

# The Parish

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## Installation - 18 September 2017

In St Cuthbert's Church, Forcett

By Bp Nick (Rt Revd Nicholas Baines, Bishop of Leeds)

Our photos only show the rehearsal earlier in the day.

At the service the Bishop was rather upstaged by Chad who wandered around the building to the amusement of all.

The choir was there to rehearse its music. Camilla would soon find that the Benefice was very supportive of its choir and proud that it had been able to retain it when so many rural churches had lost theirs.



There was a party afterwards in Eppleby Village Hall with a Welcome cake that showed how much we were looking forward to her ministry in the Benefice.







The Denton family in the Church of St James the Great, Melsonby on 22 September 2017.

As is typical for such family photos, Chad has his finger stuck up his nose and Laurence has his legs crossed as if he's desperate for a wee. He'd need to wait another 3 years for the church toilet to be ready.

We also used the opportunity to get a photo of Camilla to go on church information boards.





## Baptisms

There have been many baptisms during Camilla's time in the benefice but most have been private family services and it has not been possible to get photographs. Here are two from St Paul's, Aldbrough taken before and after the reordering there.



Baptism at Aldbrough 11 August 2019. The last one before the west end was re-ordered to make it much easier for baptisms



Baptism, Aldbrough 24 April 2022 was originally postponed because of Covid restriction and by the time it was possible to reschedule it, it had become a double baptism. It was also an opportunity to use the still new narthex area with its more friendly atmosphere and safer area around the font.





Christmas 2017 - Crib service in St Paul's, Aldbrough



Christmas 2018 - Post - Carols on the Green drinks in Eppleby Village Hall and Service of Lessons and Carols in St Paul's, Aldbrough .



**24 CHRISTMAS EVE**

**3.00pm Crib Service Aldbrough**

**6.00pm Village Carols Melsonby**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass Forcett (Sermon by Ian Hunter Smart)**

Christmas 2019 - just a post Crib Service photo in Aldbrough Church. With hindsight, a badly missed photo opportunity now we know what was to come.



**2020**

A Covid Christmas - no services so at Aldbrough we held the Christmas Self-Service. Come in, observe the covid mitigation procedures, see how different people and traditions have represented the Nativity scene.





## Christmas 2020

And at St James, Melsonby they still had great decorations even with no services.





## Christmas 2021

Although we were back holding services, many people were either still afraid of meeting in large numbers or had simply got out of the habit.

These pictures are from the Crib Service at Aldbrough - where the Denton boys got to dress up - and the Self Service where there was also the opportunity for some fund raising with Christmas table decorations and hymn book angels.





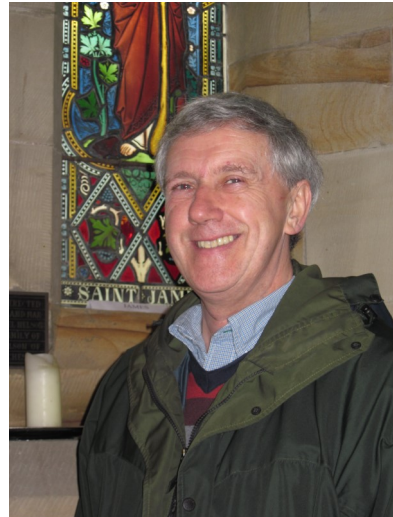


In 2017 St James, Melsonby held a fund raising Christmas Tree Festival largely organised by Dinah Icton. Sadly Dinah was raised to glory in August 2019, RIP.

The fundraising was for Melsonby's 'Flush Fund to build a toilet and kitchen under the tower . The picture, left shows this area before work began.

Dinah is pictured below helping at a church event, as she did so often.

While we're here, let's show others from the Melsonby team: Ian Black, Joan Harwood, Christine Selby, Sheila Grundy.







**And this is what all that fundraising at Melsonby produced**





Whilst it was good to welcome Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley to officially open and bless the new facilities in St James', Melsonby, Camilla has seen her first responsibility to her own congregations. There were the children who came to Melsonby services, older folk at Aldbrough, a punctiliously socially distanced congregation at Forcett and happily traditional gathering at East Layton (pre-covid).





Holy Communion at Aldbrough 11 October 2020



Holy Communion at Forcett  
13 December 2020

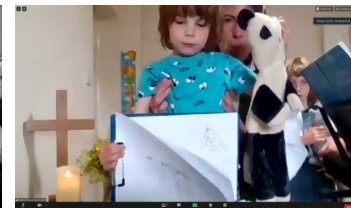
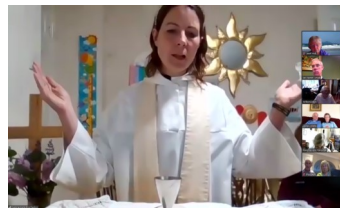
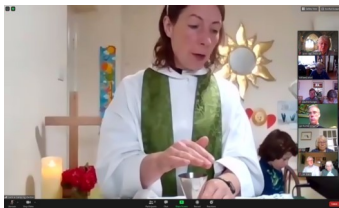
Since mid-March 2020 churches have been coping with various levels of Covid 19 mitigation procedures from full lock-down to almost restored normality



All Souls on Zoom 1 Nov



Teddy Church on Zoom 12 July 2020



While Camilla did amazing things holding prayerful and meaningful Holy Communion services on Zoom whilst also maintaining control of 3 very lively boys and their toys, some of us in the congregation got to play with interesting background pictures as a change from the interiors of our homes



Holy Communion, 5 July 2020



Compline 5 June 2020



Aldbrough opened for private prayer, October 2020



The choir met under the '6 singers maximum, rule



We were unable to get a spare copy of this key for the door at Stanwick St John.



## Harvest Festival 2020

A Harvest Festival Service was impossible due to Covid restrictions so we made a walk-through Harvest celebration in Stanwick St John. There was a collection of food donations for the food bank and cash shared between the Churches Conservation Trust and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. The bags we provided for food bank donations were soon filled and boxes had to be found for the rest.

Camilla was there as a Steward and our benefice priest.



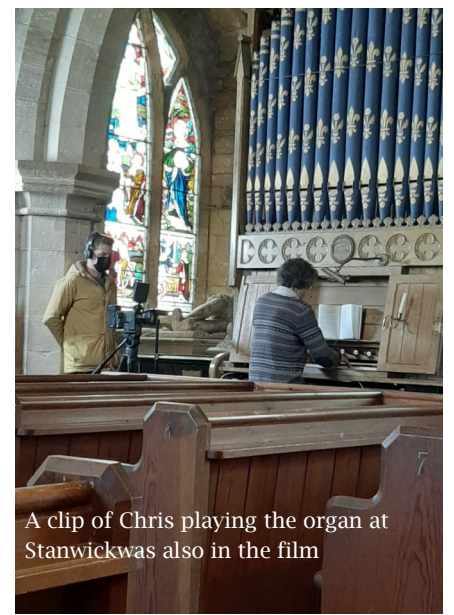
The window ledge display on behalf of St Cuthbert's, Forcett contained lots of vegetables that were not wanted afterwards so went to make soup that went into a freezer to use the following April at an outdoor Soup and Sponge-cakes lunch to raise money for the Stanwick Group of Churches Charities Fund .



The Denton family arriving for the Soups and Sponge cake



Camilla is filmed being interviewed for the Churches Conservation Trust North Region entry to the Marsh Volunteer Awards.



A clip of Chris playing the organ at Stanwick was also in the film

The award went to Janet Hall and John Gill for their volunteer efforts at Stanwick St John, especially the organisation of the Harvest Festival Celebration Exhibition.







Harvest Festival, Forcett, 2018



Harvest Festival, Stanwick St John 2019



Pet Service, Eppleby, 15 July 2018



Pet Service, Eppleby, 15 September 2019





Lambing Service 2 May 2021,  
St James the Great, Melfosby



Lambing Service 22 April 2019  
Christ Church, East Layton



Lambing Service, 28 March 2019  
Christ Church, East Layton



Open the Book, The Story of Joseph, 10 February 2019



Open the Book, The Story of Ruth, 19 September 2019



Palm Sunday Procession  
25 March 2018



Palm Sunday Procession 14 April 2019



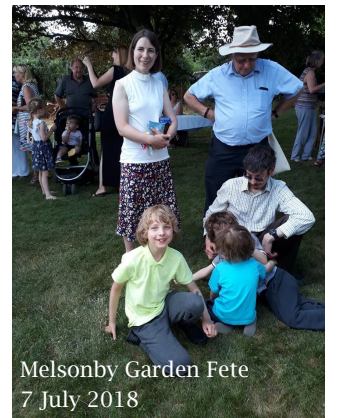
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Day walk around Melfosby  
6 May 2018



Melfosby Garden Fete  
7 July 2018





Remembrance Sunday 2017 at Melsonby



Remembrance Sunday 2018, and restoration of ringing at Melsonby to commemorate 100 years since end of the Great War. The congregation watch on screen.



Remembrance Sunday 2019, Forcett



Remembrance Sunday 2020 - NO Remembrance Day services but the churches are decorated with poppies for private prayer



Remembrance Sunday 2021 - Aldbrough's new Roll of Honour given by 2 parishioners, is dedicated. Unfortunately it was not possible to get photos during the service.



Chad helping at service in Aldbrough 9 September 2019



Camilla with Bp Helen-Ann and Ven Bev Mason in Melsonby



Chris preparing Camilla and the choir for Christmas 22 December 2019



Choir practice 9 March 2018, joined by Camilla



Choral Evensong with Stanwick Group of Churches Choir and choir of St Mary's Church, Richmond at Stanwick St John, 24 June 2018



Blessing the Ukrainian style Easter baskets at Forcett, 17 April 2022



## The new Aldbrough children's playground Opening and Dedication Ceremony (It poured down)



There was a tremendous effort in the village to raise funds to replace the old, worn-out playground equipment on the green and once it was in place there was an official Opening and Blessing Ceremony.

The date was 2 June 2018. Most people there were too young to remember the Queen's Coronation on 2 June 1953. That date had been chosen as the one with the best record of being warm and DRY. It poured down and true to form it also poured down on 2 June 2018.

Nevertheless Camilla sprinkled the slide and climbing frame with holy water and blessed it for the children of the village and elsewhere who used it. Refreshments were on hand - but not all of it was for the children.

