



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

Sunday 14 January 2018

Epiphany 2

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

All Saints

10.45 am Eucharist

5.30 pm 'Refresh' see below

St James

9.15 am Eucharist

St Lawrence

10.00 am Plough Sunday 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

REFRESH // REFRESH

Takes place this evening, 14 January, 5.30 pm at the Golden Lion

"Refresh" on the second Sunday evening of each month began last summer as an informal setting for discussing things of faith and for worship.

At the start of 2018 we are refreshing Refresh.

The event will now be joint with the Methodist Church and has a new time and a new venue.

We will meet at 5.30pm in the front room of the Golden Lion on the High Street. All are welcome - from any church, or none.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK : 14 - 20 JANUARY 2018

Mon 15	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	12.00 pm	Ladle Lunch (AS Parlour)
	6.15 pm	Office Hour
	6.30 pm	Scouts (AS)
	7.30 pm	Northallerton & Romanby PCC (SJ)
Tues 16	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	'Little Saints' Toddler Group
	1.00 pm	Funeral of Derrick Beckwith (AS)
	7.30 pm	Prayer Oasis at 33 St James Drive
Wed 17	8.00 am	An Hour of Prayer (<i>see below</i>)
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (AS)
	9.30 am	Play & Praise (SJ)
	10.30 am	Clergy & Readers meeting (AS Parlour)
	4.00 pm	Stewardship Group (AS Parlour)
	7.00 pm	All Saints Action Group (AS Parlour)
	7.15 pm	77 Winton Road Home Group
7.15 pm	6 Lees Lane Home Group	
Thu 18	11.15 am	Funeral of Beryl Hanby (AS)
	2.00 pm	Banner Group (AS Parlour)
Fri 19	10.00 am	Funeral of Jean Luford (AS)
	4.45 pm	Northern Saints Youth Group (AS)
Sat 20	12.30 pm	Bellringers' Peal Attempt

SERVICES ON SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2018

All Saints	10.45 am	Eucharist
	6.00 pm	Evensong
St James	9.15 am	Eucharist
St Lawrence	9.15 am	Morning Worship

Readings

Genesis 14: 17-20

Psalms 128

Revelation 19: 6-10

John 2: 1-11

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 above in 'What's Happening' as "An Hour of Prayer".

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR TODAY'S EUCHARIST

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down.

The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.'

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Psalm

Psalm 139: 1-5,12-18

R I will thank you because I am marvellously made.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

R I will thank you because I am marvellously made.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

R I will thank you because I am marvellously made.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful and I know it well.

R I will thank you because I am marvellously made.

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

R I will thank you because I am marvellously made.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

R I will thank you because I am marvellously made.

Second Reading Revelation 5: 1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NORTHALLERTON CHILD CONTACT CENTRE

The Child Contact Centre, a project sponsored by Northallerton Churches Together, is urgently in need of a new part-time voluntary Co-ordinator. Hours worked vary but average 4 per week, some of which must be worked when the sessions are in progress, currently the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month.

The Centre's role is to facilitate meetings, in a safe, structured environment, between any child and its absent parent where the family relationship has failed. The Co-ordinator is responsible for the smooth running of the service. This includes communicating with the parents using the service, managing the team of volunteers who staff the sessions and liaising with the Management Committee and other agencies which may be involved.

Closing date for applications **23rd January**. Further information can be seen on the church noticeboard or obtained by ringing 01609 881408.

DATES AND EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

WHAT IS THE EUCHARIST AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



These are among the questions about the Eucharist that we shall explore in the latest of our series of *Pilgrim* courses. The course is entirely stand-alone: you don't need to have done any previous courses.

Six Tuesday evenings: 23, 30 January, 6 February, 10, 17, 24 April.

Each session is 7.30-9pm in All Saints Parlour.

(The gap in the middle is to accommodate Lent, Holy Week and Easter: there will be a different 5-week course during Lent – details soon.)

If you are interested in the *Pilgrim* course on 'The Eucharist', please speak to Peter Harbord (761059) or send an email to growth@cofe-northallerton.org.uk, or just turn up to the first session.

CHAIRS AT ALL SAINTS

All Saints Action Group have been talking about getting new, lightweight, more compact and fire-retardant chairs for the north aisle, to replace the current red and grey chairs.

Some potential chairs have now arrived for us to try out. Please sit on them, and note down which you prefer on the sheets provided. Any comments or questions - please chat to Rev Carol or members of the Action Group (Malcom Mace, Penny Clarke, Janet Rudd, Christine McCartney and Ian Gatto)

PASTORAL CARE

Do you know of someone who is in hospital at the moment, or struggling to get to church? Do you know of someone who might like Communion at home, or who might welcome a visit from the pastoral care team or clergy over the next few months? (That someone might be you!)

Please let Rev Carol know - 01609 777848 / curate@cofe-northallerton.org.uk - though as part of our care and support of each other, please ask the person's permission first.

THANK YOU ... to all who helped to prepare St. James' Church for Advent and the Christmas services. Also thanks to those who helped to put everything away afterwards. *Pauline Nunwick*

..AND A BIG THANK YOU TOO to everyone at All Saints who helped at Christmas with gifts of flowers, greenery, money and time. The result was greatly appreciated, as was the help of those who gathered last week to take the decorations down. *Margaret Cooper*

NORTHERN SAINTS YOUTH GROUP

Northern Saints first meeting of the new term will be at All Saints this Friday, 19 January at 4.45 pm. All young people welcome. Contact Donneta with any queries or for further information. cafminister@cofe-northallerton.org.uk

COLLECTING FOR THE SYRIAN REFUGEES

Thank you for the generous donations of home items, clothes and money that you have already given. Donation boxes remain at the back of the churches.

From Tuesday 16th January the AgeUK building at 33 The High Street, Northallerton (opposite Sainsbury's) is able to take your donated items. This will allow the refugees to choose items for their homes and allow them to clothe their families at no cost. If you wish, we can collect and deliver for you. *Please ring Jo or Shaun Bland (07917 794479) or George Birch (01609 773428) or email: jo.bland2@btinternet.com or george.birch@btinternet.com to arrange this.*

St James Church Romanby

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 3rd February 10 am to 12 noon

In aid of our Syrian Refugees who will be arriving in Northallerton in January

Please support this very good cause and bring your friends

Coffee, Teas, Homemade Scones, etc.



FAIRTRADE at ALL SAINTS

The Fairtrade stall will be open after the 10.45 am service this morning.

This pewslip is now available online on our website - www.cofe-northallerton.org.uk.

Items for the pewslip should be e-mailed to Ruth, our Administrator, by Thursday each week, please. parishoffice@cofe-northallerton.org.uk

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those who are ill	Brian Carrick, Peter Lee
Those who have died	Brian Ellis, Eric Inman, Doris Haw, Douglas Brown, Harry Anderson, Thelma Metcalfe, Beryl Hanby, Jean Luford, Annie Rispin, Betty Fawcett
Those who live in	Racecourse Lane, Railway View, Richmond Ridge, Regency Court, Regency Mews

THE PARISH PRAYER DIARY

Sunday 14

Give thanks and praise for Philip, the new Director of Music at All Saints. May he find a place and joy and inspiration amongst us, and give all our singers and musicians a new vision to lead us in our worship.

Monday 15

Pray for, and bless, all the “behind the scenes” people in our churches. The money handlers, the flower people, the cleaners, the refreshment providers, the welcomers and so many more. Thank you all

Tuesday 16

We give thanks specially to those standing in the breach at All Saints and providing the stability of a warden’s role. We pray that permanent wardens may come forward soon to fulfil this vital position.

Wednesday 17

Pray for our Methodist partners in this town, and give thanks for the times of joyful spiritual worship we share at both Northallerton and Romanby. And for all the occasions the Ladies of all the town churches meet together for worship and fun.

Thursday 18

The start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Pray for a deeper and widening understanding across the Christian church worldwide.

Friday 19

Pray for all persecuted Christians, and those dispossessed and ostracised purely because they dare stand up and call themselves a child of the Christian God and a brother/sister of Jesus. Bless and keep them safe, O Lord.

Saturday 20

We pray for all the children who attend various groups in our churches, and give thanks for all that Donneta and her helpers are doing to promote children and families in our faith.