

Message from Revd Liz Hassall

When was the last time you had to book for a church service?

They build churches pretty big so usually capacity isn't a problem, even for our busiest services at Christmas. We are all learning now that, despite the size of the buildings, once you allow for 2m social distancing space is very limited. I am really pleased, however, that some church services are beginning again so those who don't have internet access can join us. You will find details in the centre pages. Please note that we really do need you to book a place and you can do that by contacting the relevant churchwarden.

If you can't get to a service, do continue to join us online at <http://bylandchurches.net>. Each Sunday there is a service or other resources there. During the summer holidays we are giving our video-editor a break so there may be some weeks without a local videoed service. Please contact me if you would like to help with video and sound editing in the autumn. Training provided!

The challenges of getting out of lockdown have brought home to me more deeply the possible consequences of my actions. When spending time with people, it is so important to consider their safety, to mask up, to distance, to be aware that others may be more vulnerable. This is a very practical outworking of the Christian commandment to love your neighbour as yourself.

As things continue to change, I hope we can recover many of the celebrations and gatherings that mark the changing seasons. For now, I pray that you are in good health and well supported by friends and neighbours.



From the registers

Our Church registers mark some of the most significant times in people's lives. Each of these services involves an extended network of family and friends and is one of the ways that the Church connects with people outside our usual congregations. Please keep all these people, and their families, in your prayers.

The wedding of Natasha Gould and Timothy Johnston took place on
Saturday 18th July at Brandsby

Church must 'learn afresh how to share the gospel'

Archbishop of York tells Synod

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, has called on the Church of England to "learn afresh how to share the gospel in the world" as Church and Society face "turbulent times" in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. In his first public address since his confirmation as Archbishop, he spoke of the pain and loss many have experienced in recent months and the major challenges ahead.

Archbishop Stephen was speaking to members of the General Synod, who were meeting remotely following the cancellation of the annual July group of sessions in York. He spoke about lockdown, as a time when people have experienced a "stripping back of our lives", bringing hardship but also clarity and a renewed focus on God. His comments came in a joint presidential address, alongside the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

Archbishop Stephen went on: "Do not misunderstand me," he said. "I hugely miss our church buildings and our liturgy, ... I cry out for the pain of all those socially distanced funerals, the thousands of people who have died alone, the baptisms, weddings and ordinations that have had to be postponed; the economic misery which is around the corner and the devastating impact of this pandemic upon the whole life of our world.

"But neither can I deny, that it has forced me to encounter things about myself which I had allowed to remain hidden behind the security of the things I have had to relinquish." He spoke about a group he is leading to discern a vision and strategy for the Church for the next decade.

The vision, he said, is the easy part: "It is unchanging - it is what God has done for us in Jesus Christ and continues to do through the power of the spirit."

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Any events which may be listed in the August edition of the Village Link are only provisional, as the Coronavirus situation changes on a daily basis. You are advised to seek up to date advice before you try to attend any event.

Important message to all contributors:

The deadline for articles for September's Village Link is the **15th August**

Please send them to **villagelink19@gmail.com** Thank You.

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Selina Stone, tutor and lecturer in Political Theology at St Mellitus College, considers the current outcry against racism. If you would like to see similar articles on 'Connecting with Culture', please go to LICC.org.uk.

We must be determined to be 'anti-racist'

George Floyd is the latest in a long line of black people who, in recent years, have died at the hands of the police in America. This has led to a global outcry against racism, demanding fairness and equality in interpersonal relationships. But more than this, justice requires us to root out and re-order any system, structure, or narrative which privileges white people over people of colour and their cultures, norms, and perspectives.

Many consider racism against black people to be an American problem, but Britain's imperial history has given us our own particular brand. While many white people would publicly denounce overtly racist behaviour, many of our systems are inherently racist and some people remain willing and conscious participants in them.

That's why it's not enough to check our unconscious biases. We must be determined to be 'anti-racist', to work against the *status quo* wherever it disadvantages black people. This is fundamentally theological: affirming the inherent dignity of all people created in God's image.

In the UK, recent research demonstrates that black children are twice as likely to live in poverty than white children. Black people face discrimination in employment and health care. They are more likely to be stopped and searched by the police, to get sentenced to prison time and to be given longer sentences than white people. As a country, we have our own stories of excessive force and of the deaths of black people in police custody. Stories that do not end with justice.

These realities are well-known by black people in the UK, including black Christians. Black Brits share the pain of African-Americans suffering under the weight of the same sin and injustice, the same racism. Yet, the lack of solidarity displayed by many white Christians and leaders has deepened this pain. The unity and witness of the church – as an institution and through its members in society – depend not just on shared faith, but also on shared love and shared burdens. The racial inequities of our churches often fail to speak prophetically to the world – this is a week for lament and repentance. For those moved to compassion, it's also a time to listen, learn, and practise solidarity with your black brothers and sisters. Action is the way we bring about a new world. A world that cares, principally, for the 'least of these'.

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London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC).

Coxwold Tennis Club

Our tennis club is now open and under LTA guidance we are able to play both singles and doubles as long as social distancing is observed.

Membership fees have been reduced this season.
Please contact Sharon 07464973987
sharondavidson15@gmail.com for further details.

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Coxwold Open Gardens was cancelled this year due to the unprecedented events of 2020. However, in order to celebrate the event which would have taken place in June, some residents gathered on the village street and had afternoon tea/champagne/canapés – social distancing of course. It was lovely to greet and welcome new residents to the Village and catch up with neighbours; it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Hopefully, the gardens will once more be opened to the public
in 2021.

Jean Richardson

The Fauconberg Inn Coxwold Tel 01347 868214. Their recently opened shop is stocked with grocery, fresh fruit, vegetables and household goods. It is also offering a new take-away meal service with orders and payment taken by phone, and optional free delivery. Ask at the pub to see the shop which is by their rear car park.

News from Coxwold Village Hall

Coffee Morning, Wednesday 5th August, 10.30-11.30am: We will be holding our first socially distanced Coffee Morning at Coxwold Village Hall. We look forward to catching up with some of you again.

We will update you next month on other events that will be returning to the village hall in September.

The **Village Hall playground** has now re-opened, if your children do come down to play please ensure that they follow the guidance which is displayed at the entrance to the playground.



Coxwold Village Market

We had hoped to reopen at the end of July, but decided to remain closed for July and August. We will update you next month on whether we will be holding a market on Saturday 26th September.

For regular updates, including from our stallholders many of whom are still operating, you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

In the Midst of the Garden – X

Outside our back door we have a triangular area, 4 or 5 metres on each side, which is our herb garden – sage, mint, thyme, chives you name it. It is surrounded by a low-cut box hedge, happily still free of the deadly box tree moth which is devastating box all over the British Isles, and in the middle is a bay tree which I prune every year, bringing it into a shape rather like a large, green ice-cream on a stick.

The area has been like that for 20 years or more and is the source of the richness of our regular diet. But after that long, long period of drought a few months back when the place came to look like the Sahara desert, Alison came up with the idea that we should consider covering it all with loose gravel and installing two or three raised beds just for the herbs.

Oh me, oh my! Raised beds! We have never used them anywhere in our garden. Our vegetables and our fruit all grow cheerfully without them and we have no plans to alter that. But her argument was that we should be able more easily to control herbs which, left on their own, tend to grow haphazardly and often into one another, and we could water them more easily. I was a little startled at her suggestion since usually she is the one who welcomes a modicum of wildness in the garden and I like to organise things neatly. Naturally then I said, "Great!"

And then there was silence. And then there was rain. And Alison, looking at the herbs springing back into growth, said, "Well...?"

So we stand, as I write this in the first half of July, uncertain what the outcome will be. We have agreed that one of the less interesting flower beds in the front shall be put down to grass (we really need to make the garden a little simpler to manage), so the chap who does that might well do the other. We haven't come to blows. I'll let you know what happens.

Hugh Buckingham



Back Home in our Churches

It was bound to seem a little strange, being back in St. Nicholas' church for a service after an absence of four months, and our Communion Service on Sunday 12th July was certainly different – names taken at the door, safely-distanced space for only ten households, plentiful supplies of hand sanitiser, no wine from the cup for the congregation and definitely, on government instruction, no singing. But that did not stop the music, before and during the service, nor the participation. Sharing the peace may not have enabled handshakes or hugs, but it meant we could all exchange beaming smiles with each other as we responded to Liz Hassall's offering of the peace.

There were other things, too, that we had missed during the lockdown. As excellent as the online services on the Byland Churches' website are, there is no substitute for hearing others around you speak the words of the liturgy, or for the burbling of children in the quiet parts of the service, or even the rustling of books as we all find the page. I think I can speak for everyone there on our first Sunday back by saying how fulfilling it was to be reunited in person with each other, as part of a shared communion in the church in which local people have been worshipping and hearing the gospel for over 800 years. Services are not yet regular occurrences, but there will be more both in Husthwaite and at the other six churches in the Benefice.

For what's on when, please keep an eye on the weekly online notice sheet, which you can receive by emailing craykerectory@gmail.com

Roy Collard, Churchwarden, Husthwaite



Husthwaite Methodist Chapel

Minister: The Reverend Elizabeth Cushion: 01347 821460

Psalm during Covid

How bright was life before lockdown!

How busy and noisy and fun.

We sang, prayed, and praised together;

God was good.

Now there is silence, and for some darkness,

Loneliness and fear.

Where is God?

The silence is broken by loud insistent bird song,

The darkness is illuminated by a profusion of flowers and butterflies.

We exchange smiles and greetings with strangers.

As we learn to stop look and listen, we are surrounded by glimpses of God.

God is here!

God is good!

Prayer

Loving God

Help us to know your presence

Even in the darkest times.

Remind us how much we are loved

and help us share that life with others.

In Jesus name,

Amen.



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School News – Husthwaite & Sessay CE Primary Federation (with Apple Tree Nursery)



Husthwaite & Sessay CE Primary Federation have been able to offer all pupils the opportunity of attending school part-time since mid-June. From September we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school full-time. Although there will still be some changes to normal routines to keep within Government guidance, we will still be able to offer the broad, balanced and active curriculum that we all love. Don't forget Treetops at Husthwaite will continue to offer wraparound childcare from 7.30am to 6.30pm.

To end this year's school news, we thought you would like to read from the perspective of our current Year 6 leavers.

Year 6's return to school after lockdown – June 2020

It's been great to come back to school, to see all our friends and teachers, not to mention the welcome back to school biscuit treat at playtimes. Delicious!

It's lovely to have different people to talk to again. It's still hard because we have to stay apart and be socially distanced. We have had to be innovative and think of lots of new playground games and reinvent our old ones! New favourites have included hurdles at lunchtime.

We have been doing a mixture of school and home learning since the beginning of June. We have continued with our Maths and English but have also continued with all areas of the curriculum. This week we have been learning about 'Black Lives Matter'. We have looked at the news and the protests and peoples' experiences with racism. It really is so important that people speak out!

We have made mosaics in art and loved exploring our amazing grounds in Forest School. We made paths and trails through the wilderness! It was such fun doing it, we used it as a stimuli for our English writing and it most certainly was a memorable activity for all.

We have all enjoyed our transition work for secondary school and looking back at our memories, learning experiences and achievements from our time at Husthwaite.

'My biggest achievement was being on the school council and getting to contribute to the whole school.'

'My lifelong learning experience was on our Crucial Crew trip. I know never to take sweets from strangers and how important it is to keep yourself safe when out and about in the community.

'My favourite memory was when we went to York Winter Wonderland Ice Skating. It was great fun, especially when even Mr Chapman our class teacher fell over!'

This is now our final week of Primary School. We can't believe the time has come to say goodbye. We will be having a very different Year 6 Leaver's Service this year, but feel lucky knowing that we have all managed to come back together and be together to end our Primary school years.

We are sad to leave Husthwaite, but excited at the prospect of moving on to the next part of our learning journey to secondary school. Good bye Husthwaite.

Year 6 Children, Husthwaite Primary School

News from Husthwaite Village Hall

In these exceptional circumstances, there are currently no plans to open up Husthwaite Village Hall for our regular clubs and activities.

However, as soon as it is safe to do so, we will make sure everyone is made aware.

In the meantime, many of our clubs and activities are taking place "virtually", including Wine Appreciation, Quizzes, Yoga & Zumba. This is an alternative way to stay in touch and connected and keep the mind and body active.

Updates on what is happening in the community are posted each week in our alternative newsletter "Husthwaite Connections", which goes out by email to around 150 Husthwaite villagers.

If you want to be added to the distribution list, please let Sheila know on 868196 or email sheila.mowatt@btinternet.com, alternatively, if email isn't convenient, we can try and get you a printed copy!

Sheila Mowatt



THE DRAGONFLY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Transforming young lives in India

Thank You For Coming To Our Aid

We wish to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who responded to our charity's appeal in July's Village Link. The kind and generous donations we received are helping us to provide food aid for our pupils' families during India's coronavirus lockdown, and to maintain the readiness of our three small schools to welcome our children back to their classes as soon as the Indian government announces the reopening of schools.



Thanks to your generosity, over 100 extremely poor families are continuing to receive food parcels containing rice, chapati flour, oil, lentils, vegetables, spices, chai and sugar every 10-14 days.

These are collected from designated Pushkar shop keepers or delivered to central locations in the tented communities on the edge of Pushkar for collection by the families.

Your kindness ensures we can maintain this additional but essential aid whilst continuing to pay our teachers and the rental costs of our school buildings during the lockdown, so that our joyful little schools are ready to reopen at a moment's notice, and our pupils remain in good health for whenever that happy day arrives.

Follow our work and progress at www.thedragonflyschoolsfoundation.com

With our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Ian and Sue Bretherton
Co-founders
Stonecroft, Yearsley, YO61 4SL



Support your local charity shops

Are you feeling the financial squeeze just now, but still enjoy shopping? Why not visit some of your local charity shops?

Never have charity shops needed you so much. Coronavirus has meant a huge drop in donations, and many charities face huge financial shortfalls.

The good news is that charity shops are well worth visiting this summer. Vast amounts of clothes and household items were donated following the lockdown this Spring. Grounded at home, people decided to declutter and clear-out!

The result is that, as a spokeswoman for Oxfam says: "People can expect to find some really great treasures to buy."

It should be very safe to shop, for as Julie Byard of Cancer Research UK, explains, the charity shops put all donated items into isolation before putting them on the shelves. She adds: "We're grateful for all donations and to everyone who volunteers and shops with us."

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Church of England Services for August 2020

Sunday 2nd August: Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 55:1-5, Ps 145:8-9,15-22, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

NO SERVICE

Sunday 9th August: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19:9-18, Ps 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

10.00am	Coxwold	Holy Communion
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Sunday 16th August: Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 56:1,6-8, Ps 67, Romans 11:1-2a,29-32, Matthew 15:[10-20]21-28

10.30am	Hustwaite	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 23rd August: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 51:1-6, Ps 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

10.00am	Brandsby	Holy Communion
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Sunday 30th August: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 15:15-21, Ps 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

10.00am	Hustwaite	Holy Communion
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Sunday 6th September: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 33:7-11, Ps 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

9.00am	Carlton H.	Holy Communion
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Due to social distancing requirements, **PLEASE BOOK** if you are planning to attend by phoning the relevant churchwarden.

Due to the narrow aisles, when you enter church please go straight to your seat and avoid moving around unless absolutely necessary.

Government advice is changing all the time so do ask if you have questions about what to expect.

Sunday 13th September - Byland Service

in the graveyard at Coxwold.

For more details see next month.

Find us online at bylandchurches.net or phone Revd Liz on 01347 822809 or 07388 510984 for prayer and pastoral support.

Visitors and new members are very welcome at any of our services.

Do please introduce yourself if you are new.

Church Contacts

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Coxwold	Chris Stratton	01347 868854
Crayke	Fiona Warriner	01347 823131
Hushwaite	Roy Collard	01347 868195
Wass	Margaret Naylor	01347 868577
	Ros Williams	01347 868150
Yearsley	John Foster	01347 889961

All enquires regarding Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals in the first instance please contact Revd Liz (details above).

Local charities offering financial help

If you live in the parish of Crayke or Coxwold, there are local charities which have funds available to help those in need.

Crayke Parochial Charities and the Fauconberg Trust each receive the rental income from certain fields that have been left in trust. The income can be used for any resident of those parishes.

Please contact Revd Liz Hassall on 01347 822809
or 07388 510894

News from Crayke Parish Council

Crayke Waste Water Works

Well, after just over two years, it seems the work to upgrade the Crayke Waste Water (aka sewage) Works is finally almost completed! Gone are the huge mounds of soil, the stacks of portacabins, and the fleets of diggers and trucks. However, most will agree that the contractors and their workforce have been very helpful, courteous and their work of high standard. Indeed the recent repair work on the track to the site from Brandsby Street makes it probably the best section of road in the area!

For interest the new plant is designed to handle 226 thousand tonnes of waste water annually, (which exceeds by several times that needed for Crayke's population of around 400), and the new system will reduce the phosphate content of the water outflow to less than 1 milligram per litre, which will help improve the quality of the Foss river system. Having seen a Kingfisher recently by the river Foss in the Dutch House gardens, I'm sure we all welcome cleaner rivers and streams!

A new perimeter fence is installed, and just some tree planting remains to be done.

Crayke Parish Council continues to meet by Zoom video call. Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm). Members of public can join the call by contacting the Clerk.

For information, requests or concerns on Parish Council matters, please contact any Parish Council member or visit our website www.craykepc.org.uk

Chairman: Colin Merritt (merritt.cr@gmail.com) or 07769 355222

Vice-Chair: Lesley Hartley (lesleyhartley445@btinternet.com)

Clerk: Stephen Sangster (craykepc@outlook.com) or 07849 250043



Easingwold Area Food Bank Some of you will have heard of our Easingwold Area Food Bank which has now been operating in the Easingwold & Villages area for about 6 years now.

We are a rural focused operation (our coverage is around 15-20,000 people I guess), and we cover an area from the York city boundary to Helperby, Ampleforth, Sheriff Hutton etc. That's quite a large area, but rural hardship should have no hiding place and we will not see anyone go hungry. Have no doubt; there are people in our midst today both in Easingwold, but also living in village communities such as Coxwold, who are really struggling at the moment, for a whole raft of different reasons.

It comes as no surprise to us that the number of children in the UK admitted to hospital for malnutrition has reported to have doubled in the last 6 months – just think about that for a minute!

Our main reason for existence is that nobody in our area should ever go hungry – so we are good at supplying a parcel (consisting of several bags these days) of food items and toiletries which should last between 3-5 days and which helps most people over an immediate crisis. Unlike most other Food Banks, we deliver to your door – we have to, so that we can provide food to those in our many villages. It also means that we have time to go the extra mile with those who need our help - so we can also help with school uniform and household items, help with filling in forms for benefits etc and coordinating services using our many local contacts.

Much of the food & toiletries we deliver are donated to us via our donation box in the Easingwold Long St Coop store, but we also have local collection points in Alne and Brafferton. Please consider donating some food there on a regular basis! The Coop really doesn't mind where you bought the food!

Covid-19 has disrupted many aspects of our rural way of life now, many people have been put on furlough and may lose their jobs when the government stops supporting this later in the year. Then we expect to see a significant increase in the number of locals needing help. We have indeed already seen an increase in need for our help this year and thankfully, local people have responded in kind, as the number of donated items to us has considerably increased as well.

We are a Christian based group whose ethos is “love your neighbour as yourself” - and we always ask the question when we are hesitant - “What would Jesus do?”

We do appreciate what it is like to feel alone and hungry. We understand

your embarrassment and reluctance to talk about it. But please, if you need help, please get in touch with us now and leave us a message on our message contact line. We check for calls every day and will get back to you at our cost. All of this is done in absolute confidence. Nobody else will know. Please never ever go without so you can feed your kids, we are here to help you get through it.

Our main contact number? Its 0772 44 44 750. Just leave a message on our voicemail and we will get back to you asap.

Unfortunately we cannot receive text messages, but you can email us on easingwoldfoodshare@gmail.com Alternatively, find us on Facebook and send me a private message.

Thank you for reading this and please share with others if you can.

Frank Johnston-Banks
Easingwold Area Food Bank

News from Crayke, Brandsby & Yearsley

Coffee Mornings in Crayke

At last - should I even say that! - the coffee morning on Wednesday August 12th will be at The Homestead, home of Valerie Black who will welcome all comers from 10am - 12noon!

Sadly if it pours with rain we shall be postponing it once again as it will have to be in the garden. See you there! Shirley

Thank you to everybody who has now - at long last - paid for the magazine S.H.

St Cuthbert's, Crayke Family Service
Theme for the year: We are God's people



Crayke Church is on 

Follow our Facebook page to find out all the news for the church as it happens. **Search for: @craykechurchstcuthbert**

 * **Flower Rota for St Cuthbert's Church: August 2020** *
 * As churches open up once more we will be able to put in one or two *
 * flower arrangements. At the moment i am only aware that the church *
 * will be open on Sunday afternoon and Thursday mornings. *
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 * We will have to look for notification of further services during the years *
 * they arise otherwise place continue to follow our set rota. *
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 * Jane Muir August 8th & 15th *
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 * Janet Pepper 22nd & 29th *
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 * Any problems please call Ann Chappell 01347 823711 *
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Crayke Sports Club and Village Hall Update

We sincerely hope to be open sometime during August but at the time of going to press, we can offer nothing concrete either from the field sports clubs, or Hall which will continue to be closed until further notice in line with National and Local Government recommendations.

The Tennis courts may be used by members of the Tennis Section (new members welcome. Contact Liz Pocklington 01347 823270)
The childrens play area can be used again in line with the government Covid guidelines.

During the lockdown groups of teenagers have been using the club field as meeting point & recreation area. Unfortunately they have become careless with bottles and other rubbish, leaving dangerous broken glass & cans. If your children have caused this or play in this area please speak to them and come to work alongside the volunteers who have to clean up the mess. Working party times will be posted on the Club Facebook page.

The Mobile Fish shop will visit again during July & if successful this will be repeated in August subject to demand. This is not an event organised or being profited from by the club, just a service available to the village.

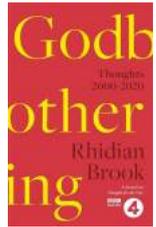
Use of the field for exercise, walking and running is permitted so long as social distancing recommendations are observed. **Please remember that dogs are are not allowed on the grounds.**

John Chappell
 Chairman, Sports Club and Village Hall Committee

Godbothering

By Rhidian Brook, SPCK, £9.99

For 20 years, bestselling novelist Rhidian Brook has pondered such questions as 'Why bother with God?', 'What matters in life?', 'Why doesn't God intervene?' on Radio 4's *Thought for the Day*. He has encouraged, nudged, and sometimes provoked millions into thinking about the possibility of a God who is intimately and cosmically involved in the human story.



Over 100 of his Thoughts are presented here, forming a kind of alternative history of the 21st century, and inviting us to reflect on the deeper spiritual dimensions of our lives and times.

News from Brandsby WI

Whilst the regular WI meetings are postponed, Brandsby WI have been enjoying weekly chats on Zoom.

The Brandsby WI Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BrandsbyWI) has lots of photos of all the things we have been doing during lockdown and now as we are gradually coming out of lockdown. We are lucky to have some very talented photographers in our group.

I was recently talking to someone about the WI and she said she could not join as she was not into crafts and baking. This is such an old fashioned view of the WI, the author of this piece for one is renowned in her family for how inept she is at baking! The WI is a social group that usually meets once a month. You could just leave it that you just attend the monthly meeting but Brandsby WI also has a walking group, organises outings and joins in with other WIs for all sorts of different events. As a WI member you can become as involved as it suits you.

The WI has a history of campaigning, recent campaign includes increasing the number of midwives, reducing the use of plastic and improving food quality to name just a few. The national WI campaigns have been wide and varied.

Brandsby WI is a friendly group, we are hoping we will be able to restart our meetings in the autumn. We usually meet at Brandsby Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm. We will let you know when the meetings restart via this magazine and on our Facebook Page.

Message from Brandsby Village Hall Committee

The committee has decided that we can now offer Brandsby Village hall for hire once again.

We will need to consider each request on a case by case basis in accordance with government guidelines and if you would like to use the hall please contact the bookings secretary Christine Waite on 01347 889353 or chrissywaite@hotmail.co.uk .

She will outline what safety procedures we have put in place so you can once again enjoy our lovely hall.

For more information about the hall you can also visit our Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/Brandsby-Village-Hall-104734717727745/>



News from Brandsby cum Stearsby

The village hall is now available for hire!! Please see above notice.

The following groups are offering zoom meetings but if this changes we will let you know.

Pilates by Zoom: 4pm Tuesday and 9am Friday please contact Tracey on traceyprest@gmail.com or 07789 990261 for more information

WI – Zoom meeting every Tuesday afternoon. Contact Jane Pearce for more information on 01347 888607 jane@brandsby.com

Message from Jane Pearce secretary of WI and Hazel Kaye chair of WI:

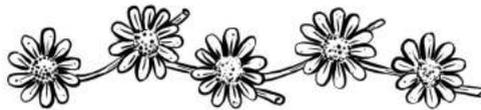
‘We try to stay in touch with members either by Zoom; just for a laugh and a chat or occasionally to sing Happy Birthday to a member or have a literary quiz! We also keep in touch by telephone. We have had for a walk in the village, of course adhering to the social distancing regulations. In short members still feel part of our WI. We feel it is so important to stay in touch and to be able to talk; it is something that women do so well. So stay safe and hopefully we will meet in the next few months.’

Brandsby corona virus support group This is very much still in place.
If you need help with shopping Stillington shop has a list of people who will bring it to you and you can contact the shop for orders on 01347 811911 or stillingtonshoporders@gmail.com

If you need a prescription picking up from the Stillington practice you can ask the GP for a number of a volunteer or you can ring Ruth on 01347 888363 or Carol on 01347 889898 and they will arrange a pick up for you. Alternatively you can email on Brandsbyvillagehall@gmail.com

Any other queries or you wish to volunteer please use the same contact details – we are happy to help.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have already been out and about helping people who are self-isolating – there has been some great response from those who have received the help – it has made a real difference !



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