



# St. Mary's Dalton Holme Newsletter

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## Services for November

4th	Twenty third after Trinity	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
11th	<b>Remembrance Day</b>	10.30 am	Special Service (Rev. J McNaughton)
18th	Twenty-fifth after Trinity	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
25th	Sunday next before Advent	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Rev M Craggs)

## The future of the clergy in the United Benefice .

The Archdeacon of the East Riding intends to appoint a House for Duty priest to serve the United Benefice of Etton and South Dalton in the manner similar to that performed by Rev. Roderick Thorp until his retirement in November 2008. The Archdeacon has presented a proposal on the way

forward which has been considered by both PCCs who met together on 25th October. The views of the joint meeting in response to the proposal will be sent to the Archdeacon. If all proceeds according to plan a candidate will be sought and interviewed by both PCCs, but it is unlikely that an appointment will be made before June/July of 2019.

In the meantime the conduct of services will be undertaken by clergy appointed by the Beverley Deanery which will include Rev. Mike Craggs as indicated in the list of services above. This is a difficult time for the church and we hope that you will understand the additional challenges that this situation poses for the limited number of worshippers and church officers.

## **December Issue**

The closing date will be **Tuesday 20th November** Articles should be sent to me in **word format only** at [rac.pfl@btinternet.com](mailto:rac.pfl@btinternet.com)

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## **South Dalton Ladies Club.**

### **Thursday October 4th.**

The Gardens manager of Sledmere House, Andy, entertained and educated us with an interesting and amusing account of his work at Sledmere. He illustrated his talk with a power- point presentation of photographs of glorious displays of plants. Andy described how he selected different pieces of music as inspiration for different areas of garden. He plans the gardens in such a way that there is colour and form throughout the year. The shots of frost- covered shrubs and trees were equally as beautiful as the summer- flowering plants. Andy clearly loves his job, and working with his team of other enthusiastic gardeners and helpers, has created magnificent displays.

The next meeting is on **Thursday November 1st 2018** when **Kevin Norris** will speak about 'Cambodia- a life-changing experience'.

Jan Nettleton

## **South Dalton Playgroup**

### **Christmas Fund Raising Event. MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS WREATH.**

**Tuesday 4th December 7.00pm for 7.30pm in The Village Hall.**

Tickets £12.00 per person which includes all materials for one wreath, mulled wine, soft drinks and a mince pie. Additional wreaths can be made at a reduced cost. Raffle.

**Please bring gloves and secateurs**

Please contact Julie for tickets and more details: 01430-810151



## One of the most famous poems of WWI

On Sunday 11th November we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice at 11.00am on 11th November 1918. Rev. John McNaughton will conduct the service but, due to the exceptional demand this year, standards will not be paraded, but wreaths will be laid at the war memorial in the churchyard.

Although the association between fields of poppies and commemorating the war dead predates the First World War, the war-poppies connection was certainly popularised by WWI and in particular by this John McCrae poem, 'In Flanders Fields'. John McCrae (1872-1918), a Canadian lieutenant colonel, was inspired to write it after he conducted the burial service for an artillery officer, Alexis Helmer, who had been killed in the conflict. In the chaplain's absence, McCrae, as the company doctor, presided over the burial of the young man.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

McCrae was inspired to write the poem on 3 May 1915, following Helmer's funeral. In summary, the poem observes how poppies blow in the fields where the fallen soldiers (including Helmer) are buried. The sound of the guns firing on the western front has almost drowned out the natural birdsong in the skies above – almost, but not entirely, it's worth noting. There is yet hope. But not for the men who have died, who until so recently lived and loved. But the poem does not call war futile: the final stanza calls for those who are living to take the baton (or, to use McCrae's symbol, the torch) and continue the fight against the enemy. If the living do not finish the fight begun by those who gave their lives, the dead will not be able to rest in their graves. The poem begins with the three words that make its title, and ends with the same three words: 'In Flanders fields'.

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## Church Lights – Christmas 2018

Following the success of the floodlighting appeals for the past nine years, The Village Hall Committee are once again appealing for the sponsorship and contributions towards the cost of floodlighting the church.

To help towards the cost of the electricity we are seeking people to sponsor a night each from 2nd December 2018 until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Dates will be allocated on a 'First come first served' basis with a minimum donation of £5 per night, there is **no maximum amount!** You may want to choose a date that has some significance for you such as a memoriam, birthday or a special anniversary. If your preferred date has been taken we will allocate the nearest date. If all dates have been taken then all monies will be put towards the cost of the electricity.

**The official lighting will take place on Sunday 2nd December 2018 at 6.00pm.**

Please give generously – all donations will be gratefully received.

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Cash or Cheques (Payable to: Dalton Holme Village Hall)



