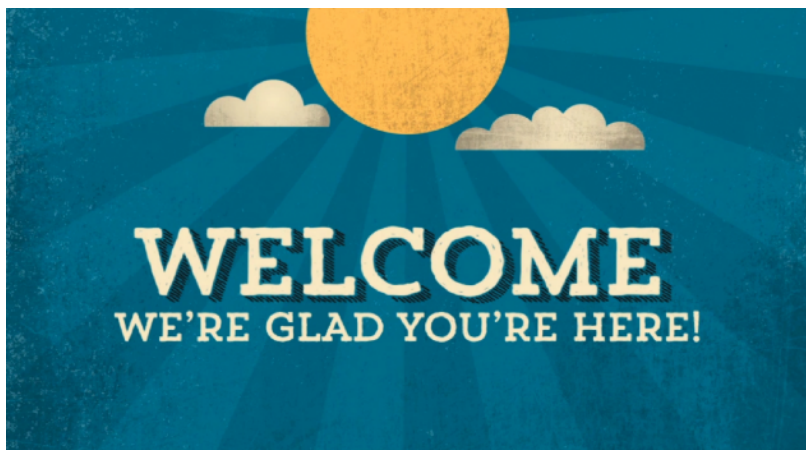


# The Rambling Rector

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



## A HUGE WELCOME TO CAROL LEE

As you know this year Carol should have been joining us this weekend as our new Curate. Sadly, COVID-19 means this won't now happen until the autumn, possibly September, but not to be thwarted the Bishop hatched a cunning plan! To allow all the candidates to begin ministry in their new parishes they have been issued with a Bishop's License.

So, on Saturday afternoon, via Zoom, Carol, and the other curates-in-waiting, were licensed by +Pete as Parish Lay Workers. Perhaps not the start Carol or anyone else was expecting, but nonetheless, it will be wonderful to get to know Carol over the next few years as she shares with us and develops her ministry in Finningley and Auckley.

Carol officially begins this Sunday, and will be leading our reflection. Obviously the current situation means much of our normal activities are suspended, however, if you get a phone call from someone purporting to be the curate designate... then it probably is!

As we know, Curates aren't an extra pair of hands to do the work the Rector doesn't want too, rather they're here to learn and develop their ministry. Nevertheless, I know that as Carol learns from us, we will learn from Carol too.

I'm really looking forward to working with Carol, and I'm sure, when we can, we will all get together, have a huge welcome and a bit of a bun fight too!

So please pray for Carol, that God would bless her and continue to guide her as she begins this new chapter in her ministry. Neil

### THIS WEEK A Good News Edition

#### Good News



#### We Can Welcome Carol

#### Good News



#### We Can Have A Wedding

#### Good News



#### The Church is Open and Always Has Been



## HANNAH & STEPHEN WEDDING SPECIAL

Cut Out And Keep Wedding Celebration Pages



# Bible Reading

## John 1:35-42 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### The First Disciples of Jesus

**35** The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, **36** and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" **37** The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. **38** When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" **39** He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. **40** One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. **41** He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). **42** He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

## Reflection from Carol Lee

I am really excited about serving you as a curate, and have already enjoyed being able to join you for your services, albeit via zoom.

I am currently a Bereavement Midwife and my husband, Simon, is a doctor working in the care of the Elderly. We have 2 cats-one who has reached the grand age of 20, and live in Kirk Sandall. For relaxation and fun we enjoy learning ballroom and Latin dancing, however our efforts are less strictly and more like carry on dancing.

I finished my training at St Hild College, Mirfield, earlier this month and this weekend is when the ordinations would usually have taken place. However, instead I am being licensed as a Lay Minister on the afternoon of June 27th. Having booked a week of work, anticipating a spa day with mum, lunch with the Bishop of Sheffield and a pre-ordination retreat, instead I have had a week enjoying the glorious, but rather too hot, sunshine and spending time with Simon.

Many people have had a part to play in my faith journey. In the reading today we have heard how Andrew and Simon Peter came to be followers of Jesus. Andrew made his decision after seeing Jesus walk past and hearing Him described as the 'Lamb of God', by John the Baptist. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew's first action was to find his brother Simon, and tell him 'We have found the

### PRAYER FOR TODAY

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Messiah', he then took him to meet Jesus. Simon, who Jesus named Peter, also then became a follower.

Andrew did not at this time have a full understanding of who Jesus was, but had realised that his encounter with Him was significant and something he wanted to share with others. Simon Peter met Jesus because of Andrew. We too are called to share our faith, to lead others to Jesus, even when we don't have all the answers.

Although I don't remember a time when I did not believe in God, it was around the time of my confirmation, at age 13, that my faith deepened and became a more personal commitment. This was something I wanted to share, and opportunity was given through helping at Sunday School.

Later opportunities included helping to lead a Christian Youth Group, Koinonia, for around 10 years from the mid 1980s. A chance meeting with one of the former members of this group, whilst at Spring Harvest in the early 2000s, challenged me to think again about what God was calling me to do, and on reflection probably kick started me on the road to ordination.

Messy Church, All Age Service and other opportunities have continued, and it is through being given opportunities to try new things, and ongoing encouragement that have led me to where I am today.

I have certainly not always managed to get things quite right, including my attempts, during my training, to lead a 1662 Sung Evensong at Doncaster Minster. The Choir Masters loan of a tuning fork was not particularly helpful, and after the service one of the choir commented that I need to discover my inner diva! I am still working on that.

The witness of others, lay and ordained, has been very important in helping me develop a deeper and stronger faith. Not all of have been part of my journey for long periods of time, or realised the impact they have had on me.

I doubt Andrew when he introduced his brother to Jesus, would realise Peter would become the rock on which Jesus built his church. When we share our faith we do not always know how the message has been received, or where it will lead. Who can tell when a casual conversation may lead to a deeper exploration of faith, and a personal commitment to follow Jesus. We may be just one small piece in a person's faith journey, but still an important piece. Think about your own journey of faith and those who have played a part in it. Will you be a part of someone's faith journey in the coming week?



# THE CALL

## Celebrating The Marriage Of

Hannah Elizabeth Redeyoff  
and Stephen Christopher Robinson



The  
engagement  
picture

## Rectory Revelation

This week we reveal Hannah's wedding dress. Please don't show the pictures to Stephen!

Having spent months going through What Bride magazine, Hannah chose this striking blue crochet halter neck dress, with shaped bodice and very full round skirt. Designed and made by Doris' Dolls of Ramsbottom. Here is the final version of the dress.

Beautiful, I'm  
sure you'll  
agree.

Also comes  
with giant loo  
roll. Handy if  
we get locked  
down again!



## FRUSTRATION TURNS TO JOY

**This week frustration turned to joy** for Hannah and Stephen as Boris Johnson announced that Weddings could take place from 4th July with 30 guests!

So, on that day, at 2.00pm, they will marry in Finningley Church.

Sadly, not everyone they wanted to be present can be included due to the number limit. But, if you would like to, you are very welcome to listen to the service outside via the speakers, or watch the live stream on the internet. If you do come along, then please socially distance from each household.

It's been a very busy week. Two different presenters from Radio Sheffield got in touch, so Hannah did one in the week, and Neil will do the other this Sunday. Look North wanted to film the whole thing, but instead will be interviewing Hannah, Stephen and Neil on camera next week, and there will be a slot on Saturday evenings news. The national BBC rang, they too wanted to film, but instead, Hannah and Stephen will now be on Radio 4 this coming Sunday. Lastly, 3 different journalists from the Times also wanted interviews! In addition, they had to obtain a Common License as Banns couldn't be called.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported them through the frustrations, with encouraging words and offers of help. It has been very much appreciated.

We all want to wish Hannah & Stephen all the very best for their wedding day and married life together. We pray God would bless them, keep them and protect them, and be the third strand in their married life together.



## How It Unfolded

We all know that lockdown meant lots of sacrifices for everyone, including those wanting to get married. For Hannah and Stephen their wedding was all about exchanging marriage vows before God, family and friends. Any party afterwards was simply an add on.

So, they were hopeful, that as promised, small weddings would be permitted when phase 2 began. Sadly it didn't happen, but, you could go to Ikea and buy a sofa, which seems totally bonkers! So, Hannah set off on a mission, conveying her frustration to Bishops, media, and politicians across the country - tweeting, posting, emailing and appearing on radio. Father-in-law to be, Chris, started a petition to try and get the question raised in parliament, and it gathered momentum. Finally the day came that Boris made the announcement.

Did Hannah's mission for marriage have any impact on the decision making. Well, just see below!



## Finally Hannah. Don't Be Late!!



## You've Seen The Dress Now See The Groom

If you're in the military you can wear your uniform when you marry. Stephen reasoned he was on the front line in the battle against COV-19, so he too will be wearing his uniform.

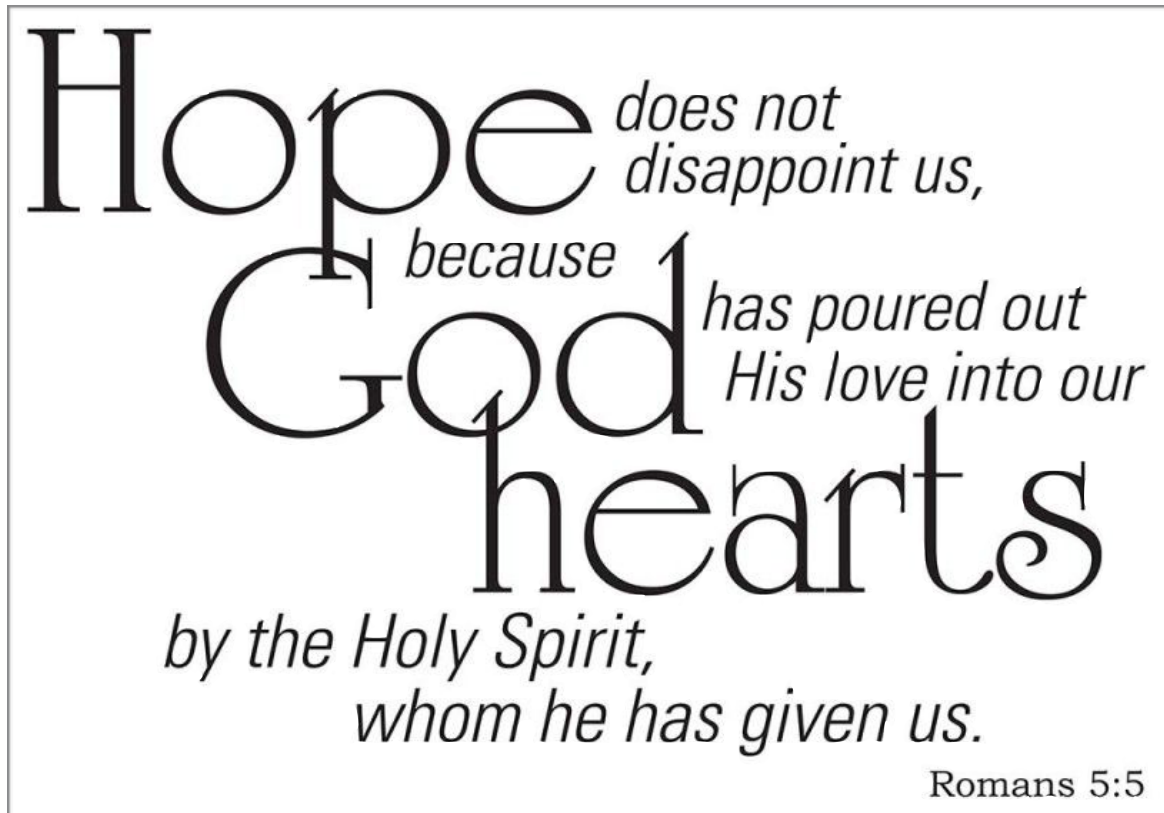




# ST OSWALD'S ACADEMY

St Oswald's Academy began to reopen for pupils this last week. They've sent us some photos to share and some are so cute!





## The Church Is Open...

### And Always Has Been

This week hopes were raised as the government announced that churches could re-open from the 5th of July. Church hasn't actually been closed though just the building, because the church is of course the people of God. However, we have been given the opportunity to look at re-opening our buildings for public worship.

I know many of you will be delighted with this, as it's been a trying time being away, and I too have missed our Sunday mornings together. But whilst there is real hope that things are returning to 'normal', the reality is we're still quite a way off.

It's not a case of just throwing the doors open on the 5th, it's much more complex than that, and we have to comply with all the legislation and guidance laid down. This has placed a lot of restrictions on what we can and can't do, and we're still awaiting further guidelines from the government in addition to what we already know.

The Bishop's have told us that 'just because we can, doesn't mean we should' open our buildings. Rather, the safety and wellbeing of everyone must be our first priority. With that in mind, I can say that we won't sadly be able to re-open the doors on the 5th July. I know this may come as a huge disappointment, but it's simply not possible without having all the information, and working out how we work around the practical implications.

So, I'll now give the details of what we know a church opening for Holy Communion will mean.

## OPENING FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP – HOLY COMMUNION

### Conditions to be met before any form of public worship is resumed

Further guidance is on the way, but this is the guidance already available on the Church of England website. Among the steps that must be taken before public worship can resume in our church buildings are the following:

- a. A risk assessment must be made – we've done this bit.
- b. No accessories (hymn and song books, service booklets, collection plates etc) can be used which would be handled by more than one person. Leaflets can be printed for single use (ie, to be taken away by those who use them at the end of a service).
- c. Social distancing must be observed (the 2 metre rule should **not** be collapsed to '1 metre +') and insurers are likely to advise caution here. There is no universal maximum number of those who may gather for worship – the maximum must be determined locally by risk assessment, to ensure social distancing. Which means 24-34 at Finningley and 13-16 at Auckley. At Finningley we won't all fit, how do we decide who can come and who can't?
- d. No singing is permitted.
- e. Gatherings are expected to be kept short, **without** mingling for fellowship afterwards. (In essence, risk increases with duration)
- f. No refreshments can be served.
- g. The peace cannot be shared, additionally no shaking hands or hugging.
- h. Hand sanitiser should be made available at the entrance and exit of the church building, and those who gather should be asked to use it as they arrive and as they leave.
- i. Contact details of those who gather should be requested and recorded on arrival, so that we can help with the 'track and trace' programme if any case of the virus is linked to a church service. (NB: no-one can be required to supply their details, only requested.)

### Holy Communion

- a. **The common cup remains suspended**, as does the sharing of the Peace. Communion is therefore in one kind for now.
- b. The bread may be administered from the hand of the celebrant into the hand of the recipient, **but both are asked to wash / sanitise their hands before and after the administration**. Both the celebrant and the recipient are asked to keep their arms at full extension at the moment of administration to maximise the distance between them.
- c. People are to come to the rail and **remain standing**, and maintain 2m social distancing.
- d. Peculiar as will be for priest and people alike, we are advised that during the eucharistic prayer, if the celebrant is speaking over the elements, which we all do, **a face-mask should be worn**.

This isn't an exhaustive list, but perhaps gives an idea of some of the things that need to be worked through and put into place before we reopen the building.

Please be assured though, that as soon as we have all the information, both PCC's will be working to try and move things forward for everyone. In the meantime, it will need to be a Zoom service on the 5th.



## WHEN AND WHERE WE'RE ON THE BBC



We mentioned earlier that the media have shown interest in Hannah & Stephen getting married on the 4th. As the Vicar is flexible, and they knew how to get a Common Licence then it's likely they'll be one of the few couples getting married that day. Add to the mix that Dad is also the Vicar and it makes an interesting addition.

So over the next week, if you want to listen or watch, here are the details:

**Radio 4:** Hannah and Stephen are on BBC Radio 4 between 7:10-7:45am this Sunday morning as part of the ethical and religious segment.

**BBC Radio Sheffield:** Neil is on BBC Radio Sheffield this Sunday after the bulletin, around 8:35am.

**BBC Look North:** On Friday 3rd July in the evening Hannah, Stephen and myself will be on BBC Look North, with a snippet of the wedding being shown on Saturday evenings bulletin too.

## Live Zoom Services

Don't forget that every Sunday at 10.00am we are using Zoom to join together to worship. If you are unsure about using Zoom, then Hannah is more than happy to guide you through initial set up and have a practise run before the Sunday service. Please do get in touch with Hannah at [hannahredeyoff@live.co.uk](mailto:hannahredeyoff@live.co.uk) or 07875 500555.

**THE DIRECT LINK TO JOIN AND THE MANUAL DETAILS ARE BELOW**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5963138891?pwd=WnFWVHlBbnhkLy9xZUVtMHp4V1J5dz09>

Meeting ID: 596 313 8891

Password: FABParish

## Parish Office

Telephone: 01302 770240

Email: [parishoffice@fabparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@fabparish.org)

Web: [www.fabparish.org.uk](http://www.fabparish.org.uk)

Facebook:   finningleychurch                   stsavioursauckley

Twitter:        @finningleycofe                      @auckleychurch

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