The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



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News, views and forthcoming events in our Benefice and communities

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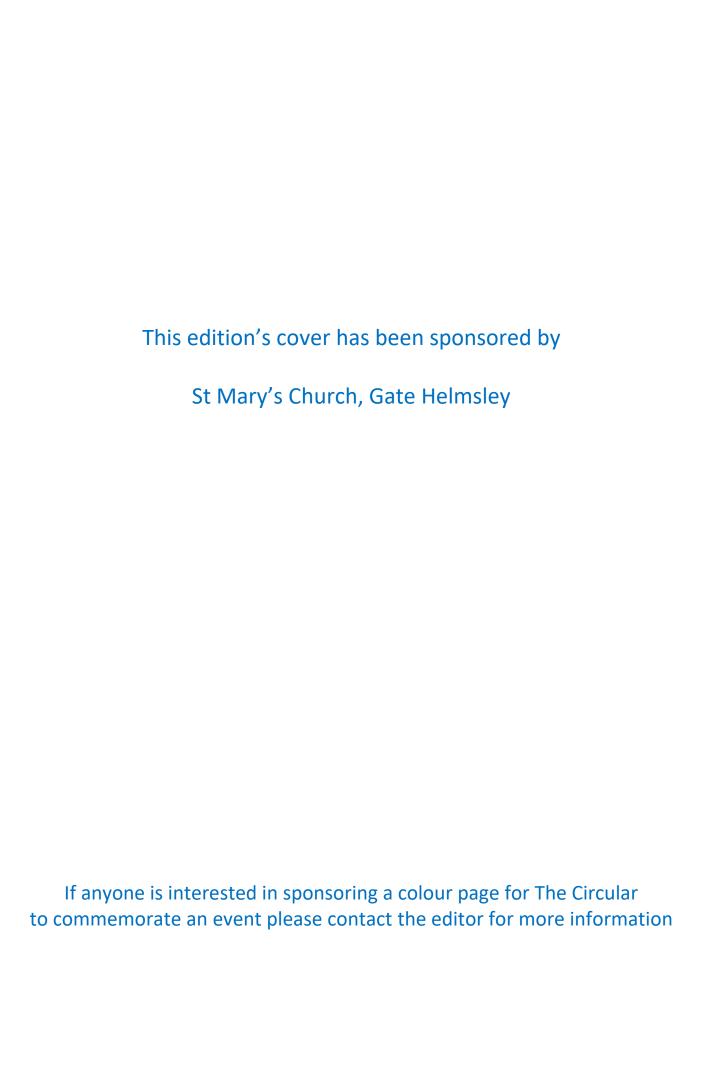
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From Rev. Hannah, the Curate - Reflections on becoming a Priest

On Thursday 31st June 2016, a nervous woman in her late 20s ascended the steps of York Minster to attend the rehearsal for her ordination as a Deacon, which was due to take place that Sunday. She listened carefully as she and her fellow ordinands were given instructions about where to stand, where to sit, where to walk, and how long to kneel. She looked around and wondered about the step she was about to take, and what her journey might look like from here. Feeling uncertain about the future, as she went off on retreat, she looked for reassurance. As she prayed to the God who had called her to this point, she wanted him to tell her it would all be OK; to show her what her next steps would look like, where the pitfalls were, how to avoid making mistakes. Reassurance, in this form, never came, but what did come was a promise: 'the one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.' (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

Her ordination day dawned, and was every bit as joyful as such an occasion should be, as she celebrated this milestone with family and friends. But in the back of her mind, uncertainty still lingered. 'Deacons are called to serve the community in which they are set...' the Archbishop had declared, and she had agreed to follow that call. But who were the people who made up this community? What would they be like? Would they welcome her? Could she really be their curate?

11 months later, on Thursday 8th June 2017 this same woman, now nearly 30 years old, ascended the steps of York Minster to attend the rehearsal for her ordination as Priest, which was due to take place that Sunday. She listened again to the instructions about where to stand, sit, walk and kneel, but this time they felt less intimidating, as if somehow she already had them within her. She was still full of wonder that she was about to take this next step, but on retreat her prayers were less about seeking reassurance, and more about asking God to equip her for whatever lay ahead. She still wasn't a fan of uncertainty - she had a hunch she never would be - but since her ordination as Deacon she had seen that the One who called her is indeed faithful, and that he will do it.

Her ordination day dawned, and again it was every bit as joyful as such an occasion should be, and then a whole lot more joyful besides. 'Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent...' the Archbishop declared, and again she agreed to follow that call. But this time it was different. That wondering about who those people were

and what they would be like had gone; replaced by a sea of their encouraging faces in York Minster, willing her on; a church full of them rejoicing with her as she presided at Communion for the very first time later that day; and still more who couldn't make it, but had sent their thoughts and prayers in other ways.

This woman had many what thoughts about her curacy would be like before it began. Some had turned out to be right, others could not have been more wrong. In her first year there had been days marked with joy and laughter, days where and wondered what on earth she



was doing, and how she had Hannah, on the left of the Archbishop of York come to be ordained at all. But there on Sunday 11th June 2017, in York Minster and in St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton, she felt nothing but joy, as she realised that a community of people who were unknown to her a year ago, had become a community in which she felt she belonged, and with whom she felt grateful and privileged to be able to celebrate this day.

As she drove home from what her friends described as the best bring and share meal they had ever seen, in Sand Hutton Village Hall, she thanked God for the Benefice of Harton, and for the way its people had welcomed her so warmly. She reflected that she still had a lot to learn; about this community and about being a priest, and all which that entails. And more than anything she wanted to thank everyone who had walked with her on

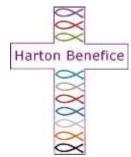


Celebrating communion for the first time at St Mary's, Sand Hutton June 11th

the journey so far, and would continue to do so, and especially those who had helped her to mark this particular day. They were too many to name, but all were as generous as each other. A wise man suggested she might write an article in The Circular to express her gratitude. And so she did.

Thank you to all those who made 11th June 2017 a day I will never forget, and for the welcome I have received during my first year here. It is a privilege to be Curate in this place.

A Vision for the future of Benefice of Harton



In late spring, a group of twenty of our parishioners from across the benefice met at Wydale Hall Retreat Centre for a day. We met to discuss the future of our benefice and our churches. There was a wide range of ages and backgrounds, attitudes and opinions, ideas and suggestions. But the one thing that held us all together was a need to have a

workable vision for the future of our benefice — one which included growth, sustainability and development. But we needed to have a structure in which our hopes and ideas could be held together. Rather than reinvent the wheel, we used the structure that the Diocese uses. This helped give us a shape to identify where God is calling us and how we might get there.

It starts with having Vision – a statement of intent of how we the body of Christ, His church, prayerfully want to represent Christ in our gathered communities.

This happens because we have a Mission – a broad-brush-stroke idea of how we want to achieve the Vision

Then a series of Goals – practical ways in which our Mission can be fulfilled And finally some Strategies – our action plan by which we can ensure our Goals are achieved, our Mission fulfilled and our Vision realised.

Well, that's the plan!

It was a VERY fruitful day at Wydale. Much was said about us working together as opposed to struggling apart — being benefice oriented rather than just parish minded — recognising the strength of being as one in our commitment, rather than feeling alone and isolated. There was a strong sense that we wanted to grow, not just in numbers but also in faith and understanding. A common call of playing a more proactive role within our local communities, and seeking strength and support from across the benefice. Certainly there was a feeling of acknowledging not only what we have, but also a reaching out to those whom we serve but don't engage with. And finally, a move towards having a financially sustainable future, not just for our benefice, but in support of the Diocese as well.

There was a lot of detail in all the thoughts, ideas and suggestions, which I have tried to distil into a cohesive and manageable synopsis, detailed below. Please do read through this and let me have your own comments and wisdom.

VISION:

With God's guidance, to be united in building His Kingdom within our Communities.

Phrases included: 10 churches as 1; togetherness; church as 'family' not just 'building'; fuller churches; lively services; more give and take; explore faith, prayer; welcoming, listening and being inclusive; be relevant; include the past with the future.

Throughout the day, a number of the ideas and suggestions fitted different categories, but I've tried to give a summary that fitted a VISION statement that embraced not only what we thought WE wanted to be but what GOD wanted us to be.

MISSION:

To grow and develop the faith, numbers and sustainability of our 'Living Churches', through sharing, commitment, sacrifice and generosity.

Again, a lot talk around families and children, offering more than just Sunday Services, teaching, not fearing change, commitment, consistency, welcome, advertising, hope, good news, joy, forgiveness.

I have added Sacrifice into the mix as I felt that the discussions were suggesting that there may be areas that by supporting others, we may have to give something up ourselves. This has already started to happen in a small way, but it may need further discussion. I've also added Generosity (both 'of finance' and 'of spirit') as the Diocese is encouraging us all to be 'Generous Churches'.

I have summed up the Goals and Strategies with just the headings as hopefully by now you've got the drift!

GOALS:

Become more benefice minded
Develop our ministry
Deepen our faith and prayer life
Serve our communities
Grow our numbers
Establish a sustainable future

STRATEGIES:

Welcoming - All Age/Inclusive

Sustaining – Existing congregations

Listening – Needs of communities

Outward facing/reaching - Outreach and follow ups

Nurturing and Encouraging – Home groups/bible study/fellowship groups Teaching – Groups/courses/forums for exploring, debating and discussing faith

Broadening – Worship styles/times/venues, partnering with other local organisations

Supporting – Each other, sacrifice and generosity, forgiveness and respect Consistency – Church attendance, becoming 'role models', living out our faith

This is our FIRST DRAFT – not the final product. It's a step in the right direction to find out what God is calling us to be as a benefice and how we respond to His calling.

I'm sure there will be many more discussions at Parish and Benefice level – but at least we're seriously discussing our future. Please pray for us all as we journey forward together, as our Vision suggests, and do let me know your thoughts.

Yours in Christ

Revd Chris Wingfield

Benefice Council.....

There is nothing significant to report about the Benefice PCC except that

The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th August at Wood House, Thornton Le Clay

As usual any items for the agenda should be sent to the secretary

Wendy Holman

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Tel: 01653 618 886

Services for the Benefice of Harton

Please note that prior to all the Wednesday morning services there will be a service of Morning Prayer at 9.00 am

August 2017

Wednesday 2 nd August 10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
Sunday 6 th August		Transfiguration
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
Wednesday 9 th August 10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
Sunday 13 th August		Trinity 9
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Flaxton
Wednesday 16 th August 10.00	Holy Communion	Blessed Virgin Mary Bossall
Sunday 20th August		Trinity 10
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
Wednesday 23 rd August		St Bartholomew
10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
Sunday 27 th August		Trinity 11
10.30	Holy Communion	Howsham
Wednesday 30 th August 10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe

September 2017

Sunday 3 rd September			Trinity 12
10.30	Benefice Holy Commu	nion	Whitwell
Wednesday 6th Septembe	r		
10.00	Holy Communion		Bossall
Sunday 10 th September			Trinity 13
9.00	Holy Communion		Sand Hutton
10.30	Harvest Holy Commur	ion	Upper Helmsley
6.00	Songs of Praise		Buttercrambe
Wednesday 13 th September			Holy Cross
10.00	Holy Communion		Howsham
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Sunday 17 th September			Trinity 14
10.30	Benefice Holy Commu	nion	Flaxton
Wednesday 20 th September			St Matthew
10.00	Holy Communion		Upper Helmsley
Sunday 24 th September			Trinity 15
9.00	Holy Communion BCP	(said)	Bossall
10.30	Holy Communion		Gate Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion		Foston
6.00	Harvest Evensong BCP		Crambe
Wednesday 27 th September St Mich		St Michael	and All Angels
10.00	Holy Communion		Crambe

October 2017

Sunday 1 st October		Trinity 16
11.30	Harvest Benefice Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
F	followed by Harvest Lunch at Aldby Par	k
6.00	Harvest Evensong	Howsham
	Followed by an Auction	
Tuesday 3 rd Octobe	r	
6.30	Harvest Evensong	Gate Helmsley
Followea	l by Harvest Supper at Gate Helmsley V	'illage Hall
Wednesday 4 th Octo	ober	
10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
Sunday 8 th October		Trinity 17
10.30	Harvest Holy Communion	Flaxton
	Followed by Harvest Lunch	
6.00	Harvest Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
ı	Followed by light refreshments in the c	hurch
Wednesday 11 th Oc	tober	
10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
Sunday 15th Octobe	r	Trinity 18
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Whitwell
Wednesday 18 th Oc	tober	St Luke
10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
Sunday 22 nd Octobe	er	Trinity 19
9.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
10.30	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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Wednesday 25 th Oc		Crambe
10.00		
10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
10.00 Sunday 29 th Octobe	,	Last after Trinity

Harvest Benefice Holy Communion Foston
Followed by light refreshments in the church
PLEASE NOTE THE CLOCKS GO BACK THIS SUNDAY!

Wed 1 st Nov.	7.00pm	Festival of Lilies and Light	Bossall
Sunday 5 th Nov.	10.30	Holy Communion	Flaxton
	10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe



Congratulations to those recently married

10 th June	Georgina Lewin and Jacob Laws	Flaxton
1 st July	Poppy Cotterell and Luke Howe	Flaxton



Welcome to those newly baptised

14 th May	Edward Philip Bruce	Sand Hutton
4 th June	Jessica Janet Elizabeth Midgley	Howsham
30 th July	Minnie Eve Gillam	Foston

Hannah's Priesting Day



Just a year ago Hannah Suekarran was ordained in York Minster and joined the Harton Benefice ministry team as our curate.

Hannah with her husband Rob

On Sunday 11 June 2017 Hannah returned to the Minster where - along with nine others - she was priested by Archbishop Sentamu in an uplifting service. Many worshipers from the Benefice joined the congregation and it was good to meet some of Hannah's family and friends at the service.

Hannah's husband Rob, who is a priest in the Ministry Team at Strensall, took part in the service as did our Rector, Chris Wingfield.

That evening St Mary's Church Sand Hutton was full as Hannah presided over Holy Communion for the first time. Rob gave an excellent sermon and the Benefice choir, conducted by Peter Stott, sang the anthem "In Christ Alone" and led the hearty congregational singing. The hymns were chosen by Hannah for their special significance in her journey of faith.



Following the service, Hannah, Rob their families, and many friends from the



At St Mary's, Sand Hutton

Benefice gathered in the village hall to celebrate with Hannah this major milestone in her life. There was a wonderful spread including a special cake to mark this important occasion.

The Celebration cake

Hannah was presented with a gift from the Benefice of a portable communion set, including wafers and communion wine.

It was a joyous day for everyone and we look forward to Hannah's continuing ministry in the Benefice over the next three years and pray for her in this role.

Tired....? Weary....? Need to pamper yourself....? Indulge yourself at 'Spa Church'—— a new type of Church!

Continuing the success of Spa Church

we will be holding further services throughout the Benefice over the coming months.



Acoustic

Thurs 10th August at St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton at 7.00 Listen to an array of beautiful meditative songs sung without accompaniment by an array of contemporary Christians.



Classical

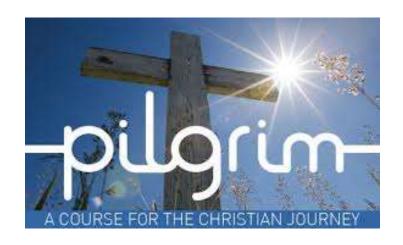
Thurs 7th September at St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley at 7.00 Uplifting spiritual pieces from the classical composers – recognisable and fulfilling.



Thurs 5th October at St Peter's Church, Upper Helmsley at 7.00 pm Listen to some of the wonderful spiritual choral arrangements that have stood the test of time.

Choral

Do come along and experience 'Spa Church'let your spiritual health feel refreshed and replenished



'Follow'

Pilgrim is a major new teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England.

It aims to help every local church create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day.

Pilgrim takes a different approach to other Christian programmes.

It approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but by participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers.

Pilgrim is comprised of two stages

The 'Follow' stage for those very new to faith, and **the 'Grow' stage** for those who want to go further.

Each stage contains four short six-session courses which focus on a major theme of Christian life.

If you want to know more and have access to the internet you can watch the following three videos on YouTube.

<u>Pilgrim promotional video</u>

<u>Why attend a Pilgrim Course?</u>

<u>Why run a Pilgrim Course?</u>

The courses will be held from 7.00pm – 9.00 pm at

St Lawrence's Church, Flaxton on September 5th, 19th and October 3rd
St Mary's Church Sand Hutton on September 12th, 26th, and October 10th



Charity No:702533 MAY SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CAKE SALE

A HUGE THANKYOU!

Especially to John and Lynda Teale who opened their lovely garden for this event, and to all those who donated cakes in such generous amounts and to all who came and ate or bought cake.

A stunning £510 was raised

Who would have thought that cake could make such a difference to peoples lives!

We hope that no waistlines were harmed by this event!!

Royal British Legion



Poppy Appeal 2017

I would love to hear from anyone who would be happy to help out in the 2017 Poppy Appeal, either helping to distribute/ collect the poppy boxes or selling poppies where collectors wish to step down.

Please ring me, Fiona Davies on 01904 468001.



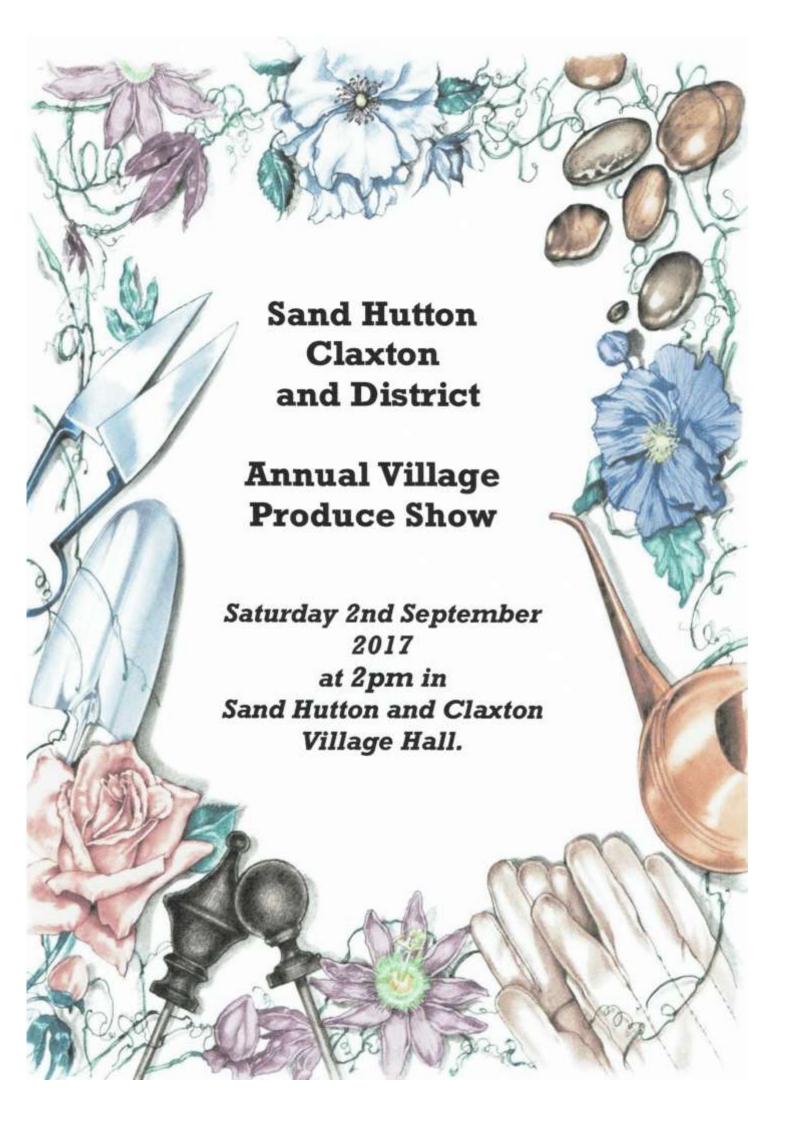
come for coffee at Bossall Hall

On Friday September 29th 10.30 -12noon

Raffle and stalls

Help to support their great work









Saturday 16th September

Gate Helmsley Village Hall

Doors open 7pm : First Race 7.30pm

Entry £3 • BYO food/beer/wine : glasses/soft drinks provided To sponsor a race, own a horse or just buy a ticket, contact

Chris: 01759 371687/chrisbickerdike@hotmail.co.uk *or* Mandy: 01759 371148/mandydodds@hotmail.co.uk

Lucky ticket wins a bottle of bubbly

Come along, have a flutter - and lots of fun!

Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall.

Parking opposite the hall



Saturday September 30th at 7.30 p.m.

At Sand Hutton Village Hall

Tickets £9.50 under 14's £5



SALSA VERDE

The world premiere of a new comedy by Kate Bramley
Classic Badapple comedy for all ages,
with a bit of a song and a dance thrown in....

Salsa Verde, or Green Sauce to give it a more local flavour, follows two different generations of characters where a romantic love-triangle seems destined to be repeated down the years.

A wartime Bevan Boy and a navy recruit clash at the dance hall, as do another thoroughly modern duo fighting over the instructor at the local village hall Salsa night.

Tickets available from Christine Keller Tel: 01904 468195, Caroline Hall Tel: 01904 468376, Fiona Davies Tel: 01904 468001 St Mary's Church Gate Helmsley

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Tuesday October 3rd

Service in church at 6.30 pm.

Followed by

HARVEST SUPPER

In the village hall

Prior booking essential through Delyth Harran (O1753 372 215) Anne Podmore (O1753 372 320)

Tickets £10 Bring your own drinks



2017 Shoebox Appeal

We are joining in the Romanian Christmas Family Shoebox Appeal again after a year's gap.

The appeal is run by Amen (reg. charity 1057626)

who supervise the shoebox distribution alongside local Romanian churches. They work with poor families who are really thankful for their gifts.

Leaflets are available for distribution from David Fletcher

These give details of items that can be included In the boxes. Filled boxes need to be returned to David Fletcher by October 31st.



If you would like to help raise awareness and give out leaflets to interested people in your village, please phone David & Mandy Fletcher for leaflets and posters.

01759 371513 or Mob: 07900 998 378, email:davidfletcher165@hotmail.com

With many thanks for your kind support,

David Fletcher, The Old School House, Gate Helmsley. YO41 1NL

Dot and Bryan's

Friday October 20th
7.00 pm
at Sand Hutton village hall



Tables of four at £5 per person to include supper

Please 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

All Saints Church, Foston

In aid of church funds

QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 20th October 7.30 pm In Thornton Le Clay Village Hall



Our legendary quiz master Peter Mills will be testing our general knowledge.

Tickets £5 to include a hot supper Please brink your own drinks

For Tickets please contact Karen Tel: 01653 619964 Pam Tel: 01653 618141

Events at Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall

Saturday 2nd September Annual Village Produce and Craft Show 2pm

Saturday 30th September Theatre on the Doorstep: "Salsa Verde", a new

production from Badapple Company 7.30pm

Saturday 7th October Saturday Social 10.30am – 12.30

Saturday 4th November "GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS"

Save the dates and watch for further details!



CLAXTON AND SAND HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Date of next meetings: Monday 14 August; Monday 25th September.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall, Sand Hutton, at 7.30pm.

All welcome; there is a Public Forum at the start of every meeting at which members of the public can ask questions or raise issues about Parish concerns.

Our next "Saturday Social" is on Saturday 7th October, to which we are welcoming the local representative from the newly formed Community Team of Ryedale District Council, Bridget Skaife. She's very keen to meet our community and hear about our concerns.

The Parish website http://www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk/ will shortly need to undergo change. We would very much welcome help from anyone in the community experienced in website development and management;

if you feel you are able to help in any way, please contact Caroline Hall (Vice Chair) 01904 468376 or email: hallcaroline993@gmail.com

The Benefice



In the chapel at Castle Howard

The Benefice Choir was delighted to be invited to sing Choral Evensong again at Castle Howard on Sunday 7th May.

The service included Psalm 23, Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, sung responses, hymns and the anthem "Ave Verum Corpus" by Edward Elgar. It is always a pleasure to sing in the Chapel at Castle Howard and all enjoyed the excellent singing and beautiful setting.

Thanks go to Hannah Suekarran and Anne Freestone who led the service. The Benefice Choir continue to sing at regular services within the Benefice. We will be very sorry to lose one of our stalwart basses Dick Garnons—Williams when he moves from the area.

New members are always welcome, especially tenors and basses.

If you are interested in joining the choir and would like to know more, please contact

Peter Stott Email: petermstott@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01904 468404



Around the Parishes...... News, views and information from:

BARTON LE WILLOWS

Earlier in the summer a farm walk was held. Becky and Phil were wonderful hosts; showing us all the animals and crops they have on the farm. Collecting eggs was a first for lots of the kids, and climbing on Phil's collection of tractors and a combine, was a dream come true for kids big and small!! Toasting marshmallows on a campfire and making smores went down a storm, as did the home grown beef burgers and cakes.

We were all thanking our lucky stars that we had postponed the event from the washout weekend it was scheduled for. Instead the sun shone and we had a wonderful evening, with lots heard saying that they would be back again next year, should it happen again. Fingers crossed!!!

Many thanks to all those who came. We raised £115 towards the village hall's improvement works, but just as importantly, got a chunk of our community together to share a great time.

BOSSALL

Nothing of note has happened at our church in the last three months but perhaps it is interesting to remember how, over the years, Bossall and Harton have changed.



Teddy and I arrived at the Old Vicarage in 1972 having bought the house from the Church Commissioners who at that time owned all the land, cottages and the four farms in Bossall. Since then one farm tenancy was vacated and the farmhouse and buildings, together with most of

the cottages were sold. The land was divided between the remaining three farms.

During the last year or so all three of the remaining farms have either been sold or are on the market, ending the Church Commissioners long standing role as landlords.



Some of you may remember that Harton once had a C of E Primary school albeit a very small one! When it closed the building became the village hall and playgroup venue. Sadly it was little used and in the end it too was sold off.

In more recent times new houses have Harton Village been built and all are occupied so once again we see young children in the village, a very welcome sight.

Mary Denison

CRAMBE

The weather has been very good! First dry, then wet, but warm, the gardens look amazing.

We welcome the Rev. Ben and Jackie Gunter to the Rectory, now known as St. Michael's House. Ben is the new Curate at St. Peter's Norton. Martin Groves has settled happily into his new house in Kennythorpe.

Yossi, a Romanian rescue dog escaped from Liz Jay's garden, causing much consternation in the village. However, after much ingenuity and endeavour she was found six days later, thin but unharmed. She is now well and settled with her new family.

Deborah and David Cole left Crambe for York, we wish them well in their new home. The Old School House, now Cholmondley House will be occupied in September by Mark and Paula.

We hope that George and Millie McNicholl will move into Beck Farm at the end of the year.

GATE HELMSLEY

We have had a busy few weeks here raising funds for St Mary's Church. This is just as well because a preliminary report following a recent Quinquennial Inspection (the required five-yearly inspection of church buildings) indicates

some possible serious problems affecting the roof and the tower. The repair is likely to entail considerable expense.

At the end of May, Anne and Andrew Podmore kindly hosted a coffee morning. A good time was had by everyone, and we raised a healthy sum for church funds. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success.



Brimham Rocks

Midsummer weekend, 23rd to 25th June, was celebrated with a Flower Festival in the church, held in conjunction with the Viking Flower Club, Stamford Bridge. The festival was open all weekend and included a preview evening on the Friday with refreshments, and a Holy Communion benefice service on Sunday with the benefice choir. This was followed by the annual Strawberry Lunch at the Village Hall. Dick Garnons-Williams kindly opened the Manor

House garden through Saturday. This may be the last time this beautiful garden is opened in aid of St Mary's Church as Dick will shortly be leaving Gate Helmsley for Bristol. He will be greatly missed as he has played a very prominent part in church and village life over the last thirty six years. Thank you, Dick, for all that you've done for the village.

The festival weekend required a great deal of hard work both in the preparation and in the implementation, in staging the flower displays, providing food and hospitality, setting up and clearing up. We are very grateful to everyone who took part in any way to make the weekend such a great success. It brought a lot of people together to enjoy themselves socially as well as raising an excellent sum for church funds.



Tour de Yorkshire

As this goes to press, we look forward to the Village Barbecue on Sunday 23^{rd} July, which, thanks to Tony Parker, will be held at Whinfield. This event is in aid of Gate and Upper Helmsley Village Hall. A Race Night will be held on Saturday 16^{th} September in aid of the same cause.

The next fund-raising event for the church will be the Harvest Festival on Tuesday 3rd October, 6.30 pm in church, with the Harvest Supper to follow in the village hall. Details of these forthcoming events can be found elsewhere in the Circular.

FOSTON

Foston church is looking as lovely as ever now the summer is upon us. The views from the back of the church across the Howardian Hills is quite breathtaking. We recommend you take a look next time you visit our church.

A few weeks ago we enjoyed a Holy Communion service led by Hannah Suekarran. This was Hannah's first solo service since being ordained. It really was a lovely service which we all enjoyed and felt privileged to be part of.

As always we want to continue our place in the local community, and are always looking for fund raising ideas. If you would like to get involved or have an Idea we would love to hear from you. Our church warden contact details are in the back of this circular.

We are pleased to announce another Quiz night. See advert in the Events section.

HOWSHAM



Sister Margaret Ann conducted a lovely blessing of the marriage of John and Olga Colledge, who live in Howsham. This was followed by an excellent party in the garden with amazing decorations and delicious food. Olga had made her lovely traditional Slovak wedding outfit and every guest received a cushion made by her to take home. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Sister Margaret with John and Olga at St John's Church

The village clean up and barbeque will be on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August from 2pm. Everyone is welcome. Meat provided for the BBQ – please bring your own drink and a salad or pud.

We have received a grant to cover the cost of a survey and estimate for repairs to our stained glass.

Please note that the Harvest Festival service will be at 6pm on Sunday October 1st not as previously arranged.

FLAXTON

The church was beautifully decorated and well supported for the Flaxton Singers Spring Concert in May. The amount raised by way of donations amounted to £200 which was equally shared between the church and Christian Aid.

Our annual Garden Fete held on Saturday 24th June was a great success due to a good team of helpers who started setting up at 10.00am and at the end of the day made sure everything was cleared away. Financially it was a good result but more importantly it was the coming together of friends and neighbours. Our very grateful thanks to Jane and Trevor for hosting us once again.

On the 8th September we will be holding our next Fund raising event at St Crux in York. If you are in town that day please do call in. Doors open at 10.00am and close at 4.00pm

SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON

St L'eonard's Medieval Layre.

It all started with an off the cuff suggestion from Chris Wingfield back in 2016, that it might be a good idea to hold a Medieval Fayre in the ruins of St Leonards Chapel of Ease behind St Marys in Sand Hutton. On Friday 7th July you could be forgiven for thinking that Sand Hutton had gone back to the Middle Ages.



The children at Sand Hutton School spent the day enjoying learning about stone carving with Matthias Garn who let them use tools to have a go at carving stone. They also made Tussie Mussies and lavender bags, both commonly used in medieval times, and also created clay sculptures and practiced singing medieval songs.

A chip off the old block, learning to carve stone

The children and teachers dressed in clothes typical of the period and were joined later on in the evening in the churchyard of St Marys by parents and villagers from Claxton and Sand Hutton for a hog roast and entertainment.

The children had all helped in the making of a huge banner depicting medieval images, which was hung at the entrance to the churchyard. Members of Claxton



Something's cooking!

and Sand Hutton WI had created a Well Dressing scene which appropriately enough was displayed on top of the well!

The children entertained everyone with singing and then took part in a treasure hunt around the churchyard whilst parents and villagers enjoyed a tankard or two of ale or spiced wine along with their food whilst relaxing on straw bales.

The children handed out lavender bags and Tussie Mussies to anyone who wanted one. Ladies from the local Spinners, Weavers and Dyers brought along their spinning wheels, which fascinated everyone. The children could also make their own brooches from recycled materials or have a go on a potter's wheel. Chris and Hannah then put on a funny tale of sheep and rustlers, helped by the children and some long suffering adults who then endured being pelted in the stocks!

By 8.30pm the firkin of ale was empty, only crumbs remained on the biscuit platters and all that was left of the hog was its squeal and the children were happy but tired out. It was a wonderful spectacle and a day to remember. Many thanks to the many people who helped the day such a success.



CONGRATULATIONS DOT and BRYAN!

We had a lovely day of celebrations on Sunday July 9th, for our Diamond Wedding. The actual date was July 6th when we married in St. Mary's Church, Sand Hutton. It was a similar sunny warm day with several of our friends and lots of our extended family joined us in a very moving service, followed by a most enjoyable and happy

gathering in Sand Hutton Village Hall, where the lay out was the exact repetition of the event 60 years ago!

The occasion was truly humbling to hear all the compliments and kind words from everyone and to realise how well liked we are in the community (I felt like the Queen!)

We are pleased to tell you that £400 was donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We thank all who gave so generously.

We enjoyed our day with you all and thank you for your best wishes, cards, flowers etc. Bryan and I appreciate your kindness and to know that you too enjoyed every moment with us on Sunday, especially the excellent food and the wise cracks and good humour of our dear friend Adam.

God Bless and take care.

Dot Mills



Dot and Bryan, sixty wonderful years!

Friday October 20th

We are looking forward to our annual evening with Dot & Bryan Mills as they work our brains to come up with answers to their Quiz!!

More information available in the events advert section.

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

IT'S ALL HAPPENING!





St Mary's PCC are delighted to report that work has started on the Tower and Spire Restoration Project. Scaffolding, metal sheeting and herras fencing are in place around the west end, tower, east end, chancel and vestry and the spire has been stripped of all its shingles and wrapped in a protective blue cover. Masonry works are well under way with many ashlars and quoins removed, new stones cut, worked and replaced. Work is ongoing on the wooden structure of the spire, prior to the new shingles being attached. Other elements of the project including roof repairs, rainwater goods replacement, glazing repairs, provision of new toilet, kitchen and heritage display area will follow with work continuing throughout the summer and autumn. St Mary's Church remains open.

Sincere thanks go to all who are supporting this project through fundraising, individual donations, time and effort – we really appreciate your hard work and generosity. Thanks also go to the following for the grants they have awarded: National Lottery Fund, York Diocese, Allchurches Trust and Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust.

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NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS......

SAND HUTTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The summer term is nearly over and has been extremely busy, children have been surfing, visiting a mosque, visited Garrowby Hall for a countryside day, made rock and lollies at the Rock Factory, visited the Captain Cook Museum.





The end of term inevitably means saying goodbye to the Year 6 children as they look forward to new adventures at secondary school. As is often the case at Sand Hutton the children are going to both Huntington and Malton Secondary Schools. The children are all very ready for the move, as they have matured and are looking forward to new challenges and friendships. We send Jemma, Ruby, Ben, Owen, Laura, Kate and Sophie off to their new schools with our love and best wishes for very happy and successful futures.

We also have to say good bye and thank you to a number of well-loved staff as they too head off for new challenges and adventures.

Mrs Ellie Bellfield is on her way back over the Pennines to her roots in Lancashire as she begins a new post at Tuel Lane Infant School. Mrs Bellfield started her teaching career with us and we have benefitted from her energy and creativity; her new school is very lucky to be getting her. We hope Mrs Bellfield and her family settle quickly and remember to keep in touch.

Mrs Sarah Cooper to whom we also say good bye. Mrs Cooper has been a very valued teaching assistant and supply teacher at both Sand Hutton and Warthill for the past five years. Mrs Cooper has taken phonic groups three times weekly where everyone has loved her positive, cheerful approach delivered with such energy and commitment — she will be greatly missed and we wish her every happiness in the future.

Finally we have to say farewell to our glamorous, rugby playing grandmother Mrs Sharna Fraser. Mrs Fraser has taught at Sand Hutton for 17 years covering all age groups and all possible subjects. She is retiring from teaching but we all know that she will be finding plenty of other things to do as we cannot imagine her being still for very long. She will be greatly missed by children and staff alike, her contribution to Sand Hutton is greatly appreciated by us all.

After nine happy years at Sand Hutton and Warthill I am to retire at the end of August and the schools will welcome their new head teacher, Mrs Bev. Pawson, at the start of the new academic year. I have been privileged to receive warmth, kindness and support during my time at Sand Hutton and take with me the happiest of memories and friendships, I am confident Mrs Pawson will receive a very warm welcome.

With every good wish for the future success Sand Hutton CE Primary School.

Janet Wardell

YOYO--York Schools and Youth Trust is a local based charity working with schools and churches to bring the Christian faith alive.



A visit was made by the YOYO team to Sand Hutton School, who then used St. Mary's to set up four Prayer stations. The morning activities were enjoyed by all the children, each class coming in turn to take part. The children embraced each Prayer Station with great enthusiasm and fun learning about forgiveness, compassion,

friendship and respecting each other's individuality as we are all special. Many thanks to Tony and the team for their time spent with us.

MY SNOWDON CHALLENGE by Rachel Baker



Some time ago I visited Snowdonia and very quickly decided that to mark my 70th year I would climb Snowdon! My 70th came and went with no sign of adventure but the thought was still there. On expressing my wish to the family, Stephen our son, very willingly offered to come with me so without hesitation we planned on May 15th to go on our trip.

We chose the Miners route, connecting with the Pyg Track and decided to walk back down son Stephen the route alongside the railway. The weather was dry and not too warm; the track appeared reasonably good although I did question whether my hours of training round the lanes, up and down local hills plus regular visits to the White Horse were going to benefit me!! After about an hour and a half I started to wonder what I was doing—with my sight becoming blurred (but cured regularly with plenty of water) and a wind was blowing up making me lean into the rocks, I decided I was not going to make it.

Looking ahead to see how much further didn't help as the top seemed so far away. Of course I couldn't go back so I pulled myself together and kept going. Stephen was amazing, especially when the wind was really very gusty, sometimes blowing my walking sticks away from where I wanted to plant them. He stayed on the outside edge at these times, went to the back on the steeper rocks, came to the front when I needed hauling up and was always ready to help me when I slipped down. People walking in front or behind were encouraging, everyone seemed to be looking out for each other.

Eventually we joined the Pyg Track but to my dismay the next section of the climb was mainly on all fours. I could see others in front of me scrambling up and could not imagine how on earth I was going to do the same! But then what was the alternative? Again without verbalising my fears I gave myself a good talking to, put my sticks away and got going. IT WAS SO HARD!! The wind was now so strong (we learnt later that some of the trains were not able to run in these conditions).



At the top!!

After much sweat, internal tears and being totally exhausted, I struggled to the ridge and continued our climb to the very crowded summit. Stephen congratulated me "Well done Mum, think you're the oldest one up here!!"

Only then did I really absorb the views and realise what we had achieved. I had only concentrated on where to place my next step whilst climbing and partly regretted not looking at the beauty around us except on the times we stopped very briefly for water.

Being so tired I decided to treat us to a return train journey not knowing how infrequently the trains ran. Whilst queuing for refreshments, I saw a notice "No available seats on trains". My heart sank to say the least, so once more I faced what I thought I was unable to do.

Descending for me has always been the preference in years gone by, but not this time. So often on the descent my legs decided not to do what my brain asked them to do, and getting through the pain barrier was tough. At one stage I had a big fall, and again there were those around who helped me to get up and to carry on. Arriving two and a half hours later onto a tarmac road we discovered there was at least another mile to walk to the village. By now hanging on to Stephen's arm was my only way to get back to our hotel!

On reflection I have learnt how similar the climb has been to life's journey. We all face challenges, physical and emotional, some really difficult to come to terms with, others we stumble and pick ourselves up. So often we struggle alone and life can sometimes seem such a dark uphill road that we feel we want to give up, but there is always someone who will come along side us to encourage and support us. For myself, as I'm sure for many others, I have confidence in God, my Heavenly Father who walks before, behind and alongside me constantly caring for me. Knowing this I am able to take time to appreciate the good things around me which helps me to continue my life's journey.

Once again, a huge thank you to all who sponsored me.

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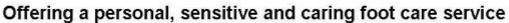
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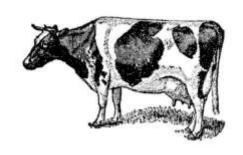
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