

Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



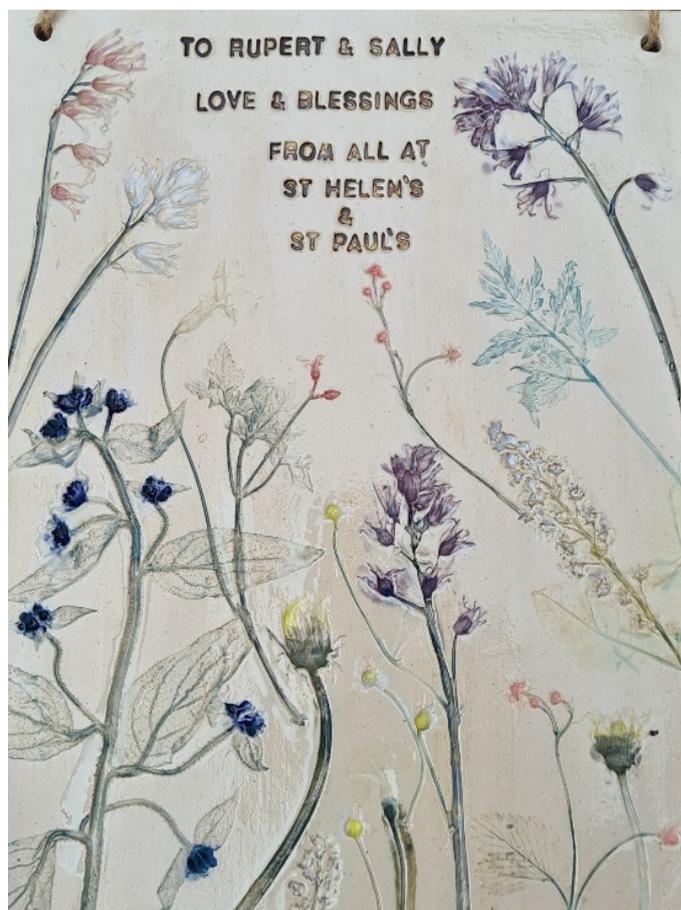
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June 2021

Rupert and Sally's Leaving Gift

A big thank you to all for your contributions to Rupert and Sally's leaving gift. The collection was instigated by Anne Newby and Janet Crossman. A team of people made numerous phone calls to spread the word: Pam Payling, Anne Newby, Sarah Cutts, Margaret Walker, Susan Lee. Many thanks to them all and to the many others of you who passed the word around once you'd been told of the plan, and also to Catherine Moxham for letting us use The Spring as a collection point for donations. The result being that thanks to your generosity we were able to give Rupert and Sally a substantial cheque to use for whatever they wish and for which I know they were surprised and very grateful.

We also wanted to get a memento for Rupert and Sally and in the end, after much thought, because they were downsizing from the large vicarage, it was thought that something they could put outside in their garden might be appreciated. A pottery plaque was created which was imprinted with wildflowers picked from the St Helen's Churchyard. The reverse of the plaque carried the message "Grateful thanks for 26 years of serving God in Sandal Magna". A photograph of the plaque is shown here, I'm sorry that due to circumstances not many people got to see it as it was really lovely. Hopefully Rupert and Sally will find a corner of their garden to place the plaque and will be reminded of us when they see it.



So, despite the Covid situation, we were able to give them a good send off. Maybe not what we might have done given different circumstances but hopefully they enjoyed themselves. And of course they gave all of us a good send off with their garden gatherings and home visits.

Andrea North

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A Message from the Churchwardens

For the next few months as we embark on the search for a new Vicar, the Churchwardens have a responsibility to ensure that the Church runs smoothly. Some of you will know who the wardens are, many will not, so we hope to introduce ourselves before each of the services on Sunday 4th July. Our names are Ed Brindley, Andrea North, Craig Orr and Brian Pratt.

Please feel free to contact us with any issues you would like to raise. We will usually be around on a Sunday and you can speak with us then. Or you can ask the Parish Office on 01924 259966 to be put in touch with us. We will be pleased to hear from you.

We are conscious that whereas in the past there may have been matters which you needed to speak with Rupert or Sally about and now you can no longer call them. The table below gives an idea of who is responsible for which area of ministry.

Andrea North

Craig Orr, Warden	Fabric (anything to do with the buildings)
Ed Brindley, Warden	Digital, communications, youth and worship
Andrea North, Warden	Finance
Brian Pratt, Warden	Safeguarding, pastoral
Angela Elphick, Lay Reader	Worship Coordination
Margaret Walker	St Pauls
Urgent out of hours contact	Andrea North 01924 251646 or 077757839000
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Reminder of Sunday Service Times

St Helen's

10.00am Traditional

11.00am Contemporary

St Pauls

11.00am

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Here are a couple of notices about events coming up soon where it would be good to join with Christians from other churches.

Rhythm of Life Taster Session at Wakefield Cathedral

Wednesday 30th June at 7pm

Everyone is welcome to come and find out more about how to use the resources offered by the diocese to help individuals to develop a rule of life. Inspired by the work of religious communities and a Bible verse from the Gospel of Matthew, the initiative offers an opportunity for Christians to re-align and keep Christ at the centre of our daily lives, through practical commitments, opportunities for mutual support and recommended resources. Some key areas will be given special attention: praying, encouraging, sharing, reflecting, celebrating, resting and creating. To find out more go to

<https://bit.ly/35QwaWZ>

To get started, you are encouraged to read the [quick start guide](#) and [invitation leaflet](#).



Ecumenical Prayer Walk around the Churches in the Sandal Area

Thursday 1st July at 6pm

Everyone is welcome to join Bishop Tony Robinson and others at Sandal Castle at 6pm. Or join in at any time for part of the walk. You are not expected to do the whole time and route. For details see overleaf.

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Churches Prayer Walk

6.00pm Meet at Sandal Castle for opening prayer

6.15 - 6.30pm at St Helen's Church

6.40 - 6.55pm at Sandal Methodist Church

7.10-7.25pm at St Catherine's Church

7.40-7.55pm Baptist Church

8.05 - 8.20pm Strong Tower Church at Portobello
Community Centre

8.30pm Sandal Castle for final prayer



The Restored Pilkington Hatchments are appreciated

In early June, Sir Thomas Pilkington and some of his family visited St Helen's to view the restored hatchments which are mounted near the main South door. Sir Thomas (centre) was accompanied by his son Richard and family member Dermott Daly.

To learn more about these interesting objects, go to <https://bit.ly/3gRtQEd>

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