

Friends of Sadberge are
delighted to announce our
first event of 2024



m e g s o n folk duo

We last saw this fabulous folk duo back in 2019
and we are delighted they are coming back to
Sadberge Village Hall to entertain us again

*Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon listening to
the most original duo on the British Folk scene*



Sunday 7th April 2024

In Sadberge Village Hall

Doors Open @ 2.30pm – Show Starts @ 3.00pm

**Tickets £16.00 (including refreshments) can be purchased from
the Village Hall Coffee Shop**

(cash only, no fees) or purchase online at:

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/megson-tickets-750652701437?aff=oddtcreator> or at
www.megsonmusic.co.uk**

St Andrew's, Sadberge



Leap Year, Love and Lent

Several traditions connected to a specific day of the year are attributed to and influenced by the stories of the saints. Leap Year and St Valentine's Day are just two of them.



Leap Year was traditionally the only day of the year when a woman could propose to a man. It was in Ireland in the fifth century that St Brigid complained to St Patrick that women were having to wait too long for their suitor to propose. Supposedly St Patrick offered women the opportunity to "pop the question" themselves, on the condition it was only every four years. In some parts of Europe if a man refused the woman's proposal he had to buy her twelve pairs of gloves, perhaps to hide the fact she was not wearing an engagement ring! According to Greek superstition it was considered unlucky to get married in a Leap Year.

There are several legends associated with St Valentine, who died on 14th February. Valentine, a priest and a physician, suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by Emperor Claudius the second. It is said that while in prison, Valentine sent a letter to his jailor's daughter whom he had befriended and cured of blindness; he signed it "your Valentine". Another legend states that Valentine defied the emperor and secretly married couples to spare their husbands from going to war.

In 2024 14th February, as well as being St Valentine's Day, coincides with the beginning of the season of Lent, a very important six week period for many Christians world wide as they prepare for the great festival of Easter. It is a time of readying hearts and minds to reflect on Jesus' life, death and resurrection, remembering God's love for the world in sending his only son Jesus to live a human life.



Roundabout Newsletter

February 2024

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The next issue of *Roundabout* will be published on 29th February
Please send items to rblood@ntlworld.com before 20th February

Many Christians are now using Lent as an opportunity to be challenged to 40 acts of generosity and kindness, however small, to lovingly put others before themselves, and make a difference to their lives. Christians are also being encouraged to consider how, as individuals and communities, our lifestyle impacts on the planet and to consider ways in which we can make changes.

It was St Ignatius who said, "love is shown more in deeds than in words."

May each one of us continue to show our love for those around us and demonstrate our care and consideration for the world in which we live.

Sue Chew, Associate Minister

Church Activities up to Easter 2024		
(unusual services, events and times appear in red)		
Activity	Date	Other Details
Sung Holy Communion and Brunch	4th February - Candlemas	Sadberge Village Hall - 10.15am
Sung Holy Communion	11th February	St Andrew's Sadberge - 9.15am
Evensong	11th February	St Andrew's Sadberge - 6.00pm
Communion Service	14th February - Ash Wednesday	St Andrew's Haughton - 6pm
Sung Holy Communion	18th, 25th February, 3rd, 17th, 24th March	St Andrew's Sadberge - 9.15am
Mothering Sunday Service	10th March	St Andrew's Sadberge - 9.15am
Messiah for Holy Week	24th March	St Andrew's Sadberge - 6.00pm
Maundy Thursday Communion followed by supper	28th March	St Andrew's Haughton - 6pm
Good Friday Service	29th March	St Andrew's Sadberge - 2pm
Easter Day Communion	31st March	St Andrew's Sadberge - 9.15am

From the SOAP Team.....



A Happy New Year to all our members and friends. We are getting ready for another year of trips and 'getting togethers', so join us at Sadberge Village Hall from 2-4pm on Friday 23rd February for our annual meeting. And bring your ideas and plans for our 2024 programme. Enjoy light refreshments, a cuppa and a catchup - all are welcome - both regulars and new faces.

A service to celebrate



Candlemas

10.15am in Village Hall

Sunday 4th February

Followed by a bring & share lunch

St Andrew's Church Sadberge



choral evensong

Sunday 11th February

6pm

All welcome



On Palm Sunday in the last two years we have performed a piece of choral music in St Andrew's - Stainer's *Crucifixion* in 2022 and Fauré's *Requiem* in 2023. So this year it's the turn of Handel's great oratorio *Messiah*, though don't worry we won't be singing it all! A carefully selected set of solos and choruses will tell the story of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection in Handel's glorious music.

Reserve **Palm Sunday, 24th March at 6.00pm** in your diary to experience another musical feast in our own Village Church

The church clock

As you have probably noticed, the visible parts of the church clock have been restored to all their former glory.

The clock face is now a beautiful blue and the numerals and clock hands have been refurbished with gold leaf. (Yes it's expensive, but nothing resists the weather as well as real gold so the investment saves us the cost of expensive visits to repaint the numbers every few years.)

If you've heard the bells you can tell that they now ring properly rather than giving out the dull sound that we've been treated to in the last few years. Their mountings, which were rotting and rusting away, have all been replaced. But there's also lots of work that you can't see. The drive mechanism which transmits the movements of the clock inside the church to the hands and the bells has also been repaired, and all the cables that provide the energy to drive the clock and ring the bells have been replaced. The clock should be good for another 20 years.

We are grateful to villager Derek Mason for his splendid photos of the clock.



Would you like to paint a stone for our Easter display?



Instead of creating flowers for our Easter Garden we plan to do something a little different this year. We hope to make a display of painted pebbles along the church wall and would be delighted if you would like to contribute. The pebbles could depict any of the following: spring flowers (especially daffodils), blossom, lambs, chicks, pebbles to look like Easter eggs, the words *Joy, Alleluia, He is risen* - or any Easter related design of your choice. More details in next month's Roundabout.

Rev. Sue