

# **Parish News**

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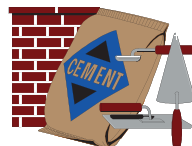
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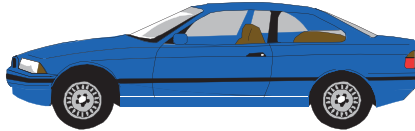
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## Welcome!

Enjoy reading this parish magazine and, 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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## Minimalism for life....

Ben, our eldest, has just left his job with Lancaster City Council to experience six months of TV technology training with United Christian Broadcasters in Stoke-on-Trent. For months we have had discussions about which of his possessions would be returned home to the Vicarage, and which would be taken with him to the accommodation they are providing for him there. It was something of a shock to him to be told, within a fortnight of starting there, that he would, unfortunately have to share a room, a wardrobe, a chest of drawers. He would only be able to bring with him the bare essentials. There may be no space for his desk-top computer, his TV, playstation...

He felt deeply unsettled by this, and talked of all these things being 'stripped away' from him. Not only had he walked away from a secure job with a salary, from being near his long-term girlfriend, but also from most of the belongings he had gathered to himself. Some hard decision making was necessary. What things are truly essential to his life? What are just nice to have but can be set aside for a time? Those anguished phone calls between the Vicarage and Stoke have caused me to ponder how I would cope if so much of what I had were 'stripped away', and what is truly essential to my life.



Perhaps that's an apt reflection for all of us as we embark on a journey through Lent. The well-worn symbolic 'giving up chocolate' which so many seem to undertake is a voluntary 'stripping away'. Those 40 days of Lent reflect the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, where all was stripped away from him – home, food, the society of others, comfort. He had to face tough questions about what was essential to his life. Could he cope if all he had left was God? And, at the end of Lent, as we watch the man hung on the cross, we see the answer was 'Yes'.

We only have to look at Christians in developing countries, who have so few possessions to see how essential God is to them, how important their faith is. It seems to be that the more we fill our lives with possessions, the more we forget this. Now I'm not advocating that we sell all we have and live in tents. The goods we have are not called GOOD for no reason- they are part of the rich store of a diverse and wonderful creation made by God for us to enjoy. But it's no bad thing to ponder what is truly necessary and what isn't, and in stripping away something from our lives create a space for God to fill. If we become too dependent upon what we own for our sense of well-being, it might just be that our possessions own US, rather than us owning THEM!

So, what can be stripped away? It doesn't have to be chocolate! David Greenwood-Haigh, the trainee Lay Reader currently on placement with us is quick to tell me that – but he does work for Divine Chocolate! But as he said, “Why give up something good when you could give up something bad?” Some habit, something that sucks up the time (or money) you could be doing something more constructive with, for example.

But whatever we choose to ‘strip away’ from our lives, it’s no bad thing to ask ourselves “Why that? Why not something else?” Do we take the easy option of something that doesn’t cause us too much pain, and if so, are we missing the point? What is essential to us, and why?

Ben was relieved to discover he could have his computer. There are, after all some things it is difficult for a young man to live without, aren’t there? God is no kill-joy. And Ben would tell you that – he’s having an enriching and worthwhile time at UCB. When God takes away with one hand, he often gives back with another.

May God bless you on your journey through Lent

*Amanda*



## **Can you spare any change guvnor!**

We all have it don't we? Loose change stuck in draws, in old purses, tins, boxes. What is he talking about I can hear you asking. Old coins now not legal tender, euro “shrapnel” foreign coins and notes, just lying there doing nothing. But is there a way to clear these items and perhaps make a little usable cash for St Mary's. Perhaps there is.

These old coins and notes could be sold as collectables, singly or in lots if we receive enough some by be able to be exchanged at the bank for legal tender. If you have such items then pass them to me and I will try to raise funds from them. I will try this throughout the year and inform you of any progress. From the beginning of the month I will put a box at the back of church for any donations.

All donations gratefully received as they say.

Thank you.

*Derek Barraclough.*

## **Step inside!!**

### **Seeing things a new way this Lent.**

I'm old enough to remember Cilla Black singing 'Step inside love'. Frightening, I know! Stepping inside something you've only ever viewed from the outside can bring a totally different perspective. Then there was Alice, through the Looking Glass – again, a new world opens up.

This Lent, we are using a pattern of looking at the Bible from the inside. Too often, our study of the Bible tends to be about analysing it, in an almost scientific way of microscopic investigation. The words are objects we be looked at closely. But invariably that looking is from the outside. The materials from our Lent course will invite us to do something different. To step inside the passage.



Imagine stepping into a room in someone's home. As they pop to the kitchen to put on the kettle you are left to look around you. Perhaps a picture on the wall catches your eye, an ornament, a book on the shelf. Something stands out from the rest of the room and draws your attention. There's no right or wrong 'object' – it's just something that resonates with you. It captivates you, and absorbs your attention. You're almost in another world when the cup of coffee arrives.



That's what our Lent course is intended to be like – stepping inside a passage together, exploring it, discovering what catches your attention, and what that might say to you. It's called 'Praying the Scriptures' but it's not really 'praying' in the sense of saying prayers, hands together, eyes closed style. I would have called it 'Stepping inside the Scriptures' – but then again, no-one asked me!! It is based on an ancient pattern of Biblical learning called 'Lectio Divina' – holy learning to you and me. Just because it's got a Latin name it's not high-brow – as I said, there are no right or wrong answers.



It's generally more reflective in style so if sitting and absorbing is your style of learning this might be right up your street!

The 5 weeks of the course will begin on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, at the Vicarage. There will be an afternoon session (2-3.30pm) for those who prefer that, and an evening session (7.30-9.00pm) for others. The course booklets are available in church for the bargain price of £1.20- and you may find it valuable to have one to follow even if you can't get to the sessions. Where else can you get a well-produced booklet for that sort of price, offering so much rich material to take us through Lent? The course will be led by the Core Group – Gill, Gail, Malcolm, Neal, Derek, Gary, Martin and Amanda. Come and support them! You'll find it a rewarding experience!

*Amanda*



## **Spring**

The first green leaf that turns to gold upon the creepered wall brings a stab of sadness for you know that it will fall dying back into the earth from which it grew in spring to come back in another form when April songbirds sing.

The leaves are like the passing years of life, they come, they go, each one has a sorrow or a blessing to bestow and every new experience adds something to the whole bringing wisdom, knowledge, truth, enriching mind and soul, like the fading leaf that drops to earth to fertilise the soil in which it rests at last beneath the Autumn skies.

One by one the changing years of life drop off the tree, you cannot hold one minute back whoever you may be, so whatever fate may do, whatever time may bring face it gladly knowing GOD will send another Spring.

*Audrey Bourne*



## **Are you being served? Appointing the right leaders.**

On 27<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding our Annual Meeting as a church, at which we appoint our churchwardens, and others to office as PCC members. And maybe this year it is more important than ever that the congregation of St. Mary's feels confident that the elected members, who are appointed to represent them, are able to do just that.

Why? It is likely that during the three year term of office for which new members will be appointed, we will be making some significant progress towards the plans to re-develop the back of church to provide much needed facilities. It's something which has been talked about for many years. There are some who have lived through every failed attempt to do this and simply struggle to believe it can, and will, be done. I know that from the many conversations I have had with longer-standing members of the church family! But we are now at the point where it is both practically possible and increasingly necessary. There seems to be a sense that this is the right time to concentrate our energies on bringing this about in a way which will enrich the provision for those who attend services, and indeed for the wider community.

It is therefore vital that individuals are nominated to the Church Council who represent the views of the wider congregation, and can express them accurately. But there's more to it than that. As the PCC were reminded in a visit from Martin Cavender (Director of Resource) the PCC are not there to oversee drains and buildings, but to assist in growing the spiritual life of the church, its mission, vision and community involvement. All these aspects of the life of the church will form part of the agendas we will tackle over the next 12 months, as indeed will issues being faced by the wider church – e.g. the move to appoint women bishops, the changing of the boundaries of dioceses. We also decide the little things that can make so much difference to the ministry of the church – for example, the Toddler Bibles given to babies at baptism was a matter we agreed this year. We will be considering a timescale and preferred options for future replacement of our now out-of-print and increasingly worn hymnbooks.

We meet monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 7.30-9.30pm, and after a boost of caffeine we're raring to go on some lively matters for discussion. This year, we will have 7 vacancies to be filled, as well as 3 Deanery Synod vacancies. Of those whose term of office is coming to an end, only 4 are eligible for re-election – which means we need at least 6 more folk to step up to the mark! If you are on the electoral roll of the church (renewed between 20<sup>th</sup> Feb and 6<sup>th</sup> March) you are entitled to apply to join us. You will need someone to nominate and second you, and add your name on the sheet in the porch from 13<sup>th</sup> March. If you're not sure it's for you, but you can identify someone who has something

to offer, why not ask them to consider representing your views to the wider body of the church?

If you need any further details, why not ask Amanda, one of the wardens, or indeed a PCC member? And, if you feel you need to attend a meeting as an observer before making that commitment, just speak to Amanda – it can be arranged. We'll be on our best behaviour and we'll even save you a chocolate biscuit. Oh, dear – maybe not – it is Lent, after all.

*Amanda*



## **What will 2011 bring?**

2011 is a year when people will need the Lord more than ever.

The selfish, materialistic society which has been allowed to develop and grow over the past thirty or so years is now reaching a crisis-point. Economic breakdown caused by the failures of unrestricted capitalism will cause so much grief and unhappiness for people around us this year.

Debt, home repossessions and other economic hardships are just three of the consequences of the economic crisis that the world has found itself in. This can lead to stress, family breakdowns and despair.

The selfish materialistic approach to everything is synergistically working together with a globalised mass media, commercialisation & greed to accelerate the breakdown of the environment.

Consider then that 2011 will be the year when people who have been disadvantaged and dispossessed will need to hear the word of the Lord more than ever, but also that the word will find a greater reception over a wider audience. When the attraction that greed, wealth and materialism have upon people slackens it becomes easier for them to turn their heads towards a brighter light. What if the Church could provide an inspiration for stronger local communities which work together to provide local services. Maybe even inspire an economy based not upon production and consumption and the consideration of people as economic units, but on local production and community-centred recycling in which people come first, not profit.

We hope that in this year of "Austerity Britain" and hardships that people are comforted by new knowledge of God's love for them and the caring and enriched lives that he wishes us all to have. In short, this is the time when people can be most helped by the Church and turned onto what the Church can do for them.

*Ian Kerry*

## The card on the altar

The All-Age service, the day before St. Valentine's Day, found a card on the altar, in a large red envelope, addressed 'To My Church'. The front showed the word Valentine woven into the best known Bible verse:

"For God so loVed the world  
That He gAve  
His onLy  
BegottEn  
SoN  
That whosoever  
Believeth In Him  
Should Not perish,  
But have Everlasting life."  
John 3:16

Inside read the words:

Roses are red, violets are blue

I created such beauty because I love you!

My love, though seen in the world I have made

In your love for each other is best displayed.

To see how much I love you, let your eyes feast

On the sight in the window you'll find in the east.

# **“Rock ‘n Roll”**

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# **Rock 'n Roll**

## James Irwin

James Irwin was an American astronaut and possibly the most religious of the original group of astronauts to undertake the lunar missions. He served as Lunar Module pilot for Apollo 15, the fourth human lunar landing; he was the eighth person to walk on the Moon. It was said that in terms of the findings about the moon, that Apollo 15 was the most successful of the moon missions. On speaking of his experience in the lunar module, Irwin said that he felt the presence of God close by. When problems occurred during the mission such as mechanical or equipment failures he would offer a short prayer in his mind and magically the solution to the problem would occur to him – even in situations where the failure hadn't been anticipated in training!

Most inspiring of all was that the Lunar Rover's steering had broken and while nothing that either astronaut could do to fix it worked, after they had slept the night in the Lunar Module they woke to find it working again!

The major find of the mission was a rock that became known as The Genesis Rock. The rock was formed in the early stages of the solar system, at least 4 billion years ago, but probably closer to 4.5 billion years ago and yielded many valuable answers regarding the geology of the solar system. The astronauts could have searched in vain for the rock, it was the whole point of the mission to find something as valuable. Yet on coming across it Irwin felt as though the rock were presented to them on a pedestal of white dust so that it could not be missed; and took this as further evidence that their mission had some form of divine guiding hand.

Beyond his achievements as an astronaut with NASA, Irwin is perhaps most notable for his Christian work. He left NASA and retired from the Air Force with the rank of colonel in 1972 and founded High Flight. He frequently commented about how his experiences in space had made the presence of God even more real to him than before.

Beginning in 1973, Irwin led several expeditions to Mount Ararat, Turkey in search of the remains of Noah's Ark. His expeditions failed to find any sign of the Ark. In 1982, he was injured during the descent and had to be transported down the mountain on a horse and then to the nearest hospital.

"More Than Earthlings: An astronaut's thoughts for Christ-centered living" is a book formed from a series of reflections and articles that Jim Irwin published in the 1980's.



*Ian Kerry*

## Albert's Fabrics & Textiles Quiz

Find the fabrics and textiles suggested by the following clues. All answers are in alphabetical order.

1. Slogan of people who want to get rid of Dewbury's oldest church?
2. Central necessity of a light?
3. Name given to either end of a racing boat?
4. Cheshire fabric?
5. Surname of a former Open Golf champion and an Eastenders character?
6. Small French pancake?
7. Hard wearing fabric that might be mined?
8. Touched?
9. Gossip, Queen and eat to produce this waterproof fabric?
10. Shoe fastener?
11. Sounds like the way to control a dog that bites?
12. Two major cities produce this fabric.
13. Material produced by BP and shell?
14. What protesting workers did instead of walking out?
15. Inferior material produced in the Batley area?
16. A Barrister?
17. Sounds like how Wogan may be described in his "racing snake" guise?
18. A British river?
19. Rob. A wartime comedian with the catchphrase "The day war broke out".
20. Textile found in the name of a former worldwide shopping chain and an M1 Services?

## Jam Club

On the 20th Feb we had a fun packed jam club. 8 children attended to hear Laura tell the story of the parting of the red sea.

We made little coloured in flip books, and sang some songs. We then all joined in with ring games.

If you want to join in the fun then come along on a Sunday morning at 10.30

*Julie Hyde*





## St. David

In March we celebrate St. David, so I thought I would like to find out more about St. David patron Saint of Wales.

There are no contemporary accounts of St. David, but he is mentioned in a list of saints dating from around 800. The only "biography" was written about five hundred years after the supposed date of his death. This claims to have drawn on older accounts, but these have disappeared - if they ever existed. The author was the son of a bishop of St. David's, so he was concerned to bring out the importance of the See. All later accounts rely on this one source, so basically they tell the same story, with various embellishments.



He was said to be the son of Prince Sandda (or Sand, which means saint) and St. Non. His father dreamed that he would receive three gifts – a stag, a fish and a swarm of bees. The stag represented his son's power over the tempter serpent, the fish his abstinence and honey from the bees his holiness. David was ordained priest and founded many monasteries (traditionally twelve after the tribes of Israel and the apostles and perhaps to show that he converted the tribes of Wales), settling finally in Mynyw (Menevia in Latin) in the south-western peninsula of Wales, now Pembroke shire, where he and his community lived a life of extreme austerity, based on the practices of the monks in the Egyptian desert. They drank virtually only water from the local river, the Honthy, from which David was nicknamed *Aquaticus*, "waterman" and ate only bread and vegetables - including, if not exclusively, the local leeks. Their life was divided between hard physical work, including ploughing (without the help of oxen), and prayer. They kept a strict vigil from Friday evening to Sunday morning, with only an hour's rest after Matins on Saturday. David is supposed to have ruled this monastery until he was a very old man. Gerald of Wales, writing in the twelfth century, calls him "the great ornament and example of his age".

March 1<sup>st</sup> has always been the traditional day of his death and his cult had spread beyond Wales to other regions of southern Britain by the tenth century. More than fifty churches were dedicated to him in South Wales before the Reformation. His emblem is a white dove descending with a mound of earth below; a reference to the legend that while he was speaking at a local synod (at Brefi in Cardigan) a white dove came down on to his shoulder, while at the same time the earth rose up so that he could be heard more clearly.



This is the poetic expression of his speaking with such conviction (against Pelagianism) that he was unanimously proclaimed head of the Church in Wales. Leeks are traditionally worn on St. David's day to commemorate his eating of them. His shrine remains in St. David's Cathedral (in the South West corner of Wales) and his life is represented in a mosaic at the east end of the church.

*Gail Townsend*

## **Prayer Stations for Epiphany**

I am writing this at the back of church on the Saturday morning put aside for quiet prayer and reflection.

The Core Group have created 6 prayer stations involving the three gifts from the Magi, and three about the three readings through Epiphany.

The creation of a prayer station was something we'd not done before and so investigating the readings and meanings of the passages from the lectionary took some time and a good deal of discussion and reflection. Naturally this enabled us to get deeper into the passage than we would normally do.

This morning has given a great opportunity to be totally quiet with prompts to help us gather our thoughts, something which isn't possible at home on most occasions, or at work, or for a lot of the service on a Sunday. We often think of 'doing our duty' by attending on a Sunday morning, but the instruction and fellowship we receive in a morning service should only be the *start* of our relationship with God. Quite reflection time helps us to deepen this relationship, and I hope that this we are able to develop this side of our church further in the future.

*Neal*



## **Can you help?**

Do you, or anyone you know, have memories of the air crash which happened on Bradford Road during World War II? Walter is doing some research and would appreciate your help!

Walter Townend who is responsible for erecting the air crash memorial at Tingley, would like anyone who has memories of the crash, however small or insignificant, to contact him.

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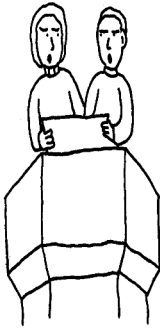
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would sing Psalm 119.*

**“If you don’t get this, look in your Bible!!”**

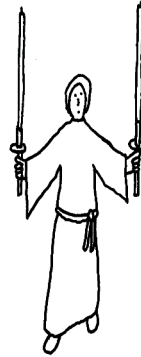
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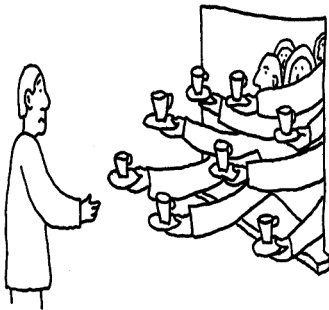
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY GO WRONG



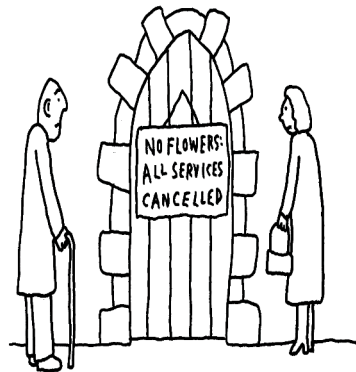
WHEN TWO PREACHERS BOTH  
THINK IT IS THEIR WEEK



WHEN ONLY ONE ACOLYTE  
SHOWS UP



WHEN TWO RIVAL HOME GROUPS BOTH THINK  
IT IS THEIR TURN TO BE ON COFFEE DUTY



WHEN A DRAWING PIN FAILS, CAUSING  
THE FLOWER ROTA TO FALL BEHIND A RADIATOR

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## Aspirations

If I should tell a story, what a tale I would tell!  
Of a man in shadow losing his way meeting a woman looking for hers.  
Sadness and dark lifting, giving way to light!  
If I should sing a song, what a song I would sing!  
Of caring, sharing, our lives so changed that if we pierced the dark,  
We'd see a wondrous sight!  
If I should write a poem, it would cast such a spell,  
That all would know the wonder of our love, feel it's power,  
Marvel at it's might!  
If I should weave a cloth, what a cloth I should weave!  
Delicate, warm and strong, to keep at bay any cold that comes.  
I'd make a garment of love perfect in fit, styled just right!  
If I should make a prayer, what should that prayer be?  
Please God, in times good or bad, keep us in harmony,  
And if we should waver give us the strength to fight!  
I have no story, I sing no song, the poem unwrit and empty the loom,  
A prayer I have one I say every night,  
Dear God thank you for this love, help us to keep it shining bright!  
*George Postill*

## Rebirth

Last Years leaves  
Dancing into Spring.  
As Autumn's grief done  
Tears dried, they frolic  
In gay abandon,  
Skipping and twirling  
In a jig of hope  
Set to March wind music,  
Onwards into Easter!

*George Postill*



## **Puns for those with a higher IQ !**

1. Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.
2. A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
3. Dijon vu- the same mustard as before.
4. Shotgun wedding – a case of wife or death
5. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
6. Reading while sunbathing makes you well read.
7. When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
8. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
9. What's the definition of a will? .....(It's a dead give away)

*Trevor Sykes*

## **15<sup>th</sup> Morley Beavers and Cubs Pantomime.**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February we all went off to our annual visit to the Pantomime at Morley Town Hall. There should have been ninety of us, but by the time we went there were more than one hundred, such was the popularity.

We had a wonderful time watching Goldilocks and the Three Bears , with both Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Grown-ups all joining in the shouting of 'he's behind you', stamping our feet plus lots of cheering as well as booing! We also learnt a new magic saying "Sausage and Mash" and would be surprised how well it worked. One of our Beavers – Corey - won second prize in the 'Find the Magic Bowl' competition: Congratulations to Corey.

Once again I would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who came along with us, without them we wouldn't be able to take so many children to such a great evening out.

Meanwhile badge work is now taking up a lot of our time with Healthy Eating, Fitness, Faith, Safety and other badges being earned by the ever diligent packs. On the 18<sup>th</sup> March we will be doing a Sponsored Silence and Dressing Up in anything red for Red Nose Day. The Redder the better!

*Gail (Akela)*



## Diary for March and early April 2011

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am	Holy Communion at Soothill Manor
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer service at St. Mary's
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am-1pm	Work for Church morning
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club
	12.30pm	Baptism Service
	5-6.30pm	Wannabees – at Vicarage. ( 1 week later than usual)
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Holy Communion with ashing
ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT BEGINS. (No morning Communion today)		
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	All-Age Worship for Lent
	12 noon	Holy Communion
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	'First Steps' Toddler Service 'Henry learns to share in Parish Centre
	7.30pm	PCC meeting in Parish Centre
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	2-3.30pm	'Praying the Scriptures' Lent Group Session 1 – Vicarage
	7.30-9.00pm	'Praying the Scriptures' Lent Group Session 1 – Vicarage (See article)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (1662 setting) & refreshments
<b><i>NO HOME GROUPS DURING LENT</i></b>		
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	2pm	Mothers' Union in Parish Centre
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2-3.30pm	'Praying the Scriptures' Lent Group Session 2 – Vicarage
	7.30-9.00pm	'Praying the Scriptures' Lent Group Session 2 – Vicarage



Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am 10am	Church open for prayer Holy Communion (with prayer for healing) & refreshments
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Mothers' Union deanery Lady Day Service
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 12 noon  5.00-6.30pm	Holy Communion & Gro-Zone in Parish Centre Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Parish Centre ( <i>see article</i> ) Wannabees Youth Group for 14-18 year olds - Vicarage
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	2-3.30pm  7.30-9.00pm	'Praying the Scriptures' Lent Group Session 3 – Vicarage 'Praying the Scriptures' Lent Group Session 3 – Vicarage
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 10am	Church open for prayer Holy Communion (One World setting) & refreshments

## April

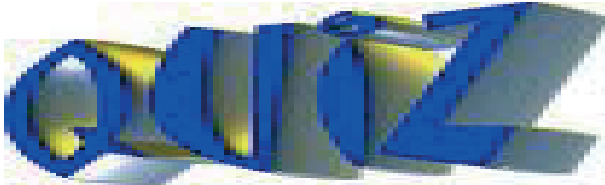
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MOTHERING	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club
SUNDAY	12.30pm	Baptism Service
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3.30pm  7.30-9.00pm	'Praying the Scriptures' Lent Group Session 4 – Vicarage 'Praying the Scriptures' Lent Group Session 4 – Vicarage
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 10am	Church open for prayer Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion at Soothill Manor
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 12 noon	All-Age Worship Holy Communion



## **Albert's Quiz Answer**

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Axminster.   | 11. Muslin.   |
| 2. Candlewick.  | 12. Nylon.    |
| 3. Canvas.      | 13. Oilcloth. |
| 4. Cheesecloth. | 14. Satin.    |
| 5. Cotton.      | 15. Shoddy.   |
| 6. Crepe,       | 16. Silk.     |
| 7. Denim.       | 17. Terylene. |
| 8. Felt.        | 18. Tweed.    |
| 9. Gaberdine.   | 19. Wilton.   |
| 10. Lace.       | 20. Wool.     |

*Albert Shaw*



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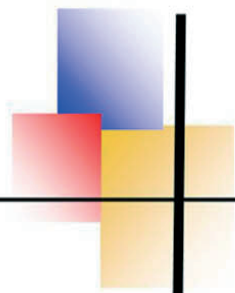
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<b>Girl Guides</b>	Tuesday 7:30pm Vikki Springett 07841 513530
<b>Toddler Group</b>	Wednesday 9:15-11:00am Jenny Willert 07950 278268
<b>Prayer Group</b>	2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7:15pm Derek Barraclough 01924 473375
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<b>Brownies</b>	Thursday 7.00pm Hannah Tombling 01924 501892
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<b>Young at Heart</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 2:00pm Clarice Gough 0113 252 7436
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<b>Youth Group</b>	Last Sunday of the month (term time) 5:00-6:30pm Amanda Barraclough 01924 472375

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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

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