



St. James', Temple Sowerby

Church News

December 2025

Christmas 2025

Children's Christmas Crafts

Saturday 13th December

3pm in the church

Followed by a short Crib Service



Carol Singing in the pub

Monday 15th December

6.30pm in the Kings Arms
accompanied by Kirkby Thore folk band



Christmas Carol Service for the community

Sunday 21st December

4pm in church

Followed by refreshments



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & CRIB SERVICE

Saturday 13th December
from 3pm in the church



Christmas Crafts returns for its 4th year. We will be offering a range of Christmas Crafts for children (and parents) to have a go.

Festive refreshments also available.

Children should be accompanied by an adult.

This will be followed by a short interactive crib service around 4pm.



CAROLS IN THE PUB

Monday 15th December from 6.30pm



Come and join in some community carol singing,
led by Kirkby Thore's folk band.

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 21st December 4pm in church

Carols and readings, old and new, led by Rev. Andrew Burrell
Festive refreshments afterwards.



SERVICES IN 2026 – NEW SERVICE TIME!

We continue to hold regular monthly services in the church, but from January our services will be at 9.30am. This is to enable Rev. Andrew to be able to attend more than one service each Sunday at different churches in the 12-church benefice.

CHURCH GIFT DAY

Thankyou to everyone who supported the Gift Day in November and for all the generous gifts donated. A good number of people came along, enjoying home-made soup and cheese scones, followed by cakes and cups of tea and coffee. A total of £970.75 has been raised, which will be a great help with the finances for the coming year.

We will be continuing to fundraise in the new year, to enable us to get washing-up facilities in the vestry. Look out for some events starting in the spring.



Rainbow community café continues on 2nd Tuesday every month 2.30-4.30pm in the church, offering cakes, hot drinks, kids snacks and juice, crafts and toys. We are open on 9th December (Christmas special) and 13th January.

FOODBANK

A reminder that we collect for the Upper Eden foodbank. We have a box in the porch for donations or when the church is closed, they can be placed in the bin behind the fence.

COFFEE VAN

The church is now open on a Friday morning providing some shelter and a place to sit down for those using the coffee van.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Services

Sunday 21st December 4pm – Carol Service

Saturday 13th December 3pm –Christmas Crafts and Crib Service.

Sunday 18th January 9.30am – Holy Communion Service

Sunday 15th February 9.30am – Family Service

Rainbow Community Café

Tues 9th Dec - Tues 13th Jan - Tues 10th Feb – Tues 10th March
2.30-4.30pm in church

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OUR JUSTGIVING PAGE

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