

# THE RAMBLING RECTOR

Holy Trinity & St Oswald, Finningley with St Saviour, Auckley



## What A Difference A Drought Makes

In 4 days, despite the threat of rain, 5 of us cleared the herbage from the summer meadow and adjacent areas, including the grass behind the church, in the new churchyard. We even managed to tidy up the overgrown kerbed graves in the western end. The area still needs mowing, and there are other finishing tasks, but they're for another day.

We left some long grass areas as refuges for wildlife. Some 7-spot Ladybirds have settled in for winter in the seedheads of Knapweed and Yellow Rattle.

While working, we spotted several butterflies, mostly white, but also Small Coppers and Brown Argus in one area of seeding Common Knapweed. We left this uncut in case they'd laid their eggs there.

In the western end, we found plant bugs, Dock Shieldbugs, a pair of attractively coloured Banded Snails, and various spiders, including a fast-moving spider with long legs and a tiny round black body and a yellow one that stood out against the stone.

Thanks to our volunteers, the churchyard autumn 'cut' was completed before the rain arrived. But most importantly, thanks to God for answered prayer and making it all come together smoothly.

This week marks the beginning of **Creationtide**, a time dedicated to God as the Creator and Sustainer of all life. Our work in the churchyard last week prepared it for winter rest, ensuring its rebirth next year to support God's creatures. While berries, seeds, and nuts sustain life, nature offers much more.

As autumn arrives, take time to immerse yourself in nature. If you can't go outside, sit by a window and observe the greenery. Nature's healing power lies in relaxation and observation.

If you're gardening this autumn, prioritise sustainability for all God's creatures. Take your time and enjoy the process. You may discover hidden treasures.

PTO for some pictures

## This Week

### Sunday 7th September - Trinity 12

9.15 First Sunday Focus - Finningley  
11.00 First Sunday Focus - Auckley  
3.30 Cafe 3:30

#### Bible Readings:

The Theme is:

"Does The World Still Need The Church?"

#### Monday

7.00 PCC - Finningley

#### Wednesday

10.30 Natter - Finningley

#### Friday

10.00 Coffee Morning at Auckley

## Next Sunday

### Sunday 14th September - Trinity 13

9.15 Holy Communion - Finningley  
11.00 Holy Communion - Auckley

**CAFE 3:30 Returns Today at...erm...  
3.30pm in Finningley Church.**

**Will David win over Goliath? With it take  
just one smooth stone? Will Neil be  
typeset as Goliath? Come and find out!**



Pictures from the churchyard cut



**FINNINGLEY CHURCH**

# TABLE TOP SALE

★ **FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER - 10AM - 12.30PM** ★

REFRESHMENTS

CAKE STALL

TOMBOLA

*and much more!*

## Christmas Wreath Workshop

**SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER**  
10.00am in Finningley Church

**TICKETS £30.00 per person**  
(Pay on booking)

Tickets include all the materials needed to create your very own Christmas Wreath with help and guidance provided.

*Please bring gardening gloves and secateurs*

Tickets available from Linda Duckworth on 07788 679942

Last year this event was very popular so please book early to avoid disappointment.



## FISH CHIPS & QUIZ

**OCTOBER 18th**  
Anchors Aweigh at 7.00pm  
In Finningley Church

**Tickets £14.50** (inc supper and quiz)

Book your table now...don't be shellfish!

**Call Carol Reeves on 07761 479607 to get your ticket and secure your place.**

So reel in the fun with a delicious fish and chip supper with quiz.

### Important Dates For Our PCC's

There are quite a few dates over the next 2 months so we have listed them here.

**Monday 8th September**  
7.00pm Finningley PCC

**Monday 15th September**  
7.15pm Auckley PCC

**Monday 13th October**  
7.00pm Mission Action Planning -  
Finningley PCC

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