

# Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



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## November 2022

### From our vicar, Rev Hannah Smith

Hello everyone.

One of the things that I love about church is small groups – often gathering in someone's house over a cuppa, chatting about life and faith, studying the bible together – and sharing our lives – is how we grow and flourish as Christians.

Covid has been a funny time for small groups – some have loved doing this on zoom, some haven't and many have stopped altogether. This is one of the areas of church life we'd love to rebuild.

As a starter, I'm inviting anyone who has led a small group of whatever kind either just before Covid, during Covid or since, to gather for brunch in church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10am-12noon. I want to say thank-you for leading and have an opportunity to share stories, have time together and think about what next.

Please RSVP to the Church Office so we can cater appropriately – and so you can order a breakfast butty!

*Hannah*

### Invitation to Installation of our Liz Morton as Honorary Lay Canon

Some of you may know that this year I will have worked for the Diocese for 20 years; it's a real privilege to be the Children, Young People and Families Team leader and I do think I have the best job in the world. It's a real honour to share with you that on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November I am being installed as an honorary Lay Canon at Wakefield Cathedral during Evensong at 3.30pm. If any of you are able to join us at the service, it would be great to see you – I owe a great deal to St Helen's, it's the place I first become involved in children and youth work and it changed my life completely. Please pray for me and the others also being installed, that through God's grace we will serve to the best of our abilities and, if you've ever wondered about volunteering with children and/or young people, have a chat – it can be life transforming.

*Liz Morton*

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## National Trust thanks St Helen's Churchyard Team

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November we had a very successful visit from 5 representatives of the National Trust in York, including their Visitor Experience Officer. The Treasurer's House in York was gifted by the Green family of Wakefield (of Green's Economiser fame) to the National Trust. We have 2 family graves / memorials in our Churchyard as well as two memorial plaques (one to Dame Mary Green) on the south side of the Church near the main door. They expressed again their thanks for our work in the Churchyard especially with the two family graves which they cleaned round.



The Memorial by the backdoor was of special interest as it has the trademark of the designer (two moths) incorporated on the west side. They were not sure how many of the family are interred there. They completed their visit with lunch at The Spring.

*Alex Hull*

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## An invitation! “When in our music, God is glorified”

At the 9.30am Morning Prayer Service on Sunday 20th November 2022 we are celebrating The Feast of Christ the King and St. Cecilia - the Patron Saint of Music. This is reflected in the selection of readings and hymns and reminds us of the important role of the playing and singing of music in our worship.

The choir will be singing Psalm 150 - 'O praise God in his holiness' to the setting by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford. Hymns include 'Rejoice! The Lord is King', 'O sacred head surrounded' and 'Crown Him with many crowns' - all supported by a handout of information about the authors and composers of the hymns.

To conclude this celebration and to thank you, the congregation, for your support, the choir would like to invite you to join them after the service in the Emmaus Room for coffee/tea and **cake**.

This is also an opportunity for you to tell us of 'your' favourite hymns which can then be included in future services. We look forward to seeing you on 20th November!



*John Arnold, Organist*

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## Big Quiz Night and other events at The Spring

### Big Quiz Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ The Spring

1. Get a team together – No more than 8 please !
2. Join us from 6pm for Supper
3. Quiz Begins @ 7pm

£ 10 per person including food -  
available from The Spring

ALL money raised to Tearfund UK



### Also:

The Spring Advent Craft Fayre on  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 12-4pm

Free Entry

Free onsite parking.

Over 20 stalls from local crafters

Light refreshments available to purchase on the day

Spring Advent lunches available from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
- ALL pre booked tables have now been booked but we will be offering on the day “walk in” lunches from 12-2pm.

### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHES

Also if you know someone who may need a Christmas Lunch preparing for them and or their family please do get in contact with me at The Spring - we will be offering freshly made Christmas Lunches for either delivery or collection between 1pm and 3pm on Christmas Eve . Available to anyone who needs one and at no cost or donation only.

*Cath Moxham, The Spring*

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## Cafe Church on Sunday Oct 9th

Please note that Cafe church is on Sunday 13th November at 11am - everyone welcome.



**The Fellowship of  
Contemplative Prayer**

There is a service of Contemplative Prayer on the second Thursday of the month from 2pm to 3pm at the Barnabas Rooms, St Paul's Church. This is a led prayer time with lots of silence when we contemplate a Bible verse and use it in prayer. Contact Sue Davies on 07749 592 858 for more information or go to <http://www.contemplative-prayer.org.uk>

## Community Spirit Games Group

Community Spirit Games Group meet every second

Monday of the month from 10.30 to 12.00 in the Emmaus Room. All are very welcome to come and join in over a cup of tea/coffee/cake. We meet regularly on the second Monday of the month. For more information contact Ann Dobson on

07972 737679.



## Women's Fellowship

On November 7th, we will be holding our AGM, when we will be welcoming Hannah, who has kindly agreed to chair the meeting. Coffee/tea ☕ & cake 🍰 with lots of chatter to follow ! Always happy to see you, and if you have never been before, feel free to come along 🙏 you'll be sure of a warm welcome .

*Gill Heap*

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## St Helen's with St Paul's Mothers Union



Our next two meetings will be at 7.30pm in the Barnabas room at St. Pauls' on Mondays 21st November and 12th December, which will be our Christmas celebration when Hannah hopes to be joining us.

Last month our speaker was from Mercy Ships UK. Alan came and gave us a very enlightening and encouraging talk about the valuable work they do around Africa. All the crew and medical team on the ship pay for their board and lodgings, as well as working for nothing when they do a stint on board their hospital ships. They perform life changing surgery for free, on people who would otherwise go untreated, and who have often led lives shunned by their communities due to their disability or illness. Truly amazing work founded by Christians.

Also, I would like to remind everyone that anyone can join us at Mothers Union. You do not have to be female or a mother. If, you are interested please come along to any meeting or talk to one of our members. Also, have a look at our website <https://www.mothersunion.org>



## Children's Society Boxes

Liz Parker is now coordinating our support of the Children's Society using their "money boxes" and is having trouble getting them all in. If you know someone who does not come regularly to church and has a Children's Society box - could you speak to them please? Perhaps you could bring their box back to church for them. Or speak to Liz about this so that she can get in touch.

*Liz Parker*

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Music at St Paul's



## Drumbeat Heartbeat with Ali Bullivent

Mindful drumming...  
Tune in to your own  
vibration, join your  
heartbeat with those in  
the circle, and send out  
the rhythm to the world.

Weekly on Wednesdays  
(term time)  
starting Oct 5 2022

6.30pm - 7.30pm  
St Paul's Church, The Balk,  
Walton, Wakefield WF2 6JU

£6



For further info and to book  
contact: [bullivent@hotmail.com](mailto:bullivent@hotmail.com)



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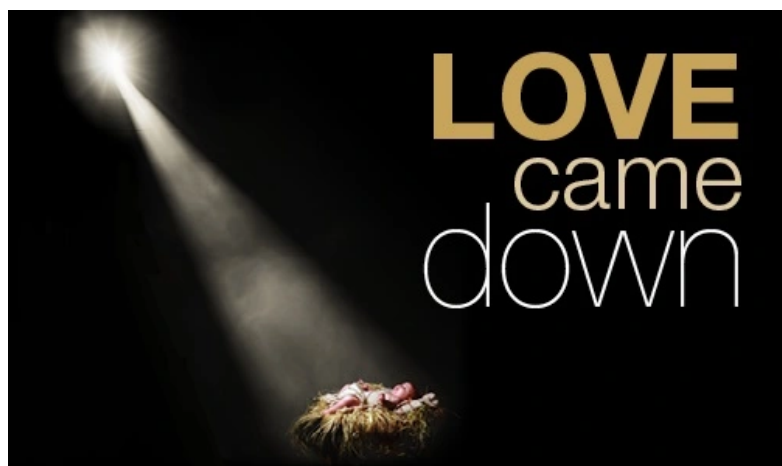
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## Christmas Services in Sandal Magna Parish

### *This Christmas*

Sunday 11th Dec	Village Carol Service	11am St. Paul's
Sunday 11th Dec	Traditional Carols	4pm St. Helen's
Sunday 18th Dec	Pop-Up Nativity	11am St. Helen's
Sunday 18th Dec	Contemporary Carols	7pm St. Helen's
Wed 21st Dec	Portobello Christmas	11.30am Portobello*
Christmas Eve	Christingle	4pm St. Paul's
Christmas Eve	Midnight Communion	11.15pm St. Helen's
Christmas Day	Family Communion	9.30am St. Helen's

*\*Portobello Community Centre*



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