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# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWS

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## HARVEST FESTIVAL

**3rd October 2021. 9.15 am**

This year we will again be supporting the work of **Self Help Africa** and our own **Local Food Bank in Alnwick**. We all the know the massive impact that COVID-19 continues to have both overseas and at home so we hope you will feel able to support both causes. There are **Gift Aid Envelopes in Church for Self Help Africa** and **would also ask you to bring Non Perishable pre packed produce which will be given to the Food Bank**

### Other services

**Oct 10th 10.30 Family worship**

**Oct 17th 9.15 Holy Communion**

You are invited to a short service at **7 pm at the Old Chapel on Thursday 14th October** to meet 30 people involved in the European pilgrimage to COP26, they are staying in the Hindmarsh Hall overnight and a group from our village churches are providing them with a hot meal. They left Poland on August 14th! Anyone is welcome to join them on Friday morning to walk further up the coast, leaving at approx 9 am.

### **Future of our Parishes**

The PCC has had a useful meeting with the Archdeacon to discuss the plans for our parishes following the retirement of our Vicar Ian Mackarill.

The outcome is that we will not be getting a new Vicar. Alison Hardy currently the Vicar of the churches in Embleton area, in addition to her current duties, will also become Priest in charge for all the churches in Aln and Coastland Group.

This all means less availability of clergy to support us and we as members of the congregations will have to continue to play our part.

There are many practical ways in which we all can help.

As we gradually ease our way out of restrictions due to Covid, there are activities to re-establish and new ones to put in place.

## **Lend a hand**

Please if anyone can lend a hand, perhaps an hour a month ? We need help with putting flowers out in the Church, serving tea and coffee after services, helping to create rotas for services, helping to store things, helping with the clock, oiling the notice board once a year or just joining a working party keeping an eye on small jobs. Please speak to Catherine and Isabel so that roles can be filled by more people so that the burden can be shared and lightened. Many thanks.

## **Photos from our last Family worship - thank you to all those who helped and joined us !**



Please note there will be contractors working on the Church tower commencing on **Monday 4th October.**

Memories from the fete

