

Crib Service

Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m.

A short celebration for the children to enjoy the true Christmas story.

A very big THANK YOU!

We would just like to say a huge thank you to everybody who helps in church in whatever way that might be. The jobs that people do, the ministries that people take on, the roles that people fill and the duties that people cover are too many and too numerous to mention but without you all we would not be the Churches and Benefice that we are! We think that you are all great and we thank God for all of you. With love, James and Annabel

St.Stephen's Remembrance Garden

This notice picks up from the 'Old Chestnut' article in the November magazine. On behalf of the PCC I would just like to remind everybody that we will soon have a paving stone or pea shingled strip running alongside the boundary wall and we would ask everybody to please place their ornaments and additional items on that strip rather than on the memorial stones. We are doing this so that the Remembrance Garden area can be properly maintained and mowed on a regular basis without any fear of causing damage to stones or other valuable items. We do appreciate that this is a sensitive issue for people and we are very grateful for your understanding. On behalf of the PCC we would also like to thank David Coward, Bill Everett and Tom Evans for all the work they have put in to make the Remembrance Garden the special place that it is. James

Cornerstone

23rd December between 10.30am-12.30pm for mince pies, carols and mulled wine.

There will no cornerstone between Christmas and the New Year, we will meet again on the 4th January.

We would like to thank you all for your support over the last year and look forward to seeing you in 2016.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Copy for the **February "connect"** to Linda Fitzmaurice by 9th January please.

Email: editor.churches@hotmail.co.uk Thank you

Wow - what a wonderful Carol Service at St Leodegar's last Sunday!

It was a Carol Service which will stay in the memory of all those who attended. The church was beautifully decorated and the singing from congregation and singers led by John with his versatile playing was superb and uplifting.

Many people have commented on the experience, here is a sample of those comments:-

" express my appreciation of the wonderful pieces by the Singers hugely impressed with all the music in the service big thanks and well done."

" yesterday evening was brilliant. The three pieces that the singers did were very well chosen and superbly delivered. Not only that, the singing of the carols in general was also extremely uplifting"

" really enjoyed it. My husband who was a chorister many years ago plus many others thought it was really good"

" to all those who came to this year's Hunston carol service, congratulations on the excellent singing from the Singers and the congregation "

Carols in the Spotted Cow

Wednesday 23rd December 7:30 pm.

This is a very popular event and a great opportunity for outreach. We welcome as many as possible of the congregations of St Stephen's and St Leodegar's to join us in the leading of the singing of all the favourite Christmas Carols - please join us if you can.

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ITEMS FOR PRAYER

We pray for all those in residential care or housebound.

We pray for all those who are ill or in any kind of need and for those who care for them, and have specifically been asked to pray for:

Barry Hutchinson
Ben Morton
Lynn Mears
Brenda Gadd (receiving cancer treatment)
Ken Fallon (lost everything in house fire)
Sam & Wendy Simpson (Sam diagnosed with lung cancer)
Dave (head cancer - friend of Joanne Williams)
Elsie Morrison

Please note that in January 2016, the above prayer list will be cleared down - so please keep this Pew Sheet to remember those who have requested our prayers. Please let me know if you wish for a person listed above to be kept on the Pew Sheet.

Prayer for 4th week of Advent

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;
blessed is Mary your mother.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children who long for your coming.**

No Pew Sheet December 27th and Jan 3rd

If you have any items for the next pew sheet,
please notify Tony Jarman by Thursday 7th January.
Phone No: 786390 Email: tjandsue@googlemail.com



Parishes of North Mundham with Merston and Hunston Church Announcements 20th December 2015

Sunday Dec 20th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (with Sunday School Nativity)	N.Mundham
10:30 a.m.	Café Church	Hunston
6:00 p.m.	Candlelit Carol Service	N.Mundham

Readings: Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:39-45

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.	Crib Service	Hunston
11:30 p.m.	Midnight Communion	N.Mundham

Christmas Day

9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hunston
11:00 a.m.	Family Service	N.Mundham

Sunday Dec 27th - First Sunday of Christmas

9:30 a.m.	Morning Praise	N.Mundham
11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hunston

Readings: Exodus 33:7-11a John 21:20-25