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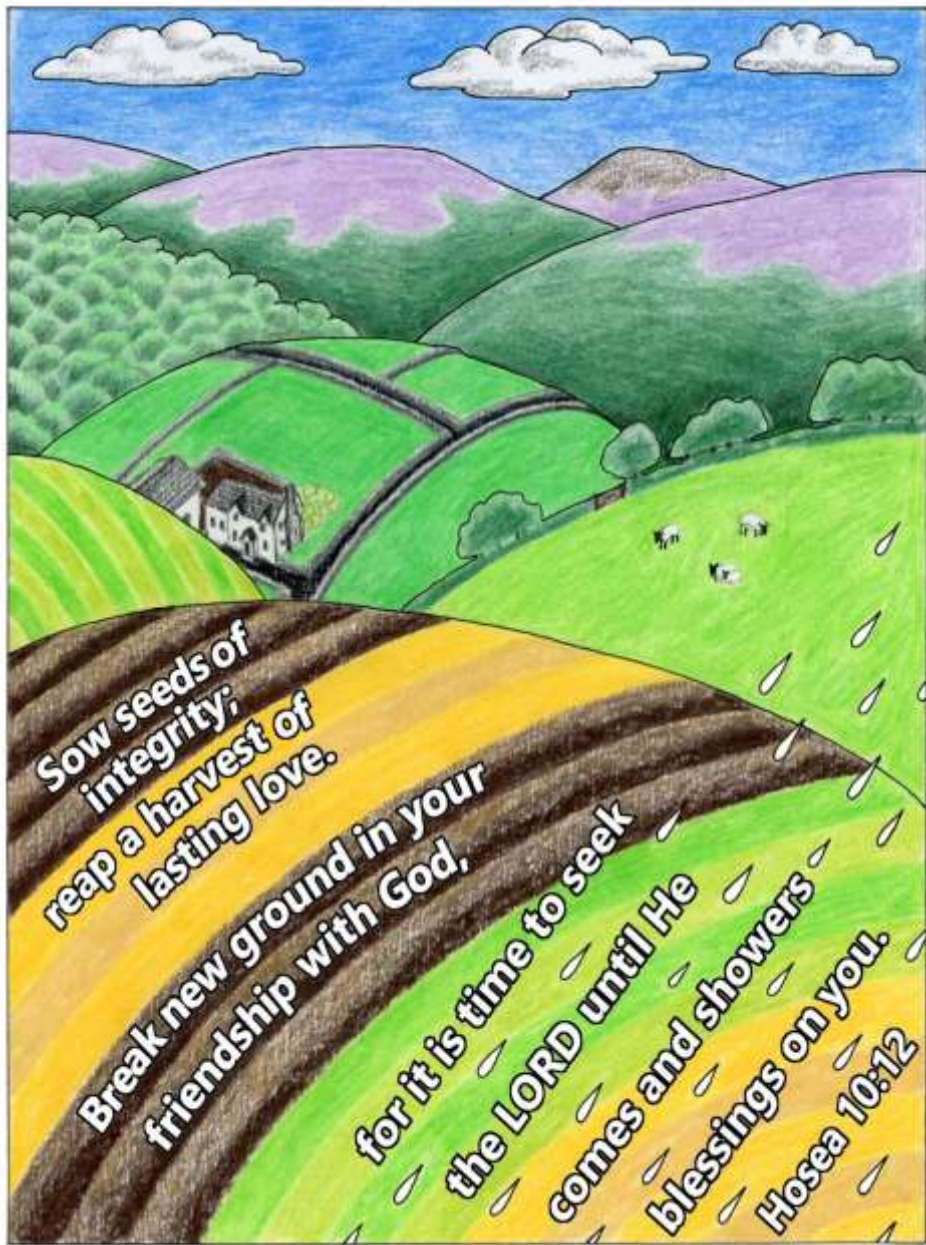
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**Sow seeds of  
integrity;  
reap a harvest of  
lasting love.**

**Break new ground in your  
friendship with God,**

**for it is time to seek  
the LORD until He**

**comes and showers**

**blessings on you.**

**Hosea 10:12**

Dear friends,

The final services of Tim's ministry and the party at Duncombe Park were a celebration of his time with us and profound thanks - although tinged with sadness at his departure.

There follows the tribute made by Tony Gillham, Lay Chairman of the PCC, at Duncombe Park.



Ladies and Gentlemen

I would first of all like to thank Jake, our Patron, and Raffa for their generosity and kindness in inviting us to their lovely home. Welcome also to our MP, Kevin Hollinrake, who joins us tonight. We also thank Annika for putting in so much effort in organising this function and to Anne our other churchwarden for working tirelessly behind the scenes.

As Lay Chairman of the PCC I have the task of thanking Tim at the sweet sorrow of his parting from us.

About 12 years ago, before Tim was selected as our next vicar I remember a discussion about the preaching ability of the candidates. One of the accounts we picked up, linked with Tim, was that he ended one sermon with the request that he was going to preach next week on 'lying' and would the congregation read Mark 17 beforehand. He began the next week's sermon by asking how many had read Mark 17? One hand went up, then another and finally all said that they had read it. OK, he said, I will begin by telling you that the gospel of St Mark has only 16 chapters

On thinking back over the 10+ years of Tim's time here you quickly come to the conclusion that one of his greatest achievements was that he has brought us seamlessly into the restlessly changing landscape of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Sheila and I were members of Helmsley Church over 40 years ago when living in Bilsdale. David Senior was in charge as Vicar and he was an excellent priest for Helmsley in the 1970's. It was a different world with plenty of church services but women were not seen in the Sanctuary and social life 'was chatting on the church path' after leaving a service. We will quickly pass over the next incumbent who was followed by David Wilbourne who skilfully steadied a wobbly ship.

Then came Tim who with no bloodshed has greatly strengthened All Saints and brought us up to date. How?  
By three principal means:

Reordering the church building  
Music  
Strengthening the Christian Community

Let me briefly summarise:

1. Changes in the building were possible as a result of Joan Webster's generous legacy. St. Columba's Chapel, central heating, and creating space at the West End have all been worked on under Tim's guidance resulting in profound improvements in the Church and making it far more welcoming and versatile
2. Tim is an extremely good and capable musician. He has brought far more music and singing into the liturgy and built up an excellent choir. Evensong at All Saints with the choir singing can be a truly transcendental experience.
3. Strengthening the Christian community. Tim has created a relaxed, friendly and supportive environment within which: study groups like Pilgrim, Coffee shops, zoom services, Lockdown Exhibitions, Christmas tree festivals all flourish.

Some years ago we invited, together with the Methodists, a party of about 40 asylum seekers living in Middlesbrough to join us for a day, starting in Rievaulx. Many of these people had fled Syria at the height of the civil war and were doctors, electricians, nurses etc, unable to work here until their applications were processed. Tim called a meeting to plan the day, particularly to consider the food for lunch. When it came to puddings we waited expectantly assuming that Tim, with his experience as a Masterchef finalist, would propose some esoteric exciting nouvelle cuisine offering. No, he said we are going to have jam roly poly with custard - which he made in huge quantities. He arrived on the day with a large fish kettle full of pudding and a huge jug of home-made custard – not a drop of Bird's Eye in sight.

In preparation for what I was going to say this evening I spoke to a number of churchgoers about their memories of Tim.

Jan told me that on one occasion, soon after cycling in the Pyrenees, she was out dressed in full lycra kit, crash hat and lightweight racing bike. Going up Baxtons Lane she came to a hill and was peddling really hard only to find this character wearing a clerical collar on a sit-up-and-beg bicycle sailing passed her. It was of course Tim on his e-bike!

Val Moorby told me that she would remember Tim particularly for his care and thoughtfulness when her husband, Myles, died. A reminder that much of Tim's caring work took place under the radar.

I want to finish on that note because while we can all witness the marvellous work Tim has done in making the church building more suitable for today's needs, in improving the music and strengthening the Christian Community, it is also in his unsung work in consoling the sick, worried and bereaved for which many will remember him.

You leave us Tim with our love and good wishes, urging you to use your energy and many talents to continue your Christian vocation.

May you and Sue have many, many, years of happiness and fulfilment ahead.



### ***From the Registers***

#### Baptism

5th September Freya Elizabeth Rand

#### Weddings

21st August Andrew James Ferguson & Evie Alexandra Frankland

18th September Samuel Antony McClaren & Carla Whittingham

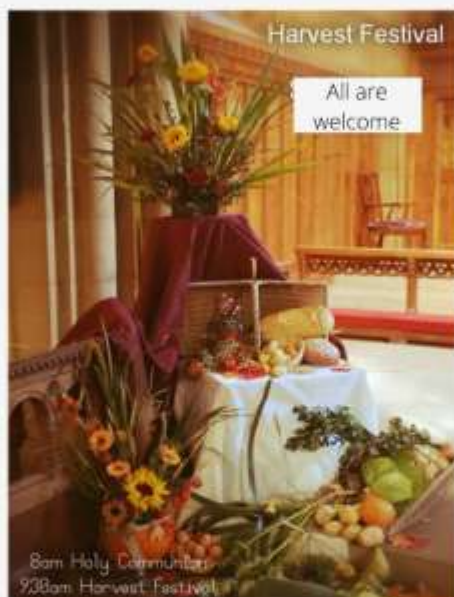
#### Funeral

24th September Peter McLinn, aged 67 years

# HARVEST WEEKEND

at All Saints Church, Helmlsey

**Friday 1st October - Sunday 3rd October**



**Friday 1st October** - 7pm Quiz Night

**Saturday 2nd October** - Harvest gifts both fresh and dry will be received in church between 10am and 12noon -  
Gifts can also be brought on Sunday 3rd at both Morning Services

**Sunday 3rd October** - Harvest Festival 9.30am

followed by Coffee and Auction

We will be supporting Ryedale Foodbank during our Harvest Weekend

## Diary Dates

Fri.1st Oct	7pm Harvest Quiz with wine & cheese at All Saints ( <i>see separate article for full details</i> )
Sat.2nd Oct	10am-Noon Harvest gifts received in church
Sun.3rd Oct	9.30am Harvest Festival, followed by coffee and auction of produce
Sat.23rd Oct	10am-4pm Pop Up Café & Shop at All Saints
Remembrance Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Parish Eucharist 10.50am Remembrance Sunday service by the war memorial and then in church 11am Remembrance and Holy Communion <b>at Sproxtton</b>
December	Christmas Quiz with wine & cheese (tbc)
Fri.3rd-Sun.19th	Christmas Tree Festival (there will also be a Pop Up Café each weekend during the festival)
Thurs.9th	Wreath making day followed by Soup and a Roll
Sun.19th	End of Tree Festival and Nine Lessons and Carols service

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for all the gifts and cards I received over the last few weeks. Thank you especially for the voucher for Covent Garden and for a Donut making course (from the sublime to the ...!).

Most of all thank you for the past eleven years. They have been a privilege and joy.

I am not finding packing up easy as you might imagine - but putting the new house together is beginning to be fun.

One way or the other I will keep in touch and look forward to receiving the Helmsley Herald each month.

Very best wishes,

*Tim*

# October



SUNDAY 9.30am	READER / READING
3 October Harvest	Jake Duncombe 1 Tim 2.1-7
10 October Trinity XIX	Chris Rose Hebrews 4.12-16
17 October Trinity XX	David Owen Hebrews 5.1-10
24 October Bible Sunday	Tony Gillham Isaiah 55.1-11
31 October Feast of All Saints	Valma Child Revelation 21.1-6a

## Flower Rota

3rd Oct (Harvest) & 10th Oct

*All to assist if possible please -  
- Annika to co-ordinate*

17th & 24th October

SmallSaints

31st Oct & 7th Nov

Rowan De Aragues

14th Nov & 21st Nov

Jan Titchmarsh

28th Nov—23rd Dec

**Advent—no flowers**

JOIN US FOR OUR

# Harvest Quiz



Friday 1st October  
All Saints Church, Helmsley  
7pm  
Teams of 4  
£10 per person  
Ticket include Wine and Cheese

Tickets can be purchased from Elijah Todds Newsagents  
or contact Annika Dowson on  
[fundraising.helmsleyallsaints@yahoo.com](mailto:fundraising.helmsleyallsaints@yahoo.com)



## **Real-life extracts from church bulletins and notices that didn't come out quite in the way intended!**



The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.

Harvest Supper Friday at 6pm. Prayer and medication to follow.

The Men's group will meet at 6pm. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, wine and dessert will be served for a nominal feel.

Jumble sale: The ladies of our church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.



*Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think, "That can't be accurate."*

# Helmsley Archaeological and Historical Society

## "Life, death and rubbish disposal in Roman Norton"

A six year programme of excavation and research as part of the development of new school facilities at Norton revealed and recorded evidence for human activity on the site covering the last 10,000 years. Within this time span the vast majority of the remains were from the Roman period between the 2nd and 5th centuries AD. These remains clearly showed the systematic development of the southern edge of the settlement from an agricultural landscape, through use as a burial ground, to commercial buildings before finally ending up as what appears to be the 'town dump'.



**Friday 15th October 2021 - 7.30pm**

**North York Moors National Park Authority, Committee Room,  
Bondgate, Helmsley**

***Non-members are always welcome***

At the moment, for your safety, we are restricting attendance to a maximum of 60 attendees. Unfortunately, if the room is full you will not be allowed entry. All windows in the room will remain open.

We would prefer you to wear a mask - to protect yourself and others present.

Please check the HAHS website before attending to ensure that we have not had to rapidly change / cancel a presentation due to changes in Covid-19 guidelines.

<http://www.helmsleyarchaeologicalandhistoricalsociety.org.uk/winterprog.htm>

# Online Morning Prayer and Compline

Even though restrictions are lifting and many services are now in person, online morning prayer and compline continue, for many, to be important parts of coming together as a Christian community to pray and worship.

Services are every weekday morning at 10:00am and on a Tuesday evening at 9:30pm.

If you would like to be kept 'in the loop' with any changes of Zoom details or orders of service, please contact Lucy on [luwillshaw@live.co.uk](mailto:luwillshaw@live.co.uk). Thank you.

The Zoom log in details are as below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89743574455?pwd=bHdBRkpxYmw3U3Z4R25lQThtscFlkQT09>

Meeting ID: 897 4357 4455

Passcode: 251908



## SmAll Saints

**(The Sunday School of All Saints' Parish Church, Helmsley)**

After a year of meeting on Zoom and going out for walks, our dedicated group of SmAll Saints have started meeting up again during the Sunday morning service at Helmsley.

Due to differing commitments, it is going to be tricky for me to be with the group every week. It would be really helpful if we could get together a team of willing volunteers who can either lead or assist sessions. This will enable stability and regularity which will make it easier to then grow the group.

If you think that SmAll Saints is something that you could help with – even just as support rather than leading - please do get in touch to find out more. Thank you.

Lucy Willshaw

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## **Colour**

*by Adeline White*

**The world is full of colour!  
'Tis Autumn once again  
And leaves of gold and crimson  
Are lying in the lane.**

**There are brown and yellow acorns,  
Berries and scarlet haws,  
Amber gorse and heather  
Purple across the moors!**

**Green apples in the orchard,  
Flushed by a glowing sun;  
Mellow pears and brambles  
Where coloured pheasants run!**

**Yellow, blue and orange,  
Russet, rose and red —  
A gaily-coloured pageant —  
An Autumn flower bed.**

**Beauty of light and shadow,  
Glory of wheat and rye,  
Colour of shining water  
Under a sunset sky!**

(chosen by Mary Stewart)



# TODDLER TUESDAYS

Pop-in cafe for parents and carers with pre-school children



**From 9:00am - 11:00am**

**Every Tuesday**

(term-time only)



**at All Saints' Parish Church,  
Helmsley**

- Take time to sit and enjoy a drink and a slice of cake.
- Meet and chat with other parents and carers and share experiences.
- Give your children the opportunity to play with others.



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## Mouse Makes

"Come with me across the lake," Jesus said to his disciples, so they got into a boat and set out. While they were sailing Jesus slept. A big storm *blew* across the lake and the boat began to fill with water. They were in **great danger**. The disciples went to Jesus and woke him. They said, "*Master, mater, we are going to drown!*" Jesus got up and gave a command to the wind and the waves, "*Be still, be calm.*" The wind stopped and the lake became calm.

  
Read the story  
in Mark 4: 35-41



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## It was:

250 years ago, on 17th Oct 1771 that the premiere of Mozart's pastoral opera, *Ascanio in Alba*, took place in Milan, Italy. Mozart was then aged 15.

125 years ago, on 3rd Oct 1896 that William Morris, British textile designer, pot novelist and socialist, died. Best known for his association with the Arts and Crafts Movement.

90 years ago, on 24th Oct 1931 that the George Washington Bridge was opened. It spans the Hudson River and links Manhattan to Fort Lee, New Jersey.

70 years ago, from 15th to 17th Oct 1951 that the first party election broadcasts were televised in the UK. The three main parties, Liberal, Conservative and Labour, were allocated 15 minutes each. .

Also 70 years ago, on 18th Oct 1951 that Snowdonia National Park was established in Wales. And on 30th Oct 1951 that Dartmoor National Park was established.

50 years ago, on 1st Oct 1971 that the first CT scan was performed on a patient at Atkinson Morley Hospital in Wimbledon.

# OCTOBER'S SUDOKU PUZZLE

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## SEPTEMBER'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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## Zebra crossings – saving lives for 70 years

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

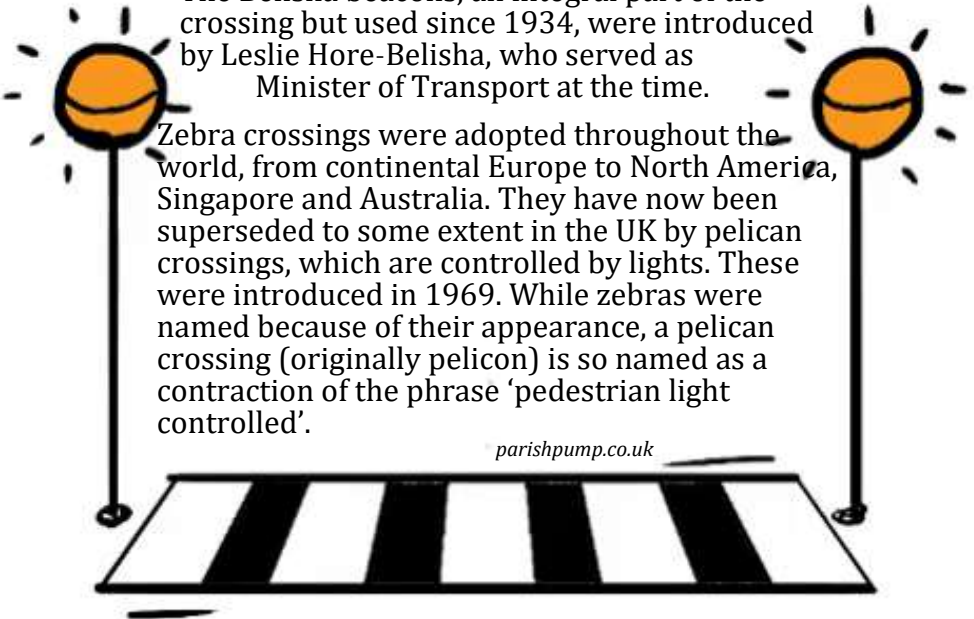
The crossings had been trialled over two years at 1000 experimental sites, but in 1951 the black and white striped pedestrian crossings were approved, with their flashing Belisha beacons, and all drivers were required by law to stop as soon as a pedestrian set foot on them.

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'.

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## Who'd be a landlord?

### Excerpts from real life requests sent by tenants...

The toilet is blocked, and we cannot bathe the children until it is cleared.

This is to let you know that there is a smell coming from the man next door.

The toilet seat is cracked: where do I stand?

I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is running away from the wall.

I request your permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.

### Remember the Stories?

Remember the stories that we used to read?  
Heroic adventures – we loved them indeed!  
We'd read in the garden, if wet, in the porch,  
Or under the covers at night with a torch!

Our fingers would avidly trace lines of text  
Of what Katy Did, and what she Did Next.  
And, starting this journey along Mem'ry Lane  
We can't forget Biggles, up there in his plane!

We laughed and we laughed at Jennings at school.  
Tormenting his teachers by acting the fool.  
Just William's young friends, and their latest trick –  
"I'll scream and I'll scream till I make myself sick!"

Black Beauty the horse brought a tear to our eye –  
Some stories brought laughter, and some made us cry.  
Like Paddington Bear, and the things he would do  
Arriving by train from Darkest Peru.

There was Noddy, and Rupert, and Peter Pan, too;  
The woodland adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh;  
Little Women and Crusoe and Chalet School Girls;  
Just So – all such stories were wonderful pearls!

This poem could go on for page after page  
If your favourite is missing, please don't fill with rage –  
Just nip to the loft, and dig through that box,  
And sit down and read – ignoring the clocks!

***By Nigel Beeton***



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# Absent Friends

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This amateur production of "Absent Friends" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Sunnart Productions Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

## **Absent Friends by Alan Ayckbourn**

Classic comedy Absent Friends by Alan Ayckbourn is being performed by 1812 Theatre Company at Helmsley Arts Centre on the 20 – 23 October.

Directed by Scarborough-based Duncan Lewis, this timeless comedy sees Colin's friends arrange a tea-party to comfort him over his recent bereavement. They are understandably on edge about what to say to him. However, Colin's total acceptance of his situation - and the fulfilling time spent with his fiancée - only serves to highlight and widen the rifts in the relationships of his friends Diana, Paul, John, Evelyn and Marge.

'I am thrilled to be working at Helmsley Arts Centre and couldn't think of a better play to direct there. After the difficulties we've all endured over the last 18 months, to work in live theatre again is a joy. I know audiences will be in for a real treat' says Duncan Lewis.

'Ayckbourn's finest play', Harold Hobson, Sunday Times.

1812 Theatre Company present Absent Friends by Alan Ayckbourn at Helmsley Arts Centre:  
Wed 20 - Sat 23 October, 7.30pm, Sat 23 October 2.30pm.

There will also be a Q&A with the Director, Cast and Crew following the Friday 22nd performance.

Tickets - £10.00, U18 £5.00

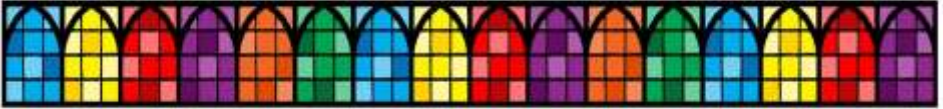
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## Giving

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All money goes in to our Helmsley PCC account. Receipts can be printed at the time of giving.



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# Helmsley Parish Services

## **Every Sunday in Helmsley Church :**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP said)

9.30am Parish Eucharist (with music)

## **Every First Sunday in Helmsley Church :**

6.00pm Choral Evensong

## **Every Second Sunday in Sproxtton Church :**

11.00am Holy Communion

## **Friday 1st—Sunday 3rd October :**

Harvest Weekend at Helmsley Church (*see inside for details*)

**Helmsley Church is now open daily 9am-5pm**

## **Services online :**

### Monday – Friday

10.00am Morning Prayer

### Tuesdays

9.30pm Compline

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