

# ROUNDABOUT

January/February 2026

**St. Peter's Church. Croft on Tees**

**St. Mary's Church. Eryholme**

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**2026**

## **LETTER FROM THE RECTOR**

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". *Jeremiah 29:11*

Dear friends,

At the time of writing it is Boxing Day, and we're heading into the New Year. May I thank everyone for their kindness and support this past year, since I began in September. What with Harvest, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas, it's not been a dull start!!

As we move into the New Year, let's place our trust in God, and pray for his guidance and his grace as we continue to move forwards together. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Blessings  
Gillian

## **Advance Notices.**

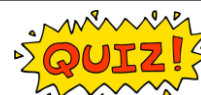
**Rev Gillian will be starting a Lent course at the beginning of March at the Rectory in Middleton Tyas.**

**Times and dates in the March newsletter.**

**The Apollo Choir will be giving a concert on March 20<sup>th</sup> in St. Peter's.  
More details next Month.**

**St. Mary's is having a grand fund-raising event, on June 13<sup>th</sup>. More Details later.**

**St Peter's grand clean 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-2pm  
see over**



## **Quiz Night**

Another very popular quiz night in Croft village hall, has been booked for 7<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm. with a pie and peas supper, bar and a raffle.

Profits to Village Hall and Croft Church.

Tickets available from Carole Holford 01325 789046.

Book early and don't be disappointed.



## **Benefice Pre-Lent Lunch**

**On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.** at 12.30 there will be a Pre-lent lunch in Manfield Village Hall. This is an event which everyone across the Benefice is invited to as we mark the start of lent by eating together. The lunch will consist of a wholesome home-made stew (made by the chef at The Crown Inn Manfield) followed by a selection of desserts provided by each parish of the Benefice. To cover costs a cover charge of £10 per head and £5 for children under 12 is proposed.

Please let Ian Appleyard [ianappleyard47@gmail.com](mailto:ianappleyard47@gmail.com) know if you would like to go and if you are able to provide a dessert.

## **Coffee Mornings**

There will be **no coffee morning** in January so the next date will be 6<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall at 10am. Continuing, on the first Friday of each month.

## **Pastoral Lunches**

**The next lunch is January 15<sup>th</sup> then 19<sup>th</sup> February 12 noon.** Please do **not** arrive before noon.

After a committee discussion, it has been decided that we will request a minimum donation of £5 for each meal, starting in January.

All homemade soups and puddings. Please come and join us. If anyone is willing to make a soup or pudding: ***Please contact us on the St Peter's email address.***

**The Open Church** event on 5<sup>th</sup> December was very successful with a steady stream of visitors appreciating being able to visit.  
Hopefully we can do this again.

## **JANUARY SERVICES**

<b><u>Venue</u></b>	<b>Jan 4th Epiphany</b>	<b>Jan 11th Baptism of Christ</b>	<b>Jan 18th Epiphany</b>	<b>Jan 25th Epiphany</b>	
<b>Croft</b>		<b>11am Family Service</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>	<b>11am Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>Eryholme</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>				

## **FEBRUARY SERVICES**

Eryholme...1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Holy communion 11am.  
Croft...8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Family Service 11am.  
Croft...15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Holy Communion 11am.  
Eryholme...18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ash service 10.30am.  
Croft...22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Morning Prayer 11am.

### **Notable Church dates.**

Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.  
Mothering Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

### **St. Peter's Church Draw results.**

#### **December**

**1<sup>st</sup> £100** Penny I'anson  
**2<sup>nd</sup> £60** Margaret Brown  
**3<sup>rd</sup> £35** Oliver, Camilla

*If you wish to join, please contact Sue Dent or  
Pauline Bailey through the church email address.*

## **NEWS FROM THE PARISH**

### **Wedding Blessing**

Jake Taylor to Jade Matthews ...13<sup>th</sup> December

### **Church Wardens**

#### **St Peter's**

Pam Dunn... 01325 722798  
Alison Kennedy... 01325720320  
Edward Cooper...07767886358

#### **Vacancy...**

#### **St Mary's.**

Ruth Gibbon... 01325720109  
Alice Shaw... 01325 721440

*To contact wardens from St Peter's please use the  
dedicated email address.*

**St Peter's** ...has a vacancy for a Church Warden and  
a Treasurer. if we have been unable to find  
replacements, and this is something you might be  
able to help us with; we would love to hear from  
you. **Please** contact a church warden or Rev. Gillian.



## **St. Peter's**

### **Sidesman**

2nd Sunday... Pam Dunn. 3rd Sunday...Pam Dunn.  
4th Sunday...Pauline Bailey and Sue Dent



St Peter's invites you all to a grand church clean on Monday  
12<sup>th</sup> January. 10am-2pm open house. To clean away a lot of  
cobwebs, dust and tinsel from the Christmas festivities.

Just bring a duster and elbow grease.  
Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.



### **Flowers**

Going forward If anyone would like to  
contribute towards the flowers or dedicate a particular  
date to a loved one or an anniversary.  
please contact... Alison Kennedy...01325 720320

scan the QR code and follow the  
link to make a card donation.

donations can be Gift aided



### **TO ARRANGE**

A Wedding... Contact Liz Ford on  
eweandram@btinternet.com  
A Funeral...Contact Rev. Gillian Lunn on  
gillian.lunn@leeds.anglican.org  
A Baptism... Contact Pam Dunn on St Peter's email  
subject Baptism

### **Some useful links and email addresses**

*Paul Dunn is now the church and Benefice web site  
manager. If needed, please contact him through the  
dedicated church email address.*

*For social information and events go to Facebook...*

*St Peters church Croft on Tees*

*For events and general information go to: -*

*https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church3319*

*All enquiries for St. Peter's please use this dedicated  
email address...stpeterscroft@btinternet.com*