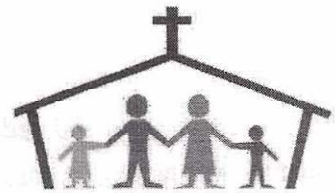


December  
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United Benefice of Aldbrough,  
Mappleton & Goxhill with Great  
Hatfield & Witherwick



# PARISH NEWS

## Church Services in December

*Everyone is welcome!*

**Sunday 4 December:** Advent 2: purple  
10.30am Holy Communion Aldbrough  
Followed by bring & share lunch  
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Friday 9 December**  
7.30pm Carol Service, Goxhill  
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Sunday 11 December:** Advent 3: purple  
10.30am Holy Communion, Mappleton  
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley  
10.30am All Age Worship, Aldbrough  
Minister: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

**Tuesday 13 December**  
10.30am Healing Prayer Service, 4 Mill Lane,  
Withernwick  
Leader: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley  
6.30pm School Christmas Service in Church, Ald.  
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Sunday 18 December:** Advent 4: purple  
10.30am Holy Communion, Witherwick  
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley  
10.30am All Age Worship, Mappleton  
Minister: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley  
6pm Carol Service, Aldbrough  
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Tuesday 20 December**  
7pm Carol Service, Witherwick  
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Thursday 22 December**  
7pm Carol and Crib Service, Mappleton  
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Saturday 24 December: Christmas Eve:** white  
2pm Crib Service, Aldbrough  
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley  
4pm Crib Service, Witherwick  
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion  
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Sunday 25 December: Christmas Day:** white  
10am Holy Communion, Witherwick  
Celebrant: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

**Saturday 31 December: New Year's Eve**  
6pm New Year's Eve Celebration, Goxhill

St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough  
**ALDBROUGH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
Saturday 3 Dec:  
Decorating from 10-12noon, Viewing 12noon-2pm  
And following 2 Saturdays viewing from 10-2pm  
Refreshments available.

St Alban's Church, Witherwick  
**THE GIFT**  
Presented by the North Holderness Churches  
Together Choir  
7.30pm Wednesday 14 December: All Welcome

**BENEFICE CHRISTMAS CHOIR**  
All are welcome to join  
Practices: Sunday 4 December St Bartholomew's  
Church Aldbrough 3pm  
Sunday 11 December All Saints Church  
Mappleton 3pm  
(Dates of Carol Services under  
Dates for your Diary)

**HEALING PRAYER SERVICE**  
Come and and pray for each other and those  
who are suffering  
10.30am for 11am Tuesday 13 December and  
Tuesday 17 January, 2012  
at 4 Mill Lane Witherwick



**Dear Friends,**

What a wonderful time of the year - when we can concentrate on the wonderful gift of Christmas. For some, times are not easy, and need to count the cost of living. But let us remember that true treasure cannot be counted like money or possessions, but in kindness and understanding - the things of God's Kingdom. I hope you will have time to visit church this Christmas time. There are lots of opportunities! And carols are to be sung in several of the local pubs and clubs.

May the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the joy of the angels,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas.

**Your minister, Sylvia**

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A Christmas message from our Archbishop in York

### **Christmas starts with Christ**

As millions of people rush to the shops to do their Christmas shopping, it is important to slow down and remember what Christmas is all about. Maybe you have seen this year's Church Ads posters, which have been displayed at bus stops across the region? The image on the poster is a modern take on the well known nativity scene. The shepherds are represented by a cycle courier and a plasterer. The Wise men are shown as three successful entrepreneurs and their gifts are iconic 'treasures' of modern culture: a Swarovski crystal perfume bottle, a Faberge egg and a replica Damian Hirst diamond skull. Whilst much of the scene is unfamiliar, one thing is unchanged. Jesus is the clear focus. We should not forget that, behind all the trappings and traditions, Christmas starts with Christ.

Society's increasing obsession with consumerism has a harmful effect on many, but arguably none more than our young people. When I was growing up we didn't have much money but we knew that we were loved. Our parents spent time with us reading stories rather than buying expensive gifts. For my brothers and sisters, and myself, it was sheer bliss. We all need to value the importance of relationships - to enjoy listening and spending time with our loved ones.

Recently, I was privileged to attend the National Christian Youth Work Awards which my Youth Trust sponsored. One of the winners, Rebecca Hamer, the Youth Worker of the Year, explained the project where she works is a 'listening and signposting' service for vulnerable young girls. The project receives referrals from schools, GP Practises, Sexual Health Nurses and girls also come to the project themselves as they feel they have nowhere else to go. The teenagers coming to the project aren't given advice, they are not told what to do. Rebecca is simply trained to listen. Rebecca said: "Listening is about believing that young people have the ability and resources within themselves to resolve their situations. It isn't always enough, but there is a realization that God loves them just as they are and more importantly that they have a choice". Amen!

As a society, we put too much emphasis on material worth. All this does is create a feeling of disaffection deep within us as we look at all the things we cannot afford. Rather than looking at how things seem on the surface we need to look deep underneath. We need to listen to each other and show love and compassion. The most precious thing that we have is ourselves and each other. Let me challenge you to see yourselves as God sees you - a wonderfully and fearfully created person, made in the image and likeness of God, and redeemed in Christ. Let us be good news and a joy to the world! Christmas starts with Christ. Hallelujah!

+Sentamu Ebor

**From the registers**

*We pray for the family and friends of Margaret Senior, whose funeral took place at Hull Crematorium and Memorial Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough in October 2011, services conducted by Revd Luke Smith*

**News from John Witty:** our last gannet chick as gone, they go as far as Senegal the west coast Africa, just how they find there way there I don't know - us humans need sat nav or road maps to find places we don't know . We have flocks of redwings and fieldfares coming in from Europe for winter. We pleased to say a short eared owl has been seen on the reserve again, plus the sparrow hawk always round the feeding station looking for a meal - easy pickings for it, and a peregrine chasing the pigeons about looking for something to eat. Lastly remember to put food out for our feathered friends so they can stay alive through the dark nights and cold.



If you would like to keep up to date with York Diocesan News, try the website: [www.dioceseofyork.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk)

**See your parish church on the websites;**  
A Church near you: [www.acny.org.uk](http://www.acny.org.uk)  
Also Diocesan website: [www.dioceseofyork.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk)

Why not try the Aldbrough & Witherwick  
village websites  
[www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk)  
[www.withernwickvillage.co.uk](http://www.withernwickvillage.co.uk)

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From the Government, at no extra cost to you.  
Please put your donation/collection in an envelope,  
Sign it & add your name & postcode. Thank you*

## ***Regular Church Services in the Benefice***

All Welcome!

### **St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough**

1st Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship

4th Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

### **All Saints Church, Mappleton**

2nd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship

### **St Giles Goxhill**

5th Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

### **St Alban's Church, Witherwick**

3rd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

4th Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship

#### **Churchwardens:**

#### **St Bartholomew, Aldbrough**

Mrs C. Longstaff (527190)

Mrs K. Moore (527552)

#### **All Saints Mappleton & St Giles Goxhill:**

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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 18th January , please

*Sent in by Muriel Berzins: What an image!*

Blessed art Thou, O Christmas Christ  
That Thy cradle was so low  
That shepherds,  
Poorest and simplest of all earthly folk,  
Could yet kneel beside it  
And look level-eyed into the face of God

### CHRISTMAS CARD

We hope you have received your Christmas Card,  
delivered to your homes by Church & Chapel  
in your area,  
giving notice of all carol services in church  
and pub in December.  
More information under Church Services for  
December and Dates for your diary.  
A warm welcome awaits you!

**Musicans needed in all our churches**  
If you play an instrument of any kind,  
and would like to support our Church  
Services in this way,  
please contact Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley  
on 529032

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**Friends of St Bartholomew, Aldbrough**  
To become a friend,  
please contact Membership Secretary  
Trevor Handley 527090  
Or Churchwardens, Kath & Chris

**Friends of Mappleton & Goxhill Churches**  
To become a friend, please contact  
Membership Secretary Paul Soltys 536372  
Or Churchwardens, Brian, John & Jean

## Dates For Your Diary

### DECEMBER

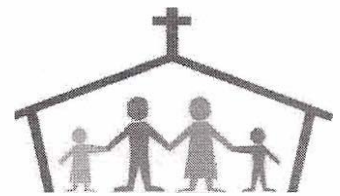
Sat 3: Christmas Tree Festival Aldbrough 12-2pm  
Sun 4: Benefice Sunday & lunch, Aldbrough, 10.30am  
Sun 4: Benefice Choir Practice Aldbrough Church 3pm  
Friday 9: Carol Service, Goxhill 7.30pm  
Sat 10: Christmas Tree Festival Aldbrough 10-2pm  
Sat 10: Carol Singing at Aldbrough Caravan Club 7.30pm  
Sun 11: Benefice Choir Practice Mappleton Church 3pm  
Sun 11: Carol Singing Wrygarth, Hatfield 6.30pm  
Monday 12: Carol Singing Elm Tree, Aldbrough 8pm  
Monday 12 Carol Singing George & Dragon, Ald. 8.45pm  
Tues 13 Healing Prayer 4 Mill Lane, W'wick 10.30am  
Tues 13 Aldbrough School Carols in Church 6.30pm  
Wed 14: THE GIFT, Withernwick Church 7.30pm  
Sat 17: Christmas Tree Festival Aldbrough 10-2pm  
Sun 18 Aldbrough Church Carol Service 6pm  
Tues 20 Withernwick Church Carol Service 7pm  
Wed 21: Carol Singing Cowden Caravan Club 8pm  
Thurs 22 Mappleton Church Carol Service 7pm  
Christmas Eve: 2pm Crib Service Aldbrough  
4pm Crib Service, Withernwick  
11.30pm Midnight Mass, Aldbrough  
Christmas Day Holy Communion Withernwick 10am  
Dec 26: No Tableau this year  
Sat 31: NY's Eve, Goxhill 6pm

### JANUARY 2012

Sunday 8: 'Growing' Course at Benefice House 7pm  
Thurs 12: Aldbrough PCC @ Christine's 7.30pm  
Sunday 15: 'Growing' Course at Benefice House 7pm  
Monday 16: Withernwick PCC @ David's 7.30pm  
Tues 17: Healing Prayer, 4 Mill Lane 10.30am  
Wed 18: Aldbrough Assembly - Sylvia  
Wed 18: M&G PCC @ Violet Cottage 7.30pm  
Sunday 22: 'Growing' Course at Benefice House 7pm  
Mon. 23: Churches Together @ Benefice House 10am  
Mon 23: Friends of St B's Aldbrough @ Sue Leonard's  
7.30pm  
Tues 24: Joint Synod @ Leven 7.30pm  
Wed 25: Winning Men Meeting Driffield 7.30pm

January  
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## A Happy New Year to you all Church Services in January

Everyone is welcome!

**Sunday 1 January:** New Year's Day: white  
10.30am Holy Communion Aldbrough  
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Sunday 8 January:** Epiphany: white  
10.30am Holy Communion, Mappleton  
Minister: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley  
10.30am All Age Worship, Aldbrough  
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Sunday 15 January:** Epiphany 2: white  
10.30am Holy Communion, Witherwick  
Celebrant: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley  
10.30am All Age Worship, Mappleton  
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Tuesday 17 January**  
10.30am Healing Prayer Service,  
4 Mill Lane, Witherwick  
Leader: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Sunday 22 January:** Epiphany 3: white  
10.30am Holy Communion, Aldbrough  
Celebrant: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley  
10.30am All-Age Worship, Witherwick  
Leader: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**Sunday 29 January:** Epiphany 4: white  
10.30am Benefice Holy Communion, Goxhill  
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

### GROWING UP... GOING ON...

*A short course to go deeper in the Christian life*

Led by Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

7pm Sunday evenings at Benefice House,  
Carlton Drive, Aldbrough

Sunday 8 January:

**The Bible - God's word for today**

Sunday 15 January:

**Prayer - keeping in touch with God**

Sunday 22 January:

**Action - serving God in church, home and workplace**

**All Welcome!**

*Sent in by David Smith ;*

Perhaps we'll see you when you're born  
You may be here when you die  
You may use it for your wedding inbetween  
Sadly though at other times you're  
very rarely seen

We would love it if you'd join us  
We'd make a fuss of you  
Because just like Adsas the church is  
open Sundays too

**ALDBROUGH LADIES' FELLOWSHIP** Thirteen ladies were present when Rita Addison opened what was to be our last meeting of the Fellowship. After our hymn and usual prayers, Rita read out a poem by Irene Morris, a lady born and bred in Aldbrough. It was a very thoughtful poem about the thoughts and feelings of soldiers during the First World War - the War to end all Wars, so they said in 1918! Rita then led us in a prayer for Valerie Denniss who is home and recovering from surgery. Norma read out a card from Valerie thanking us for the card and flowers and our good wishes and prayers. After the business Meeting we voted by a show of hands to close the Fellowship at the end of the meeting due to rising costs and dwindling membership and the question of insurance liability. The residue of our funds to be given to the Methodist Network to be used for a charity of their choice. We also agreed by a show of hands that those of us who wished would join the Methodists Network meetings on Tuesday afternoons (two per month) in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the residents of Wentworth expressing our thanks and appreciation for the use of their room and their kindness over the last 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  years.

The Christmas dinner will be held at the Wrygarth, Hatfield on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00 p.m. Cars will be provided. Details to be confirmed.

We had some fun doing a crossword while Linda and Sheila made the tea and served it with home made cake and scones. The raffle was held and there were 13 prizes - one for each member. A lovely end to our Fellowship. It had been held in a warm and cheerful room and we could not have wished to end with such a feeling of friendship.

*Norma Potter*

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### **Withernwick Ladies Group**

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the evening, 7.30 start, in the Methodist school room, Withernwick. Usually a small amount of business is followed by a speaker, tea and biscuits and a raffle.

*Visitors and new members are most welcome.*

In September we had booked a speaker from Humber Rescue but he withdrew at the last minute. Mr Peter Jones, accompanied by his wife Gwen, very kindly stepped into the breach.

Mr Jones had previously given an interesting and amusing talk on flat irons. This time his talk was just as good on the history of cow creamers which he has been collecting for a number of years and some of which he displayed.

Our speaker in October was Lynda Mills who demonstrated how to wrap up a bottle and a round tin, very stylishly and also showed us how to make pom pom and whisk bows and ribbon roses, so that, hopefully, we could all be more imaginative when wrapping presents.

Lynda has set up a business called Wrapped in Style and in addition to demonstrations offers workshops. A booking was promptly made and seven members attended on 28th October, all producing pretty good bows and parcels. Look out for the bows at the Christmas Fayre.

Novembers speaker was Mrs Margaret Booker - her subject - Christmas Traditions.

Margarets' talk on the origins, history and meaning of various Christmas themes ranging from Holly & Turkey to the three wise men and St Nicholas was at times hilarious. She gave an excellent rendition of 'The Fairy's Lament' by Pam Ayres. A very good meeting indeed.

Members have agreed to provide refreshments once again for the EON exhibitions to be held in Withernwick and Aldbrough on November 14th & 15th.

In December we will be quite busy with a visit on the 7th from a representative of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, to whom we donated the proceeds of our Yorkshire Day event.

In addition we are to provide a cake and home produce stall at the Withernwick Christmas Fayre on the 10th.

And the Christmas dinner at The Falcon is on the 21st.