

# The Benefice of Harton

# The Circular



Archbishop Sentamu's Pilgrimage to  
Harton Benefice Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>

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Summer edition 2016

May June July

Sand Hutton Claxton Flaxton  
Gate Helmsley Upper Helmsley Bossall  
Buttercrambe Howsham Harton  
Whitwell-on-the-Hill Crambe Foston  
Barton-le-Willows Thornton-le-Clay

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## ***From The Vicarage***

### **'With the help of God' ....and the Archbishop of course!**

Firstly I would like to offer a very warm welcome later this summer to my new colleague in the benefice, Hannah. Hannah will be our new Assistant Curate, when she is ordained Deacon in the Minster on 3rd July and will serve her 'title' here among us. As a Curate – a priest in training NOT 'just an extra pair of hands'! – She is here to be guided and supervised by me for three years or so, in preparation for her Priestly duties in her first Parish. I'm not certain you've ever had a curate in the benefice before, but it's always a delight when one is appointed. I know you will all make her very welcome – and hopefully we can share some of her training together.

Hannah's Ordination will contain lots of promises and oaths of allegiance, to which she will have to respond in the affirmative. But, at the tail end of each response that she has to make, there is a little add-on, to which we are all most heartily thankful. Even the Queen, whose 90th birthday is celebrated this year, said something very similar at her Coronation. Quite simply, it is .....

### **"With the help of God."**

**On May 15<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost (Whit Sunday) in which we remember the very foundation of Church. Jesus had died on Good Friday, risen miraculously on Easter Sunday, and 'ascended' (returned?) to the mysterious realm of God. And yet, he promised that God would never abandon those who turn to him, and the Holy Spirit came and infused this 'zygote' of apostles, enabling, inspiring and encouraging them to go and tell the good news of Jesus' teaching to all they come across. Without that 'Help of God,' through his Holy Spirit, our Christian way of life and our Church would not have come into being. And that same Holy Spirit still infuses our churches and continues to encourage people like Hannah and so many others every day.



**.... and the Archbishop (and Castle Howard) of course!**

This year, we are holding a very special Pentecost Celebration at Castle Howard. We're starting with a bring-your-own picnic at 1.30 p.m. followed by a Service of Celebration at 3.00pm which the Archbishop is taking, as part of his Pilgrimage tour of our Deanery. So do come and join us on the day (**you'll need an official wrist band in advance, so do let me know**)

and also look out for **Thursday May 12th** when he's walking in our benefice. He'd be delighted if you would walk and talk with him, or join him for lunch or tea (details of the day are on the back cover of this Circular and on our Website [www.sandhuttongroup.org.uk](http://www.sandhuttongroup.org.uk)).

We (whether we are 'churched' or not) still need that infusion of God, as Holy Spirit, in our daily lives – we need that 'help of God'. For under our own steam, thinking we know best, our lives can often seem slightly misdirected, a little unfulfilled maybe. But by asking for God's help each day, using his guidelines and his inspiration, it can take on a new and refreshing meaning.

**This little prayer sums it up for me:**

*Dear God,  
So far today,  
I've done all right.  
I haven't gossiped. I haven't lost my temper.  
I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish,  
or overindulgent.  
I am very thankful for that.  
But, in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed;  
and from then on,  
I'm probably going to need a lot more help.*

*Amen*

Yours in Christ

**Revd. Chris Wingfield**

# Services for the Benefice of Harton

May 2016

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>		<b>Easter 6/Rogation</b>
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Foston
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Ascension Thursday</b>
7.30	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Easter 7</b>
9.00	Matins BCP	Bossall
10.30	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
10.30	Family Service	Flaxton
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>St Matthias</b>
10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Pentecost</b>
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
<b>3.00</b>	<b>Deanery Service of Celebration</b> <b>Archbishop Sentamu</b>	<b>Castle Howard</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>		<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
10.30	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion	Howsham
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Corpus Christi</b>
10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Trinity 1</b>
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Crambe

## June 2016

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

10.00

Holy Communion

**Visitation**

Gate Helmsley

***Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June***

***Trinity 2***

9.00

Holy Communion

Bossall

10.30

Holy Communion

Foston

10.30

Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00

Holy Communion

Upper Helmsley

***Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June***

***Trinity 3***

10.30

Benefice Holy Communion

Flaxton

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00

Holy Communion

Buttercrambe

***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June***

***Trinity 4***

10.30

Matins BCP

Upper Helmsley

10.30

Holy Communion

Crambe

6.00

Evensong BCP

Whitwell

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

10.00

Holy Communion

**St John the Baptist**

Howsham

***Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June***

***Trinity 5***

10.30

Benefice Holy Communion

Gate Helmsley

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00

Holy Communion

**St Peter and St Paul**

Flaxton

## July 2016

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>		<b>St Thomas</b>
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<b>10.00</b>	<b>Ordination of Deacons</b>	<b>York Minster</b>
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Buttercrambe

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Trinity 7</b>
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9.00	Holy Communion BCP	Gate Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion	Bossall
10.30	Holy Communion	Flaxton
6.00	Evensong BCP	Howsham

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Trinity 8</b>
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10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Foston
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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

10.00	Holy Communion	<b>Mary Magdalene</b> Bossall
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<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Trinity 9</b>
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10.30	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
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<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>		<b>Trinity 10</b>
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10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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### **Congratulations to those recently married**

April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Charles Eddington and Christina Gwynn	Sand Hutton
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### **Welcome to those newly baptised**

7 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Archie Hamish Pote	Sand Hutton
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2016	Gracie Maeve Watkins	Sand Hutton
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Millie Rose Roth <i>and</i> Laurence James Roth	Gate Helmsley



### **Our condolences to the families and friends of**

28 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	James Peter Unsworth	Bossall
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Helen Atterby	Bossall



# ***Tired....? Weary....? Need to Pamper yourself....?***

Then go on.... spoil yourself with some Spa Treatments this summer  
***for Free!!***

## **Indulge yourself at our new Spa Church a new type of Church!**

- **No 'Joining Fee'**
- **No 'Monthly Payments'**
- **No 'Contract Clauses'**
- **It's all absolutely Free!**

Join us in our 'Five Step Programme' to make you feel spiritually healthier and more alive – feel refreshed and replenished!

**There are four 'Taster Evenings' during the Summer each with a special theme.**



### **7th June - Celtic Spa Church, St Botolph's, Bossall**

Be transported and carried away on a wave of beautiful Celtic music and words.



### **5th July - Classical Spa Church, St Michael's, Crambe**

Wallow in and savour some of the best, most exquisite spiritual classics.



### **2nd August - Taize Spa Church, St Lawrence's, Flaxton**

Soak up the rich beauty of Taize music and be fed by its rhythm and simplicity.



### **6th September - Gregorian Spa Church, St John's Buttercrambe**

Luxuriate in the haunting plainsong chant of music sung in Abbeys and Monasteries centuries ago.

Each “Five Step Programme” starts at 7.00pm and lasts 45 minutes. You will experience the following treatments:

- **First Step - Deep cleansing and exfoliation – confessing our separateness from God**  
*An opportunity to offer to God all that clogs up your earthly life and so be freer to enjoy the rewards of a more spiritual one.*
- **Step two - Preparation and calming – candles are lit as a sign of our desire to receive God’s wisdom**  
*Lighter and more refreshed, take this opportunity to prepare and be enlightened by God’s word. Relax in the songs you hear, letting the words and melody wash through you.*
- **Step three - Replenishing and conditioning – infilling by a reading from Scripture**  
*Let yourself be stimulated and invigorated by the words of scripture – listen to them afresh. Immerse yourself into the world of Bible: its heat, smells, noises, images, people – and let your imagination be nourished by what you experience!*
- **Step four - Revitalising – connecting to God through prayer and intercession**  
*A chance to reconnect yourself to God and the world through the experience the Circle Prayer. Imagine throwing a pebble into the centre of a pond, and feel the circles of prayer ripple out from your centre to the edges of the world.*
- **Step five - Relaxing Massage – blessing and dismissal**  
*And finally, a relaxing musical blessing to allow your body, mind and soul to engage with the world once more – but hopefully more alive, more invigorated and more at one with God.*

**So do come along and experience “Spa Church”  
– let your spiritual health feel refreshed  
and replenished.**

## ***From the Benefice PCC.....***

The Benefice PCC last met on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Topics discussed were:

- The success of the recent Lent course, “Stop, Luke and listen” and of the Lent lunches. The Easter Day benefice service at Howsham church was particularly uplifting and was attended by about 95 people, including a score of children. Four ‘Spa Church’ services are planned at monthly intervals during the summer (June, July, August and September) in four different churches (see separate list).
- Planning for Archbishop Sentamu’s day in the benefice on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. This is part of the Archbishop’s pilgrimage to all parts of the York Diocese, which has been going on for several months. A detailed list of the activities during the day can be found on the back cover of the Circular. Everyone is free to join the Archbishop at any time during the day: he is really happy to meet, walk with and talk to people from all walks of life. The Archbishop’s week in Southern Ryedale will culminate in a picnic and service at Castle Howard on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. This will be a wonderful celebration of Pentecost.
- Continuing support and praise for the contribution made by the benefice choir to various services. Now that the choir has grown in numbers, the benefice PCC have agreed to purchase new music folders and additional music for the choir.
- The finances of the PCC are in good order, thanks to the honorary treasurer, David Fletcher.

**The next meeting of the Benefice PCC will be at Orchard House, Gate Helmsley at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

***Delyth Harran***

***Vice Chairman***

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## ***Lent Lunches***

The three soup-and-cheese lunches held during the season of Lent proved a great success and were very well attended. A grand total of £563 was raised for the York Society for Blind and Partially Sighted People. Thank you to those who came along to support these events, and particular thanks to those who hosted the lunches.

***Check out the following advertisements  
for a wide range of events taking place in our parishes.  
Something for everyone young and old alike!***

Meet up with old friends, make new ones, have fun,  
help to support our local churches and village halls.

**You will be assured of a warm welcome**  
Newcomers to our parishes are especially  
welcome to come and join us.



## **Picnic and Pentecost Service**



**At Castle Howard  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

1.30 pm Picnic (bring your own)

3.00 pm Service

Both in the grounds of Castle Howard near the Atlas Fountain

There will be no entrance charge, provided you have a special orange and red  
Pentecost wristband.

These can only be purchased in advance (Adults £1.00, Children 50p).

**THE WRISTBANDS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE DAY.**

To purchase a wristband please contact Delyth Harran (01759 372215)  
or the Rector, Chris Wingfield.

# St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton

SNACK

and

CHAT



9.00am

to

10-30am

2nd Monday of month:- May 9th, June 13th, July 11th

A warm welcome to all who are passing by,  
have time to spare or  
have dropped children off at school!

Why not pop into St. Mary's Church for a cuppa?  
Babies and toddlers welcomed!



## ***SEW and SUP***

**at Barton le Willows Village Hall**

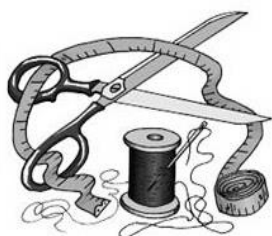
Bring your mending or making and something to drink  
on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

**Next meeting May 25<sup>th</sup>**

At our first session some people sewed and supped,  
others mended and supped,  
some revisited their sewing machine skills  
and one person knitted and rehydrated.

A good time and a good chat was had by all

**No need to book just come along!**



## **Wiggle Waggle Community Dog Walking Group**



Do you fancy getting to know people in your local community and walks in the local area? We plan to meet on the 1st Sunday of every month at 10 am outside the Village Hall, Barton le Willows.

**everyone is welcome even if you don't have a dog!**

If you would like to join us, please email Karen at: [k.wilson1@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:k.wilson1@yorks.ac.uk) (subject heading www group).

**Suggestions for walks and ideas for the walking group welcome.**

Dates 2016	Walk	Miles	Time
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	BLW's via Clay Hall to Crambe — circular	5 miles approx.	10.00 am

Future dates planned, walk details to be arranged.

3rd July, 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December



## **SUNDAY 5TH June at 3pm**

**at All Saints Church, Foston**

Come and listen to the incredible true story,  
of Margaret Burns  
set in the North East of England in the 1920's.

### **THE WOMAN WHO DIDN'T EXIST**

Powerful, compelling and full of intrigue  
You won't believe it!!

**TICKETS £5 INCLUDING LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

*All proceeds for All Saints Church*



THE QUEEN'S  
90TH BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION

In aid of  
St. Michael's Church  
Crambe

**Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> June.**

Get the Queen's birthday weekend off to a great start with an evening of.....

## **Food and Drink tasting**

To be held at Ryder's Corner, Crambe,  
From 6 to 9pm. Tickets £5.  
to include a glass of Pimms.

available from Liz Kershaw (01653 618048) or any PCC member.

To include Food2remember, Sloemotion gin, port, whiskey,  
Groovy Moo ice cream, Roost coffee and others.

## ***OPEN GARDENS***

***SATURDAY***

***JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>***

***2.00—4.30 p.m.***

***MANOR HOUSE***

***GATE***

***HELMSLEY***



*Tea and  
homemade cakes  
available*

***FREE ENTRY***

*Donations for St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley*



# GARDEN FETE

Saturday June 18th

2.00 p.m.

Draft Farm, Flaxton  
(home of Jane and Trevor Corner)



stalls \* raffle \* refreshments

Come and join the fun!

Proceeds in aid of St Lawrence's Church, Flaxton

St Mary's Church Gate Helmsley

STRAWBERRY  
LUNCH



SUNDAY  
July 3rd  
at 12.30 p.m.

In

Gate Helmsley Village Hall

Tickets £10 each

EVERYONE WELCOME

Soft drinks provided bring your own wine

Tickets available from

The Harrans 01759 372215

or The Podmores 01759 372320







# STRAWBERRY TEAS!

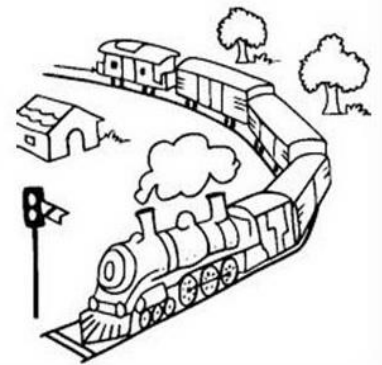
Saturday July 16th 2.00 pm– 4.30pm

Holderness House Claxton

Table Top Sale \* Plants \* Cakes \* Raffle

G scale and Heritage 00gauge Trains operating.  
(weather permitting!)

All proceeds for St. Mary's Church, Sand Hutton



Gate Helmsley Village Hall

**Sunday July 17th**

at Whinfield, The Back Lane,  
Gate Helmsley  
12.30 p.m.

Please bring your own drinks, glasses will be provided

Tickets £10.00

available from

Mandy Tel: 01759 371 148

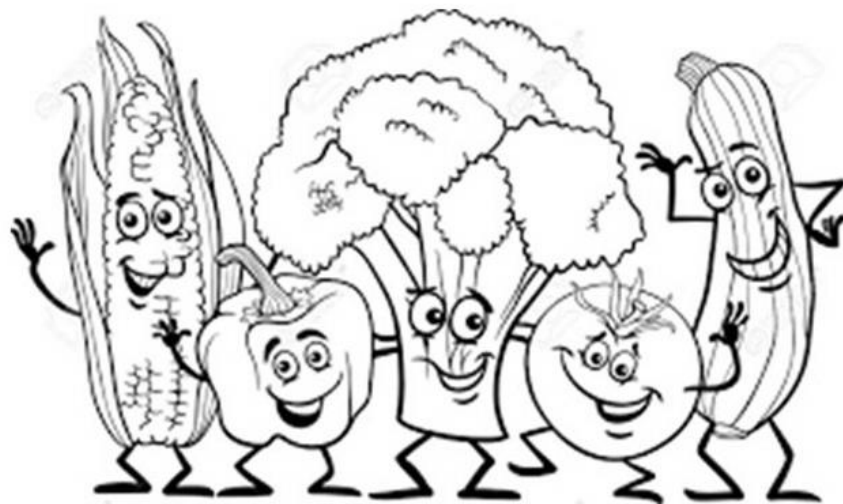
or

Chris Tel: 01759 371 687



**Sand Hutton and Claxton, Barton and district  
Annual Village Produce Show 2016**

*The show is on the road again!*



It's coming back this year to  
Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

classes for

**fruit and vegetables    cookery    crafts**

entries invited from all ages.

*Get growing and crafting, we want to see you there!*

More detailed information in the next Circular  
and on the website

[www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk](http://www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk)

## ***Around the Parishes.....***

***News views and information from:***

### ***BARTON LE WILLOWS***

***Save the date....***

A number of exciting events will be happening over the forthcoming months so please save the dates for:

**Spring Celebrations 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May**

AT BARTON-LE-WILLOWS VILLAGE HALL - All proceeds in aid of the next phase of the Village Hall improvements.

**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY - WALK IN THE WOODS WITH FRED STRICKLAND-**

**CONSTABLE** Meet at 6pm by the entrance to the permissive footpath. (Near the bridge at the Harton/Howsham/Crambe road junction) There is parking on the verge or on the grass nearby. Fred will explain different aspects of the woods to those interested in woodland management, and the permissive footpath is usually very pretty at this time of year if you just fancy a half hour stroll. At the red bridge you can either return through the woods to your car, or continue on foot to Barton Le Willows (approximately another half hour) Light refreshments will be available at the village hall from 7pm onwards. Suggested donation £2 per person, £1 concessions

**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY - OPEN FARM AT MANOR FARM** Indulge your inner child

(or actual children!) by looking at farm machinery and learning about different aspects of farming. Meet a cow (and hopefully a calf) and get muddy! Meet at the village hall 6pm. Wellies advisable. Light refreshments available at the village hall from 7pm onwards. Suggested donation £2 per person, £1 concessions

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 10 am - 12 noon SPRING TABLETOP SALE** A chance to

buy and sell surplus plants, clothes in good condition, homewares, toys, home produce etc. Book your table now as there are limited numbers available. £8 for a large table £5 for a small one. Contact Catherine on [catbell80@googlemail.com](mailto:catbell80@googlemail.com) or Jo on 07792 242492 to book.

£1 entrance includes tea and coffee.

**Pop up Bar** in the Village Hall **17<sup>th</sup> June** 5pm onwards

**Village Party** in the Village Hall **9<sup>th</sup> July**

We look forward to welcoming you at these events. Further information will follow or speak to your Village reps who are:

Alison Simpson-Jones-Barton Hill  
Fiona Le Masurier-Crambe

Louise Daly-Barton le Willows  
Gail Arkle-Howsham

## **BOSSALL**

We are sad to report the death of James Unsworth who died on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 aged 88. Jim was the groom at Bossall Hall for many years. After his retirement he carried out most of the grass mowing in the churchyard almost until his death. He and Doreen (his late wife who also worked at the Hall) lived in the village for over 50 years. We shall all miss James because, as a man of routine, he could be seen every day walking his little dog around the village.

A counter to any gloom to Jim's death has been the glorious picture of this year's daffodils in the churchyard, which continue to attract visitors, on foot, cycle and by car.

## **BUTTERCRAMBE**

It was lovely to see so many residents of Buttercrambe attending the Benefice Service on Valentine's Day, in addition to our regulars from the Benefice. It was a real treat to have our wonderful choir and the roof was raised with uplifting singing. Ann Archer and Barbara Tyerman provided welcome refreshments.

Pew cushions are being made by Sally Dykes which we look forward to sitting on in due course, and four of the wall heaters have been replaced. Work to the bell tower is next on the list.

Two fund raising events are planned: Open Gardens at Buttercrambe House and Aldby Park on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2-5pm with tea and cake and Harvest Festival lunch at Aldby Park on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. more details in the Autumn edition of The Circular.

## **CRAMBE**

The New Year came in with many people in and around York mopping up after Boxing Day's torrential rain. Our sympathies go to all those affected.

Apart from the usual monthly services, there is not a lot to report.

The first fundraising event of the year was the coffee morning at Barton le Willows village hall. A very creditable £329 was raised for church funds. Well done to all concerned.

Let's hope we get some drier, warmer weather in the next three months!

Our next fundraising event will be a Food and Drink tasting evening on the 10<sup>th</sup> June to start the Royal Birthday weekend. This will be held at Ryder's Corner, Crambe. See boxed advertisement for further details

The new pew heaters were finally installed at the end of March, which will be much appreciated by the congregation. This was followed by a group spring clean. To all who helped, many thanks. It was followed by coffee and biscuits at Steve and Patsy Richardson's home. Thanks again.

**Save the date:**

**Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 p.m.**

**Come and play Rubber Bridge with afternoon tea.**

£10 pp, for further information please contact Deborah Cole 619648.

Further details will be in the next Circular

## **FLAXTON**



Our Pancake Party on 9<sup>th</sup> February was well attended and enjoyed by everyone despite a crisis just as we were about to begin when the electricity went off! Fortunately we were able to get it back on within half an hour and the Chefs were soon underway providing numerous pancakes. The Pancake Flip competition was great fun. Highest individual scores

10 and under = 80;    11-18 = 134;    Adult = 98.

Team scores: 10 and under =156;    11-18 = 178;

Adult = 260

*Two happy chefs!*

## **Well done to the Pancake Chefs!**

At our Annual General Meeting of the PCC on the 12<sup>th</sup> April the following were elected to serve on the PCC for 2016-2017 : Church Wardens Ida Terry and Wendy Holman; Treasurer Jean Hudson; Secretary Mark Cockerill; members Beryl Cartmell, Margaret Render, John Piercy, Lucy Terry. It was encouraging to have support at the meeting from a number of people from the parish. The PCC receive tremendous support from the village and thanks and appreciation was recorded at the meeting.

**Fund raising** is very much to the fore again and so far we have had two events – a Jumble Sale and a St Crux day both of which were very successful.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next fund raiser, a **Spring Concert organised by Dick Blackford and the Flaxton Singers on Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm in church**. The choir have been working hard on their new repertoire - including folk songs. The concert is free followed by wine and nibbles. Donations gratefully received which will be given to the church to be shared with a charity of the PCCs choice.

Our next event is **the Garden Fete on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm**. As last year, this will be held at the home of Jane and Trevor Corner, Draft Farm (next door to the church)

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May we have the wedding of Donna and Matthew from Leeds. We look forward to meeting their family and friends and pray for fine weather for their special day, and wish them every happiness for the future.

In April 2016 we received the report of our Quinquennial Inspection held in November 2015. The PCC will meet early May to review the report to prioritise any work required.

## ***FOSTON***

We have been having a very productive time here at All Saints Foston Church.

Thanks to the sterling efforts of our wonderful church wardens who have enrolled the skills and hard work of Nigel Copsey. Together a plan has been

devised to work through our quinquennial list of things which need repair in and around the church. Already we are seeing the benefits. This in turn spurs us on with our imaginative and quite often unique fundraising efforts. Thanks to Peter Mills who kindly set a quiz for us which took place in Thornton-Le-Clay village hall, on the 26th of February. It was a very entertaining evening, which included a hot supper, and if you were lucky a chance to win a prize from Peter's special pouch!

On the 9th of April we held a wonderful music night in Church. The church was cleaned in the morning in readiness for all the talent it would help to showcase. The evening got off to a very lively start, thanks to Rock Choir who sang beautifully, and even got the audience to partake in some entertaining tongue twisting singing! They were followed by The Happy Monday's ukulele band that had us all singing and clapping away. After light refreshments, The Dynamics played some lovely pieces of music and entertained us with their wide repertoire. Finally the Rock Choir concluded the evening with more rousing songs and a little bit of dancing. Well done to everyone who took part, helped with the whole event, and made it possible. Thank you.

**Our next fund raising event will be held Foston Church on 5<sup>th</sup> of June at 3pm. Come and listen to an intriguing true story "The woman who didn't exist". As always a big thank you to all who help and give their valuable time to keep our little church going, WE COULD NOT manage without you!**

## **GATE HELMSLEY**

Two very successful and enjoyable events were held in Gate Helmsley recently – a parish lunch in January in aid of St Mary's Church and a spring dance in March in aid of the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who



*Millie, Mark, Laurence and Anna Roth*

supported these events and to all those who worked so hard on the preparations and cooking. Both events raised goodly amounts for the coffers of both organisations, an absolute necessity to "keep the shows on the road".

We were pleased to welcome two children into the family of the church at a christening service at St Mary's Church on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

They were Millie and Laurence Roth who have moved to Gate Helmsley

with their parents, Anna and Mark. We offer a warm welcome to this family and to all other newcomers to the village.

We also welcome the re-opening of the Duke of York pub after a period of refurbishment. It forms a pleasant and convivial setting for a good bite to eat.

We look forward to the visit of the Archbishop of York on 12<sup>th</sup> May as part of his ongoing pilgrimage to all parts of the Diocese. There are details of the day in another part of the Circular, but it begins here at St Mary's Church with a short service of pilgrimage prayer at 8.30 am. Everyone is welcome to join the Archbishop during any part of the day.

Some celebratory and fund-raising events are planned for the summer. These are:

- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June Open Gardens** at the Manor House, with refreshments, courtesy of Captain Dick Garnons-Williams 2.00 to 4.30 pm in aid of St Mary's Church
- **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Strawberry Lunch** at Gate Helmsley Village Hall 12.30 pm, tickets £10 in aid of St Mary's Church
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July BBQ** at Whinfield in aid of Gate Helmsley Village Hall

**More details about these events can be found elsewhere in the Circular.**

## “Pipe Up!”

### St Mary's, Gate Helmsley Centenary Organ Restoration Fund

#### ***Going, Going, Gone!***

By the time you read this, our organ will no longer be in the church but in countless pieces in the workshop of PPO. Geoffrey's team removed the organ on 26 April and will be working on the restoration over the next 2-3 months.

Now is a good time to give heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to our long fundraising effort.

Once the organ is safely back in its place we will be able to arrange a dedication service and a recital or two so that everyone can join our celebrations and hear the result of all their efforts.

I hope I might be able to get some photographs of the work as it proceeds.



For more information about the history of the organ, the restoration plans or to make a donation, contact Michael Harran – 01759 372215 or [mj@mharran.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:mj@mharran.freeserve.co.uk)

*Dick Garnons Williams, Michael Harran, Andrew Podmore*

## **HOWSHAM**

Our Easter Day Benefice Service, led by Rachel Benson was quite an occasion. The Church was bursting at the seams, we had an excellent sermon from Chris, prayers by Wendy Holman and family, and contributions from the Choir. The children enjoyed the egg hunt and the adults the refreshments.

The Gun Dog Trials at Gally Gap Farm are on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April and raffle proceeds go to Church Funds.

**Our Annual Bank Holiday Cake Stall  
will be held from 10.30am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
on Howsham Bridge.**

We are currently fundraising for repairs to the Church Wall-again!  
We hope to arrange a village celebration of some kind to celebrate the Queen's official Birthday in June.

## **SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON**

Whilst thinking about the past 3 months, since the last edition of the circular, I find myself focused on the sunshine streaming in through the windows-a very different picture to the drab and wet days of our winter season. Now we have entered Spring and how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful part of God's creation! I guess for many of us Spring will be our favourite Season as we enjoy the new life and colour all around us.

A big thank you to those who voluntarily care for our villages including those who took part in the litter pick!

## **ST. MARY'S CHURCH.**

Thank you to Chris Wingfield for giving us lots to think about and to learn in the Lent Course- 'Stop, Luke and Listen'. On average a group of 20 attended each of the 4 weeks. Each session ended with a time of worship and

meditation when Chris introduced us to 'Spa Church'. (more information on this form of worship within the Circular!)

## **CELEBRATIONS**

In February, Archie Pote, the youngest resident in Claxton, was welcomed into the Church Family at his Baptism Service.

In April we celebrated the Baptism of Gracie Maeve Watkins, the youngest regular member of our congregations.



*Above: Chris Wingfield, Gracie, Louise and Andy Watkins*

*Left: Rachel Benson, Archie, Miles and Katie Pote*

Both services were joyful occasions followed by lots of good food in our Village Hall! We look forward to watching these little ones grow and pray for the parents and godparents as they seek to fulfil their vows.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

from all at St. Mary's Church to Charles Eddington & Christina Gwynn who were married on April 23rd. Best wishes and may God bless you as you journey through life together.

A big thank you to John and Jean Daish for their gift of a votive candle stand which is placed, for your use, at the front of the church. Alongside the stand is a prayer and memorial table on which you are invited to place small floral tributes. There is also a prayer request board which is often used by those asking for prayers for others as well as for themselves. Please feel free to use as and when you want and we will pray for you.

We now have a new display for the two Charities that we are supporting this year namely "The Blind and Partially Sighted Society" in York and "The UNICEF Refugee camp on the border of Jordan & Syria". The monies raised for this overseas charity will be given directly to Geeta Narayan, the advisor for programmes and planning in the camp, via a very reliable contact in

Jordan. If you wish to support either of these charities please contact one of the church wardens (contact details on the inside back page) Thank you.

## **FUND RAISING**

What an amazing concert by The Supersingers choir on April 15th! A great mix of excellently presented songs conducted by a very energetic and lively young lady, Jules Mock. She expressed the opportunity for new members, and the willingness to help with further fundraising. Thank you to all who came to support our fundraising for the tower project and to those who helped to make it a wonderful social evening with good canapes and wine! A total of approximately £600 was raised.

Our next fund raising event will be "STRAWBERRY TEAS" on July 16th, 2.00pm - 4.30pm at Graham and Rachel's home, Holderness House, Claxton. More details elsewhere in The Circular!

Details of the following events will be in the August edition of The Circular: "GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS" November 5th and Dot and Bryan's "QUIZ NIGHT" date to be arranged.

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## ***EASTER CROSSWORD***

### ***Benfice Befuddler --- the solution***

Thank you to all those who sent in their completed crosswords. While most of you had most of the right answers, only two were entirely correct.

Congratulations therefore to **Jill Fagan** and **Wendy Holman** – who both received an Easter egg prize

#### ***Across***

- |    |   |                            |
|----|---|----------------------------|
| 1. | Ecclesiastical version of a meter maid? (12)      | Churchwarden               |
| 3. | Supplicant (7)                                    | Kneeler                    |
| 5. | In York, a senior politician, but I'm missing (7) | Minster (minster- minus i) |
| 7  | Get one of these in school (6)                    | Lesson                     |
| 8. | Where church underwear is kept (6)                | Vestry                     |
| 9. | Is this too much for the vicar to wear? (8)       | Surplice (surplus)         |
| 11 | Get water here in May (8)                         | Whit-well                  |

13.	Lots of stamps for example (10)	Collection
16.	Move ton and thus you will arrive here (4,6)	Sand Hutton (anagram)
20.	Six vehicles? (6)	Vicars (VI cars)
23.	Primate gets direction (4)	Apse ( <u>A</u> pe + <u>S</u> outh)
24.	How to pack 'em in this church? (6)	Crambe
25.	Does 'e open t'show? (6)	Foston (First on- <i>in good Yorkshire!</i> )
28.	Sounds like a lot of musical paper (5)	Choir (Quire)
29.	Get South with this handy part for 1 Of 150 (5)	Psalm ( <u>P</u> alm+ <u>S</u> outh)
31.	Dirty drinking vessel? (7,5)	Stained glass
34.	These have appeal (5)	Bells
36.	To be in control of everyone (7)	Boss-all
37.	With a smile? That's how we like it (7)	Service
38.	Heart or brain say – makes a great noise (5)	Organ

### **Down**

2.	Sounds like her partner for singing (4)	Hymn (Him)
4.	Internet weapon? Sounds like it! (7)	Epistle (E-pistol)
6.	This is it! (3,8)	The Circular
10.	Definitely not an odd ditty (8)	Evensong
12.	Waiter's enquiry about your pig's dinner? (7)	Howsham (How's ham?!)
14.	Shut this, steer boat from this, Santa has one! (4, 8)	Gate Helmsley (Gate/helm/sleigh)
15.	Without a hope, it points to the sky (5)	Spire (Aspire the A)
17.	Tart thief missing king in church (4)	Nave (Knave)
18.	Honestly, what your sleeve may have (6)	Harton (Heart- on)
19.	Serendipity comes to an end with Romans 50 (7)	Chancel (Chance_L)
21.	What the sought might seek (9)	Sanctuary
22.	On course, roughly average! (6)	Parish (Par-ish –golf course)
26.	Only when you see the green men! (5)	Cross (the road)
27.	Measure of the doctor's success? (6)	Curate (Cure rate)
30.	A bright star – I'm not there – at the east end (6)	Altar (Altair -12 <sup>th</sup> brightest star-minus i)
32.	We sang this together, us..... (6)	Anthem (An'them)
33.	Close relative (6)	Sister
34.	He can't go up and down (or across!) (6)	Bishop (chess piece)
35.	Flatten a hill on Dartmoor? (6)	Rector (Wreck-tor)

***Apologies to those churches not included – maybe next time!***

## ***News from our schools.....***

### ***SAND HUTTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL***



The summer term always holds promise of exciting times at a primary school, even though we cannot totally rely on the idea of long warm sunny days for sports days and trips out. Even so there is much to look forward. Class 3 are sharing a visit with the children at Warthill to the Buddhist World Peace Centre at Kilnwick Percy near Pocklington. This allows the children to learn about Buddhism as a major world faith so very close to home, a fascinating experience for children and adults.

In sharp contrast this is to be followed by an opportunity to go surfing under the safe and watchful eye of the RNLI at Scarborough. The RNLI team have already been into school to talk about keeping safe near and around water so the children will be able to put what they have learned into action whilst having a day together at the seaside.



Later in the term we are having a whole school visit to the Countryside day at the Ledston Estate near Garforth. This is a mini country show that demonstrates everything the countryside has to offer; with many opportunities for the children to see aspects of country life at close quarters e.g. sheep shearing, ferret racing, falconry, forestry. This is one occasion when we would appreciate fine weather!

As part of the Howardian Small Schools Alliance, Sand Hutton welcomed staff from Slingsby, Warthill, Terrington, Foston, Langton, Gillamoor and Leavening to a joint training day at the beginning of term. The day was led by a consultant teacher, Naomi Smales who engaged us all with the 'Talk for Writing' approach aimed to develop and inspire children as young writers

and readers, using high quality fiction and opportunities to retell stories and develop exciting, extensive vocabulary. As a teacher it is always a pleasure to 'be taught', also to spend time with a group of friendly colleagues openly sharing thoughts and ideas is a rare opportunity once a busy term gets underway.

The Year 6 children, like all other ten and eleven year olds across the country, will be taking their end of primary school tests at the beginning of May (SATS). Despite the many government changes that have taken place concerning the format of these tests this year, the children have continued to do their very best and have been a credit to school and their families. They will certainly deserve a summer in which to enjoy their last term at primary school, both in and out of school, once the tests are over.



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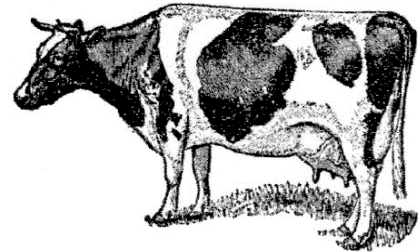
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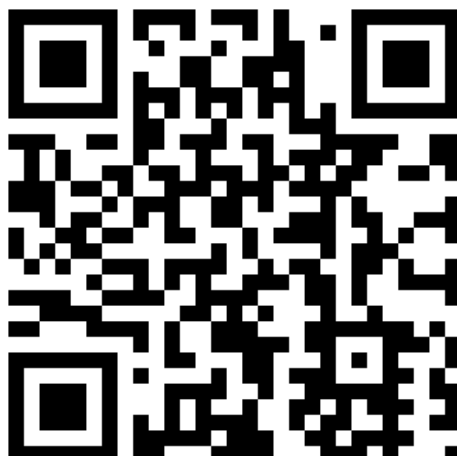
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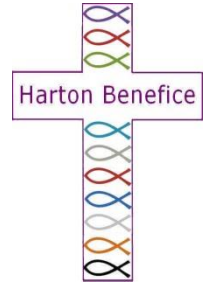




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## Harton Benefice on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

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8.30 – 9.00 am	St Mary's Gate Helmsley <i>Pilgrimage Prayers</i>
9.30 – 10.30 am	Sand Hutton School <i>Meet parents, children and staff</i>
10.30 – 11.30 am	Walk from Sand Hutton to Claxton
11.45 – 12.45 pm	Barton Le Willows Village Hall <i>Simple Lunch – open event, all invited</i>
1.00 – 3.00 pm	Walk from Flaxton Church to Thornton Le Clay via Foston
3.00 – 3.30 pm	Foston School <i>Meet parents, children and staff</i>
3.45 – 4.15 pm	Walk from Howsham Bridge to St John's Howsham <i>Tea – all invited</i>
5.00 – 5.45 pm	<i>Pilgrimage Prayers</i>

**Please join us in fellowship and prayer  
for any part of the day**