

Parish Rambling Club

The next walk, which is the Waterfoot Tunnel Walk, takes place next Sunday, 8th September, beginning at 1.00pm. All are welcome:

Start Point: Car Park at Bottom of Cowpe Road, Waterfoot. The distance is approximately 2.5 to 3 miles. This is a moderately easy walk with one hill. We walk through the tunnels to Blackwood Road in Stacksteads. Proceed up Blackwood Road for approximately 300 yards. Turn right at the end, then sharp left onto Royds Road. The path is now flat with good views of the opposite valley hillside. At the end of Royds Road, we cross a field to meet Cowpe Road which leads us back to the start of our walk.

Walk Leaders: Peter and Sheelagh Tracey.

Parish Centre

Now that the works on the Parish Centre at St James the Less are complete, we need some assistance in the coming week to prepare it for the grand re-opening at the Duck Derby which will entail some moving of furniture etc and also some cleaning. Parishioners really stepped up to the plate and gave their time so generously earlier in the summer to clear the conservatory, so I am requesting your generosity again! Could I ask anyone who is able to come to the Parish Centre this Wednesday 11th September after the 9.30am Mass to begin getting everything ready. We will also need help setting up for the Duck Derby on Friday morning, 13th, after the 9.30am Mass and similarly on Saturday 14th, from 12 noon. I apologise in advance that on the Wednesday, after starting the clearing after Mass, I will have to leave it to parishioners as I am hosting the Diocesan Clergy Hiking Group that day!

St Peter's September Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended the September Coffee Morning and bought tickets for the monthly raffle. Winners are:

£25 - Jacqui Sarker

£10 - P Hopkinson,

Bottle wine - P Smith (Yellow ticket 221-225 - we understand there are 2 P Smiths in the parish so could you please bring your ticket)

Chocolates - Victoria Johnson

Tickets for the October raffle will be on sale after Mass every Sunday in September at St Peter's.

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy will begin again this Sunday, 8th September, at the 9am Mass in St Peter's in the Parish Hall and the 11am Mass in St James the Less in the Old School Room. Many thanks to the kind volunteers who make this possible at both of our Sunday morning Masses. If anyone would be willing to help at either Mass, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers. Please let Father Stamp or one of our volunteers know you would like to help and they can tell you how to get involved.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd September

10am - 12 noon in St Peter's Hall.

Donations of cakes would be welcome, these can be brought to the Hall on Saturday, 21st September, between 10am and 11am or can be brought to church on the morning of the 22nd.

Last year's Coffee Morning was a great success, please do try to support again this year!!

Pilgrimage to York

There will be a meeting for those travelling on our Pilgrimage to York this Tuesday, 10th September, at 7.00pm in the Old School Room at St James the Less. The final amount is now owed. The total amount for those in double rooms or twin rooms is £199. The total amount for those in single rooms is £249 (£50 supplement). If you have already paid the £75 deposit, the amount now owed is £124 for those in double or twin rooms and £174 for those in single rooms. Due to health issues, there have been a couple of late cancellations for twin rooms. If you would like to come to York but haven't yet booked, or if you know of anyone else who is interested, please get in touch with me asap, or come along to the meeting on Tuesday. I will be travelling with the pilgrims and it sounds a brilliant programme. The coach will pickup at 8.30am from St James the Less on Monday, 23rd September. We will stop at Harrogate to explore, have lunch or maybe afternoon tea at the famous Betty's. After leaving Harrogate we will travel on to our hotel where we will celebrate Holy Mass and have our evening meal. On Tuesday, we leave the hotel at 9.15am and travel to York where we will celebrate Mass in the Bar Convent, after which we will enjoy the wonderful exhibition there (there is also a good coffee shop!) We will then walk the short distance to the Shrine of St Margaret Clitherow. There will be some free time on Tuesday to explore York before we will meet at the Bar Convent to travel back to the hotel. On Wednesday 25th, we will leave the hotel after breakfast and Holy Mass to travel to Thirsk, a lovely market town where we can enjoy the James Herriot experience. After lunch and a visit to the many lovely shops, we will leave at around 1.30pm for the journey home.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Baptism Preparation session will be on Tuesday, 19th November 2024, at 6.30pm in St James the Less Church. Signup sheets can be found at the back of both churches.