

# The Rambling Rector

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

**LITE**

**As things begin to start up again and we plan further ahead, the Rambling Rector Lite returns as our Notice Sheet**

## This Week

### Sunday 10th

- 9.15 Holy Communion at Finningley
- 9.15 Service from Finningley Live on YouTube - search FABParish
- 11.00 Holy Communion at Auckley
- 12.30 Baptism at Finningley
- 3.30 Footprints Cafe Church at Auckley

### Wednesday 13th

- 10.30 Natter at Finningley

### Friday 15th

- 10.30 A fun day with some fungi! In Finningley Churchyard

### Sunday 17th

- Closing Date for Survey Responses
- 9.15 Holy Communion at Finningley
- 9.15 Service from Finningley Live on YouTube - search FABParish
- 11.00 Holy Communion at Auckley
- 12.30 Baptism at Finningley

### COVID Protocols

For everyone's health and wellbeing please observe the following protocols.

- Please sanitise your hands on entering
- Please wear a facemask unless you are exempt
- Please respect a 1m social distance
- If you are sat eating or drinking then face masks can be removed

## Safeguarding Sunday

**10th October 2021**

**This autumn, we join hundreds of churches across the country who together, will be turning a spotlight on safeguarding.**

**Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is all about creating an opportunity for churches to show their communities that they take this responsibility seriously.**

It's our chance, as a church, to use our regular Sunday service to explore together what safer places look like, and to thank all those working behind the scenes to make our churches safer for all.

## Coming Up

**We are planning to hold our annual Memorial Service on Sunday 7th November at 6.30 in St Oswalds.**

If you would like a loved one's name, who passed away in the past 12 months, including, then please let Neil know by Sunday 17th of October at the latest please.

If Margaret, Carol or Neil took their service, then we will ensure their names are included.





## Black History Month Celebration

**23rd October 2021**

Sheffield Diocese UK/ME working group is Celebrating Black History Month. This year's theme is: **Proud to Be Diverse?**

A day of celebrating our diversity in Christ as a people of God with shared conversation, music and worship.

The first guest speaker will be The Ven Karen Lund, Archdeacon of Manchester.

The second guest speaker is currently TBC.

**All are welcome!**

Starts at 10am, online via Zoom.  
(Email [Miriam.e.cavanagh@gmail.com](mailto:Miriam.e.cavanagh@gmail.com) for zoom code and password)

### **Fungi Foray with Doncaster NATS**

On Friday 15th October the Tricia and the Doncaster NATS will be in Finningley Churchyard searching for fungi.

If you fancy a foray into fungi then you are very welcome to come along at 10.30am.



N.B. the event could be put back a week or two due to the recent lack of said fungi! However, we're hopeful the rain may have rectified that!

So please call Tricia on 07884 197312 if you would like to come along and we can then ensure you have the correct date.

### COViD Survey

There has been a good response to the short COViD survey on line, and today we have provided paper copies.

We want to understand how everyone is feeling about the current protocols in both churches. Using the responses we will review them and work out any next steps.

We need your replies by Sunday 17th of October please, either physically or via email.

## Coming Up

Did you know that 2021 marks 100 years since the poppy was introduced as a symbol of remembrance?



Due to COViD, this years Remembrance Sunday is not possible in our church building. However, working closely with Finningley and Blaxton parish councils, and with the kind assistance of the licensee of the Bluebell, and Hill House School, the service will be held entirely at Blaxton War memorial.

We hope to begin at 10.45 and it will be slightly longer than usual. We will include hymns, the national anthem, a short reflection and of course an act of remembrance.

Afterwards the uniformed organisation are invited to send representative to Finningley Churchyard to lay the poppy crosses on the war graves.

We are awaiting full confirmation of the details and will of course let you know of any changes.

*N.B There won't be a service in our churches that day.*

# LEST WE FORGET

# COVID Review - October 2021

I thought it was time to ask again how you feel about the worship in our church buildings as we continue to move through this COVID pandemic.

So, it would be really help me in understanding how everyone feels if you could complete this short questionnaire please. If you could return it to me by Sunday 17th of October please that would be great - either physically or via email. ***If responding via email simply reply with a list e.g. Yes, No, Yes, Yes, No relating to the 5 options/questions***

Thank you for your input and help.

God bless,

Neil

First, there are somethings that we will be continuing.

They are:

- **Live streaming and recording the service on YouTube**
- **Asking that everyone continue to sanitise their hands**
- **Respecting social distancing for those who would prefer to.**
- Now we have a few options to think about, and they are based on the following statement:

If...

- ***The government don't introduce and new restrictions***

THEN I FEEL WE SHOULD...	YES	NO
1. Make the wearing of face masks a personal choice for all activities		
2. Continue as we are i.e wear masks for all activities unless exempt		
<b>In addition:</b>		
A. Are you ready for refreshments to be served at Finningley with suitable protocols in place?		
B. Would you be interested in social gatherings e.g. a quiz, performance?		
C. I would like to receive wine from the shared chalice i.e. everyone drinking from the same cup like we used to.		

- ***COViD rates remain similar to now or fall***
- ***All those over 12 eligible for a COViD jab have had the opportunity to do so***

***Then I feel we should...***



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Any other thoughts, ideas or comments?

Name : (optional, but will help Neil)