

Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



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

Lent/Easter 2023

From our vicar, Revd Hannah Smith

Christians are often called 'Easter People'. Jesus is the centre of our faith and his death and resurrection are central acts that he did on behalf of us, his followers. Easter is a special time to remember again and to let the story change us again.

I'm inviting everyone to join me in a week of Pilgrimage in the week leading up to Easter. We will be journeying round our buildings in the parish during Holy Week with opportunities to worship and remember Jesus in different ways each evening from Monday to Thursday at 7pm in a different venue - followed by further opportunities on Good Friday at St. Paul's at 2pm and walking to Sandal Castle for 5pm with other local churches for a short act of worship. There are further details later in the newsletter.

Please do consider joining us for as much as you can make of this journey – as we remember who Jesus is and what he has done – and as we remember in the different parts and places of our parish. I am praying that we all meet Jesus in his journey to the cross and in his resurrection afresh this Easter.

Hannah

Getting ready for Easter at St. Paul's.

During lent we are dressing the cross. The cross is made from the trunk of the Christmas tree that was outside Walton Village Hall. (The last one was riddled with woodworm). See photo.



For those of you who haven't seen what we do, every Sunday in lent we follow Christ's journey from Palm Sunday to Easter. We have an appropriate reading and place an item on or at the foot of the cross. On Easter Sunday we cover the cross with flowers and after the service put it outside.

Catherine Tweedle.

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Report

This year's APCM will be held at St Paul's on Wednesday May 10th at 7.30pm. Reports to be included in the Annual Activities Report should be sent to the Parish Office by Thursday 6th April (Maundy Thursday) - *Ruth*

Women's Fellowship

Of course by the time you read this, we will have had our traditional Lenten service (6/3/23) and hope that all those who attended enjoyed it. Our next monthly meeting falls on the 3rd April when we shall welcome Mr. P.Morton, who will be enlightening us on Emergency First Aid & Use of the defibrillator. This is as a follow up to the 'Defib Challenge' held last June.

Although the first Monday in May falls on a bank holiday, we will still be meeting, as usual at 10.30am in the Emmaus rooms when we will have time to catch up with friends over a cuppa ☕ & cake 🍰 All welcome 🙏



Eucharistic Training

I'm grateful for all who have come forward to be trained to serve the chalice at communion and to prepare the table for communion. We're really pleased our team is growing and if anyone else would like to be involved in these ministries please do chat to Olivia Clarke. *Hannah*

Music and Sound

It's been great to have a few more musicians back involved in worship at the 11am at St. Helen's. We'd love to have more musicians and singers involved across the parish so if you are interested in being involved please do chat with Hannah or Phil. We also could do with more folks involved in sound and visuals for projector at St. Helen's particularly at the 9:30am - do chat to Andy Owen or Hannah if you're interested. Full training will be provided. *Hannah*

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The Bells at St Helen's

We have much needed new ropes after 15 years, this time we chose green and gold 'sallys', though we don't plan to repaint our ringing chamber to match! Jack, Shaun and Eddie achieved challenging new skills, spending a VERY long Tuesday evening, removing the old ropes and installing the new, by attaching them to the tail end of the old and hauling them up from the top. Sounds easy but it isn't !!



The ropes for bells 1,2 and 3 are 50 foot long, and those for 4,5 and 6 are 53 foot long (yes we do still order in 'old, measurements!') They reach from the folded double tail end, which we hold, in the ringing chamber, through wooden channels in the clock chamber and into the bell chamber, where they go round the bell wheel and fasten in a very secure and traditional way to the wheel cross braces. (see photo of the bell chamber).

Great care is needed to have the Sally's at the correct height, and given that the ringers vary in height by more than a foot this isn't easy, though we do have a selection of boxes to stand on, 2 nicknamed the bread board and the book shelf! We now all face the challenge of getting

used to the differences of the new ropes and their bounce as they stretch a little until they settle in. The bells, wheels and frame are due for their regular maintenance check now, which will be done by Roger, one of our ringers and Tower Keeper, who will lead a master class for Jack and Shaun to pass on the skills needed.

Margot Cutt

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EASTER HYMN PATHFINDER

Easter is the most important and oldest festival in the Christian Church celebrating the Resurrection of Christ.

Missing joining together in prayer and praise and the singing of the Easter Hymns? Well, this is no substitute but will sharpen our thinking.

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L	L	E	E	D	E	E	H	E	F	F
U	A	J	R	O	C	M	T	N	T	O
I	E	S	I	H	R	O	O	L	A	D
A	H	T	E	W	S	S	T	E	Y	O
I	I	D	S	I	A	R	P	L	S	F
Y	D	U	O	P	U	I	S	O	N	H
A	D	R	N	O	G	N	S	S	M	Y

Starting from the shaded centre letter, move up or down or sideways (but not diagonally) to find the pathway through the words of a well known Easter Hymn to escape from the maze!

Your Pathway must use every letter but only once!

Note: In the grid you have all the right words but not necessarily in the right order!

Still struggling - well, checking Easter Hymns in the Ancient and Modern Hymn book will help to point you on the right path.

!! HAPPY EASTER !!

Congratulations to Fran Peace who was the first to submit the correct solution to the Christmas Pathfinder Puzzle. Fran, your prize is in the post! The first line of each carol making up the answer was as follows: Once in Royal Hark the Herald In the bleak O little town While Shepherd's Silent Night O come all followed by the rest of each line. 31 words with a total of 144 letters.

By popular request here is an Easter Hymn Pathfinder. Much easier - only one hymn - always sung on Easter Day. A prize of an Easter Egg will be awarded to the person with the first correct answer sent to me.

John Arnold (organist)

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From our Link Missionary, Catherine Lee

I've been back in Taiwan since 8 January, and moved from St John's University, on Taiwan's northwest coast, into central Taipei about a week later, a distance of about 30km (20 miles). This move is at the suggestion of Bishop Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang and with my support, so from now on I'll be based at St John's Cathedral, close to the National Taiwan University campus, where there are plenty of opportunities for outreach among students and the local community. A new year, a new place and a new challenge, so watch this space – and please note my new address! Giving thanks to God for his many blessings over the past six months in the UK, and as I start again here in Taiwan, with new challenges of ministry ahead in Taipei and in the wider diocese; please continue to keep me in your prayers. Thank you!

Catherine Lee



It was good to see Catherine when she visited the Parish in November 2022. The above is an extract from Her latest Blog. To find out more visit

<https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/catherine-lee-taiwan/>
or Blog: <https://catherinelee234.com>



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The Spring News Update – March/April 23

Spring seems just around the corner doesn't it, you can feel it in the air and more so than at The Spring, with our cheery daffodils brightening the whole building up - huge thanks to Jean, one of our volunteers who faithfully collects fresh flowers every Monday and creates our beautiful table decorations !!

VOLUNTEER NEWS - We had a wonderful party in January to celebrate our faithful, amazing and beautiful volunteers - all 74 of them, although I think we only welcomed 63 on the day due to holidays etc – still a wonderful time was had by all and it always feels such a privilege to serve them after all that they do week in, week out !!

That said we are still on the lookout for yet more Volunteers as the Café just seems to get busier and busier – not too busy that we don't have a smile on our faces most of the time though – so if you or you know someone, who may be interested, please do get in touch with me at The Spring – we currently have opportunities on Wednesdays 2- 4, and Fridays 2-4– helping us wash up, dry up and keep the kitchen moving !!



EASTER 2023 - along with Spring comes our journey through Lent, culminating in the joy and excitement of Easter. Throughout Lent we are offering Lent Lunches, a simple lunch of Soup and a sandwich, costing £5 with all the money being donated via Christian Aid to help fund the relief efforts in Turkey & Syria following the devastating Earthquakes – so far we have raised £955 – so massive thanks to everyone for their . We are also still donating to the Ukraine via the DEC and recently sent another £600 – your generosity is so humbling , especially in such challenging times – THANK YOU



PASSOVER SUPPER –

To mark Maundy Thursday, we will be hosting a Passover Supper, here at The Spring – it will be the first time we have done anything like this but are pretty excited about it to be honest. We hope to welcome up to 60 people, enjoy sharing a traditional Passover meal communally which will be priced “as you are able” with a BYO on the wine. More information will be coming out over the next couple of weeks with regards to Menu, booking procedures etc so watch this space!!

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The King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023 – we will be decking the Spring out in some colourful bunting to mark the occasion but have decided against hosting an event this time. Instead, we will close down for the day - allowing my amazing staff team and volunteers to enjoy the actual day itself as they choose fit. We will re-open as normal on Tuesday 9th May @ 10am.



Other News Bicycle Racks



These are now installed and located on the side of the building that leads to and from the Car Park – we can accommodate 5 bikes securely – but you do need to bring your own padlock etc – Let's get cycling more!!

New wash up area complete – thank you to everyone who helped us achieve our new Wash-up area, especially Craig, Richard, Jackie, Diggory, Andy Taylor and Chris, who stepped in at the eleventh hour. It

looks wonderful, it works better and it's a much more welcoming place to work in for everyone concerned. Worth all the hard work and the odd delay – we hope to overhaul the main kitchen in August, subject to finances etc so watch this space for further news on that one.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 25th March – Spring Garland making Workshop 3pm – 5pm @ The Spring – please contact Hollie @ Alchemilla Floral Design to book a place.

Wednesday April 5th – Spring closes at 4pm for Easter

Thursday April 6th – Passover Supper @ The Spring

Thursday April 13th – Spring Re-opens

Saturday 6th May – Spring closed for The Coronation

Saturday 20th May – Charity Performance Night @ The Spring in aid of CAP – please contact Mark Wilkinson for further details.



Daily Prayer Finally, a reminder that everything we do here at The Spring is underpinned by prayer and it is our privilege to start our working day with Prayers from 9.45-10am every morning Tuesday – Saturday. All are welcome to join us at The Spring for Prayers or alternatively let us know if you or someone you know needs prayer and we will intercede on your behalf. With love and Blessings from us all @ The Spring “serving everyone with the love of Jesus “

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Portobello Community Centre Activities

Sewcial Sewing Club Monday 10am to 1pm

A lovely informal sewing group. Come along and learn and share your skills with others. £3 per session

Senior Youth Club Monday 5pm to 7pm

For ages 11-19. Term time only. FREE

Kung Fu Monday 7.15pm to 9.15pm

Want to get fit & learn new skills? This is the total package for mind, body & soul. 1st session free - £8 per session.

Craft and Photography Group Tuesday 12.30am to 2.30pm

Bring your own crafts and learn from others. £2 per session

Warm Space Tuesday 12.30am to 2.30pm

A space to charge your phone and keep warm. There'll be FREE soup, bread, fruit, hot & cold drinks.

Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Get help with your drinking problem at this friendly & supportive group. Call Graham on 07951 922311.

Toddler Group Wednesday 9.30am to 11am

Group for pre-school children and their parents/carers. Term time only. FREE but donations welcome

1-2-1 Fitness Sessions Wednesday 11.30am to 12.30pm

Sessions with Sharon for personal training. Great for anyone who dislikes group sessions. Call Sharon to book your FREE place 07741 300455 (booking essential).

Exercise to Music Wednesday 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Pilates style exercise, movement & stretches. Call Sharon to book your FREE place 07741 300455 or just turn up

Junior Youth Club Wednesday 4.15pm to 6.15pm

A youth group for 7-11 year olds. Term time only. FREE

Merrie City Singers Wednesday 7pm to 9pm

All welcome to join a friendly community choir. Term time only. £4 per session

PCF Drop In Thursday 11am to 1pm

Need to talk? Come along for a chat and an activity. Term time only. FREE but donations welcome

Warm Space Thursday 11am to 1pm

A space to charge your phone and keep warm. There'll be FREE soup, bread, fruit, hot & cold drinks.

Chair Based Exercise Thursday 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Exercise for falls prevention, balance and stability. Call Sharon to book your FREE place 07741 300455.

Sewcial Knitters and Modellers Friday 10am to 1pm

Bring along any craft you want. We have knitters, modellers, sewers and crafters. £3 per session

Circuit Class Friday 6pm to 7pm

Speak to Sharon to book your FREE place on 07741 300455 or just turn up.

Wellbeing Course Friday 7pm to 8pm

12 week course running from 13 Jan. Speak to Sharon to book your FREE place 07741 300455 - booking essential.

Strong Tower Christian Centre Sunday 10am to 12.30pm

Worship and praise every Sunday.

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Walton Community Library



WHEN?

Friday March 17th

WHAT TIME?

7pm

WHERE? Charles Waterton House, Almond Avenue
(Off The Grove. WF2 6UA)

WHO? Our Quizmaster is John Manners

COST? Tickets are **£5** from the library and
include a glass of wine or soft drink.

PARKING? Available outside.

HOW? Table Teams of 4 people, made up on the night

Walton Community Library

Opening times 2023

- Monday 2-5pm
- Tuesday 9-12 & 2-5pm
- Wednesday 2-5pm
- Thursday 9-12 & 2-5pm
- Friday 2-5pm
- Saturday 10-1pm

See all our activities on www.waltonlibrary@gmail.com or see our facebook page.

Walton Library

Walton Community Library are holding a children's Easter craft morning on Sat April 1st, a Flower Arranging Workshop on Tues 4th April and an Easter Bunny Hunt on Saturday April 8th.

Further details are still to be at our next meeting and will go on the website and Facebook page in due course, as well as posters around the village.

Libby Hall



WALTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

always needs more helpers!

Would you be able to do a librarian shift every so often? This involves dealing with our computer system, photocopying, selling tickets, giving information, and keeping the library tidy. Full training will be given!

Perhaps you are an organiser, a planner, a cake maker or just happy to help out now and again with some of our many groups and events?

Do you have any special skills to share ??- IT, marketing or financial??

Please call in, phone on 01924 917627, send a message via Facebook or email waltoncommunitylibrary@gmail.com

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Street Angels

Volunteer opportunity

Are you 21yrs+, caring, confident and
enjoy helping others?

Are you free for a few hours on a
Friday and/or Saturday night?

We are looking for [Street Angels](#) to pair up
with the Night Marshals in Wakefield city
centre to assist people enjoying a night out.

It's a wonderful opportunity to either gain
experience for a compassionate career, or to
use your worldly experience to benefit others.

Basic first aid knowledge is a bonus.
DBS checks will be required (and paid for).

Please call [07944 750195](tel:07944750195) (Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm)

for further information or email:

office@totalprotectionsecurity.co.uk

The Prayer Book Society

Mike Keeton is the Leeds representative for the Prayer Book Society. Their latest magazine and information can be found on the table in the Emmaus Room at St Helen's and there is also a copy at St Paul's

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The Legacy of Yorkshire Monasticism

An illustrated talk by Barbara Butler (Christians Aware) Wednesday 19th April, 7pm in the Barnabas Room, St Paul's, The Balk, Walton. Refreshments provided. Many of you will know Barbara who is Bishop Tom's wife. St Helen's Women's Fellowship heard this talk last month and very much enjoyed it.

Contact Margaret Walker for more information.

Regular Activities at St Helen's and St Paul's

Church Groups or Activities	
1 st Monday of each month 10.30 -12.00 (including May 1st 2023)	Women's Fellowship. Emmaus Room. Contact Gill Heap. 01924 250103
2 nd Monday of each month 10.30am – 12.00 NB 17th April (not 10th) & no meeting in May	Community Spirit Games. Emmaus Room, St Helen's. Contact Ann Dobson. 01924 250562
3 rd Monday of each month 7.30pm – 9.30pm	Mother's Union. Barnabas Room, St Paul's
Wednesday 9.00am -12.00	Gardening Team. Contact Alex Hull 01924 256764
Church Cleaners 9.30am –	Contact Vickie Lord. 01924 255938
Wednesday 7.00pm	Bellringers practice for Sunday Services. St Helen's. Contact Margot Cutt. 01924 255918
Thursday 7.00pm	Choir Practice. Usually the Thursday before the 2 nd and 4 th Sundays. St Helen's Church. Contact John Arnold. 01924 372597
2 nd Thursday of each month 2.00 – 3.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group. Barnabas Room, St Paul's. Contact Sue Davies. 01924 255129
Other Activities (charges may apply)	
Monday in term time 1.30 – 3.30pm	U3A Recorder Group. Emmaus Room, St Helen's. Contact David Johnson 07484 230520
Monday in term time 7.00pm to 9.15pm	Wind Band. Contact Adele Jones. 07850 483727
Thursday eve	Soroptimists, Barnabas Room, St Paul's. Contact Linda Phillips 07709 282403
Various days and times	Pilates, Barnabas Room, St Paul's. Contact Gill Carr. 07968199169

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Services at St Helen's and St Paul's to April 2023

Sunday March 12th Lent 4	9.30am St Helen's 11.00am St Helen's (with kids church) 11.00am St Paul's
Sunday March 19th Lent 5	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) (with kids church) 11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday March 26th Lent 6	9.30am St Helen's 5.00pm (Cafe Church, The Spring Community Cafe) 11.00am St Paul's
Sunday April 2nd Palm Sunday	9.30am St Helen's 11.00am St Helen's (with kids church) 11.00am St Paul's
Monday April 3rd	7pm Taize Service at St Paul's
Tuesday April 4th	7pm Meditative Service at St Helen's
Wednesday April 5th	7pm Informal Service with prayer stations at Portobello Community Centre
Thursday April 6th	7pm Passover Meal at The Spring. Tickets needed. Pay what you feel. Bring your own wine or grape juice.
Friday April 7th	2pm Time at the foot of the cross at St Paul's 5pm Service with other churches at Sandal Castle (further details about processions to follow)
Sunday April 9th Easter Day	9.30am St Helen's 11.00pm (All together service with kids activities and Easter Egg hunt after the service) 11.00am St Paul's
Sunday April 16th Easter 1	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday April 23rd Easter 2	9.30am St Helen's 5.00pm (Cafe Church, The Spring Community Cafe) 11.00am St Paul's
Sunday April 30th Easter 3	11.00am Joint Service St. Helen's at 11am.

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