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There's nothing more basic than food *by Rodney Nicholson*

Having fewer services, or no services at all, may well make us less concerned about church matters but more aware of basic human needs: avoiding covid or any other illness, getting vaccinated, handling our shopping, feeling concern for any of our children who may be suffering financially and maybe even weighing our own mortality. The form of service we use, or the colours on the altar, or whether or not we turn east for the creed, matter rather less.

People, especially children, going hungry highlight those human needs. We can take some pride in the work done by churches in running foodbanks. Market Weighton church provides a venue for the foodbank, run by Fairshare, whose volunteers seem to be there most days of the week. The Pocklington and Holme-on-Spalding-Moor foodbanks belong to the same network. Some churches in deprived areas have provided meals for children during holidays.

The Morning Prayer readings are currently covering the book of Amos, with the prophet's anger at injustice and exploitation of the poor amidst irresponsible wealth. One of the Ash Wednesday readings, Isaiah 1, similarly condemns a religion which ignores "the oppressed, the fatherless and the widow".

It would be wrong to accuse the present government of heartlessness towards the poor, in view of the billions of pounds poured into public services. Our own East Riding council, for example, received £300,000 in July for assistance to needy families. If, however, you are on minimum wage, or out of work, and struggling to pay for the necessities of life, those millions of pounds aren't much comfort. All you know is that you haven't enough cash.

I often wonder how many of those in government really understand what it feels like not to have enough food. It took footballer Marcus Rashford MBE to persuade Boris Johnson to make two u-turns last year over free school meals in the holidays. Rashford had widespread support, including that of some Conservative MPs. This last month campaigners have pointed out the disgraceful and demeaning food parcels distributed to families instead of vouchers or cash. Boris Johnson himself admitted in parliament that they were appalling.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation continues to highlight the reality of poverty. It recently called on the government to take ten actions, which include retaining the temporary £1,040 per year top-up in universal credit, which the Chancellor gave last year. Last Monday the House of Commons passed a non-

binding Labour motion to retain this for now. Most Conservatives abstained but six, including Stephen Crabbe, a former Work and Pensions Secretary, voted in favour.

Director of the foundation Helen Barnard says: "It is a damning indictment of our society that those with the least have suffered the most before the pandemic and are now being hit hardest once again by the pandemic."

To have credibility, the Church must continue to be a voice for the powerless and to work for justice and compassion. The Lord's Prayer itself says so by asking: your kingdom come on earth..."

Yours in Christ,
Rodney

Recycle your Christmas Cards

Please bring your cards into church for recycling when you take your decorations down.

A box to collect these will be placed at the rear of the church. Thank you

York Minster Passes

As you may be aware the Minster is currently closed to visitors. However, they have confirmed that when they are able to open those planning to go to the Minster must make **a reservation in advance** and at that time also contact our church office regarding a paper or digital pass which will allow you free access.



Mothers' Union Report.

Our Diocesan President, Hilary Castle, sent New Year Greetings, on our behalf, to our World Wide President, Sheran Harper. She has sent the following reply:-

Dearest Hilary,

What a wonderful surprise and thank you so much for your kind words and greetings from York Diocese.

This has made my day even more special! May God's blessings be with you, your families, all members

and friends in 2021.

With my love and prayers as always, Sheran

At a branch level , can I say thank you to all who have paid their subs for 2021. If anyone hasn't managed it yet, do not worry, there is still time. All the details were in the package you received in December with your annual prayer diary.

As you are well aware it will be some time before we will be able to meet again in person. It is of some comfort that we are together spiritually through our mid-day prayers.

Those of you who went to All Saints on January 10th may have noticed that the Snowdrops were flowering in the churchyard – a small beacon of light in these dark days. Let us hope and pray that with the coming of spring, the vaccine and the continual dedication of all NHS and Care workers we will see an end to these difficult times.

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are your people, God,

giving and loving,

wherever we are,

whatever it costs

For as long as it takes

wherever you call us.

Barbara Glasson

President of the Methodist Conference.

With many blessings, Dot



DEACON'S DISTINCTIVE DAY 17



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I have no problem choosing my Distinctive Day for this month's magazine contribution.

On Monday 11th January I was licensed as Assistant Curate –Distinctive Deacon for a further two years. It was a lovely service on Zoom conducted by Bishop John with the Archdeacon, the Area Dean and Vicar Jake.

I had been informed after Ordination that I should have to apply for PTO (Permission to Officiate) on expiry of my 2 year licence, having achieved a certain age just before this momentous occasion. Everything was in place for this to happen which saddened me because, although I should be able to do the same work, it would be as retired clergy. Having waited for what seemed to be a lifetime to be ordained and already just reached the age cut-off point beforehand (hence having a 2 year licence not 3 years) as well as not having had any further "training" in my second year due to lockdown etc. I was very saddened and frustrated. However, to my surprise and great joy, a phone call to keep Monday 11th free resulted in this amazing conclusion. Alleluia.

Now to look at the end of the Epiphany season with the celebration of Candlemas before we enter Lent. In the Church's calendar Candlemas, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, is when we remember the occasion (the fortieth day after Jesus was born) when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to 'present him' before God and receive the light of God in his life.

St. Luke tells us that, after Mary and Joseph had done all that was necessary under the Law of Moses, two faithful very elderly people, Simeon and Anna,

spoke out about who their baby boy really was. Simeon said that Jesus would be 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel'. His words make 'light' a predominant theme for Candlemas but, historically, it was also a day when new candles for the next year would be brought into church to be blessed – so you can see from where we get the word Candlemas.

At Candlemas the Church sees the meeting between the world without Christ and the world with a new beginning in Christ. In this new age the grace of God is shared among all people and not the special few. Now all people were to be acceptable to God, without becoming Jews.

Many of us know the words of Simeon as the Nunc Dimittis, said or sung as part of the liturgy for Evening Prayer and love its simplicity and beauty. We have his song, saved for us by Luke. Through it we know in our turn, that we too may pray, one day to depart in peace, because we have, through the scriptures and the Grace of God, and through our own imperfect worship, had a glimpse of the promise of salvation.

It is not easy in these days of Pandemic and lockdown to speak about going out into the world, being prepared to burn brightly ourselves in the midst of this darkness. But, however we can interact with others, through the grace of God, we take a light which, unlike the candle, cannot be extinguished- but it is not our own light, because no light of our own would be bright enough, rather it is the light of Christ and we must, as God's chosen people, go out and tell all the world about Jesus.

Let us pray the words of the first verse of a well-known hymn:

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

AMEN

Deacon Bronnie

A Winter Solstice Poem

I want the hope of the first shard of light as it pierces the cloud and touches the earth.

The faith of the hawk in its death-dive that knows it'll never strike the ground.

I want the perseverance of the chick which chips patiently to its freedom.

The confidence of the persistent flame which rekindles from the failing embers.

And the lightness of the cutty wren, darting through the crack in the door,

as I glance through my window this sharp winter's morning.



Ruth Bellass
22 December 2020

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All Saints artefact of the month – the caring pulpit in memory of the good doctor.

Showing support for the NHS and caring professions is currently in vogue, with roundabouts, homes, business forecourts and even the church railings all prominently displaying artwork and logos to celebrate the deeds of the caring professionals of 2020-21. But inside All Saints there has been a graphic tribute to a particular caring professional for 140 years.

The oak pulpit displays two biblical healing scenes, one panel showing the Good Samaritan, and the other Peter healing the lame man at the gate of the Temple. Jesus' Good Samaritan parable from Luke 10 has become synonymous worldwide for helping others; and is now right up to date in the UK with the 'GoodSAM' NHS volunteer responder network set up during the pandemic and accessible by smartphone app. The healing of the lame man in Acts 3 is less well known, but is the first of Peter's numerous miracles.

The pulpit is in memory of Pocklington's famous physician of the Victorian era, Dr Thomas Wilson. Installed a couple of years after his death in 1878. It is the work of renowned pair of architect, Temple Moore, and wood carver, James Elwell, costing 100 guineas which was raised by public subscription. The original plain pulpit it replaced was moved to Little Driffield church where it still stands. Wilson arrived in Pocklington in the mid-1830s after qualifying at medical school in Edinburgh and London, coming to his uncle's practice at Oak House in the Market Place, the home and surgery of the Bell family of coopers and doctors since the late 1600s.

In the century before the creation of the NHS, Dr Wilson's reputation as a top physician soon stretched far and wide, with patients reportedly coming from all over Britain for consultations, particularly once Pocklington was connected to the railway network in 1847.

But the good doctor shone in many fields in addition to medicine.

He was a top amateur archaeologist, antiquarian and natural historian, keeping a large collection of artefacts, exhibits and books in Oak House; and excavating the Celtic Grimthorpe sword and shield, now in the British Museum. Through his friendship with the Singleton racing dynasty, was also in demand with racing stables as a horse doctor, becoming the 'personal physician' to legendary Derby winner, Blink Bonny.

He was a leading figure of many Pocklington organisations and institutions, owned property in the town in addition to Oak House, plus land, being a noted breeder of pedigree sheep. Oak House had stables and extensive gardens at the

back, where Wilson entertained guests, including close friend, the artist William Etty

But the Gothic revival pulpit is not the only All Saints memorial to Dr Wilson, and the amount raised shows what high esteem he was held in by the community. He had been the first person called for when the Sotheby Cross was discovered in the churchyard in 1835, and the fund paid for a local stonemason to mount the Medieval cross-head on the current base and shaft in 1879, after it had been abandoned in a corner for decades. Furthermore, Wilson studied the story of the north's 627 conversion to Christianity, and he came up with the argument that the royal assembly that preceded the Goodmanham conversion was at Pocklington, rather than Buttercrambe as generally held. The recent excavations down The Mile might eventually prove him right.

However, across town is an even bigger edifice generated by his memorial fund. At the bottom of The Balk is the 'Wilson Memorial Hospital', now a private house, but completed in 1880 as Pocklington's six bed cottage hospital; there was even enough left over to create nearby a new public library for the town. So when you next take in the All Saints pulpit, remember it represents carers and healers from biblical times to the present day, but above all the good doctor of Victorian Pocklington, Thomas Wilson.

Phil Gilbank



HAIL THE HOLY DUSTERS

The house of God welcomes
all who cross its doors,
but it is the holy dusters
who clean the pews and floors.

The Vicars may preach their sermons,
the organist play our tunes
but it is the holy dusters
who wield the pans and broom.

The devil of dirt is excluded
when the noble brigade get through.
The work may be humble and lowly
but so were the fishermen too.

Then offer a prayer of thanksgiving
for those behind the scene,
who give in love their labour
that God's house may always be clean.

ANON

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Small £1.00 Medium £1.50

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PARISH REGISTER

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

29th December

Mary Todd

Pocklington

February 2021 Services in the Pocklington Group of Churches
(subject to Government guidelines)

Burnby – no services

Great Givendale

13th February 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Hayton – no services

Huggate

7th February 9.15am All Age Worship

21st February 9.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Londesborough

7th February 10.45am Holy Communion(CW)

14th February 10.45am Holy Communion (CW)

28th February 10.45am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Millington

14th February 9.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Nunburnholme – no services

Pocklington

7th February 10.45am Holy Communion(CW)

14th February 10.45am Holy Communion (CW)

21st February 10.45am Special

28th February 10.45am Holy Communion (CW)

Shiptonthorpe – no services

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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Thank you.

