

Coffee Morning
Village Hall
Sat 9th
September
10 until 12 noon



St Andrew's, Sadberge



Roundabout Newsletter

September 2023

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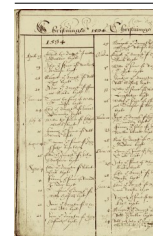
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What a wonderful world!

This graphic by the poet Joseph Miller reminds us to marvel at the beautiful planet that so many of us take for granted.

Common reactions of astronauts who have viewed the earth from space are the feeling of awe, and a deeper sense of the interconnectedness of all life, and a renewed responsibility to care for it.

If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter, floating a few feet above a field somewhere, people would come from everywhere to marvel at it. People would walk around it, marveling at its big pools of water, its little pools and the water flowing between the pools. People would marvel at the bumps on it, and the holes in it, and they would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it and the water suspended in the gas. The people would marvel at all the creatures walking around the surface of the ball, and at the creatures in the water. The people would declare it precious because it was the only one, and they would protect it so it would not be hurt. The ball would be the greatest wonder known, and people would come to behold it, to be healed, to gain knowledge, to know beauty and wonder how it could be. People would love it, and defend it with their lives, because they would somehow know that their lives, their own roundness, could be nothing without it. If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter.



From our Baptism Register for 16th July:

Charles Edward Coulton Matthews

Jack Daniel Luscombe Matthews

We welcome them into God's family

The next issue of *Roundabout* will be published on October 1st

Please send items to
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before 20th September

In recent weeks the news has been dominated by reports of extreme weather conditions worldwide; flooding caused by severe storms, and an increased number of devastating wild fires, most recently in Tenerife.

We cannot begin to imagine the full extent of the impact of the loss of human, animal and plant life on individuals and communities as they set about the emotional task of rebuilding their homes and livelihoods.

On Thursday August 10th Virgin Galactic successfully flew three tourists into space for the first time. During their flight they experienced several minutes of weightlessness which enabled them to view the curvature of the earth. Whether we have travelled extensively or not there is beauty to be found all around us.

Let us pray that world leaders and all in positions of authority in these challenging times of climate change will continue to work together and inspire and encourage us all to play our part in preserving our planet.

May we never take for granted what a privilege it is to live in such a wonderful world. Joe Miller's poem says it all.

Sue Chew

Associate Minister

PS - and lest we forget.....

According to new research thousands of Emperor Penguin chicks died in late 2022 in four colonies in Antarctica: the likely cause was record low sea ice levels causing a catastrophic breeding failure. One researcher said, *the sea ice loss has been unprecedented and far quicker than we imagined.*

Church Services for September and Autumn 2023

(unusual services, events and times appear in red)

Service	Date	Other Details
Sung Holy Communion	September 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th and most Sundays	St Andrew's Sadberge - 9.15am
Harvest Festival	September 24 th	St Andrew's Sadberge - 11am followed by bring and share lunch in the Village Hall
Choral Evensong	October 22 nd	St Andrew's Sadberge - 6pm
Service of the Word	October 29 th	9.15am - All Souls, All Saints

An Invitation!

to join Sadberge Out And About People on our late summer trip to Skipton and Harrogate on 13th September, leaving at 9am and returning at approximately 7pm.

BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment.

Please make out cheques (£14 for members and £18 for guests) to *SOAP Fund*. Contact Pauline on 333982 at 21 Norton Road or Millie on 332020.



As always, your Harvest donations will be very gratefully received

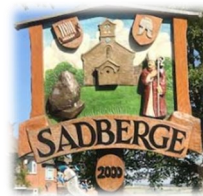
As in previous years, we will send items in tins or packets to the St Andrew's, Haughton Food Bank; fresh produce will go to Darlington's Women's Refuge.

Please leave donations in church between 5.30 and 7pm on Friday, September 22nd. Alternatively, gifts can be given to any church member, or brought to our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, September 24th at 11am** when you will be made most welcome - and please come to the bring and share lunch in the Village Hall after the service.

Rosemary's Crafters carry on with their crafting! Before the school holidays the Craft Group handed over to the North Tees Hospital fifty bags they had made for the Trust's breast cancer patients. This follows the donation of mastectomy cushions that were made last year.

Lead breast care nurse, Val Cross said: *Thank you to the Sadberge Craft Group – their donation is really brilliant. Personalised handcrafted drain bags like this go a long way to giving our patients a confidence boost and their independence after surgery, so they are very gratefully received by our breast unit.*

If anyone would like to join our little craft group, we are starting up again in September. Don't worry if you can't sew, knit or craft in any other way - you can always come along for a chat and help make tea and learn new craft skills along the way. Everyone is most welcome. We meet on Wednesdays from 2-4pm in the Village Hall - there is a small charge of £5.00 per session. Here's an example of our recent work (right), and we look forward to seeing you to help with our next projects.



The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council is on Tuesday 5th September at 6.15pm in the Village Hall. All Sadberge villagers are welcome to come along and hear what your Councillors are doing for the village, and to have your say.

Visit the PC's website <https://sadbergeparishcouncil.gov.uk/> for updates and more information.

The Village Hall CIO Trustees held an Open Evening in August at which residents discussed the running of the Hall, and contributed ideas and made suggestions to the Trustees' Committee on what they would like to see happen in the Village Hall, and what improvements could be made to the services offered. This was a very useful evening and the Trustees would like to thank all those who came along.

