

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Villages of Skelton, Shipton, Overton, Newton-on-Ouse, Linton-on-Ouse & Beningbrough

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December 2021

WORSHIP CALENDAR

| Sunday 5th December | | 2nd of Advent |
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| Skelton | 9:30am | Family Communion |
| Shipton | 10:00am | Family Worship |
| Newton | 11:00am | Holy Communion & Baptism |
| Sunday 12th December | | 3rd of Advent |
| Skelton | 3:30pm | Carol Service |
| Shipton | 10:00am | Family Communion |
| Newton | 11:00am | Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday 15th December | | |
| Newton | 7:00pm | Carol Service with Linton School |
| Sunday 19th December | | 4th of Advent |
| Skelton | 9:30am | Morning Prayer |
| Skelton | 3:00pm | Christingle |
| Shipton | 3:00pm | Christingle |
| Newton | 11:00am | Holy Communion |
| Linton Village Hall | 4:30pm | Carols (Outside Hall) |
| Wednesday 22nd December | | |
| Shipton | 6:30pm | Carols (Outside Church) |
| Friday 24th December | | Christmas Eve |
| Skelton | 4:00pm | Holy Communion |
| Shipton | 11:30pm | Holy Communion |
| Newton | 4:00pm | Christingle with Nativity |
| Saturday 25th December | | Christmas Day |
| Shipton | 10:00am | Benefice Communion |
| Sunday 26th December | | -No Services- |
| Sunday 2nd January | | Feast of the Epiphany |
| Skelton | 9:30am | Family Communion |
| Shipton | 10:00am | Family Worship |
| Newton | 11:00am | Holy Communion |

Newton services are now available online from the church's Facebook page. All online services are permanently saved, and can be viewed at any time. Worship Calendar Services subject to change at short notice, in line with government guidelines, infection rates and PCCs.

From the Register:

6th Nov: Marriage of Jessica Eastwood & Thomas Bainbridge
7th Nov: Baptism of Alexander Keith Hatfield-Lee
Newton: 20th Nov Interment of ashes of Irene Mary Ruddock

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Few stories have been told so often as the one we celebrate in December. The Birth of Christ. The rest of the Bible stories may be told but ignored in the modern world, however not the events of the special season of Christ Mass.

The story features in Nativity plays up and down the country, on cards and advent calendars; Mary, Joseph, wise men, shepherds the innkeeper and of course Baby Jesus is at the heart of the story.

But are they anything more to us than names from long ago?

Within this familiar story there is the innkeeper who says the phrase "no room at the inn" when Joseph asks for space to rest for Mary. The innkeeper wasn't intentionally being dismissive of Mary and Joseph, as many aren't dismissive of the real message behind the nativity story. However, in a world of people rushing from one place to another, commercialism and the hectic preparations around the festive season, the message of Christmas sometime get pushed out. "no room in our hearts and minds."

St Nicholas often thought of as Santa Clause found the true meaning behind the story by generously giving to those in need. Perhaps in between the food and present shopping we can pause. Remember as we turn on the Christmas lights, that Jesus incarnate was born into our world for us. Not to turn our hectic world upside down but to fulfil God's promise to us of forgiveness, hope love and peace.

The question we need to ask ourselves over the Christmas period is do we truly have room in our hearts and mind to put Jesus back into the very centre of our lives and at the heart of all we do and say?

*Wishing you all a very joyful peaceful Christmas,
Rev Catherine Toase.*

GENERAL NOTICES

Benefice Co-ordinator: Could you spare a few hours a month to co-ordinate the paperwork for baptisms and weddings in the Benefice? We would love to hear from you if you could help us. Please contact any of the Churchwardens – contact details on front of the Newsletter.

SKELTON NEWS

Facebook: St Giles Church, Skelton, York

Skelton Parish Council Next meeting 7.30pm, 27th January 2022, in the Village Hall. Following meeting Thursday 24th February 2022. For more information see www.skelton-york.gov.uk or email: clerk@skelton-york.gov.uk.

St. Giles Opening: Now open daily between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

Skelton Village Hall is now fully open. To book your party or event phone 07547 393958 or email skeltonvh@gmail.com"

Skelton Gardening Club, We are always pleased to welcome guests (£3) & new members (£18 for the year). We would like to invite new members to join us for the many interesting speakers we have booked for the coming season.

Mandy's Community Café 10:30am—1:30pm on the 1st Friday of each month in the Village Hall. Join us for soup, cakes, refreshments and a chat. Family, friends and neighbours all welcome.

Skelton Social Running Group A casual running group meets on Tuesday nights, 6.30pm at the green on St. Catherine's Close. We usually run 5km (3 miles) in a small group. Everyone welcome & if enough people we can split into different groups for different distances & speeds. Contact us via the Skelton Community Share Facebook group.

Mobile Library in Skelton. The Mobile Library visits Skelton every two weeks. Borrow books, update your library card or York Card, return books from any other York library, & request books to be brought to Skelton. The library stops in Fairfields Drive from 2.40pm to 3.10pm and Brecksfield from 3.15pm to 3.50pm. Alternate Mondays. Contact 01904 552655, email mobile.library@exploreYork.org.uk or go to www.exploreYork.org.uk

Skelton WI 9th December 7.00pm in the village hall. This is our Christmas Party Night - *please note earlier start time. Members to bring a plate of either savoury or sweet. Prepare for a fun evening with some Carols and Christmas Cheer. Visitors welcome. Please ring 470605 for more details.

Gentle Yoga Class Every Thursday, 1.30-3.00pm, Skelton Village Hall. Gentle yoga practice, working towards strength, flexibility & relaxation in a friendly environment. Mixed abilities, all ages & beginners welcome. Contact Nestor on 07503 157361 or nestorportnoy@yahoo.com

Christmas Concert with York Concert Band in aid of St Giles' Church, Sunday 5th December 2pm at Shipton Community Centre. Get into the festive mood with music, Carols, and raffle. £7.50 per adult, accompanying children under 12 free. Tickets in aid of St Giles' Church, Sunday 5th December 2pm at Shipton Community Centre. Get into the festive mood with music, Carols, and raffle. Entry by pre-purchased tickets only, £7.50 per adult,

accompanying children under 12 free. Tickets from Myra 01904 470674, Jill 01904 470555 or Carolyn 01904 470125

SHIPTON WITH OVERTON NEWS

Yoga for improved health & wellbeing Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am at Shipton Community Centre. All abilities welcome. Come & experience the benefits for your physical & mental health. Taster class is £8. Phone: 07515 577377 or 01904 704226. Email: rachel@acornyoga.co.uk. Website: www.acornyoga.co.uk.

Shipton Parish Council Meetings are now held in person and will be in the main hall of the primary school on Station Lane until further notice at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Members of the public are welcome. The agenda is published online (the new Parish Council website will soon be up and running!) & on the Parish Council notice board (at the bus stop opposite the pub) at least 3 days before a meeting. Next meeting will be held 8th December. To contact the Parish Council please email [<shiptonparishcouncil@outlook.com>](mailto:shiptonparishcouncil@outlook.com) or telephone 07814 550125 the Clerk as a first point of contact. Please *do not* visit the homes of either the Clerk or the Councillors without prior arrangement.

Shipton Space Café & Cinema is pleased to announce standard open times again. Our group organisers take care to wipe touchpoints after each event and provide increased ventilation through the hall to comply with the latest Government recommendations. If you want to join the Cinema & Café email group, ring John 07906 890 465 or 01904 470187. Or scan the QR code below. CINEMA is on every 1st Friday. Doors open at 7 pm for 7.30 Bring warm clothes and your drinks. If you intend to come, please text Branwen on 07986 244599 CAFÉ at Shipton community hall is every Tuesday from 2pm – 4.30 Table service. Tea/Coffee cakes and scones. Chat and friendship to take away. See you soon.



Shipton By Beningbrough Playground Club Congratulations to the winners of the November 2021 100 Club draw, drawn by Niamh on Sunday 7th November at Tesco Clifton Moor. 1st Prize £59.37 Ann & Bob Sheddon (ticket 47), 2nd Prize £29.69 Rich & Ania Hunter (ticket 4), 3rd Prize £29.69 Ryan Mason (ticket 14) The 2021 playground 100 Club currently has 95 members, if you would like details of how to join, at a cost of £30 per year, please contact me by email on dawnmalloy@btinternet.com The money raised from the Shipton Playground 100 club goes towards the maintenance running costs and new equipment for our playground. Thanks again everyone, the next draw and last draw of 2021 will be in December.

Hambleton District Council regarding the proposals to build affordable housing in Shipton: We are pleased to let you know that we have now got to the stage when we can draw up draft layouts for the site adjacent to the school. This has taken us some time as some surveys needed to be undertaken. The design team will take into account the responses from those in housing need and all comments made at the consultation held in the Community Hall in November 2019. LOOK OUT FOR US COMING TO TALK TO YOU IN THE SPRING. If you have completed a form and just want to update us on any changes, never completed one because you thought nothing may happen, moved away and would like to return now something is happening or become of an age you would like to be considered for a tenancy – Please call Amanda on 01609 767048 or email on amanda.madden@hambleton.gov.uk

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Linton on Ouse Parish Council: Contact lintonparishcouncil@outlook.com for details of the next meeting.

Craft and Chat We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month except August. Cost is £3.00 per session from 1pm. Bring your own crafts. Enjoy a cuppa with like minded people. Coffee mornings have restarted in the village hall Linton Coffee Mornings in the VH Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am. Join us for a bacon/sausage sandwich. Good company! A warm welcome awaits! Thank you very much Maureen Stringer 01347 848268

General Knowledge Quiz: Suspended until further notice due to Covid-19. Contact Mark on 07961 361048 for further details.

Newton on Ouse Parish Hall 100 Club Ring Bill for details on 01347 844001.

Linton History Group: For more information please contact Maureen on 01347848268 or check website

<https://lintonhistorygroup.weebly.com/> .

Newton on Ouse WI 2nd December, 7:15pm in the Parish Hall. Christmassy Rhythm and Rhyme with Mike Smith, and time for the singing of a song. Seasonal refreshments and a fun-filled evening in good company. There is no meeting in January, so the first meeting of 2022 is 3rd February when Jim McGurn returns to talk about Comparing the English Language with it's European relatives. See our Facebook page - @newtononousewi - or contact Maureen on 848268. The WI - Inspiring Women.

Book of Remembrance: If you would like an entry for a deceased loved one in the church's new Book of Remembrance, please complete the form on the church website: www.allsaintsnewton.org.uk and pay the small fee required to cover calligraphy charges into the specified account. The book will be on permanent display in the church.

North Yorkshire Dance Academy Classes have resumed on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. For further details contact Diane Sugden on 07810 483 546, or email: dancewithdiance@googlemail.com or see our Facebook page @northyorkshiredanceacademy.

Christmas Shelf Indulgence Cafe and Christmas Foodbank Collection All Saints Church, 11th December, 10:30am. We've moved the Foodbank indoors for the winter! Come and enjoy a barista coffee or tea with a home-made mince pie. Baking and books for sale. Items needed by the Foodbank over Christmas will be listed on the church Facebook page and website, and on the Newton/Linton forums. If you can't come to the Cafe on that day, please leave Foodbank items inside at the back of the church.

Friends of All Saints: features 'The History of Pantomime' by former 'Dame' Michael Cullingworth at 7pm. on Wednesday 8th December in (a warm and cosy) church. Mulled wine and mince pies included. Annual membership £10 (£15 per couple) or £4 on the door. Feel free to bring your own cushion! All welcome.

New Church Website: Please note the change to a new website for All Saints available at www.allsaintsnewton.org.uk. Requests for Friends Membership, Remembrance Book entries or baptism/marriage enquiries can all be made through the new site.

Christmas Concert on Friday 3rd December 2021, 7pm at Linton Village Hall. There will be some Christmas jazz from Chris Lloyd and some carol singing with local choirs and singers from Linton Primary School and Nursery with plenty of festive songs for everyone to enjoy. We will have a Christmas Raffle, lots of refreshments and hopefully a festive drink too! Tickets £7.50 available on the door or available in advance with a discount (£7) from Maureen Stringer (848268) or Stephanie Howe (07885 616747). All proceeds will be shared between All Saints Church and Linton Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you on the night for a

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fabulous festive singalong! .

Linton-on-Ouse Parish Councillor Vacancy If you feel you would like to get involved in making decisions about your local community, local issues and make a significant contribution to the area in which you live or work, then this is the position for you! All applications must be received by NOON, THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER. The Parish Council will consider applications at the meeting on Thursday, 16th Dec 2021. Please contact the Clerk at lintonparishcouncil@outlook.com for an application form and further details.

An Angel Tree is now in church to provide gifts for children who might have nothing to open on Christmas morning. Please take an angel from the tree in church or from Linton Post Office (check opening hours) or from the porch at 1 Chapel Garth Newton. Return the angel attached to a gift for the age/gender of child shown on the angel. The trees will remain in place until Thursday 12th December. The gifts will then be distributed by the Salvation Army. Thank you for your generosity to a child in need at Christmas.

Line dancing in the village hall Wednesdays at 7:00pm-9:00pm. £4 per person. Contact: 07941 459862 Dave Stamp.

Christingle with Nativity: our traditional Christingle service will be held in All Saints at 4pm on Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December). Families with young children are especially welcome. The Nativity features a short performance of 'A Very Special Baby', and all children are warmly invited to join in the tableau (in costume if wished). Mince pies and mulled wine/fruit juice after the service.

Bach's Christmas Oratorio in Art & Music: 8th Jan 2022, 4pm. Mr Jon Finlayson's presentation in church will comprise the music (on CD) and a depiction of art which illustrates the story in the music. There will be an interval with refreshments and a collection in aid of All Saints and another charity. Everyone welcome.

Revised church opening hours: The church is now open for private devotions from 11am to 3pm daily. Everyone is welcome, but we politely ask you to remember that this is a very special place for the whole community and should be treated respectfully. Please leave the church in a clean and tidy state, and please be aware that the interior has CCTV coverage, purely for security purposes.

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