

# The Benefice of Harton

# The Circular



## Summer Edition 2018

*News, views and forthcoming events*

*In our benefice and communities*

## May June July

Sand Hutton Claxton Flaxton  
Gate Helmsley Upper Helmsley Bossall  
Buttercrambe Howsham Harton  
Whitwell-on-the-Hill Crambe Foston  
Barton-le-Willows Thornton-le-Clay

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## From The Rectory

Dear Friends



*'While there is hope there is life'*

In 79AD, the city of Pompeii in southern Italy was destroyed in the eruption of nearby Mount Vesuvius. Less well known is another town, Herculaneum, which suffered in the same catastrophe. This town was a popular first century resort until that day Mount Vesuvius exploded and buried it under 65 feet of solidified mud and lava.

It's normally the other way round, this old Latin proverb – *'while there is life there is hope'* – but I like it this way – especially as we come out of the most long, depressing winter I have ever known. Was it just me, or did it seem to never end? But signs of hope and new life are now bursting through!

Herculaneum is interesting in that it was not a wealthy town like Pompeii. Excavations at the site have uncovered blocks of tenements in which the poor lived. The ruins of Herculaneum speak about the lives of ordinary people.

In one old house, uncovered in 1938, in a small room on the second floor of the tenement, there was found embedded into a stucco wall panel a small cross. It is an important find because it is among the earliest evidence of the Christian religion in the Roman Empire.

This remarkable find can be interpreted in a variety of ways, but let's just take two.

The archeologist sees this cross and knows that a Christian lived here. By the fact it was from a tenement block, the Christian was very poor. Also, due to the date, the Christian was almost isolated from a larger, prevalent pagan community. This cross therefore is of some significant historical interest.

Today's Christian, however, sees this cross and begins to understand something different about this room and its occupant(s). For a start, there was 'hope' in this tiny room, hope in the midst of what must have been a very meagre existence. There was freedom from the pagan Roman Fates that ruled the lives of so many people in ancient days. There was light that

comes from the knowledge that one is loved so much in this life, that the hope for something better is made manifest by the life, death and resurrection of the Jesus we remember at Easter. For this poor, Roman, first century Christian, the cross symbolised the hope of the risen Christ – a hope that gave new life.

It's a sad world to live in – one without hope. And yet perhaps as we see signs of Spring and, dare I say, look forward to Summer, perhaps our hope is renewed. For us as Christians, whether we lived in 1<sup>st</sup> Century Italy or 21<sup>st</sup> Century Yorkshire, we too see signs of hope through the risen Christ and the spirit of God working within our churches and communities.

For we are on a journey of hope - leading our churches into growth. It's about an exploration of what Jesus means to us and a deepening of personal faith. For some, perhaps a life of new spring after a long life of winter. For without hope, life can just be that long winter.

*I like the way Emily Dickenson summed up 'hope' when she wrote:*

*Hope is a thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul  
And sings the tune without words  
And never stops at all.*



If you want to know more, just come and ask, for 'hope' can be the very thing that new life is made of.

*Yours in Christ*  
*Revd Chris Wingfield*

## Services for the Benefice of Harton

All Wednesday Holy Communion services  
will be preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.00

### May 2018

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
10.00 Holy Communion Sand Hutton

*Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May* *Easter 6*

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Crambe

*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May*  
7.30 *Ascension Day Holy Communion* Ascension Day  
Upper Helmsley

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May* *Easter 7*

9.00 Said BCP Holy Communion Upper Helmsley  
10.00 Holy Communion Foston  
6.00 Evensong Howsham

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
10.00 Holy Communion Bossall

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May* *Pentecost*

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Gate Helmsley

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
10.00 Holy Communion Visitation  
Flaxton

*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May* *Trinity Sunday*

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Whitwell

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
10.00 Holy Communion Gate Helmsley

## June 2018

<i>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</i>		<i>Trinity 1</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Foston
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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
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<i>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June</i>		<i>Trinity 2</i>
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9.00	Said Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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<i>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June</i>		<i>Trinity 3</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion <i>and Thanksgiving for the life of Anne Archer</i>	Buttercrambe
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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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<i>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June</i>		<i>Trinity 4</i>
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9.00	Said Holy Communion	Flaxton
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10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

10.00	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter and St Paul</i> Gate Helmsley
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## July 2018

<i>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July</i>		<i>Trinity 5</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Bossall
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Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July		St Thomas
10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley

<i>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July</i>		<i>Trinity 6</i>
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9.00	Said Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July		St Benedict
10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe

<i>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July</i>		<i>Trinity 7</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July		
10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton

<i>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</i>		<i>St Mary Magdalene/Trinity 8</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Foston
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Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July		St James
10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton

<i>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July</i>		<i>Trinity 9</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Whitwell
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Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August		
10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August		
10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Sand Hutton



## Welcome to those newly baptised

11<sup>th</sup> February  
18<sup>th</sup> March  
29<sup>th</sup> April

Samuel Laurence Craven  
Frasier John William Calpin  
Cristal McDonald

Foston  
Sand Hutton  
Flaxton



## Our condolences to the families and friends of

March 11<sup>th</sup>

Anne Archer

Buttercrambe

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## ***You are invited to Messy Friendship!***



***Come and join us!***



For crafts, games, stories, food and lots of fun for families - and it's free! We will be exploring the story of 'The Good Samaritan' and what Jesus teaches us about being a good friend.

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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 4-6pm in Flaxton Village Hall**

For more information contact: Rev Hannah Suekarran  
07538 813079 / [hannah.suekarran@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.suekarran@gmail.com)



## Messy Easter – The Journey!

On the afternoon of 25<sup>th</sup> March over 40 of us gathered in Flaxton Village Hall, ready to take a Messy Church-style journey through the events of Holy Week, following in the footsteps that Jesus took over 2000 years ago. We all drew around our own feet and made a path through the village hall with them to represent us joining in with this journey. Each of the activities tied in to the theme, from pin the tail on the donkey for Palm Sunday, and tear drop prayers to remember how Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemene on Maundy Thursday; to clay crosses which helped us think about the sadness of Jesus's death, decorated with beads and sequins to celebrate the hope and joy that came three days later at his resurrection.



*Pinning the tail on the donkey*

(A special 'thank you' to Tony Swan and Melissa Jackson for running this activity for us!) We also played a memory game, created domino runs to remember the chain of events that occurred, made an Easter Garden, and even built a giant Gate of Jerusalem.

In our celebration time we used eight words and actions, collected by families as they travelled around the different activities, to help us remember all of the events leading up to Easter Sunday. We sang a song and prayed some of the prayers written by the children and then ended with a yummy picnic tea!



The Messy Church Team would like to thank all those who helped make the event happen, and all those who came along – it was fantastic to see you and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Our next Messy Church will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 4-6pm. Details elsewhere in The Circular. Whether you've been before and want to come again, or you've never been and would like to see what it's all about, we would love to see you there.

*The Messy Church Team.*

## *Benefice PCC.....*

The last meeting of the Benefice PCC was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February. A summary of the discussion follows:

- Several initiatives had been well received: the shoebox appeal for Romania, Pray14Me and Messy Church.
- A benefice safeguarding policy has been finalised, with a copy placed in every church vestry and on the Benefice website.
- It has been suggested that Sundays could be made more special if families invite people such as those who live alone into their homes for lunch. PCC members are considering this proposal.
- The benefice accounts were approved.
- A Lent course, three Lent lunches and a national conference, LYCIG (Leading Your Church Into Growth) were anticipated. A local team of four, led by the Rector, would be attending the LYCIG conference
- The meeting was attended by Jo Bowden, Lay Dean, Southern Ryedale Deanery. She updated members on the development of the Deanery. Immediate priorities are discipleship, work with young people and families and church growth.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm  
at Wood House, Thornton-le-Clay.

*Delyth Harran, Vice Chairman*

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## ***LENT LUNCHESES***

Thank you to all who supported the Lent lunches, and especially to those who hosted them.

**Including the tax rebate, a total of £497.50 was raised for  
The Island**

This a York-based charity mentors vulnerable children and young people aged 8 – 15 years, seeing them on a weekly basis for up to 18 months.

<https://www.theislandyork.org>

## Gate Helmsley Village Hall

### Saturday Library

Second Saturday every month  
10.00 am to 12.00 midday  
at the Village Hall

Come along for a cup of coffee, a good chat and a browse through a large selection of varied books which are available for you to borrow

All are very welcome

Next dates are 12 May, 9 June, 7 July.  
£1.00 donation for refreshments



Claxton and Sand Hutton  
Parish Council



### Saturday Social

on

12<sup>th</sup> May 2018

in the Village Hall 10.30 – 12.30

- \* free coffee and cake
- \* meet your parish councillors, local officials and police community support
- \* find out about village groups
- \* buy local products
- \* support local charities (bring silver foil for recycling in aid of Snappy)

**Call in and catch up!**

For further information, contact Caroline Hall 468376

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3.00 pm**

**at All Saints Church, Foston**

**Come and listen to**

# **'The Fate of the Eight'**

**another intriguing true story following on from**

**'THE WOMAN WHO DIDN'T EXIST'**

**TICKETS £5 INCLUDING LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

*All proceeds for All Saints Church*



## ***STRAWBERRY TEAS***

**SATURDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

**at**

**Holderness House, Claxton**

you are cordially invited to come and enjoy  
a get-together, in the garden,  
*(weather permitting!!)*

**Stalls for plants, flowers and cakes**

and of course.....

**Strawberries and cream**

*All donations received will go to  
St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton*



St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley

**Strawberry Lunch  
in  
Gate Helmsley  
Village Hall**



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
12.30pm  
£10 per person**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

Soft drinks provided - Bring your own wine

Tickets from Harrans or Podmores —  
01759 372215 or 372320

*Gate & Upper Helmsley*

**BBQ**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July**



at Whinfield  
Gates open 12.30 pm

Food served  
1pm

Raffle · Stalls  
Adults **£10** / Under 12's **£5**  
*BYO drinks — glasses provided*

*Advance booking essential, from*  
Mandy or Chris: **01759 371148 / 371687**  
[mandydodds@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mandydodds@hotmail.co.uk) / [chrisbickerdike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chrisbickerdike@hotmail.co.uk)

*Proceeds for the Village Hall*



# GARDEN FETE

Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> 2.00 p.m.

Draft Farm, Flaxton

Courtesy of Jane and Trevor Corner  
And Vanessa at Little Green Rascals

Plants Raffle Tombola Cakes  
Refreshments



Proceeds to  
St Lawrence' Church, Flaxton



## SAND HUTTON AND CLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

### *Forthcoming events*

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> July     | Synolda Arms Pop up Pub French themed night 7.30 - 11pm<br>Food and Music. |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> September | Annual Village Produce Show                                                |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> October   | Harvest Supper                                                             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November | Synolda Arms Pop up Pub with Fish & Chips.                                 |

*If you would like further details of any of these events  
or would like to volunteer to help  
please contact Fiona on 01904 468001.*

# *Green Finger Tips*

## *Sand Hutton and Claxton Gardening Club*



If you're interested in gardening: lovingly tending your glorious borders and flowering shrubs, living off the fruits of your labours in the vegetable garden or just enjoying time in some of the many fabulous gardens within easy reach you'll be interested in the many talks and visits we have each year.

We're a thriving club with some 40 members and meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Village Hall in Sand Hutton, at 7.30 pm. Occasionally visits to local gardens take place in the afternoon. Meetings are lively and friendly events. They are an opportunity to meet likeminded gardeners and hear about a wide range of fascinating gardening topics from enthusiastic and knowledgeable speakers; professionals and amateurs alike. All our speakers are experienced and come recommended by members or other gardening clubs.

### *This year's events include:*

#### *Talks*

Kew Gardens; Ornamental Grasses and Pelargoniums;  
Pest Disease and Poisonous Plants.

#### *Visits*

Poppleton Community Nursery; Martin Fish's splendid garden in Rainton;  
A walk in Sand Hutton to look at pests and diseases in local trees, with Dr Charles Lane, Plant Health Consultant at FERA and one of the UK and Europe's specialists on this topic.

If you would like to be involved just come along to a meeting or give us a call.

The full programme can be seen on the Sand Hutton and Claxton parish website <http://www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk> together with our contact details.

Membership is £10 a year and includes entry to all meetings in the Village Hall and a 10% discount at many local Garden Centres, including Deans and Castle Howard.



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

We are a small but thriving WI who are always looking to welcome new members from Claxton, Sand Hutton and surrounding villages. We have a varied age group of members and work hard to find interesting guest speakers to engage and inform us throughout the year. This year's talks include Rowntrees in WW1, 75 years of the Poppleton Railway Nursery and Unknown York.

WI Membership also provides opportunities to learn new skills, visit interesting places, attend a wide variety of events around the region and yes, improve your cookery skills if required! Since its centenary in 2015, the WI has seen a marked increase in membership numbers and currently has almost 220,000 members in approximately 6,300 WIs across the Country.

If you would like to meet new friends or catch up with existing ones, then come along to our monthly meetings. We generally meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the village hall at Sand Hutton from 7.30pm and would love to offer you a warm welcome.

For further details about joining the WI or attending as a visitor, please contact Angela (01904 468396) or email [a.steele1918@gmail.com](mailto:a.steele1918@gmail.com)



## CLAXTON & SAND HUTTON HERITAGE GROUP

Over the past four years members of the group have been researching and documenting the lives and deaths of the men on our war memorial, both from WW1 and WW2.

We published a draft copy of this document last November and copies are circulating in the community. We intend to print the final pamphlet in time for this year's Remembrance Day, which will end the commemoration of WW1. We are appealing for any information that anyone may have that is related to this area or the men involved. We are continually being surprised by new information.

This will be an important historical document and copies will be available to everyone in the village. If you have anything relevant please phone/email A.S.A.P., either Bill Heath (468428) [Bill@Lawnswood.co.uk](mailto:Bill@Lawnswood.co.uk) or Anne White (468550).

On Sunday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a service at Sand Hutton Church, followed by a gathering at the war memorial and afterwards, in the village hall, an exhibition and light war-time lunch. If you own any WW1 memorabilia, or family stories you would like to share, please let us know (468550).

## CHRISTMAS 2018 AMEN SHOEBOX APPEAL

The recipients of the shoe boxes last Christmas season were very grateful indeed as the photo indicates. We have decided to repeat our efforts in 2018 as the need remains great in Romania. Several donors have said they how much they enjoyed helping in this way and would like to continue annually rather than the previous bi-annual efforts.



One of the villages prepared their shoe boxes by gathering together with others as a group. This enabled them get to know people in the area as well as in their own village.

*This year's leaflets will be available from the end of June.*

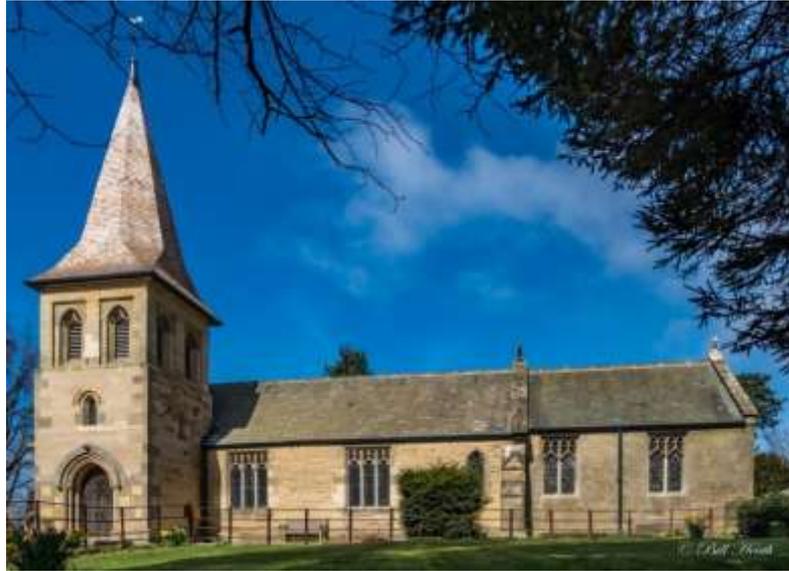
Our shoe boxes will be sent off to Romania following a blessing at Benefice Service at 10am at Upper Helmsley St Peter's Church on Sunday 21 October 2018.

We had a great response from the villages in our area last year and over 80 Christmas shoeboxes were received and we are very grateful for your generosity. Thank you so much they will have brought great joy to the families who received them in Romania! We very much hope we can repeat our success in 2018



If you would like further information please contact David Fletcher on 07900 998 378 or email him on: [davidfletcher165@hotmail.com](mailto:davidfletcher165@hotmail.com) Thank you again.

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

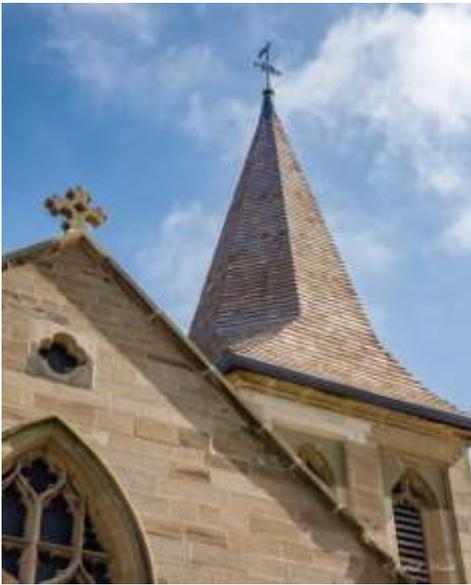


St Mary's PCC are delighted to report the completion of our restoration project. This achievement was marked on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> with a re-dedication service led by The Venerable Sarah Bullock, Archdeacon of York. It was a special occasion with a full church and wonderful singing led by the Benefice choir.

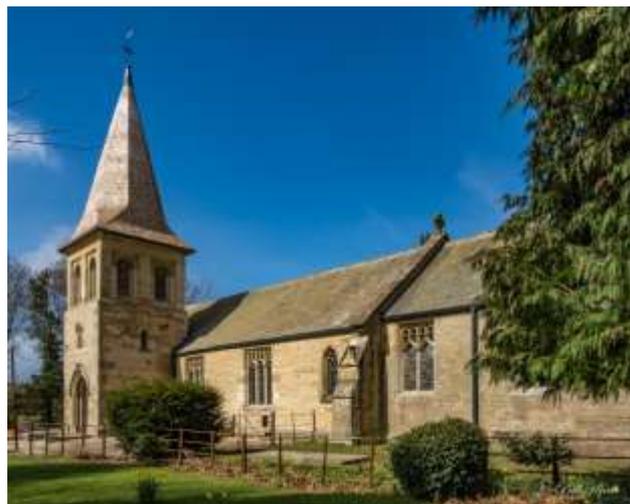
The broach spire has new cedar shingles which are already taking on a silver hue and is topped with a lead button capping, wrought iron cross and re-gilded cockerel.



Extensive masonry works have been undertaken to all elevations of the Tower; in addition masonry repairs and replacements to the lower west gable, east gable, nave, north and south chancel and vestry. New apex stones and intricate crosses have been carved for the east and west end gables, re-establishing St Mary's three original crosses.



The new kitchen and heritage area units are in situ at the west end – designed to complement the aesthetics of the church. The old vestry has been divided into a toilet and store and a new drainage system has been installed.



The PCC would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported this project through individual donations, fundraising, time and effort – we fully appreciate your generosity and hard work. Thanks also go to Andy Starkey and his team for their skill, craftsmanship and expertise; to Andrew Boyce (architect); Bill Heath (photography) and to the following organisations for the grants they awarded : Heritage Lottery Fund, National Churches Trust, Allchurches Trust, Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust and York Diocese.



## *Around the Parishes.....*

*News, views and information from:*

### *BOSSALL*

On the morning of the midweek service before Easter, we discovered that neither the heating, nor the organ could be made to work. Much scurrying around the church looking for trip switches came to nothing, the result being we had to all sing unaccompanied and stamp our feet to keep warm. Later in the day a second trip switch was discovered which solved the organ problem but mysteriously not the heating problem. Further investigation revealed that we hadn't a hope of getting the heating going as all the oil in the tank had been stolen in the preceding weeks. We are now to have a security light fitted which will shine down on the tank should anyone feel tempted again. Perhaps there is a lesson in this for all our churches.

We were lucky to have the Easter Day service at Bossall. It was very well attended by about 120 people including a considerable number of children. Hannah kept all the children occupied during her sermon by giving each of them a picture to colour in which were then displayed for the congregation to admire. It was all most enjoyable. The church looked lovely as did the churchyard which was a blaze of wild daffodils. Following the service was an Easter egg hunt which all the children joined in with great enthusiasm!

Ryedale Churches Cycle Ride June 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

This is in aid of Ryedale Special families. Each day's ride will be approximately 90 miles. The ride will be in our Benefice on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to join in on this leg of the ride they would be very welcome.

If you wish to take part please contact Harry Hustler,  
Mob: 07342892252 or Email: [harrymarkhustler@gmail.com](mailto:harrymarkhustler@gmail.com)

### *BUTTERCRAMBE*



*Anne Archer March 11<sup>th</sup> 1935 - March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018*

Mick Archer and the family would like to thank all who sent messages of sympathy following the death of Anne, much loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend to so many.

Thank you too for attending the funeral service following which, the donations totalling £1000, given in Anne's memory, were shared between St. Catherine's Hospice & St. Leonard's Hospice.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a Thanksgiving during the service in Buttercrambe Church at 10 a.m.

We do hope many of you will be able to join us to share this opportunity together, to thank God for Anne's life.

## *CRAMBE*

After a long wet and at times very cold winter, spring has finally arrived! This week the sun has shone and we can see her in all her glory – lambs, and daffodils in the churchyard, greenery bursting through everywhere.

Soon work will begin on the church: the pinnacles – temporarily removed for repair will be replaced on the tower and a bat survey is to be conducted on the chancel roof before repair work can begin.

Work is well underway at Beck farm. The road has been repaired and the old barns are being refurbished as part of the process of turning it into a family home.

We welcome Jimmy and Daisy Bloom who have moved into Church View and we welcome them to Crambe.

Finally an apology. In the last issue of the Circular Dorothy Martin's puppy was identified as a Weimaraner. We now have it on good authority that Handel is in fact a Hungarian Vizsla, a far superior breed. Sorry about that Handel, please accept our apologies.

Last of all Liz and Mick Jay exhibited their bearded collies at Crufts once more and were, yet again very successful, well done!

## *FLAXTON*

Our annual pancake party was as popular as ever and it was good to meet up with friends old and new. Special thanks to helpers Beryl and Beryl on the raffle and to chefs Ann-Marie and Tony who made numerous pancakes. Many took part in the Pancake Tossing competition organised by Jill and family. There were 3 people to a team and the winning scores were 10 years and under: 234 points. Highest Individual Score 91 points. 11-18 years: 206 points. Highest Individual Score 86 points. Adults: 270 points.

Highest Individual Score 98 points. Thank you to everyone who took part and congratulations to the winners.

On Palm Sunday, Hannah and the Messy Church Team ran their third "Messy Church" activity. This was held in Flaxton Village Hall. It was very well attended and the theme was "Messy Easter – The Journey".

By the time you read this circular we will have had the wedding of Alexandra and Richard from Leeds on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. They have been regular attendees at Sunday services in the Benefice over the last 6 months in preparation for their wedding. We wish them much happiness as they begin their life together.

There will a variety of music at the Spring Concert in church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm organised by Dick Blackford and the Flaxton singers.

You are warmly invited to join us. If you have never been to one of these concerts be assured you are in for a real treat. A collection will be taken and given towards the upkeep of the church. Light refreshments will be served.

Our Garden Fete this year will be on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Do come and join us. (see events section)

Fund Raising: Unfortunately we will be down on a fund raising event this year. The organisers at St Crux where we normally hold two events a year have advised that the St Crux building is in need of renovations. If the renovation programme runs to time then we may be able to hold an event later in the year.

In July we have another wedding. This is a couple from Doncaster, Cristal and Chris. You may have already met them as they have attended church services in the Benefice over the last few months. We look forward to helping and sharing in their plans for the big day.

## *FOSTON*

Welcome to Spring! It really is great to finally enjoy some sunshine and warmth. Back in the dark days of early February we had a very successful coffee morning, which many from the village attended. This helped us to raise £250 for the Special Care Baby Unit at York hospital. In late March we held one of our usual 'Fun Quiz Nights' hosted by our local quiz master Peter Mills. All who came enjoyed both the quiz and the amusing games, which punctuated the evening, not to mention an array of curries!

Next time you come to our church, you will notice the addition of a smart new oak framed door screen at the front of the porch, skillfully made by our local joiner. This we are hoping will prevent the annual invasion of nesting birds, which have proved troublesome during some services in previous years!

Our next Event is 'The Fate of the Eight' on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3.00 pm (see events section)

## *GATE HELMSLEY*

The village hall committee organised a spring dance at the hall in early March. Everyone enjoyed dancing to the band Northern Rock, and a healthy sum was raised for village hall funds. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this event such a success.

The committee warmly invite you to the next fund-raising event, the annual barbecue. This will be held at Whinfield, The Lane (courtesy of Tony Parker) on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30 pm. For details, see separate notice.

The St Mary's PCC APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is equivalent to an annual general meeting) will be held as this Circular goes to press. The task ahead for the PCC (Parochial Church Council) will be to manage and raise funds for essential building repairs to the church tower and to the roof of the south aisle. This will be a very expensive undertaking. Perhaps you might consider offering your support to this project through regular giving to the church, even over a short-term period of a couple of years. A small donation, such as £5 a month, would make a big difference to a church which currently has to spend more on routine bills than it earns in income. For details of how to make a contribution, please contact PCC Honorary Treasurer, David Fletcher on 01759 371513.

We are very grateful to all those who regularly help in church, as members of the PCC, on the flower and cleaning rotas, with catering for fund-raising events and with churchyard maintenance. Thank you all very much.

Our next fund-raising event for St Mary's will be the annual Strawberry Lunch to be held at Gate Helmsley village hall at 12.30 pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July (see events section).

## HOWSHAM

We had a well attended Benefice Service in February and Maundy Thursday evening Holy Communion.

Our Bank Holiday Cake & Plant Stall will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am. We will be serving coffee AND tea.

The Gun Dog Rally with Raffle is at Gally Gap Farm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

We are still awaiting the second quote for repairs to our stained glass. The central heating is also out of action awaiting attention.

We are hoping to turn the village phone box into a mini Heritage Centre, following a meeting in Church this week. We intend it to have a small display relating to Howsham Hall, the Mill, St John's Church and the "Railway King" George Hudson who was born here, also the routes of local walks. If we can get funding, we should like to install a defibrillator nearby.

## UPPER HELMSLEY



### *Mr Mickey goes to church.*

It was a beautiful and bright Spring day on Palm Sunday, and Mr Mickey the donkey did us proud again. We followed him through the village from Home Farm, singing 'All Glory Laud and Honour'. The event was made even more special than last year because Mr Mickey was led right into the church up to the chancel much to the delight of Ellie Harrison, pictured here with him. Our thanks go to Anne Thompson for bringing Mr Mickey to us again and to Jim Stephenson for kindly transporting him safely.

Another very special part of the service was Sister Margaret Anne speaking about her personal journey on the day that happened to be the exact Anniversary of 50 years of religious service. Our love and prayers go to Sister.

## *SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON*

How pleased we all must be to be able to soak up the heat of the sun and enjoy getting outdoors without wrapping ourselves up for the rain, snow and wind!

The highlight of the last 3 months for our two villages has been the removal of the scaffolding from St. Mary's church on completion of the Tower Project. The work has taken a little under 12 months in which time, thanks to the co-operation of the many skilled workmen, we have kept the church open for all the services including visits from the school. Many thanks to all who have helped with the endless cleaning, maintenance and flowers which give a welcome to the visitors who come into the church. On April 15<sup>th</sup> we had a full church for the re-dedication service, an uplifting and joyful occasion!

Thank you Jean Daish for the beautifully decorated church. Thank you also to Rosie Miers whose baskets of spring flowers were very welcoming. The church is always open during the day. You are welcome to use the special area that has been set aside to be quiet, to reflect, to pray, to read or just to "be".

We were not able to have our Strawberry Teas last year as there was so much going on with the Tower work but hopefully the weather will be kind to us on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Holderness House, Claxton (see events section). We do hope you will be able to come.

You will find more information on the following events in the Autumn edition of the Circular:-

St. Mary's Gift Day – Sep. 29th

Dot and Bryan's Quiz Night – Oct. 19th

Gifts for Christmas – Nov. 3rd

### *ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP!*

There is a lot of work to restore and maintain the churchyard and drive-way following the building works. We would greatly appreciate willing volunteers to help with grass cutting etc. If you are able to give some time please contact Ian Lyall (churchwarden) 01904 468209

## NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS.....



### SAND HUTTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Well this has been a funny term all told. We seem to have emerged into the sunshine after a long and cold hibernation. That having been said, we have managed to fit such a lot in.

Our year began with an amazing experience at Sheffield Arena. This was called Young Voices and it saw us singing with thousands of others and a professional band. It was something we will never forget and we can't wait to find out which songs we are singing next year.

After that we have had a series of theme weeks...Science IT and recycling. As part of our recycling both of our schools worked together to put on a fashion show and we shared our creations with parents and staff. It was truly a sight for sore eyes.

The snow brought us fun and although the school needed to close for a couple of days, I don't think it worried our children too much! Snow of that magnitude is a rare event to enjoy and I think everyone was able to make the most of it. The term ended in church with the most moving of Easter services. The children had written it with the support of Tony Bower and it was a treasure; everything you could hope for and more.

It is difficult to believe that the summer term has arrived already and we are looking forward to warm sunny days at last! We are even planning to have a 'sleepover' at school. This will be something new we intend to try...we will let you know how it goes.

Our collective worship follows the theme of perseverance this term. We will be welcoming Rev Chris and Rev Hannah to allow themselves to be interviewed by pupils from all our classes. I do hope they are ready to answer the most awkward of questions! Again, we will let you know



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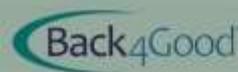
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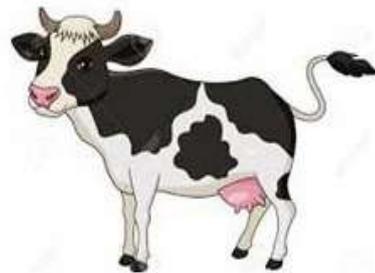


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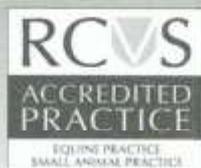
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