

# 11 December

Third Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 35<sup>1-10</sup> · James 5<sup>7-10</sup> · Matthew 11<sup>2-11</sup>



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**Whittington Carol Service**  
including putting the characters in the crib  
*followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

**Wednesday 21 December 7.30pm**  
**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
with the combined choirs of Saint Margaret's and  
Saint Mary's, followed by mulled wine and mince pies  
*at Saint Margaret's, Hornby*

**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**

**New Year's Day – Sunday 1 January 2017**  
**Patronal Festival of Saint John the Evangelist**  
**10.30am** United Benefice Service *Gressingham*  
*no other services in the four parishes that day – join us in*  
*Gressingham to celebrate the Patronal Festival of Saint*  
*John the Evangelist*

Arkholme School Carol Service will be **this Friday**  
**16 December at 6.30pm** in *Arkholme* church  
(due to heating repair work at Whittington church).

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

Hornby School Carol Service will be on  
**Monday 19 December at 6.30pm** in Hornby church

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**9.30am** Whittington · **10.45am** Hornby

**Next Sunday 18 December · 8am** Hornby  
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**Sunday School 10.45am** in Hornby church  
*usually first Sunday in the month but next on 8 January*

**Youth-led service 10.45am** in Hornby church  
*third Sunday in the month – 18 December, 15 January*

**Next Sunday's readings** · Isaiah 7<sup>10-14</sup>  
Luke 1<sup>46-55</sup> · Romans 1<sup>1-7</sup> · Matthew 1<sup>18-25</sup>

**Midweek communion** every Wednesday morning at  
10am in Hornby continues throughout the holiday period

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

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