

## St MARY'S CHURCH

We hope to have 2 services a month, Covid permitting, and with distancing measures in place. This month these will be on Sunday 7th and 21st February.

The weekly 10.45 service from Pocklington Church can be joined in numerous ways:

- ◇ live on zoom or in audio by phone (contact the Parish Office, office@allsaintspock.plus.net or 01759 306045 for the meeting link or id and passcode and phone numbers)
- ◇ later by YouTube video (access from the All Saints Church Pocklington Facebook page);
- ◇ from the Resources page of the web site <https://www.pocklingtongroupofchurches.org/resources.html> to download the weekly Bulletin with the contact information.

The Office can also email links to the service booklet and recordings.

If you need to speak to someone about any church matter please contact the Church Office, or contact the Churchwardens Ruth Braithwaite on 288422 or Sue Dale on 288485.

### Christmas events

The raffle and Christingle raised £425 for Martin House Hospice, and carol singing on the Green £160 for Church funds. Thank you to all who supported these.

### Snowdrops

are just starting to appear in the churchyard, and on the lower Green. They are the first sign that spring is on the way and a reason to be cheerful. The aconites won't be far behind.



### CONTACT

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**PLEASE send information BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH** for the next edition, so that we can produce it promptly.

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# HUGGATE NEWS

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St Mary's Church has stood in Huggate for probably over 900 years. We are the latest generation to enjoy it; and the latest to have the task of caring for what is now a Grade 1 listed building. Grade 1 listing means that it is of "exceptional interest", in the top 2.5% of the nation's historic buildings.

The QI (Quinquennial Inspection), a five yearly assessment of the condition of the church building and grounds, was carried out in November by the internationally renowned firm of architects, Arup.

At 87 pages, the report is comprehensive if a little daunting but provides a basis for maintaining the building and developing facilities, to carry it forward towards its millennium. There is major work to be done on the stonework inside and out and extensive

repair needed to the roofs of the side aisles and chancel. The main roof seems to be in reasonable condition but may need reslating in the fairly near future.

Beginning gently, there are some  
**running repairs, maintenance and tidying jobs**  
to be done.

We will be looking for practical help to do these over the coming weeks, starting on **Saturday 20th February, 2-4 pm**, with various small tasks, observing proper distancing and sanitising precautions.  
**Please come and help if you can.**

Copies of the QI report will be available for anyone interested to see the detailed description of the church and the work that is needed.

# Parish Council News

Sadly Jill Cussons Adams has resigned as Chair of the Parish Council and as a Councillor. Huge thanks goes out to Jill for her hard work and dedication in her role as Chair - her sense of humour and level headed approach to many issues will be greatly missed.

Jane Leaver has also resigned as Vice Chair, Jane has been Vice Chair for many years but has decided to hand over this responsibility, fortunately she will still remain as a Parish Councillor.

Clive Owen has been elected as Chair and Diana Evans as Vice Chair. They are very much looking forward to continuing to make a positive difference to Huggate. We now have one **vacancy for a Parish Councillor**; if anyone is interested please contact Abby, the Parish Clerk on [clerk-huggate@outlook.com](mailto:clerk-huggate@outlook.com) – we would normally suggest that you talk to one of current Councillors but due to lockdown restrictions unfortunately this isn't appropriate.

Further to the **bus shelter** being spruced up, we would like to ask for volunteers in the village to contribute to some sort of art work or mural to go on the side walls inside the bus shelter. Please do email Abby if you or your family are interested in being involved, perhaps our younger parishioners would like to take part? You don't have to be a talented artist (but if anyone is that would be a bonus!) we just thought it would be a nice idea to brighten up the bus shelter. Obviously this project will commence when lockdown restrictions are eased.

The Councillors believe that **parking in the village** is currently the biggest concern in Huggate. Whilst they have their own ideas of how this can be solved, they are interested to hear of any suggestions / ideas from parishioners. Please email [clerk-huggate@outlook.com](mailto:clerk-huggate@outlook.com) or phone any of the Councillors using the contact details on the notice board.

In the short term, as an attempt to keep the excessive number of cars out Huggate, polite notices will be placed on the windscreens of visiting cars which are not parked safely or considerately to ask them to instead park on the tank pads or the grass verges on the entrances to the village. This has been trialled before, however it was decided that it wouldn't do any harm to re-introduce this especially as, when the weather improves, it is expected that there will be more visitors to Huggate.

**Minutes** from the last meeting are on the noticeboard, in the bus shelter and on the Huggate Village Website [www.huggatevillage.org/village-meetings](http://www.huggatevillage.org/village-meetings)

*If anyone has any feedback, suggestions or ideas please contact Abby Popely, Parish Clerk by emailing [clerk-huggate@outlook.com](mailto:clerk-huggate@outlook.com) or talk **POLITELY** to one of the Parish Councillors: Clive Owen (Chair), Diana Evans (Vice Chair), Jane Leaver, Phil Duggleby, Barbara Lambert, Claire Myers, Adrian Brader, or Stewart Middleton (contact details are published on the Parish Council notice board in the bus shelter and on the village website).*

## Fake Text re - Covid-19 Test

A dangerous fake NHS text has been circulating, telling people they're eligible to apply for the COVID-19 vaccine. Here's what it looks like.

The image shows a screenshot of a text message and a website interface. The text message, dated Wednesday, 30 December 2020, says: "NHS: We have identified that you are eligible to apply for your vaccine. For more information and to apply, follow here: [uk-application-form.com](http://uk-application-form.com)". A callout box points to the URL, stating: "This URL takes you through to an extremely convincing fake NHS website that asks for your personal details". Below the text message is a screenshot of the website, which has an NHS logo and asks for personal details. A warning box says: "NEVER give out your personal details. With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue as fraudsters look to take advantage of the rollout to so many people. Cold calls regarding the vaccine are also beginning to take place – we've already had reports of scammers asking people to pay for it over the phone. If you receive one of these calls, hang up." At the bottom, there is a call to action: "Protect others by reporting incidents like this. If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)". A Neighbourhood Watch logo is also present.

## Er Ner Sner

We have been glad in recent days for the services of the Council's gritting lorries. Did you know that each of ERYC's fleet of 21 lorries has its own name?

Huggate is served by the perhaps unfortunately named Gritty Gritty Bang Bang; it is to be hoped that it actually provides gritty gritty no bangs.

Other names include Basil Salty, Er Ner Sner, Thaw Enforcement, Ease Sliding of Yorkshire and—of course—Gritty McGrifface.



## TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION URGENTLY NEEDED

Charlotte and Olly at Badger Cottage need temporary accommodation while major work is done on the house. Perhaps a short term rent, around 4 months from 1st March or a holiday let.

Two people and dogs so needing ideally a garden area and parking for two cars.

Contact Charlotte Clark, 07946 624810.

All suggestion gratefully received!