



All Saints, Northallerton,
St James, Romanby
St Lawrence,
Kirby Sigston

Sunday 31 December
1st Sunday after Christmas

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES

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All Saints

10.45 am Eucharist

No Evening Service

St James

9.15 am Eucharist (BCP)

St Lawrence

9.15 am Eucharist

*If you are new or a visitor, do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy.
Please be aware that the clergy are happy to bring communion to you in your pew if you
don't feel able to walk to the altar: also larger print copies of the
service and gluten free communion wafers are available - do ask a welcomer or
churchwarden about any of these before the service starts.
Refreshments are usually served after the 9.15 am service at St James and after the
10.45 am service at All Saints*

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR TODAY'S EUCHARIST

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10 - 62: 3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm

Psalm 148

R Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

R Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded and they were created.
He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

R Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and maidens, old and young together.

R Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.
He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel,
a people who are near him. Alleluia!

R Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Second Reading

Galatians 4: 4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we

might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel

Luke 2: 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MOWBRAY MISSION: 13-15TH APRIL 2018

As part of his programme of Missions throughout the Diocese, Archbishop Sentamu will be visiting Northallerton and the Mowbray Deanery at the end of the Easter holiday.

This will be a good opportunity not only for evangelism and inviting new people to church, but also to 'use' the Archbishop's presence with us to support, encourage (and even kickstart) many ways in which our churches reach out to our local communities.

A small co-ordinating committee has the beginnings of a programme of large events, but are looking for other ideas (small and large scale) which will reach out into the community. This might include social events which offer an opportunity to invite a friend and talk about faith. It might also include opportunities for evangelism, pastoral outreach, open days, and social action projects.

We are also looking at the long-term follow up, of explorer and enquirer courses which would nurture people back into faith, or begin a new Christian journey. If you've thoughts, ideas and suggestions, please chat to Rev Carol.

CTNA (Churches Together Northallerton)

SUPPORTING OUR REFUGEES

All Saints, St. James, St. Lawrence

You may have heard that some of the refugees allocated to North Yorkshire will be arriving in Northallerton in January. They are not asylum seekers but vulnerable Syrian refugees made up of five families with young children, mainly from rural communities.

It is highly likely that they will have suffered trauma.

With the support of the County Council and the Refugee Council, representatives from CTNA will assist in their settlement.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The refugees will arrive in the depths of winter.

The first few weeks and beyond will be emotional and challenging for them.

A monetary donation will enable the refugees to supplement their basic financial resources until they are settled.

There will be a donation box available in each church.

Their houses will be basically furnished but by giving such household items as, for example, mirrors, pictures, vases, cushions, a house may become a home.

New or good second hand clothes will be much appreciated in our winter.

In addition to the adults, there are male and female children, ranging from babies to fourteen-year-olds.

Please begin to think now about what household items and clothes you might give. Further details about where to take them will be available after Christmas.

For the time being please don't take them to your church as we hope to organise a central drop-off point.

For more details or any queries, please contact:

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WHAT'S HAPPENING : 31 DECEMBER 2017 - 6 JANUARY 2018

Mon 1		<i>No Ladle Lunch. No Office Hour</i>
Tues 2	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
		<i>No Little Saints</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Wed 3	9.30 am	Eucharist (AS) <i>see below</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thu 4	1.00 pm	Funeral of Brian Ellis (AS)
	3.00 pm	An Hour of Prayer

WEDNESDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICES IN NORTHALLERTON

Please note that from January 2018 our Wednesday morning Communion Service will all be joint with the Methodist Church and we will alternate venue every week. First and third Wednesdays at All Saints, second and fourth at Northallerton Methodist Church. Every week the service will be led by Anglican and Methodist ministers together. We hope that joining together in worship this way is a step that more properly expresses our unity as God's people in this town. All are welcome - 9.30am every Wednesday.

BEACH PARTY

Just when the cold January blues usually hit, we are having a Churches Together Beach Party at the Town Hall on Friday 5th January from 6pm - 8pm. This is an evening of free family fun, with beach party games, sandcastle competition, beach snacks and lots more. Places are limited so be quick to get your free tickets from Donneta

CHAIRS AT ALL SAINTS

All Saints Action Group have been talking about getting some new, lightweight, more compact and fire-retardant chairs for the North Aisle, to replace the red and grey chairs. In January, six model chairs will arrive for a month for us to try out. Please sit on them, and note down which you prefer on the sheets provided. Any

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING



Each week Fiona, our Vicar, sets aside an hour for prayer and invites you to join her in this by praying too, wherever you are in that hour, at work, at school, at home, out and about. The time will vary each week, but will be listed in 'What's Happening' as "An Hour of Prayer".