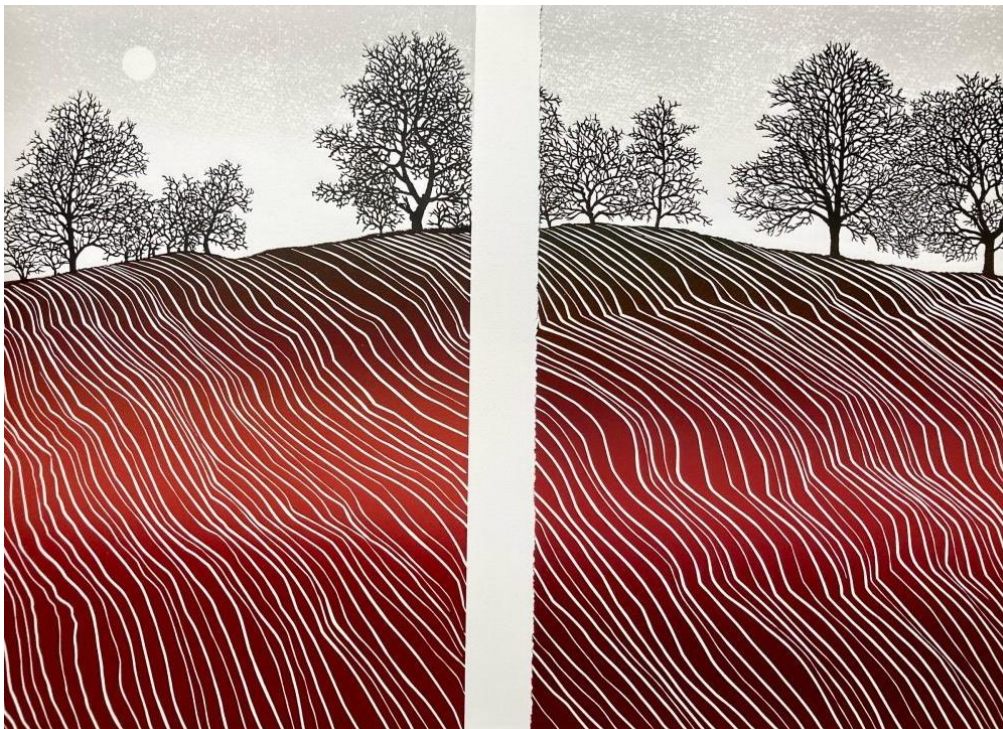


The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



'Big field'

Richard Shimell

Autumn 2023

August September October

News and views in our benefice and communities

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

The colour cover of this edition of The Circular
is sponsored by

Heather Dale from Crambe
In memory of her late mother
Olive Dale

Our thanks go to Richard Shimell, an artist and printmaker, who has kindly given his permission for us to print this lovely image on the cover of our magazine. His work can be viewed on his website, www.richardshimell.co.uk. In addition to that many of his prints can be bought as greeting cards from the shop at the Castle Howard Arboretum where I first discovered his work.

Editor

From Rev Nigel.....

One of the things I have very much enjoyed since taking up post in the Harton Benefice, is travelling to the various churches and getting to know the area. It has been especially enjoyable when the weather is good, and I can come to services on my motorbike.

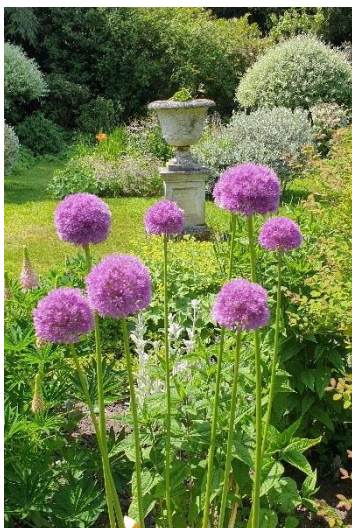


I also enjoy photographing places I travel to and I am building up quite a collection of the photos I have taken around the benefice. Of course, it is so easy to do when mobile phones have such good cameras. My Samsung Galaxy mobile has a

particularly good camera, so it means I can achieve fairly good results without having to lug around a full-size camera. Of course, digital photography means one can snap away to the heart's content without having to worry about the cost of development.

I also have a liking for getting amongst the small things in nature, and I can often be found crouching in odd places taking photos of little creatures.

I'm sure as I explore all our churchyards, I will find more and more interesting insects and other wildlife and wildflowers to snap. In the meantime, here are a few photos which I hope you enjoy.



*Blessings
Rev Nigel*

Services for the Benefice of Harton

August 2023

Some services may be subject to change. Please check the website and WhatsApp group or ask a member of the clergy. Contact details are on the back of The Circular

Wednesday 2nd August

10.00 am	Midweek Service	Sand Hutton
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Sunday 6th August

Trinity 10

9.00	Zoom Worship	
10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe

Wednesday 9th August

10.00	Midweek Service	Whitwell
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Sunday 13th August

Trinity 11

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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Wednesday 16th August

10.00	Midweek Service	Howsham
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Sunday 20th August

Trinity 12

10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
5.00	Evening Prayer	Sand Hutton

Wednesday 23rd August

10.00	Midweek Service	Crambe
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<i>Sunday 27th August</i>	<i>Trinity 13</i>
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10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
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<i>Wednesday 30th August</i>
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10.00	Midweek Service	Bossall
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September 2023

<i>Sunday 3rd September</i>	<i>Trinity 14</i>
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9.00	Zoom Worship	
10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham

<i>Wednesday 6th September</i>
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10.00	Midweek Service	Crambe
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<i>Sunday 10th September</i>	<i>Trinity 15</i>
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10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
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<i>Wednesday 13th September</i>

10.00	Midweek Service	Sand Hutton
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<i>Sunday 17th September</i>	<i>Trinity 16</i>
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10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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<i>Wednesday 20th September</i>

10.00	Midweek Service	Flaxton
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<i>Sunday 24th September</i>	<i>Trinity 17</i>
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10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 27th September

10.00 Midweek Service Howsham

Thursday 28th September

6.00 Harvest Thanksgiving Gate Helmsley
Followed by Harvest Supper in Gate Helmsley Village Hall

October 2023

Sunday 1st October

Trinity 18

9.00 Zoom Worship
11.00 Harvest Holy Communion Flaxton

Wednesday 4th October

10.00 Midweek Service Sand Hutton

Sunday 8th October

Trinity 19

10.00 Holy Communion Foston
5.00 Harvest Evensong Crambe

Wednesday 11th October

10.00 Midweek Service Howsham

Sunday 15th October

Trinity 20

10.00 Harvest Holy Communion Whitwell
5.00 Evening Prayer Sand Hutton

Wednesday 18th October

10.00 Midweek Service Bossall

Sunday 22nd October

Trinity 21

10.00 Holy Communion Upper Helmsley
6.00 Harvest Evensong Howsham
Auction of harvest produce

Wednesday 25th October

10.00 Midweek Service Flaxton

Sunday 29th October

Clocks go back!



Trinity 22

11.00 Harvest Holy Communion Buttercrambe
with the Benefice Choir
Followed by Harvest Lunch at Aldby Park

On October 15th the marathon will take place which may cause disruption through road closures, making access to the churches at Whitwell and Sand Hutton difficult. Look out for detailed information nearer the time.



St Michael's Church, Crambe
Festival of Lilies and Light
with The Benefice Choir
Thursday November 2nd at 7.00 pm



An opportunity to celebrate and remember those who we have loved and lost
If you would like a name or names to be added to the roll that will be read out during the service, either complete one of the forms which can be found at the back of a church near you or contact Fiona

Email: churchmouse@crambehouse.co.uk or Text/phone 07774 886 833

The church will be decorated with arrangements of lilies. If you would like to make a small donation towards the lilies it would be much appreciated.

You will be invited to light a candle in memory of your loved ones during the service.

If you are unable to attend the service, you can still add names to the roll.
Please let Fiona know by Sunday October 29th. The church will be open every day following the service so you can visit and light a candle at a time to suit you .

Welcome to those newly baptised

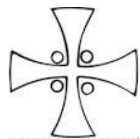


7 th May	Bobby Ryan Berry	Upper Helmsley
14 th May	Olivia Regula Bolli	Whitwell
28 th May	Tallulah-Faith Hartley	Buttercrambe
2 nd July	Mia Stephanie Duck	Foston
30 th July	Toby William Bruce	Sand Hutton



Congratulations to those newly married

29 th May	Rhys Olbison and Jessica Kellegher	Sand Hutton
1 st July	Frederick Mills and Anastasia Mackaness	Bossall
22 nd July	Matthew Wilkinson and Claire Shanks	Sand Hutton



Our condolences to the family and friends of

17 th May	Michael Brown	Gate Helmsley
25 th May	Jane Nicoll	Barton Le Willows
15 th June	Gillian Playforth	Gate Helmsley
7 th July	Mrs Joan Hobson	Flaxton



You are warmly invited to....

God's
beautiful
world!



Our world is full of amazing, wonderful things. God asks us to play our part in caring for it. Join us this harvest time for a free afternoon of crafts, games, food and lots of fun as we say a big 'THANK YOU' to God for all his gifts.

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT
RACHAEL HARRISON ON 07847 329015

OR

rachaelyouthharton@gmail.com

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 4
UPWARDS. SORRY NO UNACCOMPANIED
CHILDREN

Saturday October 14th

3.00pm—5.00pm

Sand Hutton

Village Hall

UBERGINE OPERATIONS

Are you aged between 11-16 and have an interest in the environment and making friends?
Why don't you come along to our fortnightly sessions at Upper Helmsley allotment/church and see what we do?

- Support of the allotment at Upper Helmsley Church
- Greening activities e.g. recycling, environmental issues
- Running charity and fundraising events e.g. pop-up cafes, sales
- Meeting friends
-and you even get a free sweatshirt!!

Contact Rachael Harrison (07847 329015) or Katie Hopkins (07951 726412) for more information

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE.....

St Michael's Church, Crambe



**Sunday
August 13th**

10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.



**call in at Bridge Cottage, Kirkham
(right next to the bridge)**

Drinks £1.00 cakes £2.50

have a cup of tea / coffee / soft drink and slice of cake !

Homemade cakes and bread also on sale

Ideal destination for your walk or drive!

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

Upper Helmsley PCC warmly invites you to.....

'A life in balance'

***An interactive workshop on managing stress
in the modern world***

By Rachael Wells Life Coach

***Thursday 14th September 2023
at Sand Hutton Village Hall 7.00pm***

£5 entry fee to include a drink and nibbles.

***For tickets please contact M Richards on 07930338516
or R Harrison on 07847329015***



**Garden Gathering for refreshments:
Saturday 16th September - 1pm until 5pm.
at
1, Swedene
Barton Le Willows**

'Here we are to care and share.
Help me out and bring a chair,
Bring some scones, a cake or buns,
and we can have a lot of fun!'

All donations in aid of Cambodia.

NB. Please park near the village hall, so we keep the lane clear.

Sunday 17th September 12.30 pm

**Would anyone be interested in attending Sunday lunch
at the New Derwent Bistro, The Market Place, Malton.
one course £12.95, 2courses £17.95 (small serving £6.95)**

**Dot, Vanessa, Jez and
Adrian have had several
gorgeous lunches here,**



**spaces are limited to 8
so first to phone or
message are on the list!**

You won't be disappointed!

I will take pre orders if anyone is interested.

To book a place please contact Adrian and Jez Mob: 07870591142



Visit Sheriff Hutton's monthly village market

50 artisan stalls

including fruit, veg, fish, bread, bakeries, cheese, charcuterie, ice cream, sweets and chocolate, plants, interiors, pet food and treats, gifts, art. Laundry/other re-fills and so much more.

The café serves hot and cold drinks, bacon and sausage butties, cakes galore and a huge warm welcome!

The perfect Sunday morning for everyone.

2023 dates are Sunday, 10.30am -1.30pm:

20 Aug, 17 Sep, 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec

Follow us on facebook@sheriffhuttonvillagemarket

Murder Mystery at Howsham Hall

Sat 23rd September 6.30pm

Turn sleuth for the evening as events unfold around you- can you solve the fiendish murder?

Enjoy a fabulous night of mystery, with delicious 3 course dinner.

More info and to book: www.dine.co.uk/venues/public-events/

We're recruiting!

We need staff to join our events team at Howsham Hall please email your CV to jake.myers@dine.co.uk



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Pop-up Pub - Gate Helmsley Village Hall

We have now been running the Pop-up-Pub for over a year and would like to say thank you to all who have supported it. We have met some lovely people along the way - local and otherwise - and continue to meet new people.



All profits are shared between the Village Hall & St Mary's Church Gate Helmsley. From March 2022 to March 2023 we have raised £1,790

We are having a couple of months off but look forward to seeing you (whenever you can make it) on the following dates for this year.



Dates for your diary:

Friday 27 th October	18:30 - 23:00
Friday 24 th November	18:30 - 23:00
Saturday 25 th November	'Play' : time TBC
Friday 22 nd December	18:30 - 23:00



Everyone welcome - pop along!

Quality stalls at affordable prices
for all your Christmas giving

GIFTS for CHRISTMAS **Saturday 4th November 2023**

SAND HUTTON VILLAGE HALL
10am to 3pm

Stalls include... Sand Hutton Gifts (handmade gifts/pots and planters)
Silver & Stone (jewellery),
Wikkon (Ceramics), Annabelle Shaw (handbags & scarves),
Tins 'n Tubes (childrens kits),
Wax Lane (candles), Touchy Feely (Recycled fabrics). ... and more!

**Caroline's Kitchen for light lunches
and cakes**

Entry £1

details from giftsforchristmas@hotmail.co.uk

01904 468481



from Sister Margaret Ann CSPH



My Dear Friends,

When I woke up this morning to find that we had had a power cut I felt a little put out to say the least! How much we take this precious commodity, electricity, for granted. That light on a dark morning, the first cup of tea of the day, a bath or shower to refresh us after a night's sleep. Today is Monday, so there is the weekly wash, I need to cook, and perhaps do some vacuuming. We need electricity for all sorts of things throughout the day every day. We simply turn on the switch and take the rest for granted and are totally put out when things go wrong and that necessary power isn't there.

It got me thinking, Life is a God-given gift and is precious to us all whoever we are. I wonder how much we take it all for granted, or do we take time to think of where this great gift comes from. I believe God held each one of us in the palm of his hand before we were even a twinkle in our parents' eyes. At conception he breathed life into us, nurturing us in our mother's womb. Then at the given time brought us to life in his image and placed us in a family, a community and the wider world. How much do we take this great gift for granted?

On the day of Pentecost, God breathed new life into the hearts of his disciples and all those who believed in Jesus, he filled them with the spirit of the Risen Christ. God turned on his power within us. Do we take that lifegiving power for granted? Or have we come to rely on the strength which he gives to each of us who asks? Did Jesus not once say, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened unto you. For everyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to him who knocks".

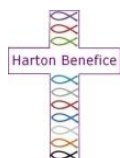
We are God's children, and he longs to share the whole of our lives with us. He wants to hear about our family and our friends, those things we enjoy and the people and concerns that weigh heavily on our hearts. Have you learnt to talk to him in prayer, found out more about him in the reading of your Bible? Full of pictures and the wonders and promises of our Heavenly Father. A book that can open your eyes and ears enabling you to listen to what he is saying to you, to Look around you and see God's beauty and wonder everywhere and his image in each child of his creation.

We all fall short of that image whoever we are, but in Christ Jesus we receive his merciful forgiveness if we can find it within ourselves to say sorry for our misdoings. His unconditional love never changes, it is not turned off if there is a problem, like electricity. In his ever abiding presence in our lives we will find his peace.

His power gives us LIFE in all its abundance. So live life boldly in the power of the Spirit. Invite that Spirit into your life every day, hour and minute that you live. Forgive as you are forgiven by God the Father who forgives all his children, whoever we are and finally, be expectant. The Holy Spirit, that power that drives our life is ever present, free of charge and will never be turned off. With the Almighty God in our lives all things are possible. You too will find that the God who loves us and holds us all, can truly do great things. So ask God for that life, life in all its abundance and you will know that peace which he longs to give us and which passes man's understanding

With my continual love and prayers

Margaret Ann
+ CSPH



Benefice PCC.....

The Benefice PCC met on 6th June 2023. Topics under discussion included:

- Monthly Ministry Team meetings are continuing through the interregnum and services have been scheduled to the end of 2023
- Benefice finances remain in good order
- Rachael Harrison, Lead for Children and Families, took us through the current position – see Rachael's separate report for details
- Parish representatives need to provide more local information to feed into the developing parish profile document which will be used for the recruitment of a new incumbent
- PCC members are undertaking on-line checks for Safeguarding under the guidance of the Lead for Safeguarding, Emma Allen-Goss. There will be an in-person scrutiny of identification documents
- There was a proposal to return to the use of the common cup for Holy Communion in place of intinction. The proposal was well received. A final decision will be made at the next meeting of the Ministry Team

Subsequent to the meeting, a decision was made to return to using the common cup and this was started on 9th July. Intinction remains available for those who are uneasy about the change.

A vacancy meeting, to be led by Archdeacon Sam and Bishop John, will be held at Sand Hutton Village Hall on the evening of 26th July. This meeting will include representatives of all the parishes as well as the Area Dean and Lay Dean for Southern Ryedale. The purpose of the meeting is to move forward the development of the parish profiles and to discuss the recruitment process.

The next meeting of the Benefice PCC will be at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 19th September at Low Ground Howsham.

Delyth Harran

Lay Chairman



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

As this academic year finally draws to a close and children and school staff alike look forward to hopefully some good weather, rest and enjoyment, it is an apt time to reflect on what we have been doing on the allotment with the Aubergines.



Honorary Aubergine!



The Aubergines at Sand Hutton School

On 22nd April, we were pleased to host Revd. Chris on the allotment and bid farewell to him. It was lovely to be able to take the opportunity to thank him for all his help and support and presented him with his own sweatshirt (see

the photo!). Chris you are now forever an honorary Aubergine! We also presented him with a photo booklet of the allotment at St Peter's which will hopefully serve as a happy memento of his time spent with us.

Following the coronation of King Charles III, Sand Hutton school took part in 'The Big Help Out' on Monday 8th May. The Aubergines were delighted to be invited along to join in with this community event. Amazing work was carried out by everyone involved, and the results were fantastic. Well done Sand Hutton school!

We have also held several general allotment sessions, planting, transplanting, weeding and watering as the raised beds start to become productive. The group went for a bike ride during the half term holiday when we finished off some jobs outside Sand Hutton school, called in at the war memorial to learn about ex-Head teacher David Joy, and ended up with a picnic at Bossall in the churchyard.

Our final meeting of this academic year is to be held on Sunday 23rd July at the allotment where we are having a BBQ. We are looking forward to being involved in helping out with Crambe church's churchyard tidy; and look forward to welcoming some new year 7's to the group in September.

Unfortunately, we have had to put the Benefice Summer Club on hold for this year for a variety of reasons. Hopefully any families who have previously used the summer club, received an email notifying them that it wouldn't be happening this summer.

Looking ahead, Revd. Nigel and I have met up to discuss how things might look for the children and families moving forward. We very much hope to be able to return to holding All Age Worship services on a regular basis.

The Messy Church team are also meeting again and are pleased to be welcoming two new members to the team. We have a Messy Harvest arranged for October (see flier). We also hope to hold a Messy Christingle in church near Christmas, and possibly a Messy Nativity with a difference.....

Those of you who supported us with our Spud-athon back in April, keep an eye open for an email, letting you know when our Potato Harvest-athon will be happening. Hopefully early September.

Keep an eye on your local notice boards, village Facebook pages/WhatsApp groups, and the newsletter for more up to date information.

If you haven't already joined the Harton Children and Families Facebook page, please do!

**www.facebook.com/groups/hartonbenefice
rachaelyoutharton@gmail.com**



We've just had a marvellous holiday in the Fethiye area of Turkey. The staff at the hotel were so kind, and nothing too much trouble, smiley and cheerful, it was so refreshingand the families and children so well behaved, enjoying themselves and having great fun. We went all-inclusive to Olu Deniz Beach Resort by Z hotels.

Our room was ground floor and rustic and the chefs cooked the food fresh in front of you. There were animations for the children, aqua aerobics and even show times. The gardens were paradise, with exotic flowers, fountains and colourful shrubs. All in all, a wonderful time. The hotel provided sun loungers on the beach and parasols just 200 yards away. We met some amazing Turkish people from Istanbul as well as people from near the Tigris River in the far East of Turkey all so considerate and kind.

We were blessed to go to Fethiye Community Church and join local Christians. We joined a full day boat trip with stops for swimming and a BBQ lunch and the captain unfurled the sails to catch the wind. It reminded me of the wind of the Holy Spirit and feeling the breeze of God's love in our hearts.

I went on a horse ride and was touched to see the leader's wife looking out into the sunset for our return. They were newly married and such love between them..... 'Welcome back I've missed you' - was the sense she gave her husband, rather like in the Song of Songs in the BibleIt also reminded me of the Father God looking out for his prodigal son and running to meet him with such joy.

The atmosphere was so light and blessed from heaven to earth and contrasted so much to the media news and atmosphere in our own country at the moment. So let us pray even more for our land to be blessed from heaven.

Many of us may not be able to go as far as Turkey this summer, but locally, we are blessed to have Coastliner buses to the beaches at Bridlington and Scarborough as well as some beautiful country houses and gardens. These



include Scampston in our own Deanery, with its beautiful grounds and trees, Sledmere and Burton Agnes or even Boynton where William Strickland brought the first wild turkey to Britain from America in the 16th century.



As a result, there are carved and painted turkeys all over Boynton St Andrew's church building. The most notable is on the lectern.

..... so, have a great summer holiday and lots of family fun.

'A Church Crawl'

Adrian Watson

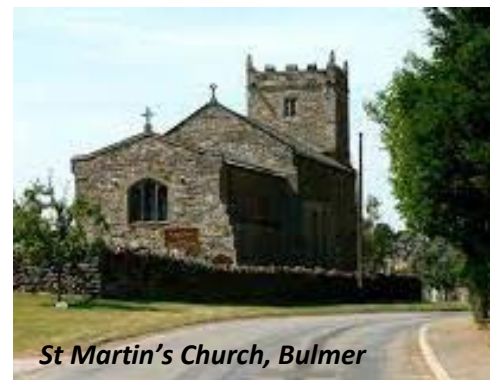


Coneysthorpe Chapel

Over the last few months, I have been taking communion in some other neighbouring churches outside the benefice. My friend Revd. Douglas Robinson is currently Rector of the Howardian Benefice. I have now taken communion in all of his churches,

Coneysthorpe, Welburn, Bulmer, Dalby, Terrington and Huttons Ambo, (where I have attended once a month).

It has been a fulfilling and enjoyable experience seeing these lovely churches and supporting Douglas and Bob Rogers who helps in the benefice. (Bob was my first vicar back in the early '80s at St Michael's in Malton).



St Martin's Church, Bulmer

I attended a service recently in Amotherby when the Street Benefice invited the Howardian Benefice over for a joint service. I have a few churches in the Street Benefice yet to attend in the coming months. I will then have attended all six of them. I have found it interesting going to other churches and experiencing the many variations in worship to be found.

Chris' retirement service at St Botolph's Church Bossall Sunday 30th April

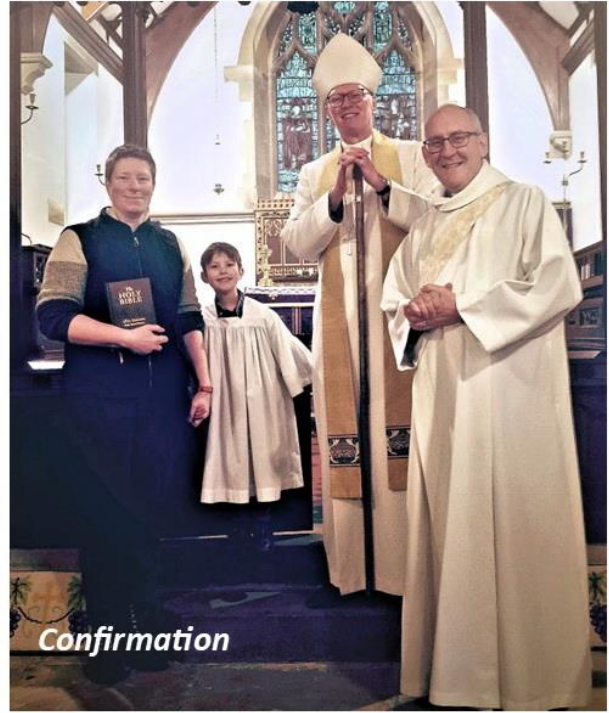
The church was packed and every parish in the benefice represented for a service of Holy Communion and thanksgiving for Chris' ministry over the last nine years. A number of presentations were made to both Chris and Thelma, including a painting depicting all the churches within the Benefice.

Following the service, Sara and George Winn—Darley kindly hosted a farewell party for Chris and Thelma at Aldby Park to which everyone was invited. A lovely opportunity to reflect on fun times, and to wish them a long and happy retirement.





Event opener



Confirmation



A Magi !?



Baptism



Coffee time

***The many and varied roles of
Revd Chris!***

Shoebbox Appeal 2023



Our Christmas shoeboxes for Romania will be entering its eighth year this time round and we are enormously grateful for all the support we receive from across the Benefice area and beyond. It's useful to keep this giving in mind so that items can be collected as the months go by.

Our shoeboxes are not just for children. At the request of the partner church in Romania we also encourage supporters to put items in the shoebox which will be gifts for parents and grandparents. We hope to have leaflets about this year's Shoebbox Appeal by August 2023 which will then be distributed to households, businesses and schools. The shoeboxes given will be blessed at a Benefice church service prior to their transportation to Romania in early November by AMEN.

AMEN is a registered Charity No. 1057626. You can see more of the work they do by visiting: <https://www.amentrust.co.uk/relieving-poverty/romanian-shoebbox-appeal/>

Very many thanks.

**If you require more information please contact me, David Fletcher,
Tel 07900 998378**

BOSSALL

St Botolph's main event happened at the end of April. It was the farewell service for Chris Wingfield. This was attended by over 100 parishioners.

It was a beautiful service as well as emotional, as Chris gave his last sermon.

Rachel Baker and Delyth Harran presented both Chris and Thelma with a wonderful framed pencil drawing of the churches in the parish, and a gift voucher and wished them a very happy retirement on behalf of us all.

George and Sara Winn-Darley very kindly hosted coffee / wine and nibbles at Aldby Park after the service - a perfect farewell for the whole family.

The wedding was held at the beginning of July for Mary Anne Mackaness' (formerly Herbert) daughter from Upper Helmsley, which was attended by over 150 guests.

Chris Wingfield has also been back to conduct a wedding blessing on Saturday 15th July for Kate Maxwell and Elizabeth Taylor from The Vicarage at Bossall. We had a deluge of rain most of the day, and it even came through the roof into the church which has never happened before! Thankfully we were able to dry the seats and floor before the service!

CRAMBE



The main event over the last three months was the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. George and Millie hosted an afternoon tea party for the whole village at Beck Farm. It was a wonderful and joyous event.

At 5.00 pm on coronation day St Michael's celebrated with 'Ring for the King'. Some twenty of us, old and very young, gathered at the church and took it in turns to ring the bells for almost an hour under the expert guidance of a qualified bellringer. There was inevitably more enthusiasm than expertise, but helped along with a glass or two of fizz we had enormous fun, so much so that two of the children, Jessica and Charles, came back the next morning to ring the bells before our communion service. We hope that may become an established pattern in the future.



We had five services over the period including one Sunday service with the Benefice Choir whose enhancement of our worship is much appreciated.

Having had our Quinquennial Inspection we are now attempting to tackle the startlingly long list of repairs that need to be done. A challenging task.

FOSTON

We had a very well attended Coronation coffee morning in Thornton Le Clay village hall. There was lots happening. A Coronation quiche competition was very popular, with lots of delicious entries. Many thanks to the judges and everyone who entered. A Coronation flower area was planted. A wonderful tree painting was created with lots of local residents' handprints as the leaves. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this special event happen.

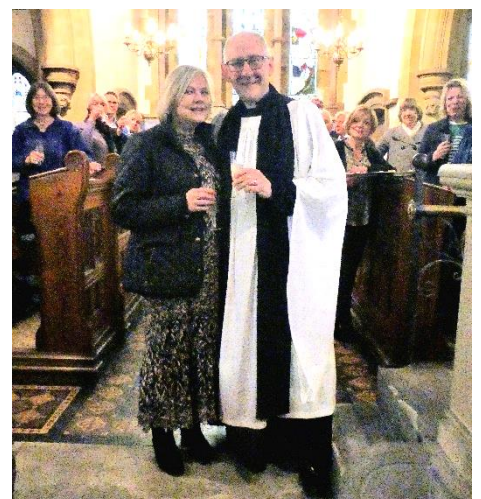
Our little church will be having some attention. There will be scaffolding erected on the outside of the church as work starts on the fabric of the church. All part of our Quinquennial Inspection report.

GATE HELMSLEY

There have been several highlights over the past weeks. The most recent was the Strawberry Lunch held at Gate Helmsley village hall on 9th July.

As well as being a happy and relaxed social event, the lunch raised £700 for church funds, a brilliant result. Thank you very much to everyone who helped in any way – by buying tickets, for the cooking and baking, the setting up, contributing to the raffle and for clearing up.

Another highlight was the service at Bossall and reception at Aldby Park to commemorate and celebrate Chris and Thelma's nine years of service to the benefice of Harton. This was naturally a bitter-sweet day as we were sorry to see them leave, so it is good to learn that they are both really enjoying retirement. Chris's last service with us at St Mary's was a very happy service – as illustrated in the photograph – of Choral Evensong on St George's Day.





Many of you will remember Captain Dick Garnons-Williams, who, with his late wife, Anne, lived for several decades in the Manor House, Gate Helmsley. On 10th June Dick reached the ripe old age of 98 years. Michael and Delyth Harran were privileged to be invited to Dick's birthday party which was held at Long Ashton near Bristol where Dick now lives with his daughter. The photograph shows Dick enjoying the celebrations. He sends good wishes to old friends in the Benefice.

Don't forget the two great assets we have in the village. The library meets in the village hall on the second Saturday in the month from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, with a variety of books and jigsaws to borrow. Thank you to Chris Bickerdike who runs the library.

Also held approximately monthly, the pop-up pub is run by Dan and Claire Sykes. It is very popular, and we are extremely grateful to Dan and Claire, who donate all the profit made - half to Gate Helmsley village hall and half to St Mary's church. Please see the separate notice which gives the dates of future pub sessions.

A couple of things to look forward to in the future:

- Harvest service and supper Thursday 28th September. Service in the church at 6.00 pm with supper afterwards at the village hall
- Anna Sawkins is putting on a play in the village hall on Saturday 25th November. This will be in aid of St Mary's church
- Save the date: Saturday 2nd December for the church Christmas Fayre at Orchard House

Some sadder news to end with. We were sorry to learn of the death of Gillian Playforth, who moved to the village with her late husband and family several years ago. We extend sincere sympathy to all Gillian's family, especially her son, Eric, who lived with her and took care of her in her latter years.

A funeral service was held at St Mary's recently for Michael Brown who lived in the village as a young man. We send our deepest condolences to all Michael's family.

The wild areas in the churchyard have flourished in the recent warm, wet weather. We hope that our heroic churchyard clean-up team will 'spring' into action again this autumn!

HOWSHAM

We are all delighted to welcome Reverend Nigel Benson to the Benefice (and his Harley Davidson!)

We have had 3 very welcome weddings this year, all lovely occasions and a great help to our finances.

**Our annual church and churchyard clean up
will be from 2.00 pm Monday 28th August
followed by a BBQ at the Great Barn.**

Harvest Festival will be at 6.00 pm on Sunday 22nd October followed by the auction and supper in Church.

SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON

How quickly time flies as we seem to jump from one occasion to another, often too busy to enjoy the 'moment'! Holiday season is upon us which does give many of us time to stop and reflect on the beauty of our world whether at home or a holiday destination.

Over the past few months there have been times of celebration for many throughout the country. In May, a village green 'bring and share' tea party was held to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. Thank you to all those who contributed in different ways to make the occasion special. It's always so good to spend time chatting and catching up with our neighbours!





All age fun!



Our celebrations continued with two weddings...Graham and Rachel's son Stephen, and Nigel and Fiona's daughter, Holly. Thank you to all those who helped to make such a happy and memorable village occasion for both families.

We have also enjoyed two weddings in St Mary's Church, congratulations to Rhys and Jessica and Matthew and Claire.

Thank you to all who give so generously to the food bank. You may be interested to know, that last year 3280 people comprising 2216 adults and 1064 children living in Ryedale, were provided with food etc. Our last donation of 70.3 kilos of food was much appreciated. Please continue to be generous as families struggle more in the school holidays. A reminder that there is a collection point in St. Mary's church and in Claxton on the main street. THANK YOU!

Fundraising events:-

Sept 2nd Gift Day with Afternoon teas, Sand Hutton Village Hall 2pm - 5pm

Nov 4th Gifts for Christmas.

A reminder that St. Mary's Church is always open during the day for you to spend a quiet reflective time. Refreshments are always available. You are very welcome to join us at any of our services both locally and throughout the Benefice. Look out for the family/children's activities/services over the next few months also!

Enjoy your summer breaks and keep safe!

UPPER HELMSLEY

All is well at St Peter's. We have appreciated all the lovely rain for the allotment. The church is getting visitors from walkers and cyclists who we are always happy to see.

Some exciting news! Mari was asked by Archdeacon Sam to speak to the congregation in Selby Abbey at the churchwarden's swearing in on 14th June. She spoke about how the allotment has breathed new life into our little church, how we set it up and encouraged the youth group to get established. It was by way of encouraging other churches in the diocese to think creatively about how they can use their church buildings and churchyards in the future. Archbishop Stephen asked us to invite him to St Peter's to visit the allotment. We will let you know when a date is set.

Mari thanks Rachael and Michael Harrison, Phil Richards, Katie Read, Carolyn Rickleton and the Aubergines for all their hard work and commitment to keep it all thriving.

We are looking forward to the next few months of activities.

WHITWELL

A quiet time in Whitwell! We had a lovely, rather emotional final service with Chris at the end of April. Since then, we have had a couple of services taken by our parish celebrant Nigel Benson, assisted by Ian Lyall to whom we are extremely grateful.

In the May benefice service, we had a lovely baptism for Olivia Bolli which was very well attended and it was lovely to see some children in the church.

We had to keep the church locked for a few weeks in May/June and hide the ramps for a while to discourage some young people from using them as a skate park. Many apologies for this inconvenience

Wishing you all a happy summer from Whitwell on the Hill.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS.....

Sand Hutton C of E Primary School



My goodness we have had a very busy summer term and we have been blessed to have shared it with our families, and on occasion with Warthill Primary School.

It seems a long time ago now, but the Coronation prompted our parents into contributing to the 'Big Help Out' day. Despite the weather being a little more than damp, families turned out in their crowds to transform our school grounds. As a result of these tremendous efforts, we had woodwork cleaned, planters filled, hedges and plants cut back, willow tunnels woven, play equipment polished and cake eaten. The grounds were sparkling and new and everyone felt proud of the part they played. All staff were incredibly grateful. It was a great day!



More recently we held a summer event as part of a sponsorship attempt and to support a member of staff tackling the Lyke Wake Walk. This time the weather was much kinder and the atmosphere as warm. With welly wanging, beat the goalie, find the treasure and more cake, the afternoon was chilled and fun filled!

We shared a federation event in mid-July. Our Street Festival. The 'pyramid stage' was too large to transport from Glastonbury so we had a cuboid stage upon which there were many performances to remember, from all our children. The day was brought to a close with a disco, outside, and an ice-cream van on the school yard. How lucky are we!

It is always a bittersweet time of the year. While we look forward to a rest during the longer school holidays, we also bid farewell to our year 6 pupils, ready for secondary school. Leavers' Assemblies bring smiles and tears in equal measure. We know that our soon to be Year 7 children will make us proud, as always.

We wish you all a lovely summer and we will return in the Autumn ready to do it all again!

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