

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Autumn 2022

August September October

News and views in our benefice and communities

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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Dot Mills and her daughter Vanessa Fitzpatrick
The photograph was taken by Vanessa

Dear Friends,



Just to say, in anticipation of my retirement next April, Thelma and I have moved to our 'retirement house' in Pocklington, just down the road.

It's quite a treat to be able to walk out and have a cup of coffee in town! Apart from a new phone number everything else is the same, like my email and mobile (07881 721747), but my new landline is 01759 304063.

I'll be around as usual during the week and Sundays and just let me know if you'd like a visit or want to meet me as always. I've a variety of confidential spaces if you need to meet me outside of your own home - just let me know, there's no problem.

And.... if you're ever popping into Pocklington, get in touch and we can meet up!

Take care and God bless you.

Revd Chris Wingfield

And from Ian Lyall Are we nearly there yet?

As a parent, how often have we heard that question "are we nearly there yet" coming from the children in the back of the car when on a journey, whether it is long or short? They sometimes even seemed to start with it just a few minutes into the journey.



When I was a child, I always felt that the summer holidays seemed to go on for ages. The sun always shone, and it never rained. There were always plenty of things to do – unless you were in the back of the car en route for somewhere or other of course when time seemed to slow right down to a crawl. But the older I got, the quicker time seemed to pass, and of course, it rained more!

And now Autumn approaches, soon it will be time to head for the shops to sort out new school uniforms for the children or looking for essentials (like a basic cookery book) for those young adults who are heading off into the big world of further education or the work place.

No, the narrow vision of childhood and adolescence broadens out as the years roll on – we begin to get a wider vision as we age, and we become aware of a different, perhaps cloudier side of life.

But take heart, you older ones, because we read in the book of Proverbs 20:29, “The glory of the young men is in their strength, but the splendour of the old men is in their grey hair.”



So, when you hear that age-old call from the children – are we nearly there yet – remember that some of us are nearer the end of the journey than others. An elderly aunt of mine would often say that age is a high price to pay for wisdom.

Some of our days will be full of sunshine, laughter and fun – just as it was when we were children, but other days will be more serious as life's journey takes on difficult and unplanned routes.

We think here of the dangers facing the refugees from the Ukraine and the channel migrants. Their route to peace or safety is one fraught with hardship and difficulties and cannot be ignored.

As Christians, as we leave the Easter season and Pentecost behind us, we look more closely at the activities of Jesus' disciples as they journeyed into strange lands, taking the new church of Jesus out into the world.

They certainly were at the beginning of their journey, not the end and that journey is still going on where we live.

So, wherever you are on your own journey, may you find peace in the certainty that God walks beside you with every step you take and, because God is the map of life, only He really knows where you are and whether or not you are nearly there yet.

*May God's blessing go with you,
Ian Lyall*

Services for the Benefice of Harton

AUGUST 2022

Wednesday 3rd August

Transfiguration

10.00 Midweek Service Sand Hutton

Sunday 7th August

Trinity 8

9.00 Zoom Service
10.00 Holy Communion Crambe

Wednesday 10th August

10.00 Midweek Service Whitwell

Sunday 14th August

Trinity 9

9.00 Morning Prayer Sand Hutton
10.00 Holy Communion Bossall

Wednesday 17th August

Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00 Midweek Service Howsham

Sunday 21st August

Trinity 10

10.00 Holy Communion Gate Helmsley
5.00 Evening Prayer Sand Hutton

Wednesday 24th August

St Bartholomew

10.00 Midweek Service Crambe

Sunday 28th August

Trinity 11

10.00 Holy Communion Foston

Wednesday 31st August

10.00 Midweek Service Bossall

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday 4th September

Trinity 12

9.00

Zoom Service

10.00

Holy Communion

Howsham

Wednesday 7th September

10.00

Midweek Service

Crambe

Saturday 10th September

6.30

Harvest Festival Service

Crambe

Sunday 11th September

Trinity 13

9.00

Morning Prayer

Gate Helmsley

10.00

Holy Communion

Flaxton

Wednesday 14th September

Holy Cross

10.00

Midweek Service

Sand Hutton

Sunday 18th September

Trinity 14

10.00

Holy Communion

Bossall

Wednesday 21st September

St Matthew

10.00

Midweek Service

Flaxton

Sunday 25th September

Trinity 15

10.00

Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

Wednesday 28th September

Michaelmas

10.00

Midweek Service

Howsham

Thursday 29th September

6.00

Harvest Thanksgiving

Gate Helmsley

Followed by supper in the Village Hall

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday 2nd October

Trinity 16

9.00	Zoom Service	
10.00	Harvest Holy Communion	Flaxton

Wednesday 5th October

10.00	Midweek Service	Sand Hutton
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Sunday 9th October

Trinity 17


9.00	Morning Prayer	Foston
10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe

Wednesday 12th October

10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
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Sunday 16th October

Trinity 18

10.00	Harvest Holy Communion	Whitwell
2-4pm	 Messy Harvest	Sand Hutton Village Hall
5.00	Evening Prayer	Sand Hutton

Wednesday 19th October

St Luke

10.00	Midweek Service	Crambe
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Sunday 23rd October

Trinity 19

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
6.00	Harvest Evensong and Auction	Howsham

Wednesday 26th October

St Simon and St Jude

10.00	Midweek Service	Flaxton
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Sunday 30th October

All Saints

11.00	Harvest Holy Communion and Lunch	Buttercrambe
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The annual Lily Festival at which we remember those we have loved and lost will take place at St Michael's Church, Crambe on Tues November 1st



Welcome to those newly

baptised

14 th May	Olivia Rose Allen	Howsham
3 rd July	Emma Louise Metcalfe	Buttercrambe
10 th July	Howard Otto Kristopher Étienne Sebastian Fox	Sand Hutton



Congratulations to those newly married

8 th April	Thomas Edward Gurden & Madeline Rose Kelly	Flaxton
27 th May	Ryan Lee Gargett and Nicola Kilgallon	Flaxton
3 rd June	Thomas Edward Harding and Tessa Mary Sheppard	Bossall
18 th June	Thomas Michael Spring and Bethany Jamieson	Howsham
9 th July	James Bedford and Bethany Frances Taylor	Buttercrambe
30 th July	Joshua Peter Obermayer and Rachel Emma Goacher	Sand Hutton
30 th July	Stuart Thomas Fraser and Julie Anne Thompkins	Flaxton



Our condolences to the family and friends of

18 th May	Brian Austin Barton	Age 75	Gate Helmsley
13 th June	Millie Evelyn Dziemianko	Age 6 weeks	Gate Helmsley

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 will be for
Flaxton.**



Starting 27th August 2022 we will distribute prayer request cards to each household and business, culminating on Wednesday 28th September 2022 with a short service in Flaxton church at 7p.m.

The service will last for approximately 35 minutes and include offering each of the prayers requested on the cards.

Prayer cards can be written out for whatever is on 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 in the church itself for prayer cards to be dropped back.

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

If you would like our Rector Revd. Chris Wingfield or one of our Prayer Team to visit you then please let Chris know. His contact details are Tel: 01759 304063 or Mob: 07881 721744



*From Rachael Harrison
Benefice Children and Youth Worker
Children and Family report*

It's hard to believe that the end of another academic year approaches. A well deserved break awaits children, teachers, and school staff alike; and how fortunate we are to have managed a year of uninterrupted education with no lock downs! I have had the pleasure of visiting both Foston and Sand Hutton schools over recent weeks along with Revd Chris for Collective Worship, and always thoroughly enjoy meeting the children who are so enthusiastic and welcoming. The Year 6's are all so ready for the next stage and we wish them every success as they transition to Secondary school.

The allotment is enjoying its second year and is just as busy as last summer. It has hosted Play and Pray for the last half term and our pre-schoolers have really enjoyed watering, planting out and generally being outdoors enjoying the fresh air and nature.



Likewise, the allotment has kept the Aubergines busy too; doing all the background work to enable the allotment to keep ticking over. We are looking forward to being judged shortly for the 'North and East Yorkshire Best Churchyard' competition and have been very grateful for all the help we have received from families in getting the churchyard looking spick and span. We continue to work alongside nature in a way that promotes conservation and we try wherever possible to focus on recycling and re-using.



On 30th April the Aubergines were very pleased to have a stall at the Gate Helmsley coffee morning which was a fundraiser for St Mary's Church; and on 28th May we joined David Fletcher for his Prayer Walk between Bossall and Buttercrambe. The group also created a Monty Don scarecrow for the Sand Hutton school scarecrow trail in June.

We have a joint meeting on 31st July with 'IGNITE' who are the Benefice of Rural East York youth group, which we are looking forward to. Members from both groups are hopefully helping out at our August Summer Club at Stockton on Forest Village Hall, which is now nearly full!



UBERGINE OPERATIONS

Are you aged between 11-16 and have an interest in the environment and making friends?
Why don't you come along to our fortnightly sessions at Upper Helmsley allotment/church and see what we do?

- Support of the allotment at Upper Helmsley Church
- Greening activities e.g. recycling, environmental issues
- Running charity and fundraising events e.g. pop-up cafes, sales
- Meeting friends
-and you even get a free sweatshirt!!

Contact Rachael Harrison (07847 329015) or Katie Hopkins (07951 726412) for more information



Harton Benefice

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

Messy Harvest

Sunday October 16th 2022

SAND HUTTON VILLAGE HALL

2.00 -4.00PM

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 UPWARDS. SORRY, NO UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

Join us this harvest time for a free afternoon of crafts, games, food and lots of fun, as we say a big 'Thank you' to God for all his gifts.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RACHAEL HARRISON ON 07847 329015 OR rachaelyouthharton@gmail.com



BENEFICE of HARTON

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO invite

Babies, Toddlers & Pre-schoolers to our

'Play & Pray'

Fortnightly on Mondays

9.15 – 11.00

(Sept 12th, 26th. Oct 10th, 24th.

Nov 7th, 21st. Dec 5th, 19th)

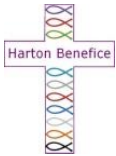


ST MARY'S CHURCH SAND HUTTON

For more info contact Rachael Harrison 07847 329015

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Benefice PCC.....



The Benefice PCC met on 31st May when members discussed:
The development of a Deanery Plan, which is progressing well - as part of Living Christ's Story.

It was agreed that, for the present, Holy Communion would be by intinction.

Chris expressed thanks to everyone who had stood in for him during his break in May.

The Vicarage will pass into the care of York Diocese from 30th June when Chris and Thelma move to their new home in Pocklington.

Benefice finances are in a healthy state. Parish contributions have now been rationalised.

There was a discussion about the dispersal of monies given in Wendy Holman's memory at her funeral service in Bossall church.

A cohesive benefice strategy is needed, as well as the early development of parish packs

The next meeting will be held at Crambe House, Crambe at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 4th October

Delyth Harran

Lay Chairman

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE.....

The Benefice of Harton Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2022

Thank you so much for giving and bringing hope and love to very poor families in Romania through the shoebox appeals in recent years. Last year we gave 150 shoeboxes and contributed £350 towards carriage.

The need remains great! So even though its summer when this item is written, once again the Benefice of Harton is launching the 2022 Appeal to collect filled shoeboxes for Christmas for children and adults living in very poor communities in Romania, and leaflets that provide suggested ideas for the contents are available in your village church or through the coordinators:

David Fletcher 07900 998 378;
Rachael Harrison 07847 329 015
Mari Richards 07930 338 516.

**This year's dedication will be at Sand Hutton St Mary's Church
on 6th November 2022 at 10.00 am**

Each shoebox should contain something for the whole family, Mum, Dad and the children. The shoeboxes are distributed by Amen Trust (Registered Charity 1057626) through their church partners in Romania to the very poor communities in Sighisoara, Soard, Orastie, Petrosani and Codlea, and are a great blessing to all who receive them. Amen Trust transport your gifts and one of their Trustees and volunteers supervise their distribution with their partners in Romania. There are photos and videos on their website www.amentrust.co.uk/relieving-poverty/romanian-shoebox-appeal/



St Michael's Church, Crambe

Summer Bank Holiday Monday



29th August

10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.



**call in at Bridge Cottage, Kirkham
(right next to the bridge)**

For £2.50 pp

have a cup of tea / coffee / soft drink and slice of cake !

Homemade cakes and bread also on sale

Ideal destination for your walk or drive!

All proceeds will go to St Michael's Church , Crambe



At St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton

Saturday 3rd September 2.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.

Afternoon Tea party

Come along and bring a friend

Donations for St Mary's Church Fund are most welcome

**The Aubergines from the Messy Allotment will be running
a produce stall showcasing a variety
of vegetables they have grown themselves**

See you there!



Sand Hutton and Claxton Platinum Jubilee Celebration

A festival of events at the Village Hall

Saturday 8th October



10.30 a.m. Saturday Social

Hosted by the Parish Council, with a theme "Trees in our Community"

Meet local tree experts

Share your trees' fruit

Press apples and taste the results

Meet the trees: games for children

12 noon Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting

Celebrating the Queen's long service to the nation, a second tree will be planted near the Hall (her first tree is now thriving on Claxton Green)

12.30 p.m. Hog Roast

A free party for all residents of Claxton and Sand Hutton, funded by Ryedale DC

Bookings will be required for the Hog Roast: 150 tickets available, nominal charge of £1/person.

Vegan options will be supplied.

**Contacts: Caroline Hall Tel: 468376, Email: hallcaroline993@gmail.com,
Rosy Miers Tel: 468481 Email: miersfamily@hotmail.com**



**REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....
THE 5th of NOVEMBER!!**

**GIFTS for CHRISTMAS
Saturday 5th November 2022**

**SAND HUTTON VILLAGE HALL
10am to 3pm**

Quality stalls at affordable prices for all your Christmas gifts

Stalls include...

Sand Hutton Gifts (handmade gifts / pots and planters) Jewellery, Sarah Stoker Ceramics, Pretty Things, Delicious by Clare and more!

Caroline's Kitchen for light lunches and cakes

Entry £1

details from giftsforchristmas@hotmail.co.uk



Darius Traves



It was with great pride that we watched Darius become ordained as a Deacon at a wonderful ceremony in York Minster on 25th June.

Darius will serve as Assistant Curate at **Bridlington Christ Church with Bessingby and Ulrome**, and will also work in **York St John University Chaplaincy**

Darius had a faith from a young age although his family didn't believe in a God. At a traumatic time of his life he says that "I needed God and God came to me."

He has been involved in schools ministry and particularly amongst those with additional needs for about five years, and has trained for ordination through St Hilda College at Mirfield.

Darius says: "I have absolutely loved it there. I have quite often forgotten that I have a disability. I now feel humble that, even though I have a lot of challenges on a daily basis, God has still called me to ordained ministry. My hope is that I am going to be able to help people tell their stories and walk with them on their journey."

We wish Darius every happiness and success on his journey, confident in the knowledge he will inspire all those he meets.



from Sister Margaret Ann CSPH



My Dear friends,

Jay Blades, what an incredible man he is. I first came across him on television in 'Money for Nothing'. A programme in which someone rescues something from the tip and restores it, or makes it into something else and sells it on, passing the profit made on to the person who originally left it at the tip.

What incredible things people can do. Their ideas and skills are just amazing. Recycling at its very best.

Then Jay Blades had a programme of his own, 'The Repair Shop' where members of the public could bring things from their past, usually broken, smashed, worn out, or simply first loved. Often neglected and forgotten but with sentimental value. Jay and his remarkable team of experts listen to the stories told by the owners of the articles, and find out what these treasures mean to them and what memories they invoke. They then take on the job of restoring them to their former glory so that they can live again and be passed onto the next generation. Family stories at their very best.



On reflection it all reminded me of our human stories, we all fall short of the glory of God and need God's merciful forgiveness and his redeeming love in our lives. We all come to the throne of God, broken, shattered, forgotten by our own sin. But remember we are God's creation. At the beginning of time, we were held in the palm of God's hand. Remember the passage from the prophet Isaiah:

'Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name and you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through rivers, they will not overwhelm you, when you walk through fire you shall not be burned and the flame shall not consume you, for I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in Exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes and honoured, and I love you'

As we come to the maker of all things and tell our story to the one who knows us better than we know ourselves, repent of all those things, thoughts, words and deeds from the past, the present, and what might occur in days to come, and like all the 'Repair Shop' experts who take peoples priceless treasures to pieces, to be cleaned, oiled, screwed back together, painted, and polished until they look like new again, allow God to break you open so you too can be cleansed, oiled, moulded and renewed, and in the power of The Holy Spirit may we be filled with new life, new purpose and new resolve. Allowing us to become that person God created us to be. 'My dear child' Isaiah goes on

'I am the Lord who created you, from the time you were born I have helped you. Do not be afraid, you are my servant, my chosen one whom I love'

As the people of God in this place, the Benefice of Harton, let us help each other when broken and battered, to repair our brokenness and restore us all to our former glory, that is of God.

Now in the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta

'Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net by which we catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. The best way we can show our gratitude to God and the people is to accept everything with joy. Joy is one of the best safeguards against temptation. The devil is a carrier of dust and dirt and has every opportunity to throw what he has at us. But a joyful heart protects us from the dirt. That is because Jesus is there in our joy. Jesus takes full possession of our soul when we surrender to him joyfully. When you go to your task, spread all around you the joy of belonging to God, of living with God, of being his own. If you are joyful, it will shine in your eyes and your look, in your conversation and in your countenance. For you will not be able to hide it because Joy overflows'

Then come and lay your burdens before the Lord and in His great love for you will make you new and restore you to life in Him

With my continual love and prayers for you all



*Margaret Ann
+ CSPK*



Peter Stott
Chair, Claxton and Sand Hutton
Parish Council,
2012 - 2022



Peter has recently stepped down as chair of our Parish Council after ten years of service to our community. He will be sorely missed.

With common sense and good humour he steered dozens of meetings of the parish council through its agenda of many local responsibilities, without any of the issues that plagued some other councils (remember the meeting of a council in Cheshire, a clip of whose proceedings went viral?). But in addition to his formal role he took on a range of practical tasks – organizing the litter pick, dealing with the drains, cleaning the road signs, checking the lighting, mending fences – things that were beyond the call of duty, but much appreciated by all in the villages.

Those of us who served on the council found him a lovely person to work with. We all wish him well in his retirement from this formal role. But I know that we can rely on him to rally round with help dealing with those practical things that are just as important as formal meetings when it comes to maintaining a happy, functioning community.

Enjoy your retirement Peter (to the extent that we let you have one!)

Caroline Hall
Vice Chair

BOSSALL

We have had a busy period at St Botolph's continuing with what repair works we can currently afford and working up fresh applications for new Faculties and grant funding to undertake the more significant jobs. New flooring has been installed in the pews, and the woodworm/beetle damaged elements of the organ have all been replaced. Where we have been able, we have treated exposed woodwork with suitable insecticide and we hope to have at least slowed down any further damage. The works to install new drainage and replace external stonework is all yet to be done, pending the necessary approvals, and funding. That said, we would like to

extend our heartfelt appreciation to those in the Benefice who have already responded to our outreach for financial assistance. We have received some very generous donations, all of which have been very gratefully received. Thank you. If anyone else feels moved to assist, please do make contact with our treasurer Jacqui Chainey, who would be delighted to hear from you. Email: jaqchainey88@gmail.com

In terms of notable services, we enjoyed Eliza Cook's baptism on Sunday 6th March, and a Benefice Service on Sunday 1st May.

The marriage of Tessa Sheppard to Tom Harding took place on Friday 3rd June. Tessa is the eldest of Belinda's daughters, so it was a very special occasion for our combined Fordy/Sheppard families, to see this happy couple married at St Botolph's. The Church looked resplendent, bedecked with amazing seasonal flowers, some picked from our own Howlbeck House garden as well as from various friends in surrounding villages (Horsley's/Winn-Darley's).



We managed to seat about 190 guests, and Chris orchestrated over a very happy and typically relaxed ceremony. It really was the perfect Yorkshire country wedding. So many of our guests commented on what a fine church we have in St Botolph's.

BUTTERCRAMBE

We have had a quiet start to the year but it has all been happening in July, a wedding, christening and Sunday service. Emma Metcalfe was christened at Buttercrambe Church on 3rd July which was attended by their large family including four doting brothers and many friends, with refreshments afterwards at Mill House.

James and Beth from Haxby got married on 9th July with the reception afterwards at Aldby Park. It was the most glorious day and we managed to squeeze about 90 in the church. Their wedding rings were delivered by a

barn owl called Bilbo. The bride had arranged it as a surprise. Only the best man knew about it.

At the correct moment the barn owl is released from the back of the church and flies to the best man who puts out his arm with a gauntlet glove.

The rings are safely secured to a quick release clip attached to the owl's jesses. After the rings are safely delivered it flies straight back to its handler, silently swooping low above the congregation. It was an amazing sight.

We also welcome Evangeline Jane Hartley-Bradley who was born on 30th June to Jack and Lily. Congratulations from us all in Buttercrambe.

CRAMBE



Feast fit for a Queen!



Ready for anything!



Peter and Ron catch up

There have been two significant events here in Crambe. The first was our village celebration of the Queen's platinum Jubilee. We had planned a street party but the weather intervened and we gathered in the church instead which proved a lovely venue for our celebrations. The village rallied and provided a wonderful spread of delicious food and of course we enjoyed a glass or two of fizz!

On June 24th Sam and Lisa Cook organised a BBQ in their garden which not only served as an opportunity to welcome their friends to their new home but they generously turned it into a fundraising event for St Michael's Church. Over one hundred friends, family and villagers gathered on a sunny evening to enjoy each other's company, and indulge in excellent food and of course a beer or three! All this to the music of a fine jazz band. As a result of

Sam and Lisa's hard work and generosity, £1,684 was raised for the church a wonderful boost after difficult times. Thank you so much.

On August 29th we are running a tea and cake stall down at Kirkham Bridge (see events section). We do hope some of you will find the time to support us and enjoy the ambience of Kirkham Priory and the Derwent river.

We have had four services in the last quarter notably the Ascension Day service.

FLAXTON

On Sunday 5th May there was a party in the Village Hall, organised by Jeff and Alison to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Over a hundred people attended. Food was plentiful, there was a children's fancy dress competition, quizzes, and photos from the past. A good time was had by all. Thank you. Though there wasn't a church service in Flaxton the church was open for visitors. Thank you to those who decorated inside and outside with flags and flowers.

The churchyard is looking fantastic. Thanks to the churchyard team for their continued hard work. Families visiting graves, and people visiting to look at the wild flowers, also pass on their appreciation.

Thank you to Dick Blackford and the Flaxton Singers who organised a Spring Concert in memory of Churchwarden Wendy (Holman). Wendy was also a member of the Flaxton Singers. At the request of the singers, donations given at the concert will be passed to a charity.

The church is now open during the day. Many thanks to the Church Opening Team for giving their time.

On Sunday 2nd October there will be a service of Holy Communion to celebrate the Harvest. We hope to hold a Harvest "bring and share" lunch. Nearer the day, more information will be circulated by fliers.

All are welcome.

FOSTON

Hello from All Saints Foston!

A great time was had by all who attended our Quiz and Race night Church fundraiser, held in Thornton le Clay village Hall. Thanks to our hosts Peter and Sally Mills the evening was very entertaining. Everyone had their General knowledge well and truly tested. At half time we all tucked into a variety of delicious curries, kindly provided; and a very high standard of donated gifts made for a good raffle too. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event. A total of £240 was raised. This will be shared equally between Foston Church and the Salvation Army.

The next service to be held at All Saints will be the Admission of Churchwardens on July 24th at 10am. It will be a lovely opportunity to come together as we prepare for the year ahead in our voluntary church roles.

Following on from our Quinquennial inspection we are hoping to commence a programme of work, as advised from the report. As always this is never a cheap operation, but we are mindful of ensuring the work is done to the highest standard, to respect the age of the church. We are hoping to continue on our fundraising mission to ensure the works can be completed. Keep a lookout for further events.

GATE HELMSLEY

As I write, we're going through an unprecedented heatwave as well as the contest for a new leader of the Conservative party...as the Chinese would say, "interesting times". Not to mention the terrible war in Ukraine, making us feel fortunate to be living in such a peaceful place within a friendly community.

The monthly pop-up pub held in the village hall very much brings us together as a community, as do the monthly library get-togethers and our regular church services. Both St Mary's and Gate Helmsley village hall benefit from the proceeds from the pub sessions; thank you to Claire and Dan Sykes and team for your altruism, and a warm welcome as new residents of the village.

On 15th May, we held a very successful service of Choral Evensong in the church, with the benefice choir in attendance. Thank you to our Reader, Ian Lyall, for leading this service. Rachael Harrison and Reverend Chris Wingfield led a service of All Age Worship in Gate Helmsley village hall at

the end of June. The theme for this service was the Trinity, a complicated subject illustrated simply through a comparison with triangles.

We now look forward to our Harvest Festival service which will be held in church at 6.00 pm on Thursday 29th September. This will be followed by a harvest supper in the village hall. The next All Age Worship service in Gate Helmsley will be in the village hall on Sunday 4th December. This will be our annual celebration of the feast of Santa Lucia.

Before this goes to press, we will be holding a renewal of our Strawberry Lunch on 24th July. Because of Covid, we have not held this event since 2019. Sadly, since that time, we have lost several older members of our congregation who played an important part in our church life – Anne and Andrew Podmore and Pam Wray.

We plan to reinstate some other events too, the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December and a Parish Lunch in January 2023, date to be finalised. In addition, thanks to Anna Sawkins, we have an exciting and innovative proposal for a Christmas Revue at the end of November, so watch this space.

The need for fund raising in aid of the church remains acute. Thanks to the generosity of regular donors and our annual events, we manage financially from day to day. The crunch comes when major repair work is needed as is the case now to the church tower. Any novel ideas for fund raising would be very welcome, and might you be able to find a little time to help with events, grant applications, etc? All help is very much appreciated, such as the help offered in the churchyard – thank you.

Sadly, we have had two funeral services in the church in recent weeks. We send our deepest sympathy to Mandy Dodds and all her family on the death of her baby granddaughter, Millie. Brian Barton previously lived in the village with his parents, Cyril and Connie Barton. We offer our sincere condolences to Brian's family, especially to his mother.

The ashes of Pam Wray, a stalwart of St Mary's and a member of the PCC, were interred in the churchyard in early July. As part of the service, the Rector, Chris, dedicated the new church noticeboard to the memory of Pam and her late husband, Frank. The PCC are very grateful to Maureen, Michael and Carole and all the Wray family for their generosity in providing the notice board. A special thank you to Michael Crosby, Pam's grandson-in-law, who constructed the board. It is such a relief to have an attractive replacement for the previous worn-out notice board.

HOWSHAM

Our annual Bank Holiday cake and plant stall was a tremendous success. We had great support from the village and the benefice and made a record amount. The rain started just as we were packing up.

We were delighted to have the first of this year's three weddings and also a baptism. Both went very well and it was lovely to see a full church. The weddings bring a very welcome contribution to church funds.

Our Jubilee celebrations were a resounding success. Sister Margaret Ann led a short service in church at the end of which the children processed up to the altar to receive Jubilee mugs, chocolates and Union Jacks. Following the national anthem, we enjoyed bubbly and a vast range of canapes in the churchyard.



Jubilee 'Kings and Queens' following the presentation of mugs and flags

*What a crowd!
Outside St John's
Church Howsham*



We later met down at Derwent Court for picnics, games and a royal quiz compiled by Mike and Maggie Clancy. The shared puddings were wonderful with two amazing cakes provided by Lenny Thrower and Gail Arkle.

The churchyard is looking immaculate, many thanks to Bill, Nigel and Dave in particular.

Our August Bank Holiday clean-up and BBQ will be from 2.00 pm. on Monday 29th August.

Harvest Festival followed by supper and the famous "Auction" will be at 6.00 pm. on 23rd October.

SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON

The past three months have passed so quickly with us enjoying the beautiful weather and many activities. For many of us the highlight was the opportunity, given to us over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend, to spend fun time with each other planning and celebrating in different ways.



In our neck of the woods, our celebrations started on the Thursday at St Mary's church when the church was beautifully decorated with colour and flowers. Thank you to all who contributed and helped, especially the children ... it was a long but fun and productive day!! The church was then open for visitors to enjoy the flowers, children's art work, royal memorabilia and refreshments.

Dot meets the Queen

Jubilee Sunday was the day when the road was closed in Claxton for a few hours, and in true British spirit people 'dressed for the weather' and a great crowd gathered from Sand Hutton and Claxton to celebrate together.

We had a street party with tables on the road alongside the village green.

All the components to make it a success were there...team and relay games



Umbrella party!



King for the day

for all ages - tug of war, welly throwing, bat the corgi, pin the earring on the Queen, face painting (thanks to two young residents who kindly gave their earnings towards the event)! Time to sit down to a wonderful spread is when the heavens opened but a good time was had by all. The best of the occasion was the meeting up for chats with old friends and new. Celebration mugs have been distributed to all the children and there will be further celebrations in the Autumn in Sand Hutton.

A reminder that the Malton food bank is open again under a new name...Ryedale Community Food Bank. They take not only food but toiletries and cleaning materials. The collection points are Main Street in Claxton, St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton and after each 10am Sunday service.

St Mary's Church continues to be open each day. You are welcome to help yourself to refreshments and prayer table items. You are welcome to find a place to relax and just 'be'. You would be most welcome to come to any services in the Benefice. Please don't hesitate to make contact if you need any help, support or to chat. All contacts are at the back of the Circular.

The weather stayed warm and dry for Afternoon Tea in the garden at Brian Atkinson's house in Claxton on Sunday 3rd July. About seventy adults and twelve children attended, and £485 was raised for St. Mary's.

Many thanks go to the team of helpers who provided the food and organised the raffle, plant and book stalls and special thanks to Paul and Louise Coulter who so generously donated most of the plants yet again.

Enjoy your Summer break and keep safe!

UPPER HELMSLEY

All is well at St Peter's.

The allotment is looking good, and the children and families have been working very hard to plant and weed over the last few months.

Play and Pray takes place every second Monday in the churchyard, weather permitting and this is going well. We have had cyclists and walkers calling in for refreshments on a fairly regular basis. Our next service is in September.

Play and Pray in St Peter's churchyard



WHITWELL

Whitwell Church clock is now in full working order. The Jubilee weekend was celebrated in fine style in the village - lots of colourful bunting and flags and an afternoon tea in the beautiful garden of The Cottage on Saturday, followed by a village party on the cricket pitch on the Sunday. Many thanks to everyone concerned for all the hard work and the wonderful food provided. These events really bring the village together and are much appreciated by all. Thank you.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS.....

Foston School C of E Primary School



I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely warm weather.

We have had a fabulous summer term, the children have worked extremely hard throughout this year, and we are so proud of our year 6 children for the amazing

SATs results they all achieved. It has been lovely to return to many curriculum enhancements, and the children have enjoyed visits to Askham Bryan College, the Sea Life Centre, a teen tech trip to York St John's University and the Countryside Day at The Yorkshire Show Ground to name a few. We have also hosted our annual Sports Day at Terrington Village Hall and it was amazing to bring parents and children from all three schools together to enjoy this.

If you are looking for a nursery place please ensure you contact us as we only have limited places remaining in our extremely popular provision. You can contact us on fostonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Sand Hutton C of E Primary School



Well, we have made it. Our first full year in school for three years! It has been wonderful to be back together again all year, have Sports' Days and Leavers' Assemblies as usual. How lucky we feel.

We have said a fond farewell to our leavers; six boys ready to fly the nest. They wrote lovely letters to one another and gave away their softer sides. Before that, we had our second 'I'm a Year 6 Leaver Get me Out of Here' event. We spent three fun hours with the leavers from Warthill, completing challenges, eating pizza and toasting marshmallows around the fire pit. We all enjoyed listening to their memories of school as they signed T-shirts which had been made for them.



Sports' Day went ahead as planned, despite the rain which set everyone off. Luckily the skies cleared and the sun shone for our races.

Finally, we can't end the year without mentioning that this is the end of Mrs Naylor's 25th year. We marked the occasion with a bouquet of flowers, presented to her at the start of Leavers' Assembly. See the fabulous photo!

Have a super summer.

Beverley Pawson.

Headteacher Sand Hutton C of E Primary

Heather Dale at Crambe found this 'Hymn for Gardeners' which might strike a chord with all our gardeners young and old!



All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.
But what we never mention, though gardeners know it's true,
Is, when he made the goodies, He made the baddies too.



*All things spray and swattable, diseases great and small
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.*

The Greenfly on the roses, the maggots in the peas
Manure that fills our noses he also gave us these

All things spray and swattable.....



The fungus on the goosegogs, the clubroot on the greens.
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.

All things spray and swattable.....

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds.
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.

All things spray and swattable.....

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds.
The pigeons on the green stuff, the sparrows in the seeds.

All things spray and swattable.....



The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums.
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be his thumbs

All things spray and swattable.....

But still we gardeners labour, midst vegetables and flowers.
And pray what hits our neighbours will somehow bypass ours.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.





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