

NEWSLETTER

EARLY SUMMER



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HELLO

FROM REVD HANNAH

Hello everyone,

It was great to see so many of you over the Easter period – during Holy Week and on Easter day itself as we journeyed again alongside Jesus through his death and resurrection – being reminded both of his amazing sacrifice for us and of the hope and life he brings.

Over that period our sound system in church had its own mini death and resurrection event as one of our amplifiers blew altogether on Palm Sunday. Good Friday found Phil and Dave, a local sound engineer taking apart the whole sound system and putting it together again so that we could hear the services in St. Helen's on Easter Sunday – our thanks go out to them for all their hard work.



We knew for a while that the amplifiers were on their last legs and had been planning to do some serious work on the sound system, but increased costs due to rising energy prices had delayed our hands. However this event has prompted us to act now as the system is being held together with string (not literally!).

We need to spend about £5k on new speakers and amplifiers for the front of church as a matter of urgency and could do with spending another £5-10k in the next couple of years to make the rest of the AV (audio-visual) system good for the next 10-15 years.

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HELLO FROM REVD HANNAH continued

Phil and Andy Owen are going to be putting on some fundraisers in the next few months towards this so please do support them in this, but if you value being able to hear the services at St. Helen's – on Sundays but also at weddings and funerals, please do consider if you could give something towards this specific appeal. You can put a gift in an envelope at one of our services or contact the Parish Office – and if you can gift-aid, that's even better.

Please do prayerfully consider if you can help – and blessings on your summer season!

With love and prayers,
Hannah

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We hope you found the last meeting interesting and informative, when we welcomed Norman, who told of his time & experiences of living with and after having had a stroke. Our next meeting will be on the 2nd June at 10am, when Val Williamson will be regaling her tales of life after the Second World War. This is a change to our original planned speaker for the month, but we will be welcoming Lizzy to our come and speak to us at our September meeting.

July 7th: speaker: Colin Dixon ; Writing on 'Crime & Policing Today'

AUGUST ; NO MEETING

September 1st: Speaker: Lizzy Brothwood

All meetings are held in the Emmaus rooms and start at 10am, finishing around 12 noon, after enjoying a chat & catch-up over a cuppa & cake!



Please feel free to come along and join us in this small but friendly group. *Gill Heap*

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DEFIBRILLATOR COFFEE MORNING

**The Church Serving the Community
Defib Challenge – Launched in June 2022
Signed, Sealed and Delivered September 2022**



It is now three years since the hard work and generosity of many members of the parish, the community, families and friends resulted in over £2100 being raised for the purchase of a 'NEW' defibrillator which is now fixed to the outside wall of The Spring and the 'old' machine from The Spring updated and installed in the Emmaus Room at St. Helen's.



The Spring.

The Emmaus Room

To maintain both machines in full working order, it is necessary to purchase new batteries (approx. £250) and pads (approx. £150) at regular intervals.

Unfortunately, the small amount of money left in the Church Defib Account from our previous event has now nearly come to an end. So....

We think now is the right time to hold another Fundraiser to allow us to cover the cost of batteries/pads which will be required over the next year or two! **A Defib Demonstration** (given by Perry Morton – our Defib Guardian) along with a **Coffee Morning** (run by the Women's Fellowship and **including a cake stall**) will be held on **Saturday 28th June 2025** in The Emmaus Room at St. Helen's. Coffee will be served from 10.00am to 12 noon with the demonstration starting at 11.00am.

Please come along and support our Fundraiser, learn how to use (but hopefully not require) the Defib, have a coffee, buy some cake from our stall and chat with friends!

Collection buckets will be in The Spring from the beginning of June and the church from the middle of June, so can we please ask, once again, that you support our Fundraiser and give generously to help us maintain our two Defib machines for another few years. We are most grateful to all of you!

Margaret Arnold (from the Defib Team)

YOUTH UPDATE

EVERY GOOD WORK

Things are going great with EGW! The new worshipping community in Eastmoor is going great guns and the young people have taken to prayer like ducks to water. They really are a tremendous group of young people and I am honoured to be able to work with them.

Plans have started for the next Acorn Course with the young people from Hot Chocolate and Game Changers to learn and experience a bit about Jesus and hopefully to form their own worshipping community based in our parish. This is an exciting time of planning and preparation and please hold us in your prayers as we put the program together. We will be meeting for the Acorn Course on a Wednesday early evening, from about 4:30 to around 7:30pm, with the young people with us between 5:30 and 7:00pm. This begins in early October and runs through till the end of November with a weekend away on the last weekend of November. If you are available at those times and would like to be a part of something new, brilliant and exciting, please let me know!

Hot Chocolate is going great guns and the volunteers who help out are utterly amazing. Some of the young people can be tricky with a lot going on in their lives, but you can also see that we are making a difference and some of them are really engaging positively with what we are trying to do. They were skipping last week. Who knew that a tug o' war rope would be good

for skipping? We now have a sewing machine and someone who can help the young people make pencil cases and makeup bags and all sorts of stuff, so there is, along side archery, swing ball and pool, a large variety of activities the young people can get involved with. This group meets on a Monday from 6:30 till 7:30pm and again, if you would like to get involved, please let me know.

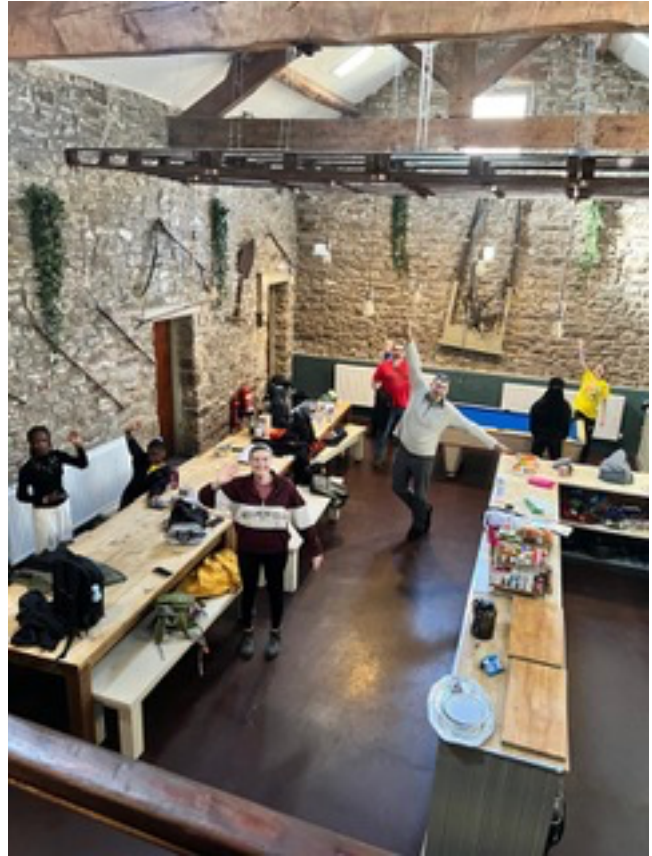


Phil Asquith

YOUTH UPDATE

EVERY GOOD WORK continued

Game Changers in the Spring on a Monday afternoon is a small group. We play Monopoly, Dominoes, card games, other board games and also do jigsaws. Well, actually, we do wasgij. Its like a jigsaw, but you aren't making the picture on the box, you are making a picture of the future, or what some of the characters in the box picture are looking at. One of the young people is an absolute master at these and in an hour session can get a lot more of these done than you would think. Quite incredible really. We meet on a Monday in the Spring from 3:00 till 4:00pm and, yet again, if you would like to get involved, please let me know!



So it's been a bit busy this year so far, and the rest of the year is looking to be just as busy. That's a good thing really - it keeps me out of mischief.

Phil Asquith

SHIELD

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:

June 1st

June 15th

July 6th

Please contact Rachel Chapman – 07815770540 for more details.

Rachel Chapman

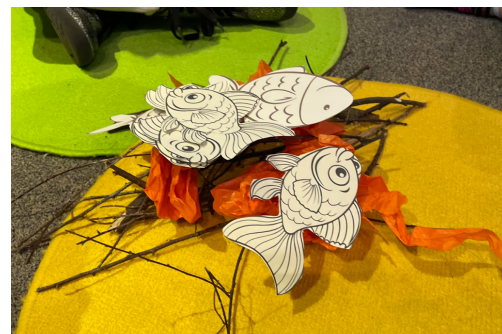
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CHILDREN & FAMILIES UPDATE

KIDS' CHURCH

Kids' Church continues on Sunday mornings at St Helen's at 11am. Here we are telling the story of breakfast on the beach with Jesus after he rose from the dead.

Laura Truter



PARISH PARTNERS

THE SPRING



We had a great time at The Spring at our **VE event on 8th May**, and raised £820 for the Royal British Legion.

Cath Moxham, Manager at The Spring

PARISH PARTNERS

THE SPRING continued

The Spring Garden – is now officially open and we have had some lovely weather for enjoying food in the sun. Our regular events continue inside too:



Knit & Knatter – held every Thursday from 2pm-4pm.

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.

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 you're a new, existing or returning member – contact Vicky on 07966 202826 if you want any further information



Here are some more photos of our VE day event

PARISH PARTNERS

PORTOBELLO GALA - CAN YOU HELP?

We're thrilled to be bringing back the Portobello Gala this year – a fantastic, free day out for our local community, packed with entertainment, stalls, and inflatables. It promises to be a brilliant day of fun for all ages! It takes place on Manygates Park on 1 August from 11am to 4pm.

To make it a success, we need your help. Could you spare a little time to volunteer - even a hour would help.



Volunteer Opportunities:

Prayer Café (Serving) – Help serve drinks and cakes.

Speak to Mary Hampton.

mary.hampton@btinternet.com

Café (Creative & Prayer Team) – Support others through prayer and creative activities. Speak to Laura Cowans

laura@sandalmagna.com

Litter Picking – Help keep the park clean and welcoming. Speak to Ann Francos.

office@sandalmagna.com

Booth – Share all the great things happening at church and Portobello Community Centre. Speak to Ann Francos. office@sandalmagna.com

Set-Up and Pack-Down Crew – Lend a hand before and after the event. Speak to Ann Francos.

office@sandalmagna.com



We'd love to have you on board – every pair of hands makes a big difference! If you're not sure how to get hold of people please contact Sarah Cutts on 07388 356008

Sarah Cutts, Portobello Community Centre Manager

(Photos from last year's Gala)

PARISH PARTNERS

PORTOBELLO



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY CENTRE

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

MONDAY

Sewcial Crafting Group

10.30am to 12.30pm | £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

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7.30pm to 8.30pm

Donations

WEDNESDAY

Portobello Baby & Toddler Group

9.15am to 11am

£1 adults / £1 baby or toddler

Run by volunteers from St Helen's Church

TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, 17 June 10.45am

THURSDAY

Portobello Drop In

11am to 1pm | £3

Run by volunteers from local churches

Shimmy Exercise with Sophie

1pm to 2pm | £4

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

LIZZY'S PRIESTING

Our curate, Lizzy Brothwood, will be priested at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday 21st June at 11.00am. All welcome. Let's make it a really good turn out to support Lizzy!



NEW BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD

The Welcome Service for Malcolm Chamberlain, the new Bishop of Wakefield is being held on Sunday 22 June 2025, 15.30 at Wakefield Cathedral, followed by refreshments.

WAKEFIELD CLOTHES EXCHANGE



Saturday 14 June
12.30pm to 3pm

Brookhouse Club, Barnsley Road, Wakefield, WF1 5NU

Bring up to 15 items of womenswear or childrenswear and swap for up to another 15 items

Unused credits roll over to next Clothes Exchange

£3 entry if bringing clothes

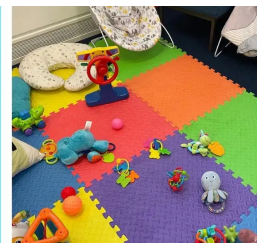
FREE entry if just browsing



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PORTOBELLO BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Wednesday mornings - term time Join us from 9:15-11am for fun, healthy snacks & refreshments. £1 Adult / £1 Child. All welcome with little ones! See you there!



REGULAR EVENTS

ST HELEN'S & ST PAUL'S

CHURCH GROUPS OR ACTIVITIES	
1 st Monday of each month 10.00 -12.00	Women's Fellowship. Emmaus Room, St Helen's. Contact Gill Heap. 07773307155
Dates as arranged	Mother's Union. Contact Elizabeth Smith 07884018031
Wednesday 9.00am -12.00 midday	Gardening Team. St Helen's. Contact Julian Gill. 07769 225771
Wednesday 9.30am – 12.00 midday	Church Cleaners. St Helen's. Contact Vickie Lord. 01924 255938 or May Winterbottom 01924 219787
Wednesday 7.00pm	Bellringers practice for Sunday Services. Bell Tower, 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 month 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Contemplative Prayer. Barnabas Room, St Paul's. Contact Sue Davies. 07749 592858
Usually 1st and 3rd Sunday. 6 -7.30pm	Shield Youth Group. Emmaus Room, St Helen's. Contact Rachel Chapman
OTHER ACTIVITIES (CHARGES MAY APPLY)	
Monday in term time 1.30pm – 3.30pm	Carr Consort Recorder Group. Emmaus Room, St Helen's. Contact David Johnson: 07484 230520
Monday in term time 7.00pm to 9.15pm	Wind Band. Emmaus Room, St Helen's. Contact Adele Jones: 07850 483727
Wednesday 10.00am - 11.00am	Chair-based exercise. Barnabas Room, St Paul's. Contact Ivory on 07577740224
First Wednesday of the month at 5.00pm	Cllr Katrina Law surgery for local residents, Emmaus Room, St Helen's. katrinalaw@wakefield.gov.uk
Last Friday of the month at 5.30pm	Cllr Shaman Saleem surgery for local residents, Emmaus Room, St Helen's. shabaansaleem@wakefield.gov.uk
Thursday 7.00 - 9.00pm, twice a month	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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE & JULY

JUNE	
Sunday 1st June	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 8th June	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)
	11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer, All Together)
	11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 15th June	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer)
	11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion, with Kids' Church)
	11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday 22nd June	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)
	11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer, with Kids' Church)
	11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 29th June	11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion) Joint Service.
	No service at 9.30am
	No service at St Pauls
JULY	
Sunday 6th July	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 13th July	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion)
	11.00am St Helen's (Morning Prayer, All Together)
	11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 20th July	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer)
	11.00am St Helen's (Holy Communion, with Kids' Church)
	11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday 27th July	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

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