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Game On!

The great Liverpool Football Manager, Bill Shankly once famously said, 'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death; I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that.'



As excitement for the Men's Football World Cup in the USA begins to build, there are clearly some for whom that statement is entirely true! And it doesn't matter what level of football either. I was chatting to one of the coaches of my 13yr old's football team who remarked that he thought that he was the only coach in their league who would applaud the opposition for good play or when they scored a goal.

I found this desperately sad. Surely part of sport is finding joy in the playing, not just in the result? I was very struck by the difference in the atmosphere at the Women's Euros where England won back to back Championships in 2022 and 2025. Not only was there some world class football played, but the spirit in which it was played was a real celebration. There was very little of the petulant theatrics that can so often characterise the men's game, and the atmosphere in the stadia was always fantastic, full of joy and enthusiasm. Yes, the results were important to the fans, but somehow they weren't the be all and end all, and as a consequence, as the cliché goes, football really was the winner!

A few years ago, I came across a video of a message from Jurgen Klopp, another great Liverpool manager, sent to a fan, Dave Evans, just before the Champions League Final in 2019. The fan is terminally ill and Jurgen Klopp is sending his encouragement to him. He finishes his message with these words "I wish you from the bottom of my heart all the best and I'm Christian- so see you".

In those last 5 words we have the Christian hope encapsulated and a very different view of what is important in life. 'See you' speaks of our sure and certain hope that death is not the end, and that the God whose presence Jurgen Klopp knows and enjoys in this life, is the same God in whose continuing presence Klopp firmly expects to spend eternity. And so while acknowledging the excitement of the Champions League Final about to be played, as well as the devastation of the fan's diagnosis, Klopp is inviting the fan to see things differently - to look to Jesus and to find hope.

As it happens, Liverpool went on to win the game and in the post match interview Klopp said "I should have probably said this first of all, I know how Tottenham feel in this moment better than anybody else in the world. They played a sensational season as well and they would have deserved it as well, but tonight we scored the goals in the right moment. I told Poch (the Tottenham Manager) already after the game that he should be really proud of what they did this year as well." I love the fact that he took time to applaud the opposition, to empathise with them and to build them up.

A blessing from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer says "Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted ; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit." In whatever we do, we are invited to be a people who live out the life of Jesus in the world; to be those who offer a different way of seeing things; and in so doing to enable others to know that whatever we face, in all matters of life and death, there really is hope.

Richard

Summer Games

For tennis fans in the UK, June means Wimbledon. My Mum was definitely one of these. Having played tennis for her school team, she had a lifelong interest in the sport and always looked forward to those two weeks in June when there was plenty of good tennis to watch on the TV. Not many ladies in their 90s could speak so knowledgeably about the latest form of Djokovic or the Williams sisters!

Some of Mum's enthusiasm must have rubbed off on me, because tennis was my favourite childhood summer sport, too. I was intrigued by its strange scoring system and quirky vocabulary, some of which it owes to its

French origins. I learned that winning a game in tennis definitely wasn't the same thing as winning the game, which you should really call the "match". That didn't stop the games being very varied, mind. This is partly because of the unusual "deuce" and "advantage" system which insists you score two consecutive points to win a game. With four good serves (or 8 really bad ones), a game could be over in the twinkling of an eye. Or it could go on for ages. The longest tennis game on record was apparently played in Surrey in 1975. It went to 37 deuces and lasted over half an hour, long enough for a women's match on a neighbouring court to start and finish 6-0, 6-0.

The need for tennis sets to be won by a 2-game margin meant that sets, too, could in theory go on for ever. Before the introduction of tie-breakers, they sometimes did. For many years, tennis tournaments resisted the temptation to use a tie-break in the final set, feeling that this would be a disappointing anticlimax to an exciting competition. When American John Isner and Frenchman Nicolas Mahut met at Wimbledon in 2010, they shared the first four sets, two of which were won by a tie-break.



So far, so normal. In the fifth and deciding set, both men doggedly held their serve, game after game. Wimbledon had not yet introduced a final-set tie-breaker, so the match went on, and on, and on. Eventually, Isner broke the unfortunate Mahut's serve in the 138th (yes, 138th) game of the set, winning it 70-68. The match lasted just over 11 hours and spanned 3 days. We can safely assume this is a record that will never be broken!

Cricket never interested me quite as much, though I admit it can be a fascinating and unpredictable game. What appeals to me the most about cricket is its vocabulary, which is truly a thing of wonder. Cricketing terminology is, to say the least, idiosyncratic, if not bordering on the ridiculous. As I was trying to get to grips with this as a boy, I learned that bowlers could bowl yorkers, leg-breaks, bouncers, googlies, and wides (not a good idea). A corker or jaffa was a delivery for a bowler to aspire to, but not a full toss, beamer or (worst of all) pie. Batsmen had even more amusing possibilities. They could sweep, pull, drive, hook, prod, and edge. Nowadays they even ramp. They could tickle one down to fine leg or slash through the covers (there's an entertaining image). As a lad I wasn't terribly good at either bowling or batting, but I did like fielding. Fielding positions, I found, carry on this verbal madness. Slip and gully didn't really attract me - too static and pressurised - but I was prepared to tackle everything else. Well, almost everything. There is a reason why silly mid-off and silly point are called that. You have to be a bit daft to be willing to put yourself in such peril. Far better to be at deep square leg, even if that sounds just as silly.

I can't finish without mentioning another great summer game, if game is the right word: athletics. Indoor athletics has its place, but the outdoor version is something I've loved watching all my life. Track and field events tend to be so "natural" that their names generally lack the weirdness factor. The High Jump is, well, a high jump.



One or two events, like steeplechase and hammer, stretch reality slightly, but you still see what I mean. One name - marathon - does have an interesting history, though. As some of you may know, its roots are in the legend of Pheidipides, an ancient Greek messenger. He is said to have run all the way from the Plains of Marathon to Athens to announce a Greek military victory, before collapsing and expiring. These days, millions run marathons without any such dire consequences. When, in April this year, Sabastian Sawe of Kenya became the first person to run a marathon in under 2 hours in a record-eligible race, he almost looked like he'd just been for a run in the park. Within minutes he was giving the inevitable interviews to the admiring press of the world.

For me, athletics is always the highlight of the Olympic Games, and indeed of the Commonwealth Games, which come to Glasgow this July. This may be my wishful thinking, but I still like to see these huge sporting gatherings as just games at heart. A chance to come together and "play", as well as compete, using the talents God has given us and achieving great things. May all our "games" be in a similar spirit!

Martin Bailes

Why not write for The Porch?

July/August: Summer Days

September: A Fresh Start

October: Creation

November: Memories

December: Christmas Present

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Making a Clean Sweep

Mike Hewitt our caretaker has decided to hang up his broom handle and swiffer in order to take full retirement. He has had a transformative effect on the church and its buildings; keeping us tidy, clean and safe. Mike has also saved the church 'a few quid' by literally being a handyman and repairing and fixing chairs, doors, flooring, walls...and the list goes on.



Mike joined us in January 2024 from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, as he wasn't quite ready for complete retirement. He became a vital member of the team, not least getting our health & safety policies up to speed, navigating us through food hygiene and training the staff team on how to use a fire extinguisher. On top of all that, he also managed to clean the buildings! We are grateful for all that he has done.

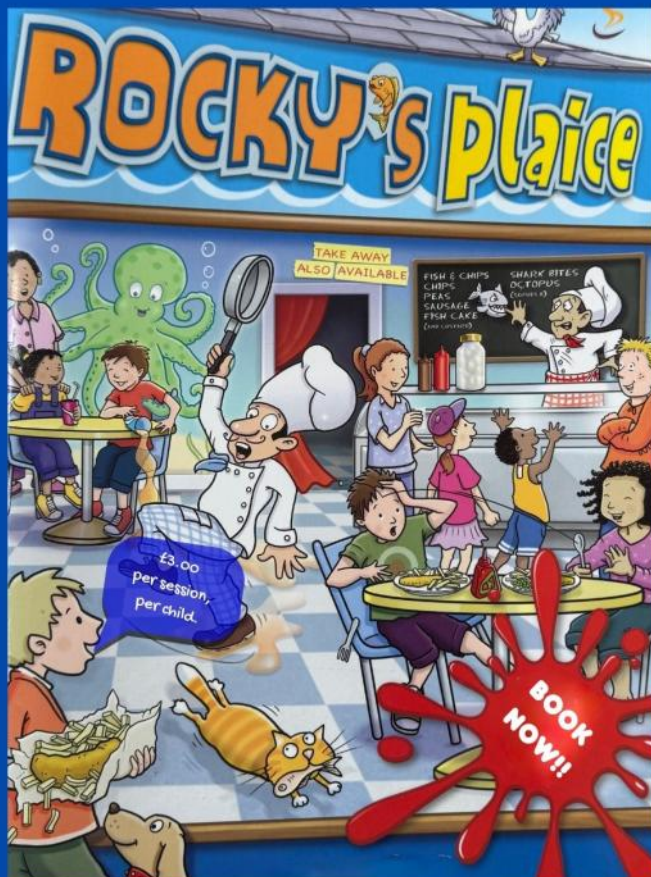


It is not entirely farewell, as Mike will continue to do our Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) as he knows how to use the machine. His last day of service was 29th May 2026, and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

A recruitment process is underway for his replacement, with the advert on our website. [https://](https://www.stedsdringhouses.org/caretaker/)

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HOLIDAY CLUB @ ST EDWARD'S CHURCH



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10.00AM -12.30PM

AGES 5-11

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Promise

ROCKY'S PLAICE HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 20TH July to Friday 24th July 10am to 12.30 pm

This year's holiday club theme is based on the stories of Peter and the early church, and how life in church has developed today. I chose this particular one from the selection of Scripture Union Holiday club programs that we have in our archive, as it was the first holiday club both my children came to and they thoroughly enjoyed it. The club is based around a Fish and Chip shop called Rocky's Plaice and has several key characters Mr. Tagliatelli and his two trainee chefs, who really make a mess of things. We have visits by Captain Ketchup and a TV presenter appears on the final day named Charlie Chutney. The days are full of creative teaching games, songs, prayers, crafts and slap stick drama comedy. This has been specifically developed for five to eleven year olds in mind, with fun interactive play, jokes and scripts. We will also have Peter's boat to enjoy stories from each of the days' themes. These cover the Ascension, Pentecost, the man who couldn't walk, Dorcas, and Cornelius, each with a relevant craft.

The props are on the way to being built, and Youth Group have had challenges to get involved with these and to create some one liners and jokes for each day. They have also shared some great games, which I will definitely use. I felt excited at our last Youth meeting as their enthusiasm to be part of this year's holiday club made me realize that this is definitely a community driven event.

So....the question is ...how can you be part of all this fun? Well, there are lots of behind the scenes roles to be filled from building displays, making fish, baking biscuits, sorting stationery, helping with admin. However, most importantly, you can help by praying for those young people who have come before and the new children who haven't yet experienced a holiday club. Please pray too for our staff and volunteers who are giving their time to support and help on the actual week in July .

Holiday club joke example:

A fish wearing a pair of boots goes to the cobbler and says, 'These boots really hurt...'

The cobbler says, 'You need some new eels.'

And our Youth groups one liners? 'You've got to be squidding me!' !!

'Oh no, I'm going to pull a mussel, and I will see you tuna or later...'

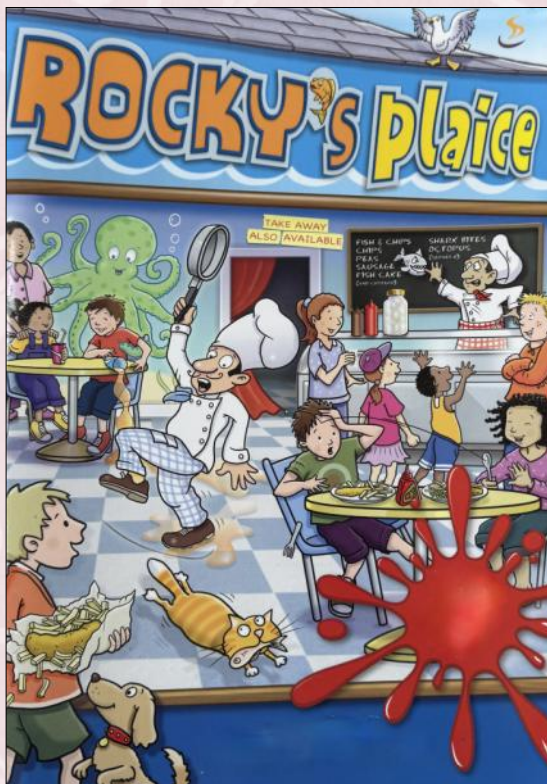
A Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for those who taught us about Peter and for giving us the chance to share his stories with our children and young people. We also give thanks for our Church congregation who have been encouraging us all in the task ahead. With us all working together in your light, I know you will guide us to be happy and successful in this shared experience. Amen

Sally

C&Y Worker



Enjoyment or Endurance?

A summer of sport can be an absolute joy for some and utter misery for others. Hours and hours of sport will be dominating our TV schedules. We have already had the Winter Olympics held in Italy where Brazil won their first Winter Olympic medal ever (Gold!) and Team GB achieved their most successful Winter Olympics in history, winning a record three gold medals and five medals overall.

Not enough sport? Well we have the 2026 Fifa World Cup starting in June and being hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico followed closely by the Commonwealth Games hosted in Glasgow. Oh and there's the World Baseball Classic and Rugby League World Cup and??? Well, the list goes on.

The 2026 FIFA World Cup will give us highs, lows and statistics.

□ One statistic is that it will be 60 years since England won the World Cup (the men that is) of which Sir Geoff Hurst is the only surviving team member.



□ My Brooke Bond Picture Card Album from 1969 (price 6¹⁰), has a card for Sir Alfred Ramsey which states. *'After the 1966 World Cup he became the first football manager to be knighted.'*



□ The first World Cup took place back in 1930. The tournament consisted of thirteen invited teams and was hosted by Uruguay, who also won the tournament.

□ The highest-scoring match in World Cup history happened in 1954, when Austria beat Switzerland 7-5.

□ Brazil is the only country to have played at every World Cup and have won the most world cups of any country. However, they also literally 'lost' the World Cup when it was stolen in 1983 in Rio de Janeiro and never recovered.

□ Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal became the first man to score at five FIFA World Cups (2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022). The 41 year old will also be playing in the 2026 tournament.

□ The fastest ever World Cup goal came from Turkey, 10.89 seconds into the match.

□ It's been 28 years since Scotland qualified for the World Cup and the team have the joy of being in the same group as Brazil. England are in their 19th World Cup.

And of course, for fans, we even have a Biblical encouragement: **Philippians 3:14**: "I press on toward the goal..."

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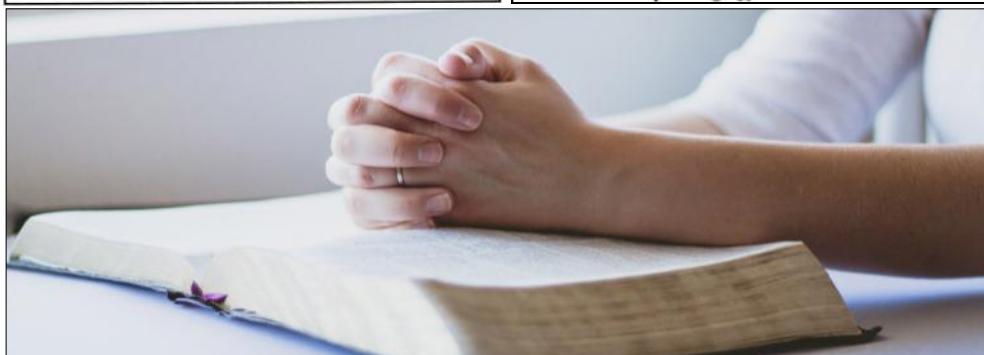
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Monday & Thursday	Church open during daytime 12.30-3.00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	Church open 9.30am—3.00pm
Monday—Thursday	Café open 9.30-12.00: 1.30-4.00pm
Friday	Café open 9.30am-12.00
Mondays	Little Ted's 10.30-12.00 noon
	Garden Gang (during the season) 2.00pm-4.00pm
Wednesdays	Youth Group 7.00pm-8.30pm
Fridays (see below for practice dates)	6.30-7.30pm Choir practice in Church
Any enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings etc to 01904 709111 or parishoffice@stedsdringhouses.org	
	Timings are correct at time of going to press.

Monday	10.00-12.00	Needlecraft Group
	6.00-8.00pm	Dringhouses Rainbows & Brownies
	7.00—8.00pm	My Yoga Journey
Tuesday	10.00-11.00am	Exercise for Fitness & Health
	10.30-11.30am	'Happy Hour' in the Café
	11.10 –12.10	Mindful Yoga
	12.30-4.00pm	Tuesday Bridge Group
	6.15-7.15pm	Beaver Scouts (in term time) see back page for Wednesday evening session
Wednesday	7.30—9.00 pm	Line Dancing
	9.30am-12noon	Probus (fortnightly)
	10.00-11.00 am	Aerobics
	12.15-3.30pm	Art Group
	6.15-8.15pm	Perfecting Pilates (2 x 1 hour classes)
1st Thursday	11.30-am12.30pm	Yorkshire Club
	2.00-3.00pm	Contact
3rd Thursday	7.30-9.30pm	Local History Group
Thursday	11.00-12.00	Exercise for Fitness & Health
	12.15-3.45pm	Thursday Bridge Group
	6.45-7.45pm	My Yoga Journey
	7.15-8.15pm	Occasion Choir
	7.50-9.50pm	Camera Club
Friday	9.30-12.00	Living Well Health Community (2nd & 4th in month)
	12.00-2.00	Lunches in the Community Hall (see poster for dates)
	6.15-7.15pm	Beavers Scouts (in term-time)

Monday 1st June

10.00-12.00 noon

Needlecraft

10.30am—12.00 noon

Little Ted's

3.15-4.15pm

SEEDS

Tuesday 2nd June

10.00-11.00am

Exercise for Fitness & Health

10.00am

Women's Fellowship Committee Meeting

Wednesday 3rd June

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00-8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 4th June—Corpus Christi

10.00am Holy Communion

I Corinthians 11: 23-26: John 6: 51-58

11.00-12.00 noon

Exercise for Fitness & Health

2.00-3.00pm

Contact

Friday 5th June

10.30 –11.30am

Dringhouses Memories

6.30-7.30pm

Choir Practice

Saturday 6th June

1.00pm

Wedding of Joel Bradley & Elizabeth Harper

7.00pm

Quiz Night in the Community Hall in aid of Church Funds

Sunday 7th June—1st Sunday after Trinity

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

Genesis 12: 1-9: Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

10.00am All Age Service

Readings as above

6.30pm Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing

Readings as above

Monday 8th June

10.00-am 12.00 noon

Needlecraft

10.30am –12.00 noon

Little Ted's

3.15-4.15pm

SEEDS

Tuesday 9th June

10.00-11.00am

Exercise for Fitness & Health

11.00am-12.15pm

Discussion Group

Wednesday 10th June

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00-8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 11th June—Barnabas the Apostle

10.00am Holy Communion

Acts 11: 19-end: John 15: 12-17

11.00am –12.00 noon

Exercise for Fitness & Health

Friday 12th June

12.00-2.00pm

Lunches

6.30-7.30pm

Choir Practice

Saturday 13th June

9.00am –1.00pm

Wet Felting with Sally Gatus

10.00am—12.00 noon

Railway Group

Sunday 14th June—2nd Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

Genesis 18: 1-15: Matthew 9:35-10:8

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings as above

Summer at 6.30pm

Exploring different ways to engage with God

Monday 15th June

10.00-12.00 noon

Needlecraft

10.30am –12.00 noon

Little Ted's

3.15-4.15pm

SEEDS

Tuesday 16th June

10.00-11.00am

Exercise for Fitness & Health

Wednesday 17th June

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00-8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 18th June

10.00am Holy Communion

Psalm 97:1-8: Matthew 6: 7-15

7.30pm

Local History Group

Friday 19th June

6.30-7.30pm

Choir Practice

Sunday 21st June—3rd Sunday after Trinity

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

Genesis 21: 8-21: Matthew 10: 24-39

9.15am

Tea & Toast in the Café area

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings as above

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 46:1 Samuel 24: 1-17; Luke 14:12-24

Monday 22nd June

10.00am—12.00 noon

Needlecraft

10.30am—12.00 noon

Little Ted's

3.15-4.15pm

SEEDS

Tuesday 23rd June

10.00-11.00am

Exercise for Fitness & Health

Wednesday 24th June

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00-8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 25th June

10.00am Holy Communion

2 Kings 24: 8-17;; Matthew 7: 21-end

11.00am—12.00 noon

Exercise for Fitness & Health

2.00pm

Women's Fellowship

Friday 26th June

12.00-2.00pm

Lunches

Sunday 28th June—4th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

Genesis 22: 1-14; Matthew 10: 40-end

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings as above

Summer at 6.30pm

Exploring different ways to engage with God

Monday 29th June

10.00am—12.00 noon

Needlecraft

10.30am—12.00 noon

Little Ted's

3.15-4.15pm

SEEDS

Tuesday 30th June

10.00-11.00am

Exercise for Fitness & Health

7.00pm

Premises Committee Meeting

Summer at 6.30 pm!

We are really excited to announce our brand new pattern of Sunday evening services which will run throughout the summer months of June, July and August. With a variety of worship styles including Celtic, contemporary music, storytelling, and café church there will be something to appeal to everyone. Perfect to dip your toe into new ways of worshipping and to invite your friends to. More details to follow. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!

Rev Debbie Long

From the Register

Wedding

Mark Thomas Dalby & Wendy Wootton

25th April 2026

Memorial Service

Peter Batty

14th May 2026



Choral Evensong



SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2026
6.30PM

Creating a Safe Space for Holiday Club

Every year we are all probably aware of the preparations for Holiday Club - requests for help with preparing craft materials, or with moving the pews after the Sunday service the day before Holiday Club starts. And after it's all over for another year, we now have a bit of a tradition at St. Ed's of a 10am service featuring some of the songs and a



selection of the activities. All this is, if you like, glimpses of the wonderful Holiday Club yacht, being launched and sailing through a week full of fun, fellowship - and, of course, God. But, beneath the waves, the yacht has a keel, which is "vital for stability (preventing capsizing) and reducing lateral leeway when sailing" - yes, I did get that quote off the internet. The Holiday Club keel is everything that creates a safe space for everyone involved - in other words, the safeguarding!

So here is a list of safeguarding actions for Holiday Club - apologies to anyone who does something I've missed out:-

- ◇ Risk assessments are completed, of the physical space and also the activities
- ◇ All adult volunteers need to have a DBS check, renewed every 3 years.
- ◇ They are also asked to do some safeguarding training online
- ◇ A safeguarding meeting is held for all volunteers, to look at how safeguarding guidelines will work in practice during Holiday Club and to give an opportunity for questions to be asked and any concerns raised
- ◇ The First Aid box is checked to make sure no equipment is missing and everything is in date

- ◇ Paperwork for each attendee is checked to make sure any allergies, educational needs and so on have been noted and that we have contact details in case of any emergency
- ◇ All other activities on church premises stop for Holiday Club week, so all users have to be notified
- ◇ The cafe is closed for the week
- ◇ The building is secured, with "meeters and greeters" on the doors to check people in and ensure that anyone not involved in Holiday Club is politely turned away
- ◇ Protocols are in place for all sorts of things from safe use of scissors to how to manage the children's visits to the toilet appropriately
- ◇ All phones are put away in a phone box during the session (apart from an official one for taking photos and any necessary communication with the outside world)
- ◇ At the end of each session, the parent or carer collecting a child must give a password

So you can see that a lot of time and commitment go into striving to ensure that Holiday Club is a safe environment where all can flourish. I can't name everyone who contributes to this, but do give a special thank you to Sally Gatus, our Children's Worker, for sorting so much of it out.



One last thing - if you thought it unexpected that I used the metaphor of a yacht and its keel, I will reveal that in 1982 I spent a week on Ullswater doing the Royal Yachting Association's Basic Certificate. I have never been in a dinghy since - but that's another story!

Pat Wilson - Parish Safeguarding Officer

Just a Minute: Update from the PCC

A Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive committee of a Church of England parish, responsible for its financial affairs, the maintenance of church assets, and promoting the church's mission. At St Edward's, the PCC meet bi-monthly on the third Monday of the month and in 2026 has met in January, March with the next meeting in May being after this magazine goes to print.

Topics discussed:

- ◇ Sally Gatus requested to relaunch SEEDS and having researched local provision for young people, suggested Monday as the best option. Little Teds would also move to Monday. Approved.
- ◇ Lent Course to use Retreat in Daily Life, either as small groups or as individuals. Sermons would tie in with the readings.
- ◇ Finance: Huge thanks to Helen Dobson and Jim Cooper who have stepped down as Treasurer and Bookkeeper respectively. Both have been involved with finance for years and their contribution can't be counted! Karin Pearson is the new treasurer and is now working with a Church of England approved finance package by Data Developments. Part of the process involved in setting up the new system will be the 'tidying up' of several legacy accounts. However, Helen Dobson and Debbie Paterson kindly agreed to work on the 2025 end of year accounts.

- ◇ A Lone Working Policy is under development as roles such as Parish Secretary, Sacristan and Churchwarden often necessitate individuals to be on the church premises alone. Safeguarding measures need to be in place.
- ◇ A Parish Pilgrimage was approved for 28th March 2026.
- ◇ Replacement of the existing Sharp laser printer was discussed, as it had developed several quirks. Negotiations with XBM have resulted in a new deal for a brand-new Epson printer with much stronger environmental credentials - not least the ability to recycle toner cartridges back to Epson. The PCC approved the change.
- ◇ The Scout roof requires replacement and so the solar panels will need to be removed. Whilst the cost will be borne by the Scouts, a Faculty will be required from the Diocese.
- ◇ Architect, Louise Priestman has now set up her own company, Arbeth, and PCC were asked to approve her continued involvement as our architect. Approved.
- ◇ The current website is 7 years old and much of the software can no longer be updated and so the PCC approved a rebuild on a new platform. The launch is expected in the summer.
- ◇ PCC approved Staley Stonework to undertake repairs to the external stonework which will include a rebuild of the boundary wall and the cleaning of the war memorial. (A generous donation has been received for the latter). Process is currently awaiting faculties.

The APCM was held on Sunday 10th May and the papers will continue to be available on the website. The meeting can be watched on our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S-m82NgnBc>



Hello from Dringhouses Library!

Our **Parents Place get-together for new and expectant parents** runs every **Tuesday from 11am-12.00pm**. Meet other parents and parents to be, chat, have a cuppa, let the babies have a wriggle, and share the amazing, demanding experience of parenthood! All welcome, free.

Our **Children's Lego Club** meets every **Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm** for building challenges and creative fun with Lego every week. Free and no booking required.

Under 5s Storytime is on every **Thursday and Saturday, 11am to 11.30am**, with songs, rhymes, and stories for children under 5 and their carers. **Free and no booking required.**

Our friendly **Knit and Natter** group meets **every Tuesday, 10am to 12pm**, for coffee, chat, knitting, crocheting, and fun. **Free and no booking required.**

Lucy

Author Talk: Jerry Ibbotson



Monday 15 June
4-5pm | Dringhouses Library

Meet local author Jerry Ibbotson and hear about his book *Featherfall*, set in York! Jerry discusses what it's like writing about your hometown in a fantastical way - with angels stopping for a pint in a pub.

Free | Booking required



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Everybody's Welcome!

I grew up in a Christian home where music was simply part of everyday life. With three siblings in the house, there was always somebody singing, practising, or playing something on the piano. Music never felt like a performance or a career at first — it felt like family, togetherness, and joy. My parents really encouraged all of us musically, so eventually I followed the traditional route through boarding school and conservatoire training, studying classical piano performance.



I learned a huge amount during those years, but if I'm honest, it could also feel quite lonely at times. Most days were spent alone in a tiny practice room for hours, trying to perfect every detail. I loved the piano, but somewhere along the way I realised I was missing the part of music that had meant the most to me growing up: sharing this experience with other people.

That changed when I started my MA in jazz piano. Suddenly music became something alive and connected again. I loved the spontaneity of it, the conversations that happen between musicians without anyone speaking. I formed a quartet, and we were lucky enough to perform at festivals including the Leeds Piano Festival and Leeds Jazz Festival. What drew me in so deeply was the way jazz teaches you to listen — really listen — to the people around you and let their ideas inspire what comes next.

That's probably one of the reasons I've loved becoming part of the music ministry at St Eds since starting as Director of Music last September. From the beginning, people were so welcoming, and there's something really special about the atmosphere during rehearsals. Nobody is there to impress anyone else. People encourage each other, pray for one another, laugh together, learn together, and simply do their best to serve.

For me, worship music has never been about creating a polished group that only a few people feel confident enough to join. It should feel like a community. I'd love to see teenagers, students, parents, and older members of the church all serving side by side, learning from one another and growing together in faith and confidence.

I know that a lot of people are quietly waiting for someone to personally invite them. So, this is honestly just that — an invitation. If you love music, or even if you're simply curious and would like to try, we would love to welcome you. You don't have to be perfect, experienced, or confident. Worship is something we grow into together, and there's space for everyone.

Nathalia Rakotoson

Director of Music

Ed's Note: If you are interested in being part of the musical life at St Edward's, please contact Nathalia on music@stedsdringhouses.org. See the posters for more details.

Food Waste Store

Food Waste Store

It's Thursday morning and I'm standing here in the space of Planet Food. This has been a challenge for me for the last year or so, a place I've come, read, made, for purchase my groceries just before school for a while.

Part of the nationwide Food Bank Project, Planet Food is a food waste store and where food that is discarded is redistributed. Church on Sunday food every Thursday of the year. It is a real life target group of food waste and waste 100kg of food (100kg) (100) per week that can be food waste. 20-25% of food ends up left or wasted.

The food store opens at 10:00am, although the space after leaving from about 10am. They operate a ticket system, and there is place to sit while you wait. Customers are served around the shop by a volunteer who gives you a list of items. I buy of customers.

The store operates on a pay what you can basis, with a suggested donation of £3 for a bag of groceries (any amount is fine, so in my case, today).

Usually, there is a food bank. No items, no vouchers. Everyone is welcome.

It's also a great place to connect with food waste services offering guidance and advice around health and food buying, making decisions. Family support, money matters, etc.

I mentioned snacks. The coffee space at 10:00am and cannot but drink and purchase (10). The shop has food waste into a delicious 10 minute meal, usually from 10:00am-10:30am, £10 for 2 courses, £7 for 3 courses, cash or card.

It's a warm and friendly space to be in. The volunteers are truly amazing, committed to the cause and committed to people. Regular attendees include grandparents and their young children, food waste, any number, food waste bank. Some come because the food is cheaper, some because they're passionate about reducing food waste. Everyone. I think, come for the community.

Follow us on social media: @planetfoodstore

Statement of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The complete notice appears in the April edition, but this is just a reminder that we are asking members of the congregation to attend on Wednesday 10th May 2023.

We have eight members on the Parochial Church Council and three members on the Ministry Team.

The election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 10 May 2023. The election will take place at 10:00am in the Parish Church, which will be the only service that day.

Memorandum for each of the above are available from the Parochial Office or the Priest, or by email on parochial@stedsdringhouses.org. Paper forms for PCC members can be returned to me via the Office or sent via email to parochial@stedsdringhouses.org.

Canon Graham PCC Secretary

MENU

11.00
SPICED CARROT SOUP (VEGAN) (HALAL)

1.50
CREAMY MUSHROOMS ON TOAST (VEGIE)

HUMMUS + RED PEPPER PLATTER with OLIVES (VEGAN) (HALAL)

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CHICKEN CURRY + RICE

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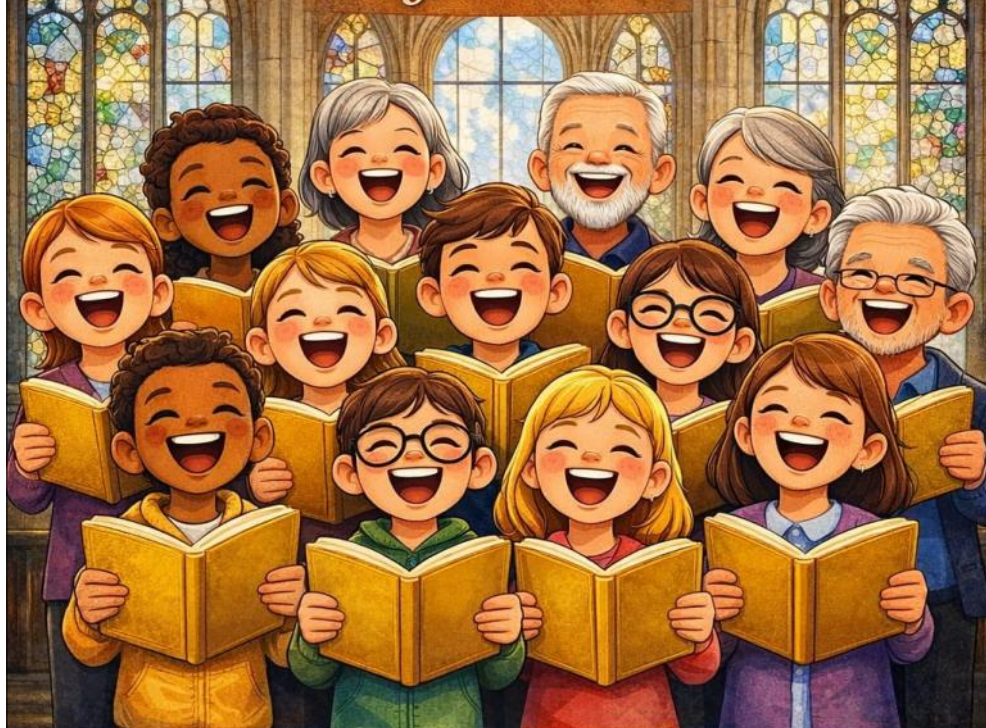
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