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# **SIGNPOST**



**Rooted in God's love  
Growing together with Jesus  
Branching out in the  
Power of the Holy Spirit**

August / September 2022

# Walking in and with faith



On Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> I joined the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Holy Island which was led by Bishop Sarah. It was a wonderful day of fun and fellowship and a really special time together. It was so lovely to have time to think and pray together and the weather was perfect. During our walk across the causeway I was struck by the absolute awesomeness of God and humbled by the thought that a God so awesome is available to us all. He is there to listen and to comfort anyone who turns to Him, He never tires of hearing our voice and catches every tear that we shed. Bishop Sarah led a service for us in St Mary's where we all had the opportunity to share a thought. It was so encouraging to hear the way the young people had been moved by the pilgrimage and to hear their stories of what it had meant to them.

Two of the stories stuck with me; one was about the different types of terrain on the walk and how they had made them think about the different parts of our life journey. Some bits are easy to walk, others more difficult, some lift our spirits others bog us down with worries and woes. The thing that continues to give us hope and set us firm upon the path of faith is knowing that our beautiful Father God sent us the Holy Spirit to walk with us through it all, the good, the bad and the ugly. So if your terrain is feeling a bit rocky at the moment take all your cares to Him who hears everything, pray, praise, read scripture and then wait for a Holy response. Because it will come, it may not be what we want to hear, but it will be exactly what we need to hear. Don't be afraid or embarrassed to ask others to pray or talk with you, remember we are called to share each other's burdens as well as joys.

The second was a story about looking back when the way ahead looks difficult. Not looking back in a navel gazing, egocentric fashion, but rather looking back in an attitude of gratitude kind of way. Recalling all the times Papa has been faithful to us in our past strengthens our resolve for both the present and the future. We are in a time of great transition as the family of God, in this beautiful place to which we are called, so it is a good time to look back and recall the goodness of God in our own lives and our corporate life as the body of Christ. It is a good time to take stock and renew our commitment to follow God's will, to sharpen our discernment as we look around and amongst us for the moves of God in our church and in our town. As I write this piece the following verses of scripture keep rising in my heart so I offer them here, hoping that you will ponder them, pray on them and carry them in your hearts in this season of transition. For the Lord our God is with us and will not forsake us.

Philippians 1:5-6 *For you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it's finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

Isaiah 43:19

*"For I am about to do something new. See I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."*

**Rev Michelle**

# Mothers Union

I've just been reading our Mothers Union Prayer and MU Midday Prayers and recognise anew what Mary Sumner (our founder) did. She was, and still is, a great outreach to women and men in our world today. During the last two years we haven't been able to meet as usual and are trying to get back to normal. Covid rears its ugly head again and after a spell of some type of normality we are now once more being threatened with masks and isolation. We will still meet in St Matthew's Community Centre on the second Monday of the month. We do not meet in August but will restart on 12<sup>th</sup> September and then on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

The Summer of Hope appeal was launched in May and is continuing into August. This is a worldwide initiative to enable the next generation of female MU leaders to realise their full potential. We are invited to donate and also to give thanks for those female leaders who have had an impact on our lives. I'll ensure that any offerings are passed on to this good cause.

Normally our MU has a strawberry tea in summer, but this year we will take a break and perhaps have a soup lunch around Harvest. Have a happy summer holiday whether with family or just quietly at home. Please remember to pray for all MU members.

God Bless

**Ann Courtenay**

Psalm 117

All Nations,  
Praise the Lord, all nations!  
Praise Him, all peoples!  
His constant love for us is strong,  
And His faithfulness is eternal  
Praise the Lord!

# From the Home Front

My next door neighbour's garden became the residence for a pair of ducks, and after a brief romance the mother appeared with twelve ducklings. My neighbours cared for the family providing food and protecting them from attacks by herring gulls. The ducklings grew and became more independent, so 'mum' would fly off for an hour or so....

During one her outings the adventurous ducklings buried through into my garden and had great fun in my flower borders. With some difficulty they were enticed back to my neighbour's garden, where the pond is a more suitable abode! They managed to get back into my garden again the next day, and once more a huge effort was made to return them to their safe haven, this time ensuring all visible holes were blocked....



They stayed 'home' for almost a week after their big adventure, but then the bravest and boldest led another break out when mum was away. This time they burrowed under the opposite fence and then across that garden and into the next! So getting them back 'home' became very difficult. If anyone caught the ducklings and put them in a box – mum went berserk and they all escaped. It was decided to have them collected by the wildlife volunteers the next day to be released onto a park pond. However their taste for adventure was fired up - having travelled south and north they decided to try east. A very bad decision... They went into cat/dog gardens and all but one were killed! The remaining duckling was injured and has a damaged leg. This last duckling and mum are now back with my neighbour, but whether it will survive only time will tell.



Meanwhile in a tree in my garden one of the many amorous woodpigeons which visit my bird tables built a nest (well - a pile of lumped together twigs!) and laid eggs. She has sat there for 17 days, coming off only to feed from the nearby bird table.

After over 21 days we noticed only one large fluffy squab being fed from mum's beak (this is crop or pigeon milk!). She is still sitting there - not sure if dad is around as he supposedly helps with feeding. The baby is huge, but again when it fledges and starts to leave the nest and venture into the world it will be in danger from herring gulls and the visiting sparrow hawk.

Life and death are closely entwined, as are safety and danger. We are blessed to have a loving Father who never leaves us and protects us as we go through life. We pray for safety but live in the hope of eternal life. Unlike the ducklings we are guided by knowledge and experience of dangers and pitfalls to try to steer ourselves safely through each day. But there are unseen perils and hazards which we cannot foretell so we need to trust in God, follow His ways, but prepare for life eternal.

**J.A.R.**

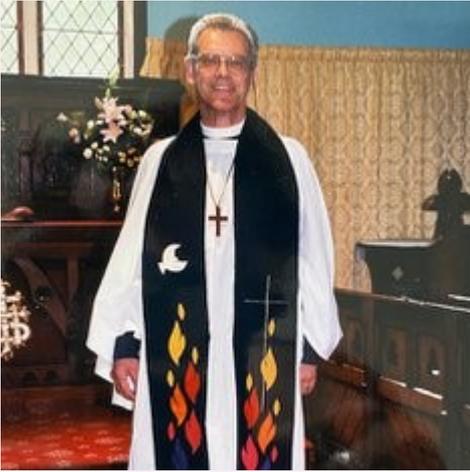


**The squab is on the right of the nest under mum's beak.**

## Heat Wave Quiz

Best attempted with an iced drink sipped very slowly

- H** What **H** happened when a woman reached out and touched the cloak of Jesus?
- E** Which **E** was baptised by Phillip?
- A** Which **A** was Caiaphas father in law?
- T** Was brought down by Samson?
  
- W** Which **W** on **W** did Jesus do and Peter (not quite as successfully) do?
- A** In which **A** were believers first called Christians?
- V** Which **V** was full of dry bones?
- E** Which **E** was a twin?



## **Maurice Arthur JENNETT** (17 Apr 1934 - 1 Jul 2022)

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It is with great sadness that we announce the death of the Rev Canon Maurice Arthur JENNETT who passed peacefully into the arms of his Lord and saviour on 1st July 2022 surrounded by family in Scarborough Hospital.

Beloved husband of 60 years to Joyce; father to Nigel, Tim and Sue; father-in-law to Jane, Heather and Warwick. Much loved Grandpa to Amy, Matthew and Lucy; Anna and Simon; Naomi and Rhiannon.

The funeral service took place on Thursday 14th July at 3pm in St Martin's Church, Seamer YO12 4PS followed by a private family cremation.

### **A lifetime's service:**

Curate St. Paul's Church, Strines, Hyde

Vicar to St. Paul's and St Luke's, Withnell, Lancs 1966-1975

Vicar to All Saints Stranton Church, Hartlepool 1975- 1992

Crosslinks missionary - St Mary's Nyanga, Zimbabwe and Archdeacon to Nyanga Diocese 1992-1999

Served the community as:

- Mayors chaplain in Hartlepool
- Mayors chaplain in Ripon
- Non stipendiary clergy supporting Holy Trinity Church Ripon.
- Non stipendiary clergy supporting Church in St Martins Church, Seamer.

# Be still

The sun had risen and it was shining so brightly. I felt it's warmth on my face as I walked into the clear sea. The icy coldness crept up my body as I waded deeper.

As I launched myself into the sea and swam, I just wanted to keep swimming towards the warmth of the sun.

I wanted to be alone so I went in the opposite direction of my fellow early morning swimmers.

It was just me, the ocean and God

I felt at peace, My body was wide awake though my face and eyes still felt sleepy so I went under the water. My mind was now alert!

I thanked God for the sun and his creation but then just kept moving my body!

No words were needed as the water held me up, it was all so still.

A fellow swimmer shouted "seal"

The black shiny head popped up a few feet away then it's mate's head appeared alongside. Our creator God has given us so much beauty to enjoy in this world.

How often do we miss enjoying the colour or the smells because we have been too busy?

God is challenging me to just 'be'- not to strive.

Psalm. 46 : 10 says 'Be still and know that I am God'

Being is not my natural character trait! I am a doer! So I am still learning!!!

I am starting to grasp the fact that God loves me even when I am just floating on the water or walking in His creation. Not praying or studying His word (there are times for that!!) but there is always a place for just being in His presence enjoying His closeness.

Take a moment now to be still.

Breathe deeply. Look out the window or walk through a park. Really notice your surroundings.

Be in God's presence. God is omnipresent, there is no place that God isn't! Be silent, stop your meandering thoughts.

Rest and Reset.

'Be still and know that I am God.'

**Ang Hall**

# From Norman and Julie Shave

Dear Friends,

We were both very touched by your warm farewells and thank you for your amazing and thoughtful generosity as we left Hartlepool last month. It has been a real privilege to be part of God's work in Hartlepool over the last 10 years.

We are just up the road in Chester-le-Street so you are very welcome to visit. We have changed our emails to:

Norman: [nshave60@gmail.com](mailto:nshave60@gmail.com)

Julie: [julieshave57@gmail.com](mailto:julieshave57@gmail.com)

We continue pray for you all, and in particular that God will be calling the next priest to the Central Group very soon.

Every blessing

**Norman and Julie**

## Answers

H	What H happened when a woman reached out and touched the cloak of Jesus?	Healing
E	Which E was baptised by Phillip?	Ethiopian
A	Which A was Caiaphas father in law?	Annas
T	Was brought down by Samson?	Temple
W	Which W on W did Jesus do and Peter (not quite as successfully) do?	Walk on water
A	In which A were believers first called Christians?	Antioch
V	Which V was full of dry bones?	Valley
E	Which E was a twin?	Esau

# Rachel Price's Ordination June 26<sup>th</sup>



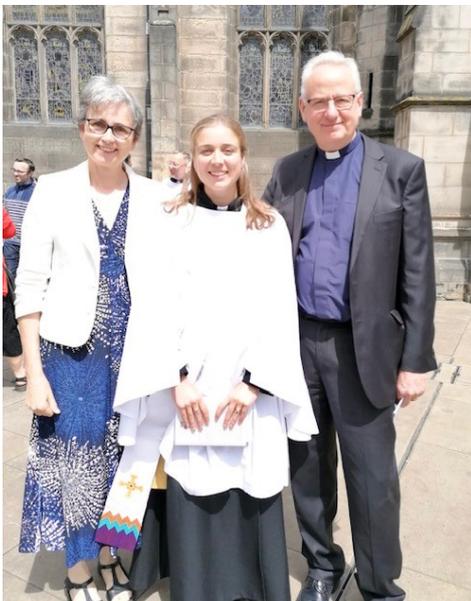
Bishop Sophie Jelley lays hands in Rachel

Absolutely overjoyed to have been ordained deacon yesterday in Sheffield Cathedral 🎉🏰

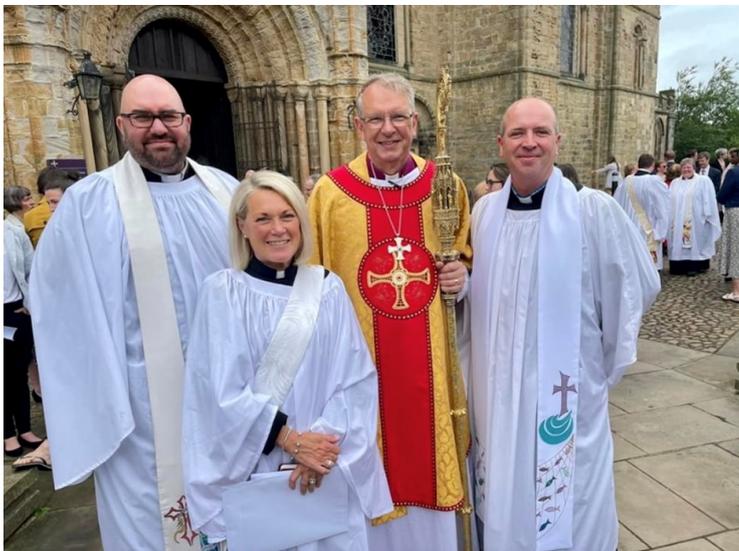
Grateful to the many people who have made first the love of God, and more recently his call and encouragement, known to me. It's now my privilege and challenge to do that all day, every day, for others.

A special mention to the generous congregation of All Saints Stranton Church for preparing me for this moment, and those at [St Peter's Bentley](#) who have already welcomed me so well as I begin my curacy (trainee vicar-ing) here 🙌🙌

'Now to him who is able to do abundantly far more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'



# Ordination of Anita Burke as Deacon In Durham Cathedral on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July



THIS happened today!!!  
Ordained in Durham Cathedral with a group of amazing people 🥰. Massive thanks to everyone who has supported and encouraged me to get to this point.  
Start my first day as a Curate tomorrow...



# **The Bishop of the Rift Valley the Rt Revd John Daudi Lupaa 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August**

Bishop John will be visiting Hartlepool. He will be preaching at Stranton on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August at both services: there is also an invitation to meet with him at the Duke of Cleveland pub on the Hartlepool Headland on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 4 pm - 6 pm, where he will speak about the Diocese of the Rift Valley, and give news about Kilimatinde and the surrounding villages. He will want to express thanks for the long standing support given by members of Stranton Church and St Hilda's, and other supporters of the Kilimatinde Trust. We will have a sign-up sheet for this meeting nearer the time, at the back of church, so we can estimate numbers attending

## **Who am I?**

I am a star shaped peg in a square hole.  
I play wicket in cricket, in football I'm in goal.

I don't see the world through your lens,  
I'm different but I still need friends.

Some people laugh and some people tease.  
Spelling is hard, but I find patterns with ease.

I like nothing more than a journey through books.  
Sometimes my dress sense gets funny looks.

When I feel nervous, I sing, tap or flap.  
When I'm excited I jump up and clap.

Sand on my feet makes me feel wrong.  
Sometimes in groups I don't belong.

Everyone is different I know this is true,  
I know my differences, how about you?

This hidden disability will never stop me.  
It's not an adversity, it's neurodiversity.

**Casey aged 11**

**(what an amazing poem!)**

# Birds of a Feather

In late June I went on a trip to the Alnwick Gardens with friends. The weather was very changeable but we took brollies and macs. I hadn't been to the Gardens for quite a while – the last time was see the Treehouses some while ago. This time we were looking to see the tumbling pool and fountains which had been in the very early stage of their development previously. What was also new to us was the new entrance with more shops than before and a large cafeteria with outside tables under a large veranda. What really surprised me was the mallard ducks waiting for scraps amongst the tables. I expected to see the grown up ducks, but the ducklings were keeping up with mainly the females – there were drakes too but they ignored the babies. To get from inside to the outside to walk on the lawns before the fountains, were semi automatic doors which were in frequent use. The ducklings avoided the doors and kept one eye on the adult ducks and pounced on any crumbs between the paving stones. To be able to see such small creatures close up was brilliant – I kept my hands in my pockets to stop me from picking one up for closer inspection!

I don't have a pond in my garden to entice ducks but I did have a pair of mallards in the front garden for a while five years ago. The latest birds I have spotted are Great Tits. I've chopped up peanuts so the birds can take them to the nest for chicks. I've put feeders in the rose bushes by the kitchen door for them and also the robins and wrens who are back in the ivy.

Seeing the ducklings finding the food at Alnwick Gardens made me think that perhaps we during the covid years have been looking for titbits instead of a Biblical feast. I realise that my times of learning and praying need to be refocusing on the WORD to grow more dedicated to my walk with God, and I thank the birds for their teaching.

**Ann Courtenay**

## **Round The World Summer Camp for primary aged children**

**Where? St Matthew's Community Centre**

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# **Stranton's Bell Project**

## **An historic event for All Saints Stranton**

Stranton Church no longer has any bells hanging in the tower. They are now on their way to Taylor's of Loughborough.

This week starting on 11<sup>th</sup> July, a dedicated team of volunteer bell ringers augmented by Peter Anderson, supported by Maureen Anderson providing cupcakes and other treats, have helped the professional bellhanger from Taylor's to lift all the bells ready for removal. For the record we've had Andrew Craig, Rohan Wanduragala, Peter Anderson, Thelma Adams, Jack Hanlon and Joseph Wilson, plus a husband and wife who ring at Benfieldside. None of this could have been achieved without their dedication and hard work.

Then on 14<sup>th</sup> July, a special crane on a flatbed lorry arrived in the early morning to lift each of the 8 bells out of the west belfry window and down onto the lorry. This operation was performed perfectly and ahead of the time predicted. We were delighted to see a number of children from Ward Jackson CE Primary School come to see this historic event. The bells were put into the tower in 1907 and after they are returned in October, we expect they will sit in the tower, unseen, for more than a hundred years, but ringing out over Hartlepool.

Part two of the project is to remove many years of accumulated sand from the belfry which will be done in the next few weeks. In September, the bell frame will be cleaned, derusted and painted so it will not need more work for many years. Then in October, we expect that the bells will be returned and rehung.

**Andrew Frost**

**Preparing to remove the bells**



**A bell's eye view**



**Crane at the ready**



**Out it comes!**



**Loading the bells securely**



**The team helping out**



**All the bells safely unloaded at the foundry**



As well as several newspaper article our bells also made World at One on Radio 4.

## Church ringing in the changes with £60,000 restoration work

CHIMES will be silenced at an historic church when £60,000 restoration work starts on bells which have been in place for more than 100 years.

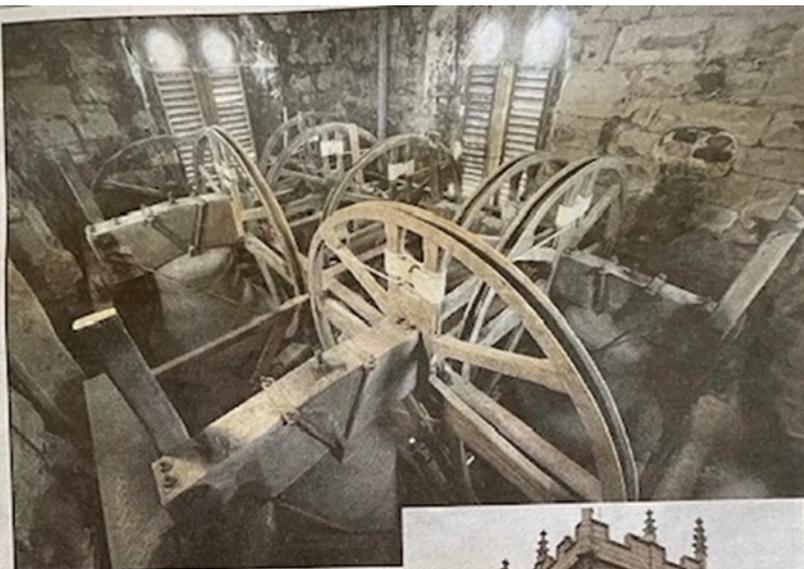
Scaffolding has been erected at All Saints Church, in Stranton, in preparation of the removal of its eight bells.

The church bells will be removed next week in a delicate operation by crane to be refurbished and re-tuned before they ring out once again.

Andrew Frost, secretary of the Hartlepool Guild of Bellringers, will be overseeing the restoration project.

He said: "The bells have been in place for nearly 115 years and it is going to be quite a task to remove them. The eight bells will have to be removed one by one and it will take a good four hours or more. They will be removed through a small window, which is only just bigger than the largest bell, (weighing 1200 lbs), so it will be a case of gently does it."

Once removed the bells will be transported to a specialist company in Loughborough where they will be refurbished, re-tuned and hung again with



Andrew added: "These bells were installed in 1908 and they have had very little work done on them in the last 114 years. The bells will now be silent until around the end of October when they are reinstalled and the church's clock is also being stopped. We are looking forward to the bells ringing true once again and they won't have to have this amount of work done on them for another 100 to 150 years."

Before the bells are reinstalled, the iron and steel bell frame will be cleaned and painted to ensure it remains in good condition for the same time also.

The total cost of the project, which will be more than £60,000, has been funded by private donations and grants from charitable trusts which Andrew said they, and the congregation, are very grateful



## Church bells set for £60,000 restoration

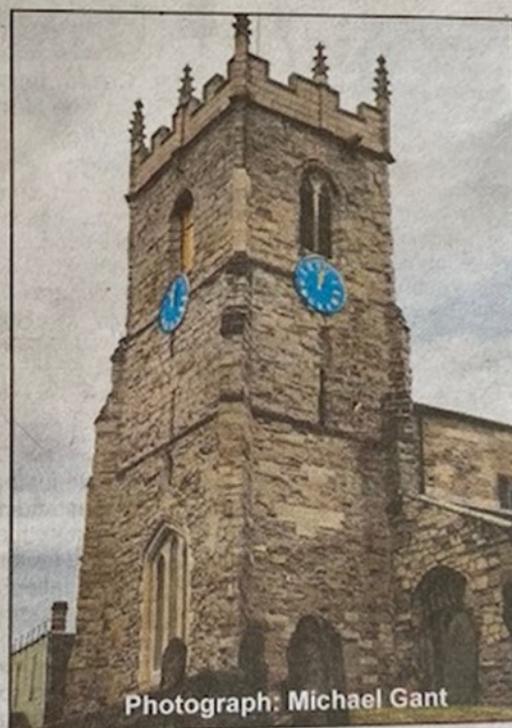
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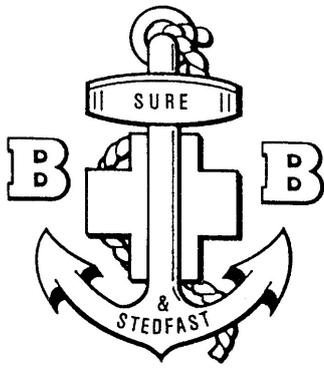
The bells will be removed on Thursday, 14 July from 10am - a delicate operation by crane which is expected to last long into the afternoon.

Once removed the bells will be transported to a specialist firm in Loughborough where they will be refurbished and re-tuned before being hung again with new fittings.

The total cost of the cleaning project will be more than £60,000 which has been funded by private donations and by grants from charitable trusts.



Photograph: Michael Gant



## Boys Brigade



**Anchor Boys** were visited by Superheroes on our final night until September. The superheroes were given strenuous tasks to do such as speed, slow, silent and freeze motion tests followed by a rigorous assault course. Due to these tests you will now be able to rest easy in your beds as Spidey, Superman and Captain America all passed with flying colours.



Anchor Boys visited by Superheroes and the superheroes doing earthly tasks.

**Juniors** - completed their final night at Seaton beach with a sand castle competition which was very competitive. Mr B thought his was the best but the judges overruled him and declared a draw: a heated debate, whilst licking ice creams, occurred and it was decided to have a replay next year!!

**Company Lads** held their final none camp event at Go Climb at Billingham Forum. As soon as they were kitted out they climbed and jumped off precipices for a full hour of physical activity and lots of smiles were encountered.

An excellent night for Company Section at Go Climb to finish off the Summer activities.



## **Spiers Bank Camp**

Our camp is at Spiers Bank (A school near Cropton close to Pickering) We have 18 Lads attending and it is our first Camp since you know what!!

Activities include motor racing, Flamingo Land, camp craft, Boom Whacking and other musical activities.

Devotions have been planned by Joseph (a young leader) about Moses and his life, each leader will take a session.

Most important of all is that old friendships are strengthened and new ones made (including Jesus) and that we all come home safely and raring to go into the new sessions in September.

## **The New Session**

Anchor Boys - restarts Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 6 - 7.00pm and is for 6-8year olds (School years 2 & 3)

Juniors - restarts Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 6.30 - 8.00pm and is for 8-11year olds (School years 4,5 & 6)

Company - restarts Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 7.15 - 9.00pm and is for 11-18 years olds (School years 7 plus)

Whilst we do have leaders we are short on the Anchor Boys and if you would like to help even encouraging the Boys doing their crafts and playing games please contact George Bainbridge.

We have room for new starters in all sections.

## **George Bainbridge**

07816445829

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*Saturday 3rd September 2022*

*Saturday 1st October 2022*

*Saturday 5th November 2022*

*Saturday 3rd December 2022*

*2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*Coffee or Tea, Cake and Company*

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meet new people, make new friends*

## Mary Baines' Recipes Revisited

### Mushroom & courgette ravioli

1 packet fresh mushroom ravioli                      1 small courgette sliced  
6 flat cap mushrooms                                      4 sage leaves (optional)  
Knob of butter/margarine & olive oil salt & freshly ground black pepper  
Cook the mushrooms & courgette in oil  
Cook the ravioli in pan of boiling water according to instructions on packet  
Drain well & place in warm serving bowl  
Stir in mushrooms & courgette, snip sage leaves & add over the top with knob of butter  
Gently stir through the pasta  
Add salt & black pepper to taste  
Serve with salad

### Banana Pecan Loaf

Pecans can be expensive, but walnuts can be substituted.

For a 2lb loaf use:

12 oz ripe bananas  
7 oz SR flour  
2 oz pecan nuts  
¼ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
3oz butter  
6oz soft light brown sugar  
2 eggs beaten  
3oz bought marzipan

Grease & line 2lb loaf tin

Peel & chop bananas & mash well

Reserve a few nuts for decoration, & then roughly chop the rest

Sieve flour with bicarbonate of soda & salt

Cream the butter & sugar until fluffy, then beat in eggs, then the pecans & bananas. Fold in the flour mixture. Roughly chop marzipan & stir in.

Turn mixture into prepared tin, smooth & decorate with nuts.

Bake for 1 ¼ hours until well risen & golden brown at Gas 4, 180C

Cool in tin for 10 minutes, turn onto rack. Serve plain or spread with butter.

# CELEBRATE!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

to

### August

Lorelai Anderson  
Steph Boyd  
Michael Cartwright  
Ruth Smith  
Michele Delves  
Melanie Lee  
Andrew Milner  
Arthur Moore  
Linda Southgate  
Rohan Wanduragala  
David Wilson

### September

Vickie Addison  
Freyja Bruce  
George Coils  
Joan Herbert  
Katie Herbert  
Jack Hanlon  
Mel Hutchinson  
Maureen Wilford

### Wedding Anniversary –August

Andrew & Jacqui Rogers

Angela & David Craig

Jeni & Peter Hart

Tim & Vikki Craig

Rebecca & Christopher Dean

### Wedding Anniversaries —September

Alan & Catriona Robertson

### Celebrations

♥ Congratulations to **Stella Clark** on her

♥ Confirmation by Bishop Sarah at St Luke's  
♥ Church

♥ Well done to **Lorelai Anderson**

♥ on her Citizen Award at Fens Primary.

If you have something to celebrate we would love to share it - email

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or phone 864006.

All entries to be in by the 16th of the month.

# Dates for the Diary

## Dates for August / September

August 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> - Visit of the Rt Revd John Daudi Lupaa, Bishop of the Rift Valley

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Visit of the Archdeacon Rick Simpson  
9:15 St Luke's  
11:00 Stranton Church joined by St Aidan's

Heritage Open Days - Church will be open to visitors on  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September between 10:00 and 4:00pm  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September between 2:00 and 4:00pm  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September between 10:00 and 4:00pm.  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September between 2:00 and 4:00pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 11am-noon MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING in St Luke's Parish Centre. Please come along for delicious cakes, coffee and fun companionship and fundraising for a wonderful charity.

October 8<sup>th</sup> - Ceilidh 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

October 9<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Services

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Visit of Bishop Paul 9:15 St Luke's  
11:00 at St Aidan's – joint service

St Luke's Bible Study after a break in August, Bible Study will recommence in St Luke's Parish Centre from 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7:15pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. All welcome

## **Ukrainian soldiers treat Bible like 'a life-saver'**

Since the war broke out more than six months ago, Bible Society has been making the Bible available to soldiers as well as civilians in Ukraine.

Recently, Serhii, the commander of a military unit, told Bible Society colleagues in Ukraine how vital the Bible is to his troops. He said, "It is very important for soldiers to have the Bible. Things are very tough at times and many soldiers are praying to God.

"They may have never attended a church before. They may not have believed in God before. But now they are turning to Him. Many of them treat the Bible as a life-saver.

"I have a friend, an officer. He also received a Bible from our chaplain. Sometimes he faces situations that seem to be desperate. He turns to the Bible...and he says, 'You wouldn't believe it. Every time I find an answer. The Bible has a way out! I do as the Bible says and everything works well.'"

Serhii added, "So, for those people who are facing enormous pressures on the frontlines, who experience hardship, both physical and moral, when they have this Bible in their pocket, when it gets very hard, a soldier can open it and find words that he needs to hear at that very moment. It is very important. Thank you!"

**From St Aidan St Columba's Magazine**

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