BENEFICE OF THE LOWER SWALE

United Parish of Kirkby Fleetham with Langton and Scruton

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2018

**SERVICES**

**JANUARY 7th 2018 Baptism of Jesus (white)**

10.00 am KIRKBY FLEETHAM United Holy Communion *Mr Garner*

 **14th JANUARY Epiphany 2**

9.30 am SCRUTON Morning Prayer *Dr and Mrs Ewart*

11.00 am KIRKBY FLEETHAM Holy Communion *Mrs Kettlewell*

**6.30 pm SCRUTON Benefice Evensong** *Mrs Lawther*

**21st JANUARY Epiphany 3**

9.30 am SCRUTON Holy Communion *Mrs Lawther and Mr Wood*

11.00 am KIRKBY FLEETHAM Morning Prayer *Mr Peirson*

11.00 am LANGTON Holy Communion

**28th JANUARY Epiphany 4**

9.30 am SCRUTON Holy Communion *Mrs Calder and Mrs Elmer*

11.00 am FENCOTE Holy Communion *Mrs Garner*

**4th FEBRUARY 2nd before Lent**

10.00 am SCRUTON United Holy Communion *Mr and Mrs Clarke*

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

Funerals at KIRKBY FLEETHAM
November 21st; **Dorothy Kirk**

December 1st; **Alan Young**

**FROM THE RECTORY (01609 773346)**

Ministry Changes in the Benefice:

I write this letter at a time of great change for the Benefice, a New Year beckons and a fresh start is in the air for us all.

Firstly I write with the news that Joan Bousfield a member of our ministry team and a long serving Reader in the Diocese has now retired from her position. At our Benefice Service on 31st of December at Scruton Church we will be making a presentation to her, marking her many years of service. In relation to that long-service Bishop Nick has kindly conferred upon her the Honorary Title of Reader Emeritus which I believe she richly deserves. Joan although standing down as an active Reader in the Diocese will still join us for worship at St. Helen’s and we wish her well as she now has a rest from the demands of public ministry.

I have really enjoyed working with Joan and she has been an excellent support to the Ministry Team over the years that I have been your Rector.

Following my official announcement on 10th December I myself will be moving on though not into retirement, at least not yet! I am delighted to have been offered a new post in the Diocese of Portsmouth where on the 22nd April I will be licensed as Team Rector Designate for a newly created mission community on the Isle of Wight. It has been a pleasure to have spent a little time in the glorious Yorkshire countryside, and I am sure that you will hold Carolyne and I in your prayers as we prepare over the next few months for our move back down South!

Ministry of course will carry on as usual whilst I am still here and do please look out for the dates for Adult Confirmation classes starting at the Rectory on the 9th January at 6pm, and for another round of Lent Courses beginning on Monday 19th February.

With my very best wishes to all of you for all that the New Year will bring.

With my prayers

***Clive***

**NOTICES**

KIRKBY FLEETHAM

*The Christmas Fayre for St Mary’s  Church raised £995 for church funds - a huge thank you to all who contributed and helped.*

*(There will be no coffee morning in January.)*

Did you get a book in your Christmas stocking? Come along to **Book Lovers Group on Tuesday 9th January in KF village hall library,** 7pm and share your reads. We don’t have a set book, we read what we enjoy, or not, and chat about the story line, authors and more, which opens up other genres to try -and there’s shelf loads of further books to choose from, whether old favourites or new authors. Make it a New Year’s Resolution to pop along and join us.

Saturday January 6th at 7.00pm in the village hall**: Dominoes** £2.00 to include light refreshments.

Thursday 11th January at 7.15 pm. In the Village Hall **Kirkby Fleetham WI -** home entertainment, catch up with friends, pay your subs, do a

puzzle and enjoy a good supper.

Thursday, January 25th: **Lunchbunch returns at 12.00 noon:** This month it’sVal’s Lasagne followed by Fran’s Chocolate Trifle, tea / coffee. Tickets £5.00 from KF Village Shop / Sheila (748066).

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*The coffee morning on 16rth December raised £364 towards the cost of the celebrations of the end of WW1 (one hundred years ago) Many thanks to all who contributed in any way. Look out for further information on the events planned.*

**St Radegund's Charity Christmas Card 2017**

It's with many thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's charity Christmas card that we're able to donate £780 to **Hambleton and Richmondshire Carers Centre.**

Saturday, January 20th 10– 12.30 pm **Festive Get Together coffee morning** in the Coore Memorial Hall

Saturday, January 20th , 7.30 pm in the Coore Memorial Hall **Domino Drive** £2 at the door

**FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Friday, February 2nd at 7.30 pm in Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall **More Travellers’ Tales – ‘*Sun, Sand, Sea & Safaris’ –*** Local speaker Sarah Maude returns to entertain us with an illustrated talk on her recent visit to Namibia. Tickets £5.00 (to include buffet supper)from KF Village Shop / Sheila (748066)

Monday 19th February. **Lent Courses will begin** (see next month’s newsletter for more details)

 *If you have any notices for the newsletter, please contact Katherine Lawther (748287), or on* *rjlawther@btinternet.com**. - I usually start typing during the third week of the month*