

# Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



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July 2021

## News from The Spring

People are asking will happen after 19th July at The Spring?

- In truth not much will change - customers will still be welcomed on arrival, invited to sanitise their hands and when possible follow the one way system . The screens will remain in place on the Shop Counter and masks whilst no longer mandatory will be available for customers to use . Our volunteers have requested face shields, previously not permitted as an alternative to masks, and as such we have 50 arriving tomorrow , which means we can at least be seen smiling at one another and more importantly our customers .



- As for the cafe - the socially distanced seating will remain offering seating for 28 guests inside and a further 28 seats outside . We will continue to take bookings for up to 4 tables at a time - leaving the remaining seating free for walk ins.
- Our full menu is now available for eat in or take away including our very popular and delicious Afternoon Teas

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- returns in the summer with lunch clubs being held every Wednesday back at the Portobello Community Centre from 28th July, offering a warm welcome, activities for children and some shared fellowship over lunch - we very much hope and pray to welcome back the families we have been supporting throughout the pandemic through our hampers of hope initiatives. Spring will be closing for its Summer Break, from 4pm on Thursday 26th August,

reopening on Tuesday 7th September from 10am

- Watch out too for our new “ Sunday Lunch Fellowship, being launched in the Autumn , more details will follow next month - but who doesn't like a traditional Roast dinner once in a while !!
- We will also be working with Sarah Cutts & the team at Portabello to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the estate on 25th August - a family day filled with fun and fellowship for all.

**Cath Moxham**

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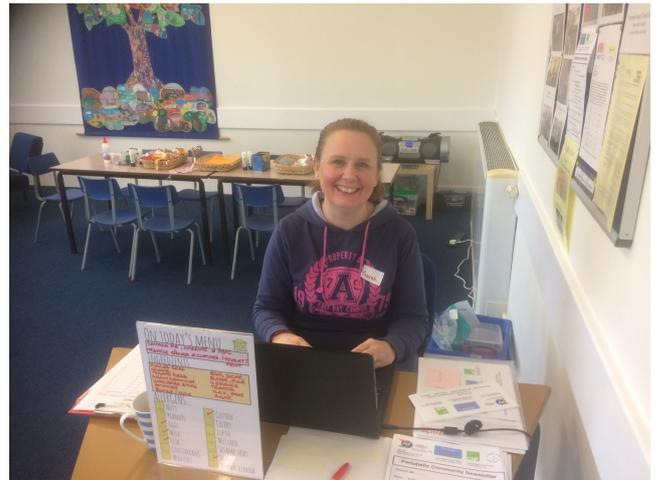
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## News from Portobello Community Centre

### Portobello Centenary Garden Party - Wednesday, 25 August

Portobello Estate is in our Parish and was built in 1921. It was known as the Garden Estate due to all the houses having gardens to grow their own fruit and vegetables. We are celebrating this event with a Centenary Garden Party on Wednesday, 25 August in Manygates Park and having lots of fruit and veg themed things going on.

Portobello Community Forum has been successful in obtaining Lottery Funding and is thrilled to be working with Edgelands Arts to put on this exciting event. The day will run from 10am until 4pm with a multitude of local artists and musicians performing throughout the day on our main stage. The community groups from Portobello Community Centre will have stalls and The Spring will be running a Prayer Cafe. Wakefield Cycle Forum is coming along with their amazing cycle track and they'll



be an under 5s area run by Sandal Methodist Church and a football tournament. We want the event to be for everyone and an opportunity for our community to re-connect after this difficult period. **Sarah Cutts**

## Sunday Services in August

A reminder that there will be no 11am Sunday Service at St Helen's Church during August. Services continue on Sundays at 10am at St Helen's and 11am at St Pauls.

For those who are taking a break, we wish you all a relaxing time and the possibility of worshiping elsewhere. We look forward to worshipping together in person or online with those who remain.

## Update from Rupert and Sally

Rupert and Sally are coping with a slightly nomadic lifestyle at the moment and they are still thinking of their Wakefield friends. They say "Just so you know, the work on our home is going well here in Bristol, but there there is still much to do, so realistically we're looking to move from the Vicarage mid August."

With all our love and blessings,  
Rupert and Sally

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## Tribute to Terry Hollands

Just over a year ago, we suffered the grievous loss of a long term servant of the Spring, our beloved Joan Witts. Now we are mourning the death of her fellow Spring leader for over a decade, the wonderful, energetic and enthusiastic Terry Hollands.

Terry was a force of nature, powered by the energy of the Holy Spirit. She had a love of people that showed itself in her passion for giving

hospitality and creating a variety of social events for the church and parish. These included Valentine's Day Dinners, Jubilee and Millennium celebrations, Kenyan, French and Caribbean evenings. Terry was the inspiration behind our Christmas and Easter Day lunches for those who would otherwise have been on their own.

Her love for people extended to her work on Portobello at the Rainbow Hub, where she created a place of welcome and refreshment, especially during the seven Soul Portobello festivals from 2006-2012. She left The Spring in 2008 to focus on her work on Portobello and to begin fostering young people from tough backgrounds.

She enjoyed seeing her son Lee married to Jenny and being with her grandchild Sophia, when she was able to. She moved to Greece and spent her last happy years in a country and climate she loved. Sadly her health deteriorated and she died last week. Our prayers go out to Lee and Jenny and all those she took under her wing.

Many who worked alongside Terry will be shocked and dismayed to hear of her death, but will treasure the memory of sharing in the fun and sometimes the drama of working with her.

Many, many people will have deep memories of the sacrificial love she showed them in different ways. She was a creative, maverick spirit who helped to create the loving, hospitable, spirit-filled DNA of The Spring, which has made it a much loved place in Sandal Magna Parish. That spirit was continued by her successors, Sue Haller and Sue Holleran, and over the last 12 years by the indefatigable Cath Moxham.

It was a privilege and a joy for Sally and I to have worked alongside Terry over so many years in Sandal and Portobello, and to have counted her as a loving and loyal friend.

**Rupert and Sally**



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