

# March 2023

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OF COLLINGHAM  
WITH HAREWOOD & LINTON



St Oswald's in the spring

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# From the Vicarage



***The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul...”:***

We may know those words from having recited or chanted the Psalms from the old Prayer Book in our formative years, or having sung the Christian hymn based on them. I often wonder what younger readers, or those hearing those words for the first time, make of the phrase ***“I shall not want”***. It is intended to be a strong affirmation of trust in the provision and care of the God who Shepherds us, and who leaves us confident that we shall be *in need of nothing* (i.e. ***I shall not want***). To the modern ear, I fear that may not be quite so clear. But it was the following phrase which I found ringing in my ears as I listened to a recent news item telling me that -

***“Everyone will live within 15 minutes’ walk of a green space or water, under new government plans to restore nature...”***

As a government-led plan some were quick to question the likelihood of such a grand ideal ever being realised. But rather than dismiss the ideal, let’s ponder it.

The desire behind it is two-fold. It is about conserving and reinstating green and watery habitats which will potentially restore the goodness and well-being of nature itself –trees and plants, birds and animals, the flourishing of all things wild! But it is also about the impact which the green and blue wonders of the natural world can have upon the goodness and well-being of human living. An abundance of research supports the belief that being close to, and immersing oneself in, the natural world has a positive impact upon physical and mental well-being. What is often missing from those reports is any reference to spiritual well-being. It is rather wonderful that thousands of years ago, without any government reports, or medical research, the writer of Psalm 23 knew that green spaces /pastures and quiet waters restored and refreshed.

These weeks of March, within the life of the Christian Church, are this year also the season of Lent – a season for journeying towards Easter. Many think of Lent as a time to *‘give something up’* or commit to something often rather dry and wearisome. What is far better is to think of it as being a season for seeking out those things which will in some sense ***restore and refresh our souls and spirits***.

Of course, as a leader of a Christian Church, I would want to commend the practice of prayer and reflection on scripture as valuable ways of immersing ourselves in things which are spiritually life-giving and thirst-quenching. But walking green pastures and breathing in riverside vistas are for many of us also a springboard to a deeper sense of who we are, and a deep awareness of something and someone beyond us who cares for all creation and who cares for our every breath – who restores bodies, minds and spirits.

***May we this March / Lent find places and spaces within us, and around us, for re-connection, renewal and refreshment.***

*(See the March calendar for opportunities provided by St Oswald’s)*

**Carolyn (Priest in Charge)**

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# Village Groups and Societies

## Linton Antique Society



### **Jane and William Morris** **Thursday 9th March at 8pm** **Linton Memorial Hall**

Art historian Suzanne Fagence Cooper returns to the Linton Antique Society to bring to light new information about the lives of the celebrated Victorian designer, writer and social pioneer William Morris and reveal new insights into the lives of one of the most famous couples in Victorian art and design.

*The Society celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with an anniversary lunch on 16 March with guest speaker Sir Thomas Ingleby. For further details see the Special Events page of [www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk](http://www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk) or*

*contact the Membership Secretary on 0113 345 1815.*

## St Oswald's Easter Egg Charity Donations

St Oswald's church would like to be able to support The Joanna Project once again this Easter by enabling them to give an Easter Egg to the women they support in the local area.



It means a great deal to these lonely and vulnerable women to know someone has thought enough about them to give such a gift, especially in the current economic climate which is so challenging for them.

If you are able to donate an Easter Egg, would you please leave it in St Oswald's no later than March 26th or leave it on the doorstep of the Vicarage or 41 Hollybush Green.

Thank you.



# The King's CORONATION

MAY 6, 2023



On 8th February there was a meeting of representatives of the village organizations, churches and school to discuss celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III



It was decided by those present that there would be a Community Picnic Lunch on Sunday 7 May when everyone would be encouraged to come along and enjoy lunch and a variety of displays and shows, with fun activities for all ages.



It is hoped that there will be a Bouncy Castle, Bungee Run, Tombola, Craft demonstrations, face painting etc - and displays from groups and some of the local classes.

Above all there is a need for residents to join in! If you would like to offer to run an attraction of your own choice, either individually or as the contribution of a local society, or would like to be involved in another way, please contact

**Tim on 07887 621796 or**

**John: [john.newby@btinternet.com](mailto:john.newby@btinternet.com),**

or come to the next planning meeting which will be held in the Methodist Church Hall on

**Wednesday 8th March at 8pm.**



## Linton News from Shirley Lawrenson

The sunshine of the last few days has brought all the snowdrops out making a lovely show. In my opinion we can never have too many. When the Linton Pump was refurbished we asked if anyone had surplus to requirements and several people came forward. Planted "in the green" they all flourished as you can see. Thus if anyone has too many this year I will gladly collect and find them a new home!

**Sorry  
You're  
Leaving**

I would like to offer our very sincere thanks to Brendan for the lovely services he has conducted for us to commemorate Remembrance Day in the Memorial Hall. We have always been truly grateful for his dedication to this event over the 11 years he has been Vicar in Wetherby. We send him our best wishes for his future roll in the Parish of Kirby Stephen.

The Linton Fundraisers are again hosting one of their delicious lunches on March 24 when their guest speaker will be Christine Talbot. These are always really special occasions. I have to say that my mind goes back to an occasion when we were hosting a lunch in the old kitchen and couldn't get the oven on! All near kitchens had to be appropriated!

The other groups are all prospering and we are nearly back to normal again,



## Gardening in the March - with Jackie Goldby

At last, the long awaited month of March, when ideally the planting of deciduous trees and shrubs should be completed. (Leave evergreens until April.) A sprinkling of bone meal, good deep watering and firm healing in is all that is needed, plus a suitable stake where necessary. Planting now gives the roots time to establish, before the heat of the summer. A bucket of water weekly during dry summer weather is beneficial but avoid small dribbles which bring the roots to the surface to burn.

Once the trees and shrubs are sited, one can add perennials to add colour and interest. I like to stick to colour schemes to highlight different areas off the garden as they come into bloom. My Vibernum 'White Beauty' is a show stopper when it is in bloom near the scarlet leaves and white flowers of the Pieris and the berries later contrast with the white Astilbe nearby.



My favourite Peony 'Bowl of Beauty' is lovely with Hydrangea 'Annabel' with it's huge white flowers. Elsewhere, I try to use shades of magenta and blues. We all have our own favourite colours and there are plants to suit any taste.

Whatever you choose, I encourage you to try the hardy Geraniums that are easy to grow and can be chosen to provide colour from spring to October. Colours range from white, though the pinks, magenta, blues to mauves. My favourite G. psilostemum is a 100 cm tall clump and summer flowering whereas G. 'Ann Folkard' s similar colour is a ground covering type which even climbs nearby bushes if allowed. This looks pretty near G. Roxanne, a 30cm purple blue spreading type with white eye. Roxanne is lovely in a container. Like all geraniums they spread over the surface without rooting.



Why not try my two tiny favourites? G. renardii has leaves so exquisite that flowers are merely a bonus. The white flowers with purple veins look lovely over the velvet foliage. Or G. 'Ballerina,' with pale pink flowers veined with purple at Only 10 cms. Space limits more suggestions but a good nursery will have many.

## News from the Churches



### **APCM of The Parish Church of St Oswald, Collingham.**

*A Chance to Reflect upon, and Commit to,  
our Working Together in this place where God has put us!*

Our Annual Meeting will be held

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, in Church.

At our Annual Meeting:-

1. Churchwardens are nominated and elected for the coming year.
2. New Members to PCC are nominated and elected to serve for a period of 3 years. Reports on this past year's business, activity and financial statements will be given; other features and challenges of this past year reflected upon, as well as some of the perceived challenges and plans for the 12 months ahead – and beyond!

Please come and play your part!

Want to check you are on the Church's Electoral Roll? There is a copy in the Church Porch. Any new applications must be made by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, to be added prior to this year's Annual Meeting.

***This Lent the Church of England has produced material and resources which invite us to explore how we can live well with the mess of everyday life.***

**Dust and Glory** encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them. Here in Collingham, at St Oswald's, there will be some of the **little booklets available which contain the daily reflections (or further ones can be ordered if you tell us you would like us to get one for you)** but others of you may prefer to **receive the same material straight to your inbox, or via an app**. If that sounds more like you then visit - [www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lenholy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-lent-reflections](http://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lenholy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-lent-reflections) to find out more. These Daily Reflections can also be accessed free via **your Alexa or Google smart speaker devices**. Simply "**ask the Church of England for today's Dust and Glory Reflections**". If technology of that sort is not your thing, you can also make use of **the Church of England's free phone line Daily Hope**. This facility which began during lockdown days continues 24 hours a day and can be reached on **0800 804 8044**. Ring this number and you will be given a number of options to locate what you are wanting.

We will be making reference to this material during some of our Sunday & Seasonal Services at St Oswald's, on our weekly Pew Sheets which are available in church & via [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/3189/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/3189/), in some of our little gift bags hung around the village during Lent, and we will also be responding to what we have read/heard and sharing with one another at our 'Dust & Glory' Reflection times in Church on Wednesday mornings (see calendar page for dates).

So please do join the journey, in whichever way works for you, and don't forget to find ways to talk to others who may well be sharing the journey too - whether that be by attending something on offer or in more informal ways with a friend over a coffee.

**"We are pilgrims on a journey; fellow travellers on the road  
We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load."  
(from the Servant Song by Richard Gillard)**



**The World Day of prayer** is being held in Collingham Methodist Church on Friday 3 March at 1.30 pm . It is joint hosted by St Oswalds Collingham and Collingham Methodists . All welcome . tea / coffee cake after in hall .

### **From St Oswald's Registers:-**

#### **Weddings:-**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Amy Howson and Benjamin Ryan Jones



#### **Funerals:-**



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Cyril Anthony (**Tony**) Johnson  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Charlotte Jane Brooker



## MARCH

### CALENDAR FOR LENT @ ST OSWALD'S

All are most welcome to the church's regular or seasonal services.

DAY & DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist ( <i>said</i> )
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am - 11.30am  1.30pm	<b>'Teddy Praise' at Methodist Church Hall -</b> <i>Story, Activity, Song &amp; Fun for Babies, Tots, Pre-Schoolers and Carers</i>  <b>World Day of Prayer</b> – Collingham Churches invite you to the Methodist Church for this annual global Service of Prayer
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Lent 2</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist (BCP)</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.15am - 11.30am	Eucharist ( <i>said</i> ) " <b>Dust &amp; Glory</b> " 1-Reflect Together over a Cuppa
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am  11.30am	Cuppa & Tea-Cakes in Church  <b>Warm Space : Warm Welcome</b> Do Come Along!
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Lent 3</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b> <b>Sung Eucharist &amp; Baptism</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.15am- 11.30am	Eucharist ( <i>said</i> ) " <b>Dust &amp; Glory</b> " 2-Reflect Together over a Cuppa
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Lent 4</b> <b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b> <b>Family Sung Eucharist (Flowers for Mum!)</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am 10.15am- 11.30am	Eucharist ( <i>said</i> ) " <b>Dust &amp; Glory</b> " 3-Reflect Together over a Cuppa
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Lent 5</b> <b>PASSION SUNDAY</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b> <b>All Age Worship</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.15- 11.30am 7.30pm	Eucharist ( <i>said</i> ) " <b>Dust &amp; Glory</b> " 4-Reflect Together over a Cuppa  <b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b> – see notice elsewhere in magazine
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist (BCP)</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>  Gather outside the Memorial Hall for Palm Procession across the Glebe Field ( <i>or meet us at Church!</i> )



# From the Methodist Church



## Treasure or Trash

My husband and I like to go to auction sales, often they are agricultural farm sales, and we are particularly interested in the vintage section. A few years ago, over in Lincolnshire, my husband attended a sale on his own. Usually, I quite like what he brings back, however, on this occasion he came home with a very large, vintage, solid wooden display model pig, painted black. It was huge and we assume had come from a butcher's shop somewhere. It was quite badly damaged, with both ears missing and in need of a good coat of paint. Some people would think it was only fit for a fire. After a couple of years, we decided to put the 'Pig' back into a local auction without a reserve and hoped it would sell for more than my husband had paid for it.



The auction was 'On line' as well as 'On site', but unfortunately we were not able to watch it. However, we later found out that the 'Pig' had sold for far more than anyone had expected. Amazing! Everyone in the sale room had been taken by surprise and we were in a state of shock. Even now when we think about it, we can not really believe it. Many of you will have heard the saying, 'One man's treasure is another one's trash!' It is interesting how we all value things differently.

There is no doubting that what the world values, is not necessarily what God values. Jesus had time for the sinners, the outcasts, the prostitutes, the ones who were scorned and the lowest of the low in society. He said himself, it was the sick and the poor, he came to rescue and save, not the mighty and powerful. He came to heal the broken hearted and lift up the downcast, not the religious and righteous. Jesus was the long-awaited Saviour the Israelites had been waiting for, and yet he was not who they thought he should be. As we draw nearer to Easter, we will be hearing again the story of Palm Sunday when Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. The Pharisees and other religious leaders thought he ought to be riding on a fine horse as a mighty Warrior, Conqueror and Saviour – not a humble donkey.

But then, God turns everything upside down. Jesus is God's Son, the Saviour of the World, and yet he humbled himself, was tortured and beaten and died a cruel death on the cross, so that we might be saved. In human eyes it is ridiculous, but then what is foolish to us is wise to God. For the religious leaders and those around Jesus at that time, it was unheard of and not right at all. Yet it was all part of God's plan. Jesus was ridiculed and without a doubt treated like trash, but through his death and resurrection he offers us the greatest treasure ever to behold – a new life here on earth and eternal life with him to follow.

During this period of Lent, the time leading up to Easter, may our eyes be opened to see the wonderful treasure we can have in Jesus.

God bless,  
*Eileen*

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## March News Update

This month our newsletter looks different. We are focusing on just two issues, speeding vehicles and the King's Coronation.

We particularly wanted to highlight the impact of Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) on traffic through our villages. Previous newsletters have covered the purchase of SIDs, including three new ones recently installed, and our hope that they will help to control speeding vehicles. We have taken one month, January, to present average statistics from all the SIDs, the results of which can be seen in the table.

Our objective with the SIDs is to remind and inform drivers when they have exceeded the speed limit, as well as collect data about the volume and speed of vehicles entering and (for the first time) exiting the village.

January	SID 1 Piccolino's	SID 2 Linton	SID 3 Bishopdale	SID 4 Crabtree Green	SID 5 Bluecoat Court
Direction	Arriving	Arriving	Arriving	Leaving	Leaving
Average Daily Vehicles*	3619	470	2791	1421	2935
Speeding %	25	42	16	51	30
Top Speed	61	62	69	75	71

\*This is the mean average number of daily vehicles for the largest sample available within the month

We are sharing these results with local Ward Councillor Matthew Robinson and the Police, to continue to raise awareness of the speeding issues affecting our villages.

The following conclusions can be drawn from this data and are being discussed with all stakeholders and community members:

Most people are speeding when they are leaving Collingham on Wetherby Road (SID4)

Only 1 in 6 drivers are still speeding as they approach the school from Harewood (SID3)

Drivers entering Linton from Wetherby are more likely to be speeding than those entering Collingham

We are continuing to regularly collect data from the SIDs and will share results with the community. If you have any questions or comments, please email us on: [clerk@clpc.info](mailto:clerk@clpc.info)



### Grants for the Coronation

If your organisation is considering a celebration to mark the King's Coronation, we may be able to provide grant funding. Each application will be assessed on merit and must be of benefit to all residents.

### Parish Council Facebook Page

The Parish Council has its own Facebook page: Collingham with Linton Parish Council. We post information regularly about the work we undertake and publish information about issues affecting Collingham and Linton. Please do visit the site and check posted information regularly.



### Website

For further details and information about the work of the Parish Council, please go to [www.clpc.info](http://www.clpc.info)

## COLLINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL

### ACTIVITIES

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- Badminton Clubs
- Bridge Club
- Ellis School of Dance
- Kickstart Kamps
- Ladies Forum
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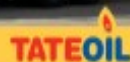
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