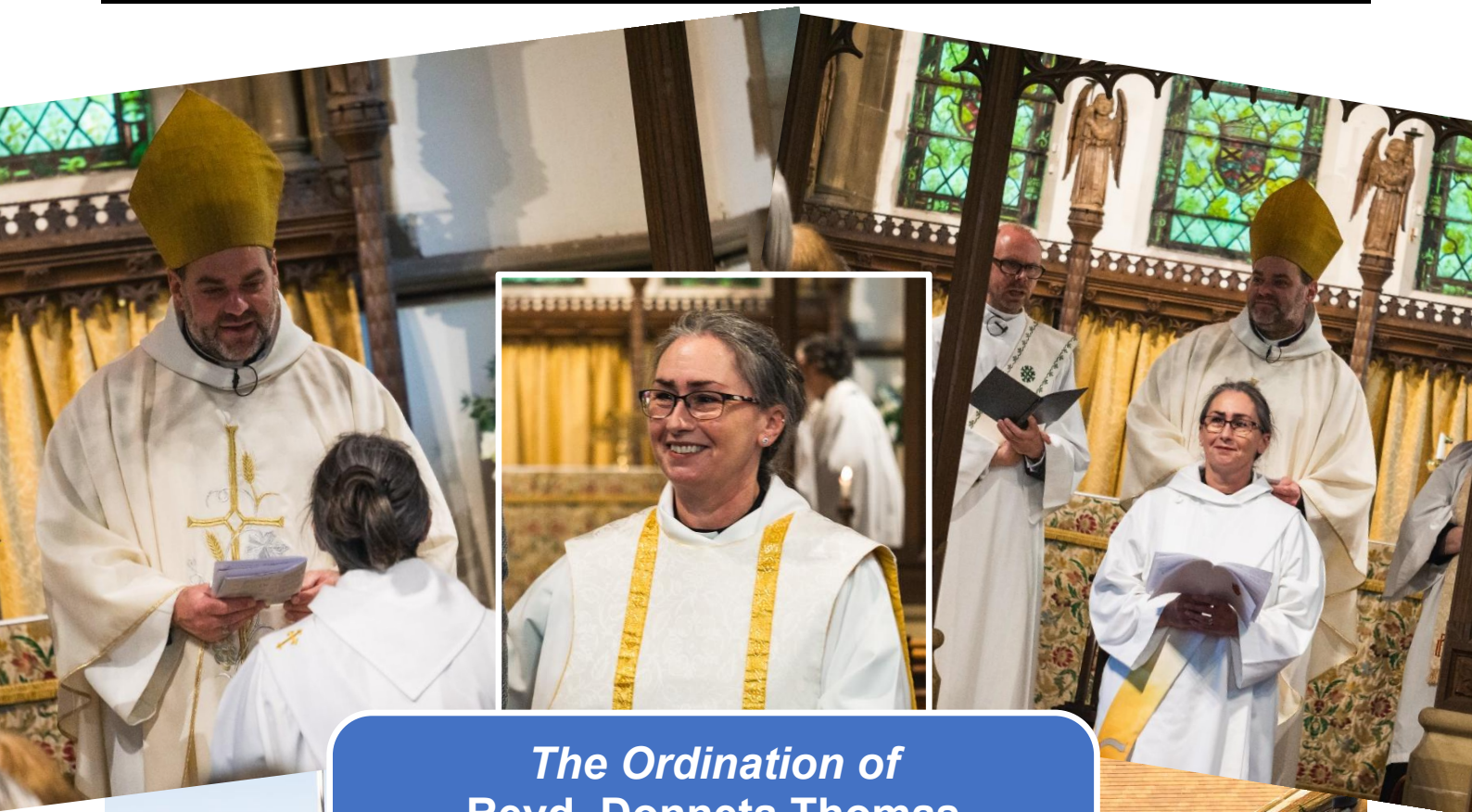


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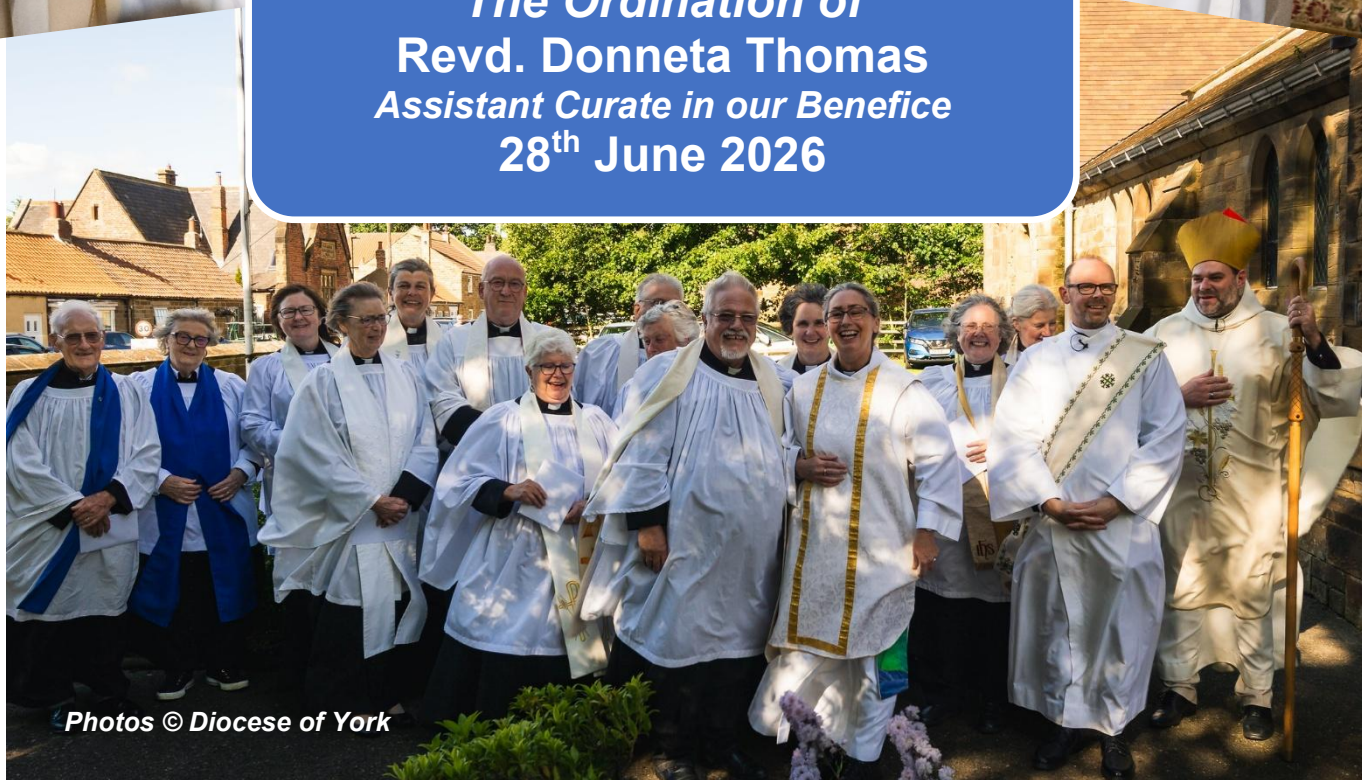
CHURCH NEWS

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

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



***The Ordination of
Revd. Donneta Thomas
Assistant Curate in our Benefice
28th June 2026***



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Forthcoming Events in August

Sunday 9th August:

Café Church 10.30am in **Swainby Church Hall** *All ages welcome.*
Informal worship, discussion, prayer and songs with tea or coffee and cake.

Sunday 9th August:

Summer Teas in **Carlton Village Hall** from **3pm to 5pm**

Teas, cakes, scones, sandwiches and more. (see page opposite)

Saturday 15th August:

Classical Guitar Concert in **All Saints Church, Hutton Rudby** at **7.30pm**

Return visit of Jonathan Ross Parkin. Tickets: £15 (£10 under-12s) (see page 6)

Monday 17th August:

Village Lunch 12.30pm in **Swainby Church Hall** *All are welcome.*

in aid of stonework repairs at Holy Cross. (see page 5)

Further Ahead

Saturday 5th September:

Afternoon Tea at 2pm in **Potto Village Hall** *in aid of Pahar Trust, Nepal*

Tickets: £7.50 in advance 07595 901868 (limited tickets on the day)

Friday 18th September:

MacMillan Coffee Morning from **10am** in **Swainby Village Hall**

Wide variety of refreshments, as well as Tombola, Raffle, Cake Stall etc.

Regular Events

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**

Alternate Thursdays:

Morning Get-Together in **Swainby Village Hall** from **10:30am to 1pm**

Table top games, crafts & socializing. Tea, coffee & biscuits included.



CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND Village Teas

9TH AUGUST 2026
Sunday 3-5pm

Come along for...
Tea & Coffee
Cakes
Scones
Sandwiches
and more...

Carlton-In-Cleveland Village Hall
TS9 7BB



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Ordination of Revd. Donneta Thomas

On 28th June, Petertide, Holy Cross Church was fortunate to have the service of Ordination for Revd. Donneta at 4 pm with a large congregation from all the parishes in the Benefice.

The Bishop of Whitby officiated and our Rector, Father David was his Chaplain.

An Ordination is no ordinary service and I am sure that none of those present will ever forget it. There is grandeur, soulfulness and intimacy and affection all at once. There is symbolism which goes back to the beginning of Christianity, prayer and the laying on of hands signifies that the ordinand is set apart and all those present pledge themselves to support them. Many priests, all robed - in our case 11 – took part in the Ordination, as well as our Parish and Benefice Readers.

Donneta writes: *My journey to priesthood has completely taken me by surprise. I first sensed God calling me to something back in 2015 when I was invited to consider “if you could ask God for one thing for yourself, what would it be?” I did not have to think, my response was instant “To serve God in all that I do, through all that I am”. Little did I know what that would come to mean. Within six months I’d left my job in education and set up a Christian outreach cafe in Stockton, where my love for people on the margins grew. Then in 2017 I became Children’s and Families’ Minister in Northallerton and once again had the joy and privilege of working with children and young people. Yet I still felt God calling me to something more and tentatively explored what that might be. I had thought that ordination as a deacon in 2023 would be the end of my journey but God had different plans – and so, “Here I am!”*

The service began with the Declaration of Assent and the Oaths of Allegiance and of Canonical Obedience by Donneta.

Hymns, prayers and a welcome from the Bishop ensued and Confession and Bible readings. Then the bishop asked Donneta a number of searching questions to which she replied in the affirmative. Bishop Barry turned to the congregation and

asked them if they wished Donneta to be ordained and would they pray for her and support her and all replied "We will"! The Bishop and the priests present all laid hands on Donneta, the Bishop prayed to the Holy Spirit for grace and power to proclaim the gospel and minister the sacraments of the new covenants. The Bishop presented the ordinand with a new Bible, a paten and host and a chalice of wine and water. She was vested in a chasuble and she was then welcomed by all. Following the service there was a reception in the church hall where everyone was welcomed with a glass of wine or a cup of tea or coffee and tables groaning with delicious cakes and savouries donated by generous members of the parishes. A day to remember!



For more pictures go to

www.flickr.com/photos/dioceseofyork/albums/72177720334473646/

VILLAGE LUNCH

IN SWAINBY CHURCH HALL

Monday 17th August at 12.30pm

*Proceeds in aid of stonework repairs
at Holy Cross Church*



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*

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HUTTON RUDBY



An evening of live music comes your way with a return visit of classical guitarist **Jonathan Ross Parkin** on **Saturday 15 August**, in All Saints Church, Hutton Rudby.

His programme includes tracks from his debut album **Alba Nova**.

Translating as “New Dawn” in Catalan, this bold project presents sixteen world-premiere recordings and highlights collaborations with four of Spain’s leading contemporary guitar composers. Music that entrances and intrigues, inviting you to hear the guitar as if for the very first time.

Alba Nova weaves fresh innovation with some of the guitar’s most cherished repertoire, creating a dialogue between tradition and modernity. Paired with Jonathan’s engaging style, his love for audience interaction, and his ability to share his passion, listeners are sure to be captivated throughout the performance.

SATURDAY

15 AUGUST

7.30pm

(doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £15.00 adults

£10.00 under 12

Drinks available by donation.

For tickets please contact :

hrallsaintschurch@gmail.com

or 01642 700550

Reports

Our grateful thanks to all who came to the July **Village Lunch** which raised **£214.50** in support of our Adventure Day on Monday 24th August when we will be welcoming some thirty children and accompanying adults from Holy Trinity, North Ormesby to Swainby. With a treasure hunt, various games and a duck race in the beck amongst other activities, it's going to be a fun day!

100+ Club July Draw

1: Bill & Sue Hogg (118)	£50
2: Robin & Carol Cook (71)	£30
3: Glenys Elgie (103)	£10
4: D. Bottomley (78)	£10

From the Parish Registers

Funeral

26th April David Anthony Price Holy Cross
We give thanks for his life and offer our sympathy to his family & friends.

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Services in Whorlton Benefice

Sunday 2nd August

9.30am Hutton Rudby
9.30am Swainby
11.00am Crathorne
1.00pm Hutton Rudby

Trinity 9

Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Christening

Sunday 9th August

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

Trinity 10

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

Sunday 16th August

9.30am Hutton Rudby
9.30am Swainby
9.30am Carlton
11.00am Crathorne
1.00pm Hutton Rudby

Trinity 11

Morning Prayer
Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Christening

Sunday 23rd August

9.30am Hutton Rudby
9.30am Swainby
11.00am Faceby

Trinity 12

Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Parish Communion

Sunday 30th August

10.30am Faceby

St. Aidan

Benefice Communion

Mid-Week Services

Tuesdays at 10.00am

Hutton Rudby Church House

Thursdays at 9.15am

Swainby Church Hall



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