

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



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FROM REVD HANNAH

Saturday 21st June saw our curate Lizzy being ordained for a second time at Wakefield Cathedral. You may not know that a number of different types of churches (or denominations) ordain their ministers twice – firstly as a deacon, then as a priest.

The New Testament speaks of three types or orders of ministry – deacons who serve, priests who preside over communion and bishops who oversee. Once you are a deacon, you are always a deacon, and if you then become a priest, you are a priest and a deacon, and if you become a bishop... you are all three!

Different churches understand these ministries in different ways, but for us the key thing is that Lizzy is now 'fully-done' and will be able to lead us in communion services and also take weddings and that as a priest she is called to help people know and love Jesus.

Lizzy's 'priesting' was such a lovely service as we gathered in the Cathedral – thanks to everyone who came to support – and thank you to God whose presence filled us all and particularly Lizzy.

Let's pray for Lizzy and her whole family in this next step of ministry... and let's keep asking God what each of us are called to as God calls each of us to work for him, not just us ordained lot!

Hoping we all have a slightly slower and joy-filled summer.

With love and prayers,

Hannah



A word of Thanks

FROM OUR CURATE, REVD LIZZY BROTHWOOD

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the incredible support you've shown me during the period of my Priesting. I was so encouraged by all who came to the service, and by those who have been praying for me and sending well-wishes—it truly has meant the world.

Before the service, I was gifted with some time away on retreat. During that time, my thoughts returned to the moment in my life that I first decided to follow Jesus. I remember feeling an overwhelming sense of enthusiasm, excitement, and expectation—anticipating how Jesus would transform my life and lead me on a wild adventure. And that has absolutely been the case!

What struck me most was the reminder that this is still the same Jesus I have the privilege of following and encountering every day! We follow a God who relentlessly pursues us with love and grace. Because of this, we can approach each new day with fresh expectation that Jesus—who deeply cares—is always at work, breathing new life and hope into every corner of our world.

That's an adventure I'm grateful to be part of - and I'm so thankful to be sharing it with all of you!

Lizzy



FROM THE EDITOR

This will be my last edition as editor of the Parish Newsletter as I am leaving my role in the parish office later this month. I have really enjoyed my time there working with such lovely people. I wish my successor all the best, and I look forward to keeping up with the news in whatever form the new communications may take.

Ruth McCallum

PARISH EVENTS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our last meeting, with Val Williamson recalling memories from life during the second world war, certainly resonated with many as they remembered similar experiences of living during difficult & anxious times.

Forthcoming meeting dates for your diary;

- July 7th; Colin Dixon ; Writing on crime & policing today
- NO MEETING IN AUGUST
- September 1st; Lizzy Brothwood
- October 6th; Charity Home Produce Sale
- November 3rd; AGM



We meet in the Emmaus rooms at the rear of the church, starting at 10am and finish by 12noon after a

chance to chat & catch up over a cuppa & cake! Please feel free to come & join us at any of our meetings, you'll be sure of a friendly welcome.

Gill Heap

COFFEE and CAKE CHURCH meet at

During August there are no 11am services at St Helen's.

We would like to invite you to join us for coffee (or tea) and cake:

at The Spring

Sunday 3rd August
11 am (until 12:30)



An opportunity to connect with one another in the summer holidays at the usual 11am service time. We hope to see you there.

Natalie Jackson

PARISH EVENTS

PICNIC at PUGNEYS

During August there are no 11am services at St Helen's. We would like to invite you to join us for a picnic on 31st August for a catch up at the end of the summer break. Please see the poster for details.

Hopefully we will have good weather, and we won't need a brolly so don't forget sun hats and sun cream if it's sunny!

Natalie Jackson - Children and Families Coordinator



DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDRAISER

An excellent morning was enjoyed by the many people who gathered in the Emmaus Room for our second Defib Fundraiser on Saturday 28th June 2025.



Owing to the number wishing to learn about the Defib, two demonstrations had to be given by Perry Morton, our own Defib Guardian. What would we do without him?

You can always depend on The Women's Fellowship who were on hand to supply Coffee & Cake and also provide an excellent cake stall which, as usual, was extremely popular.



We were fortunate in receiving several very generous donations, which along with all your contributions, helped us to arrive at the wonderful total of £2358.00. This should keep our fund in the black for several years.

So, on behalf of The Defib Team, can I thank all of you for your help and contributions.
Margaret Arnold (from the Defib Team)

In Silence - Contemplative Prayer

Contemplation/Meditation? New Agey? Flower Power?

The practice of contemplation goes back to Genesis in the Bible. The Patriarchs Gen 15 v 5 & Ch 24 v 62; The prophets; Jesus. How do we manage it in today's busy hectic world?

Ex33 v 7: Now Moses made a 'tent of meeting' and pitched it outside the camp---some distance away. Away from the kids, the men discussing the world, the price of cars—sorry camels. The FT index, the noise and raucous of the camp. Anyone wanting to 'enquire of the Lord' would go to it.

The tent of meeting became the Tabernacle and it was designed in a specific way with a forecourt and very special curtain and it travelled with the Israelites. Wherever they were their God went with them. The Tabernacle eventually was the pattern for the Temple. The Temple was approached in stages. First the steps, then various courtyards. You left the 'normal' world behind you as you progressed towards the holy place which before the resurrection only the high priest could enter and only then on the day of atonement.

Medieval churches also follow this symbolic pattern: Lych gate, path, porch, font, nave, choir, altar rail, sanctuary, altar

So we make a 'Tabernacle' for ourselves at home where we can but it is easier if we go 'outside the camp' as Moses did. It is impossible to jump from mayhem to silence. We enter silence gradually and when finished praying leave silence gently and slowly. We do not discuss what we have discerned in this time, you may simply have fallen asleep—must have been needed. You receive what God says to you, it is said to you only and tailor-made for you. Take it with you when leaving, keep it in mind by repeating the given saying to yourself and let it work within you. Silence is a presence as real as sound therefore an event like a sonata.



Some quotes

Speech is of time, silence of eternity

Thomas Carlyle

Listen to silence, it has much to say

Rumi

Be still & know that I am God

Ps 46 v 10

Sue Davies

Deanery Synod

Report of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2025

Revd David Gerrard (Area Dean, Wakefield) opened the meeting and passed on apologies from Archdeacon Cat, who was unable to attend.

Dean Simon welcomed everyone to the Cathedral and explained that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Bishop's Welcome Service was now on Sunday 28th September at 3.30pm; he asked that we let our congregations know about this change.

Dean Simon also invited people to his own Farewell Service, which is on Sunday 6th July at 3.30pm. Revd Paul Cartwright (Area Dean, Pontefract) led our opening worship.

Erik Peeters, who is the Lay Training Officer for the Diocese (& Residentiary Canon at Wakefield Cathedral) introduced himself and gave an update about lay training in the diocese as things have changed in relation to lay training.

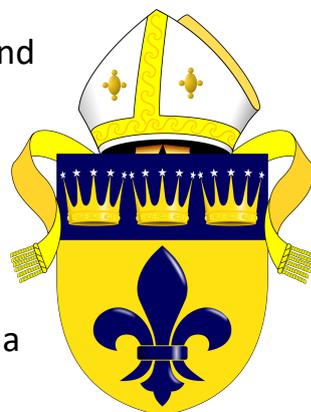
Vocations are now covered by a single team which allows people to be on a vocational journey, often not knowing at the start where it may take them.

The Introduction to Theology course which covers some theology as well as discussions as to where God is leading you, is now at the start of the journey and anyone can join. The course is online or in person. After completing this course, there are options to move onto different courses depending on the calling.

Jude Smith who is the Director of Mission and Revitalisation spoke next and gave a presentation on The Barnabas Team who are funded by a grant from the national church.

Jude explained that Barnabas developed from asking two questions:

1. What do we do in a world where there are fewer clergy?
2. What do we do to support churches as we come out of Covid, with new challenges including fewer volunteers / harder to recruit volunteers, a problem common to all?



Barnabas has Four Key Areas: confidence in our mission, confidence in our future: confidence in our leadership, confidence in our witness, finding recently new people just turning up and how we support them.

Jude explained how it works in the church setting and there was a discussion where each of our churches are at the moment and what can be done.

The next Wakefield Deanery Synod is on Tuesday 18th November at St George's Lupset with Bishop Malcolm. Revd Darren Percival (Area Dean, Barnsley) finished the meeting with prayer.

Sarah McCulloch - Deanery Synod Representative

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

DIOCESE OF LEEDS ANNUAL REPORT



The Diocese of Leeds is pleased to publish its annual report for 2024, sharing the successes of our teams working to encourage confidence and create confident Christians, support growing churches and help transform communities. 2024 was the 10th anniversary year of our diocese, and our report shares the hard work of our teams and the vision and strategy underpinning all of it. Read more here:

<https://leeds.anglican.org/who-we-are/news/dioocese-of-leeds-publishes-annual-report-for-2024.php>

BISHOP OF LEEDS RETIRING SYNOD

Bishop Nick will “hand over the reins” of the diocese with great confidence, he assured the June meeting of Synod in his final Presidential Address. Recalling many events from the last 11 years, he expressed his gratitude to clergy, laity and all who have worked with him in the formation and development of Diocese of Leeds. Read more here: <https://leeds.anglican.org/who-we-are/news/bishop-nicks-tells-of-confidence-and-gratitude-in-his-last-address-to-synod.php>



Retreat for those who want to pray more, but don't know how

Friday, September 12, 4pm, to Sunday, September 14, 3pm, Parcevall Hall

Led by Revd Henriette Howarth and Revd Paul Wheelhouse.

If you long to pray more and experience the divine love more deeply, this retreat is for you. We will find inspiration in the scriptures and Christian tradition to deepen our awareness of God who is not far away. We will practice different ways of prayer including silence, contemplation and the Ignatian way, and seek nurture and inspiration with assistance of music, nature and a variety of texts. Cost: £195.

More information and booking details here:

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/event/retreat-pray/>



YOUTH UPDATE

EVERY GOOD WORK

The current Acorn group - based on Eastmoor - is going really well, with a new person joining recently. I am planning now for a similar Acorn course based on Portobello to run on Wednesdays after school in the autumn term. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this, please see me. The Acorn course will finish with a weekend away at the end of November in Marrick Priory - an outdoor education centre in North Yorkshire. Please pray for discernment about which children should get involved.



The group will be running a cinema night at St Helen's on Wednesday 9th July, and there may be others to follow. We plan to take the young people to go up and look at the belfry which should be exciting.

After a period of vacancy, a new Youth Worker has been appointed for St George's. She has a Church Army background and seems excellent. She will be starting in September. It will be good to have a woman to complement the other two male youth workers on the project. Interviews for a coordinator have just taken place, so we hope to start the Autumn Term with a full team.



Phil Asquith

SHIELD

Shield Summer Social is Sunday 6th July.

Food and Games.

Years 6 - 13 welcome.

6.00 - 7:30pm

Please contact Rachel Chapman –
07815770540 for more details.

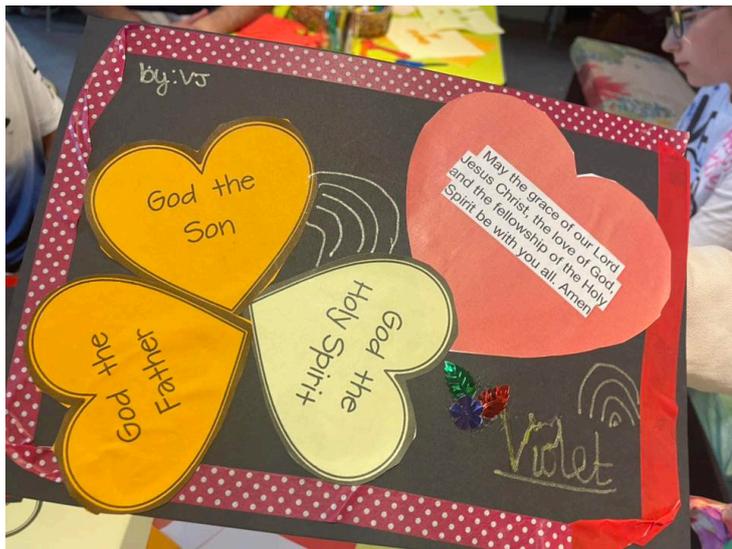
Rachel Chapman



CHILDREN & FAMILIES UPDATE

KIDS' CHURCH

God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit
We've been learning about the Trinity 3in1, nice and simple guys. Our favourite activity was the Holy Spirit fizzy prayers. *Laura Truter*



PARISH PARTNERS

PORTOBELLO

Portobello Baby & Toddler Group - Teddy Bear Picnic Wednesday 16th July at 9.15am at Portobello Community Centre

Calling all Babies and Toddlers - Bring your Teddy Bear to celebrate the start of the Summer holidays with a picnic together!

- * Play and catch up
- * Teddy Bear Crafts
- * Refreshments / healthy snacks
- * Music
- * "What's in the bag"
- * Singing & Dancing
- * *Laura Truter*



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PORTOBELLO GALA

JOIN US FOR FREE ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT,
COMMUNITY ARTISTS & STALLS

PORTOBELLO GALA 2025

FRIDAY, 1 AUGUST
11AM - 4PM

TREASURE IN THE COMMUNITY



MANYGATES PARK, WF2 7DF

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Building on the foundations

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PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY CENTRE

WHAT'S ON IN JULY

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

Term time only

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

Term time only

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Thursday, 31 July | 11am to 1pm

Meet at Manygates Park

Cakes and drinks at the Community Centre

afterwards

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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THE SPRING



Hello to everyone from us here at The Spring.

We hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine. Please come and join us in our beautiful garden - there is shade if you are feeling the heat.

Blues Brothers Evening

On the evening of the 19th of July we will be holding a music and food event to raise money for the P.A. system at St Helens. This will be a pay as you feel event. Please call the Spring to reserve your place and so we can make enough food for you all.

Afternoon Tea

We will be holding an afternoon tea on the 16th August from 3 till 5. This will be to raise funds for Breast Friends. Tickets will be £20 which will include a glass of pink fizz and will be available from The Spring.



Summer Closure

The Spring will close for our summer break at 2 pm on Thursday 21st August and will reopen on the 2nd of September at 10am. We hope all our staff and volunteers will enjoy their break and come back refreshed and ready to serve you all.

Retirement

Our lovely Jean in the kitchen will be retiring in September after nearly 15 years of working with us. Please come and say goodbye to her before she puts her feet up. We of course will be recruiting for Jean's hours so watch this space.

Jackie Gabriel

REGULAR EVENTS at THE SPRING

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

Singalong with Dr Bob and Friends – held the last Tuesday of the month from 2.30pm.

Yoga Classes with Margaret Clegg Wednesday 7.30 – 9pm. If you are interested in joining this class, please call Margaret on 01924 370673 or Mobile 07787175432.

Slimming World with Vicky - Every Tuesday 5pm and 6.30pm – contact Vicky on 07966 202826 if you would like further information.

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THE SPRING



**We're
HIRING**

TRAINEE SPRING COMMUNITY SHOP & CAFÉ MANAGER

WITH OUR BELOVED CATH HEADING OFF TO PASTURES NEW, WE ARE SEEKING TO RECRUIT A TRAINEE MANAGER FOR THE SPRING TO SHADOW OUR CURRENT MANAGER CATH DURING THE AUTUMN AND TO BECOME MANAGER AT THE BEGINNING OF 2026.

EMAIL HANNAH@SANDALMAGNA.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION & HOW TO APPLY



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CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY 10TH JULY
INTERVIEWS: MONDAY 28TH JULY

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WALTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Wine
TASTING



SOUTH AMERICAN WINES

Thursday 31st JULY @7pm

TICKET HOLDERS ONLY!
Available from the library
£10 per person

Walton Community Library

Table Football! **Jenga!**

10:30 - 12:30

Snakes and Ladders! **26 July** **and** **16 August** **Ages 3+**

Games Morning



WALTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

always needs more helpers!

Would you be able to do a librarian shift every so often? This involves dealing with our computer system, photocopying, selling tickets, giving information, and keeping the library tidy. Full training will be given!

Perhaps you are an organiser, a planner, a cake maker or just happy to help out now and again with some of our many groups and events?

Do you have any special skills to share ??- IT, marketing or financial??

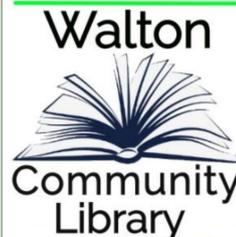
Please call in, phone on 01924 917627, send a message via Facebook or email waltoncommunitylibrary@gmail.com

YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

WALTON 2026 CALENDAR

PHOTO COMPETITION

**A MAXIMUM OF 3 ENTRIES PER PERSON, WHICH MUST BE
* IN LANDSCAPE (HORIZONTAL) VIEW
* RECOGNISABLY TAKEN WITHIN THE WALTON BOUNDARY**



CLOSING DATE

FRI AUGUST 29TH

AT 6PM

THE FOLLOWING WEEK THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC EXHIBITION AT THE LIBRARY, WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE SHOTS!

PLEASE SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO

WALTON SHOTS@GMAIL.COM



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

JULY & AUGUST

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)
AUGUST	
Please note that there will be no 11am services at St Helen's during August	
Sunday 3rd August	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday 10th August	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 17th August	9.30am St Helen's (Morning Prayer) 11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion)
Sunday 24th August	9.30am St Helen's (Holy Communion) 11.00am St Paul's (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 31st August	11.00am St Paul's (Holy Communion) (joint service at St Paul's. No service at St Helen's)



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