

Sandal Magna Parish Newsletter

Home, Hope, Hands



June/July 2024

From our Vicar, Revd Hannah Smith

Hello everyone.

We just had our Annual General Meeting (APCM) on 22nd May where we heard all about the work of the parish - including the finances and business - and also the work we do with Christians Against Poverty, Portobello Community Forum, the Spring, Every Good Work and Sandal Castle School. It was so encouraging to hear the range of ways we engage with and serve our community, but also about all the practicalities and hard work that support and undergird all we do.



I wanted to say a big thank you. Firstly to everyone who came to the meeting – it was great to see so many there and to share food together. Secondly to everyone who works hard for the work of our parish – those who are staff and volunteers. And finally a particular thank you to our 4 parish wardens – Andrea, Brian, Craig and Julian who put in so much work behind the scenes, and to all those on PCC who also share the load.



Do pray for our wardens and PCC members as they make decisions about the business of running a parish – looking after our finances and buildings. And as we all have a role to play, maybe chat to me if you would like to serve in this way in future.

Every blessing on you all as we hopefully move towards summer and some sunshine! And we look forward to welcoming Lizzy our curate with a joint service on 30th June at St. Paul's at 11am – followed by a bring and share (you won't go hungry!).

With love and prayers,

Hannah

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Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Coronation of King Charles III

And all the people shouted and said "Long live the King" (1 Samuel 10: v24)

As you might expect, I have a shelf full of different hymn books collected over many years. A quick check in the section entitled 'National', without exception contains:-

- I vow to thee my country, all earthly things above

Author - Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

Tune - Thaxted (from the Planets Suite):

Composer - Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

- And did those feet in ancient time

Author - William Blake (1757-1827)

Tune - Jerusalem: Composer - Charles Hubert

Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

- God save our gracious King/Queen

Author - Unknown (c1745):

Tune - National Anthem (from Thesaurus Musicus c1743)



Of the three hymns, surely, 'God save the King' has the greatest significance but we know least about its author and composer.

It is said 'God save great George our King' received its first known public performance at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane in 1745 sung by men enlisted to fight for the King. The anthem was taken up by other theatres and sung in public places. It seems first to have been sung in churches during bouts of illness of George III when new verses were added to pray for the King's deliverance and to thank God for the King's recovery.

Time has passed! Verses added or removed! How many do you know or have sung? (more verses on next page)

A. God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.

B. Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King

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| C. O Lord our God, arise
Scatter our enemies,
And make them fall;
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks;
On thee our hopes we fix:
God save us all. | D. Not on this land alone,
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore:
Lord, make the nations see
That we in unity
Should form one family,
The wide world o'er |
| E. One realm of races four,
Blest more and ever more,
God save our Land!
Home of the brave and free,
Set in the silver sea,
True nurse of chivalry,
God save our land! | F. Of many a race and birth
From utmost ends of earth,
God save us all!
Bid strife and hatred cease,
Bid hope and joy increase,
Spread universal peace,
God save us all! |

Footnote:

- A & B appear in most hymn books with C falling in and out of favour (author unknown)
- D first appears in 'God bless our native land' by William Edward Hickson (1803-1870) - an attempt to write a more religious National Anthem and with slight modifications, appears in the new 2023 Revised English Hymnal.
- E and F (with A) from the 1919 Official Peace Version of the National Anthem

Facts:

- A catchy tune to an unusual metre - 664. 6664.
- One of only two tunes in Ancient and Modern to this metre, the other being 'Moscow' to 'Thou, whose almighty word'.

Challenge:

Can you find any other verses set in the past as part of the National Anthem?



'God save the King'

John Arnold (Organist)

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Women's Fellowship

We had a thoroughly enjoyable and informative meeting last month when Val Williamson told us tales (and history !) on the three Kings called Charles from 1625 to the present. Very applicable given that our meeting was held on the first anniversary of the coronation of the current monarch.

Dates for the next meetings!

- JUNE 3rd; Madeline Wilson ; Author
- JULY 1st; LAST MEETING BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK; Social!
- SEPTEMBER 2nd; David Greenwood-Haigh; Fairtrade
- OCTOBER 7th; Home Produce Sale; for the Children's Air Ambulance

All meetings take place in the Emmaus rooms at the rear of the church, from 10am to 12 noon, with refreshments!

Looking forward to seeing you! *Gill Heap*



Regular Activities at Helen's and St Paul's

1 st Monday of each month 10.00 -12.00	Women's Fellowship. Emmaus Room. Contact Gill Heap. 01924 250103
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 – 12.00 midday	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 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

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News from one of our local Parishes:

Whitsuntide in Horbury

On Whit Sunday 19th May Horbury organised an event to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the death of the Revd Sabine Baring-Gould the curate of Horbury in 1865 who was the writer of the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers". He founded the school and mission church- St John's at Horbury Bridge and wrote Onward Christian Soldiers to encourage the children of Horbury Bridge in their mile and half uphill Whit Walk to St Peter's Horbury.



Sabine Baring-Gould was an eminent victorian parson, hymn writer, author, Devon country 'squireson', and collector of west country folk songs. Most of his hymns have been forgotten with the exception (apart from OCS) of "Now the Day Is Over", and the translations from Latin "Sing Lullaby" and "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came". He is famous in Horbury for his courtship and marrying of the mill girl Grace Taylor. (see separate article)



It was a lovely sunny day a week last Sunday as the procession set off from Horbury Bridge up to Horbury-the Horbury Victoria Band playing the famous hymn. Fr. Christopher Johnson, Vicar of Horbury, said there were some 500 people in the procession or walking along with it. I must admit that I didn't walk just met the end of it at Horbury Church.

The Church was packed -standing room only. Lord Hope of Thorne (David Hope sometime Bishop of Wakefield, Bishop of London and Archbishop of York) gave the sermon, Bishop Tony led prayers and the children of Horbury Bridge Academy and St Peter's school, sang modern childrens songs including a form of 'Onward Christian Soldiers' to an Abba tune.

Mike Keeton (Deanery Synod Rep)

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Grace Taylor:

From Horbury mill girl to Lady of the Manor

Sabine Baring-Gould met Grace Taylor when he was curate of Horbury bridge in 1865 when she was 15. Grace had been working at Poppletons mill in Horbury since she was 10-a child amongst the deafening click-clatterings of the spinning "mules", the thumping of the overhead shafting, the whirring transmission belts, air filled with wool fibres, her nimble little fingers used to tie broken threads, her small body used to clean under the machines-all whilst still running. Enough to give a modern health and safety officer a nervous breakdown.

Grace was uneducated - though she could read and write and taught younger children at the Sunday School at St John's Horbury Bridge. Sabine sent Grace aged 15 to a the family of a fellow cleric in York to be educated and taught the refinements of a victorian middle class girl. They married in 1868 at St Peter's Horbury , when Grace was 18 and Sabine 34 and had their first child in 1869. The first of 15-the last being born in 1891 when Grace was 41.

They left Horbury to another parish in North Yorkshire; then to another in Essex. Sabine's father died in the 1870s and he inherited the family estate of Lew Trenchard in Devon. His uncle who was the Rector of Lew Trenchard, died shortly afterwards and as the Living was in the gift of the Lew Trenchard estate, he appointed himself Rector.

It is thought that George Bernard Shaw got the idea of his play "Pygmalion"(later the musical 'My Fair Lady') from this story. In the 1912 play Eliza Doolittle a semi-literate cockney flower seller was educated, taught refinement and given elocution lessons by Professor Higgins as a social experiment and to pass as a 'lady' in 'high society'.

In the play however Eliza is the centre of the action but in the real life story of Grace Taylor, she is very much in the background. What did she think of the transformation of her life ? what did her family think ? Was she cut off from her family? Was she simply to busy with her 14 living children (one died) to think about anything much ? She died in 1916 aged 66.

Mike Keeton (Deanery Synod Rep)



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News from The Spring



Wakefield District
City of Sanctuary

And



We are pleased to have re-connected with Wakefield City of Sanctuary, operating out of St Michaels Church, Westgate End, Wakefield . We are now part of their Welcome to Wakefield Network offering a Hot Drink, Soup and Sandwich to visiting Asylum seekers. This will be a self-funded programme by The Spring but if any of our Spring Friends wish to donate funds towards the scheme then anything would be gratefully received. The scheme has only just been launched but already we have started working with some Asylum seekers from Iran and they are a joy to work alongside. It was lovely today to watch their joy as Mr P shared with them some Iranian music at The Spring as they enjoyed a coffee. A Wakefield Welcome indeed – Thanks Brian !!

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 Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings from 10am – 2pm**. We do also have opportunities in The Shop at varying times. 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!!

Job Opportunity – following one of our team's retirement in August, a role will becoming available in our busy Spring Kitchen from Summer 2024 – happy to have an initial informal chat with any interested parties in the first instance and we do have copies of the Job Description for anyone that is interested – Applications will close on 17th June 2024

The Spring Garden – having finally managed to find a Grounds Maintenance Volunteer, thank you Graham, we are delighted to be able to open our Outdoor Seating area giving us that extra bit of seating – subject obviously to the weather !!!

Cath Moxham (Manager at The Spring)

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More News from The Spring

Whats On

Charity Afternoon Tea – Saturday 17th August from 3pm @ The Spring

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Gather your friends and family together and come and enjoy one of our delicious Afternoon Teas, served with Pink Fizz as we raise funds for **Breast Cancer Now**.

Tickets are priced at just £20, of which £15 will go direct to the Charity and of course we will be hosting a raffle to raise some extra pennies – so if any one has any prizes we could offer that would be great – perhaps you could offer to garden for someone for the day, or cook a meal or perhaps something more traditional. All donations will be gratefully received. We managed to raise over a £1000 last year so it would be great to do the same again.



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 this class 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

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Volunteers Needed for Portobello Gala - Join the Fun! Saturday, 17 August @ Manygates Park

We are excited to announce that preparations for the annual Portobello Gala are well underway! This beloved event is a highlight of our community calendar, bringing together friends, families, and neighbours for a day of fun, food, and festivities. To make this year's gala the best yet, we need your help.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us in various capacities. Whether you can spare just a couple of hours or are available for the whole day, your contribution will make a significant difference. Here are some ways you can help:

1. **Setup and Setdown Crew:** Help with moving tables and chairs from the Community Centre. Putting up gazebos, tables, and decorations before the event and packing up afterward.
2. **Activity Assistants:** Assist with supervising games and inflatables.
3. **Parking Monitoring:** Assist in ensuring parking near the park is OK.
4. **Litter Picking:** Ensuring the park is kept free of litter throughout the day.
5. **Information Booth:** Provide information to attendees, distribute programs, and help with general inquiries.



Volunteering at the Portobello Gala is a fantastic way to give back to the community, meet new people, and enjoy the festive atmosphere. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up by 18 July by contacting Sarah Cutts at 07799 534702 or sarahcuttspcf@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and community spirit. Together, we can make the Portobello Gala an unforgettable experience for everyone!

Sarah Cutts (Portobello Community Centre Manager)

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Portobello Community Centre Programme

OUR YEAR
Portobello 2024

THIS IS OUR YEAR

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WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

MONDAY

Sewcial Crafting Group
10am to 1pm | £2

Trash Scrap Booking
4pm to 6pm | Family Activity
£2 adults | £1 over 5s

Hot Chocolate Youth Club
7pm to 8pm | 11 to 16 year olds
FREE Pizza and hot chocolate

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+

TUESDAY

Portobello Craft & Photography Group
12.30pm to 2.30pm | £2
AA
7.30pm to 8.30pm

MONTHLY

Wed, 19 June COMMUNITY MEAL
5pm to 7pm | £2 adult / £1 child

Wed, 26 June SEWCIAL CRAFTING
7pm to 9pm | £2 adult / £1 child

Sat, 29 June TRINITY MODELLERS
10am to 1pm | £2 adult / £1 child

WEDNESDAY

Portobello Baby & Toddler Group
9.15am to 11am
£1 adults / 50p baby or toddler

WORKSHOPS

Needle Felting
10am to 12.30pm | Sat, 1 June
£10 for session
Call or text 07388 356008 to book

THURSDAY

Portobello Drop In
11am to 1pm | Donations welcome

Chair Based Exercise Class
1.30 pm to 2.30 pm | £3

Kung Fu
7pm to 8pm - Beginners
8pm to 9pm - Advanced
£2 adults / £1 children 10+

BEREAVEMENT DROP INS

12 June | 12 to 2pm & 2pm to 4pm
Come along for a cuppa and a chat with Star Bereavement. You can talk openly to grief professionals in a safe space about death, dying and loss - no appointment needed.

PORTOBELLO PICTURE HOUSE

22 June | 2.30pm to 5pm
A free afternoon of Art, Crafts & Cinema
2.30pm-3.15pm Arts & Crafts
3.30pm-5pm FILM: Song of the Sea (PG)

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Events in the Parish

Cream Tea at Sandal Rugby Club

On Friday 12th July 2024 2 to 4pm
£4 - Tickets available or pay at the door
(Homemade Scones)
There will be a variety of stalls Raffle,
Cakes and Preserves, Tombola,
Haberdashery, Cards and several others.
Everyone is made welcome.

Brenda Abbott'

Sunday 7th July 2024 11am – 5pm

£5 in advance and £6 on the day (Cash only)

Wrist bands allowing access to the gardens available from
Walton Community Library and shops around the village.



QUIZ NIGHT

Our Quiz Master is
John Manners

THURSDAY
JUNE 20th
at 7pm

WALTON
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY
6 Almond
Avenue,
off The Grove
WF2 6UA



TICKETS £5
INCLUDES 1 DRINK

Available from the library which is open
from 2-5pm each weekday and
10am -1pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday



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Worship at St Helen's and St Paul's June & July 2024

Sunday 2nd June	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 9th June	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (All Together Service) 11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 16th June	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 23rd June	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer) 4.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe)
Sunday 30th June	11.00am Joint (Holy Communion) Service at St Paul's to welcome our new curate Revd Lizzy Brothwood
Sunday 7th July	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 14th July	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Helen's (All Together Service) 11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 21st July	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer) 4.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe)
Sunday 28th July	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer) 4.00pm Cafe Church, (The Spring Community Cafe)

