



MAY NEWSLETTER : 2023
ST NICHOLAS, SKIRBECK
ALL SAINTS, FOSDYKE



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FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Some words for us to reflect on throughout Mary's month of May and as we approach the feast of Pentecost.

In the Gospel, we hear of how the angel Gabriel came to Mary and announced that she was to be the mother of Jesus. Greeting her, he said, "Hail, favoured one! The Lord is with you."

Troubled by this greeting, Mary did not know what to make of it. Gabriel assured her of God's love for her and told her, "...you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." The angel informed her how the Holy Spirit would come to her and, to help her to understand the power of God, told her that her cousin, Elizabeth, had conceived a child in her old age. Mary's response to Gabriel's words were, "...I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Mary did not immediately think of herself, but set out to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, to be with her at the birth of John the Baptist. We will celebrate this unselfish act on May 31st, the Visitation.

What is Mary's message to us today: Our greatest saint, Mary, did one simple thing. She listened to God's will – that she was to be the mother of Jesus – and she accepted. Do we accept the promptings of The Holy Spirit? Let us pray for an understanding of what God is calling us personally to do.

On Sunday 30th April, we said a very sad but fond farewell to Fr John and Emma as they begin the next stage of their lives in Devon. Fr John joined us in December 2019 and settled in very well before we were hit with the COVID pandemic in March 2020. This was a difficult time for us all as none of us were allowed in our beautiful church building but Fr John kept us together with his worship online and back into church as soon as we were able. We have not closed our doors again since. We wish them both well in their new adventure.

**Chris Daubney and Linda Forman, Churchwardens
Skirbeck St Nicholas Church**

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS FOSDYKE

Sunday services for May

14th Sung Parish Mass 11.15
Father Paul Blanch

21st Sung Parish Mass 11.15
Father Graham Williams

Wednesday Worship Group

17th Ascentiontide Meditation 11.00
Jon

31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 11.00
John

Fundraising

16th Pop-In Lunch in the village hall
12.30 - 2pm

APCM

The annual meetings will be held in Fosdyke Village Hall from 7pm, and we warmly invite the parochial electorate to attend and see democracy at work in their church.

Churchyard Nature Garden Project

Grateful thanks to John Cowie and his 12 strong team of trusty volunteers who are working so hard to turn the untidy jungle behind church into a nature park with social area and artworks. If you want to join the team please contact him (details below) and help us restore pride and beauty to the village

Altar Frontals

After a long and exhausting process of permission applications, we are at last in possession of a complete set of beautiful new altar frontals and linens – grateful thanks to all those who have funded the project which Fr. John blessed for last Sunday and dedicated to memory of Martyn Hayes.

Parish Vacancy

Many of you will know that we have been in vacancy for the last three years but have been supported through this time by Father John. His last service here was on Sunday after which we held a presentation and fellowship gathering. Father John will leave the Church of England soon and we wish him and Emma warmly on their way to Devon.

Contact

For general details please find us on, but please note that these are in the process of being updated:-

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14663/>
or <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsFosdyke/>

We are a parish in vacancy – if you wish to contact us directly, please contact a churchwarden in the first instance:

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Service Times

St Nicholas, Skirbeck

Sundays

Solemn Mass

9:30am

Holy Hour

3pm

Advent to Easter

or

5pm

Easter to Advent

Tuesdays

Low Mass

9:30am

Wednesdays

Evening Prayer

6:30pm

Saturdays

Rosary

9:30am



Feasts, Solemnities, and Holy Days of Obligation as shown in notices. Confessions by appointment.

NEWS FROM SKIRBECK ST NICHOLAS

ASCENSION DAY falls on Thursday 18th May. Fr Graham Williams will be offering a Low Mass at 12 noon on that day. Please note there will be no Low Mass on Tuesday 16th May.

FUND-RAISING

Our Quiz Night on Saturday 25th March was a very enjoyable evening and raised £287 for Church funds. Our thanks to Roger for setting the questions and Pearl for being our Quizmaster.

Race Night took place on Saturday 29th April, much fun and a lot of cheering on was had by all. We made a profit of £388 for Church Funds, a really good result!

Afternoon Tea with Haven Singers is on Sunday 28th May at 2pm in the Community Centre. Tickets are Adult £8 and U16 £5. Dietary requirements to be notified prior to the event. Phone Linda (01205) 354687 for tickets and more information. Proceeds to Church Funds.

MESSY CHURCH, due to take place on Saturday 6th May this month, has been cancelled due to King Charles III Coronation, and the Messy Team and our families having other commitments.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AND VESTRY MEETING took place on Sunday 30th April. All election results will be published next month.

SUE CASH R.I.P. It was with great sadness that the parish learned of the death of Sue on Good Friday. Sue and her family have been a big part of our Church family for over 10 years and where the younger members have been baptised and confirmed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Roxy, Kas, Linus, Lucy, Joel, Elliot, Rumer and Meri as they deal with their huge loss. She will be greatly missed by us all. Sue's funeral is due to take place on Thursday 11th May at 3.30pm at Boston Crematorium.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony 12th April – Thomas James Moore and Bryony May Mitchell

Christian Burial 27th April – Stephanie Hallam

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website – www.skirbeckstnicholas.com

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A Church Near You – www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14655/

Facebook – 'Like' us at St Nicholas Church Skirbeck

Please note – Twitter and Instagram are no longer in use.

CONTACT INFORMATION

BAPTISMS AND HOLY MATRIMONY – Please contact Mrs Linda Forman, Churchwarden on (01205) 354687.

COMMUNITY HALL BOOKINGS – Please contact Mr & Mrs Reece on (01205) 365324.

Whilst the parish is in vacancy, there will be no home communions.

Lectioary Readings for May 2023

Monday 1st

Acts 11: 1-18 and Matthew 13: 54-58

Tuesday 2nd

Acts 11: 19-26 and John 10: 22-30

Wednesday 3rd

1 Corinthians 15: 1-8 and John 14: 6-14

Thursday 4th

Acts 7: 55-60 and Matthew 10: 17 - 20

Friday 5th

Acts 13: 26-33 and John 14: 1-6

Saturday 6th

Acts 13: 44-52 and John 14: 7-14

Sunday 7th

Acts 6: 1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9 and John 14: 1-12

Monday 8th

Acts 14: 5-18 and John 14:21-26

Tuesday 9th

Acts 14: 19-28 and John 14:27 - 31

Wednesday 10th

Acts 15: 1 - 6 and John 15: 1 - 8

Thursday 11th

Acts 15: 7 - 21 and John 15: 9 - 11

Friday 12th

Acts 15: 22 - 31 and John 15: 12 - 17

Saturday 13th

Acts 16: 1 - 10 and John 15: 18 - 21

Sunday 14th

Acts 8: 5-8, 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18
and John 14: 15 - 21

Monday 15th

Acts 16: 11 - 15 and John 15: 26 - 16: 4

Tuesday 16th

Acts 16: 22 -34 and John 16: 5 - 11

Wednesday 17th

Acts 17: 15 - 18: 1 and John 16: 12 - 15

Thursday 18th

Acts 1: 1-11, Ephesians 1: 17 - 23
and Matthew 28: 16 - 20

Friday 19th

Acts 18: 9 - 18 and John 16: 20 - 23

Saturday 20th

Acts 18: 23 - 28 and John 16: 23 - 28

Sunday 21st

Acts 1: 12-14, 1 Peter 4: 13 - 16
and John 17: 1 - 11

Monday 22nd

Acts 19: 1 - 8 and John 16: 29 - 33

Tuesday 23rd

Acts 20: 17 - 27 and John 17 1 - 11

Wednesday 24th

Acts 20: 28 - 38 and John 17: 11- 19

Thursday 25th

Acts 23: 6-11 and John 17:20 - 26

Friday 26th

Acts 25: 13 - 21 and John 21: 15 - 19

Saturday 27th

1 Thessalonians 2: 2 - 8 and Luke 10: 1 - 9

Sunday 28th

Acts 2: 1 - 11, 1 Corinthians 12: 3 - 13
and John 20: 19 - 23

Monday 29th

Genesis 3: 9 - 20 and John 19: 25 - 34

Tuesday 30th

Ecclesiasticus 35: 2 - 15 and Mark 10 28 - 31

Wednesday 31st

Zephaniah 3: 14 - 18 and Luke 1: 39 - 56