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**United Parish of Ainderby Steeple with Yafforth**

**and Kirby Wiske with Maunby**

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**Newsletter for April 2018**

***Letter from The Rectory***

**01609 773346**

**And so it’s *“Goodbye!”***

As many of you will now know I will be leaving the Benefice after our Easter celebrations. My final service will be on Sunday 8th April at 11am in St. Helen’s Church Ainderby Steeple. I have had the pleasure of getting to know so many people across the Benefice and in the wider Deanery over my years as your Rector and I do hope as many of you as possible will come along to say farewell to Carolyne and I as we head off for our new adventure on the Isle of Wight.

I have had the pleasure of doing countless baptisms, weddings and sadly funerals for so many of you and to be reminded by your presence of all the great opportunities through which we have shared a little of the love of God and of Christ’s message will be a real joy.

The work with the young people from across the Benefice has been particularly rewarding and I thank all the loyal children’s workers for all their support and encouragement. I know that I leave at a tricky time for the Benefice as it seeks to grapple with ministry changes and with a fresh approach to what it will mean to be a Disciple of Jesus in the future, but I am sure that I leave you in a strong place in which you will be emboldened to seek to engage more fully in mission and outreach and so to grow and to prosper.

May I encourage you as you seek to explore new approaches to governance and in so doing I hope and pray that you will become stronger together as one in the Lord.

Do please ensure that the Mission and Ministry Forum continues to explore future patterns of service provision and social outreach, uphold your Mission Statement and remember to enfold it in prayer, so that you may all flourish in the presence of the Lord.

Be strong in Faith and Hope so that when your new Rector finally arrives they will be inspired by your commitment and be so enabled to lead you with enthusiasm and vision.

Finally, I will miss the rolling hills of the Dales, and all the opportunities I have had to explore them as I have ran and cycled and swam within them, it has been a beautiful place to live and work and to play!

May God bless you and watch over you.

***Clive and Carolyne***

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Come and join us at **7.30pm on Wednesday 18th April 2018** in St Helen’s Church, Ainderby Steeple for this important meeting that will include: -

* A review of the work of our churches during 2017
* Nominations for Churchwardens
* Nominations for Deanery Synod Representatives
* Nominations for the Parochial Church Council

Further information is available at the back of each of our Churches or telephone Derek Sharpe on 01609 771031

**Parish News**

**Benefice Evensong: Sunday 15th April at 6.30pm** in St Wilfrid’s Church at Langton

**Baptism:** Ellie Marjorie McNichol - 4th March at St Helen’s Church, Ainderby Steeple

**Internment of Ashes:** Trevor Cantle - 17th March at St Helen’s Church, Ainderby Steeple

**Ainderby Steeple News**

**Ainderby Steeple School Request for Governors:** We are currently looking for two Governors to support Ainderby Primary School:

**1.** a Foundation Governor who has a link with the Anglican Church, preferably with St. Helen’s, to support the Christian Ethos and to serve as a link between the Church and the School Community; **2.** a Co-opted Governor with a particular specialism such as finance, buildings etc. We would welcome any offers of those wishing to use their gifts in support of the school and the community.

Please in the first instance can you contact the Head Teacher Fiona Sharpe on 01609 773519 email: [headteacher@ainderbysteeple.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@ainderbysteeple.n-yorks.sch.uk)

**The Leyburn Band** will be performing in St Helen's Church on Saturday 14th April at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available at the door or from Brian Philips on 01609774016. The price is £8.00, Tea & Coffee will be available.

**Ainderby Steeple 100 club**:

* March draw: 1st prize R.Tweddle (67); 2nd prize B.Phillips (47)
* May sees the new year for our 100 club.... if anyone would like to renew their tickets (keeping the same numbers) please send a cheque for £12 made out to Ainderby Steeple 100 club to Fiona Crusher. Cheques can be left in the gold box at the back of church or posted through the letter box of Ainderby school.
* If you would like to join there are a few numbers free, please just let Fiona know or send your cheque as above giving her your contact details. £12 gets you into the monthly draw and you can win either £20 or £10 each month or at Christmas the big draw is for £100, £30 or £20.

**Youth Groups:**

* **Trendy Teens -** resume on Thursday 19th April
* **Busy Bees and Groovers & Shakers -** resume on Thursday 26th April

**Leading Intercessions Workshop**:

* As part of our strategy to involve more members of our congregations in services across the Benefice, we’re planning a workshop on leading Intercessions (prayers) in services.
* Paul will lead this on **Wednesday 16th May from 11.00 – 12.30** in St Helen’s church, Ainderby Steeple (coffee on arrival).
* Alison, who regularly leads Intercessions when Paul leads worship, will speak about how she approaches preparing prayers.
* If you think you might like to offer to lead Intercessions occasionally, please sign up for our workshop by **Monday 14th May** by e-mailing Paul on [paul.anthony.chubb@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.anthony.chubb@btinternet.com)

**Morton on Swale News**

**Village Breakfast:**  Saturday 21st. April - 8.30 am until 11.00 am at the village hall. Why cook when you can enjoy a full English for only £5.00

**Young at Heart:**  Thursday 26th. April - 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at the village hall. All welcome to these very sociable games afternoon - only £2.00

**Hall bookings**: to book the hall for your own event please contact Lynne on 01609 779447

**Yafforth News**

**100 Club February winners:**  D.Green £20; M.Davies £10;

**Next Yafforth Hub:**  Saturday 21st April 10:00-12:00

**Village Event:**  Saturday 5th May - details to be circulated to village in the next few weeks.

**Kirby Wiske News**

**Easter Day:** Sunday 1st April - come and join us at St John the Baptist Church, Kirby Wiske, at 9.30am for our special service. Come and enjoy our beautiful church decorated for the occasion.

**Church Clock:** The church clock has been stopped for urgent repairs and service by Mr Robert Place. On Wednesday 4th July at 2pm Mr Place has offered to give a talk in the church to which all are welcome on the provenance of this venerable clock.

**Rota:**   Sidesmen: 1st April 9.30am Mrs M Dale   15th April 9.30am Mrs M Dale

            Flowers: all decorators for the Easter period.   Cleaning: Mrs M Dale & Mrs K Hackett.

**Village Hall Committee:** the AGM will take place in the village hall on Thursday,19th April at 7pm

**Villages Together Fun Pumpkin Show and Competition**: pumpkin seeds are now available for collection from Doreen & John Hunter at Pasture Holme, Newsham Road. The event will take place at Kirby Wiske village hall on Sunday, October 28th with categories for adults and children

**Local History Group:**  will meet on Tuesday 10th April at 7pm in the village hall. Jon Hackett has kindly agreed to talk and to answer questions on our village heritage project.

**Parish Council Meeting**: will take place in the village hall on Tuesday 3rd April at 7.30 pm.

**Maunby News**

**Sidesmen**:  8th April -  no service at Maunby - all welcome at St Helen’s for Clive’s Farewell

**Methodist Rota:**     1st April - @ Romanby;  8th April - Ms V.Howard;  15th April - Mr B.Oliver

                                   22nd April - CB@ NA  29th April - Revd G.Bruce

Services start at 10.30am unless indicated

**Services for April 2018**

**Sunday 1st April**  **Easter Day**  **White**

Kirby Wiske (Clive) 9.30am Holy Communion

Ainderby Steeple (Clive) 11.00am Holy Communion

Readings Acts ch10 v34-43;

John ch20 v1-18

**Sunday 8th April 2nd Sunday of Easter White**

Ainderby Steeple (Clive)11.00am Benefice Holy Communion

Readings Acts ch4 v32-35;

John ch20 v19-end

**Farewell to Clive and Carolyne**

Revd Clive Todd and his wife Carolyne are leaving us for pastures new after this service. We wish Clive and Carolyne all the very best in their new Parish and they leave with our thanks for all that they have contributed to the work in our Parish, and Benefice, over the past 4½ years.

**Sunday 15th April 3rd Sunday of Easter White**

Kirby Wiske (Ann) 9.30am Holy Communion

Ainderby Steeple (Shawn & Ann) 11.00am All Age Worship

Readings Acts ch3 v12-19;

Luke ch24 v36b-48

Langton (Ann) 6.30pm Benefice Evensong

**Sunday 22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter White**

Yafforth (Paul) 9.30am Morning Prayer BCP

Ainderby Steeple (Ann) 11.00am Holy Communion

Readings Acts ch4 v5-12;

John ch10 v11-18

**Sunday 29th April 5th Sunday of Easter White**

Scruton (Ann) 10.0am Benefice Holy Communion

Readings Acts ch8 v26-end;

John ch15 v1-8

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**Deadline 5pm 21st April to the newsletter team**

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