

Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



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August 2022

Invitation to welcome Rev Hannah Smith

On behalf of all the PCC and the whole parish of Sandal Magna, we warmly welcome you to Hannah's Service of Institution and Induction on 31st August.

We don't have the resources to invite everyone personally, so please consider this to be your formal invitation. We hope to see many old and new friends. Some of you may know Mervyn Ellis who will be coming. Mervyn is now 95 and was licensed as a Lay Reader in the parish 60 years ago! This is an opportunity for celebration following a difficult time with Covid and the vacancy. Come along and help us start our new chapter in the life of our churches.

Please also come for part two of our celebrations on Sunday 4th September at when Hannah will celebrate her first communion with us. This will be a joint service at St Helen's with St Paul's and both St Helen's congregations.

Brian Pratt, Churchwarden

You and your family and friends are most warmly invited to the

Service of Institution and Induction

for **Reverend Hannah Smith** as

Vicar of the Parish of Sandal Magna

to be held at St Helen's Church

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 31st August 2022

and also to refreshments afterwards



Do just turn up, but it would be even better if you could reply, with the number in your party, to the Parish Office, St. Helen's Church, Barnsley Road, Wakefield, WF2 6UB.

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Vacancy Update

This is the last column on this topic. There are now less than four weeks to go before Hannah Smith joins us as our new vicar. Do pray for her as she prepares to come to us. The final plans for the induction service are being prepared. We now need a few volunteers to help prepare for the day and during the event. The cleaning team will need some assistance. Volunteers are needed for stewarding for the service. The task is to welcome people, guide them to their seats and make them comfortable. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony and so further assistance is requested with these tasks.

Interested in helping? Contact a warden, Margaret Walker at St Pauls, or let the office know. If you cannot help, do not worry, come along and join in the celebrations.

Brian Pratt, Churchwarden



Heartfelt Thanks, and Sermon

Heartfelt thanks are due to many people who have led services, preached, played and sung during the vacancy and carried out many other tasks - you and the Lord know who you are and there are too many to mention easily. Among these people, Phil and Linda Asquith have been a very consistent part of the worship team and Phil preached last Sunday (31st July). One member of the congregation was so impressed by his talk that they asked if it could be included in the newsletter. Although this was not possible, I am taking this request to heart and Phil's talk will be distributed along with the newsletter for people to read. Others have also given good teaching during the vacancy and I wouldn't be surprised if before long there was a system for enabling all sermons to be available after the services - but that will be another item on Hannah's pile!

Ruth McCallum, Parish Administrator

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August Cafe Church - Sunday 14th August, 5.30pm, The Spring

There will be a Café Church on Sunday 14th August (2nd Sunday). I encourage members from all services to come along and see what it's like; please invite friends and family too. A new time of 5.30pm is going to be tried (although this is not a permanent change). It is a relaxed style, sitting around tables with worship and a message from Joyce Bloomfield. Snacks and drinks provided.

Stephanie Rutherford

Café church – all welcome!

Relaxed style

Seated around tables

5.30pm, Sun 14 August

@ The Spring Cafe

299 Barnsley Road



Wall News

Many of you have been concerned about the state of the coping stones on the wall adjacent to the path leading down to St Helen's. Astute observers will now note that the wall has been repaired. The 9.30am congregation have been advised that they should resist the urge to walk on the new wall!

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Organ Recital by international organist

Mike Keeton recommends two organ recitals by Alessandro Bianchi taking place locally this month. Alessandro is organist of St Paul's Basilica in Cantu and has toured internationally and given masterclasses in many countries. He will be performing at 7pm at both venues and payment on the door is £8 for adults and £4 for children.

- Monday 22nd August, St James the Great, Chapelthorpe
- Wednesday 24th August, St Peter's Woolley.

Community Spirit Games Group

Community Spirit Games Group dates:

- Monday August 8th
- September 12th
- October 10th
- November 14th
- December 12th



10:30- 12:00 in the Emmaus rooms. Coffee/tea/cake.

All welcome to come and join in table games or to just sit and chat.

Ann Dobson

Women's Fellowship

We do not meet in August, but resume at the usual time of 10.30 am until 12 noon on the 5th September, when we will have the chance to chat and catch up with friends

over coffee and homemade cakes 

The October meeting will be on Monday 3rd, with our speaker coming from the West Yorkshire Police Crime Prevention Unit.

If you have never been before, please feel free to pop along and check us out, you'll be sure of a warm welcome. Meetings take place in the Emmaus rooms at the rear of the church, access via the green side door.

Hoping you have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you.

Gill Heap

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Portobello Gala

Sarah Cutts and her team have put a lot of effort into this gala - join in and have fun!



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