

Fortnightly Parish Newsletter 4/3/2021

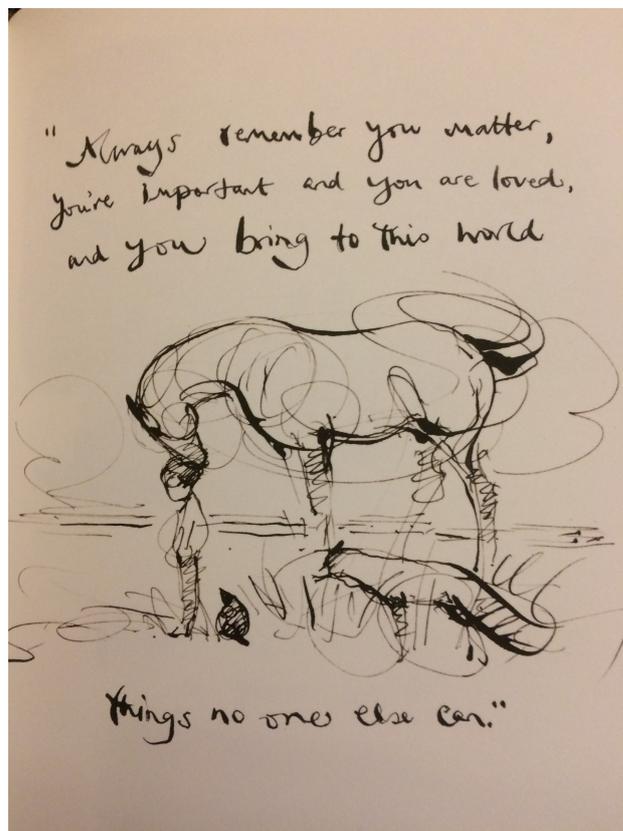
Dear friends, sisters and brothers,

Well it does feel like our leaving is coming closer and we just want to re assure you that your church and community are in very good hands. Firstly each one of you is called and making a difference where you are; in your family, who may be near or far away; in your street and neighbourhood; as you walk and greet people and pray; in the painful times and the honesty of loss and exhaustion and feeling overwhelmed. The fragrance of Jesus is felt in a smile, a word of encouragement, a card, a bunch of flowers, a sense of belonging, a sense of knowing in the end that whatever comes our way, we will be able to say: "It is well, it is well with my soul".

God loves us and came into this broken world in Jesus who brings heaven to earth through faith, hope and love.

We had so hoped that this year would open out a bit more so that we could have more time in person with you all. But this is not to be. Like you we are so grateful for the vaccine and the many many blessings we experience.

So we will end well on 23rd May because we know the Lord can bring this about.



We will continue to livestream our services at 10 am and 11am

<https://www.facebook.com/SandalMagnaParish/>

ZOOM COFFEE: 12.00-12.30 every Sunday: All are welcome whether you have watched worship or worshipped somewhere else. Or if you haven't been anywhere, YOU ARE WELCOME.....

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Please join us on 14th March @ 4.00-4.30pm for a Mothers Day Zoom Families@4

EASTER: We are planning to open the churches for worship from **Palm Sunday March 28th.**

10am @ St Helen's

11am @ St Helen's

11am @ St Pauls

These will be similar to before lock down. We will need to wear masks, no communal singing and fellowship will take place at a distance outside the church building.

BUT it was a joy before and will be a joy again to meet even in this limited way.

Good Friday

Unfortunately we cannot do the Good Friday procession with our brothers and sisters in South Wakefield because of restrictions but we will be offering:

St Helen's: Good Friday meditation 12noon-3.00pm. (Come in and leave on the half hour)

St Paul's: Good Friday meditation 2.00-3.00pm.

Easter Sunday will be the three services of worship as usual.

Maybe if we can't sing we can dance!!!



The Spring Cafe Takeaway Hub will be opening from

Tuesday 9th March from 10am - 4pm

offering a full takeaway selection as well as our Hot Dish of the Day.

Tuesday: Meat and Potato Pie

Wednesday: Normandy Pork Casserole

Thursday; Chicken Leek and Ham Pie

Friday: Lasagne & Garlic Bread.

We will also have our popular Roasted Vegetable Pasta available each day.

We will be opening on Saturdays from the earlier time of 9am, but will close slightly earlier at 12.30pm, during which time we will be offering our full takeaway menu but with the added option to buy a frozen meal to warm up in the comfort of your own home.

Do remember that if you are short on time and don't want to run the risk of having to queue you can order your food online @ www.thespring.sandalmagna.com or on our dedicated order line at 07729209837.

Finally we are providing a range of Mothers Day Treats this year please go onto our facebook page or website for more details,

Prayer in a time of Transition

We pray for the schools, colleges and universities as they open up. Especially for those who have carried the leadership and continued the education of each individual. Thank you for your resilience and love.

We pray for ALL OUR YOUNG people who have weathered a big storm. We pray for parents in this change and for their well being.

This will be a transition with many different emotions and needs.

We pray for protection and wisdom and joy in this new season.

Rupert and I want to thank you for your prayers, although this last year has been so different, we have felt held and peaceful and know all will be well.

There are two major transitions:

Firstly: us leaving

Secondly: how we come out of this past year well as a worshipping, serving & loving community.

These are significant changes. But one of the books we have read is "SMALL is BIG and SLOW is FAST!!!!"

We know that you will be in safe hands with the leadership team God has put in place for this season. Those taking responsibility for decisions are Godly, prayerful, humble and unified on how we need to safely and sensitively come out of lockdown and listen to the Lord for each next step. It will be small and slow, but that rings a bell with Jesus teaching about yeast, salt and mustard seeds!!!

This period of transition goes by the Latin name of an interregnum, which means between two rules! I hope that we and the next Vicar do not rule over anyone! That would be contrary to the Gospel. As Jesus said: *You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever*

wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. Mark 10 42-44.

The interregnum will be a season of serving one another and the parish, praying for whoever God is calling, and discerning his will. Sally and I are so grateful for the gifted servant leaders whom we have worked alongside over the years, and who will carry on the Lord's work in this parish, led by our Churchwardens, **Andrea, Craig, Brian and Ed**, and our Reader, **Angela**, under the auspices of our PCC with the full support of the staff team.

Please hold each other in your prayers and for all the ministries as they journey into this new season. That they unfold forwards into something beautiful, creative, perhaps a bit different but FULL OF LOVE.

We have shared the BIG PICTURE so you know who is taking responsibility for what.

We welcome **Angela Elphick** as a paid member of staff for one day a week as Worship Pastor and a trained Reader, authorised by the Diocese. Her contract started on 1st March. We welcome two new members onto the staff team: **Viv Buckley** as the co-ordinator of 10am service at St Helen's, and **Richard Hughes** overseeing the online streaming/worship and huge potential for the future in this area of sharing the good news of Jesus. Margaret Walker and Susan Lee continue the work of co-ordinating St Paul's worship, pastoral care, and ministry in the village of Walton. As we said at the beginning everyone is part of the Body of Christ in a Kingdom Garden.

"Always remember you are important, you matter & you are loved & you bring to this world things no-one else can"

For those who don't know, Rupert and I are moving back to Bristol. We lived there from 1984-1991. We bought a little terraced house in Hotwells, worshipped in our local church and shared life together with the community. Sam, Tom and Hannah were born there. Rupert worked at the Arnolfini art gallery before he trained at Trinity College in Bristol and we left there 30 years ago to spend 4 years Yateley and then 26 years here!

So it is familiar and unfamiliar. We still have friends in our neighbourhood, and the building work starts on 10th March to put an extension on the back of the house. We would value prayers for a smooth building project (via zoom) and that it is not too disruptive for our neighbours. Thank you so much xx

The week of 17th May (all being well) we will have our vicarage garden open and be inviting 30 people at a time to share, eat cake and say farewell. We will visit those who can't get to us and our last Sundays will be 16th May at St Paul's and 23rd May at St Helen's.

It doesn't feel real but it does feel right, so thank you for all your support. We are treasuring memories and each day as it unfolds, God bless and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in each of you
Sally and Rupert xx



PCC/Staff/Finance/Safeguarding

Churchwardens & PCC

Craig Orr	Buildings/Fabric s/c
Andrea North	Finance/Worship s/c
Brian Pratt	Safeguarding/ Pastoral s/c
Ed Brindley	Youth/20:30s/Worship Communications s/c
Janet Crossman	Treasurer
Lynne Finn	Secretary
Michael Keeton	Deanery Synod Rep
Margaret Walker	St Paul's Leader
Susan Lee	St Paul's Co leader
Rose Lee	
Teddy Foster	
Paul Brough	Green = transition team
Vivien Buckley	s/c = Standing committee
Neale Clark	
Roger Parker	
Julian Finn	
Caroline Rountree	
Ben Cutts	
Anne Francos	

Staff Team

Angela Elphick	Reader/Staff lead Worship Pastor
Joyce Bloomfield	Evangelist/Preacher
Viv Buckley	Co-ordinator 10am
Sarah Cutts	CAP and PCF
Richard Hughes	Live Stream and Tech
Ruth McCallum	Parish Administrator
Cath Moxham	Spring Manager
Craig Orr	Church Warden
Anne Pratt	Groups Co-ordinator
Brian Pratt	Churchwarden
Liz Rowe	Youth leader
Laura Truter	Childrens + Family co-ordinator.

Finance team

Janet Crossman	Treasurer	s/c
Andrea North		s/c
Ruth McCallum		s/c
Noreen Pinchen		

Safe Guarding

Gerard Kiely-Jones Safeguarding Officer
Brian Pratt

Preachers/Worship/Shyp

Preachers

Linda Asquith
Phil Asquith
Richard Baxendale
Joyce Bloomfield
Viv Buckley
Tom Butler
Angela Elphick
Harry Pickup

Worship: Leaders & Liturgy

Viv Buckley
Angela Elphick Worship Pastor/Reader
Susan Lee
Margaret Walker

Worship: Leaders & Music

Angela Elphick: Worship Pastor
Ed and Beth Brindley
Richard Hughes
Mark Taylor

Organ & Choir

John Arnold
Andrea North

Bell Ringers

Margot Cutt Captain
Roger Townend Projects

SHYP *St. Helen's Youth Project*

Liz Rowe *Youth*
Ed and Beth Brindley
Rachel and Andy Chapman
Mark Wilkinson
Laura Truter *Children with team.*

U5's

Denise Chivers: Toddlin:
Marisa Kapp: Boogie Woogie Tots

Liz Morton: Diocesan Lead for
Children, Young people & families.
(Supporting Liz and Laura)

Community Outreach

The Spring

Cath Moxham Manager
Jackie Gabriel Café
Jean Watts Café
Joyce Bloomfield Café
Margaret Wilson Shop
Jane Nolan Shop
+ 80 volunteers

Directors of The Spring Café

Cath Moxham
Janet Crossman
Brian Pratt
Craig Orr
Richard Hughes

Portobello Community Forum

Sarah Cutts Centre Manger
Laura Truter Outreach/Support
Joyce Bloomfield Evangelist/Prayer
Pam Payling Volunteer since 2005
Margaret Brown Volunteer

Directors of PCF

Sarah Cutts
Ruth McCallum
Laura Truter
Pip Lockhart
Sally Martin

Christians Against Poverty

Sarah Cutts Debt Centre Manager
Joyce Bloomfield Fresh Start Manager
Sally Anne Lewis CAP Money coach +
Cath, Ruth, Ben and John.

TLG. Make Lunch/Hampers of Hope
Cath Moxham/Spring Sarah Cutts/PCF

Sandal Castle Church School

Until Covid: weekly assemblies
Community links with Portobello families
Julian Finn Governor
Marie Johnson Governor

Walton Academy

Until Covid: fortnightly assemblies
Festival Worship, in both churches. 100's
of families reached.

Parish Office/Pastoral/ Oasis/ Bereavement/Baptism/Churchyard

The Parish Office

Ruth McCallum Parish Administrator
Denise Chivers Baptisms/Burials/Tree
 of Life
Anne Francos Weddings/Pensions

Pastoral Care

Margaret Walker St Paul's
Angie Goddard St Helen's 1st congregation
Anne Pratt St Helen's 2nd congregation

Prayer

9.45-10am everyday @ The Spring
9-10am Wednesday mornings *Angela*
5am-9pm Thursdays *Joyce + team*

Baptism Team

Denise Chivers
Laura Truter
Ann Brook
Janet Crossman
Vicki Lord

Bereavement Visiting Team

Rosalind Jackson

Oasis Ministry to Seniors

Janet Porritt
Anne Pratt
Margaret Walker
In touch with 60-70 seniors

Flower Arrangers

Carole Goodwin
Marjorie Jones

Cleaning

May Winterbottom
Vicky Lord

Churchyard Team

John Saville
Alex Hull
Jill Heap
Allan Crossman