

Online Hosts

If you have joined us online in the last 4 years, you may have noticed that we have Online Hosts for some of our online Live Streamed events. Online Hosts manage the Facebook feed (generally from home) and interact with our online congregation and provide further information (such as links to hymns and ways to donate online). We are still looking to expand our team of online hosts. If this role is something that might interest you, please feel free to contact us either via the Parish Office or send us a message via Facebook. Please note: Some technological skills are advantageous, but we will provide full training for anyone before they become an online Host.

All Saints' Herald Ideas

Is there something you would like to see in future edition of The All Saints' Herald? If so, please send these ideas to us. Equally if you would like to advertise your event in future editions of the ASH – please contact the Parish office.

Are you dyslexic? Are you on a gluten free diet?

Please speak to a Churchwarden or the Vicar (07734 233742) for further assistance as there are things that can be offered to support your time in Church.

Money!

Nevermind what we give the Diocese, you are asked to please reflect seriously on what you give to All Saints' on a regular basis - we could do so much more with just 50p more per week from every person. The Church of England assumes that every person attending worship gives at least £10 per week. The best way to give is by Standing Order monthly, then if you are away, your Church still receives your much appreciated support. Speak to Treasurer Beryl Ord or the Vicar for details. To make a safe, fast donation to All Saints' online right now, [please click here](#). Thank you very much for whatever level of giving you already manage, and might manage in future.

Online Links & Information

[March](#) and [April](#) hymn list

[February – March Rota](#) [April – May Rota](#)

Service Booklets: [Saints & Special Days](#) [Lent & Passiontide](#)

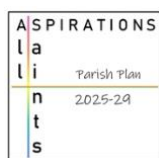
[Easter Season](#)

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Vicar's Welcome Message

Welcome to the bumper March and April edition of a freshly revamped church newsletter! It contains all of the up to date information and (when read online) internet links you're used to, plus we're also including some articles about events which have already happened, plus- from time to time- photos! I hope this will prove to be a blessing to you, and that it will help you engage in church life on Sundays and throughout the week. All Saints Herald will be available online and in print as usual. If you have any feedback on this new style, please let Gayle in the Parish Office know on 07907 022858 or allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com

Vicar, Nicky Skipworth,

Sunday Morning Worship in March and April

refreshments served before and after the service

10.20am Sunday 3 rd March	Parish Mass for the 3 rd Sunday in Lent
10.20am Sunday 10 th March	Parish Mass for Mothering Sunday
10.20am Sunday 17 th March	Parish Mass for Passion Sunday
10.20am Sunday 24 th March	Parish Mass for Palm Sunday
10.20am Sunday 31 st March	Parish Mass for Easter Day

(please note that refreshments will only be served after the service from the 7th April)

10am Sunday 7 th April	Parish Mass for the 2 nd Sunday of Easter
10am Sunday 14 th April	Parish Mass for the 3 rd Sunday of Easter
10am Sunday 21 st April	Parish Mass for the 4 th Sunday of Easter
10am Sunday 28 th April	Parish Mass for the 5 th Sunday of Easter

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Ensuring that children and young people as well as adults are kept safe whilst in our care is an integral part of our church life. If you have any concerns about safeguarding please contact: Sandra Miller, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator 07903 756492. Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor 01636 817200.

Out of Hours for Children & Adults:

Nottinghamshire: 0300 4564546

Bawtry: 01302 796000

Midweek Worship

10am – Thursdays until Thursday 28th March at Harworth and Bircotes Sports Pavilion. Sorry, dogs not allowed. We will be back in church from 11th April- follow QR code for details.



For church team contact details, please call the Parish Office on 07907 022858.

Vicar 07734 233742

Parochial Church Council

Will meet on Tuesday 12th March at 6.30pm at David's house.

'Simply...'

A beautiful sensory, non traditional approach to worship and spirituality, led by Gillian and Ron. 'Simply...' should take place every third Wednesday of each month (depending on team availability). The next Simply will be Wednesday 20th March and 17th April at 7pm.

Harworth & Bircotes Pride Update

A fundraising night will take place at the Blacksmith's Arms on Saturday the 9th March at 7pm with live performance from the amazing Ken Lambert (adults only from 9pm). Tickets are available on the door for £5 and proceeds will go to the H and B Pride event that will take place on Saturday 6th July. By the way, Nicky the Vicar, plus Ron and David remain on the Committee! We will have a church stall at H&B Pride on Saturday 6 July.

Aspirations Monthly Focus

In addition to the weekly 'Aspirations Prayer Time' on Facebook Live (9am Fridays. [Click here](#) for the service booklet) Nicky and Gillian will be preaching once a month about the Aspirations process and invite your reflections over coffee, seeking positively and participation from the congregation so that your church can do what we do the best we can, and try new things. You are also invited to pray the Aspirations Prayer daily.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2024

We're doing certain things differently this year to take account of what is, and isn't, working for our congregation, plus some of the feedback from the recent 'Tell All Saints' survey. Please use the QR Code or [click here](#) to see what is going on at All Saints'.



Vicar in the spotlight!

Did you know that all licensed clergy undergo an official review process every three years? Nicky will be reviewed on 7th March by Archdeacon Richard Kellett but this follows a further six people providing feedback on every aspect of her life, including that of her family (imagine that!). Please pray for Nicky, that it'll be a fruitful process.

Lent Lunches - Soup and Bread for All!

Please come and be our guest! Delicious homemade soup, bread and butter with tea and coffee served for free in the Church Hall every Wednesday up to and including 27 March, 11.30am to 1pm. There's always an alternative to the homemade flavour on offer. [Click here](#) for the poster.

Preparing for Baptism

Please note that All Saints' is reverting to the original way of preparing families for baptism. Parent(s) is/are required to attend public worship any Sunday, fill in a form (which we ask both parents to sign) and return for a rehearsal in Church at a later date. It is essential that we treat all newcomers with the same grace we would treat our own family members approaching the Church for help to celebrate an important life event. Please pray for Stella, our wonderful Baptism Coordinator.

Palm Sunday

If you intend to walk in procession from the Church Hall to All Saints' you need to be at the Hall by 10.10am on Palm Sunday (24th March). A Churchwarden will be staying in church to welcome those not wishing to do so.

Parish Office Closed

Please be aware that the Parish Office will be closed for Easter (half term) from 2.30pm Friday 28th March until Monday 15th April. At this time we recommend that you send your enquiries either via email to allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com or contact Nicky on 07734 233742 (please note Nicky's holidays (1st-6th April).

Small Saints

Our little group for little people and their carers, including children baptised at our church, now meets twice a month, firstly on a Friday, then a Thursday. Upcoming dates are 8th and 28th March (at the Vicarage) then on 12th and 25th April we will be back in All Saints! [Click here](#) for the poster giving full details. This is such a valuable way to stay connected to baptism families.

All Saints' Church Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Due to the PCC needing to work on Aspirations earlier in the year, the AGM will take place later than usual, on Tuesday 14 May at 7pm in Church. Reports will be received from all church officers and other activities sponsored by the PCC.

Good Friday

If taking part in the Community Pilgrimage on Friday 29th March, please be at All Saints' front door by 3pm. We will be walking along Main Street, up Scrooby Road through town, then down Waterslack Road to Harworth Methodist Church, arriving approx. 4pm for a short prayer service led by pastor Sean Worsley, then refreshments

Maundy Thursday Agapé Meal

On Thursday 28th March at 6pm we will be having an agape meal, or (literally speaking) Divine Love Feast is a combination of special prayers, music and readings mixed in with a delicious meal. Some of the congregation might remember hosting one with Rev'd Richard Spray years ago. Everyone is welcome (including adult supervised children). If you have any special dietary requirements please let Beryl, Ann or Nicky know in advance. Also – if you would like to bring a cold buffet dish to include in the Agape meal please have a chat with Ann and Beryl, so that we can ensure there is no crossover/repetition of dishes.

Easter Extravaganza

Please join us Sunday 14th April for our Easter Extravaganza from 3-4.30pm at the grassy area at Arundel Walk, Bircotes ([please click here for aerial map](#)). We will be offering a number of fun Easter themed activities (face painting, decorating eggs, egg roll competition, etc.) suitable for all ages (children to be accompanied by an adult please).

If you are hoping to attend and have any allergies or dietary requirements could you possibly let Nicky or Gillian know in advance and we will try to accommodate where possible.



Please note: This event has been changed from it's original date and venue.

(Please scan the QR code for our Easter day Extravaganza poster)

Mothering Sunday

Thanks to our incredibly talented Ann Wilson we will again be handing out posies of flowers at our Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 10th March. If you are unable to make it to church to collect a posey (but would like one) – please let Nicky or Ann know.

Society of Catholic Priests Chapter Meeting

Our beautiful place of worship and the Vicar will host the Southwell and Nottingham Diocese chapter on Monday 15th April at 12pm. It will be a concelebrated Mass so all priests will gather around the altar to share in the consecration of the bread and wine. This event (as with everything we do as the Church) is open to the public. The chapter will be having lunch together nearby afterwards.

Easter Raffle

Tickets will be available for our Easter Raffle from Sunday 3rd March at £1 a strip. Please see Beryl, Ann or Nicky in church to purchase or contact the parish office on 07907 022858 if you are unable to make it to church.

Vicar on holiday

Nicky and family will be having a short break in Easter Week, 1st-6th April.

A Very Important Wedding!

Our very own Jason Wratten will wed Kayla at Durham Cathedral on Friday 26 April at 2pm. If you'd like to know more, or fancy sending a card/gift, please speak to the mother of the groom, Gillian!

All Saints' Herald (ASH) Submission Deadline

Please ensure you send your submissions for May and June's new look All Saints' Herald to Gayle by 21st April. You can send them to the office email on allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com or phone the office on 07907 022858

Thursday Communion

How wonderful to have been welcomed by Jesus (not to mention the wonderful staff) every Thursday at the Pavilion - thank you so much! From 11th April this service will move back to All Saints' (no service on 4th April).

Banns of Marriage

We are entering wedding season! Just like families seeking baptism, please give a warm welcome to couples attending worship to hear their Banns called. They don't have to attend worship, which makes their presence even more special.

Time of Sunday worship

Thank you very much for your understanding over the Winter months while the Sunday service has started later; special thanks to those who have come in early to provide refreshments before the service. Please note that from Sunday 7th April (the second Sunday of Easter) we revert to the original start time of 10am, with refreshments available after worship.

Welcomer Training

One of the PCC's All Saints' Aspirations priorities is a welcome at church which is nothing short of five star, or excellent. So we're holding a two part training course for all vergers, welcomers and sides-persons. Part 1 runs 7pm on 9th, 16th, 23rd April and is all about 'How to be a Good Christian Ally to LGBTQIA People' (run by Rev'd Alex Sheills at All Hallows Church, Ordsall). You'll receive a course booklet (just £2 pp if you'd like to save All Saints' the cost). Then part 2 runs 7pm on 4th, 11th and 18th June - The theology and practicalities of an excellent Welcome (run by Rev'd Nicky Skipworth in All Saints'). All persons in these roles are asked to attend the maximum number of sessions they can (transport for all six sessions will be available).

Martin Skipworth - LLM training

(LLM = Lay Licensed Minister). Martin is now on placement with Rev'd Alex Sheills by spending four hours per week with his two churches in Retford. Martin is putting to work the experience he already has by preaching on some Sundays and assisting with a wealth of activities. He is due to be licensed in October.

PCC Vacancies

APCM will be held on Tuesday 14th May in church starting at 6.30pm. There are three vacancies to serve on the Parochial Church Council. Nomination forms for election will be available in church. Nominees must be over 16 and have been on the Electoral Roll of the parish for at least six months. Nominees can serve for one to three years.

Meadow View Sing-a-long

Please pray for Ann and Pauline as they continue to offer such an important time of worship for their residents and staff at Meadow View.

SmAll Saints is permanently expanding!

Our pre-school children's group Small Saints is such a beautiful and nurturing group and our trial to have two sessions a month has been a complete and utter success. We have been so blessed to receive old faces and new ones at the Vicarage, with their wonderful little ones. It is a wonderful little session held twice monthly (Upcoming dates are 8th and 28th March at the Vicarage, then on 12th and 25th April we will be back in All Saints Church) where we sing songs, tell stories and have a wonderful time in each other's company. This is a fantastic way of opening up the church to your little ones and also seeing if you would like your little ones to join our church family in the eyes of God and in front of our fabulous Congregation here at All Saints' by having your child baptised or blessed with us. Why not come and join us one week?

In addition to new families, we are also looking for volunteers that would be able to join Nicky to assist run the group, especially once Martin has completed his LLM Training. Please talk to Nicky (email: nickythevicar@gmail.com) or email the Parish office (allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com) if you would like to come and offer your time.



Photo: Our SmAll Saints congregation of BIG and small smiley faces – with Nicky and Martin at their home in The Vicarage.

Meet the Team

*Every edition of the **All Saints' Herald** we'll be taking a look at our team here at All Saints' church. We will be introducing who we are, what we do within the church – so you can put names and faces together and our roles within Church.*

In the spotlight in this edition, is our Herald and website editor, Parish office manager and Online Host, **Gayle Hajipanayi**.

"Hello and welcome to our first edition to the All Saints' Herald (or ASH). Our newsletter has been an ever changing entity, since I came on board in 2018. As has my role within the church. I started helping with the Pew sheet through my second pregnancy and gradually we have collectively collaborated with the Church newsletter, Facebook page, designing the website (which is a continuous work in progress) and now to me volunteering in the Parish Office while my children are at school.

I am a Harworth native and have resided here, aside some time studying at University, for the last 42 years. My Mum (famously known to the children as 'Mrs Polo-Pollard' used to be a teaching assistant at Harworth C of E school in the 1980's until early 2000's. I similarly fell into the same role at B and H Community School back in 2000 and this made me absolutely fall in love with teaching, which is why I went to university. After working in education (secondary, primary and extra curricular) for years at schools across the area I gave up my work in 2015 and became a parent for the first time and full time carer for my husband and elderly and ailing parents. Working within the church has enabled me to dust off the 'jack of all trades' skills I have built up over the years and feel purposeful beyond who I am to my family. I am so grateful for the amazing and phenomenal folk I have met in my role – such a wonderful, inclusive and giving bunch of individuals that only hope to bring joy and a true sense of community to the Parish (which is so much more than just Harworth and Bircotes).

It's been an absolute joy to see the village grow from a small mining village to a continually growing and welcoming modern town. I love the inclusivity of our community and how supportive we can be and it's a pleasure to be able to assist in advertising and signposting people to all the amazing events that we have going on. I look forward to continuing my role and am excited to see what we achieve in the future together. Thanks for having me on board! – Gayle x"



**Photo: My family and I at Christmas with Father Christmas (Oldewinter)
Photo taken by Shaun Bailey at New Focus Photography (Worksop)**