

Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



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November 2021

Vacancy Update

There have been developments with our vacancy since last month. The advertisement has appeared on the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) website. www.cpas.org.uk Follow the link to "Jobs" and you will see the Sandal Magna vacancy advertised. Click further and you will find details of the post, including the parish brochure. Both the advert and the brochure do the church proud. The advert is also appearing in the Church Times. Read it with a cuppa at The Spring.

The closing date is in late November in time for CPAS to shortlist ready for interviews in January. If you see anyone new in church in the next few weeks, be sure to give them the usual loving welcome we give all our visitors - who knows, they might be a potential vicar on a recce!

The recruiting team of CPAS, the Archdeacon and our two representatives will have to maintain strict confidentiality once real applications have been received. Imagine the distress that could be

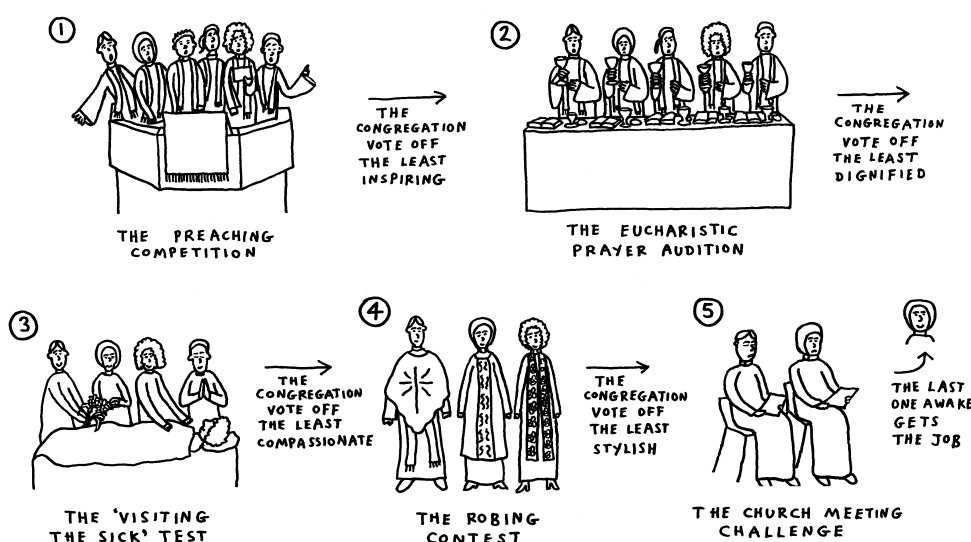
caused to the potential sending parish if they heard unofficially that their vicar was thinking of moving on.

Meanwhile, keep praying. Pray that God's candidate will read the advert and be led to apply.

Brian Pratt
(Churchwarden)

APPOINTING A NEW VICAR

THE PROCESS IS LONG AND COMPLEX



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Regular Worship Service Times

Regular Worship Services at St Helen's and St Pauls are

9.30am St Helen's Traditional Service

11.00am St Helen's Contemporary Service

11.00 St Paul's.

Holy Communion is celebrated at St Paul's on the third Sunday of each month and at St Helen's on the fourth Sunday of each month. Other Sundays are Morning Prayer or Praise

Many thanks for such valuable work

Two of our unsung heroines, Ros Jackson and Pam Wilde, have been faithful members of the bereavement team for many years, visiting and supporting those who have lost loved ones. They have also organised Memorial Services at St Helen's for over 15 years. These services have happened twice a year (except during covid) and commemorate the lives of those who have been loved by members of our fellowship. The services are very sensitive and involve presenting a candle with the name of the person being remembered which is especially meaningful. Ros and Pam have decided that this is the time for them to step down and we know that many will be grateful for the service they have given. They will be officially thanked at St Paul's on Sunday 7th November.



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Events at St Helen's and St Paul's Festival of St Cecelia



Festival of St. Cecelia

The choir invite you to join them to celebrate the Festival of St. Cecilia - the Patron Saint of Music and Musicians - at the 9.30am service of Morning Prayer on Sunday 21st November at St Helen's Church. This is an occasion to find out more about the writers and composers of some well known hymns which, with many others, enhance our worship throughout the year. In the Church's Calendar, 21st November is the Feast of Christ the King with the Festival of St Cecilia the following day. We look forward to seeing you and hope we have "good sing".

John Arnold (organist)

Christmas and Winter Song Singing

Saturday 4th December

Christmas and Winter Songs singing worship with Ali Bullivent. Festive songs, simple harmonies and good cheer! 2-4pm. Cost £6. Paul's Church, Walton, Wakefield WF2 6JU. To book or for more information please email: bullivent@hotmail.com

Ali Bullivant

Chocolate Evening at St Pauls

Wakefield Soroptimists are hosting a demonstration by Island Truffles and Treats on Thursday 25th November at 7.30pm at the Barnabas Rooms, St Paul's Church. Tickets are £5 to include refreshments. There will be a sale of chocolates after the demonstration. All profits will go to "Cure Parkinsons" which is one of our charities this year. Please contact Linda Phillips if you would like to come along, you will be very welcome. lphillips657@btinternet.com 07709282403.



Linda Phillips

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Tearfund Big Quiz Night at St Pauls

Come and enjoy an evening of wonderful company, food and quizzing on Saturday 20th November, at St Paul's, The Balk, Walton.

We're starting the evening at 6pm, with food- pie and peas, or baked potatoes, + extras. We then get down to the serious business of testing our brains and memories with the quiz, hosted by quiz-master extraordinaire, John Manners. If you can get together a team of 4-6 people that would be great, otherwise we'll put teams together on the night. At half-time we're going to show a

quick film about the amazing work that Tearfund does in helping people in desperate poverty in many parts of the world, along with ice-cream!

Tickets, costing £10, which covers the quiz and supper. To book your place please phone 07799217904. And please, invite your friends, have a great evening in aid of a very worthwhile cause.

Margaret Walker (St Paul's)



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News from The Spring

On Sunday 21st November, The Spring will be hosting an **Autumn Craft Fair**. Over 20 stall holders will be gathered together showcasing their locally made Crafts and Gifts. An ideal time to make a start on your Christmas shopping. Entry is free and there is on-site parking available at the rear of The Spring. Light refreshments will be available to buy on the day.

Sunday Lunches @ The Spring. Whilst we are now fully booked for 2021, we are pleased to announce dates for 2022

Sunday 6th February, Sunday 6th March
and Sunday 3rd April.

We will take a break from May - September, and re-commence on Sunday 2nd October, Sunday 6th November and Sunday 4th December 2022.

Our Christmas Shop opens this week, selling a fantastic range of gifts that have been donated throughout 2021. It's both a worthwhile and unique opportunity to help us up-cycle those cherished gifts that were "fabulous but not quite me". We will also have on sale our Advent Calendars, Hosts of Angels and Christingle Chocolate Oranges, all supplied by the Meaningful Chocolate Company and carrying the real Christmas Story and Message.

Knit and Natter (and Crafting). Liz Parker has taken over the Knit and Natter group which meets at The Spring on Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm. Other crafters also welcome. Phone her on 07971 069771, or just turn up with your knitting or crafts!

Christmas Closure: The Spring will be closing for Christmas on Saturday 18th December and will re-open on Wednesday 5th January 2022.



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Christmas and other Special Services at St Helen's and St Paul's

November - Remembrance Sunday 14th November

- St Helen's service times will not change January and each service will include a focus on remembrance.
- There will be an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Walton which will include reading the names of those who lost their lives. Followed by a
- Service at St Paul's at 11.00 am.
- There will also be an act of remembrance at St Paul's at 10.45am for those who are unable to stand at the War Memorial but who wish to join in the act of remembrance.



December - Christmas Services

Sunday 12th December

- 11.00am Carol Service at St Paul's
- 9.30 and 11.00am Services at St Helen's as normal

Sunday 19th December

- 10.30am Carol Service at St Helen's
- 11.00am Holy Communion at St Paul's
- 4.00pm Christingle at St Helen's
- Evening Contemporary Carol Service at St Helen's (time to be confirmed)

Friday 24th December, Christmas Eve

- 11.15pm Midnight Service at St Helen's

Saturday 25th December, Christmas Day

- 11.00am at St Helen's

Sunday 26th December, Boxing Day

- 11.00am Morning Praise at St Paul's



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