

23 December



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Magnificat, the Song of Mary, Luke 1⁴⁶⁻⁵⁵

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name

Before the Gospel:

O come, Desire of Nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace

After the Gospel:

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

OPENING HYMN

Hills of the north, rejoice; river and mountain spring, hark to the advent voice; valley and lowland, sing; though absent long, your Lord is nigh; he judgement brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas, deep in your coral caves pent be each warring breeze, lulled be your restless waves: he comes to reign with boundless sway, and makes your wastes his great highway.

Lands of the East, awake, soon shall your sons be free; the sleep of ages break, and rise to liberty.

On your far hills, long cold and grey, has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost West, ye that have waited long, unvisited, blessed, break forth to swelling song; high raise the note, that Jesus died, yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home; songs be in every mouth; lo, from the North we come, from East and West and South. City of God, the bond are free, we come to live and reign in thee!

Later today Sunday 23 December

4pm Whittington Carol Service (choir meets 2.30pm)

6pm Gressingham Carols by Candlelight

Tomorrow Monday 24 December · Christmas Eve

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'Midnight Mass' 10pm Whittington · 11.30pm Hornby

Tuesday 25 December · Christmas Morning

9am Gressingham · 10am Whittington

10am Arkholme · 10am Hornby

No service on Boxing Day

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10.30am United Benefice Service in Gressingham

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no separate services elsewhere next Sunday

Sunday 6 January · The Epiphany

8am Hornby · 9.30am Whittington · 9.30am Arkholme
9.30am Gressingham · 10.45am Hornby

Saint Margaret's Christmas Coffee Morning

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Youth-led service 10.45am in Hornby church
first Sunday of every month (6 January, 3 February)

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

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