

St MARY'S CHURCH
Sunday services

4th December 9.15 All Age Worship led by Brian Snelson
11th December 9.15 Morning Prayer led by Liz Stott
18th December 4.00 pm Christingle service led by Rachel Wilson

24th December Christmas Eve
6.00 pm Christmas eucharist, celebrant Geoff Hollingsworth
11.30 pm Christmas eucharist at Pocklington

25th December no service at Huggate
9.15 Holy Communion service at Millington
10 a.m. Family Service at Pocklington
followed by "short" Holy Communion

1st January 9.15 Family Carol Service



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PLEASE send information BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH for the next edition, so that we can produce it promptly.

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Christmas Carol singing round the village

19th December;
meet at the post box
at 6 pm

Please join if you are able, and support a village tradition.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The November meeting of the Parish Council has been delayed due to absences. The council would like to thank everyone who attended the Quiz Night and made it so enjoyable.

Alfred Bean Minor Injuries Unit

Responses to the Urgent Care Consultation are needed.

Information and documents can be seen on the East Riding web site at <http://www.eastridingofyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/urgentcare/>

A letter requesting the retention of the Minor Injuries Unit can be downloaded from the Driffield Town Council web site, <http://www.driffieldtowncouncil.org.uk/> click on the "Leave our MIU where it's always Bean" banner at the top of the page.

If you want the unit to be kept, please make your support known.



**Ian and Anne Herbert
of Rectory Cottage
and
Martin and Lisbeth Short
of Cleveland House**

would like to wish everyone
**a very merry Christmas
and a happy New Year**

and are making donations to charity rather than sending individual cards

News from St. Mary's

A lot of maintenance and repair is being tackled to improve the use and look of the church.

Visitors may have noticed that the worn carpet, which was trapping damp in the floor and damaging the structure, was lifted in the summer. The paving is now drying out, and looks much better than the tired carpet. Some repairs to the roof and cleaning of the bell tower should start soon, along with removal of overgrown trees in the churchyard.

Long needed repairs to joinery, to make safe unstable flooring in the chancel, are also due shortly.

A plan is in place to extract the unused water storage tank from the north aisle, releasing some space for rearrangement or storage. As the tank has been boxed in by pews for many years, this operation may be something of an exciting spectacle!

Advice is being obtained about planning a lighting scheme which will both give better illumination for the congregation and show off the beautiful architecture of the building.

There are several baptism services, either recent or coming soon. The church is always pleased to welcome new members into the church family. Enquiries about baptism, for children or adults, are always welcome, as are enquiries about confirmation, marriage or any other church events. Contact Sue Dale (288233), Ruth Braithwaite (288422) or the parish office in Pocklington (01759 306045) for information.

Did you know? the present St. Mary's Church, previously dedicated to All Saints or All Hallows, was built in about 1220, replacing or expanding an earlier building. The font, where baptisms are still carried out, dates from the 15th century.

The special services to celebrate Christmas are listed overleaf. **Everyone is welcome at all of these.** Do come and join with friends in the traditions that have been marked here for hundreds of years.

