Fell.

Please Note: 30 Nov, 7.30pm, Flower demonstration In Slingsby Village Hall. Tickets £4 to include wine/juice & nibbles. All arrangements entered into the raffle. Proceeds for Slingsby School PTA. Tickets from Sue Wharrick (628072) or on the door.

What's happening in the Street Parishes this month?

1 Dec, Sat, 1.30pm-3.30pm-Swinton Reading Rooms open afternoon. Come and see the plans for the refurbishments and join us for a cup of tea. Cake stall, gifts, Christmas items. Offers of help or enquiries to Dianne Waudby 01653 697548.

1 Dec, Sat, 1.30pm TINSEL & TREATS in Slingsby Village Hall. Admission £1 to include tea/coffee & mincepie. Cake Stall - Christmas Produce - Gifts - Tombola - Competitions etc. Everyone welcome . Proceeds for Hall Funds.

1 Dec, Sat, Christmas Market from 2pm in the village hall at Barton. Please come and have a cup of tea & mince pies whilst browsing round the various stalls, raffle and tombolas etc. **3 Dec at 8pm, Hovingham Cricket Club AGM at the Worsley Arms.** Vice President and friends most welcome.

4 Dec, Hovingham Women's Fellowship. A Christmas Evening at the home of Sue Goodwill.

5, 12 & 19 Dec. Advent Reflections, 10.15am-11am, in church following the 9.30am Wednesday Communion at Slingsby. All welcome.

8 Dec, Sat, PRIZE BINGO in Slingsby Village Hall, for Hall Funds. Eyes down 7.15pm. All welcome.

9 Dec, Sun, CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at Slingsby Methodist Church at 4pm followed by tea for all. Everyone very welcome. Gifts of refreshments would be much appreciated. Rachel Prest, tel. 628277

10 Dec 'Christmas at the Cresswell'. Carols, buffet supper & raffle. Tickets: £6 (£3 children) available from The Cresswell (693647), Beryl Bowes (690663), or Geoff and Judy Thompson (696764). We welcome adults' and children's contributions: songs, instrumental pieces, poems, stories. Please contact Beryl Bowes or Geoff and Judy if you would like to take part, or if you need a lift to the venue.

11 Dec, Slingsby Methodist Women's Church Fellowship, 2.00pm. A Christmas Celebration at the home of Mrs. Dennis.

16 Dec, 6pm, United Carol Service at Hovingham Methodist Chapel, conducted by Rev. Graham Sellars. Refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome.

20 Dec, Thurs, from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Come along to A Christmas Party to sing carols, listen to readings, drink mulled wine and eat mince pies in The Hunting Hall, Hovingham Hall. Tickets, including refreshments, £4.00. Proceeds from this fun evening will go towards a memorial at Hovingham Church for Peter Moonlight and for Hovingham Churches funds. Tickets from PCC members, Ian Battersby (628388), or from the Village.

20 Dec at 7pm, Carols by Candlelight at the home of Kathleen and Gordon Lange, Fern Cottage, Slingsby. There will be a supper of mulled wine, coffee, mince pies, cakes, sausage rolls etc and a raffle. Tickets are £5 from Kathleen Lange on 628269. Do come and join in this happy evening.

21 Dec, Fri, at 7pm CAROLS IN THE CATTLE MARKET to be held in Malton Cattle Market (undercover). Come and hear the Christmas story in words and song in a very authentic setting. Contact Stephen Prest for details (628277)

30 Dec 10.30am The Benefice congregations are invited to join Slingsby Methodists for their **Covenant Service at the Chapel.**

NOTICES.

Benefice Services. The Benefice Council has agreed that we try having a monthly united service on 4th Sundays, making it easier to operate a regular pattern. We hope to begin in January, though with Easter being very early next year, special services like Mothering Sunday will mean some variations in the rota. The Benefice services will continue to move round the 7 churches. Please support them - and bring others!

Slingsby Youth Club is now entering its fourth year. We would, therefore, like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout this time. We would especially like to thank everyone who has made donations to the Youth Club: without these thoughtful and generous donations the Youth Club would struggle to keep running. If there are any young people between the ages of 9 - 18 who live in Barton-le-Street, Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton who would like to join in the fun, please come along between 6.30 p.m. and 7.45 any Tuesday evening at the Village Hall, Slingsby.