

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Winter Edition 2016-2017
November December January

Sand Hutton Claxton Flaxton
Gate Helmsley Upper Helmsley Bossall
Buttercrambe Howsham Harton
Whitwell-on-the-Hill Crambe Foston
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From The Vicarage



November – a Season to Remember.

A few years ago, a day trip to France found us eating our lunch in a converted WW2 German Bunker. ‘Not the most salubrious of surroundings’ we were told, ‘but the food is excellent.’ True, it was not the most ‘salubrious of surroundings’, but what an incredible place it had been transformed into.

High up on a hill, overlooking Calais and the Channel, the white cliffs of Dover visible on a clear day, we sat with a panoramic view of northern France to the south and southern England to the north. Even with your mind firmly fixed on the ‘repas du jour’, you couldn’t help but wonder what had gone on in this concrete fortress, built for its original purpose, some seventy five years ago.

The functional structure of the building and the commanding views conjured up scenes of plans being discussed, hopes being expressed, and fears being whispered. How many times had field glasses been trained on that expanse of water that separated goals achieved from goals sought; from the brutal appropriation of swathes of Europe to the fragile liberty still held by mainland England. All that potential, just eleven miles away, could have been realised if different decisions had been taken by the German powers of the day.

Sitting there, in the midst of living history, one couldn’t help but feel a strange eeriness. It was a site that was once in the throes of carnage, of death, of abuse of power, of victimisation – of greed. As we drove up the narrow winding one lane road to the bunker, the pot holes from the bombardment of allied shells were plainly visible either side, reminders of a defiance against the threat of such evil – for that is what greed is.

And yet it was clear that the circle had turned, as generations had gone by. The sea of mud and shrapnel that had scarred this place was once again a scene of rural beauty, laid beneath a carpet of grass. The horrors of war had re-moulded the landscape as cows and sheep now grazed peacefully in the hollow dips, carved out by man’s fight against man. This place - this piece of history - could never be just a restaurant. It was a living reminder of how capable humanity is of horror. And yet, the very dark purpose that it had been built for had been wonderfully transformed into a place of laughter, of

fellowship, of food and wine, of fun and hope. All history shapes the future of creation: and yet it is we who have the responsibility of using history in the moulding of that future.

On this Remembrance Sunday, November 13th, we too are invited to visit places which remind us of how recent history has shaped our lives. Churches, Memorials, with their Rolls of Honour, The Last Post, 'We will remember them' and the National Anthem – all pointers to darker days - days that have fashioned our personal landscape. We remember those who were part of that period of history, from our towns, our villages, our communities and our families, who may once have trod the same part of France we were in just a few years ago, who would have faced that common enemy, greed, no matter what its uniform or disguise may be.

So it is good - no, it is important - that we should recognise each year this most significant, yet receding period of our history, and acknowledge how it has scarred our own landscape and how we have remoulded it. For it is not just about the lives that were 'sacrificed' in the name of liberty and democracy, but how it has built and shaped our lives now. And it is important too that we should recognise the turning of the circle for this generation – that the 'freedom' we enjoy now is not just because of that 'sacrifice' that was made then, but what we have done – and are still doing - with that 'freedom' that was fought for.

Our day trip to France, our meal in the restaurant that was once a German bunker, epitomised our need to recognise history in our present day, to look at what we have, because of what has happened and how we have transformed it.

So please join us at 10.30am St Michael's, Crambe, on Remembrance Sunday, so we can acknowledge with respect those involved in an horrific part of history.

But let us also recognise that what we have today isn't just dependent on yesterday: it is what we have done - and continue to do - because of yesterday.

Yours in Christ

Revd. Chris Wingfield

Services for the Benefice of Harton
November 2016

Wednesday 2nd November

All Souls

9.00	Morning Prayer	Sand Hutton
10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton

Sunday 6th November

3rd before Advent

10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Flaxton
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Wednesday 9th November

9.00	Morning Prayer	Gate Helmsley
10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley

Sunday 13th November



Remembrance Sunday

10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Crambe
12.00	Act of Remembrance	Sand Hutton War Memorial

Wednesday 16th November

9.00	Morning Prayer	Bossall
10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall

Sunday 20th November

Christ the King

9.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
10.30	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton

Wednesday 23rd November

9.00	Morning Prayer	Buttercrambe
10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe

Sunday 27th November

Advent Sunday

10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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Wednesday 30th November

St Andrew

9.00	Morning Prayer	Howsham
10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham

December 2016

Sunday 4th December		Advent 2
10.30	Carol Service 	Sand Hutton
6.00	Holy Communion BCP	Crambe
Wednesday 7th December		
9.00	Morning Prayer	Buttercrambe
10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
Friday 9th December		
6.30	Carol Service 	Foston
Sunday 11th December		Advent 3
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
Wednesday 14th December		
9.00	Morning Prayer	Gate Helmsley
10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
Saturday 17th December		
6.00	Carol Service 	Crambe
with York Railway Institute Band and Women In Harmony Singers		
Sunday 18th December		Advent 4
10.30	Toy and Nativity Service	Flaxton
10.30	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
6.00	Carol Service 	Buttercrambe
Tuesday 20th December		
7.30	Carol Service 	Flaxton
Wednesday 21st December		
9.00	Morning Prayer	Howsham
10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
Friday 23rd December		
6.00	Carol Service 	Howsham



Saturday 24th December

4.30	Crib Service
4.30	Crib Service
4.30	Christingle and Crib Service
11.30	Midnight Mass
11.30	Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve



Bossall
Foston
Sand Hutton
Foston
Bossall



Sunday 25th December

9.00	Matins BCP
10.30	Christmas Holy Communion
10.30	Christmas Family Service

Christmas Day



Upper Helmsley
Gate Helmsley
Flaxton

Wednesday 28th December

9.00	Morning Prayer
10.00	Holy Communion

Holy Innocents

Sand Hutton
Sand Hutton

January 2017

Sunday 1st January

Christmas 1

10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 4th January

Epiphany

9.00	Morning Prayer	Foston
10.00	Holy Communion	Foston

Sunday 8th January

Epiphany 1

10.30	Family Service	Flaxton
10.30	Holy Communion	Bossall

Wednesday 11th January

Baptism of Christ

9.00	Morning Prayer	Buttercrambe
10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe

Sunday 15th January

Epiphany 2

10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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Wednesday 18th January

9.00	Morning Prayer	Upper Helmsley
10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley

Sunday 22nd January

Epiphany 3

10.30	Holy Communion	Foston
10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe

Wednesday 25th January

Conversion of St Paul

9.00	Morning Prayer	Bossall
10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall

Sunday 29th January

Epiphany 4

10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Howsham
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The Benefice of Harton

invites you to

REFLECT
this Advent

Come away and rest a while. Drop the busy and just be.
Four reflective services in which words, music and lots of space and quiet will help shift our focus away from this season's endless to do lists, and towards its everlasting reason.

29/11 - All Saints, Foston 6/12 - St Mary's, Gate Helmsley
13/12 - St John's, Howsham 20/12 - St Mary's, Sand Hutton

All services start at 7pm. All welcome.



Congratulations to those recently married

1 st July	David Carter and Charlotte Relton	Bossall
16 th July	Mark Mirfin and Rebecca Ford	Bossall
13 th August	Matthew Cooper and Chloe Marie Smith	Gate Helmsley
13 th August	Bradley Northrop and Lucy Morgan	Flaxton
20 th August	David Jordon and Yvonne Rowe	Foston
27 th August	Dr Samuel Illingworth and Dr Rebecca Docherty	Sand Hutton
24 th September	Casper Sijpesteijn and Katherine Boden	Buttercrambe



Welcome to those newly baptised

21 th August	Sophie Isabella Phillips	Sand Hutton
11 th September	Luke Ryan Gunther	Flaxton
9 th October	Lucas Sebastian Guy Knock	Flaxton
16 th October	India Fox Meadow Curran	Sand Hutton
23 th October	Elijah Dennis Young	Sand Hutton



Congratulations to those newly confirmed

9 th October	Elinor Mary Mitchell	Flaxton
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Adieu!
Geoff and Anne Walker

**During the service on November 20th at
St. Mary's Church, Sand Hutton,**

we will have the opportunity to express our thanks to Geoff and Anne Walker for their contribution to the church and to our community. They are leaving Sand Hutton to set up home near Litchfield to enable them to be nearer to their family so will be moving towards the end of the month.

Geoff has served as organist for some twenty years not only in St. Marys Sand Hutton, but in various churches throughout the Benefice. We will be forever grateful to Geoff for heading up the organ replacement project in St Mary's Sand Hutton, which has greatly benefited our worship.

Geoff has also has been involved in community activities which many of us will recall. Anne has spent many hours at her sewing machine producing amazing products to raise church funds at the annual 'Gifts for Christmas' event. She was instrumental in helping to develop the ongoing monthly community lunch and has been heavily involved in W. I. just to mention a few of her many contributions.

Following the service, you are invited to stay for refreshments to enable you to say your own 'Goodbyes' and for us to show our appreciation in the form of a presentation. If you are unable to come to the service please do come along afterwards at 12noon. You are most welcome to join us then!

From the Benefice PCC.....

The Benefice PCC next meets on Wednesday 26th October at 7.00 pm at Barton-le-Willows Village Hall. This meeting will be happening as The Circular goes to press, so will be reported in the next edition.

There will be a short business meeting until 7.30 pm when the meeting will be opened to all. It will be addressed by Archdeacon David Butterfield, Advisor and Steward for Generous Giving. This is a crucial area for discussion as the Diocese of York struggles to maintain sufficient funds to support a full complement of incumbents in the Deanery and Diocese.

Other issues which need to be addressed by the Benefice PCC and by the individual church PCCs are: the development of the Southern Ryedale Deanery and the proposals to develop the York Diocese.

Delyth Harran

Lay Vice-Chairman

**BECOME A
POPPY
SELLER**

**Royal British Legion
2016 Poppy Appeal**

Volunteer poppy sellers are still needed
in some of the villages in the Benefice
for this year's appeal.

**If you could spare a few hours during Remembrancetide
for this important task**

Please contact Fiona Davies on 01904 468001

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS



Saturday 5th November

**Sand Hutton Village Hall
10 am to 3 pm Entry £1**

Quality stalls for all your Christmas giving
Proceeds to St Mary's Church

Caroline's Kitchen

Coffee, tea and light lunches

Contact: Rosie Miers
giftsforchristmas@hotmail.co.uk



SEW and SUP

at Barton le Willows Village Hall

Now the nights are drawing in, catching up with folk takes a bit more effort,
take a bit of the monotony out of dark nights.

Bring along anything you'd like to do and your favourite tippie,
catch up with, and meet other people

We will meet at 7.00 pm on

**Wednesday 16th November, Wednesday 14th December,
Wednesday 11th January Wednesday 15th February**

**No need to sew or book, just come along
Hope to see you there!**





BOOK SIGNING!

AND NEW

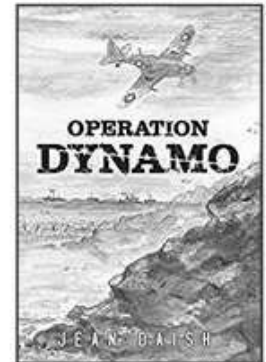
SEQUEL!

You are warmly invited to
Laurel House, Main street,
Sand Hutton
on WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER
7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

For a glass of bubbly and canapes

when local author
JEAN DAISH

will be signing copies of her books for children



WINTER MARKET



Friday 18th November

from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm

At Barton Le Willows village hall

A chance to meet up in a relaxed
and convivial atmosphere and shop for Christmas gifts.

Warm drinks and snacks, raffle.

Entry £1 children free.



All Saints Church, Foston

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 10th December



Thornton Le Clay village hall

11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Come and enjoy hot roast meat sandwiches, tasty cakes
and a chance to win a lovely raffle prize

Dot and Bryan's

quiz night!

Friday November 18th

7.0 pm

at Sand Hutton village hall

Tables of four at £5 per person to include supper

Bring your own drinks

Raffle

Tickets available from Dot and Bryan

Tel: 01759 372 601

Proceeds to St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton, Tower Restoration Project



St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley

Saturday 3rd December
2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

At Orchard House
Gate Helmsley

TOMBOLA RAFFLE GIFTS

CAKES PRODUCE

Adults £3 Children 50p
Includes tea/coffee and mince pie
(or admission by donation)

Barton le Willows Village Hall
SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd at 7.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS
QUIZ!

with
THE DYNAMIC DUO
Includes special £50 draw for 100 Club
Max 6 people per team
£5 per person to include snacks, BYO drinks
Raffle prizes welcome
Tickets available at the door



St Michael's Church, Crambe
Come and join us on
SATURDAY DECEMBER 17th
at 6.30 p.m. for
A candlelit celebration of Christmas
in carols, prose and poetry
with

THE RAILWAY INSTITUTE BAND
and
Women in Harmony
All are welcome

The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Please bring a torch, the village and car park have no lighting!

Scribblings from the Editor.....

It is some time since the Churchmouse has put pen to paper partly because she has little use for a pen in this digital age.

The printing team has had a quiet time for over a year now and no one has been close to having a nervous breakdown at the thought of printing the Circular. Those days seem to be well behind us. The new printer continues to do what we ask of it and produces perfect copy with very little prompting from any of us. What few hiccups we do have are entirely due to operator error and not mechanical faults. The only time it throws a hissy fit is if we inadvertently allow it to run out of paper, which seems fair enough really.



Peter hiding in the loft

So how do we wile away those hours while it churns away in the background? In among addressing envelopes, filling boxes with copies of The Circular ready for distribution, drinking coffee and eating ginger biscuits we play endless games of very competitive Scrabble though Peter has been known to go to considerable lengths to avoid being drawn into this activity (he would rather read his book!)

This edition of The Circular is a little slimmer than usual as a few expected submissions didn't materialise. The magazine is only as interesting as the copy you send for inclusion. It would be good to include more photographs where possible, so do send them in to liven up your stories and news.

Do take the trouble to read the short articles towards the end of this magazine about two important charities which would benefit greatly from your support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our advertisers without whose continuing support, we would not be able to print and distribute this magazine for free. As always we are seeking to improve what we do so any suggestions or comments from our readers are very welcome.

The Churchmouse and the rest of the printing mice hope you will all have a very Happy Christmas and send good wishes for 2017.

Around the Parishes.....

News, views and information from:

BOSSALL

The church yard has had its annual cut and looks tidier. The work requested by the Quinquennial report has also been completed.

A group of bell ringers have been during the summer and given a report on the state of the bells which will be discussed at the next P.C.C.

The scaffolding is still in place in order that the Wyvern (on the roof top) can be inspected as it has been somewhat crooked for years and probably needs stabilising.

BUTTERCRAMBE

We have had a busy summer with two weddings at St John's with the receptions being held at Aldby Park. We have enjoyed two different types of services from the regular format which have been well received. The Gregorian themed Service held in September was the last of Chris's Spa Experiences. It was a magical evening and all those who attended came away feeling spiritually refreshed and replenished with requests for 'When is the next one?' Thank you to Chris and Hannah for taking the service. A 'Songs of Praise' Service on Sunday 11th Sept when the congregation chose their favourite hymn and explained why they had chosen it. It was well supported by the residents of Buttercrambe.

Harvest Festival: We had a full church on Sunday 2nd October for the Benefice Harvest Festival service. Thank you to Peter and Ellen who brought the Benefice Choir. The church was beautifully decorated, thank you to all those who contributed. We would like to thank Chris and Hannah for leading the service. Lunch was then enjoyed at Aldby Park. Thank you in particular to Ann Archer and Sara Winn-Darley who prepared and served the food. £160 was raised for St John's Church.

Open Gardens: Over 130 people attended on Monday 29th August when Joe and Clare Horsley and George and Sara Winn-Darley opened their gardens. After an unsettled few days of weather, we were blessed with sunshine and

tea and scones were enjoyed in the Rose Garden. Ann Archer was in charge of the Produce Stall which raised £106 and Clare Horsley had organised the Tombola which made £126. Thank you to everyone who contributed, helped and supported us. £1,000 was made for the Church.

Repairs to the Church: The Estate team have been doing some work to the Church. In line with advice to remove the hard cement pointing, all of it has been replaced with a lime mortar mix on all elevations. Work has been carried out to install stainless steel to pin and secure a crack in the bell turret and secure the bell fixings. The broken wooden bell wheels have been replaced as advised by the bell specialist Mr Potter and new wire ropes attached. The missing stone dog teeth in the ridge stones have been replaced. The main door has been sanded with stainless steel wool to reveal its natural silver oak finish as recommended by Peter Pace. Joinery repairs also to the main door.

Eight pew cushions have been kindly made by Sally Dykes. This has raised the seat to a much more comfortable height and has been well received. We are hoping to do the remainder next year.

Our Carol Service is being held at 6pm on Sunday 18th December. There will be mulled wine and refreshments served after the service. All are very welcome.

CRAMBE

It has been a fair summer, definitely improving in September and as I write, into October.

There were only two significant events.

St. Michael's is most grateful to Deborah Cole, who on the 15th September organised a very successful Bridge Party at Barton Le Willows village hall. It raised a tremendous £672 for church funds. Many thanks to Deborah and all who took part, and those who assisted with the afternoon tea and raffle.

The 26th of September was our annual Harvest Festival. This year it was significant, as it saw the unveiling of the new lighting system. Never has 'Let there be light' been more appropriate! The address was given by Hannah Suekarran, our new Curate. All the produce was donated to Spring Cottage as is usual, and always much appreciated.

The new lighting system was paid from the Legacy of Ken Wood Waller, and a plaque has been placed in the church to commemorate this. A member of the Waller family came from Hull to witness the event.

On 15th October, the Rev. Shelagh Jones gave an interesting sermon, explaining the York Anglican Cursillo movement, inviting members of the Benefice to spend a weekend at Cursillo to enrich their faith.

FLAXTON

On September 8th we held our second fund raising event at St Crux in York. As ever, refreshments were “tops”. A lot of people came out saying how much they had enjoyed the food. It was good to see our regular customers and to meet new ones, some from as far away as Australia. We had lots of items for sale on the outdoor stalls and this proved worthwhile as during the course of the day we were able to provide good quality goods. Towards the end of the day a lady asked if we had any plastic snakes. She was very happy when we could oblige as she wanted it to put in her garden to scare away the pigeons!! The success of these events is thanks to all who gave goods to sell and time and energy on the day. One of the key factors is getting the goods in by 8.00am and bringing all the unsold goods back out by 4.30pm, all to be achieved before traffic restriction times.

We had an excellent Harvest Festival service on the 9th October when we were joined by Bishop John. The church decoration, as ever, was fantastic and is still looking good a week on as I write. The church was open for light refreshments from 8.30am for those who wanted to come to service before the roads closed due to the York Marathon.



Lin, and Lucas with mum

During the service, Bishop John confirmed Lin Mitchell and baptised Lucas Knock.

Thank you to everyone who gave harvest produce. This has been given to the Salvation Army in York for their food distribution programme that is run to help those who find themselves in crisis because of unfortunate events in their personal circumstances. A letter of thanks has been received from Major Andrew Dunkinson at the Salvation Army and is on the lychgate noticeboard.

Following the service a “bring and share” lunch in the village hall was enjoyed by everyone. The PCC send sincere thanks to Bishop John, Chris our Rector, Hannah our Curate, Sister Margaret Ann and to everyone who helped in any way. A great day of celebration.

Sunday School/Club is up and running again after the summer break. We meet in church from 09.30 to 10.30 except when there is a service. We would love to have more members. **For more information please contact Ida on 01347 878 432.**

Our Nativity Service this year is on Sunday 18th December at 10.30. If there are any children who would like to take part please contact Ida on 01347 878 432. We start rehearsing mid-November. During the service we welcome gifts of toys/games ages 0-18 which are given to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Please come along and support these young people.

The Carol Service is on Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm when once again the Flaxton Singers will be joining us. During the service there will be the presentation of the Crib and after the service there will be mulled wine and mince pies. We look forward to seeing you.

FOSTON

At the beginning of September All Saints church took part in the “Pray one for me” service. Volunteers had kindly distributed the prayer cards around the parish. The church made for a calm and relaxed environment as prayer requests were fulfilled.

Well done to Joan Shipley and her band of volunteers who held a very successful “Scones on the lawn” on Sunday 14th August. All the proceeds went to Macmillan cancer support.

We held a fun filled evening with the help of Sloe Motion gin company in Thornton le Clay village hall on Saturday the 24th of September. Johnathon Courtoys gave a fascinating talk about sloes, gin, and the process of making sloe gin. We all enjoyed some delicious tasters too, and a tasty supper. The evening raised over £250 for our church

GATE HELMSLEY

What a wonderful harvest festival service we had at St Mary's Church. The service was led by Reverend Rachel Benson and was followed by a sumptuous supper at the Village Hall, which everyone enjoyed. Rachel gave a powerful sermon on the real meaning of harvest. She emphasised that there are many people in need even in our local communities in this modern day, and highlighted the plight of some farmers in the Yorkshire Dales, whose livelihood depends on the vagaries of weather and farm subsidies.

Our recently appointed curate, Reverend Hannah Suekarran, also took part in the service. It was Hannah's first visit to the Village Hall and her first experience of a St Mary's supper. We really value Hannah's contribution to the benefice as part of the Ministry Team.

There was another happy celebration in the church on 13th August on the occasion of the marriage of Chloe Smith and Matthew Cooper. Although the young couple live in New Zealand, Chloe's family have lived in Gate Helmsley and Scoreby for several years. We wish Chloe and Matthew the best of everything in their future life together.

We welcome any recent newcomers to the village and hope that you will settle happily here. We send good wishes to those who have left for a new home elsewhere. Especially we think of Lorraine and Peter Thirsk who have moved after many years in the village, and we wish them well in their new surroundings.

Several events are planned in aid of the church and of the village hall. Details can be found elsewhere in the Circular such as the [Christmas Fayre at Orchard House on 3rd December](#). We hope that many of you will join us for:

- [Village Carol Singing at St Mary's Church on Saturday 10th December at 12.00 noon followed by lunch for everyone at the village hall](#)
- [Parish Lunch at Orchard House on Sunday 22nd January 12.30 for 1.00 pm, pre-booking essential, tickets £15 from the Harrans \(01759 372215\)](#)

“Pipe Up!”

St Mary’s, Gate Helmsley Centenary Organ Restoration Fund

The organ restoration work is still underway at PPO. Progress is good however as we saw at a further visit to the workshop in late September.

New bellows have been constructed and the organ frame has been partly erected in the workshop so that adjustments can be made to take account of corrections to the height of the pedalboard. The key and pedalboards are almost complete; the metal front pipes and wooden pipes have been repainted ready to be “voiced” – so that they make the correct sound.



The engraved lettering on the stopheads was done by hand in 1913 as shown in the picture. They are ivory and the surface of some have been carefully skimmed to allow re-engraving (by machine this time!) so that they can be re-used. A few new stopheads for the extra ranks of pipes and couplers will be required and we discussed how best to match these with the existing ones. The new ones will be made from a synthetic material as close as possible to the colour of the originals.

So, we are getting steadily closer to the re-installation of the organ, probably not before the All Souls evening service on 30 October (sorry Peter and the choir!), but certainly before Christmas.

We wait to find out whether the old blower is up to the task or will need to be replaced. It is about the same age as the organist but hopefully in better condition!

The Fundraising Group is still happy to receive further donations to ensure that we have a small “contingency” reserve in case of unforeseen additional work that might be required.

The Fundraising Group:

Dick Garnons Williams, Michael Harran, Andrew Podmore

HOWSHAM

Our annual Bank Holiday Church and Churchyard clear-up was extremely well supported. Around 40 people worked very hard all afternoon and later enjoyed a BBQ at the Great Barn. The weather was kind, the Churchyard looks marvellous and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our quinquennial inspection has just taken place – so fingers crossed!

The Harvest Festival with Sister in charge was well attended. The Church looked wonderful (thanks to a small band of ladies), we had a great supper – thanks to all who contributed and the auction made an incredible £420 for the Red Cross and St Catherine's Hospice. We congratulated two loyal supporters, Olga and John who announced their engagement on the night!

The Christmas raffle & cake stall at York Auction Centre Fatstock Show will be on 5th December from 10am.

The Carol Service will be on Friday 23rd December at 6.00pm followed by mince pies & mulled wine at the Great Barn. Any offers to read, sing or play would be welcome.

SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON

We are well into Autumn now and enjoying not only beautiful weather but also the changing scenes in our country landscape, with the stunning colours on the trees and the ever changing fields being worked so hard by our farmers.



On Sunday October 23rd Elijah Young was baptised by Chris at St Mary's Church. While Hannah gave the address, Chris and Sister took all the children at the service to the back of church so they could write letters to, and draw pictures for Elijah to read and look at when he is old enough, the theme being the meaning of baptism.

November 5th is not only seven weeks away from Christmas but an opportunity to do your Christmas shopping at GIFTS for CHRISTMAS in Sand Hutton village hall!! More information elsewhere in the circular.



Carol Singing in Claxton **Monday 19th December 2016**

(Meet at Anne White's house - Middle Cottage at 6.15pm)
All singers are invited to Vicarage Farm
for refreshments before setting off

**Come and sing some carols around Claxton to raise money
for Macmillan Cancer Support**

For further details please ring Anne Atkinson on 01904 468226

ST MARY'S CHURCH, SAND HUTTON, TOWER AND SPIRE RESTORATION PROJECT

The development stage of our restoration project has now been completed. The various investigations and reports have informed our detailed plans and specification for the delivery phase when the actual work will hopefully be undertaken.



The Consistory Court of the Diocese of York have granted a faculty authorising the works and fundraising continues towards helping us to raise the substantial sum needed to undertake this essential and critical work.

Our second round application has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund to seek funding for the delivery phase and we are also approaching additional grant bodies. If we are successful we hope to begin the programme of works in 2017. Our aim is to preserve St Mary's Church and its heritage and to create new opportunities and facilities to attract more people to use and enjoy this beautiful building.

We are very grateful to all those who continue, in many ways, to support our fundraising.

**For more information or to make a donation please
contact: Ellen Stott 01904 468404 or Graham Baker
01904 468809**



News from our schools.....

SAND HUTTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a great start to the new academic year. At Sand Hutton CE Primary School we have welcomed new children and staff who have settled in very well into our small school family.

WARTIME TOPIC

Class 3 have been absorbed in their research about World War 2 and have quickly become experts. This has been assisted by their classroom almost becoming a museum as it is filled with original artefacts from the time. The children also had a wonderful day out in Pickering. Dressed as evacuees they travelled on the steam train from Grosmont to Pickering and engaged in a series of workshops bringing their learning alive.



Young 'evacuees'



Children's author Jean Daish

The children were also thrilled to meet Sand Hutton's very own author, Jean Daish, whose recently published book 'Operation Dynamo' was about wartime evacuees. She came into school to meet us and read aloud her story which was absorbing, inspiring the children to write creative stories of their own.

CROSS COUNTRY

All of KS2 were invited to take part in The Howardian Small Schools Alliance cross country hosted by Leavening School. It was a beautiful afternoon for running over fields, even the very light rain shower created a fantastic rainbow. It certainly brought us luck as Jemma Field from Sand Hutton was the first girl to return in the Year 5/6 race. All children ran very well and encouraged each other to finish even when the going got tough.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Please accept this invitation to attend the Sand Hutton CE School PTA
Christmas Fair on Friday 2 December at 6 00 pm.
Everyone is very welcome.**



Pause for thought.....

Did you know that without effective antibiotics most medical treatments including cancer, heart surgery, organ transplantation and joint replacements would be impossible?

The rise of antibiotic resistance threatens all modern medicine and we need to act now. Antibiotic Research UK is the world's first charity to tackle the problem. Founded by local resident Colin Garner in 2014, the charity's mission is to develop new antibiotics, educate the public and professionals about antibiotic resistance and provide patient information. The Chief Medical Officer, Dame Sally Davies said recently that our children and grandchildren would not thank us if we didn't tackle antibiotic resistance now and that is why our charity needs your support.

Two charity events are taking place which you should be aware of and which we would be delighted if you could attend.

17th November 2016

**A talk by Professor Colin Garner at Helmsley Arts Centre
at 7.30pm**

'Antibiotic Resistance – a Looming Medical Catastrophe'.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at
[http://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on/professor-colin-garner-antibiotic-resistance-a-looming-medical-catastrophe-](http://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on/professor-colin-garner-antibiotic-resistance-a-looming-medical-catastrophe)

18th November 2016

**Antibiotic Research UK's 2nd annual Great British Tea Party.
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If you would like to help in this way please deliver your foil in bin bags to Graham and Rachel, Holderness House, Claxton, or to St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton.

More detail on what can be collected and what we do can be found on the website: www.snappy.co.uk

Something to make you smile.....

The following statements about the Old and New Testaments were written by children at a primary school. They have not been edited in any way and incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came in pairs.
2. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day and a ball of fire during the night.
3. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
4. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
5. The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterwards Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.
6. The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
7. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
8. One of the opossums was St Matthew who was also a taximan.
9. St Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony which is another name for marriage.
10. Christians only have one spouse this is called monotony.
11. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
12. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus she sang the magna carta.
13. Soloman, one of David's sons had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
14. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.



And just for the kids, can you find all these hidden words?.....



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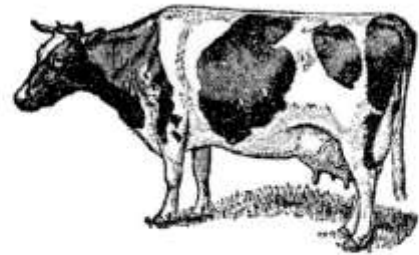
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