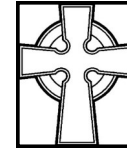


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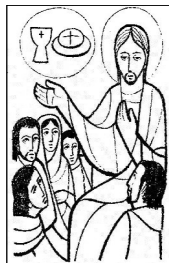
# ST COLUMBA'S WIDEOPEN

## Our Mission Action Plan

Ensure that we put Christ at the centre of all that we do.

Attract more young families and young people to the family of our Church

Help all members to grow in faith, discipleship and pastoral care



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## **Groups meeting in Church**

Book Club monthly, watch for dates and venues

Ladies' Group 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30 pm

Mothers' Union 2nd Thursday of the month 2 pm

Open Door 1st Tuesday of the month 12 - 2.30 pm

Parent and Toddler Group Tuesday 9.15-11 am (term time)

Scrabble alternate Mondays 2pm

Whey Aye WI 4th Tuesday of the month 7.00 pm

All held in the Church Hall unless stated otherwise.

Please note the Parent and Toddler Group does not meet in the school holidays.

**None of these is meeting at present.**

**We hope to resume all activities as soon as the current situation allows.**

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## **From your editors**

This continues to be a very strange year – transmission of the virus appears to be continuing at a rapid rate, although slowing very recently, and yet because of the successful vaccination programme the legal restrictions are being lifted. There are government guidelines and recommendations but institutions are largely being left to draw up their own strategy.

At St Columba's we have decided to leave our protocol as it is, especially as the local transmission rates are high in national terms. However we are committed to keep this under constant review and also we are bearing in mind the future when there will be more possibilities to open up the church for other events.

In this regard we have already had a very successful Summer Fayre and do look out for details of musical events to be held at church and planned for September and October - they will be a delight and it would be great to see you all there.

*Bill and Avril*

## **Summer Quiz**

### **Staycation Seaside Holiday Destinations**

1. Water follows the dark
2. Beside Pentecost
3. Look ! Accommodation.
4. Is it a sole ?
5. The brain casing belonging to me
6. Not a female piece of land
7. Breathe it in
8. Sounds as if someone wants to be in
9. Mark the council area
10. Cornish toilet?
11. Donald Lun (anagram)
12. Pedro Pony's homeland
13. You can go no further
14. Next to X for the Romans
15. Borrg is gone (anagram)

Good Luck

## Things you might find in the kitchen

### Answers to Quiz in previous magazine

- |     |                                                  |           |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.  | Son of a Biblical character                      | HAM       |
| 2.  | Goes with bolts                                  | NUTS      |
| 3.  | Father cuts                                      | PARSNIPS  |
| 4.  | A wise person                                    | SAGE      |
| 5.  | Sounds like a story in instalments               | CEREAL    |
| 6.  | AAADELMMR (anagram)                              | MARMALADE |
| 7.  | "Barbie wouldn't but ..... " ?                   | KENWOOD   |
| 8.  | Sounds like a colour prefixed by an insect !     | BREAD     |
| 9.  | Wife of an Eastern ruler                         | SULTANA   |
| 10. | Found on tombstones (and elsewhere)              | DATES     |
| 11. | Sounds like two !                                | PEAR      |
| 12. | A church leader ?                                | PASTA     |
| 13. | Cricket, tennis, football                        | MATCHES   |
| 14. | A good train to travel on ?                      | GRAVY     |
| 15. | A fruit which needs help to quench your thirst ! | LEMONADE  |

How many did you get ?

## SERVICES AT ST COLUMBA'S



Services until further notice will be :

Wednesday 9.30

Holy Eucharist and then open for private prayer until 12pm

Sunday 8am Holy Eucharist

*(this will be on the second Sunday only whilst St Aidan's are in vacancy)*

10am Parish Eucharist

(and on Facebook and YouTube - book ahead if attending)

4pm Holy Eucharist

**Refreshments return!** Please do join us after services, weather permitting, on Sunday and Wednesday for tea / coffee in the vicarage garden. You must remain seated, socially distanced, in groups up to six. Orders will be taken: please be patient...

**From our Team Vicar,  
Pauline**



## **Dear friends**

I am writing this as I prepare to go on holiday... in that slightly frantic phase where you (well I) juggle packing the bits and pieces I will need (rainwear – tick; water bottle – tick; suncream – probably not but better get some! ;etc.) with finishing off the tasks like this that have so far eluded me this week. I am looking forward to walking in some beautiful parts of the Yorkshire Dales, in company with a small group of others, far away from phones and emails, and relaxing each evening in pleasant surroundings over plentiful food.

Holidays matter. This year perhaps more than ever they matter, as the constant pressure of anxiety and uncertainty have taken their toll of people. People are exhausted. A friend who emailed me yesterday just as she left for a holiday said ‘I am completely worn out. I really wish this pandemic was over – I’ve really just had enough of it now’. I think most of us feel like that. The constant vigilance, the need to follow an ever changing set of rules and now contending with the continued threat of this microscopic virus as the government has lifted almost all of the legal restrictions we have lived with for 18 months, in favour of asking us to work out what is safest for ourselves and those around us.

## **Do you buy online?**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Columba’s Wideopen with easyfundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won’t cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbaswideopen/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbaswideopen/?utm_campaign=raise-more) and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you’ve checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Columba’s Wideopen at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we at St Columba’s Wideopen will be really grateful for your donations.

**Thank you for your support.**



# Dates for your diary

## New Rector

Our new Team Rector, Revd. Gerard Rundell, will be licensed by Bishop Christine on September 8th at 7.30 at St Aidan's. It would be great to have a good turnout to welcome and support Gerard as he begins this new role.

## Book Club

The Book Club will meet again on Zoom on 7 September at 7.30 pm. The next book is Jean de Florette by Marcel Pagnol. Hope to see you all then . Bill

## Living in Love and Faith

We hope to run a Parish wide group (or two) later in the summer / in the autumn, over five weeks. Please let Pauline know if you are interested, and days/ times preferred.

## Covid Update

### Keeping us all safe.

Church is open as usual! We have decided that the procedures we have been using to protect us all, including face coverings indoors, ventilation and social distancing, will at present remain in place in church, and for hall users, beyond 19 July. We will review the situation regularly. 'Help us to be on the safe side!'

▷ Wash your hands

▷ Cover your face

▷ Make space

Holidays offer us space to step away from the everyday things that have become so familiar over recent months, to stop, relax and refresh – body, mind and soul. Have you had a holiday recently? Or are you still looking forward to one? Holidays – originally holy days – matter. They provide a fruitful topic of conversation: 'I'm really looking forward to my holiday.' 'I had a great time sunbathing in Torquay / camping in the Lakes'. Holidays provide us with time out of pressure, time for rest and relaxation. We can adopt different routines or none. For those whose lives are desk-bound holidays can provide exercise. For some, holidays provide the excuse to potter, indulge in a spot of DIY or catch up with all the uncompleted tasks in house or garden, though perhaps this year there will be few of those. We spend our time on holiday with no people, new people, or our favourite people – friends and family. We indulge ourselves with beauty, knowledge and culture, with food and drink in abundant supply, with sun – when it's available! - and above all with fun.



Sometimes holidays are seen as a luxury – or perhaps as something that gets in the way of work – an inconvenience when there are things to be done, targets to meet. A hundred years ago our forebears had far less opportunity for this extended free time – so do we really need it? I would argue that we do.

Holidays give us space to be ourselves – to escape for a time from the constraints of our everyday worlds and indulge our enthusiasms and interests. I think that holidays provide us with space to be whole – to acknowledge the creative, the domestic, the aesthetic (etc) in ourselves, and replenish and restore that part of us. For many of us, holidays give us time to be with our loved ones – to renew and refresh our relationships. In all of this, holidays also give us time with God – perhaps in time for prayer and meditation but above all in enjoyment. In finding space to attend to each other with love and to be more fully ourselves we can also deepen our relationships with God. And when we return, refreshed in body, mind and soul, we can tackle the tasks ahead – whatever they are - with renewed vigour.

*The soul of one who loves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing.*

John of the Cross (1542-1591)

Every blessing,

***Pauline***

With advice from one of the main co-ordinators, I then set up a fundraising page on Facebook which ensures that all contributions are paid fully to the charity (link below).

My challenge was to swim in the North Sea for 30 minutes each day for 7 days. As I write this article I am on my final day and have so far raised over £800, which is truly amazing and down to the wonderful generosity of many people I know. The charity sees a lot of "oldies" coming through which require more financial support and they are also anticipating an influx of unwanted "lockdown puppies". I admit that it hasn't been easy but my favourite moments have involved our lovely Labrador Jenna (herself a rescue dog) who has hip and elbow dysplasia and can no longer go for the long walks she used to enjoy, swimming effortlessly alongside me. The best morning was one day when the sun was shining and I had the sea all to myself at Seaton Sluice.

My least favourite day was when I saw lots of jellyfish sharing my swimming space, so I was out of the water like a shot then!

I think my skin has probably thickened by a couple of inches since last Tuesday as it doesn't seem to take me as long to "get in" as at first!

Special thanks must also go to official photographer Steve Temperley who has yet to dip a toe in the water !!

Hope you've enjoyed reading about our "North Sea Experience"!

Hilary and Jenna

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/513251213284933/>



## Hilary and Jenna's doggy paddle fundraiser

have a good friend who regularly goes swimming in the sea all year round and who tells me how wonderful she feels afterwards, but I have always thought that she was slightly mad!

However, I was tempted during the hot weather to try this out for myself (the sun having clearly addled my brain) and took my first "dip" on the misty morning of Tuesday, 20th July off Cambois Beach with our lovely Labrador Jenna, who was only too willing to get her fur wet, unlike her mistress!

Although the sea was absolutely freezing I felt strangely refreshed afterwards and during the course of the day began to hatch a plan to do some fundraising for a charity close to my heart called Labrador Welfare based in Sheffield, which is a small charity dedicated to rehoming these beautiful dogs and entirely dependent on voluntary contributions.



## *From the Registers*

### *Funerals*

June 9th

Jean Scott

July 16th

Pauline Price



Gracious Father,  
in darkness and light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose  
and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen



## St Columba's Summer Fair,

July 17th 2021



What a scorcher !



Great day . Worth the wait !

## Other news.

In response to the Cathedral appeal to the M.U. towards the cost of a chair, we forwarded to the Cathedral treasurer a cheque for £90, raised by our members. On the rear of the chair a plaque will have an inscription indicating it was donated by the Mothers Union. Please look out for it when you visit the Cathedral.

Three members of the committee are retiring at the end of the year. Please consider coming forward to fill these vacancies. We urgently need a treasurer and a secretary, without which we will not be able to function as a branch of the Mothers' Union.

Enjoy the summer.  
KEEP SAFE

Moirra Allan





**Hello everyone.**

**Good news!**

On July 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 because of the corona virus pandemic we held our first church service since lockdown in March 2020,.

The service was peacefully quiet and included music, prayers, readings, an inspirational poem and periods of silence for our own personal prayers.

The order of service was displayed on the screen. Many thanks to our vicar Pauline, for leading the service, and for her technical expertise.

Three members in church were presented with their 25 years service certificate (Mary Lobb will deliver the remaining certificates )

Thirteen people in all attended the service and there were nine apologies.

The sun shone as we retired to the vicarage garden to enjoy tea and biscuits, (maintaining social distancing.) Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and appreciated being together after such a long time.

The next service will be in church on September 9th at 2pm the second Thursday in the month.



So good to see  
so many old friends

It felt a bit like  
getting back to normal,  
thank goodness



Couldn't have picked a better day !



Talking of summer fairs do you recognise anyone from this one at St Columba's in the 1960s?



An army of volunteers, including school children, abbey staff and members of the public constructed each paper angel by hand.

Inspired by Ripon Cathedral's 2020 'On a Wing and a Prayer' installation, 'On Angel Wings' honours those who have served relentlessly throughout the pandemic, those who have lost their lives, and those whose lives have been disrupted by this challenging period.

Each angel represents an individual or group of people precious and cared about by someone else, with the names of those honoured written on the angels' wings as a symbolic gesture. The angels are high enough that dedications can't be read from the ground, keeping those memories and thoughts private but still present - much like a prayer.

There is no charge to visit or dedicate an angel, but donations are welcome for the project's partner charities Tynedale Hospice at Home and Great North Air Ambulance Service.

Donations can be made online or via the contactless donation point in the abbey by selecting the 'On Angel Wings' option.

The installation has been funded by a government grant via its Cultural Recovery Fund.

'On Angel Wings' is on display until the end of the school summer holidays and is open Monday to Saturday, 10am-4pm and Sundays, 11am-3pm



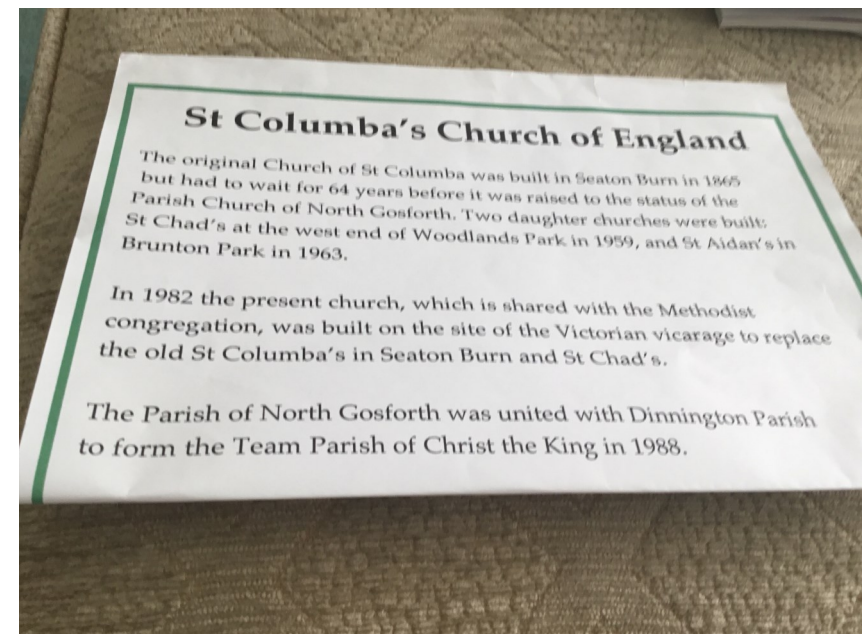
## A DAY TRIP FOR SUMMER—HEXHAM ABBEY



An awe-inspiring sky of heavenly angels is floating in Hexham Abbey as a moving tribute to all those affected by the Covid pandemic. 'On Angel Wings' is an illuminated aerial installation of 4,500 origami angels suspended 45 feet above the abbey's chancel, stretching from the high altar to the old choir stalls.



A short history of St Columba's



## Dudley—our very own church mouse

For younger readers and the young at heart

Dudley and his family felt very sad to see the church so empty.

His children couldn't understand why there were no children in church any more. And –why wasn't anyone singing hymns ?

Dudley explained to them it was because of the Covid virus and, until everyone gets vaccinated and the virus “goes away” , this is how it has to be ....

But, what was happening on Saturday morning in the Vicarage garden? Tables, chairs, umbrellas and gazebos were being put up on the grass. Brunswick, Hazel and Rigg crept out of their mouseholes and hid in the garden to get a better look.

People started arriving and putting out caes, books, gifts etc. It was going to be a Summer Fair !!

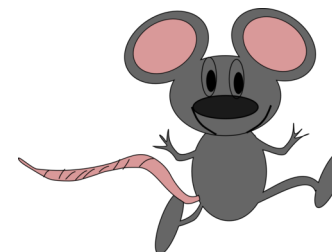
Soon lots of people started to arrive and everyone was smiling, talking and laughing, a little bit like “normal”.

Then the children got a fright for all of a sudden a Shetland pony came into the garden. Dudley explained what it was as they had never seen a pony before. They crept up closer to have a look.

Everyone was having their photo taken with the pony. The mouse family were so pleased to see people enjoying themselves.

I wonder—did your photo of Pedro include the mice ?  
Why don't you look closely and see !!

Keep safe, see you all next time.



**Pedro**

Pedro is a 16 year old Shetland pony who was bred in Surrey and has been used as a companion to some very large event horses. I think he believes he is the same size ! He came to us from my sister in law, Vickie, for use in RDA and has proved a hit with young children for grooming and cuddling. His posh (stud) name is Busheyleas Chesney . He can be a bit unpredictable in strange places but thankfully lots of good grass and happy people made him a contented pony at the fair.

Thank you for being so kind to him.