

Sandal Magna Parish Newsletter

Home, Hope, Hands



March 2024

From our vicar, Revd Hannah Smith

Dear all,

We continue to think about how we live out our vision of home, hope and hands as we journey through Lent into Easter. I'm so encouraged by those who have been joining our church or returning to church in the last few months – it's great to have you here and we hope you are soon at home with us. Can I ask you to be praying for our curate Lizzy as she looks to join us in the summer? And also do join us as we journey together through Holy Week – it'd be great to see you at one or more of our special services during that week.

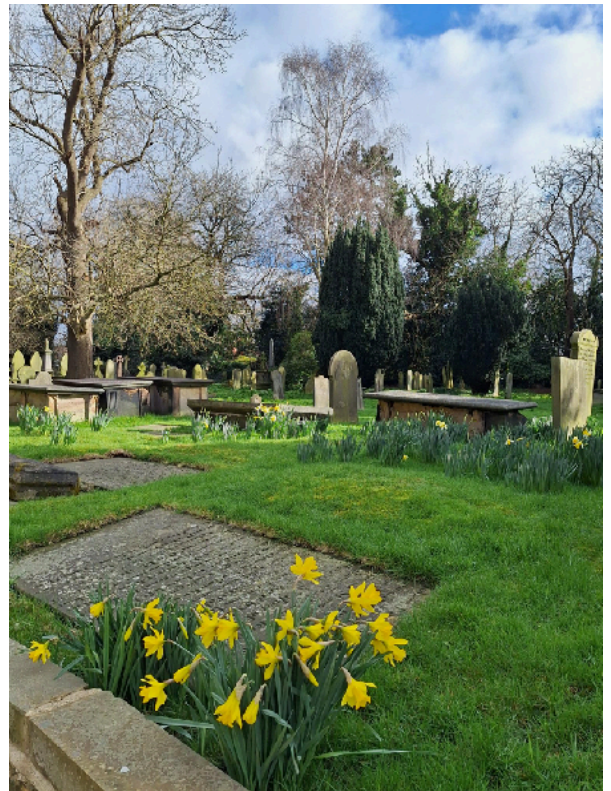


With love and blessings,

Hannah

Welcoming Lizzy

Lizzy will be ordained in Ripon Cathedral on Saturday 29th June 2024. Lizzy and her family will be moving to Wakefield at some point in June in preparation for starting with us after ordination. We will be welcoming Lizzy to our parish on Sunday 30th June when we will have a joint parish service at St. Paul's at 11am followed by a bring and share lunch in the Barnabas Rooms. It would be lovely to have as many of us there as possible in order to welcome Lizzy. Bring some food to share and a good appetite!



With love and prayers, *Hannah*

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Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week is an opportunity to journey with Jesus as he comes to the cross. We are running a series of services across the parish of differing styles. Why don't you try something new? All are welcome to one or all of these services.

Monday 25th March - Stations of the Cross 7pm at Portobello Community Forum. We will be looking at artwork and listening to prayers and poetry as we travel with Jesus through his last hours.

Tuesday 26th March – Tenebrae Service 7pm at St. Helen's. We begin with 14 candles lit at the front of church. As we hear the story of Jesus' last few hours, slowly the candles are extinguished until we are left in darkness. This is a simple but moving service.

Wednesday 27th March – Taize Service 7pm at St. Paul's. Taize chants originate at Taize monastery in France. They are simple repeated songs often based on scripture. In this service, we will sing chants and listen to bible readings in a gentle, meditative atmosphere.

Thursday 28th March – Passover Supper 6:30pm at the Spring. Jesus celebrated the

Passover with his disciples at the Last Supper. We learn about this Jewish tradition by following the ceremony with explanation. We end by celebrating communion as Jesus would have done at the Last Supper. This event is pay as you feel, but you must book with the Spring as spaces are limited!

Friday 29th March – Good Friday Stations of the Cross 2pm at St. Paul's Walton – similar to the service at Portobello above.

Friday 29th March – Good Friday procession and service. Meet either 4pm at Sandal Methodist, Wakefield Baptist or St. Helen's to walk to Sandal Castle following the cross. Or meet us at 4:30pm at Sandal Castle for a short service alongside churches from the area.



Hannah

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From Lizzy Brothwood, our curate-in-waiting!



Hi, I am so looking forward to meeting you all in person but in the meantime I would love to introduce myself. I'm Lizzy and I currently live in Bristol as I finish my training at Trinity College. Previous to training, I used to work in film as a Camera

Operator and Editor. I have a great passion for capturing and telling stories and if that can also include being in the great outdoors and playing some sport, even better! My husband, Matt, is also training for Ordination and will be joining me in Wakefield as Curate of the Benefice of St Catherine, St Andrew and St Mary. We have a 3yr old son, Lee, and have just welcomed the newest addition to our family, Zachary, who was born on New Years Day. Fun fact: He was the first baby to be born in Bristol in 2024! We also have a King Charles Cavalier dog, called Jesse, also a boy, adding to a very male household!

Before moving to Bristol, we lived in Leeds for 15 years and so we very much see Yorkshire as our home and cannot wait to move back! As we prepare to move, we would so appreciate your prayers - for Lee as he adjusts to all the change now and that's coming, for myself and Matt as we complete our studies and juggle life with two, and also that in it all would continue to know and be shaped by God's love and faithfulness. Thank you. Can't wait to see you soon!



Lizzie

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Alpha

After Easter we will be hosting an Alpha Course at the Spring. Alpha is a 10 week course exploring the Christian faith. You can come if you are just exploring faith or if you have been a Christian for a long time. If you are interested in baptism or confirmation this is a great thing to do.

Each evening we share a meal together, hear a talk or watch a video on a topic about the Christian faith and then have a chance to discuss informally around tables and ask questions about the topic.

All are welcome as we discuss topics like – who is Jesus? Why did Jesus have to die? How do I read the Bible? Who is the Holy Spirit? What about the Church? And many more...

Alpha will start on Sunday 14th April 6-8pm in the Spring and will run for 10 weeks until Sunday 22nd June (with a break on Sunday 26th May on bank holiday weekend).

If you are interested in coming along, please contact the parish office letting us know any dietary requirements so we can cater appropriately.



Quiet Moments in Lent

Lent is a good time to be still and reflect. Hannah will be hosting some 'Quiet Moments' during Lent. These will be in the Barnabas Rooms at St. Paul's from 6:45-7:15pm on Wednesdays. In March they will be on 6th, 13th, and 20th. All welcome for a short time of silence and led meditation.

APCM – Wednesday 22nd May at 7pm at St. Paul's.

For our Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year we are going to meet on a Wednesday evening at St. Paul's. All welcome for bring and share meal at 7pm with the meeting starting around 8pm. We will hear news from around the parish and do the formal business of approving accounts and electing folk. All welcome.

Hannah

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From our Treasurer, Andrea North

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your generous giving in 2023. Both regular giving and the “one off” donations which were made following an appeal last March.

There was much work to be done at St Helen's and St Paul's on maintenance of the buildings and your generosity meant the funds were available to proceed as and when required. We have been able to plan and carry out the works needed, some which have already taken place and some which are imminent.

Among the items we have been able to fund, knowing that we could afford to go ahead: Gutter cleaning, organ repairs, repair of heaters, upgrading the alarm system, new bell ropes, cutting back



Do visit the Tree of Life in the churchyard which has been transformed by a complete restoration

of trees, removal of concreted area at the back of St Helen's, electrical rewiring, and significant work on the Tree of Life.

Work to be carried out in the very near future is to the St Helen's roof & chimney breast by the Parish Office. Without your support none of this would be possible, so once again, very many thanks.

Andrea North Treasurer/Church Warden

After the work on the roof in March, this area will dry out and can be restored.



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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Reminding you all of our forthcoming meetings; just so you can check your diary and your availability !

March 4th; Lenten Service; A traditional short service for the season of Lent, led by Rev. Hannah with readings, hymns & prayers.

April 8th; NOTE THE DATE (not the first Monday of the month this time, as that is Easter Monday!) Joining Ann and her group to enjoy community games (board-type!)

May 6th; It is a public holiday, but we will still be meeting this Monday.

All 'meetings' take place in the Emmaus rooms, starting at 10am, finishing around 12 noon (don't worry if you can't get until a little later) and include a cuppa & cake with a chance to chat and 'catch up'.



Look forward to seeing you!

Gill Heap



From the Churchyard Team

The churchyard is looking lovely with many areas covered in snowdrops and increasing numbers of daffodils. The churchyard team are busy cutting hedges but will soon be resuming grass cutting if the warm weather continues. If anyone (men or women) wishes to join us on a Wednesday morning (9am-12) from time to time you'd be very welcome. We have two brand new mowers thanks to a kind legacy. If you want to know more just ask me (Nigel) or Alex or any of the team.

Nigel Brook

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The Parish Office at your service!

Easter Cards

Easter Cards supporting Christians Aware will be for sale at £2.50 per pack of 5 or 50p each from the parish office. A selection of cards are in the office and I will be taking orders from 17th March. You may order by emailing or phoning the parish office, and you may pop in if you would like to look at the cards. I am in the office on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 12pm.



Anne Francos (office volunteer)

Prayer Resources

I am always struck by the quality of the intercessions at church - leading me to pray in a way which I could simply not do on my own. I know how much time, thought and prayer goes into the preparation of these intercessions and have often felt that I they would be helpful to me, and others, to use at other times.

I am therefore hoping to collect as many of these prayers as possible in the Parish Office and to make them available to anyone who would like them. If you are one of the interceders and you write your prayers down - would you be able to get a copy to the Parish Office? Ideally email them to sandalmagna@gmail.com or get the written version to the parish office somehow. Just push the piece of paper under the office door after the service on Sunday, or give them to me, Ruth anytime I am around.



I will collect these in a folder and make them available to anyone who asks - so please do ask! They might also be useful for ideas for people preparing intercessions in future. Many thanks to those who lead in this way, and to Hannah for her helpful training last month.

Ruth McCallum (parish administrator)

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Zambia Evening Barnabas Room St Paul's



There was a full room present on Friday evening 23rd February to listen to Ali Bullivent talk on her last year's work in the Livingstone area of Zambia on a programme teaching and sharing Music, Arts, and English with local children, community members and artists/musicians. We were entertained by Cloud 9 Singers who Ali had taught some Zambian songs taught to her by choirs in Livingstone. Ali organised a quiz about Zambia which allowed for some interesting discussion and laughter! Ali then gave a talk on her life and how

much she had enjoyed her stay in Zambia and loved the friendly people and the wild life; such as eating breakfast in her house with elephants grazing on trees 20 metres away! She illustrated her talk with screened photographs. She is hoping to return to Livingston later this year and is awaiting a Work Permit for a two years stay, and is seeking further UK partners for her projects. The organisation 'Christians Aware' is one of the partners and has opened a fund to support this work. Barbara Butler, who is Executive Secretary of Christians Aware, then spoke saying she and Tom had spent five years in Zambia in the late 60s early 70s in support of the Anglican Church in mission stations and at Lusaka Cathedral.

Mike Keeton then spoke on his three years (1970/73) in the mining town of Mufulira on the 'Copper Belt' of northern Zambia . He gave a rundown of the history and development of the industry from the early part of the 20th century , the mining and processing of the ore to the finished product of shiny copper ingots and the dangers of mining. Copper is the main source of wealth of the Zambian economy. The present company operating the mines - Mponi Mining - has an all Zambian Board of directors. This would have been unheard of when he was on the Copperbelt. Great Progress. He also mentioned his time as a churchwarden at St Mary's Anglican church, Mufulira taking supplies to ' Chipili Mission' up country.



Ali Bullivent / Mike Keeton

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Christians Against Poverty

The work of the CAP Debt Centre goes on apace. In December we provided Christmas hampers for all 22 clients. Some members of St. Helen's church helped by shopping for suitable items (one family at their own expense), and the Shield youth group gave an extra hour of their time, on the night of their Christmas Party, to assemble and wrap the hampers and load them for transport. We are very grateful to them for saving us a lot of work. We also had help from church members with the delivery of the hampers.

I, Nick, have been able to do much less than usual since being ill at Christmas, spending ten days in hospital and continuing to undergo tests to explore what might be making my energy level so low. As my hours of work have reduced for the time being, Vivienne's have increased to maintain coverage of what needs to be done.



Vivienne has taken over all the work that involves home visits, and is dealing with 12 clients of her own, while supporting 3 of mine as necessary. There are 7 others with whom we are in occasional contact, who have either become debt free, are on a route to becoming so or whose cases have been put in abeyance awaiting further developments. I am able to continue working from home, giving administrative support and dealing with clients over the phone.

Cath Moxham is running a three-week CAP money course, which teaches budgeting skills. CAP have updated this course which has been part of their service for many years, and it now includes an online budgeting tool. Vivienne is taking part both to learn how the course works and to help out when she can.

We hope to hold another training session for befrienders soon, and two extra people have expressed an interest in joining the team.

As always, we are thankful for the support you as the church give the Debt Centre, through your prayers, encouragement and practical help, and of course for Hannah's guidance and pastoral input.

Nick and Vivienne Drayton.

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Portobello Community Centre Activities

OUR YEAR
Portobello 2024

THIS IS OUR YEAR

www.portobellocommunitycentre.org
  [portobellocommunitycentre](https://www.facebook.com/portobellocommunitycentre)

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

MONDAY

Sewcial Crafting Group

10am to 1pm | £2

TUESDAY

Portobello Craft & Photography Group

12.30pm to 2.30pm | £2

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7.30pm to 8.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Portobello Baby & Toddler Group

9.15am to 11am

£1 adults / 50p baby or toddler

THURSDAY

Portobello Drop In

11am to 1pm

Donations Welcome

Chair Based Exercise Class

1.30 pm to 2.30 pm | £2

Kung Fu

7pm to 8pm - Beginners

8pm to 9pm - Advanced

£2 adults / £1 children 10+

FREE EVENT Greet and Grow

Mon, 25 March - 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Pot planting, pebble painting and cream tea

FRIDAY

Sewcial Crafting Group

10am to 1pm | £2

Zumba

6pm to 7pm

£2 adults / £1 children over 14+

Yoga

7pm to 8pm

£2 adults / £1 children 11+

WORKSHOPS

Henna Design

12pm to 2pm | £2

Wed, 6, 13 + 20 March

Dorset Button Workshops

2pm to 4pm | £6

Sat, 2, 9 + 16 March

MONTHLY

Wed, 20 March

Community Meal

5pm to 7pm | £2 adult / £1 child

Wed, 27 March

Sewcial Crafting

7pm to 9pm | £2 adult / £1 child

Sat, 9 and 30 March

Trinity Modellers

10am to 1pm | £2 adult / £1 child

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Events in Walton

Hi! John Manners from St Pauls is doing us a quiz at the library and booking is open for our Fun Run on the early May Bank Holiday.

Libby Hall

LEGGING IT FOR THE LIBRARY!

5K

FUN RUN

MONDAY MAY 6TH

AROUND WALTON NATURE PARK AND STARTING FROM CROFTON SIDINGS, SHAY LANE WF4 1NW

RAISING MONEY FOR WALTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY!

PROFESSIONAL TIMING | FREE PARKING | REFRESHMENTS

ALL ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A ZERO WASTE WOODEN MEDAL

5K COMPLETE RAISE START TIME IS 09:00 | 010

10K RACE START TIME IS 09:30 | 010

CHILDREN'S FUN RUN 1.25 MILE FOR 2-10 YEAR OLDS STARTS AT 10:00 | 010

REGISTER ONLINE | ORIENTEER ON THE DAY FROM 7.00AM (CASH ONLY PLEASED)

REGISTER ON SITE OR AT facebest.com/races/k863x

Walton Community Library

QUIZ Night

WITH OUR QUIZ MASTER JOHN MANNERS

Thurs MARCH 14th At 7 PM

TICKETS £5 each,
(which include a glass of wine or juice)
available from the library
Sorry .. Ticket holders only!!



WALTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

CALENDAR PHOTO COMPETITION

All photos must have been **RECOGNISABLY** taken in WALTON

END DATE AUGUST 31ST

FOLLOWED BY A DISPLAY AND PUBLIC VOTE!

All entries must be in **LANDSCAPE** orientation and taken by the entrant within the Walton boundary.

Please email a maximum of 3 entries per person to waltonshots@gmail.com

GIVE US YOUR 3 BEST SHOTS!
LET'S JOIN THE CONTEST

SEE YOUR PHOTO IN THE 2025 CALENDAR!

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

Church Groups or Activities	
1 st Monday of each month 10.00 -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 1st and 3rd Sunday. 6 -7:30pm in the Emmaus Rooms.	Shield 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. The next copy date is Monday 25th March.

Ruth McCallum

Dates for SHIELD Youth Group

March 4th and March 18th

Contact *Rachel Chapman* 07815770540

Polling Station at St Helens

St Helen's Emmaus Room will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 2nd May.

If you are able to volunteer to be around from 7 to 9am, or in the late afternoon or evening, please contact the Parish Office.

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Services at St Helen's and St Pauls March and April 2024

Sunday March 3rd Lent 3	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer with kids church) 11.00 am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday March 10th Mothering Sunday	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (All Ages Together) 11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday March 17th Lent 5	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion with kids church) 11.00 am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday March 24th Palm Sunday	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Mon 25th March	7.00pm Portobello Community Centre, Stations of the Cross,
Tues 26th March	7.00pm St Helens, Tenebrae Service
Wed 27th March	7.00pm St Pauls, Taize Service
Thurs 28th March	6.30pm The Spring, Passover Supper
Friday 29th March	2.00pm St Pauls, Time at the Cross 4.30pm Sandal Castle, Open Air Good Friday Service
Sunday March 31st Easter Day	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00 am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday 7th April	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer with Kids Church) 11.00 am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 14th April	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (All Ages Together) 11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 21st April	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion with kids church) 11.00 am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday 28th April	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion) 4.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe)