

October 2026

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

Fashion Show

Wednesday
21st October
7:30pm

Swainby Church Hall

*Fashion, handbags
and accessories*



*High Street Clothing
at Affordable Prices*



**Complete
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**Tickets £10 to include posh nibbles and a glass of wine
from Sue (01642 700491) or Anne (01642 701166)**

This month's printing has been kindly sponsored by an anonymous resident.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 1st October:

Discussion Group led by Anne Davies, **10am** in **Swainby Church Hall** *(see page 3)*

Sunday 11th October:

Café Church 10.30am in **Swainby Church Hall** *All ages welcome. (see page 3)*

Friday 16th October:

Fun Quiz Night with Pie & Peas Supper at **7pm** in **Potto Village Hall** *(see page 6)*

Saturday 17th October:

Autumn Fayre from **10:30am** to **12noon** in **Carlton Village Hall** *(see page 6)*
in aid of St. Botolph's Church funds.

Wednesday 21st October:

Fashion Show at **7:30pm** in **Swainby Church Hall** *(see front cover)*

Monday 26th October:

Village Lunch 12.30pm in **Swainby Church Hall** *(see page 6)*

Wednesday 28th October:

To Kill a Mockingbird at **7pm** in **Church House, Hutton Rudby** *(see page 3)*

Saturday 31st October:

Halloween Quiz Night at **7pm** in **Swainby Village Hall** Tickets: 01642 700302
Finger food, licensed Bar, cash prizes and a bit of fun

Halloween Pub Night from **7pm** in **Potto Village Hall** *(see page 6)*

Saturday 7th November:

Faceby Picklefest in **Faceby Village Hall** from **10am** to **2pm**

Wednesday 18th November:

Nick Parkes talk & photo presentation in **Swainby Church Hall** *(see page 3)*

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd November:

Christmas Makers Market in **Swainby Church Hall**

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

Discussion Group

(First Thursday of the month, following 9.15am Communion in Swainby Church Hall)

This month the group, led by Anne Davies, will be reading and discussing **A Year of Grace** chapters 15 & 16 *All Saints & All Souls*.



Café Church

in Swainby Church Hall

Sunday 11th October at 10.30am



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

Film Nights at Hutton Rudby

(The last Wednesday of the month at 7pm in Church House.)

This month's film is **To Kill a Mockingbird** an American legal drama, starring Gregory Peck as the principled defence attorney Atticus Finch. Atticus is appointed to defend Tom Robinson, a black man falsely accused of raping a white woman. The story unfolds primarily through the eyes of Atticus's young children.

Nick Parkes Story: The Day Everything Stopped



In 2023, my heart stopped due to a Sudden Cardiac Arrest during an Open Water Swimming Competition and I was drowning. No warning. No symptoms. Just a normal day that became the fight of my life. I was pulled unresponsive from the water by the Events Team, resuscitated, after 20 minutes downtime and as a result of

the Yorkshire Air Ambulance intervention I survived against all odds. I was in a coma for two days - then followed a double heart by-pass undertaken by the outstanding Cardiology Department at Sheffield General Hospital.

I survived because people acted fast. Now I'm doing something with that second chance. I'm swimming the full length of Loch Ness (a world first for any sudden cardiac arrest survivor) to raise awareness, save lives, and give back to the people who gave me mine. Every stroke I take raises vital funds for Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Sudden Cardiac Arrest UK.

More details of Nick's talk & photo presentation in next months issue. Editor

Report: Adventure Day (24th August)

Monday morning dawned bright and sunny. Preparations had begun long before, so the Church Hall was ready, activities planned and organised and a mountain of food prepared.

The coach pulled into the car park at Holy Cross Church and a slightly bemused group from Middlesbrough International Centre emerged. Although the day was aimed at children aged 5-12, they had brought siblings and cousins and there was certainly an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation.



With no time to waste we set off through Swainby and across the fields to Whorlton Old Church. Some approached the countryside with a sense of adventure, others with trepidation and a fear of the sheep (who on sight of the children ran away!). Many were keen to pick and eat brambles but mainly the pleasure came in walking through the countryside in the sunshine.

There was story time in the Old Church, bell ringing in the tower, a scavenger-hunt in the churchyard and a filled refreshment bench. We had many questions about the church and the countryside until it was time to shepherd the group back to the Church Hall for lunch. It was slow progress, with berries to check and eat and sheep to look at. The table in the church hall was groaning with a splendid



selection of sandwiches, fresh fruit and home baked cakes - Margaret and her team had excelled.

In the afternoon the children decorated fabric bags, painted stones, printed pictures with leaves, played in the stream floating paper boats, built

dams and in the garden played with outdoor toys. Much laughter and excitement as the groups moved from one activity to another.



We all gathered by the stream for the duck race, fortunately there was just enough water for the ducks to float and one to win. Cheering encouragement for the ducks and applause for the winners.

Toasted marshmallows were a great success and finally the children collected their bags, their artwork, a certificate and a present of age appropriate colouring pens.

What a joy to be part of the team that provided for many their 'best day of the summer'.

I was moved when one Mum talked about her concerns for her delightful, bright son moving to secondary school and the influence of new friends she didn't know. Humbled to be asked did I live here in this beautiful place. Encouraged when quizzed about the names of plants and flowers and delighted to have sent one boy home with colouring pens when he had told me earlier 'I don't have any colours'



100+ Club September Draw

1: Betty Simpson (16)	£25
2: Janet Horne (110)	£15
3: Pauline Taylor (94)	£10
4: Liz Emmerson (67)	£10

Many people in and around Swainby contributed to the organisation of this special day - Tesco donated crisps and McMahons fruit - thank you all so much.
Dileas

POTTO VILLAGE HALL

Fun Quiz Night

In aid of
Yorkshire Cancer Research

**Friday
16th October**
7pm for
7.30pm start

**Tickets
only £10
Including Pie
& Pea Supper**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS FOR a fun evening,
Teams up to eight**

Tickets from: www.pottovillagehall.org
pottovillagehall@gmail.com or 07956 126983.
Please specify any dietary needs when booking tickets.

prizes www.pottovillagehall.org **bar** [facebook.com/pottovillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/pottovillagehall) **raffle**

AUTUMN FAYRE

**SATURDAY 17TH
OCTOBER**
10:30 - 12:00

**CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND
VILLAGE HALL**

CAKES / PRESERVES /
PLANTS & BULBS / BRIC À
BRAC / TOMBOLA /
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
/ RAFFLE

Adult admission: £2
(includes hot drink & biscuit)
Children free



VILLAGE LUNCH

IN SWAINBY CHURCH HALL

Monday 26th October
at 12.30pm

Proceeds to raise funds to provide
accessible play equipment
for our Village Children's Play Area

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



The Potto

Halloween

In Potto Village Hall
on **Saturday 31st October**
from **7.00pm.**

The Little Indian Food Van will be
here. Menu available soon.

Bar Open, Complimentary Mimosas.

Pre-order food by
28th October on
pottovillagehall.org,
07956 126983 or
pottovillagehall@gmail.com

Why not pop in with
your trick or treaters
from 7.00pm and get
some goodies!

Keep up to date on [Facebook.com/pottovillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/pottovillagehall) & www.pottovillagehall.org

Thank You

Sue and Rob Lemmon would like to express their thanks to all those who have sent cards and messages of loving support following the death of their eldest daughter Katherine. It has been a great comfort to us being part of this caring community. *Rob and Sue*

From the Parish Registers

Marriage Holy Cross

28th August William Harry Howes & Alice May Burnside

We congratulate them and wish them every happiness.

Funeral Holy Cross

25th August Edith Winspear

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

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Services in Whorlton Benefice

Sunday 4th October

9.30am Hutton Rudby
9.30am Swainby
11.00am Crathorne

Trinity 18

Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Parish Communion

Sunday 11th October

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

Trinity 19

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

Sunday 18th October

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

St Luke

Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Harvest Service
Parish Communion

Sunday 25th October

9.30am Hutton Rudby
9.30am Swainby
11.00am Faceby

Trinity 21

Parish Communion
Parish Communion
Parish Communion

Saturday 31st October

5.00pm Swainby

All Souls

Requiem Eucharist

Mid-Week Services

Tuesdays at 10.00am

Hutton Rudby Church House

Thursdays at 9.15am

Swainby Church Hall

For further details see

www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/43-402C/



Deadline for next issue: Saturday 17th October

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