

9<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear all,

A very big thanks to all who contributed towards the Harvest Festival – for those who decorated the church so beautifully, and for those who donated so generously in cash, at the auction, and for the produce for the Foodbank. We raised £137.61 cash for WaterAid, including a donation of £40 from the Deepings Friendship Group from their Harvest Auction. Mission Matters have added an additional £200 from their pot. The auction raised a further £78.20. This makes a grand total of £415.81. We also donated 74.05 kg food to Foodbank.

The following is some information about the Deepings Foodbank:

**What are we?**

*We are a Trussell Trust Food Bank*

- *Run by volunteers from the community*
- *Helping those in our community who are in crises*
- *By distributing food donated by the community*

**How have we done?**

*During the year ended 31 March 2021 we saw a large increase in demand*

*We distributed 5280 days' worth of food to people in crisis*

*Put more simply we were feeding over 14 people everyday*

*During the year ended 31 March 2021 the Foodbank distributed 16,598 kilogrammes of Food to the general public with an in kind value of £29,046.50*

*During the year ended 31 March 2021 we have also offered support to the Feed the Deepings Group, Age Concern, The Soup Kitchen and other local Foodbanks*

**Impact of Covid?**

*170% increase in demand from previous year*

*(1956 days' worth of food to 5280 days' worth of food)*

*Moved to a delivery system from a collection system*

*Not been able to engage with our clients so have only had limited signposting opportunities to help them get further help and support*

*Have had to move to new premises as we could not operate out of our previous location and comply with the Covid regulations*

*Managed to meet the increase demand because of the generous donations received from the community*

**Sum up**

*Been a challenging time for the Foodbank*

*Managed to survive because of the support received from our community and the hard work and dedication of our volunteers*

A very worthy cause. On Facebook today, I received the following post:

WHEN did British people NORMALISE having food banks in what is a developed country?

No other country in Europe has anything close to the appalling Dickensian HUNGER of the UK.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE BRITISH PEOPLE that they think this is somehow OK?

It is an important question.

My apologies for last 2 weeks lack of online service. 2 weeks ago it simply didn't upload. Last week Helen and I were so snowed under with other things that we didn't have time to set the computer up. Hopefully this week!

This Sunday, we are asked to remember as Safeguarding Sunday. The organisation thirtyone:eight, which is promoting the day, says this:

**This autumn, join hundreds of churches across the country who together, will be turning a spotlight on safeguarding.**

**Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is all about creating an opportunity for churches to show their communities that they take this responsibility seriously.**

It's your chance, as a church, to use your regular Sunday service to explore together what safer places look like, and to thank all those working behind the scenes to make our churches safer for all.

The hymns will be [Be thou my vision - \(with lyrics\) - YouTube](#), [Kingsfold "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" - YouTube](#), and a hymn written especially for Safeguarding Sunday.

The lectionary readings are Amos 5.6-7,10-15; Hebrews 4.12-16 and Mark 10.17-31. The Psalm is Psalm 90.12-17.

Anglican Chant [Hylton Stewart: Psalm 90 - "Lord Thou Hast Been Our Refuge" - YouTube](#)

A capella [New Era -PSALM 90 - YouTube](#)

Anthems etc. suggested for this Sunday include:

[Lord, Thou hast been our refuge - YouTube](#) Vaughan Williams

[Give almes of thy goods - YouTube](#) Christopher Tye

[The Choristers of Chichester Cathedral | The Virtual Festival of Chichester - YouTube](#) Parry – He delivered the poor (from 2:30).

[O Praise The Lord - YouTube](#) William Boyce

Here is a prayer for Safeguarding Sunday:

**Loving Father God,**

We come to you in the knowledge that you hold all your children in unconditional love.

We lift to you those who are vulnerable and in need of protection.

Give them your safety, comfort and peace.

We cry to you for those who are hurting and whose trust has been broken.

Give them your healing, restoration and justice.

We bring to you those who seek to forgive others who have hurt them.

Give them your strength, courage and hope.

For those who by their actions or attitudes have caused hurt and harm to others,  
lead them to seek your forgiveness and to enter into true repentance.

Thank you for all who give their time, knowledge, and skills to make our communities safer.

Give them your wisdom, guidance and grace.

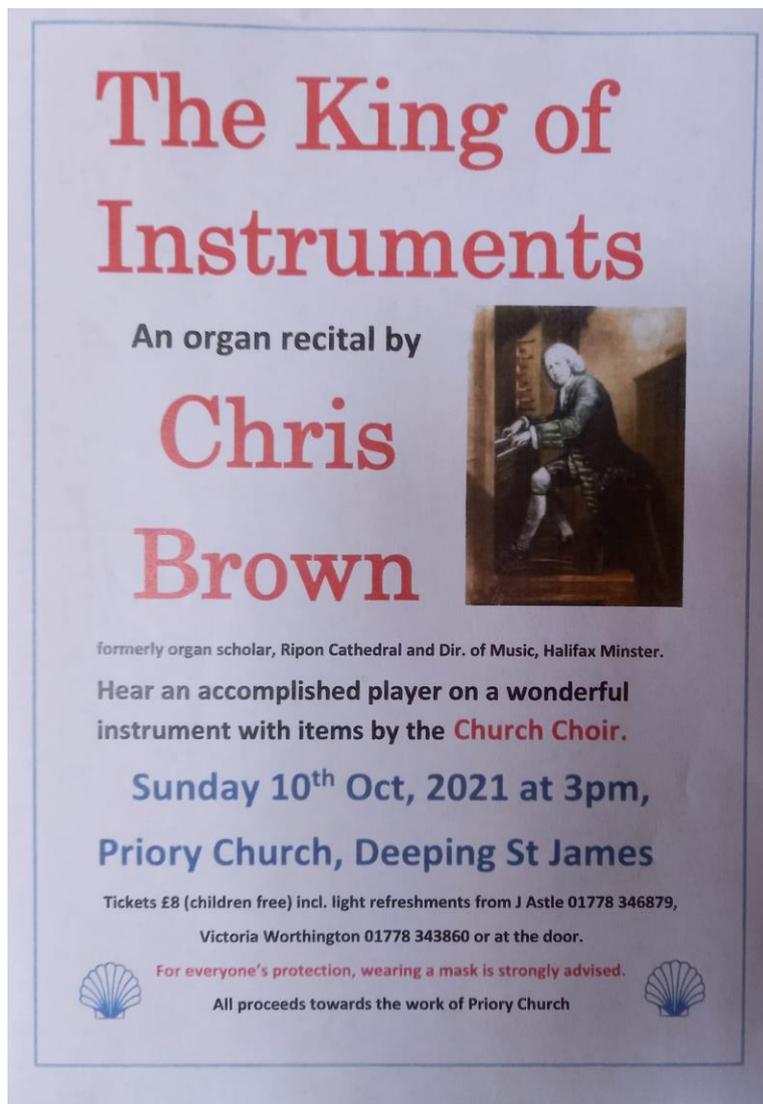
For ourselves, we ask you to give us your heart for the vulnerable, the oppressed, the voiceless and the forgotten. Help us to see them as you see them; to value them as you value them, and to nurture and protect them as you desire.

Help each one of us play our part in creating safer places for all your people.

In your name we pray,

**Amen**

Finally, a reminder of the concert this afternoon.



**The King of Instruments**

An organ recital by

**Chris Brown**



formerly organ scholar, Ripon Cathedral and Dir. of Music, Halifax Minster.

Hear an accomplished player on a wonderful instrument with items by the **Church Choir**.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2021 at 3pm,**  
**Priory Church, Deeping St James**

Tickets £8 (children free) incl. light refreshments from J Astle 01778 346879,  
Victoria Worthington 01778 343860 or at the door.

For everyone's protection, wearing a mask is strongly advised.

All proceeds towards the work of Priory Church



Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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