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## **MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 4 December @ 7pm in the Neighbourhood Centre and the first meeting of the new year will be on Tuesday 8 January.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. There is also a 15-minute period allowed at the end of the formal business to take questions from the public. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk or the Parish Council website and are posted both in the Library and on the Parish Noticeboard in Norton Drive.

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Assistant Clerk is Clare Wilsdon.

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[www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

## **EDITORIAL**

What a spectacular show of poppies, cornflowers, wreaths silhouette Tommies, a War Horse and Dove of Peace around the village to celebrate the ending of WW1. Everyone involved should feel immense pride in their efforts, you all did Minster proud - WELL

DONE!!

Remembrance Day Parade and the following Service were also well attended by villagers, friends and families alike, I am told there was a record 540 adults and 129 children who attended the Church Service - thank you to everyone who attended I'm sure you'll all agree it was a very moving Service.

The Nations Tribute 'Battle's O'er' at the Church in the evening was also well attended and very poignant, with a Proclamation from the Queen, Pipes and Bugle, lighting of the Beacon and the Church Bells, all made it a fitting end to a not to be soon forgotten day.

We have a huge colour spread of images from all of the above and thanks go collectively to: Alan Gimes, Alan Green, Ben Hollands, Diane Cotterill, Derek Crow-Brown, Francesca Elizabeth, Jenny Owen, Kerry Hogben, Lorraine Caldwell, Nik Mitchell, Peter Barnett, Sarah Christie, Stephanie Thompson and Sue Jezzard for allowing us to publish their photographs. (Apologies if I've missed anyone)

On a different note, but definitely worth a mention, I'm sure no one can have

failed to notice the new clock at W.S.Cole & Son halfway up the High Street, what a spectacular timepiece and a worthy addition to the 'village scene'.

Thank you, Jonathan, Nicolette and Chris it is a great feature that should outlive all of us, I particularly like to see it at night when it is illuminated.

Finally, some of you will have noticed I've been driving a Fiat 500 'peppermint bug' just recently, due to having been involved in a small accident in Tothill, no injuries I'm glad to report. I'm also pleased to say I've now got my own car back and thanks go to Paul and Martin at B.A.R. for the superb job their staff have made of it, thank you.

## **JOYCE SEATH**

I would like to wish... all Minster friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I am now residing at Grosvenor Court Care Home, First Ave, Cliftonville and would love to hear from you.

I send my love and best wishes to you all.

Joyce Seath

## **MINSTER POPPY PROJECT**

Congratulations to everyone who joined in this project and made it such a success. The final count was 17,365. Whether you made one poppy or 3,000 poppies, whether you sewed some together or found the art of cable tying, your input was welcome and invaluable. Many people came to the village to view, comment and photograph our poppies. Please note that this project was funded by everyone who took part and no public money was spent on it. A few people donated money and some donated wool for others to use. A true community project and I was proud to be a part of it. It's been a long and happy journey.

**BUT:**

By the time you read this the Remembrance Day Poppy displays will have all been taken down and replaced with Christmas.

At the moment they are being dried out, after all the rain we've had and they will be stored.

**SO:**

What next for the Poppies???. Suggestions are required. Does anyone want to keep some, buy some and give money to the Poppy Appeal, or revamp them for next year.

Suggestions welcome. Please contact me with all ideas.

Telephone: 07874 214 279 or email: [barbaraquittenden@hotmail.com](mailto:barbaraquittenden@hotmail.com)

## **MINSTER – IN THE RED!**

Having been away for a few days we came back down Tothill Street. Villagers had been very busy. The poppies were stunning, I then noticed the decorations around the lampposts. Into the High Street the Union Flags flying, then down to

the Church. I did not expect to see so many poppies. Village Hall, Lych Gate and the wonderful stream of poppies against the Church wall. Minster was at its best (well as good as the Christmas trees!)

I had seen in the paper a group had knitted 5,000 poppies, locals in Norwich made 15,000 and we had beaten them with our 17,000!  
When villagers get together as a team it is at its very best.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Barbara Q as it was her idea, also to John for helping, to the poppy knitters, the sewing group and those who tied and hung the decorations, the ladder climbers and everyone else who gave their time.

A large number of people have come into the village to take photos, but the number one spot has to have been the BBC local news on Monday 5 November, when Minster was on the TV. Seeing a number of villagers who had taken part was brilliant, Barbara who had the initial idea was now speaking on tv, what a wonderful end from one small idea!

*'A Poppy Knitter'*

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## **THANK YOU**

Thanks goes to everyone involved in the poppy display... across the village it was a wondrous sight and very poignant, well

done to you all.

*Betty Smith and family*

I would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to Barbara and John Quittenden... for all their hard work and organisation of the fantastic poppy display around the village. It was a privilege and an honour to be part of the project. Thank you very much.

*Pauline*

## **MEET THE RETIRING MINSTER CARNIVAL COURT FAMILY**

When I first started, I was really shy and wasn't sure what carnival was like, 7 years later I can honestly say it has been the best experience I have ever had. I have made so many new friends and memories I will cherish forever and my confidence has grown so much! I have loved every moment of my carnival journey and I am so sad that it is coming to an end. My princesses Jessica Law, Lenhle Motsa and my Deputy Arianne Daw have made my year brilliant and I truly have made friends for life, but it wouldn't have been possible without Roy and Carol Bailey who have made sure we have had the best experience ever, I can't put into words how grateful I am for all they have done for us. On the 9th February 2019 I will sadly be standing down as Miss Minster along with the rest of my court, so that three lucky girls can be re-selected. If you are aged between 12-20 and would like to be a part of Minster Court and make new memories and travel to new places then please get in contact with Roy and Carol on 01843 821705 and come to our selection on the 9th February 2019, I promise you will not regret it. Thank you all for a wonderful year. I hope to see you at our selection.

Danielle Law, Miss Minster 2018



Having been part of the carnival family for the past 3 years now I can certainly say that it has helped me develop as a person. The bond you make as a Court is unbelievable and I would certainly recommend entering this year as you will be amazed at the amount of fun you will have.

Arianne Daw, Minster Deputy 2018

Being a part of the carnival, these past years has been a real stepping-stone in my life.

I've made so many good memories and friends that I don't think I would have without joining. If there are any girls interested at all I would strongly recommend entering in February.

Lenhle Motsa, Minster Princess 2018

Being part of Minster Court has been such an amazing experience. From the girls on the Court to people from other towns and villages that have all helped me in so many different ways. I definitely would recommend you to enter next year as it is such a fun time and you will have so many new friends and memories to last a lifetime.

Jessica Law, Minster Princess 2018

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## **ABBEY PATCHERS COFFEE MORNING SUCCESS**

This year Abbey Patchers supported The World's Biggest Coffee Morning which is Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event.

We are pleased and very proud to have raised £600 at our Coffee Morning at the Old Schools in Minster on 27th September. Our thanks go to the many people who worked hard to make this a success and to those who supported us.

A mass of home baked goodies were on sale, along with a Guess the Weight of the Cake competition, a fabric, books and sewing notions sales tables, together with, as a welcome relief for the donkey and his tail, a Stick the Cherry on the Gateau competition! There was plenty to entertain us and our visitors.

It would be lovely to make this an annual event and beat our target each year, so no pressure then!

## **REOPENING OF THE SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY SHOP**

On Monday 29 October the Salvation Army Community Shop reopened following a three-week closure for a refit. Councillor Ray Owen cut the ribbon as a small group gathered to give thanks to everyone who had been involved and to mark the re-opening in a special way. Salvation Army leader Katy Johnson said "We have a fantastic team of volunteers, who have worked so hard and the shop is looking great!" Later in the day the Salvation Army Divisional Commander, Mark Herbert, visited the shop to have a look around. We would like to thank everyone in the village for their continued support of our community shop.

Captains Luke & Katy Johnson

## **PCSO's REPORT**

### **KEEPING YOU SAFE**

It's November and the nights are drawing in. I firstly need to let you know that we have recently had a spate of

thefts from motor vehicles where persons had walked along the roads and into drives trying car door handles to find any that were open. It has come to light that quite a few vehicles had been accessed and a number of items stolen. If you have had items stolen from your vehicle in recent weeks please report it on 101 to the police as we have in our possession a quantity of property and no victims to link it to.

Please remember to make sure your vehicle is secure when leaving it out overnight and do not leave anything of value in it. Do not rely on your remote control to lock the doors.

Physically check the doors and boot before leaving your vehicle unattended.

Be very mindful coming up to Christmas about what items you put out for the dustman you do not want any potential burglars to know what new items of value you may have in the house. Also on another note if you are about in these dark evenings take a light with you and make sure you and any children are wearing suitable clothing to be warm and be seen.

It just leaves me now to wish everyone in the village a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*PCSO 56550 Adrian Butterworth*

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## **PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY THIS WINTER**

As the evenings start to become longer Kent Police is reminding home owners to take simple crime prevention steps to keep their properties secure. With residents leaving their homes throughout the winter months to attend festive events, such as Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas there is typically a spike in burglary reports across the county.

Target those responsible:

To combat this rise, Kent Police is launching its annual campaign to help prevent burglaries and target those responsible.

Officers will be taking a proactive approach throughout the course of the campaign and will continue to advise home owners of the simple steps they can take to protect their properties.

Detective Superintendent Jon Armory from Kent Police said:

“Preventing burglaries and bringing offenders to justice is a top priority throughout the year for Kent Police.

However, we have historically seen an increase in reports during the weeks between Halloween and Christmas.

Our focus is on catching and convicting offenders whilst encouraging people to take simple crime prevention steps to keep their properties secure.

Most burglaries are opportunistic and often just by making your home look occupied by using time switches on lights is enough to prevent a burglar targeting a property.

Burglary is a terrible crime that can leave victims feeling scared and anxious long after the offences have taken place and we want to do all we can to make this even less likely to occur.”

How to protect your home:

- Ensure doors and windows are secure before leaving your property
- Keep keys, cash and expensive items out of view
- Use timer switches on lights and radios to make your home look occupied
- Keep gates locked and boundaries secure

- Lock away bikes, tools and garden items that could be stolen or used to break into your home
- You can also:
- Security-mark items including bicycles, smartphones and laptops
- Keep receipts and serial numbers safe
- Photograph and insure expensive or unique items
- Register important items for free at [www.immobolise.com](http://www.immobolise.com). This can help us return them to you if they are stolen and then recovered.

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## **MINSTER BOWLS CLUB**

The main news this month is that our President Peter Fairbrass has been forced to resign for health reasons. He has represented this Club with dignity and quiet authority, but a new President has been elected and I am sure Frank Foster will perform his duties as efficiently.

Two members have been inpatients at Margate hospital Alan Griffiths and Brian East, although I am pleased to report that Alan is

home again.

The Wednesday Pairs competition is in full swing, the A Wood Trophy has been played up to the semi-finals with the Finals to be played in April.

By the time you are reading this the Morpew Cup will have reached a similar stage, with only the Gender Pairs to play before Christmas.

In the leagues the Hinds and the Abbots are having mixed results but the Monks have won all 7 of their games to date.

The Friday Bowls Club from Minster Primary School is ongoing until 7th December.

Letters have been sent to various organizations to enter teams of 4 in our Short Mat Open Day on Sunday 13th January. Should anyone wishing to enter a team not have received a letter please contact me.

On the Social side a Bingo Night will be run on 30th November and the Christmas Dance is on 7th December, tickets £7.

A new Management Committee will be elected at the A.G.M. on 23rd November.

Finally, new members for either outdoor or short-mat, or preferably both are always welcome, and free coaching from qualified coaches will be provided

## **MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER**

A date for your diary: A quiz will be held on Saturday 2 February at the Village Hall -

Tickets £5 Bring your own food and drink To book call on  
07501 894 381

### Minster Playhouse AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Playhouse will be held at the Bell Inn  
7.30pm on Wednesday 9 January. If you are interested in  
joining the Playhouse please come along.

Auditions for our May Play 2019 -The Final Twist by Ken Whitmore and  
Alfred Bradley is a fast-paced thriller. If you would like to try for a part  
or join the technical team please come along to the Bell Inn at  
7.30pm on Thursday 17 January 2019.

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### **MINSTER ARMOUITS-CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

What an amazing tribute the village of Minster made for the 100th  
Anniversary of the First World War. Several of our  
twinning friends from Armouits-Cappel came across to join us to pay their  
respects to the fallen and it was a heart-warming sight to see so many  
from our village doing the same.

Likewise, two of our members together with Miss Minster and her  
Attendants went across to Armouits-Cappel to join with their villagers in  
paying their respects.

Unfortunately, our AGM will take place after the closing date of this issue of Minster Matters, so we are not able to give details of the meeting and the activities we will have agreed for 2019, but please do check out the first issue in the new year.

It just remains to for us to wish all our supporters a very Happy Christmas and a very Prosperous New Year.

## **MINSTER WI**

Our November meeting was our Annual Meeting and we elected a new committee for the forthcoming year. Morven Hammond is now our new President for 2019 and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

While the new committee had a brief meeting, members enjoyed drinks and canapés and the chance to socialise.

2019 is the Centenary Year for the East Kent Federation of WIs and we have lots of exciting events and trips planned. If you would like to try our WI please come along to one of our meetings, we would love to see you. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

11th December - Christmas Party

8th January - Talk by 'The Blood Runners'

**ADDITIONAL PARKING  
FACILITIES FOR MINSTER SURGERY PATIENTS**



We have been fully aware that many patients have been experiencing difficulties in parking whilst visiting the surgery, over a long period of time. We have listened to all your comments, and as a result, works have been carried out over the past few weeks to extend the parking facilities for patients at the surgery.

We are pleased to inform you that these works have now been completed and provide additional parking facilities for both disabled and other patients. We would therefore like to thank you for your continued patience, especially during the times that the construction works were taking place.

*For and behalf of Minster Surgery.*

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## **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**

### **A BIG THANK YOU**

We would like to thank all our Patients and Friends for their generosity and kindness in donating so many prizes for our raffle and tombola that was held at our Christmas Bazaar, and also, to all those who have supported us by purchasing raffle tickets and making such

a wonderful selection of cakes. With our fund raising going very well we are fairly confident that we will reach our target of £1549 by Christmas and be able to purchase the new equipment soon after.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the surgery's open/closed arrangements over the Christmas period: Christmas Eve 24 December - Normal opening hours

Christmas Day 25 December	- Closed all day
Boxing Day 26 December	- Closed all day
Thursday 27 December	- Normal opening hours
Friday 28 December	- Normal opening hours
Monday 31 December	- Normal opening hours
Tuesday 1 January	- Closed all day
Wednesday 2 January onwards	- Normal opening hours

Should you need to see a Doctor during times when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service either via the normal surgery number 821333 or call direct on 111

where you will receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For urgent/life threatening cases, please dial 999 as normal.

## REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you throughout the holiday period and that all "Repeat Prescription Requests" are submitted in good time to allow for the increased demand. As a result, you may submit

your request up to ten days in advance, preferably by Monday 17 December at the latest. This will ensure that if your prescription is due during the holiday period, it will be available for collection during the week before Christmas. Obviously, we appreciate that urgent prescriptions may still be needed anytime. If your medication review is due during this period please ensure you make an appointment in good time, to avoid further unnecessary delays.

### SURGERY TRAINING DAYS 2019

Please note that the surgery will be closed from midday onwards on: Thursday 31

January and Wednesday 27 February.

### PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact either Ken Self on 821200, Jeanne Lawrence on 821049 or email [kenself@me.com](mailto:kenself@me.com)

AND FINALLY - We would like to wish all our Patients and Friends

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and A VERY HEALTHY NEW YEAR

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**MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Summary of Key Points - 6i**

- The Chairman read a report from Community Warden, Aaron Kluibenschadl then PCSO Adrian Butterworth reported in person, summarising activities in the Minster area over the last month.
- There were 47 calls to the police this month; three of these related to burglaries at Way Hill and Foxborough Lane and others related to a variety of issues including road traffic accidents, domestic incidents and missing persons. The good news is that two persons have been arrested in relation to thefts from motor vehicles and three people have been arrested for poaching along Marsh Farm Road, where their vehicle was also seized. A juvenile causing a nuisance on a motor bike and riding without a helmet has also been reported. The Chairman was pleased to hear of the increased police activity in the area. Everyone was reminded of the importance of reporting any crimes to the police; this would assist in the investigation as the police currently have property found in a search of the suspects' premises which they are unable to identify.
- PCSO Butterworth worked with TDC Enforcement officers to enforce parking restrictions in the village recently following the installation of additional yellow lines. It has been requested that the Enforcement Officers attend more often.
- Unfortunately, none of the County Councillors or District Councillors other than Cllr. Grove, a member of the Parish Council, were present to update us. The Chairman asked Cllr. Grove to assist in progressing the asset transfer of the car parks and public toilets from TDC to the Parish Council which has not been

confirmed in writing since it was agreed many months ago.

- The Chairman gave a huge thank you to Barbara Quittenden and helpers for organising the wonderful poppy displays throughout the village. She emphasised that it was Mrs. Quittenden's energy and imagination that enthused everyone else and without her this would never have come to fruition. It was also reassuring to know that on occasions like this there is still a strong sense of community spirit in this parish.

- The Chairman also thanked Kyla and Clare, the Parish Clerks, for organising the very successful firework display, and the volunteer stewards for assisting on the night.

- A recent meeting regarding the Emergency plan was well attended and the

Chairman thanked new volunteers for coming forward. The KCC Resilience Officer and TDC Emergency Officer addressed the meeting and spoke of organising a

training exercise with neighbouring parishes.

- The outline planning application to build 214 dwellings on the land to the west of Tothill Street, behind Fairfield Road and Greenhill Gardens, has now been

submitted and is available to view on line. This is the biggest single development ever proposed for this village and will have a significant impact on everyone.

Objections and observations must be submitted to TDC Planning by 22nd

November. The Parish Council are to meet with a Planning Consultant to prepare their response.

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- Nominations are invited for the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award Scheme for 2019. People are asked to consider nominating anyone who

makes a significant contribution to this community.

- Councillors rejected the proposal to purchase a WW1 memorial bench to be placed in the cemetery.

- In the period of public questions, it was suggested that any trees planted on

new developments should be purchased from licensed nurseries to avoid risk of disease contaminating existing tree stock. This was agreed as something which would be borne in mind when negotiating with developers.

- It was also suggested that the parish council set up a bank account for public donations for various local events but this was not thought to be a practical option.
- More interactive flashing speed signs were requested; this will be raised with KCC

Highways.

- The Chairman confirmed that a 106 agreement would be in place in relation to the proposed development to the west of Tothill Street; this relates to developer contributions. The council will seek to influence this.

## **MINSTER & MONKTON GARDENING CLUB**

Village Hall 7.30pm Wednesday 19 December

Christmas Social - There is no Meeting in January

## **SNOWDOWN COLLIERY BAND**

Present A CHRISTMAS CONCERT in aid of PILGRIMS HOSPICE

At MINSTER VILLAGE HALL on SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER at 2.15pm

Come along and sing your favourite carols - Admission £4, Children Free

## **LIVE NATIVITY**

Minster Abbey December 12th at 1.30pm

Starting at Abbey Tower and proceeding to Old Barn at Parkminster

Everyone welcome to take part as we once again tell the beautiful Christmas Story. Come dressed as your favourite character. Following the play please join us for mince pies and hot mulled juice. Donations accepted for the Looking Ahead project.

## **MEN'S SUPPER CLUB CHRISTMAS MEETING**

Wednesday 12th December 7.15 for 7.30pm Old Schools, Minster

£8.50 includes dinner, dessert and a drink

Booking essential with Peter on 447 692 or 07981 184 224

## **MINSTER VILLAGE HALL**

Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Minster Village Hall Management Committee

to be held in the COMMITTEE ROOM

Thursday 13th December 7.30pm - All Welcome

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## **SALVATION ARMY CAROL SERVICE**

Sunday 16 December 10am for mince pies, Service starts at 10.30

Come and help tell the Christmas story and sing some carols

Our Christmas Day Service is at 10.30am including refreshments

### **ST LUCY'S FAYRE**

Sunday 16 December at Minster Abbey 11am to 12.30pm

Raffle, Cakes, Toys, Handmade gifts, Bric-a-Brac,  
Refreshments and Family Fun All proceeds to support persecuted  
Christians in the Middle East.

### **CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND**

The Old Vicarage, St Mildreds Road, Sunday 23 December from 3pm

In aid of Louie's Helping Hands and The Dogs Trust

Admission £2 or £6 for a family of 4 (2 adults & 2 children)

### **MINSTER CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION**

Selection Dance for Miss Minster and  
Princesses - 7.30pm Saturday 9 February in Minster Village Hall

GIRLS - are you now a minimum of 12, or will you be under 20 by the end of  
June 2019?

Would you like the chance to be a member of the Minster Carnival Court?

Become part of a team, gain confidence for the future, make new  
friends, as well as representing Minster at events both in and around Kent and  
our French Twinning Village of Armbouts-Cappel.



As a Court member you will be assured of some great days out and some really interesting experiences that will see you as an Ambassador for Minster.

We are not a Pageant we are a Carnival Court and we supply regalia and day outfits to travel to events.

To be in with this chance of a lifetime just turn up on the evening. Entry is free to anyone taking part - Admission for non-entrants is £4.00. Tea and Coffee are available otherwise please bring your own drink. For further information ring Roy or Carol on 821705

### **MINSTER & MONKTON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB**

Royal British Legion,  
61 Augustine Road Every Wednesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of bingo. All members and bona-fide guests welcome Phone Pat on 822 622

### **MINSTER ART & CRAFT GROUP**

We meet at the Old Schools every Monday morning from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

We are a friendly and sociable non-teaching group ranging from artists to all types of crafters, all of whom are ready to give help and advice if requested. The charge per week is £2.00 to cover the hall and includes refreshments. You are welcome to come along for a free morning session to see what we are doing.

Any queries - call Ann on 821 152.

### **AMBER'S ADVICE**

A deeply relaxed person breathes only 5-8 times a minute. By slowing your breathing down to that rate, you will quickly relax

### **TIGER'S TIP**

Place an elastic band around a cut apple to keep it from turning brown.

### **CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES**

The Catholic Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

Reverend Marcus Holden telephone 592 071

Holy day of obligation each Sunday at 10.00am in Minster Abbey

#### **Minster Abbey**

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am      Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am      Midday Prayer  
12.10pm Vespers 6.00pm      Compline 7.50pm (followed by silent prayer)

### **The Salvation Army Minster Corps Church & Community Centre**

Captains Luke and Katy Johnson telephone: 821 543

Mondays 2.15pm Friendship Club

Tuesdays 9.30am parents and toddlers plus bumps and babies (term time only) Wednesdays 2.00pm home league 9.15am prayer group

Thursdays

Sundays 10.30am family worship

## **St Mary Magdalene Monkton**

Services in December

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10.15am Holy Communion

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10.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

16 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

23 10.15am Carols and Holy Communion

25 10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion

30 10.30am Service at Minster

Services in January

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10.15am Holy Communion

13 10.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

20 10.15am Holy Communion

27 4.00pm

Seamark Service – Worship for all at Monkton School

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**St Mary the Virgin, Minster** Services in December & January

Reverend Richard Braddy tel: 821 250

Services in December

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship and Gift Service

6.30pm

Evensong at Minster Abbey

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion

## **Christmas at St Mary's, Minster**

Sunday 16 December

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Lessons, Carols & Christingles

A chance for us all to share the light of Christ with favourite carols, readings and lighting of Christingles as we get closer to

Christmas.

Tuesday 18 December

7.00pm

Carols Around the Christmas Tree (Church Lych Gate)

Community Carols and readings with The Salvation Army Band, Minster  
School Choir - followed by mince pies for all.

Sunday 23 December

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-Age Worship with Holy Communion

Monday 24 December - Christmas Eve

4.30pm

Christmas Special

A magical time for all ages re-telling the Christmas story.

11.30pm Midnight Communion

‘Silent Night, Holy Night’ we gather to celebrate the start of Christmas.

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Day Family Communion

Unwrap the Christmas gift at this service, suitable for all ages

Sunday 30 December

10.30am All-Age Worship with Holy Communion

You are invited to join us at any of our services - bring family and friends to share the joy of Christmas with St Mary's

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Services in January

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship

6.30pm

Sung Evensong

13 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

20 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship

22 7.30pm

Prayers at the Close of Day

Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Christians Together



in Minster

27 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday mornings at St Mary's

10.30am - Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

Holy Communion at home is available for anyone who is unable to access Minster or Monkton Church  
telephone 821 250 or 822 428

Baptism at St Mary's – 28th October - Macy Dube (8 years) & Remi Dube (6 months) Funeral at St Mary's – 28th November – John Poulton (Church & Cemetery) Contacting your District & County Councillors

District Councillor Bob Grove - Bob is available to speak to residents by appointment.

Please ring 07711 774 262 or contact him via the Parish Office on 821 339

District Councillor Derek Crow-Brown tel: 821 449

District Councillor Reece Pugh tel: 07740 288 713

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