

## Motto Verse for 2019

*Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives as you teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives.*

Colossians 3:16

### Contacts

If you would like to find out more about any of our activities or events, please contact Jane or Caroline in the Parish Office who will be happy to help you or visit the church website.

**Please be aware the office will be closed for Christmas from Friday 21st December until Tuesday 8th January. If you need to contact us, please send an email and we will get back to you when we re-open. If the matter is urgent, please contact Andrew Towner or Andrew Simmons. Thank you.**

Parish office opening times:

Tuesday	9.15am—3.15pm	Thursday	9.15am—1.30pm
Wednesday	9.15am— 1.30pm	Friday	9.15am—3.15pm

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## St John's, Houghton with St Peter's, Kingmoor

To love Christ and make Him known

### Welcome

If you are new to church or visiting us today, we hope you feel very welcome.

You would be very welcome to any of our Christmas & New Year services.

	St Peter's	St John's	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 23rd December</b>	<b>9.15am Morning Service with Lord's Supper</b> Activities for children <i>John 1:15-17</i>	<b>11am Morning Service with Lord's Supper</b> Activities for children <i>John 1:15-17</i>	No afternoon service
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4pm</b> at St John's — Carols Round the Tree <i>John 1:14</i> <b>6pm</b> at St Peter's — Carols by Candlelight <i>John 1:14</i>		
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.45am</b> at St John's — Christmas Family Service <i>John 1:18</i> <b>10.15am</b> at St Peter's — Christmas Family Service <i>John 1:18</i>		
<b>Sunday 30th December</b>	<b>9.15am Morning Service</b> Activities for children <i>Isaiah 40</i>	<b>11am Morning Service</b> Activities for children <i>Isaiah 40</i>	No afternoon service
<b>Sunday 6th January</b>	<b>9.15am Morning Service with Lord's Supper</b> With children's groups <i>The Church — ONE</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:12-13</i>	<b>11am Morning Service with Lord's Supper</b> With children's groups <i>The Church — ONE</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:12-13</i>	<b>4pm 4LIFE</b> All age service <i>John 1:19-28</i>
<b>Sunday 13th January</b>	<b>9.15am Morning Service</b> With children's groups <i>The Church — HOLY</i> <i>1 Peter 2:4-12</i>	<b>11am Morning Service</b> With children's groups <i>The Church — HOLY</i> <i>1 Peter 2:4-12</i>	<b>4pm 4LIFE</b> With FROG groups <i>John 1:29-34</i>

*You are very welcome to any of our services, activities or events.*

*For more details, please visit our website*

## Christmas Eve Services

Christmas time is a wonderful opportunity to share the good news about Jesus and invite family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues to church to find out more.

There are two services on Christmas Eve which will both be ideal for guests. Please do think and pray about who you could invite. Everyone welcome!

### Carols Around the Tree

Christmas Eve, 4pm at St John's

A fun, family-friendly carol service – for all ages. There will be lots for children to join in with, from helping create the crib scene to singing Silent Night by candlelight. Ideal for inviting families you know along to.

### Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve, 6pm at St Peter's

If your friends would prefer something more traditional, this is a beautiful candlelit service with a welcoming atmosphere, favourite carols and time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

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## Christmas Day Services

9.45am at St John's & 10.15am at St Peter's

Join us on Christmas morning for an all-age service as we celebrate Jesus — the light of the world.

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## Mince Pies & Festive Treats

If you are able to provide mince pies, shortbread biscuits or other festive treats to serve to guests at the Christmas services please could you leave them in the church kitchen. Either shop bought or home made would be great. Thank you.

## Week of Prayer 2019

Sunday 30th December — Saturday 5th January

We will be setting aside the first week of the New Year to pray for 2019.

The idea is that we make time to pray with others during the week. There will be opportunities to meet over a coffee at St John's and St Peter's — or we can simply get together with others in our homes or around the dinner table. Whatever way works! There will be a booklet we can use to help focus our prayers during the week.

It would be great to see you, if you're able to come along...

### Monday 31st December — Friday 4th January

11.00am                      St John's                      Meet in the foyer for a tea or coffee

8.00pm                      St Peter's                      Meet in the foyer for a tea or coffee

### Saturday 5th January

9.30am                      St John's                      For all ages

Enjoy bacon butties (eggs available for vegetarians) together at 9.30am, followed by a time of prayer — adults over a cup of coffee and young people with their own prayer activities.

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## New Year — Home Groups

If you are not yet part of a Home Group the New Year is a really good time to think about joining one. Home Groups are where our big congregations become small and more personal. They are a great place for reading and discussing the Bible together, asking questions and praying for each other.

There are groups which meet at different times and on different days — so there is a group to suit everyone. You would be very welcome.

To find out more, please speak to Andrew Towner or Andrew Simmons or contact the church office who can put you in touch with one of the Home Group leaders.

**Home Groups will restart on Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th January.**