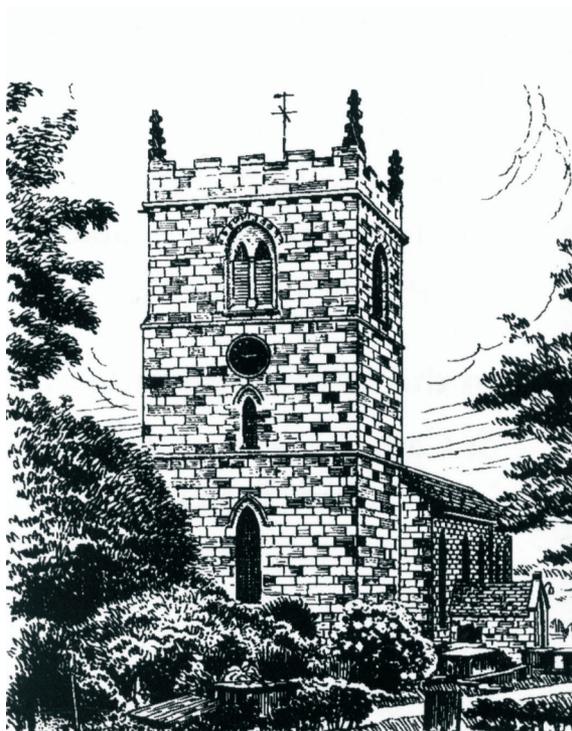


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Enjoy reading this parish magazine. If you wish to know more about church groups, please get in touch with the contacts - their names are on the inside front & inside back covers.

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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How much is experience worth?

"We'll pay you nothing. We're giving you *experience*." So our eldest daughter was told when exploring work in a high-street fashion retailer's Head Office. That's what is being offered to many young people who are struggling to find paid employment in these difficult economic times. Internships and voluntary posts are growing apace, and will always attract applicants who feel the need to keep their CV fresh and up to date. Over the next few months, all our three children will have graduated with good degrees but currently none are likely to be in paid employment – though going out to work every day. It doesn't help in paying the bills! But it's a world where experience is a commodity.

Perhaps that's no surprise. For years now 'experiences' have been marketed in neat gift-boxes to be bought for the person who has everything else – the 'White Water rafting Experience', 'Drive a Formula 1 racing car Experience', 'The Spa and pamper day Experience'. My children recently bought me a 'Murder Mystery Experience' which I am eagerly awaiting (as long as I'm not the victim!). Experience is something to be marketed, something felt to have a value.

"I've never *experienced* church like this! It was SO different!" So one young man commented recently after attending the All-Age Service in order to hear his banns being read for his forthcoming marriage. It was clear in his face, and from his tone of voice, he meant it in a positive way. The service was buzzing with energy, children playing shakers and tambourines as we sang; puppets, Charlie and Alice, getting into scrapes as we celebrated the birthday of the church, Pentecost. Our time together had some of the buzz, the energy, the excitement of the first Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came on the disciples and gave them a power to share Jesus with others. That event, some 2000 years ago, was certainly an Experience, and one which is not just fondly remembered with nostalgia but which can be part of the lived experience of Christians today. Many young families keep coming back after the baptism of their children, month by month, each 2nd Sunday, to join in the experience. It makes me wonder whether it should be called the 'All-Age Worship Experience', rather than the 'All-Age Service'- would that be more in tune with where people are at today? (All comments and reactions gratefully received!!)

Some may baulk at the idea – a service IS a service, after all. But shouldn't *any* service be an experience – an encounter with the God who loves us and his people? If we cease to expect worship to be an experience we have lost

something vital, I believe. Experience is something to be treasured and embraced – our culture encourages us to recognise that. But does it extend to our experience of church?

It doesn't have to be loud, fun and buzzing with energy to be an experience – some services are more like a therapeutic, calming experience. Others, perhaps, uncomfortable as they make us aware of things within us which need healing – but who says all experiences have to be cosy or fun-filled? Some of the most wonderful people I meet in the course of ministry are those who have journeyed through some very painful experiences, experiences we would, by choice, avoid. They know the value of those experiences in shaping them into the people they are today. Their compassion is inspirational, their selflessness a challenge.

That's the difference between our culture and the Christian faith. Culture offers and embraces some Experiences – the fun-filled, the therapeutic, the entertaining. and markets them relentlessly. Jesus calls us to find something enriching in the rich tapestry of our life's experiences. How much is YOUR life experience worth to you?

Amanda



Technology!!!!

Apologies for the delay with the July issue but I had a technical hitch. This just highlights how technology can be fantastic when it works - but what a nuisance when it doesn't!!

Thank you all for your patience - hopefully the situation has been resolved.

Julie

Plea for a Flag

We are now on our last flag that fly's on the top of our Tower. We do ask anyone who wishes to donate the money for a new one, to see Amanda, Gail, Neal or Gary. Unfortunately they don't last forever! It would be a shame not to see a Flag flying from St. Mary's Tower.

Thank you

Gail

A bit of History

Recently whilst shopping in Leeds I came across these two old postcards of St Mary's. The first shows the pews now the choir pews, in situ on the south side of the church.

These give some idea of what the church would have looked like in the late Victorian period. You can also see wooden paneling on the wall and pipes along the floor.

In the second postcard we can see the change after considerable re ordering. The pulpit is now in place where Martin our Lay reader sits, The carved pew ends have now been removed and we can see the ones in situ today. Gas lights project from the walls, which explains some of the marks from previous fittings evident today.



The floor has been raised but as yet uncarpeted. The lectern eagle is on the south side next to the vicar's stall. But even more interesting is the writing on the reverse. "Photo after restoration. before electricity was put in, it was "lighted" sic. I made the crosses - my bible class gave the first cross - candleholders. You can see the top of the Sunday School banner, just the tip leaning on the wall in the left hand corner and showing it behind the reading clerks eagle".

I hope that you have found this interesting I will put an enlarged copy at the rear of church for further perusal. If anyone can add name"s" to the writer or content please get in touch.

Derek Barraclough.

Hi de Hi de Hi – Ho de Ho de Ho !

Eighteen Cubs in Sherwood Forest for a weekend? Let the games commence. We got there a day early to put up four tents to house the Cubs. That's four or five Cubs per tent with enough kit for two nights. I'll leave you to imagine what the inside of the tents looked like...

And so it was we band of Merry Men (and five Girl Cubs!) headed for Robin Hood's secret hiding place – the Major Oak. We had a picnic by the tree and marched on bravely into the forest. Luckily the path came back to the Visitor Centre so we watched a video about Sherwood Forest and then raided the gift shop. I think one of the shop assistants needed counseling but she's OK now.

And so on to Rufford Country Park where we walked around the lake, played in the maze and gate-crashed a wedding. Skip drove through a river crossing to entertain us, but luckily we all hid behind a wall and didn't get wet.

Back at camp we went to the camp fire and sang strange tribal songs complete with actions. The Cubs sang one of them on the way back: "Cucumber, my Lord, cucumber..." but I think they weren't paying attention by then. Morning seemed to come around quickly but after breakfast the Cubs were full of energy once again (adults looked a little less chipper) so we took them to the rope climbing park where they could swing like Tarzan and climb like Cheetah the chimp. Most of them could too. Anyway what better thing to do in Sherwood Forest than Archery? These were proper Bows and Arrows but with some careful tuition from an expert on site all of them managed to hit the target with at least one shot. Great stuff!

Of course, no camping trip would be complete without water and a small stream gave us the chance to make little boats using sticks and string and float them off downstream to who knows where. Not too many wet feet either. Talking of wet, the great weather we were enjoying finally gave up and it rained Monday morning so we all got rather wet in the end anyway. Never mind it was a great adventure and by the following Saturday we had almost recovered...

Thanks to all the Scouts who helped with the entertainment and looking after and Marianne for the use of the minibus.

Dave and Gail Townsend.



Churchyard Clear up – June

It's a bit dry in the churchyard at the moment!! I suppose that makes our monthly clear up easier in a way but there was some sneezing and coughing going on in June with the amount of dust and pollen coming up off the ground. Again, a small number of people were with us (Gary, Alan, Glyn, Dave, Sylvia, Neal with Betty and Brenda for much appreciated refreshments) and we managed to get the old churchyard neat and tidy. Unfortunately with this number of people though we aren't going to be getting any further than that each month, and we've been lucky with the weather that actually it's not grown as much as it could have done.

It is really important that we are able to make the most of the sessions once a month to make sure that the churchyard is maintained. Even though the clear up is from 10 am to 1pm, any time during this window would be much appreciated. You don't have to use the large machinery if you're not confident in doing so.

Please help us with such a small amount of time, clear up is only 0.4% of each month! Thank you!

A Work for Church Day 30th July 2011 From 10 am until 2 pm

There has been quite a few jobs that need repairing and cleaning up in the church and around the outside, some of these jobs can be done by US the congregation of St. MARY'S so could you all please check your diary's and come along. Don't worry if you cannot stay all the time, even a hour will help; the more the merrier . have listed some of the work that we may be able to tackle:

- Re-Paint oak doors
- Clear moss from boiler house steps
- Washing of lamp shades
- Brushing down of walls
- Give carpet a good clean
- Clear out Choir vestry
- Wash down all paint work
- Cleaning of the pews

Let us get together and give the St. Mary's a good summer clean. I know this seems a lot of work, but I am sure if we all work together we can get it done.

Gail

Getting the basics right – learning more about Jesus.

Do you ever wish you understood more about the basics of Christian faith? Had an opportunity to explore what Christianity has to offer today? Wanted to ask some challenging questions about Jesus and his claims? Maybe you're fascinated with Jesus but find public worship hard to understand, or maybe you're a regular churchgoer but never seem to have the chance to explore the foundations upon which your faith is built? If you would be interested in exploring these issues alongside others in a small, informal group of intrepid faith-explorers, why not get in touch with Amanda on 01924 472375 or on vicar@stmarywoodkirk.org. ? You may find it a rewarding and enlightening experience!

There are a number of short courses we could potentially embark on in this journey of discovery, but it would be good to have an initial meeting to see the starting point folk are coming from so that we explore material which 'scratches where we itch'. For some folk this may lead to confirmation – a public commitment to embracing Christian faith. Other folk may have already been confirmed, and still others may not wish to pursue that route at all. The joy of these gatherings is that I learn from participants as much as they learn from one another and from me – we all grow to discover more of God together. Get in touch if you want to know more!

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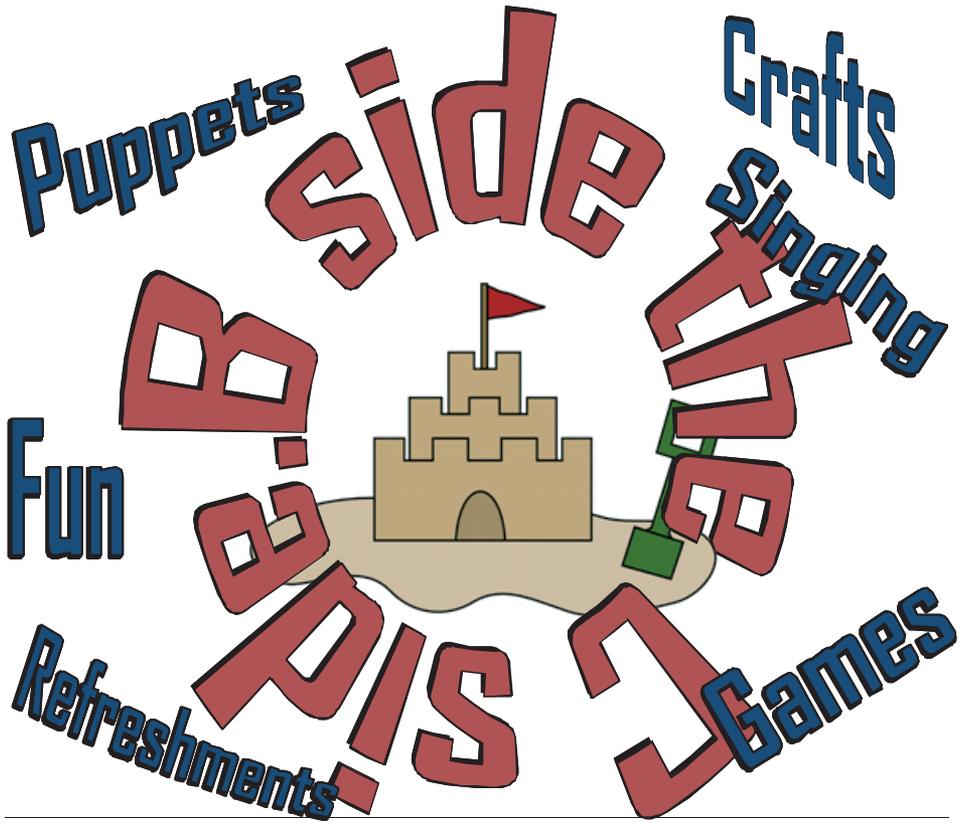
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So lets see you all there on Saturday July 16th 10.30am to 3pm

This is a great opportunity to raise funds for the Church, meet with friends and have a very enjoyable day.

See you there

Gary



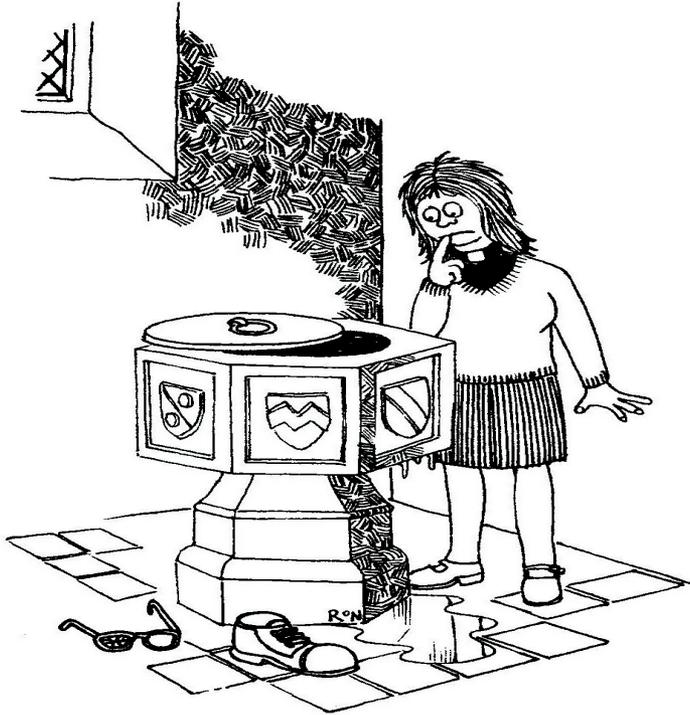
Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!! Activity morning

Just to get into holiday mood – whether or not you’re going away – there’s a Children’s Activity morning being planned for Saturday 23rd July! Children aged between 4 and 11 are welcome, on this first Saturday of the school summer break.

No doubt Charlie and Alice, our intrepid puppet duo, will be up to mischief of some sort in our fun-packed, activity filled morning together. Team games with a crazy twist will be interspersed with seaside themed craft and baking activities.

Will you be in the Fishes, Seahorses or Crabs team? Will you leave with sand between your toes? Who knows! One thing is certain – you’ll be missing out on a whole load of fun if you don’t come!

So, whether you’re going to the beach or not this summer holiday, make sure you’re there when seaside fun comes to Woodkirk! Ring Amanda on 01924 472375 to secure your place. At only £3 per child for three hours of fun it has to be a bargain!



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another victim . . .*

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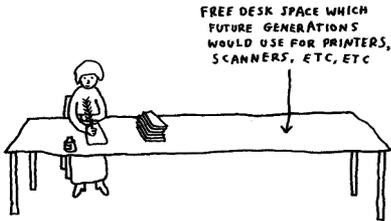
Albert's England Footballers Quiz

Find the surnames of these post-war England international footballers. First names are given to help you. (Only one still plays usually away from home!)

1. An essential part of every football match. (Alan)
2. River and stream restraints. (Gordon)
3. Crazy Leeds and Blackburn player? (David)
4. This might be found in church and on your front door? (Colin)
5. He might provide you with legs, breasts, livers and loins. (Terry)
6. An athletic football club? (Bobby)
7. Fruit once found at Elland Road. (Trevor)
8. A Leeds barrel maker? (Terry)
9. Sounds like Yorkshire hot stuff? (Tony)
10. A place in the Isle of Man? (Brian)

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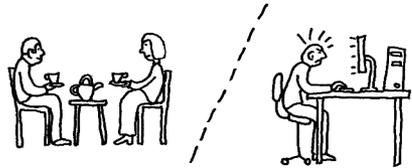
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11. Eight kings of England? (Duncan)
12. These beautify our gardens. (Ron)
13. A pound for the meter? (Paul)
14. Did he ride with the hounds and bite their legs? (Norman)
15. Burger King of Newcastle and Arsenal? (Malcolm)
16. A sailor from Ipswich? (Paul)
17. Sounds like he came from Ilkley? (Bobby)
18. SI unit of force. (Keith)
19. Was he welcomed home after his partnership with Lee? (Martin)
20. A sailor who always protected his nets. (David)
21. A striking wool gatherer. (Alan)
22. These may be used to enter fields when rambling. (Norbert)
23. A small swallow-like English bird. (Frank)
24. A type of towelling. (John)
25. Sounds like this captain never did anything wrong. (Billy)

Diary for July and early August

Sat 2 nd	10am-1pm	Churchyard clean-up
Sun 3 rd	8am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club
	12.30pm	Baptism service
Wed 6 th 9	.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments
		<i>No Home Group this week</i>
Thurs 7 th	2pm	Holy Communion at Soothill Manor
Fri 8 th	11.30am	Wedding
Sun 10 th	10.30am	All-Age Worship
	12 noon	Holy Communion <i>(service conducted by Revd. Steve Dye)</i>
Mon 11 th	12 noon	First Steps Toddler Service – Parish Centre 'Henry goes on holiday'
	7.30pm	PCC meeting in Parish Centre
Wed 13 th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Iona setting) & refreshments
Sat 16 th	10.30am-3pm	Garden Party on Vicarage lawn
Sun 17 th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club
Mon 18 th	7.30pm	Mothers' Union 'Beetle Drive' in Parish Centre – all welcome
Wed 20 th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (1662 setting) & refreshments
	8pm	Home Group at 945 Leeds Rd - home of Peter Crookes & Margaret Hampshire
Thurs 21 st	11am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
Sat 23 rd	10am-1pm	'B Side the C Side' Activity Morning (see article)
Sun 24 th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & Gro-Zone
	12.30pm	Thanksgiving for the birth of a child
Wed 27 th	9.15am	Church Open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (with prayer for healing) & refreshments
Sun 31 st	10.30am	All-Age Communion
	5-6.30pm	'Wannabees' Youth Group at the Vicarage



August

Wed 3 rd	9.15am 10am 8pm	Church open for prayer Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments Home Group at 12, Woollin Crescent - Home of Gail & Dave Townsend
Thurs 4 th	2pm	Holy Communion at Soothill Manor
Sat 6 th	10am-1pm 2pm	Churchyard Clear-Up Wedding
Sun 7 th	8am 10.30am 12.30pm	Holy Communion (said) Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club Baptism Service
Mon 8 th	7.30pm	PCC meeting in Parish Centre
Wed 10 th	9.15am 10am	Church open for prayer Holy Communion (Iona setting) & refreshments
Fri 12 th	1pm	Wedding
Sun 14 th	10.30am 12 noon	All-Age Service Holy Communion
Wed 17 th	9.15am 10am 8pm	Church open for prayer Holy Communion (1662 setting) Home Group at 945, Leeds Rd - Home of Peter Crookes & Margaret Hampshire

Jam Club

Come along and join in with the singing, story telling, arts and crafts. Children of all ages are welcome.

Sunday morning 10.30 in the parish centre.

Join in the fun. For more information contact Amanda at the vicarage.



Ancient door loses studs.

I was horrified the other day to discover that some of the metal studs which make up some of the character of our ancient Monks' Door have been stolen, presumably by metal thieves. The door is one which was part of the old monastery here, and is often noted by visiting schoolchildren for its size (only big enough to allow today's youngsters through) – another evidence of its antiquity. It was, we are told, used to allow the monks access to their fishponds (where the beck used to be). The metal studs have been part of that door for hundreds of years. Even at a time when metal was at a premium for munitions during the war, no-one thought to remove the studs from door like this. The amount which could be raised by such limited quantities of iron is minimal. Their historical value is far greater.

If you see anyone tampering with such things when walking through the churchyard, please let Amanda know at the Vicarage – don't just assume they have authority to do so. It is the heritage of YOUR community they are quietly eroding.

Playgroup Update

What do our children like to do? ... Well we are having a term based on just that; all our children's interests.

We are having a focus week on vehicles which will feature a car wash! And hopefully a visit from a big red fire engine!

We do love sand, so there will be sand inside and outside for the children to explore.

The term comes to an end week commencing 18th July where we will be having a bouncy castle and leaving parties.

Lisa Fyffe

Albert's Quiz Answers

1. Ball. 2. Banks. 3. Batty. 4. Bell. 5. Butcher. 6. Charlton. 7. Cherry. 8. Cooper. 9. Currie. 10. Douglas. 11. Edwards. 12. Flowers. 13. Gascoigne. 14. Hunter. 15. McDonald. 16. Mariner. 17. Moore. 18. Newton. 19. Peters. 20. Seaman. 21. Shearer. 22. Stiles. 23. Swift. 24. Terry. 25. Wright.

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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
Youth Group	Last Sunday of the month (term time) 5:00-6:30pm Amanda Barraclough 01924 472375

Services

Sundays, except the 2nd Sunday of each month

10:30am Parish Communion & Jam Club

1st Sunday of the month

8:00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism Service

2nd Sunday of the month

10:30am Family Service

12:00 Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month

10:15am The Gro-Zone interactive worship in the
Parish Centre

12:30pm Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child

1st and 3rd Wednesdays

10:00am Holy Communion

2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays

7:15 pm Prayer Group

8:00pm 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

To book weddings please contact the Wedding Coordinator, Gail Townsend, 0113 2528710

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