

Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



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June 2022

Vacancy Update

Things are moving up a gear on the vacancy front. We are now making plans for the institution and induction service on 31st August, when Hannah Smith will become our new vicar. Many years have passed since I attended a similar ceremony, but there are those in the congregations who are experts in such matters, so we should be all right on the night.

The service will be a formal affair with clergy wearing their robes and processing around the church. The wardens may have to carry their wands! At the front of the church will be some of our best chairs, which will be occupied by a bishop, the archdeacon, the area dean and in due course Hannah.

Hannah has provided details of the music and so the musicians, choir and organist are even now practising. The congregation have a part to play and we will be learning the songs and hymns in order that everything will be joyful and resounding. There are still many practicals details to be finalised and so a working party is being urgently formed. You many be asked to contribute. Let us all work together and contribute however we can in order that God will be glorified and Hannah given the warmest of welcomes.

Brian Pratt, Churchwarden

Children's Church

Join the **Kids Church Team!** We need a team to support and sustain our Sunday morning sessions. Please give some thought and prayer to consider whether this is an area in which you would love to serve - we would love to hear from you! Email us at sandalmagna@gmail.com or laura.sandalmagna@gmail.com Thank you!

Laura Truter, Children's worker



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APCM Report

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held at St Paul's Church on 25th May 2022. There was a good representation from the Parish Church Council Members and parishioners of the Church. We honoured Peter Moulding and Janet Crossman for their role in parish life, recognising each member of our Church family that have passed away this year made a unique contribution and we valued each one. The meeting was blessed with a very positive atmosphere and a real sense of unity. The business of the meeting was carried out responsibly with an air of gratitude to those who had worked hard during our year of Interregnum. Brian Pratt gave an informative account of the last year with a good measure of humour and thankfulness for all God has done.

Special votes of thanks were extended during the meeting to:

- John Saville for many years of service as Gift Aid Officer
- Andrea North for her hard work producing the financial report and throughout the year
- Ed and Viv's hard work in the recruitment of Hannah, our new vicar
- Angela Elphick (who left to take up different employment) for her spiritual role in the Church keeping us on track with the requirements of the C of E. She was invaluable in developing worship.
- The leaders of our Church for doing a good job.

Three PCC members were due for re-election and there were three positions due to vacancies that arose during the last year. Three wardens were due for re-election and one warden vacancy had arisen during the year.

The PCC now consists of:

Church Wardens: Andrea North (Treasurer), Craig Orr, Brian Pratt, Julian Finn

Deanery Synod Rep: Mike Keeton

Members: Lynne Finn (Secretary), Richard Hughes, Rose Lee, Susan Lee, Roger Parker, Margaret Walker, Anne Francos, Vivien Buckley, John Arnold, Neale Clark, Jean Foster, Liz Morton, Stephanie Rutherford, Nigel Brook, Caroline Rountree.

We are deeply grateful to those who have been willing to serve in this way again and especially to those taking on new roles. We look forward to Hannah's leadership later in the year.

Lynne Finn (PCC Secretary)

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Bellringing

To celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and as part of a National Bellringing tribute for Her 70 years reign, we rang our bells from 11am on Friday 3rd of June. Ringing incorporated 70 of the classic 'call change' named 'Queens'. (i.e. bells rung in the order 1-3-5-2-4-6) and a plain course of the method 'Plain Bob Minor'.



We have arranged a team to ring a special full Peal of over 5,000 changes here at St Helen's with Jack Endersby, on Saturday 25th of June, dedicated to Her Majesty the Queen for her Platinum Jubilee. Jack learned to ring here, and has also rung regularly here for 10 years . Recently he achieved his first Peal at a neighbouring Church. This will be his first Peal at his own Church , and the first full Peal here for many years!

Margot Cutt

PS from the editor. The time of the Peal will be announced in church. Lets hope for good weather on 25th June. Why not bring a picnic and come and sit in the churchyard and enjoy the bells!

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The Defib Challenge

Serving the Parish and the Community -
Saturday 18th June 2022

We need your support!

We look forward to welcoming you in Church on Saturday 18th June 2022 at our event to raise funds for the 'DEFIB' Challenge - 'Providing funds to re-site the Defibrillator from inside The Spring onto the outside wall so it can be used 24 hours a day / 365 days a year'.



(The above photograph shows the Defibrillator now fitted outside the Portobello Community Centre)

Programme for the Day:

9.30am - 12.30 am: A Marathon Challenge of playing 100 hymns consecutively on the Church Organ - from Advent through the seasons of the church year concluding with all-time favourites.

10.00am - 12 noon: Coffee Morning and Cake Stall in the Emmaus Room. Pop in to enjoy the atmosphere and the refreshments.

11.00am - 11.30am: First Aid and the Defibrillator in the Westmorland Room. A PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Neale Clarke. Perry Morton will also bring along equipment to show everything that is vital for us to know but hopefully never need!

Donations:

A big thank you to those who have already made a donation - your help is greatly appreciated. We look forward to receiving further donations up to and including the 'DEFIB' day by:

Cash in one of the yellow collecting buckets in the Church or the Spring
By Cheque payable to Sandal Magna PCC Restricted A/C
(please print 'DEFIB' on rear)
By Bank Transfer: Sort Code 08-92-99: A/C No. 65500561: **Ref: DEFIB**

.... and most of all, we look forward to seeing you on 18th June.

Margaret Arnold, Neale Clarke, Cath Moxham

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New Gift Aid Lead Person

I am the new lead for St Helen's and St Paul's on Gift Aid. Gift Aid is a way for the church to get tax back from HMRC where taxpayers make donations. We recently received the sum of £22,530 from HMRC so it is a vital source of funds to keep the churches running. If a person donates £10 then with Gift Aid I can get a further £2.50 from HMRC.

If you are a taxpayer, there are three ways for you to give to the church so that I can recover Gift Aid.

1 you fill in a Gift Aid Form obtainable from the parish office or at the back of church where you say what you are able to donate (one off, weekly, monthly or quarterly or whatever), your address and sign it. You then set up a standing order to make the donations regularly. The form enables me to recover Gift Aid on each donation.

2 you fill in the Gift Aid form as above but tick the section requesting weekly envelopes (currently brown in colour) then whenever you attend church you put your donations in the envelope for the collection plate. The form enables me to recover Gift Aid on each donation.

3 there are also Green Envelopes at the back of church which you can write in your name, address and date and put in the collection plate. I can recover Gift Aid on these one off donations.

If you have any questions I'd be happy to answer them either before or after a service or give me a ring on 07740 112902.

Nigel Brook.



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Women's Fellowship

Forthcoming meetings, starting at 10.30am to 12 noon, in the Emmaus rooms.

JULY 4th ; Social meeting with lots of chatter, scones, jam and cream! This is the last meeting before summer break, NO MEETING IN AUGUST We will return in September!
September 5th; Social, chat and catch up, with cake, coffee/tea!

Gill Heap

Community Spirit Games Club

This group meets to play board games every 2nd Monday of the month, so the next dates will be 9th May, 13th June, 11th July and 8th of August. for any more information contact Ann Dobson on 07972737679. Come along and meet others and enjoy the refreshments. No charge.

Anne Dobson



Sandal Magna Branch Mothers' Union

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on the third Monday of each month. 7.30pm in the Barnabas Rooms, St Paul's Walton.

Contemplative Prayer

The Contemplative Prayer group meets every 2nd Thursday in the month - so 9th June and 14th July are the next two. In the Barnabas Rooms at St Pauls, 2pm to 3pm.

Sue Davies

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New CAP Debt Centre Manager

Hello! My name is Nick Drayton, and I will be your new Debt Centre Manager for Christians Against Poverty.

This is the role that Sarah Cutts has developed over many years, and I am excited at the thought of becoming involved with such an active church and your outreach to the community.

I actually live in Crofton, and my wife Vivienne and I worship at the Parish Church, where we help to lead the music. But on the days I work for CAP I will be based in the St. Helens church office, and you may well see me there.



Just before the pandemic struck I retired from teaching maths, and have been wondering whether God would lead me into some specific ministry in this new phase of life. I have long believed that a concern for those who struggle must be at the centre of our walk with Jesus, and when I heard about the CAP position I applied, and am now part-way through the training.

The St. Helens staff team have already warmly welcomed me, and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming weeks and months.

Nick Drayton, CAP Debt Centre Manager

Help needed in the churchyard

If you are available on each Wednesday morning from 9am to noon then please consider joining the churchyard maintenance team who are a very friendly group but needing a few more younger volunteers. This is to use lawn mowers and strimmers to cut back the grass around the graves in the church yard. The coffee and biscuits are excellent and you'd be made welcome whenever you came. Just turn up or contact me for more details on 07740 112902.

Nigel Brook



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Portobello Community Centre - Jubilee Project

Portobello Community Centre is a hive of activity with an array of things to do for all ages and backgrounds. We are in the midst of a wonderful Jubilee Drama Project run by Gemma Whelan with some other community artists. It has been a delight to watch the children engage with those who remembered the Coronation. They are now writing a play with songs which will be performed at St Helen's on the afternoon of 26 June. This great project has been funded by Leeds Community Foundation and Arts Council.



The Craft Group has been working hard to make commemorative badges for all the children and the Sewing Group has made the most wonderful bunting and table cloths for the performance. A great collaboration of groups and ages with different skills working together.



What's On at Portobello Community Centre

Portobello is part of our parish and we'd love you to come along to some of the groups and activities at the Community Centre. Last month, Sharon from Big Picture Living started doing a Movement to Music and Pilates Class and a Chair Based Exercise Class. Sharon has extensive experience, having worked for Sports England. She wanted to do some grass roots community work and chose to work in Portobello. We are truly blessed to have her. There are still spaces in her classes so please come along and have some fun and get healthy! She has a one to one with everyone beforehand if they have any health issues. All for £3 per session. Proper Yorkshire value for money!

Sarah Cutts, Portobello Community Centre Manager

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