

# Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



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## September 2021

### Worship Services in September

It is now September and we have two services at St Helen's at new times of 9.30am and 11.00am. Services at St Paul's continue at 11.00am.



These services are operating in a Covid safe way and it was good to see everyone at both churches wearing masks.

*Brian Pratt (Churchwarden)*

### Update on the Vacancy Situation

You may recall that in August's Newsletter I hinted that September would be busy. Unfortunately this has proved not to be the case. There has been a little slippage at diocese level, and diaries could not be coordinated in time.

However, the next stage, a Section 12 meeting, will take place on 30th September. This gathering includes our two parish representatives - Viv Buckley and Ed Brindley, Rev Peter Townley (the Archdeacon, acting on behalf of the Bishop) and our Patron, Rev Michael Duff, acting on behalf of the Church Pastoral Aid Society. (CPAS) This meeting approves the Parish Profile/Brochure, agrees the job advert and opens the door to recruitment of a new vicar.

The draft advert goes to CPAS on 15th October and, if approved, it will go to the Church Times on 22nd October. It will appear in the Church Times on 5th, 12th, 19th of November. The closing date for applications will be 25th November and the interviews will be on 19th January 2022.

So the new vicar, hopefully, will arrive anytime between Easter and September. It is longer than we had thought or hoped. We need to pray for the process, for the successful spirit-led recruitment and our new vicar who will lead us in the new direction which God will show us. Pray for our leadership. Keep us working together in harmony, give us the strength to continue and pray that we will be guided by the Spirit. Please talk to any of the church wardens if you have questions about this process.

*Brian Pratt (Churchwarden)*

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## Hospitality at St Helen's

There is a growing thirst for the re-introduction of tea and coffee after worship at St Helen's. St Paul's have already stolen the lead and are serving tea and coffee already, along with individually wrapped biscuits, the kind you get in boarding houses.

So I am, with help, organising a rota and preparing a schedule in order that people can put their names down for regular slots. I will be contacting people in the existing rota and then start to fill in any gaps. It will be good to have after church fellowship with you again.

*Brian Pratt (Churchwarden)*



## An invitation from our Choir to Members of the Congregation



Morning Prayer at 9.30am on Sunday 19th September is one of several services held during September focusing on "Creation" and leading to the celebration of Harvest in early October.

The choir extend an invitation to you to join with them in singing selected hymns set to well-known tunes originally written for "Songs of Yesteryear" and now published in Ancient and Modern. These include "The Skye Boat Song", "Scarlet Ribbons", and "Blow the Wind Southerly". Nine other tunes including "Finlandia" and "Greensleeves" will feature in an organ medley before the service and as the Introit and Dismissal sung by the choir. The Service Sheet also features a challenge for you to take home and "have a go" at solving!

We give thanks for the creative skills of writers and composers and look forward to you joining us on this occasion.

*John Arnold (organist)*



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## Introducing Ed Brindley

We are going to use this newsletter to introduce some people who have key roles in parish life. This month is the turn of with our newest Church Warden, Ed Brindley.

Ed writes .....For those of you who haven't seen me leading worship, I am Ed Brindley and have been attending St Helen's since 2015. I am currently one of our four Church Wardens responsible for trying to guide us through the interregnum period without too many bumps and scrapes. Officially I am responsible for worship (including sound and streaming), communications (including the website, YouTube channel, digital notice board and Facebook page) and youth work. Whilst this sounds very grandiose, in reality I am just one part of a huge team of dedicated people who do most of the heavy lifting!



I am originally from Peterborough where I was brought up in a very progressive (for the 90's church). Whilst this laid the groundwork for my faith, I moved away from church at university and struggled to reconcile faith and religion until moving to Wakefield in 2015. Being a part of St Helen's taught me that as long as my faith is informed by Jesus' command to love God and love others, then that is enough for Him.

I now lead worship once a month, as well as being a leader in the SHIELD youth group. I am incredibly blessed to be married to Bethany Brindley (nee Rowe) who I met the first time I attended St Helen's. We have 2 dogs called Button and Domino. Recently I was nominated alongside Viv Buckley by the PCC to represent our parish on the interview panel for the new vicar. This consists of the Archdeacon and our patron. Although I am not the longest serving member of the church, I hope that I will be able to represent everyone who has benefitted from the ministry Rupert and Sally engendered, as well as identify the passion and inspiration of our new vicar to lead us onward in faith.

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## Wakefield District City of Sanctuary

### Afghanistan & Asylum Seekers Winter Appeal

#### **NEW Clothing Items Needed:**

Underwear & Socks; T-shirts; Jogging Tops & Bottoms; Warm & waterproof Shoes & Flipflops.

**For Men, Women and Children.**

**All Ages and Sizes welcome.**

We also welcome donations of clean and decent secondhand Winter coats and warm clothing.

All donations can be delivered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm to:

Clothing Store, St Michaels,  
Westgate Common, Wakefield, WF2 9RW.

Please email us at [info@wdcos.org.uk](mailto:info@wdcos.org.uk), call or text us on **07800 605397** to check availability before delivery.

The Wakefield District City of Sanctuary offers a welcome, hospitality and friendship to asylum seekers and refugees of all faiths and none.

Registered Charity No. 1187477.

The above Charity also needs Educational Items and Materials

Writing materials, colouring books, crayons

Toys and books for children

Simple dictionaries and Thesauruses.

If you can't get to St Michal's, please leave donations in the church office with a label saying they are for City of Sanctuary. Ruth can take them in.

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## News from The Spring

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at The Spring – cake sale to be held outside the Spring from 10am – 4pm. All cake donations welcome and all money raised will go directly to the Charity

**Sunday Lunches @ The Spring** will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, with our first one planned for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. You can arrive from 12.30 and lunch will be served at 1pm. There will be a table for people to share food and fellowship if they are on their own and remaining tables can be booked on 01924 242593 or in person at the Cafe Counter. We will be opening with a Traditional Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding, with a vegetarian alternative, accompanied by Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower Cheese, Peas & Carrots.

Main Course is priced at £6 with a smaller portion available for £5 per person. Main Course & Pudding, will be available for £8, or again slightly smaller portion at £7. We look forward to welcoming you

**Coffee Corner** – our new coffee corner is now available offering a more relaxed seating area to enjoy your coffee and cake.

And finally Cafe Church is back.....we've missed you.

Starting from this Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September we will be offering an informal worship service, teaching and prayer from 10.45am and will be here every second Sunday of the month.

*Cath Moxham, Manager at The Spring*



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## Harvest - Sunday 3rd October

We are very blessed with provisions and we will take the opportunity to give thanks at our Harvest Festival Services on 3rd October at 9:30 and 11am. If you wish to bring items of non-perishable food or toiletries, these will go to those who need them via the Food bank at St Catherines.

We are exploring a Covid-safe way using the harvest services to say thank you to “unsung heroes” in our fellowship - so come along and give thanks.

The Oasis team are marking harvest by sending out harvest greetings and a small gift to the elderly/isolated in the parish. Anne Pratt or Janet Porritt can give more information about this ministry.

## Safeguarding the vulnerable

It goes without saying that St Helen's and St Paul's take safeguarding very seriously. You may like to follow this link to keep up to date with safeguarding news. There is also information about free online safeguarding training.

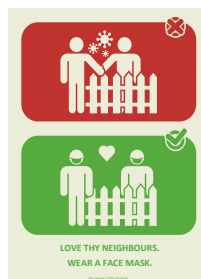
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## Inner Wheel of Wakefield

Come and meet members of **The Inner Wheel Club of Wakefield** at **Holmfield Arms Hotel, Denby Dale Road, WF2 8DY** on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of September, 2021 between 10 and 11 am.** If you who would like to take part in a short walk can meet earlier at 9.30am. Coffee will be available to purchase.

*Olivia Clark. (Inner Wheel Club of Wakefield.)*



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