

# **THE POCKLINGTON PARISH MAGAZINE**

**WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH, POCKLINGTON**



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### **Pocklington Group of Churches Pastoral Team**

**The Pastoral Team** is available to visit the bereaved, those who are ill, the housebound, or anyone who would like someone to talk to .This is an important part of the Church's ministry and mission but we can only visit those we know about. So if you, or anyone you know, would welcome a visit from a member of the church family, please contact us and we will arrange for a member of the Pastoral Team to visit.

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## **The good news of Christmas really is true** *by Rodney Nicholson*

A respected Christian layman in my old part of the world was once describing sailing home for Christmas in his young days in the 1950s from Africa, where his family then lived. The passengers were full of jollity, with plenty of on-board entertainment, but there was a total absence of anything to do with the birth of Christ. When I hear comments like, “People have forgotten the real meaning of Christmas” or “Our country has lost its faith in God”, I say, “What’s new”? The early Christmas cards were not religious. The much-vaunted Dickensian, or Victorian, Christmas focused on festive food, holly and mistletoe, and parties, rather than on Jesus Christ. There was carol singing but not much more.

By contrast huge numbers of people now come to church at Christmas, partly as a result of Christingle services, this year celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Midnight Communion (wrongly called Midnight Mass) can attract big numbers, though in many places that service has grown less popular. Schools make more of Christmas, including the nativity story, than I remember from my younger days. Last week, for example, I gave the Blessing at the Market Weighton school carol service, held in All Saints church. Market Weighton is not a church school but the service included the traditional readings, including John chapter 1, read by the head teacher.

Last year some hotels in Manchester included a coach trip to a Christmas morning service as part of their Christmas package. True, many of those people would not be in church, other than for a wedding, baptism or funeral, until the following Christmas. Nevertheless, they were happy to come to church and sing of the birth of the Son of God. Practically, too, there’s a lot of generosity at Christmas. We hear of churches and other groups running Christmas dinners for homeless people or those on their own; restaurants offering a free meal to those spending Christmas by themselves; Crisis and other bodies, such as a network of London churches, providing emergency accommodation with meals and care. So when I hear the annual lament, “Christmas has got too commercialised” or “People have forgotten the real meaning of Christmas”, I want to reply, “Maybe, but there’s plenty of good around too.”

Yes, many do spend too much, perhaps seduced by appealing advertising. Some parents may feel that they can’t say “no” to the cries of expectant children. Against that, however, The Children’s Society has found that, at least in everyday life, many children from poorer families do not want to put their parents to expense which they can’t afford. Children will often say that family time together is more important than expensive presents.

One thing does concern me. It is easy to come to the Christmas services but, at heart, to think it’s all a fairy story – very lovely and sentimental but not actually true. I think many people equate Jesus with the world of make-believe. We proclaim the opposite. Jesus really was born in Bethlehem. He lived a sinless life, died for our salvation, rose from the dead

and one day will come again. Christ is the greatest reality of life. Let us worship and kneel before him this Christmas and, as we go into the New Year, trust him “who is the same yesterday, today and for ever.”

**Yours in Christ    Rodney Nicholson**

**Bronnie and Ken become Deacons.**

**Will this mean changes – for them and for us?**

Will Bronnie and Ken look any different after their ordination as Deacons on January 13th? As members of the clergy they will wear a clerical collar and become “The Revd”. They will robe like the clergy with the minor difference that their stole is tied as a sign of servanthood, rather than both ends hanging down. The big difference, and a source of delight, is that a deacon may baptise. Bronnie especially is so closely involved with our baptism ministry that it is wonderful that this can now develop into her taking the whole service.

When people are made Deacon, they have traditionally been ordained Priest a year later. **Such was the experience of the present clergy at All Saints, apart from Pam Burdon who was a deacon for 4 years before the Church of England agreed to ordain women as priests.** Today the term, “Transitional Deacon” is used, meaning that the deacon is on the way to becoming a priest. The Church has always recognised, however, the ministry of those who remain a deacon. After all, there was the famous James the Deacon who lived at Catterick and accompanied Paulinus on his missionary journeys in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. There were also the seven named deacons in Acts chapter 6. York diocese is re-emphasising the practice of permanent deacons, of which there are many around the world. They are called Distinctive (also known as Vocational) Deacons – and such are Bronnie and Ken.

They offer so much ministry already that, in one sense, we may not see a great difference when they become deacons. Bronnie will continue to lead the pastoral team, visit, take funerals, lead school assemblies, conduct home communions, be involved with the Family Communion, preach in the villages, and so on. Ken likewise continues his ministry at Barmby Moor, which will include looking at rural issues and worship and also at the possibility of starting a men’s group. But they will do so now as clergy and feel that their ministry has this extra recognition.

The deacon’s role is to build bridges between the Church and the community. Their focus is on mission to the world outside rather than being mainly concerned with what happens in church. He or she is ordained not so much to do “churchy things” within the house of God but rather to do godly things out in the community. All clergy are called to serve, as are all Christians. The Church is a servant community, not – as someone once said

– by being perpetual bob-a-jobbers but without the bob! – but by showing the love of Christ through word and action, and pointing to him who gave his life for us all.

Symbols form part of our faith, especially the water at baptism and the bread and wine at Communion. The deacon's role too is symbolic, reflecting the Jesus who came among us "as one who serves". When Bronnie and Ken help at the table (also called the altar) at Communion, they represent this servant ministry. They also express God's open arms of welcome to the community outside, declaring that we are all called to live "to his praise and glory".

### **Churches Together in Pocklington United Service** *by Rodney Nicholson*

We are glad to be hosting the Christian Unity Week service at All Saints on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January at **11am** – please note the time. It is a joy to welcome Councillor Alan Spademan of the Pocklington Christian Fellowship as our guest preacher. Alan is a good friend of All Saints and carries out a much-appreciated ministry in the town, as well as at Full Sutton prison. A finger buffet follows the service, for which contributions are welcome.

It is so important, for the sake of Christ and the gospel that we are one in him "so that the world may believe". We rejoice over all the unity which we already enjoy but pray that, as churches, we may draw ever more closely to one another.

### **Supporting The Children's Society** *by Rodney Nicholson*

The retiring collection at the Christingle service on Advent Sunday produced a welcome £77.55 for The Children's Society. The society does a great work in helping young people who have run away from home (there are 100,000 such children and young people every year), supporting refugee families, enhancing the lives of young carers (some of whom devote over 60 hours a week) and much more. Please ask me if you would like a home box for The Children's Society.

### **Thanks to Michael** *by Rodney Nicholson*

Our warmest thanks are due to Michael Cooper and the Pocklington Singers for their glorious presentation of Messiah on the eve of Advent. Their performance of Handel's masterpiece was a delight from start to finish, giving us a memorable and inspiring evening. We are indeed blessed to have such talent through our own parish church here in Pocklington.

## **Prayer during the Vacancy:**

We continue during December with our Tuesday prayers in Pocklington church at midday BUT NOT ON CHRISTMAS DAY OR NEW YEARS DAY!!

On the **first Saturday in January**, 5 January , we plan to meet for a PRAYER LUNCH NOT BREAKFAST. This will be a special start to the New Year. You are all most welcome. We will gather in the meeting room around midday. It will be a 'bring and share ' lunch and will include our time of prayer together.

Our prayers will continue throughout January on **Tuesdays at midday**.

Please speak to us if you have any questions.

**Tony and Pam**

## **Happy New Year!**

You may be wondering why nothing much seems to be happening about appointing a new vicar. We want to assure you that there has been much thoughtful work, discussions and prayer by the respective PCC's since Geoff left in April. We have listened to all your views throughout to ensure that we are clear about what is important across the Group.

In addition to the individual PCC meetings, all the PCC's have met together 3 times with Archdeacon Sarah, and on one occasion we were joined by Bishop John. The most time consuming task has been to produce the parish profile, not only has each parish had to write about its community, facilities, church building and services but also provide statistics together with pictures of events and activities to try and give a snapshot of what goes on. We then had to decide what we would like to see our churches doing; this has helped us decide what sort of person we thought we needed to help us achieve those goals. Then we had to look at ourselves to see what we could offer a new vicar! Amazingly we found we had a lot in common!

The whole process is governed by the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 and the Church of England Code of Practice.

Having produced the profile, we are still waiting to hear from the diocese that it is approved, but we have now moved into the formal part of the whole process. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of December we are holding a 'Section 11 meeting' of all 9 PCCs. At this meeting we will appoint our parish representatives, formally agree the Parish Profile and decide when and how to advertise the vacancy.

All the parish representatives will be involved formally or informally in the selection process of any candidates, together with Bishop John, Archdeacon Sarah, and the Area Dean. The selection process will take place over 2 days, we hope in the first week of March, and will include a tour of all the parishes, a visit to the vicarage, a short Communion Service and lunch with the representatives as well as the formal interview.

If a selection is made it is unlikely that we will be able to let you know until due process has taken place. We would then hope to give you some idea of when our new vicar would be joining us. All costs will be met jointly by the group, all churches in the group give a proportionate amount to the group bank account to cover administration and costs of the ministry team for our group of churches.

This whole process is being underpinned by weekly prayer throughout the group, but during the winter months we have been meeting at 12 noon on Tuesdays at Pocklington as well as meeting for a prayer breakfast once a month. We would like to thank Pam and Tony Burdon for organising these prayer times, and hope that you will join us if you can, but please remember the process in your prayers.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

**Nigel Laws and Hilary Slow**



The Advent Service held on the 4th December marked the start of our preparations to welcome Christ on Christmas Day. The service was led by Revd Canon Rodney. We were grateful to Bronnie who once again played the organ. The Ven John Hawley, formerly the Archdeacon of Blackburn inspired the congregation, he introduced the congregation to a tour of the fashion stores. However, he suggested we should cloth ourselves in Jesus Christ. We were joined at the service by members from across the Archdeaconry. Prayers were said for the 16 days of Activism against gender violence.

The next meeting is on the 8th January 2019.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Dot Townley

**The deadline for the February edition is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January and copy should be emailed to: [davidcbrown5@hotmail.com](mailto:davidcbrown5@hotmail.com)**

## **Hope for the Year. By Paddy**

As the bells rang in this coming year,  
They also rang out the old;  
The old which carried with it many a fear,  
And unfulfilled hopes, and grief untold  
In this world full of hurting, of violence and abuse,  
Where many are homeless and in poverty tied,  
Or detained after fleeing from merciless rule  
In places where prejudice, racism and greed preside.  
Yet God made this world for all to enjoy  
It's beauty; flowers, birds, trees pleasant to the sight.  
And to guard it and tend it He would us employ  
To love it, value it, and all live in God's light.  
So let us ring in each morning God's hope for mankind,  
For, "I make all things new!" Our Saviour cried,  
"Follow me, turn to me, and my comfort you'll find,  
In your suffering you'll find me. I'm always alongside "  
"I comfort the widow, I hear the orphan child's scream,  
And I'm with those cruelly persecuted because of their faith.  
My justice will flow like a life giving stream,  
And my mercy will endure forever," He sayeth.  
Are we journey on through this year ahead  
Helping the hungry, downtrodden and broken,  
Let us travel along with hope not dread,  
Remembering these words our Lord has spoken,  
"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine  
You did for me".  
God gave because He loved, and so must we.

**The “Big Tearfund Quiz” will be held at All Saints Church, Pocklington on Saturday, 12th January from 7-9pm.**

Tickets costing £5 per participant to raise funds for the charity are available from Julie Ryder and Wendy Voke.

Please bring your friends with perhaps a bottle of wine to share and form teams of four people to enjoy an evening of fun.

Light refreshments will be available during an interval and there will be small prizes for the winners.

### **Can we expect young people in church?** *by Rodney Nicholson*

Frequently you hear the comment, “Our church has no young people”. That may mean that there are no young people at all – no one under 60! – or no teenagers/20 year olds. Some churches have a few very young children – young enough to be still following their parents’ lead – but they lose them all by upper primary or secondary school age. At the other end of the scale, church-going parents regret that their adult children have ceased to attend worship and may feel slightly guilty about it. “Where did we go wrong?” they wonder.

Like much of life, there are no simple answers. One Christian couple may have seen their children, at least for the present, abandon the church. Another couple happily watch their children and grandchildren play a keen part in their local church. Probably neither couple has done anything wrong. Circumstances beyond their control have produced a different course of events.

Relationships matter hugely. Most churches have a preponderance of older people, who of course are greatly valued – let there be no doubt about that. But the age profile is on the elderly side. There will be plenty of bus passes around. I, for example, feel thoroughly at home in most services and am rarely the oldest one there. Some of those older people will come purely to worship God, so that they are hardly concerned with who else is there. Many, however, will feel comfortable with the other worshippers, having a relationship with at least some of them. They probably have similar backgrounds and “talk the same language”. They appreciate both God, therefore, and the fellowship of others.

Now put any of those 70+-year-olds in a congregation of under 30s, and they probably would feel rather lost. They would be glad to see all these young people in church but might well feel not to belong there. That is how it can be with a teenager or young adult in the average congregation. They may be welcomed, though in a few places they may not

be, but they are being asked to accept an alien culture. In general, young people are not going to go where they are the only young person there.

I would offer one bit of advice to parents with growing children. Don't be tied to your own church. If there are more young people at another church, maybe even a non-Anglican church, think about encouraging them to go there. Kathleen and I were thought disloyal by one or two people years ago when we encouraged our children to go to a neighbouring church which is rather like St Michael-le-Belfrey. "Shouldn't the vicar's children go to his church?" We were unrepentant. We knew that at St James's they would find other Christian young people and meet young (and older) Christian adults who would be excellent role models. Our own church had very good people but they weren't young people with whom our teenage children would have an enriching and fun relationship.

A few young people, if they get involved with the choir or music, will come to faith through a cathedral or be helped by a church with a strong musical tradition. Some will respond to a sense of wonder and mystery can be better expressed in the "high church" style. If the worship, however, is dull and unchanging they are likely to say cheerio. That said, modern, happy songs will not by themselves keep the young. It's relationships that matter, and a young person can have a very dear relationship with someone much older. But, in general and as a rule, I would say, "Go where there's a young people's work in progress".

Any church should take seriously its ministry to the young, but that must mean asking hard questions, being open to the Holy Spirit and to other people, and being willing to change.

### **Sing Your Heart Out**

The Church was full of beavers, cubs and scouts and parents and relatives and there were extra chairs placed down the aisles. The service was organised by the Pocklington branch of the British Heart Foundation and was months in the planning with Rodney leading and Michael showing his skills on the organ.

There were readings by the deputy Mayor, representatives of the local BHF branch and the scouts.

The highlight was a medley of popular Christmas songs on the organ for the youngsters to guess the title. So many hands went up as they all joined in the popular songs. The same voices sang the carols and the church had a wonderful sound of voices young and old.

Refreshments rounded off a wonderful start to the Christmas season at All Saints.

**Mae and David**

## Scout BHF carol service success

The Scout/British Heart Foundation carol service on Friday 14<sup>TH</sup> December attracted some 225 people, with good support from the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from surrounding areas. The full church provided a great atmosphere of celebration which included solos by Alexis Jagger, a pupil at Pocklington school, a musical Christmas quiz and sing-along led by Michael Cooper, readings, poems and a talk by Christine Hindwell on the work of the BHF. Members of the local BHF group provided refreshments and stewarded the event, with help from Ian and Julie Ryder. The evening raised £465 which was split between All Saints church and the BHF. Many thanks to all who supported the evening.

## Rodney

### Christmas Services in the Pocklington Group of Churches

#### **Burnby**

21<sup>st</sup> December 7.30 pm Special Carol Service

#### **Great Givendale**

24<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm Special –Carol Service

#### **Hayton**

25<sup>th</sup> December 9.15 am Holy Communion (CW)

#### **Huggate**

23<sup>rd</sup> December 4.00 pm Special –Christingle  
24<sup>th</sup> 6.00 pm Holy Communion (CW)

#### **Londesborough**

23<sup>rd</sup> December 4.00 pm Special –Carol Service

#### **Millington**

25<sup>th</sup> December 9.15 am Holy Communion (CW)

#### **Nunburnholme**

24<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 pm Holy Communion (CW)

#### **Pocklington**

23<sup>rd</sup> 10.45 am Sung Eucharist (CW)  
24<sup>th</sup> 4.00 pm Special –Crib Service  
24<sup>th</sup> 11.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)  
25<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Family Service (CW) followed by short HC  
30<sup>th</sup> 10.45 am Holy Communion (CW) Group Service

#### **Shiptonthorpe**

20<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Special-Carols around the tower  
23<sup>rd</sup> 4.00 pm Special –Carols and Nativity  
24<sup>th</sup> 11.00 pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
30<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

## January Services in the Pocklington Group of Churches

### **Burnby**

6<sup>th</sup> January                      9.15 am                      Family Service (CW)

### **Great Givendale**

13<sup>th</sup>                                  9.15 am                      Morning Prayer (BCP)  
27<sup>th</sup>                                  9.15 am                      Holy Communion (BCP)

### **Hayton**

No services

### **Huggate**

6<sup>th</sup> January                      9.15 am                      Special –Carol Service  
13<sup>th</sup>                                  4.00 pm                      Evening Prayer (BCP)  
20<sup>th</sup>                                  9.15 am                      Holy Communion (CW)  
27<sup>th</sup>                                  9.15 am                      Morning Prayer (CW)

### **Londesborough**

6<sup>th</sup> January                      10.45 am                      Morning Prayer (BCP)  
13<sup>th</sup>                                  10.45 am                      Holy Communion (BCP)  
27<sup>th</sup>                                  10.45 am                      Morning Prayer (CW)

### **Millington**

13<sup>th</sup> January                      9.15 am                      Holy Communion (CW)  
27<sup>th</sup>                                  9.15 am                      Morning Prayer (CW)

### **Nunburnholme**

6<sup>th</sup> January                      10.45 am                      All Age Worship  
20<sup>th</sup>                                  10.45 am                      Family Communion (CW)

### **Pocklington**

6<sup>th</sup> January                      8.00 am                      Holy Communion (BCP)  
6<sup>th</sup>                                      10.45 am                      Family Communion (CW)  
13<sup>th</sup>                                  10.45 am                      Sung Eucharist (CW)  
20<sup>th</sup>                                  8.00 am                      Holy Communion (BCP)  
20<sup>th</sup>                                  11.00 am                      Special Ecumenical service –Alan Spademan  
27<sup>th</sup>                                  10.45 am                      Sung Eucharist (CW)

### **Shiptonthorpe**

6<sup>th</sup> January                      10.45 am                      Holy Communion (BCP)  
13<sup>th</sup>                                  10.45 am                      All Age Worship  
20<sup>th</sup>                                  10.45 am                      Morning Prayer (BCP)  
27<sup>th</sup>                                  10.45 am                      Family Communion (CW)

## **PARISH REGISTERS**

**We have welcomed into the Christian Family through Baptism:**

**We have united in Marriage through the love of God**

**We have commended to God's sure keeping with thanksgiving:**

13<sup>th</sup> December

Susan Pinchon

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## PASTORAL SERVICES

### Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

To enquire about arrangements for these services  
Please call at the Parish Office in the Church or phone 01759 306045  
Office hours are Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon  
(Outside these hours by appointment)

### Scale of fees and charges for 2019

#### Baptisms

There is no fee for a service of Baptism

Certificate of Baptism, if required. £14.00

#### Weddings

Publication of Banns. £29.00

Certificate of Banns, if required. £14.00

Marriage Service. £441.00

Certificate of Marriage at registration. £4.00

Verger £32.00

Organist £80.00

Bells £120.00

Heating £55.00

*Please note that an additional charge will be made if extra facilities are required.*

*We regret that it is not always possible to come back into the Church for additional photographs after the service.*

#### Funerals

Funeral service in Church, Cemetery or Crematorium £190.00

Verger £32.00

Organist £80.00

Heating £55.00

## **A Prayer for the life of our Parishes and Churches**

O God ,make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out envy ,pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block for children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong to turn back the tempter's power. God make the doorway of this house the entrance to your eternal kingdom. Amen

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**[www.pockflyingman.org.uk](http://www.pockflyingman.org.uk)**

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