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White Peak and Youlgreave Benefice News

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More Good News For All



I am very excited to soon be joining Rev'd Adele and you all as Assistant Curate in the benefice of the White Peak Group and the benefice of Youlgreave, Middleton, Stanton in Peak and Birchover. I am so looking forward to meeting and getting to know you and learning about the communities I will be serving with you. We came along to a joyful family service in Youlgreave a few weeks ago and felt so at home there – I was so encouraged that you had been praying for the curate even before I had seen

the profile! Thank you!

A bit about me – I am married to Guy, and we have 3 adult children, a daughter-in-law who is also a curate in Doncaster, a soon to be daughter-in-law and a very well-loved and spoilt 10-year-old sprocker spaniel. Before sensing that God may be calling me to ministry in the Church of England, we lived in Taunton, Somerset where I worked as a manager in a hospice. During our time in Taunton, we were part of a large village church on the edge of the town. For the last two years, I have been studying full-time at Trinity College in Bristol, where I have also had the privilege of being a part of two very different church communities in Clifton.

I love being outdoors; walking, off-road running and cycling are some of my favourite things to do so I'm very much looking forward to exploring the wonderful hills and countryside of the Peaks – Guy is particularly excited about getting to know the local rivers.

I am so thrilled that God has brought us to serve and learn under Adele's guidance in your wonderful communities and am looking forward to all He has in store over the next few years.

See you very soon,

Lisa

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Many of you may already have seen Rev Margaret Slyfield in the White peak Parishes. Rev Margaret is currently Associate Minister in the Buxton Team but will hopefully be joining the White Peak Benefice soon to assist Reverend Adele in the White Peak, particularly with Chelmorton, Earl Sterndale and Taddington.

Margaret has written the following introduction: I live in Tideswell, sharing a house with my mother. I have 5 children and 3 grandchildren. I love spending time with family, listening to music and reading. I am a self-supporting minister (SSM), so I work part-time in the mornings at Markovitz in Tideswell.



I was ordained in Derby Cathedral in 2014. I served my curacy in Buxton, then licenced as Associate Priest to the 6 churches there.

I strongly feel that as children of God, lay and ordained, we are called to play a part in God's mission in our part of the world.

We have gifts and talents and are to use our God-given gifts for the benefit of all, so that we can grow and feel nurtured in our faith through learning and discipleship.

I am excited for the future of both benefices under Adele's leadership. As the team continues to grow, this gives more possibilities for ministry in our benefices.

I look forward to getting to know you better over the coming months.

Events Since Our Last Issue

Bishop Libby at United Benefice Service – Youlgreave



Bishop Libby preached an inspiring sermon challenging us to set our watches to 11.26 the following morning and talk to someone we were with about our faith. At least one person did this with a remarkable result!

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD PROJECT AT YOULGREAVE ALL SAINTS'

Last October we heard from the headteacher of our primary school that children were going to school hungry as a result of the rising cost of food. Our church is situated next to the school and we decided it would be an ideal place to provide support for those who needed it. We called it a community cupboard because we knew more than food would be needed; we also wanted to emphasise the 'community' aspect. We saw it as a strong element of our mission.

With the aid of some generous donations, we have been able to build on it since then. Our feelings are mixed; our hearts are sad that it should be needed in today's world and in our country; but we are thankful that we have been able to provide much needed support.

Although there is tight control behind the scenes in the management of the finance available and restocking, it is run on a 'bring what you can, take what you need' basis. Patterns are becoming evident as time passes; usage generally goes up in the last week of the month and it is heavily used in school holidays when children are not fed at school. It has also become evident that cleaning materials, personal toiletries, laundry powder, toilet rolls, baby food etc. as well as pet food are required.

We pray that we can fulfil the need for as long as there is one but that soon everyone will be able to afford what used to be considered basic entitlements.

Upcoming Church Events

Peter Robinson the Dean of Derby Cathedral will be coming to the Youlgreave Benefice in the summer – 30 July | 1.00 a.m.

Our Festival Churches

St. Michael's Church, Birchover



Sunday June 11 Open Gardens at Birchover with Hymns and Pimms at St Michael's at 2.00 p.m.

**St. Thomas's
Church, Biggin**
St Thomas's Day
Service, July 2nd



ECO CHURCH

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

In support of the work being done to positively impact our care for creation, St Giles Hartington received its Eco Church Bronze award in March. Congratulations to everyone involved in making this happen. The review team from A Rocha, who run the Eco church scheme, were especially impressed with the work St Giles has been doing with its wildflower area and the churchyard Walk of Words.

St Giles joins St Thomas's Biggin in achieving Bronze and will continue to develop further plans towards achieving Silver certification in 2024 – with a particular focus on reducing energy usage and options to move to a green energy supplier.

Recent work to install bird and bat boxes in the churchyard has also been a highlight of the Eco church work with the boxes being built by Hartington Young Peoples Activity Club (HYPAC), a great example of getting children involved in caring for nature and our environment.

Another way that both churches and individuals can show their support for our environment is by committing to the use of Fairtrade products. Fairtrade works with farmers and workers so they can improve their living standards, invest in their communities and businesses, and protect our shared environment.

Becoming a Fairtrade place of worship requires churches to commit to the use of Fairtrade products (tea, coffee, sugar etc) and encouraging members of the congregation to do the same – for more information on how to do this, visit www.fairtrade.org.uk

Finally, for our latest Eco tip, with summer now on its way why not take part in this year's No Mow May campaign? Leave all or some of your lawn unmown for the month of May and free the wildflowers in your lawn so they can grow wild and provide a feast for pollinators, tackle pollution, and lock away atmospheric carbon below ground.

WHAT'S ON

Wyns Tor Singers Summer Concert, with flautist Katy Strudwick Sat 13th May 7:30pm All Saints' Church, Youlgreave

Wyns Tor's chamber choir, the Wyns Tor Singers, invite you to a summer concert in support of the Youlgreave church toilet fund.

The choir will perform an exciting and varied range of sacred, secular and folk music, from medieval times through to the present day. This will include favourites by Byrd, Palestrina, Rutter and Chilcott, and also recent compositions by Peter Malcolm, the choir's founder. The choir will be joined by our guest flautist Katy Strudwick, accompanied by Andrew Marples. Katy

is well known as a teacher and performer throughout Derbyshire. She will play pieces from Bach to Bernstein, taking in Chopin, Rossini and others along the way. Andrew Marples is the driving force behind numerous musical groups and events in Chesterfield and further afield, and together they make wonderful music. Do join us for this fun evening of fine music, and support much-needed improvements to the church facilities – Tickets £10 from Youlgreave Village Shop, Youlgreave Post Office, or on the door.

CHELMORTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL



Festival service of words, music and songs

Sunday 23rd July - 6.30 pm

We need your suggestions!

If you have a favourite item, hymn, other song, poem, short reading or piece of music that relates in some way to the overall theme of the 'Circle of life' (because of the history exhibition in the church, and the change of monarch, this seemed like a good theme) please e-mail ideas to Rev Adele, who will be leading the service, on revdadele@gmail.com, or David Race, on davidrace51@outlook.com and we will try to include as many as possible.

ST LEONARD'S MONYASH

Our next service will be at 4.00 pm on Sunday 14 May when Revd Adele will be conducting a Songs of Praise service that will also be attended by members of our village school, staff and their families.

St Leonard's has level access, is wheelchair and child friendly, with toilet facilities and on street parking. You will all be most welcome to join us.

We are also planning a Pets Service with Revd Adele. It will be on Sunday 11 June at 4.00pm.



Should be fun!

BELLRINGER TASTER SESSION



In Youlgreave we have members of our community (not necessarily churchgoers) who are expressing an interest in learning to ring the bells. There may be others who would like to join in so we are considering holding a 'Bellringing Taster Session Day' sometime over the summer – perhaps at Hartington or Youlgreave – let me know if you would be interested in this Anne Cooper – Editor on jlac784@hotmail.com

FINDING OUT MORE

Diocese Discipleship Course – this is available for anyone who is interested – do look at the posters for further information – three people have already signed up.

We hope to hold a **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** for the United Benefices later in the year. When we have received a date from the Bishop's office we will let you know and there will be a confirmation course running for preparation and reflection. If you would be interested in exploring confirmation please contact Adele to find out more.

Finding us online

Each of our ten churches across the two benefices has a website which provides a helpful source in information about the church, including service times, news, life events (i.e. baptisms, wedding and funerals), church history and contact details, including safeguarding. To find out more about your local church, please select one of the following links:

St Thomas's, Biggin	St Michael & All Angels, Middleton-by-Youlgrave
St Michael's, Birchover	St Leonard, Monyash
St John the Baptist, Chelmorton	St Michael & All Angels, Taddington
St Michael & All Angels, Earl Sterndale	Holy Trinity, Stanton-in-Peak
St Giles, Hartington	All Saints, Youlgrave

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We are here to be and to make followers of Christ

'Come, follow me', Jesus said. (Mark 1 verse 17)