

Our vision: Sharing Christ through Friendship
Our goal: Following Jesus in his mission to Save the Lost and Heal the Broken

Please pray this week for...

- **Francis** leading Swanland School carols services (Thursday), & **Fiona**.
- Our church leadership: clergy, PCC meeting on Thursday, RPAs, Vicar's Leadership Team & new ministry teams.
- Our musicians (especially **David & Kathryn** and their wider ministry) and our organists.
- Hunsley Christian Youth Trust based at South Hunsley School - esp. **Beth Cooper**, p/t HCYT schools worker - taking Christmas assemblies this week - and at All Saints', Brough.
- For those who need special prayers: **Brian, Doreen, Dorothy, Hayley, Isaac & family, Jean & John, Josie, Ros & Tony, Zena**.
- Our **Mission Partners & partner organisations**: pray this week for
 - Chanti. Raju - Good News Ministries (S.E. India)
 - Lindsay Sunderland – The Ark (East Hull/St John's church Drypool)
 - Moray Henderson (OM Operation Mobilisation, Lancs.).

Thank God for the success of the 'Simply Christmas' and 'Nutcracker' evenings and pray for many more to join us at church for *Mistletoe & Wine* and our services over Christmas.

Space for sermon notes (please give to service leader if you wish eg during the singing/ prayer time).

Giving to God: For regular giving please see leaflet in sidesmen's area, "**A Generous Church...A Growing Church**". We currently give £5,100 a month to God's work across the York Diocese. If you're not already giving regularly, please consider giving towards this. For one-off gifts of over £20, if you're a taxpayer, please use a yellow **Gift Aid** envelope (inside chair Bibles) to increase your gift by 25% (*must include contact details*)

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*Will you also join with the church leadership in **praying** that we may continue to be a **growing church** as we move on through our Jubilee year of 2017 and beyond?*



St Barnabas
Swanland

Welcome!

Sunday 17th December 2017

Welcome to our worship today

*“My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour”*

Mary, in Luke 1: 46-47

Services today, Sunday 17th December (Advent 3)

Theme: Jesus – God with us (Joy/ Mary).

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16 (p.692) and Luke 1:39-55 (p.1027).

9.00am: Holy Communion (CW) with Carols: Francis to lead & preside and Matt to preach. Readers: Diane & Matt; Prayers: Carole M.

10.00– 10.45am: Coffee served in the lounge for all - by Val.

10.45am: Morning Celebration with carols and Christmas party for Barneys (0-11s). John Auld to lead; Matt to preach
Read: Kathy. Prayers: Francis.

After a short time of worship all together the children (ages 0-11) will go to their own Christmas party!

6.30pm: 'Mistletoe and Wine' - Café-style Candlelit celebration: music, carols, drama & visuals; free mulled wine/punch & mince pies.
All very welcome – please come, and bring your friends!

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Church Office 632941 - Open Mon/Tue/Wed 10am-12 & Thurs 12noon – 2pm

What's On this week at St Barnabas

Mon 18 th	8.30am	Prayers for growth in church coffee lounge: all welcome
Tue 19 th	8.30am	Prayer during the day (coffee lounge): all welcome. No Cygnets back on 16 th January 2018
	12noon	Christmas lunch - book via church office
Wed 20 th	8.30am	Prayer during the day (coffee lounge): all welcome.
	2.00pm	Mothers Union Christmas service – see opposite
Thurs 21 st	8.30am	Prayer during the day (coffee lounge): all welcome.
	9.30am	Swanland School Services No Coffee Chat – on next on Thurs. 11 th January 2018
Fri 22 nd	8.30am	Prayer during the day (coffee lounge): all welcome. No Chair exercises back 12 th January 2018
Sat 23 rd	8.30am	Prayers for growth in church coffee lounge: all welcome
	6.45pm	Carols around the Pond – outside Christ Church

'MISTLETOE AND WINE' taking place TONIGHT!

Drama, music, visuals, carols - please invite all your friends and family to come with you to this lovely candlelit café-style celebration of the Christmas story.

Free mulled wine/ punch and mince pies.

COME ALONG TONIGHT at 6.30pm

Services next Sunday, 24th December - Christmas Eve

Theme: Jesus - Saviour (Hope/The Patriarchs).

Readings: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Luke 1:67-75, 2:1-7

9.00am: Holy Communion (CW): Francis to lead, preside & preach.

Reader: Rena; Pray: John D.

No 10.30am service

3.00pm: Carols around the Crib: Francis & team to lead. Children are invited to dress as angels/shepherd/kings, etc. *Refreshments and craft activities in the hall from 2.30pm.*

9pm: Midnight in Bethlehem Communion with carols (CW): Jesus Christ the Lord: ends after 'Bethlehem's midnight' at 10.10pm

Services for Christmas Day (Monday 25th) *Theme: Jesus - Christ the Lord*

Readings: Titus 2:11-14 (p.1199) and Luke 2:1-14 (p.1027)

9.00am: Classic Christmas Communion with Carols (CW): Francis to preach, Robin to lead & preside. Readers: Scott family.

10.05 -10.40am refreshments served by Fiona & friends.

10.45am: Christmas Day all-age celebration: Francis to preach and to lead with musicians. Pray: Jen & Matt G

Church family news

- **If you would like prayer during/after the service** please speak to a leader or go to the front left side of the chapel and someone will gladly pray with you.
- If you'd like to **join a small 'home' group**, please contact Francis/ the office.
- Do you like a warm church? If so, could you **join the rota to set the heating?** This simple task takes c.20 mins once per c.6 weeks, full (brief) training given.
- The Ark (East Hull) - Hampers: Thank you to all those who gave so generously to support this work this Christmas. A car-load of 15 hampers of food and goodies were donated to needy families in the Preston Road estate.
- Thanks to all who helped set up for & clear up after the Saltmine production, the cast were very grateful for their welcome and a great night was had by all!
- Simply Christmas – over 70 attended and a good sum raised for cure4Hayley
- The **Swanland Christmas card** (with details of Christmas services etc.) is now available and being distributed around the area – there are lots of spares so please take as many as you like to give to neighbours/ work colleagues etc. and spread the love!
- Thank you for all those involved with the wonderful flowers that have been arranged for Christmas.

Dates for your Diary

St Barnabas DECEMBER services - please see separate coloured flyer and the magazine/ Christmas card.

Tues. 19th December – Christmas lunch, book via church office Tel 632941

Mothers Union - Wednesday, 20th December @ 2pm: Christmas Carol Service at St Barnabas - All welcome.

Carols at the Pond Christ Church have decided that this year this are to be held at 6.45pm on **Saturday 23rd December. Please note the change of date from usual (Christmas Eve).** NB there is a communion service with carols at St Barnabas on Christmas Eve at 9pm (ends c.10.10pm).

Church closure times. Church will be closed over the holidays as follows;

- Tuesday 26th December to (and including) Saturday 30th December,
- Monday 1st January until (and including) Wednesday 3rd January.
- Saturday 6th January 2018.

(Please also see front of notice sheet for revised opening hours)

Prayer for church members. If you'd like a prayer request to be sent out by email, or a name to be added to those listed on the back of this sheet, please contact Francis/ the office.

Prayers in morning prayer this week are for households with surnames beginning E-F



PCC headlines. Minutes of 19 Oct meeting now on notice board - those from 30 Nov will be on shortly. Christmas services etc. now published in cards/ fliers. Exciting plans agreed for next term's youth and children's work – details to be announced soon. Encouraging finance report – 2018 giving has to increase in line with inflation (+3%).