

Notes from the Choir

The choirs have just completed a great year's work, culminating with food, games, trying out the organ (very loudly in the case of many of the children!) and the singing of favourite pieces, to finish in style.

The Junior Choir sang at its very first service at the All Age Worship in July. Their next undertaking will be at our Harvest Thanksgiving service, when they will sing alongside the adults. Throughout the past months, the enthusiasm of both choirs has been stupendous, once again. I should take this opportunity to give a profound "thank-you" to Ceri, Sam, Helen and Tracey who give up their free time in order to help supervise the Junior Choir

Both choirs are now on their well-deserved summer break, and I shall also be taking time off as part of my annual leave. In my absence, I leave much of the organ playing in the experienced hands of my predecessor, Janet. My sincere thanks to her for offering her services in this manner.

Although there are no additional musical events planned in September or October, I should draw your attention to the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on 2nd October, the celebration of All Saints' Day on Sunday 30th October, and the emotional Service of Light for All Souls' which takes place on the evening of Sunday 6th November.



Looking further ahead, last year's candlelit Advent Processional was deemed so successful that it will become an annual event, taking place on the evening of 27th November.

If you can't or don't want to commit to weekly rehearsals and/or services but would like to sing on High and Holy Days, you might want to consider joining the extended choir who sing at such occasions as the Advent Processional and the Nine Lessons and Carols. Please contact me or a member of the choir if this is the case. There is no audition and you don't need to be able to read music – although this skill obviously helps. In the same way, the Junior Choir is open to those children in Years 2 and above.

Both choirs rehearse on Thursday evenings: Junior Choir 6.15-7pm; Adults 7.30pm-9pm(ish!). (The extended choir are requested for a particular number of rehearsals leading up to a particular service.)

In the meantime, I wish you and your families a blessed summer.

Alison



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Eco Church - Practical Action to care for God's Earth

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It seems very apt that I am writing this piece as temperature records are being broken up and down the country. We all know that Climate change must be seriously addressed and indeed the Church of England has set itself the target of being carbon neutral by 2030.

The target seems very daunting but there is help available so that individual churches can 'do their bit'. 'Eco Church' is an inter-denominational scheme to help church communities reduce their environmental impact. It is not only concerned with carbon emissions, it provides a framework for churches to take practical action on caring for God's Earth, in particular with respect to Worship and Teaching, Management of buildings and land, Community and global engagement and Lifestyle. In effect it gives practical advice on how to fulfil our fifth mark of mission (To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth)

In 2021 the York Diocese registered with the scheme and is using it to achieve the status of 'Eco Diocese'. The Diocese is strongly encouraging all churches to join the scheme as soon as possible. To give added incentive, Eco church has an award scheme of bronze, silver and gold to help each church demonstrate its progress and commitment to the environment.

For the York Diocese to gain a diocesan bronze award it will need 10% of its churches to be registered with Eco Church and 5% to have achieved an award. It is hoped that progress at the grass roots level will enable the Church of England, as a whole, achieve its net zero target.

How can we at St Michael's help? The first thing to do would be to register interest in the scheme (this is free!) and then complete a questionnaire to establish a base-line to establish what St Michael's is currently doing. This would be used to identify what more can practically be achieved in the short and the longer term. Once we have some clear aims we can put in place a plan which we hope will not only enhance our own spiritual lives but will also help protect God's special gift to us, our planet. I intend to set the ball rolling by registering. If anyone wants to help with the scheme at St Michael's please let me know.

Heather Williams

If you want to know more about the Eco Church scheme see:

<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk>

If you want to know more about the York Diocese and their environmental policy see:

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/running-your-church/environment/>

Thank you to all contributors to this newsheet. Contributions for the next one, which will be out in November 2022, would be very welcome! janetcpatten@aol.com

Val Pay passed away this week peacefully in Ashfield. Val has had problems for some time but did not allow them to dominate her life. She lost husband Dave to cancer almost fifty years ago and brought up her family singlehandedly and successfully. Dave was a keen member of Round Table and after his death, I remember as Table Chairman, visiting them one Christmas Day to give them presents from the Tablers. Val was a dedicated and hardworking teacher, a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Ladies Circle and later of Tangent and a long serving and keen member of the Soroptimists, enjoying many trips abroad with her friends. But for all her interests she always put those of her family first. Always conscious of her responsibilities, she appointed guardians for all her children in case anything should happen to her. She took her family on many Parish Holidays and for many years drove them all over the country with her small car and large caravan. Val loved her garden and persisted in keeping going even when her ill health made gardening difficult. Val suffered a stroke many years ago but although she recovered, has suffered ill health ever since but has been ably supported by her family and particularly in these last few years by Rebecca. Val leaves a long legacy of service to her family, the Church and the community. She will be missed by us all. We send commiserations to her family and remember them in our prayers. Rest in Peace, Val.
Mike Elvy

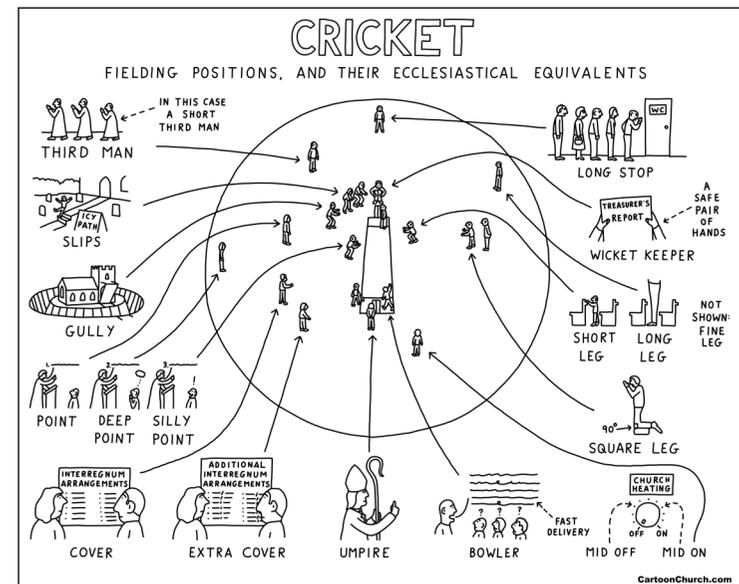
In the mid 1970s a new Infant Department was built onto the side of the Malton Junior School. Val Pay was appointed as the head of that department. At the same time I was given the job of the Reception Class teacher. That was when I properly met Val. We spent the whole of that Summer holiday preparing for the influx of children in September. It was such an exciting time. Val proved to be a great leader. Full of energy and ambition and above all such fun to be with. She brightened the staffroom with her hilarious stories. One of the greatest joys in educating young children is the teaching of reading. Val could be found at every lunch break with a group of children waiting to read to her. Christmas was her favourite time. On December the first her classroom would magically turn into a Christmas Wonderland. The wonder on the faces of the children really was a joy to behold. We became very good friends. Peter and I called to see her one morning at her home in Middlecave Rd and there she was, laying a patio outside of the French Window- single handed! Nothing daunted her. All through the time we knew Val, her Christian Faith sustained her. Saint Michael's Church was always very much part of her life. We never met her husband Dave but heard so much about him and then of course she brought up three children by herself. After each time she became ill she would bounce back again with such determination and spirit. She was a joy to know. Rest in peace dear Val and may God be with your family at this difficult time.
Shirley Thompson.

From the Registers
Funerals:
Alec Evans 19th May
Maurice Hodgson 9th June
Bill Elcock 22nd July

Weekday service
Said Communion Service
Wednesdays at 10.30am,
Followed by coffee at Malton Relish

Diary Dates

August		
Wed 10	3.30pm	Funeral service for Val Pay
September		
Sun 04		All Age Worship at 9.30
Wed 07		Arts and Crafts Exhibition in church until 10th
October		
Sun 02	9.30am	Harvest Festival All Age service
	4pm	Iona style service
Sun 16	9.30am	The new Children's and Families Service
	10.15am	Refreshments
	10.45am	Parish Communion
Sun 23	9.30am	Bible Sunday
Sun 30	9.30am	All Saints
November		
Sun 06	9.30am	All Age Worship
	4pm	All Souls Service of Light
Sun 13		Remembrance Day
Sun 27	6/6.30pm	Advent Procession



Arts and Craft Exhibition 2022 7th Sept -10th September

Once again, after a few years break, we have decided to hold the Arts and Craft Exhibition in St. Michael's Church. The staging will take place on 7th Sept after 2.00pm and it will all be dismantled on Saturday 10th after 4.00pm. There will be no charge for exhibiting.

We hope as many crafty people as possible will take part, because I am sure there are lots of hidden talents in the town, for example in woodwork, pottery, knitting, sewing, crochet, cake decoration, sugar craft, photography, calligraphy and painting. I am sure I have missed some but all will be welcome.

We hope to serve coffee and tea most of the time and hopefully we will have a team of volunteers for this, together with a team of stewards.

The Church will have an Arts and Crafts sales stall with all proceeds going to the Church. If exhibitors wish to sell items, they are free to do so and perhaps make a donation to the Church. Entry will be by donation. Please contact Sue Wright 01653 698106 for entry forms.

Social Events

Lunch at Malton Relish on 1st Weds of each month (numbers limited)

Meal at the Queen's Head on 2nd November

Contact Adrian for more information and to book a place

Coffee and chat at Costa 3pm on 1st Sunday of each month

This summer St Michael's will be supporting the Camphill Village Trust with proceeds from the Saturday coffee stops.

Most people will already know about the them, but for anyone who doesn't, here is an extract from their website:

Croft Community is a vibrant community located on the edge of the of Malton. We support amazing people to realise their potential.

Croft Community operates a range of supported work opportunities and enterprises. These include a Market Garden, a Café and craft workshops.

Currently home to 37 community members, an inspiring group of adults with a broad age range, from individuals in their 20's to those in their 70s.

There will be no Saturday coffee stops in August except the 27th for the Bank Holiday weekend.

Some exciting news for our St Michael's families and friends.



In October we are launching a brand new family service, which means that the 3rd Sunday of every month will look a little different for our regular congregation. The family service will run from 9.30 until 10.15 when refreshments will be served. Regular parishioners are welcome to join us for coffee before the Parish Eucharist service which will start at 10.45.

Families are invited to join us in very practical worship which will include a story, interactive activities and lively songs that are aimed to help children (and maybe their parents) deepen their understanding of the great story of the Bible. Our first Family Worship will be on Sunday 16th October and will focus on where it all began, the story of Creation.

We do hope you will join us for worship, fellowship and fun.

Sue Thackray

Iona style service

The next service will be on
October 2nd at 4pm.



Details will be on the pew sheet
nearer the time.

Farewell

At the end of August we will say goodbye to Mike Elvy who is moving across the Pennines to St Anne's. Mike has been a stalwart at St Michael's over many, many years, as a PCC member, Churchwarden, parish magazine editor and many other roles. He is also the Master of Monologues as seen at the annual Parish Summer Concerts! We will all miss him and wish him well in his new home.

LEGO CHURCH - Every 4th Sunday during the 9.30am service

Children (of all ages) are invited to join us for Lego Church, where we respond to a Bible story or the theme of the readings using LEGO. The children share their own thoughts and ideas about elements of the chosen story, and use our lego bricks to build something that shows their response. The session is finished with prayers offered by the children. We hope to be able to show the LEGO offerings to the rest of the church congregation at the end of the service.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of the world.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Lord of all hopefulness

I recently played this hymn at a service in Amotherby, and as I played, I reflected on the words (which the congregation sang enthusiastically) which remind us that God is there with us at all times throughout every day. The words were written by Jan Struther for the 'Songs of Praise' hymnbook published in 1931. It was one of the first hymns to use 'Your' instead of 'Thy'. It was written to fit the Irish folk tune 'Slane' which is also used for 'Be thou my vision'. For me it is a gentle comforting hymn, concerned with everyday life and one that is easily memorised and can be used as a prayer at any time.

- 1 *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no care could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*
- 2 *Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*
- 3 *Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*
- 4 *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Janet Patten

An Introduction from our new Churchwarden

My name is Mike Rhodes, Yorkshire born and bred and I am one of your new churchwardens. I have been married to Marg for over 50 years.

We arrived in Old Malton via South Africa, Wetherby, Droitwich Spa and Driffield. When we moved to Droitwich Spa in 1992 for my work, it was always on the premise that a move back to Yorkshire would follow retirement. This duly happened and after 14 years of retirement, I would recommend it to everybody! Some people say they are bored with retirement!. I disagree totally in that there is no reason to be bored – just look out of the window at God's glorious world. I now sometimes wonder how I found time to work!

Generally I like walking, swimming, cycling and being outdoors although one of my favourite passions is travel. Over the years I have been fortunate enough to visit many different countries and feel it is true that travel broadens the mind. When I was young my dad worked for British Rail in York and as a result, all of our holidays involved train journeys. My favourite journey was from York to Whitby (via the now North York Moors Railway) and then down the coast to Bridlington.

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I have never understood those people who had blinding light moments of faith but just over 6 years ago I heard the word that everybody dreads – "cancer". It was at that time during the upset, stress and worry of diagnosis and treatment that I experienced what I can only describe as God's profound peace and reassurance. I knew (don't ask me how) that all would be well and through God's grace it continues to be so to this day.

Having been treasurer of the church in Driffield, I never saw myself as a "churchwarden". I thought "I can't do that" but with prayer (and a bit of encouragement from Glyn!), I decided to give it a go. I have been encouraged by several people who are showing me the ropes and so far I am thoroughly enjoying my role.

Ordination

Congratulations to former St Michael's Chorister, William Lyon-Tupman, who was ordained priest in Ely cathedral on Saturday 2nd July. He is continuing to serve as Assistant Curate in the parish of St Neots with Eynesbury.