

**\*\*\* Hold the Press\*\*\***

*White smoke was seen coming out of All Saints'!*

**Review of Sunday Services**

As you will know, since last May we have been reviewing our pattern of services held each Sunday in our five churches in the Benefice. Hopefully you will have taken at least one of the opportunities to have had your say on what is important to you about the how, where, and when of Sunday worship.

The three Parish Church Councils (PCCs) have discussed this individually and have met twice together to hear and share their various views – and have now agreed a final Four-Week Plan.

It's a complex and complicated task to draw up a Plan that reflects current attendance at each church, service style and time as well as the views and wishes expressed in the various Benefice Coffee Mornings and the Questionnaire.

What we all want is worship which inspires us, to which we would be happy to invite our friends and family and where we feel part of 'the family'.

At the same time we're aware that it's different and change can be a little scary – just because it's different – but we hope that you will, in the words of Sally, '**Go for It!**'

The new Service Plan will work best if we all do two things:

Firstly - Be prepared to travel to the church in the Benefice which has the service that suits us best. This may mean sharing transport.

Secondly – Continue to support financially, as now, the church you currently support. If you give by Standing Order then that's straight forward. If you use a church envelope then you can put that in any church plate as long as it has the name of your 'home' church. If you normally give in cash then you could choose to change to one of those two systems, put it in any envelope and write on it, or give to the church where you are at worship.

We'll start our new Four-Week Plan from Sunday 7th May 2017, and we'll review it in a year to see if it needs any tweaking.

The Plan itself will be available to see at our next **Benefice Coffee Morning** on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 11am -12 noon**, at the Old Grammar School, Thornton Dale (OGS).

So, as Sally said:

**Let's go for it!**