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The Benefice of Hedon, Paull, Sproatley and Preston Benefice Bulletin



Yvonne and Ian are opening their garden at 3 Fletcher Gate, Hedon, HU12 8ET on Saturday 4th and 11th December between 1-00pm and 4-30pm to raise funds for Paul Chuch and Holderness Lions.

Entry fee of £4-00 per adult and £1-00 per child.

The theme is the 12 days of Christmas and new this year is a ride on train. Please come and support us, and enjoy a tea, coffee or mulled wine along with a mince pie.

We will also be running a tombola so come and try your luck.

Night Prayer (Compline) starts with the words 'The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end'. I say Compline every night, and earlier this week I heard myself pray 'The Lord almighty grant us a quiet life...'. I giggled at myself and I think God smiled, too.

Now, it's true that Tony and I have had a difficult summer, with the death of two close family members and all the distress and upset that causes. The parishes have also been busy, perhaps busier than usual, as we try return to all our activities and introduce new ones with Covid still in the background. All in all, life has been quite unsettled, difficult and complicated. But my slip set me thinking about what a quiet life is, especially from a spiritual point of view.

We need challenges and difficulties in our lives. Otherwise, how would we learn? How would we reach our potential, and develop our God-given gifts? We also need some upsets, in order to learn to sympathize with one another, which is a key part of being human. Difficulties, on the other hand, remind us of our own limitations and dependence on God and on other people. But none of these things contributes to a quiet life- quite the opposite, usually.

Where can quietness come from, if we need all these disquieting things in our lives? Well, I think it comes from our relationship with the all-powerful, and all-loving God: from knowing that he is there with us, right in the middle of our troubles, and that he'll continue to hold us in the palm of his hand, however difficult things might be. Then, we can hear his voice whispering suggestions in our ears and saying 'don't worry- everything will be fine'

So, if you feel unsettled or too challenged, and find yourself craving a quiet life, remember all there is to learn from the more difficult and challenging periods of our lives, trust in God's presence and support, and listen for that little voice in your ear.

Sue

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union have asked us if we will buy five pound food tokens for

Homestart

These can be bought from Tesco.

This is instead of toys or toiletries as we used to do.

We will put a Mothers' Union Box at the back of Hedon Church for cash in case anyone is feeling kind or generous and would like to help abused families.

Schedule for November

Wednesday 3rd November, Celtic Eucharist, Hedon 10-00am
Friday 5th November, Evening Prayer, Hedon, 6-00pm

Sunday 7th November

Holy Communion, Hedon, 9-30am
Morning Prayer, Sproatley, 9-30am
Holy Communion, Paull, 11-15am
Holy Communion, Preston, 6-00pm

Monday 8th November, Health Walk, Paull, 10-30am
Wednesday 10th November, Celtic Eucharist, Hedon 10-00am
Friday 12th November, Evening Prayer, Hedon 6-00pm

Sunday 14th November (Remembrance Sunday)

Civic Remembrance Service, Hedon, 10-00am
Remembrance Service at Preston Methodist Church (followed by wreath laying and refreshments at All Saints) 10-00am
Remembrance Service, Sproatley, 10-45am
Service at the cenotaph, Paull, 3-00pm.

Wednesday 17th November, Morning Prayer, Hedon 10-00am
Friday, 19th November, Evening Prayer, 6-00pm

Sunday 21st November

Benefice Service of Confirmation, Hedon, 9-30am

Monday 22nd November, Health Walk, Paull, 10-30am
Wednesday 24th November, Celtic Eucharist, 10-00am
Friday 26th November, Evening Prayer, Hedon, 6-00pm

Sunday 28th November

Holy Communion, Sproatley (joint service with Preston), 9-30am
Holy Communion, Hedon, 11-15am