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Congratulations to Revd Alison Wragg who was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 1st July at Sheffield Cathedral. Alison then celebrated her first Communion service with us here in St John's on Sunday 2nd July. Congratulations also to Revd Peter Pathikrit Das who was ordained to the diaconate on Sunday 2nd July.

# Heinrich Biber's Requiem in F Minor

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# **St John's Church**

**Ranmoor, Sheffield**

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St John's Church is a community whose vocation is to extend to all people the same welcome that we ourselves have received from God in Christ. Our worship, enriched by our strong musical and choral traditions, is at the heart of our community's shared life. The gospel calls us to lives of discipleship, informed by reflection and marked by care for one another, by a passion for justice, and by a commitment to the service of our local and wider community.

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## Foreword



This month marks Creationtide when we give thanks for God's creation and think about the ways in which we can help care for it. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the challenge of climate change but there is much to celebrate and plenty that we can do to help. Many of us are trying to garden in a more wildlife friendly way. We may also be eating less meat and trying to shop more locally. Thinking about transport is also important. Could you offer a lift to church to someone else?

As one of eight Eco Churches in Sheffield Diocese with a silver award St John's is invited to an Eco Church Celebration at the Cathedral on 9<sup>th</sup> September. The event starts at 11:00 with an Eco Fair with lots of stalls including the Wildlife Trust, the Good Taste Fair Trade Shop (which supplies fair trade goods to St John's) and Green Christian. At 11:30, British Flower Ambassador Jonathan Moseley will give a demonstration of sustainable flower arranging. Jonathan received the prestigious RHS Harlow Carr Medal and is known for inspiring and entertaining his audiences: he comes highly recommended by our flower arrangers! There are crafts and activities for all ages as well as singing and drumming workshops from Steel City Choristers. The day will also allow space for prayer and reflection. The event ends with a service at 2pm led by Bishop Pete and Rev Lucy Foster. Look out for further details or email [environment.admin@sheffield.anglican.org](mailto:environment.admin@sheffield.anglican.org) for more information.

St John's Harvest Festival this year takes place on 24<sup>th</sup> September. In recent years we have donated food to Burngreave Foodbank which is much needed these days. Huge thanks to everyone who has contributed

food and money to Burngreave recently. Thanks also to the many people who help to make the church look so wonderful for Harvest Festival. This year, instead of a harvest supper, we are going to have a harvest lunch after the morning service. I do hope you can stay.

Creationtide ends on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October, our All Age service will be an animal service where all God's creatures are welcome. Please bring your pets, animal toys and animal pictures, and invite any friends or neighbours who love animals too.

God has given us a beautiful world and we have so much to give thanks for. If nothing else, I hope that you can delight in the extraordinary richness of creation and that through it you can draw closer to the Creator.

**Matthew**



**Sunday 24th September**

**10.30am Parish Communion**

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**



**Pie and Pea Lunch**

Join us straight after the morning service for pie and peas

Tickets £6 adult and £3 child on sale from the Parish Office from the end of August.

We would be delighted to receive donations to any of our services on the 24<sup>th</sup> September –  
all Donations to the Burngreave Foodbank

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## From the Editor's Chair



We are all familiar with the question about which came first: the chicken or the egg? Most people would go for the egg. However, it's not that straightforward, but I recently came across a similar riddle. Which came first: the pocketwatch or the pocket? You might think it was the pocket, but you would be wrong. Pockets arrived much later, after people started wearing trousers. Pocket watches had an attached chain to allow them to be secured to a lapel or something similar. The wristwatch is so much easier and, yes, the wrist came first!

Why am I talking about watches? Well, it's about time. And it appears to rule our lives, which can be a good thing as well as a bad thing. We keep time, we make it, we lose it, we save it, we waste it, we run out of it. For some people time goes by slowly; for others there's not enough time in the day.

Time flies. The last issue of Inspire saw us looking forward to the summer holidays and in what seems no time at all, Harvest Festival is on the horizon. As we know from Chapter 3 of the Book of Ecclesiastes, there is a time for everything. Rudyard Kipling tells us to fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run. And time, like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day.

A good friend of mine died recently. We should have met up a couple of years ago when we were in Glasgow, but Covid put paid to that. I didn't make the time to return to Glasgow and I now regret it. As Benjamin Franklin said, "*Lost time is never found again*" and we should heed those words.

**Philip Walshaw**

## Floral decorations in Church for Harvest Festival



For this year's Harvest Festival, we will be decorating the church with autumnal flowers, fruit and vegetables on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 9.45am** and we'd warmly welcome your help! To minimise our environmental impact, we will create the arrangements for the font, in the porch and on the windowsills without the use of floral foam (Oasis). If you are new to flower arranging and are interested in

learning we are a very friendly group of people and we'd gladly give you help and encouragement on the day or perhaps you might like to just come along and watch the arrangements take shape! We would also love to recruit some more people to help us with the flowers throughout the year! If you would like to help or be involved, please could you get in touch with us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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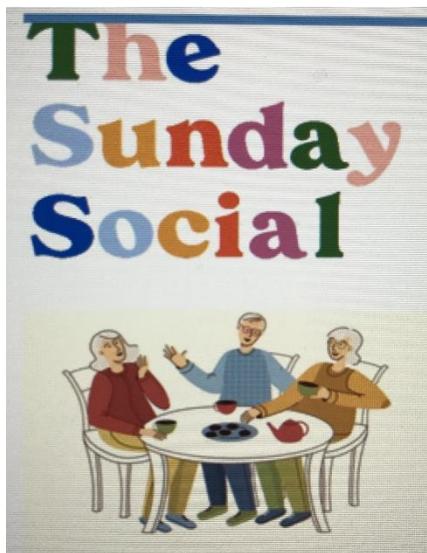


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## The Sunday Social



The Sunday Social (which you see mentioned in the Parish newsletter) has now been running for six months and we thought that you might like to hear what we have been doing over that time. You might even like to give thought to joining us.

The Social takes place on the fourth Sunday of the month following the morning service. It was set up back in January to offer an “after church” activity for a few hours in the Parish Centre for people who are on their own and who would like to spend a few hours social time with, and share

a simple lunch with, other members of the congregation. Individual congregation members of any age are welcome. At the moment, including helpers, there are about 20 people attending. We feel that we can now accommodate a few more.

After a trial period of voluntary contributions, the cost of attending has been fixed at £5 to cover the cost of the food, heating etc. This is the same as the Wednesday lunch club. The collection is taken between the main course and dessert. The most appropriate use of any surplus money raised by the Social each month is currently a matter being discussed by the PCC and Matthew.

Those planning to come to the Social have their coffee in church as usual after the morning service then walk over to the Parish Centre. Room 1 is waiting with tables laid for lunch. This takes place about 12.30. Room 2 is transformed into a games room to let people try out several different games and enjoy the company of others. Popular games include Scrabble, Uno, Snakes and Ladders, dominoes and Connect 4. There is a keen following for Scrabble. A group interested in jigsaws have now

made one corner of Room 2 into a jigsaw zone! Every month they are succeeding in completing a 300 piece puzzle, in less than the 2 hours available after lunch, before they go home! For those who prefer a more individual activity we have Shut the Box, Rubik's Cube, metal fidget puzzles and a Sunday newspaper to read. For the slightly more energetic there are carpet bowls and quoits so there are a range of activities available to suit most people.

The lunch which is provided is a simple but tasty 2 course lunch. Grace precedes the meal. Main courses (no choice) have included cauliflower cheese with crispy bacon bits and potato rostis, gammon with new potatoes and tomato salad, and jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings and mixed salad. Desserts are much appreciated and have included "Ranmoor Mess" (a local variation on the popular dessert named after a famous public school!). Mary Berry's chocolate cappuccino tart gave great pleasure to chocolate lovers and the traditional trifle was a favourite with all. Everybody seems to enjoy the food and, importantly, also the conversation which accompanies the consumption of it!

After lunch is the main time for the games and puzzles, again they are accompanied by happy chatter and laughter. People are discovering jigsaw skills they didn't know existed and are trying out new games such as Uno. Snakes and ladders is enjoyed because it is not seriously competitive! About 3pm, in preparation for departure, a cup of tea (or coffee) is served together with a choice of homemade cakes. There are no formal transport arrangements but since we started the Sunday Social everybody who needed a lift home got one.

We feel that we could accommodate up to 5 more people at the Social. If you feel that this is something that you might like to attend, ***we are offering one free taster session per person for you to join us*** to decide whether you would like to become one of our regular attenders. This would then cost £5 each time. If you would like to join us, please contact Claire in the office (0114 2301199 or [claire.webber@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk](mailto:claire.webber@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk)) at least a few days beforehand so we are ready to welcome you, and also it enables us to cater more accurately for the numbers attending.

***It would be appreciated if regular attenders to the Social could also notify Claire of their intent to attend, by the Wednesday preceding the Social.***

**Dates for the next Sunday Socials:**

22nd October and 26th November

Note: Although 24th September is a Fourth Sunday the Sunday Social planned for that date has been replaced by a parish harvest lunch. Sunday Social attenders are obviously welcome to join with other congregation members to enjoy a communal meal and will need to book their places beforehand.

***Janet Anker and Wendy Weeks.***

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**Breaking 1.5 degrees:  
responding faithfully to bad  
news.  
by Andy Atkins, A Rocha  
UK's Chief Executive Officer**



The most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report dropped the news that global average temperature rise is now almost certain to exceed 1.5 degrees, with profound consequences for wildlife and people. The IPCC has been carrying out a comprehensive five-year assessment on the subject. In March, they released their last report of the assessment, a 32-page summary of which can be read [here](#). The finding that grabbed the headlines was this: 'Global warming of 1.5°C and 2°C will be exceeded during the 21st century unless deep reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas emissions occur in the coming decades'. The small print says we'll probably bust through 1.5°C before the end of this decade.

We are failing to 'keep 1.5 alive' which was the chief aim of the UN climate negotiations in Glasgow in 2021. There is no disguising the utterly devastating blow this will be to nature and people, in terms of everything from habitat loss, flooding, droughts, extreme weather

events, disrupted food supplies and sea level rise, forcing the abandonment of many coastal areas and low-lying islands. Many of us will have noted the impact of last summer's unprecedented heatwave in our own gardens and local parks, including tree deaths from extreme heat. And that was at 'just' 1.1-2 degrees above the global average. The report notes that already: *'Hundreds of local losses of species have been driven by increases in the magnitude of heat extremes'*. And *'Impacts [of temperature rise] on some ecosystems are approaching irreversibility...'*

So, what should we do? The first thing is to shout from the rooftops that every fraction of a degree counts. 1.5 degrees may now be beyond us, but stopping at 1.55 or 1.6 would avoid many more extinctions and human deaths than stopping at 1.7 degrees, never mind the cataclysmic 2.4+ which the world is currently on track for. The 2015 Paris Agreement was to keep temperature rise 'below 2 degrees and as close to 1.5 as possible'. Secondly, we must be crystal clear about the causes of human-induced climate change and redouble efforts to halt them.

The report states that *'In 2019, approximately 79% of global greenhouse gas emissions came from the sectors of energy, industry, transport and buildings together and 22% from agriculture, forestry and other land use'*. Burning fossil fuels remains the single biggest source of emissions. Getting our economies off fossil fuels, therefore, is the overriding priority. We must also preserve our natural carbon sinks, from the Amazon rainforest to our remaining UK woodlands, grasslands and wetlands, establish new ones, switch to climate-and-biodiversity-friendly farming, plant trees and open new greenspaces in our towns and cities.

Finally, as Christians, we should use every tool God gives us to accelerate the right action for His creation – nature and people. Pray for change, for our faith to sustain us in concerning times. Use our power as consumers, for example, by switching our household electricity to a 100% renewable energy supplier. And critically (and entirely free) use our voice and vote to urge local and national politicians to use their much greater powers: to sign international agreements, pass laws, levy taxes, use the national budget to accelerate the right actions to 'keep as close as possible to 1.5 degrees'.

No responsible person could welcome the news that we're on track to cross a thick red climate line in the next few years. But, as Christians, it is a thunderous call for collective witness to our loving creator God, through our prayers, our actions, and our petitions to leaders. Let's get on and witness!

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**Heritage Open Day  
St John's Church  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

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Every September, organisations across the country open buildings and organise events to celebrate our history, heritage and culture. This year, the Heritage Open Days will be taking place 8-17<sup>th</sup> September. St John's will be taking part on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September with a day full of events.

### **Family Windows Workshop, 10.00-11.30**

St John's has a beautiful collection of Victorian and Edwardian stained glass windows. The rich reds, blues and golds tell the stories of the New Testament. At this fun, creative workshop, children and families will get to create their own stained glass masterpieces, using the windows of St John's as inspiration. We'll be painting, sketching and collaging our own images and stories.

Everyone is welcome, but the session is best suited to primary school aged children and their families. The workshop is free and places need to be booked via Eventbrite (link on the St John's website or Facebook page).

### **Heritage Open Afternoon, 2.00-5.30**

The open afternoon is a chance for visitors to explore St John's and get up-close to the history and built heritage in our magnificent building. The Ranmoor Society will have their popular and informative displays and

we'll have a special children's trail to help younger visitors explore the building.

By popular demand, the Ranmoor Ringers will have the Tower open for tours of the ringing chamber. This is a special opportunity to see where the bells are rung and to ask the ringers all your questions about how the bells work.

Our resident organists will be giving demonstrations of both the pipe organ and the chamber organ at 2pm, 3pm, 4pm and 5pm. Have you ever wondered how the organ works and makes quite so much noise? Well, the organists will be on hand to answer questions and show you up close what these tremendous instruments can do.

Refreshments and cake will be available to purchase.

### **Who Really Built St John's Ranmoor? A talk by Dr Mary Grover, 5.30-6.30**



We can name the great philanthropist John Newton Mappin who donated the money for the building of St John's (though there is a surprising silence about the source of his fortune). We can discover a

little of the remarkable builder of our first church, Mr Bissett, who came to town as a boy from Pilsley and made his fortune building Sheffield's first sewage works (but we will say nothing about the disgraceful behaviour of his heirs). But what can we say about the men who actually placed stone upon stone, who dug the foundations and raised the roof of our beautiful building?

Mary Grover is at the beginning of a quest to try and discover the history of these men whose names and trades were not inscribed in any records that have been explored so far. In this insightful and interesting talk, Mary will introduce us to some of the people who worked on the construction of St John's and tell some of their stories. The talk is free to attend, but tickets need be reserved via Eventbrite (link on the St John's website or Facebook page)

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# **ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR**

## **CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

1pm Marriage of Thea Dickens and Robert James Clark

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Trinity 13**

10.30am All Age Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 10-12.30pm**

Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 14**

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

7.30pm Talk with Jenny Stephenson – tickets on sale

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

10-12noon **Heritage Open Day** – children's activities

12.30pm **Marriage** of Joseph Bunting and Georgina Blakey

2-6pm **Heritage Open Day** including:

5pm Mary Grover Talk – History of St John's Church Building

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15**

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

7.30pm PCC meeting in the Annexe

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – 10-12.30pm**

Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 16**

10.30am Harvest Festival Parish Communion

12noon – Harvest Lunch

6.30pm Choral Evensong

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**7.30pm Heinrich Biber's Requiem in F Minor**

The Choir and Orchestra of St John's Ranmoor together with participants in the Ranmoor Come and Sing 2023.

Eventbrite £10 or pay on the door.

### **Other services during the week:**

**Holy Communion:** Every Wednesday at 11.30am in the Parish Centre

**Choral Evensong:** Wednesdays at 5.30pm (not through school holidays)

**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Saturday 9am in Church and on ZOOM

**Footsteps:** A Sunday school children's group that meets during the Sunday morning service.

Children are welcome at all of our services.

**Lunch Club:** meets every Wednesday in the Parish Centre. All Welcome

**Sunday Social:** Meets straight after the morning service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**Our Sunday Services** are always in Church and on YouTube

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## **Parish Registers**

**WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF THE LIVES OF THESE CHILDREN WHO WERE BAPTISED HERE. MAY YOUR BLESSING OF PEACE AND JOY BE WITH THEM AND PROTECT THEM ALL OF THEIR DAYS:**

Rosie Templeton

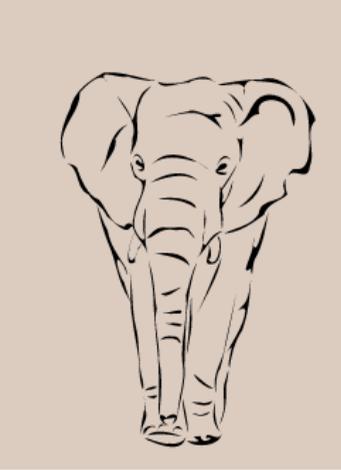
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## Young People's Pages

### Episode 41 of the Adventures of the Elephant and Mouse:



"Wake up," whispered the elephant.  
"Wake up. There's something I want to show you."

"What is it?" grumbled the mouse, rubbing its eyes with its paws. "Look." The mouse opened its eyes properly and was met with the golden and burning glare of a Truly Glorious Sunrise.

"Oh." It breathed. "It's beautiful. It's like the world is beginning all over again," the elephant whispered. "Do you think it actually might be?" the mouse asked.

"I wasn't sure," and the elephant wrapped its trunk around the mouse, "but just in case this really is a brand-new world, I wanted to make sure we went into it together."

"Always," agreed the mouse.

@littlepoppypoetry



## Harvest Festival Wordsearch

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## Restaurant Review: Holt, 922 Ecclesall Road, Sheffield | I



Are you aware that Sheffield has a “new” area of gastronomic excellence? Me neither until a few days ago, when a regular foodie friend suggested dining at Holt, a freshly opened (6th January this year) “smart” restaurant on Ecclesall road. A little research revealed that the location used to be an office of Haybrook estate agents, and was in close proximity to two micro pubs – *The Dark Horse* and *The Itchy Pig*.

A little further research revealed that Holt was owned by two entrepreneurial gentlemen: Craig Holt (thus the name adorning this establishment), and co-owner Dariusz Jaskowski (previous experience as sous chef at Richard Smith’s Thyme) who actually performs the duties of chef and general “in house” management. A little further research (chatting to a friend who had actually dined at Holt) suggested that perhaps this new(ish) addition to the ever-burgeoning Ecclesall Road hospitality jungle may (perhaps) be rather special.

## **The Meal (part one)**

Having left all arrangements to above mentioned “foodie” chum (who was joining us) we arrived (G and I that is) in the elderly (but still functioning) Mini Cooper (hood down!) on an extremely hot Thursday evening with hope (as ever) springing in the eternal breast. I know I’ve got that quote wrong but, hey, nobody’s perfect! The actual walking through the door bit was great! Cool draughts of air-conditioned air gently assailed the sweating body (very hot outside – see above for details if still interested) whilst a charming young waitress guided us to a table of our choice. Cooling draughts of the house beverage were quickly ordered (Asahi lager at a pretty stonking £7.50 a pint!) and consumed with relish. Brief mention of the décor. Could be described as modern chic – a black and white theme which embraced a long bar, walls, tables and sundry chairs. Stylish without being harsh. If that’s too brief, check it out when you next wander around the area.

## **The Meal (part two)**

Having achieved a fair amount of physical (and mental) comfort via the afor mentioned inner and outer cooling elements, perusal of an interesting and eclectic menu provided some interesting discussion as to culinary selection. Following advice from the chum, I decided to start with a cod Scotch egg which was accompanied by picante chorizo in a red pepper sauce (£12.50), while G opted for the beetroot risotto with goat’s cheese and an infusion of hazelnut oil (£10.50). The cod Scotch egg starter really was a tour de force. This presented as a soft boiled quail egg in a cod/breadcrumbs coating - an unusual combination which blended well with the chorizo and pepper. A brilliant take on the traditional British picnic speciality. Perhaps a cynical reader of this erudite tome may suggest that Tesco charges somewhat less than £12.50 for their own brand scotch eggs, but as our French cousins so succinctly exclaim: “Vive la difference”! Brief mention of G’s starter – fantastic!

This starter (the scotch egg one) could well have proved a hard act to follow, but the superbly cooked pork belly (maple cured apparently) on a bed of cauliflower puree with an accompaniment of pickled cockle

dressing provided a very similar standard of excellence, despite a price tag of £23.00! G's salmon, kale and pea tagliatelle at a buttock-clenching £25.00 was another superb dish. A glass of a rather good rose - Soleil de Florensac (£7.50) proved a good accompaniment to G's rather inspired choice.

On a bit of a roll now, so pudding in the form of sticky toffee pudding (at a not unreasonable £10.50) proved to be a very able tribute to its inventor - the late great Francis Coulson of Sharrow Bay Hotel fame. A very fitting end to an extremely interesting meal.

## Verdict

Well, the Sheffield dining scene has (suddenly) started to produce eating establishments that one actually wants to return to. Holt really does provide fine dining (at a price) but the excellent quality makes it well worth paying for. I rather felt that the standard of expertise in both culinary skills and presentation seem very reminiscent of the great Max Fischer's early days before he moved to Baslow Hall and acquired sundry Michelin star awards. Treat yourself to an evening at Holt, and see if you agree.

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## Rambling on

with Philip Walshaw

I have many memories of Win Hill. I have walked up it many, many times on many different routes. I have even taken Susan to its summit, although it was back in 1968 when we were courting (younger readers may have to look that phrase up!). It was snowing and she ruined her best (only) pair of fashion boots in the process – and here we are still together 55 years later.....



This 3 mile circular walk doesn't take you to the top, unless you want to extend it. There's a lot of uphill walking on the first bit, but you are rewarded with fine panoramic views. It starts from the car park midway along Carr Lane on the Bamford to Thornhill road (grid reference SK 197841). Walk on the road in the Thornhill direction for about 200 yards to a public footpath sign on the right. Make sure you don't miss it,

because there is another one a bit further along which you don't want. Go through the small gate and follow the winding path up to a signpost adjacent to a sycamore tree. Take the right hand path up some steps until you reach the side of some holiday cottages. Follow the track on your right and go through a gate that leads into the Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve. Continue onwards and upwards on what can be a boggy path, although it has been vastly improved recently with the laying of stone slabs and a conveniently sited bench.

At the top, a gate will take you through to open country, where you can take in the views and then look for a post with yellow marker arrows which point towards Win Hill. Ignore this (unless you want to extend



your walk) and follow the path alongside the wall until you see a stile on your left after the wall dips down and up. Climb over the stile and walk diagonally down the field to another stile that leads into a narrow field and then a narrow path that comes out onto the Thornhill - Aston road. Turn right and you will soon reach Parsons Lane on the left. Walk down this road, unless you like walking over stiles, in which case follow the public footpath (4 stiles!) that runs alongside the road.

When you reach Barn Meadow Farm, you have the option of following the path left or continuing down the road for a further 1,000 or so steps to enjoy what's on offer at The Travellers' Rest, Brough. (Go on, be tempted!) If so, you will pass a campsite on the left and a small industrial estate on the right where people at Vector Scientific carry out important work such as particle sizing. Well, somebody has to! If you didn't know, it measures the size of dust particles, pollen, bacteria, etc. Particle size

distribution is important, particularly in pharmaceuticals, as it can affect a new product's manufacturability, efficacy, quality, bioavailability and shelf life. (Apologies if you already knew that!)

Back up at Barn Meadow Farm, follow the track through the farmyard that leads to a stile with a caution sign about hens running free (a sign that would allay Susan's fear of cows/bulls/horses in fields). Cross this field and the stile over a brook and walk up the field to reach the Thornhill - Aston road again. Turn right along the road and then shortly



left over a stile and follow a path that runs parallel with the road through 4 fields and then more fields/stiles/gates that lead to the holiday cottages we passed earlier. Follow this path downhill, with the cottages now on your right, and at the bottom of the steps follow the path that goes straight across and down to the road. Cross this road and follow the sign to Carr View Farm and turn left on the old railway track back to where you parked the car. Railway track, I hear you say? Yes, the one that was built to facilitate the construction of the

Ladybower/Derwent/Howden reservoirs.

Between 1901 and 1903, the Derwent Valley Water Board had built a standard gauge railway of over 7 miles from the Midland Railway Hope Valley Line through Bamford to south of the reservoir to Howden to carry thousands of tons of stone required for the construction of the Howden and Derwent Reservoirs. After supplying well over a million tons of stone, the Bole Hill quarry at Grindleford was closed in September 1914, with the end of the railway following soon after. The section between Bamford and Yorkshire Bridge was relaid in 1935 to aid the construction of the Ladybower dam, then closed again in 1946. Most of this track bed still remains for walkers and cyclists to use.

## Readings in Church

Julian Sullivan

“They handed him the scroll” (Luke 4:17). Mr Allan would say, “Books away, desks closed. Settle down quietly for the next instalment of *Wind in the Willows*, *Moby Dick*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* or some other ripping yarn.” There would be shuffling and rummaging, followed by gentle closing of desktops, as an expectant hush descended upon a class of restless eight year olds, preparing to be transported to another world of the imagination, by the stimulating tones of Mr A.

I expect we can all remember being read a story at school, or at the end of the day before sleep. The chosen episode would come alive in our minds and it often felt as if we were really there, in pursuit of a great white whale, sculling along a river with Ratty and Mole, or up to some mischief with Tom and Huckleberry.

Which is all to say what a pleasure it is to listen to the scriptures, read to us Sunday by Sunday, by our readers, members of the congregation, bringing the word to life as part of our worship. So, a very big thank you to all who participate in the rota week by week. We are fortunate to be able to sit attentively and hear a wide range of personalities, intonations and interpretations of old and new testaments. Good reading requires good listening, as we prepare for the enlightenment of the sermon and complements the stimulating underpinning of our choir.

If you would like to take part, have a chat with a reader, or come and talk to me after a service and see what is involved. We are always glad to welcome new voices to the lectern, for Sunday worship, morning and evening. The next series from mid-September, will take us through harvest to the end of the Sundays after Trinity, through All Saints and All Souls, to Remembrance and the Kingdom Season, culminating in Christ the King and the start of Advent. Enjoy the rhythms of a season full of dramatic themes, with growing expectation and hope as we approach the celebration of Christmas.

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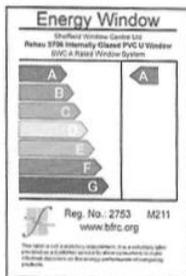
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compiled by Philip Walshaw



The answers to the clues below are inventions, including everyday appliances and equipment. A prize awaits the person who submits the most correct answers. A bonus point will be awarded for identifying the artist featured. In the event of a tie, a winner will be chosen by a lucky draw. Send your entry by email to

[jpwalshaw@gmail.com](mailto:jpwalshaw@gmail.com) or by post to 19 Cairns Road, S10 5NA to reach me by Friday, 15th September, 2023.

1. Girl in a whirl (8,5)
2. Charge sister - get some change financially (4,8)
3. Select pose differently through these (10).
4. Awfully pretty wire (10)
5. Unusually sane meeting for industrial invention (5,5)
6. Repeat order changed to include Colin's first audio (4,8)
7. Positive starter (3,6)
8. Retire, for age makes changes – keep cool (10)
9. Reads about sound of bell inside before fixing appliance (10,5)
10. Dance, direct, compose – use this (9,3)
11. That moment of realisation (5,4)
12. Funny wise men aching – in stitches (6,7)
13. Look after damaged post (9)
14. Counter used for billiards? (6,10)
15. High flier Roy initially joins the police in reorganisation (10)

**Answers to July Quiz:** 1. Hamilton, Hepworth or Whistler 2. Rembrandt. 3. Tracey Emin. 4. Landseer. 5. Damien Hirst. 6. Gainsborough 7. Claude Monet. 8. Michelangelo. 9. Goya. 10. Andy Warhol 11. Marlene Dumas. 12. Picasso. 13. Vincent van Gogh. 14. Manet 15. Banksy.

**Entries were received from:** Janet and Malcolm Anker, Pam and Ian Dall, Michael and Rosemary Hannon, John and Brenda Staniforth, Marion Taylor and Janet Twigg.

**The winners** were Janet and Malcolm Anker, who receive a box of chocolates.

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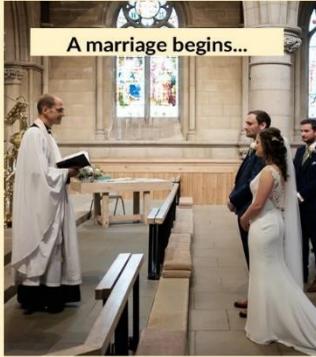
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