

Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



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March 2022

The Archbishops' Prayer for Ukraine

We remember in prayer all those caught up in the conflict in Ukraine.

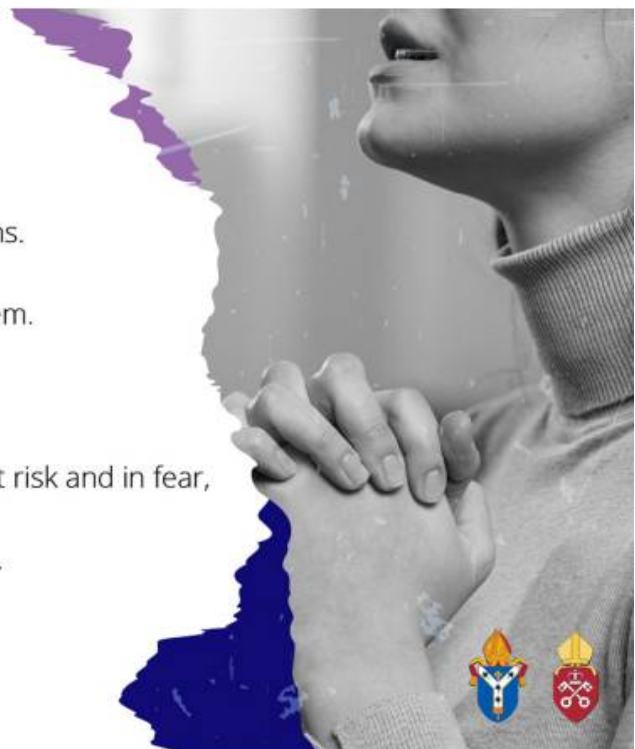
At St Pauls last week each member of the congregation was given a prayer candle which made this prayer time particularly poignant.



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



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Sarah Cutts

Sarah recently resigned from her role at Christians Against Poverty Centre Manager. She has amazingly been in the role for ten years during which time many have been helped out of debt and she has raised awareness of the difficulties and hardship caused by debt. An afternoon tea was held at The Spring for her colleagues and volunteers. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers and thanked for her contribution.

Sarah continues to serve the church in her role with Portobello Community Forum so we shall continue to hear about her exploits in future.

Brian Pratt, Churchwarden

Sunday School

We are working very hard to re-start Sunday School as we know how important that is to church families. The team is really pleased to have enough volunteers and the PCC are grateful to all the new and existing volunteers who have completed all their Safeguarding and training requirements and are excited to see how the group develops.

It had been hoped to re-start Sunday sessions this month. However, the planned First Aid Training Course for helpers has unfortunately been postponed due to bereavement and this has delayed things.

Please pray for Laura our Children's Worker, all the volunteers and the children as preparations continue and if you are interested in volunteering please contact the parish office on 01924 256699 or sandalmagna@gmail.com

Liz Morton, Laura Truter and the children's team



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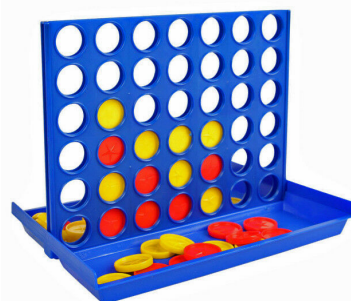
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Community Spirit..... Games Club

You are invited to be part of a new venture being held at St Helen's Church, in the Emmaus Rooms. I will be opening for our first session on Monday 14th March and then Monday 11th April and Monday 9th May. Sessions start at 10.30 - 12.00. If these sessions are well attended, I hope to continue to meet once a month or more frequently if people would like.



My hope is to gather people together in a welcoming and friendly space to meet up and join in with games, (draughts, chess, dominos and more), and enjoy a coffee and cake afterwards. Hopefully we will make new friends and create our own "Community Spirit".



10.30 - 12.00 Coffee/Tea/Cake and joining in board games (no charge)

Please do come along. Bring a friend and make new friends

Please ring if you need more information Ann Dobson 07972 737679

Women's Fellowship

Next meeting 7th March ; social chat and cuppa

4th April ; Lenten Service with Viv Buckley, Barbara Butler and our own organist, John Arnold !

All welcome....Any ladies not sure about coming, just pop along at 10 am and see what we are all about !

Gill Heap

Meditation/contemplative Prayer group

The monthly meeting of the above is restarting in the Barnabas Room on Thursday 17th March 2pm--3pm with time for tea & cake afterwards.

Sue Davies

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Angela Elphick

Angela our Lay Reader and Worship Pastor has left the parish to run, alongside her husband Richard, a campsite near Osmotherly in North Yorkshire.

Although not in the parish for long, Angela made a very positive contribution to worship and played a vital role in maintaining the continued operation of services during the first part of the vacancy. She will be missed

Angela will remain our licensed Lay Reader. The women of the staff team bade her “au revoir” and gave her a gift at a tea and cake party at The Spring.

Brian Pratt, Churchwarden



Diamond Wedding Anniversary

March 14th is a very special day for two of our parishioners as it is their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. As a Church we thank God for Wanda and Jim Crosbie and their service here at St Helen's over many years. We pray God's richest blessing on them as they celebrate this special day with their family.

Lynne Finn

Vacancy Update

There are no new developments with the vacancy. Hannah Smith will be joining us at the end of August/start of September. Initially she will live in a diocesan house in Sandal Cliff. More news to follow.

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Books of the New Testament Word Search

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Books to find:

Acts, Colossians, Corinthians, Ephesians, Galatians, Hebrews,
James, John, Jude, Luke, Mark, Matthew, Peter, Philemon,
Philippians, Revelation, Romans, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus

There are 27 books in the New Testament but seven share the same name as another - e.g. John

When you have found the 20 names in the Word Search - the unused letters starting from the top left - row on row to the bottom right, spell out a message!



Thanks to John Arnold,
our organist, who
created this word search
and submitted it for the
newsletter.

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Peter Moulding: Memories

One of my earliest memories of Peter dates back many years to when, as a Reader, he was preparing to deliver a sermon. He was with Rupert in the Emmaus Rooms and were deep in prayer before moving into the Church. I was passing nearby and simply by glancing at Peter I could see the intensity of his desire to serve his Lord and give of his best which, of course, he did. As I grew to know Peter and Margaret I quickly realised what devoted and utterly committed Christians they both were. Margaret would often ask me to join her in prayer for whoever was concerning her at the time. When I myself was shortly to undergo surgery Peter visited me at home to pray with and for me, which was a source of great comfort. I retain to this day the vivid picture of Margaret's radiant smiling face as I held out the chalice to her during communion. Both she and Peter shared their love for the Lord; they were suffused with faith and held an intense love of Jesus which so powerfully communicated itself to all with whom they came into contact.

Frequently, when collecting my godsons from Sandal Endowed (as it was then called) at the end of the school day, I would take them on a brief visit to Peter and Margaret's home on nearby Chevet Lane. The boys were always made most welcome and Peter and Margaret coped wonderfully well with their two boisterous visitors. Indeed it was a remarkable feature of both Peter and Margaret that even quite late in life they led a Saturday evening youth group with which Julian and I and a number of others were pleased to help.

Latterly I will not have been alone in missing the company, friendship and inspiration of Peter and Margaret. Following Margaret's sad death Peter left the area to receive day-to-day care from his family in Bedford. He has been wonderfully cared for particularly by his daughter Sassy, with whom he spent his last months. Notwithstanding the physical distance between us I have been able to keep in fairly regular contact with Peter through brief but wonderful telephone conversations. I was able to give him news of all the "goings on" at St Helen's and St Paul's and of all his old friends and acquaintances gained from having spent so many happy years amongst us and ministering to us. It was a blessing that he was able to spend his last days being comforted and cared for by his immediate family with great love and devotion before passing away peacefully.

If you have ever seen early photographs of Peter and Margaret you will, I am sure, have been struck by the vision of such a handsome couple who could have been Hollywood film stars. Tall and elegant, they made an incredibly glamorous couple! They met, fell in love and married very quickly - and what a partnership they became! I feel a huge sense of privilege to have known them and to have been their friend. I have no doubt that they have been true disciples of Jesus, drawing others to the Lord by their vibrant and lived faith.

God bless them both. *Helen Gill*

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Flowers

These beautiful flowers were for the funeral of Janet Crossman, late Treasurer of St Helen's, who will be sadly missed. Our thanks go to Marjorie Jones and her team for these and all the wonderful flowers in the church.

Covid Update

The Prime Minister's announcement regarding covid was rather eclipsed by the distressing events in the Ukraine. However, essentially covid restrictions have largely been removed. It will affect our gatherings in church by removing the need for the QR code and the taking of names of those attending services.

Our approach to mask wearing will remain the same for the time being. Mask wearing is not mandatory but is recommended for the comfort of others, although you can attend services without masks. Singing without masks does pose a higher risk of spreading the virus and this should be borne in mind by those not wearing them.

Covid is still around and although numbers are declining we still need to maintain awareness. Conversations I have had recently demonstrate that feelings continue to be strongly held regarding the necessity for masks, whilst conversely other feel equally strongly that they are not needed. We need to be sensitive to the feelings of other. There will be more updates as the situation develops.

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Portobello Make Lunch Club

We had a wonderful February Half Term Make Lunch Club in Portobello. We had 20 children attend with a number of mums coming along too. Everyone had a great time (including the volunteers!) The theme of the day was friendship with lots of activities going on. Thanks to the great team of volunteers who prepared food and activities, delivered invites and made the day happen. Also, thanks to the donors who give financially. We run Make Lunch Club every Wednesday in school holidays. If you'd like to be involved at all please let Cath Moxham, Sarah Cutts or Laura Truter know.

Portobello Toddler Group

The residents on Portobello have asked for a Toddler Group to be run at Portobello Community Centre. Before we go ahead with this we need a team of about 5-6 people who would be happy to run this term time on a Wednesday morning. This is a really exciting opportunity as you can be part of something new. If you would like to be involved (with or without a toddler!) please let either Sarah



Cutts (07799 534702) or Laura Truter know. Laura and Sarah will be involved so we only need 3 or 4 more people to get this going.

Sarah Cutts, Portobello Community Forum Tel: 07799 534702

The Yellow Lines are Coming

Astute people will have noticed the yellow signs on Barnsley Road near church announcing the council's plans for much needed parking controls. These plans were first revealed two years ago and the church objected and so the current plans are a modified response. John Arnold has obtained a map from the council; and this is on display in the Emmaus Room. Have a look and see what you think you have until the 17th of March to object.

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