

ROUNDABOUT

December 2025

St. Peter's Church. Croft on Tees

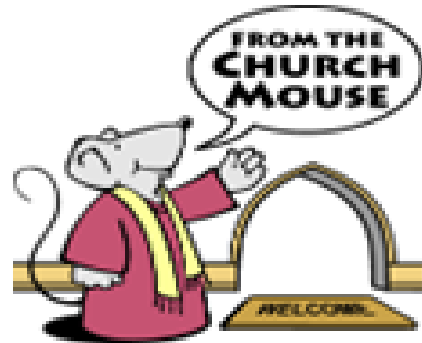
St. Mary's Church. Eryholme

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends,

And so it begins... the watching, the waiting and the expectation, as we journey together through Advent to the manger and Christmas day.

It's a busy time of the year, with plenty going on in our churches and across the Benefice. Everyone is very welcome at any of the churches across the Benefice.

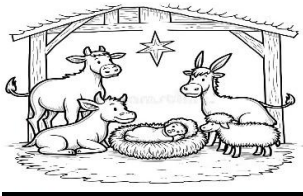
With so much happening with services and events, why not take the opportunity to invite a neighbour or a friend to come along and enjoy some festive spirit.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Christmas, and when it comes, a very peaceful and good New Year.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me via my email or mobile if I can be of any help, or to ask for prayer etc.... I'm always more than happy to meet up for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

With blessings and love,

Gillian



NATIVITY AND CAROLS ON THE FARM

A festive evening for all the family at **Croft Christmas Trees.**

4th December at 6pm. Children are encouraged to come dressed as characters from the nativity.

CHILDREN'S CANDLE SERVICE

December 14th in St. Peter's at 4pm.

There will be no morning service on this day.

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

Will be held in Barton Church 11.30pm



CAROL SERVICES.

There will be a Carol service in St. Peter's on Friday 19th December at 6.30pm. As in the past there will be a Grand Hamper draw. **We require** items to fill up the hampers such as luxury toiletries, Chocolates, gardening items, Christmas delights and a "Fizz" hamper. We would be most grateful if you contact or hand items to any church member. Tickets on sale now from any church member or at church services and events. **Many Thanks**

Silent Auction

The same as last year the owner of a lovely cottage in Arkengarthdale has offered her two-bed cottage for a two-night stay. Between 12th Jan-7th March and 2nd Nov-19th Dec. subject to availability. This will be offered by silent auction at the carol service on 19th Dec. Proceeds for church funds

Eryholme will be holding their Carol Service on 21st December at 4pm. *Please be aware of road closures.*

Other Carol Services in the Benefice

Barton. 21st December 11am.

Cleasby. 21st December 6pm

Manfield. 24th December 6pm

Middleton Tyas. 24th December Crib service 4pm

Moulton 24th December 6pm

Carol singing at Middleton Lodge Hotel

The choir will be singing at Middleton lodge on December 22nd at 5.15pm. If anyone who enjoys singing and would like to join the choir and boost the volume, please contact Barbara Leggott via the St Peter's email address.

Tickets for the event are available from the hotel.

Communion Services in December

Croft. 21st December 10.30am

Middleton Tyas. Christmas Day 10.30am

Middleton Tyas. 28th December 10.30am

Bishop Pritchard's second session "Advent look who's coming" will take place on Friday 5th December called "Hoping" at the rectory in Middleton Tyas at 7pm.

Please let Rev Gillian know if you will be attending.

Proposed Coming events in 2026

The Apollo choir will sing in the church on 20th March details later.

<u>Venue</u>	Dec. 7th Advent 2	Dec.14th Advent 3	Dec.21st Advent 4	Dec 25th Advent 5	Dec.28th Holy Innocents
Croft		4pm. Family Candle Service	10.30am Benefice Communion	10am Family service	10.30am Benefice Communion
Eryholme	11am Holy Communion		4pm Carol Service		At Middleton Tyas

Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning is 5th December in Croft Village Hall at 10am. Continuing, on the first Friday of each month. Homemade food for sale and a raffle.

Please come and join us for some company and a chat.

Please note there will be no coffee morning in January

Pastoral Lunches

The next lunch is December 11th at 12noon.

Please do not arrive before noon. This meeting will have a festive theme. We then have monthly lunches until March next year. Homemade soups and puddings, donated by the Pastoral team.

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.

St. Peter's Church Draw results.

November

1st £100 Mrs J Stark

2nd £60 Niel & Margaret Burton

3rd £35 Alison Smith

Please note subscription for the church draw is due at the end of December. Renewal notices will be sent out. If you wish to join, please contact Sue Dent or Pauline Bailey through the church email address.

The Permissive Path through the church yard to the riverbank will be closed December 27th 5.30pm to 28th 5.30pm. **The gates will be locked.**

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Those we have loved and lost

Eric Londesbrough late of Dalton on Tees ...*Died 2nd November*

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. If you are interested and would like more information a detailed job description is in the church porch or, please contact one of the current wardens or Rev. Gillian.



St. Peter's

Sidesman

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

Church Clean

Everyone is invited to a Grand Church Clean on 12th January 2026. Open house from 10am to 2pm. Just bring a duster and plenty of elbow grease. Tea and coffee 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