



THE STREET PARISHES **NEWSLETTER March 2020**

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Just after Christmas I turned on the radio almost without thinking. A programme called “A Bright Yellow Light” was being broadcast. It described an account of the terrifying event, three years ago, when Natasha Ednan-Laperouse suffered a severe allergic reaction to a sandwich whilst on an aeroplane. Despite being injected with copious doses of Epinephrine, as well as strenuous efforts to administer CPR, she became unconscious and tragically died. Her father Nadim and a friend were with her. The horror experienced by Natasha, as well as her family and friends, is unimaginable. As she lay dying, her father underwent a dramatic religious experience which was to change the lives of him, his wife Tanya and his family as well as many others. He describes what happened: “Just as it couldn’t get worse, five angels just appeared, emanating a strong, soft yellow light, rather like candlelight but really intense and in great detail – these five figures like thin people just appeared with wings on their backs.” He describes the light as something incredibly soothing and warm, but he told them that this was not her time. He then realised in a split second that her soul had been taken to a better place and that one day they would be reunited. No-one else saw these figures. Could this have been an hallucination at a moment of unimaginable stress? Given his background he was clearly the last person you would expect to have any sort of religious

experience. To those who say “I don’t believe you” he simply answers by saying that he has nothing to gain by making it up.

At the time Nadim was an atheist with no interest in religions. But in the months afterwards he started going to church and came to feel there was a profound reason why these angels had appeared to him. He now feels that what really matters above all is faith and trust in God. As a result he and his wife threw themselves into helping create Natasha’s Law, to protect people with allergies. What are we to make of this Damascene moment? Angels are present in many religions; and as we were reminded recently, angels play a crucial part in the Christmas narrative. In Hebrews 13 verse 2 we are told to “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares”. Perhaps they are an extreme manifestation of God’s presence.

Are we sometimes unaware of God’s presence in our lives? A former Abbot of St Benoit-sur-Loire once said that we are likely to pass God by without ever noticing him. But there are signs and wonders that he works in our lives if we take time to be still and listen; perhaps in the presence of others, or maybe when we are listening to prose, poetry or music; or when we meditate on Psalm 8 and “consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained”.

Nadim and his family still feel grief, but he says that “I am happy that I feel one with God. We have been to a very low place – it couldn’t get worse, and in that moment God lifted us and carried us forward to bring about massive, dramatic change to save people with food allergies from dying”.

In speaking of God, Thomas Merton tells us to “be attentive to the times of day: when the birds begin to sing and the deer come out of the morning fog. Every moment is God’s own good time. He is there all the time, and if we give him time, he will make himself known to us”.

Philip Moore

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

01/03/20	9.00am	Barton	Eucharist
	10.00am	Amotherby	All Age Service
	10.30am	Hovingham	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Scackleton	Eucharist
08/03/20	9.00am	Amotherby	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	Hovingham	Eucharist
	10.30am	Slingsby	Matins
	6.00pm	Coneysthorpe	Eucharist

15/03/20	10.00am	St Peter's, Norton	Deanery Service after "Come and See" Mission	Commission
22/03/20	10.30am	Slingsby	Benefice Eucharist	
29/03/20	10.30am	Amotherby	Benefice Eucharist	

Roman Catholic Mass at 6.30pm Sat & 9.00am Sun at St Leonard's, Malton and 9.00am Sun at St Aidan's, Oswaldkirk.

Wednesday services in Slingsby Church at 9.30am Eucharist 11 and 25 Mar, with lay led Morning Prayer 4 and 18 Mar. These are short, simple services followed by coffee and chat.

Methodist Services in March

Slingsby	Hovingham
01/03 10.30am B Shackleton	01/03 10.30am C Gowland
08/03 10.30am at Rievaulx	08/03 10.30am L Hayes
15/03 10.30am K Gibbs SMS	15/05 10.30am LA
22/03 10.30am at Parish Church	22/03 10.30am at Slingsby PC
29/03 10.30am C Gowland	29/03 10.30am B Shackleton

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

2 Mar, Mon, 2.00pm or 7.00pm Benefice Lent Course There is a choice of an afternoon or evening session. This is a five week course, "Superstar" written by David Wilbourne, formerly vicar of Helmsley, which explores five themes inspired by lyrics from the musical. Further details contact Daphne 628868. Do join us, all welcome!

3 Mar, Tues, 2.00pm Hovingham Women's Fellowship A representative from the Barnabas Fund joins us. Meeting will be at the home of Pat Hewitt.

5 Mar, Thurs, 7.30pm Slingsby Chapel General Meeting at Chapel.

6 Mar, Fri, 2.00pm World Day of Prayer Methodist Chapel, Slingsby, with the theme "Rise! Take your Mat and Walk" has been prepared by Christian Women of Zimbabwe. All welcome! If you need transport please contact Sue Goodwill 628077.

10 Mar, Tues Fish and Chips round Slingsby courtesy of Malton Lions, delivered to your door £3.50. Contact Stephen Prest 628277 to book.

10 Mar, Tues, 7.15pm Slingsby Ladies' Group in the Methodist Schoolroom a talk by Chris Dudinska entitled "Last Wishes". If you would find this talk useful you are welcome to come listen. Entry for visitors £3.00.

10 Mar, Weds, 7.30pm Natterjacks One of the group will lead our discussion. New members are always welcome. Further details from Eddie edwin.lucas@outlook.com.

11 Mar, Weds, 7.30pm An Hour of Prayer Chapel Schoolroom.

12 Mar, Thurs, 10.30am-11.30am Hovingham Tea Spot Join us at the Rolling Pin Bakery for a cuppa, chat and company. We meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday. Organised by the Hovingham Methodist Chapel. If you need transport, phone Sue (628077) and we will pick you up. All ages welcome!

14 Mar, Sat, 9.30am Slingsby Chapel Annual Spring Clean We invite anyone to come and give a helping hand!

15 Mar, Sun, 10.00am Deanery Eucharist, St Peter's, Norton This service, marking the close of the "Come and See" Mission weekend (with celebrant Bishop Beverley Mason), will be the only service in the South Ryedale Deanery that day. Details of the mission weekend itself are available in all Street Parishes' churches and chapels.

17 Mar, Tues, 7.00pm Slingsby Village Hall Committee Room History of Education in Ryedale. Kate Giles and Margaret Mackinder will review this: how education worked from the 18th century to the 1960's, including Kate's insights about the activities of Ishmael Fish, "Following the Plough" etc.

18 Mar, Weds, 12 noon Soupa Lunch Slingsby Chapel Schoolroom. Come and join us for soup, sandwiches and puddings etc! A warm welcome to all!

18 Mar, Weds, 12.30pm-2.00pm The Byre Choir, Wath Court, Hovingham (part of North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre's new activities) aims to establish close links with the local community through music and is a way of bringing people together who enjoy singing, and by meeting regularly we prepare a repertoire for events promoting our charity. Monthly sessions (future dates **22 April** and **20 May**) with time for a cuppa. More info from Caroline 01904 468376 hallcaroline993@gmail.com

21 Mar, Sat, 7.00pm Celebrate St Patrick's Night with Malarkey and Friends in Slingsby Village Hall. Tickets £10.00, which include two course supper, from Janet 628625, or Cynthia 627283.

22 Mar, Sun, 10.30am Mothering Sunday Celebration, Slingsby This is to celebrate the completion of the roof repairs and to give thanks for all who contributed to this endeavour. Our celebrant will be Bishop John Thompson. This service takes the place of the one that had to be cancelled last November.

25 Mar, Weds, 7.30pm Slingsby Fellowship Group Details from Stephen 628277

NOTICES

Slingsby Newsletter Distribution Co-ordinator and Deliverer We urgently need someone to take on this role! It involves delivering copies of the Newsletter each month (which are delivered to you about the 20th) to those 10 or so kind folk who post them through your letter boxes! We also need someone who would be able to deliver 20 Newsletters each month to the High Street and Green. Can you help by taking on either of these roles? Contact Daphne on 628868.

All Saints, Slingsby is seeking volunteers to join its Parochial Church Council. The PCC is the key decision-making body of the Church of England for the parish of Slingsby. PCC members act as Charity Trustees responsible for the finances of the parish, care and maintenance of the church building and its contents. We would welcome you to come and join us. If you would like more information, please get in touch with either Rev Martin, 690913, e:mail meallwood110@googlemail.com or Ann Wilson 628853, e:mail annwilsonmamma@gmail.com .

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