"5 Alive!"

The Barmby Moor Group of Churches
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Dear Friends,

Another month has passed us by, and the days are getting shorter. I enjoy the month of November, the autumn colours, pumpkins (see photo below from St Botolph's Harvest Festival), getting out my hat, gloves and scarf and of course, bonfire night! Jacket potatoes, treacle toffee and sparklers always make me smile and dare I say it, get me in the mood for the rapidly approaching festive season! Whatever you get up to in the month of November, keep safe and warm.

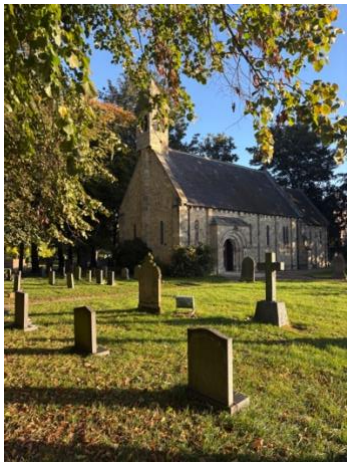
Every blessing to you all.

PS I also love the crisp blue autumnal skies. See the photo below that I took before a Sunday service at St Martin's, Fangfoss.

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Our Fond Farewell to St Martin's Church, Yapham

On Saturday 10th October the Bishop of Selby led a service of Thanksgiving and Lament marking the closure of the church building at Yapham. The marquee was packed and we all processed up to the church for the building to be commended. The bishop said, "We do not abandon this place or what it has been. Rather, with thanksgiving for all that it has been, we return it into God's hands." We stood in silence and it was very moving. Before a wake in the village hall where the most delicious spread of food was served, Ann Pearson, churchwarden, treasurer and PCC secretary was presented with a bouquet of flowers and Dave Millican, who has supported the PCC in the building project, received a bottle of whisky! Ann found the sketch below which featured on the front of the order of service that Mark Stageman organised for printing. Our thanks to Mark and the Parish News and thank you to everyone who was involved in setting up, baking, cooking and clearing away. The service will live long in our memories, and it was a very fitting way to mark the end of the life of the church building.











Mother's Union

We are very fortunate to have a growing Mother's Union in our benefice of churches ably and faithfully led by **Fiona Anderson**. Each month folks hear from a range of speakers covering a diverse range of topics from wildlife to crafting, to mission overseas, to the inspiring stories of local people facing challenges in life and work. There is always fun, fellowship and food of course! Welcoming everyone, male and female, of all ages Fiona says, "Our doors are open and we would love you to come and share with us." The next meeting is 11th November at 2pm at St Catherine's Church. The speaker will be Harry Bartlett, from the 102 (Ceylon) Squadron. Do pop in!

Remembrance Sunday

There will be two services of Remembrance on **Sunday 8th November**. The first, at 9:15am, is at St Martin's Church, Fangfoss. This is a service of Holy Communion followed by a short Act of Remembrance in the churchyard. The second, is a full service of Remembrance with our friends from the 102 (Ceylon) Squadron at 10:45am. Rev'd Mark has changed the service this year to time the two minute silence at 11:00am in union with others across the nation. There will be wreaths and standards, the Last Post and a short gathering after the service for a further Act of Remembrance in the war memorial garden. These are important services in the church's calendar, and we do hope to see you there. Bring relatives and friends along too if you can.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



All Souls – Light A Candle For A Loved One

Monday 2nd November is All Souls Day where the Church remembers those who have departed this life. At **St Catherine's at 6:30pm** Rev'd Mark will lead a special service where the names of those who have died in the past year will be read out, and those attending the service have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one whether that person died this last year or a long time ago. The service is open to everyone. If you would like the name of your loved one to be read out during the service (whether your loved one died this last year or many years ago) please contact either Rev'd Mark or Volunteer Administrative Assistant, Thelma Wingfield (thelma.wingfield@gmail.com).





Remembering in Peace

In November we pause to remember: the fallen of two world wars and of conflicts since, and the families who carried their grief long after the guns fell silent. Poppies and quiet voices recall a cost we must never take lightly.

Yet remembrance is more than looking back. It asks what we will do now. Jesus blesses the peacemakers, those who choose patience over anger, and reconciliation over resentment. Peace begins in small places: a kind word, a mended quarrel, a neighbour welcomed.

As we stand in silence, may we honour the past by sowing peace today, and commit ourselves again to hope.

Ladies Lunch & Laughter

This new venture is just getting started and **Jan Gardham** who is organising it would love you to join them. The plan is to get together once a month to share a meal at a variety of venues. The meetings will be on a different day each month, so that if folks have other commitments, then you could hopefully still go along at some point during the year. There are always plenty of drivers, so if anyone would prefer not to drive, please get in touch with Jan to arrange a lift.
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5 Alive Folk!

This month in the spotlight are **Rebecca Metcalfe (on the left of the photo) and Janet Hayton (on the right) of St Michael's, Thornton.** Janet and Rebecca have responded to God's calling to be churchwardens this year which has been so wonderful for us all Thank you to both of you!

Favourite hymn: Here I Am Lord *(Rebecca)*. Make Me A Channel of Your Peace *(Janet)*.
Favourite pastime: Watching 'The Great British bake Off' *(Rebecca)*. Knitting & gardening *(Janet)*.
The best thing done this year: Visiting Edinburgh Zoo and seeing the baby capybara and baby sloth *(Rebecca)*. Getting her cataracts done! *(Janet)*.
Favourite food: Chicken Korma *(Rebecca)*. Prawn Cocktail *(Janet)*.
Your Happy Place: Home on a winter night with the wood burning stove and the family watching a film *(Rebecca)*. Home with family and friends *(Janet)*.



Bill Simmons

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the late Bill Simmons will take place at St Botolph's, Allerthorpe on Monday 9th November at 2pm.
Please remember Bill's wife, Penny and their sons, Tom and Toby in your prayers.

5 dates for your diary:

- 13th November Quiz Night & Supper (bring your own drinks) at Allerthorpe Village Hall from 7pm. Tickets, are £15 on the door. To book please contact Angela Batty (01759 303136/angela3batty@gmail.com)
- 15th November Service of Thanksgiving for Parish Safeguarding Officers 4pm at York Minster. Rev'd Mark will be going to give thanks for Alison and all she does for Safeguarding in our group of churches. Alison will be joining me too.
- 28th November Barmby Moor Christmas Market at The Boot & Slipper. 10:00am – 12:00 noon. There will be lots of festive stalls and refreshments too!
- 3rd December Benefice Advent Reflection & 3 course Christmas lunch at Wydale Hall (£27.50) 11:30am- 2:30pm. To reserve your ticket please contact Jan Gardham (07599070113).
- 5th December 6:00pm – The Big Sing at St Catherine's, Barmby Moor.







5 Things to pray for this month. Choose one or more:

1. All Souls – someone who is bereaved.
2. Remembrance - pray for those who have lost loved ones to war, and peace in places of conflict.
3. The approach of Advent – slow down and prepare our hearts and not just our diaries for Christmas, and that our churches would be places of welcome for the coming season.
4. Those struggling with the cost of winter - as nights draw in and heating bills rise, pray for households facing tough times.
5. Community leaders - pray for wisdom and integrity for those in government and for justice and compassion in the decisions that shape our communities.