

# *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*



*March/April 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>

and is administered by Sadie Flanagan

[www.bolamchurch.com](http://www.bolamchurch.com) provides information about the Church and its history

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## *Our Ministry Team*

*Revd. Elaine Jones*



*Mrs Pam Walker -  
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*Rachel Coundon - Lay Worship Leader*



## *Editor's Note:*



Hello,

You will notice this newsletter is hot on the heels of the last newsletter as I am unable to produce the newsletter in March (which would have been the normal production) so rather than a large gap until May, we have a bonus edition!

I would like to say thank-you to Whalton 'WI' for organising a very informative 'Defibrillator Training Session' recently. This was well supported, and I think everyone who attended would agree a very useful session.

I have also joined the 'Keep Fit' class held every Wednesday morning in Whalton Village Hall and although advertised as a Seniors Keep Fit, I would say is suitable for all ages where you can work to your own levels of fitness and what I enjoy is the class routine is different every week. The music is good too! I would recommend this to anyone looking for a new class and you will meet some very nice people at the same time.

This edition includes a list of all the Easter services in our churches.

As always, if there is anything you would like me to include in your newsletter, please send to me before the deadline, which is always shown on the last page.

*Roisel*

## *March to May - Mitford, Hebron and Upper Wansbeck Church Services*

### March 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue and Service type</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Mitford - Holy Communion Hartburn - Holy Communion Bolam - Family Service
12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	Mitford – Morning Praise and Worship Whalton - Holy Communion Hebron - Morning Worship
19 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Mitford - Morning Praise with Mothering Sunday Celebration Netherwitton - Holy Communion with Mothering Sunday Celebration Meldon -Mother's Day Runaways (Mothering Sunday sensitive service)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	2.00	Hebron - Anna Chaplaincy Afternoon Worship and Fellowship
26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am 9.30am 10.30am	Mitford – BCP Morning Prayer Hebron – Café Church Bolam – Holy Communion

### April 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue and Service type</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>Palm Sunday</b>	9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Mitford – Holy Communion Hartburn – Holy Communion Bolam – Family Service
9 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Easter Sunday</b>	5.45am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	Mitford – Sunrise Service and Shared Breakfast Mitford – Family Celebration and Holy Communion Whalton – Family Celebration and Holy Communion Hebron – Family Celebration and Holy Communion
16 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Mitford – Morning Praise and Worship Netherwitton Holy Communion Whalton – Morning Prayer
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am 9.30am 10.30am	Mitford – BCP Morning Prayer Hebron – Café Church Bolam – Holy Communion
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00pm	Hebron – Anna Chaplaincy Afternoon Worship and Fellowship
30 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Mitford – Morning Praise and Worship Meldon – Holy Communion Hebron - Evensong

## May 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue and Service type</b>
7th May	9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Mitford - Holy Communion Hartburn - Holy Communion Bolam - Family Service
14 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am 10.30am 11:00 am	Mitford – Morning Praise Whalton – Holy Communion Hebron Morning Worship
21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.30am 10.30am 10:30 am	Mitford – Morning Praise Netherwitton – Holy Communion Whalton – Morning Prayer
28 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Hebron Café Church Mitford – Morning Praise Bolam – Holy Communion

## Palm Sunday

St Mary Magdalene Mitford - 9.30am - Morning Praise and Holy Communion

St Andrew's Bolam - 10.30am - Family Worship

St Andrew's Hartburn - 10.30am - Holy Communion

## Holy Week

Monday - St Giles Netherwitton - 9am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday - St Andrew's Bolam - 9am - Morning Prayer (BCP)

Wednesday - St Mary Magdalene, Whalton - 9am - Morning Prayer



## Maundy Thursday

St Andrew's Hartburn - 9am - Morning Prayer

St Cuthbert's Hebron - 10am - Holy Communion

St Giles Netherwitton - 7pm - Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalene Mitford - 7pm - Tenebrae Service

(a reflective service moving from light to darkness using scripture and music as we move into the events of Good Friday)

## Good Friday

St Cuthbert's Hebron - 10am - 12pm - Family Good Friday Drop-In

(Easter crafts, activities, stories for all the family with Hot Cross Buns)

St John the Baptist Meldon - 10.30am - Morning Prayer

St Mary Magdalene Whalton - 2pm - An Hour at the Cross

St Mary Magdalene Mitford - 2pm - An Hour at the Cross

Visit Bolam and Mitford Churchyards to see the Easter Churchyard Trail and Whalton Church for a Family Easter Walkthrough with activities and reflective spaces.

Open all week.



*He is not here;  
he has Risen!*  
*Luk 24:6*

## **Easter Day Celebrations**

**St Mary Magdalene Mitford - 6.00am - Sunrise Service with  
Bonfire followed by breakfast**

**The Roost Community Netherwitton - 6.30am - Sunrise  
Service**

welcome in the dawning of Easter with bible readings, prayers & poetry around  
the campfire, and end with bacon butties and a cuppa!

Barns Farm, NE61 4NW

**St Mary Magdalene Mitford - 9.30am - Easter Celebration with  
Holy Communion**

**St Mary Magdalene Whalton - 10.30am - Easter Celebration  
with Holy Communion**

**St Cuthbert's Hebron - 11am - Family Celebration and Holy  
Communion**



## *Message from the Ministry Team*

*By Pam Walker*

I am writing this at the beginning of Lent. Our churchyards are full of snowdrops and the daffodils are full of the promise of blooms to come. It is hard not to feel a sense of hope, whatever else is happening in the world.

Lent is often regarded as a sombre season but I prefer to view it as a season of quiet hope, a time to spend in reflection, a time to spend with God gaining a deeper understanding of the hope that the route to the cross and the glory of Easter gives us. We cannot have one without the other, and however difficult life is at times, for us personally or what we observe as onlookers, there is always hope, forgiveness, reconciliation, and love.

My Sermon on the first Sunday of Lent contained this, from an anonymous priest, "Jesus would probably laugh at us for giving up things like chocolate, beer, coffee....all the things that actually bring us joy and make us happy. What he might suggest is giving up the things that make us miserable in Gods Paradise. Things like self-doubt, insecurities, jealousy, greed, and gossip and anger. The things that move us away from The Light. Honour his sacrifice by giving up The Darkness in your Life"

Let us give up the dark, move into the light of spring with hope, and a determination to grasp the opportunities that our new priest, Elaine, and collaboration with the churches of Mitford and Hebron are providing.

Every Blessing

Pam Walker

## *From the Registers*



### **Baptisms:**

Nothing to add.



### **Weddings:**

Nothing to add.



### **Funerals:**

Nothing to add.

*Photo Puzzle*  
*From Jim Grant*



If you know where it is, send your answer to Jim by email to [storiesfromjim@gmail.com](mailto:storiesfromjim@gmail.com)

Fame and Glory to the first correct answer, which will be given in the next newsletter.

Please do send in your own suggestion photos to Jim. But tell him where they are, of course!



  
*Congratulations*

Winner of the last competition goes to: Annie Lloyd!

Picture was the owl, by the path to the Walled Garden at Wallington.



## *News from Cambo School - by Paula Cummings - Head Teacher*

Well, spring is just about here once again, and winter is on its way out! [not sure it was ever really here, there has been a distinct lack of snow this year! At last, We can look forward to light mornings and lovely evenings! I have to say our spring flowers at Cambo have been just beautiful. Snowdrops, crocuses; buds on the trees and shrubs and the birds singing in the trees...Just a beautiful time of year! With even better to come, as we know summer is on its way! [Fingers and toes crossed!] So what has been happening at Cambo this term?



Evie, our Reading Dog, continues to visit school on Tuesdays with her owner Lesley. They read with Reception and Year 1 children. The children really enjoy reading with Evie and look forward to sharing their books, I think Evie loves it too!

Debbie McAllister continues to work with the children on wellbeing and methods of relaxation through yoga. This was especially beneficial within our Children's mental health and wellbeing week. The theme being: 'Let's Connect'. And we certainly connected! The week began and ended with a community assembly and many activities were completed throughout! This theme was carried through into our Safer Internet Day on the 7th February, as we focused on learning even more about being safe on the internet. Making space for conversations about life online.



Carol Flatman and Dawn Lewins continue to develop 'cooking skills' across the school. This support is carried out on a voluntary basis and we are eternally grateful. The children are really learning about healthy food, cooking preparation, skills and practice.



## *Cont - News from Cambo School - by Paula Cummings - Head Teacher*

This term we welcomed several artists into school to celebrate diversity in the arts. Daria Kulesh came into school and performed for the school community. Daria is a Russian folk singer. The children loved joining in with the music and rhythm and also devised questions linked to her amazing life and singing. We were also lucky enough to have Sonia Sabri. Sonia and her company performed a dance set inspired by Indian and British culture, and the rich possibilities that arise when they meet! There were lots of opportunities to join in and again lots of time to ask questions!



PE opportunities in dance, gymnastics and basketball have continued in the Spring term with Alex from All Stars, Michelle Hankinson, and Elizabeth Armstrong.

The children in class 2 are to host a gymnastic festival in the village hall to share their development. Their parents will all be invited to come and watch their skills, and progress.

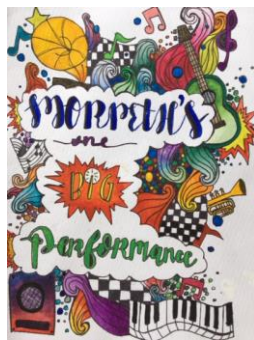
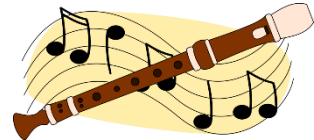
We also continue to swim as a school at Ponteland Leisure Centre until the Easter holidays.

The children in Year 2,3 and 4, also took part in a mental health and wellbeing festival at the Riverside Leisure Centre which they thoroughly enjoyed meeting old friends and new through sport, yoga, food technology and music. The fruit kebabs were a particular winner with the children!



## Cont - News from Cambo School - by Paula Cummings - Head Teacher

Kathy Anderson and Anne Britt Hedley develop musical appraisal, notation and performance through violin, recorder, percussion and singing skills which are delivered across the school. The children will put these skills to good use in our Easter Service which will be held in Cambo church on Friday 31st March at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.



The children in class 2 also have a very exciting concert to prepare for in May; when they take part in 'Morpeth's Big Performance,' along with other children across the Morpeth partnership. The venue will be Newminster Middle School and parents have also been invited so they will have an extra special audience to perform for!

We continue to run our lunch time music group with the children playing the recorder this term. The children themselves are also delivering clubs of their own at lunch time including break dancing with Joseph and Heath, Coding with Harry and School Sports with the school sports crew in class 2.

With Easter just around the corner our next fundraising event will be our Easter Fayre. The fayre will take place on Saturday 24th March 2023 from 10am -12 noon. There will be a raffle, an Easter egg hunt, stalls and games for all the family. Everyone is welcome. Fingers crossed for good weather!





*News from Whalton School*  
*Whalton Church of England Primary School*

**Children's Mental Health Week**

Random acts of kindness was one of the themes linked to children's mental health week and hopefully you will find an object to show some of these themes around the village in March. Keep your eyes peeled!

Our schools work with Holding Hearts. They came into school to discuss feelings and how it is okay to have many different types of feelings! We also know that it is important to share these feelings with others.

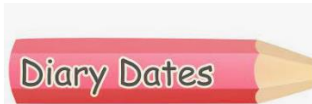
The children in Years 4, 5 and 6, enjoyed taking part in a health and well-being festival. They made fruit kebabs, played dodgeball, did some mindfulness activities, and also enjoyed games with a rugby ball.

**Family Service**

We thoroughly enjoyed our service in the Church with Reverend Elaine and Pam, it was based all about love and we thoroughly enjoyed the songs with fabulous actions that the whole congregation could join in with.



We are looking ahead to an eventful March with Easter preparations and World Book Day right around the corner!



## *PCC Meeting Dates*

### **Bolam**

APCM - Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	19:30 – 21:30
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	19:30 – 21:30
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	19:30 – 21:30

### **Whalton**

APCM - Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	19:00 – 21:00
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### **Netherwitton**

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### **Hartburn and Meldon**

APCM - Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	19:00 – 21:00
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### **Mitford & Hebron**

APCM - Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	19:00 – 21:00
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Friday 3rd March  
Hartburn Church at 7pm

Lead by Elaine and Pam.





"Creating a Cut Flower Garden"

**Garden Talk and Lunch**

**by Karen Phillips of Linnel Hill**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April - 12:30 for 1:00 pm

Hartburn Church

£25.00 per head

Diary Dates



let's do  
lunch

*Hartburn Community Lunches*  
*Hartburn Church*

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 12:00 pm at Hartburn Church - £6.00**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 12:00 pm at Hartburn Church - £6.00**

**Contact Pooh Stafford to book – [poohstafford@btinternet.com](mailto:poohstafford@btinternet.com)**

**Phone: 01670 772313**



## FILM NIGHTS

Middleton Village Hall - 7.30pm  
Refreshments



The poster for "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris" features a woman in a vibrant green dress standing in front of a Parisian building. The title "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris" is prominently displayed in a classic serif font. Above the title, the names of the cast members are listed: Lesley Manville, Isabelle Huppert, Lambert Wilson, Mia Bastida, Lucas Brando, Ewan Thomas, and James Crombie. A quote from "The Guardian" describes it as "the best escape". The poster includes a PG rating icon and a five-star rating.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**



The poster for "Ticket to Paradise" shows George Clooney and Julia Roberts in a romantic embrace against a lush, tropical background. The title "TICKET to PARADISE" is written in large, bold, white letters. The names "George CLOONEY" and "Julia ROBERTS" are at the top. The poster features a 12 rating icon, a five-star rating, and the "THE THREE" logo.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

These are the last two film nights until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September when they will resume again.



# The Big Picnic



Hartburn Church on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

12:00/12:30 - 3:00 pm

Please could everyone bring their own picnic.

Wine and Soft Drinks will be supplied with a donation bucket.

R.S.V.P. to Anna McGowan [annamcgowan@btinternet.com](mailto:annamcgowan@btinternet.com)

## *WHALTON VILLAGE HALL - WHAT'S ON*

### **MONDAY**

**Jewel in the Lotus Yoga (5pm onwards)** 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](http://www.magart.org.uk)

**Gardening Club (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month) 7.30pm**

Mixture of visits, practical sessions and speakers – contact Anna Sill 01670 775375

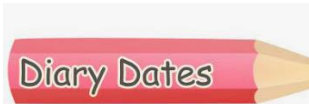
### **WEDNESDAY**

**Seniors keep fit 9.30am** – Contact Olaronke Ashiru-Gbadebo at [tokunbogbadebo@gmail.com](mailto:tokunbogbadebo@gmail.com) or just turn up on the day.

**Chiropodist March 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am onwards & April 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm onwards** - To book an appointment call Joanne Leiper on 07890322719

**WEA Drawing and Art class with Angela Nunn 1pm-3pm** (Term time only) – To register and book a place phone 03003033464

**Carpet Bowls 7.30pm** - Contact Karen on 07974405178 for more information or just turn up on the night.



## 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.

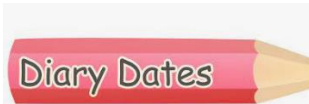
**Whalton Toddlers 9.30am till 11.30am** (Term time only) Contact Amy on 07791945678 or facebook @whaltontoddlers to book or just turn up on the day.

**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

**Whalton WI 7pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)** - For more information and details on joining contact Emma on 07946217623

## FRIDAY

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



## WHALTON VILLAGE HALL - *Events for you Diary*

**26<sup>th</sup> March & 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Sound Bath. 7pm-8pm** - Enjoy this deeply relaxing meditative experience surrounded by gongs, singing bowls, chimes and other instruments. To book a place and further information available at <https://soundroomhealing.co.uk>

**22<sup>nd</sup> April. Night of Music with the NRC (Northern Railroad Collective) & Rick and Yiota. 7pm onwards.** A fundraising event to help support the groups and regular users of the Hall. Live music with pie supper (Tickets £12). Advance bookings only by calling Linda on 07792021658 or Andrew on 07891403379

**30th April. The Tin Shed – Art Fair 10.30- 4pm.** Free entry. For further details visit [www.thetinshed.co.uk](http://www.thetinshed.co.uk)

**6<sup>th</sup> May.** Whalton Village will be celebrating the King's Coronation with a community event held at the Hall over the Bank Holiday weekend. More details will be given once the event has been finalised.

**If you require any further information please contact Linda Willis on 07856 176358 or Email: [bookings@whaltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:bookings@whaltonvillage.org.uk)**



**THE NRC WITH RICK AND YIOTA  
PROUDLY PRESENTS  
A FUNDRAISING**

**APRIL  
22  
FROM 7PM**

# NIGHT OF MUSIC



**WHATLON VILLAGE HALL**

**TICKETS £12 (INCLUDES PIE AND  
PEA SUPPER)**

**ADVANCE BOOKINGS ONLY BY CALLING  
ANDREW (07891 403379) OR LINDA (07792 021658)**

**BAR SERVING WINE, BEERS AND SOFT DRINKS**

**RAFFLE**

Proceeds to help subsidise the hire charges for the groups and classes at the hall



## Wallington Demesne Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 commencing at 7:30 pm in Cambo Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.



## Useful Contacts

The below contacts in this edition have been provided by Jim Grant



Oil users might like to join the Bolam Oil Group, used by many in our parishes, to get discounts on the usual price from the oil suppliers. Often about 5p per litre less than the advertised prices, thanks to the bulk deliveries discount. Email: [Bolamoilgroup@outlook.com](mailto:Bolamoilgroup@outlook.com) for more details.



Support your local young musicians! The Primary schools which feed into Ponteland High School, eg: Belsay, provide the young musicians who grow into the Ceilidh Band “Whistling Sheep”, who have recently played for 3 weddings and a Harvest event! Do support them if you can by booking them for a Ceilidh sometime. See [www.whistlinghseep.com](http://www.whistlinghseep.com) and on facebook @whisling sheep for more details and contacts. Thank you!



## 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

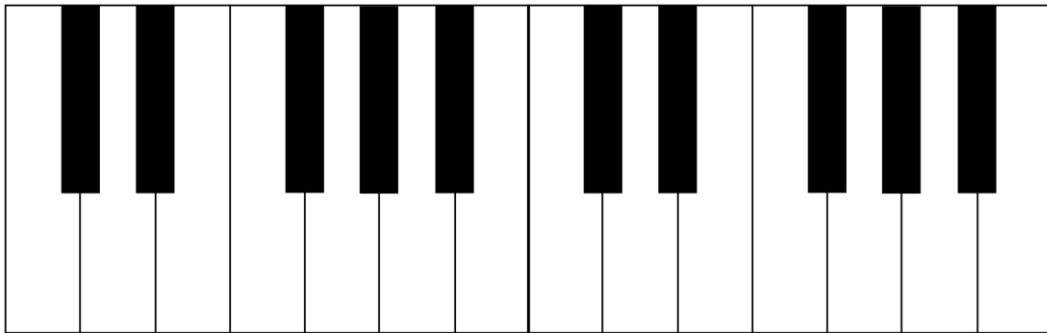
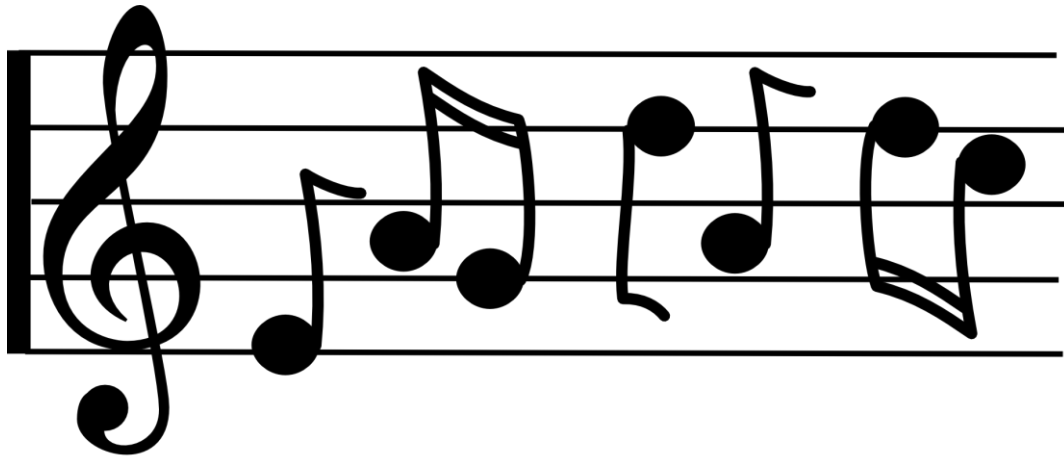


For more information or to book a place contact John Moat

Mobile:- 07864076923 Email:- [yogavisava@gmail.com](mailto: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).



## **SUPPORT THE AIR AMBULANCE**

**They collect**

**Clothes Shoes Handbags Belts Books Curtains  
Towels**

**And you can arrange collection**

**if you ring**

**01325 308139**

***No bric a brac and no duvets***

Deadline for the next Newsletter is 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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