

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Summer Edition 2019

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
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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,



Sapientia

Frederico Zuccari

O Sapientia....

I should really be writing this piece for the December edition as *O Sapientia* is the opening line from a Latin prayer we use on 17th December. However, it seems so appropriate at any time of doubt, fear or crisis, especially nowadays with the diversity within the political framework our fragile world is governed by.

It means simply ‘Wisdom’.

I am often drawn to this phrase when the larger decisions of life are at stake. And one of the many books I turn to include ‘Favourite Wisdom’ by Deborah Cassidi.

With its front cover depicting *Sapientia* herself from a ceiling fresco by Frederico Zuccari in 1598, the book contains a hotchpotch of favourite sayings from a wide range of people taken from a variety of sources spanning history, culture and religion.

There are the simple sayings

‘If in doubt, say nowt’

‘There is no ‘I’ in team’

‘Spit on yer ‘ands, an’ tek a fresh ‘old’

and the more thought provoking ones

‘If you can’t be part of the solution, don’t be part of the problem’

‘Grow where you are planted’

*‘Never forget the other person has a point of view too –
and they may be right’*

and, thankfully, the humorous ones too

'Being 70 years old is not bad when you consider the alternative!'

*'The church is like a swimming pool –
the splashing goes on at the shallow end'*

'Take short views – never further than dinner or tea'

They are all quite obvious in their own way, but sometimes I feel we need to be reminded of the obvious because we try to obscure it with complexity. Sometimes we '*can't see the wood for the trees!*'

And in reflecting about this, if I had to choose my favourite piece out of the book it would be

'Cultivate simplicity'

For me, that is what true wisdom is. All the great spiritual leaders in history exemplified it: Mohammed, Buddha, the Bhagavad-Gita, Confucius, Ghandi, Mother Teresa and not least of all Jesus.

And what a different world this might be if we all adopted this concept – what a different future the next generations might face.

I wonder what your own favourite piece of 'wisdom' is?

Perhaps it might be good to think about it once again, share it with someone, and act upon it.

Prayers for Wisdom should never just be left for a few days before Christmas, so I'll end with this prayer now and wish you simplicity in your wisdom.

O Sapientia...

*Oh come thou wisdom from on high
Who orderest all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go.*

Yours in Christ

Revd. Chris Wingfield

Services for the Benefice of Harton

May 2019

Wednesday 1st May

10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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Sunday 5th May

Easter 3

9.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham

Wednesday 8th May

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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Sunday 12th May

Easter 4

10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Bossall
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Wednesday 15th May

10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
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Sunday 19th May

Easter 5

10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
<i>Revd. Hannah Suekarran's final service</i>		

Wednesday 22nd May

10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
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Sunday 26th May

Easter 6

9.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe

Thursday 30th May

7.30	Ascension Day Service	Foston
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June 2019

Saturday 1st June

2 - 5pm

Thy Kingdom Come

Spare a ½-hour for prayer

Bossall

Sunday 2nd June

Easter 7

10.00

Benefice Holy Communion

Foston

Wednesday 5th June

10.00

Holy Communion

Howsham

Sunday 9th June

Pentecost

10.00

Benefice Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

Wednesday 12th June

10.00

Holy Communion

Flaxton

Sunday 16th June

Trinity

10.00

Benefice Holy Communion

Buttercambe

Wednesday 19th June

10.00

Holy Communion

Bossall

Sunday 23rd June

Trinity 1

10.00

Benefice Holy Communion

Upper Helmsley

Wednesday 26th June

10.00

Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

Sunday 30th June

Trinity 2

10.00

Benefice Holy Communion

Howsham

July 2019

Wednesday 3rd July

10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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Sunday 7th July

Trinity 3

9.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Bossall
10.00	All Age Worship	Upper Helmsley

Wednesday 10th July

10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
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Saturday 13th July

Messy Creation
Flaxton Village Hall



Sunday 14th July

Trinity 4

10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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Wednesday 17th July

10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
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Sunday 21st July

Trinity 5

10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 24th July

10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
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Sunday 28th July

Trinity 6

10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Crambe
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Wednesday 31st July

10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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August 2019

Sunday 4th August

Trinity 7

10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Whitwell
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Wednesday 7th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
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Welcome to those newly baptised

3rd March

Rupert Louis Pote

Sand Hutton

24th March

Logan Samuel East

Sand Hutton

7th April

Freya Evelyn Duck

Foston



Our condolences to the families and friends of

29th January

Bryan Mills

Sand Hutton

22th February

Ruth Farrow

Gate Helmsley

26th February

Michael Partington

Gate Helmsley

15th April

Alan Black

Sand Hutton

Bryan Mills

3rd March 1934 - 29th January 2019



The family of the late Bryan Mills wishes to thank everyone in the community for all the cards, letters and messages of sympathy given to them during the sad and sudden loss of Bryan.

The support, love and friendship offered from you all has been a great comfort, and indeed continues to be so.

An overwhelming attendance at his funeral service and moving tributes proved what a well-liked and popular figure he was in this area and beyond. Many thanks must be given for the generous donations in Bryan's memory which totalled £1500 and have been received by Sand Hutton Church to which he had dedicated most of his life.

The funeral was arranged with patience, courtesy and respect by Bryan's colleague Mark and the occasion was a wonderful farewell to our beloved family member.

May God bless you all.

Dot Mills.



Dot and Bryan on their 60th Wedding Anniversary



Messy Easter, the journey to Jerusalem

On Saturday 13th April we were overjoyed to have the biggest group of children yet. Messy Easter was enjoyed by 41 children discovering the journey to Jerusalem.

Gate Helmsley village hall staged many fun activities including making palm spinners, scratch away crosses, bible biscuits, a collage and even peg donkeys.

After the activity time the children listened to a play performed by the older members of Messy Church about how Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is like our own journeys of life. Chris then brought all the themes together in collective worship.



Everyone enjoyed a feast of fish fingers and chicken nuggets. It was a lovely end to a special afternoon with a great turn out of children!!

**Thank you to all the helpers,
Messy Church wouldn't be what it is
without you.**

We needed two tables like this!

WHAT'S NEXT?!



Messy Creation!

Come along for Messy Church's usual mix of games, crafts, food and lots of fun as we celebrate the Creation

Suitable for children aged 4 – 11 and it's FREE!

(sorry, no unaccompanied children)

**Saturday 13th July
3pm – 5pm
Flaxton Village
Hall**

For more information please contact

Rachael Harrison – 07847 3290
rachaelharrison510@btinternet.com

or Rachel Baker – 01904 468809

SPA CHURCH

Tired....? Weary....? Need to Pamper yourself....?



All Spa services will be held at St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton at 7.0 pm.

Monday 17th June – Celtic Spa

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

Monday 24th June – Taize Spa

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

Monday 8th July – Spiritual Spa

Wallow in and savour some of the best, most exquisite spiritual music.

Monday 15th July – Classical Spa

Uplifting spiritual pieces from the classical composers – recognisable and fulfilling.

***Do come along and experience ‘Spa Church’ –
let your spiritual health feel refreshed and replenished***



Thy Kingdom Come in the Benefice of Harton

Churches are invited by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to join Christians around the world in a global movement of prayer called **Thy Kingdom Come**. We are invited to pray particularly in the period from **Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday** for God’s Kingdom to come to our communities, so that more people might know Christ’s love for them.

We can respond to this invitation by committing to pray personally during this time, but there will also be an opportunity to come together as a Benefice to pray on **Saturday 1st June**.

From 2 pm – 5 pm St Botolph’s Church, Bossall will be open for prayer. Could you commit to pray for half an hour at some point during the afternoon, for our Benefice and all who live and work within it? There will be prayer stations and other materials to engage with if you find that helpful, or you can pray at home, or wherever you are at your chosen time.

***‘If we want to see things changed, it starts with prayer’ –
Archbishop Justin Welby***

PRAY14Me

We pray for each of our villages regularly but also focus particularly on one village at a time in more depth.

**Our next focused Pray14Me will be
for Flaxton.**

**Starting on Tuesday 7th May 2019 when we
distribute prayer request cards to each household
and business, culminating on Tuesday 21st May 2019
with a short service in Flaxton church at 7p.m.**



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

Prayer cards can be written out for whatever is on people's hearts such as:

Bringing to God areas where help is needed,

Personal concerns such as health issues,

The wider community,

Prayers of thankfulness to God.

and more.....

We will make every effort to call back between the above dates to collect completed prayer cards. There will also be a box to post prayer requests in the Church itself for cards to be dropped back.

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

If you would like our Rector Revd. Chris Wingfield or one of our Prayer Team to visit you then please let Chris know. Contact details are on the back of this Circular



An interview with a donkey

Palm Sunday at Upper Helmsley is famously known for Mickey the donkey who leads us up to church. This year Ellie and I decided to interview him (via Ann his owner)

So Mickey how long have you been coming to our Palm Sunday service?

“Well I seem to have been coming for donkey’s years but in reality it’s probably only five. I seem to be building the part more as the years add up. Recently I have decided I would come into the church. Maybe next year I will take part in the Passion.” said Mickey.

I hope you don't mind me asking but, how old are you?

“Oh I am knocking on a bit now but I think I am about 40 years - or more.” he exclaimed.

Have you always lived where you live now?

“No I used to be beside the seaside. I gave donkey rides at Scarborough; it was a busy job.” Mickey replied.

Do you ever get invited to any other special events like this?

“No, this is a unique event which I very much look forward to. I would be happy to be invited to any other events but you need to ring my social secretary.” he said.

Do you think there should be other events in the church for animals, maybe a ‘bring your pet to church day’?

“Yes I definitely think that we need to do that. What a brilliant idea!!! I could bring along Eeyore, the wonky donkey...” Mickey continued.

We are all dying to know what your thoughts on Brexit are and whether you think it will affect donkeys?

“I hope it won’t affect anyone but I have got bit sick of it recently really. It’s just lots of politicians making Asses of themselves!!” he groaned.

And finally, have you any plans for retirement?

“I am already retired but I will always be available for Palm Sunday as long as you have plenty of carrots!!” said Mickey.

Thank you for letting us interview you Mickey it has been wonderful to find out all about you, and your plans!!

“It has been a pleasure but I’d better be getting on now, bye.”

**Many thanks to James Stephenson collecting Mickey
and to Ann for allowing us to borrow him.**



*Ellie, Ann and Mickey lead the way
to church on Palm Sunday*



*Chris with Mickey and Ann in the
chancel of St Peter’s Church,
Upper Helmsley*



LENT LUNCHES

*Held in aid of
York Down's Syndrome Support Group*

The three lunches held in the Benefice during Lent were well attended. Vats of delicious soups were made by our hostesses, and much enjoyed by everyone. Very many thanks to all the soup makers, and for everyone's generous donations.

The wonderful sum of £605 was raised

Benefice PCC.....

The PCC last met at the end of January 2019. Some of the topics discussed were:

- Parish representatives were encouraged to increase their freewill offering for next year by 5% if possible. As funds are available, Benefice PCC members agreed to make a one-off donation to the Diocese. At present the Diocese is functioning with a recurrent deficit budget, so it is important to be as supportive as possible. It is the Diocese which provides the funding for employing clergy in our Deanery.
- Our curate, Reverend Hannah Suekarran, has secured a new placement at Brayton near Selby as her husband will be taking up a newly created post in that area as minister to those in the 20 to 40 year-old age group.
- We were reminded that a new electoral roll must be set up for each parish before the PCC APCM (equivalent to an annual general meeting)
- The mission emphasis in the Benefice will be on LYCIG (Leading Your Church Into Growth), making church inclusive and affirming. There is already evidence of growth in the increasing size of congregations and of those staying for fellowship and hospitality at the end of the service.
- Four official chalice bearers were to be licensed by Bishop John. This has now been done.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30 pm at Wood House, Thornton-le-Clay. As usual the Honorary Secretary, Wendy Holman, is happy to receive items for the agenda.

Delyth Harran, Vice Chairman

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE.....

ON HOWSHAM BRIDGE

**Bank Holiday
Monday
6th May
From 10 am**



CAKES AND PLANT STALL

Come and join us for teas and coffee

All contributions for the stall are most welcome

Proceeds will go to St John's Church, Howsham



Claxton and Sand Hutton Parish Council

Saturday Social

11th May

Sand Hutton Village Hall 10.30 – 12.30

Free coffee and cake!

It's World Fair Trade Day, and to celebrate, we're supporting the York Fairer World shop by selling their products. We'll also have other delicious local products, and a plant sale in aid of North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre. If you have items for recycling – silver foil, metal, books etc. – you're welcome to bring them along.

Call in and catch up!

For further information, contact Caroline Hall 468376





GARDEN FETE

Saturday June 8th at 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



STRAWBERRY TEAS



SATURDAY JUNE 29TH
2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
at
Holderness House, Claxton

you are cordially invited to come and enjoy
a get-together in the garden, and the heritage G scale model railway
(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 14th July
12.30pm
£10 per person

Everyone Welcome

Soft drinks provided – bring your own wine

Tickets from Delyth Harran - 01759 372215

Remembrance Poppies

*The 'Poppy Fall' in St Mary's Church,
Sand Hutton*



**A reminder for those wishing to add poppies to the
Remembrance 'Poppy Fall'**

Please find the knitting/crochet pattern and wool at the back of St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton. It would be great if we could cover the netting for this year's Remembrance Day. We might achieve that if we start soon!!

More info from Anne White 01904 468550

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2019



The recipients of the shoe boxes last Christmas season were very grateful indeed as the photos indicate. We have decided to repeat our efforts in 2019 as the need remains great in Romania. Several donors have said how much they enjoyed helping in this way and would like to continue annually rather than the previous biannual 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 July.

Our shoe boxes will be sent off to Romania following a blessing at a Benefice service in October, details in the next edition of The Circular.

We had a great response from the villages in our area last year 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!



121 Christmas shoeboxes were received!

We very much hope we can repeat our success in 2019

If you would like further information please contact

David Fletcher on 07900 998378 or

Email: davidfletcher165@hotmail.com

Thank you again.

Food for thought.....

The British poet Brian Bilston has forced people to re-think their prejudices against refugees with this startling poem highlighting the plight of those fleeing conflict and persecution. The poem simply entitled '**Refugees**' has won praise for recounting the pains suffered by those seeking asylum in Europe.

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or I
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancer's and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born here
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way.

NOW READ THE POEM FROM THE BOTTOM TO THE TOP



How well do you know the churches in the Benefice of Harton??!

At which church can each of the following be found?



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6



7



8

*Answers can be found just before the advertisements at the back of the magazine
These images can be viewed in the colour version of The Circular.
Visit the website www.sandhutongroup.org*

News, views and information from:

BARTON LE WILLOWS



*Two keen litter pickers
with their haul!*

On a very wet and cold Sunday morning in early March a group of eager villagers met at the Village Hall for a briefing on their challenge ahead.

People were split into teams and equipped with the necessary implements and protective gear to enable them to litter pick in relative safety. The brief was to fill black bin bags with litter until too heavy to carry and leave in situ for a later collection.



*Congratulations!
The litter mountain.*

Barton Le Willows, Bossall, Harton and Barton Hill were all cleared and an amazing thirty six bags of litter was collected. Huge thanks must go to the children of Harton who gave up their Saturday afternoon under the guidance of Becky Capstick to collect litter from their village - a great job well done and they definitely had better weather conditions!

Thanks also to Edward Daly who drove round and collected all the litter bags into one place on the Sunday afternoon. Well-deserved tea and cakes were served after the event as people dried out and discussed their most amusing finds! Thank you to all those who took part.

CRAMBE

A mild winter followed by a long, cool spring has resulted in the most marvellous display of both daffodils and blossom this year. We have also had a good crop of lambs in the village and, despite some frosty mornings Joe and Bobby have been out at all times of the day and night keeping an eye on their flock. At the other end of the village Andy Robinson has embraced the bucolic life and has been helping Ron with lambing too. It is

great to see that some of the lambs and their mums are now frolicking in the churchyard.

There have been four services in St Michael's this quarter and the APCM was held on April 15th. We also learnt that due to lack of local support no more mid-week services will be held at Crambe for the foreseeable future.

April 11th at Crambe House, saw the last of three Lent Lunches held in the Benefice. It was very well supported with twenty two people sitting down to lots of soup and cheese, and a great deal of lively chat. Thank you to everyone who came and donated so generously to York Down's Syndrome Support Group.

FLAXTON



On Shrove Tuesday we had a successful Pancake Party where 35-40 children and adults joined together to test their skills in the pancake flip competition. There were some pretty high scores, the highest in the teams of 3 was 349 flips and the individual highest score was 122. In among all this excitement Ann-Marie and Tony cooked numerous pancakes for all to enjoy with various fillings.

98...99.....100 flips hurray!!!

The All Age Service for Mothering Sunday, though low in attendance, was a joyous occasion followed by fellowship and refreshments.

At our PCC AGM two of our existing members, Jean our Treasurer and Margaret, decided it was time to step down. Both have given most generously their time and support over a number of years for which we are very grateful. We are very lucky to have two new members to the PCC and they are Jonathan who will take over as Treasurer, and Jenny.

We are holding a fund raising event at St Crux in York on Tuesday 30th April between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Though hard work, these occasions are always enjoyable with good team effort. The PCC are very grateful to those who give their time taking in goods, to those who provide cakes etc. and to those who man the stalls.

The Flaxton choir have been working hard since Christmas and will perform a mixture of popular and folk songs, sacred music and other musical items in **Flaxton Church on Fri 3rd May 2019 at 7.30pm**. The concert is free and

followed by light refreshments. Donations to Church funds will be welcome.

The Garden Fete will be held at Draft Farm (next to the Little Green Rascals nursery) on Saturday 8th June opening at 2.00pm.

FOSTON



Now that Spring is definitely in full swing, it's lovely to see our little church looking so pretty. Surrounded by spring flowers and budding trees, it is certainly a very special time of year.

The Musical event held in Church in February was very well attended.

The Rock choir sang a wonderful collection of lively, uplifting songs.

The Ukulele Ladies and Gentlemen were a very happy group who got us all singing along. We raised just under £300.

Many thanks to all who helped with this event.

As we go to press, we are preparing for our Good Friday "Before the Cross" service, with time to reflect and consider the Easter story.

The Village Hall in Thornton le Clay is looking very spick and span. Thanks to the organisational skills of Vanessa and Suzanne, a cleaning rota is now in place staffed by a band of local volunteers. It has been a venue for many a church fundraiser, long may it continue.

**A regular coffee morning is run from the village hall,
every Monday morning**

Sydney Smith

The Rev. Sydney Smith was honoured by York Civic Trust on April 10th with a Blue Plaque on Moorhouse, Heslington, where he lived from 1809 - 1814.

He was born in 1771, educated in Winchester and Oxford. He spent some time in Edinburgh where he met the men with whom he was to found the EDINBURGH REVIEW, a successful and widely read journal devoted to literary criticism and audacious political comment. He became a leading figure in intellectual and Whig circles.

Sydney Smith's association with Yorkshire began in 1805 when he was granted the living of Foston. He rapidly became the idol of his parishioners, acting as doctor and magistrate and a welcome guest at Castle Howard.

He was an intellectual, a renowned wit, a friend of both rich and poor. His causes included many that offended the hierarchies of the day: abolition of slavery, Catholic emancipation, repeal of the Game laws, legal representation for the accused, but his outspoken opinions won him no ecclesiastical favours.

He became Canon of Bristol Cathedral when he exchanged his living at Foston and was promoted Canon of St Paul's Cathedral. He died in London, in February 1845. His legacy deserves greater recognition.

GATE HELMSLEY

A very successful dance – a total sell-out – was held in aid of the Village Hall on 30th March. The Village Hall committee are grateful for support from those who attended and from all those who helped with the arrangements.

We have had several mid-week services in St Mary's Church recently and hosted the evening service on Maundy Thursday during Holy Week.

There will be a special benefice service at **10.00 am on Sunday 19th May** when we bid farewell to our curate, **Revd. Hannah Suekarran**. When she returns to work from maternity leave, Hannah will be completing her curacy training at Brayton near Selby, as her husband, Rob, takes up a new post there as minister for people in the 20 to 40 year-old age group.

Some of us had the pleasure of attending a service at Strensall Church to celebrate the baptism of Hannah and Rob's baby son, Reuben Joel, a very

joyful occasion. We wish the Suekarran family the best of everything for the next stage in their life journey.

Messy Palms – the Journey to Jerusalem – was held in Gate Helmsley Village Hall on 13th April, the day before Palm Sunday. There was a definite buzz in the air as 41 children and their families explored this important story, making representations of the cross, the Bible and the donkey.

At our APCM Anne Podmore relinquished her role as Churchwarden. We thank Anne for her many years of service and welcome Sue Hanson as the new Churchwarden.

Unfortunately, the church boiler has come to the end of its life. Replacing it will add to the financial burden that the PCC currently faces because of repair work needed to the church fabric. It may provide some opportunities for change and improvement, such as bringing a mains water supply into the church. We are grateful for a recent personal donation to church funds. We hope and pray that parishioners will care enough for this beautiful church to be willing to contribute to our forthcoming fundraising efforts as we seek to maintain the building for future generations.

Our next fund-raising event is the annual Strawberry Lunch. Details can be found in the events section of this Circular.

We send our condolences to the families of Ruth Farrow and Mike Partington, whose funeral services were held in St Mary's recently.

On a happier note, we look forward to the wedding of Laura Baldwin and Mark Cook on 15th June.

HOWSHAM

We have had a tree survey which found all the trees in the Churchyard to be in a satisfactory state. Unfortunately, some more of the boundary wall has collapsed and will shortly be repaired. We are now applying for grants to help us pay for repairs to our stained glass.

We would have liked to repair the bells, ahead of the six weddings in Church this year. The initial survey is not hopeful.

We are also going to have the heating repaired. We are very grateful to Bossall PCC for providing us with a new electric organ which should soon be installed.

Our annual Bank Holiday cake and plant stall on Howsham Bridge will take place from 10am on Monday 6th May. All contributions very welcome. We shall also be selling teas and coffee.

SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON

Bryan Mills: How quickly the time has gone since writing for the last edition of the 'Circular'. Looking back for news to relate, we realize that the sad news on January 29th of the passing away of dear Bryan Mills comes first! (And rightly so)

Bryan was a true gentleman, loved and respected by all, always ready to help and give sound advice, lots of fun, committed to his work and showing no sign of retirement! He was a very committed Christian and a very faithful member of St. Mary's Church in Sand Hutton, serving as churchwarden for many years.

Our thoughts go out to Dot and her family as they adjust to life without their beloved husband, dad, granddad and great granddad.

Just in the past few days we have had more sad news, the passing away of Alan Black following a long illness. He has been a good supportive neighbour to St. Mary's Church for many years and our thoughts and prayers are with Rosie and the family.

Lent Course: This past quarter of the year has been a quiet and reflective time as we travelled towards Easter Day. Revd Chris led a Lent course in the village hall which was a really good time of sharing and exploring the Christian faith in a very informal way. As we ran out of weeks before Easter, there is still one session left to complete the course to which anyone is invited to share. **This will be held on May 14th at 7pm in Sand Hutton. You are all most welcome to attend!**

A big thank you to Sand Hutton school children and teachers for a very moving presentation of the Easter story which was very well attended. The children expressed, both in word and song, the events leading up to the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Christ with such meaning and emotion that it was obvious that they knew what Easter is really all about.

A big THANK YOU to all who contribute to the upkeep of our villages....grass cutting, litter picking, putting on social events, caring for the village hall and church... to mention but a few.

Strawberry Teas - June 29th for St. Mary's church, to include a charity Raffle for Kenya. Further details in 'Circular Events'

UPPER HELMSLEY

The Benefice Palm Sunday service was held at Upper Helmsley with a packed congregation with people who came from far and wide. It included an entrance by Mickey the donkey. An 'Interview' conducted by Ellie Harrison can be found earlier in the magazine.

St Peter's church is now open every day and is visited by cyclists and passers-by. The visitors' book has some lovely comments in it which are encouraging.

Save the date! We are planning a fundraising event for Saturday 7th September. More details in the next edition of The Circular.

We are also planning a deep cleaning day for the church so offers of help would be gratefully accepted. Date to be announced in due course.

Thanks to Alan Richmond for looking after the church yard and his ongoing support for the parish.

Answers to 'How well do you know the churches in the benefice'

1. St Mary's, Gate Helmsley

Detail above entrance porch

3. St Peter's, Upper Helmsley

Detail from stained glass window

5. St Michael's, Crambe

Detail from stained glass window

7. St John's, Buttercrambe

Detail from reredos

2. St Botolph's, Bossall

Gryfon on top of the tower

4. St John's, Howsham

Detail from chancel ceiling

6. St Mary's, Sand Hutton

Font cover

8. St John's, Whitwell

The lectern

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS.....

FOSTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather.



***An exciting term ahead
as Foston School
celebrates its
175th birthday!!!***



The children will be undertaking a research project in the first half of the term looking at school through the ages.

**In the second half of the summer term
we will be inviting pupils old and new to celebrate with us
at a street party
on Wednesday, 26th June at 1.30 – 3.30 pm.
Please let us know if you attended Foston Primary School
and you would like to come to join us.**

We have just enjoyed our Easter Service at Foston Church and were delighted by our youngest children singing an Easter song about chickens, complete with actions. It always amazes me the wonderful singing voices our children have, and the confidence with which they share readings and prayers.

Our nursery and school is reaching capacity now so can I please ask that anyone who would like a place, or intends for their child to start with us in reception in the next few years, gets in contact so that we can project numbers. When I started at Foston in 2007 we had 12 children in total, we now have 40! Quite a growth which shows the popularity of our amazing school. We also offer nursery places at Terrington Primary School and offer wrap around care at both schools in our federation.

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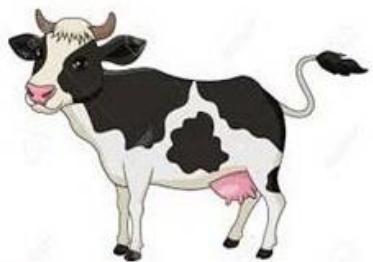


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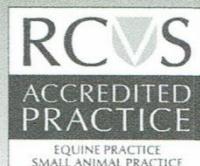
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