THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM
HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SWAINBY,
AND ST MARY'S CHURCH, POTTO

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Delivered to your door, to keep you in touch

Church News

10 Good Reasons POP UP Christmas Market

Friday 4 December Church Hall from 10.00-14.00

Please come and support local businesses selling exciting gifts including soap, scented candles, dinner candles, glass candlesticks, cushions, plant pots, vases, jewellery, scarves, Christmas cards, original sketches and paintings - just in time for Christmas. *Plus homemade cakes, jams and chutneys*

Add your thoughts and prayers to our ChristmasWish trees outside the Church from mid December

The gift of love.
The gift of peace.
The gift of joy.
May all these be yours this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

With special blessing and prayerful wishes to all

Your Rector
Rev Robert Opala

Swainby Advent Windows 2020

Can you spot each window as a new one(or 2) appears at 4pm each day all around our village from 1st December?
We are delighted with the response to this community effort. So much so, we have doubled up, mostly at weekends.
Dec 23rd will be a Nativity scene in the Church Porch and see a map and our plans for Christmas Eve!.....
overleaf .....
(and on noticeboards)

Cafe church Sunday 6th December
10.30 a.m. in the Church Hall

Join us to enjoy worship, good company, tea or coffee, juice and cake in a relaxed and distanced setting as we all make our 'Christingles'

There will be a collection for the Church of England Childrens' Society

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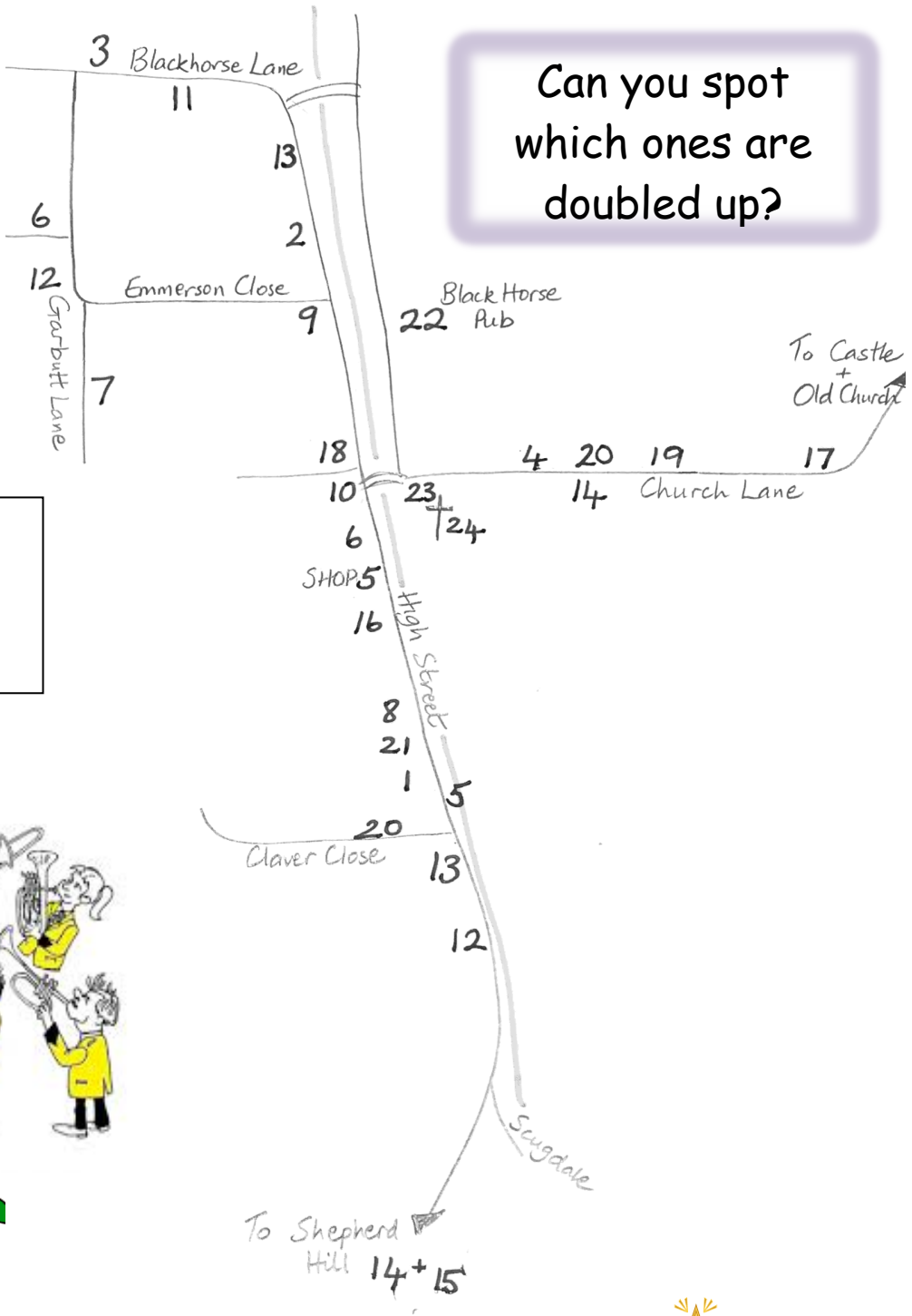
Swainby Advent Windows MAP



Can you spot which ones are doubled up?

100 Club November draw
Robin and Carol Cook (52) £25
John Howard (85) £10
Gordon and Ros Clarke (9) £5

Carols around the Christmas Tree OUTSIDE Fri Dec 18th 7pm

We are delighted that we will be allowed to sing

Carols around the Tree in the Church Grounds

(in distanced household bubbles)

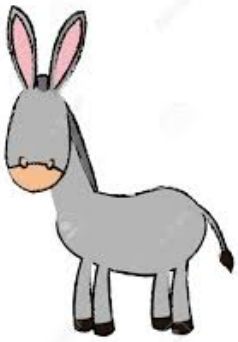
Join with family, friends and neighbours to sing some favourite Christmas Carols. Any money raised will be split between the band and Streetlink , a charity connecting people who are sleeping rough to local accommodation providers.

An alternative Progressive Crib Service Christmas Eve 3-5pm

Come and join us for our alternative COVID-safe Crib Service. Our church will be set out with 'stations of the Nativity' . Read the story, see the displays, listen to the music, visit the stable as we begin to unfold the wondrous story of Christmas. We invite the children to arrive dressed as angels, shepherds and wise men, or animals for the stable, and participate in a photoshoot. Bring a gift of toys or other items if you wish, (unwrapped). These will be delivered to the Methodist Asylum Project in Middlesbrough.

Timed tickets available (FREE) in the church porch or by email swainbychurch@btinternet.com

Households may attend in 'bubbles' but strict distancing must be observed.



Christmas Day Service

Holy Communion

9:30 am

Come and celebrate our Saviour's birth !

Whorlton Old Church

St Stephen's Day Service

Holy Communion 26 Dec 10 am

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BENEFICE SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2020

Sunday 6th December	9.30 a.m.	Hutton Rudby	Holy Communion
Advent 2	10.30 a.m.	Swainby	Cafe Church
	11.00 a.m.	Carlton	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Crathorne	Holy Communion
	8.00 a.m.	Potto	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 13th December	9.30 a.m.	Hutton Rudby	Holy Communion
Advent 3	9:30 a.m.	Swainby	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Crathorne	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Faceby	Holy Communion
Sunday 20nd December	9.30 a.m.	Hutton Rudby	Holy Communion
Advent 4	9:30 a.m.	Swainby	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Middleton	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Carlton	Holy Communion
Thursday 24th December	6 &10 p.m.*	Hutton Rudby*	Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	3-5 p.m.	Swainby	Progressive Crib Service
Friday 25th December	9.30 a.m.	Hutton Rudby*	Holy Communion
Christmas Day	9:30 a.m.	Swainby	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Crathorne	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Faceby	Holy Communion
	10.00 a.m.	Carlton	Holy Communion
Saturday 26th December	10.00 a.m.	Whorlton Old Church	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th December	9.30 a.m.	Hutton Rudby	Holy Communion
Christmas 1	9:30 a.m.	Swainby	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Carlton	Holy Communion

* Please contact admin@huttonrudbychurch.org.uk to reserve a seat at these services
Midweek communion in Swainby Church Hall - Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Online ZOOM Services every Sunday at 11:00 am. Join from 10:45am.
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