

The Messenger

News from your local church

The Benefice of Upper Derwent

St Stephen, Snainton
All Saints, Brompton
All Saints, Wykeham
St Matthew, Hutton Buscel
St Peter, Langdale End

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is at

HUTTON BUSCEL VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 24 October 2015

4.00pm – 6.00pm

**Come and join us for
FUN crafts FUN activities FUN party time
AND a lovely tea (no charge)**

Children please bring a grown up with you



Messy Church is back!!!

Yes, it's time for more Messy Church. Aimed at all ages, and extremely family friendly, Messy Church is a time to explore a bible theme through art and craft activities. It also includes a story time and worship time, and is rounded off with a shared meal.

It meets on a Saturday early evening 4 pm to 6 pm

So come and join us!

Stuart



Brompton Blog

Tickets are now on sale for the Poppy Concert on Saturday 7th November. Contact Di Ford on 01723 859211 if you would like to come to All Saints for an evening of music and verse plus the first local opportunity to see Threads of War. This is a major exhibition of contemporary textiles inspired by the First World War most of which have already been displayed at the Royal Armoury in Leeds. There are also some new pieces made by local people including Dorothy Baird who led the work on our Wordsworth quilt. The evening will start with refreshments in Church at 7pm. The choir will be Manhattan Voices under their director Sue Hartley.

The Christmas Tree Fest starts on Friday 4th December when we have the preview in Church. Sarah Dew, the music teacher at Brompton and Sawdon Community Primary, is already planning which carols the children in the school choir will sing! The format will be the same as last year with our Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th when people can view the trees and visit the Village Hall for gifts and refreshments. For more details please contact me.

Mary Jones

Snainton Ecumenical Harvest (update)

The Joint Harvest Festival of St. Stephen's Church and Snainton Methodist Church held in Snainton Village Hall on Sunday 20 September 2015 was a wonderful 'thankful' service.

Not only did the Church Wardens, Stewards and Congregation praise the Lord for His goodness, they expressed their thankfulness by sharing their bounty with the poor and homeless of this area who go to the Rainbow Centre for help and support.

As usual, despite a smaller congregation, Snainton excelled itself by donating a Mondeo boot full of perishable and non perishable foods and clothes. (including a 25kg bag of potatoes, four carrier bags of fruit and vegetables, ten carrier bags of tinned and packet foods and two carrier bags of clothes).

For the third year running they also donated the whole of the collection and the whole of the donations received for the superb harvest supper, In Total £153.50 (less expenses) for the benefit of the Rainbow Centre.

An absolutely wonderful effort, once more and a blessing to me (the coordinator) to have the privilege of being the bearer of such glad tidings.

On behalf of all the grateful souls of the Rainbow Centre my heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this possible.

Pat Wood (Upper Derwent Benefice Churches and Chapels Rainbow Coordinator).

Christian Meditation Group

**9.30 am at
St Stephen's Church,
Snainton**

3rd October
17th October
31st October



**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



BLAZING GRANNIES
Fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe
F Mary Callan's One Women Show

**TALES AND GOSSIP
FROM WOMEN OF
THE OLD TESTAMENT**

This show plunges us straight into the royal archives of the Old Testament. F Mary Callan is a story teller and poet, not to be missed.

St Matthew's Church, Hutton Buscel
Sunday 25th October 2015, at 4.30pm

Tea/coffee and cake will be served
There will be a shorter Evening Prayer at 5.30pm
Please do join us for either or both

Wykeham and Hutton Buscel Joint Harvest - and update

St Matthews Hutton Buscel and St Helens and All Saints Wykeham Joint Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September at 11.00am at Hutton Buscel was a Harvest Festival to behold – the Choir sang beautifully as did a good sized congregation.

The gifts (including those from Hutton Buscel Pre School Harvest Festival the previous Monday) the 'kiddie' paintings from Pre School and the fantastic floral decorations all added the 'icing on the cake' of a superb and joyous service. And that doesn't include the lunch in the Village Hall which was fit for a King, AND raised £160 in donations (in lieu of payment for the lunch) for the Rainbow Centre. A car boot full of food, clothes and toiletries plus the donations will I'm sure absolutely overwhelm the Rainbow Centre and on their behalf I send their very grateful thanks to all involved

Pat Wood (Upper Derwent Benefice Churches and Chapels Rainbow Coorinator).

Prayer for heart-peace

Dear Lord,

Sometimes the world is a worrying place, so many problems, so much pain for so many. We feel overwhelmed and don't know which way to turn. Help us to turn the right way - to you Lord. Help us to hand over to you our worries, to exchange them for your peace in our hearts no matter what's going on all around, knowing that you walk with us through it all, today, tomorrow and forever. In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Wykeham Arts Festival

Friday 16th and Saturday 17th October 2015

Featuring local singers, musicians, artists and Ged Brockie – internationally acclaimed jazz guitarist

Venue – St Helen & All Saints Church, Wykeham

Tickets and information from: The Estate Office, Wykeham
T: 01723 866600, E: k.shamel@dawnay.co.uk

Friday evening £5.00, Saturday evening £10.00

Working with Scarborough Academy of Music and Hearts & Flowers
Proceeds to be shared between St Helen & All Saints Church and local arts and music therapy charities

All Souls – Eucharist

Commemoration of the recently departed

6.30pm Sunday 1 November 2015

St Helen and All Saints Church, Wykeham

Advent Carols and Anthems

(Upper Derwent Benefice Choir)

6.30 pm Sunday 6 December 2015

BUDS

are gearing up for Advent

Reading and Study of

“God with Us”

-want to know more?

Join us at the Downe Arms on 12 October 2015

at 6.30pm for 6.45 for a one course supper

or just come to the meeting at 7.30pm

Telephone Pat 862227 for more details or just turn up!

All very welcome

Come to BUDS and GRoW

Wykeham Arts Festival

Ged Brockie, renowned jazz guitarist, will headline Wykeham's First Arts Festival taking place over the weekend of 16th and 17th of October. The festival will showcase the talents of local singers, musicians and artists and take place over two sites and two days - Saint Helens Church in Wykeham and Scarborough Academy of Music at the Wykeham Business Centre.

This first Arts Festival is also an opportunity for local artists and craftspeople to raise their profiles and display their work in the church which will be open over the weekend. Drumming and guitar workshops will be held on the Saturday and you can sign up to have a go at bell ringing. All proceeds from the evening ticket sales will be donated to local music and art therapy charities.

Friday night will see performances from the wonderful Mini Manhattans and the newly formed Tuesday Singers; the talented pupils of Scarborough Academy of Music, Wykeham Bell Ringers and a short set by Ged Brockie. The Saturday night concert will open with the fabulous and local Manhattan Voices followed by an evening of the best Jazz guitar music played by Ged Brockie one of Scotland finest guitarists.

Both Friday and Saturday night performances will be in the church and take full advantage of the beautiful surroundings and amazing acoustics. It will be candle lit with an informal, cosy atmosphere and visitors are encouraged to bring cushions and maybe a traveling rug or shawl to enhance the festival feel. Jo Purdy, one of the organisers says “this event is all about the great talent there is in the local area and encouraging people to take the plunge and pick up an instrument, start a craft, join a choir or simply enjoy listening to some great music. We are so indebted to Ged Brockie, a great teacher and amazing musician for giving his time to this event, just go on the internet to listen to some of his music”

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer, to display your work or book onto one of the workshops please get in touch with Jo Purdy 07773 693460 Sue Hartley 01723 33000

For Tickets ring the Estate Office 01723 866600
Friday £5.00 (under 16s free)

Saturday £10.00 – to include a drink (under 16s free)

Most popular Bible Stories: **No. 2 - Adam and Eve**

This month we continue our series looking at the top ten Must Know Stories. We will look at the story of Adam and Eve (Genesis 1-3), reflecting on God's question to Adam: 'Where are you?' (Genesis 3:9).

These chapters remind us that God is our creator. He created Adam and Eve in his image (1:27), to steward the earth and enjoy an intimate relationship with each other and Himself. This remains God's purpose for our lives, despite living in a fallen world, where things have gone wrong.

We also see that God calls us to obey His commands. Adam and Eve were told not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:15-17). This command was for their benefit and protection, so that they could continue to enjoy fellowship of God. The story shows that disobeying this command and eating the fruit brought separation and death. When God questioned Adam and Eve they were hiding in the garden from their loving Father.

God asks us all 'Where are you?', for we all share Adam and Eve's story. The universal condition of humanity is that we have all sinned and are separated from God's love and life. Yet this story points to a second Adam, Jesus Christ, who came to bring us back into relationship with the Father. His death and resurrection enables each of us to know God personally in our lives.

The story is told of an estranged Spanish father and son. Having searched for his son in vain, the father finally puts an ad in a local newspaper. The ad read: 'Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father'. On the Saturday, 800 Pacos showed up!

Time to take advantage of Will Aid's 'Make a Will' Month

Been putting off writing or updating your Will? This November, Will Aid's Make a Will Month returns and will offer you the opportunity to put your affairs in order, secure your loved one's future and give to charities helping the young, the elderly and whole communities in the UK and overseas.

Participating solicitors are inviting people to contact them to book appointments for November, when they will prepare basic Wills without charging their normal fee. All that they will ask in return is that clients consider making a voluntary donation to Will Aid. The suggested donation is just £95 for a single Will, or £150 for a pair of mirror Wills.

The money raised is shared by nine UK charities that carry out life-changing work here in the UK and around the world, namely ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Sightsavers, Save the Children, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

More than half of UK adults (53%) don't have a Will and so have not made any legally valid provision for what they would like to happen after their death. Even worse, around one third of people who die each year do so without a Will and their estate is therefore distributed according to a set of rules which cannot adequately cope with modern family circumstances. This can lead to a great deal of stress and uncertainty, as well as financial hardship, for those left behind.

Even if you have a Will, it is important to keep it up to date. Will Aid's research shows that almost 60% of people with a Will have not revised it for more than three years and these older Wills are almost certain to be out of date – assets will have been disposed of and new ones acquired; children and any named guardians will have grown older; whole families could have been re-configured.

Experts recommend routinely reviewing a Will every three to five years, and making a new Will as soon as significant family changes occur.

Will Aid's Make A Will Month is the perfect opportunity to gain the peace of mind that comes from knowing your affairs are in order and that your wishes will be carried out after your death. In fact, writing a legally valid Will is the only way of ensuring that this happens.

Please book early as solicitors tend to fill their appointments very quickly. Find a convenient participating solicitor at www.willaid.org.uk or by calling the hotline 0300 0309 558.



HYMN: The story behind ... O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure...

A thousand ages in The sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) is often called the 'Father of English hymnody'. Certainly before his hymns came along, congregational singing was a tedious business.

Watts was born in July 1674 in Southampton. (At the time of his birth, his father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was briefly in prison for his non-conformist beliefs.) As a boy, Watts showed outstanding ability with language (learning Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French). He also had an unusual ability for easy rhyming in English. (At the age of five, when scolded for giggling in family prayers, it was because he had seen a mouse on the bell-rope, and instantly composed the line: 'There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say his prayers!')

Watts' literary ability, combined with his interest in theology, made him very unhappy with the congregational singing of the day, which focused almost entirely on strict metrical versions of the psalms. One Sunday after church, Isaac complained to his father about this. His father challenged him to write something better. Though only 18, Watts accepted the challenge, and produced his first hymn – which was duly sung the following Sunday.

It was such a success that he wrote new hymn texts every Sunday for the next two years. In all, he went on to write more than 600 hymns. Some of them are still well-loved today: from this one, 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past', which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, to 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross', and the Christmas carol 'Joy to the World'.

All in the month of October

600 years ago:- on 25th Oct 1415 that the Battle of Agincourt (France) took place. It was a British victory.

200 years ago:- on 15th Oct 1815 that former French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte arrived on the island of St Helena to begin his British-imposed exile. He died there six years later.

125 years ago:- on 4th Oct 1890 that Catherine Booth, the 'Mother of The Salvation Army', died. This British preacher and social worker was the wife of William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army.

100 years ago:- on 12th Oct 1915 that Edith Cavell, British Nurse and WWI heroine died. She saved the lives of injured soldiers regardless of which side they were on. Executed for helping British soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium.

75 years ago:- on 9th Oct 1940 that during the Blitz a German bomb destroyed the high altar of St Paul's Cathedral.

70 years ago:- on 21st Oct 1945 that Argentine military officer and politician Juan Peron married actress Eva Duarte ('Evita').

65 years ago:- on 7th Oct 1950 that Mother Teresa founded what would become the Missionaries of Charity, in Calcutta, India.

50 years ago:- on 8th Oct 1965 that the Post Office Tower in London (now the BT Tower) was officially opened. It was the tallest building in the UK until 1980.

40 years ago:- on 30th Oct 1975 that British serial killer Peter Sutcliffe (the Yorkshire Ripper) killed his first victim in Leeds. In 1981 he was convicted of murdering 13 women.

30 years ago:- on 8th Oct 1985 that the musical Les Miserables opened at the Barbican Theatre in London for its first English-language production and its first West End production.

Of house and home

Houses have been in the news in recent months – a hot political topic for those in power or seeking it, a source of desperate concern to those who simply can't find a place to live.

Prices, especially in London and the south-east, are staggeringly high. A semi-detached suburban house in the road where my wife and I brought up our family forty years ago is currently valued at a million pounds. We bought it in 1964 for £4,500! Of course, it's not 'real' money – more like Monopoly finance. And many of the people paying those exaggerated prices aren't even buying a house to live in, but as an investment.

Equally, in towns and villages across Britain, young people planning to set up home together face years and years of saving simply to afford the deposit on a house. Many settle for renting, which means that there's no money left to save for that deposit. The short answer, obviously, is to build more affordable houses. Everyone agrees, but whenever there are plans to build some, the cry goes up 'Not in my back yard!' The Government also agrees that we need such housing, but what, in terms of the average monthly wage, is 'affordable'? Certainly not the prices we see discussed in all these TV programmes about 'a place in the country' or 'Location, Location'.

Houses matter. Or, rather, homes do. There's a lovely vision drawn by the Jewish prophet Micah of a day when everyone will 'sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid'. It doesn't mention a house, but it's a lovely picture of a home: a place where we feel secure, welcome and loved.

Sadly, not every house is a home, but every home is a precious gift, whether it's two up and two down or what has recently been dubbed a 'mansion'. Somehow or other, and before it's too late, we need to find a way to house all those would-be families, not luxuriously, but decently. The fig-tree in the back garden can be optional.

Canon David Winter,

Calais refugee church leader 'happy' to stay in camp

The leader of the church in the so-called 'Jungle' refugee camp in Calais has said that he no longer wants to get into the UK. Instead, he now believes God has put him in the camp for a reason.

Mima, from Ethiopia, who's not revealed his full identity or back-story for security reasons back home, had previously been trying to cross the border. But in a recent interview with Marcus Jones, a reporter from Premier Radio, he says he is now happy to stay and support the thousands who are living at the camp. "I'm happy. I'm not going to the train station to try," he said. "Maybe Jesus has brought me [here]. For me it's better than to go to England."

In a message to British Christians, Mima said: "If you can, come and visit us. If you can't do that - pray. Pray for the immigrant people...the ones who are dying on the Mediterranean Sea, those who are dying on the train station when they try to go to England. All Christians need to pray for these people. Ask Jesus to give us protection and send the angels."

Mima also highlighted the desperate situation many in the camp are facing. "We're eating once a day. We don't have any facilities here," he said. "People are getting pneumonia. People are dying."

What's become to be known as the 'migrant crisis' has split public opinion in recent months and BBC Songs of Praise received criticism for broadcasting from the camp. But the Church of England has called for more sympathy for those in the camp.

The Bishop of Dover, the Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, recently told Premier: "Some of those people in Calais at the moment have come from the most horrific situations, where they've been subject to violence; where they've had their homes destroyed. And we have to say to ourselves what would happen to us if we were in that place? We're very fortunate in England, we've got freedom."

The Bishop of Leeds, The Rt Revd Nick Baines, said he had been appalled at the attacks on the BBC for filming at the 'Jungle Camp'. "Songs of Praise usually gets slagged off for being ... er ... Songs of Praise. Often the critique is that it is bland or anodyne. Well, not now it isn't."

The corrugated iron church, known as St Michaels, is predominantly used by Eritrean and Ethiopian Orthodox Christians and was built over a weekend by a team of 30 volunteers. An estimated 5,000 migrants, displaced from countries including Eritrea, Libya and Syria, are living in several camps around Calais.



St James the least of all

On what those adverts from parishes wanting clergy REALLY mean...

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are being encouraged to look at adverts for parishes for that happy day when you will have charge of your own church. You wonder if you should look to moving to another part of the country; I suspect it may be better if you look to moving to another planet, as your reputation may not yet have travelled that far.

Reading the specifications that parishes provide, giving a picture of life in their community, need to be read in the same way as estate agents' specifications for houses for sale. Both demonstrate a triumph of optimism over reality. Let me help you decode some of the statements you will find:

"We look to grow our Sunday School" – We do not have a Sunday School.

"We have an enthusiastic choir" – We have a choir totally out of control.

"Our youth group is always eager to learn." - Our youth group experiments with some strange substances.

"The new incumbent should be sympathetic to our musical tradition"- The new incumbent must be able to play the organ as well as lead the Services.

"While cherishing our traditions, we see the need for change" – We always see the need for change, but alter anything at your peril.

"Plans for church renovations are in hand" – The building is in imminent danger of collapse.

"We have a large range of church groups" – You will have to run a large range of church groups singlehandedly.

"The vicarage is being refurbished" – The vicarage is a death trap. Its rising damp and dangerous electrics will not be fixed for many months yet.

"There is opportunity for developing ecumenical relations" – No one in living memory has ever spoken to clergy of other denominations in our town.

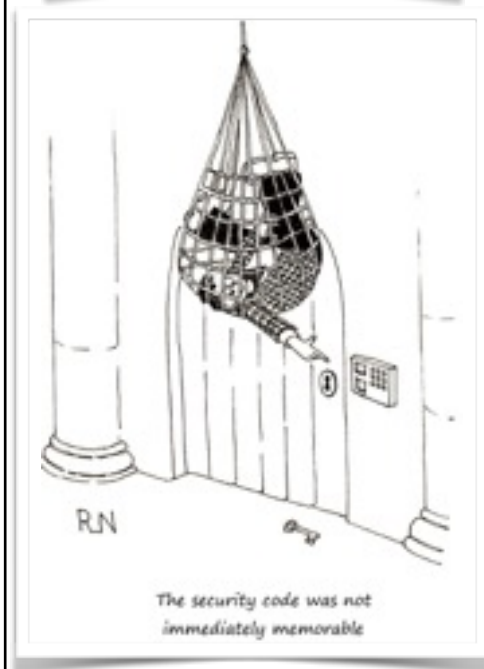
"The new incumbent should have a sense of humour" – He or she will need it when reading this specification.

My dear nephew, caveat emptor. Let the buyer beware!

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Just for fun!



How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean CHANGE??? That light bulb was given in memory of my Grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes

Benefice Diary - October 2015

Sunday 4th October

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 11th October

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Hutton Buscel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	BCP Matins	Brompton
6.30 pm	Benefice Evensong	Wykeham

Monday 12th October

2.00 pm	Mothers Union	Snainton Chapel
6.30 pm	BUDS	Downe Arms

Sunday 18th October

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Wykeham
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
10.30 am	Ecumenical Service	Snainton Chapel
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Hutton Buscel

Sunday 25th September

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Brompton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Wykeham
4.00 pm	Blazing Grannies	Hutton Buscel
6.30 pm	Evensong	Hutton Buscel

Sunday 1st November

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Snainton
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
2.30 pm	Evening Prayer & Remembrance	Langdale End
6.30 pm	All Souls Memorial Service	Wykeham

When you know what they meant, but...!

Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

In a Laundromat: Automatic Washing Machines. Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.

In a London department store: Bargain Basement upstairs.

In an office: After the tea break, staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Notice in health food shop window: Closed due to illness.

Spotted in a safari park: Elephants, please stay in your car.

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