

# 18 December

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with the combined choirs of Saint Margaret's and Saint Mary's, followed by mulled wine and mince pies  
Saint Margaret's, Hornby

Saturday 24 December

### Crib services

putting the characters in the crib

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### 'Midnight Mass'

welcoming Christmas Day

10pm Whittington

11.30pm Hornby

Sunday 25 December

### Christmas morning

9am Gressingham

10am Whittington

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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 on New Year's Day to celebrate

Gressingham's Patronal Festival of Saint John the Evangelist

### Near Year's Resolutions 2017

Come to the New Year's Day service

10.30am in Gressingham

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five weeks commencing 6/8 March – 2017's

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**8am** Holy Communion on 15 January

	Whittington	Arkholme	Gressingham
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15 January	9.30am	9.30am	-
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22 January	9.30am	-	9.30am
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29 January	United Benefice Service Hornby 10.45am		
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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 – next one is 15 January

**Christmas Day readings** • Isaiah 9<sup>2-7</sup> · Titus 2<sup>11-14</sup>

Luke 2<sup>1-20</sup> • Isaiah 59<sup>7-10</sup> · Hebrews 1<sup>1-4</sup> · John 1<sup>1-14</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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