

# St MARY'S CHURCH

## Services in Huggate

6th February	9.15 am	All Age Worship led by Annie Harrison
13th February	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer led by Brian Snelson
20th January	9.15 am	Eucharist, celebrant Jake Belder
27th January	9.15 am	Morning Prayer led by Annie Harrison

Our sympathy to Gerald and Paul Munby on the death of their mother Aussie Munby.

### EXPLORING FAITH—enquirers' course

There is a short course beginning in Pocklington church for anyone who is new to following Jesus, has questions about the Christian faith, or wants a 'back to basics' refresher.

Contact the vicar via the Church Office for details.



The snowdrops are coming out in the churchyard and the aconites in the garden of Kirkdale. Please have a walk down and have a look at them.

If you need to speak to someone about any church matter please contact the Church Office (01759 306045, [office@allsaintspock.plus.com](mailto:office@allsaintspock.plus.com)) or the Churchwardens Ruth Braithwaite on 288422 or Sue Dale on 288485.

## 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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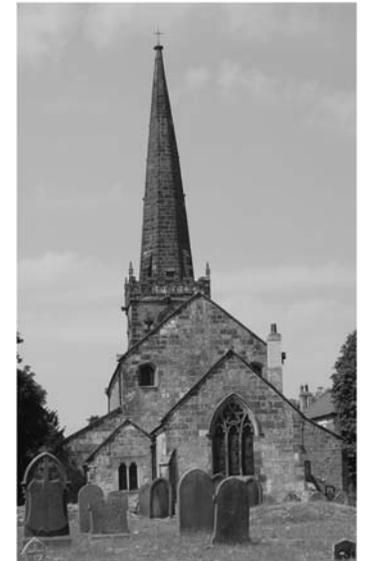
# HUGGATE NEWS

February 2022

## Your Village Church

St Mary's Church Huggate is a Grade 1 listed building. The spire of the church which stands out above the trees welcomes us back to the village from all directions. The church is open every day of the week for villagers and visitors to rest and contemplate in the peace and quiet that St Mary's offers.

The PCC, congregation and residents recognise the need to ensure that the interior of the church is reconfigured to enable greater usage of the space by the wider church and community. The aim is to maximise the potential use of the church not just for weekly services, but at different times of the week to meet the needs of residents of all ages, and of visitors. This need was highlighted by a recent whole village Parish Council Audit that identified the lack of a village hall and community space. The proposed changes would make the Church more useable and welcoming as a community space which would develop its outreach mission into the community, and provide opportunities for further fund-raising through collaborative activities which would support the future of the church as the focal point of the village, and community cohesion. As the most interesting, spiritual, historic, architectural, educational, artistic, archaeological and aesthetic resource in Huggate it is an opportunity to share this asset more widely with the community.



## Building Repair Work starting 7<sup>th</sup> February

The church has been awarded a grant by The Headley Trust, part of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts, towards the repair of the Vestry and Chancel roof and ceiling. This will ensure that the church is watertight. The builders contracted to undertake the repairs are Furniss and Sons Ltd who have recently completed work on Pocklington church. In February they will start:-

- Inspecting and repairing all the rainwater goods
- fixing the slates and ridges on the Vestry and Chancel
- re-plastering and painting the Vestry and Chancel roofs
- repointing the stonework as required

....more plans inside ...

# Parish Council News

Thank you to those parishioners who have offered to maintain the **tyre planters** at the village entrances following the WhatsApp communication – Paula Appleby, Joyce Davy, Kevin Fozzard-Gulwell, David and Sally Woods. This is a great help and is much appreciated! The Parish Council will refund any costs for plants / flowers – please just let us have your receipts.

We are very aware of **litter** on verges of roads leading into the village which is sadly increasing again, we know that some really thoughtful villagers have done a great job over the years in litter picking, and we are asking if you could perhaps continue those duties before the litter is temporarily concealed in growing grass verges. We have litter picking tools available and if you wish to use these please contact Clive or Diana.

Some parishioners have contacted members of the Parish Council with concerns that **outside lighting** is left on overnight unnecessarily which is quite bright. Huggate has always traditionally been a dark village which is how we believe you would like it to stay, therefore please can we ask that you consider neighbouring properties with regards to your lighting.

Plans are in place for **Huggate's Jubilee Celebration** that the PCC is kindly organising and Claire will be on the planning committee. Please save the date of 4<sup>th</sup> June – more details to follow nearer the time.

Thank you to everyone who came to January's **Pub Quiz**. Future dates are 25th February, 25th March and 29th April at 7pm in the Wolds Inn. It costs £1 each to enter with no maximum number in each team. Please book a table in advance - Pie and Chips will be available. Everyone is welcome!

The agenda for the next meeting will be displayed at least 3 days beforehand on the notice board in the bus shelter; minutes and agendas are also on the Huggate Village Website [www.huggatevillage.org/village-meetings](http://www.huggatevillage.org/village-meetings). The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the JuliArnos room on Mill Lane.

*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 to one of the Parish Councillors: Clive Owen (Chair), Diana Evans (Vice Chair), Jane Leaver, Phil Duggleby, Claire Myers, Stewart Middleton, Jane Thorpe or Pete Cowan (contact details are published on the Parish Council notice board in the bus shelter and on the village website).*

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## Future Plans

The PCC has appointed Irving Patrick Consulting to work with us in applying for grants for further improvements. We are developing plans with our architect Louise Priestman and York Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches for re-ordering the Nave area to enable more village social activities to take place.

This will involve fund raising and grant applications to:-  
remove the pews and wooden platforms and replace the flooring  
remove and replace the heating system  
remove and replace the lighting and electric circuits  
install a toilet and servery  
move the font  
alter the Belfry to make a meeting room

Louise has drawn up **plans for these alterations** which will be **in church on the display boards** for villagers to look at. The PCC will welcome comments.

Any ideas for fund raising activities welcomed too!

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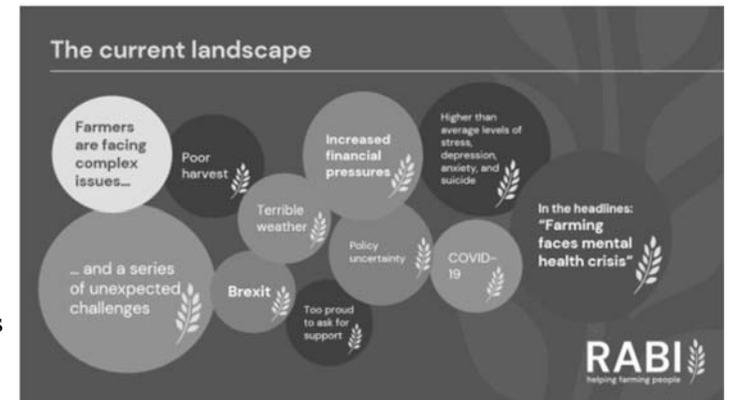
## Huggate Calendars

The sale of calendars over the last two years raised £767 to be divided between the church and a charity. Many thanks to all the photographers who contributed their work. Start snapping now for next year's calendar!

Half of the proceeds will be sent to the

### Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

RABI offers practical, financial, and emotional support to current and former agricultural workers across England and Wales



## Pancake Day, 1st MARCH

Because of the building work, there will not be the usual pancake feast in church this year.