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# COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

**FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2025** 



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# GOSBERTON GROUP OF PARISHES PLEASE NOTE THE NEW PATTERN OF SUNDAY SERVICES

ALL SERVICES ARE ADVERTISED ON OUR CHURCHYARD NOTICE BOARDS. SOME SERVICES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION.

Family services at Quadring take place in the Hall Chapel.

Date	Gosberton	Quadring	Clough
FEB			
2nd	10am Communion		
9th	10am Morning Worship	10am Famiily Service	
16th			10am Morning Worship
23rd	10am Morning Worship		10am Communion
MAR			
2nd	10am Communion		
9th	10am Morning Worship	10am Famiily Service	
16th			10am Morning Worship
23rd	10am Morning Worship		10am Communion
30th		10am Mothers Day Service (Hall Chapel)	10am Communion
APR			
6th	10am Communion		
13th	10am Morning Worship	10am Family Service	
20th	10am Communion		10am Morning Worship
27th	10am Morning Worship		10am Communion



#### Reflections.

Pat and I, and our three children, moved into Gosberton Vicarage in March 2006. I was licenced as parish priest about a week later. They usually give you a few weeks to settle in, but I had to hit the ground running as they say! I think my



licencing was the first public engagement of the new Bishop of Grantham who came to officiate, and someone jokingly gave him an L plate to wear! I was expected to be a governor of two local schools, a trustee of local charities and visit three care homes in the villages. We had a gifted ministry team and met in the late Jean Casswell's house, a delightful and very devoted lady. I remember being in the vicarage study and just wondering about the next few years and the day I would retire. And here I am, 19 years later and over three years after my retirement, and now living in Pinchbeck. In the Vicarage, we saw each of our three children get married and leave and began to learn about the people and the history of Gosberton, Clough and Risegate, and Quadring. We made new friends, who have remained friends ever since. Clergy might move a long way away on retirement, but with both Pat and I being South Lincolnshire people, and two of our children now with their own families not far away, it made sense to stay local. It is a delight to be still involved in events and even officiate in local churches from time to time.

I was told how the village had changed when the new houses were built in the 1970s or thereabouts, including the new estates down Mill Lane and Welby Drive etc. Those who arrived in the village 20 or more years before we did spoke of how happy they were. During our time three pubs have closed, (in addition one closed just before we came, and another since we left) and now suddenly new houses are appearing all the time. Just over 10 years ago half a dozen of us decided to start local history meetings. Little could we have imagined that ten years on we have something like 180 people on the e-mail list and meetings with usually over 60 or even over 70 people present. Many who have arrived in the villages in recent years are

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just as interested to learn about the past as others. We are all part of the making of history. In a few years' time, people might be looking at village photos which include us and telling stories about us! We love to reminisce don't we, which is precisely what I'm doing now! I wonder if the real reason is a respect for people who shaped the community and history generally, something we are all involved in making, aren't we? I do hope that in the future people will take an interest in the past, as I think there is a lot to learn from the way things were, and it undoubtedly helps us to compare them with the times we live in.

Let's hope that people continue to value the place they live in the times ahead. It's a fact that fewer people who live in a place engage in local life. It's said it's because everyone now is so busy, perhaps because they spent so much time looking at screens and pressing buttons. Also, it's now too easy to communicate regularly with friends miles away. When I arrived, I couldn't possibly have fulfilled my work without the help, support and cooperation of others. Some came to me and offered invaluable information and assistance for which I am eternally grateful. Other things I had to learn and had to wait patiently to discover. I never had enough hours in the day to do all I wanted to. Although you always have some who step into local roles as committee members, trustees, school governors etc for the wrong reasons, for most it is genuinely to serve others. People who do these things now needs your support. And encouragement We should never take them for granted or accuse them of not doing what we want them to do, but encourage them, and talk to them and listen to them.

As I write, a bible reading for next Sunday is of St Paul talking of the parts of the body which all need each other to do their job properly. That's how God made us to be, and every village and area needs that principle to function properly. What can we do in 2025 to support, encourage and listen to others? You will often find this very fulfilling, and you will likely be making the history of the future!

**Revd Ian Walters** 

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#### **Contact**

Jeannette 07403 620783

#### Gosberton WI meet on the second

Tuesday of the month at The Public Hall at 2pm. We like to have an interesting topic every month, either a talk or demonstration and occasionally hands on craft. We also have lots of fun and



chat. We didn't meet in January, keeping

away from the winter weather and recovering perhaps from the Christmas excesses.

On **11th February** we are hoping to have a talk on King John and his treasures.

On **11th March** we shall be having "Birthday Bingo" along with lots of fun and games to celebrate our group's 89th birthday. (Maybe there'll be cake!)

On **8th April** it will be time to elect new president and officers and review last year's achievements. We will probably also have some fun and food.

We welcome visitors to our meetings (a donation is appreciated) and it is always a pleasure to make new friends. We have a monthly raffle, a competition and a sales table, not to mention refreshments at no extra charge and of course, fun.

We meet regularly for coffee and occasional lunches and also for craft sessions. We are open to suggestions for alternative events and venues for these extra activities.

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#### FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

#### **BAPTISMS**

24th November at Quadring Parish Church

Elijah Mcardle

We welcome them to the family of Christ

#### **WEDDINGS**

31st December at Clough Church

Paul Twell & Andrea Commander

We wish them a long and happy life together

#### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AGM DATES

The AGMs for our PCCs will be held on the following dates:

- Gosberton Tuesday 15th April at 7pm in Gosberton Church Hall
- **Clough** This will be in April/May, the date to be confirmed.
- Quadring Tuesday 4th March at 7pm in St Margaret's Hall, Quadring.

Anyone is welcome to come along to a PCC meeting to observe what goes on or to even join and have a say in what happens in your church. Please phone 07803 875638 to confirm dates as they may change.

#### **GOSBERTON CHURCHYARD PATH**

As you may be aware, we plan to replace the churchyard path with a new, wider one. When work starts there will be **NO ACCESS ALLOWED** to the churchyard as both the entrance in Westhorpe Road and the one in Church Street will be blocked off. So while the work is being done you will need to walk the long way round using the High Street.

Debbie Reynolds, Parish Administrator

#### Dear Reader

We continue to provide support to local people who need us.

I am delighted to report that we have been joined by two more volunteers,



John as a call handler, and Malcolm as a volunteer driver. We can help with tasks other than driving if necessary, but we do not try to take the place of local tradespeople.

Even though we have had an influx of new blood, we would be pleased to welcome fresh faces if you can spare the time. If you would like to join us, or need our help:

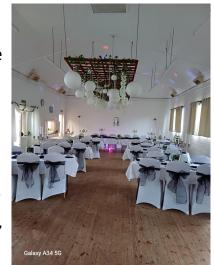
Our number is 07808 326511

#### **CLOUGH CHURCH HALL FOR HIRE**

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Our large church hall (next to the church) costs £10 per

hour to hire and has a modern fitted kitchen and a large carpark next to it. It is available for regular weekly groups to meet and for one off parties and events.



For further information, please contact the bookings secretary, **Fran on 07818 275675.** 



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#### **CHRISTMAS – PAST & FUTURE**

Christmas 2024 was a very happy time for me, both here in Gosberton & further afield.

For example, my new near neighbours (Joanna & Andrew) very kindly took me on a trip to Lincoln. We wandered around the old town, then walked up the ancient Norman road to the cathedral & castle. The cathedral, dressed for Christmas, was full of history & atmosphere. Then we walked around the base of Lincoln

Castle, an extravance of Christmas lights.



In Gosberton there was a community carol service in the parish church, a carol service & Christmas carol videos in the Baptist church, a carol service (with Reverend Luke dressed as a star!) in the Methodist chapel, a festive brass band concert in the Youth Centre & a U3A choir Xmas singalong, in addition to Christmas fayres.



As well as organised occasions there were so many wonderful sights around the local streets. Gosberton was full of Christmas lights: lots of residents had decorated the front of their homes, creating a wonderfully festive atmosphere as darkness fell. The

windows in Mill Lane, by the war memorial, were amazing!

As a result Joanna & Andrew are working on a plan for December 2025. They would like to involve as many homes as possible in a grand village "switch on" next Christmas, plus a "do" in the public hall. So, keep reading your 2025 Community Magazines for further details!

#### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2024

Remembrance Day is always carefully observed in Gosberton. Many people assemble by the War Memorial for an outdoor service that includes the reading out of the names on the Memorial of those who lost their lives, in both WW1 & WW2.



This year four young students from the local primary school read out the names very clearly & fluently. The two young boys, who laid wreaths on the Memorial, were also commended for their marching abilities, which they had learnt at their Sea Cadet Corps.

It was a very moving service, made more relevant by the willing participation of the youngsters, as the names of past Gosbertians were remembered by the new generation of Gosbertians.

M.A.Williams

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL UPDATE.

This year the total cash and cheques collected in our area was £1537.96 plus £25.50 using the new QR code on the boxes.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this brilliant charity. I will let you know the county and national totals in the next edition.

Debbie Reynolds Poppy Appeal Organiser, Gosberton & District.

#### **GOSBERTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

#### **Our Last Meeting (11 November 2024)**

We celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Society - which held it's first meeting back in November 2014. Ian Walters talked about how he and Ivan Dennis formed the Society, whilst Stuart Henderson summarised the first ten years achievements.

It was an opportunity for members to tell us what they think has worked well, and what they want to see going forward.

As a thank you, the usual admission fee of £1 was waived and, as an extra bonus, cakes were provided along with the normal hot drinks and biscuits - all for free!

Long may the Society continue. Thank you to all those that have supported us over the last ten years, making us possibly the most attended such Society in the District!

We don't rest on our laurels, though. We are always keen to welcome new members, and we will continue to preserve the history of our wonderful area for future generations to enjoy.

#### **Our Next Meeting (10 February 2025)**

Kicking off the next ten years of the History Society is the meeting scheduled for **10 February 2025**, starting at 7.30pm. in the Church Hall (doors open from 7pm)

Rev. Ian Walters will lead a session, 'What's In a Name?' in which he will explore the meanings of our local placenames, some of which have changed over the years. The origin and meaning of words is a fascinating study, and we are sure our members will enjoy hearing about them - and maybe even throw some into the mix themselves! We all learn together.

It's also our **Annual General Meeting**, where we will elect our Committee for the coming year, and review the past year, including our financial position. If you're interested in joining the Committee, you can throw your hat into the ring by emailing the Secretary, Stuart Henderson, at gosberton@btinternet.com



**Gosberton Ladies Circle—tea at Birchgrove** 

### **HELP WANTED IN QUADRING CHURCHYARD**

Help is needed in weeding the flower beds along the church path and leading up to the church. Would you be willing to help. The flower beds have lots of shrubs in them so this would not be an onerous task.

Help is also needed to keep the churchyard tidy. Mainly to remove old wreaths and flowers from graves that have been there too long and to also keep an eye on

the Garden of Remembrance and tidy it up when needed.

If you would like to help please contact Carrie on 07799 614594

#### GOSBERTON LADIES CIRCLE

The Gosberton Ladies Circle finished off 2024 in fine style. At our last meeting, in December, Diane & Mary showed us how to make our own Christmas cards. Then we enjoyed a Christmas afternoon tea at the Birchgrove Garden Centre. The food was delicious & so plentiful that most of us went

home with a box of uneaten goodies!

Our monthly meetings restart on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, when Suzanne is coming to talk to us



again about make-up &

show us products that will improve our appearances.

This year the local U3A choir have kindly agreed to return to Gosberton. Their performances are open to all, not just Circle members. Their next "gig" is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 1.15pm in the

Methodist Chapel. Admission is free & all are welcome.

Our normal meetings take place on the second Thursday each month, at 7.30pm, in the Salem Street Methodist Chapel. There is no joining fee, members pay £4 each meeting (including tea/coffee/biscuits) & new members are always welcome. For more information please phone Maggie: 01775 841 396.

The Circle committee would like to thank all our members for their support in 2024 & look forward to seeing you all again on 13<sup>th</sup> February!

Carol, Maggie & Pat

#### **Quarterly Newsletter**

Members of Gosberton & District Local History Society receive a free digital copy of the Society's quarterly newsletter, 'Gosberton's Past Times.' Each issue is jam-packed with stories, news and photographs about the history of the people, places and events of Gosberton, Risegate, Clough and surrounding hamlets. Printed copies are available for £1.

Joining the Society is free of charge, with no obligations. If you'd like to know more, contact the Secretary, Stuart Henderson, by email at gosberton@btinternet.com

#### **Bygone Gosberton Facebook Page**

If you are interested in the history of the Gosberton area, then you should follow the 'Bygone Gosberton' Facebook Page, which is 100% dedicated to Gosberton & District history. As well as lots of old photos and historical information, you can keep abreast of upcoming history events and publications. Just go to Facebook and search for 'Bygone Gosberton,' and press the Like or Follow button.

#### Want to share your old photos, memorabilia & memories?

We love seeing your old photos and memorabilia connected to the history of Gosberton, Risegate and Clough. These all help tell the wonderful story of these places, and we would love to capture copies of these for our archives - so that we preserve our history for generations to come.

Perhaps there are some mysteries behind what you've got - people, places and events that are not known - we can help to try to solve these for you. Contact the Secretary, Stuart Henderson, by email at <a href="mailto:gosberton@btinternet.com">gosberton@btinternet.com</a>

#### PRIZE DRAW - WIN A GOSBERTON HISTORY BOOK!

This year is the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Gosberton & District History Society will be marking this milestone as the year progresses.

We are looking for your stories and photos relating to wartime

during World War Two. If you'd like to share these, please contact the Secretary, Stuart Henderson, by email at <a href="mailto:gosberton@btinternet.com">gosberton@btinternet.com</a>. They will be added to our archive, and maybe even published!

What's more you will automatically be entered into a prize draw where the lucky winner will receive a copy of the book, 'Gosberton 1940', the first of Stuart Henderson's Wartime Gosberton series. Through transcriptions of hundreds of newspaper articles published that year, the book provides an intimate portrait of life on the home front in Gosberton, Risegate and Clough. The book contains a surname index, so you can easily search and find family members. The draw will take place at our May meeting.

Gosberton & District Local History Society

at the Church Hall (behind St. Peter and St. Paul's Church), Gosberton

# Monday 10 February 2025

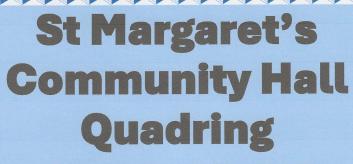
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#### Good Friday 18th April

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#### Easter Sunday 20th April

- Gosberton Parish Church 10am Holy Communion service with refreshments afterwards.
- Clough Parish Church 10am Morning Worship service
- Gosberton Methodist Church 10.30am Service led by Darren Charlton
- Gosberton Baptist Church 10.30 Easter Praise service

### **Gosberton Public Hall**

The Public Hall in Gosberton High Street is a very busy place. It is hired during the week for a variety of sport/healthy exercise classes, and for private functions – especially weekend parties.

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If you'd like to consider making a booking, please phone: 07828

#### Cowley & Browns Charity Reg. No 217099

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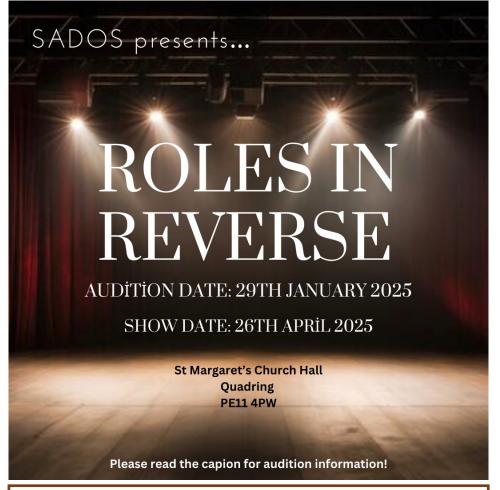
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abanksatwykes@gmail.com or write via Washdyke Farm, Wykes Laner, Donington PE11 4SD

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"SADOS are proud to present a brand-new showcase: Roles in Reverse on the 26th April at St Margaret's Church Hall, Quadring, PE11 4PW.

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Frances Newton **07920 290012** email: franc4s.newton@gmail.com

#### FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the next edition is: <u>20th April 2025.</u> You can email me articles and photos at any time before the deadline or drop them through **my letterbox at 61 Salem Street, Gosberton**.

If you need to phone me please call the church phone which is **07803 875638.** 

The magazine is always available at the Medical Centre, Post Office in Gosberton, Gosberton church and your local magazine contact (shown on the inside cover).

My email address is: deborahreynolds365@gmail.com

Debbie Reynolds

## **GOSBERTON YOUTH CENTRE**

#### **JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

SAT 4th - NO COMMUNITY HUB recommence Sat Feb 1st

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Doors open 6.15pm for 7pm Eyes Down

BINGO with Doreen— Times as above Saturday 4th, 18th January then 1st & 15th February

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Gosberton Youth Centre

Management Committee AGM @ 7pm

Monday 27th January 2025

New members welcome

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Trustees AGM @ 7pm
Monday 10th February 2025



# **Quadring WI**

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month 7.15pm at Quadring St Margaret's Hall & would be really pleased if you would like to join us.



If you have a question about Quadring WI please message us through our Facebook page 'Quadring Women's Institute' or call/text Elizabeth Stott on 07400 589555.

Annual membership £35.00. Non-members very welcome - £5.00 fee.

- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Line Dancing Workshop with Karen Holton Competition – Best Dressed Line Dancing outfit.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mar The work of the Citizens Advice, South Lincolnshire with Erica Orme Competition – A posy for a special lady
- 9<sup>th</sup> April Glass Painting Workshop with Pru Crosby & Joan Powell

Competition – An Easter decoration – any medium

#### **Gosberton Church 49 Club**

In this age of increasing costs, it is good to know that some things have not changed.

£1 per week per number gives you the opportunity of winning £30 when your number comes up. Join our 49 Club Lottery Draw for that opportunity chance and support Church Funds at the same time

Ring me on  $07786\ 101775$  to find out numbers available. Leave a message if I am not around and I will ring you back

Mike Tarran



Carol - 07788 862 098 Trina - 07507 349 399

Gosberton Social Evening

At Gosberton Public Hall

Tickets £12.50

Live Music from

**IVEWIRE DUO** 

Includes Ploughman's Supper and Dessert

**Licensed Bar** and Raffle Courtesy GBSC





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#### **GOSBERTON HOUSE ACADEMY**

Happy New Year to you all!

We all had a wonderful, festive time last term! We had our Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day which the children really enjoyed. We held a Christmas Café at Gosberton Church hall for our families and it was really well supported. The Church Hall was a lovely, welcoming space and we will certainly be using it again. We also had a visit from Santa on his sleigh which



was organised by Swineshead Football Club. Every child received a selection box and we would like to thank the organisers for their generosity.

We held a session for all our children and their families at Boston Playtowers in October half term. This was incredibly well attended and everyone really enjoyed themselves. We would like to thank the

Grandparents of Jaxon W in the Nest as they made a very kind donation to the school which allows us to organise these events.

We are making huge progress with our new build. We realise the impact this has on our neighbours and the village and we really appreciate your patience as we extend our school.

#### **Gosberton Bowls and Snooker Club**

Gosberton's Bowls and Snooker Club is located behind the Public Hall in Gosberton.

The Snooker club is active all year, but the outdoor bowling club is open from about April to September. Both clubs enter Leagues/competitions against other teams from towns and villages in the local area, and both have good success.

We are a growing club and we have two snooker tables and a bar; and currently the Bowls Club are fund raising for their own Club House.

We are a friendly, social club and if you are interested in trying either Bowling or Snooker (billiards too) please contact the Club Secretary - Stuart Tamplin for more information at gosbertonsc@hotmail.com or The Club Chairman - Gary Wilson on 07846 111719.

Everyone welcome to try: older or younger; experienced or not, and coaching can be provided.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Social on March 8th at Gosberton Public Hall (see poster) where you can have a fun evening and you can also talk to members about our club.

#### To advertise in this magazine please contact the editor.

The fees for a year of advertising are: Full page £140, half page £85, quarter page £55 One eighth page £32, one third page £65 Two thirds page £105.

You can have any style of advert you wish with any logo.

We print and distribute 300 magazines per quarter.

#### **GOSBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

#### **MINISTER the Rev Steve Weatherly-Barton**

Morning Worship at 10.30am each Sunday. Happy New Year!

Our Christmas activities began in November when the Home Movie Group put on a Christmas party. All enjoyed the entertainment with Edwin Lunn on guitar, monologues by Ruth Perry and party pieces by Rev Steve and Annie Weatherly-Barton. The afternoon concluded with a Christmas buffet.

Our church looked beautiful for the well attended carols by candlelight. Members had decorated Christmas trees and Annie Weatherly-Barton arranged the fairy lights and other decorations. She also organised the computer slides. Decorations were also admired at the Christmas Day service led by the Rev Steve.

The Wednesday Fellowship Group enjoyed a Christmas get together in the church with an informal meeting including a lovely buffet tea. The group starts the new year on Wednesday 15th January at 2pm, in the Baptist Church. It will meet on alternative Wednesdays. Anyone is invited to join in. For more information contact either the Rev Steve Weatherly-Barton, Rev Maurice Perry or any church member.

Home Movie Group continues on alternative months. There is an open invitation to everyone. It meets at 2pm in the church and includes sandwiches and cakes and a cuppa. Suggested donation £3.

Our Easter services will begin on Maundy Thursday at 7pm with a service of Holy Communion. The Good Friday walk of Witness this year, starts at the Baptist Church at 10.30am, with devotion at various points in the village and finishing at the parish church of St Peter and St Paul. Easter Praise is at the Baptist at 10.30am on Easter Sunday. A warm invitation extends to everyone to join with these services.

important to us all here at Clough & Risegate.

We are an enormously proud, small school, where the family ethos, positive attitudes and good behaviour are reflected in all we do. Our school's strong values are at our core, and they underpin all our teaching and learning throughout the school. Dedicated staff provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy children, who reach their full potential and thrive. The children describe us as 'One Big Family' which sums up our school perfectly. If you ever wish to find out more about our school, please just scan this QR code to be directed to our school website. Stay warm and safe.

Kindest regards

Mrs Rooney (Headteacher)

## Have you ever considered being a school governor?

At the time of writing, two local village schools have vacancies especially for people from the local community who would be willing to attend meetings once or twice each term. (I also know of two or three more schools not too far away who also need governors.) No particular skills are needed, but someone with a genuine interest in supporting our local schools and the education of our local children, might like to know more.

There are online materials which can help you become more knowledgeable and better equipped, which do not take a lot of time. Generally, governors meet once or twice each term and are welcome to visit the schools from time to time, (or more frequently), and help in various ways. If you were interested, just let me know and I will arrange for you to have more information.

#### Ian Walters

Tel or text 07831 645683 or email: ianrwalters@outlook.com

#### Clough and Risegate Community Primary School

Our children have taken part in various fundraising events so far this year, including Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day for local charity Haven Domestic Abuse Service. We also held successful school events like our school's nativity and Christmas Celebration. To raise valuable funds for our small school we also held a sponsored Santa Run and a Christmas Movie Night. Money raised, was spent straight back in school on rewards, Christmas gifts for our children and support with visiting this year's panto. Christmas was an incredibly busy time, but all children enjoyed lots of fun and a trip to The South Holland Centre to see this year's performance of Snow White.

Our children love to get busy and active outdoors. Our younger children enjoyed exploring the ice and many children have been busy working outside in our growing area and poly tunnel. Children made muffins, soups and stews with our winter veg, especially our fabulous

ghost pumpkins.







The next two terms are full of lots of great activities also and we are looking forward to Children's Mental Health Week in February and World Book Day in March. Wellbeing and mental health are a huge priority here at Clough & Risegate for all children and staff. We dedicate a lot of time and resources into ensuring everyone can access the support they need. A big part of this is keeping fit and eating healthy foods, which is all linked to our Farm to Fork curriculum. Our children take part in swimming sessions weekly now too and we always enjoy joining with other local schools for a wide variety of sporting events, such as Boccia, hockey matches and Indoor Athletics, to name just a few. Being as active as possible and moving more, is so



#### **MOTHERS DAY SERVICES on Sunday 30th March**

10am Holy Communion Service at **St Gilbert & St Hugh's Church, Gosberton Clough**. All welcome!



10am Mothers Day service in **St Margarets Church Hall Chapel, Quadring.** All ages welcome!



VICTORIA HOUSE TEAROOM, 2 WARGATE WAY, GOSBERTON, PE114NH

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Saturday 1st March Gosberton Community Hub FREE WIFI OPEN 10am to 2pm **Gosberton Community Hub** Safe Warm Space for the Community Saturday 1st February and Saturday 1st March 2025 FREE Soup and Roll between Mothers Day 12 noon and 1.30pm Crafts for the Kids Hot Drinks Snacks Free Pool Cold Drinks Free Internet Cakes Warm Space Free Parking Digi Den - XBox Playstation Darts Pop Up Gift AccessibleArts/Crafts Open 10am to 2pm Email: Gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com Free Soup & Roll 12 to 1.30pm 21 High Street 1 per persom Gosberton Subject to Availability Safe Warm Space

# Saturday 1st February 2025 Gosberton Youth Centre





Free Soup & Roll

Between 12 & 1.30pm

1 per person

Subject to Availability

Warm Safe Space Valentines Crafts
For the Kids

Free WiFi

Supported by 21 High Street
Asda & SHDC
Gosberton

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#### Gosberton Methodist Church.

### Morning Worship 10.30am Every Sunday

(Please see notice board outside Church for more details or any changes)

#### Easter Services

13<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday 10.30am Service led by members of our congregation.

20<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday 10.30am Service led by Darren Charlton

# Thursday Morning Pop In 9.30am - 11am (not last Thursday in the month)

#### Craft Afternoon 2pm-4pm

17<sup>th</sup> February

17<sup>th</sup> March

21st April

Bring along your knitting, crochet, patchwork etc. or hire a jigsaw. Or just come along for a cuppa & natter men most welcome.

#### Light Lunches 11.30am – 1pm

11<sup>th</sup> February

11<sup>th</sup> March

8<sup>th</sup> April

You will find a warm welcome

#### Emporium Sales 10am - 12.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> February

29th March

26<sup>th</sup> April

We thank you all for your donations and support of these events over the last year. Please come along and enjoy a drink, bacon butty or a slice of cake.

#### GOSBERTON METHODIST CHURCH

We put our Christmas decorations away the other day. That's it. Christmas is over for another year. The celebrations done, food eaten, services attended and presents put away. All done. Is it the same as a year ago? Did Christmas make any difference to our lives? Yes, it was a great time of celebration for many (not for all), but did it make any difference?

I've been thinking recently about the Christmas story from the bible. In particular the shepherds. One night, completely unexpected their lives changed. They were just doing their job when they heard the news of that first Christmas (through an agnel). The result was that they changed their plans they hurried off to find out more. When they found that things were just as the angel said they told others and those who heard the shepherd's story were amazed.

So, what about us? Having heard the story of Christmas, did we hurry off to find out more? Did we want to share the joy with others? Christmas means so much for so many people in different ways, some see it is a Christian festival while others don't. I do think whatever perspective we come from it's a time like no other. I see it as a community event on a national scale (it must be hard to avoid, if you wanted to).

But let's go back to my question. What difference did Christmas make? For example, how many times have we looked at the Christmas cards or spent time with extended family members of acquaintances and thought we must keep in touch. For me, at Christmas there is a sense of being connected that is sometimes lost during January. Wouldn't it be wonderful to acknowledge that Christmas made a difference and that feeling of "connectedness" could continue? Not just something for the end of December, but throughout the year.

Revd. Luke Smith, Gosberton Methodist Church

