

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

September 2023

From our vicar, Revd Hannah Smith

Hello everyone,

I hope you have all enjoyed August and hopefully have had some down-time. I have had a wonderful month on retreat. I am very grateful to God for the space and time to know him better and to enjoy his creation. I also swam in the sea off the Welsh



coast which was a treat! In the photo you can see the retreat centre where I was staying in an evening sunset – it was beautiful.

As we move towards September we are very grateful that the Church Commissioners have given a grant to Wakefield for a youth project entitled Every Good Work. We have the funding for three youth-workers to work from 3 churches in Wakefield – our parish, St. Catherine's and St. George's Lupset. We hope to interview candidates in September so do be praying for the right people who can work with young people outside of our churches. With every blessing for this new term, *Hannah*



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Vicars of Sandal Magna

Looking Back and Celebrating

Word Search Commentary

In August last year, we celebrated the Institution of Hannah as Vicar of Sandal Magna - some 868 years since Robert de Sandale was presented in 1154 as the first Rector of the Parish. Thirty four 'vicars' later, we find Charles Zouch instituted in 1718 - the first incumbent on our Word Search. Zouch served the parish well for thirty five years and in 1747 was responsible for the building of Sandal Endowed School. It is thought that he taught at the school and also at Wakefield Grammar School. He died on 27th July 1754 and was succeeded as Vicar by his son Henry. There is a monument remembering him in the Westmorland Room which was built in the area of the former Sanctuary. This room reminds us of another father and son who also served the parish well.

The ancient Parish of Sandal Magna included what are now the Parishes of St. Catherine's and that of St. James', Chapelthorpe. These churches were originally daughter churches of St. Helen's, just as St. Paul's is today. During most of their early history, it was the Vicars of St. Helen's who were Priests in Charge and this is still reflected in their role today as the Patron of both St. James' and St. Catherine's.

Returning to our 'Father and Son' families and their patronage, we find Thomas Zouch (a younger son of Charles) as Curate at St. James' in 1761 and Thomas Westmorland also Curate at St. James' in 1839 who later succeeded his father Thomas as Vicar of Sandal in 1844.

You can find a list of incumbents on the left wall of our church just inside the main entrance door.

Looking back - many of you will remember the institution of Rupert Martin (1995), some of you the institution of Robert Strapps (1960) but who can remember Francis Outram who was Vicar from 1950? Hope you enjoy the Word Search!

John Arnold - organist

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Vicars of Sandal Magna - Word Search																
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Vicars to find from 1718 - present:

Charles (1718) & Henry Zouch (1754); Thomas Hall (1789);
Thomas William Shore (1792); William Brown (1793);
Thomas Westmorland (Father 1818 & Son 1844);
Charles Sweet Escott (1853); Isaac Clarkson (1855);
William Butler (1860); Herman Douglas (1868);
Richard Norman Hurt (1879); Arthur Audley Parry (1909);
Archie Walls (1934); Francis Outram (1950);
Robert David Strapps (1960); Rupert Gresley Martin (1995);
Hannah Joy Smith (2022)

Note: The names underlined will be found only once in the grid

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Considerable work has taken place at the Tree of Life since the last article only a couple of months ago. In particular, work on the resin and the grass. The tree is now open again for interments of ashes, with several booked for September.

The Resin: Originally, the resin had been held in place by plastic edging, which has not proved adequate. During August, Yorkshire Resin had a team on site for two weeks, replacing this with metal edging, embedded in concrete which will stand the test of time much better. The resin surface has also been completely redone and looks very good. This work inevitably involved removing turf from around the edges of the tree but none of the ashes have been disturbed. Some scratched leaves will be restored.





The Grass: The grass in the lower sections of the tree, around the leaf plaques, was in a very sorry state. Many thanks to our gardening team and in particular to Mark Buckley and John Hepworth for the remedial work they have carried out over the summer. They have brought in much new topsoil to raise and level the area and have re-seeded with grass seed which is now germinating. They have also filled in around the edges of the new resin and re-seeded that too. It has been a real labour of love.

The Engravings: The words on the leaves and on the branches of the tree is still not as clear as we would like. Our stonemason has painted the lettering on two sample leaves for us to consider - one in black and one in white. In September the Tree of Life group will make a decision on whether to go ahead with either of these options.

Digital Map: This is still in the planning stage but has not been forgotten. Ruth McCallum on behalf of the Tree of Life Committee.

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SHIELD - our youth group

Dates:

Sundays 6:00 -7:30pm at St Helen's,
Emmaus Rooms
(Through the green door)
10th Sept Welcome back
24th Sept Fundraiser prep
Oct 1st SHIELD fundraiser at St Helen's
12:00midday - 4pm.
Oct 15th



On Sunday October 1st, SHIELD will be leading an event for the whole church family. We are raising money for The Cross Project and the Teenage Cancer Trust.



There will be soup and bread for lunch after the morning service. (Monetary Donations welcome for lunch) We will be selling cakes (and maybe other things!), and have some crafts to make.

Also, there will be an opportunity to share your skills and talents. We will have a variety show performance from our talented church family (we hope!).

If you would like to participate by telling a joke, singing a song, playing an instrument, reading a story, showing some artwork or anything at all, we would love you to join in. All ages welcome to participate.

Please contact Rachel Chapman if you want to sign

up! Mobile: 07815770540 Or email rachachapman@hotmail.com.

Rachel Chapman

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Christians Against Poverty

We would like to let you know how the CAP Debt Centre is getting on in Wakefield. Vivienne Drayton has joined Nick (husband) as joint Debt Centre Manager. Vivienne has a background in teaching and nursing, and Nick used to teach maths.



We are currently dealing with 18 clients, who are at different stages in their journey towards becoming debt free. Four of these may become debt free relatively quickly, because insolvency is the route chosen in the form of a Debt Relief Order. Although the processing of a DRO can take several months, once it is approved, the debts concerned are written off, whereas a debt repayment plan may well take a number of years.

We try to link clients with a church, in the hope that they can be drawn into a fellowship that will give them support through their journey out of debt and beyond. One person so far has begun attending church services regularly, and three already do. A small number of others have received church-based help in some form, such as food or assistance with applying for benefits. We are building a fantastic team of befrienders (volunteers) to help with what we do. We also need to start building up a team of people who are prepared to pray for our clients. If you would like to support the work of the Debt Centre in any way, please do get in touch with one of us, or contact the Church Office.

We are very grateful for the wonderful support you already give CAP as a church.

With very best wishes,

Vivienne and Nick Drayton - CAP Debt Centre Managers.

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Art Work

on this page is by children at the Summer Make Lunch project at the Portobello Community Centre

Events Autumn Concert

It is lovely that the Rodillian Singers have chosen St Helen's as the venue for their autumn concert. Do consider coming along on 7th October.





Care. Compassion. Community.

Wakefield Orchestral Wind

Saturday 30th September - 7pm
St George's Church, Lupset, Wakefield, WF2 8AA

We look forward to entertaining you with a varied programme which includes music from films, the charts, and also the debut performance of Mercadante's Concerto for Horn by our Principal French Horn player.

Admission on the door - suggested donation £5.



www.wakefieldorchestralwind.org.uk
Fallow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Raising funds for The Prince of Wales Hospice, Registered Charity 514999.

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The Spring News - September 2023

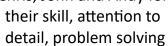
As I write this I am fresh back from Greenbelt Festival where a few us from Wakefield, along with another 10,000+ more celebrated together 50 years of Greenbelt faith, justice and activism in the beautiful surroundings of Boughton House Estate in Northants. It was lovely to catch up with some familiar faces, including Rupert & Sal and Richard & Ange Hughes – and with GB comes a time to rest, re-group and listen to what God is saying – which

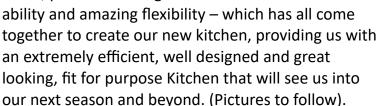


this year for me sounded like neighbourliness, love and the sense of community that comes from that - remembering that my neighbour is not just the person next door or in the next street but the next county, country or continent. This is something that we aspire to at The Spring and I pray that as we look to our next season we continue to be a place of welcome, warmth, acceptance and love for all our neighbours.

Spring Kitchen Update

Hopefully by the time you receive this latest Newsletter our new kitchen will be almost up and running and ready to welcome customers on 19th September – it has been a journey indeed especially when it comes to designing and measuring and remeasuring and then measuring again. Thankfully having a great installation team to work through my design glitches has made it all come together – so huge thanks to Chris, John and Andy for





Of course – none of this would have even been possible without your amazing support financially so THANK YOU from us all at The Spring for all your



blessed donations which to date totals £11,214.



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The Spring - OUR GIVING

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for their support of our Afternoon Tea on 29th July for Breast Cancer Now — a wonderful afternoon which was enjoyed by all and which raised £1050 — massive thanks to my team who helped cater and serve and a special thanks to my friend Gilly who organised the Raffle, tipping us over the magical £1000. We have also continued to send donations to Ukraine, through the ongoing work of the DEC, as well as our regular donations to CAP, The Childrens Society, Wakefield Hospice and also now The Cross Project, helping them to continue their faith teaching and 1:1 mentoring programme in our local secondary schools. It is only through your ongoing support of The Spring Shop & Café that we are able to support so many different Charities throughout the year.



THE AUTUMN TERM

We will be re-opening at 10am on Tuesday 12th September and cannot wait to welcome you all back as we launch our new range of Autumn Clothing in the Shop and see some old favourites returning to the Café Menu Daily Specials.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 29th September

Macmillan - Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning -

Once again we will be hosting our Cake Sale for the above and we would love you to bake us some delicious cakes – all bakes welcome and can be delivered to the Spring Thursday 28th or before 10am on Friday 29th – the more we can sell the more we can give to this essential charity.

Saturday 7th October – Tearfund's Big Quiz Night - It's time to get your Quiz team together again as we join in Churches up and down the UK for this Annual Fundraiser – The Evening

starts from 6.15pm with Supper, followed by the Quiz, Ice Creams, more quiz & results...

SO GET QUIZ READY and Get yourself a team together and book yourself a place by emailing

thespring299@btinternet.com, in person in the Café, via messaging our facebook page or by calling 01924 242593

£10.00 per person - with all monies going to Tearfund



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What's on at the Spring - out of hours

<u>Autumn Table Centrepiece Workshop – bring the</u> <u>season to life in your own home (Sunday 29th</u> <u>October 10am- 12noon</u>

An opportunity to create your own Centrepiece for the new season in a participative workshop with our local floral designer – Hollie. Places are limited but can be booked directly with Hollie via her website www.alchemillafloral.co.uk





Yoga Classes with Margaret Clegg

Monday 5.30 - 7pm & Wednesday 7.30 - 9pm

If you are interested in joining either of these classes please call Margaret on 01924 370673 & Mobile 07787175432 and she will be happy to talk you through any questions you may have – all levels catered for from beginners to the more advanced.

Slimming World with Vicky

Every Tuesday 5pm and 6.30pm – a warm welcome extended to all whether your new, existing or returning – contact Vicky on 07966 202826 if you want any further information

Love, deep gratitude and blessings to you all.

Cath Moxham - Manager at The Spring



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Portobello Community Centre

Me and Menopause

We are delighted that a new project called Me & Menopause will be starting in September at the Portobello Community Centre. Sarah Cutts will be delivering three, 5 week courses looking at the facts, symptoms, myths and treatments of menopause. 75% of women are negatively affected my menopause and we need to be supporting and caring for our women through this stage of their lives.

The first course starts on Thursday, 7 September at Portobello Community Centre. 6pm to 7.30pm with light refreshments. A further course will start at Portobello Community Centre on Friday, 3 November 6pm to 7.30pm and an online course on Wednesday, 8 November 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

This is fully funded but donations are welcome for those who attend. To book your place please call or text Sarah on 07799 534702 or email sarahcuttspcf@gmail.com. Please let your family members/colleagues know about this course.

Sarah Cutts, Portobello Community Centre Manager



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More at our Portobello Community Centre

Portobello Baby and Toddler Group

Portobello Baby and Toddler Group will be starting again on Wednesday, 6 September at Portobello Community Centre - 9.30am to 11am. This is a beautiful group where we sprinkle our faith and say prayers with the families. New volunteers are always welcome. Please let Sarah know if you'd like to be involved or have any questions about the group. Tel 07799 534702.

Summer Holiday Make Lunch

Over the School Holidays we have delivered 4 Holiday Make Lunch Clubs. We served 70 meals to 31 children and 14 adults. Each session we had lots of lovely food all packaged up and our families took extra meals away with them. We had a lovely time doing creative activities with some great positive messages. 11 volunteers helped deliver the Lunch Clubs with real enthusiasm, care and Christian

spirit!

A huge thank you to everyone who supports us with this ministry through prayer, volunteering and finances. We couldn't do it without you!

Sarah Cutts,
Portobello
Community
Centre Manager



Members of the Make Lunch team at the Portobello Community Centre

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Prayer Book Society Event

On a lovely Summer's evening on the 13th August members of the Leeds Branch of the Prayer Book Society met for Choral Evensong at All Saints Parish Church, Darton, Barnsley to welcome the church as a new Corporate Member of the Society.

All Saints Church dates from 1517 but is on the site of an earlier (12th Century) building. The church was built by the Friars of nearby Monk Bretton Priory, which was dissolved in 1538 under the 'Dissolution'. Darton lies on the western edge of the Yorkshire Coalfield - mining in the area was recorded as far back as the 15th century.

The brilliant visiting choir was 'The Saint John's Singers', originally from the nearby village of Hoyland Swaine. The service was two days before the Holy Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15th August in Common Worship) so the chosen hymns were appropriate to that Day and the Anthem was by Thomas Tallis - 'O Nata Lux De Lumine'. The service was led by the Vicar, Fr Tim Stevens assisted by the Curate, Revd Emily Lawrence and the Hon Assistant Priest, Revd Jean Daykin.

The occasion was completed by an excellent tea of home made cakes (by the ladies of the parish) and even wine!

Mike Keeton - Prayer Book Society Rep



Some may recognise Teddy Foster from St Pauls in this photo taken at Darton. Mike seems to have kept away from the camera! - ed

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Ali in Zambia update

Muli Bwanji! I have now been in Zambia for eight months, meeting new people, developing the Music, Arts and English programme and learning about life and culture in this beautiful country. This morning we had elephants 20 metres away from the garden fence.



I continue to give English lessons to adults who were not able to attend school as children. One student Gift, had no English apart from 'I am fine, how are you?' when I met him. We can now have conversations, and after our lessons he goes home and teaches his wife and three year old daughter what he has learnt. He also attempts to teach me some key phrases in the local languages and we laugh a lot at my attempted pronunciation! On his last day off told me he visited the bore hole 5 times fill a water tank at home, he then mixed sand, mud and water together to finish a new wall of his house. This is very normal in rural Zambia. Bit different to life in Wakefield.

My new music organisation 'Zambezi Sounds of Smoke and Thunder' is rolling along bringing together local performers from many different musical genres. My You Tube channel teaching songs from Zambia by Zambians (funded by Natural Voice Network) is almost ready to launch, and we are excited to have started a new song exchange programme with Mothers and Babies in rural Livingstone and UK.

I will be home to Wakefield at the end of September and plan to return to Zambia before Christmas, hopefully for 2 years! `I'll organise a presentation about the work and can share some local songs too!





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September Events at Walton Community Library



@WALTON
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY

TICKETS
£5

FRI SEPT 15TH @ 7PM

Our QUIZ MASTER is Malcolm Wood Admission by tickets only, which are available from

the library and include a glass of wine or juice

NIGHT

Walton Community Library is holding various events in September.

<u>Photo Competition</u> - All entries will be on display at the library until Sept 9th and anyone may vote for their favourite 6 pictures. The winners will then feature in the 2024 Walton Calendar.

<u>Quiz Night</u> - Friday Sept 15th 7pm Tickets £5 which includes a glass of wine or juice.

Wine Tasting - (All about French Wines) Thurs Sept 28th 7pm Tickets £10.

<u>Ceilidh</u> Fri Sept 29th 7pm Tickets £10 at Walton Sports and Social Club- Dancing to fantastic folk music from The Bash Street Band.

All tickets will be on sale at the library, which is open Mon-Fri 2-5pm plus Tues/Thurs/Sat mornings







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

Church Groups or Activities	
1st Monday of each month 10.30	Women's Fellowship. Emmaus Room. Contact
-12.00	Gill Heap. 01924 250103
2 nd Monday of each month	Community Spirit Games. Emmaus Room, St
10.30am – 12.00	Helen's. Contact Ann Dobson. 01924 250562
3rd Monday of each month	Mother's Union. Barnabas Room, St Paul's
7.30pm – 9.30pm	
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	Contemplative Prayer Group. Barnabas Room,
- 3.00pm	St Paul's. Contact Sue Davies. 07749 592858
Other Activities (charges may apply)	
Monday in term time	U3A Recorder Group. Emmaus Room, St
1.30 – 3.30pm	Helen's. Contact David Johnson 07484 230520
Monday in term time	Wind Band. Contact Adele Jones. 07850
7.00pm to 9.15pm	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

Contemplative Prayer: The Contemplative Prayer group will be having their 1st meeting on Thursday 14th September. Being the first meeting we are going to meet at Sue Davies's house for some tea & very likely cake at 4:30. The prayer session will be the usual 1 hour starting at approx 6pm. Anyone is welcome to come but please ring me on 07749 592 858 to let me know. In October we will revert to meeting in the Barnabas room at 2pm on the second Thursday of the month.

Sue Davis



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Services at St Helen's and St Pauls to November 2023

Sunday Sept 10th	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)						
Sanday Sept 10th	11.00am St Helen's (All Ages Together)						
	11.00am St Paul's						
Sunday Sept 17th	9.30am St Helen's						
Sanday Sept 17th	11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) (with kid's church)						
	St Paul's (Holy Communion)						
Sunday Sept 24th	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)						
Sanday Sept 2 Ten	11.00am St Paul's						
	5.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe)						
Sunday Oct 1st	9.30am St Helen's						
Harvest Festival	11.00am St Helen's (with kids church)						
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Sunday Oct 8th	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)						
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Sunday Oct 15th	9.30am St Helen's						
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	St Paul's (Holy Communion)						
Sunday Oct 22nd	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)						
,	11.00am St Paul's						
	5.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe)						
Sunday Oct 29th	9.30am St Helen's Joint Service (Holy Communion)						
Bible Sunday	All welcome to St Helen's at 9.30am. No other services today.						
•	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion - due to Remembrance)						
Sunday Nov 5th	11.00am St Helen's (with kids church)						
All Saints	11.00 am St Paul's						
	4.00pm St Helen'						
Sunday Nov 12th	9.30am St Helen's						
Remembrance	11.00am St Helen's (All Ages Together)						
	11.00am St Paul's						
Sunday							
Sunday Nov 19th	9.30am St Helen's						
Safeguarding	11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) (with kid's church)						
Sunday	St Paul's (Holy Communion)						
Sunday Nov 26th	9.30am St Helen's						
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	5.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe)						

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