

EASTER 2021

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St James



This Easter,...

Special Thanks

He is Risen

To Our NHS, To Our Carers, For Vaccines...

And For New Hope!

JESUS IS RISEN!

Thank you Jesus!

AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



What was
good about
the last
year?

These gorgeous
babies were born!



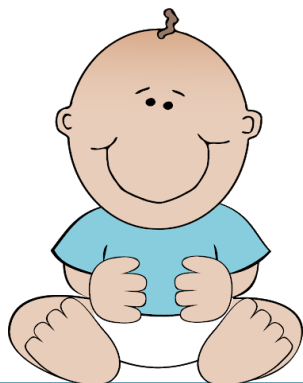
Happy Baby!

Carolyn & Robert Haskins had a second grandchild, **Joshua James Haskins** born on 10 June 2020.

Double blessings for

Sandra & David York in 2020, not one but two grandsons were born:

Aidan York born in July & **Corey York**, born in November.



Bouncing baby

Peter and Sheila Mirczuk's second grandson **Kit James Mirczuk** was born on 23 April in Sydney Australia

Grandchild number 5!

Jan & Simon Cooper welcomed **Charlie William Theodore Cooper** on 4 February 2021, 7lb 9oz



Future Choir Boy!

I would like to introduce

Henry James Hartle born in the peak of the first lockdown on Saturday the 4 of April at 16:56, weighing 7lbs 11oz. Henry has a good set of lungs which I'm hopeful will help him in follow in my footsteps and sing the church choir in a few years time. His 1st birthday falls on Easter Sunday so we will have a double reason to celebrate!

Lois Page



Gorgeous Boy!

Susan Armstrong submitted this gorgeous photo of her grandson, **James**, who was born on 24 July 2020.



Did you notice?
They are all boys!

Heartfelt Thanks

The 2020 Remembrance tree was a special beacon of light this year, We give thanks to **Thomlinsons's of Wetherby** for their generosity in providing the tree.

Thanks to **Stockeld Park** for providing the lovely church Christmas tree in 2020 and to **Cliff Tetlow and his son** for spending a great deal of time placing and erecting the trees.



Got something to say? We'd love you to share it!

Please let us have your contributions via our e-mail address: parishmagazine@gmail.com or by dropping them into the Parish Office

Our Vicar Writes...

Dear Friends

This remarkable fresco by Piero della Francesca is from the small town of Sansepolcro in Tuscany. There it may still be seen today. It is celebrated as the painting which saved the town.



Towards the end of the second world war, Allied Forces were driving the Nazis from Italy. As they moved forward, before ground troops went in, towns in their path were 'softened-up'. Under the command of a little-known officer, Tony Clarke, a unit from the Royal Horse Artillery dug in, and prepared their ammunition stocks. But then something prompted Tony Clarke to remember an essay by Aldous Huxley, in which he described 'The Resurrection' by Piero della Francesca as the world's greatest picture. Just as the guns started firing, Clarke remembered that the painting was in the town upon which his guns were aimed.

Taking a great risk, Clarke ordered the firing to cease, much to the chagrin of his commanding officer. When the commanding officer caught Clarke on the radio, encouraging him to get on with the assault, Clarke stalled for time, assuring him that he could not see any German targets to aim at.

This could have easily gone wrong. Clarke, for the love of art, risked being court marshalled. Even more gravely, the Allied infantry could have been ambushed. The Germans, however, had indeed left. The town was liberated the next day. The 500-year-old fresco survived, and the town was saved from being razed to the ground. And today in Sansepolcro, there is a street named after Tony Clarke.

The Resurrection by Piero della Francesca is credited with saving Sansepolcro. Coming from the scarred landscape of war, this is a lovely story of the power of humanity.

The Resurrection, the actual Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the power of God to save lives. Jesus' resurrection saves us from our self-destruction. The resurrection of the One who was crucified for the sake of the world gives us hope for the future, a future beyond the destruction of war, or even pandemic.

On Easter Day we restart in-person worship in St James'. Alleluia! We are mindful that we are yet to come through the pandemic, and of the desperate toll it has taken on so many lives. We, also, are hopeful that we are now moving forward. Whether on-line or in person, we meet because Jesus is alive. And, because Jesus is alive, we have hope that although the world and our lives are scarred, we will be healed.

Happy Easter. With every blessing

Brendan

Holy Week and Easter @ St James' Wetherby with Linton

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Lent Groups continue to meet

Maundy Thursday

Gathering by the Fire

- 7.30pm Facebook live

Good Friday

10.00 - 15.00 The Way of the Cross

Journey to Golgotha.

Drop in to the churchyard where there will be a self-led trail with words and art to contemplate Jesus' journey to the cross.

Good Friday Gathering by the Fire

- 7.30pm Facebook live



Easter Day - in Church

6.30am Easter Gathering by the Fire

Worship in the churchyard to greet Easter Day and renew our baptismal vows.

8.00am Easter Holy Communion BCP

A quiet traditional service to celebrate Easter.

9.30am Easter Parish Communion

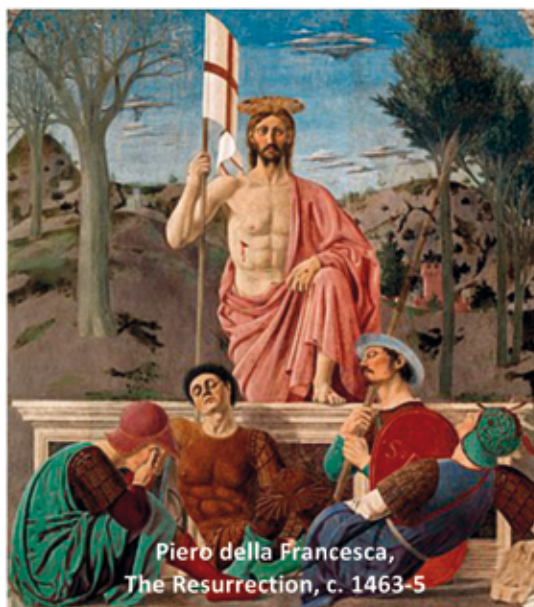
A joyous traditional celebration of Easter.

11.00am Easter Worship @11.00 Holy Communion

followed by Easter Egg Hunt

(for children!) in the churchyard

A joyous informal celebration of Easter.



Please join us we celebrate Easter, the foundation of our hope and joy in Christ.

All are very welcome.

April Sunday and Special Services

Thurs 1 Maundy Thursday

7.30 **Gathering by the Fire** (*Facebook live*)



Fri 2 Good Friday

10.00-15.00 **The Way of the Cross - Journey to Golgotha.**

Drop in to the churchyard where there will be a self-led trail with words and art to contemplate Jesus' journey to the cross.

Church open for individual private prayer

7.30 **Gathering by the Fire** (*Facebook Live*)



Sun 4 Easter Day

6.30 **Gathering by the fire**

Worship in the churchyard to greet

Easter Day and renew our baptismal vows

8.00 **Easter Holy Communion**

9.30 **Easter Parish Communion**

11.00 **Easter Worship @11.00** Holy Communion

followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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Sun 11 The Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

11.00 Worship @ 11.00



Sun 18 The Third Sunday of Easter

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

11.00 Worship @ 11.00

Sun 25 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

11.00 Worship @ 11.00



St James' re-opens the doors!



St James' Resuming in person worship Easter Day

"I was glad when they said unto me, "let us go to the house of the Lord."" (Psalm 122 v1)

I am delighted that we are resuming in-person worship on Easter Day. We continue to be committed to worshipping as safely as possible. For the time being there will be social distancing, and mask wearing. Sadly, but understandably, singing is not permitted.

Indeed since we were last in church the government's regulations with regard to singing have been considerably tightened. Singing is restricted to just one person (rather than a choir or worship group). Nevertheless we will have music and we will rejoice as we gather, physically and on-line, to worship God.

Booking is essential for 09.30am Parish Communion and 11.00 Worship @ 11.00

With the exception of our 08.00 Holy Communion services, due to the need to ensure social-distancing, booking for our services is essential.

It is free and easy to book via **Eventbrite**.

If there are no tickets left for your size bubble please do book the next size available bubble. One ticket is issued for each reservation no matter what the size of the bubble - so don't be put off if you have booked a bubble of 2-4 places you will only have one ticket.

Booking is via the link below:

09.30am Parish Communion and 11.00 Worship@11.00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-james-church-wetherby-31318806693>

We will be holding back a number of tickets for those who prefer to book by phone. If you would like to book by phone please contact the Parish Office 01937 583074 between 9.00am - 11.00am Thursday and Friday. On Eventbrite you can book anytime up until 11.00 on Friday.

If you miss the deadline for booking, or need to change a booking after the deadline, please contact our Churchwarden Jean Heaton 07866 366314. Eventbrite will say "Event Closed", but there may still be spaces, please persevere (Jesus told a story about this!).

(Digital) Mission Accomplished!



In July of last year, we began thinking about how to start livestreaming services from the Church building.

Over summer we worked hard to research different methods and technologies that could fulfil our needs, and on 6 September we broadcast our first service to Facebook - live from Church! Since then, we have streamed 33 services across 25 weeks, each receiving around 50 live viewers and reaching around 400 people over the following weeks (some even as far away as Australia!). We are now able to broadcast to Facebook and YouTube simultaneously in High Definition, incorporating videos, music, service

slides, lyrics, multiple camera angles, and a live comments feed. Our ability to provide this level of live streaming is largely thanks to the money raised through the Digital Mission Appeal.

The money raised through the Appeal has allowed us to replace some of the old and borrowed equipment that we started using back in September. We have invested in a new computer, streaming software, camera, LCD control pad and much more! The appeal has also allowed us to upgrade the Church's projector screens and choir monitors to HD (high definition) ready to welcome you back to Church when the time comes! We also are looking into how it might be possible to secure an improved internet connection and network across all Church buildings, as well as replacing the current tech desk to one that is more suited to the new set up and operator's needs.

All of this would not be possible if it were not for the money generously given through the Digital Mission Appeal. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone that donated and has supported us throughout this new era in online worship. Thanks also go to James, Josh, Patrick and the many others that have invested large amounts of time researching, installing and operating our new setup. It is clear that even after the pandemic ends, we will continue to live stream our services to make them truly accessible to all. The return to in person worship should allow us to start training new and existing operators to use the equipment so please do get in touch if you want to get involved!

Ed Taylor



Wetherby Young Person of the Year!

Congratulations to Josh Taylor

Established in 2012 for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, The Council's annual Jubilee Award recognises the achievements of outstanding young people in Wetherby, who are under 20 years of age and who have made an impact, whether nationally, regionally or locally. There are many young people of whom we can rightly be proud and it is these young people that the Council wish to recognise. It is expected that the young people will show some of the qualities listed below:

- Bravery and fortitude.
- Work in the community/home.
- Adapting to changes in life style.
- Academic or sporting achievements.
- Charitable accomplishments.
- Kindness beyond the call of duty.
- Ambition to achieve.

The award is a great opportunity for the Council to acknowledge these wonderful young people who do such a lot for the community and show how proud it is of their achievements.

Nominated as an 'inspirational young man' it was no surprise but nevertheless wonderful to see Josh receive the Jubilee Award for Wetherby Young Person of the Year.

Josh has been instrumental in helping us to live-stream our services, first from the Vicarage and then from Church. He has also gathered a team to put together weekly family services, which have been greatly enjoyed by old and young alike.

When the Pandemic first hit Josh was one of the first to reach out with offers of practical help to neighbours in need of shopping and so on.

Above all, Josh has been always positive, thoughtful and full of energy. His enthusiasm is infectious. This award was well deserved.

Brendan



Oberammergau Passion Play 2022

Some of us were hoping to go to Oberammergau last year to see the famous Passion Play which is performed by locals every 10 years. Sadly it was postponed until 2022, but this Ash Wednesday the decree went out that all the men in the village taking part should stop having their hair cut in preparation. Peter and I transferred our booking to a group from York who will be going on **18 May 2022**.



The Revd Sue Rushton is leading the group and is very experienced. She has indicated that any others from Wetherby who would like to join us would be warmly welcomed.

If you would like more details, please contact **Janet & Peter Cox** on 01937 584453 or peter_janet_cox@hotmail.com

Our Retirement Adventure



Thinking and hoping about holidays has set me reminiscing about the years Peter and I used to run a B&B in a little village near Appleby in Cumbria.

We had retired early and were looking for a project to keep us busy and earn us enough money to pay for our holidays until our state pensions were paid. We

bought a dilapidated old farmhouse and spent the first couple of years refurbishing it so that we had two en-suite bedrooms to let, as well as our own family accommodation. The guests shared our other living space because we wanted them to feel as if they were part of a home rather than a hotel.

When they arrived, we would show them to their rooms and then invite them to the conservatory for tea and cake. We loved the times we spent getting to know our guests who often shared quite deeply about their problems. After all, they could go home and never see us again at the end of their stay.

Quite a few did come back though, especially our regular Horse Fair guests. Our quiet sleepy area changed completely during Horse Fair, and the weather could be very variable in early June. Sometimes we had a heatwave and guests got sunburnt. Another year there was a bitterly cold wind blowing and a young couple arrived with the wife wearing the most miniscule mini skirt. After they got chilled right through on Fair Hill, that was soon replaced by jeans. Some years it was so wet the local farmers had to use their tractors to tow the cars out of the mud.

Our very first guests were a German couple, who arrived unannounced late one evening just as we were about to go to bed. One gentleman arrived mid-afternoon on a Saturday asking if he could leave his bag and take a key so he could come back at 3 in the morning when his shift ended as a supervisor on the refurbishment of the Settle-Carlisle line. He came in so quietly he didn't even disturb the dogs and had brunch when we arrived back from church. Another group were repairing the listed stain glass windows in one of our local churches and one of them entertained us with his ukulele. A much-loved regular was an Irish artist who broke her journey on her way to craft fairs in Harrogate or London. Most people were having a mid-week break if they were retired or a long weekend if they were working.

During our time there I was ordained, so sometimes I would wear my dog collar and sometimes my pinny. On a Sunday morning, I wore both and would dash from serving the breakfasts to presiding at communion! Peter was the breakfast king with the Aga and made porridge that a Scotsman once described as the best he had ever tasted. He grew wonderful soft fruit to make smoothies and to top the waffles. Times spent washing up and cleaning were good times to pray for our guests.

When I did the accounts, I discovered we had spent more on bird food than oil for the boiler. Then in the dark days of winter we escaped to warmer climes for our own adventures, where someone else made our beds and served our breakfasts. Happy days!

Janet Cox



What we did in lockdown

Zoom - What to do when you can't meet in person? It's made a difference to be able to talk to people we wouldn't see otherwise. Wetherby Festival has done fortnightly quizzes which have been great. Linton Antiques is continuing with online lectures through the winter. I do weekly pilates classes. Roxy, our cat, joins the sessions too, exercising on the chairs and up the curtains if she can.

Family video chats - we never had regular video chats before lockdown. Now we have a 3-way chat on a Sunday morning after the Church service. We have to do it before our son Chris goes to bed - he's in Australia.

Played games - Scrabble on a Sunday, online chess (Robert) daily and 1,000 piece jigsaws (Carolyn). We played Articulate and Linkee with friends on Zoom.

Friday film night - watched films and theatre productions we've not seen before.

Senior Circuits - pre-Covid, we were members of 'Senior Circuits', a group which met in the Church Room on a Friday morning, followed by Sant Angelo's coffee afterwards. With Covid, we kept it up in the garden until winter set in. Then we danced to the Gibson Brothers inside, followed by home-made frothy coffee.

Bike rides - when the weather was better, Robert joined his friends (when that was allowed) on a Tuesday. The Three Amigos cycled all round Wetherby and the surrounding villages. We've also gone out as a group of 6, cycling to places where you can sit and have a drink outside - the Bridge at Walshford, Red Hill Farm cafe and the Castle at Spofforth.

Walking - to places we've not been to before. It was a lovely walk from East Keswick to Wood Hall (where they do take-away drinks) until it didn't work out, because the river was flooded and we couldn't get through.

Croquet - normally a summer game, we've discovered that it is possible to play in winter, with balls sloshing through the mud, losing colour in the dirt; frosty grass makes them go in all directions.

'Spring' Cleaning - we've cleared out the garage and had trips to the dump. Why do we have 4 tins of white gloss paint? Probably because we didn't know what was there before. They've come in useful. Having painted one door, all the rest looked yellow.



Ebaying - it's amazing what people buy. We've sold a pewter soap dish from the 2nd World War, an old door lock with no key and a coffee machine that didn't work. We're now doing vinyl LP records. Anyone want to buy one? For sale: 'I can't get no satisfaction'.

Carolyn Haskins

Remember 2020?

At the beginning of the year it was popular to say we should all simply forget 2020. Please don't consider me strange or unfeeling in thinking that last year was actually filled with good things.

Far from forgetting, I want to celebrate the opportunity of new relationships made through reaching out to family, friends, and neighbours. For the first time in 40 years I spoke with my brother in Australia. Something neither of us would have conceived desirable or likely a year ago. I want to remember the conversations with many people I previously barely knew. The stories of people finding new purpose and making new discoveries in the past 12 months has brought me almost as much pleasure as it has them.

So, I missed a grand holiday abroad, but I discovered footpaths, views and the joy of walking in and around Wetherby with more time than I could hope for to ponder & pray. My daughter had to forgo a grand wedding plan and create a much simpler event. Less stressful, a good deal cheaper, just as memorable and probably as much fun.



A book you may have come across - *'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse'* by Charlie Mackesy, tells of four new friends journeying together and reflecting on life.

Whilst battling with a storm, the Horse advises:

*"When the big things feel out of control...
focus on what you love right under your nose."*

I don't belittle the greatness of the loss and hardship many have had to contend with in the past year. But, I don't want to lose sight of all the kindness, compassion and self-giving which has been released amidst the storm. As The Bible reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 *"There is a season for every purpose under heaven"*.

Things always change and there are always times when we can and can't do many things, but that won't stop me focusing on, and discovering, the love right under my nose.

Nic Sheppard

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New skills learned in Lockdown

I attend the 11am service in 'normal' times. During the first lockdown I took up **walking everyday** and, as time went on, my walks got longer and I walked to Spofforth Castle a few times and had a picnic. During this lockdown is in winter I have taken up **card making**. My cards were basic at first but now as I've ordered more interesting things from Amazon I've got better and I really enjoy it. I find it very therapeutic.

Julie Hayman



I've had fun recycling - Amazon boxes and old RHS diary illustrations. My shelves are now a 'flowery bower'

Jennifer Siswck



My Lockdown Knitwear!

I was so pleased that I had started knitting just before grandson, Harry was born so that I had a new hobby to keep me going during lockdown.

Still learning and only tackling small projects!

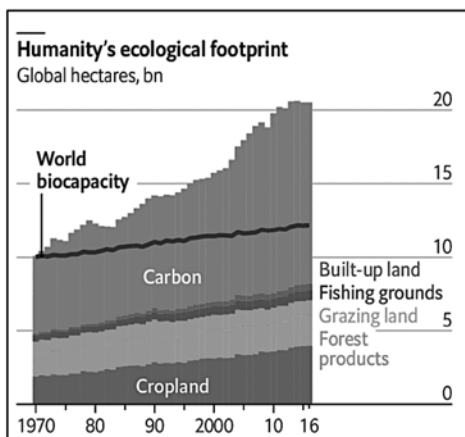
Liz Foxwell



I want my life back!

Lockdown... is there a more depressing word to be found in the English language? I want holidays, fun, laughter. Blue sky, bright daffodils, fresh air....

Hang on, don't we have those? Now you mention it, aren't the flowers more colourful than before? The birds are singing more lustily. The sky is clearer. Why is that? Is it because we appreciate the small things of life more in lockdown? Or is it because there are no planes in the air? Isn't the air fresh? It's like the Cornwall of my youth.



Pollution – a problem so big that I will never solve it. So what's the point, you ask? How can little me help? Perhaps it is like Edward Lorenz's 'butterfly model'. He worked out mathematically that the wings of a butterfly moving a small amount of air could cause a tornado a few weeks later. Every small action makes a difference. If I individually cut my food waste, used less water and energy, changed my diet, grew vegetables, and trees in the garden, the world will be a better place. For some, this is already a reality. But holidays?

Despite fossil fuels being eaten up 1.5 times faster than resources in the world, I want to use them to enjoy my life. What a quandary. Live now and let others worry...

We could walk more, or cycle; we could use trains and buses more. We could stay in the UK. Oh I don't know. It's too difficult. And complicated.

What is the church doing to help, anyway?

Actually, we haven't been ignoring the problem in lockdown. Sitting at home gives us all time to think about the big questions of life, doesn't it? The Church of England has a target for us becoming carbon neutral in 9 years' time. That's challenging – it's challenging the PCC, and should be challenging me. A feasibility study of our properties would make sense.... If we get some grant funding, the PCC has already planned how some experts could help us go for carbon neutrality – with your permission and involvement. If any reader wants to know more, please email me, or the Churchwardens.

Robert Haskins, rjhaskins@gmail.com

Wetherby Food Bank Update

The Food Bank's main distribution centre, opened 7 years ago, is situated at Thorp Arch. Here collected items are sent to many locations around the area.



The one used by Wetherby people is at Barleyfields Community Centre. Items can be collected, with a voucher, on a Tuesday or Friday between 10 and 11am. People are encouraged to stay and chat in the hope that if there are other issues in the household, help or support might be found. Anyone can go to the online site to see what items are in short supply – often long life milk and fruit juices, coffee, sponge puddings, custard and toiletries.

Since becoming St James' intermediary with the Food Bank, I have been amazed by the generosity of our congregation and would like to say an enormous 'thank you' to everyone on behalf of the recipients. It has been an extremely difficult year for so many families and many may think the Wetherby district is affluent but the Food Bank has been a lifeline for many and enabled people to maintain their dignity and care for their families. A few facts and figures:

- **Jan to Dec 2020 St James' donations - 273 Kgs of food.**
- **113 more food boxes were given out in this period.**
- **40 active volunteers are involved.**
- **Some food is sent to soup kitchens.**

Margaret J Williams

From the Registers

Weddings

6 December	Tobias John Jacklin and Bridie Rhian O'Neil
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Funerals

2 December	Meralyn Elizabeth Taylor
10 December	Harold David Holland
13 January	Kenneth Oswald Bowden
4 February	June Bott
11 February	Richard Melvyn Jones
25 February	Kenneth Halkier
4 March	Martin Jacklin



A very special wedding - despite Covid restrictions

Bridie O'Neill (keeping her maiden name) and Toby Jacklin were married on 5 December at 4pm 2020 at St James' Church. Bridie tells us about it:

We'd previously discussed getting married with a slightly bigger wedding, as we both have good sized extended families who we're close to and lots of friends. We had envisaged originally having a large barbeque surrounded by those people.

As an anaesthetist my experience of lock down was one of working long hours in COVID intensive care



units, everything was very uncertain, especially looking back on those early days. Toby meanwhile was working from home alone, worrying about me, and also his close family, especially his father, Martin, who was battling cancer and shielding. Not being able to see our families was difficult, as it has been for so many people.

We realised that the most important thing for us was to be married, and be able to have all our parents present, so we settled on 5 December as our wedding date.

There were many things we had to embrace with a tier 3 wedding. Leading up to the wedding there was a lot of excitement. We thought this would be just with our guests, but were very pleasantly surprised by all the lovely cards and calls we received from all our extended family and friends, who also seemed excited to be discussing a celebration and keen to be kept updated. We were also blessed by the weather, a crisp but clear day meant we could really make the most of the day.

As no one was allowed in our house I got ready alone but lots of friends were calling me on the phone whilst I was getting ready, meaning I had a lovely morning catching up with friends from all over, whilst Toby played golf with his family. Driving myself to our wedding was quite fun, getting a fair few odd looks driving along in a white dress and a tiara!

Having a smaller wedding also meant that we were able to be more personal too. My father, John, and Toby's brother, Ben, played the guitar and piano respectively, something that we would never have thought of doing in a larger ceremony.



For our reception we prepared individual personalised baskets with favourite treats, drinks and wedding cakes for all our guests to enjoy from their own homes during the online 'zoom' speeches, which proved very popular with guests. As newlyweds we enjoyed our Wetherby Whaler fish and chips!

We feel really blessed to have had our very happy, slightly odd day, especially since it took place in a small window when weddings were allowed and we were able to have our parents and siblings present. Recently the day has become even more special for us, as Toby's father, Martin, sadly passed away in February. Getting married wouldn't have been the same without him being there.



Bridie O'Neill



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Frosty February Campaign

Together, the Frosty Feb team have raised over a whopping £23,000 in 28 days! We still have donations coming in and pledges going forward. Sykes House Farm have agreed to donate 20% of all their sales to the Frosty Feb challenge until Mothers' Day! The total is growing each day. We're so pleased to have raised this much for the fantastic work of the Archbishop of York Youth Trust. They empower a generation of young people to transform society. With Covid-19, the UK's youth services are under serious threat of collapse. Recent National Youth Agency research has found that one in four youth charities are on the brink of collapse, unable to meet their costs beyond March. Fundraising for charities like the Youth Trust is so important, now more than ever. It is essential for supporting the future of our children and young people.



Frosty February was a tale of two halves. The first 2 weeks were brutal, with the beast from the Baltic and then, in the last bit of February, the weather got rather mild. At its coldest, the water was 1 degree Celsius. My body did adapt a bit, like training in the gym and it did become easier staying in longer. I did have an infrared sauna every morning, which we started renting in the last lockdown and the whole family love it.

The best bit of the challenge was meeting so many interesting people, who I hope will be in my life always! The Rev Kate Bottley was great fun and it was a privilege swimming with her. Linking up with Sykes House Farm was a blast – swimming with a garland of sausages! Swimming with a pink unicorn with pink stilettos; swimming with Jonty Warneken from IISA and Jacquie, who does @openwaterwoman blog. And also seeing Jolie aged 13 (now 14) grow more and more confident with every swim. Relinking up with my friend Lou Wilks, who is a mad ice swimmer. Having a one-to-one

audience with the Archbishop of York. I also learnt a lot about myself. I am a natural show off amongst my close friends, but I realised I have now grown in confidence in front of a camera, including TV. It was also really empowering to know that I can use my hyperactivity to show off skills for a good purpose such as fund raising. I found my Christian faith was deepened too, as had so many answers to prayer and really felt God was around. I also learnt how important it is with any project to have a strong team and and I couldn't have done without the special people who came into my life and offered to help for the good of the cause.



I really enjoyed being interviewed live on Sky Breakfast News – that was such good fun! And the amazing Dame Judi Dench gave us a comment of support – it really was fantastic to have her backing for the challenge. It was also really interesting to talk to the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, about the challenge, and to hear how passionate he is about giving young people opportunities to thrive. That was great fun. It was the first time I have met

him in person too, due to Covid. He said we are all bonkers! BBC Radio York (Georgie) interviewed me early on in the campaign and I loved my chat with her. HG1 Radio, too, were brilliant.

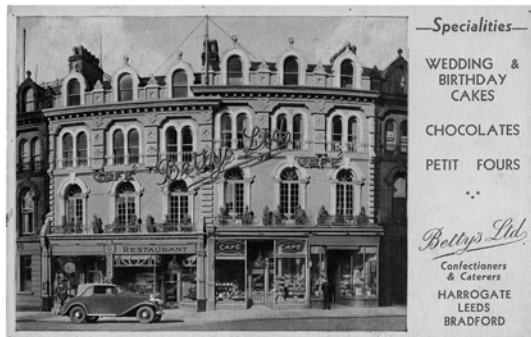
Brother Bear Grylls was hugely supportive over the month. A shared love of ice swimming has been really bonding. My normal job in PR wasn't quite so exciting to him. He was sending me regular messages of encouragement, gave us lots of shout outs on social media and mentioned my challenge in a few of his recent TV interviews. He's very supportive and he really believes in the Archbishop of York Youth Trust too. Both Bear and I are passionate about supporting youth services. Bear is the Chief Scout, and I am a Trustee for The Archbishop of York Youth Trust. We, as a society, need to do as much as we can to empower young people from all walks of life, for them to aim high, be the best they can be and become the next generation of leaders, which we need more than ever before.

What next? Frosty Feb to become an annual February event like the London Marathon and in non-Covid times? To have thousands of swimmers nationwide and a party on the riverbank? Think – if we can raise over £23k in under a month with just three days planning, think what we could achieve with proper planning and some corporate sponsorship. I am excited already!



Lara Fawcett

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NEXT MEETING: 13 May, 8.00pm: Auctioneer **Charles Hanson** will reveal some surprising lockdown finds.



The Language of Flowers

What will *your* bouquet say?

Spring flowers are so fresh and colourful, no wonder we send or give them to our loved ones for Mothering Sunday and at Easter. Many flowers convey their own hidden message. Here are some messages that may be contained in the Spring Bouquets, bulbs and plants you may be giving or receiving.

Azalea - Take care of yourself

Crocus - Cheerfulness

Daffodil - Your company is like sunshine

Hyacinth - Playful

Blue Hyacinth - Constancy

Iris - Special friend

White lilies - Purity

Narcissus - Stay sweet

Orchid - Love and beauty

Tulip - Perfect love

Violets - Modesty



In conclusion, the best message of all, 'Consider the lilies of the field, they toil not neither do they spin yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one of these' *Matt.6 v25-34*

Thank you God for the flowers that lighten and brighten our world each day, whether growing by the wayside or cultivated with love and care. **Jennifer Siswick**

Children's Easter Page

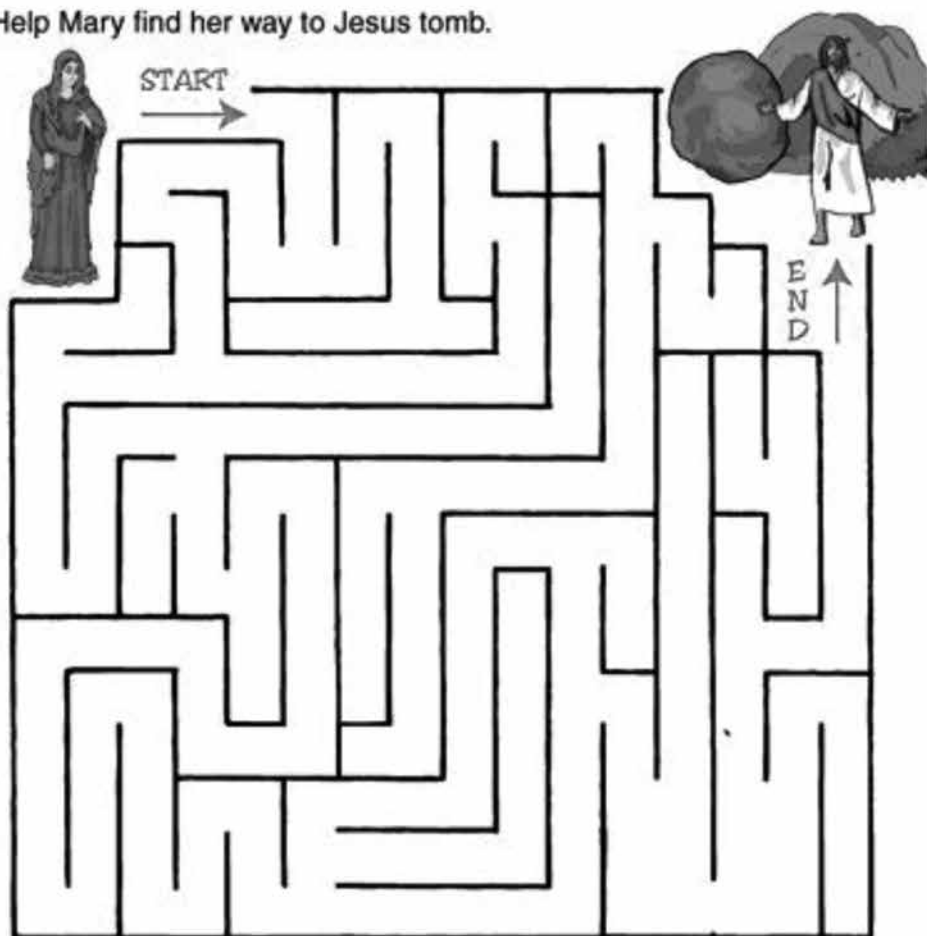
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Jesus is Alive Maze

Early Easter morning, Mary Magdalene visited Jesus' tomb. The stone had been rolled away, and Jesus was not in the tomb. She was very sad because she thought someone had taken Jesus' body.

Then Mary saw a man she thought was the gardener. She was so happy to see the man was Jesus! She ran to tell the disciples Jesus was alive.

Help Mary find her way to Jesus tomb.





A confident cat is Mustard

Who lives up to his interesting name,
'Hot stuff' to his feline fan club,
He 'cuts it' with style unashamed.
Like an elegant saffron-clad emperor
He swaggers along the church wall,
Tail swirling high and head held aloft
The coolest Tomcat of them all.

Mustard's permanent residence
Is the cottage a few doors away,
Tho' he'll deign to cascade his favours
Where salmon's the 'Dish of The Day'
He knows he has won admiration
From all who live on 'The Row,'
Unabashed, he'll recline on each sofa;
He adores a pure cashmere throw.

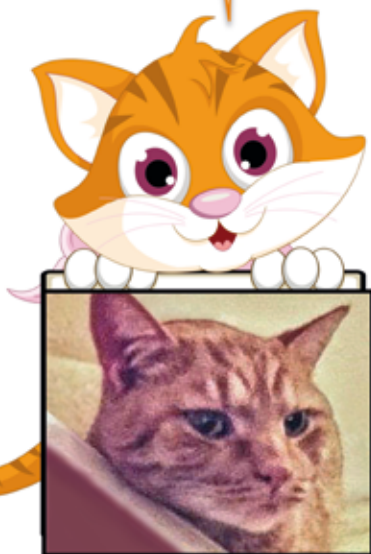
His innate sense of self-preservation
To avoid the busy Main Street,
Means he never will venture around it.
He sticks to his regular 'beat.'
Many think they are special to Mustard,
After all, he calls every day;
The church congregation adore him,
He's allowed anywhere, anyway,

He basks on the sill in the vestry,
Sweetly mews at the church door,
Accepts little dishes of cat treats
Which the Churchwarden keeps in her store,
His welfare's a joint local project;
This suits Mustard's cause to a 'tee.'
A catalogue of shared ownership
Means lodging and board all 'for free.'

However, Mustard keeps a deep secret
As he laps from a dish of blue Delft,
The one and true owner of Mustard
Is no other than Mustard himself.

Jennifer Siswick (Feb 2021)

Do you
know a cat
like this?



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