

CHURCH NEWS JULY 2020

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM HOLY CROSS SWAINBY
AND ST MARY'S POTTO

Delivered to your door to keep you in touch

JESUS SAID: A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU SO MUST YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH in SWAINBY has been open for individual prayer since 15th June, following a relaxation in the government's policy. Part of the church is roped off but the nave is fully available giving plenty of space for social distancing. Hand sanitizer is provided.

So, if you feel in need of a quiet place, for prayer, contemplation, or solace, once more the church can provide it.

As guidelines are relaxing on 4th July we are working towards the recommencement of worship within our church building and/or at the Old Church (weather permitting!)

Keep an eye on the church notice board for updates.

We rejoice in this latest development and we look forward to the time when we can all worship together.

This edition is generously sponsored by much loved members of our congregation to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to them!

100+ CLUB

Winners in the July Draw

1 st	HELEN MASSIE	(116)	£25
2 nd	JEAN GOLDSBOROUGH	(51)	£10
3 rd	JOHN GLYN HENDERSON	(61)	£5

From the Parish Registers

Burial

5th JUNE 2020 JOHN ATKINS of Swainby.

We give thanks for his life and offer our sympathy to his family and friends.

Gillian Atkins writes:

John who lived in Scugdale Road for 40 years died on the 27th May and was buried in the village graveyard on the 5th June. Gillian and the family would like to thank everyone for all their cards and acts of kindness.

A message from Paul Wilson: sports day on the 17th July is unfortunately CANCELLED. Would all cup winners please return cups to Paul or Angela at 42 High Street, Swainby.

OLD HOLY CROSS CHURCH AT WHORLTON has seen an important restoration project take place during the early part of this year, including the very sad pandemic period. The historic “leaning tower” dating from about 1400AD originally contained floors and staircases at three levels. It is known that during the general deterioration of the Old Church fabric during the 19th century (leading to its abandonment in 1875) the floors and staircases in the tower were also reduced to a hazardous state, with a record of a few brave members of a visiting history party “risking” – thus described! – the ascent about 1900. The whole wooden interior had definitely collapsed within a very few years afterwards, and a hollow tower is all that anyone in living memory and far beyond can remember.

This has now been rectified by a specialist team of professionals, and the original structure fully recreated in order to assist access and for building maintenance. The initiative was led on behalf of the PCC by Robin Cook, who also ensured that separate funds were raised to achieve this objective without recourse to limited church reserves. Inspection visits may be arranged for interested parishioners.

The PCC is most grateful to Robin for seeing this important project through to its fruition. Some essential maintenance work on the top of the tower has already been done.

CHURCH FLOWERS

During most of the pandemic passers-by in Church Lane have been much cheered by the sight of lovely flower arrangements outside the locked church doors. These have been arranged by Glenys Elgie. They have given much pleasure to so many and we are most grateful. Now the doors are open – another cause for joy - the flowers may move inside.

SOME SAINTS DAYS IN JULY

3RD JULY Thomas the Apostle. One of the 12 apostles and often known as “doubting Thomas” due to his doubts at the time of the Resurrection. Also called Didymus (Twin). There is a strong belief in India that he travelled to Kerala in India. Often called the patron saint of India.

22nd JULY Mary Magdalene. She was a Jewish woman who travelled with Jesus as one of His followers and was witness to His crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. St Luke’s gospel indicates that she supported his ministry and that 7 demons had been driven out of her. It is incorrect to suppose that she was a prostitute.

25th JULY James the Apostle. He was the son of Zebedee, sometimes known as James the Greater. One of the first to join Jesus. James and John were with their father by the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him. He is the patron saint of Spain where, according to tradition, his remains are held at Santiago de Compostela. Acts records that Herod had him executed by the sword. His emblem is a seashell.

From the parish magazine of Carlton in Cleveland 1898

An Encouraging Day. The roof of the north aisle having been started I thought I should now be able to tell one of the Subscribers who had kindly promised £20 that the church was making progress. I took the plans thinking that they would be interesting. The early train to Ripon was taken and then to Masham, and on to Swinton Park, the residence of Lord Masham. One must confess that the journey to the house on such an errand was much more formidable than any journey to Bilsdale Midcable on the stormiest day. One was agreeably surprised to find that Lord Masham, busy man as he is, had time to inspect the plans and was pleased with the design and to find that we are doing the work well. He graciously gave me the £20, and then for my courtesy in calling (as he was pleased to term it) handed me another £5. Certainly this was most encouraging, and I thought it would form the nucleus for the fund to complete the tower at some future time.

JL KYLE, VICAR OF CARLTON IN CLEVELAND on the rebuilding of the church.

WORSHIP

The current pattern of services is: 2nd Sunday Zoom Eucharist at 10.00a.m.

Other Sundays Zoom Cafe Church 10.45 for 11.00 am

You Tube Eucharist each Sunday – “Parishes of Whorlton Benefice”

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Deadline for August – 20th July.