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# THE POCKLINGTON GROUP OF PARISHES

## The Combined Benefices of Pocklington Wold and Londesborough Wold Ministry Team

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**Vicar-vacancy** - with welcome assistance from the following retired clergy who have the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate (PTO)

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## Members of the Pocklington Parochial Church Council:

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## Pocklington Group of Churches Pastoral Team

**The Pastoral Team** is available to visit the bereaved, those who are ill, the housebound, or anyone who would like someone to talk to. This is an important part of the Church's ministry and mission but we can only visit those we know about. So if you, or anyone you know, would welcome a visit from a member of the church family, please contact us and we will arrange for a member of the Pastoral Team to visit.

### Church Wardens:

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## **Coronavirus Notice**

Following the announcement on March 17<sup>th</sup> by the Archbishops of the Church of England, public worship will cease with immediate effect until further notice.

**All Saints Church will be open each day between 9am and 3pm for private prayer and reflection.**

If you wish to speak to someone about urgent matters or have any questions, please contact the Church office.

Email: [office@allsaintspock.plus.com](mailto:office@allsaintspock.plus.com)

or please leave a message on 01759 306045

**For the latest information please visit our Website**

[www.pocklingtongroupofchurches.org/](http://www.pocklingtongroupofchurches.org/)

**Church of England Information**

[www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus](http://www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus)

**All Regular Public Church Services across the Group are cancelled until further notice**

## **Strange times** by Rodney Nicholson

So we enter a time like never before. Superficially I might relish a mainly blank diary, currently showing only two funerals and a meeting with a wedding couple. The mobile phone alarm won't need setting for an early Sunday morning Communion, although it remains set on weekdays as Caroline holds daily 8.30am prayers at Market Weighton for the ministry team. There are no sermons to prepare, although there are some articles or reflections to write. Time is, therefore, available for reading, clearing papers in the study and walking in the country. Some people may catch up on gardening or long-postponed jobs, but since our garden is small and all repairs in the home done for us by the Church of England housing department, we have little to do there.

That said, I view the next few weeks with sadness. Sunday services, especially in the run-up to Easter, are the central part of my week, as are meetings with others. For those living alone this period could be very lonely, although there are ways of feeling part of the Church. All Saints, for example, is open between 9am and 3pm for private prayer and reflection.

The outbreak certainly puts things into perspective. There's little talk of Brexit today, and those who celebrated Britain's departure from the EU on January 31<sup>st</sup>, in some cases with a party, have weightier things on their mind now. Illness and death matter much more than supposed British sovereignty.

Thoughts have turned to the Derbyshire village of Eyam, which was infected by the bubonic plague in 1665, apparently through flies entering on a piece of cloth. The then new vicar, William Mompesson, persuaded the community to isolate themselves to avoid the disease spreading to Manchester and Sheffield and beyond. Residents left money for food in six holes drilled in the ground outside the village, where supplies were left. Over a quarter of the village's population of 1,000 died but the plague was contained.

Acts of kindness have been carried out across the country, with volunteers struggling to keep food banks open and people keeping an eye on vulnerable neighbours. Many businesses will suffer significant financial loss, among them food outlets, travel agents and airlines, though the reduction in air travel benefits the environment. Venice is the cleanest it has been for sixty years, with dolphins spotted in southern Italy swimming in clearer water. Maybe some business conferences can continue to be held on line when life returns to normal.

We also see a less attractive attitude in the panic buying, which a psychologist on television attributes to survival instinct. Buying large quantities is usually selfish, however, ignoring the needs of others. It shows lack of trust that there will be enough for all. I have heard that the hour reserved in supermarkets for the elderly is a time to avoid – it's heaving!

So as we enter Passiontide and Easter, let us wait expectantly upon the Lord. Tony and Pam Burdon are helpfully providing resources to help to keep prayer and faith alive, as is the Church of England centrally. The loneliness of Christ at Calvary may mean more to us this year than ever before. But we have the glorious Easter hope of resurrection. Jesus lives.

**Yours in Christ, Rodney Nicholson**

## Prayer during the vacancy

Sadly during this difficult time we are no longer able to meet together to pray. This has been such a special time together for nearly two years now. Our Tuesday group is now suspended until further notice. However, we can still pray together, albeit at a distance. We encourage you to use the prayer below and pray often for the appointment of our new priest in charge. For those who have been coming regularly we will be sending out additional material every week by email, including a short reflection. If you have not been coming recently but would like to be included in this, please let us know. Our email address is [pamandtonyburdon@btinternet.com](mailto:pamandtonyburdon@btinternet.com)

At our prayer times we have also offered personal prayers so if you have any requests, perhaps just a name, we will circulate these as well. Please send them by Sunday evening each week.

Our Prayer Vigil, planned for Tuesday April 28th, will not now take place in Church. You may like to set aside some extra time at home on this date and keep a very particular prayer focus for the whole appointment process and for the person God is calling to come to us.

May God bless you and until we meet again may you be held in the palm of God's hand.

*Almighty God and loving heavenly Father, bless and guide us at this time as we seek your will over the appointment of a new Vicar to serve in our group of parishes.*

*Give strength and wisdom to all those involved in the appointment process.*

*Unite us all in love and fellowship during this time of waiting.*

*Then, in your perfect timing, fulfil your purposes for us and for the person you are calling to come to lead us forward in mission and ministry.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Servant King. Amen.*

Pam and Tony

The Pocklington Group of Churches web site is to a useful source of material and information. You will notice at the end there is a "click here" for weekly resources provided by the Ministry Team.

Also, under Publications (left hand list) there are 4 years of the Magazine and The Link to read.

**[www.pocklingtongroupofchurches.org](http://www.pocklingtongroupofchurches.org)**

DEACON'S DISTINCTIVE DAY by



Bronnie Broadhurst

COME+SEE

Your friends at All Saints Church Pocklington invite you to

***Afternoon Tea***

with cake, scones, biscuits and drinks.

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2.30-4pm

Competition - Prizes for the best decorated

**3 buns or 3 biscuits - theme "Mothering Sunday".**

Just bring them with you, marked with age of competitor if under 12



This month's Distinctive Day must be Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March when we invited people to an Afternoon Tea as part of the Archbishop's Come and See initiative. We were delighted that Bishop John and Ben Walker from Multiply (the Diocesan group working with the 20s-40s age group) were able to step into the shoes of the Bishop of Ripon who had been whisked away on World Council of Churches business. A wonderful group of helpers, led by Carole, Pat, Polly, Carol and Wendy, assisted by Pam, Les, Nigel, Kevin and others cleared the church body of chairs, set out tables, arranged a children's area and a craft table, prepared the refreshments and trail around the church. Members of the congregation had donated cakes, buns etc for which we were very grateful. With new guidance rules for service of food being implemented about 50 people of all ages enjoyed their afternoon tea.

I had been asked to interview Bishop John and Ben on the subject of Mothering Sunday in the middle of the proceedings. They then answered questions which had been submitted by those present. Finally, Bishop John judged the decorated buns and biscuits. The children's prizes were special Easter eggs which explain the real meaning of this special season.

An invitation was extended to all who may wish to look further into faith by participating in a Start Course. There is a form at the back of church to put your contact details so that this can be organised.

We are living in uncertain times with the Corona virus affecting everyone's lives so I feel very blessed that we were able to make so many feel welcome in our church and hopefully plant some seeds for the future. I really wondered what we could do when asked to provide an event for Come and See but, with the love and support given so willingly, it has been a good time had by all. We know the harvest is ripe but the workers are few...our workers are amazing! **Deacon Bronnie**



For Christians, Easter Sunday is the most important day in the year - the culmination of the birth, life and death of Christ as He is Risen indeed. So, my favourite and most distinctive day in the year must be Easter Sunday. It all starts with the 40 days of Lent - a period of reflection and spiritual preparation. I have enjoyed and found helpful the Tuesday Lenten prayers and soup lunch in Pocklington and the Churches Together Wednesday evening course.

Having collected a good number of donated chocolate eggs, I have been handing these out and passing on a booklet entitled "The Hope of Easter". Palm Sunday is on the first Sunday of April so will be a Family Service, during which we can wave our palm crosses and sing Hosanna – a joyful occasion before the build up to Good Friday during Holy Week. I hope to attend the Chrism service at York Minster on Maundy Thursday, during which the oils used in Ordination, Baptism and anointing the sick are blessed. Last year I was one of the seven chosen to have my feet washed by His Grace. Readers, Deacons, Priests and Bishops also separately re-affirm their promises made on licensing/ordination.

Good Friday usually begins with a 9.30am service at Millington, during which David Rumbelow and I always enjoy presenting a theme for the day, using hymns, readings and reflections. This year the theme is "Carrying my Cross for Christ" and will have been used during Compline. Then to Pocklington for the Churches Together Walk of Witness. This year it will be a short trip taking the cross from All Saints into the Square where some singing and reflections will remind those present of the meaning of the day. We shall be handing out hot cross buns in napkins detailing "Why a Cross on a Hot X Bun?". At 2pm I am leading the Service from the foot of the Cross in All Saints. Because I know what happens next I actually start to feel elated at this point and start to prepare for the joyful Eastertide. I always enjoy the village of Burnby celebration - a Family Communion followed by the judging of decorated eggs and egg rolling in the churchyard. Then, back to Pocklington for a wonderful Easter Eucharist culminating in the singing of Handel's Halleluis Chorus.

Unfortunately, because the Coronavirus that is plaguing all our lives is now preventing any of these events taking place, there will be details of how to access virtual services online and by email. We hope you are all keep safe and well to enjoy a blessed Easter Day with family and friends. However, we need to bear in mind the many lives already lost, economies decimated, jobs and futures made uncertain throughout many countries in our beautiful world. I pray that the hope of new life which Easter brings may enable us all to face whatever happens during the coming weeks and months and that the love of God for each of His children will strengthen and guide us.

**Deacon Bronnie**



Our speaker at the March meeting was Pat Worrell-Jones who spoke of her work with 'Home Start'. This is an organisation helping families through challenging times. It is dependent on volunteers, like Pat, spending 2 hours a week with the family. The family must have at least 1 child under 6. Parenting is not easy. It can be a lonely time if you live away from your family, as so many young people do today. Whilst having a new baby can be the most magical, rewarding and enjoyable time, it can also be an overwhelming, frustrating and heart-breaking time. The Home Start volunteers work with the families to build on their strengths and give them the support they need. The volunteers undergo training and are given expert supervision. They work alongside the families, giving them time, knowledge and kindness.

Pat is also involved with S.A.S.H. – Safe and Secure Homes. This charity helps homeless people get away from sleeping on the streets. To help raise money for this worthwhile cause, Pat is joining a group to sleep 'rough' for a night – no mean feat for a lady of 'a certain age'! If you would like to sponsor her please contact either myself or her daughter, Annie Harrison.

As everyone will now be aware, the Lent Soups have had to be cancelled in line with Diocesan Guidelines. Can I just say a huge thank you to those who supported the two weeks we served them, both those who partook of the delicious soups and those who made and promised to make them. The offers of help were greatly appreciated. The money raised on the two weeks will go to M.U projects.

In these anxious times, with the fear of the Corona Virus all around us, I pray that we will all be kept safe and healthy.

A prayer from the Kiilskeery and Trillick Mothers' Union in the Province of All Ireland -

O God, give us the gift of peace, help us to take things calmly.  
Help us not to get in a panic when things go wrong.  
Help us to take things as they come, a day at a time.  
Keep us calm and steady so that others may be able to rely on us  
when they are up against it.  
This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen

With many Blessings, Dot Townley

## **The slender thread by Rodney Nicholson**

Earlier this last month I was waiting for the 46 bus at the York Stonebow, when a mother and her toddler got off a bus at the stop ahead of me. The young child trotted ahead of her and, in retrospect, I should have stepped forward and caught him. Suddenly, however, the child thought it was fun to outrun his mum, so he quickened his pace but turned towards the road – and potential traffic. Women in my bus queue gasped at the prospect of a horrific accident but fortunately his mother grabbed him before he went into the road. She was at fault in letting him escape her when they alighted from the bus but the incident showed how on a peaceful, sunny lunchtime tragedy can suddenly strike.

A week or so before then, Kathleen and I nearly witnessed a head-on collision while driving on the Shiptonthorpe to Middleton-on-the Wolds road, the A614. The driver in front of us impatiently decided to overtake the van in front of him, failing to realise, we guessed, that the vehicle was articulated, with a trailer, and therefore longer than he thought. He just managed to get back in lane while being flashed at by a lorry approaching from the opposite direction. Some drivers must live on their nerves, taking stupid and unnecessary risks, as well as endangering other road users.

The thread separating life from death is slender, with human error usually the cause of tragic consequences. Such was the case a year ago when a young Christian couple, Milly and Toby, both teachers, who had met through the Durham University Christian Union, plunged to their deaths on the Greek island of Santorini. They had driven a hired buggy up a precipitous mountain road, then made a wrong manoeuvre. In seconds their lives were over. Milly's father, a London vicar leading a thriving and socially aware church, spoke about their huge love for each other. Her sister spoke of the family's strong Christian faith which gave them the confidence that they were now enjoying the abiding intimacy of Jesus, and indeed were partying with him. This, while true, does not take away the tragedy of lives, full of promise, cut short and the stark reality that their children and grandchildren will never be born. Like a candle blown out, life can end just like that.

The coronavirus outbreak will have done a good thing if it drives home our mortality and the slenderness of the thread that divides this world from the next. We don't live our life in fear but neither do we take it for granted. Life is a gift, to be treasured and appreciated. It is also, in a sense, a loan because we are never our own, but God's. In truth we own nothing, our bodies included, but that is a relief. We are ultimately safer that way. And, finally, the current troubles will also bring good if they lead to a greater appreciation of the simpler things of life. We can "count our blessings". Praise be!

## **People's Pantry – “fighting food poverty, reducing food waste”**

All Saints supports the Pantry with a donations box at the back of church and more customers are gradually being made aware of Pantry's existence as word spreads.

Operating on Wednesday mornings 10.30 – 11.30, at Scaife Garth Community Centre (2<sup>nd</sup> left when entering the estate from Pavement), the Pantry receives food donations from the public via drop-off boxes in Sainsburys, Nationwide Building Society and All Saints; and – as importantly – donations of damaged / unused goods from Aldi, Co-op, Sainsburys and Browns greengrocers.

Customers pay £1 a visit and may take home 10 items of non-perishable donations plus 'free' fresh, shop donated goods which would otherwise have gone into the shops' landfill bins.

Reducing this food waste is a big part of the aim of People's Pantry.

Our stock of pasta, rice, baked beans, tinned tomatoes is quite high but popular items include tinned meats and fish, log-life milk, pasta sauces, tins of fruit, cereals, also household items e.g. toilet rolls, toothpaste, cleaning items, etc. and baby products (nappies of all sizes, food pouches), tea, coffee, fruit squashes.

The Pantry has its own website / Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram, which give an idea of how it operates; also visitors are welcome to call in towards the end of a session to see what we are about; volunteers are also welcome for Pocklington, Market Weighton & Holme on Spalding Moor sessions.

Ann Theakston

Please note that the Ladies Breakfast on the 16<sup>th</sup> May has been postponed and

The Annual Parochial Church meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April has been postponed

***The deadline for the April edition is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and copy should be emailed to: davidcbrown5@hotmail.com***



## Message from your Church Wardens, Hilary and Nigel

The current Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation is influencing everyone on how we need to go about our daily routines. We must all take heed of guidance from Government and National Health experts, including advice from the Church of England. These guidelines are continually changing, and we will inform everyone of any subsequent changes that we may have to make.

There will be no services of public worship, and all events held in Church have been cancelled until further notice. Importantly though All Saints Church will be open daily from 9am to 3pm for personal private prayer and reflection. There are restrictions advised at Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, with most Baptisms and Weddings being postponed after discussions with those involved.

In these circumstances we are developing material that can be accessed via the Pocklington Church website [www.pocklingtongroupofchurches.org](http://www.pocklingtongroupofchurches.org) We also will use the weekly Bulletin notice so we can email any information directly. Email and the website are our preferred methods of communication, as we can update this quickly for everyone, saving resources and cost. If you do have an email and are not already subscribed to the Bulletin please do email your request to the Church email address [office@allsaintspock.plus.com](mailto:office@allsaintspock.plus.com)

We fully appreciate not everyone has access to the internet and emails, so paper copies will be available at the back of Church for those who can visit, otherwise we are setting up a system to deliver paper copies for those unable to collect from Church. If you wish to receive these please contact the Church office (01759 306045).

Finally thank you to each and every one of you that are keeping in touch with neighbours and friends who are restricted to their own homes and to the Ministry team who are being creative and supportive to us all. To coin a phrase 'It's good to talk'!

Please do contact the Church office by email or phone should you need support or contact. If there is no immediate answer, please leave a message and your phone number and we will get back to you.

Please keep safe and healthy

Hilary and Nigel

## **PARISH REGISTERS**

**We have welcomed into the Christian Family through Baptism:**

**We have united in Marriage through the love of God**

22 <sup>nd</sup> February	David Hukins and Laura Lee Palmer	Pocklington
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**We have commended to God's sure keeping with thanksgiving:**

25 <sup>th</sup> February	Janet Collier	Pocklington
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Maurice Robert Jackson	Pocklington
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Elaine Pauline Gowthorpe	Pocklington
19 <sup>TH</sup> March	Rose Margaret Parker	Pocklington
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Kenneth Woodhouse	Pocklington
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Shirley Thornton	York

## **PASTORAL SERVICES**

### **Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals**

To enquire about arrangements for these services  
**Please ring the following number or email as below**

Church office 01759 306045

Office @allsaintspock.plus.com

### **Scale of fees and charges for 2020**

#### **Baptisms**

There is no fee for a service of Baptism

Certificate of Baptism, if required. £14.00

#### **Weddings**

Publication of Banns. £31.00

Certificate of Banns, if required. £14.00

Marriage Service. £463.00

Verger £40.00

Organist £80.00

Bells £120.00

Heating £75.00

*Please note that an additional charge will be made if extra facilities are required.  
We regret that it is not always possible to come back into the Church for additional photographs after the service.*

#### **Funerals**

Funeral service in Church £199.00

Cremation pre or post service in Church £28.00

Funeral service at Crematorium or cemetery £199.00

*Please note that additional fees may apply and the office will advise*

Verger £35.00

Organist £80.00

Heating £75.00

Ministers Expenses £40.00

### **A Prayer for the life of our Parishes and Churches**

O God, make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block for children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong to turn back the tempter's power. God make the doorway of this house the entrance to your eternal kingdom. Amen

### **Parish Church of All Saints, Pocklington** **Please ring the following number or email as below**

**Church office 01759 306045**

**Office @allsaintspock.plus.com**

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For all Church and Meeting Room bookings please contact the Church Office  
For more information about the Church, please visit our websites

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