



Easter 2025

From our Vicar, Revd Hannah Smith

Dear all,

St. Augustine famously said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

As we come towards Holy Week and Easter yet again, we remember the journey that Jesus went on, the suffering he endured, the sacrifice he made on behalf of us all and we are grateful for his love and goodness. We also remember that he overcame death and darkness and decay by rising again to new life in his resurrection.



We are amazed when we realise that part of the journey of Jesus was surrender – when he went to the cross he was not in control, he gave up the ability to choose what would happen to him. This surrender is quite scary, but it is also liberating, as we choose to let go and let God.

In a strange way, rest is a form of surrender. We realise that we are not God and that we cannot do everything, we have limitations. We therefore need to rest and let go and let God. We cannot rest if we seek to be in control of everything. In the Lent Book I am reading, Christopher Chapman says: 'The surrender is mutual, for the God



of hope chooses to rest in you.'

Can I encourage you this Easter season to follow Jesus in surrendering? In listening to his voice, in moving at his pace, and resting when he calls us to, we in turn participate in his life and work in the world.

Love and prayers to you all this Holy Week and Easter season,

Hannah



From our Curate, Revd Lizzy Brothwood

I can't quite believe it is coming up to a year since we arrived to this beautiful parish. I wanted to take this moment to say a massive thank you for how warmly myself and my family have been welcomed into this community. We continue to be so grateful for all your kindness and support.

I arrived here, having completed my theological studies in Bristol, and was ordained a Deacon at Ripon Cathedral to start my Curacy in July 2024.

If you're unfamiliar with Church of England terminology, as I was not too long ago, let me explain: A deacon is the initial step in the path to becoming a priest. Deacon's serve a year of ministry before being ordained by the Bishop as a priest.



The term 'curacy' refers to the period of training and apprenticeship that a deacon, and then a priest, spends in a Parish, alongside an experienced vicar. During this time, they apply the knowledge gained from study and learn from the vicar, preparing for a role where they are fully responsible for a parish. In my case, I will be serving my curacy for four years, with you lovely people! I will continue to be part time in my second year, with the aim to go full time in my third and fourth year. My current working days are Monday, Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning & Sunday.

This coming summer will mark the end of my first year and, hopefully, the point at which I am ordained a priest. So, what does this mean? Well, I thought I'd share some of the declarations I will be making during the Ordination service, to give you an idea of what this next step of ordained ministry means, with the help of God, of course!

- I will follow Jesus.
- I will be diligent in prayer, in reading scripture, and in deepening my faith.
- I will strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world.
- In the strength of the Holy Spirit, I will make Jesus known and work with others in seeing God's Kingdom grow.

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More from our Curate, Revd Lizzy Brothwood

- I will lead people in proclaiming the good news of Jesus, so that it may be heard in every place.
- I will faithfully minister the sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Marriage so that people will flourish in their faith.

And a bunch of other things...come along if you want to hear more, everyone is welcome! It will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday 21st June, timing tbc. Please do pray for me and my family as we embark on this next chapter.

Thank you.





Special Services in Holy Week

We will again be having services throughout Holy Week to help us journey with Jesus to the Cross and through to his resurrection.

- •Monday 14th April 7pm: Informal worship at Portobello Community Centre
- •Tuesday 15th April 7pm : Tenebrae Service at St. Helen's
- •Wednesday 16th April 7pm: Taize Service at St. Paul's
- •Thursday 17th April: 6:30pm Passover Meal at the Spring now fully booked
- Good Friday 18th April: 2pm Reflections at the Cross at St. Paul's
- Good Friday 18th April: 4:30pm Service at Sandal Castle. Meet at St Helen's at 4pm if you wish to walk up together with the cross to the Castle.

Area Quiet Day for Eastertide - Diocesan wide

Saturday 24th May 2025 10.00am-3.00pm. College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, WF14 0BW **'Risen Indeed'** led by Canon Philip Hobday



New Bishop of Wakefield

The Venerable Malcolm Chamberlain, Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham, will be the new Bishop of Wakefield in the Leeds Diocese. Introducing himself, Malcolm said:

"I'm delighted to be called to serve the people and parishes of Wakefield, Barnsley and the surrounding towns and villages as their Area Bishop, and greatly look forward to joining you in June. Having studied at York University and lived for the last eleven years in Sheffield, Yorkshire is a region very close to my heart and I am most thankful to God for calling me to this role in the Diocese of Leeds. I feel especially blessed to have



the joy of ministry in both South and West Yorkshire as the Bishop of Wakefield!"

Malcolm was educated at the University of York and trained for ministry at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. His roles have included Chaplain to the University of Liverpool and serving as an Emerging Church Consultant for the Diocese of Liverpool, a pioneering role that involved planting and leading a new worshipping community for young adults in Liverpool city centre. In 2014 Malcolm was appointed to his current role as Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham, in the Diocese of Sheffield. He is a member of the College of Archbishops' Evangelists and has served on the Church of England's General Synod since 2015 and Mission and Public Affairs Council since 2016. To read the full article follow this link.

https://leeds.anglican.org/who-we-are/news/the-ven-malcolm-chamberlain-to-be-

'Follow Me' 2025

Thursday 15th May 2025 Wakefield Cathedral WF1 1HG 6.30pm Optional Evensong 7.15pm Optional light supper 7.45-9.00pm Teaching Session led by Professor Jane Williams on 'The Holy Spirit'





Women's Fellowship

The days are warming up and I hope that the sunshine is encouraging you all to get out and about and enjoy the emergence of our beautiful countryside and the spring flowers.

Our next few meetings could augment this, if you choose to come and join us at our meetings for nourishment and growth of a different kind!

We meet on the first Monday of the month, 10am to 12noon, in the Emmaus rooms at the rear of the church, with time for a cuppa & cake and catch up with your friends.

APRIL 7th; Traditional Lenten Service, led by Revd. Hannah Smith MAY 5th; 'Living after a stroke'; Norman Howe JUNE 2nd; 'Getting to know you'; Revd Lizzy Brothwood JULY 7th; Writing on Crime & Policing Today; Colin Dixon THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Even if you have never been to one of our meetings before, feel free to come and try us out, we'd love to see you and you'd be sure of a warm welcome.

St. Helen's Church – Additional Cleaner Required

The Cleaning Team at St. Helen's are looking for someone to join them each Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 12 noon. If you feel this person could be you then please call into church on any Wednesday between these times (except 2nd and 9th April) and have a chat, see what we do and if you would be happy to help.

May Winterbottom, Vicky Lord & Margaret Arnold







Defibrillator Demonstration / Coffee Morning



It is now nearly three years since we held a fundraising morning to be able to provide a new Defibrillator outside The Spring and install the old machine, having been refurbished, in the Emmaus Room at St. Helen's. On what turned out to be a most enjoyable morning, Perry Morton gave an excellent demonstration showing all of those present how to use the Defibrillator, Neale Clark spoke about First Aid, John Arnold played 100 hymns on the organ in three consecutive hours and a coffee morning was provided by the Women's Fellowship with members manning a cake stall. There was a collection box in The Spring and in church, to which people gave very generously and with money collected during the event, over £2100 was raised! A great morning's work!

Not quite all of this money was needed for the new Defib and we were able to keep a small amount in the church bank account, enabling new pads to be purchased when required. Unfortunately, we are now at the stage where very little money is left in our

account. The old machine will soon need a new battery at a cost of approximately £250 and the Defib pads have to be replaced about every three years – these cost £150 per machine.

So – it's time to have a repeat of part of our last event (without John playing the organ)! The demonstration was Perry's idea and he has offered to hold another one on Saturday 28th June 2025 (10.00am to 12 noon) with the Women's Fellowship being more than happy to organise a Coffee Morning.

Please put this date in your diary – anyone can attend!

Margaret Arnold (from the 2022 Defib Team)



Youth Update - Every Good Work

aul's Note Hot Chocolate had an amazing week this week with lots of new young people turning up. There were 26 in total – boy, it was a tiring night. Liz Parker came along to help some of the young people make some nice earrings and other forms of jewellery and this went down well with some of the quieter young people.

Archery remains a popular competition amongst the young people and a couple of the girls are getting really good, hitting bullseyes as often as not (don't worry, the arrows have rubber suckers on the end rather than sharp points – it is jolly good fun).

Game changers is also going great guns with Monopoly taking over as the game of choice. But a 1000piece wasgij (no, that isn't a typo) has been completed. A wasgij is a



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bit like a backwards jigsaw. The picture on the box doesn't show you the picture you are trying to make; you are making the picture the characters in the box picture are looking at or reacting to. So, they can be a bit tricky at times, and a 1000-piece one is not an easy task.



The Acorn course is also going great guns and we are looking forward to the weekend away, on the first weekend in April. We are going to Bolton Abbey for the weekend, where we will be talking about what worship is and how they can worship, and how they want to worship as we continue meeting once the 'course' part of it is over. Some of the young people have already expressed an interest in

baptism, so this is something that is beginning to bear fruits already – which is great.

Phil Asquith

SHIELD Youth Group

Youth Alpha began in March and we will be continuing the Alpha studies until the Summer. Young people who are in academic years 6 to 13 are very welcome.

We meet in the Emmaus rooms at St Helen's, 6:00pm – 7:30pm. SHIELD dates: April 27th May 11th June 1st June 1st June 15th July 6th Please contact Rachel Chapman – 07815770540 for more details.

Kids' Church Update Qul's No

Easter Sunday - there will be kid's craft and activities in church, followed by Easter Egg Hunt outside.

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Laura Truter, Children's Worker



The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer 80 Years On

Wednesday, April 9, 12.30pm - 5.30pm, Emmanuel Centre Leeds

This event is free, and also accessible on Zoom for anyone who would prefer not to travel in to Leeds.

A memorial event hosted by Project Bonhoeffer, in partnership with St Luke's and St Matthew's Lutheran Church and Leeds University Chaplaincy.

Join us to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's execution. Throughout the day, we will be joined by Bishop Martin Lind, who will deliver a memorial lecture, followed by a response from Revd Dr Keith Clemments.

There will be the opportunity to engage in discussion, conversation, and a memorial communion service for those who wish to participate.

Book using this link if you can.<u>Find out more here</u>. Or email <u>contact@Projectbonhoeffer.org.uk</u>

Diocesan Event in Leeds





Portobello Gala is a fantastic annual event that **Portobello Community Forum** has proudly organised for the past three years. It's a wonderful way to **bless our community** with a **free, fun-filled day** featuring **live music, exciting activities, and a**

great atmosphere!

To make this event possible, we usually rely on funding, with costs reaching around **£6,000**. This year, we still have a **shortfall of £700** – if all our funding bids are successful.

Can you help? If you feel able to contribute to the **Portobello Gala Fund**, we would be **truly grateful**. We also have **sponsorship opportunities** for businesses interested in supporting this much-loved event.

Solutions Constitutions can be sent to: **Portobello Community Forum Sort Code:** 08-92-99 **Account Number:** 65409662. For more information, please contact **Sarah Cutts**

on **\$ 07388 356008**. Thank you for helping us bring joy, connection, and celebration

to Portobello once again! 🧡

Sarah Cutts, Portobello Community Centre Manager



Men's Drinks Club

Dom Tuck and I have been running this for just over a year now. We already have quite a few members in a WhatsApp group but it's a case of the more the merrier.

The next one is on 1st May at The Three Houses at 8pm. Just let me or Dom know if you'd like to be in the Group *Ben Cutts* 07725426636

Earth Day Eco Festival

Will take place at The Hepworth on Sunday, 27 April 2025.

Come along and find out about the many green organisations active in



our district, and how you can join or support them, to make Wakefield a great place to live. <u>https://hepworthwakefield.org/whats-on/earthday/</u>





News from The Spring



Spring is a beautiful time of year that reminds us of new beginnings. As flowers bloom and trees grow leaves again, we see God's creation come to life, and none more so than the beautiful Magnolia tree which we overlook in the Spring Kitchen. For the last few months, we have patiently watched its brown and lifeless form weather the harshest of conditions, until only now, when we see the buds form and the tree come alive with the beautiful pink tinged flowers of this majestic tree. A sure sign that Spring has finally arrived and the hope that comes with it.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." – *Isaiah 43:19*

We continue to journey through Lent, using the "Living with Hope" Lent Prayer Guide and have felt both affirmed and challenged by its content, it feels so poignant at a time of such insecurity around the world, that with God, there is always hope.

With Easter celebrations not far away – a wee reminder that we shall be closing on Thursday 17th April @2pm. We shall re-open on Tuesday 29th April @ 10am, after giving my team space with their families and a good rest after another busy season.

Cost of Living

The last few months have been busy @ The Spring but like all small businesses, managing the energy bills and changes to the National Living Wage and Employers National Insurance contributions are proving challenging, for example just keeping the lights on, the cakes baking and our customers warm in January cost £2,300.00. We have therefore, reluctantly but prayerfully, taken the decision to apply a price increase in April. This is never an easy decision and certainly one we don't take lightly but we do need to be realistic and looking after our team and keeping the space warm is key to our ministry.

Big Dreams

On a lighter note we are however looking to the future and if we wish to make the fabric changes to The Spring that we have spoken about at our Vision Day then we will need to secure some big additional Grant Funding. To support our applications, we have been advised to get some key data and therefore we need you wonderful folk to help us with some fact finding.

News from The Spring continued





So, if you get approached by a person with a clipboard on your next visit please don't run away, we won't keep you long !! and your input could be all that we need. We would very much appreciate your prayers throughout this process and if you have any questions then we would be happy to chat with you and hopefully answer them.

What's On

Lent Lunches – available every day from 10am – 3.45pm, costing just £6 for Soup and a Sandwich, with all the money going to Christian Aid. To date we have raised £250.00. So plenty of time to see that grow and bless our brothers and sisters at Christian Aid even more.

The Passover Supper – this event is now **SOLD OUT**, but we are operating a wait list for those folk unable to secure places immediately

- Please remember that if you are booked to attend the Passover you will need to bring your own red wine (or equivalent) for you to participate fully in the ceremonial aspects of the Passover.

Knit & Knatter – held every Thursday @ The Spring from 2pm-4pm - however please note that due to preparations for the Passover there will be NO meeting on Thursday 17th April.

Singalong with Dr Bob and Friends – held the last Tuesday of the month from 2.30pm – you can join with Dr Bob Dourado, The Singing Doctor, (albeit now retired) Peter Maxwell and friends and enjoy a sing song whilst raising funds for Wakefield Hospice.

The Spring Garden – will be officially open when we come back after Easter, ready to enjoy some Spring food in the sun!!

Community Notices

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.



News from The Spring continued





Slimming World with Vicky

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

New sessions at Portobello Community Centre

🌸 Blossom Empower Her: Strength,

Confidence & Community 🦾 👉

The *Blossom Empower Her* project is a 10week program designed to **empower** women and girls by building **confidence**, **resilience**, **and well-being** in a supportive and inclusive space. Through **martial arts &**

self-defence training 🥋 , participants develop both physical and emotional

strength, while **creative activities ()** like painting and mood board creation offer opportunities for **self-expression** and stress



EmpowHer

relief. **Yoga** 🚴 sessions further enhance flexibility, mental clarity, and relaxation, promoting a balanced and mindful approach to well-being.

Each session includes 60 minutes of training followed by 30 minutes of social time

, allowing participants to connect, share experiences, and build a strong sense of community. The next course will be held at Portobello Community Centre, starting on Wednesday, 30 April, at 6:30 pm. While the program is designed for 18-30-year-olds, it is open to any women who feels they would benefit.

🎽 We rise by lifting others—join us and feel empowered! 💥

17 Book your place today: 👉 Blossom Empower Her Course

Events at Portobello Community Centre





PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY CENTRE

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

MONDAY

Sewcial Crafting Group 10am to 1pm | £4 Hot Chocolate Youth Club 6.30pm to 7.30pm 11 to 16 year olds FREE Pizza and hot chocolate Run by members of St Helen's Church

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Portobello Baby & Toddler Group

9.15am to 11am £1 adults / 50p baby or toddler Run by volunteers from St Helen's Church

AGM | TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, 3 April AGM 3pm | TRA meeting 3.45pm

FREE 10 WEEK EMPOWERMENT

COURSE : EmpowHer

Starting Wed, 30 April 6.30pm to 8pm Book at : https://blossom-uk.co.uk/courses

THURSDAY

Portobello Drop In 11am to 1pm | £3 Run by volunteers from local churches Falls Prevention with Chair Exercises 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm | £3 Kung Fu 7pm to 8pm - Beginners 8pm to 9pm - Advanced Beginner subs: £3 adult/£2 child

First session free

FRIDAY

Sewcial Crafting Group 10am to 1pm | £4

SATURDAY

1st and 3rd Saturday Yorkshire Black Sheep Modellers 10am to 1pm | £4 2nd Saturday Trinity Model Making Group 10am to 1pm | £4

SUNDAY

Strong Tower Christian Centre 10.30am to 12noon Apostolic Faith Church 2pm to 6pm

If you are on a low income and need support with subs please contact the office or group leader (in confidence)

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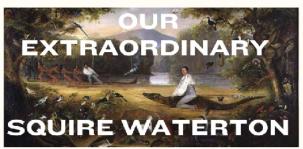
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Local Events



A WALTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY FUNDRAISING EVENT!



A TALK BY LOCAL AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN BARBARA PHIPPS

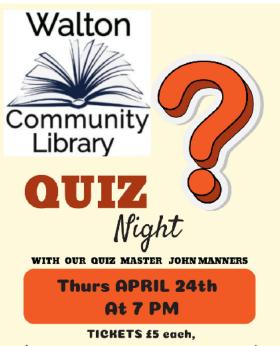
THURSDAY APRIL 17TH @7PM

ONLY £5, PAYABLE AT THE DOOR

@ SILVERTINI RESTAURANT & BAR WATERTON PARK GOLF CLUB OFF THE BALK WALTON WAREFIELD WF2 GQL



Hot and cold drinks will be available to purchase from the bar beforehand and during the interval.



(which include a glass of wine or juice) available from the library at CHARLES WATERTON HOUSE WF2 6UA Sorry .. Ticket holders only!!



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



Church Groups or Activities		
1 st Monday of each month	Women's Fellowship. Emmaus Room.	
10.00 -12.00	Contact Gill Heap. 07773307155	
3 rd Monday of each	Mother's Union. Barnabas Room, St Paul's	
month 7.30pm – 9.30pm		
Wednesday	Gardening Team.	
9.00am -12.00 midday	Contact Julian Gill. 07769 225771	
Wednesday	Church Cleaners. Contact Vickie Lord. 01924	
9.30am – 12.00 midday	255938 or May Winterbottom 01924 219787	
Wednesday 7.00pm	Bellringers practice for Sunday Services. St	
	Helen's. Contact Jack Endersby. 07469 993013	
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	Contemplative Prayer . Barnabas Room, St Paul's.	
month 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Contact Sue Davies. 07749 592858	
Usually 1st and 3rd Sunday.	Shield Youth Group in the Emmaus Room.	
6 -7.30pm	Contact Rachel Chapman	
Other Activities (charges may apply)		
Monday in term time	U3A Recorder Group. Emmaus Room, St Helen's.	
1.30pm – 3.30pm	Contact David Johnson: 07484 230520	
Monday in term time	Wind Band. Emmaus Room, St Helen's.	
7.00pm to 9.15pm	Contact Adele Jones: 07850 483727	
Wednesday	Chair-based exercise. Barnabas Room, St Paul's.	
10.00am - 11.00am	Contact Ivory on 07577740224	
First Wednesday of the	Cllr Katrina Law surgery for local residents,	
month at 5.00pm	Emmaus Room <u>katrinalaw@wakefield.gov.uk</u>	
Last Friday of the month	Cllr Shaman Saleem surgery for local residents,	
at 5.30pm	shabaansaleem@wakefield.gov.uk	
Thursday 7.00 - 9.00pm,	Soroptimists, Barnabas Room, St Paul's.	
twice a month	Contact Linda Phillips 07709 282403	
Various days and times	Pilates, Barnabas Room, St Paul's.	
	Contact Gill Carr: 07968199169	







Sunday Worship at St Helen's & St Paul's April/May

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Sunday 6th April	11.00am St Paul's Joint Service
	No services at St Helen's
Sunday 13th April	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)
Palm Sunday	11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer, All Together)
,	11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 20th April	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)
Easter Sunday	11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion, with Kids' Church)
,	11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday 27th April	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer)
, ,	11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer, with Kids' Church)
	11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 4th May	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer)
	11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer, with Kids' Church)
	11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday 11th May	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer)
	11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer, All Together)
	11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 18th May	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer)
	11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer, with Kids' Church)
	11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday 25th May	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)
	11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer, with Kid's Church)
	11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)

The Parish of Sandal Magna, Sandal, Walton and Portobello **Contact Details:**



The Parish Office, St. Helen's Church, Barnsley Rd, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 6EJ. 01924 259966 office@sandalmagna.com The office is normally open Monday to Thursday in the mornings.

Website: <u>http://sandalmagna.com</u>