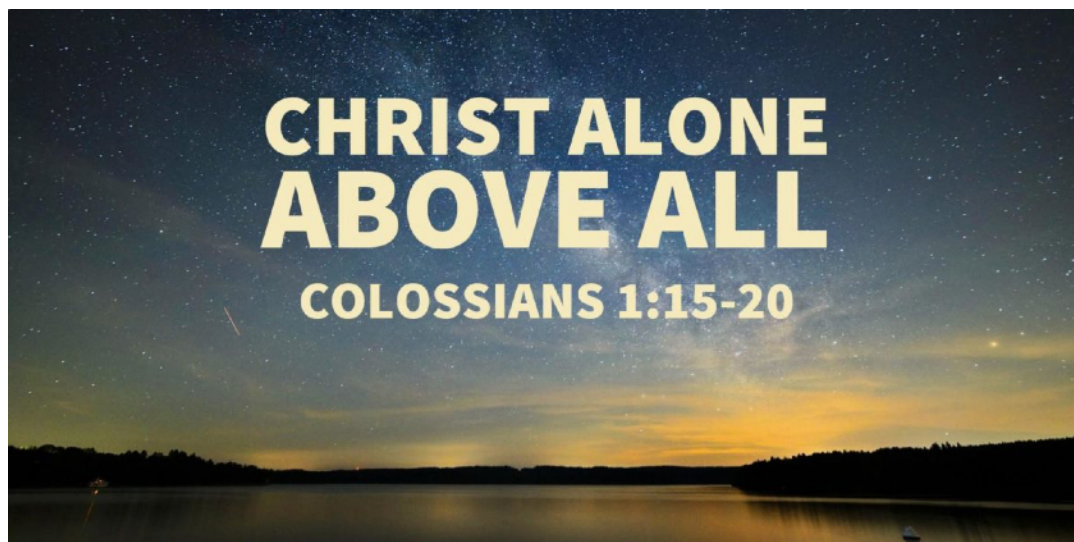


# The Rambling Rector

Definition: *A White Flowering Climbing Rose Or A Vicar With No Sermon Notes!*



## Christ is indeed above all things!

Despite lockdowns and not being able to meet, Hannah Robinson, our Centenary Project Worker, has continued to work behind the scenes with our young people and families. Along with her dedicated team of helpers, in both Finningley and Rossington parishes, they have done an amazing job to ensure contact and support have continued.



In a letter received this week Helen Cockayne, project manager, sent us some encouraging statistics about Hannah's work to share. They show there were:

- 205 children and young people registered in groups in the last 12 months.
- 1516 additional contacts in the last year with children and families outside of the above groups.
- 7909 contacts with families and children through social media **in the last 3 months** and this excludes Hannah's normal church social media posts.

Helen Cockayne writes, "So much of the Centenary Project's work takes place outside of our Sunday worship and it is good to continue to share all of this with your parish so it can be held in prayer."

So, please continue to pray for Hannah, the team, and of course the young people and families.

### THIS WEEK



**Not 1, but 2!**  
Staying Snug



**Exposé**  
A Canny Lass



**News**  
Your News and  
Stories



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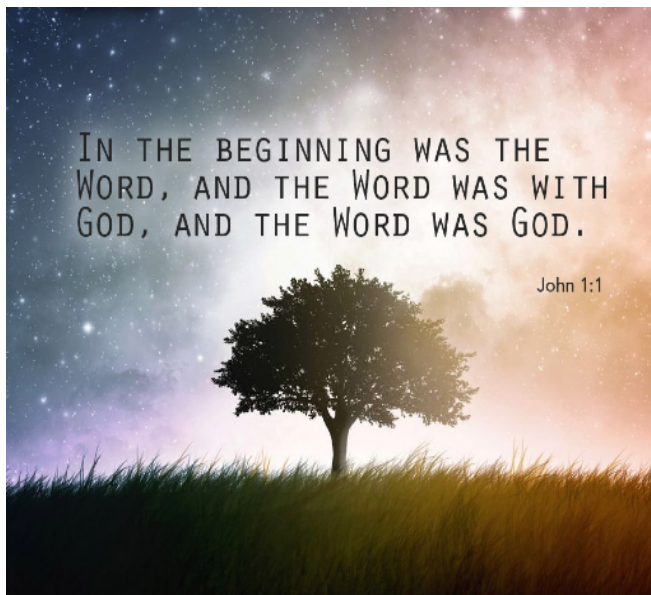
# Bible Readings

## Colossians 1:15-20

**15** The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

## John 1:1-14

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



**6** There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.

**8** He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

**9** The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. **11** He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. **12** Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - **13** children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

**14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever. Amen



## A Reflection by Rev Neil

### A Little Background

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people – the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel - Colossians 1:3-5

It seems things are going well in Colossi. But, all is not as it seems because Paul is concerned about a lurking danger involving the Colossi Christians. It appears they were trying to combine the Christian message with other religious practices that they knew.

To take it to an extreme, a little like the church saying today: *'God forgives you because Jesus died on the cross, but only if you worship the polar bear at the wildlife park, roll one trouser leg up, and proclaim you are the king or queen of the planet zorg.'*

### Back in Colossi

This was the picture back in Colossi where a group of people, probably Jewish Christians, were urging the Colossian church to adopt certain religious practices, which Paul condemns as not only unnecessary, but harmful, as they led to a false religious pride.

Additionally, some misunderstood the Christian faith as a religion into which a person could be initiated by going through certain rituals – i.e. you can be a Christian if you do x,y and z.

It was a challenge for some Christians, brought up in these cultures, to grasp that Christ's death was sufficient for their salvation, after all, the Jewish faith was about obeying a long set of rules. They needed to fully understand, as Paul wrote to another church *'...we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law.'* Galatians 2:16 NLT

### Complete in Christ

But there was work to do, because there were a few things about the Church in Colossi that worried Paul.

One aspect seems to be their fascination with new ideas and concepts, as if they were trying to add bits to Jesus' good news.

Perhaps they liked something about Jesus, but wanted to mix in some other philosophies and ideas too,

because simply following Jesus seemed... well, too simple.

However, verse 19 Paul says, *'For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,'* and these words take away any room for mixing up their belief systems. Jesus, he says, is the fullness of God. That means everything about God – his power, his love, his justice – everything is poured into Christ.

Paul is entreating them to see they are complete in Christ.

- He's the one in charge,
- He's the one who started it all,
- He's the one who God chose
- He's the one who redeems people.

If they [we] have met Jesus then they [we] have met God, in all his fullness. And that's his main point...

### Understanding Too Small

It seems the Colossians' vision of Jesus was just too small – so Paul seeks to remind them that:

- He's the image of the invisible God (v 15).
- He's over all creation (v 15).
- Everything was created by him and for him (v 16).
- He was before all things and everything holds together in him (v 17).

Who else was ever described in such terms? And it's through his death on the cross and the shedding of his blood, that they [we] can be reconciled to God.

### Here Is Your Purification

Remember two weeks ago when I wrote about the water into wine? Well here is that purification Jesus was pointing too, and Paul reminds the church on Colossi.

Jesus sheds his own blood for their [our] forgiveness. This is how they [we] are clean. This is how you [we] enter the Kingdom. This is how you [we] are forgiven

Through Jesus giving himself for them [us], to be their [our] purification.

### Response

I wonder if this message from Paul to the church in Colossi could just have easily been written to the Church in England; to the Church Worldwide.

The ONLY thing we need for our salvation is Jesus – nothing else.



## IN DEPTH



A canny lass from the NE who finds certain things a 'Liddle' ...yuk! It's Reader and Natterer Margaret Liddle

**What was your least favourite food as a child?**

Liver (and mine!! Ed)

**What is the worst job you've ever had?**

Plucking a chicken!

**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

A polar bear. (Commonly seen on the ice floes around Morpeth)

**Tell us something we don't know about you.**

I carried the local pit banner at the Northumberland Miners Picnic.

**What's the most exciting thing you've done?**

Flying around Conisbrough Castle in a helicopter opposite the open door when I don't like heights!

**If you performed in a circus, what act would you be?**

The ring master of course!

*"Whey-Aye-Man.  
I love a party!"*

*"Cool. Why's that?"*

*"Because it's so  
easy to break the  
ice!"*



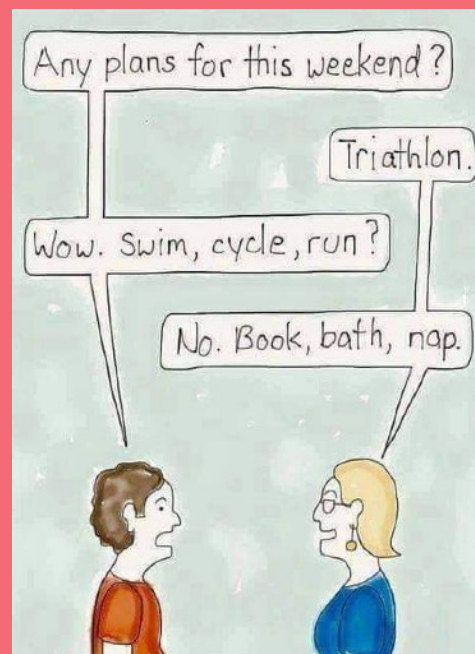
## 10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror.
2. You can't count your hairs.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried No.3.
6. When you did No.3 you realised it was possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You are smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped No.5.
9. You just checked to see if there is a No.5.
10. This caught out the editor!

## MORE ON EXERCISE

Lying around, pondering the problems of the world, I realise that, at my age, I don't really care anymore.

I mean, if walking is good for your health, then the postman/postwoman should be immortal. A whale swims all day long, only eats fish and drinks water, but is still fat. A rabbit runs and hops, but only lives for 15 years, whilst a tortoise doesn't run, does mainly nothing, yet lives for 150 years. Yet they tell us to exercise!





During last weeks Bible Study Group we discussed what resources might help us to spend more time with God over Lent. So, below we have listed some resources, and we will continue to update them.

If you would like any further information about any of them, then please do get in touch.

### Social Media

- Sheffield Diocesan Prayer Community, Facebook, Monday-Friday 7:30-8.00am, Saturday 8.00-8:30am
- Lou Fellingham, Come and Sing, Facebook and YouTube, Wednesday 8:30-9.00am
- Lou Fellingham, Coffee Morning, Facebook and YouTube, Saturday 9.30-11.00am

### Online

- Finningley & Auckley Lent Course. 7.00pm Tuesdays during Lent
- Pete Greig - Looking at Prayer on YouTube

### Apps (for phones or tablets/iPads)

- Lectio 365 - daily devotional
- Bible app - verse of the day and themed Bible plans
- Bible in one Year

### Books

- The Bible from Scratch by Simon Jenkins
- Soul Fuel, A Daily Devotional by Bear Grylls
- Soul Fuel for Young Explorers by Bear Grylls (children and young peoples version)
- How to Pray by Pete Greig
- Bible in a Year

### Radio

- Premier Christian Radio

### Worship Music (Contemporary)

Lyric videos available on Youtube

- Hillsong
- Elevation Worship
- Cory Asbury
- Soul Survivor
- Phil Wickham



Our Ash Wednesday service this year will be online at 7.00pm. For those unable to access Zoom, we have put a short prayer below, which you can use in your own home.

Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall  
return.

E C C L E S I A S T E S 3 : 2 0

Dear Lord,  
As we enter this solemn and holy season, I pray that you would send your Holy Spirit upon me that I might prepare myself for these coming 40 days of Lent.

Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, I do seek to humble myself so I can understand the magnificence of your love for me as you humbled yourself and gave your life on the cross that I might receive the gift of eternal life. AMEN.

TURN AWAY FROM SIN  
AND BE FAITHFUL TO  
THE GOSPEL

## Staying Snug



Thanks to everyone who has donated wool for Kay's fundraising knitting and for all the orders - almost £200 has been raised so far. But more orders are needed - the church's monthly income has fallen significantly since the pandemic hit us and don't forget; we're still paying for the re-ordering!!

Alongside the gloves and hats, Kay has added scarves to her 'portfolio'. Everything is available in sizes to suit all age groups with lots of colours to choose from so please contact Kay or the parish office to order.



## Butternut Squash Soup

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1 oz butter  | 1 med onion, chopped            |
| 1 med butternut squash, peeled, seeded and chopped | 1 large potato, chopped         |
| 2 generous pinches ground nutmeg                   | 2 pts vegetable / chicken stock |
| Salt and freshly ground pepper                     | (made with 2 stock cubes)       |

### Method

1. Melt butter in a large saucepan and cook onion until softened.
  2. Add vegetables and nutmeg. Cover and sweat over a low heat for 10 minutes.
  3. Add stock and bring to boil.
  4. Cover and simmer for about 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
  5. Cool slightly then puree in a liquidiser and return to pan. Alternatively cool slightly and use hand held liquidiser in pan.
  6. Season to taste and reheat.
  7. Top with chopped fresh parsley / chives to serve. (optional)
- This also freezes well. Defrost and reheat to use.

*NB although it seems to separate when defrosted it all blends together well if you stir it as it reheats in the pan.*

## FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ZOOM

If you're unable to Zoom then we have resources available. If you would like fresh copies of Morning Prayer then please just give Neil a call who will be happy to mail them out.

In addition, the Church of England also has the following free Daily Hope line too..





# SENT IN BY YOU

Jenny Webb encourages us that ...

In less than 5 weeks,  
it'll be March.  
Daffodils 🌼, sunshine  
☀️, warmer days 👗,  
longer days 🌈 & new  
beginnings 🐣 🐑.  
Keep going everyone,  
we can do this ❤️ ❤️ ❤️



And in Mary and Des Wright's garden the  
Which Hazel is flowering despite the frost  
and woodpeckers are visiting

Jean Cheetham wrote this little ditty following her  
COVID jab at home.

Two smiling ladies at my door  
Armed with needles that's for sure  
I said come in, take a seat  
I bared my arm, ready for a quick retreat.



Wendy Groves forwarded this...

The earth lay hard and cold and still,  
The sky was dark and grey;  
The wind blew cold and chilled our bones  
A dreary winter's day.  
But then a break across the clouds,  
And soon the sun appeared.  
It quickly lifted hearts and minds  
And sadness disappeared.

The wind remained as strong and chill;  
The earth still seemed asleep,  
But suddenly we felt new hope  
The road was not as steep.  
A little sunshine gives us joy  
Just as a smile can do,  
So catch the sunshine when you can  
And share a smile or two!

By Iris Hesselden

# My Auntie Bess

**Some more about Auntie Bess from Alan Whitehall. I must apologise to Alan, and our readers, as I managed to get excerpts one and two the wrong way around. So this week, we have the first part. Sorry! Ed.**

When I was about fourteen years old my sister Elizabeth moved to live in Doncaster. One Saturday she was going to a football match and her husband Charlie to work on the railway. We thought it wonderful when Charlie gave us six pence. It was freezing weather and the railway buffers were frozen. He had not got them parted when the train moved – killing him. They had been married two years. My sister Ethel went to Doncaster where she stayed to be company for Elizabeth. She found work and the family thought it was a lovely place to go for holidays.

Down the road towards Goad- by- Marwood there were tanks in a field ready for sheep dipping. The water from the brook was dammed and the sheep dipped in disinfectant. We would go and watch getting in the way and smelling of disinfectant.

Mr. Chapman had a blacksmiths shop and we liked to see him fit the steel rim on the wooden wheels. There were two police houses near the crossroads with a plaque showing this poem.

“Oh Lowe Son and Cobbold  
Our hearts you do cheer  
Through supplying the world  
With such excellent beer  
And though to our grief  
From Chartreuse we’re turned out  
We shall lesson our sorrows  
By drinking your stout.”

My father was uncle to Harry Kelham who lived at the bottom of Mill Lane. He was a carpenter and wheel wright who made coffins as well. They always kept a pig and all peoples waste scraps were given to feed it. They boiled large pots of pig taters and we could smell them when they were boiled.

My Auntie Bess was in her seventies when she wrote “Life in the village”. She was assisted by my mother, Ethel. They lived in Wymondam, Leicestershire but Ethel was brought up in Waltham-on-the-Wolds. Bess was the eleventh child of George and Lisa Kellam. Sadly I never knew my maternal grandparents. In 1940 Bess married Earnest Roythorne. They were married in the church of Mary Magdalene by Cannon Robson. Earnest joined the Home Guard and worked for Lord Gretton for 31 years at Holgate Farm. More about Ernie in the next few weeks.



Waltham-on-the-Wolds



# Prayer & Prose

## Truth Encounter

*(Luke 4:1-14, John 17:17, James 4:7)*

Led by the Spirit  
And tempted by the devil  
He wandered in the wilderness,  
Hungry  
And focussed on God,  
And the truth and power of His Word.  
Truth and power enough  
To resist His enemy and ours.  
To go on – armed with the Spirit –  
To give His life,  
To give us life.

A lesson in tactics then:  
Know the truth,  
Submit to God,  
Resist the devil  
And our wildernesses will blossom.  
We will bear fruit,  
Fruit to be known by  
As His.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## Love

He held her close in his arms' embrace,  
Their eyes and their lips did meet,  
He looked down into her lovely face,  
And her heart did faster beat...

They went to the kirk and it came the day,  
And the book the priest did take;  
He in his kilt was so bright and gay  
As his promise he did make.

She stood at his side so white and fair,  
Her white fingers fair to give,  
The priest handfasted them then and there,  
And he blessed them long to live.

O God give the joy and God the love  
To those who are lovers true,  
Shed down benediction from above  
As in one are joined the two.

*From Prayers of the Western Highlanders*



All that I am, Lord

**I place into your hands.**

All that I do, Lord

**I place into your hands.**

Everything I work for.

**I place into your hands.**

Everything I hope for

**I place into your hands.**

The troubles that weary me

**I place into your hands.**

The thoughts that disturb me

**I place into your hands.**

Each that I pray for

**I place into your hands.**

Each that I care for

**I place into your hands.**

**I place into your hands, Lord**

**the choices that I face.**

**Show me the way that is plain and safe.**

# Centenary Project Youth Worker Newsletter

## Hello!

Happy February, one step closer to Spring, lighter evenings and spring bulbs bursting through - better days are definitely coming. I hope that yourself and your families are all doing well, particularly during this period of 'lockdown.'

In January I was able to join an online two day conference, Limitless Leaders, where I joined with 200 other youth and children's workers to share about ministry in the new world, why detached work is the new youth club, from sit and watch to signs and wonders, from mono-generational to multi-generational ministry, from a few gifted leaders to the priesthood of all believers and why you shouldn't quit even though you feel like it - very encouraging and a lot to think about.

I've also got further training coming up on 'Breaking County Lines' learning more about how to prevent vulnerable young people becoming victims of trafficking for the purpose of moving drugs. I'll also be joining the Limitless Learning Community and taking part in a youth work focus group with The Church of England National Youth Evangelism Office in the coming weeks.

To begin the year Centenary Project sent out statistics and information regarding my funding to my line managers, highlights include:

- 205 young people registered in activities across Rossington and Finningley in 2020
- 1516 additional contacts with children, youth and families outside of regular group activities in 2020
- September to December - Reached 7909 people with online and social media posts. This does not include our regular church postings, just those connected with CP work



### Prayer Points

- For all those who work in schools managing online learning and in person teaching for vulnerable children & key workers children
- For those homes that are not happy homes, where children and young people are at risk
- For charities providing technology support to those without access
- Giving thanks for the wonderful volunteers who prepare to take on more as I make plans to go on maternity leave
- For all young adults, for whom it will be difficult to find employment

## Cafe 3:30

### Monthly Family Cafe Style Church

The January packs were delivered to 24 families, 38 children, and were themed on Noah's Ark this month. They contained two craft activities, a Noah's Ark made from a paper plate complete with animals and a Noah's Ark made from lollipop sticks, a rainbow prayer activity, the usual activity sheets and a bit of the Noah's Ark story. We will continue with the monthly packs until a time when Cafe 3:30 can resume face to face, which the lovely team will resource and run whilst I'm on maternity leave.

## CATALYST Youth Group

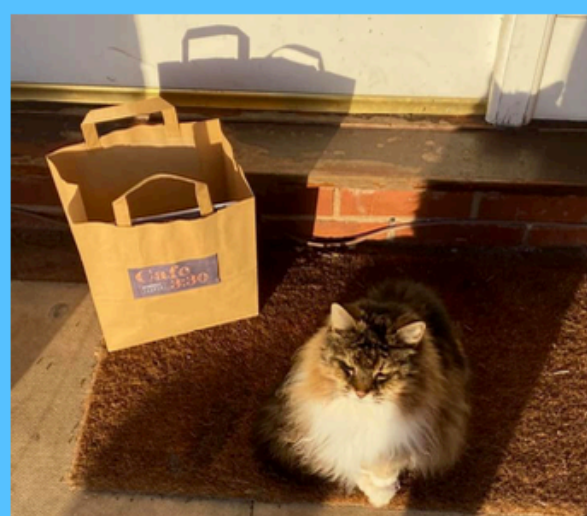
### Fortnightly Outreach Group

We are continuing to meet online, beginning with catching with the young people, sharing short reflection then some kind of game. One of the games we did this month was an at home scavenger hunt which involved giving them a random home object to go and find and the first one to bring the object back to the screen won a point, I was very impressed that all the adult volunteers joined in! We continue to alternate sessions with one being a different game each time, then the other being the much loved online phone game Among Us. Whilst on maternity leave the volunteers have committed to sending half termly postcards to 21 of the young people that we have addresses for, as well as sending them Birthday cards. Online CATALYST will stop, but will be reviewed in September when I take a 'keeping in touch' day.

**With love and blessings,**

**Hannah Robinson**

**Youth & Family Worker**



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## POP QUIZ

There are 30 pop groups hidden in this picture. Can you find them.

I'll give you one of them: The Eagles

Chocolate for anyone who get's all 30!  
Send your answers to the parish office!



*Quarantining in church had its drawbacks. Two days in, the biscuits were gone, and Rupert was hungry.*

### Parish Office

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We also have a parish WhatsApp group. If you would like to join please text Hannah Robinson on 07875 500555