

The Newsletter

JULY / AUGUST 2026

New Partnerships

St Catherine's, Leconfield and St Mary's, Beverley have been working together for sometime, thanks to our team of lay ministers who have been leading Celtic Prayers in the church and the Celtic book group. It is now proposed that the two churches become one benefice (sharing a vicar). Becoming one benefice is more than an administrative shift; it is a weaving together of stories, gifts, and callings. Each church carries its own character: St Catherine's with its village-rooted warmth and St Mary's with its rich heritage, wider reach, and long tradition of worship and service.

We are only at the early stages of this process, and there will be much to consider, plan and pray about but my hope is that both churches will be blessed by being in partnership. The Psalmist declares, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity" (Psalm 133:1). Unity is not simply agreement it is choosing to work together to become a stronger witness to God in our community.

Please pray for both church communities as we take the next steps in this new venture.

Becky Lumley



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The Bible Course

There's a moment many of us recognise: you open the Bible, turn a few pages, and wonder how all these stories, poems, letters, and teachings fit together. We want to understand it — not just in fragments, but as a whole. We want to know why this ancient book still speaks today.

That's where The Bible Course comes in. The course invites us on a journey through Scripture's big story. Week by week, we will begin to see how the books connect, how the characters shape the narrative, and how the themes weave together.



What once felt complicated starts to feel clear, alive, and surprisingly relevant. But before the course even begins, there's a deeper question many people carry: Why read the Bible at all?

The Bible provides a way for us to navigate real life with honesty and hope. It helps us understand who we are and who God is. We find in its pages a place to meet God — encountering compassion, challenge, and comfort. And for countless people across generations, Scripture has been strength for the journey, offering courage in times of joy and times of struggle.

Reading the Bible isn't about having all the answers. It's about opening ourselves to transformation.

As we move through The Bible Course, we explore the Bible's timeline, trace its major themes, meet its key characters, and learn practical tools that make Scripture feel accessible. You do this not alone, but in community — talking, wondering, laughing, and learning together.

So come and join us. Come and discover the Bible as a living story — one that speaks hope, wisdom, and purpose into everyday life.

The Bible Course begins in September - for more information contact stmarys.beverley@gmail.com

Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends



Sometimes ministry begins in the quiet places; in the stillness of a living room or care home, in the gentle pause beside someone who feels the weight of years. Anna Chaplaincy was born in those quiet places, out of a simple but profound conviction: that older people matter, deeply, wholly, and eternally.

Anna Chaplains step into spaces where loneliness can linger and where stories stretch back across decades. They come not with hurried answers but with presence — a listening ear, a steady kindness, and a willingness to honour the dignity of every person they meet. In a world that often moves too fast, they choose to slow down.

Their ministry reminds us that later life is not a fading chapter but a sacred one. Older people carry wisdom, humour, grief, faith, and memories that shape communities. Anna Chaplaincy helps us see this clearly. It encourages us to ask what spiritual care looks like in later life and how we can accompany people with gentleness. It teaches us that pastoral care is not only about words — it is about presence, patience, and compassion.

There is something profoundly Christ-like in this ministry. Jesus noticed people others overlooked. He paused for the elderly, the frail, the forgotten. Anna Chaplains follow that pattern, offering hope, comfort, and spiritual companionship to those navigating the complexities of ageing.

And yet Anna Chaplaincy is not only for those receiving care. It shapes the whole community. It reminds churches that older people are not an afterthought but a gift. It encourages schools to see intergenerational connection as a source of learning and joy. It invites all of us to reflect on how we value those who have travelled long journeys of faith.

Anna Chaplaincy is a ministry of presence — a quiet, faithful witness to God's love in later life. It tells a simple truth: every person, at every age, deserves to be seen, heard, and cherished.

Please pray for our team as we expand and become more structured. Claire Louise has recently become an Anna friend* leading the singing group on a Monday afternoon AND John Faulkner has recently completed the course to become an Anna Chaplain. We are thrilled they have joined our team.

*Anna friends who support our Anna Chaplains (Carolyn and John).
For more information please contact Carolyn on: 07910 081085

Vintage Events

Vintage lunch

Tuesday 28 July 2026 12.30pm in the church hall.

Menu

Celtic Beef Stew, Potatoes, Green veg,
"Iona Mess" Soft Fruit, Meringue & Cream
Oat Cakes & Cheese.

John Edmond & Steve Parkin will bring Celtic prayers and words about Celtic church and its saints. They will introduce us to St Samson of Dol (c 490 – 565) who was a Celtic Bishop, Confessor, Abbot, Missionary and Miracle-worker.

St Samson was born c 490 South Wales.

Died on 28 July 565 at Dol-de-Bre-ta-paign.

This Welshman sailed the sea to evangelise Brittany

Suggested donation £6

Coach Trip to Sledmere House and Gardens.

Wednesday 19 August 2026

leaving around 9.45 - Acklam's Coach from St Mary's
More details to follow.

Singing for pleasure

Singing for Pleasure. A lovely lively group that meets to sing pop songs and music from the 50s, 60s and 70s led by Claire Louise in the church hall on a Monday afternoon.

Please let Carolyn know if you are coming or you need more information.

Below - some of our Anna Chaplaincy Team on Training



Faith in Everyday Life:

Lesley Gibbons

My name is Lesley, and you may have seen me playing the guitar in the worship band. I am married to Paul, and we moved up to Beverley in 2022 when we retired. We are both from the Midlands, myself from Stoke-on-Trent and Paul from Wolverhampton. I have a sister still in Stoke and mum, who is 91 and often unwell, now lives with us permanently.

My hobbies are art and gardening. Last year I had a painting in the Beverley Art Gallery Open Exhibition. My working life was in the production and design of regional newspapers, magazines and handbooks.

I have believed in God from a young age. I remember going to Sunday school and sometimes church, mum teaching me simple night time prayers. As a teenager I still went to church and then stretching my own wings in my twenties I drifted away.

When I was thirty I began thinking of church again, and thought about it for a long time before getting the courage to start attending. I joined an Alpha course and from that I fledged into an adult faith, truly believing.

Everything in my life began to change, I immersed myself in reading Christian books and went to hear speakers at different churches and wider events. I was hungry to hear and learn everything I could. Then I felt I really wanted to sing praise songs, so I joined Trentham church's music group with about 30 other singers.



My Christian life was still changing and I found myself joining a new worship band, where I sang with a couple of others. The band played at different churches and we did some sessions for inmates in Stafford jail.

At 40 I decided I wanted to learn guitar and over the next few years progressed enough to be able to lead worship myself.

I had been single all this time and it wasn't until I was in my mid 50's that I met and married Paul, a Christian himself.

Life isn't all roses of course and there have been many trials. Someone once told me that our faith life is a continuous journey with peaks and troughs.

In coming to St Mary's Paul and I have again found our place. It was a strange thing when we visited Paul's University friend Kevin who lived here, before we moved to Beverley, that I saw this church, and felt that one day it would be my church.

We have made many friends, found a wonderfully supportive homegroup and my faith continues to grow.

Allsorts



Our Allsorts Toddler Group which runs every Friday morning during term time in the Church Hall is a very happy place to be. It's a great team to be a part of and we thoroughly enjoy meeting and chatting with all the mums, dads, carers and toddlers who attend the group. The photos show children enjoying the recent activities on the painting table. And spot the photo where the child takes 'hand painting' to a whole new level!

Anne Crossley and the Allsorts Team

Craft Group

Every Thursday 10 am in the church hall

St Mary's Craft Group make many wonderfully creative things that bring joy to our church, especially for special festivals. They are a really friendly and inclusive group led by Magaret. They welcome new people and are very good at teaching and helping the less confident. Just come along if you would like to take part.



There will be some lovely crafts appearing in church this summer all made by our Thursday Craft Group

Small Groups on Pilgrimage

The Thursday housegroup have been following the series of studies on pilgrimage written by Becky and Ian this term. It has been varied, interesting, challenging and thought provoking.

We began the series with a short pilgrimage of our own when we walked from St. Catherine's church, Leconfield to Beverley Minster, part of the Beverley Minster to Bridlington Priory pilgrimage route. As well as getting to know each other better through our conversations, at the end we spent a bit of time going round the Threads Exhibition.

The studies each focussed on very different aspects including;

- Pilgrimage and redirection looking at the journey of the magi who first went to Jerusalem where they assumed the baby king would have been born, before following the star took them to Bethlehem and the impact of that nine mile diversion.
- Pilgrimage and worship looking the psalms of ascent (psalms 120 – 134) which the Jewish pilgrims would have sung on their way to Jerusalem to the annual festivals
- Pilgrimage as freedom (Exodus 6) and the forty years journey of the Israelites in the desert, their challenges, lessons learnt and discoveries on the way to deliverance.

Each study included an introduction to the topic and thinking about what it was about, looking at what the bible said and reflection on our own story and where it connects with pilgrimage in our complex world.

A wide variety of paintings and photos helped to challenge our thinking further. We have finished each study using a prayer by monk and theologian, Thomas Merton.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

It's been an excellent series. Many thanks to Ian and Becky for putting it together.
Alison

Please let us know if you are interested in joining a small group.

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

July 23rd - Celtic Evening Prayer

August 27th – Celtic Communion

September 24th - Celtic Evening Prayer

October 22nd – Celtic Communion

November 26th – Celtic Evening Prayer

Our lovely Eagle

We have ordered the parts required to repair the lectern and we hope to see him back in use shortly



Men Meet

10 of us attended Hollywood Bowl on 24th June. A lot of chat and banter as usual and new faces not seen before. It is always a good night.



Monday 3rd August

7.30pm in the church hall

Reflections and discussion on "Embracing soul care making space in our lives for what matters most" Based on a book by Stephen W Smith.

Women Meet

Saturday 25th July.

Meeting outside church at 10.30am ready to charity shop with a difference, it's been much fun over the years, and Gill and I look forward to seeing what this year will bring. No big spends it's all under £5 but it's what you can find for the questions we set.

We will come back together in a cafe to be decided nearer the time to share our findings.

Saturday 15th August

Looking forward in August Women's Meet will meet on 15th, meeting at 11am outside church to go for a walk on to the Westwood and we will find a spot to share in a picnic.

.Please do let me know you can come.
thank you

Alice - 07805 078509



CLCGB

Our Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade had an incredible time away on camp

Thanks to all the amazing leaders who helped make this happen!

Please continue to pray for our leaders and our children.

The Brigade will be joining us for the service on the 12th June at 11.15am.



July 2026 Worship

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

Thursday 02 July

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader: Canon Erik Wilson

Preacher: Dr Carolyn Kirk

Sunday 05 July

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

8am Holy Communion

Leader Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Mrs Gill Gregory

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader: Mr John Edmond/Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Dr Carolyn Kirk

11.15am The 11.15 Service

Leader: Mr Carl Dixon

Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

6.30pm BCP Communion

Leader Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Mr John Edmond

Thursday 09 July

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader: Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Dr Carolyn Kirk

Saturday 11 July

7pm: Celtic Communion Service

Leader & Preacher: Revd Michael Yates

Sunday 12 July

Genesis 25:19-34 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Mr John Edmond

9.30am Bubble Church in the Hall

Led by Helena and the Team

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leaders: Mr Steve Parkin/ Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Mr John Edmond

11.15am The 11.15 Service with CLCGB

Leader: Mrs Gill Gregory

Preacher: Revd Daniel Jones

6.30pm Evensong

Leader: Mr Steve Parkin

Preacher: Dr Carolyn Kirk

7pm The Praise Service in the Hall

Leader: Mrs Gill Gregory

Preacher: Mr Ian Jackson

Thursday 16 July

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader & Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

Sunday 19 July

Genesis 28:10-19a

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

8am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader: Mr John Edmond/Revd Becky Lumley

Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

11.15am The 11.15 Service with communion

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

6.30pm Evensong

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

Thursday 23 July

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley

Preacher: Mrs Gill Gregory

Saturday 25 July

7pm: Celtic Evening Prayer Service

Leader: Mr Steve Parkin

Preacher: Mr John Edmond

Sunday 26 July

Genesis 29:15-28 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

8am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley

Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

11.15am The 11.15 Service

Leader: Mr Carl Dixon

Preacher: Mrs Gill Gregory

6.30pm Evensong

Leader: Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Mr Steve Parkin

Thursday 30 July

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader: Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Mr Steve Parkin

August 2026 Worship

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

Sunday 02 August

Genesis 32:22-31 Matthew 14:13-21

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader: Mr John Edmond/Revd Becky Lumley

Preacher Revd Becky Lumley

11.15am: 11.15 Service

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

6.30pm BCP Communion

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

Thursday 06 August

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader: Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Mrs Gill Gregory

Saturday 08 August

7pm Celtic Communion Service

Leader & Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

Sunday 09 August:

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 Matthew 14:22-33

8am Holy Communion

Leader and Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

9.30am Bubble Church in the Hall

Led by Helena and the Team

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leaders: Revd Becky Lumley

Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

11.15am The 11.15 Service with communion

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley

Preacher: Mrs Gill Gregory

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 13 August

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader: Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

Sunday 16 August:

Genesis 45:1-15 Matthew 15:21-28

8am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader: Mr Steve Parkin/Revd Becky Lumley

Preacher: Mr John Edmond

11.15am The 11.15 Service

Leader: Mr Carl Dixon

Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

6.30pm Evensong

Leader: Mr Steve Parkin

Preacher: Mr John Edmond

Thursday 20 August

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley

Preacher: Mr Steve Parkin

Saturday 22 August:

7pm Celtic Communion Service

Leader: Mr Steve Parkin

Preacher: Mr John Edmond

Sunday 23 August;

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Matthew 16:13-20

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley

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 and Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

6.30pm Evensong

Leader: Mr John Edmond

Preacher: Mrs Gill Gregory

Thursday 27 August

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader and Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

Sunday 30 August

Exodus 3:1-15

Matthew 16:21-28

8am Holy Communion

Leader Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Mr John Edmond

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Michael Yates

Preacher: Mrs Gill Gregory

11.15am The 11.15 Service

Leader: Mr Simon Pike

Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

6.30pm Compline

Leader Mrs Gill Gregory

Preacher: Mr John Edmond

Thursday 03 September

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader: Canon Erik Wilson

Preacher: Dr Carolyn Kirk



SLEEPING

 ★ UNDER THE ★

Stars

A charity sleep out for


DOORSTEP

 CHARITY


21ST AUGUST 2026

- 
 We sleep on cardboard in a sleeping bag
- 
 One night Big difference
- 
 Raising awareness and hope for those experiencing homelessness

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Sleeping under the stars!

On 21st August, we are gathering as a community to sleep out under the stars — not for comfort, but to raise awareness of homelessness and to raise funds for Doorstep.

Every pound raised for Doorstep helps people rebuild their lives with dignity, safety, and stability.

Bring your sleeping bag, your friends, and your resilience

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