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CLERGY LETTER



Dear friends

A somewhat poignant phrase that was sometimes used of clergy who died while still in post and who had been too poor to retire (due to the dilapidation charges on their vicarages) was that they ‘died in harness’.

Fortunately, much has changed, and we are far from that position, but I am reminded of it because of the cost of living crisis that we are all going through at the moment. Even with the new measures the government is introducing, fuel and other costs are putting a lot of people under huge pressure, quite possibly some of you who are reading this letter, and so there is a great deal of anxiety and worry around. Sadly, there are no quick fix solutions, so I want to take this opportunity to remind you that it is possible both to donate to our **Living Support Fund** and to ask for help from this fund – just speak in confidence to one of the clergy. And we may also be able to signpost you to other sources of help such as the Harrogate Easier Living Project www.helpharrogate.org.uk/ or the Community Grocery in New Park. There are many reasons to belong to a church community, but surely one of them has to be the support we can offer one another and how together we can support people in our community – and you might be interested to know that one of the reasons why Christianity took root in the Roman Empire was because of the unique quality of care that the early Christians offered in their communities – food for thought, no pun intended.

Changing tack somewhat radically, as you will know I have recently returned from my Sabbatical which was a refreshing and renewing time, as I laid down my ‘harness’ for a while. Amongst the highlights were walking the Camino Ingles in Spain with my son, spending three weeks as part of the Scargill community, and some words from a person here in the parish that were more encouraging than they will ever know (which should remind us all what a gift being encouraging is). I do hope

that we will all see the benefits of my time off for many months to come. And I want to take this opportunity to thank all those people who stepped up to make it possible for me to be away, whether it be the wardens, the retired clergy or Gill in the office, to name but a few. But I want to express particular thanks to Laura, who I think was quite daunted at the prospect but who I hear and see flourished under her added responsibilities and dealt admirably with all that came her way.

Anyway, I have now put the 'harness' back on, so to speak, and one of the key things facing us is the recruitment of the new team vicar and mission enabler. As I'm sure you will have heard, the second round of advertising didn't produce the right candidate, so we will be spending the next few weeks thinking and praying and seeking God's wisdom about how best we take things forward against the backdrop of the bishop's continued support for the post, wanting the best for St Luke's and to continue in our desire to play our part in growing the Kingdom of God here in Harrogate. But in all of this, please don't leave the praying to the church leadership – instead join in with us, as indeed I'm sure you have been doing already.

I began writing this letter while still at the excellent Diocesan Clergy Conference at Liverpool Hope University. I hadn't been especially looking forward to it as it seemed to come too soon after my return from sabbatical, but in some ways it turned out to be a fitting conclusion to my time off, serving as it did to remind me that we are part of something bigger – the wonderful, diverse, eccentric, life-giving body of Christ – and I hope that as I ease back into parish life, together we will continue to find the same to be true here in Bilton and beyond.

Every blessing

Simon

*Along with the whole world,
we give thanks for the life of 'our gracious queen' Elizabeth.
Her deep faith underlay all her actions.
She used her position and influence always for the common good; her
diplomacy and humour have helped calm many situations.
May she rest in peace*

QUESTION CORNER

Q. I've always assumed that Jesus loved all his disciples. So what does John 21:7 mean? (The disciple whom Jesus loved said 'It is the Lord.')

A. This is a tricky one. The identity of 'the Beloved Disciple' has been questioned, but most agree that it is John. He and his brother James were called 'Sons of Thunder' (hot-heads) by Jesus. However, with Peter, they came to have a very close relationship with Jesus,



and he chose those three to go up the mountain with him when he revealed his divine glory ('Transfiguration').

Archbishop William Temple said that in the New Testament setting the expression 'beloved disciple' technically means something like

'complete disciple' who comes closest to and understands the master best – and one who is trusted most. When Peter and John ran to find Jesus's tomb empty they both entered, but it was John who 'saw and believed'. And in the text you quote, when Jesus appeared at the lakeside after his resurrection, it was John who first recognised him. Before that, at the crucifixion, Jesus entrusted his mother to John's future care (John 19:27). So this kind of love shows Jesus's complete trust in one who has come very close.

That's a technicality. But, as you say, Jesus loved all his disciples. Some had special roles. But were not special favourites, for all were equally loved and valued. And that's still true for disciples today.

MOVING ON

Our good wishes and prayers go to the young people who have left school and are moving on to university or work or travelling:

*Phoebe, Tom, Thomas, Megan, Dan,
Josh, Hannah, Charlotte*

May God be with you in your going out
and your coming in

YOUTH WORK STARTS AGAIN

This month and we've got several different groups that the young people can join:



- **Ignite** on a Sunday where we focus on relationship building, fun and food as well as short teaching slots to engage the young people. This term, we're having a bit of a focus on hearing testimonies from different members of our church family so if you'd like to volunteer to give yours, I would love to hear from you!
- Then we have **4twelve** which is our 'going deeper' group and this term we are doing Youth Alpha to lead up to confirmation In November. We're meeting at my house, so we squash ten teenagers plus leaders into my living room to share a meal, watch the Youth Alpha videos and discuss the material.
- Then finally, there is our **Alpha Plus** group which is last year's confirmation group who have almost become a little cell group. We're focusing on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and how they can live that out in their schools, homes and lives as teenagers in 2022.



Please continue to pray for all our young people; that they continue to build strong relationships with the leaders and each other and that they grow in their knowledge of God and how to walk faithfully with Jesus.

It would be lovely too if you could remember the youth leaders in your prayers, who give up their time week after week to accompany our young people on their journeys. They are an absolutely amazing team who serve so willingly and who each bring unique gifts to every meeting we have with the young people. I am so thankful to be part of such a dedicated team. Thank you everyone.

Emma



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER 2022**

2pm

at Woodfield Millennium Green
on the corner of Cecil Street and Albany Avenue

All welcome!

Come along to see how the Green has progressed in recent years and to put forward any ideas for the future.

For more information email: maggietherton09.ma@gmail.com

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday

12th November

supporting



Come and find out more about them, and enjoy coffee and chat; stalls, raffle, tombola

More details next month

Talk by Veronica Bird to Raise Funds for the ~~Girlguiding~~ Birk Crag Centre



Saturday 19th November at 2 pm
Harrogate Ladies College
Duchy Road, HG1 2QG

Bansley-born Veronica will be talking about her 35 years as a woman's prison officer including her time as Governor of ~~Amplex~~ Prison.

Tea and cakes will be served

Tickets £15 from fbcc@girlguidingnyw.org.uk

All profits will go to fund the new ~~Girlguiding Birk~~ Crag Centre on Cornwall Road in Harrogate.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY
8th OCTOBER

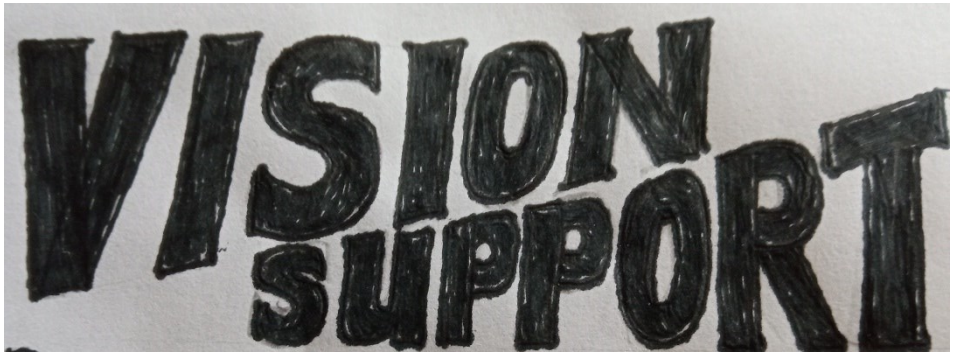
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Vision Support provides advice and assistance to people with sight loss, helping them to access the best technical aids to enhance the independence of people with sight loss. The team at Russell Sergeant House run a range of regular activities:

- Keep fit
- Pottery
- Cane-work
- Computing
- Coffee and chat

The ceramic plaque in the new sanctuary garden opposite Waitrose in Harrogate was created by the pottery group at Vision Support.



Some of the work of the pottery group has been on show at the Northern Art Exhibition at Ripon Cathedral.

Join us at our coffee morning (see facing page) as we raise money to help the work of Vision Support in Harrogate. Come and find out more about what they do to help people with sight loss



RECYCLING NEWS



Watch out for a new “Recycling Station” at St John’s – the Green Team are setting up collections for items recycled by TerraCycle, but we need your help!

TerraCycle is a company that aims to “recycle the unrecyclable,” for example, dental products like toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes. They work with partner companies and enrol businesses up and down the country to run drop-off locations; these local organisations package up all the items and send them off to TerraCycle. (You can find more information on how it all works on the following website – <https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB>)



A number of boxes will be placed alongside the existing recycling facilities for batteries and printer cartridges, just near the main door at St John’s. These will be for:



Dental Products

eg plastic toothbrushes,
toothpaste tubes



Writing Instruments

eg felt tips,
highlighters and biro



Medicine Blister Packs

Contact Lenses, including
the lenses, the blister
packaging and the foil



There will also be a box containing some canvas bags and this is where we need your help. Once we’ve collected a few items, we need people to take them to the drop-off locations, as follows:

Dental Products → Coppice View Dental Care, 104 Kings Road

Writing instruments → Rymans on Oxford Street

Contact Lenses → Boots Opticians, Cambridge Street

Medicine Blister packs → Superdrug on Cambridge Road

If you will be going into town in the following week, could you take a few items to put into the collection bins at the drop-off locations? We're hoping many hands will make light work and together, we can save a few more items going to landfill.

Full information will be available on the collection boxes themselves but if you want to talk to someone about it, please speak to any of the Green Team or call Tracey on 07890 933198.

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

in St John's Churchyard



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PARISH

The Diocese of Leeds has registered to the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friends programme, which is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia and aims to transform the way the nation thinks, acts and talks about the condition. We encourage everyone to take the small step to become a dementia friend.



Please contact Laura or Gill in the office to find out how to do this.

MONDAY SEWCIAL

at Bilton Grange URC, top of Woodfield Road

First and third Monday of the month, 10.30am -12 noon, no charge.
Activities including knitting, craft, board games, jigsaws, table tennis, air hockey and especially refreshments and chat!

All are welcome.



MUGUMU SAFE HOUSE

We are delighted to report that September's coffee morning raised the incredible sum of £705 to help provide safety for young girls in Tanzania in danger of abuse through FMG or forced marriage. Thanks to all who contributed.



Our diocese of Leeds is linked with Tanzania, and supports the Safe House, where girls can stay till adulthood.



RACHEL'S HANDY HINTS FOR LIFE'S LITTLE EMERGENCIES

Home, Office and Church

Got toner on your hands? Wash off with cold water as the warm water does exactly what the copier does, seals the ink onto the paper, the cold water lifts the stain.

Lost a contact lens on the carpet? Take a pop sock or part of pair of tights and cover the nozzle of the vacuum cleaner. The contact lens will stick to the nylon and not go into the vacuum cleaner to be lost forever!

Ink stain on blouse or shirt? Spray the stain with hairspray and leave for a few minutes depending on the size of the stain. This will lift the stain. Then wash in normal cycle.

Got a shirt to iron but not enough time? Use hair straighteners and run along the collar, cuffs and the button front. A great time saver this one and saves the faff of getting the ironing board out!

Lily pollen on a shirt or surplice? Pat, not rub, the stain straightaway with a bit of sellotape or parcel tape.

Wine or blood? Immerse the garment or table or altar cloth in cold water with a bit of salt and leave it to soak for a while. It works really well this one and as a verger it was a Godsend on many an occasion.

Dents in the carpet from a chair or table? Put an ice cube in the dent, and after it has melted and dried vacuum the area. This lifts the pile of the carpet again.

Smelly shoes or sandals? Sprinkle bicarbonate of soda into the shoe or on the sandal and leave for a while. The bicarb will absorb the aroma!

Don't want to use an eyelash curler? (This one is for us girls) Warm a teaspoon, turn it upside down and rest it on the lashes to give them the curl you want. This is kinder to the lashes too.

Run out of furniture polish? Use the wax from a recently lit candle. It smells nice too!

Hope these are helpful. I admit that not all of them are eco-friendly but I have used them myself.

Rachel Demain

PEOPLE

BAPTISMS / BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVINGS

We welcome into the church family

Charlie Joe Duncan
Edith Mary Watson
George Henry Slater
Matthew Joseph Waldron

Spencer George Hutchinson
Matthew George Watson
Shakira Eaton Jones



FUNERALS/ MEMORIALS

We extend our sympathy to the families of those who have recently died:

Our Gracious Queen Elizabeth
Jean Myers

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to those recently married:

Mark Jonathan Crawford and Allison Clair Ramsey
Ronan James Stott and Jade Sarah Crowe



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OCTOBER'S CALENDAR

Sunday 2nd	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ) JOINT Parade Service (SJ)
Monday 3 rd	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 4 th	9-9.30am 4-5.30pm 7.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) 4twelve (Emma's House) Alpha+ (SJ)
Wednesday 5 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 6 th	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 7 th	6.30-7.15pm 1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm	Evening Surgery in Church (SJ) Wellbeing Café (SL) Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 8 th	10.00am-12noon	Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)
Sunday 9th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 12.30pm 2-3.00pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Parade Service (SL) Baptisms (SJ) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (Ripley Castle)
Monday 10 th	9-9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Bilton Grange School Harvest Service (SJ)
Tuesday 11 th	9-9.30am 10.00am 2-3.30pm 4-5.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Walking Group (SJ) Comfort Café (SJ) 4twelve (Emma's House) Time to Pray (SJ)
Wednesday 12 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am 12.15pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre Community Lunch at Bilton Community Centre
Thursday 13 th	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am 6.30-7.15pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL) Evening Surgery in Church (SJ)

Friday 14 th	1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm	Wellbeing Café (SL) Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Sunday 16th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 3.30-5.00pm 6-7.45pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Morning Worship (SJ) Morning Worship (SL) Welcome Event (SJ) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 17 th	9-9.30am 2.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Interment of Ashes - Paul Tennyson (SJ)
Tuesday 18 th	9-9.30am 4-5.30pm 7.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) 4twelve (Emma's House) Blaze Leader's Meeting (SJ)
Wednesday 19 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am 12.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre Thirst Table at Dene Park Community Centre Finance & Buildings Committee Meeting (SJ)
Thursday 20 th	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 21 st	6.30-7.15pm 1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm	Evening Surgery in Church (SJ) Wellbeing Café (SL) Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Sunday 23rd	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ) All Age Holy Communion (SJ) All Age Morning Worship (SL)
Monday 24 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 25 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 26 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 27 th	9-9.30am 6.30-7.15pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Evening Surgery in Church (SJ)
Sunday 30th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ) JOINT Morning Worship with Healing Prayer (SJ)
Monday 31 st	6-7.45pm 9-9.30am	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL) Morning Prayer (SJ)

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1 st	9-9.30am 4-5.30pm 7.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) 4twelve (Emma's House) Alpha + (Youth Group) (SJ)
Wednesday 2 nd	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 3 rd	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 4 th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
Saturday 5 th		Baptisms (SJ)
Sunday 6th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6-7.45pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Parade Service (SJ) Holy Communion (SL) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 12 th November	10am-12noon	Coffee Morning (SJ Hall)
Sunday 20 th November	6.30pm	Confirmation (SJ)
Sunday 20 th November		Safeguarding Sunday
Saturday 3 rd December	TBA	Christmas Fair (SL) (provisional)
Saturday 10 th December	10am-12noon	Coffee Morning (SJ)



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