



St. Martin's Church

Jesus makes the difference!



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024



SERVICES

1ST SEPTEMBER
ALL AGE SERVICE

8TH SEPTEMBER
Benefice Service with
Bishop Eleanor

15TH SEPTEMBER
Morning Praise

22ND SEPTEMBER
Holy Communion
Rev. Liz Kitching

29TH SEPTEMBER
Rhythm of Life

OUR MISSION

- To proclaim the Gospel message
- To be kingdom-minded people, actively involved in the mission of Jesus in the community.
- To be people who are disciples, transformed by the power of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- To be prophetic people who worship in Spirit and truth.

SEPTEMBER REFLECTIONS WITH JEAN BELL(CTD. FROM AUGUST)

Many hymns celebrate how an Omnipotent God, who has created the universe and all that is in it, can also care for us, understands our weaknesses and forgives our transgressions. One of my favourites, sung at my wedding 72 years ago is "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" which tells, 'Fatherlike he tends & spares us. Well, our feeble frame he knows. In his hands he gently bears us. Rescues us from all our foes.'

The powerful hymn "Amazing Grace" written by John Newton who was involved in the slave trade, tells how no-one is exempt from his redeeming love. One night when his ship was in a violent storm, he cried out to God for mercy and went on to become a Vicar. Some hymns directly ask God for his help, as in "Eternal Father strong to save." the hymn of fishermen.

Some hymns tell a story, especially Christmas Carols, such as, "Once in Royal David's City.", "While Shepherds watched their flocks by night.", "T'was on a Starry Night", the list is endless. "Good King Wenceslas" reminds us to care for others not as fortunate as ourselves, as God cares for us. Easter hymns too tell a story, "There is a green hill far away" which remind us of the great sacrifice Jesus made for us.

A favourite hymn of my mother's was, "What a friend we have in Jesus" In which we are told not to worry about things we cannot change, but to put our cares into the hands of Jesus. "Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer." "Will your anchor hold" is another hymn where we are encouraged to trust God in times of stress and trouble, to keep a strong faith, just as an anchor keeps a ship safe in a storm.

Finally, we come to hymns of comfort when a loved one is no longer with us. Most songs of praise fulfil this purpose, but some are more specific than others. "The Lord is my Shepherd" is a reminder that God is with us all the way. "Thy rod & staff, they comfort me." "You lead me through green pastures" are lovely comforting images.

Now like Ted Hughes "Thought Fox" my pages are filled. I'm sure you would like to add your list of favourite hymns to mine!

BIBLE READINGS

1ST SEPTEMBER

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9; Psalm 15;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

8TH SEPTEMBER

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10(11-13)14-17; Mark 7:24-37

15TH SEPTEMBER

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

22ND SEPTEMBER

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:37-8a; Mark 9:30-37

29TH SEPTEMBER

Esther 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22; Psalm 124,
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

6TH OCTOBER

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

NEW VICAR

We are pleased to share that Claire Soderman will be joining us as our new Vicar in the Autumn.

Please pray for her as she prepares to move to our Benefice.

Her Collation service will be on 7th October 2024.

We are looking forward to welcoming her.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

6TH OCTOBER 2024

10AM AT OUR ALL-AGE SERVICE

Nonperishable gifts will be donated to Westway Open Arms.

Monetary gifts will be donated to The Rainbow Centre.

Women of the Coastlands: Rise up
A New Wine day of encouragement and empowerment for women

Worship:Teaching:Ministry

Saturday September 21st

9.30 am – 4pm

St Martin's, Seamer

Speakers: Miriam Thurlow

Jo Parker

NewWine
Local churches changing nations



No fixed charge for the day – donations appreciated. Bring your own lunch.

PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of our church life, please join with us in prayer for:

1. For Tim and John, our Church wardens.
2. For our new Vicar, Rev. Claire Soderman as she moves to Seamer and our Benefice. Her Collation service is Monday 7th October

EVENTS

Monday	Men's Group	7:30pm fortnightly	
	Ladies Group	7:30pm fortnightly	Church Room
Tuesday	Prayer Meeting	10:00 AM	Church Room
Wednesday	Little Sparks (Mums and Tots)	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Church Room <i>Contact Wendy Haslam</i>
	Open Church	1 to 3 pm	Main Church Building
Thursday	Coffee Morning	10AM – 12PM	Church Room
	Warm Room	12PM – 2PM	Break for August
	Flourish Ladies Meeting	2PM	St John's Church, East Ayton <i>Contact Deborah B 01723 862 547</i>
Friday	Brushstrokes	Closed – need someone to run	
Saturday	Open Church	10 AM – 12PM	Main Church Building

CONTACT US

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