

Saturday 13th December, 2025

10.0 - 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning - Christmas special - Admission by donation for church and charities



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11.15 a.m. - 12.15 p.m. - Recital by Harmonix (female voice choir) No entrance charge; donations to Church Fabric Fund

Saturday 13th December, 2025 - 2.30 p.m.

Joyous Christmas - An afternoon of festive music by **Isle Choral Singers** at **St Andrew's Church** Tickets £8 or pay at the door. Students £4.50

Sunday 14th December, 2025

3rd in Advent

10.30 a.m. - Mr David Chennells
4.0 p.m. - Café Church - Mrs Marilyn Hall

Monday 15th December, 2025

9.30 - 11.30 a.m. - CHATTERBOX
A cup of coffee, good conversation and a friendly ear

Monday 15th December, 2025

7.0 p.m. - Pantomime rehearsal
- Oh yes it is!



Wednesday 17th December, 2025

7.45 a.m. - Prayer meeting by Zoom

Friday 19th December, 2025

2.0 p.m. - Wesley Knitters

Saturday 20th December, 2025

10.0 a.m. - Churches together singing carols with instrumental accompaniment in the Market Place. **A witness to our unity in Christ**
Come and join in this short, happy time singing and playing the old songs.

Sunday 21st December, 2025

Fourth in Advent

10.30 a.m. - Mrs Val Hackney
6.0 p.m. - Candlelight Carols - Rev. Deborah Caulk

Wednesday 24th December, 2025

Christmas Eve



4.0 p.m. Rev. Debbie Caulk - Crib service
6.0 p.m. Carol singing round the tree in Market Place
7.0 p.m. Rev. Debbie Caulk Communion

Thursday 25th December, 2025

10.0 a.m. - Rev. Stuart Gunson - All-age worship for Christmas Day

Christmas Card Tree - Write a Christmas card to the whole Church family and hang it on the tree. If you would also like to make a donation to December's chosen charity, which this year is NICEF Envelopes are available. Many thanks and God bless you all.

Saturday 3rd January 2026 - 3.0 p.m.

Nativity Pantomime

Adults £5 - Accompanied Children under 16 free - Tickets available from the church on Mondays 9.30-11.0 a.m. or telephone Dave on 0784 6245358



Ticking off items on the list

Do you ever feel as though you are simply making lists and then dismissing the items one by one? Last week I wrote about the Peatlands Railway gig; well, it came and went. It was pleasant sitting - even though it was cold! - with musician friends playing music for our own pleasure.

Then on Wednesday I sang in the annual Lydian Choir Christmas concert, part of which will be repeated at the **Festival of Christmas trees** event in Old Brumby United Church, Ashby on **Saturday 13th December at 11.30 a.m.**, raising funds for the Hospice. It's part of a whole weekend of very varied musical performances, all free, but with an invitation to donate to support the Hospice. All around the inside of church will be a variety of Christmas trees decorated by various groups in and around Scunthorpe, and there is a team at the church providing refreshments, also in aid of the Hospice. If you are shopping in Scunthorpe on Saturday, you might find it a pleasant break with a variety of performers and a cup of coffee.

We should also be girding up our loins for the Churches Together event next weekend. It has become a tradition to gather in the Market Place and spend a short time in fellowship with our friends of other denominations singing a few carols. It is a witness to outsiders, but it is even more important to feel the unity that is much greater than any difference. Why not join in, even if only for part of the time? It would be a great encouragement to us all..


Church locking rota We are grateful to those who open a lock up church each day. It is good that we are open for visitors and for those wanting a place for quiet reflection. John is preparing next year's rota of volunteers. If you would like to take part please let him know. We unlock about 10.0 a.m. and lock up about 4.0 p.m. summer, and earlier in winter months.

For salvation is nearer to us
now than when we became
believers; the night is far gone,
the day is near.

Romans ch. 13 v. 11&12 (NIV)



There is a lot to celebrate about that little Babe who was laid in a manger. Christians celebrate Christmas because they are thankful for the promise of salvation, which was delivered in human flesh and named Jesus.
- Monica Johnson

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	Our Church Prayer chain is now using WhatsApp, which is totally encrypted, adding to our security and privacy policy. If you have a prayer request (with permission from the recipient) or wish to know more about becoming part of the Prayer Group, please contact Pauline - 01427 875478 or Pat - 0777 6490275 in the first instance.

Five Haiku Poems About Advent

1. Anticipation's Whisper

Silent snowflakes fall,
Advent whispers hope and love,
In winter's cold thrall.

2. Candle's Warm Embrace

Candlelight flickers,
Advent's promise in the dark,
Warmth in winter's stark.

3. Dance of Joy

Joy dances freely,
In Advent's silent arrival,
Winter's lively revival.

4. Peaceful Offering

Peace descends like doves,
Gift of love this Advent time,
In our hearts it thrives.

5. Love's Echo

Love calls out, strong, clear,
In the quiet of Advent,
Bethlehem's echo near.

From the web site of 'The Teaching Couple'

These poems all follow the pattern of the Japanese haiku - a strict pattern of a three-line verse, containing 5, 7 and 5 syllables respectively.



Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand. - Mother Teresa



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Notices for the week commencing

Sunday 14th December, 2025

Third in Advent



Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart. - Washington Irving