

December 2025

River Idle Churches

BAWTRY, AUSTERFIELD, MISSON,
EVERTON & MATTERSEY

What's Happening in December. . .

- **Nourish**, Bawtry Church Hall, Mondays 11.30am -1pm, soup, cake and chat (closed on 22nd and 29th December, back on 5th January 26).
- **Little Lambs**, Bawtry Church Hall, Tuesday 4th, 9.30 - 11.30am, then every Tuesday during term time
- **Mattersey Thorpe** at 5.30pm and **Mattersey** 6pm **Light Switch On** then **Carols** in All Saints Church, Thurs 4th
- **Little Lambs**, Everton Village Hall, Friday 7th, 9.30 -11.30am, then every Friday during term time
- **Everton Cheese and Carols**, Holy Trinity Church, Friday 5th, 7.30pm
- **Misson Step Into Christmas with Tree Lighting and Carols in Church**, Saturday 6th, 11.00am - 5pm
- **Carpenter's Arms Christmas Quiz**, Mattersey Church Hall, Monday 8th, 7.30pm
- **Craft & Chat with Afternoon Tea + Secret Santa**, Mattersey Church Hall, Tuesday 9th, 1.30 - 3.30pm
- **Everton Tree Lighting and Carols**, Friday 12th, 6.00pm
- **St John's Community Café on Tour**, Misson Parish Hall, Friday 19th from 9am

The River Idle Benefice of Churches present

POP UP NATIVITY

You are invited to our
Benefice nativity on
21st December 2025
from 9:30am
at St Nicholas Church
Bawtry
Dressing up in
Nativity costumes is
encouraged
Some are available
in church
on the day



Merry Christmas



CAROL SINGING across the Benefice

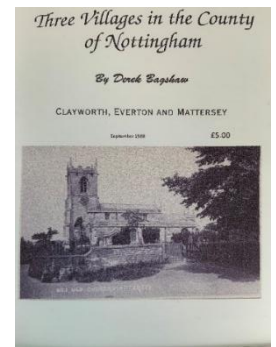


Come and join in with the singing.

There are carols with cheese and crackers in Everton. Carols in all our churches. Around twinkly lit Christmas trees and even by the glow of Candlelight. Then on Christmas Eve in Bawtry Market Square. So wherever you live, there'll be plenty of singing to keep your hearts light and merry and bright.

'Three Villages in the County of Nottingham Clayworth, Everton and Mattersey'

A booklet has been produced by Peter Jordan, who has copied verbatim from a handwritten dissertation by Derek Bagshaw from 1988. Charmaine Perry is Derek's daughter and has been a churchwarden at All Saints Mattersey. It goes back to the Domesday book and takes the reader on an incredible historical journey. Copies are only £5 each and are available from Julie German at All Saints, Mattersey and John Dunn at Holy Trinity, Everton. All profits will be donated to local churches.



EVERTON HOLY COMMUNION and GIFT SERVICE



On Sunday 14th December, at 11.15am, at Holy Trinity Church Everton, can you bring a toy to give some joy? It's the annual gift service, where people bring a wrapped gift for a child, with a label showing the age group. These kindly given gifts are passed onto children in need of joy this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from REV BECKY



This Advent and Christmas, let us be inspired by Mary the Mother of Jesus, to find joy in God's presence, even amid life's challenges, a joy that is rooted in hope. And as we step into a new year, may we, like Mary, have the faith to say "Here I am, Lord" - ready to serve, ready to rejoice, ready to trust in you".

With every blessing for Christmas
and the New Year

The River Idle Churches



You can continue to support vulnerable families by placing Food Bank donations in the box on the Vicarage doorstep on Martin Lane, Bawtry



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you receive gifts that are not quite what you had in mind - clothes, toiletries, food - you can donate them all to the Food Bank. There are boxes at the back of our churches.

The Food Bank may sell them on their Retford Market Stall or on Ebay or Vinted and all monies go towards helping to support vulnerable families.

So there aren't really any wrong gifts. Only ones which haven't yet found the right owner.

Thank you

Did You Know? You can buy Christmas Cards in Church

Recycled Christmas cards are made by church members and sold in most of our River Idle Benefice churches.



So as well as being Eco Friendly, the funds raised go towards the maintenance of our ancient buildings.

Christmas Greetings

Please consider signing the Christmas card in each church and making a donation to Tearfund in the boxes available.



December 2025 - Services across the River Idle Benefice

7 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters Sundayz Cool	Isaiah 11:1-10 Matthew 3: 1-12
	11.15am	All Saints, Mattersey	Holy Communion	
	4.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Christingle and Tea	John 1: 1-5
8 th	3.30pm	Holy Trinity, Everton	Christingle	John 1: 1-5
10 th	1.30pm	All Saints, Mattersey	School Christingle	- - -
14 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters Sundayz Cool	Isaiah 35: 1-6 Matthew 11: 2-11
	11.15am	Holy Trinity, Everton	Family Holy Communion and Gift Service	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	
16 th	9.15am	St John the Baptist Misson	School Christmas in Church	- - -
17 th	9.15am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	School Christmas in Church	- - -
18 th	1.00pm	Holy Trinity, Everton	School Christmas in Church	- - -
	7.30pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Carol Service	Various Readings
21 st	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters Nativity	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Matthew 1: 18-end
	11.15am	All Saints, Mattersey	Holy Communion	
	6.00pm	St Helena's, Austerfield	Carols by Candlelight	Various
24 th	2.30pm	Holy Trinity, Everton	Crib Service	Christmas Story
	4.00pm	Bawtry Market Square	Town Carols	- - -
	5.30pm	St John the Baptist Misson	Crib Service	Christmas Story
	11.30pm	St John the Baptist Misson	Midnight Communion Service	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2: 8-20
25 th	10.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Christmas Day Family Communion	Isaiah 52: 7-10 John 1: 1-14
28 th	11.15am	St John the Baptist Misson	Holy Communion	Isaiah 63: 7-9 Matthew 2: 13-end

There is a service of Holy Communion every Thursday morning
at 9.30am in St Nicholas' Church, Bawtry
There is no service on 1st January 2026

Every Monday morning at 9.00 am, we meet in one of our churches across the Benefice, to pray for our communities. You are most welcome to join us

1st Monday - Mattersey 2nd Monday – Everton
3rd Monday – Bawtry 4th Monday – Misson
5th Monday – Austerfield

There are no prayer meeting on 29th December.

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Austerfield Kay Beckett | Samantha Brazier

Misson Anne Rowe | Peter Edwards

Everton John Dunn | Vacant

Mattersey Currently Vacant

If you're interested in becoming a Churchwarden at Mattersey or Everton, we would like to hear from you: e-mail: riveridlechurches@gmail.com

Retired Clergy:

Reverend Jean Tomlinson

Reverend Richard Spray

Reader: Paul Kirby



Find us on Facebook:

The River Idle Benefice
Churches

and Individual Pages for:

St Nicholas, Bawtry

Holy Trinity, Everton

St Helena's, Austerfield

St John the Baptist, Misson

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