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## The Parish of The Asterby Group

# Newsletter

*January to February*  
**2023**



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## *Priestly ponderings ...*

### Priestly Ponderings for 2023

Dear All, I feel as if I have danced into 2023 with the sound of carols, the smell of mince pies and mulled wine surrounding me. Thank you so much for supporting our services this year. Despite there being a small outbreak of COVID, most people have felt quite able to join together once again. It has been heartening to see everyone and the churches have looked stunning in their Advent decoration and their Christmas 'dress'.

I know that the ten yearly census gave out some figures about religion in our country but I believe that it depends on the question asked and how people feel about answering that. I see around me a great sense of generosity and for me the driver of that is not 'just being kind' it has to come from somewhere and our society is driven through with values that go back beyond anything we know. I am not in denial about changes in our society but I see the hands and feet of Christ being shown in so many aspects of our lives even if others do not see the same as I.







I wish we could know how this year is going to go but if the gifts for our local food larders is anything to go by, then the generosity shown across our area is second to none. Thinking about others is a Christian imperative and Jesus preached about this at the sermon on the mount and at every opportunity he could. He often reminded his disciples, and others around him that, we don't build up credit for our deeds on this earth in the hope it will give us a better after-life. He reminded them and us through the bible words that we should help people who are less fortunate than we are simply because it is a good and kind thing to do. So my sincere thanks for everything that has been done and been given.

I spoke about the book of John last year because it is easy, when January arrives, to have forgotten about Christmas and to let our thoughts stop with the baby born in Bethlehem. John doesn't tell this story like the other Gospels. He focusses on the rest of the year. He helps us to focus on a life ahead, filled with hope and joy for the whole year. John is more interested in us and our future. He wants us to know ourselves to be God's own beloved children. Free to make decisions, to be in charge of our destinies, not controlled by others.



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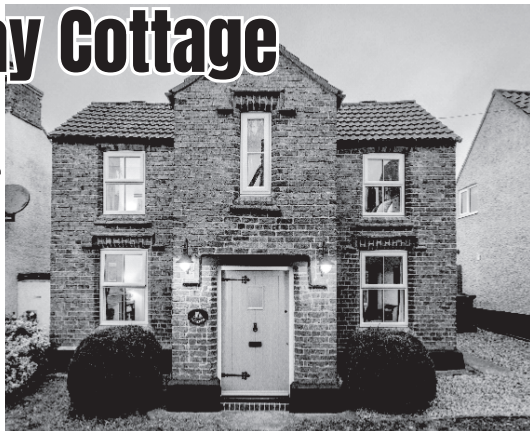
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A New Year usually means we think about what we might do differently this year. How we might be different. We challenge ourselves with resolutions which we know quite often we won't stick with through the whole year. It will be a struggle to change ourselves, let alone the world but one thing will hold us up if we choose. To recognise that God loves us, that we deserve that love and respect and that God will use us to change the world.

So I hope we can all support each other through 2023 and that at sometimes we will recognise the love that God gives us not because of what we do but because of who we are.

**Every blessing and a very happy New Year to you all.**

Revd Cilla.

## Deadline for next Newsletter

All articles and adverts for inclusion in the **March to April** edition to be with Sue, on **01507 313545** or email: [moomoski@btinternet.com](mailto:moomoski@btinternet.com) by **Thursday 15th February** at the very latest. Please let me have your items written out, or, preferably emailed, as you would like them to appear, and as early as possible, please don't wait until the deadline. **To place an advert please contact Sue on the above number.** All items on behalf of the church have no charge. Any other events or adverts will have a minimal charge. This helps to maintain and develop your newsletter. Contact **Sue** by email here at [moomoski@btinternet.com](mailto:moomoski@btinternet.com)

Stamps, foreign coins and notes, and postcards, used or new, are still being collected by Sue. Charities benefiting are Dogs Trust and MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) who fly in relief to remote area all over World. All these items can be placed in the 'stamp collection boxes' in most of the churches or directly to me at **Bramley House, Benniworth. Tel 01507 313545.**

## Parish registers

**Funeral** - Hedley Needler – Tuesday 20th December at St German Church, Ranby.

Information correct at time of publishing.



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## Thank you !

### Christmas Tree in Donington on Bain

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**Weddings, baptisms and funerals** can be arranged in the first instance by calling the **South Wolds Group Administrator, Debbie Knight** on **01507 525600** between 9.15 am and 2.15 pm Monday to Friday.

At other times, messages will be recorded on voicemail

You can also email Debbie here : **SWGAdministrator@stmaryshorncastle.org.uk**  
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Andrew Bunker Secretary 01507 525600  
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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

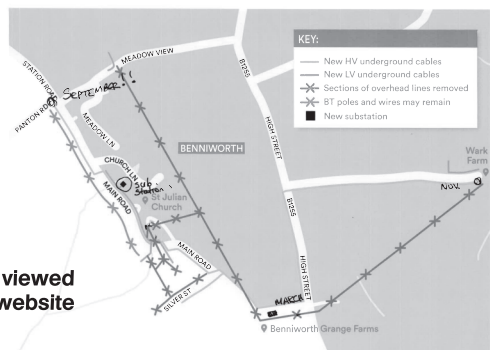
The Parish Council held an **Extraordinary Meeting on 22nd October** to discuss the Cover Letter and Amendments to the proposed cycle track on land off Donington Road, South Willingham. The overwhelming concern was access from Station Road. An alternative access from the B1225 (ref 52385 on Ordinance Survey 282) was communicated to ELDC.

At the Parish Council Meeting on **23rd November**, representatives from Northern Power and Helen Gamble from the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service attended and gave details of the forthcoming project to upgrade power supplies to the village and surrounding farms. Houses directly affected will be contacted by Northern Power and consulted regarding access over driveways. All residents should be aware that the project will involve a temporary 30mph speed restriction and traffic lights to protect the work force. Work is expected to commence March/April 2023.

Jonny Moon has been appointed as Village Co-ordinator and can be contacted by email: [jonnymoon69@gmail.com](mailto:jonnymoon69@gmail.com) Full details of the Meeting can be found on the Village Notice Boards and the Council website and there is an audio recording of the presentation.

**The next parish council meeting is on 8th February 2023 at 7pm.** Location to be decided.

Recycling for Charities - Stamps, foreign coins, notes and postcards & used ink jet printer cartridges can all be taken to the village shelter for recycling.



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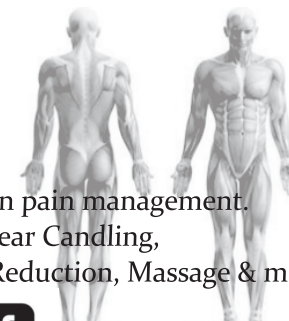


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 Thursday 12th at 7pm - **Cinderella**  
 Friday 13th at 7pm - **Cinderella**  
 Saturday 14th at 1pm and 6pm - **Cinderella**  
 Sunday 15th at 11am and 4pm - **Cinderella**  
 Saturday 21st - 'daytime' - **Dale Mackie Art Workshop**

*coming in February*

Wednesday 1st at 7.00pm - **Fantastic Mr FOX** - King Edward VI Grammar School Production  
 Thursday 2nd at 7pm - **Fantastic Mr FOX** - King Edward VI Grammar School Production  
 Friday 3rd at 7pm - **Fantastic Mr FOX** - King Edward VI Grammar School Production  
 Saturday 4th at 7.30pm - **Sad Cafe**  
 Saturday 11th at 2pm - **Frozen singalong Film**  
 Friday 17th - **Lantern Making Workshop**  
 Saturday 18th at 7.30pm - **Status Quo Tribute**  
 Wednesday 22nd at 7pm - **Open Mic Night**  
 Thursday 23rd at 2pm - **Nicky Haxby Afternoon Tea Concert**  
 Saturday 25th at 7.30pm - **New London Opera Spring Concert**

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# Asterby Parish Services

Date	Location	Service	Time
1st January	<b>St Julians Church Benniworth</b>	Welcome New Year	11.00am
5th January	<b>Village Hall, Donington on Bain</b>	Coffee, cake and chat	10.30am
7th January	<b>Village Hall, Donington on Bain</b>	Let's Go Lego	10.30am
8th January	<b>St Helen's Church Burgh on Bain</b>	Communion	10.00am
15th January	<b>St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain</b>	Communion	10.00am
19th January	<b>Village Hall, Donington on Bain</b>	Craft n Coffee	10.30am
22nd January	<b>St Martin's Church Scamblesby</b>	Communion	10.00am
29th January	<b>All Saints Church Goulceby</b>	Communion	10.00am

## Prayer Circle

For many years now the ministry and concerns of our Parish have been supported, anonymously, in prayer by a small group of people making up the Parish Prayer Circle. As the needs, both of the Church and World increase, the value and importance of this Ministry of Prayer also increases and we are looking for others to join us in prayer during these troubled and worrying times.

**If you think you would like to be part of our Prayer Circle** and would like to find out more, please give me a ring and I'll put you in the picture.

In the meantime, if you would like a friend, or a particular situation, to be remembered by our Prayer Circle, do please contact **Sarah 01507 343720 or myself Anne on 01507 31379**

# Asterby Parish Services

Date	Location	Service	Time
2nd February	<b>Village Hall, Donington on Bain</b>	Coffee, cake and chat	10.30am
4th February	<b>Village Hall, Donington on Bain</b>	Let's Go Lego	10.30am
5th February	<b>St Julian's Church, Benniworth</b>	Communion	10.00am
9th February	<b>Village Hall, Donington on Bain</b>	Coffee, cake and chat	10.00am
12th February	<b>St Helen's Church Burgh on Bain</b>	Communion	10.00am
16th February	<b>Village Hall, Donington on Bain</b>	Craft n Coffee	10.30am
19th February	<b>St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain</b>	Communion	10.30am
22nd February	<b>St Mary's Church, Horncastle</b>	Ash Wednesday	7.00pm
26th February	<b>St Martin's Church, Scamblesby</b>	Communion	10.00am
2nd March	<b>Village Hall, Donington on Bain</b>	Coffee, cake and chat	10.30am

## WARM SPACES

There is a great move to offer WARM SPACES across the country for anyone who might be struggling with the awesome amounts of money we need to find for our gas, electricity, oil or any other type of heating and lighting in our homes.

The idea is that people can come for a short time and enjoy some company whilst they have their heating etc off in their homes. On the basis that every little helps. Most people are very proud about their ability to cope and finance their lives but not everyone can cope and I hope that anyone who struggles this winter will ensure that someone knows about their situation so that they may find some help.

We are holding two events a month in **Donington Village Hall** and I hope that people will come and find us there and talk to us in confidence if they need to.

We shall also be in **Scamblesby** once a month too.

You may find local information about **WARM SPACES** will be available as the months progress. Do ensure that you use these if it helps with your budgets. I hope that information will be available in our shops and our pubs and other public places over the next few months.

Speak in confidence to Revd. Cilla **07798 695950** or email [rev.cilla2@btinternet.com](mailto:rev.cilla2@btinternet.com)