

May 2026

# CHURCH NEWS

The Monthly Newsletter from Holy Cross Church, Swainby  
and St Mary's Church, Potto

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*Delivered to your door, to keep you in touch with local events*

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CONGRATULATIONS  
Pauline & Michael

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*This month's printing has been kindly sponsored by a member of the Holy Cross congregation.*

## Forthcoming Events in May

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**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>:** Café Church 10.30am in **Swainby Church Hall** *All ages welcome.*  
*Informal worship, discussion, prayer & song as well as tea or coffee and cake.*

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>:** Repair Café 10.00am-12.00noon in **Swainby Village Hall**

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>:** Village Lunch 12.30pm in **Swainby Church Hall** *All are welcome.*

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Potto Village Hall AGM at 7.00pm **NOT Tuesday as on delivered leaflet**

## Regular Events

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**Wednesdays:** Join us at **The Gap** in **Swainby Village Hall** from **10am to 1pm**  
*Barista coffee with homemade cakes, teacakes and bacon buns.*

**Thursdays:** **Table Tennis** in **Swainby Church Hall** at **7pm.** Info: 07799 372405

**Second Wednesday:** **Swainby & Potto WI** meet in **Swainby Village Hall** at **7.30pm**

## Report

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**Lent Lunches** were well supported and our thanks go to the teams that provided a wide selection of delicious home-made soups every week. Each organiser chose a charity to support and donations (*including Gift Aid*) have been sent to the following charitable organisations:

£478.75 *Whorlton Old Church*

£951.25 *Dementia Forward:*

£603.12 *Hambleton Foodshare*

£455.00 *1<sup>st</sup> Stokesley Scout Group*

£583.83 *Rwanda Schools Project*

£591.88 *The Moses Project*

## Church Grass Cutting

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The very sad and untimely death of Glenn Shimwell in December meant that a replacement volunteer was needed for the grass cutting around the Church in the village. The good news is that a High Street resident,



Lee Dunn, has come forward to take over this important role, and we have also acquired Glenn's powerful machine to make the task a bit easier for him. Many thanks to Lee for his willingness and public spirit – cheer him on if you see him there!

## Thank you

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Many thanks to the team of flower arrangers who decorated the church beautifully for Easter and for the wedding on Easter Monday. Thank you also to everyone who donated money for flowers.



## **Congratulations!**

Pauline and Michael were married on the afternoon of Easter Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, on a day filled with love and joy.

Our warmest good wishes to them for a happy, healthy life together.

*Pauline and the Rector were in great spirits even before the service began!*



# **VILLAGE LUNCH**



**Proceeds in aid of the upkeep of the Old Church and Graveyard**

**IN SWAINBY CHURCH HALL**

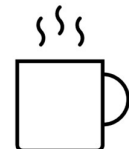
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm**

**All are welcome**

*Please enter your name on the list at the back of Church  
or at 'the GAP' on Wednesdays in Swainby Village Hall*



# **Café Church**



**in Swainby Church Hall**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am**

Join us for informal worship, discussion, prayer and song  
as well as tea or coffee and cake.

## **From the Parish Registers**

### **Marriage**

6 April

Pauline Kynge & Michael Acester

Holy Cross

*We congratulate them and wish them every happiness.*

### **Funerals**

27 March

Margaret Parry

Holy Cross

16 April

Peter March

Holy Cross

*We give thanks for their lives and offer our sympathy to their family & friends.*

## Services in Whorlton Benefice

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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

9.30am Hutton Rudby  
9.30am Swainby  
11.00am Crathorne

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

8.00am Potto  
9.30am Hutton Rudby  
10.30am Swainby  
11.00am Middleton

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Carlton

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Hutton Rudby  
9.30am Swainby  
11.00am Crathorne

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Hutton Rudby  
9.30am Swainby  
11.00am Faceby

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

10.30am Crathorne

### Mid-Week Services

Tuesdays at 10.00am  
Thursdays at 9.15am

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Parish Communion  
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### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Parish Communion (BCP)  
Parish Communion  
Café Church (*in Church Hall*)  
Parish Communion

### Ascension Day

Benefice Communion

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer  
Parish Communion  
Morning Prayer

### Pentecost / Whitsun

Parish Communion  
Morning Prayer  
Parish Communion

### Trinity Sunday

Benefice Communion

Hutton Rudby Church House  
Swainby Church Hall

For further details see [www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/43-402C/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/43-402C/)



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