

27 November

Isaiah 21¹⁻⁵ · Romans 13¹¹⁻¹⁴ · Matt 24³⁶⁻⁴⁴
Psalm 122 · **I was glad when they said,
 Let us go to the house of the Lord**



**First
 Sunday
 of Advent**

Before the Gospel:

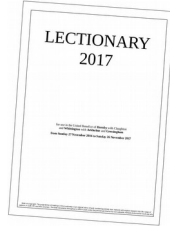
**O come, O come, Emmanuel
 and ransom captive Israel
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear**

After the Gospel:

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel
 shall come to
 thee, O Israel!**

New starting today

The new church year begins today with the first Sunday of Advent, and this year we are offering the opportunity for you to *read again or read ahead* by publishing the entire year's Sunday bible readings in a simple booklet. Copies will be available after the service. *For copyright reasons we can't charge for the booklet, but please do make a donation.*



Gifts for those in need this Christmas: please bring mainly edible gifts and these will be distributed by the food bank. Gifts can be left in church up to and including the Sunday services on Sunday 18 December. *Please avoid items that contain alcohol – check ingredients on chocolates, mince pies and Christmas puddings.*

**Saturday 3
 December**
 11am-1pm Hornby
 School Christmas Fair

Saturday 10 December
 10.30am to 12noon
Saint Margaret's Christmas
 Coffee Morning Institute

Friday 9 December
 6pm Carols round
 the Christmas tree
 Arkholme crossroads

Friday 16 December 6.30pm
Arkholme School Carol Service
 in Whittington church
 everybody welcome

There are more **December** dates overleaf

SUNDAY SERVICES

Hornby

10.45am Parish Communion every Sunday
*except Christmas Day service at 10am and New Year's Day
 United Benefice Service in Gressingham at 10.30am*
8am HC on 4 and 18 December then 15 January

	Whittington	Arkholme	Gressingham
27 November	9.30am	-	9.30am
4 December	-	9.30am	3.30pm
11 December	9.30am	9.30am	8am
18 December	4pm Carols	9.30am	-
25 December	10am	-	9am
1 January	-	-	10.30am
8 January	9.30am	9.30am	8am
15 January	9.30am	9.30am	-
22 January	9.30am	-	9.30am

Sunday School 10.45am in Hornby church
on Sundays 4 December and 8 January

Youth-led service 10.45am in Hornby church
on Sundays 18 December and 15 January

Next Sunday's readings · Isaiah 11¹⁻¹⁰
 Psalm 72 · Romans 15⁴⁻¹³ · Matthew 31¹⁻¹²

There is a **midweek communion** service
 every Wednesday morning at 10am in Hornby

For improved sound in all the churches
 switch hearing aids to the 'T' position

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The United Benefice of **Hornby** with Claughton and
Whittington with Arkholme and Gressingham

The Lord's Prayer

[Introduction]

Music by Joseph Bamby and Malcolm Dillely

Our Fa - ther who art in heav'n, Hal - lowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this
 day our dai - ly bread and for-give us our tres - pa - sses as we for -
 give those who trespass a - gainst us; and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de -
 li - ver us from e - vil, for thine is the king-dom, the power and the
 glo - ry for e - ver and e - ver, A - - - - - men.

MORE DECEMBER DATES

Carol singing round the streets will be on
 Sunday 18, Tuesday 20, and Thursday 22 December
 starting at Saint Margaret's Hornby at 6pm
in aid of Lancaster night shelter

Sunday 18 December 4pm
Whittington Carol Service
 followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Monday 19 December 6.30pm
 Hornby School Carol Service *in church*

Wednesday 21 December 7.30pm
Joint Churches Carol Service
Saint Margaret's, Hornby
 with the combined choirs of Saint Margaret's and
 Saint Mary's, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Saturday 24 December
Crib services
putting the characters in the crib
4pm Arkholme • 6pm Hornby

Saturday 24 December
'Midnight Mass'
welcoming Christmas Day
10pm Whittington
11.30pm Hornby

Sunday 25 December
Christmas morning
9am Gressingham
10am Whittington
10am Hornby

Sunday 1 January 2017
 Saint John the Evangelist Patronal Festival
10.30am United Benefice Service *Gressingham*