

# The Messenger

News from your local church

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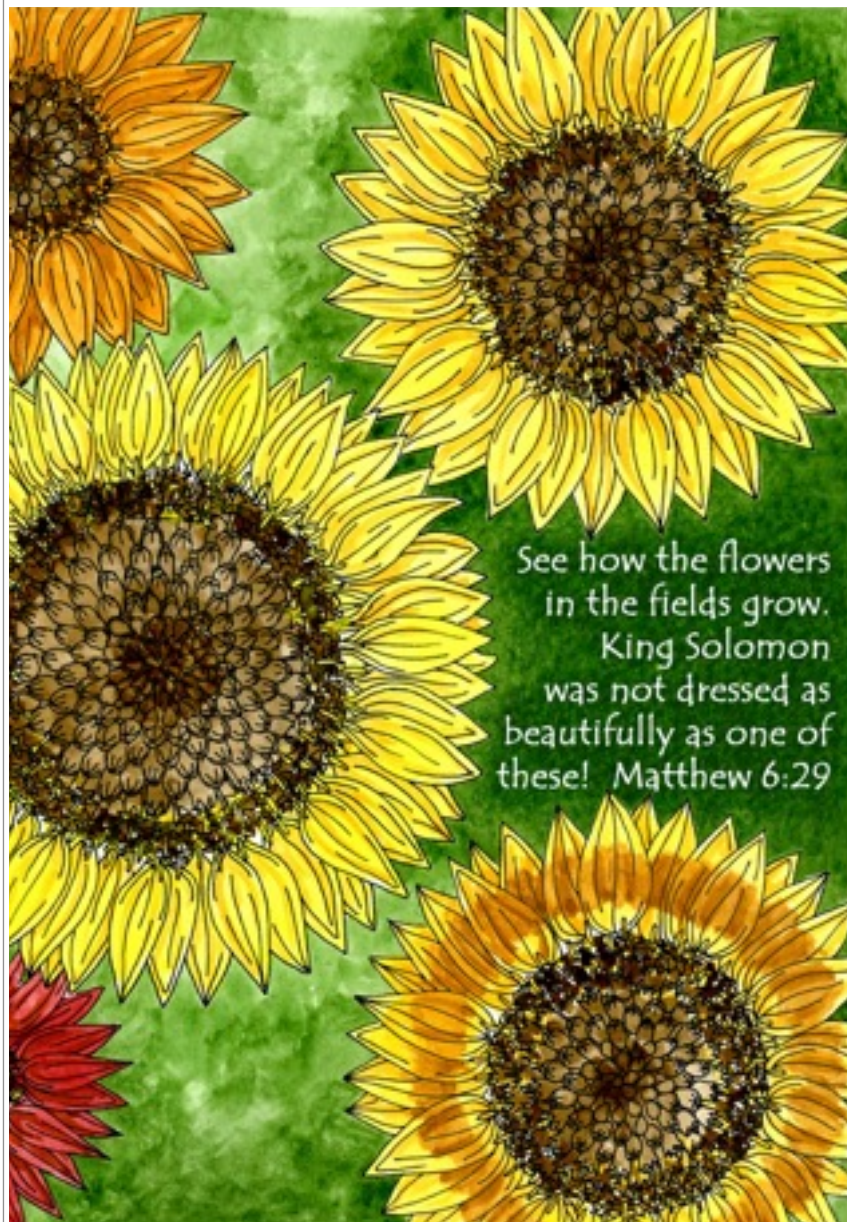
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See how the flowers  
in the fields grow.  
King Solomon  
was not dressed as  
beautifully as one of  
these! Matthew 6:29

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## News from Wykeham

A Strawberry Tea is taking place on Sunday afternoon, 24th July in the garden of Lilac Cottage (29 Wykeham), the home of Ray Kirk and Jacqui Hardy. On 31st July at 10.30 am Wykeham will be hosting a Benefice Service – a good chance for the four parishes to get together. There is also likely to be a Benefice sung Evensong on Sunday 9th October. The Helmsley choir will again be visiting Wykeham, the conductor being our Rural Dean, Tim Robinson.

The Opera at Wykeham is expected to take place on Saturday 10th September. Tickets can be obtained from the Estate Office (pa@dawnay.co.uk, or 01723 866601)

## Brompton Blog

Open Gardens in Brompton was once more blessed by a dry afternoon and the numbers were, we think, the highest ever. Have Wordsworth's Wildflowers in Church certainly encourages visitors to come in to All Saints. Now we are busy planning the Manor House Garden Fete! Nick and Clare Evans will be our hosts. Nick has kindly agreed to open the fete and Clare is organising a Fun Dog Show! Details will be up soon so if you have a dog or know someone you think would like to bring one please tell them. There will be special classes for children to take part. The Manor House gardens are extensive enough for those not involved with our canine friends to still be able to enjoy all the usual stalls and teas. Gwen Stockill is handing over plastic duck training but the race will go on!

*Mary Jones*

## Online church planning and heritage tool

An online service that simplifies the planning process for church alterations (known as the faculty system) and offers heritage information to researchers and heritage professionals has recently been launched. More than half of the Church of England's 42 dioceses have signed up to the Church Heritage Record. It will help to modernise navigation of the faculty system for thousands of parish churches seeking to make minor changes.

Permissions for minor works and maintenance can now be made using the website - <https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org> Parishes can also create and maintain an electronic log book of all repairs and works carried out – whether they need permission or not. The Church Heritage Record contains over 16,000 entries on church buildings in England and Wales, covering a wide variety of topics from architectural history and archaeology, to the surrounding natural environment. The Church Heritage Record is the basis for our new church visiting website, churchdays.co.uk, and it is hoped that dioceses and other local groups will populate it with useful information about each church.

## View from the Vicarage.

Just last year at Brompton Church we hosted an exhibition of tapestry to commemorate the the beginning of the centenary of World War One. There were some fabulous pieces of artwork, all contemporary, all imaginative, all striking and thought provoking. One piece was a 'work in progress' a simple plain background onto which the names of soldiers who had lost their lives during that war. People were invited to complete a card with the name of people we wished to remember who died serving King and Country, to be added at a later date. I wrote the name of my great uncle, who was killed in France at the age of 19. It was a very moving experience

On the 1st July 2016 we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and remember those who fought and died during the battle. The Somme was one of the deadliest battles of the First World War. During five months of combat, the total number of men killed, wounded and missing reached over one million.

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*Stuart*

## The faith of the fastest woman in the world

Shelly-Ann Fraser Pryce is simply the fastest woman in the world! She won gold in the 100 metres in the 2008 and 2012 Olympics and also came top in the 100 metres World Championships in 2009, 2013 and 2015.

She said of her London Olympic win: "It's completely different to Beijing because there I was inexperienced. I was young and I never believed I could win. This time I was a bit nervous but I believed in God and I trusted Him to carry me through."

Despite her amazing achievements, Shelly-Ann never seems to get the recognition she deserves. Asked if she is recognised when she goes out she replied "I go to the supermarket and people recognize me" before adding "and they want to ask me about Usain Bolt!"

She has had a faith most of her life but in her own words, "went away from the church" in her teens but is now back in the fold. She is clear about the difference her faith makes: "Believing in the God I believe in has worked miracles in my life. I know God for myself so I am able to say 'Thank God' because I know who He is and I know what He has done in me and through me. So my faith is very important and at the forefront of everything I do. I believe that everything I have, every gift I have is from Him and He has given it to me for a reason. The purpose He has given me has shown me how to live and how to experience life differently. It motivates me and directs my life".

To deal with her nerves while waiting for the starter to call her to her blocks, she repeats Bible verses. She confesses to being a bit afraid before big races so she repeats to herself 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." Another favourite verse is: 1 John 4:4 "the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world". She says it reminds her that if God is in control, then she has no reason to be afraid.

## Snainton Snippets

Snainton Open Gardens were blessed with fine weather (and as I am writing this within 18 hours of us clearing up I do not yet have a total), so hopefully we shall have made more profit than in previous slightly soggy years.

As part of our very active fund raising programme for our new roof we are hoping for massive support for our next three fundraisers -

Saturday 30 July, 12.30 - 4pm in Snainton Village Hall and Playing Field - a 'Yorkshire Day of Family Fun' - Yorkshire Pudding and Yorkshire Fun Games for all the family, not to be missed (proceeds to be shared with Snainton Village Hall)

Friday 22 July, 7.30pm in St Stephen's Church - Allerston Aloud will entertain us with 'Songs for a Summer Eve' - tickets £6 to include light refreshments

AND (Just confirmed) Saturday 10 September, 7.30pm in St Stephen's Church - the Felling Male Voice Choir will we hope! Raise the Roof', details to follow

Further details and tickets for all these events can be obtained from either of the churchwardens or myself on telephone number 859843. More events for the Autumn are in the pipeline.

STOP PRESS - Provisional Open Gardens Profit - £1365 – fab!

*Angela Howgate*



“Allerston Aloud”

Entertain with

## Songs for a Summer eve

**What** A light hearted evening of song

**When** Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm

**Where** St Stephen's Church, Snainton

Tickets £6 to include light refreshments available from

St John Harris Tel: 850684...Angela Howgate Tel: 859843...Jane Williams Tel: 859130



In aid of St Stephen's Church, Snainton, Roof Appeal 2016





# BUDS

**MEETS AT THE HOME OF  
Don and Mary Jones  
Kings Head Cottage, Hungate  
Brompton by Sawdon  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
at 6.30pm for a bring and share supper  
Meeting commences 7.30pm  
Study and Commentary on  
**John 1: 43-51**  
**John 2: 1-11**  
All welcome**



## So get a bigger frying pan!

Two men went fishing. One man was an experienced fisherman, the other wasn't. Every time the experienced fisherman caught a big fish, he put it in his ice chest to keep it fresh. Whenever the inexperienced fisherman caught a big fish, he threw it back. The experienced fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing this man waste good fish. "Why do you keep throwing back all the big fish you catch?" he asked.

The inexperienced fisherman replied, "I only have a small frying pan." Sometimes, like that fisherman, we throw back the big dreams, big opportunities that God gives us. Our faith is too small. We laugh at the fisherman who didn't figure out that all he needed was a bigger frying pan; yet how ready are we to increase the size of our faith?

Whether it's a problem or a possibility, God will never give you anything bigger than you can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything God brings our way. Remember: You can do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13).



### **Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs**

Thursday 7 July

Arrive 6.15pm\* depart 9.30pm

\*If not coming for dinner, arrival 7.15pm for 7.30pm start

Ven David Butterfield will explore the different sorts of musical styles that we use in our worship. He will also help us to reflect on what we are doing when we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs in worship. There will be an opportunity to sing together and we guarantee that those who come will see hymns and songs in a new light.

Cost: £18.00 with dinner, £8.00 without dinner

### **Renewal Day**

Wednesday 13 July 2016

Arrival 10am for 10.30am start Depart 3.30pm (or whenever God has finished with you!)

Renewal Days are opportunities for people to come to Wydale and spend a day worshipping, receiving quality Bible teaching, praying and being prayed for.

There is no charge for this event but we would welcome donations for lunch, which will be provided.

### **Making Way for God in our Day to Day Lives**

8-9 September 2016

Arrive 9.45am Thursday, depart 4pm Friday

An experiential workshop and retreat to learn the practice of Spiritual Mindfulness by becoming compassionate to ourselves and others. By breaking the patterns of stress and anxiety, we can become spiritually alive to God, moment by moment. Led by Dr Susi Strang Wood, a Reader in East Cleveland, a psychotherapist and a former general practitioner.

Cost: £93.75 fully inclusive.

For more info [www.wydale.org](http://www.wydale.org)

## As fine silver...

Malachi 3:3 says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study. They got to wondering what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest, so as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot, and then she thought again about the verse that says: "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it."

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you and will keep watching you. His aim is not to abandon or destroy you, but to refine you - until He sees His image in you.

## St. Mary Magdalene – a woman with a past

Later this month Christians all over the world will commemorate probably the most unlikely saint in the Bible, Mary Magdalene. There was something in her background that has always fascinated people. All we are told about her 'past' is that Jesus had cast 'seven devils' out of her, but on that slender if intriguing evidence she has become the patron saint of 'fallen women'.

Some see her as the woman 'who was a sinner' who washed Christ's feet with her tears at a respectable dinner party. Of that person Jesus remarked that 'she had been forgiven much' and consequently 'loved much'. Whether she was that woman or not, the description perfectly fits her. No one who has heard or read it could surely fail to be moved by her tearful encounter with the risen Jesus in the garden on Easter morning, the man she had taken to be the gardener revealing Himself in one word, Mary, as her beloved Teacher.

The problem with a good story – and hers is as good as it gets – is that people can't leave it alone. Down the centuries she has been John the Apostle's fiancée until he left her to follow Christ. She has gone with Jesus' mother and the same John to live in Ephesus and died there. In art and literature she has become an alluring, sexual figure, disapproved of by the mother of Jesus. There is no historical evidence whatsoever for any of this. In fact, the Gospels suggest the two Marys were close in their shared devotion to Jesus.

Her popularity is shown in the fact that 187 ancient churches in Britain are dedicated to her, and a college at both Oxford and Cambridge. Whatever the details of her story, we cherish it because it shows that having a 'past' is no reason not to have a future.

## Time to Pray: Prayer During the Day from the Church of England

Church House Publishing's latest app provides a straightforward, flexible pattern of prayer and daily Bible reading that is 'simple yet profound' Time to Pray allows you to:

- Access Prayer During the Day, together with full text of psalms & short readings from Common Worship
- Follow a simple pattern of daily prayer according to season and day of the week
- Access Night Prayer, together with guidance on sustaining regular prayer

Make room for prayer and stillness wherever you are, with offline access to all content

- Bookmark your own favourite prayers, adjust text size, etc.

Download here: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps>

## What is at the centre of your life?

**'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you'**

*(Luke 12: 20)*

In this parable of Jesus, where did the businessman's mistake lie, as he piled up this accumulation of wealth? Not in making wise provision for the future, but in getting the centre of his life all wrong. It is not that Christianity presents us with a biblical economic theory. Rather it gives us a viewpoint, a God-centred perspective on Life that helps us to cope with money, possessions, planning and disappointments alike.

Get this wrong, and a comment from the second century AD applies to us in the words of Clement of Alexandria – "Wealth is like a viper." Handled aright, it's harmless, but once let it entwine you, Beware!

The warning of Jesus was plain enough. "Life," he said, "does not consist in an abundance of possessions" (verse 15). Generally, people would have called the man in our story 'a success'. God called him 'a fool.'

**1. The wise fool** The guy was industrious, frugal, good at saving....and planning. But it was the God factor that was missing - the small matter of eternity! He didn't profess to be an atheist, but he lived the life of an atheist. Wise in so many ways, he was a fool. Indeed, how happy was he in himself?

Back in the Spring of 1873, the American evangelist, D.L. Moody was planning to visit Britain for one of his first great preaching campaigns. His aunt asked him, "Are you going to preach to the miserable poor?" "Yes," replied Moody – "and to the miserable rich too!"

**2. The poor fool** In Jesus' story, the words 'I', 'me' and 'mine' dominate the businessman's vocabulary (v.17-18). But nothing was going to remain his! There is a certain burden attaching to the accumulation of wealth. First, there is the burden of obtaining it, secondly the burden of keeping it, and thirdly that of parting with it! The Bible says, 'We brought nothing into the world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out' (1 Timothy 6:7). As far as lasting permanence was concerned, this man actually had nothing.



### 3. The universal fool

This parable of Jesus is only a story. Who was this man who features in it? Why, he's a universal figure. It could be you. The days are passing. Let today be Make-up-your-Mind time about God, and Christ.... and your very soul.

## The Five Fingers Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest to you, and without it you are helpless. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you, without whom you, too, would be lost. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the next President of the USA, the UK Prime Minister, the national leaders in Europe, the leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your 'pinkie' (as the Americans call it) should remind you to pray for yourself.

By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



## *The Way I See It :* **Stay-cations**



We live in an era of freshly coined if slightly odd abstract nouns. We all got to know 'Brexit' (British-exit) but this month we shall also experience, I suspect, 'Stay-cation' – staying in

Britain for your vacation. Terrorism is one powerful incentive to Stay-cate, but so is cost, and all the hassle of international travel.

Why not, people think, simply get in the car or book the train and visit some part of our lovely island that we've never been to before? If you haven't seen the Highlands of Scotland, or the beautiful west coast of Wales or the Boston Stump or the Helston River or the Jurassic coast, then why not make that this year's holiday adventure?

There are, of course, two sides to the argument. For my generation, going 'abroad' was a wonderful adventure. Good heavens, they actually spoke a different language, and they ate exotic things like pizza, croque monsieur and paella, washed down with unbelievably cheap red wine. Just getting on the ferry was an adventure, let alone shopping in a foreign supermarket. And there's also the Unique Selling Point, sunshine.

Balance up the arguments, and it still comes down to Stay-cation or Go-cation. Those who 'stay' will come home astonished at the beauty and diversity of our island home. Those who go will parade their tans for a few weeks and scoff at our fears of delays and terrorism. Whichever you choose – or even if you simply stay-cate at home and sit in the garden – do something different. Autumn is only round the corner.



## **'He gave us eyes to see them'** **Church Pulpits**

It is a steep climb of 199 steps that leads the visitor to Whitby from the streets below to the church of St Mary's that stands near the ruined abbey. Having negotiated the climb, the visitor enters the church and is greeted by a glorious array of Georgian furnishings: box pews and a triple decker pulpit with candlesticks and cushions. The clerk would sit at the bottom level to give out the notices, the parson would lead the service in the middle, and then he would ascend to the third level to expound the Word of God.

George Herbert says that for the country parson the pulpit should be 'his joy and his throne.' Sydney Smith had a different slant when he wrote on going into the pulpit of All Saints Church in Foston in 1806: 'When I began to thump the pulpit cushion on my first coming to Foston, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of the congregation.' Not so at Whitby where the church is cared for and well loved.



Today preachers often remain at ground level, the better to interact with their congregations, but here at St Mary's Church the pulpit is a sign of the importance of teaching the Word: not because the preacher stands eight feet above contradiction, but to allow people to see and hear.

The word 'pulpit' means a platform or raised area to address the gathered family of God. As we look on in the pews, it stands often on our left. But God looks at us from the east end of the church and the pulpit stands at his right hand: a sign that the sermon can be the divinely inspired message of prophet and teacher, and so become living and active in the minds and hearts of its hearers.



## *The story behind the hymn:* **Now Thank We All Our God**

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

Oh may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

*Martin Rinkart*

The joy and serenity of this hymn are staggering, when you learn the circumstances in which it was written. Martin Rinkart was a pastor at Eilenberg, Saxony, during the terrible Thirty Years' War (1618-1648).

As a walled city, Eilenberg offered some protection to the inhabitants. No wonder that political and military refugees of all sorts poured into the city, making it dangerously overcrowded. Soon the water supply was fouled, the sanitation overwhelmed, and the food ran out – leaving people famished and diseased.

In 1637 a terrible pestilence swept through the city, killing some 8,000 people, including Rinkart's beloved wife. By that time Rinkart was the only minister left in Eilenberg, because the others had either died or fled for their lives. Rinkart alone conducted the burial services for 4480 people, sometimes taking as many as 40 to 50 funerals a day!

Eilenberge was besieged and overrun three times – once by the Austrian army and twice by the Swedes. When a Swedish general demanded the town pay him 30,000 thalers. Martin Rinkart pleaded that the impoverished city could never meet such a levy, but the general scorned him. At that, Rinkart turned to his companions and said: 'Come, my children, we can find no mercy with man; let us take refuge with God.' On his knees there and then, Rinkart led his friends in a fervent prayer and in the singing of a hymn. The Swedish commander was so moved that he decided that the levy be not 30,000 thalers, but instead 1,350 thalers.

Somehow, out of the hell of the Thirty Years War came this lovely hymn of peace and total trust in God. Martin Rinkart had had to dig deep into his faith to survive, and the result was utter, serene dependence on God – despite chaos and destruction all around.

## **The Battle of the Somme – and the comfort of the Cross**

On the 1st July 2016 we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and remember those who fought and died during the battle. The Somme was one of the deadliest battles of the First World War. During five months of combat, the total number of men killed, wounded and missing reached over one million.

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Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, the chaplain popularly known as 'Woodbine Willie', served at the Somme: 'We have taught our people to use prayer too much as a means of comfort; not in the original and heroic sense of uplifting, inspiring, strengthening, but in the more modern and baser sense of soothing sorrow, dulling pain, and drying tears; the comfort of the cushion, not the comfort of the Cross.' He is saying that prayer in itself won't save us from suffering, as it didn't save Christ from the cross. But it is does enable us to fight evil in a way that will transform the situation, like Jesus going to the cross.



## All in the month of May . . . .

150 years ago: on 28th July 1866 that Beatrix Potter was born. This children's writer and illustrator created enduring animal characters including Peter Rabbit, Squirrel Nutkin, Mrs Tiggy-Winkle and Jemima Puddle-Duck.

100 years ago: from 1st July to 18th November 1916 that the WW1's Battle of the Somme took place. The slaughter was epic, the result inconclusive. It was the first battle to use tanks.

75 years ago: on 19th July 1941 that Prime Minister Winston Churchill launched his 'V for Victory' campaign.

70 years ago: on 21st July 1946 that bread and flour rationing were introduced in Britain as the country's wheat crop had been ruined by continual rain.

60 years ago: on 2nd July 1956 that Elvis Presley recorded the song Hound Dog. Critics nicknamed him 'Elvis the Pelvis'.

50 years ago: on 30th July 1966 that the 1966 FIFA World Cup final was played in London. England beat Germany 4-2. (This remains England's only World Cup win.)

40 years ago:- on 4th July 1976 that Operation Entebbe took place when Israeli commandos staged a counter-terrorist hostage-rescue mission at Entebbe Airport in Uganda following the hijacking of an Air France plane a week earlier.

Also 40 years ago: on 18th July 1976 that Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci, aged 14, became the first female to score a perfect 10 in an Olympic gymnastic event.

30 years ago:- on 23rd July 1986 that Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson in Westminster Abbey, and they became the Duke and Duchess of York.

20 years ago:- on 5th July 1996 that Dolly the sheep, the world's first cloned animal, was born.

## Miss Beatrix Potter – 150 years on

Helen Beatrix Potter, whose illustrated children's books have sold in their millions, was born 150 years ago in Kensington.



Her family were Unitarians, and the Potters never sent their daughter to school. As a result she had few friends as a child and was reticent in company, though a sharp observer of both people and nature.

She was remarkably talented in words and drawing, as well as in natural science, but she was a disappointment to her mother, who had hoped for a more conventional daughter. However she was always close to her governess, Annie Moore, and her illustrated letters to Moore's children, particularly her son Noel, were the basis of the animal books. The first to be published, in 1902 (after a private printing of 250 the previous year), was The Tale of Peter Rabbit, and others followed quickly. Today The Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter (23 in all) are available as a downloadable, digital audiobook.

The success of Potter's books – she was also a shrewd businesswoman – enabled her to buy land in the Lake District, where she eventually lived with her husband William Heelis until her death in 1943 – being credited among other things with helping to save the traditional Herdwick sheep from extinction. She left her land, including 15 farms and 4000 acres, to the National Trust, and it is as much her legacy as the stories. Her home, Hill Top Farm, at Near Sawrey, is preserved in accordance with her wishes and open to the public.

## The FIFA World Cup Final that England won

England's only major international soccer success came 50 years ago this month, when they defeated West Germany to win the FIFA World Cup Final in London. Alf Ramsey's team beat the Germans 4-2 in a



controversial match that featured a memorable disputed goal – Geoff Hurst's shot that hit the bar and bounced just behind (or possibly on) the line.

The final goal for England is remembered as much for the commentating of Kenneth Wolstenholme as for Hurst's powerful finish. "They think it's all over," he said. And a split second later, as the ball hit the net: "It is now."

So England won the £30,000 solid gold Jules Rimet trophy – but it nearly didn't happen, because the trophy had been stolen months earlier when it was on exhibition at Central Hall in Westminster, London. It disappeared while a church service was taking place in another part of the building, but was later recovered.

## Day trip?

A north country choirmaster was rehearsing the hymns for Sunday, telling the choir the hymns they were to sing, and the tunes to which they were to sing them. He concluded the list and said, "Now then, "Come ye that love the Lord", to Southport!"

A moment later a voice called out, 'Where are you tekking t'rest of us then?'

## Notices that didn't quite 'make it'...

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult, so it will be appreciated if parishioners cut the grass around their own graves.

## Vote carried

The vicar was ill in hospital and so the churchwarden went to visit. Trying to cheer him up, the churchwarden said: 'We missed you at PCC last night. We even put forward a resolution to wish you a speedy recovery. It was passed by 14 votes to 12.'

## Life choice

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason of his distress, he gulped: 'Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be an engine driver.'

## It's cool

I was at summer scout camp where the final service was to be taken by a bishop. It was a very hot, humid day and the clergy from local churches were slowly melting in their various heavy robes. Finally one snapped: 'When is that flipping bishop going to turn up?' Whereupon a man close by, dressed in Scouts shirt, tie and short trousers, said mildly: 'I'm already here.'

## Come in

The choir was practising the anthem. The choirmaster said to the trebles: 'Now don't forget, when the tenors reach 'The Gates of Hell', you come in.'

## What exactly is 'a lie'?

A little boy was asked in a school exam to explain what 'lying' is. He wrote: 'A lie is an abomination unto the Lord, but a very present help in trouble.'

### Just for fun!



The vicar's new interest in angling proved to be a real asset when it came to getting more people into church



'Baby McBabeface' - are you really sure?



The cathedral roof was a masterpiece of medieval masonry





## Benefice Diary - July 2016

### Sunday 3rd July - Trinity 6

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Snainton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
11.00 am	Eucharist & Baptism	Brompton
2.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Langdale End
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Wykeham

### Sunday 10th July - Trinity 7

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Hutton Buscel
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Wykeham
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	BCP Matins	Brompton
3.00 pm	Baptism	Snainton

### Monday 11th July

2.00 pm	Mothers Union	Snainton Chapel
6.30 pm	BUDS	Downe Arms

### Sunday 17th July - Trinity 8

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Wykeham
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
6.00 pm	Ecumenical Evensong	Snainton

### Friday 22nd July

7.30 pm	'Songs for a Summer Eve'	Snainton Church
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### Sunday 24th July - Trinity 9

8.00 am	BCP Matins	Brompton
9.30 am	Morning Service	Snainton
11.00 am	Morning Service	Wykeham
2.00 pm	Strawberry Tea	29 Wykeham
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Hutton Buscel

### Tuesday 26th July

7.00 pm	Wykeham PCC	The Vicarage
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### Saturday 30th July

12.30 pm	Yorkshire Day of Family Fun	Snainton VH
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### Sunday 31st July - Trinity 10

10.30 am	Benfice Eucharist	Wykeham
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### Monday 1st August

7.00 pm	Snainton PCC	Kingsbrooke, Snainton
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### Sunday 7th August - Trinity 11

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Snainton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
2.00 pm	Garden Fete and Duck Race	Brompton
2.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Langdale End
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Wykeham

## Dates for your diary . . .

### Saturday 30 July, 12.30 - 4pm

Snainton Village Hall and Playing Field a 'Yorkshire Day of Family Fun'

### Sunday 31st July

10 30 am Benefice Service at Wykeham

### Monday 1st Aug

7.00 pm Snainton PCC

### Sunday 7th August

2.00 pm Garden Fete and Duck Race with Fun Dog Show at Manor House, Brompton by Swadon

### Saturday 10 September,

7.30pm in St Stephen's Church - the Felling Male Voice Choir will we hope' Raise the Roof

### Opera at Wykeham on Saturday

**10th September.** This is an absolute must so please put the date in your diary. Tickets from pa@dawnay.co.uk.

### Sunday 9th October

6.30 pm at Wykeham

Benefice Choral Evensong with Helmsley Choir



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