



JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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



THE PILGRIM GROUP





A Message from Fr Paul

I promise I promise! Those of you who have had children, or have known children, well know that these words 'I promise' can sometimes roll off their lips without a second thought. How many times have we heard those fatal words, 'yes I promise to clean my room', or 'I promise I will take them for a walk every day'. All the time knowing that at best these promises will last a week at the most if we are lucky, but then it is not only children who can make these half heated promises. These words 'I promise' are on our lips once again, in this Christmas season, (traditionally Christmas finishes with the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candle Mass, on the 2nd February) and as we celebrate the secular New Year, and both of which are often accompanied in with over indulgence. This is a time when we look back on our past year with remorse, making those promises to do better. Making those promises with the goal to turn back the dial on our bathroom scales, to fit once again into the favourite pair of jeans, to become strangers once more with the publican. The truth of the matter is it can be all too easy to make these promise in the heat of the moment only to fall back into our old ways all too quickly.

This can also be the case in our prayer life, as well as in our life as a Christian. At this time of Christmas, we celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord, the moment that God became man in the person of Jesus. This is a time of great celebration for us as it sees the fulfilment of the covenant that God made to Abraham, it also see the start of our salvation as God becomes man and gives himself as a sacrifice for our sins upon the cross. We all make these promises at Christmas, making that little bit more of an effort in our faith, dusting off our Sunday best just so that we can go to Midnight Mass, or go with the family on Christmas morning. Our intentions are well meant as we resolve no longer to be a stranger in Church, a stranger to God in prayer, but somehow life just gets in the way, and the duvet seems more appealing than the pew. If we think of our prayer life, our going to church as a chore, then we are doing it all wrong and we shall fall by the wayside. No, our life as a Christian is not a chore, something to be endured, it should be great a joy that lifts our hearts and the hearts of those around us.

When we pray, when we go to church we find ourselves in the presence of God, which fills us with joy. Yes, the church may be cold. Yes, the pews are a little hard. Yes, it may seem to be the same week in and week out, but if you open your hearts to the love of God, he will fill you with such a joy all those other things will fall into insignificance. Do not make promises to pray more, to make that extra effort to go to church once a month, instead open your hearts to God's love, then everything else will fall into place.

**Skirbeck
St Nicholas
Service times**

**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

SERVICE TIMES

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

SERVICE TIMES

**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

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THE PILGRIM GROUP

MONTHLY NEWS

Safe Families -

Meeting on Sunday 18th January at 3pm in Skirbeck St Nicholas Community Hall. We welcome Tina Obbard to talk about the work they do and how our parishes can help. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, FOSDYKE,
BENEFICE MASS


Candlemass



SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY AT 10.30AM
PREACHER AND PRINCIPAL
CELEBRANT
BISHOP LUKE IRVINE - CAPEL.


ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US

Refreshments and fellowship after the service.



Pilgrim Group
Lent Lectures
Sunday Afternoons from 4pm to 5pm,
St Nicholas Community Hall, Fishtoft Rd.
30 minute talk followed by Soup and Roll tea and
coffee

**' Christ in our
Changing world'**
Feb 22nd, Mar 1st, Mar 8th, Mar 22nd



For information or advice Call Fr Paul on 07886276467
or Email office@pilgrimgroup.uk



**CONFIRMATION
CLASSES**

The Pilgrim group
Joint Benefice classes.
Starts
Thursday 16th April
6.30pm _ 8.00pm
At The Vicarage, Penny
Gardens, PE20 1HN

To book a place _ email
Office@pilgrimgroup.uk

St Nicholas Church Community Hall, PE21 0LD
Parent/Carer and Toddler Group

Games, Singing, toys, Snacks, Crafts

ST NICHOLAS TOTS GROUP

0-4 yrs

Time 9.30am to 12

Fridays in Term time

£2.50 Per session

LISTENING EAR CAFE

Tea and coffee shop, open

Every Tuesday from 9am to 11am

St Nicholas church Community
Fishtoft Rd Skirbeck

Listening Ear Cafe
St Nicholas Community Hall, Fishtoft Road

Cafe and Craft

From 9am to 11am
Materials Provided, Donations welcome

Jan 13th Macrame
Feb 24th paper birds
Mar 24th Patchwork
Apr 28th Needle felting
May 26th Beginners Crocheting
June 28th Flower arranging

St Nicholas Church Skirbeck

Rosary and Mass
First Saturday of the month

9.30am for Rosary
10.00am Mass

St Nicholas, community Hall,
Fishtoft Rd., Skirbeck

Messy Church

St Nicholas Church, Skirbeck.

Messy Church,
Saturday 10th January
From 3pm to 5pm

Fun, Faith and fellowship
Games, activities. Praise and food. All ages welcome

To book a place call Linda on
01205 354687

EVENTS AT

St Nicholas Church.
Community Hall,
Fishtoft Road.

8th Jan, 22nd Jan, 12th Feb

Knit and Natter
Crafting Group

From 7pm to 8pm,
tea and coffee available

If you want to learn a new craft, have support, just want some company. Pop along to St Nicholas Community Hall, on the above dates for a fun filled hour.

SKIRBECK ST NICHOLAS

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SKIRBECK
St Nicholas Community Hall, Fishtoft Road, Skirbeck

PIZZA, PRAISE & PRAYER
JAN 27th, FEB 24th, MAR 24th

FAITH, FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP
LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS IN OUR LIVES TODAY, PLAY GAMES AND EAT PIZZA.
PARENTS WELCOME TO STAY.
THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

St Nicholas Community Hall
from 6pm - 8pm on the
4th Tuesday of the Month
Pop along and see what we are about.

JOIN US FOR SNOWDROP SUNDAY AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH - FEB 22ND

Experience the beauty of snowdrops and enjoy a warming lunch together at the Community Hall.

SUNDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY LOCATION: FISHTOFT ROAD, SKIRBECK

FROM 11AM TO 4PM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS! OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK- STNICHOLAS.SKIRBECK OR THE PILGRIM GROUP.

Further details- Contact FrPaul@pilgrimgroup.uk or website - www.skirbeckstnicholas.com

Quilting Workshop

Saturday 20th June
from 1pm to 5pm
£40 per person,
refreshments provided

All Materials provided, beginners welcome, come and learn how to make a quilted Pillow case or Carry Bag.

For more details or to book a place Call Linda on
01205 354687

NEWS FROM SKIRBECK ST NICHOLAS

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

MESSY CHURCH is on Saturday 10th January, 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 returns on 6th January and then every Tuesday, 9am to 11am in St Nicholas Community Hall. Why not pop in for a cuppa, cake and a chat, all welcome. ***New for 2026!*** Once per month we shall have a taster session of a different craft, look out for poster for full details.

ST NICHOLAS DAY on Saturday 6th December was a wonderful occasion celebrated with Bishop Norman Banks. Around 40 of us celebrated Mass and a good number came to the Community Hall for a lunch of homemade soup and cakes. Great fellowship and reuniting with old friends!

After a break for the Christmas festivities, **Pizza Praise and Prayer** returns on Tuesday 27th January, 6pm to 8pm in the Community Hall. For 11 to 16 year olds, an evening of games, craft, bible study and, of course, pizza! Why not come along and see what we do?

FUND-RAISING

WREATH MAKING on Sunday 7th December was a very enjoyable occasion which 14 of us took part and a lovely profit of £270 was made for Church Funds. Many thanks to Carol Norwood for her expertise and help.

A full list of fund-raising activities for 2026 will be available in our February newsletter.

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website – www.skirbeckstnicholas.com

Email – skirbeckstnicholas@gmail.com

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

Facebook – ‘Like’ us at St Nicholas Church Skirbeck

Please note – Twitter and Instagram are no longer in use.

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.

NEWS FROM ST PETER & ST PAUL KIRTON

Please see poster for our Winter Warmer Jumble Sale and we have a Race Night on 31st January at 7pm at Kirton Leisure Centre, tickets from Carol on 07828 814299 or Office@pilgrimgroup.uk



November

On Thursday 6th November a new group of ladies took over doing the flowers for this month- They created wonderful displays for Remembrance Sunday.

The wall restoration group came and did the last session on the wall for the winter- the weather will be too frosty to complete anymore.

Remembered service was held on the 9th Nov at the war memorial and had a great crowd of locals attend. More than 300 were present in church. Fr Paul led the service and John, Ethan and Rob served. This was very special because Rob with the help of Fr Paul had mended John's Crucifix, which he had not carried for years. John was so proud to be carrying it.

Christmas Tree Festival and craft fair weekend.

Started on the Friday with the children from Kirton Primary visiting and seeing the beautiful Christmas trees, then in the evening after the Mass - we blessed the parish, sang a few Christmas carols, lit up the Holly tree with lights and a star. We drank Mulled wine and ate mince pies. There was a small gathering but we made a mighty noise. Saturday the weather was foul, but we soldiered on and opened the doors on the Festival to very wet and windy weather.

It did not stop people coming out and although slower than previous years we did well during the day. Sunday was a small fair with wreath making as well, 20 people came to make wreaths. They all went home very happy.

