

The Messenger

News from your local church

The Benefice of Upper Derwent

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“Confirm O Lord . . .”

What a fantastic occasion this was! On a warm Summer evening in June, we welcomed Bishop Paul (The Bishop of Whitby) to Wykeham Church for a Benefice Confirmation Service. It began life as a fairly modest affair, with 10 young

confirmation candidates, and an informal invitation to the bishop, but once the date was set it took on a momentum of its own!! Word soon spread and in the end we had nine young people and two adults to present to the bishop. The church was full with families and friends of the candidates who had come to support them in this most significant occasion, together with members of our congregations.

Our congratulations go out to those who were confirmed:

Jean Barnett and her children Laura and Oliver, Harry and Molly Bastiman, Charlotte Hargreaves, Helen Mudd and her daughter Abigail, Henry and Alex Tubbs, and Ruby Welbourn.



Despite meticulous planning and preparation, there were a couple of unforeseen comedy moments!! The first was when the eagle-eyed Bishop spotted the altar frontal hadn't been changed to white. With the Church Wardens in the choir and in the midst of pre-service rehearsals, the Bishop and I tried to be helpful by stripping the altar, not a usual sight to greet the early arrivals!! The second came when the Bishop and I decided that would we would make a grand entrance at the main door to process in. We slipped out of the vestry door and made our way around the church - only to find that the latch had dropped leaving us locked out of the church. It took several

minutes for us to attract the attention of someone inside who let us in (Thanks Beverley!)

It was a fabulous service, and all rounded off with generous amount of cake!!! Thank you to all who helped to make this the special day it was.



Stuart.



July 2015

Brompton Blog

Weasels, cygnets and ducks

Brompton Open Gardens in June was blessed with a dry afternoon and a bonus of wild life. Early visitors to the Manor House gardens watched a family of six weasels playing on the lawn. Later the swan swam up to show off her five cygnets. A mallard spent the afternoon swimming her ducklings up and down the beck at the bottom of the gardens of Mill Beck House and Kings Head Cottage. The idea of wildflowers and Wordsworth poetry, along with knowledgeable guides, in All Saints attracted over 50 people into our Church, many of whom had visited the area before but never come inside. All the comments were very positive. We raised £778.61 for Church Funds.

On Sunday 2nd August the real mallards will face competition for space on the beck with around six hundred plastic ducks. The duck race is one of the highlights of the annual Garden fete held in the grounds of the Manor House. Duck tickets go on sale in advance of the fete – first prize £25, but more importantly it keeps the FUN in our Church FUN draising.

We hope that you will come and also tell your friends.

Mary Jones

An invitation to tea!!!



Dear friends,

I am a member of the Oversight and support group for Wydale Hall the Diocesan Retreat centre.

We would like to invite local churches to a Strawberry tea and open afternoon at Wydale.

Saturday 12th July

2pm - 5pm

With my thanks

Rev Jackie Cray

BUDS . . .

is studying GALATIANS?

Come to the next
Summertime MEETING

At the home of

Sue and Malcolm Hewitt

97 Main Street, Irton

Monday 13th July 2015

at 6.30pm

Bring something towards a faith supper
- In the garden if fine

Drinks provided

All welcome

Phone Pat Wood 862227 for more details
or to book (for numbers)

**Is it Christlike to ignore the plight of
the poor and needy on our own
doorstep?**

Would you like to help people who are hungry
and homeless?

Please support the Rainbow Centre

NOW

Collection points

St. Matthew's Church Hutton Buscel,

St. Helen's and All Saints Church Wykeham,

St. Peter's Church Langdale End

All Saints Church Brompton,

St Stephen's Church Snainton,

Snainton Methodist Church,

Ayton Methodist Church,

BUDS, and MU Meetings.

Please support this appeal for food

Love One Another

'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God' (1 John 4:7).

Authentic Christian community in our churches will be shaped by how much we love each other. What does John say about this?

Recognise that God first loved us:

At heart, love is not just feelings but action! Although we are underserving, God demonstrated His love for us in the person of Jesus, by sending Him to die for us, 'This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins' (10). We can only show God's love to others if we have first-hand experience ourselves. It's the Holy Spirit who draws us into the loving embrace of the Father and Son, to enable us to experience the love between members of the Trinity.

Recognise the call to love one another:

How can we show people what God's love looks like? It will be seen and experienced in the life of the Christian community within our churches. 'No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us' (12). Significantly John uses the same opening phrase in John 1:18 when referring to Jesus. The implication of his words is that if you want to know what God is like you have to look to Jesus and the Church!

As 'Church', we are called to demonstrate God's love in the way we behave together, by how we pray, support, encourage, forgive and welcome each other. Colin Urquhart has talked about a roundabout which most churches reach at some point, when they ask, 'Where do we go from here?' There are various roads off the roundabout, marked 'evangelism', 'healing', 'social involvement' etc. They try the roads but find they all lead back to the roundabout. Finally, they notice a little dirt track marked 'love one another'. So often God has to bring us back to that track and tell us again, love one another!

DEDICATION OF THE HIGH ALTAR, RIEVAULX ABBEY

On Corpus Christi, 4 June, the Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion, a special ecumenical Eucharist was celebrated in the ruins of Rievaulx Abbey to dedicate the newly raised high altar.

The Archbishop of York, Bishops of Whitby and Middlesbrough, Prior of Ampleforth Abbey, and Chair of the York and Hull Methodist District were all present to participate in the service.

It was a lovely summer's evening in the one of the most beautiful valleys I have ever visited. Here was a place chosen by the Cistercians in the twelfth century for its tranquillity, beauty and natural resources. As we all waited patiently for the service to begin, I watched the housemartins, which seemed to have made their nests in the apexes of the arches, flitting around in the early evening sunshine.

And although the ruins are testament to a violent and destructive past, this occasion meant something else altogether. Here was a reunion of Christians in the re-consecration of a holy place, saturated by centuries of prayer and adoration. The music of praise had returned. I felt it was also ecumenical in a broader sense: not just Christian unity on display, but the unity of all creation in the cosmic Body of God, the ground and centre of being. Archbishop Sentamu commented afterwards on the shaft of sunlight which illuminated the altar as he intoned the prayer of dedication. I'm sure I heard the tawny owl calling out from the surrounding woods at a key moment in the Eucharistic prayer, as sheep quietly grazed in the field nearby:

'...the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise...

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness

and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep

And the valleys stand so thick with corn

That they shall laugh and sing.'

(Psalm 65)

St John Harris

Christian Meditation Group

9.30 am at St Stephen's Church, Snainton

Saturday 4th July

Saturday 18 July

Saturday 1 August



Bible Study with Provost John Allen

Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2.

What unites us is far greater than anything that divides us!

(Chapter 2; verse 15 to Chapter 3; verse 29.)

We saw last month how Paul has established his bona fides, and acknowledged that there are two different ways of looking at the Gospel, depending on whether you followed the Jerusalem Church of James, or the Gentile Churches of Paul. Now he goes on to acknowledge (Chapter 2, vv. 15-21) that whilst he himself had started out in the Jerusalem camp, which required him to believe certain things, and to behave in a certain way in order to earn God's love, he had come to recognise that there was no way in which he could tick all the boxes or keep all the commands, so either he was condemned or God's love for him, of which he was convinced, was a free gift – grace.

This was brought home to me most graphically the first day that I took over as Senior Chaplain at Bristol University. At the "Freshers' Fair" I visited the stall of the University Christian Union, where I was presented with their 'Basis of Faith' – a list of propositions which they hoped I would affirm before they could recognise me as a bona fide Christian and offer me the right hand of friendship and cooperation. Sadly, there were far too many that I could neither understand nor agree to. But I do recognise that for many people it is a great relief to be able to live by a firm set of beliefs and a firm set of rules handed down from elsewhere. It is the difference between fundamentalism and liberalism; even between Catholic and Protestant. Many years ago, Archbishop Anselm of Canterbury talked of the difference between the 'faith that had to be believed' and the 'faith by which one believes.' For Paul, he believes in Jesus Christ, and puts his trust in him alone.

Paul had thought the Galatians had also embraced the freedom which his attitude brings; but somehow in his absence, they had gone back to the fundamentalist position. 'You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?' (Chapter 3, v.1). They preferred the certainty that comes from being able to tick all the boxes – except that it is impossible to be able to tick all the boxes. (The Jews believed what the Pharisees taught - that if only every Jew obeyed all the precepts of the law for just one day then the Messiah would come – but they knew that was not possible.) Then Paul does something rather foolish. (Chapter 3, vv.6-14). Knowing that the Galatians had become Biblical Fundamentalists, he tries to use the Bible, the Old Testament, to show them that their understanding is mistaken. But anybody who has tried that knows that part of a fundamentalist approach to the Bible includes the inability to accept that there could possibly be any other interpretation than that you hold!

Wydale Hall



One Day Experiential Retreat @ Wydale Hall Jul 8 @ 9:45 am – 4:00 pm

Drawing Closer to God Through the Practice of Spiritual Mindfulness - Led by Dr Susi Strang
A one day experiential retreat to:

- ✦ Assist you to break patterns of stress and anxiety
- ✦ Discover self-compassion
- ✦ Develop mind-body awareness
- ✦ Enhance spiritual connectedness

Dr Susi Strang is a former General Practitioner, a practising Psychotherapist and is in Reader Ministry in East Cleveland. Having enjoyed a career in General Practice and Occupational Health, she now integrates her diagnostic skills with her extensive training in the applied psychology of performance excellence. She utilises her experience and expertise to pursue her interests in the development of people. Susi is experienced in psychotherapy, executive coaching, recruitment and the management of change in large organisations.

Creative Arts Retreat @ Wydale Hall Sep 15 @ 11:00 am – Sep 17 @ 4:30 pm Led by the Revd Ann Coleman with Jane Hinton

During this retreat we shall explore prayer by learning to observe and see the world around us through Icons, paintings, poetry and prose. There will be opportunity to use your own paints or camera and write prose or poetry to record your discoveries. The retreat is open to all who desire to go deeper with God and discern His presence in everything around them. Come and join the dance of communion and friendship initiated and nurtured by our loving God.

Ann is gifted with a deep understanding of the human heart and has considerable experience in spiritual formation and growth, Jane loves to encourage people to recognise their own voice and observe and discover God in the world around them. This is a gentle, warm hearted retreat where we can celebrate the thread of joy and light weaving throughout our lives.

For more info www.wydale.org

Remembering Jan Hus – 600 years on

In recent years various national Churches have been in the spotlight because of the corruption of their clergy. So it is well worth remembering the stand of one Czech priest and reformer, Jan Hus who gave his life to stand for the truth.

Jan Hus was a strong advocate of John Wycliffe's writings – was defrocked and burned at the stake 600 years ago, on July 6, 1415. He had been condemned as a heretic by the Council of Constance, and part of the fire that consumed him consisted of Wycliffe's books. His ashes were thrown into the River Rhine.

Hus (also known as John Huss) was born in Bohemia in 1369; his prime target as a reformer was the moral failings of the clergy and their exploitation of the people. His theology, later known as Hussism, was popular both before and after his death, and a century later more than 90% of Czechs were non-Catholic.

He served as rector of the University of Prague in 1402–03 and was appointed a preacher at the newly built Bethlehem Chapel.

As he was dying Hus said: "In 100 years, God will raise up a man whose calls for reform cannot be suppressed." Almost exactly 100 years later, in 1517, Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg.

The followers of Hus and his fellow martyr Jerome of Prague became known as the Czech Brethren and later as Moravians. The Moravian Church survives to this day. But some Eastern Christians have argued that his theology was far closer to Orthodox Christianity than to Protestantism. He is considered a martyr saint in parts of the Orthodox Church.

The Jan Hus Memorial is located in the Prague Old Town Square.

So, verse 15, he tries a different tack. He introduces an idea that they are all familiar with, the idea of inheritance. Suppose God wrote a will, leaving everything equally to be shared between all His children, then we would find that we were treated the same as Christ, His first-born child. We are heirs with Christ, to share with Him in all God's love.

(Don't write off the law, or the Bible. They are there like tutors to guide us as we grow up.) [Chapter3, vv 23-25]

This brings us to the most important statement in the whole letter, the crux of the Christian Gospel, which has even more relevance to us today than it did in the first century. If we are all co-heirs with Christ, then it follows that there can be no variation in the value God places on any of us. (Verse 28.) I could write volumes unpacking this verse. Suffice it to say here, simply

"There is no longer Jew or Greek;"

Issues of ethnicity do not matter.

"there is no longer slave or free;"

Issues of class, or wealth, do not matter.

"there is no longer male and female;"

Issues of sexuality, or gender, do not matter.

"for all of you are one in Christ Jesus,"

Whatever your ethnicity, class, or sexuality.

The Very Revd John Allen

Hutton Buscel and West Ayton News

Many thanks to all who opened their gardens and those who supported **Hutton Buscel Open Gardens**. The weather may have been damp and dismal but the enthusiasm of those visiting the complete opposite. It was so good to welcome so many into St Matthew's and a special thank you to the children from the Derwent Valley Play School for their wonderful displays in the porch and around the font. The scarecrow.....fab.

A special date for your diary, **Sunday 19th July**. Our Bishop The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, **Bishop of Whitby** is visiting our Benefice culminating in a Benefice Service on 19th July, 10.30am at St Matthew's Hutton Buscel followed by coffee in the Village Hall. This will give us all the opportunity to meet and chat informally to the Bishop after the service. We do hope you will be able to join and support us for this very special occasion.

We all need something to look forward to so please make an advance note - late Sunday afternoon **25th October** - fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival Mary Callan's one-woman show '**Blazing Grannies**'. Details to follow.

With our best wishes

Beverley, David and Malcolm.

Of men and medals

Those of you, like me, who often watch 'Flog It!' on BBC1 will know that recently military medals have frequently come up for sale. Sometimes it's relatives who have found a few medals in a drawer and wonder if they might be valuable, or someone who picked up a collection of old medals in a car boot sale and now wants to sell them. Sometimes it's children, grand-children or nephews and nieces who are bringing to the auction medals that have been in the family a long while, but now they are simply clutter - strange relics of a bygone era.



The odd medals found at car boot sales are seldom of much monetary value. The valuer always explains that it is the story, the person, that creates the value rather than the medal itself (unless, of course, it's a VC or DFC). If a medal has a name connected to it, and especially if there is some documented evidence about its origin (a newspaper cutting, or a War Office citation) then it often sells for considerable sums.

I find it both moving and disturbing to watch this trade in people's stories. Every medal, even the so-called 'ordinary' ones, represents a human story, a man or a woman whose routine life was disrupted by the brutality of war. The medals are simply tokens, but they are tokens of important and often traumatic events in a person's life. I realise that with the passing of time the story can get disconnected from the medal. The memory has long faded away. Probably no living person now can remember 'Uncle George' or 'Aunt Grace' who served in the deserts of North Africa or drove an ambulance up the beaches of Normandy. Yet, surely, those funny bits of ribbon and a kind of coin thing are so much more than just a piece of merchandise? For the sake of memory or out of sheer respect for these shadowy figures of the past, let's try to keep their precious memorials safe - even if it's in a regimental museum. 'We will remember them', we say. And keeping their medals may be a fitting part of that.

Heavenly scents...

There is nothing quite like the smell of freshly baked bread, it seems. That came top in a recent poll to find Britain's favourite smells. Other scents in the Top Ten were: bacon frying, newly mown grass, freshly ground coffee, cakes baking in the oven, the seaside, just laundered clothes, a Sunday roast, fish and chips - and fresh flowers.

The Top 50 favourites also included some unusual scents, such as paint, rain, new books, and petrol. The top worst scents were bins, drains, body odour, garlic breath, sports changing rooms and fish. The research by Harris, the decorating brand, also found that six in ten of us believe that certain scents remind us of particular people or places.

All in the month of July

200 years ago: on 15th July 1815 that horse racing began at Cheltenham, when the first organised Flat race was held there.

150 years ago: on 5th July 1865 that the Salvation Army was founded in London by William and Catherine Booth.

125 years ago: on 29th July 1890 that Vincent van Gogh, Dutch post-impressionist painter, committed suicide.

90 years ago: on 18th July 1925 that Adolf Hitler's autobiographical manifesto, Mein Kampf (My Struggle) was published.

80 years ago: during July 1935 that the Yangtze River flooded in China; more than 140,000 people were killed.

70 years ago:- on 29th July 1945 that the BBC Light Programme radio station was launched, broadcasting mainstream light entertainment and music. It became Radio 2 in 1967.

50 years ago:- on 8th July 1965 that the Great Train Robber Ronnie Biggs escaped from Wandsworth Prison and fled to Brazil. In 2001 he returned to the UK, and was re-imprisoned. Released in 2009, he died in late 2013.

30 years ago:- on 13th July 1985 that Live Aid, the two simultaneous concerts in London and Philadelphia, plus other venues including Sydney and Moscow, raised millions of pounds for famine victims in Africa.

10 years ago:- on 7th July 2005 that the London bombings took place. They were a coordinated series of four suicide bomb attacks on London's transport system during the morning rush hour. 56 people were killed, and more than 700 injured. It was the worst-ever terrorist attack on Britain, and the country's first attack by suicide bombers.

The impact of prayer

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1

Timothy 2:1-2



“Give me a place to stand, and I will move the world” stated Archimedes, a Greek philosopher and mathematician. He observed that if a lever was balanced on a positioned fulcrum, it could move proportionally much greater weights than the force actually applied.

As Christians, our ‘place to stand’ is on the finished work of Christ, secure in our identity as sons and daughters of the living God. And the lever that God has given to influence our workplaces – and other everyday contexts – is prayer. Yet the very culture of those places might cause us to question the value of time spent in prayer. The belief that we don’t have enough time is widespread. Once this is assumed, prioritisation against certain criteria becomes essential, and those criteria reveal our true values – often linked to success based on observable achievement. If prayer does not immediately meet these criteria, then finding time to pray becomes a struggle.

Paul’s letters contain not only his own prayers for churches, but also requests for prayer for others and for himself. Prayer was the lifeblood of the early church, through which Christians saw the spread of the gospel, miracles of salvation, healing and deliverance, prison doors opened and guidance received. As E.M. Bounds wrote: “God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil.”

The Way I See It:

Keeping connected

When you think about it, life revolves around keeping connected. From the moment we are born we instantly connect with mummy (think of the pictures of the royal baby!). Then we begin to connect through our family, then our school friends, colleagues at work and those we connect with through interests, hobbies or neighbourliness.

Then, for many people, there is a major and life-long ‘connection’ with a partner. Our lives are made meaningful, colourful and fulfilling largely because of our ‘connections’ My mother used to speak of people we knew (posher than us) who were ‘well-connected’. Even at nine years old I knew what she meant.

The modern world expects us to be connected in other ways, too. Someone was complaining in a recent newspaper article that BT had left them disconnected for a month when they moved house - disconnected, that is, from phone, email and internet. People who can’t Twitter or do Facebook feel disconnected from the ‘social media’, as they are called. Nobody likes to be ‘cut off’.

Loneliness is a fearful fate, and at its worst it is, of course, total disconnection - not from the human race, but from our significant connective people (friends, family, even neighbours). It is the invisible plague in our midst, to be truthful: top of the list of disabilities for many older people.

So, how can we improve our ‘connections’? My great-niece is a GP in the Midlands. She told me that many of her older patients don’t have any specific medical condition. They are simply lonely, and that brings on worries and mental niggles that eventually become a crippling disability.

At one level it’s the inevitable consequence of time and mortality, of course, but it’s exacerbated by a life-style that tends to be immersed in itself. Couples tend not to be ‘joiners’. ‘We’ve kept ourselves to ourselves’, people say. But there’s often a price to pay in the end.

‘Why don’t you try church?’ my young relative asks. ‘But I’m not religious’, they reply. To which she counters, ‘You don’t have to be religious to go to church. They need everyone they can get!’

I don’t know how effective this particular piece of evangelism has been, but it’s certainly true that church is, or should be, one place where you’ll be warmly welcomed - and quickly make ‘connections’.

Canon David

Winter,

former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC



St James the least of all

On why people complain to the vicar and how to ignore them

The Rectory, St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you have received your first letter of complaint. I am not wholly unsympathetic with your complainant, as attempting to marry the bride to the best man would have created havoc with the seating arrangements at the reception. However, you must learn that receiving letters of complaint is an integral part of the ordained ministry. After 50 years of parish life, the number of such letters I have received are now held in bound volumes.

The anonymous ones you will receive, invariably written in green ink on lined notepaper, can be safely consigned to your waste paper basket, along with all mail, from whatever source, labelled "Urgent". You will receive letters complaining that you did not pray for someone who was in hospital, regardless of the fact that you knew nothing of it. Probably by the next post, you will receive a letter complaining that you did pray for someone in hospital – when they had wanted to keep their cosmetic surgery secret.

Those who regard themselves as guardians of doctrinal purity will write complaining of the heresies contained in the previous Sunday's sermon. These can be filed with those letters that complain that your sermons are too short, along with those who complain that they are too long.

The hourly striking of the church clock is a perennial favourite for complaints. I usually reply by saying that we are currently exploring the possibility of getting it to strike the quarters too.

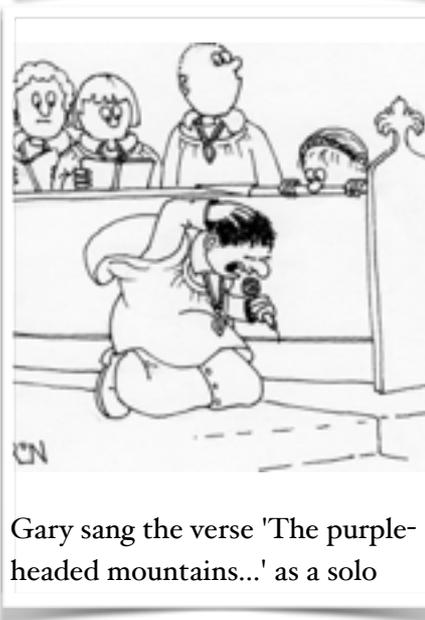
Letters of complaint will arrive in November, complaining that the church is too cold, so making prayer impossible. Others will drop on the doormat in April saying that it is too hot, so making prayer impossible. In Spring, some will write that the churchyard should be mown more often, while others will complain that it is mown too often and ruins it as a habitat for wildlife. The annual Summer procession of witness generates complaints that the brass band ruined the slumbers of parishioners having a Sunday lie-in. Then come Harvest, there will be the letters complaining that they did not receive a Harvest gift, which was particularly unforgivable, as their grandmother had once sung in the choir. Thus the annual round is accompanied by reams of notepaper.

The only letter of complaint I have really treasured came from the bishop, rebuking me for never having attended any meeting when he was present. I have had it framed and hung on the study wall.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Just for fun!



Gary sang the verse 'The purple-headed mountains...' as a solo

Don't go far!

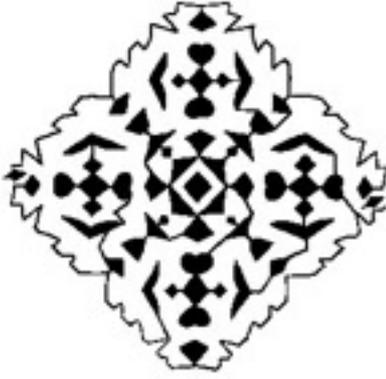
The minister went to the bank and asked for a statement of his account, adding: "We want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday." Handing him his statement the cashier enquired very gently: "Have you got a field at the back of your garden, sir?"

Sky at night

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.

IN & OUT

Can you find your way through this lacy maze?



Did you hear about the slimy monster who was famous for his farmyard impressions? He couldn't do the noises but he could do the smells.



And what about the monster who went shop-lifting? He was crushed under Tesco's.



TAKING & GIVING

If you look at a map of Israel you will see that there are two small inland seas. And if you look closely you will see that these two seas are linked by the River Jordan. The river starts in the northern hills and goes through the Sea of Galilee, then through the Jordan valley, and ends up in the Dead Sea. But even though the water is all from the same river, the two seas are completely different.

All around the Sea of Galilee are towns and villages, trees and farms. The Dead Sea has no trees or farms, it is dead. What makes the difference? The Sea of Galilee is alive because it has an outlet. It passes the water on as quickly as it flows in. The Dead Sea is dead because it passes no water on.

In St Luke's Gospel we read what Jesus said about giving - "Give to others, and God will give to you" (chapter 6, verses 27-28). Unlike the two seas we can choose how we want to be: to give and take and be alive. Or just to take - and become sad and lifeless.

The Ten Plagues

E D E A T H F F F
 H S G L U I O E L
 U B O N E P T A R I G E S
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Can you find these words from the story in the grid above?

- LORD • GOD • MOSES • AARON
- ISRAEL • PRAY • HONOUR
- FESTIVAL • PHARAOH • EGYPT
- RIVER NILE • WATER • BLOOD • FROGS
- DUST • GNATS • SWARM • FLIES • GO
- DISEASE • CATTLE • SHEEP • SORES
- STORM • HAIL • LOCUSTS • LAND
- DARKNESS • THREE DAYS • DEATH
- FIRST BORN • PASSOVER

READ the full story in Exodus chapters 5 to 12



Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said "The Lord, the God of Israel says, 'Let my people go into the desert so they can have a festival to honour me.'" But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord? Why should I obey him? Why should I let Israel go? I not know who the Lord is so I refuse to let Israel go." Pharaoh punished the Israelites but Moses prayed to the Lord and the Lord said, "I will use my great power against Pharaoh, and he will let my people go."

So the Lord turned the river Nile into blood, then he covered the land with frogs, sent a plague of gnats, then a swarm of flies, then disease on all the animals, then a skin disease, then a great storm of hail, then a plague of locusts, then darkness that covered the land...

Each time Pharaoh would not let the people go until Lord killed every first born man and animal in Egypt and Pharaoh's own son died. Then Pharaoh made the people leave Egypt with all their sheep and cattle. "Go", he said "And say a blessing for me too."

Benefice Diary - July 2015

Sunday 5th July

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

Sunday 12th July

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

Monday 13th July

6.30 pm	BUDS	
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Saturday 18th July

9.30 am	Christian Meditation Group	Snainton
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Sunday 19th July

10.30 am

**Benefice Eucharist
with Bishop Paul**

St Matthew's, Hutton Buscel

Saturday 25th July

4.00 pm	Wedding	Hutton Buscel
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Sunday 28th June

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Brompton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Wykeham
6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Hutton Buscel

Sunday 2nd August

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

Church Wardens

St Stephen, Snainton

Bob Williams
01723 859130

St John Harris
01723 850684

All Saints, Brompton

Don Jones
01723 859437

Mark Evans
01723 859233

All Saints, Wykeham

Robert Sword
01723 862434

Anthony Tubbs
01723 850620

St Matthew, Hutton Buscel

David Knowelden
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