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Parish Letter

I don't know whether it is seeing school children in uniforms three sizes too big - bought for them to grow into - the sale of new knitwear, coats and boots in the shops or the promise of some good television returning to our screens, but I love September. I always think this time of the year feels more like a New Year or a New start than January. Maybe it is simply the conditioning of a new school year, which we are programmed into preparing for from the age of 4 and which to some extent or other seems to impact our life throughout various stages - especially as a Children and Young People's Chaplain! Some of you will have children or grandchildren starting school for the first time or transitioning from Primary to Secondary school and will be very caught up in the new classes, new teachers, new routine. Others may only be reminded by the extra traffic on the roads at certain times of the day. Nevertheless, I always feel this time of year brings with it a sense of hope, of expectation. What will the next year bring?

The excitement and uncertainty of a new beginning, coupled with the nights drawing in and the wonderful colours of red, orange, gold and russet as the trees start to transform into the glorious spectrum of autumnal colours, as the seasons shift once more, reminds us that nothing stays the same. The only constant is change. Beginnings and endings are a part of life. The circle of life, of which the seasons remind us annually.

There is naturally comfort in the familiarity of the season - the expectancy of hot chocolate and cozy family film nights. Perhaps, there is a countdown to the anticipation of pumpkin carving or a slice of parkin, as we settle into Autumn proper. A slowing down after the busyness of summer and long sunny evenings. In this respect we follow the natural world, harvest being the culmination of a year's (if not longer!) work, hibernation affording some animals the chance of rest, recuperation and protection from the fiercest winds, coldest weather and slimmest pickings of food.

However, we somewhat unnaturally, also seem to gear up a level in September after the family time, holidays and relaxation of the summer months. We start afresh, we kick off another year again at work and school, we set new targets to meet, often going full throttle until Christmas. In this respect, we can lose the natural rhythms of life, if we are not careful. Jesus lived his life by rhythms, times of solitude and prayer, times of teaching and learning, times of hospitality and social gatherings, times of healing and of mourning, times of celebration and religious festivals. Although, things didn't always go to plan. Jesus and the disciples were on their way to rest, following a particularly busy period of ministry, when the feeding of the five thousand occurred!

The church liturgical calendar offers an ebb and flow to the year, as does the academic calendar. At the moment we are in the season of Trinity or Ordinary time - which we have been in since Trinity Sunday in May and which can seem to go on for an eternity (the 57th Sunday after Trinity etc.!!!) It can be easy to lose a sense of the purpose of Ordinary Time. After all, it is much easier to define the Christmas or Easter season for instance, but we should never lose the importance of this season. A time of preparation, of learning, of waiting and of listening. For if we do not build our faith up in the day-to-day and the ordinary, how do we plan to do so in the extraordinary?

There is nothing wrong with focussing on the 'ordinary,' the everyday life, the rhythms naturally defined by work or school. The days we have an awful lot more of than any other. I wonder if that's why September feels like a new start? It resets these days of learning and growth, it resets the natural rhythms of the everyday, it resets the foundation within our lives. Finding joy in the everyday and enjoying the 'little' moments, allows us to move through the seasons of our life contently, rather than waiting for the next big moment, or counting down to the next big occasion within our lives.

So perhaps an annual time of reflection on the ordinary and the everyday is a good idea, and what better time than September? What will the next year bring for you? What is God doing in your life, through your ordinary, everyday interactions? What needs to change for you to have joy, hope and contentment in your normality?

Yours in Christ

Judith

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QUESTION CORNER

Question

I call myself a Christian. But I struggle with belief in Jesus's resurrection, as some say the early Christians just made up the story.



Answer

The first to proclaim the resurrection were Jewish Christians. Yet, for the Jews, the idea of the Messiah dying and rising again was totally unthinkable. It was opposed to their culture, and something they found difficult to accept, even when Jesus himself told them it would happen. Most of them deserted Jesus at the crucifixion.

However, the risen Christ appeared to them on occasions before his ascension. After that, they still met in secret, for fear of the Roman and Jewish authorities. But then, at Pentecost, they were filled with God's Spirit, and preached the resurrection of Jesus to the crowds in Jerusalem. What a contrast! And what totally crazy and nonsensical thing to do if they were just 'making up the story'. By proclaiming the gospel they risked their lives—and you don't risk your life for a hoax. They were changed men and women, for resurrection is not about 'pie in the sky when you

die'. It's about a new quality of life given by, and shared with, Jesus Christ. It starts in this life and continues in a more wonderful way after death (as Jan indicated in her Focus letter last month).

So, as you're a Christian, I wonder what you make of Jesus's words 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'?

David

P.S. I need to correct a misprint in August's Focus. 'Jesus and Samaritans disliked one another' should have read 'JEWS and Samaritans'. My apologies to the editor if my text is not always clear.

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH BILTON

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

ENTRANCE £1

10AM-12NOON

(accompanied children free)

Refreshments included in entry fee

Home-made cakes

Jigsaws

Hand-made cards

Raffle

Large choice of books

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Refreshments



All proceeds in aid of

**Planters & Raised Beds in the
Grounds at St John's**

Coffee Morning: Saturday 8th August

August's coffee morning was in aid of our mission partners John and Vikki Wright and their work for Youth With a Mission. It was a real pleasure to welcome John and Vikki to our event where I am delighted to report we raised the wonderful sum of £618. We also had the pleasure of seeing them again at Sunday 10.30 service at St John's where they gave a short presentation re their work.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the event, our amazing and tireless volunteers and all who donated prizes, books, jigsaw puzzles, homemade cards, cake and baked goods. Your generosity is so appreciated. Plus our lovely loyal supporters without whom we couldn't do it. Your generosity helps so many good causes, thank you!

Coffee Morning: Saturday 12th September in aid of our Green Team

September's coffee morning is to raise funds for planters/raised beds made by Horticap for the church grounds in which we can grow flowers for our church flower team and also pollinator plants to help with diversity in the church grounds. We do hope you can join us for coffee and cake and lots of fun to raise money for this delightful project, which will not only enhance the church grounds but also save the church expenditure on flowers. The coffee morning team look forward to seeing you.

Kindest regards

**Anne Grindrod
Coffee Morning Team**



≡ We're changing days & time! ≡

To better support our community, The Wellbeing Cafe
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Everyone Welcome 



Team Vicar (0.5) – Vacancy Update

In the April magazine, I outlined where we were up to with our thinking with regard to the Team Vicar post. Since then, the diocese have suggested that the position might be combined with another role, Ministerial Development Officer for the Ripon Episcopal Area (also 0.5, overseeing licensed lay ministers, supporting curates, and providing Continuing Ministerial Development opportunities, plus a specialist remit as part of wider diocesan team).

Eager to explore options, and having consulted with the churchwardens, I met with Archdeacon James and Rev'd Steve Proudlove (Director of Formation) in July, and then PCC subsequently agreed that we were in principle happy to take this forward. Archdeacon James is coming to discuss this further with PCC at the start of this month, and Steve will join us for our scheduled September meeting. Everyone's keen to ensure good channels of communication, independent support and supervision, and sustainability all round - especially a strong sense of duty of care for the potential postholder.

Within this combination [it's fairly common for the MDO to be combined with a parish post], our half would be 2.5 days per week plus most Sundays (occasional MDO commitments on weekends such as residencies will need to be accommodated – no pun intended!). Both posts incorporate significant flexibility and would naturally ebb and flow at different times of the year, eg the MDO supporting Curates prior to ordinations/assessments, Advent/Christmas and Easter in the parish; helpfully these 'spikes' shouldn't significantly overlap. I think one of the objectives for the postholder would be careful time management, but we do need to trust that whoever was appointed would be able to do this, and they'd be given space to discern their priorities and get the balance

right in their diary [mutually respecting certain fixed points, such as being available for Monday First and Café Church as Team Vicar, and being at Church House one day a week as MDO – incidentally Harrogate-based transport links a big plus for regular work in Leeds]. I honestly think everyone is mindful of making sure the post is manageable – especially important with part-time roles, and even more so when doubling up 0.5 positions - and I'm personally very committed to creating a role which avoids burnout (which all clergy posts are liable to, so I should probably keep half an eye on my own capacity too, and getting all of this sorted and a postholder in place is something I'm looking forward to).

While the posts might potentially require subtly different skillsets, I'm confident that the right candidate could combine the two, having a heart for both within a priestly, leadership role, and I think it's an exciting opportunity for St John's and St Luke's. It'd be a great way of being plugged in to essential area for the diocese and share expertise - sure would have huge overlapping benefits, especially for encouraging lay led ministry and building teams here in the parish.

I could also see how advertising a full-time post (as long as it doesn't look impossible!) will be more attractive to potential applicants – we might be getting ever so slightly less of a person's time overall than originally envisaged, but we're probably much more likely to get someone in post and reasonably quickly too, and hopefully someone who instinctively 'gets' our vision for the Team Vicar and has the skills and enthusiasm that we're looking for. Equally, the diocese are very committed to honouring the good missional work that has been undertaken in Bilton and not in any way losing the momentum of that.

Consolidating a project-type focus, possible targets/objectives for the Team Vicar might be framed as follows:

Build links with school qualifying connection families
(primarily but not exclusively at St John's)

Bring a fresh pair of eyes, and help plan and share in
leading well established Café Church at St Luke's (2nd
Sunday)

Play an active part in monthly Monday First
worshipping community, helping discern its next steps
and encouraging lay leadership, and get to know
Wednesday Thirst (if available midweek)

Depending on capacity, when the week allowed the
postholder *might* also:

attend monthly joint coffee morning at St John's Church
Hall (10-12, 2nd Saturday) [well supported by all church
communities and an efficient way to meet/reconnect
with people pastorally]

support dementia friendly Wellbeing Café (Wednesday
pm, also St Luke's)

Oversee lay led joint services on 5th Sundays (signpost to
training, assist preparation, provide support,
supervision, and feedback)

Overall:

Model team-building and help us to continue to reflect on
how we affirm our joint identity, faith and fellowship
across two separate but 'happily married' churches!

Play an active role in staff team

Take time to listen to the different communities and
discern areas for outward-looking growth and
development

Just a reminder that we have three discerned priorities:
Welcome and Community; Learning and Discipleship;
Children and Young People. Belonging Together in Christ,
we're seeking to affirm our shared identity across two
churches, several congregations, and a less traditional

expression of faith, as well as supporting those groups that we consider part of our extended family of Christian communities.

The Team Vicar role would intentionally complement our already well established and friendly team of ministers (Team Rector, Children & Young People's Chaplain, Reader, and retired clergy) and committed and collaborative laity, including supportive churchwardens. We're looking for a colleague who will add capacity and innovate, help us to be more outward looking, can be pioneering within a parish context, and who has a heart for building and maintaining relationships – a pastor(al) evangelist!

We especially wish to support those on the margins within our parish in their Christian journeys and so the Team Vicar would be freed up to focus on supporting more informal entry points, encouraging pathways to growth in faith, and ensuring continuity of care as newcomers integrate more fully into our communities as we follow Jesus.

Any questions/queries please do ask – more than happy to discuss. I'm confident we're discerning an imaginative way forward, but your prayers would be most welcomed, perhaps especially for those who might consider applying and for reassurance that the post is shaped in such a way that it is 'doable' (not just on paper in a parish profile, but in actuality) – both so we get applicants, and also more importantly so that whoever's appointed can enjoy their ministry and have a genuinely sustainable work-life balance as part of a healthy collective culture of teamwork, mutual solidarity and support.

The post is due to be advertised from September 28th, and interviews are pencilled in for November 25th.

Many thanks!

Matthew



IGNITE

YOUTH GROUP

STARTING BACK!

SUNDAY
13TH
SEPTEMBER

6-7.15PM

AT
ST JOHN'S
CHURCH



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HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH GROUNDS WORKING PARTY!

Do you like gardening, or just being outside in the fresh air? Our church grounds look amazing, but our hard working gardening team need some help.

We are holding our fourth **church grounds working party on Saturday 5th September from 9.30am to around 11.30.** Help is needed strimming and raking up the grass. Bring your own rake,

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All things environmental!



With the September coffee morning being held in aid of the Green Team and environmental projects, I thought I'd do an update on what we have all

being doing recently.



The Green Team, amongst other things, works alongside the Energy Audit Working Group and the Gardening Team to work towards carbon net zero, raise awareness of environmental issues, increase biodiversity in the church grounds and (the hot summer we are having notwithstanding!) make St John's a warmer place to be, especially in winter.

In recent months the Energy Audit Working Group has been busy beginning to research a replacement heating system for St John's. As a starting point, there are two temperature and humidity monitors in place to record the range of temperatures over the year (they look like big orange pens, but please do not touch them or move them), so that we can see exactly just how cold the building gets. We currently have two gas boilers, both of which are ageing and which will need replacing in the near future. The Church of England is encouraging the use of cleaner energy sources, such as renewable electricity, rather than fossil fuels. In addition to doing desk research, we will also be talking to other churches about what they have done, with the aim of getting a heating source that works best for us. This could end up being a mixture of different technologies, or just one, at this stage we don't know. However this work will take some time to accomplish, so please bear with us. If you are a heating engineer, or know someone who is, who can help us, we would love to talk to you!

So, that's the long term plan. In the short term, we have been doing the smaller things which will hopefully also make the church more comfortable. The East End Room door has had the gaps in the wood filled in and a new brush draught excluder fitted at the bottom of the door to keep draughts out and the East End Room

warmer, thank you, Rob Bath. Rob has also put insulation in the office to keep Gill snug in winter.

Back in June, the Green Team and Rob fitted Radflek, special reflective radiator panels, to the backs of all the radiators in the main body of the church. These hang off the radiator brackets and should keep the building warmer by reflecting the heat back into the church instead of through the outer walls. This should in turn reduce our heating bills and reduce our carbon footprint. According to their website, a single sheet of Radflek will typically save 8.9 kg CO₂ per year or up to 83 kWh of energy per year. It was really easy to fit too, with the team cleaning and fitting the sheets to all 13 radiators in just over an hour. See <https://www.radflek.com/> for further details.

Lighting has not been forgotten about either. Whilst we had some LED light bulbs already, we are having the remaining internal lights fitted with LED bulbs in August. In addition to this, the council have agreed to use some of their commuted sums budget to get the outside lighting replaced and on day/night sensors. These should make the church, and grounds, brighter and safer, and LEDs are also much more energy and cost efficient, so should bring our costs down too. Thank you to Claire Golightly and Nigel Thompson for sorting this out.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Claire for all her hard work and commitment to both the Green Team and the Energy Audit Working Group since their inception. Claire has decided to step down from both teams due to increased family commitments. She has been a driving force in both teams so will be much missed.

Finally, to the coffee morning! The Flower Team are keen to grow their own flowers in the church grounds to use in their lovely floral arrangements. This will save money and will be better for the environment. We will be asking Horticap to make some wooden planters for us in the church grounds so that we can do this. We hope to raise enough money at the September coffee morning to get these, with any funds left over going towards future

environmental projects. Thank you very much in advance for your support.

Madeline Wolfe

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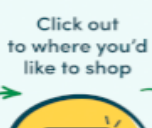
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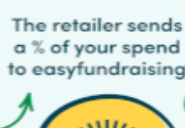
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Join us for an evening of musical magnificence - a perfect introduction to opera - on **Saturday 10th October at 7.30pm.**

Tickets are available from: <https://tickets.yorkopera.co.uk/events/yorkopera/2256203> or scan the QR code.



SEPTEMBER'S CALENDAR

Tuesday 1 st	9-9.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) PCC Meeting (SJ)
Wednesday 2 nd	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 3 rd	1.30-3.30pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
Saturday 5 th	9-9.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Church Grounds Working Party (SJ)
Sunday 6th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 12.30pm	Holy Communion (SJ) All Age Service (SJ) Holy Communion (SL) Baptisms (SJ)
Monday 7 th	9-9.30am 2-3.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Monday First at Dene Park Community Centre
Tuesday 8 th	7.30pm 9-9.30am 10.00am	Baptism Information Session (SJ) Morning Prayer (SJ) Walking Group (SJ)
Wednesday 9 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 10 th	1.30-3.30pm 7.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL) Finance & Buildings Committee Meeting (SJ)
Friday 11 th	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Child Group) (SL)
Saturday 12 th	6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm 10.00am-12noon	Open Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Open Adult Choir Practice (SJ) Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)
Sunday 13th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6-7.15pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Café Church (SL) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SJ)
Monday 14 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 15 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)

Wednesday 16 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am 12.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre Thirst Table at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 17 th	1.30-3.30pm 9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am	Wellbeing Café (SL) Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Child Group) (SL)
Friday 18 th	6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Sunday 20th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 12.30pm 6-7.15pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Morning Worship (SJ) Morning Worship (SL) Baptisms (SJ) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 21 st	9-9.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Green Team Meeting (SJ)
Tuesday 22 nd	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 23 rd	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am 1.30-3.30pm 7.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre Wellbeing Café (SL) PCC Meeting (SJ)
Thursday 24 th	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Child Group) (SL) Wedding Rehearsal (SJ)
Friday 25 th	6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 26 th	1.00pm 7.30pm	Wedding (SJ) Harrogate Band Concert (SJ)
Sunday 27th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6-7.15pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) All Age Worship (SL) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 28 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 29 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 30 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am 1.30-3.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre Wellbeing Café (SL)
<u>OCTOBER</u>		
Thursday 1 st	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)

	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Child Group) (SL)
Saturday 3 rd	6.00pm	Harvest Supper & Ceilidh (SJ)
Sunday 4th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Parade (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SL)
	12.30pm	Baptisms (SJ)
	6-7.30pm	Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel
Monday 5 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	2-3.00pm	Monday First at Dene Park Community Centre
Tuesday 6 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 7 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 8 th	1.30-3.30pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Child Group) (SL)
Friday 9 th	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 10 th	10.00am-12noon	Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)
	7.30pm	York Opera Concert (SJ)

Coming up...

Harvest Services – Sunday 11th October at both churches

Echo 42 Concert – Saturday 17th October at St John's

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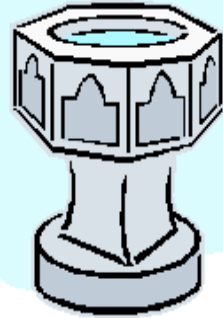
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PEOPLE

Baptisms

Paisley Mae Cooper

We welcome you into the Lord's family.
We are members together of the body of
Christ;
we are children of the same heavenly father;
we are inheritors of the Kingdom of God.
We welcome you.
Amen.



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*We extend our sympathy to the families of those
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Graham Shaw
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Ojiakor



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