

Parish of Sandal Magna

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October 2023

From our vicar, Revd Hannah Smith

I am so pleased to tell you about the Every Good Work project. This is a youth project in Wakefield where three parishes are working together – ours, St. Catherine's Belle Vue and St. George's Lupset. We have received funding from the Church Commissioners for this project which aims to engage young people in our areas in exploring faith through action – encouraging and equipping young people to serve in areas of need and social justice and also encouraging them to reflect on faith. We have been given £1 million over the next 3-5 years for this project and we will be aiming to employ three youth workers, one placed in each church and a project co-ordinator. Revd David Gerrard from St. Catherine's is heading up the project and has done a brilliant job so far. I am also pleased to announce we



appointed 2 of the 3 youth-workers for the project in interviews in the last couple of weeks.

You are likely to know our very own Phil Asquith who has been appointed to the youth worker role based in St. Helen's and you also may have met Joshua Monks who recently had his banns read at St. Helen's, who has been appointed to the youth worker role at St. Catherine's. Both appointments are still subject to DBS checks and references etc, but we hope they will both be able to take up their appointments to start the project rolling in the next few months.

Please pray for them as they start this new adventure and pray for myself and the other clergy across the churches as we seek to appoint the third youth worker role and the project co-ordinator in November.

Blessings, Hannah

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our last meeting was on Monday October 2nd (at 10.30am, in the Emmaus rooms as usual). And, as always, accompanied with a cuppa, good company. We welcomed representatives (2 legged & 4 legged !) from the charity 'Support Dogs' who told us about how peoples lives are turned around, with the help of their canine companion.

You may recall, that at the previous meeting we held a Home Produce Sale with the proceeds going to help with the work of this charity. Thank you to all who gave so generously, and as a result we raised £108, which we will be passing over on the 2nd Oct.

Gill Heap



Photos from the Harvest Service at St Helen's 11am, Sunday 1st Oct



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Mother's Union

Last Monday 18th September, we had a wonderful evening hearing about Sheila Wainwright's fund raising work for the Admiral Nurses. Our expected speaker from Mission Aviation Fellowship was suffering from COVID, but Sheila kindly stepped in at very short notice. Sheila has raised thousands of pounds enabling the nurses to support people suffering with dementia and their families. Her fund raising also helps her to provide cats (not real, but able to purr, meow and roll over), to comfort dementia patients. Here's a picture of Sheila with an example of the cats.



Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 16th October, at St. Pauls and we hope to hear about the City of Sanctuary and their work with refugees. All are welcome.

Catherine Tweedle



Two events at Walton Community Library in October



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Shield Youth Group Fundraiser

Our young people and their families baked cakes to sell to raise money for two worthy charities: The Teenage Cancer Trust and The Cross Project.

We enjoyed home-made soup and bread together on Sunday October 1st and received donations for this. We also had the opportunity to make our very own pom-poms.

Thank you to our young people and their families for helping to plan the event and for giving up their time to help. Our grand total is £177.74! Thank you all for your generosity.

Rachel Chapman



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A Parcel from Amazon!

I've been waiting over six months for the delivery of a parcel from Amazon. Well, not really a parcel - a book and not any book, but a hymn book.

You will not be surprised to know that I have shelves of hymn books but this is a new version titled 'The Revised English Hymnal'. Work started by the compilers in 2012 and they have been on the brink of publication since early this year.

Why do I need a copy of this hymn book when 'Ancient and Modern (Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship)', first published in 2013, continues to serve the Traditional Services held at St. Helen's - and I am sure will do so for many years to come.

We could ask why the church purchased copies of the 2013 edition when the 1987 'A & M New Standard' version was still being used and in good condition. The simple answer is because of the vast number of hymns by new composers and authors in the hymn book we use today. Just think how much we enjoy singing:

- 215 See what a morning, gloriously bright
- 678 In Christ alone my hope is found
Stuart Townend (b.1963) & Keith Getty (b.1974)
- 747 O God, you search me and you know me
- 42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness (Christ, be our light!)
Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)
- 489 From heaven you came, helpless babe (The Servant King)
- 719 Lord, the light of your love is shining (Shine, Jesus, shine)

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)



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A Parcel from Amazon! continued

I enjoy selecting hymns which reflect the seasons of the church year and the readings of the day. This process reminds me of diners going out to a restaurant for a meal. They look at the menu and either find something they know they like and have had many times before or they choose something new because it's there to be tried.

Selecting hymns is similar - we can take the easy way out and choose the hymns we know or take the harder path and try something different which can prove most rewarding. The 'Revised English Hymnal' contains 185 hymns new to the users of their previous edition. New words, new tunes and new ideas for the choir and congregation to enhance the music which is a vital component of every service.

So come on Amazon, I am still waiting!

John Arnold

Footnote:

The English Hymnal was first published in 1906 as a companion to the 'Book of Common Prayer' to assist congregations to take a full part in worship.

In 1962, the Oxford University Press produced the English Hymnal Service Book which included 335 hymns, canticles and the 150 psalms (interestingly this was adopted by the then Sandal Endowed CE Junior School who used this for over ten years!).

The 'new' English Hymnal was published in 1986 celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the first publication.



Grand Piano free to a good home!

A lady wishes to give away her late husband's Yamaha Grand GC1 to a passionate instrument lover. If you know a teacher, student, family or church that might be interested, please contact the parish office.

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Deanery Synod Meeting at Wakefield Cathedral 27th June 2023.

45 people attended, including Revd Hannah Smith, Andrea North and Mike Keeton from Sandal Magna. Chair: Revd David Gerrard - Area Dean. Speaker: Revd Dr Phillip Hobday - Canon Missioner at the Cathedral. 'What is the Cathedral and what can it do to help parishes'

Phillip said that mission, in parishes and in cathedrals, is particularly difficult at the moment. Twenty years ago the media was more limited e.g. most people viewed the same TV programmes so there were common 'talking points' in society. Twenty years ago Christianity was the accepted religious norm in this society - now it is not so. People now view media 'on demand' but the church expects people to come to a set place at a set time. Therefore people who are used to 'viewing' at their own convenience find this difficult. The meeting was invited to discuss this in groups.

There was a further discussion on the role of the Cathedral . It was concluded that: The Cathedral is a visible presence of the Church in the City. It is the place for Civic services, Ordinations, National and Local commemorations, the Church of England's legal tradition of Morning and Evening Prayer which anyone can attend and its choral tradition of worship. It welcomes visitors and school groups which can be guided by Cathedral staff. Phillip then invited the meeting to a short tour of the cathedral. During the meeting David Gerrard conducted the ordinary business of the synod i.e. approval of the previous Meetings Minutes ; the election to the various 'Standing Committees' etc.etc. He announced that the 'Follow Me' sessions at the Cathedral would begin on the 12th October with Bishop Arora-Bishop of Kirkstall; 9th November Revd Canon David Gerrard himself ; 25th January 2024 the Archbishop of York, Very Revd Stephen Cottrell.

The next Deanery Synod Meeting will be at St Helen's, Sandal Magna, on the 8th November when the speaker will be Mr Nick Drayton from 'Christians Against Poverty' 7pm for 7.30pm. This will be an open meeting -please invite members of your congregations to attend.

Mike Keeton, Deanery Synod Rep

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Area Dean installed as Honorary Canon

On the 17th September in Ripon Cathedral our Area Dean, Revd David Gerrard (Vicar of St Andrew's and St Catherine's, and on the left in this picture) was, together with six others, installed as an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral. The installation was conducted by the Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds.



Wakefield Council Survey

We have been asked to share this survey by Wakefield Council to see what people would enjoy in the city. If you are reading this online, you can click the link and it will take you to the survey (*Note from editor - I have done it and it is a pretty dull survey - but anything to help!*) **Survey Link:** <https://surveymechanics.com/s/69B5>

Occasional "Cone Volunteers" needed at St Helen's

When there are events at St Helen's, volunteers put cones in the lay-by to reserve parking for those attending. We could do with one or two more (fairly fit) people to do this. In particular to put out cones once a month for the Women's Fellowship and Community Games. Please contact the parish office if you could help.

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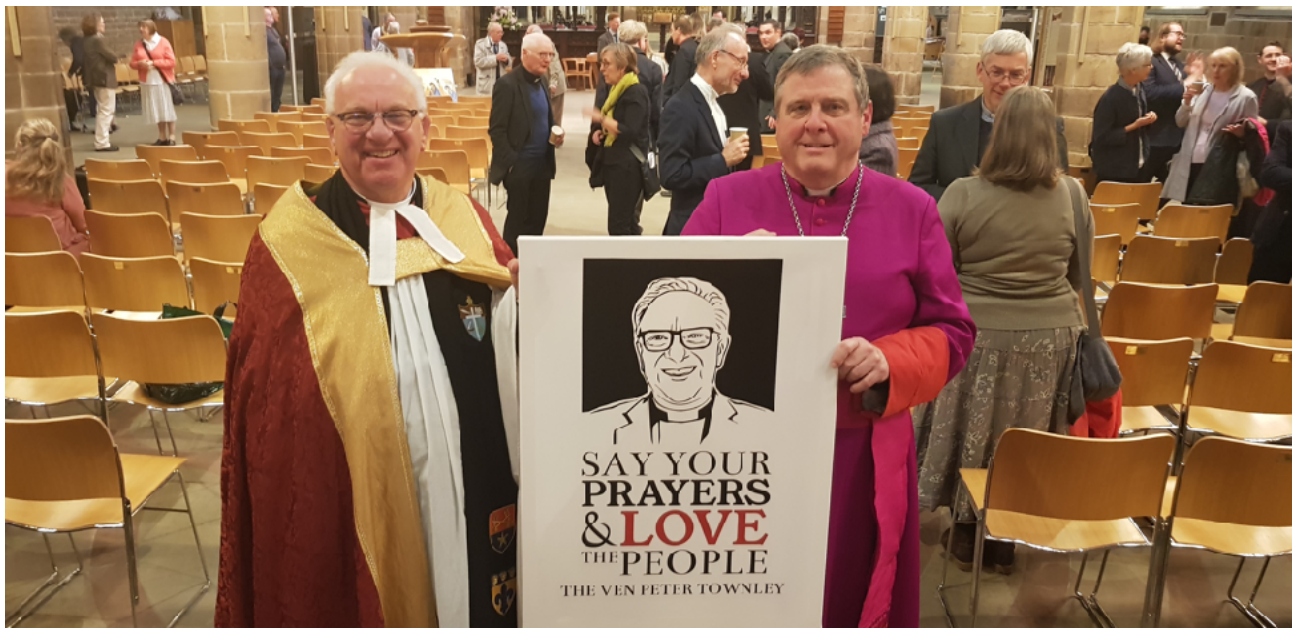


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Farewell to Archdeacon Peter Townley.

A wonderful send off to the Archdeacon at the Cathedral on the 24th September. The Cathedral was packed this evening for Choral Evensong. Peter is retiring from the Diocese to take up a post as a 'House for Duty Priest ' at a group of rural parishes in the Diocese of York.-Sherburne-in -Elmet with Saxton, Aberford with Micklefield and Ledsham with Fairburn. Not far away but over the border in York. These parishes are led by Revd Chris Wilton. Rt Revd Dr John Thompson ,Bishop of Selby welcomed Peter to this new Ministry saying he will bring experience and wisdom to these parishes in the Selby Deanery. Peter has been Archdeacon of Pontefract for 15 years and was also Chair of the Mothers Union in the Diocese and Chair of the Leeds Diocesan Advisory Committee. Peter has worked in Council Estates in Bolton and also as Vicar of St Mary-Le-Tower a Civic Church in the centre of Ipswich, Suffolk. Tributes were paid and gifts given this evening by Mrs Elaine Swinhoe, President of the Mothers Union in the Diocese of Leeds; Mrs Anne Smith, Vice-Chair of the Leeds Diocesan Advisory Committee, Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Area Bishop of Wakefield and Rt Revd Nick Baines , Bishop of Leeds. Everyone wished Peter and Moira all the very best in their new venture.

Mike Keeton



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News update from the Leeds branch of the Prayer Book Society

We have a new Corporate Member the PCC of All Saints, Broughton; St Peters, Marton-in-Craven and St Mary's, Thornton-in-Craven. I am in contact with the Rector, Revd Robert Findlow with a view to organising some welcoming service between now and Christmas. Fr Jonathan Bish (Ex Outwood) now incumbent of the Batley group of parishes is going to officiate at a daily BCP Matins (Morning Prayer) in Batley Parish Church at 8.45am Monday to Friday. I think starting in October when certain repairs to the church have been completed. Well worth a visit if you can get to Batley by 8.45am! Batley Parish Church is interesting in itself; but more on that later.

Revd Dr Jo Kershaw (I think the wife of Jonathan Bish) who is Tutor in Liturgy and Course Director in Worship and Liturgical Studies at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield will be liaising with me re organising a day or half day BCP event at Mirfield.

Cranmer Awards. The Prayer Book Society organises readings by children (say) 11-16 yrs . These children, or young people, recite by heart passages from the Prayer Book. Heats are held in various Dioceses with a Final held at Hampton Court Chapel (The Tudor's Chapel which would have been well known to Archbishop Thomas Cranmer) sometime in the spring. This is the first time there have been candidates from the Diocese of Leeds and our

Heat will be at St Margaret's, Ilkley on Saturday 14th October. It's all happening, watch this space!

Mike Keeton

(This video is about the Cranmer Awards and is from the PBS website. It should play if you click on it - Editor)



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News from The Spring

It doesn't seem like 2 minutes ago since I was writing the last update but the difference this time is that the Kitchen really is finished - thank you again for all your prayers and donations – they have been transformational. Total funds raised currently stand at £ 12, 992.66 which is truly wonderful and real answer to prayer - we are however still accepting donations as our actual costs are nearer £26k following some unforeseen expenditure!!

Please do come and have a look around if your passing !!



Other Spring News – Following the traditional Summer clear out, I'm guessing as children move on to University etc, our storage areas are looking pretty full and so we are asking for a temporary halt to donations please until Tuesday 24th October – this will give some time to move some stock and make room for some more – thank you and apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Volunteers needed – if you find you can spare a few hours a week to volunteer at The Spring – we'd love to hear from you. Our current areas of need are working with our Washing Up team on Tuesdays 10-2pm, working with our Café Counter Volunteers on Fridays 11-3, working with our Shop Volunteers on Thursdays 2-4pm – I am always happy to chat through with you the various roles on offer or if you know someone who is currently a volunteer perhaps ask them !!!

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OUR GIVING A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who was involved in our Cake Sale for Macmillan on Friday 29th September – we had the most wonderful selection of cakes thanks to all you bakers and raised a massive £ 746. 00 for Macmillan Cancer Care.



Saturday 7th October – Tearfund's Big Quiz Night - It's time to get your Quiz team together again as we join with 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 pp - with all monies going to Tearfund – **we still have a few spaces available**

The Spring Annual Advent Craft Fayre –

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th November 10am – 4pm – we will be closing the Shop & Café for this weekend as we launch our first Advent Craft Weekend – and you are all

invited to enjoy Free Entry to this event as we celebrate the artistry & skill of some of our regional Artisan Producers – florists, bakers, jewellers, crafters, painters, printers and collectors from around our region selling a variety of homespun items and collectibles. There will be refreshments available to purchase on the day and free car parking will be available in our carpark at the rear of the building.



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Advent Lunches @ The Spring Cafe

Bookings are now being taken for our Advent Lunches served @ 11.45 OR 1.45pm from Tuesday 5th December – Thursday 21st December (please note we only offer 1 sitting on a Saturday) Places are limited and all bookings need to be secured with a £5 non-refundable deposit per person with the final balance payable on the day. As well as sharing our food we will also be sharing our Advent Blessing each day, allowing us the time to pause amongst the business and think about what's coming.

Christmas Day Lunch in the Community – we are very much looking forward to providing a Christmas Day Lunch for those folk who need one – please do pray for us to bless as many people as we are able and encourage those around you that you know to request one. There is no charge attached to it, just donations for those who wish to make one, and the Lunches will be freshly made on Christmas Eve, ready for either collection or delivery that afternoon between 1pm and 3pm . If you would like to help prep or deliver the meals please do get in touch with me by phone or in person at The Spring.

Knit & Knatter – held in the Spring Café every Thursday from 2pm-4pm – come and join Liz and the gang and enjoy a couple of hours of fellowship with like minded folk – who knows you may learn a new skill and be exhibiting at the Craft Fayre in 2024

Additional Goings On -

Autumn Wreath & Autumn Table Centrepiece

Workshops – bring the season to life in your own

home - 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

Thursday 5th October @ The Spring 6pm-8pm

Sunday 29th October @ The Spring 10am – 12 Noon

Booking online @ www.alchemillafloral.co.uk



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Soroptimist International Wakefield and District raising funds for Home Start

Do you like a cream tea? Do you enjoy a quiz? – if the answer is yes to either 1 or both of these questions then treat yourself and enjoy both at **The Spring** on **Saturday 28th October between 3.00 and 5.00pm.** Tickets cost £10.00 and all profits go to Home Start Wakefield. For tickets please contact Linda Phillips on 07709282403 email: lphillips657@btinternet.com

Yoga Classes with Margaret Clegg

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

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News from our link parish, Bunda, Tanzania

Receive much greetings, thanks and blessings from St Peters, Bunda. Thank you for fundraising for our church. We have received the money you sent us twice.

The church has bought 77 iron sheets of 3 meters and has paid 1.5million Tanzanian shillings to buy 20 pieces of black pipe for roofing the new church building. We now have 384 of the 400 iron sheets needed and 30 of the 210 pieces of black pipe for the roofing. We still need more money to finish the roofing process.



The church has more people and needs to enlarge the building. It is expected to hold 600 worshippers if finished.

May the warmth of the love of God move within us all and the Spirit be found in the ripples of grace of the living God around us.

Thanks. With much blessings

Donald Alfred Kissa (parish link)



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PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY CENTRE WHAT'S ON



Sewcial Sewing Club

A lovely informal sewing group. Come along and learn and share your skills with others. £4 per session

Monday

10am to 1pm

Senior Youth Club

For ages 11-19. Term time only.

Monday

5pm to 7pm

FREE

Craft and Photography Group

Bring your own crafts and learn from others.

Tuesday

12.30am to 2.30pm

£2 per session

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Tuesday

7.30pm to 8.30pm

Toddler Group

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

Wednesday

9.30am to 11am

Junior Youth Club

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

Wednesday

4.15pm to 6.15pm

FREE

PCF Drop In

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

Thursday

11am to 1pm

Chair Based Exercise

Exercise to help with falls prevention, balance and stability.

Thursday

1.30pm to 2.30pm

£2-£3 per session (what you can afford)

Kung Fu

Want to get fit & learn new skills? This is the total package for mind, body & soul. First session free.

7pm to 8pm - children (age 10+) - £2 per session

Thursday

7pm to 9pm (starting 12 October)

7pm to 9pm - adults only - £8 per session.

Sewcial Knitters and Modellers

Bring along any craft you want. We have knitters, modellers, sewers and crafters.

£4 per session

Friday

10am to 1pm

Trinity Model Club

All types of modellers and skill levels are welcome.

Every second Saturday of month

10am to 1pm

£4 per session

Strong Tower Christian Centre

Worship and praise every Sunday.

Sunday

10am to 12.30pm

Hire Portobello Community Centre

Portobello Residents £15 per hour

Voluntary groups (regular bookings) £15 per hour

Voluntary groups (one off bookings) £18 per hour

Commercial bookings (one off bookings) £20 per hour

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From Sarah Cutts at Portobello Community Centre



Light PARTY

WEDNESDAY
1 NOVEMBER
4PM TO 6PM

HOT FOOD
DJ & DISCO
PUMPKIN CARVING
BALLOON MODELLER
FACEPAINTER & MORE

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Join us at our 6 week online course to find out about the myths, symptoms & treatments of menopause in a supportive and confidential space. They'll be some gentle exercise and laughter.

Starting: Wed, 8 Nov - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

To book your free place call or text Sarah on 07799 534702 or email sarahcuttspcf@gmail.com

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

Church Groups or Activities	
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 – 11.00am	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
Every 1 st and 3 rd Sunday. 6 -7:30pm in the Emmaus Rooms.	Sheild Youth Group. Contact Rachel Chapman
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

Copy dates and contributions for Parish Newsletter

Anyone may send an item of Parish News to the Parish Office for the newsletter, please attach a photo if possible. The vicar is the final editorial decision maker! Copy dates are now the last Monday of the month for the next month's issue. In December we will produce a Christmas and New Year edition to cover December and January. So Monday October 30th for the November issue and Monday Nov 27th for the Dec/Jan issue.

Ruth McCallum

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

Sunday Oct 15th	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) (with kid's church) 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 Bible Sunday	9.30am St Helen's Joint Service (Holy Communion) All welcome to St Helen's at 9.30am. No other services today.
Sunday Nov 5th All Saints	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (with kids church) 11.00 am St Paul's
Sunday Nov 12th Remembrance Sunday	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Helen's (All Ages Together) 11.00am St Paul's
Sunday Nov 19th Safeguarding Sunday	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) (with kid's church) St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday Nov 26th	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Paul's 5.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe)
Sunday Dec 3rd Advent Sunday	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Helen's (with kids church) 11.00 am St Paul's
Sunday Dec 10th	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (All Ages Together) 11.00am St Paul's 4.00pm St Helen's (Traditional Carol Service)
Sunday Dec 17th	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (Pop up Nativity) 11.00am St Paul's 7.00pm St Helen's Contemporary Carol Service
Saturday Dec 23rd	4.00pm St Pauls (Christingle)
Sunday Dec 24th Christmas Eve	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Paul's 4.00pm St Helen's (Christingle) 11.15pm St Helen's (Midnight Mass)
Monday Dec 25th Christmas Day	10.00am St Helen's (Christmas Family Communion) 11.00am St Paul's (Christmas Family Communion)

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