

December 2025



# CHURCH NEWS

The Monthly Newsletter from Holy Cross Church, Swainby  
and St Mary's Church, Potto



*Delivered to your door, to keep you in touch with local events*

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am-12.30pm

Swainby Church Hall



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

\* Gifts \* Cards \* Cakes & Preserves  
\* Tombola \* Raffle  
\* Books \* Bric-a-brac

Admission £3 *including refreshments*  
(children free)

*In aid of Swainby & Potto Church Funds*

## Christingle at Café Church

in Swainby Church Hall

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am



*Join us for tea or coffee and cake, with informal worship, discussion, prayer and song as we make our own Christingles*

*For all ages - we look forward to seeing you.*

*Collection in aid of the Church of England Childrens' Society*

*This month's issue is kindly sponsored by an anonymous resident of the parish.*

## Forthcoming Events in December

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**Sat 6<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Fair 10.00am-12.30pm in Swainby Church Hall**

*Admission £3 including refreshments (children free). See Front Cover*

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>: Potto Sparkle Night from 7.00pm in Potto Village Hall**

*with pre-ordered £5 Cheese & Charcuterie Sharing Platters See Page 6*

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>: Christingle at Café Church 10.30am in Swainby Church Hall**

*informal worship, tea, coffee, cake and Christingles See Front Cover*

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Village Lunch 12:30pm in Swainby Church Hall See Page 4**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>: Village Carols 7.00pm in Holy Cross Church with Ripon City Band**

*then out into the Village (Proceeds for Band and Crisis) See opposite page*

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Crib Service 4.00pm in Holy Cross Church**

**Thu 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day Service 9.30am in St Botolph's Church, Carlton**

*For those who would prefer an easier access than the main path,  
there are access points on both north and south sides of the church which are fairly level.*

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>: St Stephen's Day Service 10.00am in Holy Cross Old Church**

## Regular Events

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**Wednesdays:** Join us at **The Gap** in **Swainby Village Hall 10am-1pm**

for Barista coffee with homemade cakes, teacakes and bacon buns

*The Gap will not be open on Christmas Eve but will open for basic coffees, teas,  
tea cakes and breakfast buns on Boxing Day (no full breakfasts or homemade baking).*

**Thursdays: Table Tennis in Swainby Church Hall at 7pm. Not Christmas Day!**

For information contact 07799 372405

## A Reminder



May we remind readers to get their **Foodbank gifts** into the church boxes early in the month of December so that they can be delivered to the needy in time for Christmas. Once again thank you for your generous gifts.



## Reports

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The **Fashion Show** held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October raised a remarkable £846.71 of which Herriot Hospice Homecare and the Doodle Trust have each been sent £250 with the balance of £346.71 going to Swainby & Potto Church Funds. Our congratulations to Sue, Anne and their team for putting on such a successful and enjoyable evening.



We are most grateful to all those generous people who either donated money towards the **Hymn Book** purchase or who dedicated books to loved ones.

All the new books have now been sponsored. Thank you!

On **Remembrance Sunday** the service began at the War Memorial and, after the ceremony there, we moved into church and the Remembrance service continued. The congregation numbered about 60, many people showing their appreciation of the beautiful service with a poem, organ music and an excellent address. Thank you to Anne Davies.



Where to find our  
Advent Windows 2025



*Village Carols*

Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup> December  
7.00pm



We are delighted to welcome the  
**Ripon City Band** (and friends)  
Join us, starting in Church and  
then going out into the village  
(weather permitting).

Proceeds for Crisis  
and the band.



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# Christmas Celebration

## VILLAGE LUNCH

IN SWAINBY CHURCH HALL

*Proceeds in aid of Crisis at Christmas*



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm**

**All are welcome**

*Please enter your name on the list at the back of church  
or at 'the GAP' in Swainby Village Hall on Wednesdays*

### **Nativity Displays**

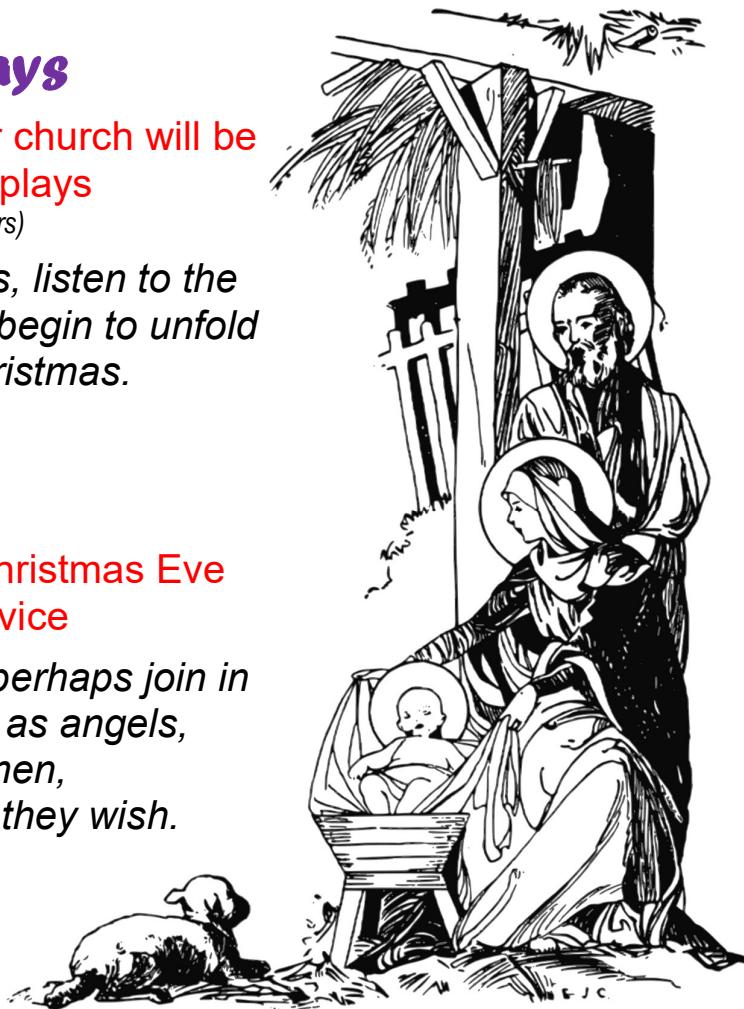
From Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December our church will be  
set out with Nativity Displays  
(open every day in daylight hours)

*Read the story, see the displays, listen to the  
music and visit the stable as we begin to unfold  
the wondrous story of Christmas.*

### **Crib Service**

Come and join us at 4pm on Christmas Eve  
for our family Crib Service

*We invite children to come and perhaps join in  
with us as we dress them up as angels,  
shepherds and wise men,  
or animals for the stable, as they wish.*



### **100+ Club November Draw**

1: Janet Horne (109)	£25
2: Alex Smart (135)	£15
3: Peter & Val Mayhew (2)	£10
4: Geoff Simpson (28)	£10

### **Report**

The takings from the **Village Lunch** on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, along with additional donations, raised £239.25 for the fund in aid of repair work at Whorlton Old Church.

# *Christmas Services*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am**  
**Christingle at Café Church**  
Swainby Church Hall

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6pm**  
**Nine Lessons and Carols**  
St Mary Magdalene Church, Faceby

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 7pm**  
**Village Carols**  
Holy Cross Church, Swainby, then out into village

**Christmas Eve 4pm**  
**Crib Service**  
Holy Cross Church, Swainby

**Christmas Day 9:30am**  
**Holy Communion**  
St Botolph Church, Carlton

**Boxing Day 10am**  
**Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Holy Cross Old Church, Whorlton



Pub @ **POTTO VILLAGE HALL**

# Potto Sparkle Night

**Friday 12th December 2025**

**7.00pm**

*Bar Open, Barrell On, Mulled Wine &  
Complimentary Nibbles*

*Cheese & Charcuterie Sharing Platters £5:*

Please order by **9th December** on [www.pottovillagehall.org](http://www.pottovillagehall.org),  
07956 126983 or [pottovillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:pottovillagehall@gmail.com)

[Facebook.com/pottovillagehall](https://Facebook.com/pottovillagehall) & [www.pottovillagehall.org](http://www.pottovillagehall.org)

Look out for our **Bingo & Chilli Night** on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January!**



Tickets available from 15<sup>th</sup> December. **POTTO VILLAGE HALL**

*Fun night for all, several games, a bowl of home-made chilli with tortilla chips  
and prizes for line and full house on each game.*

More details next month.

## Archbishop of Canterbury

The Installation of the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, will take place at Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026, the Feast of the Annunciation.

Historically known as an enthronement, the Installation marks the symbolic start of the Archbishop of Canterbury's public ministry in the Church of England and across the Anglican Communion.

Rooted in centuries of tradition, the service will look forward with the hope of Jesus Christ - and celebrate the diversity of the Church of England, the nation and the Anglican Communion today.



Archbishop Sarah will be installed on the Cathedral Chair (Cathedra) as the Diocesan Bishop of the See of Canterbury, the oldest diocese in the English church. Following this, she will be installed on the Chair of St Augustine (St Augustine Cathedra) as Primate of All England, which also symbolises her ministry in the Anglican Communion.

The Feast of the Annunciation celebrates the day the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would be the mother of Jesus.

Details about the Installation service will be shared in the lead up to the service. Meanwhile Bishop Sarah remains Bishop of London until her Confirmation of Election at St Paul's Cathedral on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026, at which she will legally become the Archbishop of Canterbury. Until then, as well as preparing to begin her ministry as Archbishop, Bishop Sarah is fulfilling her remaining commitments as Bishop of London.

Our vision is to be a church community that is growing in Christlikeness, so that we can increase in our love for God, for each other and for our wider community.

## From the Parish Registers

## Baptism

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## Services in Whorlton Benefice

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### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am	Hutton Rudby
9.30am	Swainby
11.00am	Crathorne

### **Advent 2**

Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Parish Communion

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am	Hutton Rudby
10.30am	Swainby
11.00am	Faceby
3.00pm	Hutton Rudby

### **Advent 3**

Morning Prayer
Christingle at Café Church <i>in Church Hall</i>
Parish Communion
Nine Lessons and Carols

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

9.30am	Swainby
9.30am	Carlton
11.00am	Hutton Rudby
6.00pm	Crathorne

### **Advent 4**

Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Lessons and Carols

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

6.00pm	Faceby
7.00pm	Swainby

Nine Lessons and Carols
Village Carols

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

4.00pm	Hutton Rudby
4.00pm	Swainby
5.00pm	Crathorne

### **Christmas Eve**

Crib Service
Crib Service
Christingle

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am	Carlton
10.00am	Hutton Rudby
11.00am	Crathorne

### **Christmas Day**

Parish Communion
Family Service
Parish Communion

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am	Whorlton Old Church
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### **St. Stephen**

Communion
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### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am	Hutton Rudby
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### **Christmas 1**

Benefice Communion
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### **Mid-Week Services**

Tuesdays at 10.00am

Hutton Rudby Church House

Thursdays at 9.15am

Swainby Church Hall

For further details see [www.whorltonbenefice.org.uk](http://www.whorltonbenefice.org.uk)

For Church Contact details see page 7

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**Deadline for next issue: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

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