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Great Smeaton, Appleton Wiske, Danby Wiske,

Birkby, East Cowton and North Cowton

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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.

As well as on Zoom, we will be live streaming services onto Facebook and they will be available on Facebook and YouTube, so you can join in live or later.

The YouTube channel is “WiskeChurches”

And 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.

If we are having services in the churches, the plan would be:

Sunday 4 th April	Great Smeaton.
Sunday 11 th April	Danby Wiske.
Sunday 18 th April	Appleton Wiske.
Sunday 25 th April	East Cowton.

All at 11.00am

David Bartlett

“There needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a new normal, something that links to the old, but is different and more beautiful. We must dream it, build it, make it, grasp it, because it is the gift of God and the call of God.” Justin Welby.

Pastoral Letter from David Bartlett

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.

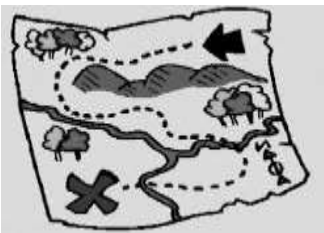
I suspect many of you are wondering what we are going to do now, as we move out of lockdown and with a new Vicar. It is tempting to just go back to the way we were, but is that the best course of action?

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 9th – 15th MAY 2021

Christian Aid is a charity who works with 700 local organisations around 50 countries in the world. They help poor communities and enable them to deal with hardships, from climate change and the possible threat of natural disasters. Alongside this, Christian Aid also helps with the education, sanitation, health, and reconciliation of certain communities. Following your generosity last year we are going to use the same pattern for this year. An envelope will be delivered to your door. Please read the information about your nearest collection point, or the Post Office for your donation - Thank you!

There is a Jewish proverb which says, “Before every person there marches an angel proclaiming, ‘Behold, the image of God.’”

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

I like the story of the vestry noticeboard of a church in Hampshire: after a Holy Week performance of Stainer’s ‘Crucifixion’, the choirmaster wrote: “‘The Crucifixion’ – well done, everyone!” Later that day, someone had added, ‘The Resurrection – well done, God!’

For the two disciples treading the road to Emmaus, there was no such sense of victory and celebration. Their minds and hearts were numb with the sense of loss and failure. They had seen their Lord tried and crucified. As Luke recounts that walk in his Gospel, he shows how it began with absence and loss, but journeyed to presence. It was a road that took the disciples from blindness and despair to sight and insight. They talked over past events with the stranger who joined them, and Luke uses ten different Greek words to describe that conversation – all stages in their understanding. And when they share a meal with the stranger, who becomes the host, taking the bread and giving thanks, then the understanding becomes vision and insight.

In many ways the Gospel story in Luke is of an ordinary encounter between travellers and a stranger. But it is made extraordinary by the transforming power of the risen Lord, talking with the disciples in the open air and then going inside for a meal. However, the doors are not shut to us.

(parishpump)

Lessons of Lockdown

This past year may have altered your perspective on life. Some of the following statements may be worth thinking about....

- Life is precarious
- A nurse is worth more than a professional footballer
- Spare time isn't a waste of time
- A smile is precious
- Being alone isn't the same as loneliness
- Hard work doesn't guarantee employment
- I'm spending more on food & drink and less on church & charity
- Silence opens us to creative ideas
- Social media are a mixed blessing
- Shopping needn't be addictive
- Driving less and walking more is good for humanity
- Isolation teaches us we need each other to generate energy
- Getting back to 'normal' isn't God's plan for the human race
- When everything else is shut, God is open. *(parishpump)*

Why don't you make your own list of the blessings you have? Here's some to think about to start you off:

Friends, family, love, rain, flowers, prayer, life, nature, pets.....



Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. – *Anon*

The hurrier I go, the behinder I get! – *Anon*

The nice thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs! - *Anon*

FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN – Danby Wiske

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, Church Warden

AN UPDATE FROM THE ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE

The Anti-Racism taskforce was created by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in the autumn of 2020 with the taskforce being announced in October. The work of Racial Justice is a task for the whole church and our work has been guided by the belief and understanding that our work is carried as a joint venture for all the people of God and not only as a concern of Minority Ethnic Anglicans. As a taskforce, we understand that racism is a sin. In seeking to address the sin of racism in our church we do so seeking to follow a biblical imperative which we share with all followers of Christ. Our work is not a battle in a culture war but rather a call to arms against the evil and pernicious sin of racism. Our mandate flows not from identity politics but from our identity in Christ. This is our primary identity and it is in the character and being of Christ that we find the reason and motivation to combat racism. Where racism is found, it must be challenged. Whether masked in our behaviours, whispered in our pews, institutionalised in our systems or paraded on our streets, the Church as the body of Christ is called to oppose those actions which cause others to be treated as less than fully human and to dismantle those practices which prevent the full flourishing of all of God's people.

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www.wiskebenefice.org (all Anvil adverts are now also on this website)

APPLETON WISKE

The Village Shop is taking food orders, offering free delivery to your door and a medicine collection service. Contact Jackie on 07823 333075.

Ian at the Lord Nelson is offering a takeaway service from 6-8.00pm for Fri & Sat evenings and Sunday lunches, please ring 881351 to order.

DIARY DATES

1st April Maundy Thursday

2nd April Good Friday

4th April Easter Day

HOLY WEEK

For Services in the Benefice during Holy Week, please see the Social media and Noticeboards for full details. Details from Angela Carlin as and when services resume.

METHODIST SERVICES IN APRIL, APPLETON WISKE

Services start at slightly earlier time of **10.15am**, for approx. 30mins. Face coverings are mandatory, as is social distancing. Chapel will be well ventilated. For ease of seating with social distancing, it would be helpful if you could let us know if you intend coming along to a service.

Thank you. Karen Portsmouth 07890 478533 (serving as lead steward)

Sunday services 10.15-10.45am will continue as normal. Please let Karen know if you intend coming.

April 1st Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Arthur Harbottle

April 2nd Good Friday 9.30am

April 4th Easter Sunday 10.15am Michael and Rowena Webster

April 11th Sunday 10.15am Arthur Harbottle

April 18th Sunday 10.15am

April 25th Sunday 10.15am Arthur Harbottle

Toddlers support groups: Small, fixed groups only.

Tuesday support group is full.

Thursday support group has some availability - please contact Karen

When we take least notice of our good deeds ourselves, God takes most notice of them. – *Matthew Henry*

'CHALLENGE TO THE SOUL' OF THE CHURCH

The Archbishop of Canterbury has warned of the 'challenge to the soul' of the Church of England posed by a landmark report calling on the Church to lead by example in solving the housing crisis.

The Archbishops' Commission Report *Coming Home* presented a 'profound challenge' to the Church of England along with other groups, including the Government and developers, to tackle the housing crisis. Speaking at an informal online gathering of the General Synod, the Archbishop outlined the seriousness of the crisis, saying that an estimated eight million people are living in unaffordable, sub-standard or overcrowded accommodation. This report is a radical, theologically profound challenge to Government, individual builders, developers, individuals and the Church of England in all its different forms.

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Richard of Chichester

The Way

Come, still your hearts, let troubles go, for you believe in Me,
And I am with you, I will show
The way ahead of thee.
My Father's house has many rooms
You know my words are so!

My Spirit and my Word illumines
The way that you shall go.
I am the Way, the Truth, the Life
Believe and you shall see
The way through tempest and through strife
To My eternity.

By Nigel Beeton

Christian Fellowship at Great Smeaton

There is no Christian Fellowship in Great Smeaton at the moment but it will resume again as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please contact Anne Golding on 881 185 or Mary Elliott on 881 411 for more information.

Our first ever National Park

Seventy years ago, on 17th April 1951, the Peak District National Park was established. It was Britain's first national park, and it was formed partly as a result of a mass trespass on Kinder Scout – the highest point of the park – just under 20 years earlier, which helped gain open access to moorland that had previously been in private hands and closed to walkers. The precise effect and extent of the trespass, in which Young Communists were prominent, is still widely disputed by rambling associations.

The Peak District is mostly in Derbyshire, but includes parts of Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Staffordshire and Yorkshire. It is usually split into the higher Dark Peak and the gentler White Peak, in the centre and south of the district. Altogether it covers 555 square miles: it is reckoned that 20 million people live within an hour's journey of it.

It contains only one town – Bakewell – but several others, such as Buxton, are on the fringes. It is now the fifth largest of the 13 national parks in England and Wales. The land within it is a mixture of public and private ownership, and there are many planning restrictions imposed by the national park authority to prevent inappropriate development.

MAY 2021 – ANVIL All articles, dates etc by 15th of preceding month to Sarah Hurhangee, Kirroughtree, Hornby Road, Appleton Wiske, DL6 2AF, 01609 881680, e-mail: sarah.hurhangee@gmail.com

Benefice of the Wiske - From the Registers 2021:

The Funeral and Burial of Vera Winifred “Winn” Wilson late of Hatters Hall Farm in St Mary’s, Appleton Wiske 12th March 2021.

John George (George) Hurwood - (late of Atley Hill) - funeral service - 2 March - in All Saints' - burial at South Cowton.

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

Word Search:
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I ate a kid's meal at McDonald's today. His mum got really angry.

NEWS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

New bishop for the environment appointed by Archbishop of Canterbury

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, is to lead the Church of England's Environment Programme with a charge to lead bold, deliberate, collaborative action across the Church to tackle the grave existential crises of climate change and biodiversity loss. Bishop Graham will work with the Mission and Public Affairs department of the Church of England, continuing the commitment to net-zero carbon impacts across the Church of England by 2030 set by General Synod in February 2020.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "This will be a key year for the UK's approach to climate change internationally." In June, the UK will host the G7. In November, Glasgow will host COP26. The Environment Bill will be coming to Parliament. "Now is the time for bold, deliberate, collaborative action."

Bishop Graham said: "Responding to the climate and biodiversity crises is not a luxury in the ministry of the Church, but an urgent imperative for our mission." Churches are being encouraged to raise their voice to speak up about the need to tackle climate change across the whole of society through the Climate Sunday initiative, starting by holding their own climate focused service.

I arise today
Through the strength of heaven:
Light of sun,
Radiance of moon,
Splendour of fire,
Speed of lightening,
Swiftiness of wind,
Depth of sea,
Stability of earth,
Firmness of rock.

St. Patrick's Breastplate prayer

125 years ago, from 6th to 15th April 1896 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.

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



*Ryan was delighted with the cloak, but
not so sure about the face mask*

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. – *Martin Luther.*

Psalm	118 v 14-24	133	4	23
Old Testament	Isaiah 25 v 6-9	Exod 14 v 10-end, 15 v20-21	Zephaniah 3 v 14-end	Genesis 7 v 1-5 etc
Epistle	Acts 10 v 34-43	Acts 4 v 32-35	Acts 3 v 12-19	Acts 4 v 5-12
Gospel	Mark 16 v 1-8	John 20 v 19-end	Luke 24 v 36b-48	John 10 v 11-18

