

Dec 1st- 3rd

Friends of St Mary's annual 3 day bric a brac stall. This is the same weekend as the Christmas Fair in town, and as Unwrapping Advent in St. Mary's. We will also be serving tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes. However to make it the success it usually is, we need bric a brac and if any of you have any bric a brac you would like to donate, we would be very pleased to have it. Please either leave at the back of Church, marked for The Friends, or ring me, 71740, and we will collect it. Pat France Chairman of the Friends of St. Mary's

The Real Advent Calendar

If you think it is a shame that most of the chocolate Advent Calendars on sale are covered in cartoon characters, snow and reindeer with not a baby Jesus in sight then why not consider a "Real Advent Calendar" - a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent. This year, the book is illustrated by award winning artist, Alida Massari. Behind each of the 25 windows there is a line from the Christmas story with a high quality colour picture and a Festive Fairtrade chocolate. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas. If you would like one, or several, to pass on to children, God-children, grand-children or even great grand-children (or even to keep for yourself?!) – To help keep the real story of Christmas at the heart of the season, please let me know. They cost £3.99 each. Many thanks. Anne Pettifor Tel: 015242 71904 curate2@therainbowparish.org

Also, available this year – "Host of Angels" - Meaningful Chocolate tree decorations which are another great way to share the Christmas story. Each box contains six solid chocolate angel decorations, a 'colour in' Christmas story activity poster and a Christmas story sticker set and provides another fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. Also costing £3.99 each and available as above.

RAINBOW PARISH NOTICES



Sunday 19th November 2017

Second Sunday before Advent

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. (1Th 5:9-10)

A very warm welcome to our services today, particularly to those who are visiting. Please make yourself known and stay afterwards for fellowship. Do take this home for information and prayer or to pass on to someone.

SERVICES TODAY

St. Mary's, Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Rock Communion A musical setting of the Holy Communion service. Suitable for all traditions and all ages!	All Saints, Lupton 9.30am Morning Service
St. Patrick's Church, Preston Patrick 9.30am Morning Service with the baptism of Harry Little	St. Bartholomew's, Barbon 10.30am Holy Communion

Services for Sunday 26th

St. Mary's Church, Kirkby Lonsdale

8.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Service

6.30pm Evensong with the licensing of Anne Pettifor (Details in Dates for your diary)

St. Patrick's Church, Preston Patrick

9.30am Holy Communion

St. John's, Hutton Roof

11.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, Casterton

10.30am Holy Communion

St. Bartholomew's, Barbon

10.30am Morning Service

Activities and Service in the Rainbow Parish

Monday ~Friday 8.15am-8.45am Morning Prayer in St. Mary's Church – all welcome

- Mon 20th** 11.00am **Funeral of Sandy King** in St Mary's Church Kirkby Lonsdale. There will be a private family committal at Beetham Hall. Breda and the family invite you to remain in Church to share in refreshments and will be pleased to re-join everyone on their return.
- Tues 21st** 9.30am **Ecumenical Prayer Group** in St. Mary's
- Wed 22nd** 12noon **Meet to Eat** in the Methodist Hall
1.30pm **Brant Howe Communion**
6.00pm **NISCU Encouragement Evening** at Natland Primary School (LA9 7QH). This is an evening for all Christian teachers, staff, Governors, Church leaders and volunteers in schools. You are invited to join us for a meal, followed by worship, a word of encouragement and time for small group prayers. Please arrive from 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Chris Norris (73556) by midday on Tuesday.
- Thurs 23rd** 10.30am **Holy Communion** in St. Mary's
- Sat 25th** 9.30am **Ecumenical Away Day`EXTENDING THE TABLE`**. Churches in Lunesdale at Barbon Village Hall. A workshop: To reflect on the life and work of the church and consider the future together (for all partners from CTiL) 9.30am Coffee for 10.00am start ends 3.00pm LUNCH PROVIDED! To help with catering Please Sign up for the day using the Sign-up sheets in your church

Dates for your diary

Nov 26th

Anne Pettifor has completed her curacy and she is about to begin a new role in the team. On Sunday 26th November the archdeacon will be coming to the 6.30pm evening service in St Mary's to give Anne her new license. Please come along and support her if you can. We will be celebrating Anne's new role in the Rainbow Advent Service at Barbon on 3rd December at 10.30am. This is an important occasion so please make sure that you come along. (This is a joint service so there will not be a service at Preston Patrick, Lupton or at 11am in St Mary's).

Dec 1st

Casterton's Community Christmas Carols event is at 6.45pm. The School will provide mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies. Come and sing along to your favourite seasonal songs!

Dec 1st

Art Fund Cumbria Event - a short film will be showed in the Lunesdale Hall at 2pm. Further details and a booking form from Philip.cropper@hotmail.co.uk

Dec 4th

Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols, a traditional celebration of Christmas in words and music, will be held in St. Mary's Church on Dec 22nd starting at 6pm. This service is for the whole community, for all churches in the Rainbow Parish and for the many visitors who come to Kirkby Lonsdale and the surrounding area for Christmas. If you would like to be part of the choir, rehearsals will be held on Mondays 4th, 11th and 18th December from 7:30pm to 9pm in St. Mary's Church, and with a final rehearsal at 5pm on Friday 22nd December, immediately before the service.

Further information can be obtained from Chris and Penny Norris (tel. 73556 or email to chris.norris17@btinternet.com), Mike Martindale (71168 or mikejudithm@gmail.com) or Margaret Worthington (71699 or George@geomag.plus.com). If you would like to be a member of the choir, it would be very helpful if you could please contact any of us before the first rehearsal on 4th December.