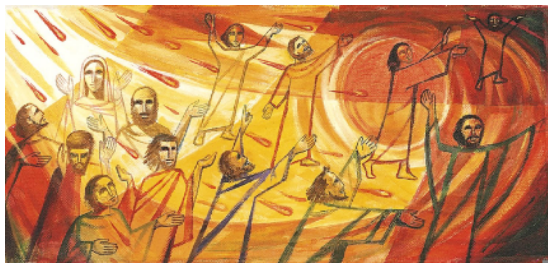


The Rambling Rector

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

LITE EDITION



Pentecost Praise

We will be holding an open air Pentecost Praise on Sunday 23rd May at 4.00 pm in Finningley Churchyard.

It's over 12 months since we were able to sing together, so we would like to know your favourite hymn or worship song by Saturday 15th May please at the latest. We can then dust off the cobwebs and sing with gusto!

We still face some restrictions, and so households/bubbles will need to sit together, the group of 6 will apply, and the current social distancing guidelines will need to be adhered to. we need to ask you to bring your own chairs please and as we're hoping the the weather is kind to us, you may want to bring a picnic for your household/bubble.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

This year our APCM's are as follows:

- Finningley - Tuesday 18th May at 7.00pm in church and on zoom.
- Auckley - Sunday 23rd May at 12.00noon in church and on zoom.

IMPORTANT

At this point the social distancing rules will still be in place, so if you would like to attend physically then please let us know so we can ensure there is a space, or you can join on Zoom using the usual Church sign in.

As the last ones were only back in October and COVID has curtailed much, we will only be having the statutory reports: Finance, Fabric, Electoral Roll, Deanery Synod, PCC Secretary's report.



Finningley Church Council Members (PCC)

Finningley has 9 elected places on the PCC and they each last for 3 years. This time we have 4 places available. We know that we need at least two brand new members this time.

So, as we hopefully head out of restrictions, and the Church has to regain momentum and explore new ideas. Please prayerfully consider if you could put yourself forward to help shape God's Church as we move forward.

If you'd like to know a little more, then please ask a current member, or Neil.

Finningley: Centenary Project Worker - Hannah Robinson

Hannah starts her maternity leave this coming Friday, 14th May, and returns to work on 28th March 2022. We pray for a safe delivery for Harry and Mum, and a guide book on how to change a nappy for Dad! We pray God's blessing will be upon you all at this exciting time.

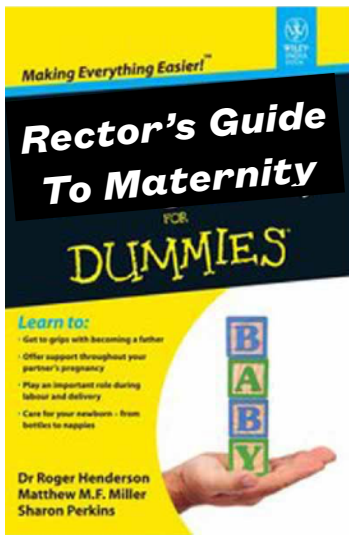


Practical Issues

We have recently been told that our final grant of £10,000 that covers Hannah's salary, and is paid annually, is going to be withheld now until Hannah returns.

In one way it is good news, as it effectively gives us more months before Hannah's funding runs out. However, it does mean that we will have to meet all the fixed costs connected with maternity leave, which come to £1500.

Could we please ask everyone to prayerfully consider if you could perhaps help us meet this unexpected amount by an extra donation. Anything you can give will be very much appreciated.



The Rector's (Dad/Neil's) Guide To Maternity Leave

Hannah's role is also a little confusing as she has a paid job, but also helps in a voluntary capacity.

So, primarily for her Dad, we have a guide to what will be happening!

Hannah's work emails- hannah@centenaryproject.org.uk won't be monitored, and only checked on 'keeping in touch' days from September onwards

- Hannah will be at the APCM and PCC meetings

- Church Social Media and website will be updated between nappies and feeding, so please bare with
- Please do stay in touch, have a chat, and share baby stories on Hannah's mobile number or on Facebook, but nothing work related please...send those to Neil!
- CATALYST Youth Group won't be meeting, but they will receive regular postcards from the team, birthday cards and we will explore potentially doing some drop ins from September
- Cafe 3:30 All our Cafe 3:30 families will receive packs for May, June and July pack, which Carol is putting together and will then distribute with Karen. We're praying that from September we can return in person with Carol, Karen & Neil organising.
- If anything children, youth or family related then please get in touch with Neil, Karen or Carol