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## Newsletter Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

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Messy Church

### *For one last time from the Vicar*

God's character, His very being is love and it is with love that he relates to us, love that He directs at us.

A key quality of love is giving freedom to people to be themselves, to express themselves in the way in which they choose. I also believe this is so central to the love God has for us, that He has given us 'freedom of choice', to choose Him, or another way. True love is freedom, it isn't about controlling, or dominating others and 'there is no fear in love. "Perfect love drives out fear" (1 John, ch4, v18)

Jesus was asked "Which is the greatest commandment?" (Matt 22 v36). He replied "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". He went on to say "Love your neighbour as yourself" (v39)

This is my last message to you all and I want love to be an essential in these churches, as in all Christian communities, at all times, but especially as, during an interregnum, when many of you may feel vulnerable and unsure of the future.

Thank you all for your love and support these last eight years, both Claire and I have enjoyed our time and all the things we have done together for God.

*"We seldom notice how each day is a holy place where the Eucharist of the ordinary happens, transforming our broken fragments into an eternal continuity that keeps us."*

By John O'Donohue, To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Invocations and Blessings

Blessings

*Revd Ian MacKarill*

### NEWS

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Please could you send any information for inclusion in the notices to Andrew Willmott 01665 577456 [pawillmott@doctors.org.uk](mailto:pawillmott@doctors.org.uk)

### SERVICES NEXT WEEK

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August

9.15am Holy Communion Lesbury

11.15am Holy Communion Howick

### PRAYERS

#### A Prayer for our Future

Continue to listen to the call of Jesus, whom we call Christ, to respond to Christ's call on your life in new ways as the Spirit leads you.

For the Churches – be bold soul-friendly communities of faith, healing and peace.

Continue to respond to Christ's call to minister with love

Read the signs of the times with wisdom and courage as you are shaped by Christ for the wellbeing and shalom of the Aln & Coastland Parishes

**Amen**

### THE LINK

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