

CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026



Dear Friends...

Christmas approaches and with it all the seeming busyness and preparation. The signs of the approaching season begin to be all around us – the trees and lights appearing in shops, streets, and homes. You may be busy writing cards and perhaps even that ‘annual letter’! As you prepare you will probably be looking back over the last year and its events for you and your family and friends, wondering what news to share whether in a brief message on a card or in a longer letter. It’s perhaps tempting to share the good news and gloss over the more difficult.

However, as we prepare again to celebrate the simple but great good news story of Christmas, we are reminded that God entered the world in Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus did not come to a world where all was comfortable, sanitised and good; rather he came to a chaotic world, born in an occupied country where there was conflict and cruelty, poverty and struggle for many. Not so different from our world today where it seems the world and lives of others and ourselves can seem to be overcome by darkness, especially as we see so much happening which leaves us saddened and anxious.

Christmas though is a real good news story then and now; the story of God breaking into the world in Jesus who comes as the everlasting Light of the world and whose light has continued to shine in all the darkness that does not leave the world; bringing hope, light, love, and faith to people’s lives, to our lives, at Christmas and every day into 2026.

With very best wishes to you and your loved ones for Christmas and the New Year.

Deacon Jackie Fowler

Notices and Special Services

Christmas Eve Services:

- **DRIFFIELD:** Holy Communion Service @ 4pm
- **Hornsea:** Community Carols in the Memorial Gardens @ 6pm
- **LUND:** Carols on the Green
- **NAFFERTON:** Carols on the Green @ 7pm
- **SKIRLAUGH:** Midnight Mass @ 11:30



Christmas Day Services:

- **DRIFFIELD:** Rev Doreen Hare (10.30)
- **Hornsea:** Deacon Jackie Fowler (10.00)
- **HUTTON CRANSWICK:** United Service at the Methodist Church (10.30)
- **LUND:** Pastor John Gleaves (09.00)
- **NAFFERTON:** Rev Peter Barnett (10.30)

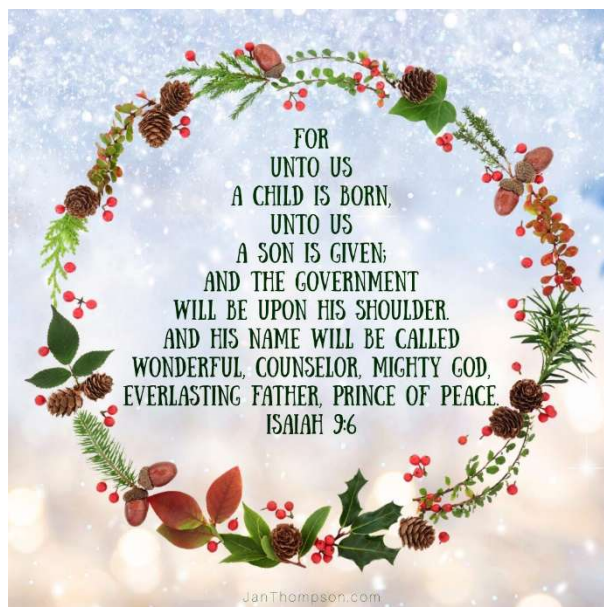
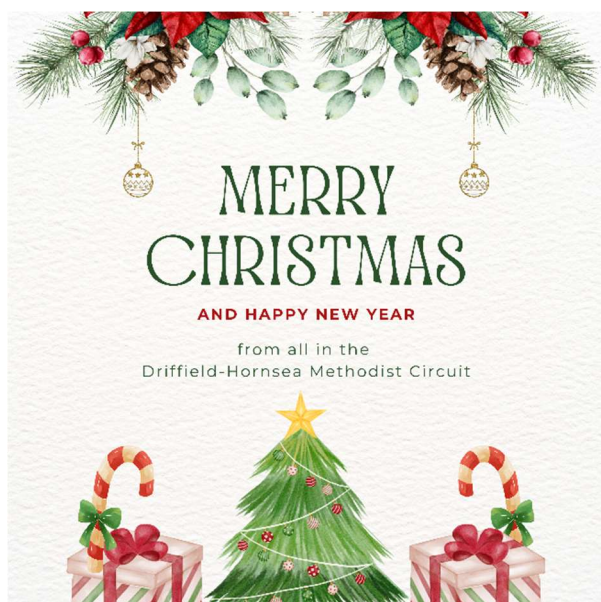
Carol Events/Services:

- **ALDBROUGH:** Carol service – Dec 21ST @ 10.45am
- **BEEFORD:** Carol Service followed by a seasonal afternoon tea – Dec 21ST @ 2.30PM
- **BRANDESBURTON:** Carol service – Dec 21ST @ 10.30am
- **DRIFFIELD:**
 - o Carol singing at the Benjamin Fawcett (Wetherspoons) - Dec 18TH @ 7.00PM
 - o Carol service – Dec 21ST @ 10.30am
- **Hornsea:**
 - o Informal carols, Readings, Drinks and Mince Pies – Dec 16TH @ 7.30PM
 - o Shoppers Service Carols – Dec 19TH @ 10.30am
 - o Carol service – Dec 21ST @ 10.30am
- **HUTTON CRANSWICK:**
 - o Carol Service – Dec 14TH @ 10.30am
 - o Carols round the Tree on the Green followed by hot drinks & mince pies at The White Horse – Dec 20TH @ 4.30PM
 - o Christmas Carol Sing-along in Foreman's Showroom – Dec 21ST @ 2.00PM
- **Leven:** Carol service – Dec 21ST @ 4.00PM
- **LUND:** Carol Concert by the Lund Singers, with supper at close – Dec 16TH @ 7.30PM
- **NEW ELLERBY:** Carol service – Dec 28TH @ 3.00PM
- **SKIRLAUGH:** Candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols followed by refreshments – Dec 17TH @ 7PM
- **THE WOLDS:** Ash Wednesday Service – Feb 18TH @ 7.00am



Other Events

- **ALDBROUGH:** Saturday 13th December; 10am. Christmas Coffee Morning.
- **BEEFORD:**
 - o Saturday 13th December; 10.30am – 2.30pm. We will be having a decorated Christmas tree in St. Leonard's Church. The display will also be open from 1pm Sunday before the Carol service at 2.30pm.
 - o Saturday 20th December; 10am – 12noon. Have the opportunity to make Christingles and a last-minute Christmas card, and various simple decorations. We will do bacon butties for those who want them, but feel free to just come and have tea or coffee and cake and join in our crafty get together.
 - o There will be no butties on Saturday 27th and no Sunday service on 28th.
- **BRANDESBURTON:** Saturday 20th December; 2.30pm. Concert by New Village Voices with Guest Performers. Followed by Refreshments.
- **HORNSEA:** SUNDAYS @ 6
 - o Our monthly evening service offers a variety of worship! Details for the next few months are:
7th Dec – Advent Praise
4th Jan – Epiphany Extravaganza
1st Feb – Candlemas & Christingles
- **HUTTON CRANSWICK:**
 - o Sunday 7th December; 10.30am. Advent and Shoebox Service
 - o Saturday 20th December; 3pm. Family Friendly Nativity Treasure Hunt round Hutton Cranswick followed by refreshments. Phone 07553226811 or 07553564443 to book Welcome Pack.
- **LEVEN:** Sunday 7th December; 4pm. Gift Service with donations for Salvation Army.
- **MAFFERTON:**
 - o The service on Sunday 14th December is United with the Parish Church followed by lunch.
 - o Christmas Day service will be followed by Christmas Lunch bookable on 07523976826
 - o The Covenant service in January will be followed by lunch.
- **NEW ELLERBY:** Saturday 6th December; 10.00am Christmas Coffee Morning
- **SKIRLAUGH:** Tuesday 16th December; 9.30am – 12noon. Christmas Coffee Shop



A LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIR:

Dear friends,

As some of you will know, the past few years have brought a number of health frustrations for me following some unexpected faints in January 2023. These have prompted ongoing reflection about sustainability and well-being.

Earlier this month I met with Occupational Health. Together we concluded that, for the sake of my long-term health, it would be wise for me to move into a part-time role in the next season of ministry.

After prayerful reflection, I have therefore informed the District Leadership Team of my intention to step down from the role of District Chair at the end of this connexional year. I will be seeking a part-time appointment, and the process of discerning a new District Chair will begin shortly.

It has been an enormous privilege to serve the Yorkshire North and East District since its inception in 2017. I will continue to savour the role and offer my best through to the summer and will do all I can to ensure a smooth and hopeful transition.

I would be grateful for your prayers during this period—both for those entrusted with guiding the District's next steps and for my own discernment as I seek the next phase of ministry.

With all good wishes,

Leslie



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