

# THE UNITED BENEFICE OF SHERBURN in ELMET with BARKSTON ASH, AND SAXTON

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## 6 December 2009 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT WELCOME

*we ask that you keep the last five minutes before the services (a bell will be rung before the main service at Sherburn), and the time during the administration of Holy Communion, for quiet prayer and reflection*

**A special welcome** to our Family/'First Sunday' Services today at Barkston and Sherburn. **Refreshments** are served after both these services.

**Thank you to Year 11 pupils** from Sherburn High School for the display of watercolour paintings of Sherburn church.

**The ecumenical Christmas Services cards** are now here! Thank you very much to Jenny Clark for bundling up the cards for Sherburn. Would you all please take as many as you can to deliver round all the villages.

**David & Kathleen Lovatt's move to York:** things happened so fast! They will still be here on a few more occasions, and a proper farewell will take place on 31 January when there will be a Benefice Eucharist at Saxton.

**DAY BY DAY SCHEME:** see book and cabinet at the back of Sherburn Church; sponsoring a special day to remember costs just £50 (preferably gift-aided). There are no dates sponsored during the coming week.

**Your prayers are asked for those who are ill: Saxton with Towton -** Maureen Sanderson, Carol Wilkes. **Barkston Ash and Sherburn -** Victoria Nuss, Dorothy Gilbertson, Eleanor Nadimi, Barbara Evans, Caroline Halliday, Maureen Symmonds, Gladys Potts, Gwan Sykes, Rachel Stanton, Edith Chapman, Alfie Fiske, Bernadette Keane, Sue Sharp, Dorothy Bedford, Evelyn Hampshire, Henry Bentley, David Wiseman. **Please ensure you tell Angie Wilton of any changes to keep this list up to date.**

We pray for those who have died recently: Gladys Marchant (88), Marion Howgate (82), Alan Oldfield (69), 'Smithy', Michael Stephen (Mick) Culklin (55). **May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

*Please tell Fr Chris if you know of anyone needing Communion or a visit at home, or who is in hospital.*

## DIARY

### Today, 6 December

	<b>6.30pm Healing Eucharist (Sherburn)</b>
	7.30pm Wedding rehearsal (Potts/Martin) (Sherburn)
Monday 7	12 noon Barkston Village Lunch (The Old Post Office, Barkston) - <i>first Monday of every month</i>
Tuesday 8	6.30pm Guides (Sherburn Church Hall)
	7.30pm Bell Ringers' Christmas dinner (Kirk Deighton)
Wednesday 9	11.00am Funeral of Marion Howgate (Pontefract Crematorium)
	7.15pm Midweek Eucharist (Sherburn)
Thursday 10	11.00am Eucharist (Hill Top Manor) <i>postponed from last week</i>
	5.30pm Children's Choir (Sherburn Church Hall)
	<i>More info from Susan Taylor (<a href="mailto:susan@cooltailors.plus.com">susan@cooltailors.plus.com</a>; 01977 685132)</i>
Friday 11	6.40pm Choir Practice (Sherburn)
	9.30am <i>Fr Chris conducts funeral of Alan Oldfield at Church Fenton</i>
Saturday 12	10.30am Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning (Sherburn Church Hall) for the Organ Fund
	3.00pm Marriage of Andrew Stephen Potts and Colette Andrea Martin (Barkston Ash)

### Worship next Sunday, 13 December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9.15am Eucharist CW1 (Barkston)
- 10.30am Family Service (Saxton)
- 10.45am Eucharist CW1 (Sherburn) (*not Sung Eucharist*)
- 12.15pm Holy Baptism (Sherburn)
- 3.00pm Cello Concert (Sherburn Church)
- 6.30pm Evensong (Sherburn)

• **NEXT SUNDAY, 13 December - last in autumn concert series, 3pm (Sherburn church):** Cello concert, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall - £5 adults; £2 children. Details from Paul 01977 682691. Proceeds now to be for church and the cello teacher's choice of charity.

• **Saturday 19 December:** Come and listen to the carol singing at the Co-op by the choir at 9.30am, and then come to Sherburn church, first to give it a good **clean** as the organ restoration will be completed (great news!), and then to **decorate** for Christmas. Lorraine would also like someone to collect window arrangements from her shop in Finkle Court please, as she will not be available until after the shop is closed. **HELP IS THEREFORE URGENTLY NEEDED!!**

• **Sunday 20 December, 6.30pm:** Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sherburn, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. The refreshments are organised, but volunteers

to set up the Hall and serve them are needed please - speak to Angie or the churchwardens.

• **Sunday 27 December: PLEASE NOTE** - just be one service that day. Benefice Eucharist at Sherburn at 10.00am.

• **"First Sunday Service" at Sherburn** - 9.30am, first Sunday of every month (not normally a service at 10.45am as well on those days). Next is 3 January, Epiphany. **Also on 3 January, at 6.30pm**, there will be a Festal Sung Eucharist at Sherburn to celebrate the Epiphany.

• **Sherburn Sinfonietta:** next rehearse Sunday 10 January in Sherburn Church Hall, 2.30pm-4.30pm.

• **Sunday 24 January 2010, 10.00am:** Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Selby. Please speak to Fr Chris if you wish to be confirmed; preparation classes will take place after Christmas. Please note there will be no services at Barkston or Saxton that day. In the evening, there will be no service at Sherburn, as you are all encouraged to attend the service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 6.30pm at the Methodist church in Sherburn.

• **Christmas cards** now available featuring views of all three churches. Contact Pat Buckley on 01977 684139 or Joan Bynoe on 01977 683306.

*Please take these notices away with you as a reminder of events, and perhaps a further copy for someone unable to be here today.*

• **Don't forget Sponsor a Pipe (£5 per pipe) for Sherburn Organ Fund - Ken Stott (01937 830148) or Paul or Rosemary (682691).**