

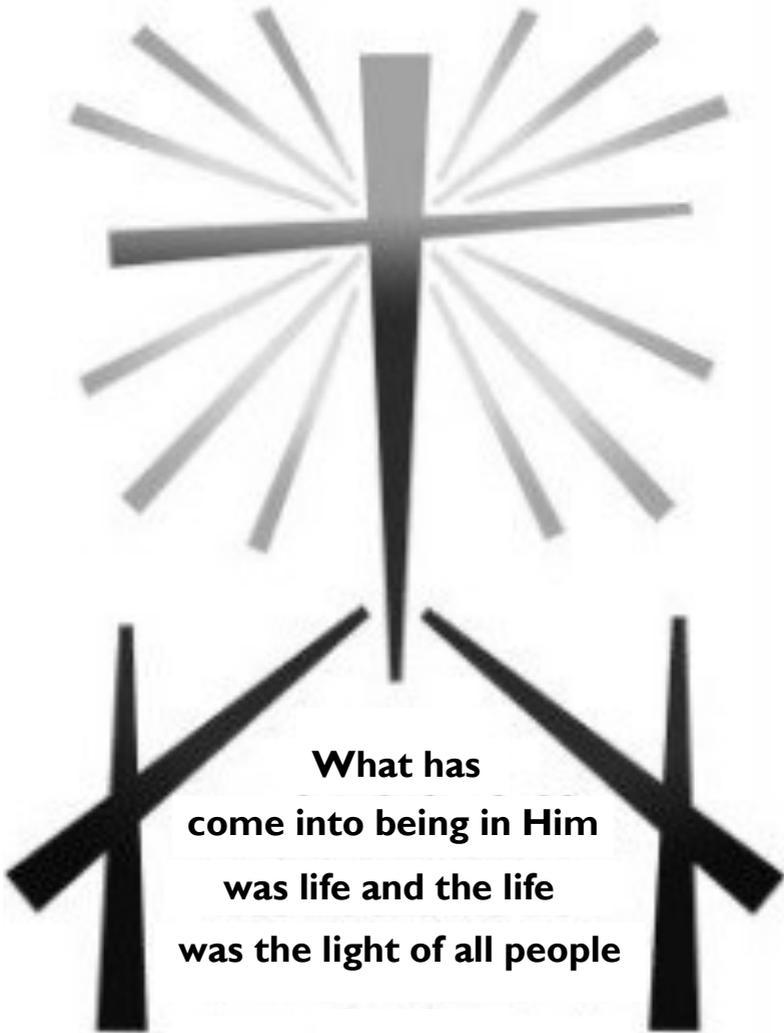
The Benefice of the

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Benefice Newsletter

January 2019



Thoughts for the month

Dear friends

Whilst writing this I'm not really thinking about January as I'm surrounded by Christmas and carols. I realise working in a cathedral is slightly different from the norm but I will admit by now I am ready to do harm to the next person who starts to sing a carol, there are only so many school carol services one can take. However, by the time I sit down at the 9 lessons and carols at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve and hear the solo for Once in Royal David's City it does turn all special again.

This year the Benefice is celebrating Christmas under Paul's leadership and I think doing rather well. He can be proud of the numbers of people coming to the regular services and the large numbers we've already had to various carol services. Looking forward, no one knows who will be coming to take on the parish as its vicar, but as Ann reminded us at her leaving service it will be the person who has been called to do the role.

Each January, like many others (I hope) I make resolutions to get fit, lose weight, take something up or give something up. In a good year these might last until February. So maybe this year we should sit back and take time to ourselves after the mayhem of Christmas to consider what each of us have been called to do and put that into action instead.

Enjoy your New Year and see you in a service at some point.

Best Wishes

Julia



Benefice Notices

New Archdeacon

Following the recent announcement we are pleased to confirm that The Revd Canon Jonathan Gough has been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven, and he will be installed on Sunday 10 March 2019, 3.30p.m, at Ripon Cathedral. Do join us in this celebration. Jonathan and his wife Flora (The Revd Canon Flora Winfield) will be living at 4 Appleby Way, Knaresborough, HG5 9LX.

Church Notices

Ainderby Steeple

Youth Groups

Busy Bees meet between 4 - 5pm on 10th and 24th January.
Groovers and Shakers meet between 6.15pm - 8.00pm on the same dates. On 10th January they are having an Epiphany Party, girls bring savoury things and boys bring sweet things.
Trendy Teens meet between 6.30pm - 8.30pm on Thursday 17th and 31st January.

Christingle

Thank you to those who came to the Christingle Service which raised £86.87p for The Children's Society

Epiphany Pudding Club

Friday 11th January at St Helen's Church at 7.00pm. Please come along and enjoy fabulous puddings, a quiz and tombola. Donations greatly received in aid of the children and youth work at St Helen's Church.

Kirkby Fleetham & Fencotes

LCC Meeting

Tuesday 22nd January at St. Andrew's Church, Great Fencote at 7.00pm:
If there is a particular charity you would like the Church to support at one of its monthly coffee mornings, please contact Rosemary Garner (748335) before this meeting.



St. Andrew's Church, Great Fencote

The Closure consultation meeting at St. Andrews on December 4th was attended by Area Dean Rev. Penny Yeadon, Judith Calvert (Ministry & Pastoral Officer) & Charlotte Lilley (Closed Churches Officer). They gave clear explanations of the process and possible outcomes in relation to change of use etc. and were extremely helpful in answering questions. Attendance was largely the PCC, the usual congregation and the Chair of the Parish Council plus 5 villagers. There was no dissent as such, mainly appreciation, coupled with sadness, that circumstances had dictated the decision. The closure process will continue.

The Christmas Fayre

A very pleasing total of £941 was raised at the Fayre – many thanks to all who supported it.

A date for your diaries

Wednesday 13th February - St. Mary's Church Spring Fayre at Northallerton Town Hall: 9.00am – 1.00pm Home baking, bric-a-brac, books etc. plus tombola. Tea / coffee, scones, biscuits & bacon butties!

Kirkby Fleetham WI

The WI will be meeting at 7.15pm on Thursday 10th January in Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. Our at home meeting. A chance to catch up with friends, pay your subs and perhaps do a puzzle or two. There will be no coffee morning in January.

Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall events

Booklovers' Group

Tuesday 8th January at 7.00pm in the Library. Everyone welcome to bring along a book they have enjoyed and can recommend.

Lunchbunch

Thursday 31st January. 11.45am for 12.00noon. This month it's Margaret's Brisket of Beef with Veg. & Yorkshire Puds followed by Jane's Surprise desert, tea / coffee. Tickets £5.00 from Sheila (748066).



Dominoes

Saturday 5th January at 7.00pm. £2.00 to include light refreshments.

Kirby Wiske

Carol Service

Thank you to all who gave their time and ideas to decorating the church and preparing for our well supported candlelight Carol Service.

Coffee & Chat

Our " Christmas flavour" event was an enjoyable success, raising £377 for the church roof fund. Grateful thanks to all helpers and supporters. Our next Coffee & Chat for the roof fund will be on Saturday 19th January, 10.00am to noon, in the village hall. We shall have our cake stall, a bric-a-brac stall and a raffle. If you can contribute items for this event please let Dawn at The Cottage know. Join us for this sociable event.

Over the Year

Our thanks to all who have given the help which has kept our church running over the past year; to Derek Sharpe, our organist, Jonny Hackett who, among other duties, attends to the clock, to Stevie Rodgers and her team of flower arrangers and to all who have cleaned the church and looked after the churchyard. We are always looking for volunteers to share the load.

Committee meeting

The next committee meeting will be on Thursday 10th January in the village hall at 7.00pm.

Wine Call My Bluff evening

This raised £340 for village hall funds. Everyone had a most enjoyable evening and proclaimed the event a great success. Thank you for your support.

Local History Group

The group had an excellent Christmas lunch at The Buck Inn, Maunby. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th January at 7.00pm in the village hall when we shall continue to look at the material from the Archivist's visit and hear the reminiscences of Jeff Barr in conversation with John Hunter on village life, mid 1930's-mid 1950's as part of our accumulation of a village archive.



Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd January at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Rotas

Sidesmen	6th January	9.30am	Mrs M Dale
Flowers	Mrs S Rodgers		
Cleaning	Mrs G Green & Mrs D Statham		

Langton on Swale

Christening

The christening of Eliza Rose Olive Craig took place in St. Wilfrids Church on Saturday 24th November 2018.

Maunby

Sidesmen

20th January	9.30am	Mr P Hill-Walker
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Methodist Rota

All services start at 10.30am

6th January	Mr E Dennison
13th January	Revd D Godfrey
20th January	at Romanby
27th January	Revd G Bruce

Morton on Swale

We're not just Jam and Jerusalem!!

On January 12th 2019 at Morton on Swale Village Hall between 10.00am and 12noon, please come and join Ainderby Steeple WI for coffee/tea and cake/chat and to see what members have been getting up to.

In 1965, the then Ainderby Steeple WI made a social history scrapbook of the area (farming, transport etc.), which is treasured and kept in Northallerton Library. To celebrate our 75th birthday in 2017, members have had great fun making a new digital book of the 2 villages, which will be on display at the coffee morning, together with the original from the Library plus some archives. Please join us. Everyone will receive a warm welcome on this winter morning, as our guests.



Village hall

To book the hall for your own use please contact Lynne on 01609 779447.

Yafforth

100 club

Don't miss out! Tickets for 2019 and the big Christmas Draw will be coming round the village at the beginning of December. Contact Irene or Chris if you miss our loyal ticket sellers coming round. Thanks to last year's efforts, both gables ends of the church were re-pointed and made watertight.

Deadline for the February Newsletter

Please send all information to the editor by 5pm on **22nd January** on juliabarker@riponcathedral.org.uk.

NEW YEAR PRAYER

**Thank you Lord for giving me the brand
new year ahead.**

**Help me live the way I should as each
new day I tread.**

**Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend,
give me strength and courage so a shoulder
I might lend.**

**The year ahead is empty, help me fill it
with good things, each new day filled with
joy and happiness it brings.**

Amen



Services for January

6th January

Kirby Wiske 9.30am
Kirkby Fleetham 10.00am
Ainderby 11.00am

The Epiphany

Morning Prayer
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer

Gold

Paul
Rev Ruth Wigram
Paul

Readings: Ephesians ch3 v1-12, Matthew ch2 v1-12

13th January

Scruton 9.30am
Ainderby 11.00am

Epiphany 2 (The baptism of Christ)

Morning Prayer
Holy Communion

Gold

Paul
Rev Chris Pearson

Readings: Acts ch8 v4-17, Luke ch3 v15-17 & 21-22

20th January

Maunby 9.30am
Scruton 9.30am
Kirkby Fleetham 11.00am

Epiphany 3

Morning Prayer BCP
Holy Communion
Holy Communion

Gold

Paul
William
William

Readings: I Corinthians ch12 v1-11, John ch2 v1-11

27th January

Scruton 9.30am
Yafforth 9.30am
Ainderby 11.00am

Epiphany 4

Morning Prayer
Holy Communion BCP
All Age Worship

Gold

Paul
Rev Lesley Ashton
Paul & Shawn

Readings: I Corinthians ch12 12-31a, Luke ch4 v14-21

3rd February

Maunby 9.30am
Scruton 9.30am
Ainderby 11.00am

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion with Baptism

Gold

Canon Michael
William & Paul
William

Readings: I Corinthians ch13, Luke ch2 v22-40

