

# Lower Wharfedale Benefice

## Digital Newsletter - Issue 1



North Ripton, Pool in Wharfedale, Kirby Overblow, Sicklinghall, Stainburn, Weeton

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## Welcome To Our Benefice

If you are joining one of our services for the first time, please introduce yourself to one of the Welcomers at the back of the church. They will be glad to answer any questions you may have or assist you with any mobility assistance you may require.

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This is our very first newsletter, so it's all  
new to us as it is to you!

If there's anything you'd love to see here,  
any events you'd like us to share, or any  
articles you'd like to contribute, we'd be  
delighted to hear from you.

Just drop us a line at the Benefice Office.

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# Church Services

## 7th December

Kirkby Overblow BCP Holy Communion. 8:30am

Kirkby Overblow Celtic Service 11.00 am

Pool Parish Eucharist 9:30am

Sicklinghall Parish Communion 9:30am

Weeton Advent Family Service 11.00am

Kirkby Overblow BCP Holy Communion 8:30am

Kirkby Overblow Family Service/Christingle 11am

North Rigton Nativity Family Service 9:30am

Pool Parish Eucharist 9.30am

Pool Lego Church Nativity 4pm

## Tuesday 16th December

Sicklinghall Community Coffee Morning and  
Service 10:30am

# Readings and Psalms

## Isaiah 9.2,3,6,7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

## Psalms 36.5-10

Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens;  
And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.  
Thy righteousness is like the great mountains;  
Thy judgments are a great deep:  
O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.  
How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God!  
Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.  
They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house;  
And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.  
For with thee is the fountain of life:  
In thy light shall we see light.  
O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee;  
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

# Prayers and Care

We are always delighted to pray or visit those needing support or help.  
Should you wish to be remembered in prayer or receive a visit from the

Pastoral Team, please contact:

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We remember in our Prayers

Daniel, Francesca, Susan, Maggie, Hayley,  
Louise, Trevor, Rod, Rebecca, John, Doris,  
David and Bernadette.

We pray for our NHS and care services,  
and for a just and lasting peace in Gaza,  
Ukraine and Sudan.

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## Prayer for the Day

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit,  
one God, one glory.  
Amen.

# Advent Reflection



As Advent rolls towards us once again, that quiet, shimmering season of waiting, wondering, and hoping we become aware of our need for light. The sort of light Advent speaks of is not blinding or dramatic, just gentle... present... faithful. Not the dazzling kind we string across high streets or wrap around Christmas trees, lovely as they are. No, it's the light that finds us in our weakest moments. The quiet glow that says, "You're not alone." The steady promise that even when life changes in an instant, God is still moving, still working, still guiding.

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Advent unites us all in this shared human waiting: waiting for hope, for healing, for peace, for God's gentle whisper in the dark.

So as we begin this holy season, may you find your own glimmers of Advent light, in your homes, your conversations, your quiet moments, your struggles, and your joys.

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## Prayer for the season

May hope surprise you.

May peace settle gently around you.

And may you feel, even in the smallest flicker, that God is  
nearer than you think.

Blessings this Advent

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## Eco Tip Of the Month - In the kitchen

Plan meals and shop with a list: This prevents impulse purchases and ensures you only buy what you will use, drastically cutting down on food waste.



Would you like to stay on our newsletter list? Or know somebody who would like to receive it? Please drop us a note at [lowerwharfedalebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:lowerwharfedalebeneficeoffice@gmail.com)

We're excited to keep in touch and welcome new readers!







Saturday 6 December 4pm - 6pm, St John's Church, North Rigton

Step into a Magical Christmas Evening! ✨

Enjoy twinkling lights, joyful carols, dazzling drama, music, poetry, and song. Sip some mulled wine, munch mince pies, let the little ones enjoy festive treats! Kick off your Christmas celebrations with families, friends, and our wonderful community.



Sunday 14th December - 0930am, St John's, North Rigton

"Come and join us for our joyful Family Nativity Service! Celebrate the season and delight in the children as they bring the Christmas story to life, dressed as all your favourite Nativity characters!"



Saturday 20 December - 4pm, St Barnabas, Weeton

We will be joined at our Carol Service by the Tewit Youth Band. A Group of brass and percussion players between the ages of 8 and 18.

(PS - they are always looking for new members!!)



Sunday 21 December - 4.30pm, All Saint's, Kirby Overblow

We've got the music, the mince pies, and enough holiday cheer to light up the tree. Bring your sparkle and come and join us



.....and there's more



### Lessons and Carols By Candlelight

4pm 20th December at St Barnabas, Weeton

3pm 21st December Ecumenical Service at Sicklinghall

4 pm 21st December at St Wilfrid's , Pool

2 pm 24th December at St Mary's, Stainburn

A traditional Carol Service with wonderful readings and favourite carols. Minced pies and mulled wine will be served after the service



### Crib and Nativity Services

9:30am 14th December Nativity at St Johns, North Rigton

4 pm Christmas Eve Nativity at St Wilfrid's, Pool in Wharfedale

4 pm Christmas Eve Crib Service at All Saints, Kirby Overblow

A Service for all the family. Join angels, shepherds, kings as children dress-up if they want to, (spare costumes available) – and journey to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus. A service bringing smiles to all our faces as the meaning and joy of Christmas are shared



### Christingle Services

11am 14th December Family Service , All Saints, KO

4 pm 24th December St Wilfrid's, Pool

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out”.

Magical services when we glimpse the coming light of Christmas.



### Nativity

Friday 19 December at 3.45pm at Sicklinghall Cricket Club.

Long ago, in a quiet corner of the world where the nights were velvet-dark and the stars glittered like jewels tossed across the sky, something extraordinary was about to happen.







### Communion by Candlelight

9:45 pm Christmas Eve at St John's, North Rigton



### Midnight Mass

11:30 pm Christmas Eve at St Wilfrid's, Pool

Come and join us for the first celebration of Christmas.

A service full of wonder and awe as we rejoice in Christ's coming into our world.



### Christmas Day Services

9.30 am Holy communion at St Wilfrid's, Pool

9:30 am Family Communion, St Peter's, Sicklinghall

A joyful celebration of Christmas – come sing great carols and hear the Christmas message. A service for all the family.

