

NOTICES

During Advent we hope the Slingsby church congregation and others in the parish will take part in a **Posada** event which involves the figures of Mary and Joseph (and probably a donkey!) being given a 'bed for the night' at various homes. Prayers and resources to enable hosts to make the most of the experience will be available and the end of the 'journey' comes on Christmas Eve at the 4pm Candle Service when the figures are placed in the Crib at All Saints' Church. Contact Ann Wilson (628567) for more details. (*PS Posada means 'Inn'*)

Play & Praise, Slingsby Methodist Church, Tuesdays from 1.30 to 3.00pm. Coffee and play time followed by Bible story, singing & instruments and craft. Mums, Dads and carers welcome to bring pre-school babies & children. £1 per family. Details from Louise on 628064.

Term Time Thursdays, 6-7pm, Adventure Club in the Slingsby Chapel Schoolroom, for 4 – 11 year olds. Drama, role play, Bible stories, singing, games, craft etc. Contact Rachel Prest on 628277.

Youth Adventure Zone, 7.15 to 8.15pm, alternate Thursdays (13 and 27 Nov) in Slingsby Chapel. For young people in school years 6 to 9. Call Linda or Ruth on 691068.

Hovingham joint churches Christmas initiative, the "Shoe Box Appeal", has been so productive - 51 shoe boxes were filled with goodies. A very big thank you to all who contributed to this grand effort. This will bring so much joy at Christmas to those children who are so much less fortunate than our own.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Collection Appeal for Hovingham and district raised a grand total of £863.11. This included £65.98 from Scackleton village, £114.40 from Coulton village, £49.80 from Stonegrave village, £417.83 from Hovingham, £195.80 from combined Church and Chapel collection at the service and a £20 wreath donation. Sincere thanks to all the hard working collectors and also to those who gave so generously to the Appeal.

Hovingham & Scackleton Community Plan - the Steering Group are asking for as many responses as possible to the confidential questionnaire currently being delivered to each household.

Nature Notes. Two species of birds have attracted my attention this autumn. On October 29th I saw a small flock of fieldfares, those colourful thrushes from northern Europe that spend the winter in Britain. They normally arrive in Slingsby in the last week of October, the earliest date I have being the 21st, and depart at the end of March or the beginning of April. The other species being the siskin on 3rd November, that northern finch that nests in the conifer plantations of Low Dalby. Most records are of juvenile birds. MT 4.11.08. (628620)

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptisms

9 Nov Warren Paul Fentiman of Easthorpe at St Helen's Amotherby

16 Nov Lucy Jayne Farnell of South Holme at All Saints' Slingsby

Funerals

30 Oct Ernest Gilbank age 88 at St Helen's Amotherby then interment in the cemetery.

13 Nov Katherine (Kit) Porsbol of Slingsby at Octon

19 Nov Zoe May Weddall age 92 of Slingsby at Octon



The Street Parishes NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2008

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From the Rectory.

Dear Friends,

Writing in mid-November, before going on Retreat for a few days, I was astonished to see a lit-up Santa and Christmas tree in someone's window yesterday! May I make my usual plea that we do not neglect Advent but use it as a time of personal and spiritual preparation for the Holy Season of Christmas. Slingsby church is using **Posada** this year (see back page) as a tool for reflecting on how we may welcome Christ into our lives. Let us 'pause for thought' from time to time in the midst of the busy-ness.

With my love and prayers, Beryl.

CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Week	Date	Time	Church	Service
1	07-Dec	9.00am	Barton	Eucharist
	Advent 2	10.30am	Hovingham	Morning Prayer BCP
		10.30am	Slingsby	Morning Prayer BCP
		4.00pm	Amotherby	Christingle
		6.00pm	Coneysthorpe	Evening Prayer
2	14-Dec	10.30am	Slingsby	Benefice Eucharist
	Advent 3			
Thurs	18-Dec	7.00pm	Barton	Carol Service
3	21-Dec	9.00am	Amotherby	Eucharist
		11.30am	Barton	Baptism
	Advent 4	3.00pm	Scackleton	Carol Service

	6.00pm	Hovingham Church	United Carol Service	
	6.00pm	Slingsby Chapel	United Carol Service	
24-Dec	4.00pm	Amotherby	Crib Service	
Christmas	4.00pm	Barton	Crib Service	
Eve	4.00pm	Hovingham	Christingle	
	4.00pm	Slingsby	Candle Service	
	6.00pm	Coneysthorpe	Crib/Carols	
	11.30pm	Slingsby	Midnight Mass	
25-Dec	9.00am	Barton	Eucharist	
Christmas	9.00am	Scackleton	Eucharist	
	10.30am	Hovingham	Family Service / Eucharist	
4	28-Dec	10.30am	Amotherby	Benefice Eucharist
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1	04-Jan	9.00am	Barton	Eucharist
	Epiphany	10.30am	Amotherby	Family Service
		10.30am	Hovingham	Morning Prayer. BCP
		10.30am	Slingsby	Morning Prayer BCP
		6.00pm	Coneysthorpe	Evening Prayer

Every Wed at 9.30am Eucharist at All Saints Slingsby (**BUT** not on 31 Dec) and every Thurs at 9.30am Morning Prayer at All Saints Hovingham (following School service in term times at 9.15am - all welcome to this too).

A reminder from Beryl Bowes: If you have a pastoral need and would like a visit from the clergy or to receive communion at home (or if you have a concern for someone else, e.g. to let me know they are ill) please ring or email the Rectory. With 7 churches to cover it is difficult to undertake regular visiting, but do take advantage of the fact that I am usually available for a chat at the following times in church: Monday: 9.30am Amotherby; Tuesday: 9.30am Barton; Wednesday: 10am Slingsby; Thursday: 10am Hovingham.

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

Methodist Worship in December

Slingsby		Hovingham	
7 Dec	10.30am	R Stannard	U
14 Dec	10.30am	U at PC	
21 Dec	6.00pm	G Sellars	CLS
28 Dec	10.30am	G Sellars	FP
4 Jan	10.30am	J Lakin	

Slingsby Sidesmen's Rota.

7 Dec: Mr & Mrs Miller;

14 Dec: Mr Bulmer, Mr Woollons; **24 Dec:** (4.00pm) Mrs Petch, Mrs Prest

24 Dec (11:30pm) Mrs Fell, Mrs Wilson

4 Jan: Mrs Fell, Mrs Carmichael

Hovingham Sidesmen's Rota.

7 Dec: Mr K Graham, Mr R O-Bromehead; **21 Dec:** Mrs M Ross, Mrs D Davies;

24 Dec: Mr M Wilson, Mrs E Hickeys; **25 Dec:** Mr W Worsley, Mr T Rowe;

4 Jan: Mr R Wainwright, Miss E Thompson.

What's happening in the Street Parishes this month?

30 Nov, Reminder: 10.30am United Advent Service at Hovingham Chapel. Preacher: the Revd. John Warden.

2 Dec, Tues. The meeting of Hovingham Women's Fellowship is at 7.30pm at the home of Sue Goodwill and will be the Christmas Party. Please bring along a reading. Committee members, savouries; non-committee members please bring your usual dessert or cake. Hovingham members, please gather outside Hovingham Village Hall at 7.15pm. New members welcome.

6 Dec, Sat at 2pm, Barton le Street Christmas Market. Various stalls, including cakes, toys, books, bric a brac, games and raffle. Come and join us for a cup of tea and mince pies.

6 Dec, Slingsby Village Hall Cake delivery between 10am - 12pm. Please ensure that all orders are given to Dave Calvert before 22nd November. If you have not received an order form please see a member of the village hall committee. Open to residents of Slingsby Village only - sorry.

7 Dec, The Family Service at Amotherby will be at 4pm and will be a Christingle. Help with making the Christingles on Thursday, 4 Dec, at St Helen's Church from 4pm onwards will be welcomed.

8 Dec, 6.30 for 7.00pm 'Christmas at the Cresswell' - carols, musical items, readings. Buffet Supper. Tickets from the Cresswell (693647) and Lilian Armitage (628975)

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

9 Dec, Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association Christmas Dinner.

10 Dec, Lay Ministry Group at 32, Sycamore Close, Slingsby, 10.15am. All are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship.

13 Dec, Bingo Evening in Slingsby Village Hall. Eyes down 7.15pm prompt. Prize donations are greatly received by any member of Slingsby Village Hall Committee.

14 Dec, 10.30am Bishop Martin Wallace will be preaching at a special family Benefice Service at All Saints' Slingsby, in which the Slingsby Methodists will also be sharing.

19 Dec, Fri, from 7 to 9pm, come and enjoy a 'Christmas Party': a night of carols, readings, (some thought provoking, some humorous), mulled wine and mince pies, in Hovingham Village Hall. Tickets, which will be strictly limited, cost £5 from any PCC member, any member of the Methodist Church or from the Village Shop and the Delicatessen. Any profit will be shared between Ryedale Special Families and Church and Chapel funds.

ADVANCE NOTICES

3 Jan. All are welcome to join the Cell Group **for a walk followed by a soup lunch.**

Meet at Spring Farm, Cawton at 11.00am; walk approx 1 1/2 hours (flat walking), followed by lunch at Tim and Clare Rowe's home. Non walkers welcome for lunch only. Please contact the Rows (628555) or Kate Giles (628739)

11 Jan, United Covenant service for Hovingham Methodists and Anglicans at Hovingham Chapel.