



St Aidan's Church, Gillamoor



St Mary's Church, Farndale

# SURPRISE VIEW

## OCTOBER 2021



All Saints' Church, Kirkbymoorside

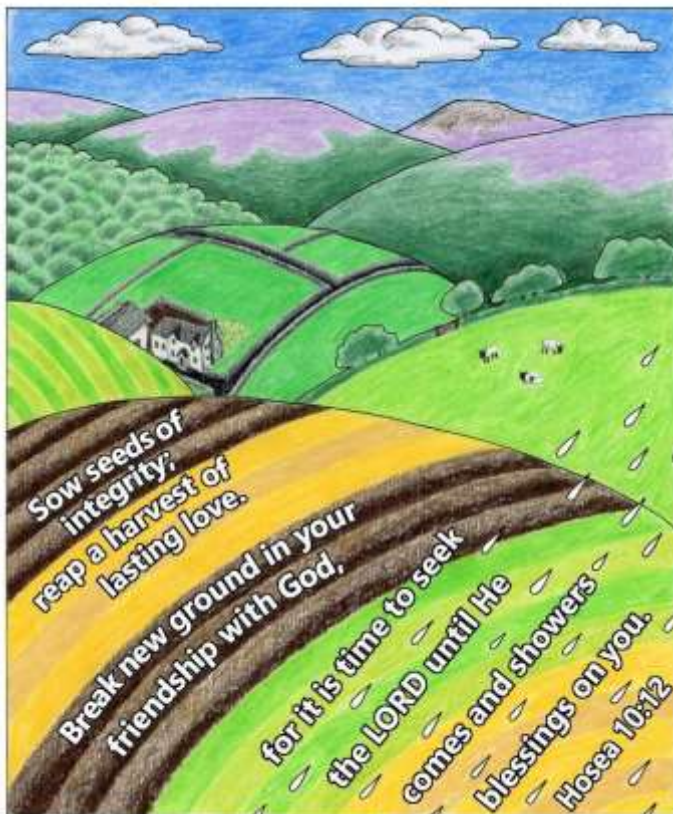
**THE CHURCH MAGAZINE OF  
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St Nicholas' Church, Bransdale



St Michael's Church, Edstone



## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### **Baptisms:** *We welcome into the Family of the Church:*

22<sup>nd</sup> Aug. Rupert Colin Banks at All Saints'

12<sup>th</sup> Sept. Max David-Zach Dickson at All Saints'

### **Weddings:** *We pray for the home and happiness of:*

28<sup>th</sup> Aug. Simon Ian Marshall and Kirsty Jane Thompson at St Michael's

4<sup>th</sup> Sept .John Clwyd Hughes and Alexandra Frances Wilson at All Saints'

### **Funerals:** *We pray for the family and friends of:*

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Barbara Patricia Scott (87) at All Saints'

14<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mary Garbutt (94) at All Saints'

## JUST A THOUGHT

Dear Friends,

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is upon us once more....

Around our parishes we look forward to gathering together (at last!) to celebrate Harvest (full details within the Magazine and on the parish website), and we also welcome new students (and staff) to our schools as the autumn term unfolds.

The goodness of God surrounds us in our countryside and is shown in the hard work of our farmers and their families. Please remember them in your prayers.

Later this month, on October 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Study Morning (open to everyone) to consider the impact of the last 18months on church life in our parishes. We will meet from 9.30am until 1.00pm and based on the responses from the Coronavirus Benefice Survey of last year, we will explore work with Children and Young Families, Discipleship and Pastoral Care. This is part of an ongoing review of parish life, asking how we can best serve the needs of our people in the years ahead.

At the end of October, we will be holding our annual All Souls' Memorial Service for those who have died, and for any whom people wish to remember. This years' Service will be held at All Saints' Church on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

As days and weeks roll into months, so God's generous love continues to enfold us.

May you each be blessed on your journey,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

# OCTOBER'S SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS'

- 3 **[Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity:](#)**  
**10:30am Parish Eucharist:** The Revd. Bridget Gillespie  
**Readers:** Lynn Goslin Genesis 2.18-24  
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie Mark 10.2-16 
- 3:00pm Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Exhibition**
- 10 **[Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity](#)**  
**10:30am Harvest Festival:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan /  
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie
- 17 **[Twentieth Sunday after Trinity:](#)**  
**10:30am Holy Communion with Baptism:** The Revd. Bridget Gillespie  
**Reader:** Clare Haynes Mark 10.35-45 
- 24 **[Last Sunday after Trinity:](#)**  
**10:30am Parish Eucharist:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan /  
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie  
**Readers:** Brenda Hewitt Jeremiah 31.7-9  
The Vicar Mark 10.46-end 
- 31 **[All Saints Day:](#)**  
**10:30am Parish Eucharist:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan /  
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie  
**Readers:** Barbara Hodgson Isaiah 25.6-9  
Abi Pollard Revelations 21.1-6a  
Revd. Bridgett Gillespie John 11.32-44 
- [All Soul's Memorial Service:](#)**  
**6:30pm** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

## NOVEMBER

- 7 **[Third Sunday before Advent:](#)**  
**10:30am Parish Eucharist:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan  
**Readers:** Katrina Lane Jonah 3.1-5,10  
The Vicar Mark 1.14-20 

## SERVICES IN SAINT AIDAN'S, GILLAMOOR

- 15 **7:00pm Harvest Festival:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/  
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie
- 17 **8:45 Holy Communion:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan

## SERVICES IN SAINT NICHOLAS' BRANSDALE

- 3 **6:00pm Harvest Festival:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/  
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie
- PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME**

## NOVEMBER

- 7 **2:30pm Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance:**  
The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

## SERVICES IN SAINT MARY'S, FARNDALE

- 8 **7:00pm Harvest Festival:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/  
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie
- 10 **2:30pm Holy Communion:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan
- 24 **2:30pm Evening Praise:** Shirley Ann Collier

## SERVICES IN SAINT MICHAEL'S, GT. EDSTONE

- 3 **11:00am Harvest Festival:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan
- 17 **11:00am Holy Communion:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan

Holy Communion (BCP) each Wednesday at 10:00am  
in the Lady Chapel All Saints' Church

Anyone wishing to receive Communion in their own home  
please contact the Vicar, the Revd. Mark Brosnan

## **STUDY DAY OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am – 1.00pm BOWLING CLUB**

We meet to reflect and explore responses to those areas highlighted in the recent Coronavirus Benefice Survey :

### **Children and Young Families, Discipleship and Pastoral Care.**

The aim is to look ahead and ask how we can better serve the needs of people in these areas of church life.

All are welcome to attend. There is no cost, refreshments are provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

Further details, contact Mark 431452



## **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

The Harvest Thanksgiving service in All Saints' this year will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am. We are again hoping to enjoy fellowship following the service with a 'Faith Lunch', so if everyone could bring a plate of food to share (Gluten free welcome as well please, if possible). Liquid refreshments will be provided.



## **AUTUMN FAIR**

We are hoping to run our Autumn Fair again this year and the date set for it is Saturday 20 November. This year All Saints' is planning to hold a Tombola stall if enough prizes can be found. Please can anyone who has a prize to offer, either give it to Katrina Lane or one of the wardens.

Very many thanks in advance.

## **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX COLLECTION**

Dear Supporter,

Just to keep you informed of what is happening with the box collection, which is now due once again, we missed last year due to the lockdown rules.

Things have changed due to the current situation, I find that due to health reasons and that I am no longer driving as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, I will cease to be the box collector for All Saints' Kirkbymoorside, it is with sadness that I do this but also with great joy and gratitude to let you know that Mrs Kate Storey has offered to take over the box collection. I send her my grateful thanks and best wishes.

To all the loyal box holders who have supported the charity I send my grateful thanks and hope you will be able to continue supporting the work of the Children's Society caring for children who find themselves in difficult and dangerous situations.

Thank you  
June Cook

Kirkbymoorside box collector for the Children's Society.  
Mrs Kate Storey Tel. 01751 431227.

Kate will collect boxes between 14<sup>th</sup> October and 28<sup>th</sup> October or if you wish you may deliver them to her at, 16 Lime Chase Kirkbymoorside, between 5:00pm and 8:00pm on the above dates.

Thank you.



## **A KINGDOM OF STORIES**

Kirkbymoorside Wool Crafters are holding a festival of knitted and crochet displays in All Saint's Church, Kirkbymoorside from Saturday 18th September to Sunday 3rd October 2021. Open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm, except for the services on Wednesday and Sunday mornings. Refreshments will be available.

## **EXHIBITION THANKSGIVING**

There will be a short Songs of Praise at 3 pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to say a big thank you to everyone involved in the wonderful Exhibition 'A Kingdom of Stories'. Do please come along to give praise for a wonderful two weeks.



## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



We are planning to decorate the church with Poinsettias again this year and are asking for minimum donation of £4:00 each towards the cost.

If you would like to order a plant to commemorate a loved one this would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to provide a card to personalise your plant this would be lovely.

To order a plant or for more information please contact Kathy Robson Tel. 01751 432158



### **WHAT YOU NEED**



A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin?"



## NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S, FARNDALE

Well here we are again, October, the month of Autumn mists and Mellow Fruitfulness. The farming life has quietened down a bit, no more trailer loads of straw trundling into the dale, silage bales are piled up ready for winter and sheep and lambs are all looking pretty in readiness for the annual sheep sales, it's Harvest Time.

2021 sees us in a better position than last year so there is a full Harvest Thanksgiving programme for our churches. Here at St. Mary's our Harvest Thanksgiving is on Friday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This will be followed by a faith supper in the village hall. If people could please drop off any food at the village hall before the 7pm service this will give us time to set it all up before going to church, thank you. We are hoping to have a raffle for church funds after the supper. This is a special time of year, and it would be lovely to see our church full to celebrate Harvest.

On Sunday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm we meet again for our Harvest Communion Service, everyone is most welcome to these services.

Once Harvest is over, we are looking towards cooler days, so we thought we would tidy St. Mary's up for the dormant season. So, on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday at 1.30pm we hope to meet for a community grass cut. It shouldn't be a difficult task as all the long grass has been cut by the Hobbs. There will be a cup of tea afterwards and time to chat and catch up on news.

The grass cutting regime we had this year to show what flowers are growing in the churchyard has produced mixed feelings. There have been many comments on how beautiful it was to see so much variety of wildflowers and grasses, not just from local people but from our visitors. On the other hand, there are those who think it looks a disgrace, neglected and not what a churchyard should look like at all. Trying to keep everybody happy is not easy but we strive to do our best for all, thank you for your patience.

Phil Collier



## **LADIES FELLOWSHIP SEPTEMBER MEETING**

September saw us returning to our regular monthly meetings at long last. We met in the library using both upstairs rooms so we could keep well-spaced. It was lovely to be back together again. Unfortunately, our proposed speaker was unwell so we resorted to an energetic game of Beetle which resulted in much friendly rivalry. Tea and biscuits and time to catch up with each other ended a very pleasant evening.

Our next meeting is on TUESDAY 12 October at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Chapel when we will meet up with the Tuesday Group. This is an annual get-together which we all enjoy and have sadly missed during the pandemic. Many apologies for my error with the dates of meetings in the last report.

Carol Bancroft



### **AUTUMN PRAYER**

Dear Loving, Father God,

As the season changes and we enjoy the beautiful colours of autumn, there are other changes which we don't enjoy. Changes we cannot control; changes and suffering in the world, beyond our comprehension; changes to our work routines, or health, or circumstances; changes which cause us anxiety and uncertainty.

When everything seems to be falling around us like the autumn leaves, help us, Lord, to remember that you stand firm. You are our rock. You never change. You are always faithful, always with us, as we move into each new day and each new season.

Thank you for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus, so that by putting our trust in Him, we can know the security of your love, for ever!

In His name, we thank you, Sovereign Lord.

Amen,

By Daphne Kitching

**POP-UP DRESS AGENCY**  
**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH KIRKBYMOORSIDE**



**SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2021**  
**10AM-NOON & 2-4PM**

Good quality, clean, women's, men's and children's clothes, shoes and accessories accepted,

**WOULD YOU WANT TO WEAR IT?**

Please bring on the day with hanger (if needed).

Rails will be provided.

Items unpriced Just give what you think it's worth.

Light refreshments will be available.

All proceeds to All Saints' Church Funds.

## **MENZOWN SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Held on zoom, Steve. Peet gave a Visual History of Kirkbymoorside, which, as a geography teacher, was an invitation to walk around the town and look. Compared to Helmsley, the history of the town is subtler and weighted more to the ordinary folk than the big house or castle. Prehistoric finds in the significantly-named Howe End or the landing stage in the Ings Lane, Anglo-Saxon carving in the church/Ryedale Folk Museum or the stray find of a silver coin led to the name ORM on the Kirkdale sundial, who is still there in the Domesday Book entry of 1086. The Stutevilles' medieval moat and fishponds still survive to be explored; the latter was a source of water supply until the nineteenth century. They declined, to be replaced by the Nevilles, the remains of whose hunting lodge is still to be found, next to Castle Walls, most of which then became an easy quarry for future building in the town. Down in Crown Square is the cross. The charter was granted in 1254, since when it is estimated some 40,000 markets have been held. High Market Place or Beast Market was where beasts were walked and traded; horses lower down in Howe end and poultry in Church Street.

Before the enclosure of the fields, farm houses were all on the town street, in long houses, with cross passages and byres. These house plans were subsequently changed by sub-division and upward extra floors. Study of, for example, Nos 42/44 or 73 West End, show modern front doors opening into shared passageways.

Larger houses include the sixteenth century High Hall Manor house or Buckingham House; the deathplace of George Villiers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke. The Black Swan has the dated wooden porch, with initials. The façade of the George & Dragon conceals an older building. Steps go up to the Kings Head central archway, but they formerly did not exist, to allow horse drawn carriages to pass through to the stables behind. The present Memorial hall was formerly the much taller Toll Booth, until cut down after a major fire in 1871 gutted it. The old Workhouse was in Tinley Garth. The Quaker Meeting House in West End is one of the oldest in the country to survive. Other chapels were in Tinley Garth, Piercy End and West End. The parish church acquired a new and over-sized chancel in 1874. Dale End has part of a group of tiny properties, whose name was associated with the Scottish drovers who walked their beasts along the drovers' roads from north of the border. The railway came in 1874, with no second K on the name

board. Closed in the 1950s, the building was lost in 2010. Gas was first made in Carters Foundry in Piercy End and then, when the railway could bring the coal, in Kirby Mills, by the sidings. Primary education was in two buildings in Tinley Garth, as was the Police Station, with a large company of officers. The twentieth century was one of building; small developments like Ryedale View to larger estates like West Pastures. This trend continues today. The side of the Memorial Hall has two curiosities. One, on the north side is literally a projection for the (cinema) projectionist. The other is the platform at the south west corner, which formerly supported the air raid siren, which sounded 301 times in World War 2. Losses in the twentieth century included pubs., banks, the hospital and some churches. The Co-op arrived in 1938 and has recently been replaced by larger premises on the main road by the roundabout. In other respects, the townscape has remained largely unchanged, as nineteenth and twentieth century overlapping of pictures showed.

Mr. Phil. Collier summed up the thanks of the membership when he said that he would not walk around the town again in the same way.

At the time of writing, the MenZown Committee had not decided whether to hold future meetings by zoom or return to the King's Head. These will be announced on the website [www.menzownkms.org](http://www.menzownkms.org) or the Town Blog or in the GAZETTE & HERALD. Members are sent a link. The website also has recordings of previous meetings, including the one described above.

Richard Sharpe.

(The 1987 RCHM Inventory of the North Yorkshire Moors is *the* thorough treatment of buildings, but I still value Cruck Framed Buildings in Ryedale and Eskdale by R.H.Hayes and J.G.Rutter, published by the Scarborough Archaeological Society Society in 1972, because, as Steve made clear, the evidence is *hidden* from the outside viewer.)



# KIRKBYMOORSIDE LIBRARY

At the moment we are open 6 mornings a week between 9.30am and 12pm, and to 2.30pm on Wednesdays.

We are pleased to be able to offer story time for children again on a Saturday morning from the beginning of October every two weeks in the junior library. Our reader is local author Jean Illingworth to whom we are very grateful. Please see local advertising for the dates.

The library will be holding a Christmas pop-up shop from 27<sup>th</sup> November, selling crafts, preserves etc made by our volunteers, so please come and support us.

We are now able to accept bookings for our two meeting rooms. Please telephone, email or pop into the library to enquire.

The library is run by volunteers, so if you think you would like to join our friendly team please ask for details. There is no regular commitment.

For information on everything, please look at our website, [kirkbymoorsidelibrary.org](http://kirkbymoorsidelibrary.org), or our facebook page CLIC, Community Library and Information. You can also email us at [kirkbylibrary@outlook.com](mailto:kirkbylibrary@outlook.com) or telephone 01609 534557.



## LOOKING BACK

### FROM THE PARISH MAGAZINE FOR KIRKBYMOORSIDE AND GILLAMOOR FEBRUARY 1951

We are greatly indebted to Major Shaw of Welburn Manor for his generous gift of the new iron gates at the Crown Square entrance to the churchyard. They were designed and completed by Mr. W. Dowson of the Kirk Forge, Kirkbymoorside and are a worthy example of his excellent workmanship. It was generally agreed that hitherto this approach to the church from the west was greatly lacking in dignity. However there can be no doubt that this defect has been very largely remedied now that the handsome new gates have been fixed. Our sincere thanks are due both to the donor and the designer.

# SORRY, LORD, I JUST COULDN'T MAKE IT

The bells ring out on Sunday morn,  
O did you hear their call?  
They call the faithful ones to prayer  
To Church they summon all.

But Lord, I cannot come today,  
I live a busy life,  
Still, when there's something special on  
I'll try and send the wife.

It poured with rain last Sunday  
An inch or two, I bet.  
You surely can't expect me then –  
I'd get my new suit wet.

Today the sky is blue and clear,  
but the car's as black as ink  
And if I do not clean it soon,  
What will the neighbours think?

You know I do my bit, dear Lord  
I have a golden rule,  
I sometimes send my kids along  
To be at Sunday school.

But I really couldn't come as well,  
There's grass to mow, and beds to weed  
Shelves to fix, a dog to walk, and  
Sunday newspapers to read.

And now this day has ended, Lord  
How fast the weekends go!  
I ask for faith and strength this week  
For I feel (spiritually) quite low.

Inflame, O Lord, my feeble faith  
My lamp burns rather dim,  
For God depends on me, of course,  
And I depend on Him.

*Author unknown*



The Rectory  
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

It has all been excitement and activity here this last week, with a period drama being filmed using our church. It was remarkable how many people felt the need to drop in to church to collect magazines, check the reading rota or arrange flowers, just happening to stumble over the film stars en route. If only they were filming every week, then our brasses would be permanently gleaming, woodwork smothered in beeswax and the notice board kept in a state of perpetual tidiness.

Our Ladies Guild was thrilled to be asked to take part in a crowd scene. I saw little point in the wardrobe department taking hours fitting them out with Victorian dresses, as the result was little different from normal. The only awkward moment came after filming, when Mrs Simms was told she could now remove her bustle. She told the girl she already had.

The producer thanked me for taking the trouble of going round church before they arrived, removing all those modern conveniences that would not have been there in the nineteenth century. I hadn't the heart to tell him that nothing was any different from normal.

Lord Marchmount was thoroughly miffed that they were not also using his castle for filming, even though the producer explained with exemplary patience that they needed a nineteenth century setting, not one which looked as if the cast had just returned from the Crusades. His revenge, getting the farm staff to spread slurry in all the surrounding fields throughout filming, has apparently meant that film stars now have a clause in their contracts protecting them from rural life.

When all was finished, I thought it only right to invite the film crew and actors to the vicarage for sherry. When the producer left, I was delighted to be told he had just discovered the perfect home for filming his next project - which is about Elizabethan poverty.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



## GOOD REASONS TO HAVE A CHURCH MAGAZINE

After a year of lockdown, should we still bother with church magazines now that church life is picking up again? Yes

It is read by lots of people. If each issue is read on average by two people, then more people see it than ever go to church. So, it is a very good way of putting Christian values and ideas into people's hands, whether they come to church or not.

It is a service to the community. Communities need local networks to thrive. Magazines are a great way of binding the people who live in one place together. Just delivering the church magazine is a way to get to know the area and the people.

It helps build bridges with other Christian churches in the area. We can share some details of their meetings and events.

It can make money. Well, enough to cover the costs of production! Let's aim for a revenue balanced on paid subscriptions and advertising.

It is seen by those outside the church family. Think of the people just moving into our area, or those who live here already and want to get married or to baptise their child. Our magazine can help them see the sort of community we are, and that we would welcome them to join us.

It is read by people who do not go to church, but who know someone who does. This is a major way of how groups, including churches, grow. Not many people walk into a church off their own bat. Most people are invited, or already have a connection.

It supports local businesses. Local businesses who advertise locally, can thrive.

It helps people develop skills. The editorial team will learn about design, marketing, GDPR, editing, copyright, writing, selling, artwork – and apologising.

It can help inform our community *about itself* – especially if we include a local history or local natural history section!

So, don't believe it if someone tells you that print is dead. It is not. Many people still prefer to read something they can hold in their hands. The future is not either print or digital, but both and, people will flick through a magazine that arrives through the door, even though they may never dream of visiting their local church's website.

## MEETING THE NEEDS OF OLDER PEOPLE

These days there seems to be a day for everything, including the United Nations' 'International day for Older Persons', which is observed on 1<sup>st</sup> October. So perhaps October is a good month to think about meeting the needs of older people in church.

Many churches employ children's workers or youth leaders – but how many have appointed people to minister specifically to the older people in their congregation and beyond?

In St Albans, north of London, two Methodist churches have joined together to recruit an 'Anna Chaplain' to help meet the needs of seniors in local church congregations and beyond.

The new role is part of a growing network of [Anna Chaplains](#), named after the widow, Anna, who appears in Luke's gospel as a good role model of a faithful older person.

The development comes as charities that work with older people have published research which how badly the pandemic has impacted those aged 60 and above and raised questions about how well they will 'bounce back' after Covid-19.

Age UK has called on the Government to give the NHS and social care services extra resources to help older people make the best possible recovery. With coronavirus now hopefully in retreat in the UK, the charity has also appealed to the wider public to keep supporting the older people in their lives.

It said: "The impact of the pandemic on the health and wellbeing of some older people in early 2021 is so demonstrably severe that it raises big questions over whether they will be able to 'bounce back'."

Against this background, Maggie Dodd, the first Anna Chaplain in Hertfordshire, explained: "Our vision is that older people are cherished and supported within their church communities, and also beyond, in the wider community.

"Often you have people who used to attend church, and they've become a little more frail and not able to attend or they've moved to a care home or sheltered housing, and they just lose touch with what's going on. They're not able to take themselves to church anymore."

The work of Anna Chaplains includes ministry in care homes and other settings where older people live or gather. At this time of year, some churches organise 'holiday at home' projects and activities for seniors in their area.

Anna Chaplains are a ministry of Christian charity, BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) who have a vision “to see an Anna Chaplain in every small and medium-sized community in the country, and for the Anna Chaplain name to become synonymous with spiritual care for older people.”



**CHRISTIAN**

**AID'S**

## **EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR HAITI**

Following the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti in August, Christian Aid has launched an emergency appeal to help people that have been affected.

The nation – which is still recovering from the 2010 earthquake that killed 300,000 people and Hurricane Matthew in 2016, and more recently dealing with Covid and the aftermath of the assassination of its president – has now been struck another blow.

Figures of those killed or impacted are still uncertain. Houses have been destroyed, roads are cut off due to landslides, power lines and communications have been damaged. People have lost their homes, belongings and means to make a living.

People will need emergency shelter, food, drinking water, access to healthcare and protection assistance, but in the long-term they will need housing, livelihood and psychological support.

Marc Pascal Desmornes, Regional Programme Manager for Christian Aid in Haiti said: “We see families moving to wherever they can to stay safe with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Swaths of Haitians are facing growing hunger and healthcare services are already overwhelmed by Covid-19.”

## LIKE A PUMPKIN

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian.

The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin."

Her colleague asked her to explain that one. So she said: "Well, God picks you up out of the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine or come inside and be something new and bright."

Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light?



### HARVEST TIME FOR

### YOU

Sometimes a law of nature is very similar to a law of the spirit. Take the whole business of harvest, or 'sowing and reaping'. The Bible tells us: "A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much." (2 Cor 9:6)

The most sensitive nerve on our body is the one that runs to our cheque book! Money represents our time, our security, and our hard work. It gives us independence and power. So, when God begins to talk to us about giving more of our money to Him – sowing it in His service – we can feel very alarmed.

The seed a farmer sows in a field may sometimes be lost, but not the seed that we give to God. What we sow with regards to our time, gifts and money in service to others God will make sure we one day reap – in a harvest of spiritual riches that we can never lose.

## REFLECTED FAITH SERIES: SACRED THINGS

Last month we thought about the bread we share at the Communion table. But what about any bread that is left over – regardless of the type of bread or wafer used?

During the service the bread and the wine are ‘consecrated’. That is, they are set aside for a specific purpose, in this case to be the body and blood of Christ. Because to Christians this is so very special, indeed ‘sacred’, we treat the unused bread and wine with special care.

No-one leaves very precious things lying around in case of theft, damage, or misuse. And so it is the same with the consecrated elements of bread and wine. When they have not all been consumed by the congregation, it is important that the surplus is dealt with in ways that honour the meaning that we give and receive from them. In most denominations they are consumed immediately, in others they are returned to the earth or given back to nature.

Sometimes, at the end of a service, you will see that some bread and wine has been deliberately kept aside to take out to those who are sick, or for use at a service where no priest will be present, and this then must be stored. So, the question arises – what vessels will be used?

The ‘pyx’ – literally a box – is the name for the container for the consecrated bread. Its size depends on the amount that it needs to contain; for taking to individuals in their own homes it is usually small enough to fit in the palm of a hand.

Although these can be especially bought from church suppliers, made in a variety of metals with embellishments, precious stones, enamel work and so on, you can actually use any container that fits the purpose.

### *This month*

Have a look around your house and ask yourself, ‘What container would I use for a pyx?’ And thinking of containers, how about yourself? Do you and your life need a bit of cleaning and polishing to hold the bread? Are you aware how precious you are in God’s eyes as you receive the bread? The Bible says that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit – an awesome, sacred calling.



# ST LUKE – THE DOCTOR WHO BROUGHT GOOD NEWS

This month we remember St Luke (18<sup>th</sup> October), the author of the third gospel and the Book of Acts. Throughout his writing Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is available to all people regardless of their gender, social position, or nationality. It is believed that Luke was a doctor, and he certainly sees the importance of healing in the ministry of Jesus and the Church. The signs of the presence of God’s kingdom include the healing of sickness, hurts, as well as unforgiveness.

This is evident when Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in Luke 10, a reading for St Luke’s Day:

‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field...When you enter a town and are welcomed eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God is near you.’ (Luke 10:2,8). What challenges do we find in these verses?

Firstly Luke, as a Gentile (a non-Jew) recognises the revolutionary way outsiders are welcomed into the faith community, e.g. Zacchaeus (Luke 19) and Cornelius (Acts 10). How can we engage with those who are outside the community of faith? We have to avoid the tendency to regard ourselves as insiders! As we reach out to those who are ready to welcome the gospel, we have an opportunity to share good news and healing in the name of Jesus.

Secondly, as an Evangelist, Luke wants us to share the love of Jesus with all those we encounter. However, as these verses indicate, this has got to be rooted in prayer, if we are going to be led by God in our response to others. ‘Mission is seeing what God is doing and joining in’ (Rowan Williams).



## FITTING GOD IN



A little girl said to her mother: “The minister’s sermon this morning confused me.” Her mother was surprised, so the little girl continued: “He said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?”

“Yes, that’s true,” the mother replied.

“He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?” Again, the mother agreed.

“Well,” said the girl. “If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn’t He show through?”

## **DEFENDER OF THE FAITH**

It was 500 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1521, that Pope Leo X granted the title 'Defender of the Faith' to King Henry VIII of England and Ireland. It recognised the King's defence of the sacrament of marriage, the supremacy of the Pope, and his opposition to the Protestant Reformation and the ideas of Martin Luther. The title has been inherited by all British monarchs since then.

Ironically, it was only 17 years later that Henry was excommunicated by another Pope, Paul III, because of his divorce from Catherine of Aragon. Even more ironically, this came after Henry had his next queen, Anne Boleyn, executed. His infatuation with Anne had been the reason he decided excommunication was a price worth paying, in the hope that she would provide him with an heir.

Anne was a keen supporter of Martin Luther, and her influence – and the excommunication – led to the independence of Britain from the Roman Catholic Church, and therefore to the Reformation.

Anne was the mother of Queen Elizabeth I, the strongly Protestant and long-lived sovereign who was in fact the successor that Henry VIII had longed for. It just never occurred to him that it could be a woman.



## **'SILVER SPLITTERS' TRY LOVE AGAIN**

Are you over 65? Want to get married again? Then you are right on-trend.

Recent data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) shows that 'silver splitters' – those who have divorced in later life – are remarrying in ever greater numbers.

In fact, the number of brides and grooms aged 65 and over has gone up more than any other age bracket in the past decade.

Having better health into older age, access to dating websites, and financial independence are thought to encourage this surge in later-life marriages.

## **ZEBRA CROSSINGS – SAVING LIVES FOR 70 YEARS**

Seventy years ago, on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1951, zebra crossings were introduced officially in the UK. The first one was in Slough, Berkshire.

The crossings had been trialled over two years at 1000 experimental sites, but in 1951 the black and white striped pedestrian crossings were approved, with their flashing Belisha beacons, and all drivers were required by law to stop as soon as a pedestrian set foot on them.

The crossings were the brainchild of Yorkshireman and traffic engineer George 'Dr Zebra' Charlesworth, a physicist who had worked on the Barnes Wallis-designed bouncing bomb during the war. His zebra crossings were certainly responsible for saving many lives.

The Belisha beacons, an integral part of the crossing but used since 1934, were introduced by Leslie Hore-Belisha, who served as Minister of Transport at the time.

Zebra crossings were adopted throughout the world, from continental Europe to North America, Singapore and Australia. They have now been superseded to some extent in the UK by pelican crossings, which are controlled by lights. These were introduced in 1969. While zebras were named because of their appearance, a pelican crossing (originally pelicon) is so named as a contraction of the phrase 'pedestrian light controlled'.



### **IT'S WHAT YOU**

### **EAT**

Sadly, we can no longer blame a slowing metabolism for piling on the pounds as we reach middle age. Extra weight is more likely to be due to our lifestyle choices of exercise and diet.

A new study, based at Duke University in the US, has found that our metabolism remains steady between 20 and 60 years old. After 60, our metabolism does slowly decline, by 0.7 per cent per year.





*...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...*



### **TOO CLEAN**



My mother is a cleaning fanatic. One Saturday she told me and my brother to get down to the living room and straighten it up. We had held a party there the previous evening, and she was none too happy about the mess.

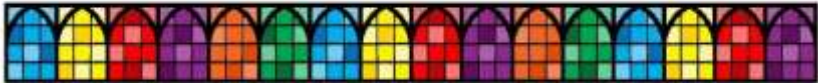
As she watched us work, it was clear that Mum was completely dissatisfied with our cleaning efforts and let us know it. Finally, my brother, exasperated with having to do it all over again, reached for a broom and asked Mum, "Can I use this, or were you planning to go somewhere?"

# THE UNITED CHARITIES TRUST OF KIRKBYMOORSIDE

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Prize money of 30% of the total contributions for the month will be shared between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> lucky winners. 75% & 25% each. Winners' names will be published on the Church notice board.

The remainder of the money will help the Church to carry out the repair and maintenance of the Church and Churchyard.



### **OCTOBER'S CHURCH CLEANING ROTA**

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# OCTOBER'S CROSSWORD

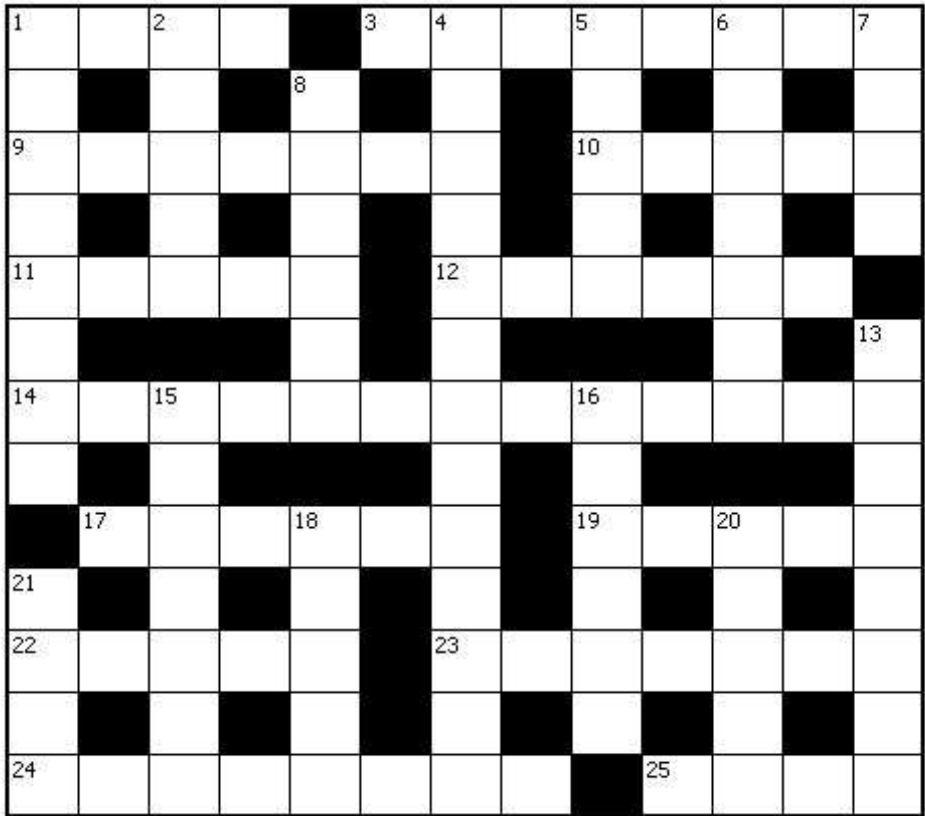
## Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

## Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4-5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)





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### ACROSS

1 access; 4 blinds; 8 rhyme; 9 loyalty; 10 Antwerp; 11 Aeon; 12 loftiness; 17 Satan; 19 Obadiah; 21 on earth; 22 storm; 23 exhale; 24 depths

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