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The Combined Benefices of Pocklington Wold and Londesborough Wold

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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.

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November has its own joys *by Rodney Nicholson*

So, the autumn leaves are falling, the hour has gone back, November mists perhaps lie ahead and, at church, we enter a reflective season. In tandem with the shortening days, we may well be aware of the brevity of our lives, highlighted by our recent memorial service, the lovely All Saints season, Remembrance Sunday and then the feast of Christ the King. In some ways it is a pity that Evening Prayer has dropped out of fashion, for the service has a different emphasis from the more robust Parish Communion. The words, "Let your servant depart in peace" and "Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray" prepare the worshipper both for the end of the day and for the end of life. The beautiful service of Compline or Night prayer has a similar focus, repeating Jesus's words from the cross, "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit".

I believe it was a character in a novel who sneered at what he called "poor, talkative little Christianity". I assume he meant that, compared with the Eastern religions with their sense, at times, of stillness and mystery, Christianity can come across as busy and noisy. Well, there's a place for that. We want a faith which is socially active and encourages joy and fellowship, but in doing so we can miss out on "the beauty of holiness". I have met some wonderful Christians who just can't be still. They must be always talking and bustling around – doing good things, of course. At times, though, we need to be like Mary, the sister of Martha, waiting upon the Lord, or like Samuel saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening". Vicars are admired for their busyness but we need, above all, prayerful men and women of God who exude a deep stillness.

November, in looking towards Advent, can invite us to build this stillness and reflectiveness into our lives. "The day is far spent; the night is at hand". One practical way of doing this is not to rush through the service but to give space for silence at certain points. I once had a fine Christian man who, if I paused in the service, would come in with the next prayer. He must have thought I had nodded off, or lost my place, or was being a bit slow, whereas in fact I was trying to offer a little space for the Holy Spirit to get in.

I once knew a neighbouring vicar who had been confined to hospital after treatment for back trouble. He commented to me that the evangelical clergy, of whom he was one, who had visited him, had tired him. They were well-meaning and enthusiastic but could hardly sit still and be quiet. The clergy of a more Catholic disposition, whom previously he had slightly looked down on, were more helpful. He benefited from their unhurried approach.

Maybe it is good to remember that it isn't all up to us. We are part of the glorious company of saints who are cheering us on. Jesus the ascended King "ever reigns to intercede for us". The Holy Spirit adds to our prayers. The kingdom shall come and is indeed already here.

Yours in Christ Rodney Nicholson

Dear Friends,

“I believe in the Communion of Saints....”

These words from the Creed are especially relevant at this time of the year, the season of All Saints. For some of our churches (Londesborough, Pocklington and Shiptonthorpe) this is also the time of our patronal festivals.

It has sometimes been said that “we never pray alone”. Whenever we pray, we are joined with our brothers and sisters in Christ in a corporate and world-wide offering of prayer. As one of our well-loved hymns puts it:-

*We thank thee that thy church unceasing
as earth rolls onwards into light;
through all the world her watch is keeping
and rests not now by day or night.*

This, in turn, is part of an even bigger picture. For as part of the communion of saints, we also join our prayers “with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven”. This thought is expressed beautifully and creatively in some words of Maggie Ross:-

“Sometimes when I bow before the glory of God .. I see from the corner of my eye, as mirrors reflect into other mirrors an infinite line of figures bowing with me. Sometimes I will see them *en masse*, as crowds are painted in early Byzantine art. Or sometimes I will see a lone shepherd or hermit, voice roughened by years of singing against wind and sun, wandering in solitude...

They sang, they sing, through nights and days, heat and cold, in home and hearth, desert and monastery, leaning at the weariness of the small hours against a bed, a stone wall, a carved misericord; in dressing gowns, in skins, in heavy wool, in jeans, in ornate great-schemas, perhaps singing, as I once did, with a Cistercian friend, on the subway in New York at midnight. But now there is no day and night for them as they sing: their time-bound, time-hallowed music lingers with us, though we know there is no time, only motion of bending and space-time. Their density, their holiness, their heart-songs bend with us, bend the continuum, bend before the glory of God, with the glory of God....”

So along with the great cloud of witnesses, sing or say or just think

Holy, holy, holy ..

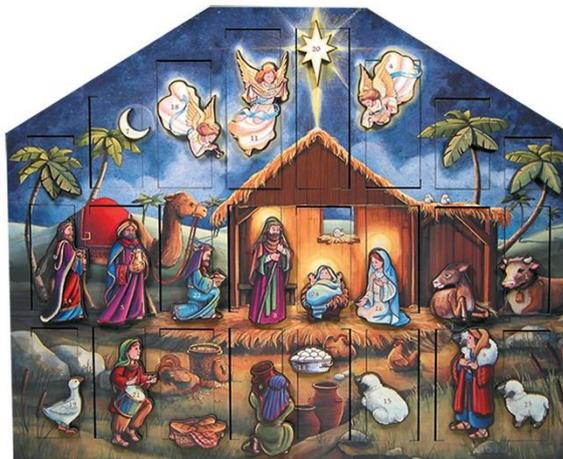
Next time you attend a Eucharist, reflect upon the fact that, whenever we say these words, we are connected with our brothers and sisters, and offer our prayers to God with angels, saints, apostles and fellow-pilgrims from every age.

Prayer during the vacancy

We invite you to join our growing group! Beginning in October and continuing through the winter months we will meet in All Saints, Pocklington every Tuesday at midday for around 40 minutes. We hope this will help those of you who come in on a Tuesday morning.

IN ADDITION we plan to hold a Prayer Breakfast on the first Saturday of each month also in Pocklington church at 8.30 am. This is to help those for whom a weekend will be easier. Simple food and some morning worship and prayer together! It would be lovely to welcome you.

Any questions, do have a word with us. **Pam and Tony Burdon**



As it happens, this year, the Christmas Tree Festival coincides with Advent Sunday.

Advent is the time we prepare for Christmas, traditionally we stir up our puddings, bake the Christmas cake and concoct the mincemeat.

Here at Church we can buy, in preparation, our advent calendars and candles and our Christmas cards.

Do have a look at our stall on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd and Tuesday 4th

Hazel

The deadline for the December edition is Friday 23rd November and copy should be emailed to: davidcbrown5@hotmail.com

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

At our meeting in October The Revd. Fran Wakefield came to give us a talk on her experiences as a Prison Chaplain. Fran started her Chaplaincy at Durham when it was a mixed prison, then went to a Young Offenders Institution and then, eventually, back to the Durham area when a new prison, specifically for women, was opened.

Fran made the talk very interesting and we had a laugh at some of her stories. There were times when some of the prisoners needed to get rid of their frustrations. However one lady said that Fran had saved her so it is not all bad.

The next meeting on 6th November is a discussion on the Influence of the Media.

The Provincial Service in York Minster is on Friday, 9th November at 11 am.

Anyone is welcome to any of our meetings

With many Blessings

Josie Penter

The next Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 10th at the Lily Pad Café at 8.15 for 8.30 am. The speaker will be Julian Tremayne and his subject will be Family History.

The Booking Form is at the back of the Church.

Brian Penter

The next Ladies Breakfast will be on Saturday 24th November, at the Lily Pad Cafe Burnby Hall Gardens 8.15 for 8.30a.m. The speaker will be Alison Watson, her talk is entitled "Custody in the 21st Century".

A board is at the back of the Church for names, closing date Sunday 18th November. The cost will be £10. It would be most helpful if the money could be paid in advance to Mae

Mae Brown

Oscar Romero is officially now a saint *by Rodney Nicholson*

He was a gentle Roman Catholic priest who wanted only to shepherd his people and bring God closer to them. Politics did not interest Oscar Romero. Recognising his qualities, the Roman Catholic Church in due course made him an auxiliary bishop then Archbishop of San Salvador, by which time he was becoming aware of atrocities committed by the right-wing government troops. Romero felt he had no choice. The gospel drove him to care for the poor and vulnerable of El Salvador, which led him to preach homilies drawing attention to the disappearance, torture and murder of thousands of people.

On 24th March 1980 Romero (63) was shot dead at the altar by government soldiers as he celebrated mass. Six days later some 250,000 gathered for his funeral outside San Salvador cathedral. They were doing nothing apart from standing there but unidentified gunmen opened fire, killing about 40 people. Later it was discovered that Roberto D'Aubuisson, an ex-army officer and founder of a right-wing group, had ordered the assassination.

The irony was that Oscar Romero had been appointed archbishop because he was by nature conservative and traditionalist, opposing left-wing movements in his central American country. When he realised that Jesuit priests were being expelled or murdered for allegedly being Marxist, Romero could not keep silent. He condemned violence and championed the rights of the poor to economic and social justice. This put his own life in jeopardy.

Moves in the RC Church to have Romero canonised were initially blocked by right-wing Salvadoran politicians and by conservatives in the Church itself. When Francis became pope the door was open for Romero to be first beatified, in 2015, then canonised, or made a saint, on 14th October this year. Such is the Roman Catholic practice.

Back in 1980, the day after Romero's death, Robert Runcie was installed as Archbishop of Canterbury. It happened in the cathedral where St Thomas Becket had been murdered by Henry II's men 800 years earlier. Runcie prayed for Romero at Becket's tomb. The previous year Runcie had led a successful campaign to block the sale by the Ministry of Defence of second-hand military vehicles to the Salvadoran army.

Lord Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury and chairman of Christian Aid, was by chance in Rome when Oscar Romero was canonised. He paid tribute to his fellow archbishop's commitment to stand alongside the poor and marginalised. Archbishop Sentamu, a patron of the Archbishop Romero Trust, in 2013 presented the newly elected Pope Francis with a wooden Romero Cross like his own pectoral cross. This last month the Archbishop of York posted on twitter his thanks to Pope Francis and to God for "acknowledging a prophetic bishop whose words/actions were Christ-like".

At this All Saints time, we do well to remember that more Christians died for their faith in the 20th century than at any other time in the Church's history. Their dedication and, in many cases, commitment to the poor puts to shame the lukewarm and self-centred attitudes with which the Church has often been afflicted. Some churches' wrangling over the Free Will Offering epitomises this. May we, with the saints, wear the crown of glory.

Scout/BHF carol service *by Rodney Nicholson*

The ever-popular Scouts/British Heart Foundation carol service takes place in All Saints, Pocklington on Friday 14th December at 6.30pm. As before, the well-loved carols will be enhanced by Alexis Jagger of Pocklington School singing two solos and by a choice of appropriate readings. Michael Cooper will delight us with his inimitable musical Christmas quiz. We shall hear a little of the excellent work of the BHF, for which many people have cause for real gratitude. And all this is rounded off by mince pies and hot mulled wine or juice. The retiring collection is shared between the church and the BHF.

Last year a couple from well outside the area just happened to come to the service and said the following day what a highlight it had been. Book it in your diary now!

THE INQUISITIVE MIND OF A CHILD

A Poem for Remembrance Day

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.
For the men who marched away.
But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow.
But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.
The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.
For the men who never came back.
But why, Mummy are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are my fears for you my child.
For the world is forgetting again.

I would like to do a special Christmassy Fairtrade stall in my normal third Sunday slot on 18th November. I plan to sell christmas cards, christmas crafts, confectionary and christmas cake ingredients.

I hope to be joined by a couple of people from Pocklington's Fairtrade group (Judith Micklem and Wendy Voke) and together we'd like to offer complimentary mince pies and Fairtrade mulled wine to the congregation alongside the normal tea, coffee and cake served after the service.

Catherine Greenaway

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

All Saints Church – Pocklington

“Come and see a wonderful display of 20 trees decorated by Local Groups”

Saturday 1st Dec – Sunday 9th Dec

Opens 9am to 4pm

Sat 1st Dec - Coffee Morning

10am – 12noon

Sun 9th – Carols with the Mayor at 2pm

Free Admission

In aid of the Mayor's Charities: Mires Beck Nursery and Wolds Wonders Theatre Group and also for All Saints Church.

ITEMS FROM THE BULLETIN

Re-Opening of Shiptonthorpe Church: Next Sunday (4 November), All Saints Church, Shiptonthorpe will re-open following a 5-month closure period for restoration, conservation and development building work. Our first service will be at 10.45am on Sunday 4 November, with a re-dedication service led by the Archdeacon of York (Ven Sarah Bullock), in which she will also dedicate a new stained glass memorial window installed earlier this month.

All are welcome to this service, and also to visit the church anytime thereafter as it will be open daily from 10am to 4pm.

Steve Jones, Shiptonthorpe Churchwarden & PCC Lay Vice-Chair

Shoe Box Appeal: Date for collection of shoe boxes is **4 November**; leaflets and boxes now available in church.

Saturday 24 November All Saints Pocklington 7.30 pm

An evening of Gilbert & Sullivan: The Celebration Singers will be performing music from The Yeomen of the Guard, The Gondoliers and Trial By Jury. Tickets on sale from the church office Price £8 including light refreshments



The **Ceramic poppies** that people made for the flower festival are now **available for collection** in the office.

All Saints Church, Londesborough

Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd December 2018, 11-00am to 3-00pm.

Christmas Tree Festival



Tickets £4 per person, children free.

Includes refreshments in the Reading Room.

Letter to the Pocklington Post dated 29th September . Remember Rejoice 1914-1918

On behalf of All Saints Church, Pocklington I would like to thank the local businesses and people of Pocklington and the surrounding villages for fully supporting the Flower Festival Remember Rejoice 1914-1918.

We had wonderful support from business sponsorship and advertising and many of you came to the Preview Evening which was enjoyed by all. Many shops showed support by dressing their window appropriately, the poppy featured throughout the town.

We also received a grant of £500 from the East Riding of Yorkshire World War 1 Centenary Fund which was very pleasing.

Many Pocklington people came to see the wonderful and moving display in All Saints Church and we had over 3000 people come to view the stunning designs with comments ranging from wow to breath-taking. There were quite a few tears being shed over the loss of so many local Pocklington lads at such an early age.

We would also place on record our thanks to the many people in the town and beyond who knitted the poppies. The church looked stunning with the lights shining up and these poppies will stay in place until 11th November – so please pop into the Church if you have not seen them.

We had wonderful support from Pocklington Flower Club and the media helped to spread the word.

Burnby Hall Gardens offered half price entry for those visiting the festival which was especially appreciated by the coach parties coming from Yorkshire Flower Clubs.

The River of Blood along the railings has drawn much media attention and will remain until early October. After that 1000 out of the 1400 will be sent to Elvington Air Museum as part of their memorial for WW1. Elvington provided the fabric and it was always accepted that when our festival was over they would then use them but we will still have a block in front of the flower bed.

Costs were fully met and we raised sufficient funds to donate £5,400 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal towards the great work they undertake, as well as help towards maintaining the Grade 1 listed building for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

Special thanks are due to Andrew Grisewood for his vision of the Festival and you can see the photographs of the designs on www.elainegladstonephotography.co.uk

Once again thank you all for your support

David Brown

Festival Chairman and Treasurer to the Parochial Church Council

November Services in the Pocklington Group of Churches

Burnby

4 th November	9.15 am	Family Service (CW)
11 th	10.45 am	Special

Great Givendale

11 th November	9.15 am	Special
25 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Hayton

4 th November	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)
18 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer (CW)

Huggate

4 th November	9.15 am	All Age Worship
11 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer (CW)
18 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)
25 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer (CW)

Londesborough

4 th November	10.45 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
11 th	10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW)
25 th	10.45 am	Morning Prayer (CW)

Millington

11 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (CW)
25 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer (CW)

Nunburnholme

4 th November	10.45 am	All Age Worship
18 th	10.45 am	Family Communion (CW)

Pocklington

4 th November	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
4 th	10.45 am	Family Communion (CW)
11 th	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW)
11 th	2.30 pm	Special Town Service
18 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
18 th	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist (CW)
25 th	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist (CW) Baptism follows

Shiptonthorpe

4 th November	10.45 am	Special –Archdeacon Sarah
11 th	10.45 am	All Age Worship
18 th	10.45 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
25 th	10.45 am	Family Communion (CW)

PARISH REGISTERS

We have welcomed into the Christian Family through Baptism:

We have united in Marriage through the love of God

We have commended to God's sure keeping with thanksgiving:

4 th October	Hazel Grace Allison	Pocklington
9 th October	Clara Woodhouse	Octon
12 th October	Patricia Mary Hindwell	York
12 th October	Sydney Dean	Pocklington

PASTORAL SERVICES

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

To enquire about arrangements for these services
Please call at the Parish Office in the Church or phone 01759 306045
Office hours are Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon
(Outside these hours by appointment)

Scale of fees and charges for 2018

Baptisms

There is no fee for a service of Baptism

Certificate of Baptism, if required. £14.00

Weddings

Publication of Banns. £29.00

Certificate of Banns, if required. £14.00

Marriage Service. £441.00

Certificate of Marriage at registration. £4.00

Verger £32.00

Organist £80.00

Bells £120.00

Heating £55.00

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, Cemetery or Crematorium £190.00

Verger £32.00

Organist £80.00

Heating £55.00

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

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www.pocklingtonchurchfriends.org.uk

www.pockflyingman.org.uk

www.pockflowerfestival.org.uk