



All Saints Church  
Church Rd  
South Cave  
10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

Dear Tim

We send our warmest greetings to you and the team of translators from what has been recently a very cold South Cave. We have been experiencing 'February type weather' in December

Here at All Saints we are waiting on our new vicar Revd Andrew Moreland. Andrew and his wife Elizabeth were set to join us in November but who sadly was unwell in Autumn. We pray that he may be well enough to join us in the New Year. In the meantime, many people have stepped forward in faith. New services have evolved, home groups have expanded, the schools has a new head teacher - who seems very supportive and this week we have commenced a new initiative - Bubble Church. This is a short thirty minute meeting for families with young children (aged 0-7y) and involves puppets and puppeteers telling Bible stories and Christian truths. The first service attracted 17 children plus parents and seemed to go very well. Everyone is excited at reaching out to the young.

Traditional services seem to appeal to more senior regular congregants but do not appear to reach the younger generations. Whilst this is sad, we are aware of the need to reach out to people in different ways to share the love of Christ. More relaxed services such as Café Church and the First Sunday Service are attracting the younger folk who perhaps feel more comfortable in being able to discuss aspects of faith and worship in new ways.

Our experiences are in many ways similar to the reflections provided by Mirna, Elvio and Joel from the Chaco....

Presenting the beautiful image of Christ helping to bind communities together.  
The humble recognition of the influence that families have on faith development.  
A strong sense of honouring each other.  
And the need to be sensitive to the cultural influences in spreading the Gospel.

In Advent we have been focussing on how we can prepare for Christ coming. We shared examples from each other's lives and experiences.

I had an email letter from Peter and Janny. They seem well. I shall forward a copy to you along with my news.

The next few weeks in the lead up to Christmas will be busy.... Christmas Cards, Carol Services and Parties - all part of the preparation to celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child.

We extend our love to you and the team and wish you a Very Happy Christmas and pray that peace will settle on Earth in 2024.

Every Blessing

Chris Rigg and all at All Saints.