

VILLAGES DIARY - JANUARY 2023			
Date	Time	Event	Place
Sun	1st		
Mon	2nd		
Tue	3rd		
Wed	4th	2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office	Village Hall
Thu	5th		
Fri	6th		
Sat	7th		
Sun	8th		
Mon	9th		
Tue	10th	1.30 - 2.20pm Mobile Library	Near the Telephone Box
Wed	11th	2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office	Village Hall
	11th	7pm Barmston & Fraisthorpe Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Thu	12th		
Fri	13th		
Sat	14th		
Sun	15th	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints' Church
Mon	16th		
Tue	17th		
Wed	18th	2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office	Village Hall
Thu	19th		
Fri	20th		
Sat	21st		
Sun	22nd		
Mon	23rd		
Tue	24th		
Wed	25th	2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office	Village Hall
Thu	26th		
Fri	27th		
Sat	28th	10am Defibrillator Training	Village Hall
Sun	29th	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints' Church
Mon	30th		
Tue	31st		

If you have a regular or one off event taking place, please let the Editor know by the 20th of the prior month so that it can be included in the diary for the next month

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VILLAGE VOICE

January 2023



*Happy New Year
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The Village Hall Committee would like to wish everyone in Barmston and Fraisthorpe a very happy and prosperous 2023!

We apologise for the late cancellation of the children's Christmas party. This was due to a number of unfortunate circumstances including illness. We are very sorry for any disappointment this caused.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BARMSTON

Vicar – Revd Richard Hare
Tel: 229503
Curate – Revd Rich Townend

Services in January:-

We have just two services this month – do come if you can
Sun 15th at 9.30 am – Holy Communion
Sun 29th at 9.30 am – Holy Communion

There is no service in Barmston on New Year's Day. But there is still online worship from our sister church at Emmanuel, Cardigan Road, Bridlington every Sunday, live on Facebook or in person at 11.00 am, or later in the day on our YouTube channel.

From the vicar, Richard Hare

Do you like new things? I must admit I do. Opening a brand new hard-backed notebook, pushing back the front cover and writing the first word on the blank page. Getting into a bed with freshly laundered sheets, or getting dry with a newly washed towel straight from the airing cupboard. Making the first footprints across a lawn after it's snowed.

A new year has the same feeling of freshness, doesn't it? Twelve months stretch away into the future, waiting to receive our handwriting, our footprints. Perhaps this will be the year everything goes our way, everything turns out right. No wonder we make new year's resolutions.



Of course, being human, that feeling of newness doesn't last. Our handwriting goes astray, the laundry's freshness wears off, others make their tracks across the snow. Our well-meant resolutions prove too difficult to maintain and we sink back into our old

ways.

Luckily (not that luck has anything to do with it) the Christian message is that that's all OK. We don't have to pull ourselves up by our own bootlaces. God isn't waiting for us to be nearly perfect before He'll give us the time of day. Church is a place for forgiven sinners, not plaster saints. None of us lives up to the standards we set ourselves, let alone the ones God might set for us. It doesn't matter. Come along, receive His forgiveness, have another go, and let every day be the start of something new.

HOW WILL YOU WELCOME IN 2023?

Fireworks, a slap up dinner, a party, raising a glass of bubbly or maybe you prefer to wake up in the morning of January 1st after a good night's sleep! An old tradition in the UK believed to date back to the Vikings invasions of our shores is that of First Footing, Did you know that in Scotland, Christmas Day, was not a holiday for almost 400 years? Since the Protestant Reformation in 1560, Christmas was portrayed by the Kirk as a Popish or Catholic feast and was banned. It was not until 1958 when Christmas Day finally became a holiday in Scotland. Thus the importance of the New Year or Hogmany to the people of Scotland was when gifts were exchanged and partying took place. First footing has many variations, but as the final stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve dies away, the first person to enter your home should be a dark haired man carrying a lump of coal, some salt and whiskey – some also would bring bread and shortbread.

Here are some ways people around the world celebrate

USA –Millions of Americans count down the start of the new year as they watch on television the ball drop from No.1 Times Square..

Brazil –Brazil welcomes the New Year at the beach after the clock strikes midnight, dressed in white, they jump 7 waves while making 7 wishes.

Spain –As the clock starts to strike midnight, people eat 12 grapes and so long as you have finished eating them before the clock finishes striking, this is said to ward off evil and to help to bring you a lucky New Year.

Greece – Returning home from the New Year's Day services in churches, folk hang an onion outside their doors. It is believed to bring good luck, fertility and growth for the year ahead

Columbia – People put 3 potatoes under the bed of each family member – one peeled, one part peeled and the third not peeled at all. At midnight, with their eyes closed, they select a potatoe and depending on the one they choose, they can expect a new year of good fortune, financial trouble or a mix of both.

Denmark – This tradition may sound a little hazardous! People here throw plates at their friends on New Year's Eve where the more broken crockery you get on your doorstep, the better off you will be in the New Year.

So, however you celebrate the New Year in your homes, may it be a very happy time for everyone!

Barmston & Fraisthorpe Parish Council

Polite Notice

There have been comments passed onto the Parish Council regarding parking on the Green at Hollycroft
Please could you ask all, visitors and visiting trade people, not to park on the Green for any length of time so as to help maintain the quality and continual condition of Hollycroft Green

Many thanks, Barmston & Fraisthorpe Parish Council

Defibrillator Awareness Course

As you are probally aware Barmston Village has one situated in the phone box and Fraisthorpe has one at The Cow Shed

Free Defibrillator Training

Provided by Yorkshire Ambulance Service Is to be held on

Saturday 28th January 2023 At Bamston Village Hall

Commencing at 10.00 am

Refreshments will be provided

Everyone welcome but we do need to know an idea of numbers
Please can you let the clerk know, or one of the Parish Councillors, if you would like more information, or would like to attend

Next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 11th January 2023 7.00pm

Barmston Village Hall

THE LIBRARY VAN

Calls every four weeks on a Tuesday afternoon
It will be here near the Telephone Box on Tuesday,
10th JANUARY from 1.30 to 2.20pm



Include reading a book a week as one of your New Year's Resolutions!

You will help us to keep the mobile library van coming by using it.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BARMSTON

Thank you to all who turned out on Sunday for the Christingle and Carols Service. It was such awful weather but the church was so welcoming and looked really festive.

Lots of people made their own Christingles and the children helped Rich make Barmston's biggest Christingle very funny. All in all it was a very good afternoon

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We have seen what God can do: what God has done in that place over the years. The stories and the parables have been held in the arms of the faithful followers and supporters of the chapel, and thanks has been given to God. You and those who have come before you, have brought your deepest sorrows and your greatest expectations through those doors. You have celebrated, anniversaries and harvests and 'resurrection', in that place. You have come with personal anxieties and the weight of the world, to that place, and God has met you here. It has been a place of blessing, and of sacrament, of laughter, and tears. But now I pray, 'Let your servants go in peace, because our eyes have seen your salvation.' God's glory has been revealed to neighbours, friends, villagers, holidaymakers. And through God, and with God, as a part of the family of the Church, and as the clay in the potter's hand, you have brought glory to God in that place. And that will stand forever. Amen.



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through what they do or say, Christ comes again, and again, and again. And we do it in the strength of Christ. And we do it in and through the power that God gives us.

I shared a story from the Old Testament book of the prophet, Jeremiah. God said to him, 'Go down to the potter's house', where he saw a potter working with clay on a wheel. God wanted to remind Jeremiah that, like clay in the potter's hands, all that we do in God's name, God does with us, shaping who we are. Not apart from us, not looking down on us, not pulling us or pushing us, but with us, in us.

'Go down to the potter's house and I will give you my message – you are in my hand', God says.

God can shape us, God can mold us, if we allow that to happen, over and over again. And as Jeremiah learned, every ending and every new beginning, needs a remolding by God.

God is not done with bringing the kingdom in, in Barmston village and the outlying areas, just because that place of worship has drawn to its close. The people who have been a part of Barmston Methodist chapel congregation have travelled with the life of the village for 183yrs. Lives have been touched by their ministry. The promises made have been upheld and all those faithful souls were everything that God ever asked of them. All the stories that began in that place ... are not over, if those of you who are reading this, carry on telling the stories, even when bricks and mortar are gone.

The season of Advent was been a time of waiting, Christmas a time of celebration, and I would wish each and every one of you a peaceful year ahead.

I concluded my reflections with the congregation, with the story of what happened eight days after Jesus was born. He was circumcised, as was the Jewish custom, he was named Jesus as the angel had decreed, and Mary and Joseph took him to the temple in Jerusalem where the priest, Simeon takes the child in his arms, looks up to God and says (of himself), 'Now, let your servant go in peace. Because my eyes have seen the salvation'. Simeon knows that he can now go, because he knows that God is trustworthy and God keeps his promises.

A New Year Quiz

(Answers in next month's Village Voice)

1. On New Year's Day 1993, which former country effectively split into two?
2. What name was given to the predicted computer meltdown at the beginning of the year 2000?
3. The ball drop' is a famous part of the New Year's Eve celebration in which touristy part of New York City?
4. On January 1st 1881, Ferdinand de Lesseps began French construction on which great civil engineering project?
5. Who wrote the song 'Auld Lang Syne'?
6. Literally meaning the 'beginning of the year', what name is given to the Jewish New Year?
7. Which sovereign state became independent of the United Kingdom on New Year's Day 1984?
8. Who won a Golden Raspberry Award for worst actress in her 2012 film "New Year's Eve"?
9. The village of Allendale, famous for its New Year fire festival, is in which English county?
10. The month of January is named after which Roman god of doorways?
11. Songkran, often celebrated by water fights, is the New Year's festival in which Asian country?
12. In which English county is it an old tradition to say 'black rabbits, black rabbits, black rabbits' just as the clock is about to strike midnight on New Year's Eve?
13. What is the most popular New Year's resolution?
14. Who made the song "Let's Start the New Year Right" famous?
15. The highest box office sales for a movie shown on a New Year's Day were for which movie?

GOOD LUCK TO ALL YOU QUIZZERS!

HISTORY PAGE

Barmston Chapel

As the 4th December saw the final service take place in the Chapel, it is fitting that this month's history page looks at the life of the Methodist Chapel in Barmston. We will finish this article with a report from The Rev'd Ian Greenfield who led the congregation in celebrating the many years of worship here.

The following article was written by the late Alan Pitchfork and it was first published in the May 1989 edition of the Village Voice to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Methodist church.

In 1814 the Wesleyan following numbered just 4 in Barmston, Lissett and Gransmoor had 9 members each and Kelk recorded 25 members. In 1829 the membership in Barmston had increased to 24 members, they were led by Jane Field who lived at Hamilton Hill Farm but they met in different houses. Kilham at this time had 2 chapels and 150 members.

In 1839 the Lord of the Manor, Sir Henry Boynton, Bart., allowed the present chapel to be built on his land at an agreed rental of 2 shillings per annum. Barmston chapel was registered under the new act of 1854 as a Wesleyan Methodist place of worship. Morning and evening services were held on Sundays and a Friday evening service was held once a month. The Sunday school flourished for over a hundred years until 1949.

During the later part of the 19th century the building fabric of the chapel had deteriorated and as provision had to be made to accommodate the Lissett members an extensive programme of refurbishment was embarked upon. This included a new roof, ceiling, the lowering of the pulpit, new flooring and new seating.

A new stove was also installed and a coal house built to the south of the chapel. After internal and external decoration was completed for Christmas 1929 the costs had mounted to £213 0s 3d.

To mark the rededication of the chapel a special service and a public tea was held. Three dozen new hymn books were donated by Mrs. Fellows and Mrs. Cartledge who also met the costs of new carpets and window blinds. Mrs. A. Shipley donated the communion table and chair. The pulpit hymnary was the gift of Miss Clark.

The lease for a further 99 years at 2 shillings per annum was renewed in 1930. After the death of Mrs. Wickham-Boynton the freehold of the chapel was transferred to the chapel trustees by the kind deed of gift of Mr. Marcus Wickham-Boynton in 1949. The hand worked communion cloth and hymn board were given to the chapel in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Croft by their two daughters.

4th DECEMBER 2022 – FINAL SERVICE AT THE CHAPEL

Reflections of the occasion from the Rev'd Ian Greenfield

For 183yrs a great family of witnesses have passed through the doors of Barmston Methodist chapel. None of those caring and supportive people who attended the final service on Sunday 4th December 2022, would have been there if they were not, in some way, connected to the family of the Church. Those people, and all those who went before, will forever be a part of the life and witness of that fellowship, back through the decades, and even before that, to the lives and witness of the people of Barmston who shared their faith with others. All that has been prayed there, and preached there, and sung there, has influenced the lives of those who met



together in that place over the years. As heart-rending as the occasion was, I also suggested that we must never lose sight of what God might be doing next. Whenever Holy Communion is celebrated, we declare that mystery of faith, 'Christ has died,

Christ is risen, Christ will come again'. And that is what hope is all about. Christ will come again. Wherever any one individual shares their faith,