

Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



The lost are found, the found grow and the lonely are enfolded

September 2022

Message from our new vicar, Rev Hannah Smith

Hello everyone!

Thanks so much for the amazing welcome I received on Wednesday 31st August at my Installation and Induction service. It was great to worship with so many of you and I am looking forward to meeting everyone properly in the coming weeks and months.

As I have been praying and preparing to become Vicar at Sandal Magna, I have come with three priorities for the first few months:

- Reset
- Relationships
- Rebuild



1. Reset – when any new Vicar arrives in a parish, it is a time to celebrate and be thankful for the past journey of the churches, but also a time to start a new adventure. Before we talk about what we want to be doing as a parish in the coming years, I want to take some time to talk about how we want to be together as a church community. Each church has values they live as a community and it will be good to take some time to re-visit these values - to make sure we are happy with them and that we are putting them into practice. Some of my values are: being Jesus-centred, generosity, simplicity, always learning, listening to God and each other – there are many more. I wonder if you can take time to think about your values – and the values we'd like to embody in our parish? PTO.....



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2. Relationships – one of my priorities is to build relationships – within those who are part of church and beyond. I would like to hear your stories – how did you get to here? What are the highs and lows on your journeys? And perhaps I can share some of my story with you?



Feel free to invite me to join you at

your favourite coffee shop or on your favourite walk as I explore and get to know Wakefield. It will take time to meet everyone but I want to build relationships in the coming months.



3. Rebuild – Covid has been a big challenge to all our churches across the country. Some have returned to church and some have not come back – as I've spoken to other church leaders, I've heard that particularly families and some of our younger members have not returned. I'd love us to make inviting people back a priority – and checking out the new Vicar (!) is a great

excuse to encourage people to come back. Do contact me if there are folks who you think would respond well to being contacted by me with this invitation.

I feel so pleased to be with you all on this journey we will share. Let's keep our eyes on Jesus and stay close to him as we keep moving together.

With every blessing,

Hannah Smith

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Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their individual contributions which helped Wednesday's Induction Service to be such a joyful and spiritual celebration. There are too many to name individually but every task was undertaken with love and grace. The wands glistened, the eagle shone, pews smelt of polish and spiders were temporarily banished. Cars were parked in an orderly fashion, everyone was seated where they should be and refreshments were enjoyed. I was particularly pleased at the number of people who volunteered. There was almost a need for a short list! The service itself was everything we had hoped and prayed for. There was an excited buzz about the place, thanks in no small part to the smiles of those who came along. We can look forward to our journey together with Hannah.

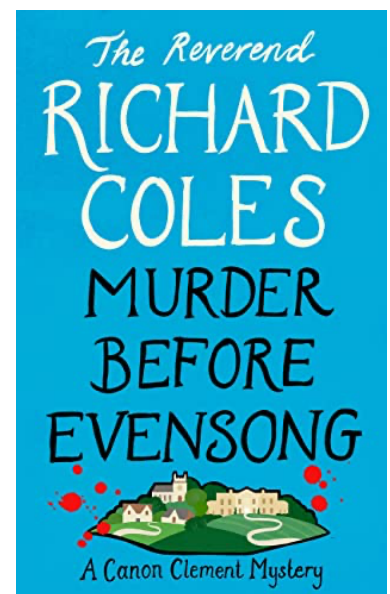
Brian Pratt, Churchwarden



A little light relief

I hesitate to suggest a good book. However, I have been reading Rev Richard Coles "Murder Before Evensong". It is an example of cosy crime and is set in an idyllic country parish and features all the characters you would find in such a place. Expect to find a canon, churchwardens, a standing committee, a PCC, a flower arranging team and no doubt a bishop. It is affectionately funny and those of us in the know will chuckle at references to such things as Greenbelt and someone called Justin.

Brian Pratt, Bookworm



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Mother's Union

The next Mothers' Union meeting will be on 19th September at 7.30pm, in the Barnabas room at St.Pauls. We hope to have a talk about the Samaritans. Everyone is welcome. Also, on 15th August, at our Afternoon Tea we raised £450.00 in aid of Mothers Union Summer of Hope appeal. Thank you to all those organising, helping out and attending the event.

Catherine Tweedle

Community Spirit Games Group

Just a reminder for the Community Spirit Games Group on Monday 12th September at 10:30 in the Emmaus rooms. Everyone welcome to come and join in table games and chat whilst enjoying Tea/ Coffee and Cake. Please do come along, perhaps bring a friend or a neighbour. Any more details contact *Ann Dobson* on 07972737679.



Church Ladies Monthly Social

On the first Monday of every month a few of us go out socially. We've been for drinks at The Castle, The Greenhouse and for ice-cream at Rassams. If you would like to come along please let Sarah Cutts know and she'll let you know our monthly plans. There's no commitment to come every month. If finances are a reason for not coming please let Sarah know (in confidence). Everyone is welcome and please feel free to invite a friend! Contact *Sarah Cutts* on 07799 534702.



Women's Fellowship

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 St Helen's 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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Liz Morton to speak at Deanery Synod

The speaker at the next Deanery Synod meeting is our very own Liz Morton - the meeting is not restricted to Deanery Synod reps but is open to everyone, so do come along to support her. The meeting is at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Tuesday 29th November 2022 at St James Church, Chapelthorpe. As you know Liz Morton is Children, Young People and Families Team Leader at Leeds Diocese. The original date for this meeting was the 22nd November so please note the change.

Mike Keeton -Deanery Synod Representative for Sandal Magna.

Prayer Book Society 50th Anniversary (and can anyone give Mike a lift?)

The Leeds Diocesan Branch of the Prayer Book Society intends to hold a Service of Sung Evening Prayer (BCP) at the Priory Church of St Mary and St Cuthbert, Bolton Abbey, Skipton (BD23 6AL), North Yorkshire on Sunday 9th October 2022 at 4.30pm to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the formation of The Prayer Book Society.

The Service will be led by the Rector, the Revd Nicholas Mercer with the choir of the Priory Church. All members of the Leeds Diocesan Branch are invited-and indeed anyone else who may be interested.

Light refreshments will be served after the service. Free parking is available at the Priory. Website : [http : //](http://www.boltonpriory.org.uk)

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I hope to see you on the day.

Mike Keeton

Leeds Branch Secretary



PS from the editor (Ruth McCallum, Parish Administrator). Mike Keeton sent this article. He would like to attend but needs a lift. Is anyone else interested in going?

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'Cloud 9' *Singing for Fun Group* with Musical Director *Ali Bullivent*



Saturdays

17 Sept, 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 3 Dec,
10 Dec

2pm - 4pm

Venue:

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Balk Walton, Wakefield
WF2 6JU

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need to read music.
We sing folk, gospel,
world, pop and
more...

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- BACK PAIN - BALANCE & POSTURE - FALLS PREVENTION (OLDER ADULTS) - OBESITY
- ASTHMA & COPD - POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME (PCOS) - WELLBEING - MILD DEMENTIA

CLASSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY

1.30 PM TO 2.30 PM

MOVE TO MUSIC AND PILATES STYLE

THURSDAY

9.30 AM TO 10.30 AM

1.30 PM TO 2.30 PM

6.30 PM TO 7.30 PM

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New
Playgroup!
starting at the
Portobello
Community
Centre



See you there!

Wednesdays
9.30am-11am
Term time only

Address:
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Starts
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