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5th November: Guy Fawkes – an early terrorist

Back in 1605 Guy Fawkes managed to stow a good few barrels of gunpowder under the House of Lords without anybody noticing. He was part of a Roman Catholic plot to murder James 1 of England and his parliament at the state opening. Fortunately, Guy Fawkes was found – and stopped – in time.



Every Christian needs a half hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour. – *Francis de Sales*

Design Competition - We are looking for a logo/header for the newly named "United Benefice of the Wiske", which can be used on our paperwork, website, Facebook page, magazines etc. Entries should be sent to David by the 18th November. We have a book token prize for the chosen design.

The United Benefice of the Wiske! It's our new name

On the 1st of October our name was changed, why add the word “united”? It was intended to be both a statement and an intention of where we are heading.

We are a group of 4 Church Councils, 5 Churches 8 Villages and lots of hamlets and countryside, yet we are also all part of the same Benefice. That is a legal structure around the principal that we share our ministry and life together and have the same Rector and. The challenge for us is how do we make it work for the best. The temptation is to perhaps stay within our own village and church, keeping it going and hoping that it will perhaps flourish. Or we can recognise that we are part of something a little bit bigger and that it may help us in our hopes.



I think we need to be clear about what we mean by united, it doesn't mean uniform, everything the same, nor is it intended to somehow replace what is done in each village and church. I like to think that being united is perhaps a bit more like a sports team, each player brings their skills and weaknesses and are needed to play in differing roles, to help the team achieve a common purpose. Paul in 1 Corinthians 12 talks about us being a body made up of different parts, but each part important and with a function. He also goes on to observe that whilst we may not think our role is important it is none the less vital to the function of the whole.

Over the coming months and years, we will be exploring around what is it best to do together as a group and what is we do best locally, and how do we bring our gifts and skills to be blessing in our own community and across the wider benefice.

Each of us is important in this journey, in the ways we are generous and open with each other, in the ways we support and care not just in our own church, but into our communities, across our 8 villages, and into the wider world. Setting out on this journey, implies the possibility of risks and mistakes, so my prayer is that God will equip us with patience, flexibility, and a gentle boldness.

Sometimes I tend to take things to seriously, but I think this journey we are going on together is meant to be joyous and fun and made secure in the knowledge of God's Love and grace for each of us and all of us.

Blessings and Peace

David





Our theme for the coming year is from Romans 15:13.
"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"

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The United Benefice of the Wiske Churches Prayer 2023

Graceful God, help me to pray
When life is chaotic,
And times seems to vanish.

Loving God, help me to look for
hope in every situation where I am.

Caring God, help me to pray
When all seems hopeless
And I have no solution.

Merciful God, help me to embody
Your hope in every place I am.

In the name of the Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.

c Mary Fleeson Lindisfarne scriptorium used

Christian Fellowship at Great Smeaton

Meets fortnightly on Mondays, 2.00pm. Contact Mary Elliott 881 411 for more information. Dates for the Autumn Fellowship: November 13th (charity speaker), November 27th. Everyone welcome.

Bible Study at East Cowton

We welcome our regular and new members from 10.15 in All Saints' Annexe for a 10.30 start, 1st and 3rd Thursdays. 2nd and 16th November. At the moment we are looking in depth at readings set for the previous Sunday. All welcome.

30th November starting Advent course.

Contact 01325 378481 or email christinembj@hotmail.com

Do come along to either or both of these sociable, friendly meetings. Tea, coffee, biscuits and conversation freely available.



A new kind of Remembrance poppy - For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free. Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: “We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL’s commitment to sustainability.”

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to “be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment.” Also a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and made from “bespoke red and green paper.”

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury’s stores for recycling.

Renowned composer ‘thrilled’ to write new Christmas carol for Church of England - This Christmas, the Church of England is inviting choirs across churches, schools, and communities to ‘join the song’ alongside one of the country’s leading choral composers.

The ‘song’ is a new interpretation of ‘The First Nowell.’ It has been given a brand-new melody by the well-known composer Bob Chilcott and is the centrepiece of this year’s Church of England Christmas focus: *Follow The Star: Join The Song*.

The C of E theme for 2023 highlights how singing can help draw people closer to God and one another, through the journey from Advent to Epiphany.

Bob Chilcott’s most often performed pieces include *Can you hear me? A Little Jazz Mass*, and the *St John Passion*. His music has been recorded by The King’s Singers, King’s College, Cambridge, The Sixteen, Tenebrae and The BBC Singers, among other choirs and groups.

The carol is published by Oxford University Press and features as part of OUP’s new edition of the favourite series, *Carols for Choirs 6*.

The C of E is offering a wide variety of free resources available for churches, schools, and choirs.

Visit: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/accounts/login/?next=/hub/asset/first-nowell-resources/> (New users will need to set up a free account, which is a very quick process).

What traits do we value in our children?

Recent research has found that ‘independence’ has overtaken ‘obedience’ in what we want from our children, but that having good manners is still seen as very important.

The Policy Institute at King’s College London (KCL) found that parents value independence, good manners, hard work, determination, and perseverance in their children.

They also prioritise imagination, tolerance, and respect for others. But compared to earlier surveys, parents find it less important to teach a child to be unselfish.

(parishpump)

DECEMBER & JANUARY 2023/24 – ANVIL - All articles, dates etc by 15th of preceding month to Sarah Hurhangee, Kirroughtree, Hornby Road, Appleton Wiske, DL6 2AF, 01609 881680, e-mail: sarah.hurhangee@gmail.com

Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and it seemed to fascinate the seven-year-old. “All those names,” he said to the minister. “Who are they?”

“Well, they were people who used to go to this church,” explained the minister. “This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services.”

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex’s voice was barely audible when he asked, “Which service, the 9 o’clock, or the 11 o’clock?”

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Cheese

Ban sliced cheese. Make Britain grate again.

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Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?”

“No,” replied Johnny. “How could he, with just two worms?”

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News in the Villages

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www.wiskebenefice.org (all Anvil adverts are now also on this website)

Diary Dates for NOVEMBER at a glance

Thur 2 nd	7.00pm	All Souls Service, East Cowton
Sat 4 th	6.30pm	Danby Wiske bonfire and firework display
Mon 6 th	7.00pm	Danby Wiske Joint PCC
Tues 7 th	8.00pm	Hutton Bonville Parish AGM
Wed 8 th	7.30pm	Appleton Wiske YCA Christmas Crafts
Sat 11 th	10.00-4.00	Appleton Wiske village hall Meserani Sale
Sun 12 th	10.45am	Remembrance Services across the benefice
Sat 18 th	10.00-12.	Danby Wiske WI Marie Curie coffee morning
Sat 18 th	2.00-4.00	East Cowton Christmas Market All Saints annexe
Sun 3 rd Dec	5.00pm	St. Mary's Christingle Service for Children's Society

APPLETON WISKE

The Village Shop is taking food orders Contact Jackie on 07823 333075. Iain and Diane at the Lord Nelson are offering a takeaway service from 6-8.00pm for Fri & Sat evenings, please ring 881351 to order. Sunday lunch as normal.

The minibus leaves every Wednesday morning at 9.15am from the village bus shelter and returns from Applegarth carpark at 11.30am.

4th November Appleton Wiske Firework Display for the Pre-School see Notices for details. 17th November Pre School Christmas Fayre

FLOWERS FOR ST. MARY'S NOVEMBER

12th NOV REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY UNIFORMED GROUPS
26th NOV Angela Carlin Michelle Street

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMAN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

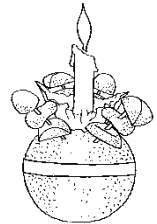
Wednesday 8th Nov. Christmas Crafts with Lynda Breckon
Appleton Wiske Village Hall 7.30pm.

24/25th November Appleton Wiske Panto – Aladin. Please see notice boards for details

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD - A big thank you to the 16 people who carried out the annual churchyard "Tidy-Up" on the 14th of October. It was an enjoyable morning in the sunshine and a lot of hard work means that the churchyard is in good order – Thank you!

REMEMBRANCE-TIDE 2023 - Sunday 12th November. Thanks to Jackie, Poppies will be on sale in the Village Shop - please give your support to this most worthy cause. The garden of Remembrance will be available as usual for people to lay their personal crosses. Please see the Notice Boards for details of the AW Service.

CHRISTINGLE - Our Christingle Service this year in St Mary's will support the work of the Children's Society. It is planned for 5.00 pm on Sunday 3rd of December. Invitations will be sent to all children of Primary School age in the Village but "Grown Ups are welcome too!



THE MESERANI PROJECT - African & Local Handicrafts & Jewellery Sale - A superb opportunity to buy unusual and unique Christmas presents! On Saturday 11th November 2023 in Appleton Wiske Village Hall, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. A vast range of hand-crafted jewellery, wood carvings, soapstone animals, scarves, coaster sets, soapstone dishes, handbags, shoulder bags, shopping bags, purses, clutch bags, Christmas decorations, and much more – most bought by us from markets in Africa. Including original art works, homemade preserves, Christmas decorations and wood carvings, from artisans in North Yorkshire. You don't have to spend a fortune - just come along to have a look if you want - it would be lovely to see you.

ADVERT FOLLOWING THE CORONATION WEEKEND LAST YEAR - One of the successes of the weekend was recognising the many people who contributed their skills and time to volunteer and help the community run smoothly. Would you please consider taking on the role of Secretary to Appleton Wiske Village Hall Committee? The role involves taking minutes at four meetings per year. It helps our great and versatile Village Hall to function for the good of all users. Please ring Anne Golding on 881185 for information!

COMMUNITY HARVEST CELEBRATION - The Harvest Celebration was held in the Village Hall on the 1st of October, led by Liz and Elwyn Rees-Jones. It was a happy occasion, well supported by people of all ages and, after expenses etc, £100 was sent to support **Hambleton Food Share** – Thank you!

METHODIST SERVICES IN NOVEMBER, APPLETON WISKE

All services are 30 minutes and start 10.15am except where indicated. Steward - contact Rob Portsmouth 07796610798

Sunday 5th Rowena Webster

Sunday 12th United Remembrance Service at St. Mary's 10.45am

Sunday 19th Rev. A. Harbottle Holy Communion

Sunday 26th Lesley Hansen

Followed by tea, coffee and social. All are welcome!

GREAT SMEATON

Fortnightly Morning Communion Service initially at St. Eloy's at 9.30am, Wednesdays.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AT GREAT SMEATON - Meets fortnightly on Mondays, 2.00pm: November 13th (charity speaker), November 27th. Contact Mary Elliott 881 411 for more information.

The Annual Coffee Morning at Great Smeaton on 2nd October for Macmillan Cancer Support raised £290.00. Thanks to all who donated, took part and helped to make it a success. Dave & Elizabeth Turner.

St. Eloy's: The refurbished church notice board is now in place by the gate leading off the green. Many, many thanks to Robin Thomas and John Elliott for all their hard work. Seventeen young people attended the Children's Workshop on Saturday 30th October



in St. Eloy's. The activities were based on 'Caring for our Wonderful World'. Storyboards of The Creation were made, and we explored the churchyard looking at the wildflower garden and spotting the newly installed bug hotels and bird boxes. After refreshments, 'Bug biscuits' were iced, and more bug hotels made.

At the Harvest Service on 1st October, the young people took a leading role, using their storyboards in a presentation to the congregation, singing songs and leading prayers.

Great Smeaton Primary School Celebrated their Harvest with a service in St. Eloy's on Wednesday 4th October.

All gifts of produce from both services were donated to the Northallerton Food bank. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Grateful thanks to all who helped decorate the church for the Harvest activities. It looked beautiful!

On Sunday 12th November, the Remembrance Service at St. Eloy's will begin at 10.45. in the churchyard. (in church if it is wet.) Following the service refreshments will be served in church. A warm welcome is extended to everyone for what is always a very moving service.

For your Diaries!!

There will be another Children's Workshop on 2nd December 10-12 in St. Eloy's preparing for the Christingle Service on Sunday 3rd December at 5pm.

Contact Mary email – mrs.mary.elliott@gmail.com or Pat email- patabbott1947@gmail.com to book a place.

Village Hall activities- Monday coffee 1st Mon in month. Ping pong, 6.30pm every Monday. History, 3rd Monday, 2pm. Wed, pop up cafe, 1st and 3rd of the month, 2pm. Craft, 4th of the month 2pm. Bowls every Thursday, 2pm.

LOVESOME HILL

Hutton Bonville Parish hall A.G.M. Tuesday 7th Nov at 8.00 p.m. in the hall. All welcome

BRIDGE GROUP - meets every Monday evening in Lovesome Hill Village Hall. 6.30pm in the Hall. All welcome Contact 01609 774650

WI is held the first Wednesday of each month. New members very welcome. Further information: contact pepper.bertie@yahoo.co.uk

DANBY WISKE

The Danby Wiske bonfire & firework display will this year be held on Saturday 4th November in the usual field. The fire will be lit at 6.30pm. There will be the usual hot food of soup, burgers, hotdogs, tea and coffee along with toffee apples and parkin. There will be donations taken on the gate which will go towards next year's

fireworks. Unfortunately, no private fireworks or sparklers please for safety and insurance reasons.

The Remembrance Sunday Service including the Act of Remembrance will be held in the church where the village War Memorial on Sunday 12th November at 10.45am, followed by coffee, tea and biscuits. The collection will be donated to Combat Stress, a charity started over 80 years ago helping former service men and women suffering complex mental health issues and PTSD, the average age seeking help is 45 years and 25% of veterans helped last year were under 40.

A Marie Curie Coffee Morning will be held by Danby Wiske WI in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th Nov. from 10am to 12 noon. As well as coffee and cakes, scones etc, there will be a cake stall and tombola.

EAST COWTON

ALL SOULS SERVICE - East Cowton church. November 2nd at 7.00pm - You are invited to Join us on November 2nd for a service of remembrance and thanksgiving. At this service we will remember all those we have known and have died, giving thanks for them and asking for God's comfort and peace. Whilst our focus will be on those whose funerals' we have been involved in over the past year, we know that grief doesn't follow any timetable and welcome all who are grieving, however long ago someone died. Each person remembered can be named in the service and a candle lit as an act of remembering.

All Saints Christmas Market - Saturday on 18th November; 2pm - 4pm in the Church Annexe at East Cowton. Enjoy seasonal refreshments whilst listening to live festive music. Try your luck on the Tombola and Hamper raffle, and bag a bargain or buy a cake to take home. All Welcome.

All Saints' 2023 Christmas Quiz - This will be launched at the Christmas Market. Quiz sheets, price £2 will be available, and from then on from Christine Johnson 01325 378481. This year the answers will all be articles of clothing, past and present.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE OF THE WISKE NOVEMBER 2023

	Appleton Wiske	Birkby	Danby Wiske	East Cowton	Great Smeaton	Readings
5 th November 4 th before Advent			Holy Communion 11.00am		Morning Worship 9.30am	Micah 3.5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thess 2.9- 13; Matthew 23.1-12
12 th November Remembrance	10.45am Remembrance	Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am	10.45am Remembrance	10.50am Remembrance	10.45am Remembrance	Amos 5.18- 24; Psalm 70; 1 Thess 4.13- 18; Matthew 25.1-13
19 th November 2 nd before Advent			Morning Worship 11.00am		Holy Communion 11.00am	Zephaniah 1.7,12-18; Psalm 90. 1 Thess 5.1- 11; Matthew 25.14-30
26 th November Christ the King	Holy Communion 9.30am	Morning Prayer 9.30am		Holy Communion 11.00am		Ezekiel 34.11-16,20- 24; Psalm 95; Ephesians 1.15- 23; Matthew 25.31-46
3 rd December Advent	Christingle 5.00pm		Holy Communion 11.00am		Christingle 5.00pm	Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37