



MESSENGER



**For the Benefice of
Lockington, Lund and Scorsborough with Leconfield**



**All Saints Church,
Lund**

**Christmas Concert
In Lund Church
7pm 17th December**

By

“Cadenza”

**Tickets £7 on the door
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies**

**Christmas services
at St Mary's Lockington**

Holy Communion Sunday 21st December at 9.30

**Lockington Village Carol Service
on Sunday 21st December at 6-30pm**

Wednesday 24th December

Midnight Communion at 11-30pm

Christmas Day

Christmas Communion service at 10am



Everybody welcome!

**Christmas Star switch-on
at St Mary's Lockington**

Saturday 29th November at 4pm

Hot Chocolate & Carols by the Church Gate

Families & dogs welcome!



ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, LECONFIELD

6th December: (10.00 – 12.30)

Holly and ivy talk

with demonstration of table decorations

Everyone is welcome



St. Leonard's, Scorsborough

**Traditional 7 lessons
and carol service
with mulled wine
and mince pies**

6.00p.m. Christmas Eve

All are welcome

Christingle and Carol Concert

**in St. Catherine's Church, Leconfield
on Sunday 21st December at 3.00pm**

**Come and learn about the Christingle, listen to some new
Christmas Songs and sing traditional Carols
featuring our own Leconfield White Rose Singers**



**Mulled Wine and Mince Pies afterwards
Retiring Collection**



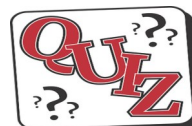
**Tired of eating party food?
Come to New Years Day
Bacon Butties!**

St Mary's Church, Lockington

Held in Lockington Village Hall

**Thursday 1st January
10-00 until 11-30am**

children eat free



Family New Year Quiz

A letter from Revd Tim Kelly

The Quiet Joy of Advent

As **Advent** begins, our villages take on a familiar winter stillness. The fields lie quiet, the days shorten, and we start to sense the approach of Christmas. Yet before we reach the celebrations, Advent gives us time to pause — to notice what's around us and to prepare our hearts.



This year, across the Church of England, the theme for Advent and Christmas is **Joy**. Not the short-lived excitement that fades when the decorations come down, but the kind of joy that runs deeper — the joy that comes from knowing that God is with us and has not given up on His world.

Advent has always been a season of waiting. It's about learning to live with expectation — to trust that God is still at work, even when the evidence seems thin. The prophets of the Old Testament spoke of a coming king who would bring light where there was darkness and hope where there was despair. Christians believe that promise was fulfilled in Jesus, and it continues to be fulfilled whenever we recognise His presence among us today.

In that sense, joy is not something we have to create. It is something we discover — often in small and ordinary places. It might come through the kindness of a neighbour, a quiet moment spent in one of the benefice churches, or the warmth of friendship shared over a cup of tea. It might appear in the middle of worry or sadness, reminding us that God's light has not gone out.

Each candle lit on our **Advent Wreaths** reminds us that joy grows. The first week brings hope, the second peace, the third joy, and the fourth love — small lights shining steadily against the darker days. They remind us that God's joy is not a feeling we must hold onto, but a gift we are invited to share.

Here in our own villages,, that sharing happens in very practical ways: through visiting those who are lonely, supporting local events, or taking time to pray for those facing difficulties. These quiet acts are signs of the same joy that began in Bethlehem — joy that takes shape in generosity, patience, and faith.

So as we move through Advent, may we take time to notice where joy is already present: in the beauty of a frosty morning, in the words of a familiar carol, or in the companionship of others. And when Christmas morning comes, may that joy deepen into gratitude — for the truth that still changes everything: that God has come close, that His light still shines, and that there is always more grace in Him than there is trouble in the world.

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Bacon Butties at All Saints, Lund



Please join us on
Saturday 20th December
from 9-30 until 11-30am
for bacon butties!



Coffee Mornings

10.30-11.30am

Wednesdays

at St. Catherine's Church,
Leconfield

Thursdays

at Lockington Village Hall

All are welcome



COPY DATE for articles and events - Friday 19th December



December 2025 Services

**Please note that during the Interregnum
all Services are subject to change**

	St. Mary's Lockington	All Saints Lund	St. Leonard's Scorborough	St. Catherine's Leconfield
Midweek Services	<u>Wed. 3rd Dec.</u> 9.30a.m. Midweek Service with healing prayers			
Sunday 7th December Advent 2	11.00a.m. Morning Worship		9.30a.m. Holy Communion	
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Sunday 14th December Advent 3	9.30a.m. Holy Communion	11.00a.m. Morning Worship		
Midweek Services		<u>Wed. 17th Dec.</u> 7.00p.m. Carol Concert followed by Wine & Mince Pies		<u>Wed. 17th Dec.</u> 9.30a.m. Midweek Service with healing prayers
Sunday 21st December Advent 4	9.30a.m. Holy Communion 6.30p.m. Carol Service			3.00p.m. Christingle & Carol Concert followed by Wine & Mince Pies
Midweek Services	<u>Christmas Eve</u> 11.30p.m. Midnight Communion <u>Christmas Day</u> 10.00a.m. Christmas Day Communion		<u>Christmas Eve</u> 6.00p.m. Traditional 7 Lessons & Carols followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies	
Sunday 28th December Christmas 1	11.00a.m. Contemporary Worship	9.30a.m. Holy Communion		



Interfaith Group

Next meeting is
Monday 1st December 7.00p.m.
in the home of Brian Fellows
(01964 550410 for more information)

Do please come and join us to explore how
other religions and faiths look at the world.

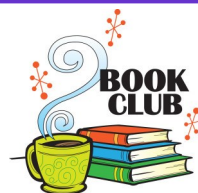
Everyone is welcome

Celtic Book Club

with Bible Application
at
St Catherine's Church



Next meeting
Wednesday December 10th
2.45pm for 3pm start.



Who's Who & Contact Details

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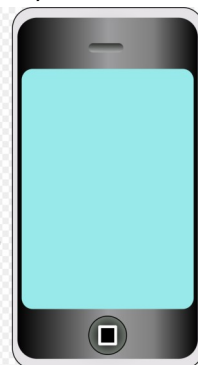
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Weird Christmas

Christmas is weird – at what other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat sweets out of your socks?

Footballer's carol

A football supporter's favourite Christmas song? 'Yule never walk alone'.

Don't eat

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinselitus.

Let's play

Four-year-old to her two-year-old sister: "Let's play Christmas. I'll be Father Christmas, and you can be a present and I'll give you away."

Oops!

A vicar gave his daughter a puppy for Christmas. An hour later, he found her in the kitchen, looking sadly at a puddle in the centre of the floor. "Look Dad," she said, "My pup runneth over."

New Year's Eve is coming soon...

The bagpipes are the missing link between music and noise. – E K Kruger

The inventor of the bagpipes was inspired when he saw a man carrying an indignant asthmatic pig under his arm. Unfortunately, the man-made sound never equalled the purity of the sound achieved by the pig. – Alfred Hitchcock.

