



# Hutton Rudby Village and Church News March 2021



## New Shoots - A sign of Spring and Better things to Come!

It's been a pretty awful winter of snow, ice, deep frosts and biting winds. Plus the continuing onslaught of the covid virus and another lockdown. Don't despair, the miracle of spring is upon us and the miracle of anti-covid vaccines is turning the tide of the pandemic. Surely we can look forward to better things to come!

## Lent – Walking with Christ through the Dark Times

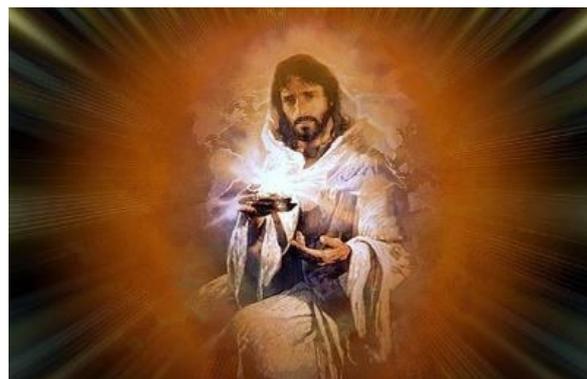
*By Rev. Robert Opala, Rector of Hutton Rudby*

*Many feel today that we are living through dark times. Some feel disillusioned and bewildered. Unfortunately there are many reasons for this: A deadly virus has already killed over 2.5 million people around the world. There are growing spectres of populism and in some cases extreme forms of nationalism. One could say it is a time of a global experience of spiritual and moral darkness. Some call this time 'a post-truth era' where a lie can be a way of achieving a political success, where anti-Semitism is supported, and where the fight against Covid-19 appears not to be a solidarity struggle of all human race, but a competition between nations and governments.*

*This experience of darkness is a fundamental element of the Carmelite spirituality that I have lived and studied for 15 years of my life. It is not an endorsement of darkness, but the ability to accept it. It is a method of going through that darkness in a way that will not ruin our well-being, but on the contrary, will allow us to grow spiritually and morally. Spiritual darkness is a terrain understood by Carmelite spiritual masters. One of them, St John of the Cross, wrote explicitly on 'the dark night of the soul' as the only way to union with God where Christ will constantly accompany us on this journey.*

*I see in our communities of faith in Hutton Rudby and surrounding villages, that they also experience a journey that can be identified as a 'dark night of the soul'. Closed churches, suspended services, cancelled baptisms and weddings, funeral only at the graveside. These restrictions may cause us to feel something of a 'dark night of the soul'. John of the Cross, however, invites us to explore this experience patiently and with trust that we won't be left alone. How? By silent contemplative prayer with deep faith and trust that Someone listens to us; Someone who is our best Friend and loves us without limits.*

*My aim, in writing these few words, is to invite all of us to explore the significance of Lent from the perspective of all the darkest moments in our lives. So, do not be fearful to embrace 'the dark night of your soul'. Do not escape from it, but embrace it, because Christ is waiting for us in this darkness willing to lead us to the true light. Trust that He will accompany us in this dark night to union with our loving God.*



# Charity, Community and Social Events & Notices



## The Hub - A message from the Hub Team

Is the end in sight? Well we hope the end of the pandemic is and the chapel community Hub is looking forward to welcoming you back for that excellent coffee and scones etc. as well as meeting together. We guess that might be a few weeks away yet, so to get you looking forward, we are re-opening for take-aways and home deliveries on

March 1st. Initially we will be open Mondays and Fridays 10am to noon and Wednesdays 2-4pm. Home deliveries would be booked by phone (01642 706156) or email [thehubandzacs@gmail.com](mailto:thehubandzacs@gmail.com) and simply paid by donations into a tin on your doorstep. A very detailed procedure to avoid Covid risk has been prepared and approved by Environmental Health. One difference from previous take away service is that assemblies outside the Chapel doors will not be allowed so there will be no tables etc. We look forward to welcoming you again

## Missing Vowels Quiz!



There's still time to enter and maybe win the £30 cash prize! To enter, simply go to <http://bit.ly/HRQuizDonate> (Suggested minimum donation of £3) and then forward your receipt and details to [pat@huttonrudbychurch.org.uk](mailto:pat@huttonrudbychurch.org.uk) to receive your copy. Be quick though, answers need to be in by **11.59pm 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. The winner and answers will be posted shortly after the closing date.



**AN INVITATION FROM THE STOKESLEY  
AND DISTRICT FUNDRAISING GROUP**

Join us for a virtual event

**"Through the Garden Gates"**

With Martin and Jill Fish

**An evening of practical garden tips with some culinary  
delights from the veg plot**

Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm via zoom  
To obtain your zoom code please make a donation of £10 at  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mariecuriethroughthegardengates](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mariecuriethroughthegardengates)

Alternatively, if you wish to donate by bank  
transfer please email  
[stokesley.mariecurie@gmail.com](mailto:stokesley.mariecurie@gmail.com) for details



All proceeds go to Marie Curie. reg charity no 207994



You can always tune in to [levenonlineradio.co.uk](http://levenonlineradio.co.uk) for music, chat, and interesting local content. You'll find links to Levenonline's YouTube channel where you can watch & listen again

### Community Speed Watch

If you are concerned about speeding in and around the village then why not volunteer to join the Community Speed Watch Team? For details contact Neil Thompson at [n.thompson963@btinternet.com](mailto:n.thompson963@btinternet.com)



### Coming Soon

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Easter Day, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April.** It is hoped to have an act of witness on the Green (restrictions permitting). Churches may be open for Easter Day. Please keep an eye on websites and notices for up to date news.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Afternoon cream or savoury tea,** and Zoom social, organised by members of All Saints and the Hub (who will supply and deliver orders). Full details next month, but please note the date.



## News from our Churches

Things are looking better as the effects of 'Lockdown 3' and the fantastic NHS vaccination programme reduce infection rates. The Roman Catholics have already opened St. Joseph's Church, Stokesley (see below). If trends continue and restrictions permit, Methodists and Anglicans will soon follow, so please keep an eye on websites and notices for up to date news.

There are many different ways we can worship, give thanks, praise; and support each other and the wider community in prayer and service. Please continue to pray for, and support each other in any way you can - remembering to stay safe.



### A New Look at Lent

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Often for Christians this has meant that they too suffer a 40 day period of abstinence or sacrifice. We've all had a pretty stressful time recently so why not turn Lent into

something more positive. Rather than abstinence go for charitable acts of giving or support. We know that Hutton Rudby has a great capacity for generosity, just look at all the fantastic fund raising at Christmas events reported in February's Village and Church News!



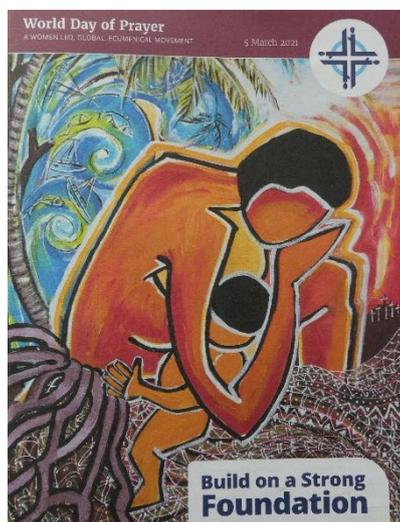
### WHORLTON BENEFICE LENT FORUM 2021

*'Living in Love and Faith sets out to inspire people to think more deeply about what it means to be human and to live in love and faith with one another. It tackles the tough questions and the divisions among Christians about what it means to be holy in a society in which understandings and practices of gender, sexuality and marriage continue to change.'* (From *Living in Love and Faith*, Church House Publishing 2020)

During Lent, Revd Dr Robert Opala and Su Reid will lead a series of brief talks and discussions on Zoom at 7.00pm on February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. These meetings will introduce the early chapters of the book *Living in Love and Faith*, which carries an appeal by the Bishops for us to join them in discerning ways forward for the church.

Everyone will be welcome. If you would like more details please contact Su Reid at [sufreid@gmail.com](mailto:sufreid@gmail.com)

### World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)



Service via **Zoom at 2.00pm on Friday March 5.**

The service this year was written by women in Vanuatu with the theme of 'Build on a Strong Foundation'. Vanuatu is in the South Pacific tropical cyclone zone. Cyclone Pam caused great devastation in 2015 and then Cyclone Harold destroyed everything in its path in April 2020. We will share in the prayers written by the women of the islands as we pray for the needs of Vanuatu.

To ensure there are enough booklets and for login details for joining the service on 5h March, would you please register at <https://bit.ly/WDoP2021>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Or send

an email to [admin@huttonrudbychurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@huttonrudbychurch.org.uk) OR phone Sue 01642 700035 or Pat 01642 701355

### Mother's Day Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Plans are not yet finalised but our LEP (Local Ecumenical Partnership) are considering an act of celebration / worship on the Green to which all will be invited.

Again please keep an eye on websites and notices for up to date news.

## **Contact Details for our clergy:**

Roman Catholic: Father Bill Charlton: [stjoseph.stokesley@gmail.com](mailto:stjoseph.stokesley@gmail.com) Tel: 01642 710239

Methodist: Rev Andrew Robinson: [rev.andrewr@gmail.com](mailto:rev.andrewr@gmail.com) Tel: 01642 710358

Anglican: Rev Robert Opala: [rector@huttonrudbychurch.org.uk](mailto:rector@huttonrudbychurch.org.uk) Tel: 01642 701245

## **Anglicans (All Saints Church):**

As we write All Saints Church and Church House are closed but will be open as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. Please keep an eye on our notice boards and website for the most up to date details.

You can participate in collective worship (open to all) via Zoom services as follows:

- 0930 Every Sunday Eucharist from All saints Church
- 11am Every Sunday Morning Prayer (Note the meeting will be open from 10-30am for chat before the service (you can also join (audio only) by telephone). Please contact Su Reid for log in details on 01642 700035 or email [sufpreid@gmail.com](mailto:sufpreid@gmail.com) If you would like to read or to offer a prayer, please let her know.
- Every Tuesday 10am Eucharist from Church House

Information can be found via our notice board or website at:

<https://www.huttonrudbychurch.org.uk>

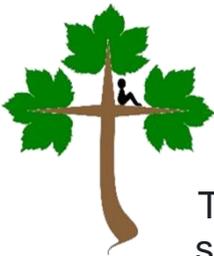
We also have a facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsRudby>

Items of interest, prayer and recorded services may also be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com> – search 'Whorlton Benefice'

**Stop Press:** Robert Opala is delighted to announce the launch of the new Benefice website. The URL is [www.whorltonbenefice.org.uk](http://www.whorltonbenefice.org.uk) . Please check it out - lovely pictures of all our Churches.

## **Methodists (Chapel / The Hub)**



Unfortunately we've had to close our doors once more because of the increased spread of the virus locally, to help protect our community.

The Church and Chapel Hub will be open again as soon as it is deemed safe to do so, please keep an eye on our notice boards and website for the most up to date details, we hope and pray things improve for everyone soon.

There are so many different ways we can worship, give thanks, praise; and support each other and the wider community in prayer and service. Please continue to pray for, and support each other in any way you can - remembering to stay safe.

The church is a body of people; the doors may be closed on our building, but that doesn't stop us from being a living church.

Information can be found via our notice board or website:  
[huttonrudbymethodists.co.uk](http://huttonrudbymethodists.co.uk) or you can email [huttonrudbymethodists@gmail.com](mailto:huttonrudbymethodists@gmail.com)

Services are available online each Sunday from the Methodist Churches at  
Stokesley [www.youtube.com/channel/UC48Ec2k4fvRdos4HA7FTllg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC48Ec2k4fvRdos4HA7FTllg)  
and Gt Ayton [www.youtube.com/greataytonmethodistchurch/live](http://www.youtube.com/greataytonmethodistchurch/live)

If you need to speak to someone you can contact our minister  
Rev Andrew Robinson: phone: 01642 710358 or email: [rev.andrewr@gmail.com](mailto:rev.andrewr@gmail.com)  
Or for general enquires email: [huttonrudbymethodists@gmail.com](mailto:huttonrudbymethodists@gmail.com)

## **Roman Catholics**

**St Joseph's, Stokesley** re-opened on the 17th February. Masses will be at 5.30pm  
on Saturdays and at 10.30am and 5.30pm on Sundays.

Please remember **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR WEEKEND MASSES -  
Ring Simon on 07826 134 504 before 12 noon on Saturdays indicating which  
Mass you would like to attend and leaving your name and contact no.**  
The usual sanitising protocols, 2 metre social distancing and face coverings remain  
in place.

**TRIDIUM OF PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH.** In preparation for the feast of St Joseph,  
Friday, 19th March, Mass will be celebrated at the following times: 2.00pm Tues,  
Wed, Thurs, 16th-18th March and on the Solemnity of St Joseph, Friday 19th March  
at 9.15am.

Volunteers are required to steward and sanitise benches after each Mass. **Offers  
of help to Liz Scovell 01642 700490 or text 07935486006.**

**PLEASE NOTE; St Margaret Clitherow, Great Ayton and St Mary's, Crathorne  
will remain closed until further notice.**

For those parishioners who do not feel able to attend an actual service at the  
moment, there is a vast selection of services from around the UK and Ireland from  
7.00am-9.00pm. Log onto churchservicestv and press "What's on now". For more  
local venues St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough, has online services as have some  
other churches in the Diocese.

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