

THE EDGE

Welcome to the November 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.

Living Christ's Story update from Alisdair

The Bishops' Council has given the South Holderness Deanery proposal the green light. This is the plan to work over six years towards building a local Christian family that is, by and large, able to stand on its own two feet (over ten years, with tapering off support from the Diocese)*.

The plan assumes that locally funding three full-time clergy posts is possible. During the first six years both Withernsea and Hedon will have one member of clergy each, focusing on their development as significant population centres within the deanery, but with availability to help support services across the whole deanery. Over the six years the Withernsea post will be funded externally from national funds.

The third full-time member of clergy will work with the twenty village churches, with the assistance of two new 'house-for-duty' posts. The deanery will continue to have the ongoing help of Philip West, and other clergy who are part-time or retired.

So much for the clergy! The plan depends on collaboration amongst all the churches of the deanery. There will be additional support and training available to lay people, especially those who have responsible roles within their parishes and benefices.

We will be building on the determination and relationships that already exist to support each other, to share resources and expertise, and enable congregations of whatever size to know that they belong to a genuine family of faith, hope and love.

Will it all work out? We certainly won't know if we don't try, but there are already good signs that we can create a new foundation to build faith and enable good organisation.

PCCs will soon be asked to re-affirm the willingness of their congregations to support the proposal. There is a great deal to be done to flesh out the plan and make it workable, and we can only go forward with that work if we genuinely support it.

Please pray that this plan is carried forward wisely and with good will. You are welcome to contact me if you have doubts or questions.

God's peace be with you, Alisdair.

**It is understood that the long term maintenance of Grade 1 listed buildings is largely beyond the scope of the plan, and beyond the resources of many local communities, let alone congregations! The plan focusses, as it should, on supporting people and enabling us to uphold the good news of God's love, and hope through Christ.*

BENEFICE SAFEGUARDING

'Safeguarding' means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture in all our churches.

We all know how important safeguarding is but first and foremost we must never put ourselves at risk and if we have a concern, we must never deal with it on our own, always get in touch with Alisdair or Sue, our benefice safeguarding officer, and they will advise how to deal with the situation. Safeguarding the church concerns all age groups including children, teenagers and vulnerable adults.

There's a safeguarding week from 14th to 18th November. "Safe and Sound" offers a variety of events each day to help parishes and church communities deepen their understanding and awareness of safeguarding and how to embed it in their culture. Check this out on the Diocese of York and York Minster Safeguarding website where you can book onto events that you may find of interest or relevant to you personally.



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[Diocese of York Safeguarding Week, 14-18 November 2022](https://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/safeguarding-week)

CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

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

St. Nicholas, Keyingham

Sunday 13th at 10am – Remembrance Communion service with Act of Commemoration in the Church grounds at 11am

St. Patrick, Patrington

Sunday 6th at 10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 13th at 3pm – Remembrance Service

Sunday 20th at 10.30 – Holy Communion

All Saints, Easington

Sunday 13th at 10.00 – Morning Prayer followed at 11am with the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Sunday 20th at 3pm – Tea Party Service

Sunday 27th at 9.30 – Holy Communion

St. Wilfrid, Ottringham

Sunday 13th at 12noon – Act of Remembrance at the war memorial

Sunday 20th at 10.30 – Morning Prayer

St. Mary, Welwick

No services

St. Germain, Winestead

Sunday 6th at 9:30 Holy Communion

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

St Patrick's Church are holding their Christmas Market over the weekend of 26th - 27th

November

Always popular and one of the highlights of the year at St Patrick's. There will be a wide range of attractive Christmas stalls selling local goods and produce to entice all-comers. The doors open at 10am, trading until 4pm. With refreshments available.

St Nicholas' Church, Keyingham – Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 19th November

With over 25 craft stalls, a tombola and refreshments – all in aid of our kitchen and toilet fund. To be held in Keyingham Village Hall from 11am to 3pm

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.

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