

# Village Link

May 2021



**The monthly newsletter for the villages of Brandsby,  
Carlton Husthwaite, Coxwold, Crayke, Husthwaite,  
Oulston, Wass & Yearsley**

## Message

There's not much to be said for the recent lockdown, except that it has kept us safe. But one thing that has changed for the better, at least around where we live, is that more people are walking along the lanes and enjoying the countryside. And that's good because it means there is usually someone to say hello to when you're out for a stroll, and that has been especially welcome when most human contact has been denied us.

But all good things have a downside. For us it's been trespass! You see, we have a pond that abuts the lane. We have a gate to it from our field and another one from it to the road so we can walk across the field, past the pond and onto the lane. Our "problem" is that gates work both ways. Recently people have been wandering through the road gate and walking round the pond and, a little worryingly, then crossing my new bridge onto the little island. Now we don't mind them doing that, not at all, so long as they don't fall in! But in the past it didn't happen, so what's changed?

Well, it may be my fault. Because in the last two years I've done quite a bit of work on our pond and its surroundings. The pond itself was silted up and very overgrown and the island was covered by two large elder trees and a thick curtain of brambles and was unreachable because the old bridge had rotted and collapsed. The whole area looked rather dismal and depressing. Dickens would have waxed lyrical about its decrepitude. But recently I've cleared much of the pond of reeds and other plant life, cut down the elders, removed the brambles, and built a new bridge. When I was clearing the island I had to crawl through the bramble curtain to get at the trunks of the elders. In there was a dark space where only some ground ivy covered any of the bare earth. But now, since cutting it all back and opening it up, the island has been covered by a multitude of plants and flowers. And, without the barrier of the trees and brambles, people can now look across to the little copse behind, which, as I write, is alive with daffodils and primroses and cowslips and just a few early bluebells. The whole area looks bright and light and inviting. So no wonder people pop in for a closer look.

Something has changed. Everything has changed. New light, new life. And we can't help but be drawn in to it. Isn't that the Easter message? Certainly after Christ's Crucifixion everything must have seemed dismal and depressing to those who had followed him, trusted him, believed in him. It was not the end they had imagined. But then something happened that drew back the curtain and showed them a different, brighter, lighter more joyful reality and changed their lives and the world for ever. And aren't we, too, tempted in by that?

Yes, of course we are. However, perhaps like me you may sometimes feel a little wary – as if we might be trespassing either on things that belong to others or that we can't possibly understand. But we're not. There are many rooms in the mansion of the Easter message. There are many ways of interpreting and understanding the Easter story. We tread on no one's dreams if we find the one that lifts our hearts and makes us sing. Nor are we taking the great message of hope too lightly if our whole being just leaps for joy and our mouths open in thankful laughter at the thought of what it all means for us and everyone. In the last year we've all been in a dark place, alone, hemmed in by brambles, with only a bare earth floor beneath us. We've all yearned for a brighter light, a firmer hope. And that is just what the message of Easter provides. So enjoy the pond, the daffodils, the primroses and the bluebells. They belong to us all and speak of a new and better life after our lonely darkness.

Guy Wilson



### **The Village Link needs an editor – could that be you?**

The Village Link is put together by a volunteer team – you send in articles, an advertising editor deals with all the adverts for us, a computer whizz fits everything into a template for sending to the printers, a proof-reader checks it before it goes - so what is missing?

Well it might be described as an artistic editor – to help with the layout, to find interesting and relevant articles to put in, to fill any gaps that might be left after the usual articles have been added.

Most importantly it is to work with the team, add a bit of flair and enjoy doing it.

If you think you (or someone you know) might be able to offer your services to our Byland Churches and villages in this way, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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and we can help you to find out more about what it entails. Thank you.

Any events which may be listed in the May 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 June's 2021 Village Link is the  
**15th May**

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

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**Current state of church buildings access**

Current opening periods are as follows:

**Brandsby** - currently closed

**Carlton Husthwaite** - currently closed

**Coxwold** - open daily

**Crayke** - Sunday 1pm - 4pm; Thursday 9am to 1pm

**Husthwaite** - Sunday 10am to 2pm; Wednesday 2pm to 5pm

**Wass** - currently closed

**Yearsley** - contact John Foster for details

Most of our church communities do not have the capacity to clean the church daily so the alternative is to have a window of 72 hours between opening periods. Please be patient as we work within government rules and church guidelines. Opening times will be posted on noticeboards outside churches, on [bylandchurches.net](http://bylandchurches.net) and on A Church Near You. Please contact your churchwarden (contact details on page 13).

**Local charities offering financial help** If you live in the parish of Crayke or Coxwold (including Wass, Oulston and Thornton Hill), 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.

For Crayke please contact Fiona Warriner 01347 823131

For Coxwold please contact Chris Stratton 01347 868854



## **Statement by the Archbishop of York on the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip**

Prince Philip was a remarkable man who lived a life of service dedicated to his country, to his wife, Queen Elizabeth II, and his family.

At eighteen, Prince Philip joined the Royal Navy and served with distinction throughout the Second World War. At the same time, the beginnings of a cherished friendship with Princess Elizabeth began to blossom. That friendship resulted in a marriage which lasted for over 70 years and has been a source of mutual joy, support and comfort in private moments but equally as they have both navigated a very public life together.

Having become the longest serving British consort, Prince Philip has been unstinting in his support, leading Her Majesty to famously comment. 'he has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years.' His faith in Jesus Christ was an important part of his life and one which shaped who he was.

For so many in this country and around the world, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an enormous part of Prince Philip's legacy. The award has allowed countless young people to develop and discover skills, which have instilled confidence in them and given them an encounter of working together for the common good. Prince Philip was patron to hundreds of charitable organisations, covering a wide range of disciplines all of which benefited from his wit and wisdom and his inquisitive mind.

Do join me in praying for members of the Royal Family as they mourn and may God bring them comfort. As we give thanks to God for a life lived to the full, may Prince Philip rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell  
Archbishop of York

God of our lives,  
We give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,  
for his love of our country,  
and for his devotion to duty.  
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,  
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.  
Amen

## Thank you from Revd Liz

When we left the Byland Churches in December, we were able to have a final Zoom call and some small-scale services but I know that not everyone was able to be there so I thought I should write and say a final thank you and goodbye.



I was overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of my leaving gifts. I know not everyone was able to see the chair, which was commissioned from David Muir in Crayke, so here is a picture, complete with the Byland Churches logo on the back. It is a spinning chair, hence the narrow back which allows for either arm to be drawn backwards when drafting fleece. The chair is shown in the corner of our new living room where it lives next to my spinning wheel and is put to good use.

Along with the chair, I received a couple of other spinning tools that I was looking for and a large cash donation. We will use part of that for a family holiday later this year and raise a glass to you all at that point. I hope also to get a decent camera so we can capture many family memories in the future.

Thank you so much to all of you who donated to our leaving gift and also to all those of you who took the time to write and mention things about my time with you that you particularly valued. I was incredibly touched to read so many lovely words. I will always remember my time as your rector with great fondness.

We are now happily settled in the centre of York and we hope to be able to catch up with you as and when you are in the city. Our address and phone number are below so do let us know if you are planning to pass by.

With grateful thanks for all your support over the years and every blessing for the future.

Revd Liz Hassall

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## **RUBBISH!**

The online homegroups have been following a course on Church and Kingdom. In the last session we looked at our relationship with the earth, and thought about how we could “tread lightly”. At times in our discussions the depths and complexities of the problem seemed overwhelming but the thing that we agreed was that we are of course all part of the problem and that we must all be part of the solution.

Two ladies in the group, on their daily walk, pick up any rubbish they find and dispose of it. In many ways it is such a small thing to do, but it felt like a really good response and in Husthwaite we are very happy for people to use the black bin to the left of the church porch.



This year caring for the environment of the Byland Churches.  
Next year the world! Liz Crawshaw

## **Crayke Sports Club and Village Hall May Update**

I am pleased to report that some activities have been able to recommence in a limited and ‘rule compliant’ way. See ‘Local contacts’ for the relevant contact and phone numbers.

Mother and toddlers has resumed on a Monday mornings. Football matches have started and cricket is due to begin in May.

The Tennis courts may be used by members of the Tennis Section and VX has also been able to start up again.

A local Crayke couple have set up a new mobile Fish & Chip business called Catch 22 to service the local villages. They are now up and running and are going to be at the Club and Village Hall car park in Crayke every other Tuesday from the 20th April between 4.30 and 7pm. This use of the car park is as a service to the village and we do not get any financial reward or direct benefit.

Finally, whilst it is always good to see the grounds being used again I must remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on the grounds and please take away all litter or tidy away in the appropriate bin.

John Chappell

Chairman, Sports Club and Village Hall Committee

## News from Brandsby

A big thank you to Anne, Alison, Jane, Mo, Norma and Sue for decorating the church for Easter and making it so colourful and welcoming. It was so good to be able to meet in church again and we look forward to being back on a regular basis. Angela



Crayke Church is on 

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

### 13th May - Ascension Day: 40 Days with the Risen Christ

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.)

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: 'When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands - and blessed them.'

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could

be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection!

Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: 'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: 'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' (John 20:17)



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The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: 'they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.' (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! 'I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

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### **Flower Rota for St Cuthbert's Church, Crayke May 2021**

Thank you to everyone who brought flowers to church for Easter. The sight of a fully decorated church really lifted everyones spirits and was a lovely way of getting back to normal! Opening times are still Sunday afternoon and Thursday morning and for services of course.

For any information or difficulties please contact Ann - 01347 823711.

May 8th & 15th Jane Muir  
May 22nd & 29th Janet Pepper  
June 5th & 12th Di Hough

## **Crayke Parish Council News**

### **Crayke History Trail Guide**

All households in Crayke should have received a free copy of our History Trail Guide in time for Easter weekend, and we hope you enjoyed it. We have a few spare copies so if you would like one, or have friends or relatives outside Crayke who would like one, please contact us.

### **Crayke Reduce Your Speed Scheme (CRYSS)**

The observant will have noticed our electronic speed sign has moved. This will be a continuing process every few weeks, as part of our scheme to lower average speeds through the village.

### **Annual Parish Meeting and annual Council meeting**

We are still expecting to hold our Annual Parish Meeting for 2021 on Tuesday 18th May prior to the Parish Council meeting. Public meetings have been prohibited for the past year, until 6th May. We must assume normal meetings will then commence, although other Covid rules contradict this requirement. We live in hope that Government will make a clear statement in time for our meeting! We will publish any change on our website.

**Crayke Parish Council** continues to meet for the time being by Zoom video call. All of our minutes, agendas and finance documents are available to read online. For information, requests or concerns on Parish Council matters, please contact any Parish Council member or visit our website [www.craykepc.org.uk](http://www.craykepc.org.uk)

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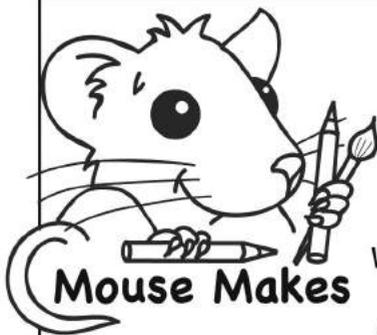
## **News from Crayke**

### **Payment of Magazine in Crayke & Brandsby**

Thank you to all who have paid for their magazine. The envelopes have been coming in very fast, but there are still a few more to come!

### **Crayke Coffee Morning**

As you probably thought the first coffee morning of the season will be on **WEDNESDAY JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am - 12 noon at Chapel Garth, Westway. Please come & bring your friends! There are several new families in the village since we last had any events. You are all very welcome! Shirley



On the day of **PENTECOST**  
the disciples were gathered  
together in one place...

What sound did they hear?

Acts 2:2

What did they see?

Acts 2:3

What filled them?

Acts 2:4

How did they speak?

Acts 2:4

What did the crowd hear?

Acts 2:6

Which countries  
had they come from?

Acts 2:9

What was  
their reaction?

Acts 2:12-13

Who explained  
what was  
happening?  
What did he say?

Acts 2:14-36

How many  
people were  
baptised  
that day?

Acts 2:41

Change each letter to the  
letter before it in the  
alphabet and see what  
the **Holy Spirit**  
produces in us:

KPZ

IVNJMJUZ

TFMG DPOUSPM

GBJUIGVMOFTT

LJOEOFTT

QBUJFODF

QFBDF

MPWF

HPPEOFTT

*Galatians 5:22*

What is the work of the  
**Holy Spirit**? What does He do?  
Fill in the missing letters.

TEAC \_ ES

COMF \_ RTS

REVEA \_ S

IN \_ OU

TRAN \_ FORMS

HEL \_ S

GU \_ DES

\_ GENEWS

CONV \_ CTS

SANC \_ IFIES

Re arrange the scrambled  
letters to find the missing words.

The Holy Spirit  
**VSEIL**  
with us and in us.

The Holy Spirit  
helps us to  
**WKNO**  
we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit  
**HCTSEEA**  
us about God.

The Holy Spirit  
**KPESSA**  
God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit  
**PHLSE**  
us to tell others  
about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit  
helps us when we  
**AYPR**

# Church of England Services for May 2021

All services are provisional and subject to the government allowing places of worship to remain open.

Find us online at [bylandchurches.net](http://bylandchurches.net)

Due to social distancing requirements, **PLEASE BOOK** if you are planning to attend by phoning the relevant churchwarden. Thank you.

<b>Sunday 2nd May: Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 8:26-40, Ps 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8		
9.00am	Carlton H.	Holy Communion
10.30am	Brandsby	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 9th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 10:44-48, Ps 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17		
9.00am	Coxwold	Morning Service
10.30am	Husthwaite	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Crayke	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 16th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 1:15-17,21-26, Ps 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19		
10.30am	Brandsby	Morning Service
10.30am	Wass	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 23rd May: Pentecost</b> Acts 2:1-21, Ps 104:26-36,37b*, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15		
ONLINE – Service planned by lay team and edited by Mike Wells		
9.00am	Coxwold	Holy Communion
10.30am	Husthwaite	Worship for All
10.30am	Yearsley	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 30th May: Trinity Sunday</b> Isaiah 6:1-8, Ps 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17		
10.30am	Crayke	Byland Churches Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 6th June: First Sunday after Trinity</b> Genesis 3:8-15, Ps 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1, Mark 3:20-35		
10.30am	Carlton H.	Morning Service
10.30am	Brandsby	Holy Communion

**Face coverings/masks are now a Legal Requirement  
unless you have a valid exemption.**

**You will need to bring your own face covering** to church and put it on before entering. Visors do not count as face coverings, though they may be used in addition to a face covering or by someone who is exempt from wearing a face covering. **Valid exemptions include**

- Children under the age of 11
- Inability to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of physical or mental difficulty, or would cause severe distress
- Being with someone who relies on lip-reading to communicate

**The recommendation for social distancing of 2 metres remains.**

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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<b>Crayke</b>	Fiona Warriner	01347 823131
<b>Husthwaite</b>	Liz Crawshaw	01347 868587
<b>Wass</b>	Margaret Naylor	01347 868577
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<b>Yearsley</b>	John Foster	01347 889961

**All enquires regarding Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals in the first instance please contact relevant churchwarden.**

## The Revd Canon Paul Hardingham considers how the Holy Spirit can change our lives.

### **Pentecost**

The celebration of Pentecost this month could be described as a birthday party for the Church, as we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples (Acts 2:1-13). What are we celebrating?



### **God's Promise:**

The disciples obeyed Jesus' instructions as they gathered in the Upper Room: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised' (1:4). They met expectantly in prayer for God's promised gift. Just as we look forward to birthday presents, how eager are we to receive more of the Spirit in our lives?

### **God's Power:**

'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (4). The disciples needed the power of the Spirit to be different: not fearfully gathered behind locked doors, but energised to make Christ known. The Spirit can transform our lives into the likeness of Jesus and give gifts to equip our witness. Although the disciples' experience of this power was overwhelming, it was essentially an encounter with God's love. For us, this can be equally emotional or quiet, but all are included, and nobody is excluded from this experience.



### **God's Purpose:**

The disciples 'began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' (4). The Spirit empowered their witness, so that everyone heard them speaking in their own 'native language' (lit: dialect, v8). We all have a story to tell of God's activity in our lives and it's the Spirit who translates our words and actions into a language that those around can understand! At Pentecost, 3,000 people were added to the church in one day! What do we expect of the Spirit in our day?

'Let the Church return to Pentecost, and Pentecost will return to her. The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their capacity of receiving Him' (Andrew Murray).

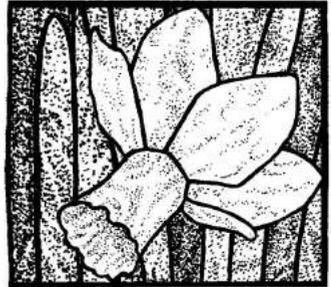
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## In the Midst of the Garden – XVII

Our garden, facing due south, slopes away from the house, an ideal place for a small rockery I thought when we first came to live here. "I don't like rockeries," said Alison rather brusquely, so I thought a measure of conversion might be needed. After a few months I noted that Harlow Carr, the RHS garden on the far side of Harrogate, was advertising a day's course on establishing a rock garden. "Why don't you go?" I said to her airily. She's always ready for a challenge so off she went. And she came back, to my surprise, full of enthusiasm.

The most important thing she learnt was that in building a rockery you absolutely must bury all your rocks at least a half size into the earth and in rough lines; if you don't it will look like a currant bun. As you build you need to enrich the earth with as much compost as you can afford and to add some gritty soil. There were a load of heavy rocks in a heap on the far side of the garden left behind by our predecessors so she set to work, around the corner of the house, to build a rock garden 14 yards long, which she completed, without any assistance, in a week.

What goes into it? Well, if you choose carefully, you can be delighted with surprises and colour all the year round. Alison knows a great deal more about flowers than I do and it is her suggestions about small bulbs, ferns and dwarf shrubs that follow here. There are hundreds to choose from. There are bulbs like miniature daffodils, iris reticulata, small tulips. Then there are pinks (dianthus), great varieties of saxifrage, alpine bellflowers (campanula), harebells, aubretia (cut this back after flowering), calceolaria (Sunset Orange is bright and cheerful), erodiums (the geranium family) and so on.



Our local garden centres will all have a small selection of these alpinines, as they are called, but you might like to spread your wings and try the specialist Alpine & Grass Nursery of West Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire ([www.alpinesandgrasses.co.uk](http://www.alpinesandgrasses.co.uk) where you can also use a chat line) who will send you a mixed box of 20 assorted plants for £44.95. Good hunting!

Hugh Buckingham

## Hustwaite Methodist Chapel

Minister: The Reverend Elizabeth Cushion: 01347 821460

*Lord of the lonely,  
Abandoned,  
Rejected,  
And alone,  
Enfold them in your love.  
Lord of the fearful,  
Bring release,  
Reassurance,  
And your peace.  
Enfold them in your love.  
Lord of the hurting,  
In their distress,  
Bring healing,  
And wholeness.  
Enfold them in your love.  
Lord of this world,  
And the next,  
Gather us all  
Into your arms.  
Enfold us in your arms.*

*John Birch. Faith and Worship.*

### THANK YOU

A very big thank you to everyone involved in planning, preparing and delivering the Easter message.

The whole venture was underpinned with prayer and has been a lovely way to share God's love with every home in the Benefice.

We await with interest a vision of sunflowers throughout our villages. We will have to forget about a prize for the tallest sunflower, they are a dwarf variety!

Perhaps a photo opportunity for a later edition of the Link?

Wait and see!

Liz Crawshaw



Photo by Aaron Burden  
on Unsplash



## **NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & APPLE TREE NURSERY**

*Part of the Husthwaite and Sessay CE Primary Federation*

We are hoping this summer term will be a smooth one without any closures or further lockdowns. Whilst we are still holding some events virtually, it is lovely to see the return of some more 'normal' routines such as music lessons taking place back in school and re-introducing our extra-curricular clubs after school. We are also enjoying being able to plan and book school visits to outdoor venues, plan the annual sports, health and wellbeing week (a firm favourite with the children) and even start choosing a production for Class 3's end of year performance. All part of our broad, balanced and active curriculum which is so important to ensure that all our children thrive and reach their full potential in all parts of the curriculum.

The sunny weather certainly helps to put a spring back into everyone's step and our expansive school grounds are not only bursting into colour but are also the perfect environment for lots of outdoor learning. Our revamped early years outdoor area is now complete and children in Class 1 and Apple Tree Nursery are thoroughly enjoying exploring all their exciting new outdoor provision areas and new resources.

Children's comments included:

"I like the willow dome and the huge spaces to play in"

"I like the number area as I can count in lots of different ways"

"The mud kitchen is fun and I can pretend I'm cooking food"

"I enjoy acting out stories on the outdoor stage".

We are now able to accept visits to the school and are taking names for nursery places for the next academic year. If you would like to visit Apple Tree Nursery on our open morning on Thursday 17th June, please contact the school office on 01347 868371 to book a space. Please also visit our school website: [www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk)

During lockdown Millstones prayer and discussion group continues to meet every Monday at 10am via zoom

All are welcome

Please contact Anne Jackson if you would like to join 01347 888630.

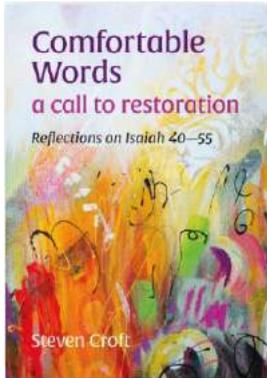
## Book Corner

### Comfortable Words - a Call to Restoration

Nine reflections on Isaiah to bring hope in challenging times

by Stephen Croft

Publisher: Bible Reading Fellowship £7.99



'Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God...'. Through nine reflections Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, examines what these 'comfortable words' have to say to us.

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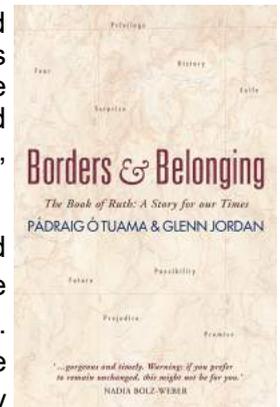
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