

Next Week's Services

Sunday 7th January : Baptism of the Lord

- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Michael's, Catwick
Rev Mo Desborough
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist at St Augustine's, Skirlaugh
Rev Andy Simpson
- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Swine
Miss Helen Wastling
- 11.00am Morning Prayer at St Margaret's, Long Riston
Mrs Audrey Ashcroft & Mrs Paula Evans
- 11.00am Holy Communion at All Saints, Rise
Rev Andy Simpson & Mrs Tessa Oram
- 11.00am Holy Communion at St Lawrence's, Siggleshorne
Rev Mo Desborough



From the Vicar

Hello All,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year for tomorrow. Today being New Year's Eve, it is a good day to reflect on the year gone by and the new year to come. I wonder, looking back today, are there moments in 2017 when you now see God's hand on your life which you hadn't recognised at the time? Perhaps,

moments which seemed dark and troubled at the time but have now been redeemed? Such experiences are acts of a God who "reconciles all things to himself". In our readings today we see moments of recognition of God acting and how people praised the God who redeems. I hope 2018 is full of such moments for us all.

Yours in Christ
Revd Andy

Please note : the Vicar 's day off is Friday

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RISE, SIGGLESTHORNE, SKIRLAUGH AND SWINE WITH ELLERBY

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This Week's Services

Sunday 31st December : First Sunday after Christmas

- 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St James', Ellerby
The Clergy Team

**This is the only service in the Benefice today
All are welcome**

Meetings &



What's Happening

Tue 2 Jan 9.30-11.30am Cornerstone Christmas Coffee Shop at St Augustine's, Skirlaugh

Please take this leaflet home with you.



This week's Bible Readings

First Sunday after Christmas

Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19: 1-7

Mark 1: 4-11

BCP Readings

Isa 62: 10-12, Psalm 45: 1-7, Gal 4: 1-7, Matt 1: 18-25

Collect

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

If you know of anyone who would like to have Home Communion or a visit please contact Revd Andy

Children are very welcome at all our services, but many of our beautiful church buildings are ancient and have uneven floors and exposed heating pipes. Please ensure your children's safety at all times.



Please pray for:

- **the sick and those who care for them, including**

Malcolm Head	Sara Lord	Sylvia Dickinson
Tilly	Elizabeth Dennison	Wendy & John
Terry Frost	Jacqui Parada	Ronnie Beaumont
Pete Dunn	Kevin	Karen
Gillian Brown	Andy and Michelle	Les Beckett

that they may receive healing and comfort

(Names normally remain on the prayer list for 3 months unless we receive a further request.)

- **those who have died and those who mourn their loss**

Janet Havershaw of Catwick – funeral at St Michael's on Tuesday 2nd January at 2pm

- **the members of the pastoral care group and those they visit**

- **New Year's Eve**

Please pray for the work of the Anglican mission agencies at home and overseas that, as we look to a new Year, we may be a source of life and hope for the nations.

- **within the Worldwide Church**

Diocese of Zululand (Southern Africa). Archbishop Monument Makhanya

