



# "Connect 5"

Barmby Moor  
Group of Churches

Weekly news connecting  
church and community  
across the five parishes

Dear Friends,

This is a short edition of 'Connect 5' for just one week before a bumper Christmas and New Year edition will be published on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

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'Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.'  
(Isaiah 7:14)

## Church Services

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 9:15am Holy Communion at St Martin's, Fangfoss, 10:45am Advent Celebration Service (all-age service) led by Rev'd Mark. 6:00pm Carol Service at St Catherine's, Barmby Moor

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 10:00am Benefice Morning Prayer at St Catherine's, Barmby Moor, led by Dave Millican.

Everyone is very welcome at any of our services!



## Baptism

Please pray for Arlo Atlas and his mummy and daddy, Charlotte and Ryan as Rev'd Mark baptises him at St Michael's Church, Thornton on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm.



## St Martin's School Christmas Service

Rev'd Mark will welcome the pupils of St Martin's, Fangfoss to church on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30 and 10:15am for their Christmas service. Our theme will be on 'journeys.'

## Yapham Village Hall

Festive Pub Night  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup>  
December 7:30pm  
onwards. All  
welcome!



## Thought for the Week:

It doesn't matter that our lives, or families, or our world are not perfect. What matters is that we make a space, no matter how small, for God in our hearts. God will do the rest, and Christ will once more be born in the Bethlehem of our lives and the manger of our hearts.

Christmas SoulKidz & Co 17 children attended our festive Christmas SoulKidz & Co and made angels, snowmen, cards, wreaths and crowns. After buns and juice, we held a scratch Nativity and sang 'Away in a Manger.' We had a lovely time! Many thanks to all the team of helpers!

### Dates for Your Diaries!

- 13<sup>th</sup> December 12:00-2:00pm - Santa's Grotto at the Boot & Slipper, Barmby Moor.
- 14<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm - St Catherine's Church, Barmby Moor Carol Service.
- 19<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm - St Michael's Church, Thornton Carol Service.
- 20<sup>th</sup> December 10:00-12:30pm - Christmas Café Connection at St Martin's Church, Fangfoss. **NOT THE 13<sup>TH</sup> AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED!**
- 20<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm - The Live Nativity at the Boot & Slipper, Barmby Moor.
- 21<sup>st</sup> December 6:00pm - Carols on the Green outside St Martin's Church, Fangfoss.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December 7:00pm - St Botolph's Church, Allerthorpe Carol Service.
- 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve - 3:00pm Christingle at St Michael's, Church Thornton; 5:00pm Crib Service at St Martin's, Church, Fangfoss & 11:30pm First Communion of Christmas at St Catherine's Church, Barmby Moor.
- 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day - 9:15am First Communion of Christmas at St Botolph's Church, Allerthorpe.
- 28<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am - Benefice Christmas Holy Communion at St Catherine's, Barmby Moor.



### Readings for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent

#### Isaiah 35: 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,<sup>a</sup>  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,<sup>b</sup>  
but it shall be for God's people;<sup>c</sup>  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.  
<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### **Matthew 11:2-11**

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah<sup>a</sup> was doing, he sent word by his<sup>b</sup> disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers<sup>c</sup> are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:  
'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone<sup>d</sup> dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet?<sup>e</sup> Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,  
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you."  
<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.