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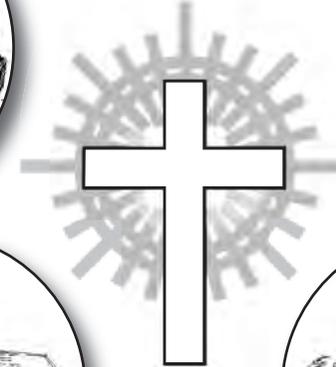
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OUTLOOK

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**The Parish Magazine
of the United Benefice of
Kirkdale, Harome, Nunnington and Pockley**

From the Registers

Baptisms

16th July at St Saviour's Church - Alfie James Arthur Marwood, third child of Charlotte and Nathan Marwood. This joyous occasion was followed by the Blessing of the newly installed Phase 1 of the Children's' Play Area

16th July at St Gregory's Minster - Claudia Perdita Hero Davis. Claudia was born in Kenya in December 2020. Her parents Lorna (nee Beckett) and Edward were married at St Gregory's Minster and her two elder brothers were also baptised at the Minster. Lorna's Godmother is the widow of Richard Fletcher, both deeply loved members of the worshipping community and having a close connection with the Friends of St Gregory's Minster. Richard, a greatly respected historian, wrote the History of St Gregory's Booklet, an especially popular publication and a 'best seller.'

4th August at St Gregory's Minster - Finn Henry Aurelius Edwards, first child of Laura and Benedict Edwards. Laura grew up in Wombledon, where her parents still live. It was the first opportunity for all the wider family to meet since the pandemic and for Finn to meet his cousins.

Weddings

15th July at St Gregory's Minster - Emma Louise Bumby and William Thomas Fawcett. Emma and William grew up in the Kirkbymoorside area, but always had a dream to marry at St Gregory's Minster, bride and groom having long standing family connection with Kirkdale Parish. William farms at West Farm, Sleightholmedale and Emma is an agronomist

12th August at St Saviour's, Harome - Emma Lauren Mayne and Thomas Matthew Jolley. The couple live in Norton, Malton - but Emma is very much a local young woman, growing up in Harome and her grandparents, Martin and Jean, were especially associated with the Village Methodist Chapel and Emma is a teacher at Ryedale School. The couple met at University and Tom is a Specialist Sales Manager.

19th August at St Gregory's Minster, Kirkdale - Chloe Woods and John Pearson. Chloe and John are both from Leeds but have made their family home in Nawton. Chloe has been training as a teaching assistant at Nawton CP School and John works as a factory worker. The wedding was a joyous occasion with their families celebrating with them at a Wedding Reception at the Old Lodge in Malton.

Funerals

14th July at Nunnington - Mrs Margaret Gilbertson Timbrell (84) RIP, dearly beloved wife of Max, retired District Nurse, Post Mistress, Benefice Lay Reader and a dear Friend to many. Her Ashes were interred in Max's grave at Nunnington Church on 3rd August.



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In village news many of us enjoyed the Curry Lunch on Sunday 27th August cooked and served by the Aldous-Ball family of Pockley. Fabulous curry and accompaniments. This raised nearly £300 for Village Hall Funds. Hopefully this will become an annual event. Thank you so much James, Victoria and Family.

The village BBQ was held on 15th July but, disappointingly, the weather wasn't great. Cold and wet but the sausages and burgers were delicious along with the salads and desserts. Hopefully the weather will play ball next year.

Remembrance Sunday will be commemorated with a service at 11.00 a.m. starting at the War Memorial in the Cemetery. We thank all those who have been keeping the cemetery so tidy and the church grass too.

The Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz will be held on Saturday 25th November. Please book early as numbers will be limited. This a chance to enjoy a fantastic fish supper, entertaining (but competitive) Quiz and a very good raffle. All in aid of Village Hall funds. The replacement windows are nearly done, the repainting of the roof is in hand, there is the possibility of getting grant to repair the porches and just a lot of painting to be done. But we are getting there. Volunteers for outside painting jobs please!



I did a theatrical performance about puns.
It was a play on words.

FROM THE VICAR

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Michaelmas Edition of Outlook. It has been a bustling and delightful summer of weddings and baptisms, of concerts, Songs of Praise and Patronal Festivities. On August 12th Florrie Harrison celebrated her 100th birthday and received her special card from the King. Florrie is a resident of the Omega Barn Nursing Home in Beadlam, and faithfully attends the monthly Holy Communion Service that we offer on the second Tuesday of the month. Florrie is so welcoming and the joy of her faith shines brightly. On 2nd September, Bella Di Notte, famously bringing elegant Italian silk vests to Ryedale, founded by Sue Morley and in the early days run from her garage in Harome, celebrated 25 years of business; a grant from the Princes' Trust for Young Entrepreneurs provided vital finance. Bella Di Notte supports Breast Cancer Research.

In the last week of August, I had the lovely privilege of representing York Diocese at the Farewell Services for Bishop Margaret Virtue, Bishop of False Bay Diocese, Cape Town. She sends her love and prayers to the Benefice and hopes to visit us again in her retirement. The Services were held across False Bay Diocese – in Mountain Bay Archdeaconry where our beloved friend Fr Richard Martin served until recently as Archdeacon; in Stellenbosch; in Somerset West at the newly consecrated Cathedral, dedicated to All Saints and at The Church of the Holy Spirit in Bredasdorp very close to Cape Agulhas, the geographic tip of Africa and the southernmost point of Africa. It was a deeply poignant and very powerful experience to witness Bishop Margaret lay down her Bishop's Staff on the Altar. Now False Bay Diocese starts the process of electing Bishop Margaret's successor. After these services I also had the opportunity to meet with Fr Richard Dunsden, False Bay Diocesan Link Officer - my counterpart. Fr Richard Dunsden is the Rector of St Augustine's Church, Lotus River, Mountain Bay. This is a Parish I know really well and it was so lovely to reconnect with many friends and I was invited to share in the Parish's Patronal Festival (28th August), to preside and preach at their mid-week Holy Communion Service.

Now we cross the threshold into the mellow fruitfulness of Autumn and the Harvest Thanksgivings and our particular awareness of our responsibilities individually and collectively for the care of God's World and into the Season of Remembering as we mark Remembrance Sunday and All Saints and All Souls. Michaelmas, or the Feast of Michael and All Angels, is celebrated on the 29th of September every year. As it falls near the equinox, the day is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days; in England, it is one of the "quarter days". There are traditionally four "quarter days" in a year (Lady Day (25th March), Midsummer (24th June), Michaelmas (29th September) and Christmas (25th December)). They are spaced three months apart, on religious

festivals, usually close to the solstices or equinoxes. They were the four dates on which servants were hired, rents due or leases begun. It used to be said that harvest had to be completed by Michaelmas, almost like the marking of the end of the productive season and the beginning of the new cycle of farming. It was the time at which new servants were hired or land was exchanged and debts were paid. This is how it came to be for Michaelmas to be the time for electing magistrates and also the beginning of legal and university terms.

St Michael is one of the principal angelic warriors, protector against the dark of the night and the Archangel who fought against Satan and his evil angels. As Michaelmas is the time that the darker nights and colder days begin – the edge into winter – the celebration of Michaelmas is associated with encouraging protection during these dark months. It was believed that negative forces were stronger in darkness and so families would require stronger defences during the later months of the year. The Michaelmas Daisy, which flowers late in the growing season between late August and early October, provides colour and warmth to gardens at a time when the majority of flowers are coming to an end. As suggested by the saying below, the daisy is probably associated with this celebration because, as mentioned previously, St Michael is celebrated as a protector from darkness and evil, just as the daisy fights against the advancing shorter daylight hours of Autumn and Winter.

*"The Michaelmas Daisies, among dede weeds,
Bloom for St Michael's valorous deeds,*

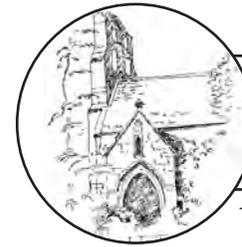
And seems the last of flowers that stood,

Till the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude." (The Feast of St. Simon and Jude is 28 October)

The act of giving a Michaelmas Daisy symbolises saying Farewell, perhaps in the same way as Michaelmas Day is seen to say farewell to the productive year and welcomes in the new cycle. It is bittersweet for me as her Training Incumbent and for all the Benefice to say Farewell to Revd Melanie. But we are so proud of her as she takes on her first Incumbency in Helmsley in this exciting and new shared Anglican and Methodist Role. We have all fallen in love with her as she made the journey from Deacon to Priest and now to her first Responsibility. We rejoiced with Melanie and Ben as they became grandparents to Alfred on Christmas Day last year and as Melanie celebrated her 50th birthday on Easter Sunday this year. Melanie has contributed so much to our life in common and to so many aspects of the Benefice witness and mission. She is a gifted priest – prayerful, caring, pastoral, hardworking, committed and with a delightfully mischievous sense of humour. Helmsley is to be wonderfully blessed and we are glad that she is our neighbour – reassuringly close. On Sunday 22nd October at 4pm there is a Benefice Service to say Farewell and Melanie will be installed at All Saints Parish Church, Helmsley on Sunday 12th November at 3pm to which everyone is invited. Please hold Melanie and her family in your prayers in this transitional time of preparation.

Blessings

Susan

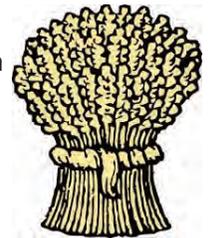


THE PARISH OF
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The Church of St John the Baptist

It had begun to feel distinctly autumnal but today we are bathed in sunshine – 29 degrees. It has given farmers and growers some much needed warmth to harvest the crops and bring in the later cuts of grass. The garden has flourished and we have been able to share our bumper crops of cucumbers and tomatoes. The swallows were preparing to leave but tonight they have been swooping round the garden. John, our much missed Parish Correspondent, always commented on the swallows and how, since the removal of many of the overhead telephone lines, that there were less swallows visiting.

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 6th October at 7.00 pm followed by seasonal refreshments in church after the service. Once again, we will be supporting the work of the Farming Community Network who provide a much needed service to farmers who are struggling, for whatever reason. Our guest preacher will be Rev'd Bill Page, who is known to most of us. We look forward to hearing his homily. We will be decorating the church during that week and any gifts of fruit or flowers for display would be most welcome. We look forward to seeing you at the service.



The recent news of Rev'd Sue's appointment as Canon of York Minster and Prebend of Bilton was received with great joy. It is a testament to her unwavering commitment to our Parish and Benefice and richly deserved. She will be installed in a service of Evensong at York Minster on Saturday 16th September.

Also we have finally received confirmation that our Curate, Rev'd Melanie Burnside will be the Interim Vicar of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale with responsibility for the Anglican and Methodist churches in that Benefice. We wish Mel every success in her new post and are delighted she is not moving far away and we will still see her. Personally Mel, I will really miss your culinary skills in cooking bacon for the many sandwiches we supplied for various events!

There is always a poster on the church noticeboard outside and on the front door to let you know about the service each week. Service times alternative between 9.30 am and 6.30 pm.

The Admission of Churchwardens service took place in June at Stokesley Parish Church which was a lovely occasion. Thank you to Stuart Outram for his continued service as our churchwarden, looking after our church and seeing all goes smoothly.

Congratulations to Revd Mel as she is to be the new Vicar of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale. We'll miss her familiar presence here and supporting Revd Sue, but fortunately we'll still be neighbours and we wish her and her family well as they move to Helmsley in the near future. Thank you for all your hard work and support for Harome and the whole Benefice Mel!



Also, many congratulations to Revd Sue as she is made a Canon and Prebendary of York Minster, an honorary title alongside her role as vicar here in the Kirkdale Benefice. A special service is to be held at York Minster on Saturday 16th September.



Coming up, the Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 15th October at 6.30pm, followed by Remembrance Sunday on November 12th and Advent services leading up to Christmas. In the next Outlook edition will have news about the Carol Service with an inaugural appearance by the newly formed Harome Ladies Choir. We look forward to welcoming you.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went,
and then it dawned on me.

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31st July at St Gregory's Minster, Kirkdale – Mrs Jean Ann Thompson (86) RIP. Jean and her beloved husband Geoff retired to Kirkbymoorside more than 20 years ago where Jean was tenderly cared for by Geoff. She enjoyed sitting by the bungalow window watching the world, and the birds go by. This characterises Jean's outlook on life, a gentle but keen observer of family and friends, happy to watch others enjoying themselves. They brought their family up in Nawton. She was a much-loved mum of Adrian, Linda, Peter and Martin, a dearly loved mother-in-law, gran and great gran and a dear friend to many, especially during her years of working at St Martin's School in Nawton. Jean and Geoff enjoyed playing bowls together in years gone by and the family are comforted that Jean's bowls set are in continued use still, having been gifted on. Geoff has suffered some ill health himself but is now on the road to recovery and we hold him and all the family in our prayers. May Jean rest in peace.

8th September at Nunnington – Mrs Maureen Margaret Bulmer (85) RIP. Maureen grew up in Helmsley and undertook her nurse training at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle, on qualifying initially working at the Adela Shaw Hospital. She met her husband Clive at a Young Farmers' Dance and the couple settled at the family farm, Riccal House, Nunnington where they brought up their family. In later years Maureen did return to nursing. Their home was known for generous hospitality and welcome. Maureen was an excellent cook and baker -famous especially for her prize-winning ginger biscuits. Maureen was a friend to many; her especially close friend was Margaret Timbrell RIP. In time Maureen and Clive retired to Wombleton where they were very active in village life and Maureen worshipped regularly at St Hilda's and enjoyed the Kirkdale Parish Services held at the Village Hall. Above all she loved her family, encouraging them all to travel and explore the world – and they did! She loved hearing about all their adventures. Maureen spent her last weeks at Birchlands Nursing Home, Haxby, where her dear friend Margaret has also been. We pray for Maureen's family. May Maureen rest in peace.

Burial of Ashes

7th August at St Gregory's Minster – Kathryn E Barrington (57) RIP. Kathryn, precious and beloved daughter of Barbara and Harold Hulse. Kathryn grew up in Wombleton and was married at St Gregory's Minster.

12th August at Pockley – Douglas Parker (69) RIP. Doug and his wife Lynn fell in love with Pockley and retired here. Sadly, Doug died in the early days of the covid pandemic. Doug's ashes were buried on his birthday.



St Saviour's Church

THE PARISH OF **Harome** October-November 2023

Over the summer is often a quieter time in the church's calendar as people take a break or holiday away and enjoy spending quality time with family and friends, whatever the weather! Here's hoping for an Indian Summer as Autumn arrives in Harome and that the harvest time has gone well.

We enjoyed a special summertime 'Spa' themed service where the emphasis was on quiet time, reflection and wellbeing, lit up by scented candles and Rachel's lovely peaceful organ playing.

It also included an interesting talk about the annual Ampleforth Pilgrimage to Lourdes and how inspiring and rewarding an experience this can be for all involved. See their website for details.

The steeple repairs are hopefully commencing in the Spring, thanks to the very kind donation we have received for this work. The inside lighting at the front and rear of the church is to be enhanced and we are exploring pew heating too. A contactless machine for making donations is to be installed soon.

We are looking at how we can encourage more families to join services, with ideas for a possible small kitchen, play area, and café style space in the future.

Any suggestions or ideas including what kind of services, activities or events you would like to see in the church and community that would welcome and bring the village together more throughout the year would be appreciated – just let Revd Sue know or put a note in the Suggestion Box in church. We'd love to hear from you.

If you'd be interested in joining the Parochial Church Council or offering some of your time to support your village church, however small or with a certain service, please have a chat with Revd Sue, as we are in need of extra help at the moment as many churches are. Sue often pops in at the monthly Monday café at the Village Hall for a coffee.

Do look at our website via "A Church near You" as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages. The 'Pray as you go' App is also worth checking out as recommended by Archbishop Stephen.

Harome News and Community Hall Calendar

Pop up Café

Our friendly Chatty Café with refreshments and homemade cakes runs on the first Monday of every month from 10.30-12 noon. Our next café is Monday 2nd October. Baby mat and toys provided for little ones. Everyone is welcome to pop along for a meet up, chat and a cuppa. £2 donation appreciated.



Regular Fitness and Wellbeing Classes

Wednesdays: Zumba Gold at 10.00 – 11.00am Pilates at 11.15 – 12.15pm, contact Anne 07899 751049

Fridays: Yoga at 9.30 – 10.30am, contact Verity 07821 588117

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Courses start week commencing 19th September. For more information and to book a place please contact Kim Paul on 01439 788215

Bookings

Enquiries for the hall welcome so if you are interested in running some classes, holding an event, or party, then please get in touch with Frances on 01439 772320 or 07722 912864.

The hall has high speed Wi Fi which is free for all hirers and their guests to use. We have a fully equipped kitchen with crockery and cutlery, good quality tables and chairs and the new play park and picnic tables, all offering a great space for special family events.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page 'What's Happening in Harome' for future events and thanks to everyone for their support with our summer activities.



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St Gregory's Minster St Hilda's Church, Beadlam

I always feel so fortunate to have ended up in this part of North Yorkshire. Having been brought up in London, I really appreciate the sense of community in our villages, where we look out for each other and you are accepted for the person that you are. In London it was more about merging into the background in public places and protecting your bubble by not interacting with those around you, and yet, on the other hand, trying to stand out as an individual.

In the Christian faith, we are accepted for who we are and it's all about community, it's a very outward looking faith, putting others above yourself, trying to notice different needs around you and reacting to them. It is of course a personal journey of coming to know God and the rewards are immense: personal peace, unconditional love, prayer being answered for others as well as yourself, and forgiveness. These are the things we experience at St. Hilda's.

We hope to run an Alpha course soon, I have done a couple of Alpha courses and I found it was a time to ask small and big questions about God, in a friendly and non-judgemental place. If you're not sure what you believe or want to go into more depth and explore the many questions that we all ask, this is the course for you. We will keep you posted as to when it will take place.

In the last couple of months, we've had a Hymns and Pimms evening which was accompanied by Adam on the organ, playing with great skill and gusto. It was lovely to hear all the different choices and what each hymn meant to that person.

Our tent was put to good use at the Ryedale Show, by several different environmental groups and an area for children's crafts and activities. We had a great spot next to the beautiful Alpacas.

Messy Church was held at the beginning of August, our theme was "Feeding the Five Thousand" the wonderful miracle of Jesus feeding 5000 people



from the gift of a young boy's 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. Although it seems fantastical, miracles still happen of this nature in today's world. It was a very happy and joyful time together and a great start to a rather soggy and cold summer holiday!

October is traditionally Harvest Festival time where we can give thanks for the bountiful harvest each year. Although we no longer have to buy only the things that are in season, we still have a real sense of the seasons and how delicate the balance of nature is. We are thankful for all the hard work of the farmers and the fruit growers and their stewardship of the countryside we all enjoy.



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Dear Reader

At the time of writing the Trustees and Friends are looking forward to St Gregory's Patronal Festival and Luncheon on Sunday 3rd September. We are also looking forward to two Churchyard Tours at St Gregory's, on Saturday 23rd September. These will be led by Harold Mytum to mark the launch of his publication in the Kirkdale Monograph Series, and will run from 1030am – 1130am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm. If you are reading this in time to take part in the tour, please be at the church porch five minutes before the start, and please consider the weather and terrain and dress accordingly! I'm afraid I must give the usual Health and Safety Disclaimer – the Trustees and JCC cannot accept responsibility/liability for personal injury/losses incurred during the walks, so do please take care!

Dr Philip Moore, one of our Patrons, is celebrating his 80th birthday this year, and to this end is joining The Ebor Singers and their director Paul Gameson for a selection of his choral music. The works include the Prayers of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the Song of the Roses, which was composed in 1986 for the quincentenary of the union of the Houses of Lancaster and York. The concert will be held in York Minster on 14th October; ticket information can be found by calling the Box Office at York Minster on 01904 557 200 or searching online on www.yorkminster.org/whats-on/>event . (Event information from York Minster.)

Last but by no means least, I am delighted to tell you that all Faculty Permissions for the Conservation Works have been granted. David Sherriff, Parish Architect, has indicated that work on the tomb-covers is likely to begin at the end of October and run into the middle of November. This is very exciting news, and I must stress how delighted the Trustees are to be included in this long-awaited process. Thanks must also go to Revd Susan, the JCC and to David Sherriff for their constant commitment to the project.

Yours sincerely

Heather Harris

Chairman of the Trustees
The Friends of St Gregory's Minster

PS: Please contact me on westlands.harris@btinternet.com or 01723 850558 to obtain a Mug (stocks are dwindling); please search online at www.kirkdalechurches.org.uk/publications for information about obtaining the Kirkdale Monographs, or pay cash in the Minster (into the wall box).

A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where Nancy Pelosi happened to appear. Ms. Pelosi took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease.

'Would you mind telling me, Doctor,' she asked, 'how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?'

'Nothing is easier,' he replied. 'You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track..'

'What sort of question?' asked Pelosi.

Well, you might ask, 'Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?'

Pelosi thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, 'You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history.'



RYEDALE TALKING MAGAZINE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Ryedale Talking Magazine is a small charity, based in Pickering and founded in 1981, which provides a free monthly magazine recorded onto CD and tape for those Ryedale and surrounding area residents who find it difficult or impossible to read. Volunteers, all very dedicated, read items which they have individually chosen as being of interest. Accordingly, there is a wide variety of topics

.....from magazine articles and stories to personal reminiscences and experiences.

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Ryedale Talking Magazine is a Registered Charity and receives no regular funding. We have been very fortunate in recent years to receive awards from The Big Lottery, District Council and Building Society. These, along with a few small donations, have permitted us to buy the up to date equipment needed for our recording.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in receiving our services we are always very willing to send out a sample CD or tape. We are also always on the look out for new readers.

For further information please contact Val Bulidon, Secretary, on 01751 476499



THE PARISH OF Nunnington October-November 2023

The Church of All Saints and St James

We are blessed with a most beautiful church and as the summer sun lights up the chancel, it reflects an uplifting sense of joy and of God's presence amongst us. As we now move towards autumnal times we look to the celebration of harvest and as a phlegmatic farmer once said, 'aye it'll be right' and true to his words, all is safely gathered in. Our harvest celebration will be, 8th October at 5pm, in the Studio Yard with a short family service and a 'bring and share' supper. Please come and join us. The funeral of Maureen Bulmer took place on Friday 8th September: Maureen has been a committed and much loved member of our community and spent many happy times with Margaret T. sharing activities, and events in the village hall (including bingo!), as well as roaming the countryside delivering the village Newsletters. Stars of a generation.

And news of: 'Church heating at Nunnington'

The Church of England has instructed that all churches should aim to be Carbon Neutral by 2030. Currently the church is heated by an Oil-Fired boiler which was installed about 30 years ago, and Chris Cook, who services it, suggests it will not last much longer, so it is an opportune moment to consider alternatives. Having discovered that there is such a person as the Diocesan Heating Advisor, he visited the church at the beginning of this year, and the first question he asked was "Do you want to heat the church or the people?" That is a no-brainer to answer, and he made several suggestions, which included an Eco bio-fuel boiler, an air to water or air to air heat pump, solar panels and heated chandeliers! However, the sixth option was under-pew heaters, which not only were the easiest to install but the most economic to purchase and run, and hopefully the most efficient. The decision was therefore not difficult, and 39 heaters are now installed, to heat 19 pews plus one for the Vicar! At the same time, we have completed our fit of padded seating, to complete the comfort and warmth of our congregation. As a Faculty was not required, gaining the approval of Archdeacon was the only necessary formality. Thanks to Alastair, our Churchwarden, who has worked tirelessly to initiate and deliver the project, with many thanks from us all.

The times they are a changin'

A Reflection by Rev'd Melanie Burnside on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
At the end of August, this announcement was made in the Kirkdale Benefice and across Helmsley and Rievaulx; "The Bishop of Whitby wishes to inform you of the appointment of the Reverend Melanie Burnside as minister for the Anglican and Methodist churches in the Helmsley Area. Her formal title will be Interim Priest in Charge of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale, and she will also be given authorization to serve the Methodist congregations of Helmsley and Rievaulx." The licensing service will be held at 3pm on Sunday 12th November in Helmsley.

a time to plant...

The world turns on its axis and the seasons come and go. When I arrived in the benefice, with the seed of my diaconal ministry freshly planted, the people here watered and nurtured it with tender loving care, prayer and joyful welcome. All this despite the remaining restrictions of the Covid pandemic and concern for each other's wellbeing in keeping apart.

...and a time to pluck up what is planted;

But now it is harvest time, a little earlier than it might have been but that's the way with a fruitful crop. The growing time depends on the conditions and I've been so blessed by the opportunities here so it is time to move on.

a time to mourn...

We've had some sad losses recently, when faithful friends and fellow disciples have been called home to God, and there have been tears.

...and a time to dance;

But they have died in the faith of Christ, and we live in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life when we will dance with them once more. I will carry with me their wisdom, faith and love to pastures new where they remain part of our communion in Christ as we are re-membered in our worship and in the Eucharist.

a time to embrace...

We have recently returned to offering a physical sign of peace to each other, and those sweet tentative hugs are a welcome opportunity to express how dearly we value our communities.

...and a time to refrain from embracing;

It's only natural to be fearful of change, but as my children leave home for new adventures it is helping me to prise open my arms and step out on my own venture with God. It is comforting to know that you are all still here, literally next door.

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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2023

During October across the Benefice there will be alternative Readings for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services chosen by the Guest Preachers and in November likewise at Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 1st October
17th Sunday after Trinity
Green

Ezekiel 18.1 -4, 25 – end
Philippians 2.1 -13
Matthew 21. 23 -22

Sunday 8th October
18th Sunday after Trinity
Green

Isaiah 5. 1 -7
Philippians 3.4b -14
Matthew 21.33 – end

Sunday 15th October
19th Sunday after Trinity
Green

Isaiah 25.1 -9
Philippians 4. 1 -9
Matthew 22.1 -14

Sunday 22nd October
20th Sunday after Trinity
Green

Isaiah 45.1 -7
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10
Matthew 22.15 -22

Sunday 29th October
Last Sunday after Trinity
Green

Leviticus 19.1-2, 15 -18
1 Thessalonians 2.1 -8
Matthew 22.34 – end

Sunday 5th November
All Souls & All Saints
White and Gold

Revelation 7.9 – end
1 John 3. 1 -3
Matthew 5.1 -12

Sunday 12th November
Remembrance Sunday
Red

Arranged Locally

Sunday 19th November
Second Sunday before Advent
Green

Zephaniah 1.7, 12 -end
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14 -30

Sunday 26th November
Christ the King
Sunday next before Advent
White

Ezekiel 34.11 -16, 20 -24
Ephesians 1. 15 -end
Matthew 25.31 - end

...and a time to speak;

There aren't words enough to say how grateful I am for all that you've done, been and offered. Thank you for your welcome, hospitality and friendship.

a time to love...

I'll carry the love that you've shown with me and please know that my love for you all is firm and enduring.

...and a time for peace.

Let's part ways with the traditional ending and 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Amen.'

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All the toilets in New York 's police stations
have been stolen.

As of now, it appears the police have nothing to go on.

United Benefice of Kirkdale, Harome, Nunnington and Pockley

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2023

Date	St. Gregory's	St. Hilda's	Wombledon	Harome	Nunnington	Pockley
1st October 17th Sunday after Trinity	4.00pm Choral Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong & refreshments Rev'd S Binks Guest Preacher Rev'd G Ransom	9.30am All Age Worship Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	6.30pm Evening Prayer Rev'd S Binks	11.00am Matins Rev'd S Binks	
8th October 18th Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Choral Eucharist Rev'd B Page	9.30am Morning Praise G Moules	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	9.30am Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	5.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service & Refreshments Rev'd S Binks @ The Coffee Shop	7.00pm * Friday 6th October Pockley Harvest Thanksgiving & Supper Rev'd S Binks
15th October 19th Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Choral Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Rev'd S Binks	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	6.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service & Refreshments Rev'd S Binks	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd B Page	
22nd October 20th Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Choral Eucharist Rev'd B Page	9.30am Morning Praise Rev'd M Hayes	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	9.30am Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd S Binks	Farewell Service for Rev'd M Burnside Rev'd S Binks
29th October Last Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Choral Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	9.30am Thanksgiving and Celebration of Caring for life Rev'd S Binks	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	6.30pm Evensong Rev'd S Binks	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd B Page	
5th November All Souls & All Saints 4th Sunday before Advent	11.00am Choral Eucharist Fr A Pritchett	9.30am All Age Worship All Age Worship Team Rev'd S Binks	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	2.00pm Reflective Service Rev'd S Binks	11.00am Matins Rev'd S Binks	
12th November Remembrance Sunday 3rd Sunday before Advent	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	10.50am Act of Remembrance & Remembrance Service Fr A Pritchett	10.15am Act of Remembrance & Remembrance Service Mrs D Barnes	10.50am Act of Remembrance & Remembrance Service Rev'd B Page	10.55am Act of Remembrance & Remembrance Service Mrs L Willshaw	10.55am Act of Remembrance & Remembrance Service Rev'd S Binks
19th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	11.00am Choral Eucharist Rev'd B Page	9.30am Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	6.30pm Evening Service Rev'd S Binks	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd S Binks	
26th November Christ the King Sunday next before Advent	11.00am Choral Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	9.30am Morning Praise	Services at Beadlam & Kirkdale	9.30am Eucharist Rev'd S Binks	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd B Page	4.00pm Eucharist Rev'd S Binks