

Upper Wansbeck News

*Benefice Newsletter
Of
St. Andrew's, Bolam,
St. Andrew's Hartburn,
St. John's Meldon,
St. Giles's, Netherwitton
St. Mary Magdalene, Whalton*



September / October 2023

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Our page can be accessed via

<https://www.facebook.com/upperwansbeck>

You do not have to be a Facebook member to use this link. Service details, events and news can be found here, and reflections are posted daily.

Website

Contains service details news and events

<https://upperwansbeckchurches.weebly.com>

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www.bolamchurch.com provides information about the Church and its history

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Editor's Note:



Hello,

Well hasn't this last burst of sunshine been a welcome surprise after a fairly miserable July and August. It feels nice to enjoy the last of the summer weather as we head from late summer into Autumn.

My picture of the front cover is of 'Rudbeckia' flowers in my front garden. I chose this picture because they were my late husband's favourite garden flowers and I wanted to include this picture as a tribute to him as I approach the anniversary of his passing on 13th September.

I've also included in this edition a reminder of the service schedule until everyone is familiar but will remove it from the next edition as it has now appeared in the last few issues.

Roisel

Reminder of Service Updates in Mitford And Hebron and the Upper Wansbeck Group Of Churches

From Sunday 7th May 2023 there will be some changes in the usual service patterns across both our benefices. There will be a service of Holy Communion every week across our Benefices and a variety of styles of worship to suit all worshipping styles every week. There may be occasional changes to accommodate baptisms or special community events.

***Services in Mitford and Hebron will start at 10.00am rather than 9.30am from 7th May. * Services in the Upper Wansbeck Benefice will remain at 10.30am**

- First Sunday: Morning Praise with Holy Communion at Mitford – 10.00am
Family Service at Bolam – 10.30am
Holy Communion in Traditional Language at Hartburn – 10.30am
- Second Sunday: BCP Morning Prayer at Mitford – 10.00am
Celtic Morning Prayer at Hebron – 10.00am
Holy Communion at Whalton – 10.30am
- Third Sunday : Morning Praise and Worship at Mitford – 10.00am
Holy Communion at Netherwitton – 10.30am
BCP Morning Prayer at Whalton – 10.30am
- Fourth Sunday: Café Church at Mitford Village Hall – 10.00am
Holy Communion at Hebron – 10.00am
Holy Communion at Bolam – 10.30am
- Fifth Sunday: Morning Praise at Mitford – 10.00am
Holy Communion in Traditional Language at Meldon – 10.30am
Morning Prayer at Netherwitton – 10.30am
Said Evensong at Hebron – 4.00pm

St Cutberts,
Hebron

St Mary
Magdalene,
Mitford

Hartburn with Meldon & Netherwitton

St
Andrew's,
Hartburn

St John the
Baptist,
Meldon

St Giles,
Netherwitton

Bolam with Whalton

St
Andrew's,
Bolam

St Mary
Magdalene,
Whalton

What's On – September 2023

Sun 3 rd	1000-1100	Morning Praise & Holy Communion Theme: Worship & Music	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	1030-1130	Family Service	St Andrew's, Bolam
Sun 10 th	1000-1100	BCP Morning Prayer Theme: Teaching	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1000-1100	Celtic Morning Prayer Theme: Teaching	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
	1200-1800	West End Refugee Service visit	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Sat 16 th	1100-1700	Whalton Village Show	Whalton
	1800-2330	Hebron Community Association – Pub Quiz	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Sun 17 th	1000-1100	Morning Praise Theme: Pastoral Care	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1030-1130	Harvest Festival	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Giles, Netherwitton
Fri 22 nd	1900	Vision weekend – Thanksgiving Prayer and Worship Service	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Sat 23 rd	1000-1600	Vision weekend - Prayer in Action and Setting the Vision Day (Bring and Share Lunch)	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Sun 24 th	1000-1100	Vision weekend - Service of Dedication and Praise with Community Breakfast	Mitford Village Hall
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Bolam
Thurs 28 th	1400-1500	Anna Chaplaincy	St Cuthbert's, Hebron

If your event is not listed please email details for future events to wansbeckvicarhelp@gmail.com
by **20th** of preceding month

Readings July - November Upper Wansbeck Churches

Date	Readings
23 rd July	Genesis 28:10-19a Matthew 13:24-30
30 th July	Genesis 29:15-28 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
6 th August	TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Luke 9:28-36
13 th August	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Matthew 14:22-33
20 th August	Genesis 45:1-15 Matthew 15(10-20), 21-28
27 th August	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Matthew 16:13-20
3 rd September	Exodus 3:1-15 Matthew 16:21-end
10 th September	Exodus 12:1-14 Matthew 18:15-20
17 th September	Exodus 14:19-end Matthew 18:21-35 HARVEST FESTIVAL WHALTON ONLY Luke 12:16-30
24 th September	Exodus 16:2-15 Matthew 20:1-16
1 st October	HARVEST FESTIVAL Luke 12:16-30
8 th October	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Matthew 21:33-end
15 th October	Exodus 32:1-14 Matthew 22:1-14
22 nd October	Exodus 33:12-end Matthew 22:15-22
29 th October	Exodus 33:12-end Matthew 22:15-22
5 th November	ALL SAINTS DAY Psalm 94:14-19 Luke 14:1, 7-11
12 th November	REMEMBRANCE Amos 5:18-24 Matthew 25:1-13
19 th November	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end Matthew 25:14-30
26 th November	CHRIST THE KING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Matthew 25:31 - end

Photo Puzzle
From Jim Grant

Congratulations



Winner of the previous competition was Davind Moon (again!).

It was the sanctuary knocker on Durham Cathedral door.

Here's the new one! Somewhere in Northumberland.



Answers to: storiesfromjim@jim@gmail.com

Do send a photo of your own in sometime- but don't tell anyone. Jim Grant



Bolam Autumn Tidy Up



The date for the Autumn Tidy Up
is Saturday 14th October.

Northumbrian Pipers at Whalton Village Show



During the Whalton village show on September 16th St.Mary Magdalene Church, Whalton hosted an art show, Northumbrian pipers, Harps Northumbria and the childrens' handwriting competition.

Here the pipers are opening proceedings with a delightful selection of pieces specially composed for the pipes but in a traditional idiom.

Wansbeck Natural History Group Autumn News 2023

We have made the best of a wet summer and had some good outings, but we are now looking at our autumn and winter programme, which you can see on our website (below) All talks begin at 7 pm at Middleton Village Hall, with coffee and biscuits beforehand

Several of our members volunteer with other organisations that support wildlife, including Northumberland Wildlife Trust and Wilder Wallington, and it is here that we continually meet the four spot orb-weaver spider, said to be rare in Northumberland but definitely not rare round the Delf burn! Here is one on my arm.



New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us, see our website.

<https://wansbecknaturalhistorygroup.weebly.com/>

Or contact Hazel Nieuwkoop hazeltinegate@hotmail.com



News from Belsay School

Belsay School



Autumn Newsletter

Belsay School



Welcome message from our new Headteacher, Mr Shaw



As the new Headteacher at Belsay Primary School I am very excited about getting started and moving the school forward. From the moment I drove through the village and entered the school, I knew it was a place I could see myself. The children are absolutely wonderful, so well-mannered and polite, with an eagerness to learn and impress.

I am very much looking forward to working alongside highly committed staff, the parents and wider community as I wholeheartedly believe that the success of a school is built upon solid foundations, of all stakeholders.

If you would like to see our beautiful school, then please don't hesitate to contact the school and we would be delighted to show you around.

Value of the month: Respect

The children are excited about this month's school value: Respect. Our children at Belsay are always respectful and treat each other the way we would like to be treated. Our ethos in school is always about caring for one another and treating everyone with kindness.





News from Belsay School cont..

Our Autumn Term



Reception

This year has started off amazingly well. All of our Reception children have started school and are very settled. We were delighted to be back together again after the summer holidays. This week we will

think 'All About Me'. We will practise writing our name (which we are really good at already), painting a picture of ourselves and talking about our family. Lots of us have large families with lots of siblings and cousins, while some of us only have a very small family. We have discussed how all families are different and unique, but all are very special to us. Lots of the children are very excited to start our phonics journey, which will see us use the Read Write Inc. approach to learning letters and sounds. This will allow us to enhance our reading and writing skills. We are very excited to see what the next few weeks have in store for us.

Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic start to the new school year! This term, we will be focusing on the school Global Theme of Belonging and Identity. Over the coming weeks we will be exploring diversity, individuality and what makes us special! We launched our Global Theme by reading Alex Deacon's *Beegu* and are looking forward to using this text to inspire our writing in English lessons to create postcards, stories and instructions. In art, we are excited to create a class rockery using individual artwork rocks to celebrate our uniqueness.

A joke

Why can't you send a duck to space? Because the bill would be astronomical!





News from Cambo School

Welcome back to a new school year at Cambo First School! Where did those holidays go and what weather! Ironically the week beginning 4th September seemed to be the best week of the summer since early July! and we are forecast for a heatwave e.g. heat until October Well, I can only wish; and it will certainly save on those power bills as we approach autumn/winter!



This year we have 7 new children in Reception, who have settled well into their first year in school! The parents came into school for refreshments and there wasn't a tear insight! [well not many anyway!]

In class 2 our topical project chosen by the children is: 'Wannie Wandering,' which will involve the children finding out about the historical railway which ran through Cambo; whilst also finding out about the Railway Revolution! I can see lots of visits in the local area and the George Stephenson Museum in our diary! Class 1 also have a history project for this term as they find out about toys in the past! specifically The Victorian times! This project is being supported by 'That History Bloke' and Rowan McCabe a poet. Class 1 are going on a visit... but their visit is a science visit to the Sea Life Centre, as they investigate animals including humans!

FITNESS

With great enthusiasm, we took part in 'National Fitness Day' on the 20th September. completing activities e.g., yoga, tag rugby and healthy cooking. Our School Crew also sent home a newsletter for healthy eating and simple activities to keep fit with the family. A job well done!

I am so pleased to let you know that our children in Y2/3 completed their Discovery Awards in July 23; and our Y4 children completed their Explore Arts Awards too! Well done everyone the Arts assessor was extremely pleased with the high quality of work exhibited in their Art Portfolios!

AND.... HOORAY WE ALSO GAINED OUR WHOLE SCHOOL GOLD ARTS AWARD TOO! It takes a whole team/family to make such progress especially after our COVID experiences! WELL DONE EVERYONE!



News from Cambo School cont..



The Arts Council Examining team said:

Cambo First School offers an arts-rich education to your children. You value arts and culture for their own sake, and for their wider contribution to wellbeing, personal development, and your school's sense of community. You have had a focus on equalities and ensuring your curriculum is representative of wider society as part of this Artsmark journey. Although impacted by Covid, you have been able to develop your arts policy, planning and practice in this area, ensuring you now study a wide range of artists. All staff have attended external CPD linked to equalities and diversity in the Arts. Your pupil outcomes are very strong, supported by your arts-rich curriculum, every child learning a musical instrument and a wide range of artists visiting the school and arts organisation visits. By ring fencing funding to ensure this happens, your arts provision is inclusive and not limited by parents ability to pay. Every child completes an Arts Award. You work with children to plan what arts they study.

Once again we welcome Tyler from 'All-stars' into school to support our Rugby development. The children are raring to go especially as we have a Tag Rugby tournament with the partnership this autumn! Matthew Senior and Liz Armstrong continue to develop cricket and Games across the school, and we are honing our swimming skills on Tuesdays at Ponteland Leisure Centre. A lot of PE whilst the weather is good!

Debbie MaCallister is also in school continuing to develop the social and emotional elements of learning through yoga! Kathy our wonderful music/peripatetic teacher also joins us again along with Anne Hedley who will continue to develop violin across Y2/3/4 in curriculum time. The focus, you will be surprised to hear, is: Local History. Once again, the children in Class 2 are working to gain their 'Discovery' or Explore Arts Award in the summer of 24, [depending on their year group], so all of this music and dance will be integral to their portfolio of work.

Our Harvest Festival Service this year will take place in Cambo Church at 2.30pm on Thursday 26th of October; all of the community are welcome to attend with all donations going to The People's Kitchen.

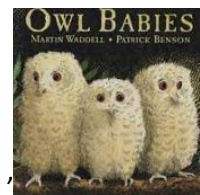
Have a lovely autumn everyone.

Love from everyone at Cambo



News from Whalton C of E Primary School - Welcome back to the Autumn Term!

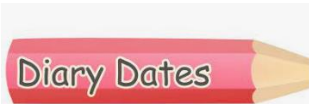
Wow, what a fabulous and busy start to this academic year. In Class 1, we have loved beginning our year with the marvellous story 'Owl Babies,' and we are so excited with our new furniture delivery too. We have also had so much fun learning to sign in Makaton 'The farmer plants a seed



The older children in our school took the lead with our Harvest Service, adapted from a Script based on Matthew Chapter 4 verses 3-9, shared by Reverend Elaine. We were so proud of our children as they had less than two weeks to rehearse together. They also made some fabulous contributions to the Wansbeck Food Bank who were delighted by the amount of food that was donated.



A fabulous fortnight ended with the wonderful Whalton Show, it showed a real sense of community and was well supported despite the rain. Thank you to everyone who visited and supported this event.



PCC Meeting Dates

Bolam

Monday 2 nd October	19:30 – 21:00
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Whalton

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Netherwitton

Tuesday 17 th October	18:00
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Hartburn and Meldon

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Mitford & Hebron

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Diary Dates



Hartburn
CHRISTMAS MARKET
Saturday
18TH NOVEMBER
10am - 4pm

Hartburn Church, near Morpeth, NE61 4JB

FREE ENTRY

 **Cash & Cheques Recommended**

The poster is a vertical rectangle with a dark red background. At the top, there's a silhouette of Santa Claus in a sleigh pulled by reindeer, flying across a starry sky. The text is arranged in a central, slightly curved path. The bottom of the poster is decorated with a white, intricate snowflake border.

Hartburn **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Delicious food and craft stalls
Christmas presents galore

Basket & Co

Kirkharle's 'Brown's Larder'

Robson & Cowan Country Store

Half and Hedgerow - wrought iron garden ornaments

Lottie McAteer Fine Art

Handmade by Tink - children's soaps, etc

Amelia Anderson - cards and homeware

Bellingham's 'Natural Northumberland'

The Alnwick Soap Company

Meraki Cacao - handmade stone ground cacao bars

Northumbrian Waves - seaglass art, jewellery and gifts

Christmas cards in aid of 'The Air Ambulance'

..... and many more



**Pop-up Hartburn
Coffee Shop**

Diary Dates

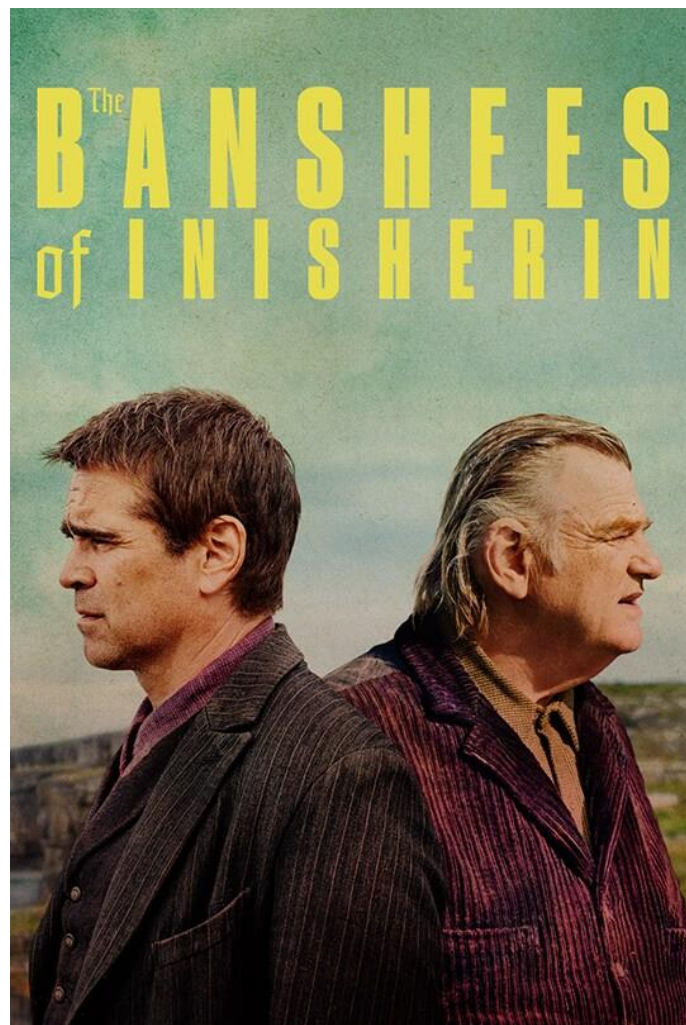


FILM NIGHTS

Friday 29th September

Middleton Village Hall - 7.30pm Refreshments available

Donations at the door





Forthcoming dates for your diary

Saturday 18th November – Christmas Market at Hartburn Church

Sunday 3rd December – Ravensworth Choir

Details will be published later.



Diary Dates



let's do
lunch

Hartburn Community Lunches
Hartburn Church

Tuesday 10th October – 12:30 pm at Hartburn Church - £6.00

Tuesday 14th November – 12:30 pm at Hartburn Church - £6.00

Tuesday 12th December – 12:30 pm at Hartburn Church - £6.00

Contact Pooh Stafford to book – poohstafford@btinternet.com

Phone: 01670 772313



Apple Pressing Day

Saturday 28th Oct

Cambo Village

Juicing by donation to the
Cambo Community Orchard Association

Please contact us for further
information & pre-book a timeslot

11 - 4pm

Phone: 07711918285

Email: cambocommunityorchard@gmail.com

www.cambocommunityorchard.weebly.com



WHALTON VILLAGE HALL - WHAT'S ON

Oct / Nov 2023

MONDAY

Jewel in the Lotus Yoga (Evening) Not Bank Holiday Mondays. Open to everyone. For all classes, booking required, please bring your own Yoga mat. Contact Debbie on 07812 124888.

Whist 7.00pm – Everyone welcome, just turn up on the night to have some fun or contact Karen on 07974405178 for more information.

TUESDAY

Morpeth Art Group 10am-2pm For further details visit the Morpeth Art Group Website on: www.magart.org.uk

Gardening Club (1st Tuesday of the month) Mixture of external visits, practical sessions and speakers – contact Anna Sill 01670 775375

WEDNESDAY

Seniors keep fit 9.30am Contact Olaronke Ashiru-Gbadebo at tokunbogbadebo@gmail.com or just turn up on the day

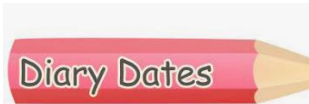
Chiropodist (Every 2nd month) - To book an appointment call Joanne Leiper on 07890322719

Carpet Bowls 7.30pm Just turn up on the night or contact Karen on 07974405178 for more information.

THURSDAY

Post Office 9:15am – 10:45am – In the Bar Room. Post parcels and letters, withdraw cash, pay bills and all the usual things that you do in a Post Office.

Whalton Toddlers 9.30am till 11.30am. Visit facebook @whaltontoddlers for more information or just turn up on the day.



Kirkley Carvers 1pm – 3pm. Join this mixed gender group of self taught hand tool woodwork enthusiasts always happy to welcome anyone interested in fashioning something out of a piece of timber. Please contact Bob 01912671930

Women of Whalton WI 7pm (3rd Thursday of the month) - For more information and details on joining email WhaltonWI@hotmail.com or just turn up on the night.

FRIDAY

Jewel in the Lotus Yoga 9:00am – 10:30am Booking required & please bring your own Yoga mat. Contact Debbie on: Tel: 07812 124888

Events for you Diary

1st October. The Tin Shed Whalton Village Arts Fair & Open Gardens. Exhibition at the Hall 10.30 - 4pm Free Entry.

29th October 7-8pm, 25th November, Sound Bath. For further information and to book a place visit www.soundroomhealing.co.uk

21st October. Yoga and Wellness Day. 9am-5pm. For more information and to book a slot contact Debbie on 07792661656

26th November 10am-4pm Morpeth Art Group Art Fair. Where there will be original paintings, prints, cards and gifts.

Free entry. Visit www.morpethartgroup.com for more information.

If you require any further information please contact Linda Willis on 07856 176358 or Email: bookings@whaltonvillage.org.uk



SAVE THE DATE!

The Whistling Sheep Ceilidh Band are inviting people of all ages to enjoy an evening of dancing to fundraise for Charity on **Friday October 13th** at Ponteland High School.

The youth band have been playing all over Northumberland for over 28 years, for harvest, weddings, birthdays etc. and some of the current 6th formers are getting together to organise an event to help the survivors of the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey earlier this year.

The Ceilidh will be held at Ponteland High School's Hall, NE20 9EG with lots of free parking and includes buffet refreshments. The event is from 6.15 pm to 9.15 pm on Friday evening October 13th. Raffle prizes are being generously donated by local businesses. The Whistling Sheep are hoping the Ceilidh will attract the interest of the older pupils in the local Primary Schools who will be the next generation of local musicians!

Tickets can be bought for cash only at the High School Reception from September during normal school days, or for those further afield, by emailing the Whistling Sheep at whistlingsheepceilidhband@gmail.com where online payment can be organised and tickets sent out.

Prices: Adults £15.00. Ages 12 – 18, £10.00 and ages 11 and under, £5.00.

You can find out more about the Whistling Sheep Ceilidh Band at www.whistlingsheep.com

Thank you for reading this and hope to see you there! Jim Grant.



Wallington Demesne Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday 25th November 2023 commencing at 7:30 pm in Cambo Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and participate under Public Questions.



Yoga Classes In Cambo & Middleton



Find balance, calm & inner peace

And at the same time build strength and flexibility



Monday Evenings 7:00pm Middleton Village Hall

Thursday Evenings 7:00pm Cambo Village Hall

All classes £8.00 P.A.Y.G

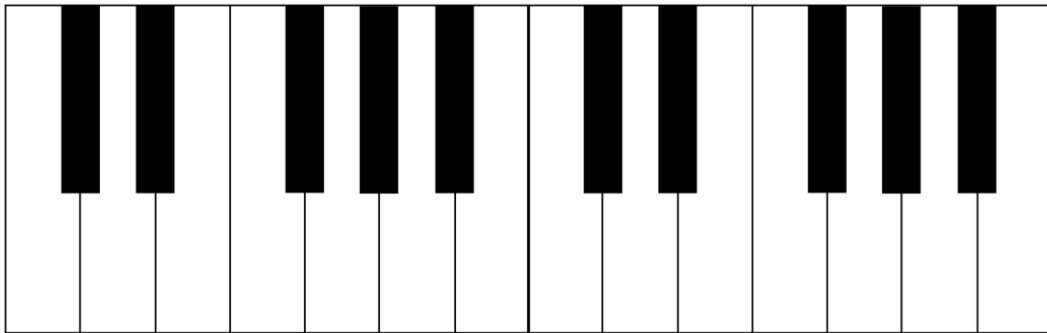
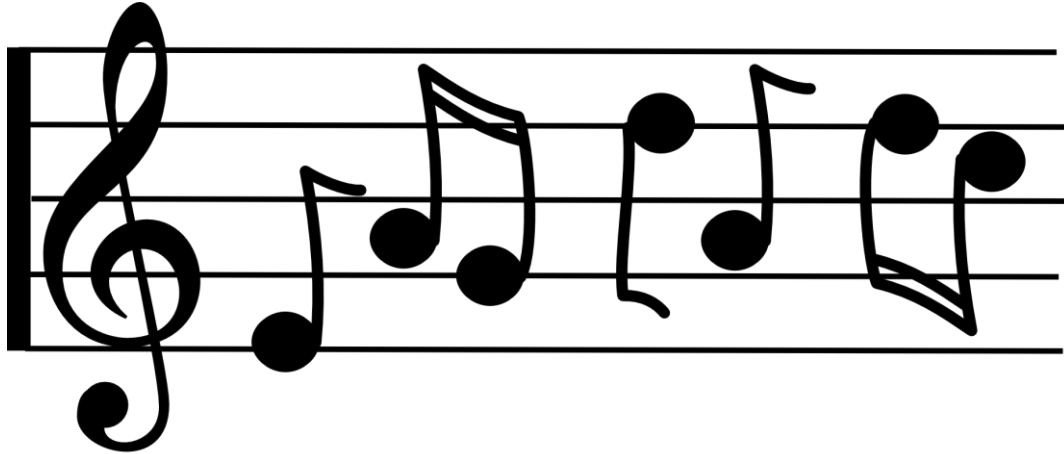


For more information or to book a place contact John Moat

Mobile:- 07864076923 Email:- yogavisava@gmail.com



Come and Play



Come and play can you tinkle the ivories on piano, keyboard or organ, or know someone who can? We hope more people would like to play for services regularly or occasionally in church. If you might be interested, please contact Pam Walker 01670 772301, Lucy Bird (07808 490004) or Wendy Sheldon (01670 775385).

Deadline for the next Newsletter Submissions is 10th Nov 2023

All future newsletter articles please email to:

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