### JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



ST NICHOLAS, SKIRBECK
ALL SAINTS, FOSDYKE
SS PETER & PAUL, KIRTON



# THE PILGRIM GROUP





# A Message from Fr Paul

I promise I promise! Those of you who have had children, or have known children, well know that these words 'I promise' can sometimes roll off their lips without a second thought. How many times have we heard those fatal words, 'yes I promise to clean my room', or 'I promise I will take them for a walk every day'. All the time knowing that at best these promises will last a week at the most if we are lucky, but then it is not only children who can make these half heated promises. These words 'I promise' are on our lips once again, in this Christmas season, (traditionally Christmas finishes with the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candle Mass, on the 2nd February) and as we celebrate the secular New Year, and both of which are often accompanied in with over indulgence. This is a time when we look back on our past year with remorse, making those promises to do better. Making those promises with the goal to turn back the dial on our bathroom scales, to fit once again into the favourite pair of jeans, to become strangers once more with the publican. The truth of the matter is it can be all too easy to make these promise in the heat of the moment only to fall back into our old ways all too quickly.

This can also be the case in our prayer life, as well as in our life as a Christian. At this time of Christmas, we celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord, the moment that God became man in the person of Jesus. This is a time of great celebration for us as it sees the fulfilment of the covenant that God made to Abraham, it also see the start of our salvation as God becomes man and gives himself as a sacrifice for our sins upon the cross. We all make these promises at Christmas, making that little bit more of an effort in our faith, dusting off our Sunday best just so that we can go to Midnight Mass, or go with the family on Christmas morning. Our intentions are well meant as we resolve no longer to be a stranger in Church, a stranger to God in prayer, but somehow life just gets in the way, and the duvet seems more appealing than the pew. If we think of our prayer life, our going to church as a chore, then we are doing it all wrong and we shall fall by the wayside. No, our life as a Christian is not a chore, something to be endured, it should be great a joy that lifts our hearts and the hearts of those around us.

When we pray, when we go to church we find ourselves in the presence of God, which fills us with joy. Yes, the church may be cold. Yes, the pews are a little hard. Yes, it may seem to be the same week in and week out, but if you open your hearts to the love of God, he will fill you with such a joy all those other things will fall into insignificance. Do not make promises to pray more, to make that extra effort to go to church once a month, instead open your hearts to God's love, then everything else will fall into place.

# Skirbeck St Nicholas <u>Service times</u>

Sundays - Parish Mass, 9.15am Holy Hour, 5pm

Tuesdays – Mass, 9.30am
Wednesdays – Mass, 6.30pm
Saturdays - Mass, 10am
Rosary, 9.30am (first
Saturday of the month only)

Feasts, Solemnities and Holy Days of
Obligation
as shown in notices

# **SS Peter & Paul, Kirton**

# **SERVICE TIMES**

Sundays – Parish Mass, 11.15am
Thursdays – Mass, 10am
Fridays – Mass, 6.30pm
4th Saturday of the Month – Rosary, 9.30am:
Mass, 10am

## **Social Media**

Website – www.kirtongroup.com/kirton
Facebook – 'Like' us at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Kirton
Email – kirtonchurch@mail.com A Church Near You –
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14667
Priest in Charge – Fr Paul Norwood (01205) 635817

# All Saints, Fosdyke

### **SERVICE TIMES**

Sundays – Parish Mass – 11.15am (2nd), 9.15am (4th) Wednesdays (2nd & 4th) – Worship, 10am – Includes workshop on 2nd Wednesday Social Media

For general details please find us on:www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14663 or www.facebook.com/AllSaintsFosdyke Priest in Charge – Fr Paul Norwood (01205) 635817

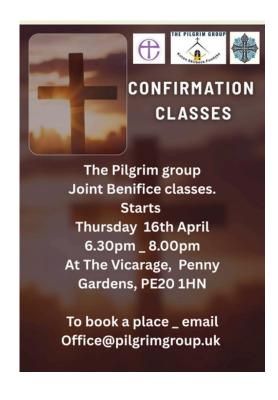
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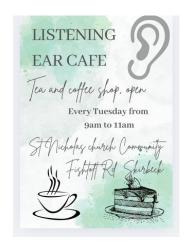
Meeting on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>
January at 3pm in Skirbeck
St Nicholas Community Hall.
We welcome Tina Obbard to
talk about the work they do
and how our parishes can
help. Tea, coffee and biscuits
provided.



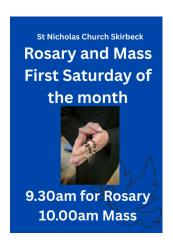


















# **SKIRBECK NICHOLAS**



**EVENTS** 





#### NEWS FROM SKIRBECK ST NICHOLAS

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

<u>MESSY CHURCH</u> is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>January, 3pm to 5pm in St Nicholas Community Hall. An afternoon of crafts, celebration and a yummy tea. Children must be accompanied by an adult, all ages welcome.

<u>Listening Ear Café</u> returns on 6 <sup>th</sup>January and then every Tuesday, 9am to 11am in St Nicholas Community Hall. Why not pop in for a cuppa, cake and a chat, all welcome. **New for 2026!** Once per month we shall have a taster session of a different craft, look out for poster for full details.

<u>ST NICHOLAS DAY</u> on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December was a wonderful occasion celebrated with Bishop Norman Banks. Around 40 of us celebrated Mass and a good number came to the Community Hall for a lunch of homemade soup and cakes. Great fellowship and reuniting with old friends!

After a break for the Christmas festivities, <u>Pizza Praise and Prayer</u> returns on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm to 8pm in the Community Hall. For 11 to 16 year olds, an evening of games, craft, bible study and, of course, pizza! Why not come along and see what we do?

#### **FUND-RAISING**

<u>WREATH MAKING</u> on Sunday 7th December was a very enjoyable occasion which 14 of us took part and a lovely profit of £270 was made for Church Funds. Many thanks to Carol Norwood for her expertise and help.

A full list of find-raising activities for 2026 will be available in our February newsletter.

**CHURCH DONATIONS** If you would like to support us, please visit our website and follow the link.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Website-www.skirbeckstnicholas.com

Email – skirbeckstnicholas@gmail.com

A Church Near You – www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14655/

Facebook - 'Like' us at St Nicholas Church Skirbeck

Please note – Twitter and Instagram are no longer in use.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

BAPTISMS AND HOLY MATRIMONY– Please contact Fr Paul Norwood on (01205) 635817. COMMUNITY HALL BOOKINGS– Please contact Mr & Mrs Reece on (01205) 365324.

If you are unable to get to church and wish to receive communion at home, please contact Fr Paul Norwood on the above number.

# NEWS FROM ST PETER & ST PAUL KIRTON

Please see poster for our Winter Warmer Jumble Sale and we have a Race Night on 31st January at 7pm at Kirton Leisure Centre, tickets from Carol on 07828 814299 or Office@pilgrimgroup.uk



#### November

On Thursday 6th November a new group of ladies took over doing the flowers for this month- They created wonderful displays for Remembrance Sunday.

The wall restoration group came and did the last session on the wall for the winter- the weather will be too frosty to complete anymore.

Remembered service was held on the 9th Nov at the war memorial and had a great crowd of locals attend. More than 300 were present in church. Fr Paul led the service and John, Ethan and Rob served. This was very special because Rob with the help of Fr Paul had mended John's Crucifix, which he had not carried for years. John was so proud to be carrying it.

#### Christmas Tree Festival and craft fair weekend.

Started on the Friday with the children from Kirton Primary visiting and seeing the beautiful Christmas trees, then in the evening after the Mass - we blessed the parish, sang a few Christmas carols, lit up the Holly tree with lights and a star. We drank Mulled wine and ate mince pies. There was a small gathering but we made a mighty noise. Saturday the weather was foul, but we soldered on and opened the doors on the Festival to very wet and windy weather.

It did not stop people coming out and although slower than previous years we did well during the day. Sunday was a small fair with wreath making as well, 20 people came to make wreaths. They all went home very happy.





