

St James Church Sunday Services for May/June:

:: **Sunday 1st May, 9.30am** - "St George Patriotism and our Community" followed by bacon butties at Jimmy's.

:: **Sunday 15th May, 9.30am** - Parish Communion.

:: **Sunday 29th May, 10.45am** - Group Service with Children and Family Focus. Followed by Coffee and Cake.

:: **Sunday 19th June, 9.30am** - Parish Communion.



SPALDWICK NEWS

Easter Celebrations at St James Church - by Amba Harbour

April has been a busy time for St James Church in Spaldwick. A lovely sunny Sunday enabled us to decorate the church grounds with Butterflies and Easter Eggs.

It was also lovely to chat to villagers who stayed for refreshments before their busy days began. Pictured are newcomers to the village, Veronica and Misha, who solved the Easter egg hunt puzzle.



Ukraine Prayers: Thank you to those who came to the church service offering prayer and support to Ukraine; £131.50 was donated to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal. As a church, we continue to pray for Ukraine, its people and those across the world who are affected by the crisis.

Remembering Bridgett Wooddisse: Sadly we said goodbye to Bridgett, who passed away peacefully at home. Bridgett was a regular worshipper at St James' and active on the Parish Church Council, a flower arranger and cake baker for our garden parties and fetes. She was always so gracious and her counsel, wise. She will be sadly missed by us all. Her family remain in our prayers.

What's coming up at St James Church?

- Sunday 1st May, 9.30am: St George's Day patriotism and Spaldwick Support Group through COVID, foodbank and bacon butties!



Our focus will be linking the patriotism of St George's day to the patriotism of many villagers to others in Spaldwick during the COVID Pandemic. We hope to share stories and updates of some of the local help given. If you were helped and would like to offer up your thanks, please come and join us.

When people were out of work and finding life difficult, we also pulled together as a village to support the local foodbank. We would like to do this again and the Church will be open all morning to receive your donations. Please also join us for a social of refreshments and our monthly mouth watering bacon butties!

- Sunday 19th June, 3-5pm: Cream Teas at Threeways on the High Street.

40 mph 'buffer' zones on entering Spaldwick - by Shayne Parfrey

New 40mph "buffer zones" will be introduced on all roads entering Spaldwick. The Parish Council's application for Local Highway Improvement funding has been successful.

It is hoped that this will greatly assist in reducing speeds as drivers approach the current 30mph zone.


Veronica and Misha enjoyed hunting for Easter eggs!



Look out for more of these...

Visit St James Church on 1st May to find out more - or wait until June's Spaldwick News!





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Jubilee Commemorative Mugs

Spaldwick Parish Council will be marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the gift of a commemorative mug for all children at Spaldwick School. This gift will now be extended to all youngsters in the village from birth to year 6 primary school age. The mugs will also be available for purchase by everyone else at the subsidised price of £5 each.

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Spaldwick Allotment Committee - By Lucy Frain

Please get in touch if you would like to find out about having a full or half size plot. One of the SCAA members is always happy to show you around.

Contact us on spaldwickallotments@gmail.com

A few photos from Lucy to look back over the last few years from when it all began:



ABOVE: October 2019, first site visit from Spaldwick Community Allotment Association (SCAA)



RIGHT: April 2020 Plots allocated numbers and all measured out. Now the hard work begins!



LEFT: May 2020 celebrating the patio completed!

BELOW: August 2020 The allotments were such a huge benefit for well-being during the pandemic and lockdown periods.



Michael's parents love to come down and help. Always time for a picnic and catch up with Graham about the North East!

BELOW: Preserving our harvest is always good fun and makes nice gifts for people.



I think it's fair to say and all the allotmenters would agree - we're learning all the time about what to grow and methods to use. There's no pressure to be an expert and people are generous in swapping seedlings.

For £25 a year why not give it a try and get friends and family to help you. There are several shared plots on site which residents of Spaldwick find easier to manage.

Priority is always given to residents of Spaldwick, however to ensure all the plots are used and maintained we will be extending our offer to the local villages of Barham, Stow Longa and Easton.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Down on the Allotment

The planning has been done

and the sowing begun.

The greenhouses display

new shoots coming away.

The weather still varies from sunshine to rain

But still we return for a new season again.

Time to catch up with one another

Taking a break from digging to share with each other....

The hopes and plans for a successful harvest year

To grow heritage or new vegetables and to persevere!

As we celebrate our second birthday on the 3rd of May

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Lucy Frain (Plot 14)



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£150 Council Tax rebate - by Shayne Parfrey

Recently, the government announced that households in England in council tax bands A-D will get a £150 rebate from April.

Just to remind residents that any households who do not pay their Council Tax by direct debit, will need to apply for this rebate by contacting Huntingdonshire District Council.

Email: council.tax@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01480 388030



Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by David Henrick

More than £50 million was lost last year to scams, where victims are tricked into handing over control of their computer or smartphone to criminals.

New data from Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime, reveals that 20,144 people were victims of scams where they were persuaded to grant criminals remote access to their device. Victims reported losing a total of £57,790,384 – an average loss of £2,868 per victim.



What are remote access scams? Remote Access scams will often begin with a browser pop-up saying that your computer is infected with a virus, or maybe a call from someone claiming to be from your bank saying that they need to connect to your computer in order to cancel a fraudulent transaction on your account. Regardless of the narrative the fraudsters use, their goal is to steal your money or access your financial information by tricking you into allowing them to remotely connect to your computer.

How to protect yourself:

- A bank or service provider will never contact you requesting remote access to your device.
- If you believe your laptop, PC, tablet or phone has been infected with a virus or some other type of malware, follow the NCSC's guidance on recovering an infected device.
- Contact your bank immediately on a different device from the one the scammer contacted you on.
- Report incidents to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk.

Reporting a crime:

- If it's an emergency and the crime is still taking place, call 999 and ask for the police.
- If it's not an emergency, do not call 999. This doesn't mean the crime is not important – it just helps the police to make the best use of their resources. Many police forces use the 101 non-emergency number.
- If you have information regarding a crime and don't want to talk to the police, contact Crimestoppers online or call 0800 555 111. You will remain 100% anonymous. Always.

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Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for May/June 2022:

Grey		10th May	24th May	7th June	21st June
Blue	3rd May	17th May	31st May	14th June	28th June
Green	5th May	19th May	2nd June	16th June	30th June

Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group – Pond Conservation Project

The Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group are delivering a project on behalf of Natural England that offers funding for restoring old and digging new ponds in certain parts of Cambridgeshire which fall into strategic areas for great crested newts.

Spaldwick qualifies for this funding as some of the land around the village is deemed to be especially suitable habitat for bolstering and connecting existing populations of this endangered species. As such, they are seeking landowners who are prepared to dig or restore wildlife ponds on their land.

For further information visit fwageast.org.uk/ponds

Online shopping donations for FOSS

Friends of Spaldwick School (FOSS) have recently received a donation of £57.66 from AmazonSmile, thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk or with AmazonSmile turned "on" in the app.

To date, Amazon has donated a total of £267 to FOSS, and £14.2 million to all UK charities.

The donations come at no extra cost to those shopping online with Amazon Smile.



- We are very lucky to have such an amazing garden for the children to use. This does, however, mean that we need help to keep it tidy in the warmer months.

Can you spare just one morning/afternoon on a weekend/evening between now and October to come and cut the grass and do some weeding for us?

Email playtimesoffice@gmail.com to offer help - or call 01480 890077.



- Playtimes would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Easter raffle. We raised an amazing £456!

Thank you so much to those who supported us by purchasing tickets. Special thanks go to Bluelight Security, Kimboltons flower shop, Blueblancmange, Kimbolton Wine shop, Budgens, Truffles and Twine, Applegreen and local residents who kindly donated prizes.



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