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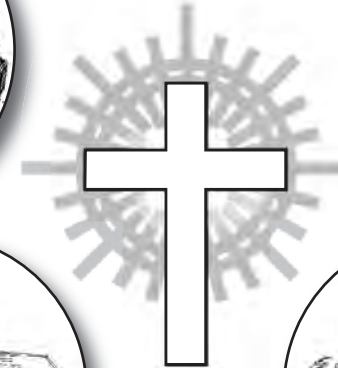
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**The Parish Magazine
of the United Benefice of
Kirkdale, Harome, Nunnington and Pockley**

From the Registers

Baptisms

11th May at St Gregory's Minster – Finley Ivan Coe, second son of Poppy and Tom Coe. Poppy is a primary school teacher and Tom a chef. Poppy grew up in Wombledon, living at Manor Farm, her parents and grandparents were closely associated with St Gregory's Minster, her grandfather, Colonel Colin Mackenzie-Smith served for many years as Churchwarden at St Gregory's. Poppy and Tom were married at St Gregory's, and Finley's older brother was baptised at St Gregory's.

Wedding

10th June at St Gregory's Minster – Rebecca Teasdale and James Dunn. Rebecca who works as a Farm Secretary grew up in the Parish and the couple live in Bransdale where James farms; however, the Wedding Breakfast was celebrated in Skiplam. Groom, Bride and the Bridal Party arriving at St Gregory's in a wonderful variety of tractors and trailers.

17th June at St Saviour's, Harome - Kate Roberts and Nicholas Hepworth live in Huddersfield, but started worshipping at St Saviour's in pre- covid times. They very faithfully attended services and are held in great affection by the regular congregation. Their Wedding Reception was held at The Pheasant Hotel.

8th July at St Gregory's Minster – Jessica Thurlow and Richard Sellars. Jess and Richard are both farmers. Jess grew up in Beadlam and Richard in Cropton. They decided to get married in early July, a window of opportunity in the agricultural year. Both have exhibits and are themselves Judges in the Great Yorkshire Show. The couple are going on honeymoon after the Agricultural Show Season.

Funerals

7th July at St Saviour's, Harome – Mrs Doreen Greenlay (88) RIP. Doreen was born in Hovingham and spent her childhood there and then Cawton; on marrying her husband Archie she lived the rest of her life at Rye View, Hall Lane, Harome – at the Railway Sidings. Here they brought up their three sons. Doreen was hardworking – an excellent cook and baker, a great knitter and seamstress, and a keen gardener and managed the family's small holding. As a girl and young woman, she played cricket, hockey and shinty. She was a member of the Women's' Institute and the Mothers' Union and was an avid Bingo Player. Before marriage she had worked at the Orthopaedic Hospital, but later worked at The Star and various cleaning jobs around the village. She had good friends in Vancouver, Canada and visited them many times- a seasoned traveller. She loved her family. She was devastated by the early death of Archie following an accident – when her sons were only teenagers. She was a proud grandma and great grandma. The last year or so of her life had been tough following a fall – but she was courageous to the end. We hold her family in our prayers and may Doreen rest in peace.



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It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Margaret Timbrell. Margaret lived at Jasmine Cottage in Nunnington with her beloved husband, Max. Many of us will have known Margaret as Nurse James and latterly as a Licensed Lay Reader. She was very much part of village life in Pockley as she took services and looked after Pockley particularly during periods of Interregnum. Her kindness and thoughtfulness was much appreciated by many of us. Margaret made wonderful cheese scones and was always a willing helper at the Open Gardens at Wytherstone House during Lady Clarissa's time there. She cared lovingly for Max as his health deteriorated and when she found it difficult to manage alone at Jasmine Cottage she moved to Dulverton Court. Margaret was PCC Secretary for many years at Pockley. We will miss her very much.

The annual collection for Christian Aid was held in May and this raised £62. Not as much as last year but grateful thanks to everyone who kindly contributed.

From all of us in Pockley we hope you have a wonderful summer, enjoy this delightful environment in which we are lucky enough to live and we hope you can all continue to support us in our endeavours to safeguard our church and village hall for generations to come. They belong to all of us and you will always be very welcome, whether on a short visit,

How do you spy on someones dreams?
Go undercover!

FROM THE VICAR

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Dear Friends,

A warm welcome to our Mid-Summer Edition of Outlook which opens with the Feast Day of the Transfiguration which this year falls on the first Sunday of August. The story is retold of Jesus on top of a mountain, appearing to his disciples in dazzling glory, showing them signs of extraordinary things to come in his life and death and in the world after his rising from death. The promises and the hope were unmistakable, for us all to know, grasp, celebrate and rely on. The Gospel of the Transfiguration is read on 6th August, when the Church, world-wide, focuses on the revelation of the radiant heavenly glory of Christ, a feast ironically nuanced by also being Hiroshima Day with its contrasting radiance of the destructive power of the atomic bomb, and the last Sunday before Lent, when it is the culmination of the of the revelation of the revelation of Christ that began at Epiphany. It also occurs in the daily lectionary as part of our journeys though the Gospels; each time we encounter it differently.

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord,
for the Lord is about to pass by (1 Kings 19.11)*

Elijah's experience of God was breath taking, not in its power but in its gentleness. He wasn't to be found in wind, earthquake or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. We often expect to find God in spectacular events, when worship is electric and spines are tingling, but God very often sneaks up on us in silence, in quiet places, in the smile of a child or the shape of a leaf. The world can't cope with displays of power. At the Transfiguration, Peter couldn't cope with the disclosure of Christ's divinity and wanted to box it in. After the first atomic explosion at Hiroshima no nation has been able to cope with the enormity of such horrific power as was released that day. Both Elijah's and Jesus's experiences encourages us not to look for God so much in spectacular demonstrations of power but in quiet encounters on mountainsides; when the veil is drawn back and we glimpse the aching depth of the divine in our midst. God is fully present today in the warp and wept of our lives. I believe we also see the divine in our midst in the life and example of others and at this time as we mark the recent death of our beloved Margaret Timbrell, Benefice Lay Reader, I know so many of us were acutely aware of her precious gift of drawing us in to God's presence through her gentleness, kindness and faithfulness. The Nunnington Page

includes a lovely account of Margaret's remarkable life – and do call into Nunnington Church and see the Book of Photographs and Memories of Max and Margaret put together by Nunnington Parishioners – such happy memories of fun, hospitality and adventures and Margaret's Lucy Atwood's rosy cheeks.

This Edition comes out when many of us are enjoying holiday time and catch-up with friends and family. During August the Choir at St Gregory's is taking a well-earned breather- their wonderful singing sustained us through the pandemic lockdowns. Services at St Gregory's will continue – but with hymns only – but the Choir will be back for the St Gregory's Patronal Festival on Sunday 3rd September. I am delighted to report that Erica Dineen was able to attend a service at Windsor to see her son John receive an OBE from the Princess Royal, HRH Princess Anne. At the Patronal Festival we will be blessing a new white and gold Altar Frontal commissioned by Erica and the Family to remember Mike, Erica's beloved husband. Mike and Erica for many decades worshipped at St Gregory's and contributed so much to the life and witness of St Gregory's Minster, indeed Mike undertook two long stints as Editor of Outlook. I would also like to wish Derek, our wonderful and current Editor, all the best in his new venture - the opening of The Gallery, in West End, Kirkbymoorside.

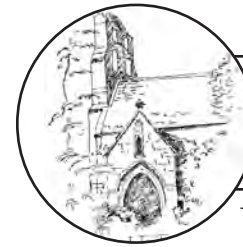
In August we are holding a holiday Messy Church on Thursday 2nd August at St Hilda's exploring the Story of the Feeding of the 5,000. The first Sunday in August sees the first Spa Church since covid at St Saviour's – a gentle reflective Service as we nourish body, mind and spirit, hopefully leaving the Church feeling refreshed, replenished and spiritually reinvigorated! At the end of August, I have the privilege, joy and delight to represent York Diocese at the Farewell Service of Bishop Margaret, Bishop of False Bay in Cape Town– a new chapter in their story awaits. It is wonderful to welcome Tilly Thompson, from our Youth Church at St Hilda's, back home safely from her travels and voluntary work in South America and who is organising a Sunday Afternoon Tea to share her adventures before she goes to Cardiff University in September to study Ophthalmology.

I pray all of you have the opportunity to enjoy some sabbath summer time and enjoy our beautiful corner of Ryedale.

Blessings

Sue

Rev'd Sue Binks



THE PARISH OF
Pockley
August - September 2023

The Church of St John the Baptist

Whilst we find ourselves in Ordinary Time in the church there is certainly nothing ordinary about life in Pockley. Late spring and early summer finds plenty of activity, our gardens and lanes are an abundance of flower and on 4th June we were very lucky to have Martha and Damian open their gardens at Wytherstone House. It has been a number of years since the gardens were open and the National Garden Scheme (NGS) Open Day proved to be a huge success. Over 340 people visited the gardens and it was so lovely to hear the very positive comments exchanged as visitors enjoyed the plant stall and indeed the excellent refreshments on offer at the Village Hall. The day generated much needed funds in our fund raising drive for both the church and the renovation fund of our lovely, pre-WW1 Village Hall. In total some £1726.26 was raised by the Village activities in addition to the NGS entrance fees to Wytherstone House. Another wonderful example of the generosity shown across the village and further afield and in particular 'The Pockley Bake-Off Ladies' with kind donations from across the Parish. We are all so very grateful for everyone who donated; it means so much.

June also saw a very important service held in Stokesley and presided over by the Arch Bishop of York when our two Church Wardens were Admitted as Church Wardens with some 200 clergy and church wardens from across the wider Diocese; a special evening indeed for all concerned.

As summer comes quickly, early harvests are being made and the endless cycle of work on the land continues across the parish, keeping our farmers well and truly busy. The delightful sight of new born lambs again brought a smile to our faces and reminds us of the regeneration all around.

Pockley never stands still and as we move into summer we can look forward to the annual village BBQ (15 July) and a new event this year, a Sunday Curry Lunch on Sunday 27th August (book early as this is proving to be popular) and our annual Fish and Chip supper will be held on Saturday 25th November. Our 2022 event was a sell out and attended by many across the Benefice. It goes without saying that in Pockley there is always plenty of food, fun to be had with the quiz and lots of prizes to win

couple before 31st August, or £15 per ticket from the 1st September and on the door by card or cash. Fabulous live music all night from The Infernos and WILDFIRE. Enjoy great hot food, drinks from the bar and bid for brilliant prizes at the silent auction. This is an outdoor event, so do come prepared with sun cream and a waterproof! Please note that all under 16's MUST be accompanied by an adult; under 13's will be granted free entry with paying adults.



As you'll be aware, our main focus has been on the installation of our Picnic and Play Park and we are delighted to announce that it is now completed. The area looks amazing, so please do come and visit with your families and friends. The location is at the Sports Field, behind the Village Hall so it is very sheltered and there is plenty of space for having a picnic. Don't forget to bring a ball along as there is a baseball hoop and football goal as well as climbing frames, monkey bars, mini climbing wall and clatter stack log scrambler and a new slide. There will be a second phase to improve the swings and add more picnic tables and equipment for toddlers, so we will continue to raise funds through future events. Any donations towards further new play items will be gratefully received, and we again give huge thanks to all those who have so generously given their time and support.

There will be a Ceilidh with refreshments in the Hall on the evening of Saturday 21st October. More details will be posted on our Facebook page and in Outlook nearer the time.

Our friendly Chatty Café with refreshments and homemade cakes runs on the first Monday of every month from 10.30-12 noon. Our next café is Monday 7th August. Baby mat and toys provided for little ones. Everyone is welcome to pop along for a meet up, chat and a cuppa. £2 donation appreciated.

New!! Bring a book and take one home from our Book Swap. We also have a Veggie Share if you have any excess veg, flowers or herbs, for exchange or donations made to the Village Hall and church funds.

Regular Fitness and Exercise Classes

Wednesdays: Zumba Gold at 10.00 – 11.00am Pilates at 11.15 – 12.15pm, contact Anne 07899 751049

Fridays: Yoga at 9.30 – 10.30am, contact Verity 07821 588117

Enquiries for the hall welcome so if you are interested in running some classes, holding an event, or party, then please get in touch with Frances on 01439 772320 or 07722 912864. The hall has high speed Wi Fi which is free for all hirers and their guests to use. We have a fully equipped kitchen with crockery and cutlery, good quality tables and chairs and the new play park, all offering a great space for special family events.

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Picnics, Praise, Patrons and Pilgrimage

Reflection by Rev'd Melanie Burnside

August is often the warmest month of the year, kicking off with Lammas tide, the ancient marking of the beginning of harvest in the UK, or if you live locally Yorkshire Day. Either way it's an opportunity to celebrate, relax, bask in the warmth, to holiday. Either to take a package tour to even warmer climes or possibly to load your entire family (and what feels like all your possessions) into a car and head off to a tourist destination with the rest of the population. This year, in August the Messy Church team are using the theme of picnics to gather round God's word with local families, telling the story of the feeding of the 5000 and enjoying a picnic meal together. We always sing a song of praise too, maybe as we imagine ourselves picnicking on the shores of a lake we'll sing 'Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the heaven above, Deep, deep as the deepest sea is my Savior's love'.

There have been lots of opportunities to sing Songs of Praise recently, with services in June and July joyfully celebrated in Pockley, Nunnington and Nawton Beadlam. People from outside our churches are invited to come and sing with us those familiar hymns that tell the story of our faith while affirming the value of group singing for physical, mental and social wellbeing. There has been a rise recently in groups of non-singers and those with little confidence gathering to enjoy what those of us in church know to be the benefits of belting out a rousing song. Our communities offer their usual warm hospitality too and at Beadlam even Pimms at the Parsonage. A couple of these services were to celebrate the patronal festivals of the churches, St John the Baptist, St James and coming up in September we have a choral celebration for St Gregory.

The saints chosen to protect or connect particular churches are part of the history of our nation. An army of righteous, sacred souls who guide us through life, as Janina Ramirez would have it. There are many books and guides that lead us on pilgrimage to particular places connected with the saints. The Camino de Santiago is one of the most famous, leading us to walk the way of St James. I commend to you the possibility of taking a more local pilgrimage. Gavin Wakefield or Simon Webb lead us on tours of the Northern Saints and Nancy and John Eckersley's book details St Hilda's Way. A pilgrimage is often a journey to a specific place in search of an expanded view of ourselves, our surroundings, those we travel with and God. A lifetime of faith can be seen as an inward spiritual journey through prayer and meditation towards a mystical encounter with God. As we pilgrims travel towards September and the end of harvest, I hope that we enjoy many opportunities to pause along the way, picnic and give praise for all the wonderful possibilities summertime offers.



St Saviour's Church

THE PARISH OF
Harome

August - September 2023

In preparation for this edition of Outlook, as always I looked back through the diary as a reminder of all the things that have happened over the last two months. It's so heartening to see so many services and events that have taken place in our churches and in our communities. What struck me is the numbers of people that work together to support the work of our churches but also everyday life in our villages. Open gardens, coffee mornings, plant sales, cake sales, car boots to name but a few. Volunteers; and I include in this group Reverend Sue and our wonderful team of clergy, all giving their time to help make our communities healthier for the benefit of all. Regular helpers who freely give their time, to open and unlock our churches, prepare flowers, wind the church clocks, organise fundraising, make posters, put together this magazine... the list is endless. However large or small the contribution might be, what we all do, makes a difference. Thank you.

On a practical note, you may have noticed some tree maintenance work taking place recently in the church garden. This has included lifting the tree canopies and thinning out of branches, the trees look so much better for their trim! The garden is a lovely haven of peace and tranquillity, and like the church; it is open throughout the day for visitors.

The planned repairs to our Steeple are progressing well, with the tendering process is now complete. Thanks to the kind generosity of our parishioners we now have sufficient funds in place to cover the costs of this very expensive but essential project. We expect work to begin next Spring 2024.

Many of us have been completing or updating our Safeguarding training. Huge thanks to Frances for encouraging and steering the whole benefice through this essential part of our work and to everyone for taking this element of our roles so diligently

Our food bank boxes are inside the church; any donations will be collected and distributed through our local foodbank.

Harome News

We had a bumper turnout for the afternoon car boot sale in May, the weather was great and the ice cream van was a real bonus as we sold out of cakes and sausage rolls! Many thanks to our stall holders, visitors and helpers. The next car boot will be in the Autumn and the date will be advertised on our Facebook page – 'What's Happening in Harome', along with other village information (anyone can join this group). We'll also put up verge side posters nearer the time and publish the date here in Outlook.

The Big Harome Gig at the Village Hall and Sports Field will take place on Saturday 9th September, 7pm - 11pm, with gates open 6pm. Tickets from Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk – search for Harome Gig). Early bird tickets: £12.50 / £25 per

A LITTLE HUMOUR

The teacher asked children to draw a story from the Bible. Tommy was drawing a picture of an airplane. Ah, a cute mistake on the flight into Egypt, she thought. She asked, "Who's in the plane?" Tommy said that's Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. Who's in the front seat? Oh, that's Pontius, he's the pilot.

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said: "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mum, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the colour of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

The topic for my ninth-grade class was palindromes, words or sentences that are the same read forward and backward. I asked the question "What is the first thing Adam said to Eve?"

I was expecting the answer "Madam, I'm Adam," but one student had a better reply:

"Wow."



St Gregory's Minster

THE PARISH OF
Kirkdale
August - September



St Hilda's Church, Beadlam

This year seems to be flying by, I can hardly believe we are in the summer holiday season already! We had a wonderful surprise 80th Birthday Celebration for Julia Bretman at the Millennium Room, St Hilda's on Sunday 9th July. Julia had had longstanding plans to mark her 80th Birthday with a walking holiday in Guernsey with her sister Margaret. Sadly, Margaret had ill health issues and the holiday had to be put on hold – but her daughter Penny knew that her Church friends at St Hilda's, St Gregory's and Towlers, the KMS Pharmacy (where Julia still works!) would not want Julia's milestone birthday not to be celebrated – the surprise on Julia's face when she unlocked the door of the Millennium Room, accompanied by her granddaughter Victoria, who had persuaded her grandma to see if the room would be a good event for a Guides' Gathering – was a glorious sight to behold! Thank you to Marie- Claire Strong for baking and decorating such a delicious and magnificent cake! It was so delightful for the two parish congregations to come together and say thank you to God for all Julia does so quietly and efficiently for both Churches and to catch up on all our news- it was such a lovely afternoon. Happy 80th Birthday to Gordon Mellor and Happy 90th Birthday to Dorothy Wood both Birthdays falling in June.

We are pleased to see in the St. Hilda's Garden, an array of wild flowers thriving in the strip beside the Church. It's an area we have left unmown this year, to see what plants have laid dormant there.

In the next month we are planning a re-vamp at the back of the Church, refreshing the paintwork, sorting through old Hymn books and displaying our little library of books and cards better.

We also will have a Prayer Tree at the back of the Church where anyone can write out a prayer request and attach it to the tree. These will be faithfully prayed every Tuesday afternoon at 4pm.

Prayer is something we all can pepper our day with, all we have to do is be honest with God, bringing both our thankfulness (for the big and small things) and requests for ourselves and others as well as recognising the things we may wish we'd done differently. We believe God wants to be

part of our lives in all aspects, just as a parent wants to be involved in their children's lives, the good and the bad. As we know, the more we communicate, the better the relationship. Prayer brings us peace and in this busy and often stressful world, it can change how we process things, bringing comfort and a way forward when things are hard. Try it, involve God in your life and see what happens.

On Sunday July 30th, we will be having a Songs of Praise service at 6pm. If you enjoy a good sing, come and join us and bring a request. There will be refreshments afterwards as well.



On Wednesday August 2nd, we'll be running a Messy Church from 11am – 1.30pm. Let Meg Ricketts know if you are able to come along megicketts@gmail.com or 01751 431553. It's for all the family, based around a Bible story with a variety of crafts, a short worship time and a light lunch provided.



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Dear Reader

The 34th Annual General Meeting of "The Friends of St Gregory's Minster, Kirkdale" was held on Saturday 20th May 2023. Mr Tim Ramsdale was elected and welcomed to the Board of Trustees, bringing the number up to nine, out of a Constitutionally permitted ten. Professor Sid Bradley and Dr Philip Moore were presented to the membership in attendance, and were accepted and welcomed as Patrons.

I am very happy to announce that the Parish Architect presented two applications for Faculties to the Diocese on 26th May, relating to conservation work to be undertaken within the Minster. These applications were accepted, and the outcome (following the usual research by the Diocese) is expected after this research is complete in a few weeks' time. This is standard procedure and was expected. The Trustees and the JCC are hopeful that work will begin in the autumn, on the tomb-covers, and in the spring, on the windows. On behalf of the Trustees and Friends, I must, as ever, express gratitude for the easy and productive relationship between the Trustees and the JCC.

Another source of great pleasure is that publication of the Kirkdale Monographs has resumed, the latest publication being "Lord Danby's Phisicke Garden" by Professor Sid Bradley. This is a fascinating account of the relationship between Lord Danby, St Gregory's Minster and the University of Oxford. I am delighted to say that this Monograph is achieving good sales, and I am even more delighted to say, that thanks to the efforts of James and Farrell (Trustees) all the Monograph titles can now be viewed and purchased on-line.

Go to: www.kirkdalechurches.org.uk/st-gregorys-kirkdale/publications; if you prefer to use cash, these Monographs are available to buy from the bookshelves in the Minster; please use the wall-safe, which is emptied daily.

St Gregory's Patronal Festival will take place on Sunday 3rd September, and details will be forthcoming nearer the time. All friends and Friends are welcome; it was particularly lovely to greet so many friends from St Hilda's at last year's post-Festival Luncheon. Do come this year!

Yours sincerely

Heather Harris

Chairman of the Trustees

Corfu Holiday Diary by James Bond

Today's 'entertainment', breaking up the acres of tedium, is the CT Scan! Hurrah! Action! A porter whisks me away on my hospital bed without a word. The apparatus looks spankingly new and very expensive. The voice inside speaks in Greek, then the techies press the 'English' button. "Breathe in and hold your breath"

Back in the ward, the hours tick by. Two old men are dying, and in Greece, relatives are expected to provide much of the personal care. One old lady sleeps all night on a sun lounger; the other makes do with a hard chair. The ladies wash their underwear in the washroom and leave it to dry, so there's nowhere to hang my stuff when I go in. There is no toilet seat.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. I was hospitalised on day one. Drips'n'drains and tubestubestubes. When you turn over at night you have to make sure you take your tubes with you.

My world shrank to just those things I could control: up & down buttons, the bottle of water, and the wonderful, the marvellous, internet. I listened to stories, news, Morning and Evening Prayer, allowing my mind to keep ticking over.

7am Watched one of the old ladies holding open a book and standing over her unconscious husband. She finished her prayers with the sign of the cross made at least six times. Then she repeated the action with the book over his head. On the wall an icon keeps watch over us all.

The staff are under great pressure. I like the chief who sits to speak to me. I do not like one with the ponytail who smoked (smoked!!!) during the relatives' consultation. I can see that, if resources are tight, (and Greece is not a wealthy country) money will be spent on staff and technical equipment rather than patient comfort. But every bed has long slits in the plastic covering which exposes the stuffing. I wished I were in an NHS hospital.

My wife Sue comes twice a day and we anxiously exchange news gleaned from the doctors. Finally, I am discharged after 18 days 'inside'

I cannot praise airport 'special assistance' too highly. Corfu airport (run by the Germans) is a model of efficiency.



THE PARISH OF Nunnington August - September

The Church of All Saints and St James

OUR DEAREST MARGARET TIMBRELL

Giver of love and care throughout her life, wherever she might be, and with whom she met: a humble person with the greatness of a life, no better lived, strong in her Christian faith and her dedication to the Church.

Born: 20th February 1939 Died: 26th June 2023

Margaret was born in Cheshire and trained as a nurse at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford and then as a mid-wife in Manchester.

For nine years she ran a small mission hospital in South-west Africa (now Namibia), for the Society of Partners in Gospel.

Whilst there, her leave to travel home was once every three years, travelling back and forth by ship. Such long absences from home with no telephone or post; a tough challenge.

In 1974 she arrived in Nunnington as the District Nurse. The village was smaller then, with fewer houses and small shops; quintessentially a farming and rural community. She is still remembered for her nursing care and for bringing so many babies into the world of Nunnington.

A new vicar arrived, John Bateman, and on his first Sunday he was unwell and unable to take the service at Stonegrave, then part of the Parish of Nunnington. It seemed the presence of a friend, an Australian visiting priest (part of the Anglican Order of Bush Brothers), could stand in at the service and this would change Margaret's life! Margaret was asked to support this visiting priest, Max, at the service making him welcome and ensuring he knew the 'ways' of North Yorkshire. What joy, as this was the start of a wonderful loving relationship and a marriage in Nunnington Church in 1979, shortly after, leaving for Australia where Max was to become a Parish Priest.

Max and Margaret returned to Nunnington in 1983 and Max was appointed vicar of Ingleby Greenhow, Kildale, Bilsdale and Westerdale. This was a treasured time for Margaret and Max who both loved the open space of the moors and the wonderful people in their Parish; what tales of wind and rain and snow, a tenacious and determined couple, always true to their mission in life.

In 1996 Max 'retired' and he and Margaret made a welcome return to Nunnington, making a home at Jasmine Cottage, becoming pivotal in the Church and village community. This included Margaret introducing the Nunnington News and becoming the village postmistress from Jasmine Cottage! Their life was full, not least by a series of dogs which they loved dearly.

As Max passed away, Margaret continued to be a Lay Reader and so much more in the Church, never ceasing to give her time and love to us in good times and when times were difficult.

In August 2020 Margaret moved to Dulverton Hall, a retirement home for members of the clergy where she found a gentle but rewarding lifestyle before moving into care. Margaret remained peaceful and tranquil, maintaining her special smile during her last weeks as she prepared for her heavenly journey and eternal rest.

Every one of us will miss Margaret, as we loved her dearly, but her legacy remains within the people who knew her and in the community she left behind.



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LECTIONARY READINGS

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday 6th August
Transfiguration of Our Lord
White or Gold

Daniel 7.9-10,13-14
2 Peter 1.16-19
Luke 9.28-36

Sunday 13th August
Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Green

1 Kings 19.9-18
Romans 10.5-15
Matthew 14.22 -33

Sunday 20th August
11th Sunday after Trinity
Green

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8
Romans 11.1- 2a, 29-32
Matthew 15.10-38

Sunday 27th August
12th Sunday after Trinity
Green

Isaiah 51.1-6
Romans 12.1-8
Matthew 16.13 -20

Sunday 3rd September
13th Sunday after Trinity
Green

Jeremiah 15.15 -21
Romans 12.9-21
Matthew 16.21 -28

Sunday 3rd September
Patronal Festival
St Gregory's Minster
White

1 Thessalonians 2.3-8
Mark 10.42-45

Sunday 10th September
14th Sunday after Trinity
Green

Ezekiel 33.7-11
Romans 13.8-14
Matthew 18.15 -20

Sunday 17th September
15th Sunday after Trinity
Green

Genesis 50.15 -21
Romans 14.1-12
Matthew 18.21 -35

Sunday 24th September
16th Sunday after Trinity
Green

Jonah 3.10-4.11
Philippians 1.21 -30
Matthew 20.1-16

The Bishop of Whitby, Paul Ferguson, writes:

The Triangle of Support

No matter how long it is since we left school, there's one thing about July that we can never forget: the end of the school year and the start of the summer holidays.

We all have memories of leaving a familiar desk and classroom behind, and then finally leaving school altogether. Thousands of children in our Diocese will be making one of those transitions this month. It's a big step.

So I'm writing this letter 'to the saints of the Diocese of York' partly to ask for your prayers for all the school students in our communities between the Humber and the Tees, and partly to give a shout-out for the staff and governors who work so hard so that the young people can have the best possible experience, nurture and support.

It is hugely demanding, and for many, however dedicated they might be, it's stressful.

We're blessed in the Diocese of York to have four Church of England secondary academies, and well over a hundred church primary schools and academies. They are a vital part of our mission. You can read more about them and our diocesan support team at dioceseofyork.org.uk/education.

And let's remember the many faithful, worshipping people who are teachers, governors and supporters in non-church schools. Many of those schools are very 'church friendly' and it's great to see strong links.

It's often said that it's a hard time for young people to grow up and find their way in a rapidly-changing world: so it's all the more important that children are helped to grow up safe, knowing that they are loved, and with a healthy approach to learning and faith, for which there's nothing better than the triangle of support in home, school and church.

Please keep them, and all who serve them, in your prayers.

Paul Whitby



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SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2023

Date	St. Gregory's	St. Hilda's	Wombledon	Harome	Nunnington	Pockley
6th August Transfiguration of our Lord	11.00am Choral Eucharist Fr A Pritchett	9.30am All Age Service Rev'd M Burnside & Rev'd S Binks	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	6.30pm Spa Church Rev'd S Binks Guest Speaker Jeremy Deedes	11.00am Matins Rev'd S Binks	
13th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	6.00pm Evensong with Hymns Rev'd S Binks	9.30am Morning Worship	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	9.30am Eucharist Rev'd M Burnside	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd B Page	
20th August 11th Sunday after Trinity	At St Hilda's	9.30am Parish Eucharist Rev'd M Burnside	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	6.30pm Evening Service Rev'd M Burnside	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd M Burnside	<i>Rev'd S Binks Annual Leave</i>
27th August 12th Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Holy Communion With Hymns Rev'd M Burnside	9.30am Morning Praise	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	9.30am Eucharist Rev'd B Page	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd B Page	6.00pm Eucharist Rev'd M Burnside

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

3rd September 13th Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Patronal Festival Choral Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	9.30am All Age Service Rev'd M Burnside	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	6.30pm Evensong Rev'd S Binks	11.00am Matins Rev'd M Burnside	<i>NOTE St Gregory's Patronal Guest Preacher Rev'd Sue Bond</i>
10th September 14th Sunday after Trinity	6.00pm Choral Evensong Rev'd M Burnside	9.30am Morning Worship	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	9.30am Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd S Binks	
17th September 15th Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Choral Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	9.30am Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	6.30pm Evening Service Rev'd M Burnside	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd M Burnside	
24th September 16th Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Choral Eucharist Rev'd M Burnside	9.30am MorningWorship	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	9.30am Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd S Binks	6.00pm Eucharist Rev'd S Binks & Rev'd M Burnside