



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

Sunday 7 January 2018

Feast of the Epiphany

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

All Saints

8.00 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.45 am All Saints Together

6.00 pm Evensong

St James

9.15 am Eucharist

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

REFRESH // REFRESH

"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 : 7 - 13 JANUARY 2018

Mon 8	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	12.00 pm	Ladle Lunch (AS Parlour)
	1.30 pm	Funeral of Doris Haw (AS)
	2.00 pm	Discoverers' Home Group at 5 Arden Mews
	6.15 pm	Office Hour
	6.30 pm	Scouts (AS)
Tues 9	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	'Little Saints' Toddler Group
	2.15 pm	Ladies Together New Year Party at St James
Wed 10	8.00 am	An Hour of Prayer (<i>see below</i>)
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Northallerton Methodists)
	9.30 am	Play & Praise (SJ)
	11.00 am	Funeral of Douglas Brown (AS)
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thu 11	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	6.45 pm	Deanery Synod (AS)
Fri 12	10.30 am	Prayers for the World (SJ)
Sat 13	11.00 am	Messy Church (AS)

SERVICES ON SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2018

All Saints	10.45 am	Eucharist
	5.30 pm	Refresh (see p1)
St James	9.15 am	Eucharist
St Lawrence	10.00 am	Plough Sunday
		Eucharist

Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139
Revelation 5: 1-10
John 1: 43-end



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

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalm

Psalm 72

R Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

R Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another. R

R Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

R Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

R Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;

he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

R Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have

come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, 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

PLOUGH SUNDAY AT ST LAWRENCE

Next Sunday, 14 January, Bishop Paul will celebrate the Eucharist at St Lawrence at 10.00 am to mark Plough Sunday. All welcome.



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

PILGRIM

A new Pilgrim course, on the Eucharist, will start on 23 January. More details in next week's sheet, or send an email to growth@cofe-northallerton.co.uk.



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. Six model chairs will soon arrive for a month for us to try out. Please sit on them, and note down which you prefer on the sheets provided. Any comments, questions - please chat to Rev Carol or members of the Action Group.

St James Church Romanby

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 3rd February 10 am to 12 noon

In aid of the 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 next Sunday, 14 January, rather than this morning.

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. We need to start praying and thinking about this now as it will soon be upon us!

This is 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. Again, ideas and suggestions welcome! If you've thoughts, ideas and suggestions, please chat to Rev Carol.

WEDNESDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICES IN NORTHALLERTON

Don't forget that our Wednesday morning Communion Service are now all joint with the Methodist Church and alternate venues 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.

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
Those who live in	Studley Close, Priory Close, Prospect Place, Prospect View, Quaker Lane



THE PARISH PRAYER DIARY

Sunday 7

Praise and worship with all of your heart and spirit this day. Join with others in a church service and know the joy of praying and singing together and hearing the Word afresh.

Monday 8

We pray for all the schools and colleges in our town as they begin a new year. Pray for all the pupils studying towards exams and their teachers at this time.

Tuesday 9

Pray for all church groups starting again after the Christmas break. May they find joy and fellowship and others be drawn to joining them, as they learn more about the world and Gods' role in it.

Wednesday 10

May God's blessing be upon our market town, both shops and stall holders. Their prosperity is a blessing to all of us, together with all the service providers.

Thursday 11

Special prayers and blessing be upon all the emergency services. We give thanks for all they do as they run into danger as we run out. Police, firefighters, ambulance, also mountain rescue, cave rescue, divers etc.

Friday 12

Join with the prayer group in praying for affairs and places of the world in need. There are so many in terrible need of help.

Saturday 13 *Hilary, bishop*

May we all be loyal, devoted and caring to our leaders as Hilary was to St Martin. Help us to uphold and support them in their work.