

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Summer 2022

May June July

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**



The colour cover of this edition of The Circular
has been sponsored by

Michael and Delyth Harran

In celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary

We wish them many congratulations
on their 50 years of marriage

**And the Platinum Jubilee of
Her Majesty the Queen**



Though the Queen is unlikely to read our Benefice magazine the Editor feels sure that we would all wish to express our collective thanks for her long and illustrious reign and send her every good wish for the years ahead.

Few of us will remember any other monarch on the throne, some of us will have vivid childhood memories of the Queen's coronation and all its pageantry.

**How much do you know about the Queen and her reign?
Try the Jubilee Quiz at the back of this Circular!**

Dear Friends,

It's nice to be right.... isn't it?



As we become more pragmatic and accepting in our approach to the Covid pandemic, and slowly crawl our way towards a new future, I wonder what large or small changes you have made in your lives? Hopefully we have learnt to be less complicated, less needy, maybe even living a simpler life.

There is a program on Channel 4 called "The Simpler Life".

It takes a group of 24 'wannabes' who live in a variety of complicated, sometimes dysfunctional lives, and puts them on a farm in Devon to live the simplicity of an Amish way of life.

There's no internet, electricity, mobile phones, gas or any mod cons. They really have to fend for themselves for 6 months and become Self Sufficient. It soon becomes apparent that it is one of the most challenging experiences some of them ever have to face – or for others it is the most liberating, positive, life-changing experience.

One such character is Kevin. I won't spoil the plot but it is truly a delight to see him blossom and grow into a new way of living. And for others it's an unmitigated crash and burn scenario. Egos and self interest get in the way of 'Community'.

There is a real Amish family from Ohio to help them on their pathway and pilgrimage through the six months they are there and to guide them through Collective decision making. For that is the one thing that the Amish do with every decision - it has to be unanimous. And it has to be of benefit for the community – not necessarily the individual. And this causes untold conflict for those who find it most challenging. The arguments abound and opinions and egos take over.

But the father of the Amish family speaks in the middle of a torrid argument and accepts that people have their own opinions and want their own way. He questions whether their arguments are based on selfish wants rather than selfless needs.

He says "it's nice to be right – but it's actually right to be nice"

And that one sentence stops them in their tracks.

It's such a simple sentence when you think of it.

We all like being right.

We feel vindicated, smug, a sense of one-upmanship, pumped up with a sense of justification.

But we all know that being right isn't always the nice thing to be.

It's actually right to be nice.

St. Paul wrote about it in his famous 'love is' passage in his first letter to the Corinthians.

He literally says that love – true love – is always about thinking of the other rather than the self.

That is the Right thing to do – the nice thing to do.

And if there's one thing, hopefully, we might have learnt during this pandemic it is that the simpler life is, the less complicated, the less dysfunctional then perhaps the happier we seem to be.

And perhaps within this new way of life having the emphasis on being nice, rather than right, could be a way forward in making our life happier for each other and as well as for ourselves.

Yes, it's nice to be right, but would not the world be a better place if we accepted it's actually right to be nice not just to each other but to ourselves as well.

I do hope and pray that each of you has a simpler life as we go forward and maybe take on some of those words about actually being selfless instead of selfish.

It's nice to be right....but it's actually right to be nice, don't you think?

Have a happy and 'simpler' summer.

Yours in Christ

Revd Chris Wingfield



Services for the Benefice of Harton

MAY 2022

Sunday 1st May

Easter 3

9.00	Zoom Service	
10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall

Wednesday 4th May

St Philip and St James

10.00	Midweek Service	Sand Hutton
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Sunday 8th May

Easter 4

9.00	Morning Prayer	Gate Helmsley
10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham

Wednesday 11th May

St Matthias

10.00	Midweek Service	Flaxton
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Sunday 15th May

Easter 5

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
5.00	Choral Evensong	Gate Helmsley

Wednesday 18th May

10.00	Midweek Service	Howsham
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Sunday 22nd May

Easter 6

10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
4.00	All Age Worship ' <i>Inspiration</i> '	Foston Village Hall

Thursday 26th May

Ascension

7.00	Ascension Holy Communion	Crambe
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Sunday 29th May

Easter 7

10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
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June 2022

Wednesday 1st June

Visitation to Mary and Elizabeth

10.00

Midweek Service

Sand Hutton

Sunday 5th June

Pentecost

9.00

Zoom Service

10.00

Holy Communion

Upper Helmsley

Wednesday 8th June

St Barnabas

10.00

Midweek Service

Crambe

Sunday 12th June

Trinity

9.00

Morning Prayer

Flaxton

10.00

Holy Communion

Gate Helmsley

Wednesday 15th June

Corpus Christi

10.00

Midweek Service

Howsham

Sunday 19th June

Trinity 1

10.00

Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

5.00

Evening Prayer

Whitwell

Wednesday 22nd June

Birth of John the Baptist

10.00

Midweek Service

Flaxton

Sunday 26th June

Trinity 2

10.00

Holy Communion

Crambe

4.00

All Age Worship 'Triangles'

Gate Helmsley VH

Wednesday 29th June

St Peter and St Paul

10.00

Midweek Service

Bossall

July 2022

Sunday 3rd July

Trinity 3

9.00 Zoom Service
10.00 Holy Communion Buttercrambe

Wednesday 6th July

St Thomas

10.00 Midweek Service Flaxton

Sunday 10th July

Trinity 4

9.00 Morning Prayer Sand Hutton
10.00 Holy Communion Whitwell

Wednesday 13th July

10.00 Midweek Service Howsham

Sunday 17th July

Trinity 5

10.00 Holy Communion Gate Helmsley
4.00 All Age Worship Barton Le Willows VH

Wednesday 20th July

St Mary Magdalene

10.00 Midweek Service Sand Hutton

Sunday 24th July

Trinity 6

10.00 Holy Communion Foston
5.00 Evening Prayer Bossall

Wednesday 27th July

St James

10.00 Midweek Service Crambe

Sunday 31st July

Trinity 7

10.00 Holy Communion Howsham



Welcome to those newly baptised

27th February

Ayla Francesca McBoyle

Gate Helmsley

6th March

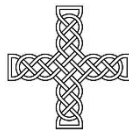
Eliza Rose Roberts Cook

Bossall

20th March

Henry James Carr

Sand Hutton



Our condolences to the family and friends of

24th February

Winifred Fothergill

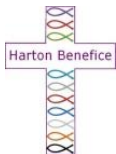
Foston

27th February

Wendy Holman

Thornton le Clay

Benefice PCC.....



The Benefice PCC last met on 10th February 2022 at Holderness House Claxton.

Some of the issues discussed were:

- The great progress being made by Rachael Harrison in her work with children and young people. There have been a variety of events; a new financial round has been agreed for the next three years; a mentoring group and a supervisory group have been set up to support Rachael in her work, and Rachael has made contact with Reverend Hendrick, who is 20s to 40s minister based in Malton
- A wide variety of services is available including monthly AAW (All Age Worship) and a monthly 9.00 am Zoom service
- The benefice finances are in good order and a new printer has been acquired through a leasing arrangement
- Deanery matters were discussed at length, the concentration being on the current Diocesan Review of Deaneries

Members remembered Wendy Holman, the Honorary Secretary, who was very seriously ill at the time of the meeting. Sadly, Wendy died 2 weeks

later. We extend deepest sympathy to her husband, John, and all Wendy's family.

Thank you to David Fletcher for taking the minutes at this meeting.

The next meeting has been put back to Tuesday 31st May at 2.00 pm at Brian Atkinson's in Claxton. Agenda items would be gratefully received by Chris Wingfield or Delyth Harran.

Delyth Harran

Lay Chairman



*From Rachael Harrison
Benefice Children and Youth Worker
Children and Families update*

I would like to begin by extending a huge 'Thank you' to all the volunteer helpers who so generously give of their time to support me in running Benefice Children and Family events. Without their kindness we would not be able to hold all the different activities. Their valuable input does not go unnoticed.



The Aubergine Operations sport their new sweatshirts



The Aubergine Operations were delighted with their Pop-up café and nature trail back in March. It was well supported and we

were able to raise approximately £400 for allotment funds. We are extremely grateful to Andrew at Vertigrow for very kindly sponsoring our new sweatshirts. We are enjoying wearing them, making us feel like a proper team! The Aubergines have been meeting fortnightly and have had a very productive time getting the allotment ready for the growing season. They have also had a manure sale and learned about the life cycle of moths! Children from year 7 upwards welcome.



The Aubergines at work!



We were delighted with our Messy church session on Saturday 9th April. Our theme was 'Messy Holy Week' where we ambitiously had an activity for (almost) every day of Holy week. The children loved making gardens on a plate, decorated goblets, crosses, chocolate nests, palm prayers, recycled triumphant arches into Jerusalem, craft donkeys and searching for hidden chocolate coins. We then sat down to a picnic meal and Chris led us in shared worship.

****Hot off the press****

Easter weekend saw all the churches in the Benefice joining in with the Easter egg hunt. It's too soon to know how many families took part, and I have yet to draw out a winner but it's safe to say it was a well-supported event.

A special mention must go to those families who went around ALL 10 of the churches! Dedication to the cause and an Easter weekend well spent!

Looking ahead, we are in the process of planning our summer club to take place in August. Keep an eye on the newsletter/noticeboards/Facebook page for more details! We will also soon be circulating Messy Allotment dates for families to come along to.

Please let me know if you do not receive a monthly Children & Family newsletter and would like to do so; or would like to be included on the Email list.

rachaelyoutharton@gmail.com

Why not join our Facebook page? www.facebook.com/HartonBenefice

*Play and Pray Group
snacking, singing and
praying after playing!!*



BENEFICE OF HARTON

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE RE-STARTING OUR

Babies, Toddlers & Pre-schoolers

'Play & Pray'

Fortnightly on Mondays

9.15 – 11.00

(25th April, 9th, 23rd May
13th, 27th June, 4th, 18th July)

ST MARY'S CHURCH SAND HUTTON



For more info contact Rachael Harrison 07847 329015 rachaelyoutharton@gmail.com

Lent Lunches, Ukraine Appeal.....

Mission agency USPG and the Church of England Diocese in Europe's emergency appeal is used to get aid to people in desperate need because of the military invasion of Ukraine.

We thank Revd. Rachel Benson, Carolyn and Michael Rickleton, and Sara and George Winn Darley for hosting our three Lent lunches. £292.50 was raised and has been paid to the Church of England Appeal

I can assure you that the whole donation will be sent to our partners, The Diocese in Europe, for their work responding to the war in Ukraine.

Funds raised by the appeal will support Christian charities and churches carrying out humanitarian work both in Ukraine and responding to the arrival of refugees in neighbouring countries.

Our partners on the ground are providing food, medicine, shelter, care for children and people internally displaced in Ukraine. With refugees they are supplying care at the border and beyond, for Ukrainians who are fleeing the war. The appeal is for urgent help now but the work will go on for many months.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE.....



**Monday
2nd May**

The Howsham Bank Holiday Cake Stall is coming round again!

we shall be on Howsham Bridge from 9.30am.

Please come along for cakes, jams, plants, teas and coffees.

Any contributions will be gratefully received.



Barton Le Willows Village Hall

**Friday 6th May.
Spring plant sale**

4.30 - 7.00pm

Refreshments and maybe other interesting stalls.

Anyone interested in a table please contact Jo on 07792 242492

Proceeds to North Yorkshire Music Therapy

and ongoing maintenance fund,
Barton le Willows Village Hall.



**Farm Wildlife
Walk
Friday 13th May.**

**Meet at Barton le Willows
village hall at 6.00pm**

for a short talk before setting off.

A farm walk to highlight the work being done to improve biodiversity and enhance nature.

Refreshments afterwards, including a free sample of interesting gin !

Dogs welcome but on a lead please.

**Donations to the Village Hall maintenance
fund welcome.**





**David Fletcher
will be leading a short
Benefice of Harton walk
from Bossall Church to
Buttercrambe Church
on Saturday 28 May 2022**



Meeting at Bossall church at 12 noon

culminating with a picnic and the opportunity of a good chat in Buttercrambe Church grounds before returning to Bossall. The date is during 'Thy Kingdom Come', a global call for all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (26th May – 5th June) for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. I'm planning to use some of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer resource cards in our communities, schools, businesses and churches. I hope we can use these as we spend a moment together before we start on the walk.

**ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE MOST WELCOME,
CHILDREN NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED PLEASE
More information from David Fletcher Tel 07900 998378**



Claxton and Sand Hutton Parish Council

Saturday Social

on
21st May

in the Village Hall 10.30 – 12.30

Free coffee and cake



Hosted by the Parish Council, Saturday Socials are about all things local: information on activities of local groups, local products, and businesses, and meet your local Councillors.

Freshly baked bread from the "Loafing on the Green" bakers
W.I. cake stall
Community library open
Jigsaw swap
Information on recycling of used items

Call in and catch up!

For further information, contact Caroline Hall 468376



St Michael's Church, Crambe

SUMMER BBQ

Saturday June 25th 4.0 pm onwards

At Kyreham House, Crambe

All are welcome!

courtesy of Sam and Lisa Cook

Tickets £10 adult £5 children between 2yrs and 12 years

Ticket to include Burger in a bun, a Hot Dog
and either a glass of wine, or tea/coffee or soft drink, desserts

Bottle tombola Children's tombola Plant stall Raffle

(there will be cover in the event of poor weather!)

Tickets from Lisa Cook Email: lisacook76@btinternet.com Tel: 07833 502 893
and Fiona le Masurier Email: fiona@crambehouse.co.uk Tel: 07774 886 833

Donations for the stalls would be much appreciated

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



You are invited to join us for

AFTERNOON TEA

In the garden of Abbey's House Farm, Claxton

Sunday July 3rd 2.00 pm—4.30 pm

Cake stall
Flower stall



Raffle
Games for Children

For catering purposes, if possible, please let us know
if you are intending to come

Email: brian@abbeyshouse.co.uk

Tel: 01904 468 226

All donations most welcome in aid of St Marys Church, Sand Hutton

CHRISTINE'S CHARITY WALK

The 10th Anniversary of our Charity walk
in memory of
Christine Potts will take place on

Saturday July 16th
In aid of York Against Cancer.



It will commence at Stamford Bridge Car Park at 12.00 midday, walking along the York side of the River Derwent to Kexby , and back along the Stamford side to Low Catton and finishing at The Three Cups.

A donation of £10.00 will be collected on the day.
We also have a [justgiving.com/fundraising/christinewalk2022](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christinewalk2022)
page if anybody wishes to donate.

Many thanks
Keith, Shan and Ceri



***Explore a wide spectrum of art forms
and enjoy events,
visits and trips locally and abroad***

The Arts Society Ebor is a friendly group that meets monthly on Wednesday evenings in The Shepherd Hall of St Olave's School, Bootham.

Lectures begin at 6.30pm – with time for a chat and a glass of wine beforehand.

Our lecturers are all experts in their field – mostly accredited by our parent organisation The Arts Society.

We also arrange special events, visits and trips – both in the UK and abroad.

To find out more and see the programme of lectures, visit our website:

www.theartssocietyebor.org.uk

or contact Michael Harran (mharran80@gmail.com)

If you would like to come along as a guest to one of the lectures
you would be most welcome.



St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley



STRAWBERRY LUNCH

Sunday 24th July 12.30 pm



Tickets £10



Bring your own drinks

EVERYONE WELCOME

Tickets from Delyth Harran—01759 372215

News, views and information from around the parishes.....

from Sister Margaret Ann CSPH



Wintringham Church up on the Wolds, redundant now sadly, is a favourite place of mine, where I retreat to when feeling down. In this great building dedicated to St Peter, above the chancel steps is a quotation from the Bible Genesis 28. It reads.....

‘Surely the Lord is in this place
How dreadful is this place,
this is none other than the House of God
and this is the Gate of Heaven’

The last time I visited Wintringham the woodland floor was covered in snowdrops, what a sight it was too, another sign of God’s beauty and glory in creation and in His presence with us. As the sun shone upon these rolling hills and the surrounding countryside, I caught another glimpse of the wonder and generosity of our Creator God.

To see this magnificent building stripped back of all its adornments saddens me but also helps me to see we too have to strip back all these attachments and adornments, the 'must haves' in our own lives in order to see the essentials – life, death and resurrection. The hope of all Christian people, the promise of eternal life.



This church is still beautiful in its bareness but far from empty of atmosphere. It is incredibly quiet and peaceful. The stillness and silence of this place restores my inner calm and the prayers of all those faithful souls who have worshipped here before us over the generations, encourage me and spur me on in my own journey of faith.

Whether our church is closed or we worship in village halls, churchyards or other people's homes, we have to remember that we are the church. We are the ones who show God's love in the world today...or not!

In the New Testament St Paul writes about love in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13 starting at verse 4 - he says.....

'Love is patient and kind;
Love is not jealous or boastful;
It is not arrogant or rude.
Love does not insist on its own way;
It is not irritable or resentful;
It does not rejoice at wrong,
But rejoices in the right
Love bears all things,
Believes all things,
Hopes all things.
Endures all things
LOVE NEVER ENDS

.....v.13: So faith, hope and love abide, these three but the greatest of these is LOVE'

As I walk through the picturesque village of Wintringham and our own villages in the Benefice of Harton I see signs of that love. A smile, or a kindly word, a helping hand.....God is in this place and by our worship and our acts of love and kindness we can lead others to the Gate of Heaven.

At this Pentecost season, we are reminded how the Holy Spirit came to fill the hearts and souls of all those who believe in our heavenly Father, in Jesus his beloved Son who came to earth to show us how to live the human life giving us the possibility of our own potential in a divine life to come and the final word from the great Mother Teresa:

The fruit of Silence is Prayer
The fruit of Prayer is Faith
The fruit of Faith is Love
The fruit of Love is Service
The fruit of Service is Peace'

May God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, give us all, this day and always His gift of Peace.

Margaret Ann
+ CSPT

Darius



Many of you will know Darius who regularly attended our Benefice services over several years. Despite facing various challenges, Darius has remained determined and focused to channel his deep faith into helping others and to achieve his ambition of working within the Church of England.

We are delighted to share with you that Darius has now finished his training and will be ordained in York Minster on June 25th this year.

The service is at 16.30.

Congratulations Darius – a fantastic achievement – we are all very proud of you.

BARTON LE WILLOWS

We are delighted, as are most, that village life has now returned to as normal as we can remember it. Events are beginning to take place but like all venues, large and small, we very much depend on villagers attending and supporting the events to not only make them a success but to support the community in coming back together again.

Back before Christmas, the annual Festive Quiz had a great turn out and it was nice to see teams from Harton, Barton and Barton Hill all enjoying the evening. The Pop-Up Pub returned again in February and was well supported although bad weather and the dark evenings definitely had an impact on turn out. Keep your eyes peeled for the next one in late Spring when we will hopefully trial a Saturday evening and patrons can enjoy the lighter nights and the outdoor space the Village Hall offers. The annual litter pick, traditionally the first weekend in March, is developing into a rock-solid event supported by 18 villagers this year. Young and old gathered to collect their 'picking' equipment on a pleasant Sunday morning and headed off in various directions to fill their bags with litter.

A coordinated pick up resulted in an astounding 62 bags of litter being collected. It's always fun to gather afterwards for tea and cake to discuss who had the most obscure finding - a bag of ladies underwear and rucksack of DVD's were clear winners this year! A heartfelt thank you to all of those who participated.

The regular Mother and Toddlers group have returned to their Friday morning slot and we have also had family gatherings and a children's birthday party being held at the village hall. If you have an event coming up and you need some extra space why not contact a member of the committee to discuss options for hiring out the village hall.

Lots more events planned for this year that will be advertised on the notice board outside the village hall, the A boards in Barton and Harton, through village Whatsapp groups and via an email circular. If you would like to be added to any of these communication channels or have any ideas for events you would like to hold please contact Louise Daly on 07791798165.

Your village hall really does need you!

BUTTERCRAMBE

We had our first Sunday HC service of the year on 3rd April. The church was gleaming and smelling of polish having had a good Spring Clean. It was lovely to see the church so well attended by residents of Buttercrambe and so many friends from the Benefice. Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards. We welcomed a couple from Haxby who are getting married here in July. George and Sara hosted a Lent lunch on 5th April at Aldby Park. It was well supported and £100 was generously donated to Refugee Action in York.

CRAMBE

We are now officially in Spring and the equinox hailed a week of glorious weather with temperatures in the high teens. The merry sound of lawn mowers was background music. Since then however, it has taken a distinct downward turn and we awoke one morning to a covering of snow, albeit a light one.

The Deanery hosted a “way forward” meeting, held in St Michael’s Church, Malton on 9th February. It was well attended by the Harton Benefice, followed up by a similar one at Benefice level on the 3rd March. Nevertheless, we still appear uncertain as to the way forward.



St Michael’s was privileged to hold the Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service this year. There was a lovely atmosphere in the church with well over 70 people attending, some with children wearing Easter bonnets! By way of a change Chris taught us to give the response to his giving of communion, in Greek.

The church looked beautiful and very special thanks must go to Linda Walker and her granddaughter Ella for the flower arrangements. Following the service many people repaired to Crambe House for refreshments. Once again Linda came up trumps with a special Simnel cake and Adrian kindly provided some Easter biscuits.

With Easter still very much in our minds Adrian found this wonderful photograph of a tree in the shape of an Easter bunny which he shared with those of us on the Harton WhatsApp Group.



FLAXTON

In February we lost a very valued member of our church family, Wendy (Holman). A lady of great Christian faith. Wendy joined the PCC when she came to live in Flaxton and was supportive of many church and village events. She was a Churchwarden, Chair of Flaxton Ladies Group, a Trustee of the village hall, a member of Flaxton singers and Flaxton Book Club.

Wendy's service of thanksgiving for her life was held at St Botolph's Church, Bossall and was attended by over 150 relatives and friends. Wendy was buried in the churchyard of St Lawrence Church, Flaxton and her reception was held in the village hall where we had the opportunity to share many memories.

A lady who lived life to the full, she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Remembering Wendy



We held our Annual Parochial Church Council meeting (APCM) on 13th April and the following were elected on to the PCC for the coming year:

Chair: Rector Chris Wingfield,

Treasurer: Jonathan Hotoph

Secretary: Mark Cockerill;

Church Warden and Vice Chair: Ida Terry

Jenny Towse, Lucy Terry, Margaret Render, Beryl Cartmell.

The contact details of the Rector and Churchwarden are on the back of this Circular.

The PCC members would like to thank all those who tend the churchyard and those who look after general church repairs. It is very much appreciated by us, and those who visit the church.

FOSTON

As we all continue to keep safe, and look after each other, we were able to enjoy two Morning Prayer services. Led by Ian Lyall, the services were really enjoyable, and very uplifting. It's lovely to be able to sing hymns and enjoy our worship. Thanks to Ian the morning prayer service has a slightly new format, which definitely worked well, and was enjoyed by all.

Sadly, after a long illness Winifred Fothergill passed away on the 24th of February. Latterly Winn lived with her husband Tom in Strensall. She had lived for many years at Rectory Farm Thornton le Clay and The Croft Foston. Her funeral was held at Octon crematorium, and was kindly led by Reverend Rachel Benson. Winn had been an active member of the Country Women's Association, and was a highly regarded judge of homemade produce at local village fêtes and shows. She will be sadly missed.

Unfortunately, we didn't have any Easter services at Foston church. But wish everyone well, and hopefully we will all congregate here again, soon.

GATE HELMSLEY

We have been blessed with good weather over Easter. We hope you have had a happy Easter, with plenty of chocolate eggs.

We thank the family and youth worker, Rachael Harrison, for organising another Easter egg hunt in all the churches in the benefice, including

St Mary's Gate Helmsley, where we had some lively and successful hunting. We thank and praise Rachael and her team for all the work undertaken with children and families, including some Messy Church events and services of All Age Worship which have been held at Gate Helmsley Village Hall. It is especially pleasing that a youth group – Aubergine Operations - has now been set up, meeting every fortnight at the allotment in Upper Helmsley churchyard. Thank you to Katie Hopkins of Gate Helmsley who supports Rachael in this enterprise.

We have had a varied set of services over the past weeks. At the end of February, we welcomed Ayla Francesca (granddaughter of Mandy Dodds) into the church through baptism. Now we look forward to a special service of Choral Evensong on Sunday 15th May at 5.00 pm, when the benefice choir will be taking part.

The Annual Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting was held on 12th April, again via Zoom. Church officers and PCC membership remains the same and is as follows:

Chairman	Reverend Chris Wingfield
Churchwardens	Sue Hanson, Delyth Harran
Honorary Treasurer	David Fletcher
Honorary Secretary	Michael Harran
Minutes Secretary	Michael Harran
Electoral Roll Officer	Julia Barry

As this edition of the Circular goes to print, we will have had the first in-person fundraising event in aid of St Mary's church. We hope it will have been a big success. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, and a special thank you to Sue Hanson and Julia Barry who organised it. The next planned fundraiser is the annual Strawberry Lunch to be held in the village hall on Sunday 24th July.

We are pleased to now have a pop-up pub to be held monthly in Gate Helmsley village hall. Thank you to Claire and Dan Sykes and their team who have set this up. The first session, which was very popular and successful, was held on 25th March; the second will be on the evening of 29th April. Proceeds are shared between Gate Helmsley village hall and St Mary's church. This initiative is particularly welcome while the Duke of York remains closed.

Don't forget that the village hall library is now back in action – on the second Saturday each month, 10.00 am to 12.00 midday. A large selection of books and jigsaws is available for borrowing. Thank you to Christine Bickerdike for running the library.

At the late May Bank Holiday, we look forward to celebrating Queen Elizabeth's amazing achievement of reaching her platinum jubilee. Plans are afoot for marking the event with village celebrations in Gate Helmsley. We look forward to all getting together to mark this event.

HOWSHAM



The village came up trumps on March 25th to support the Goulash evening for Ukraine. This was organised by Olga College, who is from Slovakia, and her husband John, a chef. The weather was magical and over 50 people enjoyed the magnificent goulash, pizzas, brownies and a gin bar. We had some marvellous gifts of produce, cakes, bottles etc. and everyone gave generously to the auction.



John and Olga College with Kay Vollum

There was musical accompaniment from Gary and the Church and Churchyard were decorated with flowers, fairy lights and flags. We were able to send £2,010 to the Disasters Emergency Committee. Very many thanks to the many

people who helped, and of course to John and Olga in particular.

We also thank Olga for repairing our Vestry curtain. The churchyard is looking particularly beautiful thanks to the mass of daffodils planted at the last few village clean-ups.

SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON

How true it is that Springtime lifts our spirits with the sign of new life all around us ... the lambs, the colours of Spring flowers especially the May blossom and daffodils on our verges, the trees and bushes beginning to show their leaves and the beauty of all creation around us.

Here in our two villages, we are planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Planting a tree in March on the village green was our first event – a good community get together with the opportunity to catch up with village news over tea and cake. Thank you to all who made the afternoon enjoyable.

You are invited to a *“Celebration of Flowers and Colour”* in St Mary's Church Sand Hutton on June 3rd, 4th and 5th. Refreshments on Saturday 4th from 10am – 3pm.

The Mills Family Quiz was well attended in March even though a few folks were unable to attend due to contracting Covid. We had a fun evening and Dot was on top form and even serenaded us with some singing!!!

A message from Dot:-

The Quiz night was enjoyed by all who attended! Many thanks to people who bought tickets, donated raffle prizes, as well as money donations, to the excellent soups and sweets (as usual) and to all who helped in any way. Special thanks to Allen who provided the wine for the winning table. £500 was raised for St. Mary's Church. Another one next year??!!

Take care everyone. Dot Mills

And thank you from the Mills Family.

Our next fundraiser is 'An afternoon in the Garden' at Brian Atkinson's home in Claxton on July 3rd. More details earlier in the Circular. All welcome!

Jez and Adrian will be hosting an afternoon tea at St. Mary's Church in early September. More details in the next edition of the Circular

As we are getting busy in our gardens may we ask, if you have a spare hour, to spend it in the church yard; perhaps bring your strimmer! Always plenty of tidying and clearing up to do! Your help to keep the grounds tidy will be much appreciated.

UPPER HELMSLEY

We are all looking forward to the warmer weather and the planned allotment activities. We are beginning to get visitors again who drop in for a quiet prayer or just to sit in the allotment area to observe our latest progress.



We held a lovely Palm Sunday service and it was really well attended. Thank you to Peter, Ellen and the choir for the music. The churchyard is looking beautiful with the Spring flowers.

We are planning our next service and if the weather is warm, we will have the refreshments outside. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

WHITWELL

The churchyard is looking wonderful as always, many thanks to Michael Goodwill for all his hard work in keeping it immaculate. The weather was glorious over the Easter weekend and many thanks to Rachael Harrison for working so hard to give the children a lovely egg hunt in all the churches.

We now have two new ramps, one at the gate and the other up to the church porch, both of which will make the entrance much easier. Our church clock is due to be mended this month. It has been missed by all in the village.



The Whitwell defibrillator is now installed many thanks to Alan Elliott for generously fitting this without charge! It is situated on the side wall of the Manor House, opposite the telephone box. Instructions are up on the notice board and thanks to everyone who contributed to the cost of this.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS.....



Sand Hutton C of E Primary School

It was so nice to see a glimpse of warmer weather to come when we had a warm spell at the end of February. Sunshine seems to make everything seem brighter.

We have had a particularly blessed Spring term with the return of visitors and visits, despite the first Covid outbreak which swept through our school very rapidly. We welcomed the author Richard O'Neill who brought laughter in plenty to our classrooms. Children were inspired by his storytelling and he thanked us (on Twitter no less) for our welcome which made us all smile even more.

We also ventured to Archbishop Holgate School for an afternoon of theatre. We were fortunate enough to be invited to the dress rehearsal for Matilda. What fun that was!

We have seen the return of events we can share with our parents. These have included the first face to face parents evening in over two years and our sharing assemblies on Fridays. It is so great to see our families in school again. We even managed an Easter 'sharing hybrid' with readings and singing and an Easter Bonnet Parade. It was terrific to be joined by Rev Chris too.

In other parent attended events, we put on a Federation music concert in the hall at Sand Hutton; sharing the talents of singing, dancing, steel pan playing and solo instrument playing. It has to be said that Mrs. Naylor and I enjoyed this probably more than the children! This is a run up to our larger Young Voices which will take place in May at Sheffield Arena. We were incredibly proud of our young people and everyone had a wonderful evening.

Our families have been generous in supporting the continued sponsorship of a child in Nepal. Our Bake Sale was enjoyed so much that we decided to have another so we could support the Ukraine Crisis. The federation raised in excess of £300 at a time when money is tight for so many people. We are extremely grateful.

So with Easter now behind us, we are looking forward to the events of the summer which will include a street party for the jubilee. We can't wait!

*With love from everyone at
Sand Hutton C of E Primary School.*

Foston School C of E Primary School



At Foston and our partner schools Terrington and Stillington we love to keep active and encourage our children to maintain a healthy lifestyle. We pride ourselves in providing motivational sporting activities alongside daily PE sessions for all our children.



The three schools had a fabulous adventure to Robinwood during the first half of the Spring Term. Children from year 3 – 6 and staff alike challenged themselves with many adventure activities and came home exhilarated by the experience.

The children loved coming together across the 3 schools to join in our recent PE enhancement day where they enjoyed boxing, an assault course, football and a range of other activities in their year groups. A huge thankyou to Stillington Sports and Social Club for hosting this day which the children enjoyed immensely.

On the last day of term, the children from all three schools joined to visit the new community stadium at Monks Cross. They enjoyed football coaching, a tour of the stadium including the York City changing rooms and also took part in a sponsored sporting activity back at school to raise money for the children's chosen charity of the year.

We look forward to many more sporting adventures over the summer months.

**Please get in touch if you would like to explore our school or nursery on
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Early visiting is advised as we are currently oversubscribed.



The Platinum Jubilee Quiz

We are bombarded on all sides with information about the Queen and her family. In latter years she has had to put up with much bad press. However, she has stuck to her mantra of 'never complain, never explain' and has been a shining example of personal decorum and kindness to all. How much do you think you know about the Queen's long reign.....??

1. The Queen was born in a private house, in which London street?
2. In which year was the Queen born?
3. Can you name the Archbishop of Canterbury who officiated at the Queen and Prince Philip's wedding ceremony?
4. When the Queen was born, was she first, second, third, or fourth in line to the throne?
5. What was the name of the hotel in the Aberdare National Park in Kenya where Princess Elizabeth was staying when she learned of her father's death in 1952?
6. Who designed the Queen's wedding dress?
7. Where did the Queen's coronation take place? And in which year?
8. Which of the Queen's children was the first child born to a reigning monarch since Queen Victoria's youngest child, Princess Beatrice, in 1857?
9. In which year was the Queen's Silver Jubilee – marking 25 years on the throne?
10. When she turned 18, Princess Elizabeth joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) to train in which job?
11. In 1992, a fire wrecked part of which of the Queen's homes?
12. The Queen has held regular meetings with over a dozen British prime ministers, but who was her first PM?
13. When the Queen was 18, who was Susan?
14. From 1964 to 1974, Elizabeth II was Queen of which European country?
15. The Queen is fluent in which foreign language?
16. In March, 2002, the Queen Mother died - how old was she?

17. What was the name of the royal yacht which was decommissioned in 1997?
18. Where is Queen Elizabeth II often referred to as "Brenda", and the Prince of Wales as "Brian"?
19. In 1969 Elizabeth II invested her son, Charles, as Prince of Wales at which castle?
20. Why was teenager Marcus Sarjeant jailed for five years?
21. What did Queen Elizabeth famously call the year 1992?
22. The day before Good Friday the British monarch distributes small silver coins known as what?
23. Who in 1982 broke into the Queen's home, Buckingham Palace and entered her bedroom?
24. In June 2015, a visit to which country marked the Queen and Philip's last-ever state visit?



Answers:

1. Bruton Street, home of her maternal grandparents
2. 1926.
3. Geoffrey Fisher.
4. Third in Line.
5. Treetops Hotel
6. Norman Hartnell.
7. Westminster Abbey 1953
8. Prince Andrew 1960.
9. 1977
10. Mechanic /truck driver.
11. Windsor.
12. Winston Churchill.
13. Her first Corgi given to her on her 18th birthday 1944.
14. Malta.
15. French.
16. 101
17. Britannia.
18. Private Eye magazine.
19. Caernafon Castle.
20. for firing six blank shots at the Queen during the Trooping of the Colour 1981
21. Annus Horribilis.
22. Maundy.
23. Michael Fagan.
24. Germany.



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