DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025



ST NICHOLAS, SKIRBECK
ALL SAINTS, FOSDYKE
SS PETER & PAUL, KIRTON



THE PILGRIM GROUP



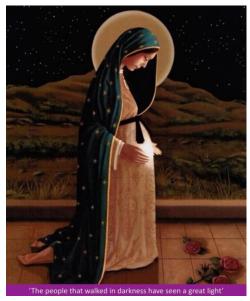


A Message from Fr Paul

As Christmas approaches we begin to think of our families, we long for the past where all our families would gather together around the fire exchanging presents, with snow on the ground and the sound of a choir singing carols. This is, of course, a romantic view of Christmas, an image that we only find on the television, on the front of Christmas cards, but there is an element of truth in it. As I have grown older my want for presents has been replaced with the want for the presence of my family around me, seeing them has become of greater value.

In many ways this is the message of Christmas, God wants us, his children, to be present, to be with him, not just at Christmas but always. This is why God sent his only son, his very self to be with us, as one with us, so that we may know God and God may know us. God's present to us is his very self, not just for Christmas, but for all time.

Show your love to your family as God shows his love for us, not in expensive presents but by your very presence.



THE ADVENT WREATH starts the countdown to Christmas and the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It consists of three purple candles, one pink candle and, in most churches, a white candle in the middle.

The coloured candles are lit on the four Sundays before Christmas, this year starting on 30th November - 1st Sunday, purple (love); 2nd Sunday, purple (hope); 3rd Sunday, pink (joy); 4th Sunday, purple (peace).

The white candle is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Skirbeck St Nicholas <u>Service times</u>

Sundays - Parish Mass, 9.15am Holy Hour, 5pm

Tuesdays – Mass, 9.30am
Wednesdays – Mass, 6.30pm
Saturdays - Mass, 10am
Rosary, 9.30am (first
Saturday of the month only)

Feasts, Solemnities and Holy Days of
Obligation
as shown in notices

SS Peter & Paul, Kirton

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Sundays – Parish Mass, 11.15am
Thursdays – Mass, 10am
Fridays – Mass, 6.30pm
4th Saturday of the Month – Rosary, 9.30am:
Mass, 10am

Social Media

Website – www.kirtongroup.com/kirton
Facebook – 'Like' us at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Kirton
Email – kirtonchurch@mail.com A Church Near You –
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14667
Priest in Charge – Fr Paul Norwood (01205) 635817

All Saints, Fosdyke

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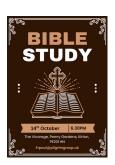
Sundays – Parish Mass – 11.15am (2nd), 9.15am (4th) Wednesdays (2nd & 4th) – Worship, 10am – Includes workshop on 2nd Wednesday Social Media

For general details please find us on:www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14663 or www.facebook.com/AllSaintsFosdyke Priest in Charge – Fr Paul Norwood (01205) 635817



THE PILGRIM GROUP MONTHLY NEWS

Our bible study sessions continue on a Tuesday evening from 6pm to 8pm. At the Vicarage, Penny Gardens. All are welcome.



<u>Christmas Tree Festivals</u> <u>and Fairs in November</u>





Skirbeck St Nicholas Church - 15/16 November. Our theme was 'Nursery Rhymes & Songs'. We had some fantastic displays and made just over £2,000 over the weekend. Well done everyone!



SS Peter & Paul, Kirton - 22/23 November.

A lovely display of trees in the church and many stalls to peruse, not to mention delicious refreshments. A wreath making session was held on the Sunday afternoon for 25 people.

Despite the miserable weather, nearly £1,400 was raised for Church Funds. Incredible!

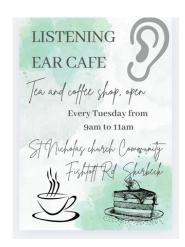


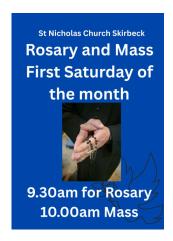


All Saints Church, Fosdyke - 29th November.

A Christmas Fair was held in the village hall with many festive stalls and games, as well as mouth-watering refreshments. In less than two hours, just over £1,000 was raised for Church funds. A magnificent achievement!!







EVENTS AT SKIRBECK ST NICHOLAS









St Nicholas, Church, Community Centre.
Fishtoft Rd, Skirbeck

Sunday 4th Jan From 12.00 noon Sitting down from 11.30am 3 course Lunch, including Sausage and Mash First drink included. **ADULTS £13 U16 £8** Gluten free, Dairy free and Vegetarian option available To book tickets call Linda on 01205 354687 to book.

NEWS FROM SKIRBECK ST NICHOLAS

<u>MESSY CHURCH</u> is on Saturday 13th December, 3pm to 5pm in St Nicholas Community Hall. An afternoon of crafts, celebration and a yummy tea. Children must be accompanied by an adult, all ages welcome.

Listening Ear Café every Tuesday, 9am to 11am in St Nicholas Community Hall. Why not pop in for a cuppa, cake and a chat, all welcome. Our Christmas café will be on 23rd December and we will return on 6th January.

<u>ST NICHOLAS DAY</u> on Saturday 6th December. Mass at 12 noon followed by a light lunch in the Community Hall. Principal celebrant is Bishop Norman Banks. All welcome to attend.

<u>NATIVITY FESTIVAL</u> – Weekend of 13th/14th December in church from 12 noon to 4pm. Why not pop along to see what's going on?

For all our **Christmas services**, please see enclosed leaflet.

Our <u>CAROL SERVICE</u> in aid of The Butterfly Hospice Trust is on Sunday 28th December at 3pm followed by light refreshments in the Community Centre. All are welcome to attend, please support a worthy cause.

FUND-RAISING

<u>Christmas Prize Bingo</u> – raised £298 for Church Funds, thank you to all who supported this event <u>CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL</u> – was a very enjoyable weekend despite the miserable weather. The display of trees in the church was amazing and we had many visitors to both the church and hall over the weekend. It raised a magnificent £2,030 for Church Funds. Thank you to everyone involved.

WREATH MAKING – Sunday 7th December at 2pm. £20 per person includes all materials, cuppa and cake. Phone Linda on 354687 to book your place, last chance to book by Wednesday 3rd December.

Advance notice – <u>NEW YEAR LUNCH</u>, Sunday 4th January, put this in your diary. See poster for full details.

CHURCH DONATIONS If you would like to support us, please visit our website and follow the link.

<u>FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS</u> <u>Interment of Ashes</u> –19th November, Sylvia Doreen Curtis. <u>Funeral service</u> – 4th November, Maureen Kathleen Sharpe.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website - www.skirbeckstnicholas.com

Email - skirbeckstnicholas@gmail.com

A Church Near You – www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14655/

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CONTACT INFORMATION

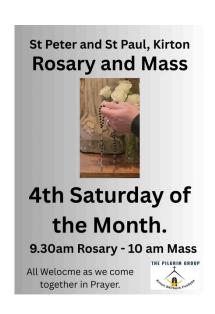
BAPTISMS AND HOLY MATRIMONY– Please contact Fr Paul Norwood on (01205) 635817. COMMUNITY HALL BOOKINGS– Please contact Mr & Mrs Reece on (01205) 365324.

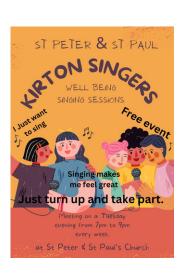
If you are unable to get to church and wish to receive communion at home, please contact Fr Paul Norwood on the above number.

EVENTS AT ST PETER & ST PAUL KIRTON









SALVATION ARMY CAROL CONCERT

Sunday 7th December at 3pm Al Saints Church, Fosdyke followed by refreshments.

All welcome.