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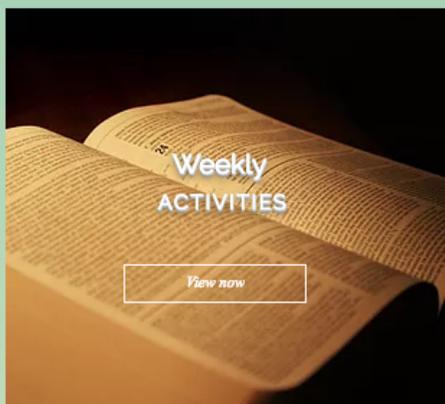
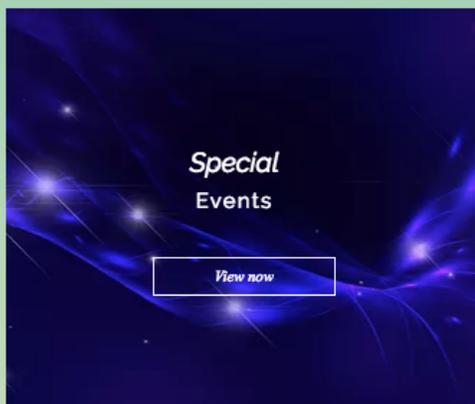
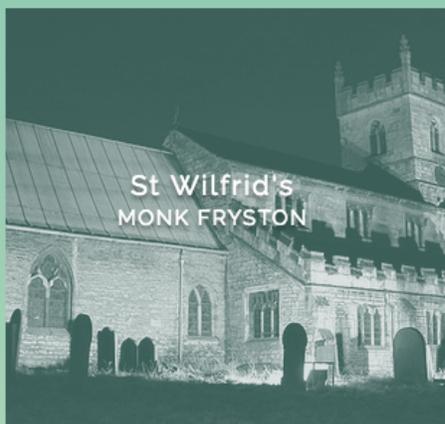
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# *The Benefice of* MONK FRYSTON & SOUTH MILFORD

We are a welcoming church family operating from the two churches of St Wilfrid's and St Mary's and within the community. Our identity comes from the people who belong here rather than the buildings or the churchmanship.

We welcome all  
and all are welcome!



*Wednesday's in Lent means Lent Lunches - see Special Events page*

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# An Hour by the Cross

My all before the Lord I laid.  
Full measure o'er my life I bade  
Him take control and make of me  
Some worthy vessel, His to be.

Unknown to me, one selfish part  
Refused to leave my prideful heart.  
The plans that stirred within my mind  
Were not of God, but humankind.

Proud, boastful dreams consumed my thoughts,  
As if salvation could be bought.  
What worthy gifts would I return!  
Of my great works the world would learn!

But that I would, I could not do.  
It seemed my bent was to undo.  
Perplexed, I watched the works begun  
"For Him" unravel, one by one.

At last, when all my work was lost,  
I bowed once more before the cross.  
Broken, I wept despairing tears  
And cried out to the God who hears,

"Forgive my foolish, selfish plans,  
I place them all into your hands.  
I beg you, truly cleanse my heart  
And leave within no selfish part.

Take all my aimless wanderings, Lord  
And bind them with the strongest cord  
Into a life of service true;  
Reflection not of me, but You."

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## **An Hour by the Cross**

a time of reflection

2pm Good Friday

St Mary's Church

Led by

Margaret Barr

So, we've waved our Palm crosses on the Sunday before Easter Day. We've perhaps been to the midweek Eucharist three days later and heard a Bible reading of some of the events that took place during the early part of that week before Easter. If we've been to the Agape on the evening of Maundy Thursday, we might have heard the closing words of that celebration which tell us that after the meal, Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn and went out of the upper room to go up the Mount of Olives.

If Easter Day is the next time we meet in church, then we've missed the whole point of this very special time in the church's year. None of us like to face things that are unpleasant, things that make us uncomfortable, things that include injustice, cruelty, inhumanity, great pain and a lingering terrible death. These are the thoughts and feelings that go with the events we remember on Good Friday but if we didn't have Good Friday, then we wouldn't have Easter Day. No amount of chocolate eggs and baby rabbits can make up for what Easter Day really celebrates. To fully enter into this, we hold a special service on Good Friday, an hour by the Cross. We follow the events in the life of Jesus from the Thursday evening to mid-afternoon on Friday. We listen to the story and reflect on its meaning for us today. We have music and quiet time, readings and prayer – just one hour of our precious time to prepare us for the celebration of the Day of Resurrection. Do come at 2-00p.m. and make your Easter extra special this year.

Mrs Margaret Barr Sub Warden of Readers, Selby Deanery.

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## Billy Graham Dies - aged 99

In the recent news, we have heard of the death of the great evangelist Billy Graham.

This was particularly well covered in the Church Times:

BILLY GRAHAM, one of the most influential religious figures of the 20th century, died at home in Montreat, North Carolina, on Wednesday. He was 99.

Dr Graham became a Christian at the age of 16 and was ordained a Southern Baptist minister in 1939. He became a full-time evangelist when he joined the new movement Youth for Christ in 1945, but did not come to prominence until four years later, during seven weeks of revival meetings in Los Angeles.

Dr Graham hit the world stage during the Greater London Crusade at Harringay in 1954, during which time he met the Queen, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and Sir Winston Churchill, who was Prime Minister at the time. Many British Christians have dated their conversion to that campaign.

In his own country, Dr Graham was said to be an unofficial spiritual adviser to Presidents Eisenhower and Nixon and preached at the latter's funeral. He was close to many US Presidents and was visited by them all, including Barack Obama. In his early days, he was also outspoken against Communism but latterly sought to avoid being pigeonholed. He was a supporter of the civil-rights movement in the

United States and insisted that any rally he led must be racially integrated.

In his lifetime, Dr Graham conducted more than 400 evangelistic campaigns in 185 countries. His writings sold well, particularly his first book, *Peace with God*".

The news of Dr Graham's death is particularly poignant to myself as it was in 1984 at a Billy Graham Crusade at Roker Park in Sunderland that I gave my life to Christ.

He has also acted to many as a role model demonstrating the heart of an evangelist inspiring many to follow in his footsteps. His example, however, has probably put many off the role of evangelist as most of us feel totally out of his league when it comes to sharing the gospel.

If this is you, I would point you to someone else, a somewhat unknown traveling evangelist Rev. Mordecai Ham. It was Rev. Ham who led a revival meeting in 1934 on the farm on which Billy Graham lived. It was at this meeting that Dr Graham experienced the transforming power of God - the rest of history.

Whether you are Billy Graham or a Moredcai Ham we need to share the love of God and the message of salvation we have in Jesus.

As you share your faith you might be speaking to the next Billy Graham.

## Archbishop Justin's take on change.

In his recent address to General Synod, the Archbishop talked about the unsettling effects of change. As we are well on the way on a journey on the bumpy road of vacancy, that time between John leaving and the appointment of a new vicar, (and the changes they will inevitably bring); I thought it useful to relay some of ++Justin's thoughts. Most of what you read is adapted from that address.

Change unsettles. Change unsettles us individually and collectively, throws our compass into confusion, morally, and in attitudes.

In the Church of England, as every other church, we struggle with change and stability. Middleton and Walsh (in a book published in 1993 'The Truth is stranger than it used to be') wrote that "Christians need to indwell the biblical drama by serious, passionate study of the scriptures. This requires us to become intimately familiar with biblical text in order to gain a deep, intuitive sense of the story's dramatic movement and the author's plot intention. We have a mission given by God a call to make disciples, from Christ Himself, which must overthrow all particular interests, all personal desires. If we may develop a love filled, faithful improvisation we have the certain hope of a Church renewed and revived, serving the Common Good, lifting up the Glory of Christ and revealing the Kingdom. This requires taking the risk of improvisation that is creative, innovative and flexible".

These discussions and that quotation point towards a challenge that we deal with here, and is faced by every church, chaplaincy, Religious Community or any gathering of group of Christians. How do we reimagine the shape and reality of the Church, so as proclaim the gospel afresh in each generation?

The goals of the Church of England call us to spiritual and numerical growth, serving the common good and reimagining ministry.

Note the wording; we agreed to reimagine, not to tinker with ministry. I think it is arguable that although we have made a serious start to reimagining ministry, with numerous reports in every area from rural ministry through education to the ministry of the laity

(so long neglected) and within renewal and reform, we have not yet fully lived a reimagining of ministry. Yet reimagining is demanded by the times in which we live, by our experience of church which is changing and developing, by the impact of an ever more effective contribution to the common good that we are making in an age of austerity and by the nature and turmoil of our society. We are seeing wonderful changes such as Fresh Expressions and Pioneer Ministry, innovations in training and so on. However, I often wonder, 'Is that it?'. Are we sufficiently attuned to the ever-present work of the Holy Spirit calling us on?

Faithful innovation and improvisation must cause us to look afresh at our structures and our habits. Our development of the ministry of all the baptised, as opposed to meaning only the ministry of the ordained or licensed, requires innovation, not merely a few tweaks. Our approach to safeguarding needs culture change. Our renewing of vocations, and their development and support requires both clear tradition and huge innovation. We must innovate, within the tradition, in our attitudes to episcopacy. The parish system and its links to natural communities, the issues of buildings, our attitudes to inclusion, all require faithful and faith-filled innovation and improvisation.

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As I mentioned you have just read snippets of the full address, it is well worth reading it in full remembering that each church member is responsible for the change required to make the church the place God wants it to be, even when we find it hard to see past what we want it to be, no matter what our tradition.

Rev. David

The full script of ++Justin can be found at:

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/speaking-and-writing/speeches/synod-archbishop-canterburys-presidential-address>

# South Milford Egg Hunt



**Easter Sunday, 2pm 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Fun, Games & Eggs**

**St Mary's Church & Gardens**

**(inside the church if weather is bad)**

**Open to all ages**

**Free to enter**

\* Please bring your own egg basket/carrier



# Interview with Alex Dowsett

On the 2nd of October 2017, I interviewed professional cyclist Alex Dowsett who has amazingly beaten Bradley Wiggins. Although he is incredible cyclist, he also has haemophilia. I put together these questions for you today. I am surprised to know that I interviewed him the day before his birthday.

Gabe: "How did you feel beating Bradley Wiggins?"

Alex: "It was a good day. A surprise. It was a race he was expected to win so to win was incredible. It was a day I'll never forget."

Gabe: "What was the moment of your career so far?"

Alex: "Probably breaking the world record in 2-15. All my friends and family were there and a lot of people linked to haemophilia, which is a condition I have, were there so it was a special day."

Gabe: "Do you consider yourself as one of the best in the world?"

Alex: "No. On any day I can be top ten in the world and if I get time tight I can be top ten on a really good day."

Gabe: "Would you challenge Bradley Wiggins again?"

Alex: "No. He has retired now so I'm gonna let him be happy in his retirement. He set a world record so I'll let him enjoy that. I think he's taken up rowing now anyway."

Gabe: "What do you eat to stay fit and healthy?"

Alex: "In races, a lot of rice and pasta, chicken and fish and fruit and vegetables and a little bit of chocolate. For breakfast, porridge and then rice, pasta and more rice."

I normally do a 5 question challenge but because this man is a celebrity I have put together a big 6. This is my bonus question.

Gabe: "Do you feel like your disability can help you in life?"

Alex: "Yes. Absolutely. For me, having haemophilia provided something. It made me stubborn and resilient to

prove to the world what i can do despite having a condition. I think if you have a set back, you can go on to lead a more fulfilling life."

Dowsett runs the charter charitable Foundation little bleeders to raise awareness of haemophilia. Haemophilia is a bleeding disorder when you when you cut yourself their blood will not clot and they could possibly bleed to death. people with haemophilia have to have serious medical attention.

<http://www.littlebleeders.com/>

Alex Dowsett such an incredible man. I wish him luck in future situations such as the tour of Guangxi in China. On twitter Alex has almost 80 000 followers.

Twitter details: @alexdownsett

Contribution by  
a pupil at Monk Fryston CE  
Primary School



# Monk Fryston CE Primary School

Our news item for this issue has been written by one of our Year 5 pupils, Megan Barnett:

This school year so far has been a rock and roll ride. Year 5 have been to Young Voices, contributed to the Erasmus reading project, Parliament week and much more.

## **The Erasmus project**

The Erasmus project has been making us improve our reading skills and let some of our teachers go around the world and see other classes and schools. We are partnered with schools in Germany, Slovakia, Sweden, Italy, and Malta.

## **Our writing push**

This year we have been having a real push in our writing. We have tried to do more and more writing and this year we have been doing recounts, stories, poems and more. Our writing has also made us improve our handwriting.

## **Parliament Week**

During Parliament Week we had a box which had resources from parliament inside: 2 banners (1 of the house of lords and 1 of the house of Commons); a bill (a law that hasn't become a law yet); a bell (the bell gets rung 8 minutes before a vote closes down); the mace and an incredible fact is that a debate can't be run without the mace in the room. It also came with a speakers cloak and a Clark's wig.

During this half term our Year 6 pupils have visited the Houses of Parliament, where they observed some of these items being used and had the opportunity to talk to our MP, Nigel Adams.



Megan Barnett

# March 2018 Diary for the Benefice

(Monk Fryston Parish & South Milford Parish)

Full details on the website and Facebook page

## Every Monday

8.00pm Worship Group Practice – St Mary's

## Every Wednesday

9.45am Holy Communion – St Mary's

10.30am Drop In – St Mary's Parish Hall for tea/coffee and biscuits

12:30 - New Life Fellowship Group - see website for details

1:30 Caterpillar – St Mary's for 'mums and little-ones'

7:30 Mid-week Fellowship /United Community – 32 Sand Lane

## FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

1st March 8pm Beer & Banter @ The Thack

## 3rd March 10:30-4pm Holy Spirit Day

@ The Classroom, New Road, Ledsham

## 4th March 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Holy Communion - St Wilfrid's

9:30am Parish Communion - St Mary's

## 6th March (Tues)

1:30-3:00pm Teas & Tots @ Grove House

7:30-9:00pm Journeys of Redemption

@ Sherburn Catholic Church  
The Ven Sam Rushton - Archdeacon  
of Cleveland

## 7th March (Wednesday)

12:30 - 2:00pm **Lent Lunch @ 15 Hillcrest,  
Monk Fryston**

7:30 - 9:00pm Lent Course @ 32 Sand Lane, SM

## 11th March 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30am Morning prayer - St Wilfrid's

9:30 am Parish Communion - St Mary's

5:00pm Sunady Supplement - St Mary's

## 13th March (Tues)

7:30-9:00pm Journeys of Redemption

@ Sherburn Catholic Church

Rev'd Peter Barnett

## 14th March (Wed)

12:30 - 2:00pm Lent Lunch @ St Mary's Church  
Hall

7:30 - 9:00pm Lent Course @ 32 Sand Lane, SM

## 18th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Holy Communion - St Wilfrid's

9:30am All Age Communion - St Mary's

## 20th March (Tues)

1:30-3:00pm Teas & Tots @ Grove House

7:30-9:00pm Journeys of Redemption

@ Sherburn Catholic Church

Rev'd Leslie Newton

## 21st March (Wed)

12:30 - 2:00pm Lent Lunch @ Northfield farm,  
South Milford

7:30 - 9:00pm Lent Course @ 32 Sand Lane, SM

## 25th March - PALM SUNDAY

9:30 am Holy Communion - St Wilfrid's

9:30am Morning Prayer - St Mary's

## 29th March Maunday Thursday

7:30pm Agape Meal @ St Mary's

## 30th March Good Friday

2:00pm "An Hour at the Cross" @ St Mary's

## 1st April Easter Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion - St Wilfrid's

9:30am Parish Communion - St Mary's

## The Mystery of Everything

This year's Lent Course is "The Mystery of Everything" based on a book by Hilary Brand which takes the multi-award winning film about Stephen Hawking, "The Theory of Everything", as its starting point.

We will explore ways in which the mysteries of the universe and of everyday life - and the acceptance that we have more questions than answers - can reinvigorate our faith and spiritual journey. Each session will include an extract from the film, group discussion and prayer.

- 21st February: The experience of wonder
- 28th February: The enigma of weakness
- 7th March: The complexity of relationships
- 14th March: The encounter with frailty
- 21st March: The hope beyond brokenness



There will be different people facilitating to bring different approaches to the course.

The course is not about science and religion but mystery, faith and relationships.

We will meet every Wednesday evening in Lent at 7:30 for 8:00 pm start at 32 Sand Lane, South Milford.

Just come along, if you're interested, to a many or as few as you can make, we're looking forward to some very interesting sessions and discussions with you!

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book you can do so on Amazon:

The Mystery of Everything: A Lentcourse based around the film The Theory of Everything (Lent Book) (available at other retailers)

Rev. David Johnson

A Lent course based around the film  
**THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING**

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**EVERYTHING**

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 14<sup>th</sup> March: The encounter with frailty  
 21<sup>st</sup>: The hope beyond brokenness

7:30pm 32 Sand Lane, South Milford



## Lent Lunches

Donations in aid of the Malawi Project

**Wednesdays 12:30 – 2:00pm**

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – 84 Westfield Lane, South Milford  
 Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Westlands, High Street, South Milford  
 Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – 15, Hillcrest, Monk Fryston  
 Mar 14<sup>th</sup> – St Mary's Church Hall  
 Mar 21<sup>st</sup> – Northfield Farm,  
 Well Lane, South Milford

## Tea and Tots



### Grove House

Grove Crescent South Milford

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month

1:30pm to 3pm

### Tea, Coffee & Cakes

A chance for those with babies and  
 tots to come together with the older  
 members of our community



### Agape Meal – Maundy Thursday

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm - 9:00pm BST

## St Mary's Church

Westfield Ln, South Milford

Share in an Agape meal to taste something of the  
 atmosphere of the Last Super - we will share good  
 food and the bread and wine.

There is not charge but due to popularity,  
 this is a ticketed event

Tickets available from St Mary's Church

# Pat's Pourri

Once upon a time Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.....BUT did he fall or was he pushed?

Now you may wonder what that is all about, but a few weeks ago my sister and husband, Wilf, on a visit from Berwick-on-Tweed, and I went on an adventure through newly-discovered villages in this part of North Yorkshire.

Through Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Thorpe Willoughby, Wistow and lingering in Cawood. Cawood had been the proud owner of a castle many moons ago and in 937AD King Athelstan gave it to the Archbishop of York as a gift or overthrowing the marauding Vikings. It then became the official residence of the Cardinals/Archbishops of York. Because of the number of royals who visited it became known as "The Windsor of the North".

One of Henry V's friends, Cardinal Wolsey, resided there when Henry made him Archbishop of York in the spring of 1530, but by November that year he seriously fell from Henry's grace. He was arrested, accused of High Treason and ordered to appear for trial in London. However, as he and the soldiers ordered to accompany him, travelled south, reaching Leicester, the Cardinal was taken ill and very suddenly died. Local history believes that the origins of the nursery rhyme were about the Cardinal and his fall from grace, hence the "great fall" of the rhyme. I can only think that any form of death was preferable to standing accused of treason before a court of Henry's, don't you?

Eventually, in 1646, Cawood Castle, along with many others, was demolished. The bricks were used to build houses but the huge stones from the gatehouse to the castle were taken to York and became the gateway to Bishopthorpe Palace, still the residence of the

Archbishops.

The ruins of the banqueting hall are still there and you can walk up the drive to the stone arch entrance and look through the cracks of the old wooden doors! You can also walk through the parklands which belonged to the castle, and picnic in the grounds.

Pat Walker



## **The Walking Group**

**Date of walk: Saturday 24th March**

**Leaders: Sue and Ray Newton**

**Location: High Ackworth**



A gentle 5 mile stroll around High Ackworth and East Hardwick.

A mainly level route across rolling farmland. The walk will take about 2 1/2 hours allowing time to either visit the Church, or the public hostelry at the end of the walk.

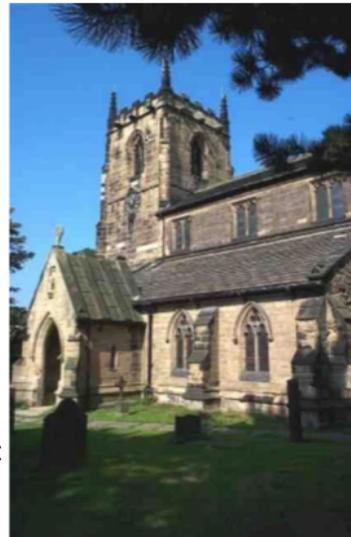
Meet at 10.15am for a 10.30 start, at the village green near the "Brown Cow". There is parking in the vicinity of the Church and the village green.



*The Cross in High Ackworth*

Please bring food and drink and wear suitable clothing for the day.

Any queries please contact Paddy or Stuart on 684180



*St Cuthbert`s Church  
High Ackworth*



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# Following God's Call

## Building the Church

### Serving your community

Do you have a passion for your God, your church, and the community?

We will shortly be looking for people to do all three of these as we seek volunteers to take positions on the Parochial Church Council.

If you are an member of St Wilfrid's and would like to play a part in growing our worshipping community why not join us, there are a number of opportunities including:

#### **Church Warden**

Duties of a Church Warden include:

- care for and support the parish priest, and be people to whom the incumbent can turn to for advice and support
- try to ensure that the incumbent is relieved of superfluous administrative, and other, tasks
- provide feedback, as a 'critical friend', for the parish priest
- care for the congregation and encourage people in their Christian faith
- help to resolve disputes or disagreements amongst the congregation or with the parish priest, or with the local community
- When any concerns arise, they should consult the Area Dean and/or Archdeacon.

#### **Church Treasurer**

- Carry out the financial decisions made by the PCC. The responsibility for both raising and spending money to meet the PCC's responsibilities lies with the PCC. The Treasurer implements their decisions.
- Draft an annual budget to assist the PCC to plan how it will fulfill its objectives for the coming year.
- Record all financial transactions carried out on behalf of the PCC and ensure they are properly authorised.
- Monitor the PCC's finances throughout the year, and alert the PCC if any difficulties are likely.
- Work with the PCC to meet all its financial obligations, especially Parish Share, clergy expenses and insuring the church buildings against fire, theft and public liability.
- Maintain, and set-up if needed, a book-keeping system.
- Prepare the annual financial statements for approval by the PCC and submission to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, ensuring that they comply with current Charity Commission requirements. Send a copy to the Diocese, and complete the national financial information return.

#### **PCC Elected Member**

- Supporting the mission and ministry of the church and the Rector
- Taking overall responsibility for the financial management of the church

If you are interested in any of these posts contact Paddy Twidale on 01977 684180, Full training will be given, and each post is for a fixed term.

This a great way to build the church for the future.