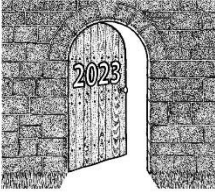


CHURCH SERVICES - *All welcome!*



January 2023

January 2023 Service Schedule

(services in Italics are not communion services)

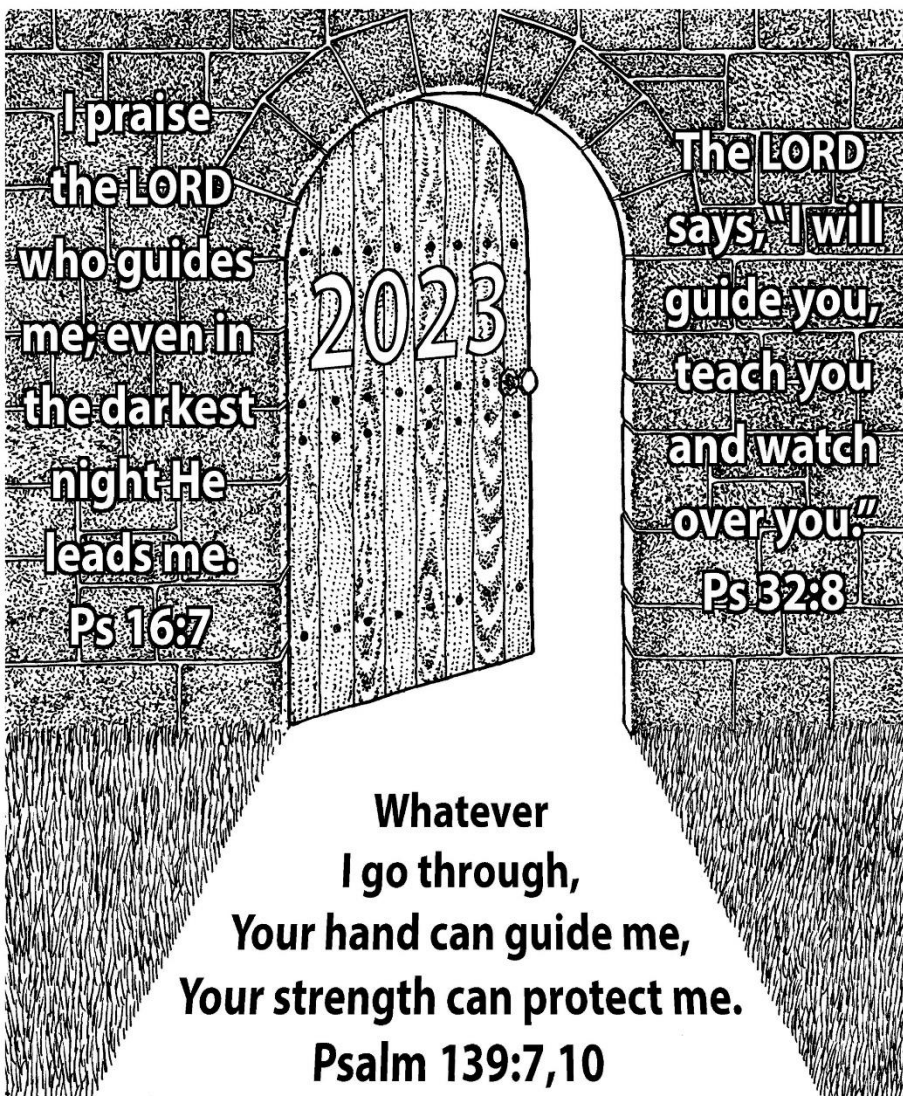
	Brompton	Deighton	Welbury	W. Rounton	E. Rounton
1 st	9.00am		<i>6.00pm</i>		10.30am
8 th	9.00am		11.00am		<i>9.00am</i>
15 th	9.00am	10.15am	11.00am	<i>10.30am</i>	
24 th	10.30am at Chapel		<i>6.00pm</i>		9.00am
31 st	10.30am				

January 2023 Flower Rota

	East Rounton	West Rounton	Welbury
1 st January	Mrs S Bell	Ms L Bandy	Mrs J Hughes
8 th January	Mrs D Bell	Mrs C Grainge	Mrs M Heald
15 th January	“	“	“
22 nd January	Mrs H Bell	Mrs A Lawton	Mrs P Wade
29 th January	“	“	“

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“The Loss of Depth and Growth of Superficiality”

Perhaps it was just me, but this Christmas seemed to be more superficial than ever, as far as it was portrayed on TV, radio and social media. The lack of depth and thought that had gone into what many people seemed to be saying, makes one ask, “where was the real reflection on what was going on rather than the tired, exhausted platitudes about the ‘holiday season?’” The Poet R.S. Thomas’s ironic words about Christmas came to mind “What is Christmas without snow.” Of course, it is exactly the same as with snow, but from a sentimental point of view, what you really need is the trimmings for Christmas, and foremost amongst these is snow.

So, all this superficiality seems to grow greater by the year whilst the real depths of what is happening at Christmas may be mentioned but don’t seem to be reflected upon. Of course, it wasn’t 100% like this – King Charles did indeed reflect very effectively on Jesus’ birth, and you could always seek out people saying really interesting things online. But It seemed to me that a line had been crossed, into a bland superficiality, that lacked any real sense of depth, any reflection on the Christmas story.

A verse from the Psalms brings to mind the depths of God’s love and our encounter with God, “Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls.” Ps 42:7. It brings to mind the flood waters cascading down Mount Hermon, roaring into the deep pools beneath waterfalls. The depths of the pools communicating with the depths of the mountain. Here the unfathomable depths of God, can be thought of as communicating with the deeper spiritual side of our own being. It is this sort of depth that we see being eroded.

But finally – the most important thing about our religious life is love - and learning to become more loving people. It may be that many people who have forgotten about the deep things of God, were also amongst the most loving and welcoming to their friends and family. If this is so, then there is hope that the deeper things will be remembered once more.

Best wishes, Jonathan Cooper.



If anyone has anything for inclusion in the February gazette, please email me, katelindo@hotmail.com or randwgazette@hotmail.com or ring 01609 882263 or 07970 441129 by 15th January. Many thanks

A Happy New Year to all our readers!

January 2023 Welbury

3 rd	Quiz – Doors open 7.30pm Quiz starts at 8pm
6 th	WAGs at the Duke of Wellington
8 th	Family service at St Leonard's, Welbury 11am
9 th	Indoor bowls
13 th	Crafty coffee morning 11.30-12.30
18 th	Welbury village hall committee meeting 7.15pm
20 th	Crafty coffee morning 11.30-12.30
23 rd	Indoor bowls
25 th	Welbury PCC meeting at St Leonard's 7.30pm
26 th	Welbury coffee morning 11-12 noon

Family Service at St Leonard's Welbury Sunday 8th January 11am

Come and celebrate the baptism of Christ. Please stay for refreshments after the service.

Welbury village hall committee meeting Wednesday 18th January 7.15pm.

If you would like to help to care for our village hall in any way please come along to the committee meeting.

**Welbury PCC Meeting Wednesday 25th January 2023 St Leonard's Church
Welbury 7.30pm**

Diary Dates for Welbury

21st February Pancake Party in Welbury Church

Rountons Village Hall

Now open for private hire by contacting booking secretary Hilary on 01609 882367 or chairman Martin on 01609 882845. Anyone interested in helping run events in the hall please contact Martin.

Lightweight wheelchair for loan at The Rountons

This is stored in East Rounton village hall. Please contact Martin Brown or Hilary Bell.

Welbury Church Cleaning January – Liz Moore

Wheelchair available from Welbury village hall for residents of Welbury or Rountons

If anyone needs the use of a wheelchair either for themselves or visiting friends/relatives, please contact Elizabeth 882804.

Rountons & Welbury Children's Christmas Party

Twenty nine children attended this year's Christmas party and had a great time. It was a lively afternoon with an hour of games before a sit-down tea and then Santa arrived with a sack full of presents followed by more games. A special thank you to Santa for finding time in his busy schedule to visit Welbury and to all the children for being kind to each other.

He'll be visiting again Sunday 3rd December 2023 (date for your diary!)

Linda & Steve Walsh's music students Christmas concert was held on the 11th of December at East Rounton village hall. £220.00 was raised to start off the 'organ fund' for St Oswald's Church, West Rounton. Each student brought a Christmas bag/stocking full of sweets/chocolates totalling 42, these were taken to Hambleton Foodshare for families with children in time for Christmas deliveries.

Collection from the Nine Lessons & Carols at St Leonard's raised £162.61 for Teesside Hospice.

Crafty Coffee Group

Meeting at the village hall, Welbury on Friday 13th and 20th January. Anyone is welcome to attend. Tea and coffee are available with a donation of £2 for the morning. For any further information please contact Elizabeth on 01609 882804.

St Leonard's Church Open

Church will be open 9am-4pm every Wednesday for private prayer and reflection or simply to enjoy a bit of peace and quiet in our beautiful church. Pop-up-Preserves continue in the church porch whilst stocks last.

Welbury Village Hall

Available to hire by contacting Elizabeth, bookings secretary, on 01609 882804 or email welburyvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk

Village Hall litter pickers are available for all to use to help to keep Welbury looking lovely. These are situated in the green bin at the rear of the village hall, please return after use.

Indoor Bowls

The next sessions will be on Monday 9th January and 23rd January from 7pm – 9pm in Welbury village hall. If anyone is interested, contact me peter.walker115@outlook.com

WAGS (Welbury Aging Gentlemen – but not necessarily from Welbury!)

The next meeting is on Friday 6th January at **The Duke of Wellington** at 12:30. New members are very welcome.

Welbury 150 Club January Draw 2023

1st £50 Karen Willey(73) 2nd 2nd £20 Marshall family (67)

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS

YOGA/STRETCHING/RELAXATION CLASS

Welbury Village Hall

Every Friday at 9.30-10.30

Everyone welcome

Class begins again on 6th January

To book, please contact Sue at

sjyoga123@gmail.com

Online Shopping

Raise free donations for St Leonard's Church, Welbury simply by shopping online. Join the fundraising revolution!!

Please think of us when shopping online. It doesn't cost you anything but will help to raise funds towards looking after St Leonard's.

A very big thank you for all those already shopping through easyfundraising. It is much appreciated,

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stleonardswelbury>



Louise Walker

Fitness Coaching

WEEKLY CLASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY

18:00-18:45 HIIT

Brompton Methodist Chapel
Hall

19:15-20:00 Dance Fitness

Deighton Village Hall

TUESDAY

18:00-18:45 Dance Fitness

Brompton Methodist
Chapel Hall

FRIDAY

19:00-19:45 HIIT

East Harlsey Village
Hall/Welbury Village Hall

*check weekly posts for
next weeks location

Extra info...

Other classes may be
added or changed so
always check/book before
coming along to a class

Contact me to pre book onto any class.

Class numbers are limited and £5 per
person.

All ability's welcome to join, classes
suitable for everyone in a fun enjoyable
environment.

Louise's contact details:

07788282582

Facebook- Louise Walker Fitness Coaching
louiselsw13@hotmail.co.uk

Please check my Facebook page for any changes and additional information

Hambleton FoodShare

Many thanks to those leaving donations of food and toiletries in the container in Welbury church porch. Please continue to leave donations as these are collected on a regular basis and taken to the FoodShare collection points in Northallerton prior to distribution.



Rountons churches open

St Lawrence East Rounton is open to visitors daily (daylight hours). For prayer, contemplation & to enjoy the history of the building. Arts & Crafts referenced including information & photograph displays of the history of The Bell family estate & Rounton Hall together with museum quality Morris & co. & Strachan stained glass windows (One being Gertrude Bell memorial window). St Oswald West Rounton Church opening arrangement arrangements (via Michael & Tanya Nightingale).



Lighting up St Leonard's

Many thanks to all who have sponsored the outside lighting at St Leonard's church Welbury over the last few months. It is very much appreciated.

Rountons Flower Rota

As there are only a few people on the Rountons flower rota, we are looking for any potential volunteers, especially for East Rounton. There are usually only two small vessels on the altar most of the time. Kay Hutchinson is very happy to offer help and guidance as to what to do, should it be needed. On special festivals people will come together to help. You don't have to be an expert! Please contact Kay or, alternatively, me at katelindo@hotmail.com



Welbury WI

No meeting in the village hall this month as we'll be having our annual dinner.

Welbury WI meets the 3rd Thursday of the month in Welbury Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome to attend any meeting to listen to our interesting and varied speakers. Secretary: Tina Race 01609 882615 Please contact for further information

WELBURY WI (North Yorkshire East) 2023 PROGRAMME

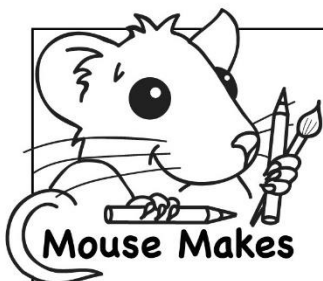
16 February	North Yorkshire Rotters –Composting & Waste Prevention
16 March	Helen Neave – From Scalpel to Spade & Beyond
20 April	R & J Crouch – Hitler's women
18 May	TBC
15 June	Rock pooling with Joyce Scott time & venue TBC
20 July	Dorothy Thomson – Lip Reading
17 August	Dave Dean – Myths & Legends of the Northeast
21 Sept	Barbara Dixon – A Ramble around the Register Office
19 October	Carol Dean –I did it for the kids
16 November	AGM

Welbury & Rountons Christmas Fair

Both PCCs would like to say a big THANK YOU for the anonymous donation after the event enabling both PCCs to receive £1000 each rather than the expected £939.26

Welbury Carol Singing

Many thanks to all who came carol singing and to all who donated. £242 was raised for church funds.



A JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

When the **Magi** (wise men) came to **Bethlehem** where had they travelled from?

The _____

Why did they make the journey?

What did they follow to get there?

A _____

What did they see?

Read *Matthew 2:1-12*



Why did **Joseph** and **Mary** travel to **Bethlehem**?

Read *Luke 2:1-4*

When **Samuel** came to **Bethlehem** who sent him? Who did he go to see?

_____ and his sons.

Who had he come to anoint as king?



Read *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

Naomi and **Ruth** came to **Bethlehem** where had they travelled from?

_____ and why?

When did they arrive?

At the _____ harvest.

Read *Ruth 1:22*

The name **BETHLEHEM** means 'House of Bread'

Look up the Bible references to find the missing words, find them and these words below in the wordsearch

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JOURNEY
BETHLEHEM • GOD
JOSEPH • MARY
JESUS • BORN
MAGI • MESSIAH
NAOMI • RUTH
FOOD • HARVEST
SAMUEL • ANOINT
KING • BREAD

