

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Summer Edition 2017

May June July

Sand Hutton Claxton Flaxton
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From The Rectory

My dear friends,

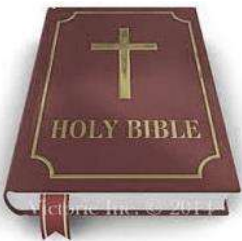
“Jubilate Everybody.....”

Duty and Service - Celebrations and Symbols

It's a 'Jubilate' year this year. As well as her forthcoming Platinum (70 years) wedding anniversary due in November this year, Elizabeth the Second also celebrated her Sapphire (65 years) anniversary of becoming Queen, albeit in a rather muted and sombre fashion.

And in the midst of these two landmark 'Royal' events, we have our own 'Jubilate' celebration as our very special curate, Revd. Hannah Suekarran is Priested in June on the feast of the Holy Trinity. All three occasions are a time for celebration and symbols as they epitomise duty, devotion, service and leadership of their respective callings.

The more religious markers of the Queen's Coronation on June 2nd the following year at Westminster Abbey and Hannah's Priesting at the Minster on June 11th this year should hopefully resonate with us in our daily Christian lives and perhaps it might be helpful just to pause and reflect on these amidst the more secular activities they can invoke.



The Bible

At Her Majesty's Coronation she was presented with a Bible with the words: *'This Book is the most valuable thing the world affords. Here is Wisdom; this is the royal Law; these are the lively oracles of God.'* For all Christians, the

Bible is interpreted as the authoritative guide to living a life with God. It is regarded as a Good Book and many of its teachings and concepts are well respected by other faiths. At Trinity, at Hannah's Priesting, she will also receive a bible. This book, especially the New Testament, includes many wonderful stories how men and women who follow God through the teaching of Jesus, have a real sense of commitment to the service of others and a duty to their calling – qualities which are the cornerstones of our faith and hopefully our daily lives.



Oil

Central to the Coronation was the anointing of The Queen with oil, to bless and consecrate her for her holy office. It is an ancient, royal custom, dating back thousands of years, sealing the recipient to an office of duty and service to others within their care. In the

same way, Hannah will be anointed with oil by the Archbishop and hands laid on her as symbols of her holy office as Priest, and our gathered invocation of the Holy Spirit to bless her ministry.



A towel and bowl

Every Maundy Thursday the Queen symbolically demonstrates the majesty of Service, as our Lord Jesus did when he washed the disciples' feet and said '*You are to do as I have done for you*'. The act of sharing our good fortune, and to serve others, is a fundamental command of gospel. For Hannah, as for us all, this 'servanthood' is fundamental to our witness of Jesus in the community we serve.

So, as you may reflect on the Queen's Sapphire Jubilee, and Revd Hannah's Priesting, perhaps it might be helpful to think about the symbols attached to these events and their meaning. For if we are to invite others to share in our 'Jubilate' about the good news of Jesus, they must all be part of our daily lives as witnesses to God's Kingdom

Yours in Christ

Revd. Chris Wingfield

Benefice Council.....

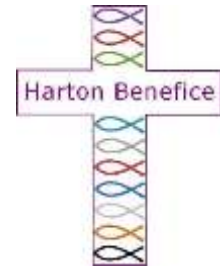
The last meeting of the Benefice PCC was held on Tuesday 25th April. We welcomed Chris back after his return from a recent absence.

Lent Course: The five session Lent Course enabled us to explore the early church as described in the book of Acts, and to reflect on how this can influence our churches today and the way we lead our Christian lives. Attendance was good and excellently led by Hannah. We all appreciate the amount of hard work that went into the preparation and the running of the meetings. Thank you, Hannah!

Lent Lunches: As a practical means of bringing people together in Christian community and of supporting a charitable cause, we held a series of 3 soup and cheese lunches during Lent. Thank you to all the hosts and to everyone who attended; there were between 20 and 30 people at each lunch.

The sum of £459 was raised for York Carers' Centre, Priory Street. There will be over £100 to add to this from gift aid, a very worthwhile effort.

Services for the Benefice of Harton



May 2017

Wednesday 3rd May

10.00

Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

Thursday 4th May 7pm

Spa Church (Taize)

Foston

Sunday 7th May

4th of Easter

10.30

Benefice Holy Communion

Whitwell

4.00

The Benefice Choir lead Evensong at Castle Howard Chapel

Wednesday 10th May

10.00

Holy Communion

Flaxton

Sunday 14th May

5th of Easter

9.00

Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

10.30

Holy Communion

Bossall

10.30

Family Service

Foston

Wednesday 17th May

10.00

Holy Communion

Gate Helmsley

Sunday 21st May

6th of Easter

10.30

Holy Communion

Crambe

Thursday 25th May

7.30

Holy Communion

Ascension Thursday

Upper Helmsley

Sunday 28th May

7th of Easter

10.30

Holy Communion

Gate Helmsley

10.30

Holy Communion

Howsham

6.00

Songs of Praise

Flaxton

Wednesday 31st May

10.00

Holy Communion

Buttercrambe

June 2017

<i>Sunday 4th June</i>		<i>Pentecost</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
10.30	Holy Communion	Foston
10.30	Holy Communion	Howsham

Wednesday 7th June

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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Thursday 8th June 7pm	<i>Spa Church (Celtic)</i>	<i>Howsham</i>
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<i>Sunday 11th June</i>		<i>Trinity</i>
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10.00	Ordination Service	York Minster
6.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Sand Hutton

Wednesday 14th June

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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<i>Sunday 18th June</i>		<i>Trinity 1</i>
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9.00	Matins – BCP	Upper Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe

Wednesday 21st June

10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
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<i>Sunday 25th June</i>		<i>Trinity 2</i>
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10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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Wednesday 28th June

10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Peter and Saint Paul Flaxton
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July 2017

<i>Sunday 2nd July</i>		<i>Trinity 3</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion BCP said	Gate Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion	Flaxton
6.00	Evensong BCP said	Howsham

Wednesday 5th July

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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Thursday 6th July 7pm

Spa Church (Contemporary)

Whitwell

<i>Sunday 9th July</i>		<i>Trinity 4</i>
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10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 12th July

7.30	Holy Communion	Crambe
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<i>Sunday 16th July</i>		<i>Trinity 5</i>
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10.30	Holy Communion	Foston
10.30	Holy Communion	Bossall

Wednesday 19th July

10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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<i>Sunday 23rd July</i>		<i>Trinity 6</i>
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10.30	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe

Wednesday 26th July

10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
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<i>Sunday 30th July</i>		<i>Trinity 7</i>
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10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Whitwell
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August 2017

Wed 2nd August 10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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Sunday 6th August 10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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Tired....? Weary....? Need to Pamper yourself....?

Indulge yourself at 'Spa Church'----- a new type of Church!

*Continuing the success of Spa Church
we will be holding further services throughout the Benefice over the coming months.*



Taize

Thursday 4th May at All Saints Church, Foston at 7.00

Soak up the rich beauty of Taize music and be fed by its rhythm and simplicity.



Celtic

Thursday 8th June at St John's Church, Howsham at 7.00

Be transported and carried away on a wave of beautiful Celtic music and words.



Contemporary

Thursday 6th July at St John's Church, Whitwell at 7.00

Be nourished and enriched by the melodies and words of some contemporary songs of worship.

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



Congratulations to those recently married

15 th April	Helen Jackson and Henry Richardson	Flaxton
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Welcome to those newly baptised

19 th February	Bertie Knights-Headley	Buttercrambe
26 th February	Bradley Paul East	Sand Hutton
2 nd April	Emily Rose Whitten	Sand Hutton



Our condolences to the families and friends of

20 th January	Christine Watson	Gate Helmsley
30 th January	Les Carter	Gate Helmsley
February	John Price	Gate Helmsley
8 th February	Peggie Smedley	Flaxton
16 th February	Kathleen Robson	Gate Helmsley
26 th March	George Chapman	Crambe

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2016



A huge thank you to all those who helped with last year's Poppy Appeal, either selling poppies in your village, agreeing to act as a static collection point within your local business and of course to everyone who bought poppies.

The total collected was £2497.90

This all comes from the generous folk of Barton Hill, Barton le Willows, Buttercrambe, Bossall, Crambe, Claxton, Flaxton, Foston, Harton, Sand Hutton, Thornton Le Clay, Welburn and Whitwell on the Hill, as well as many workers in local businesses.

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

Please ring me, Fiona Davies on 01904 468001.

(This contribution should have appeared in the Spring edition of The Circular the fact that it did not was entirely due to an error on the part of the Editor!)

THE YORKSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST



Saturday 6th May 2017

presents an evening with

Dr David Starkey CBE FSA RHistS

where he will talk on

England's Jihad:

Henry VIII's reformation five hundred years on

at

Shepherd Hall, St Olave's School, Queen Anne's Road York YO30 7WA

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Drinks and canapes

Tickets: £25 for YHCT members, £30 for non-members

Book tickets online at www.yhct.org.uk/events or with Vanessa White

at vanbarassociates@gmail.com

For all enquiries please telephone: 07786 656883

St Lawrence's Church, Flaxton

Friday 19th May at 7.30pm

The Flaxton Singers

will once again be supporting the church by performing at a

Spring Musical Concert.



After the concert there will be the opportunity to socialise and enjoy some light refreshments.

This is always a most enjoyable and popular event.
Everyone welcome.

St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley



*it's
Coffee
time*

COFFEE MORNING

At Fox Farm, Gate Helmsley

Courtesy of Andrew and Anne Podmore

**Tuesday 23rd May
10.00 am to 12 noon**

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church

Tel: 01759 372 320



WOMEN IN HARMONY

10th Anniversary COFFEE CONCERT and Taster Session

THURSDAY 11th MAY 10.30 – 12 noon
Sand Hutton Village Hall

Love to sing, but only in the shower?

Want to experience the fun of singing together?

*Come and join us (and join in) at our usual
Thursday morning session.*

Taste the coffee - taste the songs



Donations welcome for
North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre



**North Yorkshire
Music Therapy Centre**

A Malton based charity that for 25 years has helped children and adults with a wide range of disorders, injuries and disabilities by improving confidence, communication skills and a sense of well being. Enabling participation in a wider range of activities in both school and the community, leading to happier, healthier lives.

Please help to support this valuable work

COME AND BUY CAKE!

**Late Spring Bank Holiday
on Monday May 29th at
Kirkham Bridge**

(Location: YO60 7JS by Kirkham Priory)

2.00 pm—4.30 pm

Tea, coffee and soft drinks available.

Courtesy of Mr and Mrs J Teale



Angela Harrison, Music Therapist with a young client

**A representative of the Charity
will be on hand to answer questions about the amazing work this charity does.**

If you cannot come on the day but would like to make a donation or to donate cakes for this event, please contact Fiona Le Masurier 01653 619368 Email: churchmouse@crambe.net



Reg Charity No: 702533

Music All Around
The Benefice of Harton supports
North Yorkshire
Music Therapy Centre

How much music is there in your life?

I would guess quite a lot; you probably listen to - depending on your generation - the radio, CDs or you stream Spotify into your digital device. You may go to concerts and Festivals - Glastonbury or Ryedale – and you may be in a choir, a glee club, an orchestra, or a folk group. And no doubt, whichever you do, it is important to you; it lifts the heart, makes you cry, gets you dancing, keeps you entranced.

Doing something you love is also an excellent way of looking after yourself.

Music has a powerful influence on our emotional wellbeing and physical health. So when we get involved with music, it's like keeping fit, or self-medicating; there's the simple joy of beauty, the pleasures of creating music with other people, the cognitive benefit of learning how to read music, and the effect on self-confidence of learning the skills of playing and singing.

In the hands of a professional music therapist, the effects of music are even more remarkable. Music therapy is an increasingly recognized healthcare provision that works wonders.

For example, with people recovering from stroke and brain injury; with older people experiencing loneliness, isolation or dementia; people struggling with mental health difficulties; with children experiencing developmental delay, autism, attachment problems, or life-limiting illnesses (you may have heard of Jessie's fund, started by Jessie herself, a lovely girl who so much wanted music therapy to help in her battle with cancer).

So, we need music all around. Thank you for choosing North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre as a charity to support; you will be helping the charity in its mission to use music to transform lives. And don't forget to enjoy music yourself! There are lots of local opportunities.

Caroline Hall

Chairman of North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre

2017 Shoebox Appeal

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

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

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

Leaflets will be available for distribution from mid June.

These give details of items that can be included in the boxes and when they need to be returned, usually in late October.



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

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

With many thanks for your kind support,
David Fletcher, The Old School House, Gate Helmsley. YO41 1NL



CHORAL CONCERT

Weighton Waytes Choir

at Aldby Park, Buttercrambe

Sunday 4th June at 7.00

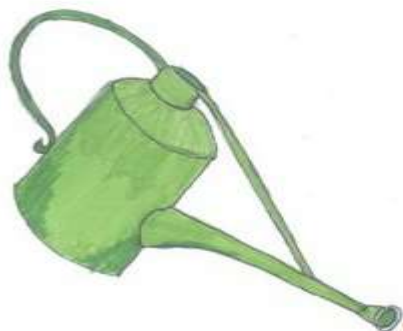
£10 to include glass of wine and finger buffet

Tickets from

Anne Archer 01759 371058

Sara Winn-Darley 01759 371398

email: sara@winndarley.net



Plant Fair

Claxton and Sand Hutton Village Hall
11th June 10.30—3.30

Refreshments
available all day

In aid of Village Hall funds

www.Claxton-sandhutton.org.uk

Sales of
Annuals, Perennials, Herbs, Shrubs
Plant advice,
Primrose bank,
Garden wood creations,
Children's activities,
Art market
Wood turner



St Mary's Church PCC, Gate Helmsley
With The Viking Flower Club
Invite you to a

FLOWER FESTIVAL

'The Attractions of Yorkshire'



At St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley

Preview evening Friday 23rd June

Festival culminates Sunday June 25th with a Church service at 10.30 am.

And a Strawberry Lunch in the Village Hall at 12.30 pm

Proceeds for Church Funds

Parking opposite Gate Helmsley Village Hall

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH FLAXTON
ANNUAL GARDEN FETE

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

At Draft Farm Flaxton at 2.00 p.m.

by kind permission of Jane & Trevor Corner and Vanessa,
the new owner of the children's nursery.

All the usual stalls. Entrance £1.00

adult tombola ❁ children's tombola ❁ raffle ❁ cakes,
Books ❁ bric-a-brac
and of course the fantastic "tea & cakes".

We look forward



to seeing you!



St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley
as part of our 3 day Flower festival



STRAWBERRY
LUNCH

Sunday 25th June 12.30 pm

Tickets £10



EVERYONE WELCOME



Soft drinks provided—Bring your own wine
Tickets from Harrans or Podmores—01759 372215 or 372320

CHRISTINE'S FUNWALK

Join us for a charity walk in memory of Christine Potts on

Sunday July 2nd
start at 12 noon return by 3.30



Starting in Gate Helmsley,
going through
Scoreby Kexby Low Catton
and back to Gate Helmsley

There will be a stop for refreshments in Low Catton

£10.00 per walker on the day or donations to
Keith Potts, 3 Furlong Road, Stamford Bridge, York, YO41 1PX
Tel: 07708 980 558

All proceeds will be divided between;
York Against Cancer and Breast Cancer Now

GATE HELMSLEY VILLAGE BBQ



Sunday 23rd July

at Wynfield, Gate Helmsley
at 12 .30 p.m.

Tickets £10

raffle and stalls

please bring your own drinks

For more information please contact
Chris, email: chrisbickerdike@hotmail.co.uk

The Benefice Choir



**Tenors and Basses urgently needed!
Can you help?**

**The Benefice Choir are a happy, welcoming group who
need more tenors and basses.**

The choir sings at the regular Benefice services and other special services. Our repertoire includes hymn settings, anthems, responses, psalms, Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis etc.

We rehearse on a Thursday evening, generally twice a month,
from 7pm - 8pm at St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton.

**For more information please contact Peter Stott: 01904 468404
or Email - petermstott@yahoo.co.uk**



*The choir has again been invited to
lead Evensong in the beautiful chapel
at Castle Howard
on Sunday 7th May at 4pm*

so why not join us?

Around the Parishes.....

News, views and information from:

CRAMBE

A quiet time of year, including the weather!

We have had normal services, which have been well attended, followed by coffee at various people's homes in the village, thanks to all concerned.

The coffee morning at Barton le Willows raised a healthy £300 for church funds. Well done everyone who helped and contributed.

We wish Thelma a speedy recovery.

We are all looking forward to a long hot summer, well we can wish.

It is with sadness we record the recent death of George Chapman

3rd April 1946 – 26th March 2017



George, who died after a short illness was a well-liked and respected member of the Crambe community. Originally from Leeds, George and Val his wife of fifty two years at his death, moved in 1991 to the gate keepers cottage at Howsham Gates after successfully applying for the posts of husband and wife crossing keepers. George

quickly settled into rural life, was a keen vegetable grower and also kept chickens and geese. He could always be relied upon to help neighbours in the fields or with many individual acts of kindness.

A big, genial man always ready with a smile and a willingness to chat when opening the gates for road users, he could often be seen in shorts in all weathers. For many years whilst going about his duties he was invariably accompanied by Penny the family Border collie who herself became part of local legend.

On retirement in 2011 George and Val continued to live on at Howsham gates. George was very much a family man. We extend our sympathy to Val, his son Mark, daughter Helen, and all his grandchildren. George was a good friend to everyone and will be sadly missed by us all.

GATE HELMSLEY

We have been saddened by the recent deaths of four parishioners, Christine Watson, Les Carter, John Price and Kathleen Robson. Christine was a very faithful congregation member in all the churches of the Harton Benefice and a member of the Pray14Me team. She died suddenly and unexpectedly and is greatly missed.

Les Carter, retired head gardener at Aldby Park, had suffered deteriorating health over the last year and died in York Hospital on 30th January aged 84. Les was a true gentleman with a ready smile. His widow, Dorothy has asked for the following message of thanks to be included in the Circular:

“Dorothy, Hazel and Brian wish to thank everyone for cards of condolence received on the passing of Les. Also for offers of help and kindness during this last year of Les’s failing health and since his passing. To Sister Margaret Ann for a comforting service. The sum of £200 raised has been donated to the Acute Stroke Unit at York Hospital in memory of Les. Dorothy and family”.

Kathleen Robson died in Prospect House Care Home not very long after her 92nd birthday, having lived most of her life in Upper Helmsley and Gate Helmsley. Kathleen had been a very active member of St Mary’s Church over many years, including as a member of the PCC. She had not been well for several years and was lovingly cared for towards the end of her life by family and by the staff of Prospect House.



Geoffrey Coffin

On a happier note, and following on from the re-dedication service held on 15th January, there was an inaugural organ recital at St Mary’s Church on Saturday 8th April. This was performed by Geoffrey Coffin, whose company Principal Pipe Organs (PPO) had restored the organ. Geoffrey had chosen a wide-ranging programme to suit all tastes. His playing really served to highlight the improvements resulting from the restoration. The church was full and the audience were mesmerised by the playing and by the programme. The final piece, especially, caused a great deal of amusement.

St Mary's PCC will have held the APCM at Orchard House on 25th April. We were pleased to have Chris Wingfield back with us for that meeting. We have missed both Chris and Thelma during their recent absence and are pleased to learn that Thelma is making good progress.

FOSTON

Our lovely little church has been enjoying a lot of attention recently. Following on from the identified works required from our quinquennial report, Nigel Copsey and his hard-working partner Emma have been working very hard restoring various aspects of the Church. Make sure you have a good look at the main entrance and the restored stone work over the door, it looks wonderful.



Repairing the arch at All Saints Church

We held a quiz and curry night at the beginning of March in aid of the Church. A very big thank you to Peter Mills who set and delivered the quiz. It definitely had our brains working overtime. Also thank you to everyone who supplied a curry. We had a very entertaining evening and raised over £200.

We held a lovely Good Friday service which was well attended and enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Hannah our curate who got everyone involved and gave the service a very special feeling.

HOWSHAM

It's here again!

**Our annual Bank Holiday Cake & Plant stall
on Howsham bridge on Monday 1st May from 10am.**

**Please come along: all donations welcome,
we are selling tea & coffee this year too.**

Our highly regarded stained glass is in need of repair. It is early work by Clayton & Bell. We are arranging for a report on its condition and an estimate of how much it will cost to repair.

Looking ahead the next village event will be the August Bank Holiday clean up and BBQ.

FLAXTON

Our annual pancake party on Shrove Tuesday was very successful. There were plenty of entries for the Pancake Tossing competition organised by Jill and her family. Our pancake chefs Ann-Marie and Tony did a brilliant job of providing numerous pancakes and Beryl organised a successful raffle. Thank you to them and to all of you who came along. A good time had by all.

We hold three major fund raising events during the year, two at St Crux in York and our Garden Fete in Flaxton. Our first event at St Crux in early April was extremely well supported by people giving items for sale for which we are extremely grateful. Unfortunately takings were not as high as previous but we made £500 which is still a splendid result. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way

At our PCC Annual General meeting on 4th April the following were elected: Churchwardens Wendy Holman and Ida Terry, Treasurer, Jean Hudson; Secretary, Mark Cotterill; Beryl Cartmell and Lucy Terry.

The annual Garden Fete will be held on Saturday 24th June by kind permission of Jane & Trevor Corner and Vanessa, the new owner of the children's nursery. There will be the usual stalls, adult tombola, children's tombola, raffle, cakes, books, bric-a-brac and of course the fantastic "tea & cakes". We look forward to seeing you.

SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON

What a wonderful time of the year when we look around us at the beauty, the colours and the new life in our surroundings! We have just had the Good Friday service at St. Mary's Church and have been reminded again in a very moving, devotional service of God's great sacrificial love and indeed His gift of creation and new life for us all!

This last quarter has been a very quiet time but for some a very busy time behind the scenes! Thank you to all who help to keep our village life active and to those who help with litter picking, committees, meals, social events etc. not forgetting those who help to look after the Church by opening and closing each day, cleaning, and flower arranging and those who keep the church yard under control. If there is anyone who would like to help in any of these mentioned areas, please make contact with the Parish councillors or church wardens as there are always jobs outstanding!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Hannah, our curate, for taking on extra responsibilities whilst Chris has been caring for Thelma during her recent illness. Hannah has done amazingly well especially running the Lent course, taking on extra Parish work and worship. All of this has been good experience for her but never the less a big learning curve as she continues towards ordination in June.

The "Pray One for Me" team offered all the households in our two villages, the opportunity to share their prayer requests or ask for specific prayer needs. This offer remains open ---- for those who would like prayer, please feel you can go into the church and leave a written request and we will pray for you.

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

GREAT NEWS AND CHANGES AHEAD



St Mary's Church is a Grade II listed building and is on the Heritage at Risk Register. As many of you know, we have been raising funds for the Tower and Spire Restoration Project comprising restoration and repairs to the tower, spire, lower walls stonework, roofs, rainwater goods and drainage. In addition, provision of new toilet and kitchen facilities and a heritage display area.

We are delighted to report that we have secured a grant of £179,000 from the National Lottery Fund, £10,000 from York Diocese and £3,000 from Allchurches Trust. Thanks to these and the generosity and support from the community and beyond for fundraising events over several years and individual donations, we have, to date, raised £217,000.

The total project cost and our goal is £250,000 so we continue with our fundraising efforts and are hopeful we will be able to see all aspects of the project to completion. The more we raise the more we can achieve.

Work is due to commence late April 2017 and will continue over the Summer and Autumn months. St Mary's Church will remain open throughout for services and visitors. Obviously there may be some disruption but we will endeavour to keep this to a minimum.

This is a major project for a small community and the PCC sincerely appreciate the time, effort and support given so freely by many people. Thank you.



Can you help?

We appreciate there are many financial demands in today's society but if you do feel able to make any donation towards this very worthy, local cause the PCC would be very grateful.

**If you would like further information, please contact
ellenstott@yahoo.co.uk or 01904 468404.**

Donations can be hand delivered or sent to :

**Ellen Stott, Far Low Cottage, 17, Sand Hutton, York YO41 1LB
or Graham Baker, Holderness House, Claxton, York, YO60 7SD**

Cheques should be made payable to: Sand Hutton Parochial Church Council

UPPER HELMSLEY

On Sunday 12th February we had a wonderful Benefice Service at Upper Helmsley with the Benefice Choir. It was led by Chris, even though we were cold it was a lovely service. The inspiring address by Hannah was called 'Work in Progress' and encouraged us to not worry about being the finished product but focus on the getting there.



Mr Micky leads the way

The morning of 9th April, Palm Sunday, brought our annual Donkey led procession, starring 'Mr Micky' who is a spritely 45 years old and looking better than ever for his visit to our village. The Benefice choir were in fine voice as they followed him singing 'Ride on, ride on in majesty!' The service was well supported and church was full. Thank you to Jim Stephenson, Anne and Amelia Thomson for arranging for Mr Mickey to get there.

Ringling the Changes

On Friday, 17th February, a group of keen and experienced bell ringers came to St Peter's to ring the bells. The group was led by Anne Deebank from Pickering Parish Church. They were spending the weekend visiting a number of churches in the area taking the opportunity to ring the bells just for fun. Some friends joined us to hear the lovely old bells.

Unexpectedly for us, though, the bell ringers' visit turned into a bit of a mini master class as, during the ringing, Anne took the time to explain what the ringers were doing and reminded us where the saying 'ringing the changes' comes from.

Some interesting facts that we learned from Anne, in her own words are...

Because English-style bell ringing involves the bell being rung through 360 degrees in order for the note to be struck, the time it takes to do this precludes tunes being rung. To alter the order of the bells, mathematical permutations are used – not that you need to know anything about maths to be a bell ringer and ring them! Thus, on 3 bells, as at Upper Helmsley, there are 6 possible permutations: 1-2-3; 2-1-3; 2-3-1;

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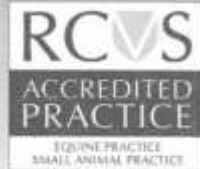
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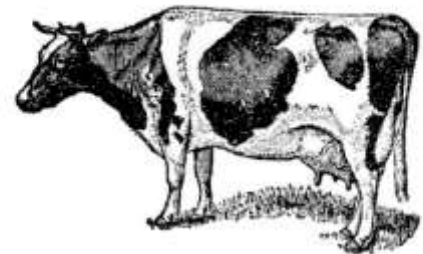
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