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Arrangements for baptism and marriage may be made most Tuesday evenings between 7.30 pm and 8 pm at Darton. If you live in the parishes of Darton or Staincross, you are entitled to have your children baptised, or to be married in your parish church.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9.00 am THE PARISH EUCHARIST at St. John the Evangelist, Staincross

10.30 am THE PARISH MASS at All Saints', Darton
A celebration with Holy Communion, lasting an hour or so, with music, light and colour.
Afterwards there's a cuppa and a chance to make new friendships and renew old ones.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer is said daily at 9.00, at Darton on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and at Staincross on Wednesday and Friday.

Tuesday 7 pm MASS AT DARTON
Wednesday 10.30 am EUCHARIST AT STAINCROSS
followed by coffee and cake
Thursday 9.30 am MASS AT DARTON
Friday 10.30 am INFORMAL CAFÉ-MASS in the church hall followed by tea and toast

The Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is a quiet celebration without music, lasting just half an hour, with plenty of space for silence and reflection

Fr Tim writes

By the time you are reading this, you might well already have heard the news that I and my family will be leaving Darton and Staincross later this year. This has not been an easy decision, and I want to assure you that it has been taken very carefully, and to take this opportunity to tell you a little about why we have made this decision at this point in our life and the life of this United Benefice.

If you haven't yet heard the news, then it is only fair to share it with you before I go any further. All of the details are not quite certain yet, but as far as I know as of this magazine going to print, we will be moving out of the Benefice at the end of May, and in mid-June, I will be taking up the post of Canon Precentor of Wells Cathedral in Somerset. The Canon Precentor is the priest within a Cathedral who has specific responsibility for worship, liturgy and music, and so immediately I hope that you can see how my ministry up to this point has been one of preparing me for such a role.

The first thing that I believe it is very important to say in relation to this, is that I am absolutely not leaving this benefice in order to move to any other parish or benefice. As far as parish ministry goes, I have absolutely loved my time here, and over the last five years can very honestly say that I have experienced some of the best times of my life. However, when you look at my life, my history and my journey, there is a pattern which does lead me to Cathedral ministry, and in particular to the role of Canon Precentor.

The second thing which it is really important for me to say is that I absolutely did not go out earlier this year and look for a move. I still am not quite sure how I came to see the advertisement for this role in Wells, but what I will say absolutely is that when I did see it, a long process of discernment began. I have prayed very long and hard, considered the implications for my family and this United Benefice, and placed myself in God's hands. I would also add that without the encouragement of Bishop Tony, who I have asked to tell me not to apply on more than one occasion, I would not have been able to continue in this process.

The long and the short of it therefore, is that I know with every confidence that God is calling me now to a change, and a new role. I have always known that the Precentor role is one which I might well inhabit one day, but certainly did not begin this year thinking that it would be now. Indeed, at least four Cathedrals appointed new Precentors last year, and I never had any intention of applying for any of them.



But then there was this one, and from the moment I first saw it, God has not let me put it down or stop seeking whether this might be part of my future. And so, it is with the very deepest and most profound regret, but simultaneously with the most enormous excitement and hope for the future, that after a gruelling two-day interview process at the end of February, I have accepted the invitation of the Bishop of Bath and Wells to make this move.

I hope that this has helped to answer some questions, to know that the reasons for this move are about God's will and his hold on my life, and not in any way reflective of any longing to leave Barnsley. I also hope that you can forgive me for this, and pray for me, Jolene, William and Bethany, as we make this very significant move. Certainly, my prayers will be for you, individually and as the United Benefice of Darton and Staincross, and I will for ever be grateful to all of you for the last five years of my life.

I'm sure I will reflect more on the times we've shared over the next few months, and I look forward to hearing from you the memories that we've made together as we hold the conversations we will hold. May isn't far away in some ways, but in other ways gives us time to share some more time together. I thank you now for your love, your prayers, and your understanding, and please do ask me if you have any questions over the coming weeks.

With love in Christ,

Join and sing...



“The Crucifixion”

by John Stainer

Calling all singers to join and sing this beautiful devotion for Holy Week.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 7pm with workshop on March 23rd, 2-5pm
 Performance: March 25th at 7 pm
 Venue: All Saints Church, Darton



REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS IN THE UNITED BENEFICE

- Monday: Mothers' Union Meeting, everyone welcome, at 7 pm in All Saints (3rd Monday in the month)
- Tuesday: Morning Prayer at 9 am on Zoom
 BCP Communion in All Saints at 7 pm
 Office half-hour at 7.30 pm for enquiries regarding weddings and baptism for both churches at All Saints
- Wednesday: Morning Prayer at 9 am and NOT on Zoom in St John's
 Midweek Eucharist in St John's at 10.30 am and on Zoom
 Choir practice at All Saints' at 6.30 pm, new members welcome
 Choir practice at St John's at 7 pm, new members welcome
- Thursday: Morning Prayer at 9 am and NOT on Zoom in All Saints
 Mass at 9.30 am in All Saints NOT on Zoom
- Friday: Morning Prayer at 9 am on Zoom
 Café Mass in Darton Parish Hall at 10.30 am (in church at the moment)
- Saturday: Morning Prayer at 9 am on Zoom
 Church open 10 am until 12 noon for coffee, prayer and visitors
 Mothers' Union Coffee Mornings at 10 am (1st Saturday in the month in the Parish Hall)
 Baptism Preparation Class at 11 am (2nd Saturday in the month)
 Ladies Group Coffee and Crafts at 10 am (3rd Saturday in the month in the Parish Hall)
 St John's Coffee Morning at 10 am (4th Saturday in the month in the Church Hall)
- Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 9 am in St John's
 Parish Mass in All Saints' at 10.30 am and on Zoom
 Choral Evensong in All Saints' at 5.30 pm (1st Sunday in the month)
 Reflective Service in St John's at 5.30 pm (Last Sunday in the month)

If you would like any further information or to link in to zoom, please visit the website
www.dartonandstaincrosschurch.co.uk

**Services at 9 am at St John's and
 10.30 am at All Saints**

Mothering Sunday

We would love you to join us for one of our services as we celebrate, give thanks and remember all the amazing women in our lives

PANCAKE PARTY

It's becoming a bit of a tradition for our family to enjoy freshly made pancakes in the church every year. We had another wonderful evening this year filled with games, dancing, sweets, catch-ups and of course pancakes made by Rev'd Jean and Fr Tim. I have to admit, there were some questionable looking pancakes (we blamed the mixture) but nevertheless very



tasty and made with love!



With the effort that goes into putting this event on, it would be great to have even more children (and grown ups) there next year enjoying themselves. Even if you don't attend church regularly, you will always be welcome so please help to keep these family events going and hopefully see you next year.

MAUNDY MONEY

Our congratulations this month must go to Rev'd Jean, who has been chosen to receive this year's Maundy Money.



The Maundy Money is given to those who have given long and significant service to the church, and Rev'd Jean has been chosen to receive this precious gift this year in Worcester Cathedral on Maundy Thursday.

Rev'd Jean, we hope you have the most wonderful time, and we look forward to hearing all about it when you get back home.

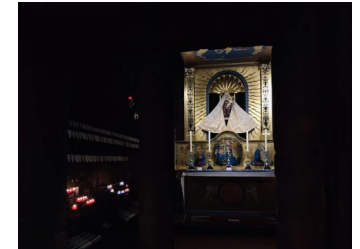
Walsingham 2024



After a blessing from Revd. Emily, eight pilgrims set off to Walsingham on a bright Friday morning. The journey to Norfolk was marked by sunshine and lovely scenery. As we arrived it seemed as if Walsingham had not changed which was reassuring. It oozes calm and a sense of isolation from the world. We settled into our en suite rooms and then gathered at the main entrance of the shrine for the First Visit.

This is always exciting and starts pilgrims off on their spiritual journey. The First Visit took place at the Chapel of the Annunciation and the story of Gabriel appearing to Mary was read. Then we went into the Holy House for the first time. Prayers were said at the feet of Our Lady of Walsingham and then we stood in silence, taking in our surroundings.

This was our chance to light the first of many candles. The statue of Mary above the altar is the dominant feature of the Holy House and always grabs your attention. I was struck by the smell of candles as soon as I walked into the shrine and the walls of the Holy House are blackened by the smoke from thousands of candles lit over the years. There is a real sense of the continuity of worship in the Holy House and a hush that you can feel. Many of us attended Evening Prayer and then Shrine Prayers which involves saying the Rosary. I used the rosary that Pat Scurr had brought me from Walsingham some years ago. I felt that she was with us. By this time we were all ready for supper and enjoyed our meal together. There was only one other pilgrim group present which was a large group of men from Harrow and Hillingdon, so the refectory was quieter than on previous visits.



Next morning some of us were up for mass at 7.30 am. The service was held in the main church and even though there were only a few present there was a special atmosphere. As it was the Feast of St Blaise people went forward for the blessing of the throat when a pair of candles are held in an X-shape round the throat. The prayer protects from ailments of the throat and other illnesses. Thankfully the candles were not lit!

After breakfast some of us set off on the Pilgrim Way to the Slipper Chapel and the Roman Catholic Shrine. It was a glorious morning and we saw red kites and buzzards flying over the fields. The shrine was quiet and so we were able to enjoy the peace there. The Basilica church is a brilliant piece of architecture with a wooden beamed ceiling which represents the hull of a boat. There are also huge glass doors which are etched with the story of the Annunciation. We walked back along the road to look at the River Stiffkey,

flooded fields and deep fords. Back in Walsingham, we called at the Pilgrim Shop so that Emily could pick up the statue of Mary she had ordered.

Carrying Mary back in her box caused some hilarity. Lunch was a leisurely meal and we caught up with what everyone else had been doing.

Our Benefice intercessions were led by Emily in the Holy House in the afternoon and we were able to pray for individuals who had asked us to pray for them.

There were prayers of thanksgiving; for the sick; for the departed and for the community. We thought particularly of those who had not been able to come with us on this pilgrimage. It was an important part of our visit to be able to bring the concerns of our congregations with us and lay them at the feet of Our

Lady of Walsingham. The rest of the afternoon was free time and so I went to have a look in the Roman Catholic Church and the rest of the Shrine site.

There are many chapels at Walsingham which are all interesting. Emily challenged us to find a hedgehog in the church but eventually she showed us where it was as we would never have found it. The prize of gin or chocolates was always safe! Later there were Shrine Prayers followed by the Pilgrim Mass. This is the main mass of the day and it was a lovely service. Even though the church was only half full the singing was loud and uplifting. Revd. Jean read the first lesson and the psalm and it was good to worship with the other pilgrim group. Supper followed and we enjoyed eating together once again.

The last service of the day was Benediction and the Healing Ministries. At this time of year there are no outdoor processions but we did process to the Chapel of the Annunciation with lighted candles. It was lovely to sing 'Ave Maria' and hold our candles high up in the air. Benediction was very moving. There is great drama in the ceremony of Benediction and it feels other worldly. The monstrance containing the sacrament was placed on a small altar and was flanked only by candles and accompanied by burning incense. However it created a very real feeling of the presence of Christ. There was also the opportunity to receive the anointing with oil and the laying on of hands. These are deeply personal ministries and so afterwards we went our separate ways with our own thoughts. Revd. Emily was invited to offer the laying on of hands which was lovely to see.

There was an early mass on Sunday followed by breakfast. As we were due to leave early in the afternoon we had our slot in the Holy House for the Last Visit at 10 am. This was an opportunity to say goodbye to Our Lady of Walsingham and the Shrine. Prayers were said and then we sang the hymn which ends 'Our Lady's Shrine, Farewell'. This brought a lump to the throat. The main mass on Sunday is held in the parish church of St Mary's at 11 am. Most pilgrims attend this service as do all the clergy and so the church was



quite full. I have not seen so many robed clergy all at one service since I was last at Walsingham! A good lunch of roast beef was followed by a final visit to the Shrine Shop and then we set off home.

We were all sad to leave Walsingham but agreed that we had had a great pilgrimage and had topped up our spiritual batteries. We were very well fed and comfortably housed. One advantage of visiting in February was that there was no queuing at mealtimes! We enjoyed each other's company and there was a great deal of laughter, not least about the validity of blessing Emily's statue of Mary while she was still in her box! There were also the stories of Emily falling off the bed in the night and Hilary setting off the alarm in the lift! Now I am looking forward to the next pilgrimage!



Made it in one piece

Sue Dunhill

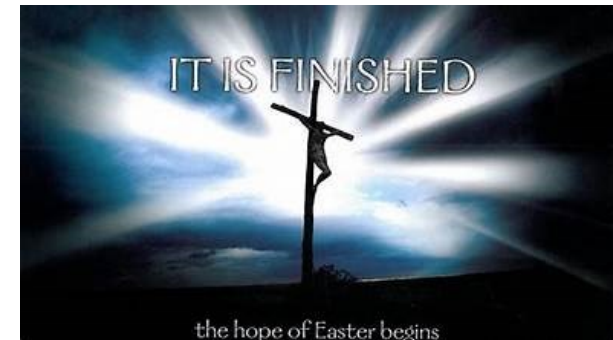
PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY: It Is Finished

Dear God, We remember today, the pain and suffering of the cross, and all that Jesus was willing to endure, so we could be set free. He paid the price, such a great sacrifice, to offer us the gift of eternal life.

Help us never to take for granted this huge gift of love on our behalf. Help us to be reminded of the cost of it all. Forgive us for being too busy, or distracted by other things, for not fully recognizing what you freely given, what you have done for us.

Thank you, Lord, that by your wounds we are healed. Thank you that because of your huge sacrifice we can live free. Thank you that sin and death have been conquered and that your Power is everlasting.

Thank you that we can say with great hope, "It is finished..." For we know what's still to come. And death has lost its sting. We praise you for you are making all things new. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



THEATRE EVENT HOSTED BY ST JOHN'S ON STAGE

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH at 7.30 pm
in St John's Parish Hall, Staincross

Red Ladder Theatre Company presents "WE'RE NOT GOING BACK"
– a poignant musical comedy about the 1984/85 Miners' Strike.

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We're not going back tackles the resilience of working communities, the make-and-mend fabric of family and the power of sticking two fingers up to a government hell-bent on destruction – and all with humour, song and a six-pack of Babycham.

All performances will be captioned via The Difference Engine, a tool that enables d/Deaf and hard-of-hearing people to read performance captions on their phone.

To book please contact Sue Green or Bob Hawes at St John's or visit www.redladder.co.uk



Curate's Corner

I don't know about you, but I can't believe it's nearly March already. January seemed to go on for ages, cold, wet and dismal, however, the Good News is that the sun has been shining rather often recently and we can start to see signs of new life all around us.

Although Lent is a season of penitence and renunciation, it appears that life and joy have been springing all over the place! Such as: in the Pantomime of 'Treasure Island' by St John's on Stage and the Benefice Pilgrimage to Walsingham where we offered our prayers for you all and left Norfolk on the Sunday with a song in our hearts and on our lips-the weather had been a balmy 13c!

I also celebrate a year since I underwent surgery on my spine and the remarkable healing and progress that has taken place since. The liturgical calendar anticipates the change of the seasons both in nature and in our own lives. Lent

teaches us that although things can seem pretty dismal at times and there is a lot in the world right now that is pretty horrendous, Hope and the promise of Spring is just around the corner.

Of course, the author of all our Joy and Hope is Jesus Christ, who we walk with and to the cross during Lent. Through his life and example Jesus showed us that Death never, EVER has the last word. For Evil and death have been truly conquered. That is Good News indeed!

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Emily



JAMES DEARNLEY

James Dearnley was a church warden at All Saints' Church during the 1920's and 1930's as well as playing a significant role as a historian. He recorded the history of the ancient ecclesiastical parish of Darton as well as the history of the church. His two volumes 'The Church of All Saints', Darton, A Description and History' and 'The History of the Ancient Parish of Darton in the West Riding of Yorkshire' are both major research documents and sources of reference.



James' niece Hilda Dearnley, together with Betty Wilkins and Maureen Parker, later produced an excellent record in a third volume: 'Darton Parish Church of All Saints in the Diocese of Wakefield. A Collection of Inscriptions from Tombstones, Plaques, and Memorial Windows in 1972-73'. – another major resource document.

Recently, by pure chance, Alan Keyes, a notable historian in the area, was in the archive section of Experience Barnsley, at the same time as when Jonathan Fox from America was there researching information about his grandfather James Dearnley. What a coincidence! The chance meeting has worked to the advantage of both, with a major sharing of information. Jonathan, on his frequent visits to family members has spent a fair amount of time in the archive, gathering as much information as possible about his grandfather which is being compiled in a book in America. Likewise Alan has received copies of documents from Jonathan written by James which we have never seen before. Below is a record of one such document of how difficult life was in the 1860's, a social history in the life of James Dearnley.

MY EARLY LIFE by James Dearnley

'Born November 11th 1863, at Emley Moor, near Wakefield, The village which is very isolated and lies about equidistant between the towns of Barnsley, Wakefield and Huddersfield.

My father William Dearnley was born at Marsden at the edge of the Pennine Range in the year 1837. He was the son of Thomas and Mary Dearnley. My grandfather was a moorland shepherd who went out in one winter and never returned. He was lost in a snow drift and his body was not found until the warmer spring weather melted the winter snow. Soon after grandmother Mary died, and my father was left an orphan at the early age of eleven. He went to Emley Moor to

live with his sister Ann, who had married David Schofield. He went to work in a coal mine at an early age. Soon David Schofield died, and he, my father, was left at an early age as the chief breadwinner. At 17 he had an attack of rheumatic fever which left him with a weak heart and an enfeebled constitution and he was never again a really strong man. He married Mary Ann Denton, daughter of George and Hannah. Hannah was the daughter of the Jaggars of Emley Moor. Her mother was a Scotswoman who lived to be more than 90 years of age.

In the year 1864 my parents removed to Staincross Common where work was more plentiful in several newly opened mines, notable Woolley and North Gawber.

My mother used to visit her parents and sisters at Emley Moor. This meant a walk of 7 or 8 miles, through beautiful scenery. My earliest memories are of Woolley Edge and Bretton Park through which places we used to walk when going to my grandmother's. In those early days of my life, I remember a love of the country which has never left me. My grandfather was a small landowner and he made a living by carting coals to Huddersfield where he peddled it to anyone who would buy.

My grandmother was a big friendly woman who always received us gladly on our visits. Of our aunts, Alice who was married to one William Booth, was always glad to see us and she never needed any prompting to prepare a meal for hungry youths who had walked so far to see her. She was a real kind-hearted woman.

My father's weakened constitution caused him to be often sick and at times he was off work for months altogether. He was in a sick club, but the pay was six shillings per week (30p), and at times my mother, a little woman with a big heart and a willing ready finger, had in some way or other to make a living for us. Sometimes she went out washing or cleaning down for people, at others she sewed for the neighbours making a shilling or two (5p or 10p) wherever she could. In summer time, she would go out to work in the fields, haymaking and harvesting, and the first money I earned was at field work. We were very poor, and children were coming into the world very fast. My mother had 16 children, two of whom grew up. When we got around the table in the early days, before the older ones got to work, the living was often very poor. I have seen us go home for dinner, only lard and bread, with plenty of salt on it to make it tasty.

To be continued
Tony Warden

Me and my size nines! - Walking for Physical Health

*Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*

*If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person.
For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.*

1 Corinthians 3: 16-17

Walking has been recognised for many years as a form of exercise. If I felt controversial, I might suggest that this is because walking is part of our everyday life and so takes less effort to engage with than other forms of exercise. We are inherently lazy and would much prefer to sit down with a cup of tea than to go to the gym or join a football team.

There are exceptions. There are those who are driven to do more and more exercise, to push themselves harder and harder, but there is a majority who appreciate a slightly gentler pace of life.

I refer to the "pace" of life intentionally as this reflects our walking, both in our ability and in what we do with it, each of us at our own pace. Almost all of us can walk, do walk, and benefit from walking, albeit in different ways, at different speeds and over different distances.

So, why do I suggest that enjoying walking as a form of exercise reflects human laziness, and as someone who walks day by day as my main form of exercise, am I being overly hard on myself?

Much research has been done on this. Harvard professor Daniel Lieberman has written that "it is natural and normal to be physically lazy... ..because our instincts are always to save energy". We seem to have spent all our lives making things easier, an extreme example being the gradual change from living as hunter gatherers to living with the handy combination of the supermarket and the microwave!

If laziness is our "go-to" position, then what about exercise? Why do we need to overcome a natural position of laziness and engage in unnatural activities such as walking? Perhaps the answer is obvious. We do it because exercise keeps us healthy, and through being healthy we hope to extend our lives and feel better in ourselves. That surely is a good thing and is well worth doing.

Not only is this a good thing, it is also the accepted truth. Even during the COVID-19 lockdowns of recent years, it was recognised that everyone needed to go out for an hour a day, for the purpose of exercise. It could be argued that an hour a day isn't enough. The nineteenth century walker and author Henry David Thoreau wrote in his book "Walking" that "I think that I cannot preserve my health and spirits, unless I spend four hours a day at least – and it is commonly more than that – sauntering through the woods and over the hills and fields, absolutely free from all worldly engagements".

This raises the question of mental as well as physical health. Thoreau writes of the preservation of his health and spirits, but I will come to mental health and wellbeing next month. For the moment, and thinking about physical health, this is a huge challenge. I have, at the point of writing, only managed once this year to walk for more than four hours. I am too busy, we are too busy, life is too full of other things that must be done, and to walk for four hours a day is nigh on impossible.

Perhaps we have to ask whether four hours is the goal just for people like Thoreau, or are we all missing out on something if we cannot manage this. For many years now, doctors have recommended walking ten thousand steps a day. It doesn't seem to matter about heart rate, speed, or whether it is all in one go or not, but if you can manage ten thousand steps, you will be healthier than if you don't. Many of us even have mobile phones or smart watches which record this and tell us when we're not doing well enough.

It's also worth remembering that although health is improved by walking, it's not the only reason to go for a walk. If you are not familiar with Emilio Estevez' truly exceptional 2010 film "The Way" then I recommend it to you. In this film, four people walk the Camino de Santiago, travelling five hundred miles through northern Spain to Santiago de Compostela. Two of them walk for physical benefit, one is looking for inspiration, and the other for spiritual awakening (although he may not have realised this at the time). I won't spoil the film for you by telling you what happens, but although they all complete the walk, it is interesting to see which of the goals are achieved.

Perhaps the truth is that we can be successful, or we can not. We can walk ten thousand steps every day, or we can not. We can take up more physical sports or go to the gym, or we can not. We are all different, with different abilities which change through our lives and will restrict us in different ways, but we can choose to push ourselves just as far as we can, or we can give in to our inherent laziness.

For a long time, God's people have perceived his home to be the temple. However, St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians reminds us that we are that temple, the dwelling place of God's Spirit.

This doesn't help to explain inherent laziness, or to make it easier to exercise. It doesn't make it easier to get things right, and believe me, I know that as well as anyone. But if we keep in mind that we are called to God's service and filled by his Spirit, then perhaps we can begin to understand that taking a walk is a good step in the journey of our Christian lives and enables both body and soul to be all that God calls us to.

Fr Tim



"It's true putting in the effort is good for us, but a bit of help up a



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**SATURDAY,
23rd MARCH 2024
10:00 to 12:00
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FROM THE REGISTERS

On January 28th, Rev'd Jean welcomed Ettie Aileen Davis with her parents, Kirsty and Amanda into St John's for a joyous Candlemas Day Baptism.



There was a bumper celebration on February 4th at All Saints when Fr Tim welcomed Isabelle Amber Waller, Paloma Mae Exley, Isaac Noah Exley and their friends and family to share in their baptisms



Florence Smith-Greenwood was baptised at St John's yesterday by Rev'd Emily. Welcome into the church family Florence



Gracie Millthorpe was baptised in Darton by Rev'd Jean on February 25th, photo to follow in next month's magazine

FUNERALS

Please remember in your prayers those who have experienced moments of sadness or grief in the last few weeks especially the families of



Anthony Brown
Mabel Holliday

and also the family of Margaret Booth who ashes were interred in February

We remember also all whose anniversaries are at this time

REST ETERNAL GRANT TO THEM O LORD

BARNSELY LENT COURSE 2024

This year's Lent Course entitled Living the Gospel got off the ground by Canon Nicholas Turner who began the series of talks with his specialist subject, Deliverance.

Future weeks will see representatives who will discuss their involvement in the Prison Service, the Military, the Hospital and finally Disability.

The talks will be held on Thursday evenings at 7pm at All Saints and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a short service of prayer, readings and hymns, followed by the speaker and ending with the service of Compline.

Finally refreshments will be served, a good time to catch up with old friends and make new ones.





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FEBRUARY DRAW

1st—65 (Chris Beaumont)
2nd—14 (Judith Hollingsworth)
3rd—62 (John Hodgson)

Spare numbers can also be bought on the day of the draw

CHURCH OPENING ROTA

10 am—12 noon

March 2: Tony Warden & Bridget Mellor Frith
 March 9: Brenda Hepworth & Mollie Hall
 March 16: Janet Rodgerson & Ursula Senior
 March 23: Alistair & Ann Burns
 March 30: Alistair & Ann Burns

Many thanks to those who keep the Rota going each week.

March rota for St John's

Date	Sunday 03 March 2024	Sunday 10 March	Sunday 17 March	Sunday 24 March	Thursday 28 March	Friday 29 March	Saturday 30 March	Sunday 31 March
Day	Lent 3	Mothering Sunday	Lent 5	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Day
Time	09:00	09:00		09:00	19:30	12:00 at St John's	20:00	09:00
					At All Saints', Darton	14:00 at All Saints'	At St John's, Staincross	
Welcome & Offertory	Pam Seaman	Margaret Foster	Sue Green	Amy Roe				Cynthia/Gavin Sturgess
Reader	Margaret Foster	Pam Seaman	Nick Shields	Sue Green				Amy Roe
Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Colossians 3: 12-17	Hebrews 5: 5-10	Philippians 2: 5-11	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9	Romans 6: 3-11	Acts 10: 34-43
Gospel	John 2: 13-22	John 19: 25b-27	John 12: 20-33	Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47	John 13: 1-17, 31b-35	John 18: 1 - 19: 42	Mark 16: 1-8	John 20: 1-18
Intercessions	Amy Roe	Nick Shields	Louise Smith	Rev'd Jean Sykes				Amy Roe
Chalice	Margaret Foster	Louise Smith	Pam Seaman	Margaret Foster				Louise Smith
Coffee	Sue Dunhill Bob Hawes	Amy Roe Pam Seaman	Doreen Piper Louise Smith	Sue Dunhill Bob Hawes				Amy Roe Pam Seaman
Servers		Diane Cooper-Ramsden	Diane Cooper-Ramsden	Diane Cooper-Ramsden				Diane Cooper-Ramsden
Altar Guild				Margaret Foster				

Please make any changes necessary on the sheet in the vestry and on the sheet at the back of church
 Note: Palm Sunday - Liturgy of the Palms – Mark 11: 1-11; followed by The Liturgy of the Passion shown above.

March rota for All Saints'

DATE	MARCH 3	MARCH 10	MARCH 17	MARCH 24	MARCH 28	MARCH 31
MINISTERS OF WELCOME	Hilary Riggs Christine Miller	Elaine Brown Lynda Charlesworth	Susan Elliott Anthea Herbert	Anne Burns Alistair Burns	Jean Parker Linda Rayner	Elaine Brown Lynda Charlesworth
READER	Linda Rayner	William Stevens	Rev'd Jean Daykin	Lizzie Jones	Derek Hollingsworth	Marjorie Crossland
INTERCESSIONS	Rev'd Jean Daykin	Hilary Riggs	Judith Hollingsworth	Rev'd Jean Daykin	Clergy	Hilary Riggs
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Ursula Senior	Rev'd Jean Daykin	Janet Rodgerson	Stuart Holling	Marjorie Crossland	Ursula Senior

Readings as St John's
 If you have any amendments to the rota please make alternative cover

Welcome to Eco Church

Welcome to Eco Church for March - Expect more changes in format and focus in the coming months!

First of all, over to Sue Dunhill for good news from St. John's
Bronze for St John's !

Congratulations to St John's which has just achieved its Eco Church Bronze Award! We are pleased to say that we have twinned our four toilets with latrines in Cote D'Ivoire. We have concentrated on changing to LED lighting in both church and hall and made recycling a priority. Now there is a recycling station in the hall for paper, cardboard, glass, plastic and metal. We have spoken with the other churches in Mapplewell about their progress so far on the Eco Church journey and intend to join forces in activities such as litter picking in the future. There is so much more to do but we feel that we have made a good start.

Focus on climate change impact...

We have all noticed the difference in our weather patterns in the past few years caused – the evidence is overwhelming – by climate change. However, other countries are suffering far greater consequences. Climate change is causing new humanitarian crises, and accelerating existing ones in vulnerable communities around the world – many of them in Africa. Its catastrophic consequences are already affecting many countries.



Somalia is already suffering the devastating impact of drought and extreme food insecurity. The country's political instability has made it difficult to address its climate crisis and protect vulnerable communities. By mid-2023, more than an estimated eight million Somalis – nearly half of the country's population – were experiencing crisis levels of food shortage.

Every little helps: (re)calculate your carbon footprint.

How big is your impact on climate change? Calculate your carbon footprint at <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/questionnaire>

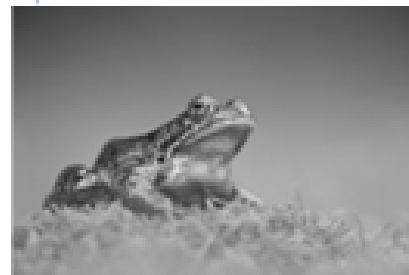
Want some easy ways to reduce your carbon footprint? There are hundreds of suggestions online – but remember the EASY ones!

- Use a refillable bottle for water / drinks (and save money!)
- Donate things you no longer want or need to charitable shops or organisations – don't send them to landfill as waste ...
- Avoid food waste (and save money!).
- Replace even ONE meat-based meal per week with a vegetable-based one: good for your health (and saves money!)
- Turn it off if you aren't using it (and save money!)

Er... notice a common theme here? Many moves that are good for the planet are good for our finances, too!

Round/about: focus on native species...

The "Common" frog is protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. They're amphibians, breeding in ponds during the spring and spending much of the rest of the year feeding in woodland, gardens, hedgerows and tussocky grassland – even taking up residence in greenhouses. They often inhabit garden ponds, where they lay their eggs in big 'rafts' of spawn and feed primarily on a variety of invertebrates, including slugs!



Common frogs vary in colour enormously, from green to brown and even red or yellow. It has smooth skin, a dark 'mask' behind the eye and long back legs, covered in dark bands. It hops and jumps rather than walks, and lays spawn in large jelly-like clumps. Frogs can spawn as early as December or as late as April depending on the weather. After hatching, tadpoles take about 14 weeks

to metamorphose into froglets. Don't touch them with bare hands as they are very sensitive to chemicals on our skin.

If you find frogspawn, PLEASE leave it in its natural environment: collecting in jars rarely results in successful froglets!

Letter of thanks to Judith Hollingsworth from the Children's Society, thanking you, for your generous donations at the Christingle Service held in December

Children's Society

Mrs Judith M Hollingsworth
All Saints Church Darton
3 Roman Road
Darton
S75 5DB

06 February 2024

Thank you for sharing the light of Christingle

Dear Mrs Hollingsworth,

Thank you so much for your Christingle celebration this year and this amazing donation of **£345.14** to The Children's Society.

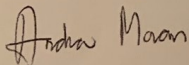
It's thanks to the money raised in churches and congregations like All Saints Church Darton that we are able to be here for children and young people when they need us most, and we're so grateful to you for standing alongside us. Please extend our thanks to everyone who contributed towards this.

We know how much work goes into organising a Christingle and this year supporters like you have gone to extraordinary lengths to celebrate and raise money with us. We are so grateful for all the effort you have put into making sure the Christingle tradition continues. It means the world to us and to young people.

Your support really does change lives – together, our volunteers, supporters and campaigners make The Children's Society's work possible. When you attend a Christingle service, you are standing alongside young people and letting them know that a brighter future is possible. Last year more than 2,000 celebrations raised nearly £600,000 for children and young people. Every penny raised at your Christingle helps change lives. You can read more about the impact your support has at childrenssociety.org.uk/impact.

Thank you once again for Christingling with us this year to make a difference for children and young people.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Moran
Head of Supporter Experience

We may contact you by post, and telephone, about how you can support children in crisis by campaigning, volunteering or providing financial support. If you do not wish to hear from us, or have a preferred contact method, simply let our friendly Supporter Care team know by calling 0300 303 7000 or emailing supportercare@childrenssociety.org.uk.

A STAR IS BORN

Arthur Carr, one of the regular members of our congregation has prepared a candle for Lent in which he will be saving his money and then donating it to St George's Food Bank, a cause close to the hearts of All Saints, what a star!



If you would like to donate food to this worthy cause there is a trolley usually in the doorway of All Saints when the church is open.



DARTON PARISH HALL

Located in Church Street, next to the Post Office, this is a substantial facility comprising a large hall, smaller meeting rooms and a fully-equipped kitchen. It is available for hire by groups for educational and leisure activities. If you are interested in hiring the Parish Hall, call ADAM PRICE on 07888012339 to discuss our competitive rates.

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