

# Stillington News

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January 2023

## ST NICHOLAS CHURCH BURNS NIGHT SUPPER



With Ceilidh Band -  
**FIDDLERS WRECK**

Friday January 27th 2023  
Stillington Sports and Social  
Club - 7pm

**Traditional Scottish  
4 course Supper**

**Ticket £25** - available from the  
P.O. in January

## The Tuesday Pop In



We reopen the doors  
of the Village Hall on

**TUESDAY 12th January at 10.30**

To welcome friends old and new with  
warming drinks, tasty treats and lots  
of interesting chat with of course much  
laughter.

**Do come and join us and enjoy the  
warm welcoming atmosphere every  
week from 10.30 until 12 Noon.**

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We are looking for one or two more  
paper boys and girls to join our  
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shop by 7.15am on schooldays to do a  
round that takes less than 30 minutes  
to complete. You'll earn up to £23.50  
for a full week including Saturday  
mornings.

**For more information, contact  
Howard Williams by text/phone:  
0771 332 4125**

**A Happy New Year  
to all our customers**

Please email contributions for  
the **February** issue to  
[news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org)  
by **Wednesday 18th January**

## Parish Council Notice

The Parish Council would like to make  
villagers aware and invite their  
feedback on a decision to either 'keep  
and maintain' or 'remove' the old  
Stillington bus shelter. The bus shelter  
is currently used as a store for the  
village sandbag supplies but has not  
been used as a bus shelter for many  
years. Repairs to the roof are currently  
necessary and these would be at some  
considerable cost to the council.

A decision as to whether the shelter is  
'repaired' or 'removed' will be made at  
the February council meeting. Anyone  
wishing to comment can do so directly  
to the council clerk Nigel Knapton at  
[clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk) or  
attend the council meeting on  
Wednesday 1st February - 7pm.



## Quiz at the Sports and Social Club

Very well done to the village team of  
Adryenne Hope, Mark Green,  
Margaret Price and Margaret  
Grimshaw for their December quiz  
success and £271 was raised for the  
Royal British legion.

**January quiz on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> will be  
for the Bowling Club.**

## King Charles Coronation – Saturday 6th May 2023

How shall we celebrate? Everyone is  
Welcome to the first planning meeting  
in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th  
January at 6pm to hear and discuss all  
your ideas.

## STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

*The Council meeting was on Wednesday 7th December 2022 in the Village Hall with Cllrs; Tim Drew (Chairman), Christine Cookman, Tracy Sinclair, Richard Smyth & Robert Churton together with 2 members of the public.*

### Public Session

Matters discussed were the current coffee pod on the Village Hall Car Park (which the Council were in agreement with) and inconsiderate parking causing obstructions on the footways.

### Kissing Gate

The repair of the kissing gate on North Back Lane has been completed.

### Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

Quotes for the three posts and two signs had been requested from approved companies.

### Policies

The twenty new draft policies have now been edited by the Chairman and these would be on the next Council agenda.

### The Old Bus Shelter

The potential cost to repair the roof on the old bus shelter, currently only used to store sand bags was a concern and the village would be consulted on the future of the shelter through the newsletter and a decision would be made at the February meeting.

### Website

A meeting was still awaited with the web designer for the new website.

### Dementia Friendly Parish

Cllr Sinclair had discussed the matter of becoming a dementia friendly parish with the Parish Pastoral and the way forward was contact with the surgery.

### Village Maintenance

The weeds still growing through the surface of the footway on High Street had been reported again to NYCC Highways. The hedges in the Old Church Yard required cutting and this would be arranged with contractor.

### Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th January 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Agenda items would include the grass cutting contracts and the review of the policies, grass cutting tenders and communication with the Surgery Practice Manager

*The meeting closed at 8.03pm.*

*The Clerk to the Parish Council: Nigel Knapton at [clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk)*



## Stillington Surgery is moving clinical systems in January 2023.

From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January we will have a reduced service for a few weeks whilst we move over from Emis to SystemOne. We apologise for the disruption this may cause and ask for your help and understanding in making this transition as smooth as possible.

### Prescriptions

Hopefully most of our patients are aware of the steps we have put in place regarding prescriptions to ensure we get as many prescriptions to patients as possible in a timely manner over this period. A reminder if not please request your prescription as normal in December, we will retain this repeat and issue another month's supply to cover you for January. The dispensary will let you know when this second month's worth is available to collect.

### Appointments

From 16<sup>th</sup> January we will be offering a reduced number of routine appointments and will focus on urgent care on a daily need-based approach. This will assist in reducing the delay to getting back to normal service after we have switched systems. Please bear with us during this period and contact other providers such as pharmacists if appropriate.

### Patient Access

We are not currently registering anybody for online access as when we move clinical systems any patients accessing their record or making requests through Patient Access will be stopped and will need to re-register.

We recommend you register for online access through the NHS App as this will continue during and after the transition period.

### Patient Registration

We will cease from registering any new patients from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 until after the clinical system migration (25<sup>th</sup> January 2023).

## Weather Report – December 2022

### Rainfall

The second half of November was just as wet as the first half, hence the monthly total, of 101mm, was 50% up on the average. The hosepipe ban has now been lifted!

The first twelve days of December, by contrast, have been mainly dry, only 7mm so far.

### Temperature

The mild weather of early November did not last the month out. By the end, temperatures were back to more typical winter levels, though they did not go below freezing until we were into December.

By the end of the second week of December, we were in the middle of a really cold spell. Overnight on 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> it fell to – 3.8°C and did not rise above 1.5°C the next day. By the 12<sup>th</sup> the temperature in the shade remained below zero all day. But we have had no significant fall of snow so far. Not much sunshine in November, a mere 80kWh generated by the solar panels. **MT**

**Polite Notice** - Pavement parking is once again becoming problematic in and around Stillington - in particular on North Back Lane outside Stillington Surgery.

Cars parked on pavements force people into the road, which is particularly dangerous for many, including blind and partially sighted people, parents with pushchairs and young children, wheelchair users and others who use mobility aids. Pavement parking also contributes to the issue of loneliness as some people struggle to leave the house if they aren't able to use the pavements.

Please can all motorists be more mindful and considerate when parking their vehicles.

**Your Village Defibrillator is kept in the Church Porch Available 24/7. A second Defibrillator is at the Sports and Social Club near the Squash Court entrance. No code needed.**

**\*Remember: Call an Ambulance, start CPR, get the Defibrillator - it will tell you what to do\***

## Stillington School News



You will probably be aware of the successful collaboration between the Foston and Terrington CE Primary Schools Federation and Stillington Community Primary School. The arrangement was originally put in place to support Stillington in addressing the “inadequate” Ofsted grading, given in 2016, and to build up pupil numbers to a sustainable level. Through the collaboration, this has been achieved and Ofsted now rate the leadership and management of the school and the quality of the early years provision as ‘good’. Everyone continues to work hard to achieve the grade of ‘good’ overall. Foston and Terrington Schools have also benefited from greater staff-development opportunities and sharing of professional expertise, which have had positive effects on teaching and learning for all the children.

Governors are delighted that North Yorkshire County Council and the Diocese of York are now able to support the three schools in their desire to consult on forming a new Federation of all the schools. This means there will be a formal six-week consultation of staff, parents and local communities regarding this proposal. The consultation is due to start in the New Year when detailed information about the proposal and how to share your views will be available from the school, on our website, and at Stillington Post Office. As part of the consultation process there will be a parent and local community meeting for each of the schools - **Stillingtons’ is at 6pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the school.**

### VILLAGE OIL SYNDICATE

After a great deal of thought, I have decided that I shall no longer be ordering oil on behalf of the village syndicate. I have carried out this task for about 25 years and I feel that the time has now come to step back from this responsibility.

Consequently, members of the syndicate should, in future, place their orders for oil directly with their chosen supplier.

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and support in the past.

**Maureen Linton**

### Farewell to the original Stillington Village Oil syndicate

There will be a significant number of us who owe a big Thank You to Maureen Linton for organising an Oil Syndicate buying group nearly 25 years ago. The bulk buying opportunity offered individual customers a considerable financial saving per tank fill-up. Maureen already had good relationships with local oil suppliers and this was maintained throughout. The original communications were by telephone and follow-up reminders for those of us who hadn’t responded. Not everyone will know that Maureen continued during ill health and partial recovery. Ordering the deliveries has become more fraught with the recent oil price fluctuations and now will be a good time to retire. We thank Maureen for being so patient with us all.

Maureen’s customers will have the choice to continue ordering direct from their local supplier or to join the alternative Stillington Oil Cooperative (part of the Lower Swale Oil group). To join contact Tim Drew 01347 811572 or Peter Coomer 01347 810891 [stillington@swale.org.uk](mailto:stillington@swale.org.uk)

### THANK YOU

Anne Cobb would like to thank everyone for all the cards and good wishes she has received and would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year

### WI Carol Service

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December Stillington and Farlington WI hosted the Forest of Galtres group of WI’s Carol Service at Stillington Methodist Chapel. Members from Tholthorpe, Easingwold, Brandsby and Skelton came, and a member from each group read a passage from the Bible completing the Christmas story. We sang some of our favourite carols accompanied on the piano by Diana Mitchinson, and began and ended with some prayers lead by Robin Jackson.

Of course, it wouldn’t be a WI function if we didn’t finish with a cup of tea and something to eat!

Our collection of £121 was for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and we raised some more funds for them by selling off the surplus mince pies.

**Our next meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023** when we will be hearing from Andrea Wood about healthy nutrition during the winter. Weather and roads permitting

**Your editors are: Emma Johnson & Tracy Sinclair. If you would like to contact us please do so using the Stillington News email. If you would like to make a donation to the Stillington News you can do so either by BACS: Stillington News; Account no: 41651089; Sort code: 09 01 54 or sending cheques to 1 Chantry Gardens, Stillington, YO61 1NF**

### Stillington Wanderers

Early December walk was from Newburgh Priory lakeside and a road walk eastwards to the Yearsley / Ampleforth road. Bare hedges showed the empty bird nests; the maturing woodland had winter berries & colour whilst a herd of belted Galloway cattle spared no time following a field vehicle with chance of feed. Walkers returned along part of the disused railway and past the wide range of vintage farm machinery which used to form part of a Farming Museum; some items under shed cover, others hidden under vegetation. **Next walks are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Meet 9.30am outside the White Bear.**



## Village Hall Diary - January

Sun 1st	Bakery Pod	10am - 3pm
Tue 3rd	Indoor Bowls	1pm - 5pm
Wed 4th	Parish Council Meeting	6pm
Thu 5th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Fri 6th	Primetime	1pm - 3pm
Sun 8th	Bakery Pod	10am - 3pm
Mon 9th	Bridge Club	1.30pm - 4pm
Tue 10th	Tuesday Pop In	10am - 12pm
Tue 10th	Indoor Bowls	1pm - 5pm
Wed 11th	WI	7pm - 9pm
Thu 12th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Fri 13th	Primetime	1pm - 3pm
Sun 15th	Bakery Pod	10am - 3pm
Mon 16th	Bridge Club	1.30pm - 4pm
Tue 17th	Tuesday Pop In	10am - 12pm
Tue 17th	Indoor Bowls	1pm - 5pm
Wed 18th	Ladies' Lunch	11am - 3pm
Wed 18th	Stillington Community Archive	7pm - 9pm
Thu 19th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Thu 19th	Stillington Community Association Meeting	3pm - 5pm
Fri 20th	Primetime	1pm - 3pm
Sat 21st	Private Meeting	10am - 3pm
Sat 21st	Stillington Community Association Volunteers Party	6pm - 10pm
Sun 22nd	Bakery Pod	10am - 3pm
Mon 23rd	Bridge Club	1.30pm - 4pm
Tue 24th	Tuesday Pop In	10am - 12pm
Tue 24th	Indoor Bowls	1pm - 5pm
Wed 25th	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thu 26th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Thu 26th	Village Hall Committee Meeting	7pm - 9pm
Fri 27th	Primetime	1pm - 3pm
Sun 29th	Bakery Pod	10am - 3pm
Mon 30th	Bridge Club	1.30pm - 4pm

These events may be subject to change or cancellation.

Please check the online calendar for up to date information

<http://www.thevillagehallstillington.org/calendar.asp>

How can you book your Village Hall?

The best way is through the contact form on our website. Alternatively Text, or WhatsApp, 07726421287

## Stillington Sports & Social Club

Applications are invited for the position of Secretary of the SSSC, commencing April 2023.

The duty entails attending one meeting on the third Tuesday evening of each month.

You will be part of the management team of the SSSC. As well as producing Minutes of the meetings, the other main duty is dealing with club correspondence.

The vacancy is due to our current Secretary retiring after many years of service. For further details please contact:

**Dennis North Tel. 810245**

## Countryside Notes January 2023

Tuesday 13th December: A very cold day with the temperature only rising briefly to 1C and back down to -2C by 5pm. After a few days of frost, and a forecast of more to come, we take badly to these extremes, as prolonged frost seems to lie in the distant past: like when the market gardener's horse pulled the snowplough round the village pathways and a local farmer's orange Case tractor ploughed the snow off the roads before the council gritters (men armed with shovels on top of an old tipper lorry) got to work. In those days, the Royal Mail made a delivery on Christmas Day (no strikes then).

How things have changed in our lifetimes. The machine has taken so much of the hard manual work away from us on the farm, hands have become softer and cracked fingers and thumbs have become, for the most part, but a memory. Pulling and cleaning and chopping roots for stock feed is no longer a hand and back aching job, if it can't be done by machine forget it and adapt or change the system. Old men soon become nostalgic so I must move into today's world. Today, a pair of Herons flew over our frozen pond and looked well as they foraged in the grass paddocks where the frost had not penetrated too deeply. The Grey Heron is a poor name for so colourful a bird, with slate blue plumage with black ends to the wings, a white neck with black spots and a white belly. It reminds me of a school master with a mortarboard, which is its long crest.

Their leisurely flight on big broad wings seems effortless because they tend to be a bit of a bag of feathers. Soon the Heron will be heading back to a Heronry, where they lay their sky-blue eggs on a platform of branches in a treetop with many of their mates in February, for they are early nesters. I don't know where the nearest Heronry is, but I believe there was or is one at Helmsley and there was one at Naburn.

From the big to the very small now, as last week I found a Harvest Mouse nest on the ground, having fallen from some Fat Hen plants nearby. The grass ball, the size of a golf ball, was not old as some of the grass leaves were still fairly green. I hope the occupant has survived the loss of its home alright.

I had been thinking that I hadn't seen any evidence of these little fellows for a few years, so I was pleased. Soon after writing the last copy, I saw a Mistle Thrush chasing some Collared Doves. I guess the Thrush had made a decision as to where to nest and didn't want any intruders. They, like Herons, nest early, but in the fork of a tree with no camouflage are rather aggressive towards intruders of their territory. The old name for these thrushes is Storm Cock for they get vocal before a storm breaks.

Returning from shopping tonight at 5pm near the Wiggington Road roundabout a number of geese flew over the road. The lights of workshops and traffic lit their light-coloured parts to silver and made a beautiful sight for this weary, hungry shopper. Have many Happy Safaris and enjoy this special season of Christmas. Best wishes too for the New Year and enjoy what strikes and politics can't take away from us.

**R & M**



New Year; new...?

I wonder what your attitude to the New Year is. For some it may be about making new resolutions to live better, do better and generally be more positive. Some of you may have vivid recollections of previous New Year resolutions ending in failure and frustration and have given up on such youthful ambitions, I know I do!

As we begin the New Year, it's only natural to think about all the personal goals you would like to accomplish over the next 12 months. Entering a new year is like turning the page of a book or (quite literally) starting a new chapter where new beginnings and unexpected twists await. That said, how often are those promises really kept? Instead of dreaming up more grand New Year's resolutions this January, you could try turning to God's Word for guidance instead. The Bible is filled with lots of New Year's Bible verses about love, hope, and overcoming obstacles, which might just inspire the way you want to live your life this coming year. For example, if you want to feel more content and practice gratitude for the blessings you've been given, try focussing on renewing and deepening your faith in God. Commit to saying a prayer once or twice a day and really being in the moment; go to church once a week if you don't already; or read a passage from the Bible each morning over a cup of coffee. Even if you're already a devout follower of Jesus, try spreading his word far and wide this year whenever an opportunity presents itself. Challenge yourself to grow even closer with the Lord and see how He rewards your relationship in return. With so many New Year Bible verses on hand, you can pray for God's blessing in the months ahead, celebrate the life you already have, and walk confidently into the New Year with a fresh perspective. Let me quote just one of those lovely promises contained in God's Word, that we can hold onto as we live through 2023.

**"So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17**

The Good News is this: Out with the old, in with the new. Christ is here to lead us into a brand-new year, where we can start fresh with a brand new, positive mindset. So as we begin our journey together through this New Year, may our eyes be opened to where the Light is shining and may we walk towards the Light, that we may look forward to better times. May we never forget or try to erase the One True Hope we have in God through Jesus Christ, who brings security and safety of being to all life, both now and always. Every blessing to you all, in the name of Christ. Amen.

## Eco Top Tips from St Nicholas' Church



Every month the Eco-Working Group at St Nicholas' Church gives a few handy tips for every household to understand and control their carbon

emissions, as an act of love for Christ's creation and our fellow human beings. For January, then:

### January - Around the home

1. Ensure your heating is switched off at night and when you are away from your home (except in sub-zero conditions), and save 500kg CO<sub>2</sub>e a year. Don't heat rooms you don't use: turn the radiator off and close the door.
2. Read your meters monthly to check how much fuel you are using. This kind of monitoring can save your fuel bills and also up to 250kg CO<sub>2</sub>e a year, as you keep a closer eye on your energy use.
3. Find out if you have any unfilled cavity walls and (if yes) have them filled. This extra insulation can make a significant difference to the comfort of your home and save over 1 tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e.

**FILM AFTERNOONS**  
**Thursday 19th January**  
**2pm at the**  
**Methodist Church**  
**Come along and enjoy good**  
**company, a film and of course**  
**refreshments. For details Tel**  
**810250**

### 200 club results with apology for the unavoidable delay

#### October

1st Mr G Cookman 2nd Mr and  
Mrs G Hill, 3rd Mrs C  
Mackinlay.

#### November

1st Mr N Hutchinson, 2nd Mrs  
M Price, 3rd Mrs G Dent.

#### December

1st Mr H Silcock, 2nd Mrs P  
Clark, 3rd Jean Linfoot.



## SGC NEWSLETTER – January 2023



### Christmas Party

By the time you read this I hope many of you enjoyed our celebrations. A big thank you to all those who helped with the food and to Andrew, Janet and David for the quiz. If you were not able to come to the party, I hope it is not too late to wish you a very

Happy Christmas and the very best for the New Year.

### January Speaker

On Wednesday 25 th January our guest speaker is Dr Margaret Atherden. Her topic is "Roadside Flowers".

Dr Margaret is a retired lecturer from York St John's University. She is Chief Executive of PLACE - People, Landscape and Cultural Environment a voluntary organisation. She clearly has a passion for nature and has written several books. Her talk is about the flowers that grow on our verges and should be very interesting.

### Visits 2023

Tom Curry is thinking about visits in 2023. It is hoped to arrange a trip to Scampson and/or York cemetery, you will remember the excellent talk we had last year. Do you have any other suggestions or recommendations Tom could follow up on?

### Gardening Tips-January:

If you need a bit of relief over Christmas here are a few jobs in the garden to get you out of the house.

1. Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls)
2. Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding
3. Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops
4. Trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted
5. Take hardwood cuttings
6. Keep mice away from stored produce

**Robert Churton**

## CHURCH SERVICES - January

### St Nicholas, Stillington

**Priest:** Rev Stephen Whiting **810251**  
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**Canon Emeritus:** Robert Law **810940**  
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### Worship in Church

No booking is needed for worship in church: just like the old days!

**Sun 1st** Benefice Holy **10.00am**  
Communion at Sutton.  
No service in St Nicholas'.

**Sun 8th** Morning Prayer (sung) **10.00am**  
Bring the family.

**Sun 15th** Holy Communion. **10.00am**  
We now go up to the  
communion rail again.

**Sun 22nd** Morning Worship. **10.00am**  
Come and see how well we do.

**Sun 29th** Ecumenical Service **10.00am**  
at St Nicholas', with the  
Methodist Church.

### Visiting the church

The church is open every day. As a rough guide this is "in office hours". Come and see.

### Prayers for the village

These are every Thursday at 9.00am. If you would like to join us or if you would like prayers said for anyone or anything please contact Margaret Price (811262; [pricehm870@gmail.com](mailto:pricehm870@gmail.com)).

**Holy Communion at home** Would you like to receive Holy Communion at home? If you are not able to come to Church on a Sunday morning would you like a visit at home? Do make a phone call to arrange a convenient time. Margaret Price 811262.

### From the Parish Registers

Tuesday 23rd August saw the internment of the ashes of Sheila Hope.

There was a Thanksgiving Service held on the 15th September for Gillian Sanderson in the church of St Nicholas.

There was also a Thanksgiving Service held on the 12th December for Janet and John Garrett in the church of St Nicholas.

### St Nicholas Church Rota

January 2nd to January 14th

**CLEANING** Mrs P Clark

**BRASSES** Mr J Clark

January 16th to January 28th

**CLEANING** Mrs J Martin

**BRASSES** Dr D Martin

## St Mary's Marton

### Church Contact:

Caroline Hunt **878242**

[martonintheforest@gmail.com](mailto:martonintheforest@gmail.com)

Sue Whiting **810251**

### Wishing you a Happy New Year!

We had lovely feedback from our Carols by Candlelight. What a joy to be back in Marton Church singing carols again!

In 2023 we hope to apply for our first Eco Church award. Wildlife and environmental themes seem very relevant to the beautiful surroundings at Marton Church so we want to ensure that we are good stewards and make decisions that will have a positive impact. If you would like to complete an anonymous questionnaire about your ideas and opinions on environmental concerns and ethics, there will be paper copies in church throughout January, or you can email us for a digital copy at [martonintheforest@gmail.com](mailto:martonintheforest@gmail.com)

Weather permitting, our next services will be a **Celtic Evening Service at 3pm on Sunday 8th January and a Celtic Communion at 3pm on Sunday 22nd January**. Please check our Facebook page or A Church Near You website or phone Caroline on 01347 878242 for last minute weather updates!

As always, Marton Church and churchyard are open daily to visitors.

Do let us know if you would like us to pray for you - email [martonintheforest@gmail.com](mailto:martonintheforest@gmail.com), phone **Caroline on 878242** or leave a prayer card on the font in church.

## Villages Together

### Methodist Church

#### Minister:

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**Stewards:** Robin Jackson **810250**

[robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com](mailto:robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com)

### Villages Working Together

#### JANUARY 2023

**Sun 1st** at Easingwold **10-30am**

Communion service

conducted by Rev David Bidnell

**Sun 8th** at Alne Hall **3pm**

Rev David Bidnell

**Sun 15th** Rev David Bidnell **10-30am**

Covenant Service at Husthwaite

**Sun 22nd** at Stillington **10-30am**

Mr Robin Jackson.

**Sun 29th** Candlemas **10am**

United service at St. Nicholas'

## St Leonard's, Farlington

### Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting **810251**

[benefice.admin@gmail.com](mailto:benefice.admin@gmail.com)

### Church Wardens:

Sally Wright **878745**

Richard Haste **878581**

[richardhaste@btinternet.com](mailto:richardhaste@btinternet.com)

**Welcome to 2023 – we wish you a very Happy New Year.**

We start the new year with the first in our cycle of services which relate to the farming year – highly appropriate for a church within an agricultural community. This is Plough Sunday on January 8th. In medieval times ploughing started on the first Monday of Epiphany, the first working day after the twelve days of Christmas. The communal plough was often kept in the church and getting it out at the start of the year was a cause for celebration. Our Plough Sunday will celebrate the start of the farming cycle; seed and the ploughshare will be blessed and then we follow-up with a warming ploughman's lunch in the church. There is no charge for the lunch but donations will be welcomed. Why not come and join us – it starts at 10.30am.

Services in January :

**Sun 8th** Plough Sunday **10.30am**  
service followed by a

Ploughman's lunch

**Sun 22nd** Holy Communion **10.30am**  
(BCP)

### Glad Tidings of Good News

On Sunday, November 20th St Leonard's operated the market café at Sheriff Hutton Village Market. It was an intensive 6 hours but raised the splendid sum of £873 for church funds.

We wish to thank everyone who helped on the day or who baked the wonderful cakes.

Then, On December 2nd we ran our widely-renowned Grand Christmas Prize Bingo in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall. It was a great evening – give or take a short breakdown in the technology – and raised a further £735 for the church. We give our thanks to everyone who contributed prizes for the event and the band of people who 'made it happen.'