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A LETTER FROM JAN

Dear All

Have you caught your breath yet?

As I write, June is not yet finished but already so much has happened.

First, we bade 'Bon Voyage' to Simon as he left for his Sabbatical, wished him well and then began our Jubilee celebrations. And weren't there so many amazing events; parades, concerts, open air events, picnics on the pitch and so many, many street parties. I joined a wonderful Jubilee tea at Thirst, had a celebration BBQ (first of the year) and then there was that wonderful Jubilee and Pentecost Church Parade service at St John's, with the special guest appearance from the Queen no less.



June was not all celebration though. Many of us will have navigated the tricky waters of exams, after the exams had some enforced time off. All the SATs, GCSEs and A levels, perhaps even University exams, back from their Covid sabbatical and no doubt for some students causing stress, upset and anxiety. For some, the long weekend of Jubilee celebrations may have passed by as a vibrant and diverting background to the norm of intense revision and exam practice.

With all the whirlwind activities and distractions, it may have been hard to find a space for our spiritual contemplation. The celebration of Pentecost did share the theological stage with the recognition of the Queen's long service as Defender of the Faith. Some may think it took a back seat, however, in some ways the Jubilee was like the first Pentecost.

If we look at the first Pentecost, it was the start of a new stage of history where God sent out the Gospel through the disciples, to create a united people from "every tribe and language and people and nation." At the Jubilee celebrations, we celebrated a historical stage in our Queen's reign, and there was evidence all over the country of a united people with many faiths, many ethnicities, many ages all coming together, not

least at the Thanksgiving service at St Paul's. There, the Gospel was spoken and no doubt translated into many tongues, as it was transmitted through the power of media into many homes globally. Many will have heard, not just at the service, but all over the weekend, how the Queen has had a strong faith and deep belief in Jesus for many, many years. Hearing and seeing this demonstrated the power of the Holy Spirit in her and, I think, gives glory to God.

So after our busy days, times of celebration and distractions, we just need to remind ourselves and each other that these things are true.

Pentecost is not a one-off celebration like the Jubilee; it is a continual event and reminder of the power of the Holy Spirit working within us.

For all of us, God is still at work through his Spirit, calling people from every nation as the Gospel of his Son keeps spreading.

Jesus is still at work in his Spirit, encouraging us all to bring his Word to the world and to set it praising the Father.

Just like the Queen, we can still share in the glory of the Spirit, bearing witness to Jesus and his work.

A celebration that lasts a lifetime!

May God, Father, Son and Spirit, bless you all.

Jan





In May, a new Sunday morning group for children in Y5 and 6 began: Blaze. The aims of this group are to have fun, build relationships and learn about following Jesus. It also has relieved the pressure on Bright

Sparks leaders by reducing the age range in that group. We have had loads of fun with the children so far, learning about the parables of Jesus as well as playing games! Our numbers have doubled in a month!! (although that might have something to do with the pain-au-chocolat that we eat!!).

Thanks very much to all the new leaders that have stepped up to serve our children in Blaze each Sunday morning.



The clothes swap raised £250!!

And, we bought 16 new bibles for our young people!!

St JOHN'S BUMPER SUMMER COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 9th JULY

Entrance £1

10 – 12 noon



- Home-made cakes
- Home preserves
- Hand-made cards
- Refreshments



included in entry
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- Large choice of books
- Raffle
- Tombola
- Plants
- Good quality jigsaws
- Treasure Hunt, Hook-a-Duck, other games



**For the Church's Work
and Outreach**

Due to the restrictions placed on us during the Covid Epidemic the church Social Committee took an enforced rest for a couple of years. A small group of us thought that a social event was



required to get the church family together and raise funds for the DEC Ukraine Fund. We have all seen the news and the terrible violence suffered is horrific, so it was decided that the money raised would help the Ukrainian people.

What better way to get our church family back together than a quiz night. Helen and Keith Mayers were quickly recruited to produce the quiz, as they are the resident experts in this area! St Luke's is a perfect venue and what is a quiz night without supper? So Sam Thompson and Mary Hullah were approached to manage the catering for us.

Initially ticket sales were a touch slow but this picked up dramatically during the last week. In advance of the event we sold 89 tickets and a few more on the night, which is absolutely fantastic.

On the night the church was full to capacity - every single chair in the building (and the garage) was used. The event went without a hitch and many people who were unable to attend also gave incredibly generously.

The event was won by Jan, Andrew, Kris, Caroline and Dan who scooped the beverage and chocolate hamper; well done to your team as competition was tough.

Overall the event made £356 after the expenses were paid, a magnificent total to send to the DEC.

A big thank you to everyone involved. There will be more events coming your way so watch this space!

God bless you all

Steve

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? (see opposite page)

For our Bumper Summer Coffee Morning we need cakes, plants, tombola and raffle prizes, help with setting up and running stalls, and, most of all, PEOPLE TO COME AND BROWSE, BUY, CHAT, ENJOY THE DAY.

OUTREACH – The Church’s Mission

As we plan for appointing someone to enable outreach in the North Harrogate area, it is interesting to hear about the small church-like building at the corner of Skipton Road and Knox Avenue, and the part it played in the outreach by St John’s to the people of New Park in the last century:

Betty Waddington (a long-term member of St John’s) remembers:

“There long before the Coppice and Knox estates were built, it was used for worship and Sunday School. It had a bell which rang before the Sunday 8 o’clock service. In the early 1900s it was the place for many happy social occasions, and used during the annual Gas Works Gala. By the 1960s it was home to Sunday School for under-11s from the estates; the older children moved on to join



the St John’s Sunday School. The Sunday School also met in the Methodist Mission building on the opposite side of Skipton Road, which became a carpet warehouse before being demolished and replaced by flats. When Keith Bertenshaw came to St John’s as a Church Army Officer, he started a Youth Club at the Mission. It later moved to the new Bilton Youth Club on Bilton Lane built about the same time as Richard Taylor School.

The Mission was sold to Ian Edwards, a furniture maker, and has also housed other groups, including a playgroup, martial arts studio, beauty and hair salons, Pilates and Yoga Studio.”

“The New Park Mission and Sunday School at Skipton Road was opened in 1884/5 by St John’s Church. It became a Church of England day school until 1897, for the benefit of the working classes and the poor. The building was extended in 1916, but was sold about 1970, when it became surplus to requirements, and the proceeds of the sale were used towards the reordering of St John’s.”

(from a document held by Bilton Historical Society)



The 'Queen' chatted with Laura at St John's Family Parade Service, and we had crowns, party poppers and blowers.



St John's and St Luke's both celebrated the Jubilee and Pentecost with special services followed by cake and prosecco.

Cheers!

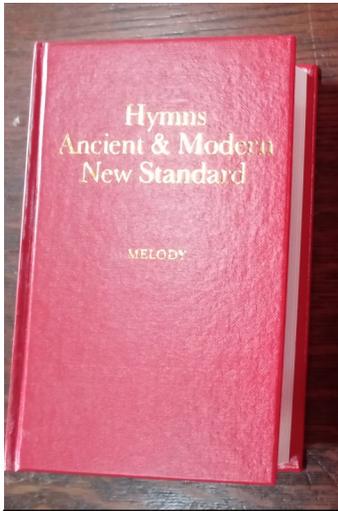


THE FRUITS OF OUR COFFEE MORNINGS!



In November we raised money for a community defibrillator, with matched funding through our Councillors.

It is now installed on the side of St John's Church porch, with a plaque above it.



As a result of our May coffee morning, St John's Choir are delighted with their new hymn books - no more torn, creased or missing pages!




June's coffee morning raised £530 towards scholarships to support university education for young people from Sri Lanka's tea plantations. Often these youngsters are leaving their home town for the first time when they go to university! Sponsorship is by fundraising and also individual donors who give £12 a month to support a named student who will keep in touch with them. Interested? More details at dignitythrougheducation.co.uk or from theva1@outlook.com



On 26 May over 60 Brownies, Guides and Rangers along with their leaders and invited guests joined together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Activities included a "pin the diamond on the Queen", decorating crown biscuits, making a badge and planting jubilee seeds as well as making heart bunting which can be seen in church.

The evening finished with a celebratory slice of cake.

Thank you to everyone who came along to join us in our celebrations.



Ella, Orla and Izzy (along with Barn Owl) were invited to represent Guiding at the Service for the County of North Yorkshire to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Ripon Cathedral on Thursday 2nd June 2022. It was a very special way to start the weekend of celebrations and something that I am sure the girls will remember for a long time. We also

managed to meet and have our photograph taken with the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mrs Jo Ropner.



STILL ENJOYING THE CHALLENGE OF GUIDING!

By the time the July Magazine goes to press I will have been presented with my Trefoil Guild Gold Voyage Award at a barbeque at Ripon Girl Guide Headquarters. To gain this award I worked through the Bronze, Silver and Gold syllabuses. Each award had five clauses to it with varying lengths of time to complete. One entitled SERVICE was able to be completed as a member of the Church Choir. Another was entitled MYSELF. When we refurbished and cleared East View (my family home) a lot of family photos were found which required sorting. For Bronze and Silver I was able to write the History of East View. East View has remained in the family since my Grandad bought the plot in 1925. For Gold I researched the History of St John's. This relates back to our benefactors the Sheepshanks family, and includes photos of the first Vicar I ever knew, Rev Harold Pearson, continuing right through to the present time. The books are being circulated round the church. If you would like to see them, please have a word with me.



Christine Raper

BEAUTIFUL BANNERS ON LOAN

The banners adorning St John's were made by a group of needlewomen who worship at St Andrew's Church, Starbeck.

There is an amazing stock of over 60 banners, and St Andrew's encourages other churches to borrow a few at a time.

We are very grateful for access to this amazing and uplifting resource.

Thanks to Emma for arranging the loan.





CHORAL EVENSONG AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sung by the choirs of St John's and Christ Church

Sunday 10th July at 6.30pm

Minister Matthew Evans

Organist Christine Alp

Conductor Ruth Yarborough

St John The Evangelist Church Choir

We are an inclusive worshipping group of musicians who support the clergy and congregation at the weekly services.

We practise weekly on a Friday evening in St John's Junior Choir 6.30pm – 7.15pm and Adult Choir 7pm – 7.45pm.

St John's Choir was initially an all-male choir of men and boys until 1974 when girls were allowed to join the treble line. As a robed choir, we enjoy being affiliated with the RSCM and sing a variety of traditional and modern music.

If you would like to visit a choir practice, we are having an open Choir Practice on Friday 15th July 2022 – All Welcome! please contact Ruth Yarborough 07825 700650 for further information

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BAKE SALE



St John's Church

Sunday 3rd July

After the Parade Service

Our young people will be offering cakes to raise funds towards their activities including the Satellites Trip



GREEN MATTERS



Please don't relax your efforts to reduce waste and especially landfill. At St John's we use the kerbside recycling and also Co-op's soft plastic recycling (boxes in the kitchen).

You can bring your ink cartridges and domestic batteries (boxes in the porch) and used postage stamps for Birk Crag (drawer behind the choir stalls).

PEOPLE

BAPTISMS / BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVINGS

*We welcome into the church family
Freddie Carl Balsdon
Arabella Rose Hopwood
Ryleigh Marie Stevenson Holdsworth*



FUNERALS/ MEMORIALS

*We extend our sympathy to the families of those who have recently died:
Steven Paul Harper
Joan Robson*

WEDDINGS

*Congratulations to those recently married:
Sarah Jane Tennyson and David Leslie Jones*



HOLIDAYS

The Church Office will be closed Monday 25th - Friday 29th July
and Monday 22nd August - Tuesday 6th September
Phone and email checked only irregularly

SUNDAY 10th July

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JULY'S CALENDAR

Saturday 2 nd	9.30am-12noon	Team Vicar House DIY (8 Peckett's Way)
Sunday 3rd	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6-7.45pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Parade Service and Bake Sale (SJ) Holy Communion (SL) Ignite (Year 6+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 4 th	9-9.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Baptism Information Session (SJ)
Tuesday 5 th	9-9.30am 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Alpha Plus (SJ)
Wednesday 6 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am 4-5.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre 4twelve (Year 7-13 Youth Group) (Artizan Cafe)
Thursday 7 th	9.00-4.00pm 9.30-11.30am 1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm	NO Morning Prayer Team Vicar Interviews (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL) Wellbeing Café (SL) Evening Surgery in Church (SJ)
Friday 8 th	6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm 7.30-8.00pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ) Satellites Trip Meeting (Mowbray Community Church)
Saturday 9 th	10.00am-12noon	Coffee Morning and Fair (SJ hall and grounds)
Sunday 10th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6-7.45pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Parade Service (SL) Ignite (Year 6+ Youth Group) (SL) Evensong sung by St John's and Christ Church choirs (Christ Church)
Monday 11 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 12 th	9-9.30am 10.00am 2-3.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Walking Group (SJ) Comfort Café (SJ) Time to Pray (SJ)
Wednesday 13 th	9-9.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ)

	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	12.15pm	Community Lunch at Bilton Community Centre
	4-5.00pm	4twelve (Year 7+ Youth Group) (Artizan Cafe)
Thursday 14 th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting (SJ)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 15 th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	5-6.00pm	Satellites Trip Meeting (SJ)
	6.30-7.15pm	Open Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Open Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Sunday 17th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SL)
Monday 18 th	6-7.45pm	Ignite BBQ (Year 6+ Youth Group) (SL)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.00pm	Archdeacon's Visitation (St Peter's)
Tuesday 19 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 20 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	12.00noon	Thirst Table at Dene Park Community Centre
	4-5.00pm	4twelve (Year 7+ Youth Group) (Artizan Cafe)
Thursday 21 st	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
	10.00am	Richard Taylor School Leavers Assembly (SJ)
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Evening Surgery in Church (SJ)
Sunday 24th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SL)
Tuesday 26 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 29 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 28 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 31st	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	JOINT All Age Holy Communion (SL)

AUGUST

Monday 1st 9-9.30am
Wednesday 3rd 9-9.30am
Saturday 6th 10.00am-12noon

Sunday 8th 9.00am
10.30am

Morning Prayer (SJ)
Morning Prayer (SJ)
Satellites Kit Drop Off (Mowbray
Community Church)
Holy Communion (SJ)
Joint Family Communion (SJ)

LOOKING AHEAD...

Satellites Trip

9th – 15th August

Coffee Morning for the library (SJ)

Saturday 13th August

Welcome Event

Sunday 18th September 4.00pm (SJ)

Harvest Festival

Sunday 25th September

Parish Weekend

30th Sept-2nd Oct (Scargill House)

Confirmation Service

Sunday 20th November 6.30pm (SJ)

AUGUST COFFEE MORNING FOR THE LIBRARY

Saturday 13th August 10 till 12

Cakes - Jams etc - Books - Plants - Raffle - Tombola -
Handmade Greeting Cards - Refreshments

JOINT SERVICES

During the next few months some
Sunday services will be joint either at St
John's or St Luke's - check the calendar!

NEW OFFICE HOURS

From 1st August the church office will be
open Monday-Thursday 9.30am-1pm
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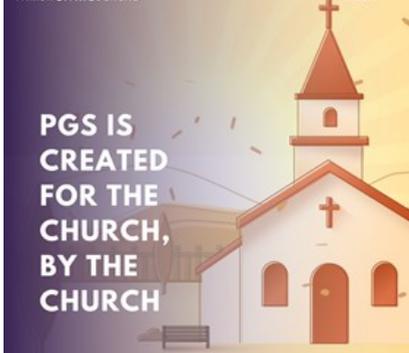
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