

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Autumn Edition 2018

News, views and forthcoming events

In our benefice and communities

August September October

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

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From The Rectory

Dear Friends

Sinner, Saint, Lover... or Mother?



In New Testament terms, it can only be Mary Magdalene I'm talking about – that much maligned biblical character that so much speculation has been heaped upon over the centuries. She does seem quite an enigma and the contemporary fiction author Dan Brown certainly added to her reputation in his novel, *The Da Vinci Code*. But as the church just celebrated her historic part in the life of Jesus and his followers on 22nd July, it seemed appropriate to try and unpick the fact from the fiction – admittedly almost impossible to

do as we know so little, but a worthwhile exercise I believe.

Going back to the source, she's first mentioned in Luke's gospel (chap 8) when she and two other women were cured by Jesus of evil spirits and diseases. In fact 'seven demons had come out' of Mary Magdalene. A more important event though, is that she appears both at the death and at the resurrection of Jesus - and this time all four gospel writers want to witness this, not just Luke. And along with other women present she's held in high esteem. Unfortunately, as far as biblical stories about her go, that's pretty much it I'm afraid.

However, the early church mixes together three stories about Jesus having a meal in a house, with each story being slightly different. A woman bursts in on the guests - very inappropriate female action in those days - and her actions cause upset to everyone except Jesus himself. In one version she's called Mary, in another she is a sinner, and another nothing is said about her.

So, mix the 'Mary' with the brazen woman who causes upset, and the Sinner, and link those three descriptions with Jesus having driven Seven Demons out of Mary Magdalene and Hey Presto! the gate-crasher must have been Mary Magdalene – and she must have been a prostitute! Add a few other less reputable writings from some unreliable sources about Mary Magdalene being the 'special companion' of Jesus, whom he used to kiss

and speculation runs amok. And myths, legends and fables are born. And that makes money for authors and film producers.

In truth, all we can really say is that at least four people writing in the first 100 or so years after Jesus died included a woman called Mary from Magdala as a companion of Jesus, who was with him when he was alive, when he died on the cross and when he rose again. A few others some 100-200 years after wrote some unsubstantiated fragments about her relationship with Jesus.

Anything more is going to be pure guesswork.

So was she a Sinner? Well, yes, because we're all sinners to one degree or another: A Saint? Maybe, nothing would surprise me, having spent that amount of time around Jesus: A Lover? Why not? Although I really couldn't tell you about her and Jesus because that would be pure speculation, although listening to his teachings I somehow doubt it: A Mother? Gosh who knows! Maybe, but I seriously doubt Jesus and her had a child. His actions leading up to his death, his teachings throughout his ministry, and his Jewish upbringing just doesn't cut it for me.

So why does the church 'celebrate' this woman? Well, anyone (especially a woman considering the times) who enjoyed such a privileged position as a companion of the living, dying and risen Jesus – who didn't abandon him, or doubt him, vie for special treatment from him – but was just there for him deserves some recognition.

For me she is an example of commitment, faithfulness, boldness, humility and compassion. Not bad examples for any of us to follow really, Christians or otherwise. She has been, and still is, sadly misrepresented by many through ignorance and gossip, but essentially has virtues that are worth celebrating.

It does make you wonder if we too malign people through our own ignorance and gossip. It's frighteningly easy to mix up stories and rumours and turn them into 'facts'. Perhaps, by celebrating Mary Magdalene, we could pause to reassess our views of people we criticise and pigeon-hole. Perhaps if we revisit their story and unpick the fact from the fiction, we too might have a different view of someone. And that view may be nearer the truth than the one we've lived with.

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

August 2018

Wednesday 1st August

10.00

Holy Communion

Bossall

Sunday 5th August

Transfiguration

10.00

Benefice Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

*A celebration of the 50th anniversary
of Sister Margaret Ann's entry into Holy Orders*

There will be extended refreshments in the church following the service

Wednesday 8th August

10.00

Holy Communion

Upper Helmsley

Sunday 12th August

Trinity 11

10.00

Benefice Holy Communion

Flaxton

4-6pm



Messy Seaside

Barton le Willows Village Hall

Wednesday 15th August

10.00

Holy Communion

Blessed Virgin Mary

Howsham

Sunday 19th August

Trinity 12

10.00

Benefice Holy Communion

Crambe

Tuesday 21st August

Celtic Spa Church (7pm)

Flaxton

Wednesday 22nd August

10.00

Holy Communion

Buttercrambe

Sunday 26th August

Trinity 13

10.00

Benefice Holy Communion

Gate Helmsley

Wednesday 29th August

10.00

Holy Communion

Foston

September 2018

<i>Sunday 2nd September</i>	<i>Trinity 14</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Howsham
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Wednesday 5th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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<i>Sunday 9th September</i>	<i>Trinity 15</i>
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9.00	Said Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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10.00	Harvest Holy Communion <i>followed by a Harvest Lunch</i>	Flaxton
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Tuesday 11th September Classical Spa Church (7pm) Howsham

Wednesday 12th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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<i>Sunday 16th September</i>	<i>Trinity 16</i>
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10.00	Benefice Harvest Holy Communion	Foston
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Wednesday 19th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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<i>Sunday 23rd September</i>	<i>Trinity 17</i>
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9.00	Said BCP Holy Communion	Bossall
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10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 26th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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<i>Sunday 30th September</i>	<i>St Michael and All Angels</i>
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11.00	Benefice Harvest Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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6.00	Harvest Evensong	Crambe
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October 2018

Tuesday 2nd October Taize Spa Church (7pm) Foston

Wednesday 3rd October

10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
6.30	Harvest Songs of Praise <i>followed by Harvest Supper</i>	Gate Helmsley

<i>Sunday 7th October</i>	<i>Trinity 19</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Whitwell
6.00	Harvest Evensong <i>followed by Harvest Auction</i>	Howsham

Wednesday 10th October

10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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<i>Sunday 14th October</i>	<i>Marathon I</i>	<i>Trinity 20</i>
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10.00	Holy Communion (Archdeacon's Visitation)	Foston
6.00	Holy Communion	Bossall

Wednesday 17th October

10.00	Holy Communion	St Luke Sand Hutton
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<i>Sunday 21st October</i>	<i>Trinity 21</i>
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10.00	Benefice Harvest Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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Wednesday 24th October

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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<i>Sunday 28th October</i>	<i>Clocks change</i>	<i>St Simon and St Jude</i>
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9.00	Said Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe

Wednesday 31st October

7.0	Festival of Lilies and Light <i>a service of remembrance for loved ones</i>	Flaxton
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Sunday 4th November
10.00

Benefice Holy Communion

4th Sunday before Advent
Bossall

Wednesday 7th November
10.00

Holy Communion

Gate Helmsley



Welcome to those newly baptised

24th June

Mairéad Bonnie Carr

Sand Hutton



Congratulations to those recently married

21 st April	Richard Nichols and Alexandra Clare	Flaxton
9 th June	Daniel Mennell and Anneka Rogers	Whitwell
7 th July	Richard Horsewood and Amy Herron	Bossall
8 th July	Christopher Fletcher and Cristal McDonald	Flaxton
14 th July	Mark Pearce and Margaret Dennehy	Sand Hutton
21 st July	Joel Baker and Natasha Winfield	Sand Hutton
28 th July	Patrick Moyles and Josephine Williamson	Bossall



Our condolences to the families and friends of

3rd July

Colin Jackson

Gate Helmsley



Messy Friendship!

June 4th



You may have heard the parable of the Good Samaritan, but have you ever heard the parable of the Good Grumpy Teenager?!

At our June Messy Church we spent some time exploring the story Jesus told about the Samaritan who saw a man badly injured by the side of the road and helped him, while others who would have been expected to help walked by on the other side. We thought about what this story might tell us about being a good friend or neighbour.

Acting out the story of the Good Samaritan

We made friendship bracelets, created artwork featuring people we have helped and people who have helped us, and wrote prayers for our neighbours - remembering that Jesus says everyone is our neighbour, not just the people who live near us or those who we find easy to get on with!

We had races to see who could bandage up their friend's arm the quickest and we dressed up as the different characters from the story to help us understand what it would have been like to stand in their shoes. We even searched for treasure in some very sticky jelly, to remind us that being a good friend isn't always easy!

A bit of first aid!



During our celebration time, a group of the children showed us a brilliant sketch they put together, which re-told the story as if it was set today. The person injured was a teenager on his way home from school, those who passed by were a vicar and a nurse in a hurry, and the unlikely person who helped was another teenager from a rival school (whose friend really didn't want them to stop and help as they were desperate to get to Primark!)

We ended our time together with a picnic outside in the sunshine. Our next Messy Church will take place in August, and as it's the summer holidays it will have a seaside theme, as we explore the story of Jesus calling his first disciples - which happened on the beach, next to the Sea of Galilee!

We would love to see you at Messy Seaside in August!

The Messy Church Team



You are invited to
'Messy Seaside'
Sunday 12th August
4-6pm

Barton-le-Willows Village Hall*

***Please note the different venue!**



Creating prayers



Painting



Making jelly!

We do like to be beside the seaside, and so did Jesus!

It was by the Sea of Galilee that he asked his disciples to follow him.
Join us as we explore this story with crafts, games, stories, food and lots of fun - and it's free!

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



Sharing a picnic tea

For more information please contact
Rev Hannah Suekarran
07538 813079 / hannah.suekarran@gmail.com

SPA CHURCH

Many of you will have attended our Spa church services before. They are short services of relaxation, reflection and spiritual refreshment. Each service is themed and accompanied by beautiful music.

Come and join us!



Celtic Spa: Tue 21st Aug. St Lawrence's Church, Flaxton - 7.00 pm
Be transported and carried away on a wave of beautiful Celtic music and words.



Classical Spa: Tue 11th Sept. St John's Church, Howsham - 7.00 pm
Uplifting spiritual pieces from the classical composers – recognisable and fulfilling.



Taize Spa: Tue 2nd Oct. All Saints Church, Foston - 7.00 pm
Soak up the rich beauty of Taize music and be fed by its rhythm and simplicity.



Spiritual Spa: Tue 20th Nov. St Mary's Church Sand Hutton - 7.00 pm
Spiritual classics to soothe and relax

Benefice PCC.....

The next meeting of the Benefice PCC will be on 24th July.
Proceedings will be reported in the next edition of the Circular.

Delyth Harran, Vice Chairman

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)



The General Data Protection Regulation (often shortened to GDPR) came into force on 25th May 2018. Organisations, including the Church, have new responsibilities to ensure compliance.

Organisations must have a valid reason for having personal data and the data should not be held for any longer than necessary. It must be kept secure and the individual has rights to ask for details that are stored, and in many but not all circumstances, request modification or deletion.

For most of us here in the Benefice of Harton this mainly entails details on the Gift Aid envelopes, data associated with regular giving by standing order, parish electoral rolls and information collected in connection with compliance with the Benefice Safeguarding Policy. Church-centred activities such as Messy Church, marriages, baptisms, funerals and the publication of The Circular also fall within the application of the GDPR. For churchwardens, treasurers and secretaries, their details appear in the Diocesan Church Directory.

The regulation contains 6 principles:

- Personal data should be processed fairly, lawfully and in a transparent manner.
- Data should be obtained for specified and lawful purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes.
- The data should be adequate, relevant and not excessive.
- The data should be accurate and where necessary kept up to date.
- Data should not be kept for longer than necessary.
- Data should be kept secure.

Personal data is data that relates to an identified or identifiable individual and is:

- processed electronically
- kept in a filing system
- part of an accessible record, for example an education record
- held by a public authority.

This includes data that does not name an individual but could potentially identify them; for example, a highly specific postcode in a rural area on a Gift Aid envelope.

A copy of the Benefice Policy and Privacy Statement can be found on the Benefice website. A paper copy is available should you require one.

I am sure that most of you will be entirely comfortable with this since you will have voluntarily submitted appropriate details in the first place.

However, the GDPR makes clear that we must ensure this.

To exercise all relevant rights, queries and complaints
Please in the first instance contact
the Reverend Chris Wingfield, Rector,
Tel: 01904 468418; email: chris.wingfield@btinternet.com

For general queries on GDPR,
contact Simon Littlejohn
Tel: 01653 618846; email: simoncklittlejohn@msn.com



**'The boss is worried about information security,
so he sends his messages one alphabet letter
at a time in random sequence.'**

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

£1.00 donation for refreshments

The library is run by Christine Bickerdike



CLAXTON AND SAND HUTTON PARISH WEBSITE PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for someone to take over the running of the parish website.

This would include posting information on village events, moderating other entries and generally keeping the website up to date.

If you would be interested in doing this, please contact either:

Peter Stott 01904 468404 or Caroline Hall 01904 468376

Thank you

Residents please note

there is now a Claxton and Sand Hutton Facebook page

Green Finger Tips

*Sand Hutton
and Claxton Gardening Club*

Events



Except when there are garden visits, meetings are held in Sand Hutton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Enjoy a chat before and after the meetings.

THURS 2ND AUGUST - 6.30PM

Visit to Shandy Hall (York YO61 4AD) - £7 (contact John Short to join the visit)
This was the home of Laurence Sterne where he wrote his famous novels: *The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy; Gentleman; A Sentimental Journey Through France and Italy*. Visit the beautiful 2-acre garden.

THURS 6TH SEPTEMBER – GILL HODGSON: “CUT FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN”

Gill runs Fieldhouse Flowers in York, working 12 hours a day to grow British cut flowers. Her business is nationally known and has been profiled in garden magazines. Gill’s mission is to see more British-grown cut flowers in our florists. She has set up a network of British growers – “Flowers from the Farm”.

THURS 4TH OCTOBER – GAIL & JOHN SUMMERFIELD, WESTSHORES NURSERY

Westshores Nursery specialises in producing ornamental grasses and pelargoniums, which are sold by mail order and at plant fairs throughout Yorkshire – including RHS Harlow Carr and Scampston Walled Garden. They’ve won many gold and silver medals – including a premier gold at Harrogate.

THURS 4TH NOVEMBER – PAUL ROBINSON: “PESTS, DISEASES AND POISONOUS PLANTS”

A humorous look at the do’s and don’ts when it comes to things to worry about in the garden. Poisonous plants, pests and diseases and a whole lot more Pauls says that he loves to make people laugh as well as giving them horticultural knowledge and gardening tips.

Annual Membership of the GFT Gardening Club costs £10. Several garden centres in the area offer 10% discount on presentation of your membership card.

Contacts: johnshort.claxton@btinternet.com (01904 468604)
erica.town2@gmail.com (01904 762289)



**Sand Hutton,
Claxton & District**



**Annual Village
Produce & Craft
Show**



**Saturday 8th September
at 2 pm**



**in
Sand Hutton &
Claxton Village Hall**



Come to
A NIGHT AT THE RACES!
Friday September 7th

*at Barton le Willows Village Hall
have some fun, bring your friends!
doors open 7.0p.m. first race 7.30 pm*

entrance is FREE!

*Even if you can't attend the event would be you be willing to
sponsor a race, or one or more horses? Prizes to be won!*

*Fiona Le Masurier 01653 619368 email: churchmouse@crambehouse.co.uk
Anne Roebuck 01653 618683 Email: anne.roebuck@portakabin.com*

*all proceeds from this evenings event will go to
Barton Le Willows Village Hall
and St Michael's Church, Crambe*

Paying bar, light refreshments free



**Friday
28th September**



**From 10 am
To 1.0 pm**

**Come for coffee and cake
at Bossall Hall
to raise funds for**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Stalls and Tombola
Bring your friends!**



**St Mary's Church
Gate Helmsley**

Harvest Festival

Wednesday 3rd October

Service in the church at 6.30pm

Followed by

Harvest supper

in the Village Hall

Prior booking essential through

Delyth Harran (01759 372215)

Tickets £10 Bring your own drinks

Dot and Bryan's

*Friday October 19th 7.00 pm
at Sand Hutton village hall*



Tables of four at £6 per person to include supper

Please bring your own drinks

Raffle

Tickets available from Dot and Bryan

Tel: 01759 372 601

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton

FRIDAY
19TH OCTOBER



4.0 PM TO
7.0PM

BARTON LE WILLOWS VILLAGE HALL
WITH "BAKE-OFF"



Bring and buy excess produce,



children's activities,



refreshments.

'Bake off' classes for cakes, small plates,
bread and children's baking

a prize for the best miniature garden.

For more information contact
Jo Email: jdanschewsky@gmail.com



BARTON LE WILLOWS VILLAGE HALL



Saturday 20th October

2.30 - 5.30pm,

followed by refreshments until 7.00pm



APPLE PRESSING



Tea and cakes available throughout the afternoon.

Children very welcome.

Bring clean apples and empty bottles and dress to get sticky!!



GIFTS for CHRISTMAS ***Saturday 3rd NOVEMBER 2018***



Sand Hutton Village Hall

10 am to 3pm entry fee £1

Caroline's Kitchen for light lunches

Range of quality stalls at affordable prices for all your Christmas giving,
This years stalls include...

**Judy's Jewels, Miss Daisy's, The Book People,
Pretty Things, Wikkon Pottery, Sloe Motion
and our very popular Sand Hutton Gifts and more.....**



We have been running for over 25 years..... never been?
come and see what you have been missing!!





CLAXTON & SAND HUTTON HERITAGE GROUP

Since 2014 some of our members have been researching information about the men who went to war from our villages. This has been a very worthwhile and interesting project which I am sure will be a significant piece of history for the villages in years to come.

We propose to publish this in pamphlet form and distribute it to everyone in the villages. The auspicious occasion to do this will be on Sunday November 11th 2018, the date that commemorates the end of WW1. There will be a service at St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton, followed by a gathering at the Memorial between the two villages. Afterwards the village hall will be open for light refreshments and a display of our work. Please come along.



POPPIES..... Several ideas are being hatched! One is to make an installation made up of knitted or crocheted poppies. We want as many as possible, aiming for 1000!

Therefore we need as many as possible to get involved, even if you just make one to be part of this project.

Patterns available from Anne White Tel: 01904 468550 or Rachel Baker Tel: 01904 468809 or at the back of the Church or in the Village Hall. Wool can be provided too, kindly donated by Rachel Hirst. When you have made the poppies please let Anne White know or leave them in a box provided at the back of Church.

We have appealed before for any information about "our" men listed on the War memorial, for the last chance to contact Anne White or Bill Heath Tel: 01904 468428, if you think you may know something new, before we go to print.

If you have an idea, inspiration or would like to help with The Claxton and Sand Hutton Heritage group please let one of us know, especially if you have any memorabilia or stories you would share about WW1.

Cursillo Quiet Day



Thursday 20th September at Wydale

10am - 4.0pm £28 per person

The day includes meditation sessions, Holy Communion, various activities such as guided crafts, knit and natter group, a led walk or space just to read.

Lunch and other refreshments included

*For further information and to book a place on the Quiet Day
please contact*

Janet Green (Treasurer) Email: janetmary@talktalk.net

CHRISTMAS 2018 AMEN SHOEBOX APPEAL

Shoebox 2018 leaflets are now available from David Fletcher.

The deadline date for returning shoeboxes is

Sunday 21st October 2018



Before they are sent to Romania
the filled boxes will be blessed
at the Benefice Service at 10.00 am
at St Peter's Church, Upper Helmsley



David will be distributing leaflets in Gate Helmsley soon

He is also available to arrange the collection of filled boxes

Tel: 07900 998 378 or email: davidfletcher165@hotmail.com.

In David's absence please try Mari Richards on Tel: 07930 338516

Please help if you can



Around the Parishes.....

News, views and information from:

BOSSALL

The Lime trees in the churchyard have been thinned and the dead wood removed and now they look great and are well worth looking at as you drive through Bossall.

Over three days in June a sponsored cycle ride took place, the idea was to visit all the churches in Ryedale. This was achieved, all 99 churches were visited, 316 miles were cycled and over 18,000 feet were climbed overall. My grandson his father and a friend did all three days, Chris Cadman did two days and Joe Horsley did a short spell on the Saturday and said his legs still ached on the Sunday!! Bossall offered them a good pit stop on the Saturday morning. On the whole the weather was good throughout the ride apart from one thunderstorm on the Saturday afternoon.

Their tremendous ride raised £1,200 for Ryedale Special Families,
a great result!

our congratulations to all who participated.



Enjoying a welcome spot of refreshment at Bossall Church with Mary Denison

We were delighted to welcome Richard Horsewood and Amy Herron to St Botolph's on 7th July when they celebrated their wedding. It was a perfect day, the sun shone and the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Herron family have lived in Harton for many years and Amy was baptised at St Botolph's. We look forward to welcoming Patrick Moyles and Josephine Williams to Bossall for their wedding on 28th July. They too have connections in the local area.

BUTTERCRAMBE

St John's Church will be hosting two weddings this summer with the receptions at Aldby Park.

The Harvest Festival Service will take place on Sunday 30th September at 11am at Buttercrambe Church. Once again Aldby Park will be hosting a lunch following the service. Please let Sara know if you would like to come for the lunch as numbers are needed for the catering. There are no tickets but donations would be welcome on the day.

CRAMBE

Crambe like everywhere else, has baked under the summer sun and life has gone quietly on. We welcome Jimmy and Daisy Bloom who have recently moved into the village, we offer our sincere congratulations to Stanley Hall who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and with sadness we say farewell to Steve and Patsy Richardson who are moving to Boston Spa to be near their family.

Steve and Patsy have long been stalwarts at all village events helping with everything from catering to church decorating, putting up tents and lighting hundreds of candles in the church at Christmas time. They will be greatly missed both for themselves and the great contribution they have made to the life of our little community. We wish them every happiness in their new home and have been reassured that they are not disappearing over the horizon for good but will be back to support events and celebrations in the village when they can.

We offer our very best wishes to Revd. Ben Gunter who was priested in June in York Minster, and wish him every success in his mission as curate at St Peter's Church in Norton. Ben, Jacqui and the family came to live in Crambe just over a year ago.

A bat survey has been completed prior to the repair of the chancel roof of St Michaels Church by the Church Commissioners.

FLAXTON

In April the sun shone for the wedding of Alexandra and Richard from Leeds. There was lots of laughter and the music performed by their friends encouraged the guests to sing lustily. We wish you a life together full of happiness and joy.

During our Benefice Service in April we were very pleased to welcome Cristal from Doncaster into the church for her Baptism. In July Cristal and her partner Chris were married. We wish them much happiness and all the best things in life.

The Spring Concert in May, organised by Dick Blackford and the Flaxton Singers in aid of church funds, was first class and very well supported by villagers, family and friends. A splendid supper was provided for everyone to enjoy after the concert. People were very generous in their donations which amounted to over £200. Thank you Dick and the singers for all your hard work.

We had a very successful garden fete. Sister Margaret Ann opened the fete and it was the first time for a number of years she didn't have to pray for the rain to hold off! The day started early moving tables, chairs, crockery etc. from the village hall and church. As mid-morning approached the temperature rose and the erection of much needed gazebos to shield stall holders from the sun began. Despite the date clashing with the tennis and football, we still had a good turnout and it was good to catch up with friends old and new. Thank you to everyone who gave their time in setting up and clearing away and to those who gave to the various stalls. A huge thank you to our hosts Jane and Trevor at Draft Farm, and to Vanessa and her staff at Little Green Rascals Nursery for their support.

On 6th September from 10.00am – 4.00pm we will be holding our next fund raiser at St Crux in York. If you are in town and in need of a sit down and refreshment please call in.



Amanda Boocock, Manager, Little Green Rascals Nursery putting up a welcome banner for the graduation ceremony.

On 16th July it was lovely to be able to host the children of the Little Green Rascals Nursey (next door to the church) along with their parents and grandparents for their graduation ceremony prior to leaving nursery and starting school in September. We wish each of the children good teachers, new friends and lots of success in life.

All are welcome to come and join us at our Harvest Festival service on 9th September at 11.00am followed by a "bring and share" lunch in the Village Hall. As in previous years donations of fresh/dried produce will be gratefully received on the day or arrangements can be made to collect. All donations will be passed on to the Salvation Army for them to distribute as required. If you are unable to come to the service please do come and join us for lunch.

GATE HELMSLEY

We have been enjoying this glorious weather, which provided an appropriate backdrop for three fundraising events in aid of Gate Helmsley Village Hall and church.

24th June saw the opening of three beautiful gardens in the village, courtesy of the Bickerdike, Parker and Tunley families. Many thanks to them for their hard work planting and weeding, and especially to Christine Bickerdike who master-minded the event and those who helped her with refreshments in the Village Hall.

On 8th July, the Village Hall Committee organised the annual barbecue. Thanks again to Tony Parker for allowing us to use his garden and to everyone who helped with the food, the setting up and clearing up. A special "thank you" to Keith Potts and his sous chef, John Hayes, for running the barbecue.

On 1st July the annual Strawberry Lunch was held in the village hall in aid of St Mary's Church. It was a very sociable event with a great buzz of conversation in the room and everyone having a good time. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to support this event, which raised a goodly sum for church funds.

Our next event is the Harvest Festival at 6.30 on Wednesday 3rd October followed by a Harvest Supper at the Village Hall (details elsewhere in the Circular). We will also hold the usual Christmas Fayre on the afternoon of Saturday 1st December (details in the next edition of the Circular). For the Village Hall, there will be a dance on Saturday 21st October, for which there is a waiting list.

St Mary's is a beautiful church. Parts date back to the 14th and 15th centuries, with much Victorian restoration. There are several stained-glass windows; the most interesting is the west window under the tower which is a representation of Jesus's words, "Come unto me all who are weary and I will give you rest". Do come in to see it some time, the church is open

through the day. You can test yourself in our quiz; cards for this are at the back of the church, and we have a prayer table for quiet contemplation.

We need to be making the most of this church while we can. A recent survey has revealed that a great deal of repair work is needed, especially to the tower and the nave roof. We have now received an estimate for the work, which comes to a shocking total of almost £215,000. As only about 10 villagers regularly attend the church and support it on a weekly basis, it is difficult to see how – even with grant aid – we will be able to raise this amount of money. We have now come to a point where we have to consider all possibilities including closing the church. This is a church which has stood for several centuries and which is there for every one of the parishioners of Gate Helmsley for baptism, weddings and funerals. How would you feel if the building was no longer there for you?

On a sad note, we send condolences to Sheila Jackson, whose husband, Colin, died recently. Sheila and Colin had been resident at Prospect House for some time and Sheila still lives there. Colin's funeral was conducted at Octon Crematorium by Sister Margaret Ann.

HOWSHAM

The Annual Bank Holiday Cake and Plant stall on Howsham Bridge went well but was not as well attended as usual. Thank you everyone who provided cakes and produce. We raised £400.

The Gun Dog Raffle made £106 for Church Funds and everyone enjoyed the day.

We had a well-attended celebration at the Great Barn for the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. A delicious meal was provided by the village and we raised over £100 in the raffle towards a proposed defibrillator for the village.

We are grateful to all who help with upkeep of the Church, particularly the cleaning and flower team, and Bill Selman for mowing the Churchyard.

We are delighted to welcome Oliver and Gillian Colling to Derwent Court, who are keen churchgoers and looking forward to life in the village.

The Church clean up and barbecue will take place
on Bank Holiday Monday August 27th

Our Harvest service will be in Church at 6pm on Sunday October 7th,
with the usual supper and auction for charity in Church.

UPPER HELMSLEY

Like everyone, we are enjoying this incredible summer in the village. We are thinking about Jane Herbert for her recovery from illness and sending her our best wishes. We also would like to say a very big thank you to Alan Richmond from our village who keeps the church yard looking so good. He left the spring flowers in place for us all to enjoy and then has regularly kept the grass cut for all our services. Very much appreciated Alan!

SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON

What a wonderful summer we are having, long may it continue for the school holidays!

We were blessed with a beautiful day for the Strawberry Teas which was very well attended and enjoyed. Thank you to all who came and made it a special day and raised approximately £660 (including gift aid) specifically for the maintenance and lighting of the church driveway.

You are very welcome to join us on 29th September St Mary's Church Gift Day for light refreshments in the church and the opportunity to see the interior work that has recently been completed. We would value your help/gift to enable us to maintain this beautiful church. Maybe you can occasionally give of your time to clean/ arrange flowers/ cut grass or do some strimming or form a group to look after the ruins. There will be a list in the church for you to enter your name for volunteering if you wish to support the day to day running of the church. A big thank you to all those who presently work behind the scenes.

Other diary dates: Dot and Bryans Quiz 19th October, Gifts for Christmas 3rd November. Details of both events in the advertisement section.

WHITWELL



On 9th June Daniel Mennell and Anneka Rogers married in Whitwell.

An owl attended the service and carried the ring up the church! As with other weddings the church was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion.

A magnificent Barn Owl with the wedding ring attached to its leg

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS.....



SAND HUTTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer at Sand Hutton has been a veritable whirlwind of exciting events!

Our youngest children have visited Flamingo Land and our oldest children have performed at York Theatre Royal no less. I couldn't have been more proud. Every child was outstanding. A comedy is always a challenge and their comic timing was impeccable.

Sports have been popular, with a Cross Country and Sports' Day to keep us busy.

I should mention all the hard work done by the school PTA and the enrichment they have provided in the way of sponsored events, family quiz nights and a disco. These events all add to the colourful patchwork of school life here.

While all the added extras are a bonus and keep us busy, it is important to comment on the very purpose of school itself. I should commend the hard work of all staff in helping our pupils to achieve their very busy in the various statutory tests in a child's life. We hope to make these as inconspicuous as possible at the time and then openly celebrate achievement later. Our children have done themselves proud.

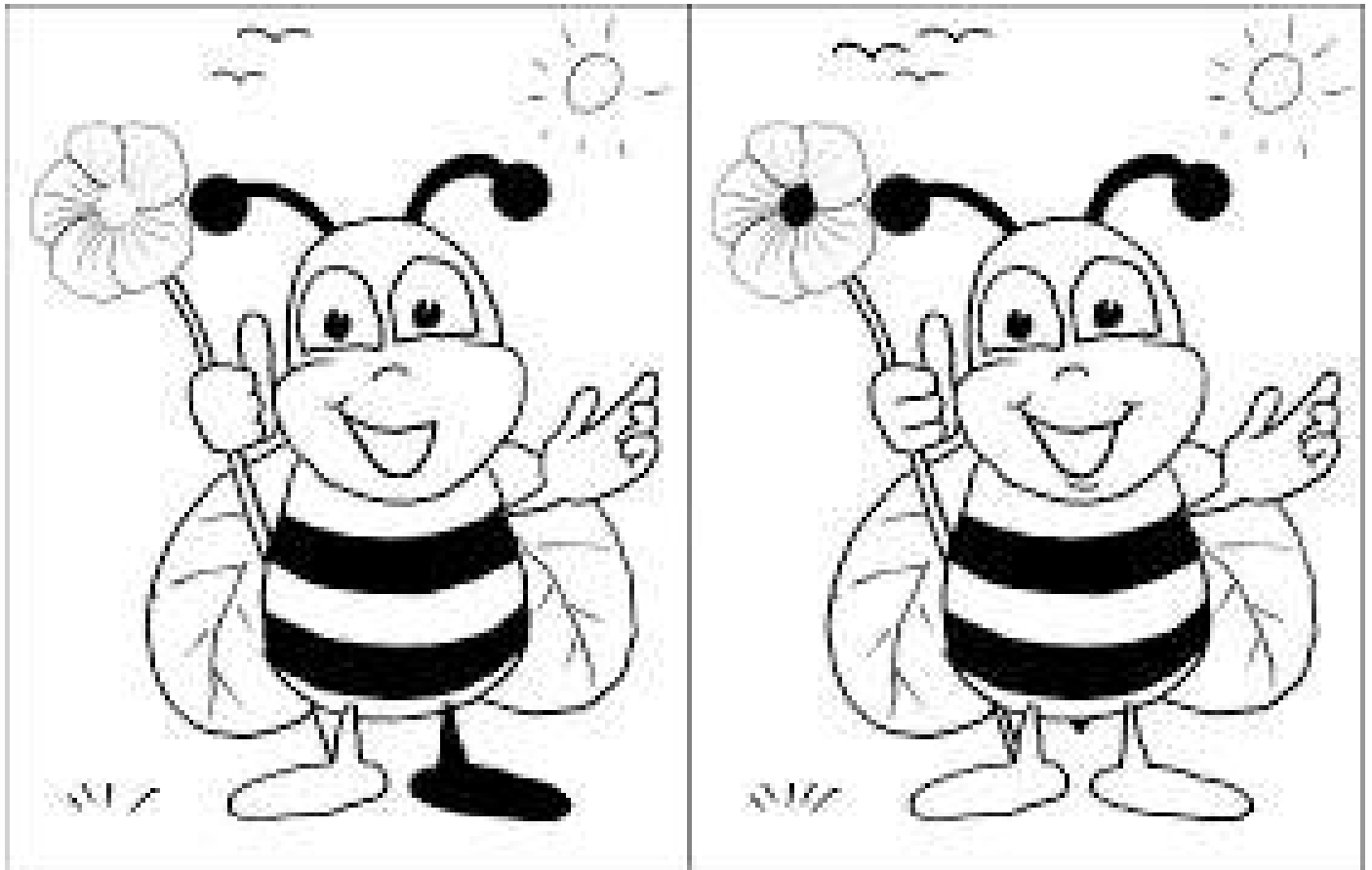
All that remains is for me to thank our parents for letting us borrow their children every day and wish everyone a safe and sunny summer holiday. See you all in September....

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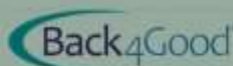
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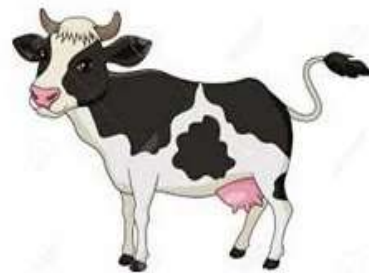


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