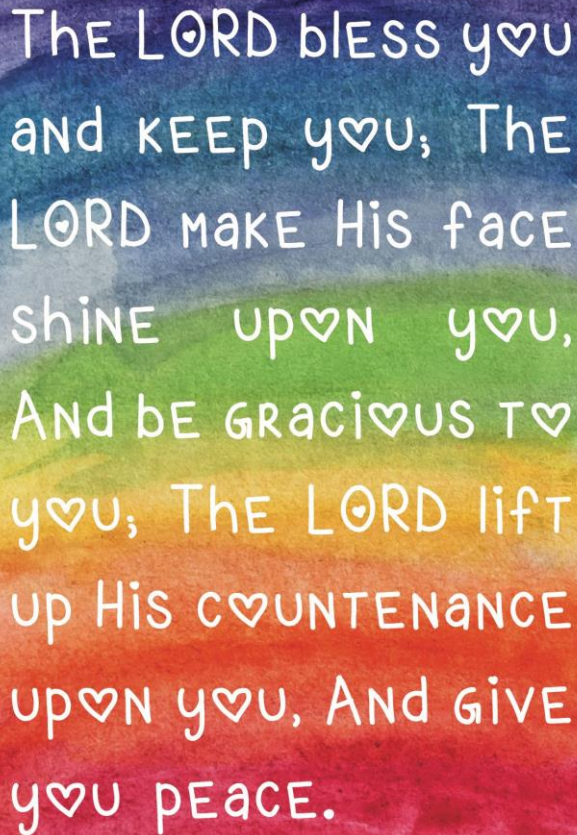


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***Magazine for The Benefice of The Wiske***

*Great Smeaton, Appleton Wiske, Danby Wiske,  
Birkby, East Cowton and North Cowton*

*JULY & AUGUST 2020*



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and KEEP you; The  
LORD make His face  
shine upoN you,  
And be GRACIoUS TO  
you; The LORD lift  
up His coUNTENANCE  
upoN you, And GIVE  
you PEACE.



## JULY/AUGUST CHURCH ROTAS

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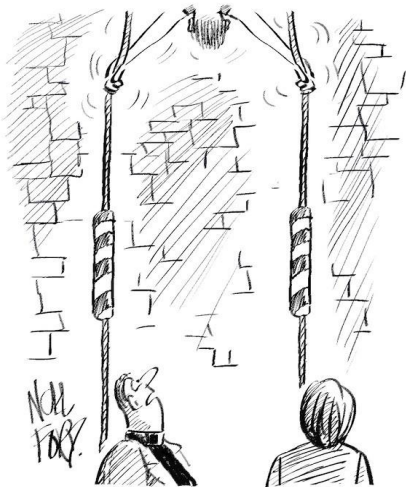
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No official vicar during the interregnum, but Revd. Lynn has kindly offered to continue to offer advice on baptisms, weddings & funerals. This advice will be updated regularly.  
For all other enquiries, please contact your churchwarden.



*Eric took social distancing  
while bell ringing very seriously.*

DEEP PEACE OF THE RUNNING  
WAVES TO YOU.  
DEEP PEACE OF THE FLOWING  
AIR TO YOU.  
DEEP PEACE OF THE QUIET  
EARTH TO YOU.  
DEEP PEACE OF THE SHINING  
STARS TO YOU.  
DEEP PEACE OF THE SON OF  
PEACE TO YOU.  
A Celtic Prayer.

**Christian Fellowship at Great  
Smeaton and Bible Study at East  
Cowton: BOTH OF THESE MEETINGS  
ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE.**

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

Sybil Phillips (late of East Cowton & past organist at North Cowton)– died 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Kate Wood (East Cowton)– died 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Kate's funeral was on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

## Pastoral Letter – July 2020 Revd. Lynn Thorius

‘These have been strange and unsettling times, where much of what brought us comfort and security has been disturbed and disrupted. But whilst this is new for many of us, it is not new for the people of God. The creation narratives in Genesis speak of order being brought out of chaos. The Exodus has a people’s settled world being ruptured and them being driven out of the familiar into the strangeness of a desert where they had to lose before they could gain – to lament the loss of a world before being in a position to re-orientate towards a different future in a different place. Later the people are exiled not once but twice from the land of promise, take time to live with their loss, learning to settle in a strange land and then, generations later, having to leave again. They return ‘home’, but discover that home is no longer what they remembered.’

Rt Rev Bishop Nick Baines.

I am writing this on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 on the day when churches may open if they are ready and safe. There are many precautions to be put in place before they can open and indeed some churches may not open because they are unable to meet the safety regulations. So, as the country begins to emerge from lockdown, we need to remember that many of the measures brought in could be with us for some time. It would be unrealistic and dangerous to expect an overnight return to normal.

I have seen many a positive outcome of the lockdown. The ingenuity and continuing effort from people in our communities. People have been diligent about contacting neighbours to check on their health and how are they coping. Shopping, collecting prescriptions and so much more.

Where do we go from here? How can we build on this increased sense of connection and how can we maintain it? That is the challenge ahead.

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**No public services to held in churches at the present time, but Revd Lynn Thorius has set up Zoom sessions at 10am on Sundays for those who wish to join us for a simple communion service, lasting about 30 minutes.**

Please contact Revd Lynn for an invitation. [lynnthorius12@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnthorius12@btinternet.com)

**Or Join the session direct: (be sure to log in in good time).**

**Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4969969066?pwd=a2JmeEV1NVJRcWJTbCtEemJrQ0VSZz09>

Meeting ID: 496 996 9066 Password: 4bZ90p

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## **WHAT IS THE NEW NORMAL??**

These have been long and difficult days during lock down but there has been one bonus.....time to think about change and the future. What will be the future for the Anvil magazine?

The Anvil team has endeavoured to send e copies each month to as many as possible. The editor has posted the Anvil on the benefice web site, including the adverts, for an even wider readership.

We need information from all villages from Streetlam to Appleton Wiske and all in between. Each church will need some hard copies for visitors, new residents etc and some of you may prefer to have a hard copy. Please let your usual “postman” know your wishes/ email address etc.

We should be in a position to help the environment more, by printing about a third of the last number of magazines which was way back in March! Looking forward to hearing your views.

Anne Golding ( on behalf of the Anvil team )

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## **THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK**

Bishop Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell will be confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York at 11am on Thursday 9 July 2020, in a service broadcast entirely via video conference due to the Coronavirus restrictions. As Presiding Judge, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, has granted permission for the virtual service to take place.

The service, which had been due to take place in York Minster, will be in two parts: a legal ceremony with readings, prayers and music; and a film marking the start of Bishop Stephen’s ministry as Archbishop of York.

The service will include music from York Minster Choir and Manor Church of England Academy School (York). Young people from across the North of England, will read a letter written by the medieval religious scholar Alcuin of York. Bishop Stephen will offer his first address as Archbishop of York.

The Confirmation of Election is the formal legal process that completes the appointment of senior bishops. Prior to the confirmation, the College of Canons of York Minster will have elected the Archbishop Designate as the Queen’s nominee for the post.

## God's Acre

I like that ancient Saxon phrase, which calls  
The burial-ground God's-Acre! It is just;  
It consecrates each grave within its walls,  
And breathes a benison o'er the sleeping dust.  
God's-Acre! Yes, that blessed name imparts  
Comfort to those, who in the grave have sown  
The seed that they had garnered in their hearts,  
Their bread of life, alas! no more their own.  
Into its furrows shall we all be cast,  
In the sure faith, that we shall rise again  
At the great harvest, when the archangel's blast  
Shall winnow, like a fan, the chaff and grain.  
Then shall the good stand in immortal bloom,  
In the fair gardens of that second birth;  
And each bright blossom mingle its perfume  
With that of flowers, which never bloomed on earth.  
With thy rude ploughshare, Death, turn up the sod,  
And spread the furrow for the seed we sow;  
This is the field and Acre of our God,  
This is the place where human harvests grow!

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1866

### METHODIST SERVICES IN JULY & AUGUST APPLETON WISKE

Services are currently cancelled until further notice,  
thank you.

For general guidance and resources for the  
coronavirus pandemic please

see [www.methodist.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.methodist.org.uk/coronavirus)

### SEPTEMBER 2020 – ANVIL -

All articles, dates etc by Friday  
14<sup>th</sup> August to Sarah Hurhangee,  
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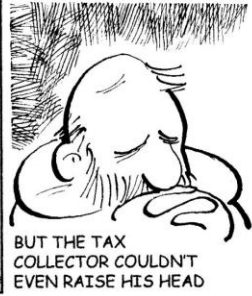
Some names of  
the Holy Spirit  
Pure Gift of God;  
Indwelling  
Presence;  
Promise of the  
Father;  
Life of Jesus;  
Pledge and  
Guarantee;  
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Homing Device;  
Stable Witness;  
Peacemaker;  
Always Ready;  
Awareness;  
Compassionate  
Observer;  
God Compass;  
Inner Breath;  
Mutual Yearning;  
Hidden Love of  
God;  
Implanted Hope;  
Fire of Life and  
Love;  
Truth Speaker;  
Flowing Stream;  
Wind of Change;  
Descending Dove;  
Cloud of  
Unknowing;  
Holy Healing;  
Will of God;  
Filled Emptiness;  
Deepest Level of  
Our Longing.

Richard Rohr

The  
Tale of the  
**TWO MEN  
SAYING  
THEIR  
PRAYERS**



THE OTHER WAS A TAX  
COLLECTOR. (NOT A POPULAR  
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## News in the Villages

ALL EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES DUE TO BE HELD IN **JULY & AUGUST** HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS. PLEASE DO CHECK THE BENEFICE WEBSITE FOR ANY UPDATES:  
[www.wiskebenefice.org](http://www.wiskebenefice.org) (all Anvil adverts are now also on this website)

### APPLETON WISKE

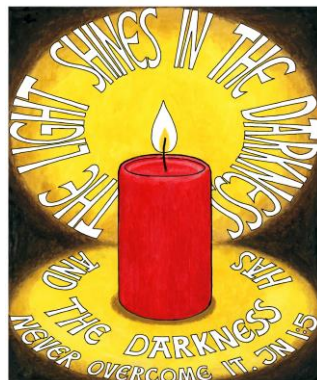
**The Village Shop is taking food orders, offering free delivery to your door and a medicine collection service. Contact Jackie on 07823 333075.**

**Ian at the Lord Nelson is offering a 'meals on wheels service' for Fri & Sat evenings and Sunday lunches, please ring 881351 to order.**

### **"St Mary's is open; the daylight is shining in once again".**

It was a highly emotional time when we found out that we had fulfilled all the necessary regulations in order for St. Mary's church to once again be open for you all to visit if you so wish. It may not look quite the same, but the love that has gone into this fills me full of joy. We hope you too will find peace and healing after what has been an almost out of this world experience.

Love to you all,  
Angela,  
Churchwarden.



**St. Mary's News:** On 7<sup>th</sup> May, Environment Sunday, we carried out a wildlife survey in our churchyard. This provided a great starting point for future plans and projects including: a wildflower area, insect/bee hotels and replanting of bluebells by the gate. These are part of a wider project to review our environmental credentials with the aim of applying for a Bronze Eco-church award. This is run through an International charity. A Rocha UK (ARUK) is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to mobilising Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. There are a growing number of ecumenical charities and programmes including Eco-Congregation and Green Christian.

There is a free online survey and supporting resources are designed to equip your church to express your care for God's world in your worship and teaching; in how you look after your buildings and land; in how you engage with your local community and in global campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of your congregation.

The actions you take will count towards an Eco Church Award at Bronze, Silver or Gold level. Complete the Eco Survey to gauge where your church currently is in

relation to the three different levels; you may find you already qualify for an Eco Church Award!

Our vision is for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully. Go to <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> for more information.

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Following the recent repair work that has been carried out on St. Mary's porch a fascinating discovery about the old board has been made by Dan:

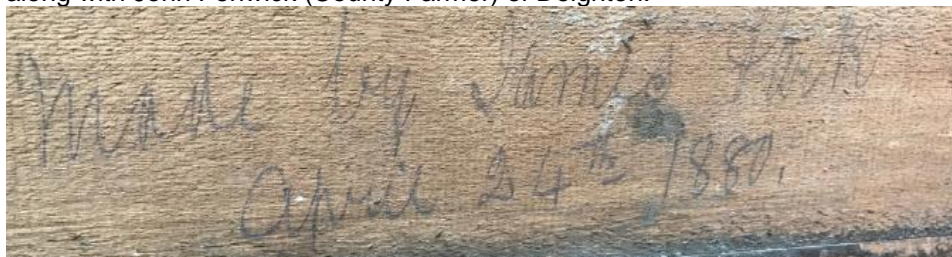
### **Fire wood to history!**

James Park (Joiner) made this notice board in 1880 when he was 69 years old. He has signed and dated his work on the rear panel.

He was born in Croft in 1811, died on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 1889 aged 78 and is buried in St Mary's churchyard next to his wife Ursula who died when she was just 34 years old. Also, his son James Davison Park who died at just 16 years old. James lived on Front Street at number 11.



James was a Joiner as was his father John Park. John Park was one of the initial trustees of the 'Mechanics Institute' of Appleton Wiske – now 'The Reading Rooms' along with John Fenwick (County Farmer) of Deighton.



Dan Darcy

### **GREAT SMEATON**

#### **'Marathon in a Month'**

**for**

**RANCHHOD HOSPICE, KABWE, ZAMBIA**

The June coffee morning in Great Smeaton normally raises funds for the Ranchhod Community Hospice - last year together, we raised £500. Unfortunately, the event cannot take place this year but Ranchhod still needs funds. So instead, in June, I will be walking a **'MARATHON in a MONTH'** (26 miles in 26 days) for Ranchhod and would be most grateful for any sponsorship or donations for the hospice.

You can either drop money through my door or in a box at Appleton Wiske Post Office or give me a call for bank details.

Thank you, Catherine Cadogan. 6 Church Garth / 01609 881394



## **GREAT SMEATON AND HORNBY WANT TO SAY THANKYOU**

Over the last three months there have been many acts of kindness in the village, all of which have helped make this difficult time more bearable;

The 'Tugs Team' who have refreshed the tubs and planters with some beautiful and cheerful geraniums;

All who supplied plants to the 'plant swop' scheme and donated to the 'Tugs Fund';

All who contributed to the making of scrubs, laundry bags and face coverings;

All who organised communal deliveries, helped with shopping or gardening or picked up litter on their daily walks;

Those keeping the village hall clean and aired;

Those keeping the churchyard in good order;

Everyone who has kept in touch with friends and neighbours via Facebook, a phone call or a socially distanced chat across a fence;

To Dave for all the village link emails which have kept us all in touch with news and events from near and far;

To all residents of Great Smeaton and Hornby who have shown such a wonderful community spirit.

many, many thanks.

Pat Abbott on behalf of everyone



## **NEWS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT**

**The Diocese suggests 10 pledges and each month one will be included: [www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/what-can-i-do](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/what-can-i-do)**

**PLEDGE SIX:** I pledge to work out my own carbon footprint using one of the many easy to use carbon calculators e.g. [www.climatestewards.org](http://www.climatestewards.org).

### **Could the coronavirus crisis finally finish off coal?**

The coronavirus crisis has changed the way we use energy, at least for now. But could the global pandemic finally finish off coal, the most polluting of all fossil fuels? The Covid-19 crisis has been an extraordinary and terrifying time for us all, but locking hundreds of millions of us down in our homes around the world has led to an unprecedented fall in energy demand, including for electricity.

Britain's electricity grid will not have burnt any coal for 60 days - as of midnight on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. That is by far the longest period since the Industrial Revolution began more than 200 years ago.

In the US, more energy was consumed from renewables than from coal for the first time ever this year, despite President Donald Trump's efforts to support the industry.

The trend was underway even before the coronavirus pandemic. Last year saw the largest fall in coal-powered electricity production on record worldwide.

(Justin Rowlett, Chief environment correspondent [bbc.co.uk/news/environment](http://bbc.co.uk/news/environment))

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### **Buttercups – treasure in our countryside**

Buttercup! What a delicious name! Rumour has it that, as they were frequently to be found in meadows where cows grazed, they were responsible for butter's yellow colouring. So, the name was an obvious choice.

However, since buttercups are poisonous and therefore are avoided as far as possible by our four-footed friends, this is somewhat unlikely. But surely, we all remember having a buttercup held under our chin to see whether the reflection proved that we liked butter! The shiny surface of the petals actually has two real purposes. Firstly, to help attract insects and secondly to act as a kind of mirror to aid the temperature regulation of the plant's reproductive organs.

Luckily the poison is reduced as the plant dries, and hay that includes buttercups is safe for cows and horses to eat.

Buttercups help form the traditional view of the British countryside. Differing varieties range in height from small to quite tall and although at their peak in early summer, the golden blooms can often still be seen in mid-autumn. Jan Struther, who wrote 'Lord of all hopefulness' also wrote a children's hymn entitled 'Treasure' It starts:

*Daisies are our silver, buttercups our gold;  
This is all the treasure we can have or hold.*



## **WHO ARE WE?**

In recent weeks the acronym BAME has been used extensively in the media, by government organisations and public bodies. It stands for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic, and is used to describe all ethnic groups with the exception of white people. It excludes White ethnic minorities such as Gypsy, Roma and Traveller of Irish Heritage groups (civilservice.blog.uk.2019). Over the last few years there have been repeated calls for this acronym to be dropped as being unrepresentative. An individual who identifies as mixed-race also falls under the BAME category, and it is often incorrectly assumed that BAME only refers to Black and Asian people. The most recent census in 2011 shows that there are 7.6 million people living in England from BAME backgrounds. Amid the coronavirus pandemic, it has been revealed that people from a BAME background are twice as likely to die of the virus than White British people are. BAME people account for 15.5 percent of the population of England, according to 2016 population figures. The death of African-American George Floyd, 46, who was killed after a white police officer knelt on his neck for just under nine minutes, has finally made the world realise that enough is enough and the systemic structures that support hundreds of years of oppression must change. Protests have taken place in countries worldwide as a result. This week on BBC breakfast, a teenager who would fall under the BAME label, said,

**“This is not about what it means to be British, this is about what it means to be human”.**

The archbishop of York has said he would join protests over the death of George Floyd but condemned any use of violence. “People sometimes think that because you’ve got the power and the authority, you can abuse that authority. Martin Luther King said violence causes as many problems as it solves ... darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that; hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.” he said.

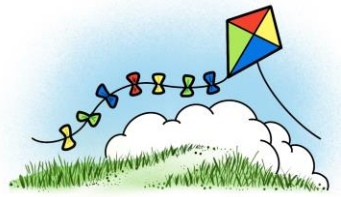
Later, on Tuesday, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said white Christians should “repent of our own prejudices, and do the urgent work of becoming better allies to our brothers and sisters of colour”.

He added, “Centuries-old racism and white supremacy are a root cause of the suffering of black and minority ethnic communities here, in the USA and around the world. We must pray and work together for a new and more just society.”

(theguardian/news.co.uk)

## **The Christian Aid statement in response to ‘Black Lives Matter**

“Our mission is rooted in the belief that every human is made in the image of God and has innate dignity. This belief has been at the foundation of our commitment to tackling poverty and injustice throughout our 75-year history. As a movement motivated by our faith to work tirelessly for dignity, equality and justice for the most marginalised groups in the world, we are outraged that globally, when it comes to climate change, crippling debt or lack of healthcare provision, black and brown people are consistently left at the bottom of the pile”.



***WHAT IF 2020 ISN'T CANCELLED?***

***WHAT IF 2020 IS THE YEAR WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR?***

***A YEAR SO UNCOMFORTABLE, SO PAINFUL, SO SCARY, SO RAW -  
THAT IT FINALLY FORCES US TO GROW.***

***A YEAR THAT SCREAMS SO LOUD, FINALLY AWAKENING US FROM OUR  
SLUMBER.***

***A YEAR WE FINALLY ACCEPT THE NEED FOR CHANGE.***

***DECLARE CHANGE. WORK FOR CHANGE. BECOME THE CHANGE.***

***A YEAR WE FINALLY BAND TOGETHER, INSTEAD OF  
PUSHING EACH OTHER FURTHER APART.***

***2020 ISN'T CANCELLED,***

***BUT RATHER THE MOST IMPORTANT YEAR OF THEM ALL.***

***Leslie Dwight***

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***"We pray for those in positions of power. We call on them, as public servants,  
to work with all of good faith to build the world we seek. ...There can be no  
peace without justice; no love without trust; and no unity without equality.  
We pray for the courage and steadfastness that will be needed as we uphold  
our testimony of equality, justice, peace, sustainability and truth.  
For us, prayer is inseparable from action."***

***—Quaker Yearly Meeting 2017***

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***And finally .....***

***A coincidence is when God performs a miracle and decides to remain  
anonymous. — Anon***

***Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, and nudge me when I've said enough!  
— Anon.***

***I need to practice social-distancing — from my refrigerator.***