

Seasons Greetings!

In so many ways, Advent and Christmas will look very different for all of us this year. Planning for Christmas continues to be a challenge. As we come out of lock-down and restart our 'in-person' services inside our buildings we fully expect to be in Tier 3 of Covid restrictions. With this in mind the list of services below shows the minimum we will be doing whatever happens. I hope we can do more, sing carol's, meet more freely etc but it looks unlikely. If things do get relaxed enough then we will respond appropriately.

Attached here are some prayers for Advent that we use as we light our Advent Crown, perhaps you could fashion your own set of candles to light each Sunday as you pause to pray?

We will all miss our wonderful Carol services, Christingles and other joyous gatherings, however lots of organisations are using their resources and expertise to provide us with alternatives that we can join in with on TV or on-line,

Due to the restriction on numbers we are having to 'ticket' our main Christmas services. To book for Christmas Eve at Brantingham speak to David Bell or via davidbell@nferriby.karoo.co.uk and for Elloughton, please speak to Paul Shepherd 07715 480 714 or chezshep@hotmail.com

National Christingle Service

We warmly welcome you to our first ever National Christingle Service in partnership with the Church of England on Sunday 13th December at 9am. This will be streamed on the Church of England's website, Facebook and YouTube channels and we'd love it if you tuned in to share the light with the whole country. The service will include a few words from HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, the Archbishop of Canterbury who will be lighting the Advent Candle, as well as our Vice-Chair of Trustees, the Bishop of Derby Libby Lane. We'll also see a special performance from soprano Joanna Forest, and join young people lighting the Christingles. It is set to be a magical event.

HULL FOODBANK Thank you to all who continue to provide food for the Foodbank. As Christmas approaches there are 3 ways you can help.

*Drop off food at the Vicarage, the usual tins but also Christmas treats to add to parcels

*Put a Christmas Card in with the food. It can say 'from the local church'. It helps recipients know they are cared for

*Help drop off the food to the warehouse. Mary White has done a great job regularly doing the drop off but we now need someone else to do this. The food needs dropping off every two weeks, if 2 people volunteered it would only be a monthly task. (Please give me a ring if you can help)

There are more people accessing foodbanks now than ever before partly due to lost jobs and businesses during Covid-19 so please keep on being generous.

DECEMBER			
	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE
Sunday 6 th Dec	BAS	9.15am	Holy Communion
	ESM	11.00am	Holy Communion
Saturday 12 th December	BAS	2.00pm	Wedding of Matt & Tiff
Sunday 13 th Dec	ASB	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th Dec	BAS	9.15am	Holy Communion
	ESM	11.00am	Holy Communion
Christmas Eve [Thursday]	ASB	9.30am	Holy Communion
	BAS	3.00pm	Holy Communion [ticketed]
	ESM	11.30pm	Holy Communion [Ticketed]
Christmas Day [Friday]	BAS	9.15am	Holy Communion [ticketed] FULLY BOOKED
	ASB	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th Dec 2020	-	-	NO SERVICES
Sunday 3rd January 2021	BAS	9.15am	Holy Communion
	ESM	11.00am	Holy Communion

CODE: BAS = Brantingham; ESM=Elloughton; ASB=Brough

The Benefice service of Holy Communion will be every Thursday at 9.30am in All Saints' Church, Brough, including Christmas Eve.

Morning Prayer continues on ZOOM for anyone who wants to join us, just ask for the link. It takes place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning, 8.30am-8.45am. During December we will be using daily Advent readings and meditations.

We are still producing our weekly pre-recorded Act of Worship on YouTube for each Sunday. Link: search YouTube for 'Mick Fryer'

Don't forget, for those without the internet, the Church of England does have a **FREE phone** line you can ring which means you can listen to the Daily Prayers & Hymns. **0800 804 8044**

PCC MEETINGS

Brantingham PCC Tues 8th December 2020, 7.00pm in Brantingham Village Hall.
Elloughton & Brough PCC Thur 17th December 7.00pm All Saints' Church, Brough.



If you haven't done anything yet why not join in our **Advent 'Streets of Light'** initiative – it's not too late. As I type over 30 households have signed up to decorate a window!

This Advent we want to brighten our community and have some creative fun, with messages of **'Light, Love and Hope'**!

Mick Fryer

Revd Mick Fryer
Vicar of Elloughton & Brough with Brantingham

Prayers as you light your Advent candles

Advent 1 The Patriarchs Remind us of the promises of God

Advent 2 The Prophets Look forward to the coming of the Messiah

Advent 3 John the Baptist John prepared people to welcome Jesus.

Advent 4 Mary Mary hears God's message and responds with joy.

Christmas Day Christ the Saviour is born

ADVENT 1 We light this candle, giving thanks for the revealing of your will to your people, and for the glorious hope that Advent brings.

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all your people of old, you are our Father too.

Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David.

Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. Keep us watchful, ready to greet you when you return in glory to judge the living and the dead.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen**

ADVENT 2 We light the second candle, giving thanks for the prophets of old and for the good news in your living word, the Bible.

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom.

Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen**

ADVENT 3 We light this third candle giving thanks for John the Baptist, and all who witness to the truth, and shine as lights in this world.

God our Father, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome Him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen**

ADVENT 4 We light this candle giving thanks for Mary the mother of Jesus and for all who willingly serve God and do his will.

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen**

CHRISTMAS DAY We light this last candle giving thanks on today of all days for the Birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

God our Father, today the Saviour is born and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light. Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy, to live in the light of your Son, and to share the good news of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is has come into the world. **Amen**

Readings for Morning Prayer during Advent 2020

Please feel free to use these readings during Advent however you wish.

For those who are able to join us on Zoom Morning Prayer [Tues / Wed / Fri] these are the readings we will be using, each one followed by a reflection.

We will use the Thursday reading and reflection as part of the 9.30am service of the Holy Communion at Brough.

Who is Jesus? Week beginning 30th November

30th . Truth Beyond Facts: John 1:1-18

1st . Living Like Jesus: Philippians 2:1-11

2nd . It's All About Jesus—Colossians 1:15-23

3rd . What is God Like? Hebrews 1:1-4

4th . The Big Church: 1 Peter 2:4-10

The Need for a Saviour Week beginning 7th December

7th . It's Sin! Genesis 3:1-24

8th . Stupid Sin: Exodus 32:1-33:6

9th . Not Just The Bad Guys: Psalm 14:1-7

10th . He's Against It: Isaiah 59:1-21

11th . Ho, Ho, Ho? Amos 5:1-27

Previews of a Saviour Week beginning 14th December

14th . Significant Symbols: Exodus 12:1-30

15th . True Bread: Exodus 16:1-35

16th . The Snakes: Numbers 21:4-9

17th . The New Temple: 1 Kings 8:1-21

18th . Running on Empty: Jonah 1:1-4:11

Prophecies about a Saviour Week beginning 21st December

21st . Chosen People: Genesis 12:1-9

22nd . The Good Shepherd: Jeremiah 23:1-9

23rd . O Little Town of Bethlehem: Micah 5:1-5

24th . The Humble King: Zechariah 9:9-17