

THE EDGE

Welcome to the January edition of The Edge, the Newsletter for the Benefice of Easington with Skeffling, Keyingham, Ottringham, Patrington, Welwick and Winestead parishes.

If you have anything that you would like to share with us all through the newsletter, then please get in touch with any of the Church contacts or let Alisdair know about it.

A reflection from Alisdair

The last service at All Saints, Burstwick is on Thursday, 26th January, at 7.30pm. Bishop Eleanor will be leading, and Archdeacon Andy Broom is also hoping to be present, along with anyone who would like to join in marking the end, for now, of hundreds of years of a particular building representing the presence of 'the Church' in one of our villages.

It has to be said it is far from being all bad news, but it is a reminder that our historic church buildings, for all their history and beauty, are not fixtures in our communities. Their upkeep, along with the spiritual life they shelter, depends almost entirely on ongoing local support.

The Church of England divides up the whole of England into 'parishes', so there is 'no blade of grass' that is not covered by the church's ministry, and that principle will be upheld at Burstwick.

Keyingham and Burstwick parishes are to be joined, and Burstwick will come under the care of St. Nicholas. Please give thanks for the willingness of the congregation there, and the PCC in particular, to embrace the spiritual care of Burstwick.

There is no question that the maintenance of historic church buildings, with all their expense and the regulations governing their use and upkeep, is a massive unresolved issue. Not simply for the 'Church of England', but for the nation as a whole.

Christians are not called to be 'building managers' or 'museum curators'. Instead we are called to become part of a 'living building' that offers sanctuary, hope, and purpose to human beings who are lost and looking for the way home.

Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The workmen took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honour. Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God.

The Scriptures provide precedent:

Look! I'm setting a stone in Zion, a cornerstone in the place of honour. Whoever trusts in this stone as a foundation will never have cause to regret it.

To you who trust him, he's a Stone to be proud of, but to those who refuse to trust him, 'The stone the workmen threw out is now the chief foundation stone.'

For the untrusting it is '... a stone to trip over, a boulder blocking the way'

They trip and fall because they refuse to obey, just as predicted.

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

– 1Peter 2.4-10

God's peace be with you, and may we work together in fulfilling God's calling through 2023, Alisdair.

Friday Morning Prayer venues (0900, except Easington at 0830)

- 6 January - Keyingham
- 13th - Easington, at 0830
- 20th - Welwick
- 27th - Patrington
- 3 February - Winestead

Anyone is welcome to join in. It lasts about twenty minutes, there is a psalm, a reading, sometimes a bit of a discussion, and we pray for the local church and community, and whatever else seems right.

YORK MINSTER PARISH PASS 2023

For many years York Minster have made the cathedral as accessible as possible to all who are regular worshippers in the churches of the diocese of York. To this end they have issued Parish Passes to PCC secretaries or Churchwardens to enable members of the Christian community across the Diocese to visit their Mother church free of charge.

Anyone wishing to visit York Minster and the undercroft for sightseeing during normal opening hours will need to obtain a pass for the visit and make a reservation by email or telephone. Proof of residency also needs to be presented to staff when arriving at the Minster.

For further information, get in touch with your Church contact – details at the end of this newsletter.

CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

Please check your church notice board, the South Holderness Deanery Facebook page & newsletters, etc. for other services and updates

St. Nicholas, Keyingham

Sunday 15th at 10:30am – Deanery Confirmation Service

St. Patrick, Patrington

Sunday 1st at 10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 8th at 10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th at 10.30am – Deanery Service at St Nicholas, Keyingham

Sunday 22nd at 10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th at 10.30am – Morning Prayer

All Saints, Easington

Sunday 22nd at 3pm – Tea Party Service

St. Wilfrid, Ottringham

Sunday 8th at 10.30am – Holy Communion

St. Mary, Welwick

Sunday 22nd at 11.00am – Holy Communion

St. Germain, Winestead

Sunday 29th at 9.00am – Holy Communion

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

All Saints, Easington – FareShare shop from 11am onwards every Friday with food available in the church, at reduced prices. The plan is to introduce bake sales, produce, etc. to turn the Friday FareShare into a market. **Wednesday group** - this group currently meets in the conservatory at 5 South Churchside at 9.30am. Everyone welcome, to ask what it means to be a Christian, to explore a simple Bible reading, to find a structure that works for group prayer, and to sing a couple of songs. Babies and toddlers welcome. Snacks, juice and coffee.

Welwick pop-in – every Thursday in the village hall, call in for a cuppa, delicious cake and a chat from 10:00 til 12:00

Ottringham Community Lunch – first Wednesday of each month at 1pm in the Watts Arms.

NOTE – January only this will take place on the second Wednesday – 11 January

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