

ADVENT

2022 is one of those years when Advent Sunday is in November – this year it is the 27th November and it almost feels as though the church is encouraging everybody to begin to think of Christmas early, although the truth is a little different! Advent marks the beginning of the new church (liturgical) year and is that period of anticipation as we prepare to welcome the birth of Jesus Christ and the transformation of the world that represents. The culmination of our Advent journey is the celebration of Christmas and all the enjoyment it brings to our lives and the opportunities to be with family and friends at this special time. As you will see in the calendar section there are numerous opportunities to join in the church celebrations in various services around the benefice from carol services to Christmas communion. The poem that follows can be found in Richard Coles' book 'Bringing in the sheaves' and was written by Bruce Blunt in 1927 for his friend the composer Peter Warlock.

'Bethlehem Down' wonderfully captures the spirit of Christmas.

*When He is King we will give Him a King's gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes, said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her firstborn on Bethlehem Down.*

*Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.*

*When He is King, they will clothe Him in grave sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.*

*Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.*

New Beginnings

In the New Year the churchwardens from our benefice churches will be working towards advertising for a new Rector which will mark the beginning of a new chapter for our churches later in the year. We look forward to seeing as many as possible at the various services and events over the Christmas period and we wish you all a very happy Christmas and very best wishes for 2023.

Dr Graham Parr

A Christmas Meal at Wydale

Our Christmas meal at Wydale is now booked for **Sunday December 11th** at 1pm. If you have never visited Wydale Hall before, this is an excellent time to go and experience the warm welcome and hospitality offered by the Wydale team, in beautiful surroundings.

(Wydale is the retreat house and conference centre for the Diocese of York, near Scarborough)

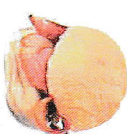
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December 2022 Services

	St. Catherine's Leconfield	St. Mary's Lockington	All Saints Lund	St. Leonard's Scarborough
Midweek Services				
Sunday 4th December Advent 2		11.00a.m. Morning Worship	Fri. 2nd Dec. 4.00p.m. Stars and Candles	9.30a.m. Holy Communion
Midweek Services		Wed. 7th Dec. 9.30a.m. Midweek Service with healing prayers		
Sunday 11th December Advent 3	10.00a.m. Holy Communion Note change of time		11.00a.m. Morning Worship	
Midweek Services				
Sunday 18th December Advent 4	4.00p.m. Carol Concert	9.30a.m. Holy Communion 6.30p.m. Carol Service		
Midweek Services	Wed. 21st Dec. 9.30a.m. Midweek Service with healing prayers	Sat. 24th Dec. 4.00p.m. Crib Service	Tue. 20th Dec. 7.00p.m. Carol Concert	Sat. 24th Dec. 6.00p.m. 9 Lessons & Carols
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day	10.00a.m. Benefice Christmas Communion			

Bacon Butties at All Saints, Lund



Please join us on
Saturday 17th December
from 9-30 until 11-30am
for festive bacon butties!

Tired of eating Christmas Turkey?

Join us in the Lockington Village Hall for
bacon butties and toast and marmalade
on **Tuesday 27th December**
(the extra Bank Holiday!)
Bring some Christmas cake to swap and
try that from another family!
Walking quiz around the village.
9-30 until 11-30am – prizes for the
highest quiz scores!