



WASHBURN VALLEY & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES

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Light in the **DARKNESS**

JOHN 1:4-5



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[Weston Church](http://www.westonchurch.wordpress.com)

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Washburn Valley & Mid-Wharfe Churches

Christmas Services 2017

Sunday 3rd December	Farnley Church	Christingle Service followed Treasure Hunt – 9.30a.m.
Friday 8th December	Fewston Church	Teddy Church and Christingle – 10.00a.m.
Sunday 10th December	Farnley Church	Licensing of Rev Tony Collins – 9.30a.m.
	Norwood Chapel	Carol Service – 2.30p.m.
	Fewston Church	Advent Service with St Margaret's Church Choir – 3.00p.m.
Sunday 17th December	Timble Chapel	Carol Service – 2.30p.m.
	Weston Church	Carol Service – 3.00p.m.
	Leathley Church	Holy Communion – 10a.m.
		Nine Lessons & Carols with Washburn Valley Choir – 6.30p.m.
Monday 18th December	Denton Church	N G Bailey & Village Carol Service with Christingle – 6.30p.m.
Wednesday 20th December	Askwith Village	Walk with Mary and Joseph – 7.00p.m.
Friday 22nd December	Fewston Church	Nine Lessons & Carols with Washburn Valley Choir – 7.00p.m.
Christmas Eve	Denton Church	Holy Communion – 11.00a.m.
	Fewston Church	"Journey to Bethlehem" Nativity Service – 2.30p.m.
	Fewston Church	Midnight Holy Communion 11.30p.m.
Christmas Day	Blubberhouses	Family Christmas Service – 9.30a.m.
	Farnley Church	Family Communion – 9.30a.m.
	Weston Church	Holy Communion (BCP) – 9.30a.m.
	Leathley Church	Family Communion – 10.00a.m.
Sunday 31st December	Farnley Church	United Holy Communion with Carols – 10.00a.m.
Sunday 7th January	Timble Chapel	Covenant Service – 10.30a.m.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Services December 2017

	3 TH DEC ADVENT SUNDAY	10 TH DEC ADVENT 2	17 TH DEC ADVENT 3
WESTON	Holy Communion 9.30am (BCP) Marlene Turnbull		Carol Service 3.00pm
DENTON		Family Service with Baptism 11am Stewart Hartley	Mon 18 th Dec NG Bailey & Denton Village Carol Service 6.30pm Wed 20 th Dec Walk with Mary and Joseph Askwith Village 7.00pm
FEWSTON		Advent Service St Margaret's Choir 3.00pm John Charman	Holy Communion 11am (CW) Tony Collins
BLUBBER- HOUSES			
FARNLEY	Christingle Service followed by Treasure Hunt 9.30am John Charman	Licensing of Rev Tony Collins 9.30am (CW) Tony Collins	
LEATHLEY	Holy Communion 10am (BCP) Barry Miller		Holy Communion 10.00am (CW) - MFC 9 Lessons & Carols 6.30pm - John Charman
NORWOOD		Rev. LEONORA WASSELL 2.30pm Carols Circuit Service at Bramhope 6pm	
TIMBLE	Mrs Lindsey HURST 10.30am	Circuit Service at Bramhope 6pm	Rev. LEONORA WASSELL 2.30pm Carols

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Services December 2017

24 TH DEC ADVENT 4 – CHRISTMAS EVE	25 DEC CHRISTMAS DAY	31 ST DEC CHRISTMAS I
	Holy Communion 9.30am (BCP) Marlene Turnbull	
Holy Communion 11.00am Barry Miller		
Friday 22 th 7pm 9 Lessons & Carols John Charman 24 th Dec 2.30pm Journey to Bethlehem	24 th Dec 11.30pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion Tony Collins	
	Family Service 9.30am John Charman/John Bowers	
	Family Communion 9.30am (M) Michael Cleverley	United Service of Carols and Communion 10am
	Family Communion 10am (M) Stewart Hartley	
Local Arrangement		Washburn Valley United Service
		Washburn Valley United Service

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December is the time we speak of Peace and Hope, Goodwill to all.

God came among us as a vulnerable child, with his parents having to rely on the generosity of others to provide a safe haven for his birth. The familiar nativity scene on our Christmas cards seems cosy and idyllic, far from the reality of anxiety and distress they must have felt before they found shelter. Jesus started his life with no home and then had to flee from persecution and live as a refugee before he was able to settle. So many today experience the same.

So where was the Hope in all of this? The Angel Gabriel came to Zechariah, Mary and the Shepherds to proclaim Christs coming for all of humanity. He came to usher in a new way of living according to God's will. A radical way of loving all of humanity and not just the few, a way of reconciliation and not retaliation, a way of respect and inclusion and not judgement and exclusion. God identified himself with the poor, the refugee, the lost and the helpless. Jesus was declared as God with Us and through his death and resurrection he lives within each of us. We too can then identify with the least, the lost and the lonely. The Hope for the world is that each of us who proclaims Jesus as Lord and Saviour can achieve great things and bring healing to the world through our witness and actions. Let us dare to believe that we can change the world through the power and strength of God as we work together. The season of Hope is for all time.

May you have a blessed time this Christmas.

Rev Leonora Wassell

Minister for Timble and Norwood

“The Kingdom has come”

The Christian season of Advent celebrates the coming of Jesus Christ. In the Lord's Prayer, we say the words' "Your Kingdom Come". So what is God's Kingdom and in what sense has it already come?

We'll be exploring the answers to these questions as we look together at the first four chapters of Matthew's Gospel, over three Wednesday mornings, on 6th 13th and 20th December.

We'll be meeting at Fewston Parochial Hall. Refreshments are at 10.30am and finishing before noon. Everyone is welcome whether Christian, sceptic or somewhere in between!

Please note that on 13th December, there will be no separate *Timble Prayer*. This will be subsumed within the Advent group at 10.30am. This arrangement applies to the December *Timble Prayer* only.

Peter Wood peterwood@hotmail.com

Welcome to Tony Collins

On Sunday 10th December, Archdeacon Beverley Mason will license the Revd Tony Collins as associate Priest to work in the Benefice during the interregnum.

The Service will take place at Farnley Church at 9.30a.m. in the context of Holy Communion.

All are welcome.

Early Notice Of January Services

During the interregnum and because January has some changes to the regular pattern of worship we thought it would be helpful to set out the rota of services for January. As you will see, in the first week, everyone is invited to attend the Covenant Service at Timble. This has led to one or two adjustments later in the month.

	7 th January	14 th January	21 st January	28 th January
Weston	Covenant Service at Timble at 10.30 to which all our congregations are invited.		Holy Communion at 10.00am (BCP)	
Denton		Christingle Service & Baptism at 11am		Holy Communion at 11.00am
Fewston		Holy Communion at 11.00am	Family Service & Baptism at 11am	
Farnley		Holy Communion at 9.30am (CW)		Morning Service at 9.30am
Leathley		Morning Prayer at 10.00am	Holy Communion at 11.00am (BCP)	Christingle at 10.00am

The pattern of services in the following months will, to some extent, be determined by the Church's calendar (e.g. the Sundays of Lent, Easter etc). In creating the pattern we have built on the following principles:

1. Each parish (n.b. not church) will have not less than two services each month.
2. At least one of the above will be a Communion Service.
3. At Leathley and Weston where there is currently the use of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) for Holy Communion this will continue. (Note on the **first** Sunday each month at Weston and **third** Sunday at Leathley. This provides for two opportunities within the Benefice for those who prefer BCP.)
4. Morning Services will include the usual mix of Morning Prayer, Family Service and other special events (including Baptisms as required).
5. From time to time, other forms of worship may take place at different times/days in addition to, or in place of Sunday worship.
6. United Benefice Services will normally continue to be held in those months which have a fifth Sunday. We shall also look for other opportunities for additional joint services.

The ministry team is committed to discover how your needs may be met by our present and future patterns of worship.

Fewston Foxy Ladies



On Tuesday December 12th we'll be enjoying our Christmas lunch at the Sun Inn. We'll be meeting at 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm. If you want to partake in the Secret Santa, then do bring a gift, wrapped, to the value of £4 which you can then exchange for a gift brought by another member. If you would like to join us for this lunch, then please ring Gillian on 01943 880362

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our friendly meetings, usually we meet at Fewston Parochial Hall at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of every month.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Margaret 01943 462261; Shirley 01423 770281; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789

See you soon!

Norwood Social Hall 2017 Dates For Your Diaries Dances

1st December (Christmas Buffet Dance)

Domino Drives

8th December (Christmas Hats and Jumpers)

Please ring Gladys 01943 880604 or Janet 01943 880411 for information or dance tickets

T&T



December!

We're making Christmas table decorations with Daphne Wilson in December so see you on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm. All you need to bring with you is some foliage, everything else will be provided.

T&T meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s. It is only £2 per person. If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362 or Gladys on 880604 - we've always got time for T&T!



The Robinson Library

Coffee Mornings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 10:30-12a.m.

Discussion Group

First and third Wednesdays 10.30AM at Fewston Parochial Hall. More information from me Peter Wood on 01943 880558 and at peterwood@hotmail.com

Email: washburnwharfe@btinternet.com

Last Friday Supper Club

There will be no last Friday supper club in December. Usually it would be from 7.00pm at the Leathley Village Hall, £10 per head for a 2 course supper bring your own bottle, or we have decent wine available to buy on the night. Booking essential Please contact Paul Howarth on 01943 465076 for more info thank you.



Teddy Church

Welcomes all babies and toddlers and their favourite Teddy Bear to an informal Story, Play and Sing session at Fewston Church and Centre every 2nd Friday of every month throughout the year and we start at 10 am. Parents, Grandparents and Carers welcome. Light refreshments are provided for babies, toddlers and carers.

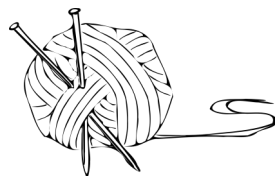
Crafting, Chatting And A Cuppa!

The Robinson Library in Timble

Our connection is that we all love making things, sewing, knitting/crocheting, embroidery, patchwork etc. etc.

We would like to invite anyone in the valley who may be interested in joining us to bring their own work along or alternatively come to start to make something new, lots of advice will be available.

for more information contact: Alison Jackson alisonjackson5@tiscali.co.uk



Washburn Valley Choir

We meet regularly on Monday evenings at St. Oswald's, Leathley. We are always keen to take on new members and you can be assured of a warm welcome. Being able to read music is a slight advantage; we sing a mix of A Cappella and accompanied music, some Ancient, some Modern and some "In Between"!!

The WVC will be singing at the Leathley Carol Service on Sunday 17th December and the Fewston Carol Service on Friday 22nd December. We look forwards to seeing you at either one of these tuneeful occasions!



Anyone wanting further information, don't hesitate to ring me on 01132843109 or e-mail woodah@btinternet.com

Email: washburnwharfe@btinternet.com

Farnley Rota Dec 2017

If any person is unable to manage the dates please contact Jeanette for a phone list to swap with others jetewight@gmail.com phone or text 07767320899

DECEMBER	3rd ADVENT + CHRISTINGLE	10	17 ? No service	CHRISTMAS EVE 24	CHRISTMAS DAY 25
	John Charman				
CLEANING	Fran Dale	Fran Dale	x	Big Team Clean	
NO FLOWERS	X	X	x	Catriona Cleverley	"
HEATING TURN ON	David Eadon/JW	Yvonne Dale-Winder	x	David Eadon	David Eadon
KEYHOLDER/ welcome	Richard Game	Yvonne Dale-Winder	x	Mary Donovan	Mary Donovan
COFFEE	Sarah/Caroline	Yvonne Dale-Winder	x	x	x
CASH RECORDER	Philip Herbert	Philip Herbert	x	David Eadon	David Eadon
DECEMBER	x	x	x	x	x

Christmas Book Sale at the Robinson Library in Timble LS21 2NN



Sunday, 3 December 11-4

Enjoy a glass of mulled wine & a mince pie while finding the perfect gift for everyone ~ 1000s of books

to choose from including
history/sports/gardening/cookery/art/best
sellers/military & special children's section

**Local Author Stephanie Shields will be there signing her
new book: Swan Landings**

Email: washburnwharfe@btinternet.com



Denton Flower Rota

Dec 3 L Beattie

10 S Wood

17 “

24 A White

31 “



Blubberhouses Flower Rota

Mrs J Petty

25 December

Weston Cleaning and Flower Rota

3rd & 10th December Mrs H Caton

17th & 24th December Mrs R Woodrup
and volunteers



Baptisms

15th October Lily

Waddington at Leathley

Operation Christmas Child

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Many thanks to everyone who generously filled Shoe boxes.

Across the Benefice we donated about 40 boxes. They will certainly delight many children this Christmas.



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Events In Askwith, Weston And Denton



Teddy Church

Harvest Supper A grateful thanks to all who attended this enjoyable event and to the many who generously participated in the Raffle and Grand Auction. Thank you to Alison for the good food and to 'Pam the Raffle' and Jeff Crabtree our auctioneer who so skilfully prised so much money out of us. The event raised over £500! Thank you.



Music At Fewston Do Not Miss This Event!

The Choir of St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley

will be presenting their unique

Service for Advent

in the Parish Church of

St. Michael and St. Lawrence, Fewston

at 3.00 pm on Sunday 10th December.

All are welcome to what is a very special service. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

Teddy Church is holding an Informal Christingle at Fewston Church and Centre on Friday 8th December at 10 am. Past and present Mums, Dads, Carers Grandparents and Toddlers are very welcome to join us. If you would like to come and enjoy/help chat and sing then please do. It would be great if you could let me know so that we can make extra biscuits and mince pies! Cheri Beaumont. 01943 465977 or e-mail

cheribeumont@blubberhouses.net .



St Helen's Church Graveyard

A massive thank you to all those in Denton who have so generously donated both money and/or their time to keeping the grass cut and ensuring that the graveyard remained tidy! Your support is much appreciated.

Email: washburnwharfe@btinternet.com

Residents Of Askwith, Weston & Denton

The Village Hall Committee
Invite you to a friendly Christmas get
together

At Askwith Village Hall

On

Friday 8th December 2017

Enjoy Christmas Music

With free drinks &
nibbles

7pm until 10pm

A chance to meet old
friends & make new ones

Please let us know if you can make it by
calling Carol on 463155



Have you bought your Christmas Cards yet?

Christmas cards are on sale in aid of St
Andrew's Church, Blubberhouses –
£5.00 for 6 cards.

A wintery, watercolour scene of the
church.

Available from the Washburn Heritage
Centre, or call Alison on 01943 880192.

Askwith's Annual Walk with Mary and Joseph

We will be making the Journey to Bethlehem

With Mary, Joseph and donkey again this year with readings and carols.

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 7PM

We will meet as before at Askwith Village Hall

Please dress as a Shepherd or an Angel,

bring a torch and wear something 'Hi-Viz'

(At the point of going to press we are not sure if the Askwith Arms will be available; if
not there will be refreshments back at the Village Hall.)

For more info ring either Rev Stewart 01943 464106

or Hazel Pullan 01943 466098

Email: washburnwharfe@btinternet.com

Fewston And Blubberhouses Churches

Welcome To Christmas Services

Sunday, 10 December, 3.00 pm

St Michael and St Lawrence, Fewston

Advent Service with St Margaret's followed by refreshments



Friday, 22 December, 7.00 pm

St Michael and St Lawrence, Fewston

Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight followed by mulled wine, mince pies



Sunday, 24 December, 2.30 pm

St Michael and St Lawrence, Fewston

'Journey to Bethlehem' For children and families,
Costumes provided from 1.30pm in the Centre



Sunday, 24 December, 11.30pm

St Michael and St Lawrence Midnight Communion



Christmas Day, 25 Dec, 9.30 am

St Andrew's Blubberhouses Christmas Family Service



CEILIDH/BARN DANCE

Friday 26th January 2018, 7.30 pm, Hopper Lane Hotel

Tickets are £12.50 including Steak Pie and wedges

Tickets to be purchased in advance from Allison Dibb at the Hopper
01943 880010, Alison Bowers 01943 880192

In aid of Friends of Blubberhouses Church



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Fewston And Blubberhouses Churches



CAROL SINGING 2017

Hello, Carol Singers, first timers, regulars, one and all are very welcome to join the traditional round of carol singing – whichever nights your voice and diary can manage!

Sunday, 10 December, 6.30 pm Meet at Fewston Parochial Hall

Monday, 11 December at 6.30 pm. Meet at Fewston Parochial Hall

Wednesday, 13 December at 6.30 pm. Meeting venue will be notified.

Thursday, 14 December at 6.30 pm. Venue will be notified.

Monday, 18 December at 6.30 pm. Venue will be notified.

Tuesday, 19 December at 6.30 pm. Venue will be notified.

Contact Cheri tel 01943 465977
cheribeamont@blubberhouses.net

Contact Kath Dinsdale, tel 01943 880275

Timble Carol Service

Sunday 17th December 2.30pm

A Service of Carols, readings, meditation and drama on the theme of 'The Light of the World'

Led by Rev Leonora Wassell

Do join us in our Christmas celebration
Tea and mince pies etc afterwards



Norwood Methodist Church

Carol Service 10th December 2.30pm.

Tea and Refreshments after the Service. All most Welcome.



Email: washburnwharfe@btinternet.com

Denton Christingle Service

A FESTIVE CAROL SERVICE FOR ALL THE
FAMILY STARTING AT 6:30 PM PROMPT

We will be decorating Christingle's in the hall at 5:30 pm.
Christingle making is open to everyone, NG Bailey will be providing
the oranges and accompaniments.

Once our Christingle's are ready, a candlelight procession up to
St Helen's Church will begin at 6:20 pm

After the Carol service at church, please do join us back at Denton
Hall for mulled wine & mince pies

Due to seating restrictions in St Helen's church, please do R.S.V.P
to brooke.adams@denton-hall.co.uk or call 01943 813481



NG Bailey



Denton Hall

The Elves & The Carpenter



A new family Christmas comedy
from Kate Bramley
Design by Catherine Dawn
Music by Jez Lowe
Directed by Kate Bramley &
Richard Kay

www.badappletheatre.com

21st Dec 2017 6.30pm

Fewston Parochial Hall HG3 1SU

Tickets: 01943 880362

£10.50 / £6 u16's / £25 Family (2+2)

Buy online at www.badappletheatre.com

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Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Leathley Village Hall and Church

Treat yourself to a glass of mulled wine!

Wide range of stalls including:-
Crafts; Festive garlands and decorations; Handbags
and scarves; Wood turning; Cards; Gifts; Produce,
Jewelry, Yule logs

Home-made Refreshments also served

In aid of the Leathley Parish room

Christmas Wreath Workshop

In aid of Weston and Denton Churches



Saturday 2nd December 11 - 1pm or 2:30 - 4:30pm

£25 - includes all materials and festive refreshments

Courtyard Planters
Westgate, Otley

Tickets: 07791836391

Email: washburnwharfe@btinternet.com



FROM THE PEOPLE BEHIND
THE WASHBURN VALLEY
AND MID-WHARFE
CHURCHES MAGAZINE.



What about the first Christmas?

How did the early Christians celebrate Christmas? The simple answer is: they didn't!

Christmas was first celebrated as late as 336, during the reign of Emperor Constantine. The first Christians didn't celebrate Jesus' birth or any other birthdays, regarding them as pagan customs to be avoided. However, the resurrection was central to their faith and they celebrated this event every Sunday.

By the 4th century however, many Christian groups observed Christ's birthday, although on different days. So, in 345, Pope Julius I officially fixed the date of Christmas as 25th December. Why was this date chosen?

Early Christian tradition said that the Jesus' birth was announced to Mary on 25th March (the Annunciation), nine months before 25th December. As time went on, the Annunciation became more associated with Mary than Jesus' birth. It was also believed to be the day on which Jesus died (14th Nisan in the Jewish calendar).

In the setting of Passover, as Jews from all over the Empire travelled to Jerusalem for the Festival, it would make sense for the Romans to take a census. Also at Passover, many lambs would be sacrificed at the Temple in Jerusalem. 'He is believed to have been conceived on the 25th March, upon which day also He suffered.' (Augustine).

The date of Christmas may also have been chosen because the Roman winter solstice and midwinter festivals took place at this time. 'Saturnalia' honoured the god Saturn and 'Dies Natalis Solis Invicti' ('birthday of the unconquered sun') celebrated the sun god Mithra. Here we also see the Christian church 'redeeming' a pagan festival, by investing it with new Christian meaning.

This Christmas, let's not forget that we celebrate a real gift in real time for everyone: 'Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!' (2 Cor 9:15).

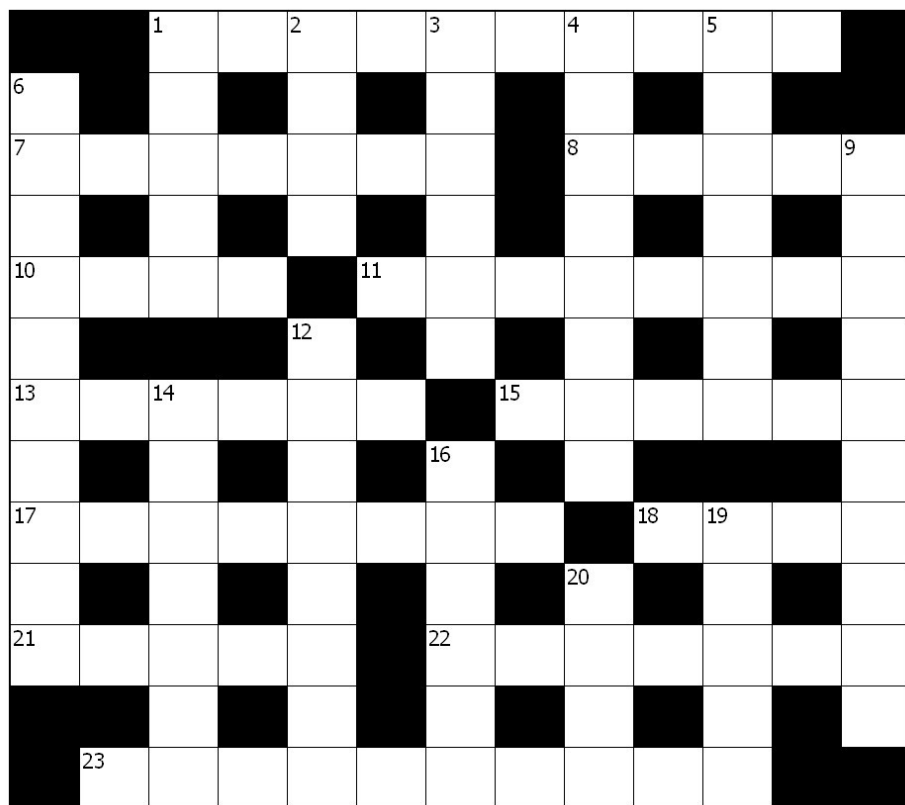
Crossword for December 2017

Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

- 1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 Offer your bodies as living , holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1)(7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)



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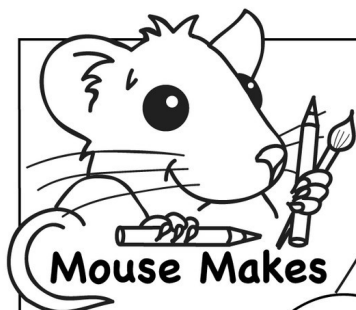
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Colour in one star
a day as you
countdown to
Christmas



"I bring you **good news** that
will bring great **joy** to all
people. The **Saviour** has
been born today! ...

Glory to God in the
highest heaven, and
peace on earth to
those with whom
God is pleased".

*from Luke 2
vs. 10, 11, 14*



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CHRISTMAS CARDS

Time to write your Christmas cards again – what designs have you picked to send this year? Are they religious ones?

Look in the shops at all the different designs, traditional and modern. Traditional religious cards have usually included the nativity – Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. But what else would you count as religious? The Three Kings? The Bible doesn't say they were kings, or that there were three; just that they were Wise Men, who travelled far to bring special gifts for the baby Jesus.

Do you know why there are so many robins on Christmas cards? The first postmen in Victorian times wore red and were called robins, so robins were shown as delivering cards.



Whatever kind of card you send this year, be sure to include a kind message with love for your friends. Our love is a tiny echo of God's love for all the world.

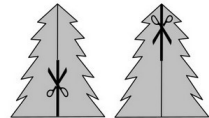
CARD or DECORATION

Here is a simple 3-D Christmas tree that you can use as a decoration or a card. You will need green card, crayons, glitter or paint, scissors and sticky tape.

Fold a piece of card in half, then cut it in half. Put the two pieces together and fold them in half again.

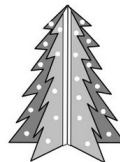
Draw half a Christmas tree opposite the fold. Cut along the line and you will have 2 identical trees. Fold the trees in half, very lightly, hardly creasing the centre line to mark the centre of the tree. Cut a slit along the bottom half of the centre of

one tree and along the top half of the centre



of the other tree. Slip the two trees together along the slits. To help the tree to stand firmly, use sticky tape to fasten the parts together where they meet.

Decorate the tree. If you are using it as a card then leave an area free of decorations so that you can write on it.



What goes red white red white red white?

Santa rolling down a hill.



Washburn Heritage Centre

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Following on from last month and the fantastic £770.00 raised for Macmillan, an additional £650.00 was raised on a recent event "Supper with Rt Rev Nick Baines" where all proceeds were donated to the Diocesan appeal for the Sudan.

Our theme, "Crossing the Washburn Waters, from hiping stones to bridges" continues and is being extended until the end of January 2018. Watch this space for the January 2018 confirmed events in due course.

We do hope you'll enjoy these events and would like to wish all our customers and volunteers a very Happy Christmas and New Year with our sincere thanks for helping make the Centre the great success it has been this year.

Unfortunately, there are no places left for the Turkey and Tinsel Supper on the 12th December. However, there are places available for the **Wreath Making workshops on Saturday 16th December (10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm)** with Daphne Wilson. Attendees will be served mulled wine and mince pies during the session which costs just £10 for members (£12.50 for non-members) Booking is essential.

Thursday 7th December from 7.30pm to 9.00pm sees a talk from Colin Alderson "**My five years cooking for the royal family**". Colin is from Harrogate and will give an entertaining talk about **being** a palace chef.....if you've always wanted to peep through the royal keyhole, now's your chance! With delicious home-made refreshments, the cost is £7.50 (members £6.00)

As ever, our walks are proving popular. On **Saturday 9th December**, join us on a walk "**7 Bridges, Birstwith**". Meet in the car park near Birstwith Post Office at 9am (SE 240595, HG3 2NF). You will cross the Nidd several times through pleasant pastures and woodland. A total of 7.3 miles, mostly flat, some uphill stretches and stiles. Cost is £7.50 (members £6.00). There will be some home-made biscuits along the way with an option for lunch at The Station Inn. We are sorry, but on this event, no dogs.

All our events are very popular and booking is essential for all.

Christmas and New Year opening – we are still finalising these as we rely heavily on volunteers being available. Please check our website or call the Centre nearer to the date if you are thinking of calling in.

N.B. From November 2017 until the end of March 2018 we are open on Sunday's only each weekend between 11am and 4.00pm. As usual the last weekend in the month will just be tea and biscuits as a full menu is served up the road in the Parochial Hall at this time.

Advance booking and payment are required to secure a place for all events. For details of these and other interesting and 'tasty' events coming up over the next few months please either contact Michelle Metcalfe on 01943 880794 or email centre@washburnvalley.org. All events can also be viewed on our website www.washburnvalley.org

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Fresh Start At Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club

September saw the club have a new start with our annual AGM. Josh Ryder stepped down as Chairman after many years at the helm of our club. Members thanked Josh for all he had done. The club is in familiar hands as Emily Farrar has moved jobs from secretary of 6 years to Chair.

October saw us have the first judging of the season, breeding sheep at David and Catherine Wilsons, Crimble Head Farm with some excellent Dalesbred ewes, Gemma Farrar winning the juniors, Emily Farrar winning the intermediates and Luby Grayson winning the seniors, with some new members competing for the first time.

On the 25th we had our annual pumpkin carving night at Norwood Social Hall, one of the busiest and well attended nights of the year with over 40 pumpkins on display at the end, some amazing designs on show and the Roberts girls Daisy and Holly were at their creative best.

We had a strong team at the county live and carcase competition held at John Penny & sons, Rawdon with some great scores on the day resulting in some members going on to represent Yorkshire in the National finals. Emily Farrar 1st, Jacob Ryder 3rd in intermediate pigs and Luby Grayson 3rd in senior lambs.

1st November we had a great night at our house at Ripon, the annual bonfire and fireworks, over 100 members and parents came, we had perfect weather with a fish and chip van serving tea.

Farnley Estate young farmers are really pleased to be writing in the church magazine again, we are always looking for new members age 10 – 26, and meet weekly on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining please contact Emily Farrar on 07816671694.

Jacob Ryder



All in the month of December

It was:

250 years ago: on 22nd Dec 1767 that John Newbery, the British publisher, died. He was one of the first to publish children's books, and the first to do so profitably and sustainably. Known as the 'Father of Children's Literature', the Newbery Medal for children's literature is awarded annually in his honor. Think how much poorer your childhood would have been, with your favorite stories!

200 years ago: on 7th Dec 1817 that William Bligh, British Royal Navy officer and colonial administrator, died. Best known as the captain of HMS Bounty when a historic mutiny (the Mutiny on the Bounty) took place in 1789. He was set adrift in a small boat with some of his loyal crew, but managed to travel over 4,000 miles without any navigational aids to Timor, from where he returned to England. It makes our modern need of a Satnav to go even 20 miles seem a bit pathetic.



150 years ago: on 6th Dec 1867 that (Marie) Jean Pierre Flourens, French physiologist and educator died. He was the first person to prove that the mind is located in the brain and not the heart. Does this mean we should be guided more by reason than feeling? He was also a pioneer of anesthesia.

125 years ago: on 18th Dec 1892 that Tchaikovsky's ballet The Nutcracker was performed for the first time, at the Mariinsky Theatre, in St Petersburg, Russia.

100 years ago: on 9th Dec 1917 that during the Battle of Jerusalem, the Ottoman Empire surrendered the city to the British. On 11th Dec, the British General Edmund Allenby entered the city on foot (rather than horseback or vehicle) as a mark of respect, becoming the first Christian to control the city in 500 years.

75 years ago: on 1st Dec 1942 that the British Government published the Beveridge Report, which formed the basis of the welfare state.

65 years ago: on 5th Dec 1952 that the

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Great Smog of London took place. Dense, cold, smoke-filled fog descended upon London, bringing the city to a standstill for four days. More than 4,000 people died.

60 years ago: on 25th Dec 1957 that Queen Elizabeth II's Christmas Message was televised for the first time.

50 years ago: on 3rd Dec 1967 that the world's first successful human heart transplant was performed by a team led by Dr Christian Barnard in Cape Town. The patient, Louis Washkansky, survived for 18 days before dying from pneumonia due to a weakened immune system.

40 years ago: on 16th Dec 1977 that Heathrow Central (now Heathrow Terminals 1,2, 3) opened at Heathrow Airport as a station on the London Underground. It was the first airport in the world to be directly served by its city's underground railway system.

30 years ago: on 25th Dec 1987 that in the British TV soap opera Coronation Street, Hilda Ogden left the street to become her doctor's housekeeper in

the country. It was one of the most-watched episodes in the show's



history.

20 years ago: on 11th Dec 1997 that the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at reducing greenhouse gas and combating global warming, was adopted at a conference in Japan. (Over 190 countries have signed the agreement, which came into effect in Feb 2005. Canada withdrew in Dec 2012.)

Also 20 years ago: on 11th Dec 1997 that Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams met British Prime Minister Tony Blair at 10 Downing Street – the first Irish Republican leader to do so since Michael Collins in 1921.

15 years ago: on 7th Dec 2002 that Iraq submitted a weapons declaration to the United Nations in which it stated it had no weapons of mass destruction.

10 years ago: on 23rd Dec 2007 that the British royal family launched The Royal Channel on the video sharing website YouTube.



To Bethlehem

The moon on high wears
A silver halo round its head,
And stars in the sky are dancing
E'er they go to bed.

There's a happy tune held close
In the midnight air,
And wise men wend their way to Bethlehem
And the King who's cradled there.

Meantime, in the hills
Above the sleeping town,
Angels singing heaven's own song
Wing God's message down.

They speak of the Child who brings
God's judgement and care,
And call us to turn our hearts to Bethlehem,
And join in the shepherds' prayer.

So come with us quick
This Christmastide to greet our Lord
As He, by shepherds and wise men,
Is now adored.

Come near and meet our Saviour
Who hates human strife,
And learn of Him who calls us in love,
How to re-mould our life.

By Sam Doubtfire

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The Parish Council has worked with Yorkshire Water to get a public access defibrillator installed in the Swinsty Moor car park. If the defibrillator is needed someone would ring the emergency 999 number and be given access to the cabinet. The Council has also arranged for an Awareness Session from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service on how to use the defibrillator.

This Defibrillator Awareness session will be held on Saturday 9th December at the Robinson Library in Timble from 11am until 12.30pm. All residents and anyone interested are welcome to attend. There is no charge.

The council were pleased to hear that Washburn Heritage Centre were honoured as the Organisation of the Year at the prestigious Harrogate & District Volunteering Oscars for demonstrating best practice in Volunteer Management. Well done to all involved.

Washburn Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 8th January in the Norwood Social Hall. Should you wish to contact any of your councillors please email washburnpc@gmail.com



Defibrillator Awareness Training

Saturday 9th December
Robinson Library, Timble
11am to 12.30pm
FREE
All Welcome -

NHS
Yorkshire
Ambulance Service
NHS Trust
Washburn Parish Council



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The Christmas Message

The date was set in heaven above
When love come down upon this earth,
A stable bare, a bed of straw,
The setting for the Saviour's birth.

Shepherds out upon the hillside
'Watching o'er their flocks by night',
When angels telling of a baby
In splendor, burst upon their sight

Signs were seen in distant lands
With wise men travelling from afar
Having searched the skies at night
Came following His natal star.

As we hear the Christmas message,
If we think these things are true,
We could come to seek this baby
We could be like wise men too.

By Megan Carter



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Answers

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Fri 1st	Christmas Buffet Dance	P8	Sun 10th	Norwood Carol Service	P15
Sat 2nd	Christmas Fair	P18	Sun 10th	Music at Fewston	P12
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Sun 3rd	Christmas Book Sale Robinson Library	P10	Tues 12th	Fewston Foxy Ladies	P8
			Wed 13th	Advent Study Group	P6
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Wed 6th	Advent Study Group	P6	Sun 17th	Leathley Carol Service + Washburn Valley Choir	P9
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Every Mon	Washburn Valley Choir	P9
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Every 2nd Wed	Farnley Estate WI Meeting	
Every 2nd Thurs	Askwith With Weston WI	
Every 2nd Fri	Teddy Church	P9
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Every 2nd Wed	Coffee Morning at The Robinson Library	P8

FPH = Fewston Parochial Hall - WHC = Washburn Heritage Centre - NSH = Norwood Social Hall.

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Future Magazine Contribution Deadline Dates

8th Jan	5th Feb	12 Mar	9th Apr	14th May
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