

## Notes from the Choir

This newsletter should be titled “Make a Joyful Noise”: an attitude which both choirs have demonstrated in abundance since the end of Lent. Easter Day was a particularly joyful service: both choirs led the service, with descants, an extra hymn and anthems by Richard Shephard and R.S. Thatcher, plus Widor’s mighty Toccata to conclude proceedings. Since that day, the choirs have helped celebrate Rev. Glyn’s final service at St Michael’s, plus led the big post-Easter festivals of Ascension Day, Pentecost, Trinity, and a belated Music Sunday. This latter event is organised by the RSCM to celebrate the key role of church musicians in our worship. The hymns at this service were decided by the choir and again both choirs led the service, singing Andrew Lloyd Webber’s coronation anthem, “Make a Joyful Noise” and Howard Goodall’s “The Lord’s my Shepherd”. During the service, Alison giving a talk on the importance of music in worship. With the choirs and Alison about to break up for the summer, a huge “thank you” should be given to both Janet Patten and Jake Buckton for covering organ playing while Alison is on annual leave.

Come the autumn, Harvest Festival will be celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> October, complete with AAW and a Baptism! Both choirs will sing on that occasion. Although the date is still tbc, Alison is planning a “Come and Sing Even-song”, probably on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. More details will follow in due course, but the event is the first in many designed to raise money to replace some of the more decrepit choir robes. Canticles will be Stanford in C (2024 marks 100 years since the composer’s death), with the responses and anthem tbc. Everyone warmly invited, either to sing or to be in the congregation. Needless-to-say Alison has already started planning the music for both Advent and Christmas! As an early heads-up, the Candlelight Advent Processional Service will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December and the Nine Lessons and Carols be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please put both dates into your diaries. In the meantime, Alison and both choirs wish you all a happy summer.



Thank you to all contributors to this newsheet. Contributions for the next one, which will be out in November 2024, would be very welcome! [janetcpatten@aol.com](mailto:janetcpatten@aol.com)



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## St Michael’s, Malton Parish News

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*From the rising of the sun to its going down  
The LORD’s name is to be praised.*

*“As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat,  
summer and winter,  
day and night  
will never cease.”*

**From the Churchwarden:-**

**Vacancy – the story so far.**

The first vacancy meeting of the Benefice PCCs and Archdeacon and Area Dean and Lay Dean took place on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

The two PCCs were asked to vote on whether to keep the current vicarage or sell it and buy a newer more modern, energy efficient vicarage.

Both PCCs subsequently voted sell the vicarage and the Diocese has now taken over the maintenance of the current building while it is in the process of being sold.

The PCCs were also asked to appoint 2 people (per PCC) to be their representatives at the selection of the new incumbent. St Michael's PCC has appointed Sue Thackray and Andrew Watson.

A rota of visiting clergy has been put together which covers all the Sunday services for both parishes and many mid-week services. We are very grateful to all the retired clergy who have volunteered to help in this way.

Please note that the Archdeacon will be taking the Wednesday Holy Communion at St Mary's (09:00) and St Michael's (10:30) 21<sup>st</sup> August.

A St Michael's PCC sub-committee has been formed to write the St Michael's section of the Parish Profile. This will cover 'Who we are', 'Our worship', 'Our people', 'Mission and outreach', 'Our building', 'Our future', 'What we can offer'.

The sub-committee has had 2 meetings so far.

There will be a meeting in September with St Mary's to discuss the 'Benefice' section of the profile. (Date yet to be agreed)

**Eco Church – Sustain and Renew the Life of the Earth**

Eco Church Prayer for the new government

We pray for the new government and those elected as MPs in the General Election.

Lord, give them your wisdom in their role as public servants.

We pray that the climate and nature crises will be central in political decision making and our national conversation.

Lord, open their eyes and heart to those most affected by climate breakdown and all the precious species and habitats at risk of extinction. Amen

**Diary Dates (check with the weekly pew sheet for any changes)**

**August**

Sun	04	9.30am	All Age Worship
		4pm	Iona style Service
Sun	11	9.30am	Parish Communion
Tue	13	2.15pm	Tuesday Tea
Sun	18	9.30am	Rise and Shine informal family service
		10.45am	Parish Communion
Sun	25	9.30am	Parish Communion

**September**

Sun	01	9.30am	All Age Worship
		4pm	Iona style Service
Sun	08	9.30am	Parish Communion
Tue	10	2.15pm	Tuesday Tea
Sun	15	9.30am	Rise and Shine informal family service
		10.45am	Parish Communion
Sun	22	9.30am	Parish Communion
		5pm	Navigate
Sun	29	10.45am	Joint Eucharist at St Mary's

**October**

Sun	06	9.30am	Harvest Festival All Age Worship with Baptism
		4pm	Iona style Service
Sun	13	9.30am	Parish Communion
Tue	08	2.15pm	Tuesday Tea
Sat	19	1-6pm	Come and Sing Evensong
		7.30pm	Talk by Angela Harding. (Kemps bookshop)
Sun	20	9.30am	Rise and Shine informal family service
		10.45am	Parish Communion
Sun	27	9.30am	Parish Communion
		5pm	Navigate

**November**

Sun	03	9.30am	All Age Worship
		4pm	Service of Light
Sun	10	9.30am	Parish Communion
Tue	12	2.15pm	Tuesday Tea
Sun	17	9.30am	Rise and Shine informal family service
		10.45am	Parish Communion
Sun	24	9.30am	Parish Communion
		5pm	Navigate

Alison Forster is planning a 'Come and Sing Evensong' on Saturday 19th October starting at 1pm for the rehearsal. The service will be at 5pm. Featuring the music of Sir *Charles Villiers Stanford* (30 September 1852 – 29 March 1924) who was an Anglo-Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor of the late Romantic era.

Look out for more details after the summer holiday.

**The next Iona style services will be on**

**4th August, 1st September**

**And 6th October at 4pm**

Tea and cake afterwards



### **I the Lord of sea and sky (CP 470)**

The words and music of this popular modern hymn are by Dan Schutte (b 1947) who wrote it for an ordination service in 1981. It took him just 2 days! Based on Isaiah 6.5-8 and with reference to Samuel's call 'Then the Lord called Samuel!' and he said "Here I am!" (1 Sam 3.4) this hymn was a favourite of our former vicar Nick Jones. The first verse describes God the creator, the second verse is about the passion of Christ, and the third verse refers to the wind and flame of Pentecost, and the lifegiving power of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist. This is a hymn where words and tune cannot be separated, they rely on each other and anyone can sing it, the range of notes is small, the rhythm and tune are easily learnt, it is universal in its message and appeal.

*Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,  
If you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

Answers to the quiz (the relevant chapter is in brackets)

1a (2), 2c (10), 3a (12), 4a (13), 5b (15), 6b (15), 7c (15), 8b (16), 9c (17), 10b (23)

Sarah Barry reflects on her professional life in the NHS

I'm sitting by The Mere in Scarborough as I begin to write this article. For once it's a beautiful day the sun is shining, there's a gentle breeze singing in the trees and the birds are swimming and feeding on the water. I have recently taken partial retirement and as the sunlight reflects on the water I reflect on my working life. This year will be my 39th year working within the NHS and there is much to reflect on.

I started my training in 1985 at 18 years of age, I was fresh faced and slightly naive of what I was going to be learning about and doing but I was excited about what the future held for me.

Over the years I have seen many changes and have felt their impact first hand and, like many nurses, I've become tired and frustrated about how the NHS works. The fundamental reason I became a nurse remains strong, I wanted to help people who were sick to get well and to give those who were dying a dignified and peaceful death.

It is a privilege to care for the sick and the dying, we are seeing people at their lowest and most vulnerable and it is our role to give them hope and to support them, their families and friends through difficult times.

My Christian faith has given me the strength and courage to do this. Christ tells us 'to love one another as I have loved you' and everyday whether at work or not I try to show that love in all I do and say, to be kind, open and transparent. I have days when this is hard but I know I have Christ by my side helping me through. A smile, kind word or gesture and gentleness mean so much to the people I work with and care for and this allows me to show Christ's love to all.

The NHS is a valuable organisation and one I am grateful to have been part of for these many years and one I will continue to serve until I'm ready to set down my scissors permanently.

*Sarah has been a loyal and much valued choir member for over 25 years.*

### **Weekday service**

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

## How well do you know Luke's Gospel?

1: Who had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ?

a) Simeon b) Herod c) Peter

2: With which parable did Jesus respond when asked by the lawyer "who is my neighbour"?

a) Sower b) Workers in the Vineyard c) Good Samaritan

3: "Eat, drink and be merry" is a reference from which parable?

a) Rich fool b) Prodigal Son c) Great Banquet

4: Who was Jesus referring to when he said "go and tell that fox"?

a) Herod b) Annas c) Pilate

5: In the parable of the lost sheep how does the shepherd bring the found sheep home?

a) On a rope b) On his shoulders c) In a cart

6: How many silver coins did the woman have in the parable of the lost coin?

a) Five b) Ten c) Twelve

7: What did the Prodigal son ask for in advance?

a) His dowry b) his wages c) His inheritance

8: In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the poor man was carried to whose side?

a) Isaac's b) Abraham's c) Jacob's

9: When Jesus met the ten lepers who did he tell them to go and show themselves to?

a) Pharisees b) Families c) Priests

10: Who said "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom"?

a) Lazarus b) The thief on the cross c) Nicodemus

<http://biblequizzes.org.uk>

## Rise and Shine, All Age Worship and Navigate

*Rachel writes:*

We have had a busy time with children's, families and youth work at St Michael's! Our Rise and Shine service continues to be popular with young families. We are working our way through the Bible together, exploring stories and key people from the Old and New Testaments. This informal, active service is growing and we welcome everyone, young and not so young!

January saw the start of 'Navigate', our youth discipleship group for young people aged 11+. At Navigate, we explore together what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. We welcome a speaker each month who shares their testimony and we then take part in activities, challenges and creative prayer all based on a theme raised in Bear Grylls' book, 'Soul Fuel for Young Explorers'. We are looking for speakers for the next academic year! As a result of our growing Navigate group, we are starting to explore Confirmation. We have several candidates already interested. If you feel you want to explore this, please talk to Rachel or Andrew Watson or Connie.

### **Tuesday Tea in Church - all welcome!**

Held on the second Tuesday of each month from 2.15 to 4pm.

13th August, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November

Join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.

Why not bring a friend along too!



### **Coffee Stops**

on Saturday mornings from 10 - 12 noon.

(except 7th September when there will be a wedding)

The charity we are supporting this quarter is the Unicef appeal for Gaza.

If anyone would appreciate a home visit and/or Home Communion please contact Connie Clark on 07544 380163.