



**St. James', Temple Sowerby**  
**Church News**  
**December 2025**



# **Christmas 2025**



## **Children's Christmas Crafts**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**3pm in the church**  
**Followed by a short Crib**  
**Service**



## **Carol Singing in the pub**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**6.30pm in the Kings Arms**  
**accompanied by Kirkby**  
**Thore folk band**



## **Christmas Carol Service** **for the community**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
**4pm in church**  
**Followed by refreshments**



# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

## MORE DETAILS



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & CRIB SERVICE

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
from 3pm in the church



Christmas Crafts returns for its 4<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas special) and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> December 4pm – Carol Service

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3pm –Christmas Crafts and Crib Service.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – Holy Communion Service

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am – Family Service

## Rainbow Community Café

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

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## BENEFICE WEBSITE

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## OUR JUSTGIVING PAGE

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