The Newsletter

ST MARY'S CHURCH
BEVERLEY

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Great British Sewing Bee



I love being with our church council members but as soon as our meeting was over on Tuesday I wanted to rush back to see whether Anna had won the final of Sewing Bee. A vicar's daughter from York, I was bound to be a little bias, and actually she was just great. I loved watching her skill, warmth and kindness. I wont spoil the suprise if you are still waiting to catch up on iplayer but I will say it was a good show.

I am not a great seamstress (as you will see if you look closely at the hems of my trousers) but I recognise and appreciate skill and creativity.

The central act of the Sewing Bee, taking raw material and shaping it into something beautiful, mirrors the biblical conviction that human beings are made in the image of a Creator God. Genesis presents God as the One who forms, shapes, and brings order out of chaos. When contestants cut, stitch, unpick, and try again, they echo that divine pattern: creation is both gift and calling.

Sewing is slow, embodied work. It requires patience, imagination, and resilience. In a world that prizes speed and disposability, the show quietly insists that careful making matters. It reminds us that God's creativity is not abstract but deeply material — God works with dust, breath, water, - the fabric of creation itself.

During the autumn we celebrate creation and harvest, and we remember that our world is indeed a work of art bearing the fingerprints of our creator. May we slow down and take time to see and to value all that God has made.

Becky Lumley

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Tuesday 22nd September Harvest Lunch:

- "With Thanks"

Despite the illness of our precious and irreplaceable Cassandra, and the illness of sous-chef ALM

Anna Chaplain,John Faulkner, the lunch happened in glorious style thanks to spectacular talent which emerged from the ranks of our ever-versatile and perennially young Vintage People of St. Mary's Church. Huge thanks and admiration to Ann Jepson, our card-making setter-upper, David and Michelle Glover, the Crumble Creators, Paul Machon the Mixer of Mysterious Marvellous Punches.
Sue Stopford, Chicken Expert, Lorainne Goodaire, Jenny Smith, Wonder Washer-Up Duo Helen and David Bartlett and others who worked in such efficient, unobtrusive and servant-spirited ways that they didn't call attention to themselves.

We are indebted to your kindness and generosity of time and hope you have recovered. It was a lovely, peaceful and happy lunch where people lingered to walk and catch up afterwards, in a most heart-warming fashion.
Thank you to our gracious and creative God, who helped us overcome yesterday's challenges. Harvest baskets of goodies, generously supplied by our Vintage Guests have been taken to people who could not come or who now live in Carehomes.

They thank you all.

-Carolyn Kirk
Anna Chaplain

Tuesday 29 September:
Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10.30am onwards with our friends from Harvest Court (just round the corner in Manor Road opposite the Health Centre). Please go and support Jane Hendry and say you're part of the St. Mary's Vintage Gang.

Autumn Gardens Pilgrimage
If you have a particularly vibrant garden this autumn and would be happy to welcome visitors for a special pilgrimage, please get in touch.

VINTAGE

Next Vintage Lunch

Tuesday 27th October
12:00 - 16:00

Tuesday 3rd November:
13:45 - 15:00 Talk in Parish Hall about Sledmere and world war one. With refreshments.

Tuesday 15th December:
Join us at Harvest Court for afternoon tea and Carols from 14:00 onwards.

Tuesday 22nd December:
Special Outing to Burton Agnes Hall

Join us for a special outing to Burton Agnes Hall in East Yorkshire, a magnificent Elizabethan stately home renowned for its beautiful architecture, stunning gardens and fascinating history. A coach will be available from outside the church for anyone interested in joining us. please ask Carolyn Kirk for more details on times.

(*Please note this trip will replace the Vintage Lunch.)*



Faith in Everyday Life: Kathy Ball



Many of you will already know Kathy through her involvement in church life and, in particular, through our wonderful choir. We thought it would be lovely to introduce her more fully and hear a little of her story.

Kathy was born and raised in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, where she attended the local Methodist Chapel from an early age. It was there that her lifelong love of singing first began. She also met Allan during her school days, although life's journey took them in different directions for many years.

At just seventeen, Kathy left Harrogate to train as a nurse. Nursing would become a vocation that shaped much of her life. She began her career working on hospital wards before moving into minor injuries and outpatient care, eventually becoming a Sister leading those services. Her interest in community healthcare led her into district nursing, a field in which she found both challenge and fulfilment.

Over the years she served as a nurse manager and developed a particular calling for palliative and out-of-hours care, supporting people at some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. Her Christian faith was a constant source of strength throughout her nursing career. She says that faith sustained her through both the rewards and the demands of caring for others, ultimately leading her to complete a Diploma in Palliative Care.

Life has not always been easy for Kathy. Yet through times of challenge and personal difficulty, God's faithfulness remained constant. Eventually she and Alan reconnected, discovering that they shared both a history and a deep Christian faith. They have now been happily married for eleven years. Kathy says that sharing her faith with Alan has enabled it to become even more central to her daily life.

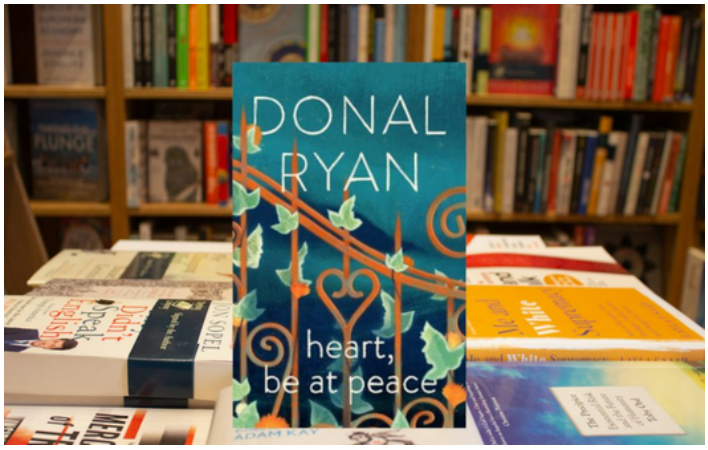
Kathy is also the proud mother of her son, Adam, whom she describes as her "miracle baby" after many years of infertility. Adam still lives with Kathy and Alan and joins her in singing in the choir.

Away from church, Kathy loves gardening. Together she and Allan have transformed an overgrown and neglected garden into a beautiful space filled with flowers, birds and wildlife. She enjoys spending time in their garden room overlooking the garden, reading detective novels, and of course singing.

The choir has been one of the greatest blessings of Kathy's life at St Mary's. She speaks warmly of the friendships and quality of music.

We are delighted that Kathy is part of our church family and thank her for sharing something of her journey with us. Her story is one of faith, perseverance, service and joy, and we are richer for having her among us.

Upcoming events



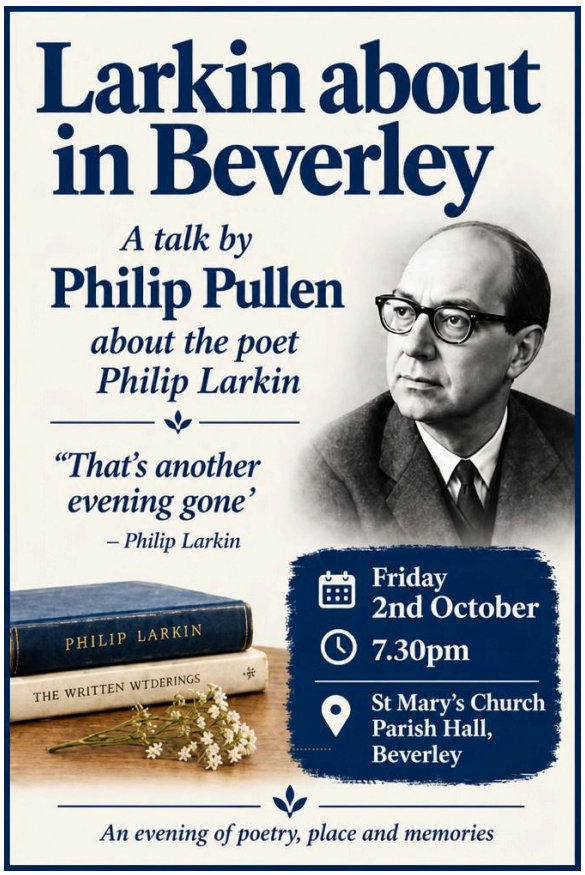
27th September

Book Club - Our first book
"Heart, be at Peace"
by Donal Ryan,
Will be discussed in our first book club
2.30pm - 4pm in the church hall .
Each meeting will involve discussing the book we have read, answering questions about the book and then a new book will be chosen - The books need to be available to buy / rent from the library and or brought to be on kindle and or even audio and if you choose a book be able to share why you like the book and group participation- bring reading friends and see you for cake, cuppa's and books .

If you would like to know more please do message me . Alice 07805078509

7th October

Philip Pullen will be doing a talk about the famous Phillip Larkin and his connections with our town of Beverley. All congregation are welcome to join this wonderful evening of poetry place and memories.





Join us for our Light Party, a fun-filled evening for children and families with games, crafts, food, music, and plenty of sparkle!

Come and celebrate the light, hope, and joy that Jesus brings

Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends and wear something bright!

Pizza and Hot Dogs are available

Remembering our loved ones

As the Church approaches the season of All Souls, we invite you to join us for a special Service of Remembrance as we give thanks for the lives of those we love but see no longer.

This gentle and reflective service offers an opportunity to remember family members, friends, and all who have touched our lives. During the service, names of loved ones may be read aloud, candles will be lit, and we will commend those we love to God's eternal care.

Whether your loss is recent or many years ago, you are warmly welcome to come and find comfort in prayer, reflection, and the hope of Christ's promise of eternal life.

All Souls' Service of Remembrance

Date: 31st October
Time: 3.30pm-4.15pm
Venue: St Mary's Church

If you would like a loved one's name to be included in the prayers, please contact the church office on 01482 869137 or add their name to the list available in church.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
(Matthew 5:4)

We look forward to welcoming you and your family as we remember with thanksgiving and hope.



There has been a great deal of interest in our upcoming Bible course. If you would like to take part and have not yet registered your interest, please contact Jodie in the church office. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Celtic Worship @ Leconfield

Step into the gentle rhythm of Celtic prayer. Join us for a peaceful time of reflection, stillness, and simple worship shaped by ancient Christian tradition. All are welcome to come, pause, and breathe in God's presence.

Thursdays at 7pm

September 26th - Celtic Evening Prayer
October 10th - Celtic Harvest Communion
October 24th - Celtic Communion
November 14th - Celtic Communion
November 28th - Celtic Evening Prayer
December 12th - Celtic Advent Communion

Church Lantern's

We remember with gratitude those who are no longer with us, yet remain part of our church family. Their faith, kindness and presence have helped shape our shared life, and we hold their names and memories in our prayers. May we continue to honour them by living out the love and hope they shared with us.

Mrs Angela Gale
01st October

Mrs Kathleen Noblett
30th November



Mens Meet | Ladies Meet

16th November
Both Mens Meet and Ladies Meet will be combining skills this time at our next bowl meet, lifts and more information call Steve Parkin.

Bowling at Hollywood Bowl

Monday 16th November, 7.30pm

With both Men Meet and Ladies Meet



Any guys wanting a lift, meet outside St Mary's at 7.00pm

Please let Steve know if you need a lift, otherwise meet there.

Steve Parkin 07715 431855

October 2026 Worship

Monday - Wednesday every week
8.30am Morning Prayer, in the Church Hall

Sunday 04 October - Harvest
Deut 26:1-11 Matthew 25:31-40
8am Holy Communion
Leader: Revd Michael Yates
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley
9.30am Parish Holy Communion
Leader: Revd Hannah Moore
Preacher Mr John Edmond
11.15am: 11.15 Service
Leader Mr. Carl Dixon
Preacher: Revd. Becky Lumley
6.30pm BCP Communion
Leader: Revd Hannah Moore
Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

Thursday 08 October
10am: Holy Communion Service
Leader: Revd Michael Yates
Preacher: Revd Hannah Moore

Saturday 10 October
7pm Celtic Communion Service
Leader & Preacher: Revd Erik Wilson

Sunday 11 October
Exodus 32:1-14; Matthew 22.1-14
8am Holy Communion
Leader: Revd Hannah Moore
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley
9.30am Bubble Church in the Hall
Led by Helena and the Team
9.30am Parish Holy Communion
Leaders: Mr John Edmond / Revd. Becky Lumley
Preacher: Revd. Becky Lumley
11.15am The 11.15 Service with communion
Leader: Revd Hannah Moore
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley
6.30pm Evensong
Leader: Revd Michael Yates
Preacher; Mr Steve Parkin
7pm The Praise Service in the Hall
Leader: Mrs Gill Gregory
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

Thursday 15 October
Exodus 32:1-14; Matthew 22.1-14
10am: Holy Communion Service
Leader and preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

Sunday 18 October
Exodus 33:12-23, Matthew 22.15-22
8am Holy Communion
Leader and Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley
9.30am Parish Holy Communion
Leaders: Revd Becky Lumley
Preacher: Revd Hannah Moore
11.15am The 11.15 Service
with faith in everyday life
Leader: Mrs Gill Gregory
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley
6.30pm Evensong
Leader: Revd Becky Lumley
Preacher; Mr John Edmond

Thursday 22 October
Exodus 33:12-23, Matthew 22.15-22
10am: Holy Communion Service
Leader: Revd Michael Yates
Preacher: Mr Steve Parkin

Saturday 24 October
7pm Celtic Evening Prayer
Leader: Mr Steve Parkin, John Edmond and Michael Yates.

Sunday 25 October
Deuteronomy 34:1-12**;** Matthew 22.34-46
8am Holy Communion
Leader: Revd Michael Yates
Preacher: Mrs Gill Gregory
9.30am Parish Holy Communion
Leader: Mr John Edmond/Revd Becky Lumley
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley
11.15am The 11.15 Service
Leader Mr Simon Pike,
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley
6.30pm Evensong
Leader: Mrs Gill Gregory
Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

Thursday 29 October
10am: Holy Communion Service
Leader and Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

Poetry Corner

Written by our very own Carl Dixon and inspired by our series on Exodus

Exodus: Shemot

Heavy with silt, the river turns to copper and bile.

Four hundred years of wet mud under bare heel.
Mitzrayim, the crushing place, the narrow mile,
Where breath tastes of sweat, scorched straw, and iron steel.

Then a tearing wind
Not a breeze, but a roar that smells of salt and dark floor.

Yam Suf rips wide, two cliffs of cold, standing glass,
The wet sea-bed reeking of rot, damp weeds, and shore.

Twelve tribes running, blind dust in the teeth,
Hurry, before the mountain of water collapses under its own mass.

Into the Midbar, the endless grey grit.
Sun hits the neck like hot brass, blinding the sight.

Smell of wild thyme crushed under barefoot, wild goat, and fire-pit.
A pillar of smoke by day, burning oil by night.

Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh—
Ten words spoken.
The granite is shaken,
Clean rain striking the peak, streaming down the rock.

A living presence, fierce and unconfined,
Leaving the chains of the narrow land behind.

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