

# Knaresborough Anglican Team Ministry

ACCORD

October 2020

*Dearest Friends,*

The Road less Travelled...

October is here, I can't quite believe it, this year just seems to have disappeared. There have been lots of things we would normally have done, or would liked to have done, which couldn't go ahead and right now as we head into Autumn we still live with that sense of uncertainty. What can we do, what can't we do? Perhaps the question for all of us is what do we need to do? What are those things that excite us, grow our faith and help us to remain connected with each other and with God? You might like to think about those and let us know what they are.

Personally, that usually happens on a time of retreat or pilgrimage. I would normally have done one around this time but that is not possible at the moment, or at least in the usual way. However I am (like lots of things in this strange time ) finding ways around it and challenging myself to do it, but differently.

So I'm doing pilgrimage walks with the dogs, pilgrimage runs with some music and pilgrimage reflections in the garden, a bit different but I can do that.

Pilgrimage in its broadest sense is about a journey; of travelling with ourselves, perhaps with others but certainly with God. The Christian life is itself a pilgrimage, along which Jesus meets us, encounters us and brings change, new thinking, new understanding, new perspectives and new hope. Perhaps one of the most famous pilgrimages was the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24;13-35). What I like most about this passage is that the two disciples go from despair to joy as they realise they have been walking with Jesus the whole time but only recognise him as they break bread and that starts a whole new journey, rushing back to tell others. Sometimes it is only in

hindsight that we realise Jesus has been walking with us. Perhaps it is only in hindsight that we discover what is really important to us.

So as we head into Autumn we can think of this new season as our own pilgrimage walk, a time when we can experience our faith and our God anew. You might want to have your own time of walking and talking with God, you might want to accompany others and journey together, which could be a walk or a phone conversation or a time of prayer. We can pilgrim at home, we can pilgrim on our own and we can still pilgrim with one another as we gather for our services. Pilgrimage isn't about shrines or particular saints but it is about people, about us taking those steps whether real or virtual to meet with God.

God promises to be with us in mind, body and spirit and he can do that in special places or in the everyday at home. You can be on top of the mountain, or even a wall like the photo or in your comfy chair with a cup of tea. Pilgrimage isn't just about getting outside, it is as much about getting to your inside, to what's in you, what's eating you up, what's helping or challenging you and then inviting God into that journey, fully expecting He will be there.



Finally, it is about remembering God is never finished with, us, never stops refining us, loving us or growing us. So friends, step forward and may the road rise up to meet you, on the path where God is leading you and to where he will find you.

*Blessings*

*Stroma*

From the Parish Registers



*We celebrate the marriage of.....*

Paul Mirfin and Nicola Forshaw

*We give thanks for the life of.....*

William Holgate  
Stuart Edgar Bell



And for all those throughout the world who have died due to  
Covid-19 .

May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

*For information about baptisms and weddings during the Covid-19 situation  
email [knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com)  
Tel. Faye Wright 01423 869209*



# The Bible Course

The Bible is an amazing book but for some it can be difficult to know where to start.

Maybe you've been part of a Bible study group or would like to be and want to build your confidence, maybe you want to study the Bible on your own, or maybe you need help connecting together the bits you've been reading. Well, why not be part of our new Bible course! The Bible Course is a great resource, whether you are familiar with the Bible or just starting out.

The Bible Course helps you see how the books of the Bible are part of one big story.

The Bible Course will show you how key events, books and characters fit together.

The Bible course will help you grow in confidence as you read the Bible for yourself.

The Bible Course is an 8 session course that we may need to do on line

The course has lots of great reviews and I'm sure will help all of us to understand the Bible a bit more and to hopefully start something new in terms of small groups studying together.

If you like the sound of this and would like to be part of the group please let either Stroma or Garry know and we would be delighted to get in touch and tell you more. We hope to start running the course in September at a time/day to suit those who wish to be part of this.



### **Pastoral Support Team**

During the Spring and Summer our team of 25 volunteers rang up to 150 people a week to check they were ok, have a chat and pass on information from church. We are very grateful to all the volunteers and especially to Pam Child for all her hard work in setting the group up.

We have received lots of messages of thanks from people who found the calls a big help during this difficult time. Now that people are allowed out more, and our churches are back open, many people no longer need the calls, but the volunteers are still ringing those who do, and will continue as long as they are needed for pastoral support. Printed pew sheets and copies of Accord for people who can't get to church will be available for collection and delivery by volunteers.

If you know of someone who might **appreciate** any of these things (or who is receiving them but no longer needs to) please contact:

**Anthea Green**  
**07946 419528**

**Denise Cullingworth**  
**07739 398197**



**Do join us on Wednesday 28th October at 7pm**

**in St John the Baptist church**

A short contemplative and reflective service open to all. We offer you the time and space to encounter God. To find stillness, to find rest. To pause in all the busyness of life and to find the meaning of life. To reflect and refresh. An opportunity to respond to God's love and be renewed. To give that love back to the everyday.

**All welcome**





## St John's News & Events

.....From the Belfry

### Up your tower

I hope you have all heard that the bells are ringing again for Sunday services. In order to achieve an acceptable risk assessment, we are very limited in what we can do. We only ring for 15 minutes, in masks and with well sanitised hands, and we can only ring once a week. We cannot switch which bell we ring during the 15 minutes. Although this is a short performance, we have some very kind and encouraging comments from people thanking us for making them feel normality is within sight.



There is not much else to report from the ringers although those of the congregation who participated in the St John's virtual Sunday morning coffee mornings will know that I am a beekeeper and that my bees have been a bit feisty this year. On one day I succumbed to five stings through my bee suit on my arm. It was partly my fault though. It was the hot spell and I had been wearing shorts and a short-sleeved shirt, and I just put my suit over this outfit. This is normally fine, but sometimes bee colonies turn aggressive and it was unlucky that they chose to do this on the day I only had one inner layer of protection. Bees can also sting through rubber gloves!



Anyway, the bee season is drawing to an end. I have harvested my honey, which produced a total of 57 jars. Also, this year I have produced some cut comb honey. If you haven't come across cut comb honey, it is delicious and has a lovely texture. It consists simply of raw honeycomb, cut straight out the of the hive.

Let me explain how you do this. For normal liquid honey, the beekeeper prepares wooden frames on which the bees build the wax comb and fill it with honey. Bees tend to be a bit haphazard in how they build comb, so beekeepers add a sheet of wax 'foundation' to the frames to



encourage the bees to build their comb tidily within the frame. The foundation is a sheet of wax with wire support and with a hexagonal honeycomb shape pressed onto the surface. It fills the frame and the bees then build their honeycomb tidily onto the foundation. It is then easy to remove the frames and extract the honey using a centrifugal extractor. If you want to cut out honeycomb with its honey *in-situ*, then the relatively thick foundation with wire support is impractical. Instead, I use a short strip of thin foundation along the top of the frame. The bees still follow the layout of the foundation and still fill the frame with honeycomb. But now, I can cut out honey filled comb, without a thick layer of wax in the middle and without bits of wire. I made up 44 packs of cut honeycomb.

If you are interested in trying your hand at beekeeping, look at the Harrogate and Ripon Bee Keeping Association web site.



**Matt Curl**



## .....From the Choir Stalls

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the  
house of the Lord.  
(Psalm 122, Vs. 1).



Never had the opening words of Parry's magnificent Coronation Anthem 'I Was Glad' been so apt as when sung by the choir at the beginning of our first service in St John's since the end of March. After nearly six months in the musical wilderness, we were delighted both to be singing together again as a choir and to be part of Sunday morning worship once more. Indeed, this was a special and memorable service on so many levels, not only celebrating the return of the choir, but also formally presenting four Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Gold Awards gained by **Rachel Addyman**, **Henry Graham**, **Alice Spencer** and **Charlotte Wood** prior to lockdown, and most importantly, marking the retirement of **Lauren Windsor** as Head Chorister (Decani) as she prepares to go and study Law at Nottingham University. During the service we also sang Lauren's favourite hymn, 'The day thou gavest Lord is ended' (not often heard in the morning!) to that wonderful tune St Clement and during the communion Lauren and **Chris Nehaul** treated us to a spell-binding rendition of Stainer's beautiful setting of 'Love Divine all loves excelling' for Soprano and Tenor duet. It was a great pleasure to have the extremely talented **Leonard Sanderman**, who has been a great friend to our choir for many years, at the organ for this service and I am very grateful for his support, particularly in these difficult times.

Truth be known, it is hard for many of us to imagine St John's Choir singing without Lauren at the forefront. I personally have had the pleasure and privilege of working with her for nearly ten years and hold her in the highest esteem as a musician, a chorister and a friend. Lauren is a fine and accomplished musician whose achievements are a matter of record: RSCM Awards, ABRSM singing

exams and diplomas and Northern Chorister trophies to name but a few.

However, it is in her demanding role as Head Chorister that Lauren has truly excelled. Commitment, responsibility, patience, sensitivity, resilience, courage and, not least, a sense of humour, are just some of the attributes required and Lauren has demonstrated all these qualities and many more besides. I am very grateful for all the support and encouragement she has given to me since my appointment as Director of Music and as choirs in churches and cathedrals throughout the land continue to face an uncertain future, Lauren's unswerving loyalty and dedication has, as always, steadied the ship and enabled me to sail it through the choppy waters of change and uncertainty toward a brighter horizon. So, thank you Lauren, from me and all your friends at St John's Church. Enjoy your new adventure in Nottingham, stay safe and we look forward to having you back with us again when circumstances permit. There will always be a place for you in the choir stalls and we look forward to having you with us for our rescheduled choir tour to Malta in 2021.

As one chapter comes to an end, so another one begins and I am pleased to announce that our new Head Chorister (Decani) will be **Charlotte Wood**. In addition, **Henry Graham**, has been appointed as Head Boy. Best wishes to Charlotte and Henry in their new roles. Assuming that there is no change to the rules, the choir will now be singing regularly at Sunday morning services and Choral Evensong will also resume on the fourth Sunday of the month at 4.00pm. The pattern of services at Christmas is still to be confirmed, but rest assured that, whatever the prevailing circumstances, we will do our utmost to provide music to lift the spirits and warm the heart. Sadly we will not be able to sing at York Minster at the end of December as planned, as they have understandably made the decision not to allow any visiting choirs until next year, but we already have our dates booked in for January 2022!

Best wishes and stay safe.

**Mark Hunter**

.....From the Classroom

**Welcome back ....finally**



Last Tuesday, St John's school was once again open for ALL pupils. After months of home-learning, the children were more eager than ever before to be in school, albeit a slightly different-looking school set-up.

Classrooms are reminiscent of former times, with all tables facing the front, and little movement around the room during the day. Every possible precaution has been taken to ensure that pupils and staff are safe and that school remains open. Parents and carers, too, are playing their part in adhering to scheduled drop-off and collection times, minimising the risk of contact with others.

Through all this, the atmosphere in school is positive. We are just glad to have everyone back, and delighted to welcome our new starters in Reception, children who have missed so much of their pre-school experience. Each morning, children express their thankfulness in prayers: thankfulness for each other, thankfulness for our health, thankfulness for being in school. As Jesus said, we should all come to him with the faith of children and, in these 'different' times, we can learn a lot from their thankful attitude.



**Jenny Byers**

**(RE and Collective Worship lead)**

## Another of our readers shares with us her pandemic experience.....

My delight at finding the latest copy of Accord on my door mat was only exceeded by reading about Garry, Mark and David's plan for a wildflower meadow outside St John's. I loved the story of turning despair and helplessness into something exciting and positive and showing that there really is life after this pandemic which continues to rule our lives.

It occurred to me that there must be many more stories out there and this is mine. Six weeks of lockdown had passed, I am in the class of old and vulnerable in pandemic terms and live alone. I was so fortunate to have my garden as companion with the highlights of shopping delivered once a week by a daughter and neighbours and friends who threw a cheerful word over my gate as they passed on their daily walk. Spring is a busy time in my garden and as I worked in the silence I watched as each flower emerged from the dark earth looking more beautiful and brightly coloured than I had ever noticed before. The birds chattered to each other and young squirrels sat cheekily on the stone wall daring me to chase them away. Early one morning a fox had even dared to steal the eggs I had been able to persuade the milkman to deliver. As he said, he was rushed off his feet after so many requests for deliveries. The highlights of my life were long chats on the phone with my friends and how they were coping.

Six weeks passed and at last people were beginning to emerge from isolation as numbers in intensive care units dropped. At the end of a satisfying but busy afternoon in the garden I found myself lying on the lawn by the mower and had no idea how or why.

My life then seemed to take on an unreal nightmarish quality of confusion and disbelief. Suddenly my house into which no one had stepped for so long seemed full of people coming too close to me. My life saving mobile had summoned help in the form of a daughter thankfully working from home. I was dealt with so sensitively by the competent and cheerful paramedics and re-entered the outside world in their company.

I am in a strangely silent and deserted accident and emergency department being cared for by one nurse who tells me that due to sickness and isolation of a number of staff she has been seconded from another

department. No other person is allowed to come near me as I am sent for an X-ray. A doctor is standing at the entrance to my cubicle giving me the shattering news that the X-ray shows signs of a white fuzzy area which is evidence that I may have contracted Covid-19 and must be admitted to a Covid ward. I argue that this is impossible as does my daughter on the other end of a phone. No family allowed of course. The argument rages but I lose when told I am not safe to be at home as the provisional diagnosis is that of a heart attack and I have to give permission to be taken to a Covid-19 ward. I believe it is the most scary decision I have ever had to make.

By this time the first signs of dawn are beginning to show across a dark sky as I try to make sense of my situation. I am in a bed at last and thankfully in a room alone. I learn from the staff, isolated themselves as they care only for patients with the virus. Two adjacent wards have been requisitioned for this purpose one used for those requiring intensive care. However, I am lucky that numbers of patients are diminishing rapidly. This does not prevent a surreal interview with the duty doctor who informs me that due to my age I would not be offered a ventilator should the need arise and did I wish to be resuscitated. At that moment I realise that rational thought and discussion are one thing but being confronted with the reality of mortality is another. I learn how strong the greed for life and survival can be.

My swabs are negative and I say farewell to that group of incredibly dedicated and exhausted nurses. My admiration for them has no bounds as I am trundled off to spend the next few days in a makeshift temporary coronary care ward, this time in the green zone. Once again nurses working under difficult and alien conditions remain unbelievably cheerful as they care for me while grappling with their own private worries.

In a room with no windows so night and day are as one and leashed to wires leading to a heart monitor with just my phone used sparingly and speech behind a mask and visor a challenge, I am feeling abandoned and helpless. Then something strange occurs. A message on my phone tells me that prayers are being said for me, albeit in a virtual way. I have often wondered whether those prayers we have offered in church for the sick really do have some effect. The effect on me as a Christian of many doubts is unexpected and something I cannot explain. It is a feeling more than

coherent thought, a feeling of being surrounded by a wall of warmth, of safety, even love. Are emotions running high or is it indeed the power of prayer.

Coronary care temporary accommodation does not run to a patient bathroom so here I am very early in the morning having accomplished the not inconsiderable feat of an all over wash with Johnson's baby wipes and ready for being shipped to the LGI. My paramedic crew are waiting with a trolley having collected my accumulation of a suitcase and several plastic bags. I still have my gardening clothes in which I arrived now plus other necessities in hospital life which have been left at the front desk. The problem is that nothing is allowed out, but anything can come in including clean day clothes for my eventual journey home. The result is that I arrive at a pristine ward in the cardiac department of the LGI on a trolley with my numerous goods and chattels trailing behind. I was beginning to feel like a refugee as I shunted from one place to another.

However all things come to an end and following more investigation I am home with the addition of a cardiac pace- maker inserted just below muscle in front of my left shoulder. Wires leading from it are embedded into my heart which will allow it to control errant heart beats.

Towards the end of May both hospitals are working towards a new safe normality for patients to have the confidence to go for necessary treatment. My new normality is a piece of Star Trek like equipment residing permanently by my bed and every night recording data from my heart which is being stored at the hospital. When I had a follow up telephone appointment with the consultant, he already knew exactly how my heart had behaved since the operation. Such is the power of medicine.

**Pat Hewitson**

P.S. The Flower Guild are not slumbering but busy thinking of ways to celebrate Harvest and Christmas festivals if allowed!!

**Spotlight on.....**

## **Lisa Kestell, member of Holy Trinity**



### **Tell us a bit about yourself**

I was born in the month and year we won the World Cup , much my Grandma's delight as she was a huge football fan. I attended Harrogate Grammar school then onto Harrogate college.

My first job was at the MOD on St George's Road until it closed. I decided to train as a keep fit teacher at Leeds College and started my own business. I then changed career and began working for Abbeyfield Independent Care House and became a Manager working all over the country, including the Isle of Wight. I returned to Yorkshire when I met my partner and opened a hardware shop in Malton. After selling the business in 2012 , I started gardening, which I love, such a contrast to the shop, where I am outdoors enjoying the fresh air.

### **What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?**

Starting the hardware shop from scratch and making it a great success. It is still doing well today.

### **How would you describe yourself in one sentence?**

Outgoing, confident, cheerful and sometimes a little too loud!!

### **What is your motto?**

Help others if you can

### **What is your food heaven**

Everything!

### **And food hell?**

Nothing!!

### **Who is your greatest inspiration?**

I would have to say my amazing Grandma whom I adored. She was funny, loving, sometime strict and very practical .

### **If you had to go and live on a desert island, what would be your luxury item?**

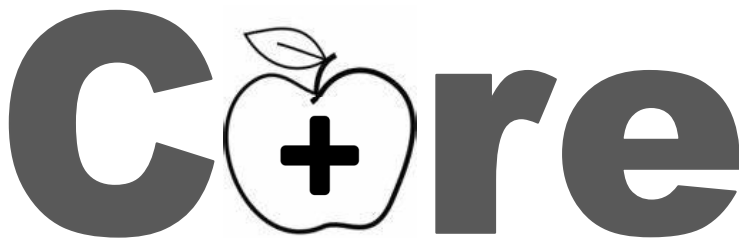
Lots and lots of books. I cannot ever be without a book to read.

### **What is your favourite hymn?**

Living Lord

### **What are you most thankful to God for?**

A loving family, my health, and living in a safe country where people matter.



## **YOUTH GROUP**

**Calling all young people from year 7 upwards**

**Core is a youth group shaped by our young people. A place where they will feel welcome and accepted for who they are, where they can explore their faith, learn about Jesus and build a relationship with Him, and mostly a place where they can meet friends and have fun and games**

**Wednesday 7th October 6:30 pm in Holy Trinity church hall**


**Wednesday 14th October 6:30 pm in Great Ouseburn village hall**

**Wednesday 21st October 6:30 pm in Arkendale community hall**

**All leaders are DBS checked and have safeguarding training and all premises are Covid risk assessed.**

**For more information please contact Revd Garry on 01423 202092**



	<p><u>St John</u> <u>the Baptist</u> <u>Knaresborough</u></p>	<p><u>Holy Trinity</u> <u>Knaresborough</u></p>
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<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>18th</b> <b>October</b></p> <p><b>Trinity 19</b> <b>St Luke</b></p>	<p>8am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>10:45am The Eucharist</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>25th</b> <b>October</b></p> <p><b>Last after Trinity</b></p>	<p>8am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>4pm Choral Evensong</p>	<p>10:45am Sunday Morning Praise</p>



	<u>St Mary the Virgin Goldsborough</u>	<u>St Paul &amp; St Margaret Nidd</u>	<u>St John the Baptist Brearton</u>
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<b>Sunday 25th October</b>  <b>Last after Trinity</b>	9am  Holy Communion	10:30am  BCP Holy Communion	

**Holy Communion Services are usually held  
every Wednesday in Knaresborough**

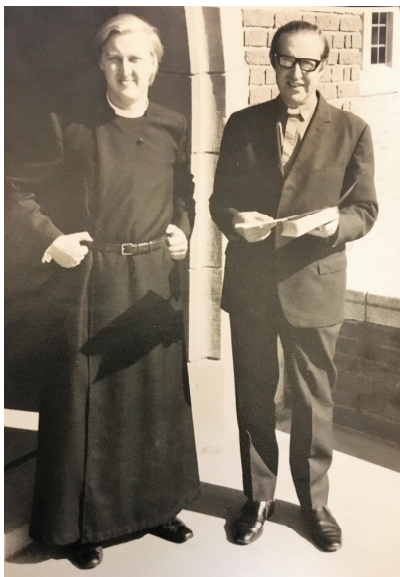
**Holy Trinity at 10am**

**St John the Baptist at 11am**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**There will be no services on Wednesday 28th October**

# CONGRATULATIONS



**1970**

The Feast of St Matthew this year (20th September 2020) marked the 50th anniversary of Revd Bill Snelson's Ordination to the Priesthood.

After ordination training at Westcott House, Cambridge, Bill was ordained deacon in 1969 and priested in 1970. His parish ministry included curacies in St Peter and St Paul, Godalming (1969–1972) and St Peter's, Leeds (1972–1975) followed by appointment as Vicar of St Matthew's in Chapel Allerton (1975–1981) and as the Vicar of All Hallows, Bardsey (1981–1993) alongside being the Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (1986–1993).

From 1993 until 1997 he was the Ecumenical Officer for West Yorkshire  
1997-2008 General Secretary of Churches Together in England  
2008-2015 Development Officer Anglican Centre in Rome

From 2009 until the present day he has had Permission to Officiate in the Leeds diocese.

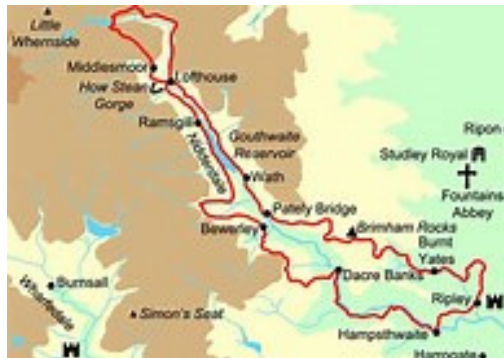
We are so pleased that he and Beryl retired to Knaresborough and are thankful for the tremendous contribution they make to the Knaresborough team.



**2020**

# St Mary the Virgin Goldsborough

**Nidderdale 15 Mile Walk - Thursday 15th October 2020**



Nicky and Sue will be doing a 15 mile sponsored walk in Nidderdale this October to raise funds for St Mary's Church Goldsborough. This is the walk that should have happened in May!

If you would like to sponsor them, please contact either Nicky or Sue for details of how to donate

**[nicky.wynn@virginmedia.com](mailto:nicky.wynn@virginmedia.com)**

**[susan@princessmead.co.uk](mailto:susan@princessmead.co.uk)**

Anyone wishing to join Nicky and Sue on the walk would be most welcome!  
Up to 4 other walkers can join us.

Let's pull together and raise as much as we can for our lovely church!

Thank you for your support.

**Nicky and Sue**



# **Stepping Lightly On Our World**

**At the moment there is a heightened awareness of cleanliness, particularly in hand washing and in cleaning surfaces and clothes.**

**How can we ensure that our cleaning methods at home are effective but do not impact negatively on the environment?**

**Hand sanitizers are considered to be green products as they are plant and water based, fragrance free and colourless.**

**Harsh cleaning chemicals can be harmful to the wider environment and also to us, our families and our pets.**

**There are now many companies producing non-toxic toiletries and cleaning products and I urge you to investigate on line or through environmentally friendly shops and market stalls.**

**Purchase non-toxic cleaning materials detergent.**

**Reducing the amount of plastic we use by refilling product containers at refill shops and market stalls.**

**Use natural bristle brushes with wooden handles and loofah scourers instead of plastic.**

**Try bicarbonate of soda and lemon juice for cleaning shower screens, basins and ovens.**

**If you are buying cleaning products and toiletries from supermarkets and high street chains, read the labels for environmental impact before making your choice.**

**Investigate alternate laundry detergents alternative, there are lots to choose from.**

**Psalm 51:10**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**



**Abigail**

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

Daily Hope, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

Although thousands of churches across the country are now running services and prayer groups online while public worship remains suspended, many people – especially older people – do not have access to the internet. The line also recognises the impact of social distancing restrictions and self-isolation measures on those suffering from loneliness.

Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.

A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group

# HARVEST



This is a picture of a **cornucopia**, sometimes called a horn of plenty. It is usually filled with many kinds of foods like apples, oranges, grapes, squash, and ears of corn. It is a symbol of an endless supply of food. We

see it most often at this time of year because this is the time when many food crops are harvested. In America it is used as a decoration around thanksgiving because it is a symbol of all the good things we have.

Harvest festival gives us an opportunity to say thank you to God. The Bible tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from God. **(Look this up in your Bible - It is in the New Testament -the letter of James, Chapter 1 verse 17).**

We have a lot to be thankful for, so perhaps every day should be a day of thanksgiving not just when we celebrate Harvest.

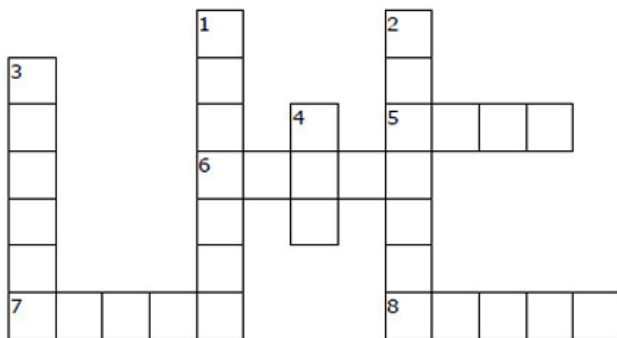


# FESTIVAL

## Giving Thanks

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

Puzzle is based on Psalm 100



### ACROSS

5. A short piece of music that is sung
6. To talk or exclaim in a very loud voice
7. A small animal with a woolly coat
8. The planet where people live

### DOWN

1. To express one's love and adoration for God
2. A field covered with grass where animals eat
3. An expression of appreciation
4. A feeling of great happiness

WORSHIP  
PASTURE

SONG  
EARTH

JOY  
SHOUT

THANKS  
SHEEP





## **Minutes of the PCC meeting held by Zoom on Monday 14th September.**

**In the chair** Revd. Garry Hinchcliffe

**Present:** Revd. Stroma McDermott, Denise Cullingworth, Oliver Cullingworth, Simon Sarmiento, Lance Ogden, Jackie Shaw, Lynn Curl, Philip Skeels, Sharon Foster, Pam Thomas, Elaine Armes, Jack Wilson, David Andrews, Secretary Margaret Bridge.

**Apologies:** Sheelagh Fowler, Margaret Cowley, Brian Jelbert (Treasurer), Judy Sturley, David Osborne, Evelyn Marston.

**1 Opening Prayer** – Revd. Garry Hinchcliffe

**2 Adoption of Minutes** of the PCC meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2020  
Agreed as an accurate record.

**3 Finance update** – Brian produced a report showing the up to date bank balance and other information (see separate sheet). Both Goldsborough and Nidd churches provided a spreadsheet showing income and expenditure. Parish Share: Brian highlighted the concerns the churches have about the level of the payments for the parish share. Lance informed the PCC that St Mary's is paying £1000 per month but could not sustain this as income has fallen, with weddings not taking place and no fund-raising events. Garry to discuss with Brian. Treasurers: Jack informed us that the 3 new treasurers are to meet at the end of the month to discuss plans going forward. Parish Giving Scheme: Revd. Stroma gave replies to question asked. She explained the system used to receipt the funds into the church bank accounts. Stroma confirmed that there were no costs attached or interest paid, and there would be a possible 10-day window before the churches bank accounts were credited. Brian to contact other churches who already use the scheme to enquire how it is working for them. Garry to encourage moving towards the scheme. Stroma to arrange a talk to the PCC.

**4 Safeguarding** – Faye (Parish Administrator) has taken on the role of Safeguarding Officer for the team. She has had training, and is putting in place policies, compliance and getting the DBS register up to date, with the help of Stroma. Garry thanked Stroma for all her hard work .

Approval by the PCC of Faye Wright as Safeguarding Officer for Knaresborough Team Ministry Proposed by Revd. Garry Hinchcliffe and agreed unanimously.

**5 Increase in wage for Parish Administrator** – As Faye is taking on extra duties running the Website and the Safeguarding Officer role, it was decided that her hours and her hourly rate would be increased slightly (backdated to April 2020).

**6 APCM format and Agenda** – The Bishop has extended the date for the APCM to the end of November and sent instruction for holding a virtual APCM. It was agreed that we would hold the APCM in person. The APCM will be held on Wednesday 14th October 2020, 7pm in Holy Trinity Church. Stroma to look into live streaming the meeting for those who are unable to attend.

A copy of the Annual Report to be available at the back of each church and if anybody would like a copy to contact Jack Wilson.

**7 Fabric Update** – Goldsborough -Lance informed us that St Mary's are still waiting for an update on the window. Holy Trinity – Simon informed us that he was to contact the contractors for an update on resurfacing the driveway and car parking area. Repairs to the vestry roof at Holy Trinity have now been completed.

**8 Autumn and Christmas services** -. Garry and Stroma are planning to go ahead with services subject to Covid-19.

**9. AOB** – Environment Garry suggested a £200 donation to be given to the Long Lands Common Project. -All agreed.

Communication – Pam Child reported for the subcommittee – see separate sheet. Revd Bill Snelson is celebrating 50 years in the Priesthood and by way of congratulating him, it was agreed that we would send him with a hamper from M & S from the Knaresborough Team.

On-line – Denise thanked all involved with the on-line presence in particular Mark Hunter. It was agreed as a thank you to Mark to purchase some wine to gift to him. The Hub hall hire – Is Covid-19 compliant and ready for hire, please spread the word. Churchwardens – the following churchwardens are standing down Lance Ogden, Sheelagh Fowler and Simon Sarmiento. Garry thanked them for all they have done as churchwardens.

**10 The meeting closed with The Grace at 20:40hrs**

# Christians Together



## Knaresborough

### **Discussion notes from the meeting held on 8th September by zo**

**Knaresborough Connectors** – Matt is the son of Salvation Army ministers and has worked in Youth and community work in London, Beeston (Leeds), York and with “Time for God” an international volunteering charity. He has just taken up his role of Development Manager with Knaresborough Connectors and is looking forward to getting to know Knaresborough and representatives from the different churches.

Matt will be running “Asset Based Community Training” starting on Tuesday, 15th September, please contact Matt if you, or any of your church members would like to attend.

**CTIK Website/videos:** Heather thanked Fr William for his contribution to the video thanking Chris Rawson for his work making worship videos during lockdown.

**Possible Open Air Prayer Meeting** – We can have open air meetings, with some singing, no limit on gathering numbers, so long as good social distancing and no compulsion to wear masks, but need to be cautious not to be seen as organising a mass gathering.

**Remembrance Sunday** - Still no plans from British Legion, suggestion is to just have the service at the Castle Top, although concerns about the number of people involved

Proposal that churches do their own Remembrance services on the morning of Sunday 8th November. In the afternoon all churches to open between 2-4pm for private prayer, opportunity to light a candle (which will be battery powered under current restrictions) and wider remembrance (including those who have died during the current restrictions). To be advertised widely through churches, Connectors, Facebook etc.

Churches to be stewarded and cleaned in accordance with current guidance.

**Public acts of worship are exempt from the rule of 6**

**Treasurers Report** – no transactions since last meeting. The balance remains £780.51

**Virtual nativity** – Chris has been overloaded with work recently, but still planning to film the nativity at different locations around Knaresborough. Alan suggested that the video could be shown at church services. Heather thought to make it available for 6pm on Christmas Eve, then to be available on YouTube for people to watch later.

Possibility of an ecumenical Christmas Carol Service, live on Zoom on Sunday, 13th or 20th December, or on Christmas Eve after the Nativity, but recorded to be available on YouTube afterwards. In the Catholic tradition, Advent Carols are sung before Christmas, saving Christmas Carols until Christmas Day and afterwards. Needs careful planning to agree content.

Individual churches are not yet clear what they are doing at Christmas.

**Mission to Businesses:** A card to be made for local businesses telling them that we are praying for them and asking if there is anything they would like us to pray for. We will hand deliver through businesses letterboxes when they are closed, so no personal contact.

At Christmas, a Christmas Card, delivered in a similar way.

**Henshaws Update** - processes to reopen ongoing – no firm proposals yet.

#### **Update on Church Opening and Services:**

St Mary's have been holding 2 x Zoom masses and 1 in person mass each Sunday for 6 weeks, on a rotating basis. Low attendance at physically attended Masses, people continue to attend online. Different chairs are used for different things, so people who come for individual visits aren't sitting on the same chairs as people who are coming to Mass.

Quakers will start midweek meetings upstairs at Gracious Street from 1st Thursday in October. In Harrogate blended live/Zoom meetings are working well.

Gracious Street, plans are underway to reopen for services, but no date yet.

Park Grove, unlikely to open before October at the earliest

KURC are thinking about a mid week pilot service, but Zoom services are working very well and likely to continue (probably filmed in one of the churches) until people are allowed to sing.

Anglicans are offering physically attended 45 minute services; (average attendances – St John's 20 at 8am, 40 at 10.30, 35 at Holy Trinity) this is about 2/3 normal attendances. Services felt very strange at first, but people have got used to it. It feels good to meet up with others for worship.

**Father William closed the meeting in prayer**



# Culinary and cropping curiosities

*By Sophy Potager*

What a peculiar year we have had in the garden. Wet, wet, wet to begin with, then that lovely hot spring which created havoc with the flower beds unless we constantly watered, then a cold summer and now a pleasant Autumn but still too dry. But for many gardeners, whether working with an allotment or with pots in a yard, having plants and an opportunity to watch wild life has been a privilege. Let us hope we have all learnt to cherish our open spaces and our wildlife, especially the industrious insects. As I write (mid-September) the honey bees and Red Admiral butterflies are all over my sedums, the wasps are constructing something in the banking under the hedge, and the white butterflies are trying to get at my kale. Earlier in the year the ants made a huge nest in a bed in the greenhouse under the tomatoes. Every time we watered the tomatoes they scurried about moving the eggs to the driest section.

Denise tells me that she has very little to put in Accord at the moment as there is little to report on, so perhaps we could all help out for the next edition. Please send Denise any interesting observations of wildlife in your patch by early October. Denise will pass them on to me for collating in this column.

Apples, apples and more apples. This has not been a brilliant apple season but not bad all the same. Three of my trees have yielded very little, caught by the cold at the end of May but the others have been bountiful, especially the Royal Gala type which are NOT good keepers. I resolve this by turning many of them, along with small and misshapen cooking apples, into chutney.



## **Spiced apple chutney.**

500 grams of apples. Peel them and rough chop and put in a large preserving pan

1 medium onion – chop finely and add to pan

2 birds' eye chillies - seed and chop very finely and add to pan

250 grams demerara sugar - into pan

1 teaspoon each of ground allspice, ground cloves, salt and

turmeric – add to pan

1 heaped teaspoon of finely chopped root ginger - add 350ml cider vinegar. Pour into pan

Stir it all together, heat slowly and steadily, stirring at intervals and, once it thickens, continuously to avoid sticking. When it is really thick and syrupy remove from heat, ladle into sterile jars, cover and label.

The spices can be altered to suit your taste. I use a lot more root ginger than this, but then I like a hot sweet chutney. This will keep all winter, but keep the jar in the fridge once it has been opened.

Apples that do keep need to be put in storage. Wrap each apple in a sheet of kitchen roll and place in a well ventilated box, basket or crate. Keep in a cool garage or shed, not in the greenhouse or attic.

### **And in the garden and veg patch**

Summer is well and truly over and now begins the period of clearing up and getting the garden ready to hibernate.



- ◆ If you haven't yet cleared your potatoes and beans now is the time to harvest and process them while they and the ground are reasonably dry and manageable. Remove all netting and beanpoles, level all cleared ground and mulch with your own compost or a garden centre product.
- ◆ If you have grown comfrey, take a final cut. Put into a lidded bucket, cover with water and leave in a corner to brew, ensuring that you will have a new supply of fertilizer when you start to raise new crops in the spring.
- ◆ Clear the borders and flower beds of spent bedding plants and perennials and, like the veg patch, mulch. This will protect the roots, bulbs and tubers from really hard frost as well as supplying nutrients.
- ◆ Start planting bulbs for spring, either in pots or directly into the garden. Nothing shortens winter so well as a bright display of crocus or snowdrops outside a favourite window long before the daffodils start to flower



We have been planning a provisional programme for our next season starting this Autumn. You will appreciate that currently we do not know whether it will be possible to run our events in the usual way, but we hope that even with some social distancing it will be possible to accommodate you in our venues. We are delighted that Malcolm Guite, whose lecture we had to cancel in March, is able to come on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Mowbray Community Church. The full programme can be downloaded here:

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Please put these dates in your diary. We are exploring whether we can deliver some events on-line if that is needed and will keep you informed as we get more guidance from the Government about what will be 'safe' later in the year.

We hope to be able to welcome you in the Autumn.

The HST&M Team



**10th October 2020 10:00 till 12:00 at Mowbray Community Church  
(breakfast hopefully at 09:30)**

Bibletrack seminar: St Paul's letters part 2. Dr Chris Tilling, DVD and facilitated discussion

**14th November 2020 10:00 till 12:00 at St Mark's Church  
(breakfast hopefully at 09:30)**

**Live lecture: Tim Gordon (marine biologist)** The changing song of the sea: despair, faith and hope in an age of environmental destruction.

**5th December 2020 10:00 till 12:00 at Mowbray Community Church  
(breakfast hopefully at 09:30)**

**Live lecture: Revd Dr Malcolm Guite** Christ and the poetic imagination.



# KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE WORKING ALONE

Churches simply could not function or survive without those unsung heroes who clean, open-up, prepare and generally ‘potter about doing things’, every day of the week, often entirely on their own. However, we need to be aware that doing so sometimes comes with risks attached.

Ecclesiastical Insurance has published guidelines about ‘Lone working’ in church and a copy is now pinned up in each of our church vestries.

Below are some bullet points for us all to be aware of:

Carry a personal attack alarm – *There are five of these available for regular lone workers in each of our churches and we will get more when needed.*

Carry a mobile phone

Tell somebody where you are going and how long you might be

Turn on all the lights

Be aware of concealed spaces such as church porches

Do not engage with those exhibiting any type of ‘odd’ behaviour

Do not go to church in the dark on your own

Lock doors behind you

Be aware of your points of exit

Do not carry heavy objects on your  
own

Be aware of trip hazards





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Who should **YOU** talk to if **YOU** observe or are told about  
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**The Diocesan Safeguarding team - 0113 353 0257**

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**North Yorkshire Safeguarding - 01609 780780**

**Childline - 08001111**

**Action on Elder Abuse - 0808 808 8141**

# Can you help?

**Michelle from Resurrected Bites (based in Gracious Street Methodist church hall) is seeking support for a family of refugees.**

She writes:

"One of our lovely Syrian friends has had some wonderful news that his wife and 2 little children (1 & 2 yrs) have been given refugee status and will be coming to live here in mid Oct. However they do not get the same level of support as the refugees who arrived under the resettlement programme.

So we are looking for a 2 bed property that they can rent ideally in Harrogate.

They will get housing benefit £663 pcm so can pay rent & council tax. He is not in full time employment so many regular landlords will not accept him.

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**Michelle**

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