

Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



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

June 2023

From our vicar, Revd Hannah Smith

Hello everyone,

Many of you will know that I recently moved into what is now the 'new Vicarage' for Sandal Magna. One of the great joys of the new Vicarage is the garden – the previous owner was clearly a keen gardener and I am enjoying watching all the flowers coming to life and learning what is here.

My new innovation in the garden is a vegetable patch. I have wanted to grow vegetables for a while but have never got around to it. In this garden, there was a rotten shed which was taken down leaving a space which gave me the impetus make my vegetable-growing dreams into a reality. It has taken hard work – the paving slabs were removed and quite a lot of rubble, sand and roots have been taken out leaving me very muddy on some of my days off! But I finally got around to planting and now shoots are appearing – potatoes, carrots and beetroot are going the best so far.

As I have been on this 'vegetable patch journey', I have been reminded of God's role as the gardener and also the parable of the sower. The vast amount of preparation that is taken to get soil ready for the seed – the planting itself takes very little time – and then the constant need for water, particularly with the lovely weather we are having! In the same way, God is always sifting through the soil of our lives, taking out what is harmful to us and getting us ready for his seeds to be planted in our lives. In the same way, we sow the seeds of his gospel in the lives of those around us, confident that God is working in the lives of all in a similar way.

Our role is to work with the gardener and to be open to his living water quenching our thirst and allowing us to grow. Here's to the harvest!

Hannah



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Wordsearch from the Organist

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Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity, Ash, Wednesday, Maundy, Thursday, Good, Friday, Ascension, Day, Saint, Helen, Paul, Sandal, Magna, Parish, Church, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, Harvest and finally, who is celebrating?

The great festivals of Easter and Pentecost have come and gone and the season of Trinity is upon us. This Word Search reminds us of Festivals, Seasons and many Holy Days. Can you find them and answer the question?



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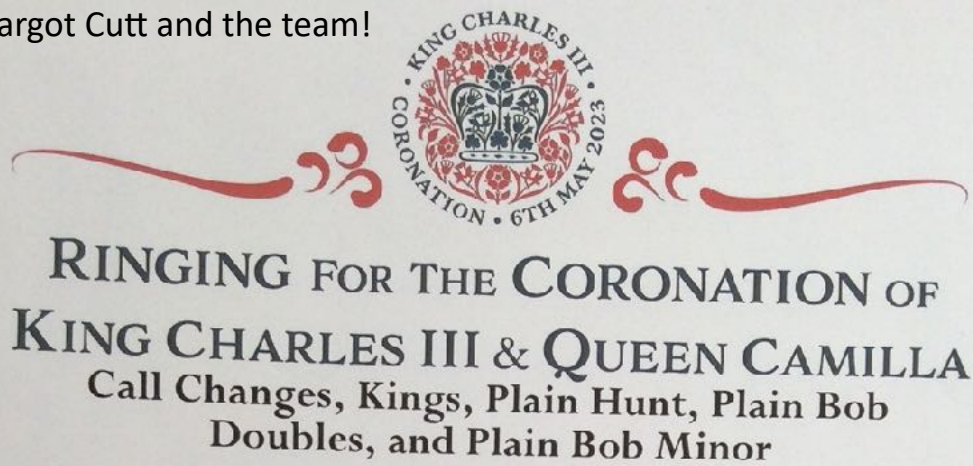
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The Bells

The bellringers are justifiably proud of their Coronation Ringing Certificate. Many thanks to Margot Cutt and the team!



Our Bells were rung for one hour prior to the 11am Coronation Service of King Charles III in Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May 2023. Everybody rang something suitable for their ability. Prior to ringing up, Robert age 7 (a non ringer as yet) was helped by his brother Eddie age 17 to chime the date. Margot Cutt has been ringing for 68 years, narrowly missing out on becoming a double Coronation ringer.



(From left to right) Eddie Brook, Anita Boffin, Mike Brook, Ann Brough, Clive Moxham, Doris Basu, Terry Lunn, Sue Davies, Robert Brook, King Charles III, Gill Heap, Shaun Parkin, Margot Cutt, Jack Endersby, Roger Townend



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Women's Fellowship

We are coming to the end of our year of meetings, with just June and July remaining, to have a break for the summer in August.

At the June meeting we welcomed Mr. Paul Blakey who told us about the charity he founded called 'Street Angels', which I hope you enjoyed.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, July 3rd (at 10.30am) in the Emmaus rooms ;
'Something Crafty' with our cuppa and cake!

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST

September 4th will see the return of our regular 'first Monday of the month' meetings with details to follow of the programme.

Ladies, we look forward to seeing you soon, and hope you enjoy some lovely summer weather.

Gill Heap



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Events

Portobello Community Centre

Portobello Thursday Drop-in had a lovely meal to celebrate the Coronation at Portobello Community Centre. There were lots more people there who were camera shy! We meet every Thursday, 11am until 1pm for a light lunch and a chat. Everyone welcome!

Sarah Cutts



Walton Community Library Photo Competition 2023

A maximum of 3 entries per person. Must be

- RECONGNISABLY taken within the Walton boundary
- LANDSCAPE orientation
- ENTERED by the photographer
- SENT to waltonshots@gmail.com before the closing date of 31st August.

Libby Hall



SHIELD (Youth Group) dates:

All SHIELD evenings will be at St Helen's, Emmaus Rooms. 6pm and 7:30pm.
Voluntary £1.00 per session is welcomed.

- June 4th - The Helper - The Holy Spirit
- June 18th - planning for Autumn Fundraising event
- July 2nd - creative evening with Andy Owen
- July 16th - Summer Special BBQ with The Cross Project. Bring a friend.

Please contact Rachel Chapman for more information. 07815 770540

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Music Bus Fundraiser



Ali Bullivent is volunteering in Livingstone Zambia as part of her Music Bus project, started in 2017. She is working with 'Save the Zambezi Foundation', an NGO dedicated to raising awareness about preserving the unique environment and wildlife along the Zambezi River, close to Victoria Falls. She has also linked up with many other community groups, schools, individuals, musicians, choirs, and non-profits in order to extend this work and empower individuals through music and creativity.

Ali says... 'Zambia is a beautiful peaceful country and also one of the poorest. I am looking for funding to pay musicians to perform at events and festivals; to pay local musicians to teach children; transport costs; record songs created by project participants about the wildlife and environment; to buy instruments, equipment, traditional costumes for cultural groups; PA hire for events; to support setting up you tube channels and social media sites for local musicians.



Can you help?'

Any donations appreciated!

Paypal:bullivent@hotmail.com or e-mail/message me for bank details and/or further information



[SaveTheZambeziFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/SaveTheZambeziFoundation)



[MusicBusZambia](https://www.facebook.com/MusicBusZambia)

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

| Church Groups or Activities | |
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| 1 st Monday of each month 10.30 -12.00 | Women's Fellowship. Emmaus Room. Contact Gill Heap. 01924 250103 |
| 2 nd Monday of each month 10.30am – 12.00 | 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. 07749 592858 |
| 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 |

A Notice about Notices

Any one wishing to have a notice read out on Sunday mornings, could they please let Anne Francos have a copy at least a week in advance. annef.sandalmagna@gmail.com or drop a copy in the office. Telephone 01924 259966

I am only in the office on Tuesday mornings.

Anne Francos

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

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| Sunday June 4th | 9.30am St Helen's 11.00am St Helen's (with kid's church) St Paul's (Holy Communion) |
| Sunday June 11th (Cross Project at St Helen's) | 9.30am St Helen's 11.00am St Helen's (All Together) 11.00am St Paul's |
| Sunday June 18th | 9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) (with kid's church) |
| Sunday June 25th | 9.30am St Helen's 5.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe) 11.00am St Paul's |
| Sunday July 2nd | 9.30am St Helen's 11.00am St Helen's (with kid's church) St Paul's (Holy Communion) |
| Sunday July 9th | 9.30am St Helen's 11.00am St Helen's (All Together) 11.00am St Paul's |
| Sunday July 16th | 9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) (with kid's church) |
| Sunday July 23rd | 9.30am St Helen's 5.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe) 11.00am St Paul's |
| Sunday July 30th | 11.00am Joint Service at St Pauls |
| Sundays in August | 9.30am St Helen's 11.00am St Paul's |

Do join us on Sundays!

for worship with a warm welcome and refreshments afterwards!

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