



The Benefice of Harton



The Circular



Winter Edition 2019/20

*News, views and forthcoming events
In our benefice and communities*

November December January

**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

Dear Friends,

A Chinese Proverb – not just for Christmas!

*“I hear and I forget
I see and I remember
I do and I understand”*

Confucius



I found this pearl of wisdom quite recently, whilst watching a video clip of Archbishop Sentamu about a huge Mission called ‘*Come and See*’ involving a host of Bishops that are coming to Yorkshire next Spring (more about that another time....). Out of all the content of that video clip, it was this phrase that struck me the most. Its simplicity, yet accuracy, gave me quite a ‘moment’ if I’m honest. And since then, I’ve been reflecting on it a lot.

Our season of Remembrance is upon us, closely followed by the great anticipation during Advent, and our wonderful celebration of Christmas and New Year.... All hugely significant events in our calendars and Christian seasons, acknowledged and celebrated in our churches and in our communities.

But do we just ‘*hear and forget*’ about the significance of it all? - Oh yes, we’ll read about something going on in the Circular, or someone mentioning an event in passing, or the Vicar saying something about what was going on in church next week.... But do we really remember?

Perhaps in this season of Remembrance, we could actually ‘*Come and See*’ for ourselves what is happening: Remembrance Sunday, our Carols and Crib services, Christingle and Messy Church, our Midnight Mass and Christmas day celebrations – perhaps by having an intention to *Come and See*, we will remember to do so.

And maybe, by remembering, we will actively ensure we ‘do’ come and see – for it is by the ‘doing’ we might understand.

So ‘*Come and See*’ during Remembrance, Advent, Christmas and the New Year.

Let us not Forget – let us *Come and See* and maybe come to Understand a bit more about the significance of these events for ourselves and our communities.

Yours in Christ

Revd Chris Wingfield

Services for the Benefice of Harton

November 2019

Sunday 3rd November **All Saints**

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Gate Helmsley

Wednesday 6th November

10.00 Holy Communion Flaxton

Sunday 10th November **Remembrance Sunday**

10.30 Benefice Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion **Bossall**
with the Benefice Choir

followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Sand Hutton at 12 noon

Wednesday 13th November

10.00 Holy Communion Sand Hutton

Sunday 17th November **2nd Sunday before Advent**

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Howsham

Wednesday 20th November

10.00 Holy Communion Gate Helmsley

Sunday 24th November **Christ the King**

10.00 Holy Communion Crambe
with the Benefice Choir

Tuesday 26th November

7.00pm



Pray14Me

Sand Hutton

Wednesday 27th November

10.00 Holy Communion Sand Hutton

December 2019

Sunday 1st December

Advent 1

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| 10.00 | Advent Carols <i>with the Benefice Choir</i> | Sand Hutton |
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Wednesday 4th December

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| 10.00 | Holy Communion | Buttercrambe |
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Sunday 8th December

Advent 2

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| 9.00 | BCP Holy Communion | Sand Hutton |
| 10.00 | A Service of Light <i>with Sand Hutton School Steel Band</i> | Gate Helmsley Village Hall |

Wednesday 11th December

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| 10.00 | Holy Communion | Howsham |
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Thursday 12th December

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| 6.30 | Carol Service | Whitwell |
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Sunday 15th December

Advent 3

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| 9.00 | Holy Communion | Bossall |
| 10.00 | Nativity and Toy Service <i>(details in Flaxton news section)</i> | Flaxton |
| 6.30 | Carol Service | Buttercrambe |

Wednesday 18th December

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| 10.00 | Holy Communion | Upper Helmsley |
| 6.30 | Carol service | Foston |

Friday 20th December

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| 7.30 | Carol Service <i>with The Flaxton Singers</i> | Flaxton |
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Saturday 21st December

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| 6.30 | A Celebration of Christmas by candlelight <i>(details in events section)</i> | Crambe |
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| Sunday 22nd December | Advent 4 |
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| 10.00 | Benefice Holy Communion | Foston |
| 6.00 | Carol Service | Howsham |

Monday 23rd December

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| 4.00 | Messy Christingle | Sand Hutton |  |
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Tuesday 24th December



Christmas Eve

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| 3.30 | Crib Service | Foston |
| 4.30 | Crib Service | Bossall |
| 11.00 | Midnight Mass <i>with the Benefice Choir</i> | Bossall |

Wednesday 25th December



Christmas Day

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| 9.00 | Family Service | Upper Helmsley |
| 10.00 | Christmas Holy Communion | Gate Helmsley |
| 10.00 | Family Service | Flaxton |

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| Sunday 29th December | Christmas 1 |
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| 10.00 | Benefice Holy Communion | Sand Hutton |
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January 2020

Wednesday 1st January

Holy name of Jesus

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| 10.00 | Holy Communion | Foston |
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Saturday 4th January

Messy Magi

Gate Helmsley Village Hall

3.00 – 5.00pm



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| <i>Sunday 5th January</i> | | <i>Epiphany</i> |
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| 10.00 | Benefice Holy Communion | Bossall |
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Wednesday 8th January

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| 10.00 | Holy Communion | Crambe |
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| <i>Sunday 12th January</i> | | <i>Epiphany 2</i> |
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| 10.00 | Benefice Holy Communion | Sand Hutton |
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Wednesday 15th January

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| 10.00 | Holy Communion | Upper Helmsley |
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| <i>Sunday 19th January</i> | | <i>Epiphany 3</i> |
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| 10.00 | Benefice Holy Communion | Flaxton |
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Wednesday 22nd January

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| 10.00 | Holy Communion | Buttercrambe |
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| <i>Sunday 26th January</i> | | <i>Epiphany 4</i> |
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| 10.00 | Benefice Holy Communion | Gate Helmsley |
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Wednesday 29th January

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| 10.00 | Holy Communion | Howsham |
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February 2020

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| <i>Sunday 2nd February</i> | | <i>Candlemas</i> |
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| 10.00 | Benefice Holy Communion | Foston |
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Wednesday 5th February

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| 10.00 | Holy Communion | Gate Helmsley |
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Welcome to those newly baptised

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| 20 th October | Henrietta Margaret Richardson | Flaxton |
| 27 th October | Rory James Gillam | Foston |



Congratulations to those recently married

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| 2 nd August | Charles Knowles and Pamela Ashworth | Foston |
| 10 th August | Edward Walsh and Sarah Palfreman | Bossall |
| 10 th August | Tiburcio Sanz and Verity Miers | Sand Hutton |
| 17 th August | Andrew Gibb and Catherine Earnshaw | Crambe |
| 14 th September | Jeremy Lord and Emily Barker | Howsham |
| 12 th October | Luke Townley and Rebecca Kitching | Sand Hutton |
| 30 th October | Joseph Wills and Francesca Dolan | Flaxton |



Our condolences to the family and friends of

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| 27 th August | Peter Binnington | Sand Hutton |
| 14 th October | Andrew Podmore | Gate Helmsley |
| 14 th October | Mary Chamberlain | Gate Helmsley |
| 17 th October | Martin Groves | Crambe |

Burial of Ashes

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| 16 th October | Raymond Freer (of Barton Le Willows) | Crambe |
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Revd. Jeremy Valentine 9.7.38 – 28.8.19

Reflections from his daughter Kate

If Jeremy were here today he would have arrived a little late, and those of you at the back would have been able to hear him as he came up the church path, we would almost certainly have heard him laugh loudly by now, and he would tell us that this is not a funeral service we need feel sad in, but it is a service of celebration and thanksgiving, for a long life, lived well.

Jeremy had an extraordinary ability to create fellowship and build communities, he had a unique stage presence that compelled his audience and colleagues to take notice of what he had to say. He took everyone at face value and accepted them for who they were, and he had a knack for spotting people's gifts and talents and encouraging them. He utilised these gifts as Headmaster of Cundall Manor School where, together with Sue, he created a school community that fostered independent and resilient children, encouraged them to climb trees, work hard in lessons, and eat well.

He followed his lifelong calling, was ordained a priest whilst at Cundall, and began parish life at St. Andrew's Huntington and All Saints. He found it quite difficult to start with but learned a lot about working in parishes and uniting congregations.

It was on coming here to the Harton benefice that he found his true fulfilment; he loved all the churches, and especially Bossall. He loved parish events, particularly if it involved a lunch! He had the same no nonsense approach he employed in prep schools; he had no interest in conflict or intrigue, if anyone tried to involve him in gossip or complain he would just say "Oh, I'd go and see Sister Margaret Ann if I were you."

He also loved his family and was a devoted Pop to his grandchildren; he has been such an important part of our family, bringing fun, silly songs, badly behaved dogs and some incredible Sunday lunches.

My parents were exceptional people, and I find it difficult that I am now without them both, but the lesson and legacy my father leaves for me is this; find fulfilment in the ordinary, accept people for who they are, work to your strengths and know what fulfils you, spend time in the company of people you enjoy, be generous, be kind and have fun; and if you ever feel lonely – get a dog!

May he rest in peace

Remembrance Sunday November 10th



A Benefice Service of Remembrance will take place at Bossall Church at 10.30 am. This will be followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial Sand Hutton at 12.00 noon

Why do you still march old man?

*Why do you still march old man, with medals on your chest,
Why do you still grieve old man, for those friends you laid to rest?
Why do your eyes still gleam old man, when you hear the bugles blow,
Tell me why you cry old man, for those days so long ago.*

*I'll tell you why I march young man, with these medals on my chest.
I'll tell you why I grieve young man, for those friends I laid to rest.*

*Through misty fields of gossamer silk, come visions of distant times,
When boys of very tender age, marched forth to distant climes.
So young were they with blossom cheeks, the innocence of their youth.
They left behind their boring life, they had nothing much to give.
They laid their lives on the line: so you, young man, would live.
We buried them in a blanket shroud, their young flesh scorched and blackened,
In a communal grave newly gouged in the bloodstained gorse and bracken.*

***And you ask me why I march young man?I march to remind you all
But for those apple blossomed youths, Freedom would be lost to all.***



'We will remember them'

MESSY THANKFULNESS..... What we all did!



Scarecrow building, tractors filled with balloons, straw bales, corn dollies!



The autumn season is well and truly upon us and the Messy Church Community took great advantage of the opportunity to say 'Thank you' to God for all his gifts at last week's Messy Thankfulness session at Sand Hutton Village Hall.

26 children and their parents came along to take part in harvest thanksgiving themed activities which were both fun and thought provoking. We enjoyed making fruit and veg strings, prayers for the prayer tree, making scarecrows, guessing how many balloons are in the tractor, corn dolly making and taking part in quizzes.

We were fortunate enough to have lovely dry weather for the afternoon enabling us to have activities outside as well.

After the games we enjoyed a shared meal of breads from around the world, cheese, dips, and a fruit platter.

Chris then led the Community in a shared worship which was well received by all ages.



Thanks again to the army of helpers who enable the event to happen as smoothly as it does. We couldn't do it without you all!

Many thanks also to the families of the Benefice who continue to support our sessions.

WHAT'S NEXT at MESSY CHURCH?

Messy Christingle



St Mary's Church Sand Hutton

Monday 23 December - 4 pm

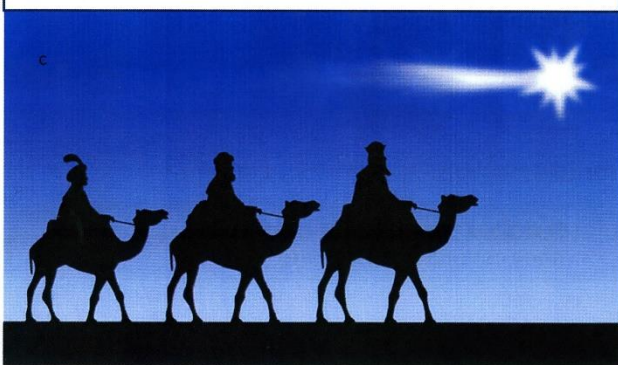


Join us for an hour or so to
make Christingles,
share some snacks,
sing carols and say a prayer



All ages welcome - 0-99!

Messy Magi



Come with us as we join the Magi on
their journey to visit the newborn Jesus

Saturday 4th January

3 - 5 pm

Gate Helmsley Village Hall

We'll explore the meaning of Epiphany
through crafts, stories and games

We'll end by sharing some refreshments



It will be lots of fun - and it's free!

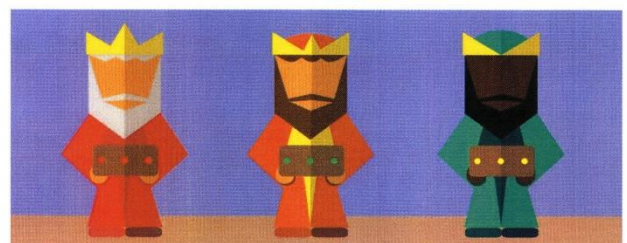
Suitable for children aged 4-11
(Sorry, no unaccompanied children)

For more information contact:

Rachael Harrison - 07847 329015
rachaelharrison510@btinternet.com

or

Rachel Baker - 01904 468809



BENEFICE of HARTON

WELCOMES PRE-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
& THEIR FAMILY & CARERS TO A...

Babies & Toddler 'Play & Pray'



Fortnightly: 9.00 – 10.30

11th+25th Nov. 9th+16th Dec.

20th Jan. 3rd+17th Feb. 23rd March



ST MARY'S CHURCH SAND HUTTON

For more info contact Rachael Harrison

Tel: 07847 329015

Email: rachaelharrison510@btinternet.com

'Play and Pray'

Our recently established 'Play & Pray' pre-school group has met three times now at Sand Hutton church on a Monday morning.

It runs as a drop-in style session for parents/grandparents and carers of pre-school aged children living in and around the Harton Benefice.

The sessions are great fun. Toys and books are available as well as table top activities. After the grown-ups have had a brew and a chat, we enjoy some circle time when the children have juice and a snack. We then say a prayer and do some singing and signing. We end with a prayer and off everyone goes!

Our 'sister' group meets at Warthill church and takes place on alternate Mondays. We are hugely appreciative to our Warthill families, for their support, especially Heather and Clare who have generously helped us get going. Families are encouraged to attend sessions in either setting if possible. This is generally happening which is great. In the longer term this will enable children from the Federated schools to get to know each other at the early year's stage prior to starting in Reception.

When 'Play and Pray' falls during half term, Pre-schoolers are welcome to bring along their older siblings!!

PRAY14Me

We pray for each of our villages regularly but also focus particularly on one village at a time in more depth.

Our next focused Pray14Me time will be for Sand Hutton

On November 12th we will distribute prayer request cards to each household and business culminating on Tuesday 26th November with a short service in Sand Hutton Church at 7.00pm.

The service will last for approximately 40 minutes and include offering each of the prayers requested on the cards.

Prayer cards can be written out for whatever is in people's hearts such as:

- Bringing to God areas where help is needed,
- Personal concerns such as health issues,
- The wider community,
- Prayers of thankfulness to God.
- and more.....

We will make every effort to call back between the above dates to collect completed prayer cards. There will also be a box to post prayer requests in the Church itself for cards to be dropped back.

**Please do come along to the service
and join in praying for God's blessings for Sand Hutton.**

**If you would like our Rector Revd. Chris Wingfield
or one of our Prayer Team to visit you then please let Chris know.
Contact details are on the back of this Circular**



www.sandhuttongroup.org



Benefice PCC.....

The Benefice PCC last met on 12th September. Rachael Harrison attended to explain her new role as the Benefice lead for mission to children and families. The post has kindly been funded through generous gifts from parishioners across the Benefice, including the donations received at the memorial service for Richard Wheway. The post will take up 10 to 20 hours of Rachael's time per month.

Rachael was already involved with Messy Church and is now organising "Pray and Play", a session for toddlers and parents/carers alternating on Monday mornings with Warthill Church.

General discussion at the meeting included:

- Chris thanked members for ensuring that all ten churches in the Benefice are now open during the day. Three churches provide daily refreshments. Hopefully more will follow suit in the future
- Sadness was expressed at the recent deaths of Richard Wheway, Teddy Denison and Jeremy Valentine
- In October, Sam Rushton, currently Archdeacon of Cleveland, replaces Sarah Bullock (now Bishop of Shrewsbury) as Archdeacon of York
- Two Deanery events were highlighted:

9th November Resource Day at St Peter's Norton 9.30am to 1.00pm; workshops, visit from the new Archdeacon and brunch.

Mission of the Northern Bishops 12th to 15th March 2020. The bishop visiting Southern Ryedale Deanery will be Bishop Beverley Mason of Warrington

The PCC will next meet on 22nd January 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Agenda items to Wendy Holman, please.

Delyth Harran, Vice Chairman

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE.....



GIFTS for CHRISTMAS
Saturday 2nd NOVEMBER 2019



Christmas is coming....!!

Come and see our quality stalls
at reasonable prices,
including SAND HUTTON GIFTS
(some great new ideas on our stall this year!)

Sand Hutton Village Hall
10.00 am to 3.00 pm entry fee £1

Caroline's Kitchen for light lunches

All proceeds will go to
St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton



St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 30th November
2 - 4pm

Orchard House, Gate Helmsley

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Tombola ** Raffle ** Gifts ** Cakes ** Produce

Adults £3 ** Children 50p

Includes tea/coffee & mince pie
(or Admission by Donation)

Key, Becs, Ed and Louise present
The 2019

BARTON LE WILLOWS
VILLAGE HALL
CHRISTMAS QUIZ
AND RAFFLE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH
Arrive from 7.0 pm
for a 7.30 pm start

Max 6 people per team
£5 per person
Snacks included BYO drinks
For more info contact Louise 07791 798 165

Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall

Thursday 14th November

7.30 pm

'Landmarks', a play set in 1935

A play about changes to life in the countryside,
from Other Lives Theatre Company

To book, Tel: 01904 468376

Sunday 8th December

7.30 pm

'The Snow Dancer'

A brand-new festive eco-fable for audiences ages 5 – 95!

from Badapple Theatre company

To book, Tel: 01904 468525

or online at www.badappletheatre.com

And

January 20th - 26th 2020

It's "Village Halls Week"!

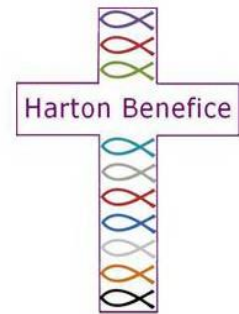
We'll be joining in the national celebration of the role of village halls in our lives. Come and join us at the Open Coffee Morning on Monday 20th at open sessions throughout the week with our community groups; a Special Saturday Social; and **finishing on 25th January with the wonderful Burns Night Supper!**



A Festival of Light – All Age Worship

At Gate Helmsley Village Hall
Sunday 8th December at 10.00 am

With Sand Hutton School Steel Band



Lighting the Advent Candles

Celebrating the meaning of Baptism

“You have received the light of Christ; walk in that light all the days of your life”

Festive Refreshments



CAROL SINGING



Monday 16th December 2019



(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 join us if
you would like to
sing some carols
around Claxton and
raise money for:



Macmillan Cancer Support



If you are able to come along please let Anne Atkinson know (01904 468226)
so that we have an idea of numbers for refreshments before and after the singing.
Thank you!



St Michael's Church,
Crambe



A celebration of Christmas
by candlelight
in carols, prose and poetry
with

THE 200 SINGERS

Saturday December 21st 2019

at 6.30 p.m.



Followed by mulled wine and refreshments
Everyone is welcome



Gate Helmsley Village Hall
Charity Ceilidh



Saturday 28th December 7.30 p.m.

'Hot not Bothered'

Adults £10 Children FREE

BYO food and drink (glasses provided)

All proceeds to SASH—A charity helping homeless young adults
in North and East Yorkshire

If you are interested in coming please contact Mandy at
mandydodds@hotmail.com



St Mary's Church Gate Helmsley

PARISH LUNCH

Sunday 19th January 2020
12.30 for 1.00 pm

at
ORCHARD HOUSE
Back lane, Gate Helmsley

Two Course Meal
Cheese, Biscuits, Coffee
Wine and Soft Drinks

£15.00 per person - for church funds
Tickets from Delyth Harran: 01759 372215



**YORK DOWNS SYNDROME
SUPPORT GROUP**

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
NEEDED!**



to support
our 'Chatterbox' Speech & Language groups.

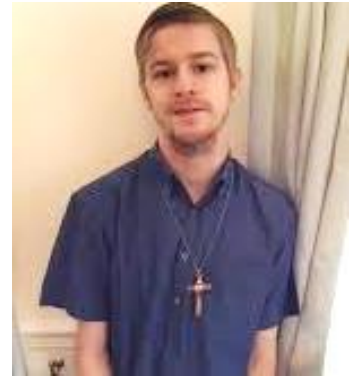
Our school groups take place on a Friday morning
in Poppleton, near York.

We need help to transport our children and their accompanying
teaching assistants to the group from other schools across York.

**We pay mileage costs and other relevant
expenses such as any required additional insurance fees.**

If you have the time to spare on a Friday morning and would like
to know more please get in touch with our Chatterbox Co-ordinator
Tel:07847 329 015 or Email:rachaelharrison510@btinternet.com

Thank you for everything.



Dear friends,

As you all know, over the last couple of months I've been accepted to train as an ordinand minister within The Church of England. Some of you I'm sure can remember me beginning this amazing journey over five years ago. However most of you I'm sure can remember meeting me for the first time back in 2008 when I used to come to church with Ellen and Peter.

Life hasn't always been easy for me. When I was eleven years old I had to go into care, and for a little while I lived with Ellen and Peter, for which I'm extremely grateful. I am also grateful for you all and my time in the Benefice of Harton. You offered me so much more than friendship and love. Somewhere where I knew I was safe and able to be me and that's something I still feel to this very day.

With all this in mind, it brings me great sadness to have to tell you all that I am unfortunately leaving this wonderful community. This is because I'm starting my contextual training (on the job) in a couple of weeks' time so my last Sunday will be the 3rd November.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all, I'm not going to mention any names because knowing me I will forget someone! However I just want to say a big big thank you for your support, for all the time you took to just talk to me even if it was just a hello, it means a lot to me.

If I was to leave you with a prayer it would be that you would grow in Christ daily and follow the way that he might be calling you as a community.

With love and blessings

Yours in Christ

Darius J Traves

News, views and information from:

BOSSALL

It has been a sad three months for St Botolph's following the deaths of Richard Wheway, Teddy Denison and Revd. Jeremy Valentine, in quick succession during July and August. In different ways, each had given a great deal of their time and energies to this wonderful church during their lifetime and it was poignant that all three chose to hold their funerals and memorial services here.

Richard Wheway died on 9th July and his thanksgiving was held on 6th September. Apart from his regular attendance at services throughout the Benefice, Richard was an active member of the choir right up until his death, aged 89. His love of the Book of Common Prayer, and interest in church matters was highlighted by Chris Wingfield during the service, alongside many personal readings and a fascinating address by members of the family.

Teddy Denison died on 16th July, and his memorial was held on 13th September. With an attendance of just under 300, the church was stretched to the point of overflowing, with extra seats and a relay of the service laid on within the garden of the Old Vicarage opposite. A fitting 'send off' for a gentleman who had given much to this place throughout his life.

Having moved to the village in 1972, Teddy and Mary soon established that St Botolph's was in poor repair, and in desperate need of attention. Apparently locals would joke "If you go to Bossall Church, take your umbrella", as it literally had holes in the roof. Funds were short, but Teddy decided that this important 800 year old church was worthy of restoration, and he set out to establish avenues to achieve that. He was a key instigator of fundraising activities, but more importantly, he secured various grants, and encouraged legacy giving. Following the sale of Harton School the Strickland Estate donated vital funds and through his prudent investment has established a fine financial legacy to this day.

Alongside Mary, who was Churchwarden of St Botolph's for over 35 years, standing down earlier this year to help nurse Teddy in his ailing health, the pair of them gave hours of their time and energy to ensuring the church was

maintained and run in good order, and must be applauded for their time honoured service.

Revd Jeremy Valentine died on 29th August, and his funeral and burial took place on 12th September. Much has already been said about Jeremy's achievements in the parish, but he was of course the very popular vicar of the Benefice for some twenty years, continuing to take services post retirement until last year. He had asked specifically to be laid to rest at St Botolph's. His service was a celebration of his long and interesting life, with a stunning and beautiful eulogy given by his daughter Kate.

BUTTERCRAMBE

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival service and lunch afterwards at Aldby Park on Sunday 22nd September. We had a terrific turnout with thirty six people attending for lunch. £300 was gathered in donations and the raffle which has been shared out between Ryedale Carers Support, York Down Syndrome Parents Group and St Johns Buttercrambe.

Our next service is our Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm. Do come and join us with refreshments afterwards.

CRAMBE

After a hot summer, autumn has arrived with a chill in the air and shorter days. On the plus side we are now being treated to a glorious display of gold and yellow as the leaves change colour.

There have been four services in the last quarter including Harvest Evensong celebrated by Rachel Benson, and a special treat with our former Archdeacon Richard Seed preaching. After the service everyone enjoyed apple pie and cheese with a glass of wine. The event was well supported by the village and special thanks must go to Florence Verity for pulling it all together with the help of other members of the village.



'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'

Our churchwarden Dorothy Martin was unable to attend the service being hors de combat for some months now as a result of complications following knee surgery. She is back at home now but remains on 'light duties'. We wish her a speedy recovery.



Catherine arriving at Church

The other notable event was the marriage on August 17th between Andrew Gibb and Catherine Earnshaw. Andrew spent his early years living in Crambe. We wish them both every happiness for the future.

On October 31st at 7.00pm St Michael's Church will be hosting The Lily Festival, a service at which loved ones will be remembered. All are welcome to attend.

At the Welburn District Horticultural Society Show in the summer several Crambe residents were prize winners. Florence and Ron Verity won prizes for redcurrants, and damson gin, while Andy and Julie Robinson were successful with entries in the chutney, lemon curd and photography sections. All the winners are society members and membership is open to all Crambe residents.

We send our condolences to Ivy Freer and her son Malcom from Barton Le Willows on the death of her husband Raymond on August 6th. The Freer family have a long connection with Crambe.

FLAXTON

In July we witnessed the wedding of Alex and Jessica from Pontefract. Despite the rain it was a lovely occasion with lots of laughter with family and friends. We wish them much happiness and good health in the future.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Our harvest thanksgiving service was a huge success. There were over 50 in the congregation and over 40 at the "bring and share" lunch in the Village Hall afterwards – a magnificent spread.



Jessica and Alex

Harvest gifts were plentiful and 24 bags of tinned, dried and fresh produce were collected by the Salvation Army on the Monday morning for which they were very grateful.

A cheery team of six came along loaded with flowers and foliage to decorate the church which looked fantastic after two hours hard work. Thank you everyone.

A special thank you to the Messy Church family who kindly donated goods at Messy Church Harvest held the previous day in Sand Hutton.



Sunday 15th December at 10.00 Nativity and Toy Service.

This tradition began over fifty years ago.

In recent years numbers have dwindled.

Are there any budding actors out there, age 2 years upwards, who would like to join with us to keep this tradition going?

It doesn't matter if you don't attend church on a regular basis. It involves 3-4 rehearsals for approximately one hour per session. Rehearsals will start mid-November (dates to be confirmed) with a dress rehearsal on the Saturday prior to the service. We appreciate this is a busy time for catching up with family and friends so if you could only commit to a couple of rehearsals then that is fine.

If you would like to join us please contact Ida on

Tel: 01347 878432

During this service we will remember those children who are not so fortunate as most of us and so once again we will be supporting the

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

Are you able to provide a new gift for age range 0-18 boys and girls?

If so please would you bring it to church on the day. If you are not able to come to the service please get in touch with me (Ida) on the number above to arrange collection/delivery. Every year at the last minute the Salvation Army, who work with the social services on this appeal, are called upon to

provide gifts for additional families and I know our gifts have saved the day on several occasions.

FOSTON



Pam (formerly Ashworth!) and Charlie Knowles

Friday the 2nd of August we were all very blessed to witness the wedding of our beloved Pam and Charlie. The church was packed full with family and friends. It was a beautiful sunny day, the church looked lovely. But most importantly it was wonderful to see Pam and Charlie looking so happy together. We wish them every happiness for their lives ahead.

A very successful Quiz and race night took place in Thornton le Clay Village Hall. Many thanks to our wonderful Quiz master Peter Mills. He ensured everyone had a brilliant evening. Peter kept us entertained throughout the evening with some alternative activities, including kazoo playing. We raised over £300. Many thanks to everyone who provided the curry and raffle prizes.

We spent a very productive evening packing Christmas boxes to send to Romania. Everyone had been so generous donating gifts of toys, sweets, baby clothes, socks, toiletries.... the list goes on. We managed to fill 33 boxes. They looked very festive all wrapped up in Christmas paper.

GATE HELMSLEY

As the days shorten and October draws to its close, thoughts turn towards Christmas. There is much to look forward to over the festive season in Gate Helmsley.

We have brought forward the annual Christmas Fayre by one week to Saturday 30th November (*see notice elsewhere in the Circular*). This is because of a very special Harton Benefice celebration which will take place at Gate Helmsley Village Hall at 10.00 am on Sunday 8th December. This "Festival of Light" will be an all-age celebration to which the families of

those who were baptised in the Benefice over the past months are especially invited (*see separate notice for details*).

Saturday 14th December at 12.00 noon sees the annual Village Carol Singing at St Mary's Church, followed by a get-together in Gate Helmsley Village Hall.

As usual, there will be a Christmas morning service at St Mary's at 10.00 am. We will hold the Parish Lunch at Orchard House on Sunday 19th January, 12.30 for 1.00 pm. Another Benefice event, Messy Magi will be held in Gate Helmsley Village Hall on Saturday 4th January 3.00 to 5.00 pm.

The new church boiler has been installed and commissioned in good time for the colder weather. The cost to the church is almost £7,000. Together with the much larger sums needed to repair the church tower, etc. this puts a considerable strain on church finances. If the continuation of the church in Gate Helmsley is important to you as a parishioner, would you consider offering your support? Even the smallest gifts do make a difference, either financial or practical, especially if they are given on a regular basis. If you would like to help, please contact the churchwardens or the honorary treasurer, David Fletcher (01759 371513).

Over the last three months, we have held some interesting events in St Mary's. On 7th August Bishop John, Bishop of Selby, visited to consecrate part of the churchyard extension on the north side of The Lane. This area can now be used for burials, while the rest of the plot remains unconsecrated and available for use by villagers.



An all-age service was held in the church on Sunday 1st September, including thanksgiving for the birth of a child. The service was part of a two-day Open Weekend for which the PCC (Parochial Church Council) had organised several activities, including a quiz, tours of church and churchyard, and making models of stained-glass windows. Refreshments were available throughout the weekend.

Those who dropped in greatly enjoyed their visit. Although the event had been well publicised in advance by mailing every household, sadly numbers attending were rather low. This again begs the question, “What does your village church mean to you?” Would you miss it if it had to close through a lack of support? Would it matter if we no longer had a local venue for those important milestones in our lives – baptism, marriage and funerals? The church is yours as parishioners; the PCC members are only there to manage its activities and affairs.

The Village Hall moves from strength to strength, with an increase in bookings for 2020. It is a valuable asset for the village. We enjoyed a very jolly harvest supper in the hall in early October after a service of Songs of Praise in the church, led by the Rector, Chris. Thank you to those who decorated the church so beautifully and to everyone who helped so generously in the Village Hall.

Many of you spotted the not-so-deliberate mistake in the last edition of the Circular. Of course, as always, the library continues to meet on the second Saturday of each month rather than the third. Apologies for this error.

We have been saddened by the recent deaths of two of our parishioners, Mary Chamberlain and Andrew Podmore. Mary was a native of Gate Helmsley and a stalwart of the village, living here with her late husband, Arthur, until widowed a few years ago. She had been ill in hospital for several weeks. We send condolences to all Mary’s family in their grief.

Andrew Podmore, a retired furniture restorer, died very suddenly. He was part of the “Pipe Up” team that led to the restoration of the church organ in 2016. Andrew and his wife, Anne came to live in Fox Farm twenty years ago. Unfortunately Anne has also been in hospital and convalescing for several weeks. We send Anne good wishes for her recovery and our deepest sympathy goes to her and all the family in their loss.

HOWSHAM

We have had six wonderful weddings in Church this year, all very different and of course providing us with much needed income. The visiting organists have greatly appreciated our new instrument.

The boundary wall still awaits repair, as do the bells. The heating has been repaired.

The Church “clean-up” on Bank Holiday Monday was well attended and a lot of hard work undertaken. The phone box is well on the way to restoration for use as a compact village heritage centre.

We await the outcome of several grant applications to enable us to repair our beautiful stained glass; we have received 2 small grants up to now.



Following the well-attended ‘Food for thought and food to eat’ Harvest Thanksgiving, Jim Stephenson auctioned the contributions that had kindly been given. Thank you to all who gave so generously for their purchases! An amazing £400 was donated to the Zambian-based ‘Tehila’ charity, for which we are very grateful.

(www.tehila.org ; Facebook and Twitter)

The annual Christmas cake stall and raffle at York Auction Centre Fatstock Show will be from 10.00 am on Monday 2nd December.

Our Carol Service will be in Church at 6.00 pm (earlier than publicised) on Sunday 22nd December. This will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine at The Great Barn.

SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON

Many of us have enjoyed time away from our usual routine during the summer months and now we move into autumn and winter when we can enjoy and appreciate the beautiful countryside around us.

Sadly for some there are those who will be grieving the loss of loved ones and our thoughts and prayers are very much with Andrew, Jo and the extended family and friends of Peter Binnington who lived in this community for most of his life. The sad passing away of Revd Jeremy Valentine will be remembered not only in our community but throughout the benefice and much further afield. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his daughter Kate Powell and all the family, and his many friends.

A big thank you to Dot Mills and family who gave us an excellent evening of fun and food at the Family Quiz on 18th October. Dot particularly wanted the event to be in memory of her dear husband Bryan; thank you to all who contributed to making it a memorable evening.

The beginning of the new school term saw the beginning of 'Play & Pray' Toddler Group held in St Mary's church on alternate Monday mornings.

(more details earlier in the Circular). We are so pleased to be able to use the new facilities in the church not just for services but for community events also. Hopefully more to follow!

You are very welcome to use the church at any time for quiet reflection, and to leave a prayer request. It also offers an opportunity for a chat or visit from one of the ministry team. You may also enjoy the refreshments that are available!

We are looking forward to the 'Gifts for Christmas' event on 2nd November and all the other Christmas events mentioned elsewhere in the Circular. Do hope to see you at some of them!

***May we from St. Mary's church wish you all
a Happy and Peaceful Christmas!***

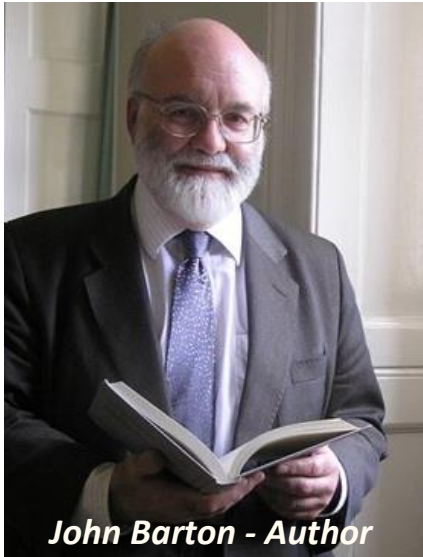
WHITWELL



Family fun on the cricket pitch at Whitwell

Whitwell on the Hill had a family gathering on 4th August. This was held by the cricket pavilion and we were delighted that over forty people came. All ages enjoyed barbecued hot dogs, fabulous cakes, tea, coffee, beer and wine. Guess the pasta pieces in the jar, name the sheep, pin the tail on the donkey, football, golf putting and a treasure hunt around the village kept everyone amused and the rain held off too! We hope this will be the first of other events to keep everyone in touch and to welcome any newcomers to the village!

BOOK REVIEW.....



John Barton - Author

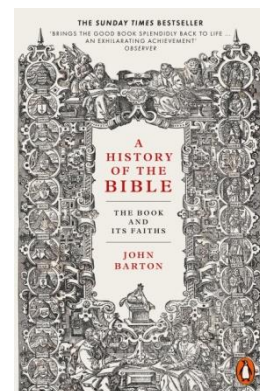
During the Summer I read *'The History of the Bible: The Book and Its Faiths'*. Author John Barton was Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture at the University of Oxford and is an Anglican priest.

This book explains how the Bible came to be constructed from its beginnings to the present; how and when the narratives, laws, proverbs, prophecies, poems and letters were written.

It suggests sources in folk-lore, myth and tradition behind them, and how they were shaped by authors, scribes, editors and translators, to eventually evolve into the canon we have today. It also introduces the ideas of religious thinkers from Augustine to Luther, revealing how faith and the Bible have related down the ages.

John Barton describes how distinctively the books of the Old Testament function for the two religions of Judaism and Christianity. The main study for Jews is about God's faithfulness to the Patriarchs, the Laws (given to Moses) and the gift of the Promised Land. There is no emphasis on salvation, but rather on divine leadership, the fortunes of people from Abraham and his descendants in Israel, and the observance of the Torah – the teachings and advice of the Hebrew Bible. For Christians over the centuries, the Bible tells of disobedience to God and redemption, sin and salvation, paradise lost and regained, prophecies fulfilled for all people in Jesus Christ.

Though a scholarly book, writing is clear and succinct, in sections one can read in a sitting and pick up later on. I found it a most absorbing and interesting book. Many examples of biblical passages accompany the complex layers of interpretation that can be teased out, suggesting allegory and metaphor as well as literal meaning. I think this book will send readers back to the sacred texts with fresh eyes.



I wonder if readers of the Circular would like to recommend books that they have found interesting and helpful in their faith.

Wendy Holman

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS.....

SAND HUTTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Autumn term has already been incredibly busy and we are loving every minute of it. We returned in September full of Get Up and Go and welcomed our new Reception children who took to school like ducks to water. It already feels as if they have always been part of our school family.

Some of our children attended the Village Show and were proud to talk about our school and everything we do together there. They were equally proud to take ownership of the cup which they earned for their efforts!

A couple of weeks ago, we launched our Harvest/Scarecrow event. We welcomed many members of extended families for a fabulous lunch and then we all created scarecrows. I won't go into too much detail as I know that is covered in the writing the children have sent.

***Beau:** Sand Hutton School had a great time planning, designing and building stunning scarecrows, which currently sit scattered around the school grounds. I am aware that due to the miserable weather, some of the scarecrows are looking a little unlike themselves now but they are certainly still a sight to see!*



***Mya:** The start of the scarecrow festival was one to remember. Parents gathered round to make their scarecrows, while we were inside creating ours. We used plastic bags, old clothes, shoes, boxes and even a pumpkin for a head! Our scarecrows began to rise and so did the parents. Each one unique and eye-catching. We trailed the school grounds to have a look at them all in place. Despite the mud, smiles continued to spread across our faces.*

This week we are having our Parents Evening, but before that we are putting together our Christmas Boxes to send away. I hope to be at the service in Upper Helmsley on October 27th to send them all on their way.

The response to the Christmas Box Appeal in both the schools has been completely overwhelming and really quite moving. Not only were we inundated with gifts of many sorts, we were blessed with offers of help.

The children worked in small groups of approximately four pupils and were tasked with creating a gift box for a whole family; making sure that there was something for everyone. Once achieved, they had to record the contents and wrap the boxes in Christmas paper. The children took their time to select, so thoughtfully, the items for their box. The conversations the children had and the pride with which they packed their box was incredibly heartening.

Across the two schools, we filled more than sixty boxes with gifts and love. I hardly feel that thanks are enough for the generosity shown across the schools. I cannot imagine the difference that these boxes will make to so many families and know that the process of putting them together has been valuable for everyone involved; it was a real privilege to be present in both schools as the event unfolded.

After half term we will be beginning to prepare for our Christmas Service and hope to see you on December 18th in St Mary's Church. Sand Hutton, at 9.30am or 6pm



FOSTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

A fun packed half term is planned for the run up to Christmas. The KS2 children are looking forward to a topic entitled “Why Is the Earth Angry?” This will focus on extreme weather conditions, earthquakes and volcanoes.



In science our older pupils will be investigating light and seeing. KS1 will be learning about our Capital City and looking at what it is like to live there. In science they will be investigating sound and hearing.

During art next half term the whole school will be undertaking a study of Van Gogh inspired by a trip to Van Gogh – The Immersive Experience, which is being hosted at St Mary’s in York.

Our federation open days for prospective parents of nursery and reception children are as below. Visit our lovely schools and join in some fun.

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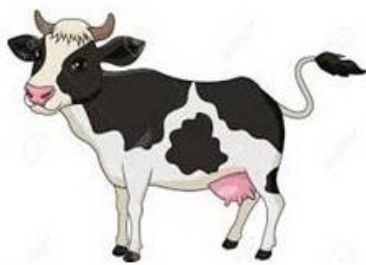


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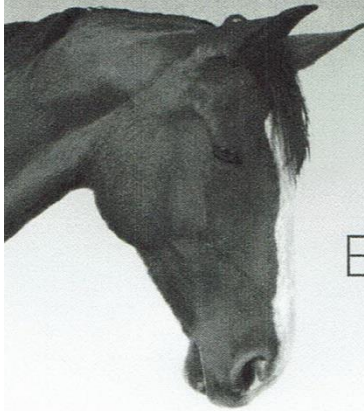
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