

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

November 2023

From our vicar, Revd Hannah Smith

Team is an important word for me. I enjoy working at things with others and the joy of different people being able to share with, encourage, challenge and inspire one another as part of a team.

As Christians we are all part of 'Team Church'. One of the best ways for us to grow in our faith is to share our journey with others. At Sandal Magna we have small groups where



people get together regularly to pray, read the Bible and journey in faith together. Can I encourage you to consider joining one? Some of the groups we have are fairly big, so I am also keen to find people who would like to lead new groups — if you are interested, please have a conversation with me.

We will also begin inviting people to our Christmas services in the coming weeks. Please do look out for the postcard invitations to our special Christmas services and think about who you know who might enjoy coming along.

With love and prayers, *Hannah*

Small Groups at Sandal Magna

- Wednesdays at 19:30-21:00 meet weekly on Manygates Lane. Contact Siân Registe on sian.registe@sky.com or 07392 332869. Happy to have new members.
- Tuesdays at 19:30-21:00 meet bi-weekly on Barnsley Road. Contact Ben Cutts on bbcutts@hotmail.com or 07725 426636. Quite a full group at the moment!
- Wednesdays at 19:30 meet weekly on either Roberts Way or Finch Avenue during term-times. Contact either Helen Gill hmeg@hotmail.co.uk or 01924 256459 or Neale Clark neale.clark@clarks-online.com or 07854 623094.
- Thursdays at 19:30-21:00 meet weekly Thornes area. Group is now only a "prayer partnership" and would welcome new members. Contact ruthmcc1@hotmail.com or 07762511990.

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New Youth worker at St Helen's

Hi, I'm Phil. If we haven't met before I'm fairly easy to recognise. I'm the bloke with a beard and long hair who is quite often standing at the front in church services making some form of noise. Either speaking, playing guitar or, every now and again, both. I'm really excited about starting the new youth worker job. I am 'giddy as a

four-year-old on Christmas Eve' level excited. I've been a teacher since 2007 and really feel called to something different and something new. My role will involve going into schools with the Cross Project, helping our amazing youth group leaders look after the youth in our church and engaging young people in the community, helping them build a relationship with Jesus and be better people.

This is a new project in Wakefield called Every Good Work, and we really can shape it help provide what the young people of Sandal, Walton and Portobello need, and working with the two other youth workers in St Catherines and St Georges, help these churches provide for the young people of Wakefield and become a thriving, growing,



learning, community of followers of Jesus. This is my hope, this is my prayer, and this is what I will be working towards. This is also where you come in. Please hold me and the young people of Wakefield in your prayers. We are going to need it! I'll still be standing at the front making noise every now and again though. You can't escape that easily.

Phil Asquith

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CHURCH CLOCK

The clock is stopped at present, work is in progress overhaul the mechanism and fit an automatic winding system. More details next month!

Roger Townend, bellringer and maintainer

News Flash! Old St Helen's Vicarage sold -

The old Vicarage has been sold and will be the property of the new owners from 6th November. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE VICARAGE DRIVEWAY FROM THE 6TH NOVEMBER.

Hannah



Dates for SHIELD

- NOV 5TH Light
- 19th tbc

Contact Rachel Chapman 07815770540

6-7:30pm, Emmaus Rooms. For years 7 - 13-7:30pm

Church Ladies Social Group

Once a month, on the 1st Monday of every month we have a Ladies Social Gathering. We have the following 2 events planned:

- 6 November 7.30pm to 9pm drinks at The Castle Pub
- 4 December 7pm Christmas meal at Rinaldis

If you would like to come to either of these gatherings please text Sarah Cutts on 07799 534702.

We will let you know of our forthcoming 2024 gatherings in the new year. If any gentlemen would be interested in a Monthly Men's Social please let Ben Cutts know on 07725 426636.

Sarah Cutts

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Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Women's Fellowship Harvest display, in the church entrance porch. Afterwards, the fresh produce was taken down

to The Spring Cafe, for use there with the non-perishables destined for the food bank.

We meet next on Monday November 6th (at 10.30am, in the Emmaus Room) when we will be welcoming the Reverend Hannah to chair our AGM. As usual, delicious cakes & a cuppa will conclude the meeting!

Then on December 4th, our Advent meeting, we will be reading the story of Mary & Joseph as seen through the eyes of "others" in 'I Wonder What Happened To That Baby?' Followed, of course, by fruit cake, mince pies & cheese! (It's a Yorkshire thing!)

Gill Heap



Inner Wheel Street Market

Liv.

The Inner Wheel Club of Wakefield is holding a Coffee Morning and Street Market on Saturday 11th of November 2023 at Sandal Methodist Church Hall at 253 Barnsley Rd. It will run from 10am till 1pm. Come and find cards and gifts and enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds go to local charities supported by Inner Wheel. Tickets £2 are available from club members (Liv Clark, Myra Philmore, Gweneth Oughtibridge or Pat Craven) or phone/ text 07971 762299. We would be grateful for your support. Many thanks,

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Parish Share - From our Bishop (slightly shortened letter)

Dear Friends

A big thank you to all those who give generously, individually and through their parishes, which pays the parish share. I know that for many that is very challenging. Your parish share not only supports the clergy you see week in and week out, but also supports 310 clergy and curates right across the diocese. Share ensures we can provide them with suitable housing. Share lets us provide training, resources, and guidance to over 32,000 worshippers in 441 parishes. Share enabled over 10,000 life events in our parishes last year.

Parish share has a far-reaching impact. For every £100 that the diocese receives in parish share, it spends £133 on paying for clergy and ministry. Your parish share is vital for sustaining ministry and mission across the Diocese of Leeds.

But we face a very real challenge. Parish share income has fallen by £1.5 million since 2019. At the same time, costs associated with parish ministry and the maintenance of clergy housing have increased by roughly the same amount of £1.5 million, due to the increased cost of living and materials. The Diocese cannot continue to spend significantly more than we can bring in.

Alongside this letter, the PCC have received the share request for 2024 and a guide which provides a bit more detail on where the money goes. Please do ask to see it if you want to know more. I am encouraging everyone, both personally and as part of your parish community, to think about our shared purpose in building a generous church. You may want to talk with your PCC about your plans for next year and your response to the share request.

I am extremely grateful for those who give sacrificially. We could not do any of this without you.

Thank you. *Nick*The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines
Bishop of Leeds

Note from our Vicar, Revd Hannah Smith

Last year Sandal Magna PCC paid the vast majority of our share contributions and as we are preparing our budget for 2024 our aim is to pay in full if possible.

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Christians Aware and Ali Bullivent

Please join Christians Aware and Ali Bullivent for an evening about living in Zambia! Talks and stories, live music, refreshments, gifts to buy. Any donations will go towards further work with Ali's not for profit organisation 'Zambezi Sounds of Smoke and Thunder'. This supports cultural music exchanges, instrument and singing teaching, plus performance opportunities and skills development with local people in Zambia.

Singing for Fun

Join us every Sunday in November for singing for fun sessions at St Paul's. Songs form Zambia, plus favourites from folk, pop, and gospel tradition. *Ali Bullivant*



Living in Zambia - A Christians Aware evening with Ali Bullivent



On Friday, December 1st, 2023
In the Barnabas Room, St. Paul's Church,
the Balk, Walton. WF2 6JU
7. 00 pm – 9. 00 pm.

The evening includes:

Refreshments

Music & Songs

Illustrated Talk – Living in Zambia Introduction to Christians Aware

Christmas cards & gifts – for sale

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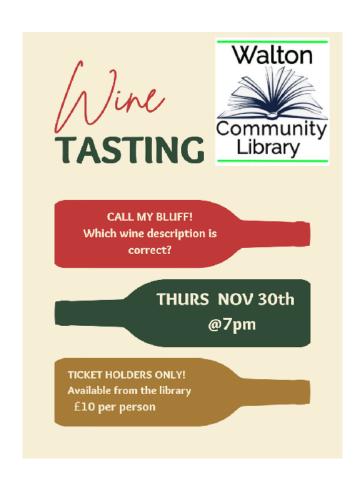
Donations are requested to cover our costs & for Ali's project. She is planning to support musicians, so that they can teach children, buy instruments, make recordings and perform.

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A Wakefield Holocaust Story

On Sunday, 28th January 2024, at 2 pm, we are delighted to welcome Charlie Knight, who will be giving a talk about Ernst and Gertrud Neustadt, a German couple who came to Wakefield following their escape from Nazi Germany and are buried in the graveyard of St Helen's church. The event will last around 90 minutes and include a talk from Charlie and an opportunity to visit their grave. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Linda Asquith for further information. *Linda Asquith*

Two events at Walton Community Library in November





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Update on the Leeds Diocese Branch of the PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

On 14th October one of the Regional Heats of the 'Cranmer Awards' took place at St Margaret's, Ilkley. The 'Cranmer Awards' were explained in last month's issue of the Newsletter' with Ruth kindly including the video from the PBS. It was reported that there were 18 young people there: age range 11-18 with teams from St Margaret's Ilkley, Bishop Young C of E Academy Leeds and St Paul's, Bramall Lane, Sheffield. The winner of the



junior section was Nelson Adewale of Bishop Young Academy and of the senior section Roseanna Williams of Ilkley. They will go forward to the national finals at Hampton Court on the 24th of Feb 2024. The team from St Paul's, Bramall Lane like the other team inhabiting Bramall Lane unfortunately came nowhere. I marvel as to how young people can recite long passages from the Prayer Book by heart- the 17th century language is difficult to read let alone recite by heart.

Don't forget Fr Jonathan Bish and his holding of Morning Prayer (Matins) each morning Mon-Fri 8.45am at Batley Church.

We are planning to hold an event at Mirfield sometime. Am liaising with Revd Jo Kershaw-a tutor there. Have no particular idea yet but the Revd Dr Catherine Reid - Chaplain York University-has agreed to take part. I hope she will give the lecture she gave at our last PBS Conference on.... 'A Godly righteous and sober life - how the acts of Confession and Absolution in the daily BCP Morning and Evening Prayer establish a regular holiness' Incidentally, Catherine Reid is a very interesting person - she gained a doctorate from the University of St Petersburg and is a fluent Russian speaker knowledgeable on the Orthodox Church. She also helps at the 'Mission to Seafarers' Hull, in translating for Russian and Ukrainian seafarers. So watch this space.

Mike Keeton.

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Thanks from Open Doors, and event on 4th November

Dear Friends at St Paul's Church - Walton, Thank you so much for your kind gift to enable the persecuted church to be a resilient, courageous witness in the face of digital persecution. Your prayers and support are changing lives and helping our persecuted church family to know that they are neither alone nor forgotten.

This includes people like Mochou* and her friends in China, where believers are facing increasing surveillance and tightening restrictions. When the authorities raided the church she was leading, people responded in different ways – some stood firm in their faith, whilst others blamed Mochou. When other local churches began encountering heightened opposition, Open Doors local partners ran training sessions to help Christians respond to it. Mochou is encouraged by the impact it's had on believers.

"The training that they provided was uplifting," says Mochou. "The members were encouraged by the examples that were taken from the Bible. They know that they are never alone amid persecution. They know that many people outside of China are walking alongside them, are journeying with them." May the Lord give you strength to persevere in your walk with Him.

Your sister in Christ, Henrietta Blyth

I also wanted to let you all know about an event Open Doors is having on November 4th in Leeds. The event, Standing Strong, is a chance for churches to gather together to worship, pray with the persecuted church, hear more about Open Doors and hear from our guest speaker Kim Sang-Hwa, originally from North Korea, who discovered her parents secret bible hidden in their home which she knew would mean imprisonment in a brutal camp, or even death. She will be sharing her testimony and giving us insight into the very real dangers Christians in North Korea face – the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian. The event is free, and refreshments will be provided, people just have to reserve a space at the event at the following link: Standing Strong Northern England Tickets, Sat 4 Nov 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite. We would love to see people from St Helen's and St Paul's at our gathering.



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News from The Spring

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 !!! We really are a very friendly bunch and time and time again our team say what an amazing place to serve in – but don't take our word for it come and down and give it a go!!

OUR GIVING

BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported our Big Quiz Night on 7th October you raised £420.00 but more importantly, collectively as a community of Quizzers up and down the country - Tearfund raised over £90,000.





thank you all

Breast Cancer Support – Wear it Pink

Day – Jackie & Amanda went pink for the day, literally from Head to Toe, in support of our Wear it Pink Day, which despite it being one of the wettest days this year we raised £220 for Breast Cancer Now Research –

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News from The Spring

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.

As part of our Advent Fayre Weekend Pauline Parker has very kindly offered to run a SILENT AUCTION on Saturday 18th, with all monies raised going towards the cost of renewing the Spring Kitchen – Pauline would love to receive any items/services you wish to donate and drop off points are at The Spring or St Pauls Church, no later than Friday 17th November please – Thank you

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.

Advent Lunches @ The Spring Cafe

Following an unprecedented response our pre-booked tables have now all being taken – however we will be offering Lunches on the day for those who wish to walk in – We of course will continue to run our normal menu alongside the Advent Lunch – Please note though that if you are joining us for Breakfast they will stop at 11am from 5th December not the usual 11.30 and due to levels of business we are unable to accept bookings for Afternoon Tea throughout December.

If you would like to help us look after our guests & serve our lunches we would love to hear from you – there are 2 stints available 11.30 - 1.30 and 1.30 - 3.30, Tuesday – Saturday.

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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

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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PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY CENTRE WHAT'S ON



Sewcial Sewing Club Monday 10am to 1pm

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

Senior Youth Club Monday 5pm to 7pm For ages 11-19. Term time only. **FREE**

Craft and Photography Group Tuesday 12.30am to 2.30pm

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

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

Junior Youth Club Wednesday 4.15pm to 6.15pm **FREE**

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

Thursday 11am to 1pm

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

Chair Based Exercise Thursday 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Exercise to help with falls prevention, balance and stability. £2-£3 per session (what you can afford)

Thursday 7pm to 9pm (starting 12 October)

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

Sewcial Knitters and Modellers Friday 10am to 1pm

Bring along any craft you want. We have knitters, modellers, sewers and crafters. £4 per session

Every second Saturday of month 10am to 1pm All types of modellers and skill levels are welcome. £4 per session

Strong Tower Christian Centre 10am to 12.30pm Sunday

Worship and praise every Sunday.

PCF Drop In

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

Enquiries: Sarah Cutts, Centre Manager, 07799 534702, sarahcuttspcf@gmail.com

PCF Wakefield or https://portobellocommunitycentre.wordpress.com/

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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 Gill
-12.00	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
3 rd Monday of each month 7.30pm	Mother's Union. Barnabas Room, St Paul's
– 9.30pm	
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 –	Contemplative Prayer Group. Barnabas Room, St
3.00pm	Paul's. Contact Sue Davies. 07749 592858
Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.	Sheild Youth Group. Contact Rachel Chapman
6 -7:30pm in the Emmaus Rooms.	
Other Activities (charges may apply)	
Monday in term time	U3A Recorder Group. Emmaus Room, St Helen's.
1.30 – 3.30pm	Contact David Johnson 07484 230520
Monday in term time	Wind Band. Contact Adele Jones. 07850 483727
7.00pm to 9.15pm	Corontimieta Darnahas Daam Ct Davilla Contact
Thursday eve	Soroptimists, Barnabas Room, St Paul's. Contact
Various days and times	Linda Phillips 07709 282403
Various days and times	Pilates, Barnabas Room, St Paul's. Contact Gill Carr. 07968199169
	Cd.1. 07 300133103

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. Monday Nov 27th is the copy date for the Dec/Jan issue.

Ruth McCallum



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

0 1 1/	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)
Sunday Nov 5th	` · ·
All Saints	11.00am St Helen's (with kids church)
	11.00 am St Paul's
	4.00pm St Helen's (Memorial Service)
Sunday Nov 12th	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer)
Remembrance	11.00am St Helen's (All Ages Together)
Sunday	11.00am St Paul's
Sunday Nov 19th	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer)
Safeguarding	11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) (with kid's church)
Sunday	St Paul's (Holy Communion)
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Sunday Nov 26th	11.00am St Paul's
	5.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe) 9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)
Sunday Dec 3rd	
Advent Sunday	11.00am St Helen's (with kids church) 11.00 am St Paul's
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Sunday Dec 10th	11.00am St Helen's (All Ages Together)
	11.00am St Paul's (Community Carols)
	4.00pm St Helen's (Traditional Carol Service)
Sunday Doc 17th	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)
Sunday Dec 17th	11.00am St Helen's (Pop up Nativity)
	11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
	7.00pm St Helen's (Contemporary Carol Service)
Saturday Dec 23rd	4.00pm St Pauls (Christingle)
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Sunday Dec 24th	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)
Christmas Eve	11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
	4.00pm St Helen's (Christingle)
	11.15pm St Helen's (Midnight Mass)
Monday Dec 25th	10.00am St Helen's (Christmas Family Communion)
Christmas Day	No service at St Paul's

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