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Hello!

It's lovely to be able to write my first article for the magazine and I would like to start with a big thank you for all your kind words, cards and gifts of welcome to Judith and me. Moving at this time is a strange experience and your care has helped to make it easier.

I suspect many of you are wondering what we are going to do now, as we move out of lockdown and with a new Vicar. It is tempting to just go back to



the way we were, but is that the best course of action?

We celebrate Easter as an event which left the world completely changed, but the disciples for a good few weeks after meeting the risen Jesus seemed to try going back, to their homes, to the fishing. Each time they meet Jesus he invites them to look for what the new things might be. Jesus invites the early disciples (and us) to become people of the resurrection.

One of the challenges of moving is deciding what to take with you, what to give away, what to take to the tip.

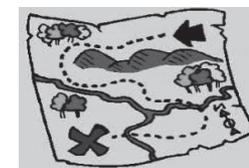
(and also asking the children do they still really want us to keep those things that they haven't yet taken to their new homes)

As stressful and challenging as lockdown has been, it does give us a chance to ask what sort of Christian Community we would like to be into the future. As a good starting point. I would like to suggest that the ideas of grace and generosity are at the heart of Father God's approach to us and should perhaps be in our approach to how we try to live our lives "open hands and hearts". It is how I ask God to make me in all that I do and say. I wonder what your prayer is?

I look forward to getting to meet you all and discovering together God's roadmap for the way on.

Every Blessing

David



From The Registers

funerals		
John George (George) Hurwood (late of Atley Hill)	2 March	Funeral at All Saints', burial at South Cowton
Vera Winifred (Winn) Wilson (late of Hatter's farm)	12 March	Funeral & burial at St Mary's, Appleton Wiske

New "Vicar"

On Thursday March 11th, our new priest in charge was licensed at a service conducted on Zoom and is now at the helm of the Wiske Benefice, which includes the Cowtons.

We are delighted that our interregnum is at an end, but very grateful to all the clergy, especially Revd. Lynn, who helped out over the last 3 years. We look forward to working with Revd David Bartlett and looking at ways to enhance mission and ministry in our parish in the future.

Easter Story Biscuits for young children

Prep. Time: 20 minutes - Total Time: 1 day

Ingredients:

110 grams of pecan nuts
5 grams vinegar
3 egg whites
1 pinch salt
200 grams sugar
large plastic bag - tape,
wooden spoon - Bible,

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 150°C

Place pecans in the plastic bag and let the children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far the ingredients are not very appetising...

Add sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the colour white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.



"It's not quite as bad as it looks – they're only withholding payment until we publish our expenses."

Fold in broken nuts.

Drop by teaspoons onto non-stick baking parchment-covered baking sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60. Put the baking sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed.

Read Matthew 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave them in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers felt despair when the tomb was sealed.

Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty.

Read Matthew 28:1-9.

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN – Danby Wiske Parish Church

It is good to announce that the new priest for The Benefice of the Wiske, The Reverend David Bartlett has been installed as Priest in charge of The Benefice. He and his wife Judith will be living in The Rectory next to St. Eloy's in Great Smeaton. It is difficult to be starting his ministry when currently we are not allowed to meet in groups, however we do hope that he and Judith will be able to meet us all soon and not just by Zoom! We hope that they will be able to settle in quickly and enjoy their time in this part of North Yorkshire despite the current restrictions. Our prayers are with them both and we wish them well and hope they have happy years with us.

This is the second year that we have not been able to meet at Easter or have any services in church. Like most people, we pray that the success of the vaccination programme continues and that this will enable us to return to normality in the near future.

I wish everybody a Happy Easter enjoyed as much as we can in present times.

Ian Pattinson, Churchwarden

EASTER, the most joyful day of the year



Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah! The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for the first Good Friday: Friday 7th April 30 AD or Friday 3rd April, 33 AD with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these two Fridays to be the most likely. Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22nd March, which last fell in 1818. The latest is 25th April, which last happened in 1943.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from *Eostre*, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month,' but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like *Eos* and *Aurora*, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So, Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

Mouse Makes
Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

SON OF GOD
Matthew 3:16-17

KING OF KINGS
Revelation 17:14

PROPHET
Luke 24:19

PRIEST
1 Timothy 2:5

ROCK
1 Corinthians 10:4

LORD
1 Corinthians 1:9

AMEN
Revelation 3:14

LIFE
John 11:25-27

MESSIAH
John 1:41

SHEPHERD
John 10:11

LIGHT
John 8:12

WORD
John 1:1-50

BREAD
John 6:35

CREATOR
1 John 1:3

CHRIST
Matthew 16:16

SAVIOUR
John 3:16-17

HOLY ONE
Mark 1:24

VINE
John 15:5

DOOR
John 10:9

THE WAY

WAY
John 14:6

LAMB
John 1:29

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Wordsearch Clues

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life.

angel	gardener	risen
betrayal	Gethsemane	soldiers
blood	Jerusalem	stone
body	Judas	temple
bread	Mary	trial
cross	nails	tomb
crucifixion	passover	vinegar
curtain	Pilate	wine

FOOD BANK

Thanks again for the donations left in East Cowton Village Hall (open Fridays 1-4pm).



Support from the Cowtons is still tremendous and gratefully received. The latest information about items required suggests the following...variety pack cereals, custard (long lasting/ tinned), tinned fruit, washing up liquid, toilet roll and cleaning spray. Always needed are: tinned carrots/mixed veg, instant potato, tinned pies, small sugar (500g), sponge puddings, creamed rice, custard, biscuits, shower gel, toothbrushes & toothpaste. As well as items of food and toiletries, Hambleton Foodshare would welcome stout carrier bags, which are used when making up the food "parcels" for recipients.

Our donations are always very welcome. If you are unable to get to the post office/village hall on a Friday afternoon, items can be dropped off anytime during the next month, at 11 Boynton Road, rather than the church, as the church is not being used regularly at present. This will ensure prompt delivery to those in need.

North & South Cowton Village Hall News

We are looking forward to activities in the Village Hall resuming in the near future.



Books and magazines are still being made available in the hall porch to provide everyone with varied reading material. Many thanks to those that have donated books, made donations to the village hall and last but not least those that have ensured the bookcases are full and organised for us all.



Exercise classes and simply singers choir have continued via zoom and hopefully can restart as soon as the hall is able to open up again.



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300 years ago, on 3rd April 1721 that Robert Walpole became the first British Prime Minister.

250 years ago, on 13th April 1771 that Richard Trevithick, British mining engineer and inventor of the first steam locomotive, was born.

125 years ago, from 6th to 15th April 1896 that the first modern Summer Olympic Games were held in Athens. The original Olympics were banned by the Roman Emperor Theodosius (I or II) in either 393 or 426 AD.

90 years ago, on 14th April 1931 that the first edition of the Highway Code was published in the UK.

80 years ago, on 12th April 1941 that Bobby Moore, British footballer, was born. He was Captain of the English team that won the 1966 World Cup and died in 1993.

70 years ago, on 17th April 1951 that the Peak District National Park was established. It was Britain's first national park.

50 years ago, on 6th April 1971 that Igor Stravinsky, Russian composer, died. He was one of the most important and influential composers of the 20th century.

40 years ago, on 11th April 1981 that the Brixton riot took place in London. 5,000 youths rampaged through the streets, attacking police officers and damaging buildings, looting shops and setting cars alight.

30 years ago, on 3rd April 1991 that Graham Greene, novelist, short story writer, playwright and journalist died. Author of *Brighton Rock*, *Our Man in Havana* and many more.

10 years ago, on 29th April 2011 that the wedding of Prince William and Catherine (Kate) Middleton took place at Westminster Abbey in London. They were given the titles the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

EAST COWTON VILLAGE HALL



Activities Activating Around About Middle of May? - at time of writing (15th March) officially organised group exercise activities will be allowed to return with restricted attendances from 17th May; so keep an eye on noticeboard and website - and of course expect to hear from the leader of your particular group nearer the time; Pilates is one of those. Continuing to operate Outreach POST OFFICE, Fridays 1pm to 4pm. MASKS please!

The FOOD BANK - access at same time as P.O. Donations keep coming every week which is great! Thank You!

Our 100 Club has been unable to operate during recent months but as noted previously, ALL the missing draws WILL be made when situation allows.

Meetings a Must - eventually. We are very aware that our very belated AGM is something that is needed as soon as circumstances are deemed to be OK for such a necessary larger style meeting. Either a MDAGM (Much Delayed AGM) or EAGM (Extraordinary AGM)? In addition, of course is the requirement to complete that move towards an improved constitution - the CIO (Charitable Incorporated Constitution).

Difficult at this moment to point towards a likely date for meeting(s) but when it happens publicity will give good advance warning

.....AND RECRUITMENT. We have a couple of villagers interested which is great - so keep arriving! A couple more to build up committee numbers to required total will help the Village Hall move onwards and hopefully upwards to a new building and a new era. Yours truly would like to see the membership grow to have a wider age spread to indicate years ahead is where it's heading! Get In Touch!

Memo: ELECTION of North Yorkshire police, fire & crime commissioner

The election postponed from 2020 is now taking place Thursday 6th May - with the Village Hall as usual acting as all day polling station. See Parish Council noticeboard for details.

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20 years ago, on 7th April 2001, NASA launched its Mars Odyssey spacecraft to search for evidence of life and volcanic activity on Mars.
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The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

On the best way to run a church council meeting

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My dear Nephew Darren,

Thank you for inviting me to speak at your church council yesterday. I began to suspect that my theme of why Eusebius's dislike of Sabellianism led to his condemnation at the Council of Antioch in 324 was a little misjudged, when the only question I was asked after my lecture was if Eusebius was on Facebook.



I never realised how much technology is needed these days just to discuss church matters. It seemed that everyone had brought their laptop, so they could refer to all the diocesan briefing documents and reports that you mentioned. I've been in the diocese 40 years and have never heard of most of those papers. But then I find it too easy to delete the diocesan mailings, unread, with a click of my mouse.

Our church meetings are far more traditional. Since the church floor seems to have been carved out of permafrost, our meetings circulate round members' houses. This introduces a nice element of competition, as each host tries to outdo the previous one in the baking of cakes. Meetings at Colonel Drinkwater's – a more inappropriate name one cannot imagine – are the shortest, since we are always promised wine once the meeting is over. It is remarkable how unanimity is achieved on every subject within minutes, and nothing appears under "any other business".

Mrs Eddington never troubles us with minutes, largely because she can rarely read the notes she takes. She just shares with us whatever she *can* decipher at our next meeting. Last month, she accidentally brought her shopping list instead, and so read that out. There followed a lively discussion on whether carrots from our local shop were better than those at the supermarket. When it was found out she intended to use them in a venison casserole,



endless recipes were keenly debated.

We always leave our church meetings well fed, up to date with village gossip, and totally untroubled by any church council business. And the lack of any minutes ensures that I can then make all the decisions myself, between meetings. I think you will find our system has much to be commended.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

...rumours that we would be giving out easter eggs are unfounded - er, there aren't any left!

Parish Pump

Church Services in the Benefice

We hope to be able to resume services in churches from Easter, but at the moment plans are uncertain. **Even if we return to the building, we will continue to offer an online service as well.** So, as well as on Zoom, we will be live-streaming our service onto Facebook and they will be available afterwards, on both Facebook and YouTube, so you can join in live, or later.



YouTube channel is “WiskeChurches”



Facebook is “Vicar of the Wiske” which if you, ‘like’ will then have links for services and other resources.

Keep watching the Website and Facebook page for the latest updates.



Anyone wishing for an invitation to a Zoom service (11am on Sunday mornings) should contact Revd David Bartlett david.bartlett@leeds.anglican.org before 5.00pm on a Saturday. Once on the contact list you will automatically receive an invitation each week. You should also find the Zoom link on our website. If you are new to Zoom, you will need to make contact beforehand and it will download when you click on the invitation link, so do this earlier.

If it is safe to open our churches before the end of April, please see next page for the services which are scheduled.

REMEMBER, THESE WILL ONLY HAPPEN IF OUR CLERGY & PCCs FEEL IT IS SAFE TO HOLD THEM.

Please check the Benefice Website, or our facebook page, before your journey.

WISKE BENEFICE WEBSITE :-
<https://www.wiskebenefice.org>



Vicar of the Wiske

WISKE BENEFICE APRIL/MAY				
1ST SUNDAY 4th April Easter Sunday	2ND SUNDAY 11th April Low Sunday	3RD SUNDAY 18th April 3rd of Easter	4TH SUNDAY 25th April 4th of Easter	1ST SUNDAY 2nd May 5th of Easter
11.00am Holy Communion (CW) GREAT SMEATON	11.00am Holy Communion (CW) DANBY WISKE	11.00am Holy Communion (CW) APPLETON WISKE	11.00am Holy Communion (CW) EAST COWTON	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) BIRKBY
118 v 14-24 Isaiah 25 v 6-9 Acts 10 v 34-43 Mark 16 v 1-8	133 Exodus 14 v 10 - end, 15 v 20-21 Acts 4 v 32-35 John 20 v 19-end	4 Zephaniah 3 v 14 - end Acts 3 v 12-19 Luke 24 v 36b-48	23 Genesis 7 v 1-5 Acts 4 v 5-12 John 10 v 11-18	22 v 25 - end Genesis 22 v 1-18 John 15 v 1-8 Acts 8 v 26-end

A singing project for Holy Week from the Royal School of Church Music

I have taken part in the recording of music for Holy Week with the Royal School of Church Music.

The services will be broadcast on the RSCM’s YouTube channel as follows: (<https://www.youtube.com/rscmcentre>) at the following times:

- Jesus’ agony, betrayal and denial – Tuesday 30th March, 18.30 BST
- Jesus’ trial and crucifixion – Wednesday 31st March, 18.30 BST
- Jesus’ death and burial – Friday 2nd April, 18.30 BST
- Jesus’ resurrection – Sunday 4th April, 18.30 BST

The service booklet is available on the RSCM website

<https://www.rscm.org.uk/start-learning/holy-week-2021/>

Pauline Oldershaw



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Chelsea Flower Show moves to the autumn

For the first time ever in its 108-year history, Chelsea Flower Show will not be held in the Spring, but in the Autumn.

The 2021 Chelsea Flower Show will now take place from 21st to 26th September. The Royal Horticultural Society, the show organisers, will still hold it at the Royal Hospital in Chelsea.

The hope is that by September, millions more people will be vaccinated, so that mass outdoor events will be able to happen safely. 140,000 people are predicted to attend this year's Chelsea, over the six days.

Sue Biggs, RHS director general, says: "We believe many designers and nurseries will look forward to working with different plants that would not be available or at their best in May. We will do our utmost to deliver a beautiful, uplifting and different RHS Chelsea safely in September 2021."

**The Deadline for the May Magazine is
15 April**