



# The Hexagon

## Benefice Magazine

APRIL 2024

### At What Age Can We Be Spiritual?

At what age do we develop the capacity to be spiritual? This is an interesting question. Churches have often set ages for things like first communion and confirmation. This expresses an idea that the capacity for making a spiritual response to God develops as we grow. But what if we have this backwards?

A story from the life of St Cuthbert (c. 634, Dunbar – 20<sup>th</sup> March 687, Farne Islands)

*“One day a number of lads were assembled in the meadow, Cuthbert amongst them, when they began to engage in all manner of wild and extravagant freaks. Some took their clothes off and stood on their heads, with their feet and legs in the air, performing other antics and feats of strength. One of their number, a little boy only three years old, kept repeatedly calling out to him, “O be quiet, and leave off this foolish play, and at last began to cry and sob violently. After they had repeatedly asked him what the matter was, he called out, “O holy bishop and priest Cuthbert, these tricks of agility are quite unsuitable to your character and position.” Cuthbert did not at the time understand the meaning of these words, yet he left off his play to comfort the child and, returning to his home, revolved the word of prophecy in his mind.”*

This story from the life of St Cuthbert records a moment in his childhood, when a three-year-old boy prophetically spoke into his life. It was a spiritual moment and a reminder that the Christian faith has always understood spirituality to be something for human beings of whatever age. From the gospel account of the life of Jesus, we can push things back even further. We are told that St John the Baptist leapt in his mother’s womb, when the pregnant Mary visited their home. So, the ministry of St John the Baptist – announcing the coming of the Messiah - begins whilst he is yet unborn, when he points to the presence of the, yet also unborn, Messiah! So, whatever we might think about spirituality, we must give up on the idea that it is something children grow into. Rather, spirituality is an innate capacity of human beings, and one we tend to suppress and lose, as we age. This is what Jesus was trying to teach his disciples. ‘He called a little child to him and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”’ Matthew 18:2-3

### Blessings

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## HEXAGON NEWS

### St. Peter's Church, Arnesby

"Flicks in the Sticks" is back! All films are in Arnesby Village Hall @ 7.30 pm and are FREE

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 **The Fall** (Two girls who like to push the limits get stranded on top of a 2000ft abandoned radio tower.)

#### Film Planning Evening

We are holding a meeting in **Arnesby Village Hall at 6.30 pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024**, to suggest and vote on films to be shown at Flicks in the Sticks from September 2024 to April 2025. Do, please join us and bring four things....

A contribution to a Bring & Share supper.

Suggestions of films to show next season (Please check they are available on DVD)

Your diary

Alcohol, if you wish. (Soft drinks, tea & coffee will be provided)

*If you cannot come on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024, but would like to suggest &/or sponsor a film, please contact Brian & Sue Spriggs – 0116 2478559*

### St Peter's Church

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 10.30am Holy Communion

### Arnesby Baptist Church

Sunday - morning service 10.45am

- evening service 6pm (both weekly) all welcome.

Monday - Ladies meeting, 7.30-9pm.

Tuesday - Evergreen Coffee time for over 60s, 10.30am -12pm in The Barn

Tuesday evening - Men's meeting (fortnightly)

Tuesday - monthly prayer, 7.30pm

Wednesday - ABC Baby & Toddler group at The Barn (behind chapel)10am-12noon.

Friday - Café at The Barn, 2.30-5pm.

- Explorers, 6pm

- Youth Club, 7.30-9pm (including tuck shop)

For any further details please contact Pastor Johnny Hutton on

07813 356364

### Foodbank

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Foodbank for the 76kg of food collected by your Churches during February. (Arnesby - 68kg / Shearsby - 8kg)

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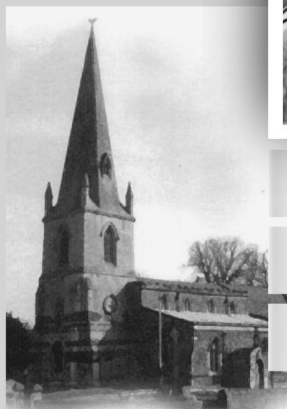
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## St Mary Magdalen Church, Shearsby

### Shearsby Village Hall Talks

Ten historical events that shaped Shearsby - Mon 13th May 2024

Legacy Fortress for Generations - Mon 9th September 2024

Fieldwalking - Mon 11th November 2024

All talks start 7.30pm in Shearsby Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Ticket per talk per person: £5 minimum donation.

Details and tickets, please email [shearsbyhall@gmail.com](mailto:shearsbyhall@gmail.com) or see any of the Committee Trustees.

Do come and support these new fund-raising events.

### Village Hall Coffee Morning

**Bacon Baps and Stalls in the Village Hall Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024** at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to come along.

## All Saints Church, Theddingworth

### Memorial Garden

We are pleased to say that the Memorial Garden in the churchyard is now finished.

### Date for your diary.

There will be a **Spring Themed Cafe in the Church**

on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 10:30 - 12:30 pm

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We would like to thank our loyal advertisers for making our magazine possible.

If you would like to advertise with us please get in touch by email: [hexagonbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:hexagonbenefice@gmail.com) or for urgent enquiries call 01858 880530 or 07391784168.

All advertising and community news submissions, please submit by 10th of each month for the following month. All issues will be sent to print typically by the 3rd Friday of the month.

Blessings

from

The Benefice Team

## BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICES

APRIL / MAY 2024

Sunday 7th April 2024, 10.30am Husbands Bosworth

Sunday 14th April 2024, 10.30am Arnesby

Sunday 21st April 2024, 10.30am Mowsley

Sunday 28th April 2024, 10.30am Shearsby

Sunday 5th May 2024, 10.30am Bruntingthorpe

Sunday 12th May 2024, 10.30am Theddingworth

Sunday 19th May 2024, 10.30am Husbands Bosworth

Sunday 26th May 2024, 10.30am Arnesby

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All MAY 2024 issue submissions by: 10TH APRIL 2024