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Wrawby's next 'Vicar'

The legal side will probably take years to sort out!

But, for practical purposes, Wrawby now has a new 'Vicar'. She is the Revd Marie Thorne, who for the last two years has been Curate of Brigg.

At a service in Wrawby Church on 22 November, the Archdeacon of Stow, the Ven Roderick Wells, was due to extend Marie's licence from the Bishop allowing her to work in the area for another three years.

At the same service, the arrangements were to be confirmed by which the three parishes of Brigg, Cadney (with Howsham) and Wrawby are to work together.

The result is that the Revds Geoff Neale (Vicar of Brigg) and Marie Thorne are now sharing responsibility for the three parishes - with Marie having special responsibility for Wrawby.

Marie admits to being excited at the way things have worked out and looks forward to making many new friends in the village. There is an unconfirmed possibility that she will come to live in Wrawby Vicarage. Meanwhile she may be contacted at 5 Winston Way, Brigg DN20 8UA (Tel Brigg 655609).

For a profile of Marie, see page four

The Revd Marie Thorne

*newly appointed Deacon with special responsibility for
Wrawby - with her husband Keith*



Bishop's Return Visit

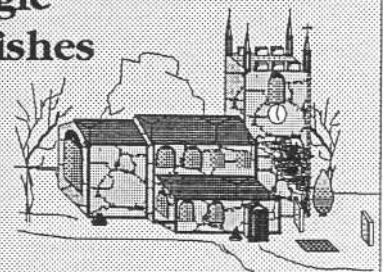
After his successful visit to Wrawby School in October, the Bishop of Grimsby, the Rt Revd David Tustin, will be taking part in a pre-Christmas FAMILY SERVICE at St Mary's Church on Sunday 20 December at 10.30 am.

As usual the service will include plenty of activity in which young children can take part and - again as usual - parents will be involved in the planning and running of the service.

This month the planning meeting will be on Monday 7 December at 8.0 pm at Park Lea, Barton Road. This will also be the first Family Service in which Marie Thorne will be involved. It should be a very special occasion.

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Who's Who in Wrawby

St Mary's Parish Church

Clergy:
 Revd Marie Thorne
 5 Winston Way, Brigg 655609
 Revd Geoff Neale
 10 Glanford Road, Brigg 653989
 Churchwardens:
 Nigel Good 653072
 Colin Day 653122
 Deputy Churchwardens:
 Stephen Caldwell 553575
 Derek Bunting 552542
 Honorary Verger:
 Alex Rankin 652871
 Honorary Treasurer:
 Michael Pigdon 655044
 Honorary Secretary:
 Susan Day 653699
 Organists:
 Helen Marsden 658578
 Dora Dawson 653503

Wrawby Methodist Church

Minister:
 Revd David Woodward
 16 St James Road, Brigg 658268
 Church Stewards:
 Charles Standerline 656410
 Derek Standerline 656410
 Jim Marr 50144
 Robert Wright 652418
 Church Treasurer:
 John Wright 652195
 Organists:
 Mrs E.Wright 652418
 Mrs Enid Hall 655437
 Ladies Friendship Circle
 (Thursdays fortnightly 7.45 pm
 in Schoolroom)
 Mrs Marshall 653141

**WANTED :
 A Peg in the Vestry**

Canon Ted Greathead looks back over the last ten months at St Mary's

On 22 November I shall come to the end of my time as Parish Minister at Wrawby. I started on 26 January this year, when Basil Templeton returned to South Africa. So I have been trying to keep the show on the road for almost ten months.

In January your future was uncertain and many people were feeling very gloomy. In spite of the gloom, some of you were determined that at least two things that Basil Templeton had started were going to succeed- the monthly Family Service (which was really a revival of something you had done before) and the Pram Service.

Both these are now well established and the number of people attending them is growing steadily. The Pram Service is never less than twenty, and the Family Service hovers around the fifty to sixty mark. Well done! I'm proud of you.

But there are other things too. A small group meets regularly at John Cole 's house and there's just a chance that it will, in time, grow into a lay ministry team.

And then there is the Church of England Junior School, now coming to church at least once a term and bringing a lot of parents along as well. This piece of co-operation was particularly notable at the Harvest Festival; not only did we raise a considerable sum for overseas aid but we enjoyed the fun and

fellowship of the Harvest Hoe Down with the Stubble jumpers (appropriately named!).

Basil Templeton also encouraged the monthly joint Anglican/Methodist Family Service at the Methodist Church and this too has continued and could also be a growing point for joint work in the future. Because of my other duties I have been unable to attend any of these joint services but I hope to be able to join in after Christmas when I shall not be so busy as I have been so far.

Some very good work has been done on the parish magazine - until recently only bought and read by a select few and now supplied free of charge to every house in the parish. The news sheet is most attractively produced and has had a considerable impact on the community at large - already, even though this is only the third issue. So, once again, congratulations to the people who have produced it and the army of volunteers who see to the distribution of it.

A year ago there was doom and gloom; but now you've decided where you are going and everything looks much brighter.

One accidental spin-off from the new partnership with Brigg and Cadney is that there is a real possibility, not yet quite a certainty, that Wrawby Vicarage will not be sold and will continue to be occupied by a Minister for the next three years.

So, haven't you done well? I'm really very proud of you all. I have just one little request: Could I have a peg in the vestry with my name on it, please? It is very important for a retired clergyman to know he has a place to hang his cassock. It makes him feel he's still wanted.

Yours with love

Ted Greathead

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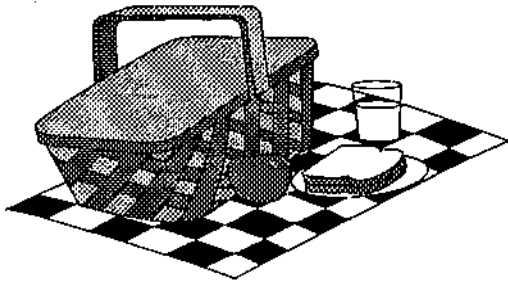
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Lunchtime Discussion Group



Kate Marr and Val Whitaker are keen to start an informal lunchtime discussion group in the new year - to meet once a month.

The aim would be to invite a speaker to introduce a topic, opening up after 10-15 minutes to a general discussion.

Absolutely anyone can attend - there are no barriers because of age, sex or beliefs, although a creche will be organised for the very young! All are invited to share a communal bread and cheese lunch.

The first meeting is arranged for Tuesday January at Tout Pres, Little Lane, Wrawby, from 12 noon.

This will be an open session, fixing times for future meetings and deciding topics to be explored.

Suggested topics so far include: Being a parent, Healing, Health topics, The Third World, Friendship, Motherhood, Listening, Caring.

To find out more or to see if it appeals to ring Val on Brigg 657908.

Hold on to your Christingle

An orange, banded with red ribbon, spiked with dried fruit and nuts, and topped by a lighted candle - this is a CHRISTINGLE. It symbolises Christ the light of the world.

You can hold your Christingle as part of the ever popular Christingle Service at St Mary's on Sunday 13 December at 2.30 pm.

This joyful, informal service is held in aid of the Children's Society. It includes seasonal songs, the Christmas Crib and, of course, the children's Christingle procession.

Children are invited to bring a filled collecting envelope and will receive a Christingle in exchange. As last year, hopefully, envelopes will be available from school and also from the Children's Society's local secretary, Mrs Barbara Green, Waverley, Little Lane, Wrawby.

The crowded church and the candle-light make the Christingle service a very special occasion. Young or not so young, you are very welcome.

Who's Who in Wrawby

Wrawby C.E. Controlled Primary School
Headteacher:

Mrs Jenny Porteous 655579

Wrawby Under Fives:

(Mon-Fri 9.15-11.45 am next to the school)

Mrs Michelle Wright 655698
Mothers and Toddlers

[Tuesdays 1.30-3.15 pm term-time next to school

Mrs Michelle Wright 655698 Pram Service
(Anglican/Methodist)

(2.0 pm 1st Thurs monthly - see diary for venue) Mrs Jane Caldwell 653575

District Councillor:
Mr Dick Long

653084

Parish Council - Chairman:

Mr Keith Daine

653029

Wrawby Windmill Club

(Wednesdays 2-4 pm in the Parish Room)

Mrs Leahy

Community Policeman:

P.C.Dargue

650222

Wrawby O.A.P. Fund:

Mrs Mary Topps

655323

Wrawby Junior Football Team

Mr Dave Wright

652546

Wrawby Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Gerry Dent

653909

Wrawby Post Mill

Mrs Susan Day

653699

Playing Fields

Committee J.Davis

657095

Don't Miss!

CHRISTMAS FAIRE

Saturday 5 December

2.0 pm in the Parish Room

for OAP funds

Winter Quarters for the Pram Service

From this month the Pram Service, held on the first Thursday each month at 2.0 pm, will take place in the Methodist Church. The service will follow its usual informal pattern with play time and refresh menu afterwards. All parents and small children welcome.

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Christmas Cheer

John Cole observes that we can't stay cheerful on the cheap!

"Consumer confidence," we are told, "is what is needed to get this country out of recession." Well, I suppose I know what they mean..

For you and me it probably amounts to this: Do we feel we can afford to go on the usual spending spree this Christmas? Are we sure that we will go on getting a steady income next year?

Now you might expect me, as a clergyman, to complain that all this worry about money just shows how far this nation (you and I) has fallen for the sin of greed. But in fact, the question about our 'consumer confidence' is a remarkably religious one:

Whether or not people choose to spend their money says a lot about how secure people are - or how hopeful. It is a good indicator of whether they think life for them is going to get better or worse.

When people worry about their job or the size of their pension, they are facing a religious issue. They're not asking traditional 'churchy' questions (like "How can I be saved?") but, in their unease about the future, they are implicitly asking, "Can we really be hopeful any more?"

Christians believe God got directly involved in his world at a very similar unstable period in history. The baby born in the manger at Bethlehem didn't seem to have much future. And the story of what happened when the child became a man - and got unjustly put to death on a cross - doesn't seem to offer much hope either.

But then, does it? God getting directly involved, God living in Christ with us in all our hopes and frustrations. What matters is noticing him - or perhaps, more helpfully, letting him find us.. There is something here which provides good reason for some Christmas cheer - but it doesn't come on the cheap. What do you reckon?

Introducing the Revd Marie Thorne

Marie Thorne describes herself as excited at the prospect of being involved with Wrawby. She has heard good news of "shoots beginning to grow" and she looks forward to nurturing these and encouraging people. "The basic plank of my ministry is encouragement," she says.

Marie is a native of Cleethorpes. She was ordained Deacon six years ago after completing three years' training. Before that she was, in her own words, "full-time mother and part-time library assistant."

Marie's husband Keith works for Conoco. Daughter Katherine is now in her third year of teacher training at the College of Ripon and York St John. Her other daughter Rebecca is working for 'A' levels at John Leggott College before going next August to the Queen's Medical Centre to train as a nurse.

Marie came to Brigg as Curate two years ago. Before that she was on the staff of St Aidan's Cleethorpes which had been her home parish before ordination.

The call to ministry had been with her since teenage. She remembers meeting a Deaconess when she herself was 17 and thinking "This is what I have always wanted to do". At that stage it all seemed impossible. The key was when non-residential training courses were introduced about ten years ago. No longer did she have to go away to college and leave her family in order to train.

The recent vote about whether or not women should be ordained priest has been a traumatic time. Over the years she had learned to live with the fact that she had to watch while male priests presided at the Holy Communion. In recent months expectations have been raised; and, whatever the outcome of the vote, there's a new situation to learn to live with Even now that we know the



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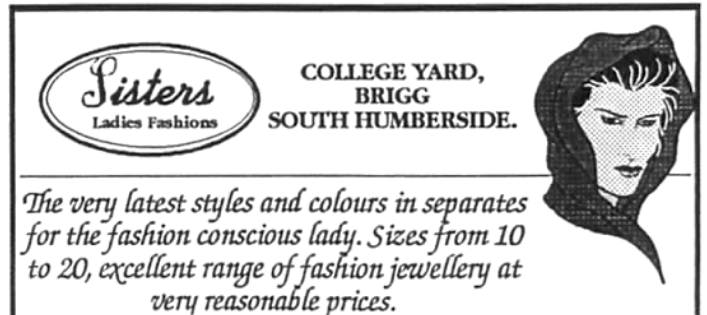
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vote is 'Yes', we are told that it will still be two years before any of the existing Deacons are ordained Priest.

Marie was asked about her special interests - what was it that made her different from anyone else? "There's nothing that makes me different," she replied. "That's the whole point. I'm no different to anyone else, so hopefully I can understand how people feel because that's how I feel."

We welcome Marie and her family and wish her every happiness in her ministry with us.

'Open Gardens' suggested for Wrawby

Other villages have done it and enjoyed it. Perhaps now it is Wrawby's turn.

The suggestion has been made that sometime next summer - as a community and fund-raising event - we should host 'WRAWBY OPEN GARDENS', inviting members of the public to look round gardens in our village.

Already one or two people have agreed to open their gardens, but lots more offers are needed to make the event viable.

Different types of garden are needed to make it interesting for visitors - large and small gardens, formal and cottage, dry, damp (even boggy!), shaded, south-facing, west-facing.. Don't be shy about volunteering yours!

In January a small committee will be set up to organise the event. However, for the moment the call goes out for all Wrawby's keen gardeners to assist on the day, take charge of a plant stall, grow plants for sale, serve teas and refreshments etc.

If you would like to get involved in this venture, please contact Val Whitaker on Brigg 657908.

Some Wrawby Events during December 1992

To include your events in future issues, phone 657484

DECEMBER

3 Thursday

2.0 pm Pram Service at Methodist Church

7.45 pm Ladies Friendship Circle at Methodist Church:

Christmas Flowers: Mrs Dodd

5 Saturday

2.0 pm Christmas Fayre for OAP funds in Wrawby School

2.0 pm Townswomen's Guild Carol Service at St Mary's

6 ADVENT 2

St Mary's: 10.30 am Holy Communion

6.0 pm Evensong

Methodist: 6.0 pm Divine Worship

11 Friday

2.0 pm Community Carols and Mince Pies in Wrawby School for parents and Senior Citizens

13 ADVENT 3

St Mary's: 6.0 pm Holy Communion

2.30 pm Christingle

Methodist: 10.30 am Family Service

6.0 pm Divine Worship

15 Tuesday

10.30 am Playgroup Christmas Party in Wrawby School

1230 pm Windmill Club Xmas lunch at The Thatch, Broughton

1.30 pm Wrawby lower School Christmas Party

16 Wednesday

1.30 pm Wrawby Upper School Christmas Party

17 Thursday

7.45 pm Ladies Friendship Circle at Methodist Church:

Carols and readings for Christmas

18 Friday

2.0 pm Wrawby School Carol Service at St Marys

20 ADVENT 4

St Mary's: 10.30 am Family Communion - with the Bishop of Grimsby

Methodist: 6.0 pm Christmas Carol Service - followed by refreshments

6.30 pm Wrawby School children singing carols at Redholme

22 Tuesday

7.0 pm Christmas Carol Service at St Marys (refreshments)

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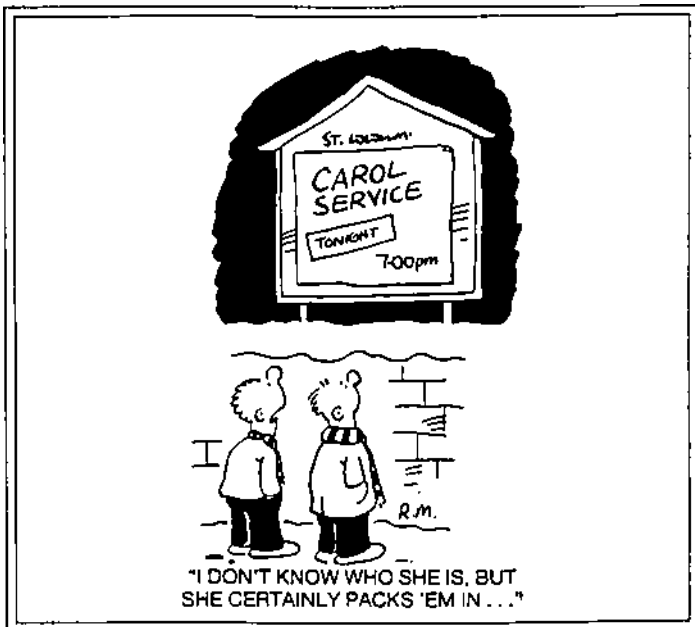
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News in brief

Thanks to Wrawby folk for your generosity. As a result of various Harvest events, £437 was given to 'Africa in Crisis' at the beginning of November. Mrs Knapton from Oxfam received the cheque at a ceremony in school.

It is not too late to join a preparatory group if you would like to consider Confirmation next Spring. A class for young people (secondary school age) meets on Wednesdays at 6.30 pm (contact Marie Thorne - 655609) while adults are meeting on Fridays at 2.0 pm (contact Geoff Neale - 653989)

Finally - there is a rumour that Father Christmas will be touring the streets of Wrawby sometime in December. It is also hoped that a carol singing party can be organised.

A new pattern for Sunday Worship for the New Year

The Revd Geoff Neale explains

The three Church Councils of Brigg, Cadney and Wrawby have agreed to an overall pattern of Sunday worship which will come into effect on Sunday 3rd January.

There has had to be 'give and take' to accommodate each other's needs and the main modifications for each church are: CADNEY's 9.00 am services on the first and third Sundays will move to 10.45 am as from 6 December.


WRAWBY's 10.30 services will be at 10.45 am on the Second, Third (Family Service) and Fifth Sundays, with 8.0 am services on the other Sundays. The Family Service at the Methodist Church is not affected.

BRIGG's 9.30 services will move to 9.15 am and the monthly 8.0 am BCP Communion and 9.15 am Family Service will move to the Second Sunday in the month.


Sunday	BRIGG	CADNEY	WRAWBY
In month			8.0 am Holy Communion
First	9.15 am Parish Communion	10.45 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Family Service <i>(Wrawby Methodist Ch)</i>
	6.0 pm Evensong		6.0 pm Evensong
Second	8.0 am Holy Communion		10.45 am Holy Communion
	9.15 am Family Service		6.0 pm Evensong
	6.0 pm Evensong		8.0 am Holy Communion
Third	9.15 am Parish Communion	10.45 am Holy Communion	10.45 am Family Service
	6.0 pm Evensong		6.0 pm Evensong
Fourth	9.15 am Parish Communion		10.45 am Holy Communion
	6.0 pm Evensong		6.0 pm Evensong
Fifth	9.15 am Parish Communion	10.45 am Holy Communion	8.0 am Holy Communion
	6.0 pm Evensong		6.0 pm Evensong

Please pray for the clergy and PCCs as we all adjust to these changes.


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COMMENT

by Nigel Good, Churchwarden at St Mary's

Christmas Wishes

As I write these notes at the beginning of November, thoughts of Christmas and its associated good cheer are far from my mind. The last few days have been especially difficult, distressing and full of sadness, and the joys of Christmas seem a long way away.

When you read these words, you may already be seeing Christmas cards drop through your letterbox. I wonder, as you read the words on the cards, what they mean to you. Words like "Seasons Greetings", "Happy Christmas", "May the joys of the season be with you", "Best wishes" appear on most cards. But what exactly are they saying?

The sending and receiving of Christmas cards is a simple way on communicating with one another. The cards tell someone that you are in another person's thoughts (even if only once a year); they are a reminder of friendship, of family, of memories, of holidays.

Receiving cards can bring a lot of joy and comfort, especially to those who live one or who are going through a bad patch. There is a saying that "no man is an island" and that "you are never one". A Christmas card is a tangible sign that this is true.

What is it then that we are sharing as we send these greetings? We celebrate the birth of a child, born in a manger in a small country in the Middle East. But he was a very special child, this Jesus. He was a tangible sign of God's love for all of us, a wish to be remembered.

However, this sharing of love was not just for this time of year but for every day. A word of kindness or sympathy or greeting can be of great comfort, can bring renewed strength, and mean all the difference to those who are especially down and feeling alone.

This is something that I can certainly vouch for. So please don't just send your good wishes at Christmas; send them all the time.

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have sent messages and shown concern for me over these days. Time may well heal, but certainly your good wishes and friendship have helped.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and the blessing of a safe and successful New Year.

Editor's Note: Readers of the local newspaper may recall that a few weeks ago Nigel was innocently and tragically involved in a fatal road accident. We pray that God may be with him and with the family of the one who died.

Sidesmen at St Mary's during December

6 10.30 am Mrs M.Herring	6.00 pm Mrs B.Green
13 8.00 am Mr B.Knight	2.30 pm Mr.C.Day
20 10.30 am Mr G.Couch	
27 8.00 am Mr B.Taylor	6.00 pm Mr K.Daine
3 Jan 8.00 am Miss M.Standeriine	6.00 pm Mrs S.Day

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Christmas Services

in Wrawby,
Brigg
and Cadney

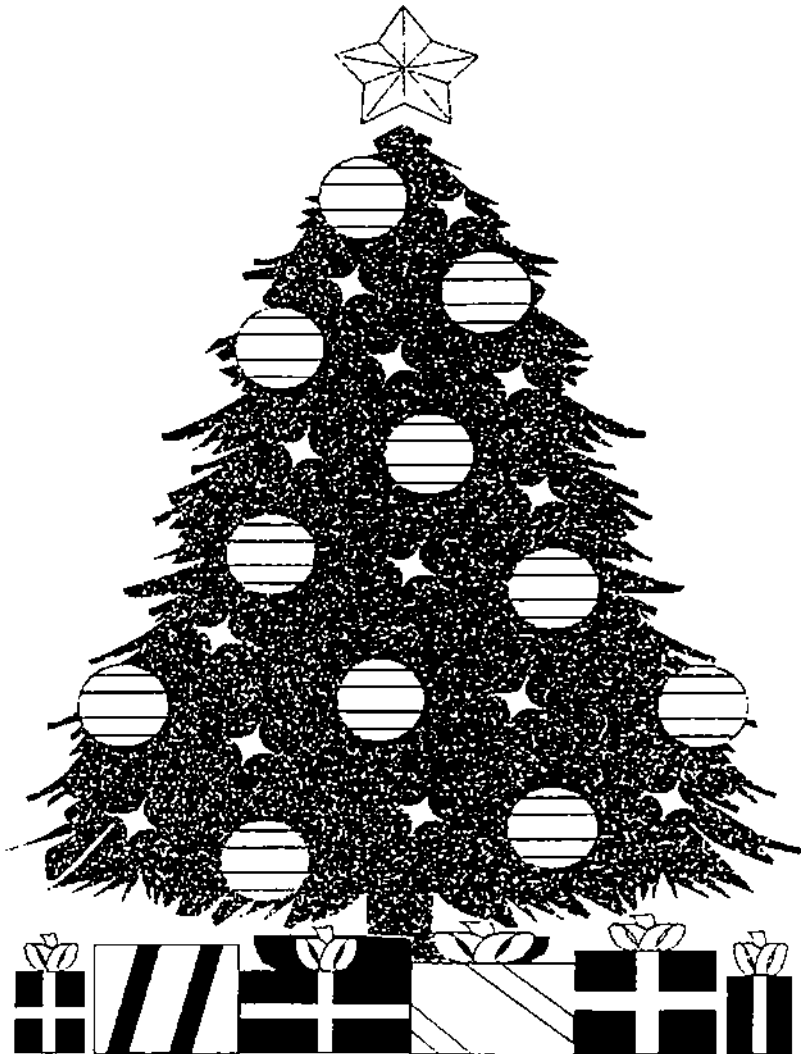
Carol Services

Friday 18 December
7.30 pm at Cadney Church
Carols by Candlelight
(followed by refreshments)

Sunday 20 December
6.0 pm at Wrawby Methodist Church
Carol Service
(followed by refreshments)

Sunday 20 December
6.0 pm at St John's, Brigg
Festival of Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 22 December
7.0 pm at St Mary's, Wrawby
Service of Lessons and Carols
(followed by refreshments)



Christmas Eve

4.0 pm at St Mary's, Wrawby
Children's Carol Service and
Blessing of the Christmas Crib

6.30 pm at St John's, Brigg
'The Christmas Welcome'

presented by the Children's Church
and Young People's groups

8.30 pm at Cadney

The Christmas Eucharist

(Rite A)

11.0 pm at St Mary's, Wrawby
The Christmas Eucharist
(Rite A Communion)

Christmas Day

8.0 am at St John's, Brigg
Holy Communion
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)

9.30 am at St John's, Brigg
Family Service and Holy Communion
(Rite A - shortened)

*A warm welcome awaits you at all these
Christmas services.*

*All are 'united' services, open to folk from
the three parishes
and to members of all Christian traditions.*