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## LETTER FROM SIMON

Dear friends

As most of you will know, I am taking a sabbatical for three months, from the beginning of June. I will be travelling to Spain to



walk the Camino Ingles, one of the many pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostela, doing so in the company of my son, Joel. I will be joining the Scargill Community for three weeks, taking a holiday with Fiona and attending a couple of conferences, as well as spending time at home – all of which means that I

will not be at work even if I am at home for these three months.

Now perhaps some people might think, 'Well, it's alright for some!', but actually, it's not so much time off work as time re-charging and renewing, having time to think and to pray, hopefully allowing me to re-connect with myself, with family and with God in order to be better equipped to continue to be your pastor and leader.

And of course, the principle of sabbatical, of rest, is very biblical – after all, after six days of working at creation, we are told God rested – yes, even the Divine rested – and, because we are made in His image, we too should be following the same principle – hence the reason why God instituted the Sabbath for His people the Israelites. And He didn't expect it to be a joyless, puritanical experience but rather a time of re-creation, of refreshing, of not accomplishing anything in particular and not feeling guilty, a day to make the most of what we have – family, friends, community, creation itself. So please pray that my sabbatical is such a time for me.

Of course, my not being at work does mean more work for others, so can I ask you to be as supportive as possible, practically as well as prayerfully, of Laura, of the churchwardens, of Gill in the office, of Jan our licensed lay minister and of our retired clergy.

Speaking of which, can I take this opportunity to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Rev David Williams. As many of you know, David and

Linda retired to Harrogate in 2002 and David has had the Bishop's permission to officiate ever since and has been a wonderful servant to the parish – but he now feels it is the right time to 'hang up his dog collar', so to speak, and give up his bishop's license. He will still be able to preach, but as far as leading services is concerned, this chapter has come to an end. I don't think it's ever an easy decision for a clergy person to do this, because such ministry becomes part and parcel of who we are, but David very much feels this is the right time to do so. Thus on behalf, of us all, I say to him and to Linda, thank you so very much – enjoy your rest, your permanent sabbatical!

All of which takes me back to speak about sabbatical as far as others are concerned. Our culture has shifted radically over the last 40 years, and now in many respects Sunday is like any other day – so we have to work harder at incorporating rest and re-creation into our lives – but perhaps this quote will help you to think about why we should do so:

*'Work and rest live in a symbiotic relationship. If you don't learn how to rest well, you will never learn how to work well (and vice versa). After all, the opposite of work isn't rest, it's sleep. Work and rest are friends, not enemies. They are a bride and groom who come together to make a full, rounded life.'* (John Mark Comer).

In other words, Sabbath is about our human flourishing, and it is what God wants for us – so why not think about how you might become better at rest, at Sabbath. It will look different for each of us, but it is something we all need to practice.

Finally, can I ask you to pray for our ongoing efforts to recruit our new team vicar and mission enabler.

Sadly we didn't appoint after the first round of advertising, so we have re-started the process. The deadline for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> June, and interviews will be on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Every blessing  
**Simon**



## QUESTION CORNER



Q. We are getting close to Whitsunday or Pentecost. Am I right in thinking that 'Pentecost' is the correct title? What does 'Whitsunday' mean?

A. Yes, Pentecost is the original name. Acts chapter 2 tells us that it was the time when the Holy Spirit came to give new life to the disciples, who then went into the streets of Jerusalem to preach the good news about Jesus. And around 3 000 people responded and were baptised; that's never happened after one of my sermons!

For a while in the early centuries, people often chose to be baptised on the anniversary of Pentecost. So there were mass baptisms, and they wore white robes to show that they were turning away from their old life and 'putting on the new self' (Colossians 3:10). The white robe symbolised the goodness of Christ, and the new life He gives us. So the day became known as 'White Sunday'. When people wear white robes to conduct services, this symbolises the same thing, pointing away from themselves to Christ.

Years ago in the Manchester diocese I was introduced to Whit walks. Church members processed through the streets following a brass band, for

an open-air service. And people (whether Christian or not) often bought new clothes, and made sure that their doorsteps were clean and white.

*David*



## PART OF A LETTER FROM THE HEMBURY'S, OUR MISSION PARTNERS IN HULL



Outside perspective:

At the end of last year, Idina Dunmore, a pioneer curate based in Southall, came to do part of her alternative placement here. She was a gift to us:

encouraging, reflecting back

and easily going with the flow of whatever happened to be going on at the time. Her time with us included joining in at Orts, Breakfast Club, youth club, Selby St Mission and the Matt's House community, among other things.



ORTS - space to imagine  
a new story

Idina stayed at the community house and was thrown in at the deep end, leading our opening time of reflection for one of our intermittent “communing together” weekends, using St Brendan’s prayer as a focus. It is so helpful to get a different, objective perspective on what mission stuff here looks like. We have vision and intention,

but what do others see? Here’s a snippet from Idina’s reflections after her stay:

*“Here I found more than “projects”. These initiatives have been built from many faithful years of relationship-building, and enabled spaces for honest sharing of lives and mutual support. Just sitting in these groups, I was surprised how much trust people had to share their life stories, which were so often painful and messy. But they were willing to be honest and open, and I could see in that sharing and acceptance, they are finding healing. (...)*



Superhero at Breakfast Club

*These safe, creative spaces provide a taste of how things could be different, in lives and in families, and open a bigger horizon to the possibility of change. It also seemed to me that as a collective, [...] these initiatives are shaping the local neighbourhood in Hull to become a more hopeful and joyful community. And perhaps a community more open to the work of an infinitely loving and*

*passionately involved Creator.”*

Give thanks with us for this community growing in openness to God, and pray for Idina as she discerns the next step in her own ministry.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> BILTON BROWNIES

During May, we were delighted to present our first ever “Bronze award” to one of our Brownies: Lottie earned a number of badges and completed various



activities during our weekly meetings, gaining two Theme awards (Future Skills and Express Myself) thereby qualifying for the Bronze Award. Here she is with her certificate and badge.

Lottie has already started on her next Interest badge, learning all about Space.

Lots of the Brownies have been busy with badges, covering areas such as Baking, Charities, Collecting, Growing Your Own, Inventing, Painting and Mindfulness, so I’m sure it won’t be long before we’re giving out

another Bronze Award. Every girl who completes an Interest badge also gets to take “Bonnie the Brownie Badge Bear” home for a week – Bonnie is already booked out until the end of June!

We are still looking for another adult helper at 2<sup>nd</sup> Bilton Brownies – we need someone who would like to undertake the Girlguiding leadership qualification and become a fully-fledged “Owl” (also known as a Guider). If you think that could be you, please contact Tracey on 07890 933198 for more information.



## **DIGNITY THROUGH EDUCATION**

The June coffee morning will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June in aid of Dignity Through Education. This charity was set up in 2016 with the support of church members from St John's & St Luke's to provide bursaries for the children of poor tea plantation workers in Sri Lanka, to help to support them through university.

We are particularly grateful to those people willing to sponsor individual students throughout their 3 or 4 years of study. As new donors come forward we are able to increase the number of students that we can support. Sadly, the need is always greater than we are able to match, but those whom we are able to support are extremely grateful. Currently we are helping 23 students, including 10 who were recruited this year.

We are proud to say that the first cohort of students we have helped are now graduates. This is an immense achievement for them and their families. To be a degree holder means that the individual can secure well-paid employment. This provides dignity for themselves as well as the opportunity to offer support to their parents who have sacrificed much on their behalf. Letters that we receive from the students tell us how grateful they are for our help and how their degrees have secured professional employment.



More information about Dignity Through Education can be found on our webpage [www.dignitythrougheducation.co.uk](http://www.dignitythrougheducation.co.uk) and we hope soon to have details of our students' successes on a new facebook page. You may have seen recent reports in the news about the severe economic problems that currently exist in Sri Lanka and about the social and political unrest. When conditions are bad for the general population, they are worse still for the workers on the tea plantations. It is especially commendable for a student brought up in such difficult circumstances to obtain a university place and achieve a degree. We hope that you will support our fund-raising activities for this worthwhile charity.



# St JOHN'S BILTON COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE

**Entrance £1**

**10 – 12 noon**

Home-made cakes

- Home preserves
- Hand-made cards
- Refreshments included in entry fee - drinks and biscuits

- Large choice of books
- Raffle
- Tombola
- A warm welcome



Funding scholarships for children  
of Sri Lankan tea workers

## EASTER JOY!



### **Amazing grace**

*How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace  
that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed*



### **My chains are gone**

*I've been set free  
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me  
And like a flood, His mercy rains  
Unending love, Amazing grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures*

Thank you to worship leaders, musicians, flower club, cleaners, technicians, congregation - everyone, both regular church members and visitors - who combined to make our Easter worship so beautiful.

**HE IS RISEN; HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**



Join us on

**Sunday 5th June**

**10.30am**

**at St John's and St Luke's**

to celebrate the

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

followed by

**Prosecco and Cakes**



## CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for a METAL BOX or BREAD BIN that can be left to put food into when donations are left in church. If you have one to donate please leave it with the donations box. In the meantime, if leaving any donations in St John's, please DO NOT leave foodstuffs in the boxes at the back of church, please leave those in the church office.

In order to employ our YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKER after the initial contract ends we need to apply for grants and extra funding. John Carr is happy to lead a group to look at and apply for these but he can't do it alone and really needs some help. If you are able to commit some time to support this please let John or the office know.

## JULY COFFEE MORNING WITH EXTRAS!

As well as the usual stalls etc there will be some 'sideshows' including Hook-a-Duck, Treasure Hunt, Hedgehog and more.

If you can help - or have ideas for more stalls - please contact the office



## MAY MUSIC CAFÉ!

Those who came to the May coffee morning had the pleasure of background piano music provided by our organist Ruth plus a 10-minute mini-concert given by some of the St John's choristers. We raised £615 during the morning which will go towards church music. Another bonus was the delicious home-made scones with jam and cream!

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.



Recycling has come a long way since the days when charities collected aluminium foil and newspapers for cash!

Doorstep recycling is well-established and well-used. But please remember that unwashed items can contaminate and cause a whole batch to be rejected and finish up in landfill.



Recent recycling opportunities:

- Co-op shops will take clean 'soft plastic' - eg biscuit and cake wrappers, film lids, polythene
- Coppice View dental practice have a box for toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, interdental sticks. You don't have to be a patient of theirs
- Dobbies garden centre will accept plant pots for recycling - or (much handier) Bilton and Woodfield library will accept them for reusing; they always offer a beautiful selection of reasonably-priced plants for sale - grown by some of the volunteers

## **CHECKING UP ON PLASTIC**



Did you take part in the big plastic count? Were you surprised at how much plastic you used? Can you reduce it, especially of single-use plastic?

Look at :  
[//thebigplasticcount.com](http://thebigplasticcount.com)

to see the results gathered by Greenpeace

# PEOPLE

## BAPTISMS / BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVINGS

*Eloise Sophia Stead*



## FUNERALS/ MEMORIALS

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

***Mollie Sherwood***

***Bryan Ward***

***Steven Harper***

## INTERMENT OF ASHES

*Alan Brunt*



## WEDDINGS

*Congratulations to those recently married:*

***Thomas Richard Hardy Hailwood and Bethan Maisie Warner***

***Oliver Joseph William Hall and Katherine Alison Elsworth***

***Lee Daniel Coutts and Julie Michelle Yeoman***



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# JUNE'S CALENDAR

St John's 10.30 services will be on Facebook each Sunday

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsandstlukes>

**NB Services in the churches may change according to guidelines**

**Those who attend should wear masks unless exempt**

**No need to book a place now - everyone is welcome.**

**And we are serving tea and coffee after the 10.30 services!**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.00pm	Community Jubilee Celebration (Bilton Cricket Club)
	2.00pm	Wedding (SJ)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Parade Service (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SL)
	6-7.45pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7-8.30pm	Alpha Plus (SJ)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	10.30am	Community Lunch at Bilton Community Centre
	12.15pm	Community Centre
	4-5.00pm	4twelve (Year 7-13 Youth Group) (Brew Bar)
		Morning Prayer (SJ)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddlers) (SL)
	9.30-11.30am	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	1-3.00pm	Evening Surgery in Church (SJ)
	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30-7.15pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Coffee Morning (SJ)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12noon	Holy Communion (SJ)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Parade Service (SL)
	12.30pm	Baptisms (SJ)
	6-7.45pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)



	10.00am	Walking Group (SJ)
	2-3.30pm	Comfort Café (SJ)
	7.30pm	Time to Pray (SJ)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	12.00pm	Thirst Table at Dene Park Community Centre
	4-5.00pm	4twelve (Year 7+ Youth Group) (Brew Bar)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddlers) (SL)
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SL)
	5.00pm	Confirmation Information Session (SL)
	6-7.45pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	4-5.00pm	4twelve (Year 7+ Youth Group) (Brew Bar)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler) (SL)
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Evening Surgery in Church (SJ)
	7.00pm	Team Vicar Vacancy Shortlisting Meeting (Zoom)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SL)
	5-6.00pm	Satellites Trip Meeting (SL)
	6-7.45pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	4-5.00pm	4twelve (Year 7-13 Youth Group) (Brew Bar)

	7.30pm	Finance & Buildings Committee Meeting (SJ)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am 1-3.00pm	Morning Prayer Little Fishes (Parent & Toddlers) (SL) Wellbeing Café (SL)
<b><u>JULY</u></b>		
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am-12noon	Team Vicar House DIY
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6-7.45pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Parade Service (SJ) Holy Communion (SL) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Alpha Plus (SJ)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am 4-5.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre 4twelve (Year 7-13 Youth Group) (Brew Bar)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-4.00pm 9.30-11.30am 1-3.00pm	<b>NO</b> Morning Prayer Team Vicar Interviews (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddlers) (SL) Wellbeing Café (SL)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm 7.30-8.00pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ) Satellites Trip Meeting (Mowbray Community Church)
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-1.00pm	Coffee Morning and Fair (SJ hall and grounds)

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Coffee Morning for our local library
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Comfort Café
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September -	Parish Weekend at Scargill
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<i>(some single rooms still available)</i>

## **THANK YOU**

An ENORMOUS thank you and well done to our social committee for arranging and running the quiz night on 7th May at St Luke's in aid of the DEC Ukraine Appeal. A truly magnificent £356.20 was raised from ticket sales and through donations. Thank you to all those that were able to go along and make the night such a success. *(see July's magazine for a full report)*



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Thursday	9.30am - 5.00pm
Friday	9.30am - 1.00pm
Saturday	9.30am - 1.00pm
Sunday	CLOSED

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