

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 6th 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 14th 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

Sat 6th: Christmas Fair 10.00am-12.30pm in Swainby Church Hall

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

Fri 12th: Potto Sparkle Night from 7.00pm in Potto Village Hall

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

Sun 14th: Christingle at Café Church 10.30am in Swainby Church Hall

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

Fri 19th: Christmas Village Lunch 12:30pm in Swainby Church Hall See Page 4

Mon 22nd: 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 24th: Christmas Eve Crib Service 4.00pm in Holy Cross Church

Thu 25th: 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 26th: St Stephen's Day Service 10.00am in Holy Cross Old Church

Regular Events

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

The **Fashion Show** held on 22nd 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

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Can you spot
each window
as a new one
appears at 4pm
almost every
day from
1st December?



Village Carols

Monday
22nd 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.*





Christmas Celebration VILLAGE LUNCH

IN SWAINBY CHURCH HALL

Proceeds in aid of Crisis at Christmas



Friday 19th 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 21st December our church will be
set out with Nativity Displays**

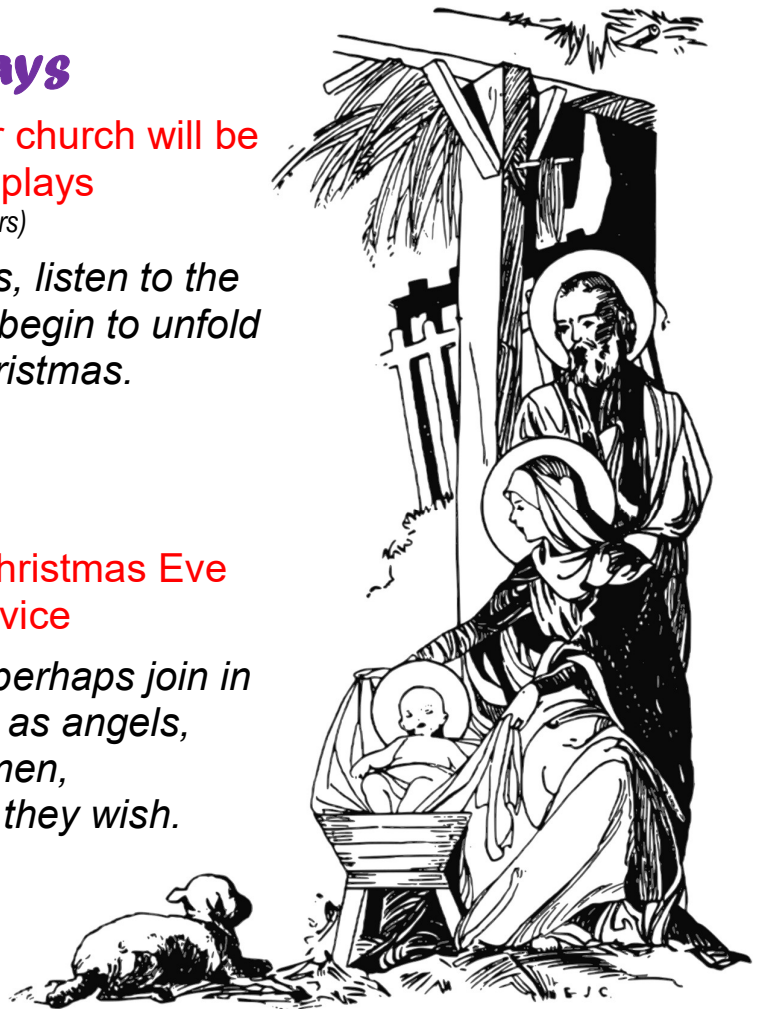
(open every day in daylight hours)

*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 17th November, along with additional donations, raised £239.25 for the fund in aid of repair work at Whorlton Old Church.



Christmas Services

Sunday 14th December 10:30am

Christingle at Café Church

Swainby Church Hall

Monday 22nd December 6pm

Nine Lessons and Carols

St Mary Magdalene Church, Faceby

Monday 22nd 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



Potto Sparkle Night

Friday 12th December 2025

7.00pm

*Bar Open, Barrel On, Mulled Wine &
Complimentary Nibbles
Cheese & Charcuterie Sharing Platters £5:*

Please order by **9th December** on www.pottovillagehall.org
07956 126983 or pottovillagehall@gmail.com

Facebook.com/pottovillagehall & www.pottovillagehall.org

Look out for our **Bingo & Chilli Night** on **Saturday 24th January!**



Tickets available from 15th December. 

*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 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, will take place at Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday 25th 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 28th 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

15 November Rosie Louise Thompson Holy Cross
We welcome her into the family of the church.

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Services in Whorlton Benefice



Sunday 7th December

9.30am Hutton Rudby
9.30am Swainby
11.00am Crathorne

Advent 2

Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Parish Communion

Sunday 14th December

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

Advent 3

Morning Prayer
Christingle at Café Church *in Church Hall*
Parish Communion
Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 21st 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 22nd December

6.00pm Faceby
7.00pm Swainby

Nine Lessons and Carols
Village Carols

Wednesday 24th December

4.00pm Hutton Rudby
4.00pm Swainby
5.00pm Crathorne

Christmas Eve

Crib Service
Crib Service
Christingle

Thursday 25th December

9.30am Carlton
10.00am Hutton Rudby
11.00am Crathorne

Christmas Day

Parish Communion
Family Service
Parish Communion

Friday 26th December

10.00am Whorlton Old Church

St. Stephen

Communion

Sunday 28th December

10.30am Hutton Rudby

Christmas 1

Benefice Communion

Mid-Week Services

Tuesdays at 10.00am
Thursdays at 9.15am

Hutton Rudby Church House
Swainby Church Hall

For further details see www.whorltonbenefice.org.uk

For Church Contact details see page 7

Deadline for next issue: Saturday 20th December

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