

**The Benefice of Harton**

# **The Circular**



**Autumn 2024**

**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

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*From Rev Nigel.....*

At the time of writing this piece we are finally enjoying some warm weather after the rather damp and cool days of early July. As the children break up for their summer holidays, I do hope the weather remains good for them.



Summer is a lovely time to be outdoors, whether it's relaxing in the garden, walking the dogs, visiting one of the historical places in our area, or taking a trip to the beach, it is so much better than being cooped up indoors.

Being outside amongst God's creation gives us a chance to perhaps enjoy life at a less frantic pace. Being amongst nature is widely recognized as being extremely good for our health and wellbeing, and if we can pause and just have some quiet time feeling the sun on our faces (but not too much!) and listening to the sounds of nature, we can calm our minds and boost our energy.

Taking such time out is also good spiritually. Our Lord Jesus, as the Gospels tell us, often went off quietly on his own to pray.

If you're not familiar with it, praying can, at first, seem a bit awkward. But talking to God doesn't have to be formal, and the language doesn't have to be flowery. It really is just like having a conversation. We can talk about the things that we are thankful for, the things that bring us joy, the worries we may have. We can talk about other people too, what we wish for them, how much we love them, how much we want them to be better if they are unwell. We really can talk to God about anything.

Sometimes, and I'm guilty of this too, we can talk a bit too much and forget to listen. Just being quiet is part of prayer, that is when we listen to God. We may not hear an actual voice, but God does speak to us and things in our lives can change because of prayer and listening.

So, during these summer weeks, try to take time out to be amongst nature, to enjoy it, and when possible, and I do realise for some having the kids at

home makes life even more hectic, find time to just be still and quiet. If you want to, have a chat with God. Our churchyards are lovely quiet outdoor spaces.

Perhaps some of you want to pray more but you're really not sure how to go about it, or maybe you feel a bit daft trying it. If it would help, you can always talk to me, or anyone from our ministry team, and we can give some guidance. But it really is not complicated.

In any case, you can be assured that the worshipping community in all our churches are often praying for everyone who lives in our benefice area, that includes you.

Whatever you are doing, wherever you are going during this summer holiday period, I wish you and those you love every blessing.

***Rev Nigel***



# Services for the Benefice of Harton

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

**A Zoom service will be held on the first Sunday of every month at 9.00 am. If you would like to join this service, please let Ian Lyall know and he will send you the link: [ian.lyall2@gmail.com](mailto:ian.lyall2@gmail.com)**

## August 2024

<b><i>Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup></i></b>		<b><i>Trinity 10</i></b>
9.00	Zoom Service	
10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
<b><i>Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup></i></b>		
10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
<b><i>Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup></i></b>		<b><i>Trinity 11</i></b>
10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
<b><i>Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup></i></b>		
10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
<b><i>Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup></i></b>		<b><i>Trinity 12</i></b>
10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
<b><i>Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup></i></b>		
10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
<b><i>Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup></i></b>		<b><i>Trinity 13</i></b>
10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall

***Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>***

10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
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**September 2024*****Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>******Trinity 14***

9.00	Zoom Service	
10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley

***Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>***

10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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***Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>******Trinity 15***

10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
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***Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>***

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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***Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>******Trinity 16***

10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
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***Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>***

10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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***Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>******Trinity 17***

10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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**Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>**

6.00 Harvest Thanksgiving Service Gate Helmsley  
followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

**Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>****St Michael and All Angels**

10.00 Holy Communion Howsham

2 – 4pm



**Messy Harvest**

Sand Hutton VH

**October 2024****Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10.00 Holy Communion Howsham

**Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>****Trinity 19**

9.00 Zoom Service

10.00 Harvest Holy Communion Flaxton

**Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 Holy Communion Bossall

**Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>****Trinity 20**

10.00 Harvest Holy Communion Foston

5.00 Harvest Evensong Crambe  
followed by refreshments

**Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 Holy Communion Sand Hutton



**Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Trinity 21**

10.00	Harvest Holy Communion	Whitwell
6.00	Harvest Evensong	Howsham

Followed by charity auction and refreshments

*Please note the Marathon today may cause traffic disruption around the parishes.*

**Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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**Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>**



**Last after Trinity**

*Remember the clocks go back one hour!*

11.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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*Harvest Lunch at Aldby Park following the service*

**Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Festival of Lilies and Light**



**St Michael's Church, Crambe**  
**Festival of Lilies and Light**  
**with The Benefice Choir**  
**Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>. The church will be open every day**  
**following the service so you can visit and light a candle at a time to suit you .**

**November 2024**

**Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**All Saints Sunday**

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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*Blessing of Christmas Shoeboxes for Romania*





### **Welcome to those newly baptised**

May 5<sup>th</sup>

Annie Iona McBoyle

Gate Helmsley



### **Congratulations to those newly married**

June 1<sup>st</sup>

Emma Dziemianko and Richard Vincent

Gate Helmsley

July 5<sup>th</sup>

Rebecca Coupland and James Speck

Sand Hutton

July 6<sup>th</sup>

Chloe Hill and Samuel Calpin

Sand Hutton

July 17<sup>th</sup>

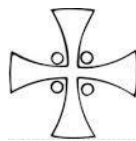
Charis Holmes and Christopher Frost

Flaxton

July 27<sup>th</sup>

Rebecca Robinson and Thomas Boatman

Buttercrambe



### **Our condolences to the family and friends of**

March 17<sup>th</sup>

Rob Pearce

Sand Hutton

May 25<sup>th</sup>

Caroline Hall

Sand Hutton

May 28<sup>th</sup>

Christopher Manders

Sand Hutton

June 5<sup>th</sup>

Margaret Joan Jordan

Gate Helmsley

June 12<sup>th</sup>

Lyndsay Anne O'Hara

Gate Helmsley

June 16<sup>th</sup>

Derrick Oakes

Crambe

June 20<sup>th</sup>

Hazel Sawyer

Flaxton

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



Summer greetings as the end of another school year fast approaches! Just a few short lines from me on this occasion due to the fact that we are featuring the Allotment in this edition.

However, I would just like to mention what a great 'Messy Pentecost' we had back in May at Gate Helmsley Village Hall. Many thanks to all who came along. We are very much looking forward to the 'Spudathon' which is in September at the Upper Helmsley Allotment, and 'Messy Harvest' on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at Sand Hutton Village Hall.

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

### **The Harton Benefice Allotment needs you!**



Our community allotment project at Upper Helmsley has now been running for 3 years or 4 growing seasons.

The project runs in cycles and is linked to the growing seasons and school terms.

As well as being 'home' to the Aubergine Operations, an enthusiastic and hardworking group of 10 – 14 year olds who meet fortnightly, we are also looking at how we use the allotment and whether we can expand its usage if possible to include another partner in the enterprise.

We are preparing for the next cycle from September 2024 and we are seeking some help to support the project and the youth in our community.

**Do you have any gardening skills?**

**Would you like to help and develop our youth in our community?**

**Can you spare some time to join our small team to help organise and attend our allotment and other support sessions?**

**Do you know of an individual or group who might like to utilise this valuable resource either on an ad-hoc or regular basis?**

***Are you aged 10 upwards and would like to join the Aubergine Operations?***

**Interested in more information?**

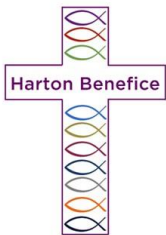
**Please contact Rachael Harrison to learn more about our plans on 07847 329015 or email: [rachaelyouthharton@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelyouthharton@gmail.com)**



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!!



God's  
beautiful  
world!



You are warmly invited to....



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OR

[rachaelyouthharton@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelyouthharton@gmail.com)  
SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 4  
UPWARDS. SORRY NO UNACCOMPANIED  
CHILDREN

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.

**Sunday September 29th**

**2.00pm —4.00pm**

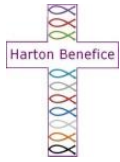
**Sand Hutton**

**Village Hall**









## ***Benefice PCC.....***

The next meeting of the Benefice PCC will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 10.00 am, after this edition of the Circular has gone to press.

The most recent meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, the proceedings of which were reported in the summer edition.

***Delyth Harran***

***Lay Chairman***

## ***FORTHCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE.....***



### **The Free Cinema at Barton Le Willows Village Hall**

***Now showing regular films on our 150 inch cinema screen in HD or UHD***

***No tickets to buy, any donations to improve the cinema and village hall are gratefully received.***

***Bring your own drinks, snacks and soft drinks available at much less than regular cinema prices!***

***Visit our website by searching for Barton Le Willows Village Hall or scan the barcode***

***Or contact Graham Tel: 07812 151 234 to get on the email mailing list for up to date listings***



**St Michael's Church, Crambe**



**Monday**  
**August 26th**  
**10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.**



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

**Drinks £2.00 cake etc. from £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

**St Mary's Church**

***Saturday September 7th***

**At Sand Hutton Village Hall**

**From 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm**

**Come and join us for good  
company , tea and delicious  
homemade cakes!**

***Adrian and Jezz***







**Barton Le Willows Village Hall**  
**Quiz Night**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
quiz starts at 7.30 pm



**Entry £2.00  
per person**



**Food, Glorious Food Quiz**

**Maximum  
six people  
per team**

**Test your knowledge of food—maybe win a foodie prize!**

**Bring your own alcoholic drinks and snacks for free,  
but donations to the Village Hall gratefully received.  
A range of good value soft drinks available**

**CLAXTON and SAND HUTTON VILLAGE HALL**

Invite you to a

**SATURDAY SOCIAL and PRODUCE SHOW**  
**on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 to 12.00**



We will accept exhibits made or grown during the past four years.  
Details will be announced on the Village Hall website and Facebook.

**Any questions, please phone:-**

**Anne White Tel: 01904 468550**

**Fiona Davies Tel: 01904 468001**



## **GIFTS for CHRISTMAS**

**Quality Gifts  
at affordable  
prices  
for all your  
Christmas giving**

**SATURDAY  
2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**Sand Hutton Village Hall  
YO41 1LL  
10am to 3pm (entry£1)**

**CAROLINE'S  
KITCHEN  
for coffee, tea,  
cakes and light  
lunches**

### **STALLHOLDERS**

**Include Pretty Things, Igneous, YAC, Cottage Crafts,  
Sarah Stoker Ceramics  
and of course Sand Hutton Gifts!!**

**All proceeds to St. Mary's Church Sand Hutton**

**Further information from [giftsforchristmas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:giftsforchristmas@hotmail.co.uk)**

### ***The Benefice of Harton Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2024***

Our Christmas shoeboxes for Romania will be entering its ninth 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.



Thank you so much for giving and bringing hope and love to very poor families in Romania through the shoebox appeals in recent years. Last year we had 172 boxes and £342 towards carriage etc.

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 Shoebox Appeal by August 2024 which will then be distributed to households, businesses and schools.

Last year we suggested that any box of a similar size to a shoebox could be used. With the rise of online shopping many items arrive in boxes of all sizes and recycling is always good! However, in order to keep the distribution fair amongst the recipients please do not use large boot boxes or equivalent.

In addition to the shoeboxes, this year we plan to send blankets and good quality baby clothes (please mark bags and boxes of these very clearly). Please note hand knitted baby clothes are not required. There is also a need for pushchairs and Moses baskets.

We are aware that transport costs continue to rise. We appreciate this is a tough time for lots of people in the UK but hope many will put the full £3 on a box rather than the minimum £2. We are always happy to receive donations towards transport.

The shoeboxes given will be blessed at the Benefice church service at Upper Helmsley at 10am on Sunday 3 November 2024 prior to the start of their transportation to Romania on 9 November 2024.

This year David Fletcher plans to join the Amen team going to Romania! He will be able to see the other end of the operation and meet some of our lovely partners in Romania. All team members pay for all their own expenses related to the trip and nothing is paid by the charity 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-shoebox-appeal/>**

I do hope that you will be able to support the 2024 Appeal.

Very many thanks.

If you require more information please contact me,

**David Fletcher, Tel 07900 998378**



*from Sister Margaret Ann CSPH*



*My Dear Friends,*

During the Covid lockdowns I got into the habit of watching 'Songs of Praise' which I came to look forward to week after week. The uplifting hymns and inspirational stories were a joy at a rather dismal time. One hymn in particular comes to mind and I often find myself singing it and mulling over the words. It somehow focuses my thoughts on the God and Father of us all, day by day.

In 1820 Fanny Crosby was born, and in spite of her blindness, she became a prolific hymn writer. I would just like to share a few thoughts with you all on one of them now.

'Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchased of God;  
Born of his spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.'

I know that my redeemer lives in creation all around me. The beauty and wonder we find in the fields and countryside, trees and flowers and all the wildlife, in all the people around us, all wonderfully made and held by God our Creator. Our families, friends, strangers, people we know well and those perhaps we don't like, don't know or understand. All created by the God of God and Redeemer of us all.

'Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine foretaste of heaven, glory divine.' Whoever we are, whatever we've done or been, we are the children of God, held from the beginning of time and by the precious blood of Jesus, God Incarnate, are washed clean of all our sins, mercifully forgiven and unconditionally loved.

'Heir of Salvation, purchased of God, born of his spirit washed in his blood.'  
This is my story, and your story too, and our song today and every day,  
'Praising our Saviour all day long.'

Perfect submission, God wants us all to place our complete and utter trust in Him alone. We can't live without Him. For God is the very air we breathe. If we place our trust in Him all will be at rest. I, in my Saviour am happy and blessed. So, take time to be still and quiet so that we can listen to what God is saying to us and asking of us. Looking above, never taking our eyes off the Cross where our redemption was won at great price. 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look Him full in the face and things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His Glory and Grace.' The light, glory and grace can be ours too.

God promises us all sorts of gifts, gifts that are ours for the asking. God doesn't expect us to live this life alone, but with his grace and strength. So, each day take time to quietly look above and allow God to fill you with his goodness and find yourself 'Lost in His love'.

This is my story, this is your story so praise and thank our God all the day long. With my love and prayers for you all.

Margaret Ann  
+ CSPK

### ***Message from Adrian and Jezz.....***

#### ***The Lunch Club:***

Advance warning: next Sunday lunch Wentworth Arms, Old Malton on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 12.30

### ***BUTTERCRAMBE***

Looking forward to our only wedding in the church this summer with the reception being held at Aldby Park. Let's hope for some sunshine.

Our Harvest Festival service is at **11.00am** on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October with lunch straight afterwards at Aldby Park. Please let Sara know nearer the time if you would like to attend the lunch. *Note: BST ends today, so the clocks go back – an extra hour in bed!*

## CRAMBE

At last, the French drain has been finished so we can start sorting out the pathways to make access easier for all.

On June 29<sup>th</sup> we were privileged to host the renowned York choir, The Ebor Singers for a concert of light choral music entitled 'Sumer is Icumen In'.

Despite there being little evidence of Summer anywhere, the concert was well supported and much enjoyed by all those who attended.

Sam put his tent up outside the church, and Lisa decorated it beautifully with flowers and lights, which provided us with a lovely, and dry, venue for the refreshments afterwards.



We are hugely grateful to the choir who gave their time freely as a fundraiser for St Michael's, and thanks to everyone's generosity we raised £750 which is much appreciated.



June 16<sup>th</sup> was a sad day for Crambe as one of the longest standing members of our little community, Derrick Oakes died at the age of 94. His funeral, followed by burial in the churchyard alongside his beloved wife Sheila who died some years ago, was held on Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> followed by a reception at the Stone Trough Inn at Kirkham. We send our warmest wishes and condolences to his daughters Jill and Jenny.



## FLAXTON

The community were saddened to learn of the death of Hazel Sawyer. Her funeral service was held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June in church followed by cremation. Attendance at church was around 140 which showed how much Hazel was valued. We send our love and prayers to Tony, Clare, Helen and William.



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July turned out to be one of the better weather days which enabled Charis and Chris to enjoy their wedding with family and friends. There was much laughter and cheering, and good singing.

It was a pleasure to have them with us. We wish them every happiness and hope to see them again.

Though it is a few months away and we haven't had summer yet we wanted to let you know in good time that on **Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 Flaxton Church** will be fundraising at a Table Top Sale which Flaxton and District Friends group are organising. Other organisations are already showing interest. This is an opportunity for you to raise some funds for you, for your organisation or maybe you have a charity which you support. Anything goes on the day but we ask that anything left on your table at the end of the day you take away with you.

The date/day: **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Venue: **Village Hall, Flaxton.** There is no admission fee.

Time: **11.00am – 2.00pm.**

Price of table: **£15.00.** Proceeds of which will go to Flaxton and District Friends Group.

Please make your **booking via Jill Fagan** Tel: 01904 468523.

Refreshments will be on sale throughout the opening times.

e.g. hot bacon/sausage sandwich, cakes, tea, coffee, soft drinks.

The proceeds from anything you sell on the day will be yours, for your chosen charity, your organisation or for you.

## **GATE HELMSLEY**

Thank you to Michael Harran for continuing to lead the maintenance and management of St Mary's churchyard. We are very grateful to those of you who support him in this work – be it by cutting hedges, mowing the grass or general clearing. Special thanks to Christine Bickerdike who has cleared out and beautifully replanted the bed near the church tower.

Because it has been such a wet season, the growth in the older part of the churchyard has been tremendous, resulting in rampaging brambles, nettles and thistles growing around the boundary. There are plans for the “churchyard gang” to come together over a couple of weekends for some major clearance. We are very grateful for this and will be pleased to provide plentiful refreshments to keep you going.

Of course, we will continue to maintain the churchyard in the best interests of nature, leaving areas unmown to encourage wildflowers, insects and birds. By doing this, our churchyard helps to replace some of the lost flower meadows across the UK.

As noted previously, recommendations from our church architect's five-yearly report include the repair and refurbishment of the rainwater goods around the church. This will involve major works at a high cost. Applications for help with funding will be made to various grant-giving bodies. This will not be sufficient without additional fundraising locally. We propose setting up a small subgroup of the PCC to lead on finance and fundraising, so we will be inviting parishioners with this kind of expertise to help us out with this crucial task.

We had a very happy get-together at the Annual Strawberry Lunch in Gate Helmsley village hall on 14<sup>th</sup> July, enjoying excellent fellowship and good food. Thank you to all those who helped in so many different ways to make this event a success which raised a welcome £680 for church funds.

The next similar event will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. A Harvest Festival service will be held in the church at 6.00pm, followed by a Harvest Supper afterwards in the village hall.

Another happy occasion was the baptism of Annie Iona Mc Boyle on 5<sup>th</sup> May, which was followed on 1<sup>st</sup> June by the marriage of Annie's aunt, Emma Dziemianko to Richard Vincent. This was a really beautiful service, and the church was decorated naturally with vases of wildflowers. Thank you to Dan, Neil and Michael who rang the church bells so enthusiastically to celebrate the wedding.

On a sadder note, there have been two deaths recently in the parish. Margaret Jordan died on 5<sup>th</sup> June, and Lyndsay O'Hara on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Both funerals were held at York Crematorium. We send condolences to Chuck Richardson and David O'Hara and all of Margaret and Lyndsay's families as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

Previously we briefly reported the death in April of Captain Dick Garnons-Williams, formerly of the Manor House. Dick had an impressive naval funeral at Long Ashton near Bristol where he had lived latterly.

Dick's ashes will be interred at St Mary's next to his late wife, Anne, after a service on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 pm. Everyone who knew Dick is welcome to attend the service, and the reception afterwards at Gate Helmsley village hall. We offer our deepest sympathy to Dick's family – Elizabeth, Antonia and William, and the wider family – in their loss.

We are pleased that so many people enjoy visiting our Victorian church and leave warm messages in the visitors' book. The refreshments are no doubt an attraction, as are the prayer table and the creative displays designed by Mandy and David Fletcher. Thank you both.

One notable visitor during June was Howard the Pilgrim, on his walking pilgrimage from Walsingham to Iona. He pitched his tent for the night in a neighbouring garden and was very grateful for the hospitality. We wonder if Howard has reached his destination by now.

## **HOWSHAM**

We are still struggling to get permission from the council for much needed tree work in the churchyard.

We have no weddings in our church this year, which is disappointing.

We are preparing an area of the churchyard for the burial of ashes.

Several new residents have come to the village this year and we look forward to welcoming them at village events.

We are hoping for a good turnout for the church and churchyard clean-up on Bank Holiday Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>, as there is a tremendous amount of growth to clear. Everyone is welcome and there will be the usual BBQ afterwards at the Great Barn.

The May Bank holiday cake stall on Howsham bridge was as popular as ever and the weather was kind.

Harvest Festival will be at 6 00pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. There will be the usual auction for charity and supper with wine.

### ***SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON***

Following a period of yet more rain we hope for more promising weather with some sunshine and brighter skies over the summer holiday period.

Our villages have seen both sadness and joy over recent months. In May Caroline Hall passed away, having been diagnosed with motor neurone disease in Autumn 2023. Caroline dealt with her illness with such courage and dignity. She had served on the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, organised the Saturday Socials, formed and ran “Women in Harmony” and sang with the church choir. She could often be seen walking or cycling through the village or raising money for North Yorkshire Music Therapy. Her love of music, nature and community were celebrated at a touching service at York Crematorium.

On 14<sup>th</sup> June a service of thanksgiving and celebration of life was held at St Mary’s for Christopher Manders who lived in Sand Hutton. His spirit, humour and zest for life were reflected in the moving service.

More recently a service of thanksgiving was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July for the life of Robert Pearce. Rob was known to many in our villages for his humour, his support for local groups, his love of life and people. Rob invariably had a smile on his face and had a warmth towards others. Family, colleagues and friends gathered to celebrate his life and share memories.

We offer our condolences to Caroline, Christopher and Rob’s loved ones and a wish that their fond memories will bring some comfort as they grieve.

St Mary’s was the setting for two weddings in July. Our congratulations go to Rebecca Coupland and James Speck who were married on 5<sup>th</sup> July and to Chloe Hill and Samuel Calpin who were married on 6<sup>th</sup> July. We wish both couples every happiness in their future lives together.



*Samuel and Chloe*



*James and Rebecca*

The Benefice Choir continue to rehearse at St Mary's and sing throughout the benefice. We would like to thank each member of the choir for their commitment, support and dedication – it is much appreciated.

**Please make a note in your diaries of future fundraising events :**

\*Jezz and Adrian's Afternoon Tea on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall from 2.30pm. – 4.30pm.

\*Gifts for Christmas on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall from 10.00am. to 3.00pm.

We thank you in advance for your support of these events which are crucial to our fundraising which in turn plays a huge part in enabling us to keep our beautiful church and its heritage open and available for all.

## **UPPER HELMSLEY**

It looks like Summer is finally here! And with it generally comes better mood and optimism. I love all our seasons but Summer seems to lift our spirits in its own way. The blossoms and full-leafed trees remind us of God's amazing world in all its abundance. It can remind us to take time to be thankful for all our blessings.

We love our little churchyard with its wildlife and the peaceful surroundings. We are thankful for all the children (Aubergines) and families who join in with the Benefice Allotment to weed, plant, water and nurture our vegetables and raised beds.



May we all remember that although lives can be fraught with some ill health and sorrow, let us say thank you to God for our communities, friendships and the fellowship that we share in our Benefice.

## **WHITWELL**

The quinquennial report was conducted in June and has not revealed any major problems at Whitwell. There was only one pigeon in the loft, which is brilliant - and this has now been banished!

We are delighted to be welcoming The Victorian Society who will be visiting Whitwell on the Hill on the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Our Church of St John the Evangelist is a building by the noted architect George Street, who was born on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1824. The church in its magisterial position in the beautiful County of Yorkshire is a particularly wonderful example of the work of the architect. Our stained glass windows are of special importance.

The churchwarden services have now taken place. Emma and I went to Escrick, St Helen's to be sworn in and it was a lovely service. The church is beautiful and well worth a visit if you are passing.

Nothing else to report from Whitwell; the church is open throughout the summer and the rain continues to fall.

### ***More information about The Victorian Society***

To celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of the great Victorian architect, George Edmund Street (1824-1881), the Victorian Society has arranged a series of monthly events between March and December 2024. These comprise lectures, visits to buildings, a two-day symposium and a book launch.

On 27/28 July, the Society will be visiting the churches in the East Riding that Street built or restored for Sir Tatton Sykes II, together with a number of the associated parish buildings. The tour starts at St John the Evangelist, Whitwell on the Hill, and continues to Howsham, Thixendale, Fimber, Wansford, Kirkburn and Bishop Wilton.

On the second day, the Society will visit East Heslerton, Weaverthorpe, Helperthorpe, Sledmere, West Lutton, Kirkby Grindalythe and Garton-on-the-Wolds.

Although Street is probably best known for designing the Royal Courts of Justice on the Strand, London, he was, as the East Riding shows, a most



prolific church builder as well as the author of many books and papers on architecture. His early death, at the age of 57, was probably brought on by overwork. The Royal Courts of Justice, for which he did every one of the 3,000 drawings, were completed one year later.

**There are a few places still available on the Society's tour  
of the East Riding churches.**

**For further information on the Street Bicentenary programme and for  
booking, please go to:**

**[www.victoriansociety.org.uk/event/weekend-visit-to-streets-churches-in-east-yorkshire/](http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/event/weekend-visit-to-streets-churches-in-east-yorkshire/)**

## ***NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS.....***

### ***Sand Hutton C of E Primary School***



We have had a fun filled summer term despite the less than fun weather. When it has mattered, we have seen the sunshine and we have worked round it on other occasions.

As you may know, we have successfully extended our Early Years offer to include small numbers of nursery children. This has been popular and we are able to welcome more nursery age children in September. We do have places available. Please come and visit us.

Our PTA has continued to think about imaginative ways to raise money while we have fun doing it. We have really enjoyed our Ice Cream Fridays and dodged the poor weather forecast to share a traditional old-fashioned fun Summer Fair on one Saturday afternoon. We know how much our children benefit from the money this raises.

We were fortunate enough to go out as a whole school to Askham Bryan Wildlife Park. Again, the weather was kind to us and we enjoyed workshops and a play park in addition to the joy of seeing the varied animals they have on site. Thank you!

While we are talking about ways in which money can be raised, please can I mention our recycling bin in the car park again. It takes a huge variety of items; not just clothes. This includes curtains, duvet sets, shoes and bags.

There is an extensive list on the side. Please consider us if you are de-cluttering over the summer holidays.

It hardly seems possible that this week sees us saying our farewells to our Year 6 pupils. These children were new to our Reception when I was new to Sand Hutton. There are only two of them this year....but a small group doesn't mean a small send off by any means. Our 'I'm a Year 6 Leaver' event with Warthill has become an expected tradition now; pizza, games and toasted marshmallows. Leavers' assembly involved the whole school and was topped off by the appearance of an ice cream van on the playground! We wish you every success Year Six. We are proud of you!

That just leaves us all wrapping up another busy school year at Sand Hutton. If you have school age children and you are moving into the area, we are always available to show people round our lovely school. Please contact the school office on 01904 468308. You would be very welcome!

Have a fabulous summer everyone....there must be a summer heading our way sometime soon!

Kind regards,

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### **Foston C of E Primary School**



#### **A Wonderful Summer Term!**

As the summer term draws to a close, we reflect on the fantastic experiences our children have enjoyed over the past few months. From exploring the countryside to discovering marine life, it has been a season full of learning and adventure for all our students.

**Key Stage 2 (KS2):** Our KS2 children had an unforgettable day at the Ampleforth Countryside Day. They participated in various outdoor activities, learning about wildlife, farming, and countryside skills. The fresh air and hands-on experiences were a highlight for everyone involved.

**Key Stage 1 (KS1):** The KS1 children had an exciting visit to the Sealife Centre in Scarborough. They were thrilled to see and learn about a wide array of sea creatures, from colourful fish to majestic sea turtles. The visit sparked curiosity and a deeper understanding of marine life.

**Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS):** Our youngest children in the EYFS had a delightful trip to Woldie's Lavender Farm. They enjoyed the fragrant fields of lavender and engaged in a range of activities including observing honey bees, football golf, den building and nature trails.

**Sports Day:** This year's sports day was a tremendous success, enjoyed by both parents and children. The spirit of teamwork and friendly competition was evident as everyone participated in various events, making it a memorable day for all.

**Goodbyes and Welcomes:** We bid a fond farewell to our Year 6 children, wishing them every success in their future endeavours. At the same time, we warmly welcomed our new reception and nursery children during their transition days. Our thriving nursery provides a fabulous transition to full-time schooling, ensuring that every child feels supported and excited about their journey ahead.

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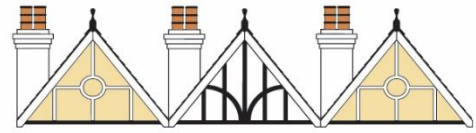
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