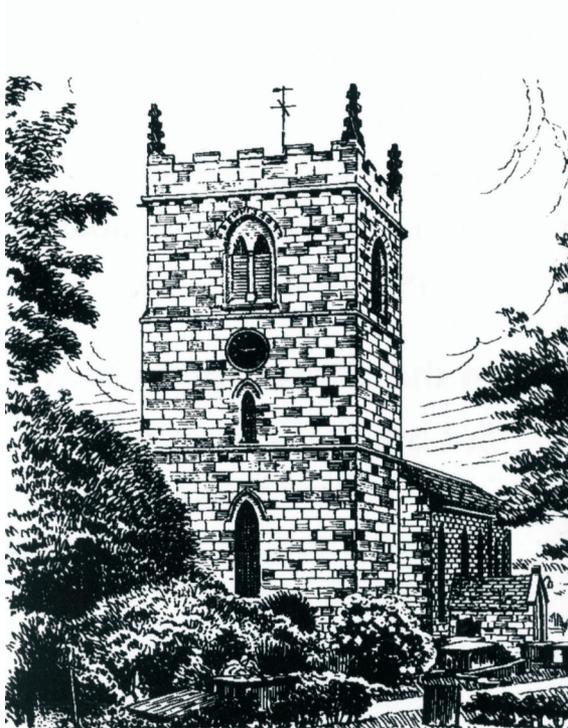


Parish News

December 2011



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Welcome!

Enjoy reading this parish magazine. If you wish to know more about church groups, please get in touch with the contacts - their names are on the inside front & inside back covers.

You'd be most welcome to join us for worship. Service times are on the back page. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Meanwhile may God bless you and all whom you love.

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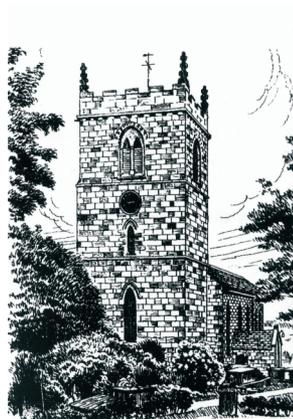
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Which pedal are you pushing??

Our previous home was at the bottom of a cul-de-sac, and provided a turning point for many of the residents to turn their cars back up the hill and out onto the main road. As they left for work each morning the place could be pretty busy. One particular morning there was an almighty CRASH! Rushing to the window, it became clear what had happened. A young girl had got into her car to set off for work, come down the hill to the end of the street to turn round, but had run with some force into next-door's garden wall. Fortunately she was unhurt, though in some shock. The car would undoubtedly be written off.

It seemed that she had inadvertently stepped on the accelerator when she had intended to use the brake. The consequences were there for all to see. Two pedals, so close to one another, yet with such dramatically differing effects. To get it wrong can be catastrophic.

Advent, the season we are now in, is a time of preparation for Christmas. And we can so easily push the wrong pedal. For so many people, the month or so leading up to Christmas is lived with our foot on the accelerator of life, rushing around even more than our usual frenetic pace. There's so much to be done – shopping, trimming up, cooking and baking, writing cards, organising parties, that we wonder how we will ever fit it all into the time remaining.

The problem is that Advent is intended to be a season where we allow our foot to rest gently on the brake of life – slowing things down. The name itself should give us a clue. Ad – vent – literally 'Coming towards'. If you are driving, and coming towards something fixed and immovable, like a brick wall, you slow down, or you suffer the consequences. Christmas is pretty fixed and immovable. 25th December, every year, come rain, shine or snow! Advent is a time for reflecting on how we use the time and opportunities which come our way, clearing out some of the mental clutter. That way, we ensure there is truly space in our lives to welcome God's coming to us in the baby born in Bethlehem.

"If only!" I can almost hear you say it. It seems a wonderful ideal from a bygone age when life was simpler. There is a yearning within us for life lived at that pace, for the chance to slow down and reflect. It seems as if our culture, with its consumer-driven need for more, is like a juggernaut, and we're not too sure who is driving the thing anymore. It feels as if it's driving us!

How can we use Advent in a way which won't leave us in a mess when Christmas comes? We can't retreat into the past, nor into a culture different from that we inhabit. But we can intentionally carve out spaces for stillness, for reflection, for mental de-cluttering in the midst of the rush and dash of life. That way we have more chance of enjoying the bustle of preparation – and its right we should! One way of doing this is by having an Advent candle – numbered down its length, a small section is burnt each day.

The idea is that, having lit it, you sit quietly and still, using space to reflect and pray so you can remain aware of when to blow out the flame. Not, as I once did, light it, rush around doing tasks, and find you've burnt four or five days of candle in one go! Not what's intended!!

Church services might not always have that reflective feel – the All-Age Nativity (11th December 10.30am) is more dash and bustle than most gatherings at St. Mary's – but there are others, candle-lit and calming.(Carol Service by candlelight, 18th December 4pm) There, you will find space to look at an old story with eyes a year older and a year wiser (hopefully) than we have ever looked at it before. Never suppose you've heard it all before and know all it has to say. This is a story in which God is involved, and it always has the power to surprise, and speak truth to us we had never contemplated before. So, as we journey towards this great celebration, which pedal are you pushing? May God bless you and yours through this season.

Amanda



Christingle fun.

There is something magical about the Christingle service! Though the days are long gone when a child would look forward with anticipation to finding an orange at the bottom of their stocking on Christmas morning, the excitement about being given this particular orange is palpable. It's one of the services where I feel the huge privilege of being at the front, seeing the faces young and old, made more beautiful by candle-light, as each Christingle is held up and the children sing 'Away in a manger'.

After the mercenary madness of Christmas, into which our children (and indeed, we ourselves) can so easily get sucked, this is a hugely therapeutic experience to be part of. It has a simplicity and wonder which the world needs more of, in my opinion! And, moreover, it supports the work of the Children's Society in their work with vulnerable children whose Christmas might otherwise have nothing magical about it.

Many people might think you need to have a child to join in the experience. But this is a service which increasingly is enjoyed by many who might struggle to turn out for the 11.30pm Christmas Eve service, and starts Christmas off on the right note. Why not consider joining us in one of our two Christingle Services? Both take place on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December. The earlier one, at 3pm, is aimed at those bringing younger children (under 7s), whilst one is offered for older children at 5pm. It's a great way to start the festivities!

Christmas through fresh eyes.

“That was the most inspiring carol service I’ve ever been to!” So said one of the parents of the Hill-Top School choir who took part in our service. With a rich variety of the old and familiar and the fresh reflections offered in video clips, images and poetry, it’s also one of the services I, as the vicar, enjoy planning the most. Being able to enjoy that miscellany in the beautiful candlelit church just a week before Christmas is a treat in itself. Last year we had the guest appearance of a trained opera singer, giving a beautiful rendition of ‘O Holy Night’ and that of the Hill-Top Choir who treated us with a medley of Christmas songs they had been working hard on for some weeks.

The Christmas story is so very familiar to us – we can’t remember when we first heard it. The danger is seeing the most wonderful event in history through the jaded eyes of over-familiarity which fail to absorb the sheer wonder of it all. If you want to regain the freshness, to see it through fresh eyes and hear it with fresh ears, why not make this service a priority? Book it in your diary now – Sunday 18th December at 4pm.

Albert’s Christmas Songs & Carols Quiz

1. G. K. W. L. O. (4, 4, 9, 6, 3)
2. J. B. (6, 5)
3. T. H. A. T. I. (3, 5, 3, 3, 3)
4. L. D. (6, 6)
5. M. B. C. (5, 3, 5)
6. G. R. Y. M. G. (3, 4, 2, 5, 9)
7. S. N. H. N. (6, 5, 4, 5)
8. R. T. R. N. R. (7, 3, 3, 5, 8)
9. A. I. A. M. (4, 2, 1, 6)
10. W. C. (5, 9)
11. O. L. T. O. B. (1, 6, 4, 2, 9)
12. F. T. S. (6, 3, 7)
13. H. T. H. A. S. (4, 3, 6, 6, 4)
14. W. W. (6, 10)
15. I. C. U. A. M. C. (2, 4, 4, 1, 8, 5)
16. W. S. G. S. U. T. C. (4, 5, 3, 5, 2, 6, 2, 4)
17. W. T. K. O. O. A. (2, 5, 5, 2, 6, 3)
18. S. C. I. C. T. T. (5, 5, 2, 6, 2, 4)
19. T. B. M. (2, 3, 5, 9)
20. M. C. E. (5, 9, 8)



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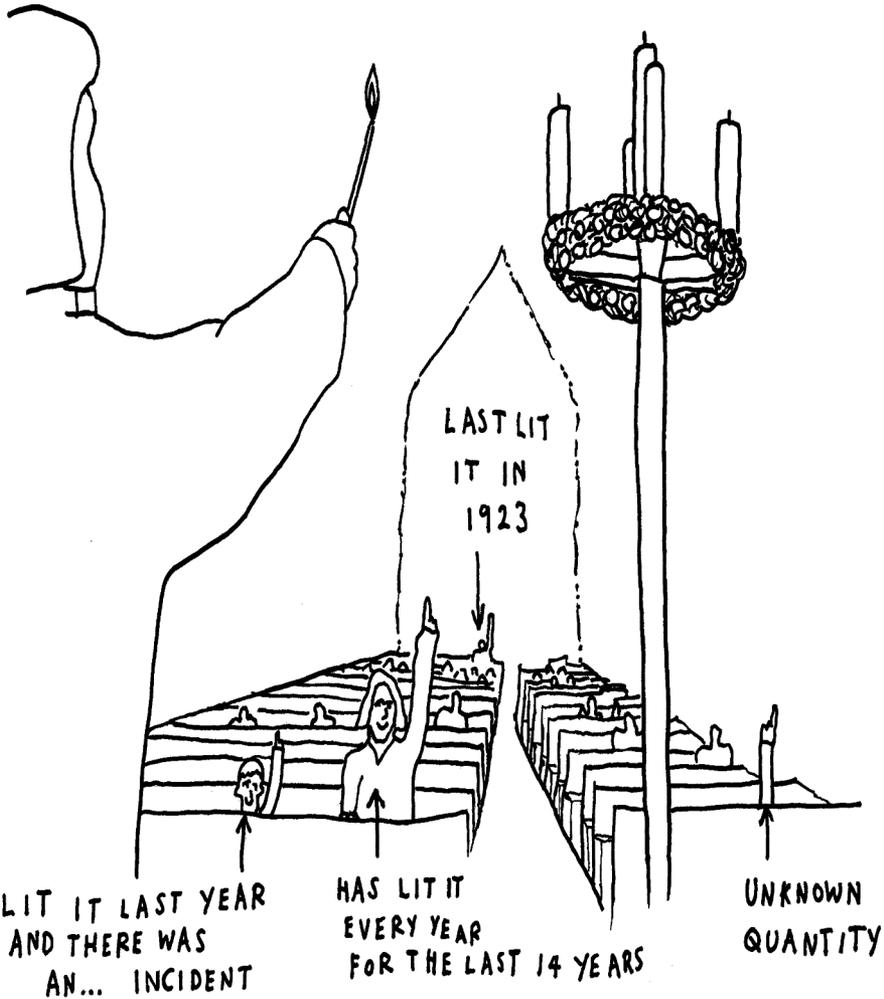
f you are not a member but would like to join us you will be very welcome, a £5-00 deposit is required asap, please see Betty Aveyard for choice of menu. Come and join us the food and company is excellent!

Kath Randall(committee member)

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Church Redevelopment news

Things may have appeared to 'go quiet' on the project to redevelop the back of the church, but there has been steady progress behind the scenes.

There are a number of images on the display board at the back of church to give a flavour of the finer detail which has been added in the meantime.

Our commitment to the wider church was that once we had gathered as much information as we could, we would report back with fuller detail before the PCC makes its final decision about exactly what we aim to do.

With that in mind, we will be holding a public meeting to advise congregation and community about our findings on **Sunday 15th January 2012 at 12 noon**. That will be an opportunity for you to voice questions, concerns and, indeed, encouragement!! Having reflected upon that, the PCC will then take a final vote in February about how we intend to proceed.

It is an exciting privilege to be part of this project, which will enable many who now struggle to attend church to join us again, and enable us to make a building which has the flexibility to be used for a variety of differing needs during the week. Our Parish Centre is in high demand and we regularly have to turn potential users away because we simply do not have the space to accommodate them.

This second social space will offer much needed community facilities. The plan to integrate a permanent display of archive material reflecting the history of the building and the community it serves will allow St. Mary's to be the heritage base for the area it deserves to be, and allow it to be an educational resource for local schools and more widely.

Royal Mail puts its stamp on Christmas

The Royal Mail's Christmas stamps this year have been inspired both by the Nativity and by the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

The stamps, which will adorn millions of Christmas cards and letters in the run-up to the big day, tell key moments from the Christmas story complete with Scripture references underneath them.

On the First Class stamp there is a picture of Mary and the Baby Jesus, while Joseph is visited by the Angel on the Second Class stamp.

The seven stamps in the series are inspired by verses from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and recognise that 2011 is the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

Royal Mail's festive mailbag is expected to be bulging with around two billion items – and on its busiest days, around 130 million items will enter Royal Mail's

delivery network, more than double the average daily number. And the posties are encouraging you to help them by correctly addressing your envelopes. Stephen Agar from Royal Mail says: "Christmas stamps help deliver festive messages of good cheer and celebration across the UK and around the world.

This year's stamps feature scenes from the Nativity, together with the Gospel references from the King James Bible which inspired them.



"As we start the Christmas countdown, we are encouraging people to check their address lists include the full postcode and to get set to post their card, and order their presents early to help us spread the workload of handling around two billion items in the run up to Christmas."

The First and Second Class stamps are available in two sizes: a standard version for regular letters and a 'large letter' version for larger cards and mail.

Three other Christmas stamps depict Baby Jesus in the manger (68p stamp), the shepherds being visited by the Angel (£1.10) and the wise men and star (£1.65). Royal Mail is encouraging customers to post their festive greetings early, and order their online gifts and shopping well in advance, to help its postmen and women deliver the bumper festive mailbag.

Its latest recommended posting dates for mail to arrive in time for Christmas are:

Posting dates for delivery within the UK:

First Class Tuesday 20th December

Second Class Saturday 17th December

Special Delivery Thursday 22nd December

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Airmail to Western Europe: Monday 12th December

Phil Creighton

A Yorkshire Christmas Concert

Give the shopping a rest and join us for what is going to be a very enjoyable evening in the run up to Christmas. Leave the stress, strains and crowds of Christmas preparation behind as you relax and enjoy a concert provided by the All Saint Singers under the Musical Direction of Hugh Mayfield.

The All Saints Singers are a group of about 20 men and women who will provide an evening of light Christmas music along with a selection of fine soloists from the group.

Also during the course of the evening there will be a selection of Readings taken from the Yorkshire Bible which will be very entertaining.

Everyone can also stretch their vocal chords and join in with some audience carol singing.

The concert will take place in Church on Thursday 22nd December 2011 starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from Betty Aveyard tel 0113 2534960 priced at only £3.00 which includes tea/coffee and mince pies in the interval; this must be the best value anywhere for £3 over Christmas.

As the Church will be ready for Christmas what could be a better venue for this event.

Please support and come along I know you won't regret it

Gary Mortimer



Bring joy to the elderly this Christmas

We will be going to sing carols with the residents of Soothill Manor and Lydgate Lodge during December. It is a time enjoyed by them and those of us who go, and such a thrill when some who struggle with words and communication can remember and join in with all the old familiar carols they have known since childhood. The sharing of crackers, the wearing of the silly hats and sharing the 'naff' jokes contained in them is part and parcel of the fun. And there's always chocolate to share.

By the end of 45 minutes we leave hoarse but happy – and know we've done a bit to brighten someone else's Christmas. There's a huge 'feel-good factor' about it! Why not come and share the time with us? We will be singing at Soothill Manor at 6pm on Monday 5th December, and at Lydgate Lodge at 6pm on Tuesday 13th December

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NINE LESSONS

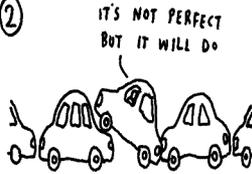
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CAROLS WORK BEST WHEN EVERYONE HAS THE SAME WORDS

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OASIS IS FLAMMABLE SO IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO PUT CANDLES IN IT

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SMALL CHILDREN DO NOT ESPECIALLY ENJOY LISTENING TO NINE READINGS

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PARENTS DO NOT ESPECIALLY ENJOY RESTRAINING THEIR CHILDREN DURING NINE READINGS

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YOU ARE HIGHLY LIKELY TO CATCH A COLD IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE ONE

Diary for December 2011 and early January 2012

Thurs 1 st	2pm	Holy Communion at Soothill Manor
Sat 3 rd	9.30-11.30am	Church cleaning
Sun 4 th	8am	Holy Communion (said)
ADVENT 2	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club
	12.30pm	Baptism Service
Mon 5 th	6.00pm	Carol Singing at Soothill Manor
Wed 7 th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments
	8pm	Home Group at 12 Woollin Crescent (Home of Gail & Dave Townsend)
Sat 10 th	10am-1pm	'It's CRIB-Fun Time!' Activity Morning for children. (see article for further details)
Sun 11 th	10.30am	All-Age Nativity Service (D.I.Y. style)
ADVENT 3	12 noon	Holy Communion
Mon 12 th	12 noon	First Steps Toddler service 'Henry's Christmas'- in church
	7.30pm	PCC meeting in Parish Centre
Tues 13 th	6.00pm	Carol Singing at Lydgate Lodge
Wed 14 th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10.00am	Holy Communion (Iona setting) & refreshments
Thurs 15 th	11.00am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
	7.00pm	Westerton Road School Carol Service in church
Fri 16 th	9.45am	Hill-Top School Carol Service in church
Sun 18 th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club
ADVENT 4	4.00pm	Carol Service by candlelight with special guests!
Mon 19 th		Mothers' Union Christmas Meal out
Wed 21 st	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10.00am	Holy Communion (1662 setting)
	8.00pm	Home Group at 945, Leeds Road (home of Peter Crookes & Margaret Hampshire)
Thurs	22nd	Carol Concert in church
Fri 23 rd	2.00pm	Christingle Making in church
Sat 24 th	3.00pm	Christingle Service - aimed at younger children (Under 7)
CHRISTMAS	5.00pm	Christingle Service - aimed at older children (7and over)
EVE	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas - by candlelight

Sun 25th 10.30am All-Age Christmas Communion – choose your own carol!
NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE ON 28TH DEC

JANUARY

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Sat 7 th	9.30-11.30am	Church Cleaning session
Sun 8 th	10.30am.	All-Age Worship
EPIPHANY	12 noon	Holy Communion



Albert’s Quiz Answers

ANSWERS: 1. Good King Wenceslas Looked Out. 2. Jingle Bells. 3. The Holly And The Ivy. 4. Little Donkey. 5. Mary’s Boy Child. 6. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen. 7. Silent Night, Holy Night. 8. Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer. 9. Away In A Manger. 10. White Christmas. 11. O Little Town Of Bethlehem. 12. Frosty The Showman. 13. Hark The Herald Angels Sing. 14. Winter Wonderland. 15. It Came Upon A Midnight Clear. 16. When Santa got Stuck Up The Chimney. 17. We Three Kings Of Orient Are. 18. Santa Claus Is Coming To Town. 19. In The Bleak Midwinter. 20. Merry Christmas Everyone.

*Albert Shaw
 Merry Christmas to All*

The Children's Society

Thank you for your invaluable support for the Children's Society. Throughout the year we have raised a total of £873.00.

Courtney's Story

Courtney is only 12 years old but has already been living in care for nearly half of her life. She ran away from home when the person who should have been looking after her started abusing her. She missed school and started mixing with older teenagers and adults. Within weeks she had entered into a frightening world of exploitation. It was only when she was referred to the Children's Society Safe in the City Project. That the extent of the danger she was in was recognised.

With Anna, Courtney's Project Worker fighting her corner Courtney has been relocated many miles outside of this area in a home in a countryside location. Here she can get the emotional support she desperately needs away from the people who sought to abuse her.

Your support through your box donations enables vital work including helping children like Courtney to continue

Thank you

Susan Walshaw



15th Morley Cubs and Beavers

So far we have had a term the Cubs have just finished their Fitness badge, and the Beavers have been busy making things, we have also had a Beach Party for Children in Need, we did not see a lot of Sun though, we have also made Christmas book marks, boxes and cards, and enjoyed attending the Christmas Fair where there were lots of goodies to buy and good food to eat. The Cubs will be going on a night Hike on the 3rd December and then sleeping over in the Parish Centre We are all looking forward to our Christmas Party and the schools Christmas service in Church, at which many of the Beavers and Cubs will attend as they attend Hill Top, and Westerton Schools, and also there will be the Christingle services. So we are all looking forward to a fun packed December.

We hope you all have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From the 15th Morley Scout, Cub and Beaver Groups and Leaders.

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What's on

Mothers' Union	3 rd Monday in the month 7:30pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
Playgroup	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:45am-12:15pm Lisa Fyffe 0776 1762661
Girl Guides	Tuesday 7:30pm Vikki Springett 07841 513530
Toddler Group	Wednesday 9:15-11:00am Jenny Willert 07950 278268
Prayer Group	2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7:15pm Derek Barraclough 01924 473375
Rainbows	Thursday 6.00pm Elizabeth Reid 07725 311023
Brownies	Thursday 7.00pm Hannah Tombling 01924 501892
Keep Fit Class	Thursday 8:00pm Margaret Hampshire 01924 476721
Young at Heart	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays 2:00pm Clarice Gough 0113 252 7436
Beavers	Friday 5:00pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
Cubs	Friday 6:30pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
Scouts	Friday 7:45pm Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927
Explorer Scouts	Friday 7:45pm Chris Ingham 0113 252 9976
Jam Club	First and 3 rd Sunday of the month 10.30am Derek Barraclough 01924 472375

Services

Sundays, except the 2nd Sunday of each month

10:30 am Parish Communion & Jam Club

1st Sunday of the month

8:00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism Service

2nd Sunday of the month

10:30 am Family Service

12:00 Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month

10:30 am The Grog-Zone interactive worship in the Parish Centre

12:30pm Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child

Wednesdays

10:00am Holy Communion

1st Thursday

11:00am Holy Communion at Soothill Manor

Monday to Friday

8:45am Morning Prayer

To arrange for baptisms, confirmations, funerals, the reading of banns or any general matter, please contact the vicar;

Amanda Barraclough St Mary's Vicarage, Dewsbury Road, Woodkirk, WF12 7JL 01924 472375

Email: vicar@stmarywoodkirk.org

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