

# **Parish News**

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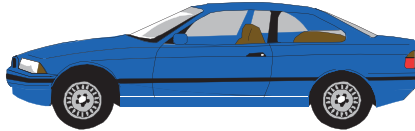
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Woodkirk

#### **Funerals:**

William Lockhead

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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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## **Another year older – another year wiser??**

Well, it's been splashed all over the papers now, so I may as well own up to it. Yes, 2011 saw me celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. And now I have another year under my belt, I'm more aware than ever of how precious time is, and how easily it can be frittered away doing things which really don't make much difference. I hope I'm learning to treasure time and use it well, because I now feel I've graduated from that group of (mostly young) people who think they'll live forever!

But learning to use time well is not the same thing as being constantly productive, task-driven and busy. Play, laughter and rest are productive and therapeutic, and we should not feel we have to justify the space we give to them.

The problem with many New Year Resolutions is that they can make life even busier and more packed than it already is. Then, when we break our resolution because we feel the need to rest and play we feel bad. So why not make a resolution to make time for play and fun, if it's something which can get crowded out in the demands of life? It seems to me a good step into a New Year which, after all starts on a Sunday, the supposed 'Day of Rest'.

It may be an important antidote to a year which doesn't promise to be an easy one for many. The economic storm we have been weathering is one which forecasters suggested, last New Year, would be over by the dawn of 2012. It seems they were wrong! It looks like we're in for yet more financial turbulence. And, as we know, financial turbulence brings turbulence into many other areas of our lives. If we are to sustain healthy relationships and a sense of well-being, I think a New Year resolution to consciously make time to play and laugh might not be such a bad thing.

2012 will, we know, be interspersed with some major celebrations and gatherings. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June, and the Olympics in August. We may well have our own family or local celebrations to look forward to. Weddings, arrivals of new family members, holidays, anniversaries – all these can be moments to anticipate with relish in the gloomy cold of January. But let's not get to the point where we feel we need to have a reason to justify a gathering or a celebration. Life itself is worth celebrating – don't wait for an excuse!!

I was reminded of all this as I prepared for the funeral of a member of St. Mary's. Norman organised family gatherings for no reason other than the joy of simply being together. He invested in his friends and family rather than in other things. And, as those who have (financial investments) know, he got a better return for his investments than any bank is prepared to offer!



A New Year reminds us that time is precious. It flies so quickly. It will seem only a few months and we'll be preparing for Christmas all over again. We can't hoard time, so let's be generous with it, giving it to others, investing in others.

We might not feel financially better off, but we will feel infinitely richer. That way, 2012 could be a very significant year for re-orientating our priorities, enabling us to live more the way God intended, and to experience what Jesus offers – 'life in all its fullness'. (John 10:10) Life with a capital L. And there can be few who feel no need of that.

May God bless you in 2012.

*Amanda*



## **Welcome to Debbie!**

Debbie Horsfall is in her first year of training for Ordained ministry. As part of this, she, like every ordinand, is required to do a placement in a parish with a tradition different from her own.

Debbie worships at one of the newest church buildings in the Diocese, St Catherine's in Sandal, and has come to one of the oldest. The expression of worship is very different too. So Debbie is here to learn and to explore ministry in a very different context.

She will be here until Easter, and having arrived on Advent Sunday, it means she will share in the two major festivals, Christmas and Easter, picking up something of the variety of worship in that time.

The warmth of welcome was something Debbie instantly picked up on. Please continue to make her welcome! I'm sure she'll be asking questions, getting to know folk, and discovering something about life in St. Mary's and its parish.



## **Parish Centre Meeting**

There will be a Parish Centre users meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7pm in the Parish Centre. It would be greatly appreciated if as many users could attend as this is the only way can get together to iron out any problems arising, also to discuss the on-going cleaning of the Centre.

*Gail Townsend*

## **A round of applause for Bluebell!**

Every year's Nativity play is unpredictable and has its own particular surprises. The old and familiar story is fresh and unpredictable every year!

Who earned the spontaneous round of applause this year? Mary? Joseph? The oh-so-cute heavenly host? The kings? No. it was Bluebell the donkey. Mary (Helena Sorenson) was able to ride in style to Bethlehem this year courtesy of a stuffed donkey on wheels, ably pulled by Joseph (Korey Mortimer). It was quite a surprise, given we'd either had to imagine the donkey in previous years. Hence the spontaneous round of applause. Mary dismounted very ably (given she was just about to give birth) and all went as smoothly as ever thereafter.

We have had requests for Bluebell to reappear in time for Palm Sunday. We will have to put in a request at the Resources Centre in Wakefield Diocesan Office for that. Now all we need is an adult man to ride her!

Why Bluebell, I hear you ask? Well, a cursory glance might suggest Bluebell is black. But it's not quite true. A closer look and she's blue. After all, stables in the middle of the night can be cold places!

## **Henry Bear's Party.**

Calling all those youngsters between around 2 and 6! Henry Bear is having a party to celebrate his Baptism! It's going to be fun, so why not come along? Perhaps you have been baptised ('Christened') at St. Mary's, or at another church. Perhaps you have come to Playgroup over the last 3 years and are familiar with Henry Bear. Perhaps you'd like to join with him to remember your baptism, what it was all about, and why it is worth celebrating.

**Henry invites all his friends, old and new, to join him at St. Mary's on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm for his baptism party.**

Bring a grown-up to help you with the cutting and sticking time, and if you have a special teddy who you would like to bring with you to meet Henry, don't forget to bring him too!

It's going to be fun, and there's sure to be some of Henry's favourite biscuits ("What's Henry's Favourite biscuits?" did I hear you say??? Why not come along to find out?). Drinks will also be provided.

Put it in your diary! (Or get Mum or Dad too!)





## **Don't believe everything you read in the papers!**

*From the Parochial Church Council:*

Few can fail to have noticed the media spotlight falling on St. Mary's over the last month. It has not always been an easy situation, and often a very painful one. Just to clarify the situation. The Church Commissioners are a body which has a legal obligation to manage the investments of the Church of England. They support bishops and cathedrals, they help to pay pensions of clergy. They give no funds to the local church, and indeed, the local church has to contribute significant funds to the central coffers of the Diocese to pay for vicars in parishes. On top of all that, the local church has to find ways to maintain, heat, light, and insure places like St. Mary's. No financial support is given to us for this from any central funds.

But when protests are voiced at the actions of the Church Commissioners, as has happened very publicly recently, there is no visual image for the media cameras of 'The Church Commissioners'. It therefore becomes a sort of 'visual shorthand' to point the camera at the local church, as if we have been involved in the actions of the Commissioners. Nothing could be further from the truth. When protesters declare they are withdrawing their support from the church, it is the local church, caught in the crossfire of a battle they didn't make, from whom they are withdrawing.

Our vicar, Amanda, has been horrified to see headlines purporting to be quotes from her, which are words she had never spoken. We have all been disturbed by the suggestion that there has been a mass exodus from St. Mary's church. It is simply not true. If anything, we have been aware of folk coming along to show solidarity with St. Mary's, and for this we thank God, and those who want to show their support.

We are deeply aware of the hurt and pain of the community because we are carrying it too. And it is the role of the church to seek to bring about what healing and resolution might be possible. Much of the heartache has been through a lack of dialogue and real listening. We hope that over the months and, indeed, years, which will follow, opportunities will be made for dialogue to happen. St. Mary's church wants to facilitate this.

Taking a mediatorial role is never easy. You feel tugged and pulled in two directions, standing in the middle. But when we look at the cross of Jesus, it is a symbol of that – stretched out, building a bridge of reconciliation. The church can do no less.

*PCC*

## **End of the Year at Brownies**

Last night (8<sup>th</sup> December) was our last night at Brownies for 2011. It has been a very busy year which ended with a joint craft evening with the Rainbows. The girls made cards, decorations, snowman boxes (filled with chocolate snowmen!) and Christmas angels. The Brownies and Rainbows had a special visit from Santa too!

We also had a few mince pies and a snowman drive to help raise funds to pay our census in February. This year the census is £20 a girl and with a full pack the cost soon goes into the hundreds of pounds. A big thank you to everyone that came to support us and to Sally and Susan too.

It was a special night as it was Leonie's last night. Leonie has been a real asset to the unit, working really hard to claim back gift aid for us, trawling the internet for the best deals and running the unit while I was on maternity leave with Ned. To help her remember the Brownies, we presented Leonie with a yellow rose and a big bunch of yellow flowers. Although Leonie won't be at our weekly meeting she is going to continue to work behind the scenes and help run the accounts. A huge thank you from all the Brownies and me goes to Leonie for all her hard work!

The Brownies are looking forward to next year; we'll be working on a new challenge badge about the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Happy New Year from the 1<sup>st</sup> Woodkirk Brownies

*Hannah Tombling -Brown Owl*



## **Come and hear more about our plans!**

For several years now we have been working towards a proposed redevelopment project to include kitchen toilets and more flexible space which will allow the church to be used more widely. Plans have been drawn up, tenders have been secured, and a preferred craftsman identified.

The Church Council will be making a decision about which aspects of the scheme we wish to implement in February. With a view to that, we are inviting you to an open meeting to hear more, to ask questions, and to express your point of view, so that the PCC decision can be as fully informed as possible.

Please join us if you can, whether you are a regular member of the congregation or not, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon in church. It is important that we hear the views of as many people as possible, young and old, regular worshippers and members of the wider community.

## Albert's New Year Wake Up Quiz

1. Write [your name] on the dotted line in capital letters.  
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2. Divide 30 by and add 10. How many do you have?  
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3. Some months have 31 days, some have 30 days. How many have 28 days?  
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4. How many of each animal were taken onto the Ark by Moses?  
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5. How many sides does a circle have?  
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6. Which country has the 4<sup>th</sup> July? France, USA or Germany?  
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7. A man buys a rectangular house with each wall having a southern exposure. A bear walks past the window. What colour is the bear?  
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8. You are alone in a deserted house at night. You have a lamp, a candle and a cigarette but only one match. Which would you light first?  
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9. How many birthdays does an average man have?  
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10. Why can't a man living in York be buried north of the River Humber?  
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11. How much soil is in a hole measuring 2 feet by 2 feet by 4 feet?  
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12. If you had two coins totaling 11p and one of them is not a 10p piece, what is the face value of each of the two coins?  
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13. If two monkeys sit in the corner of a room and look at another pair in the next corner and so on and so on until every pair in a corner looks at another pair, how many monkeys could say that they were looking at another pair?  
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14. Under Jewish law is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?  
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15. If a doctor gave you three pills and told you to take one every half-hour, how long would they last?  
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*There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."*

## **One Solitary Life**

In the two thousand years since Jesus walked the narrow streets of Nazareth, his life, character, and teaching have dominated the world. Of course there are other people who have had a profound influence in a particular area, but none have had so widespread an influence, on anything like the scale, that Jesus has. There are Christians everywhere. Wherever the message of Jesus has been proclaimed, people of all sorts of tribes, cultures, backgrounds, and intellects have turned from their own ancestral beliefs, ways, and traditions to follow him.

That's truly astonishing, because it has meant ostracism, often self-sacrifice, and sometimes martyrdom, but even that has not stopped people falling under the spell of Jesus, but why?

Because, after all, he was born the illegitimate son of a carpenter, he was raised in an obscure little village in a far flung corner of the Roman Empire. He didn't go to college, he was never made a priest, he never held any official office. His ministry only lasted for three years, ending in his being crucified by the Romans for sedition, at his death his following only numbered about 120. And yet that one solitary life has caused more change on this planet than any monarch, conqueror, general, or political system in history.

There are those who think that Jesus was just a "good man", but if Jesus was just a "good man" what is it that has caused the effects of his life and teaching to be on a totally different scale to every other good or great person who ever lived?

To begin with, his teaching was very different, the early evangelists tell us that Jesus taught "as one who had authority". His teaching turned traditional Jewish religious teaching upside-down. So where did this teaching come from, how is it that he got all this learning without ever being to any of the colleges of his day?

How is it that no teaching, about how people should behave towards each other, has emerged in the last two thousand years which is any advance on Jesus, the carpenter from Nazareth? What was there in his heredity, and his environment, to account for such a unique teacher, and to account for the remarkable fact that no greater one has ever looked like emerging?

Well Jesus himself gives us the answer in John's Gospel 7:16 "My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me." Well could he be right? Did he come from God? Could that account at one fell swoop for his authority, his depth, his simplicity, his world wide appeal in every age. Jesus was on a different scale to every other teacher. He not only taught the highest standards of conduct that any teacher has ever formulated, but, here's the difference with Jesus, he also kept them himself, he lived and he died by them.

As we read the Gospels we might be struck by a remarkable contrast. On the one hand Jesus is a humble, self forgetting figure, healing the sick, teaching the people, offering hope, befriending the outcast.

He is no typical Rabbi, no academic, no theologian, but a horny-handed carpenter, whose words are full of hard headed wisdom, and earthy illustrations. He has no money, no settled home, no vote, no rights.

Yet on the other hand he makes the most fantastic claims, for instance, he takes it for granted that he is entitled to man's worship, the worship normally due to God alone, no "good man" would do that. He also forgives people's sins, now what are we to make of that? The Pharisees knew very well what to make of it. "Who is this that forgives sins?" they asked "there is only one who can forgive sins and that is God." And that is precisely the point, Jesus was laying claim to do what God does, Jesus is claiming to be God, and no "good man" would do that.

No, in Jesus we meet some one who is very, very different, he is not merely a good man", that is the one thing he cannot be. Jesus does not present himself to us as the best example of the human race, he is on a different scale altogether. He comes to us from beyond the human race, as God himself.

To paraphrase C S Lewis -----

You must make your choice -- Either Jesus was and is the son of God : or else a madman or something far worse. You can call him a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon -- or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. "But don't come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher.

He has not left that option open to us. -- He did not intend to.

*Martin.*

## **Lent is coming!**

Well, it's a little while off – beginning as it does on 22<sup>nd</sup> February with an Ash Wednesday Service at 7.30pm. We have built up a pattern over the last few years of sharing the service with the congregation of St. Michael's East Ardsley. Last year, they joined us. This year, we will be joining with them. During Lent we will be exploring our own commitment to a God who is lavish and generous in his goodness to us, and making our own response to that generosity.

A Lent Course will be running on the Tuesdays during Lent – details to follow in the New Year. Watch this space!



## Toy Appeal

The people at St Mary's who donated a wide and colourful selection of toys and games for boys and girls of all ages during our annual toy appeal have been thanked for their generosity by Tony Daniel's the Salvation Army's Divisional Director of Community Service.

For it was to the Salvation Army that we turned for help when we suddenly discovered – after the Nativity Service on December 11<sup>th</sup> – that our usual channel for distributing the toy collection was no longer open to us.

Normally we take the toys to the Morley Observer to help swell the outcome of their annual Toy Appeal. But this year we discovered that not only had the Morley Observer closed its main street office but that it was no longer operating its Toy Appeal.

Thankfully the Salvation Army was able – and delighted - to fill the breach. The delighted Divisional Director said some of the toys would find homes among needy families being helped at the Army's family residential centre at Mount Cross, Bramley and others would be distributed in nearby towns, especially in Morley and Batley, by other officers.

Mr Daniel's said that Wayne Duffy and Tracey Harrison, officers in charge at the respective Batley and Morley churches, were well aware of families in the area who were suffering from high levels of deprivation and who would really appreciate the gifts of toys at Christmas time.

*Malcolm Haigh*

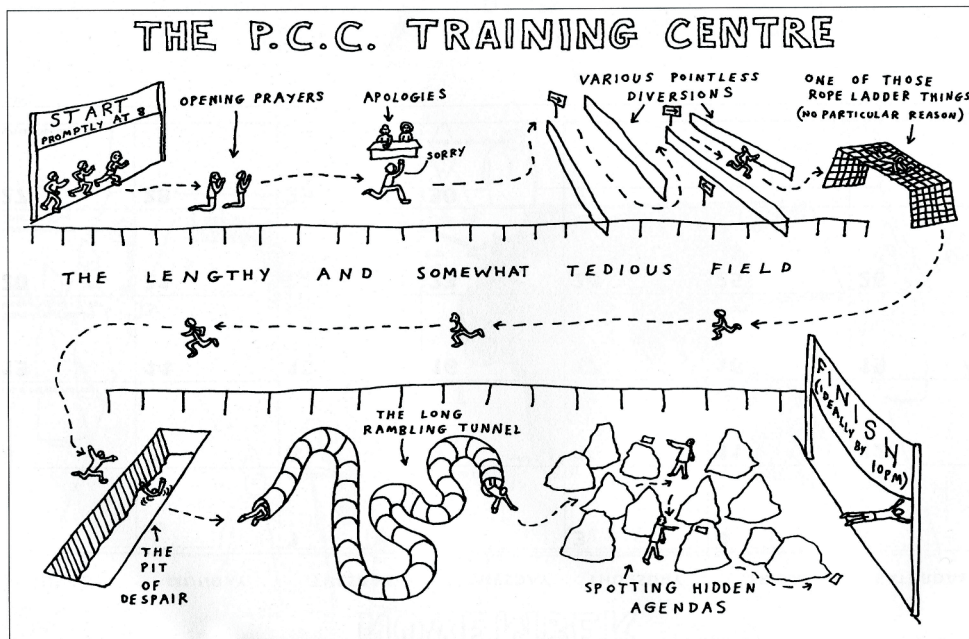


*The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play." "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."*

*During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!*



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## United we stand!

A united service on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 at 6pm marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It celebrates the significant moves towards unity which have already been made, and prays for that growing sense of belonging to one another to deepen. It is largely accidents of history which leave us divided, and history should not be allowed to limit the possibilities of the future, simply to teach us lessons which will enrich the future.

With three young adult children all involved in churches, it is clear to me that the upcoming generation of young Christian people have little affiliation to a denomination and a high sense of belonging to Jesus. The history of the past does not bind them. This holds out great hope for the future of Christian faith in our culture. Don't believe all the media tells you about the demise of Christian faith. It's simply not the whole story – and it's not the story my children would tell you!

So let's celebrate the shared faith we have, and be encouraged by sharing that celebration with other local Christians. Put the date in your diary – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 at 6pm at St. Michael's East Ardsley.

## **Diary for January and early February**

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club
	12.30pm	Baptism Service
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10.00am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments
	8.00pm	Home Group at 12, Woollin Crescent – Home of Gail & Dave Townsend
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Holy Communion at Soothill Manor
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Church Cleaning session
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am.	All-Age Worship
EPIPHANY	12 noon	Holy Communion
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	'First Steps' Toddler service – Henry follows a star – Parish Centre
	7.30pm	PCC meeting in Parish Centre
	9.15am	Church open for prayer
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion (Iona setting ) & refreshments
	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club
	12 noon	Public Consultation re Redevelopment plans
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Mothers' Union meeting in Parish Centre
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (1662 setting) & refreshments
	8pm	Home Group at 945 Leeds Road (home of Peter Crookes & Margaret Hampshire)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & Gro-Zone
	6pm	Ecumenical Service at St. Michael's East Ardsley
		For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Church open for Prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (with prayer for healing) & refreshments
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	All-Age Communion Service
	2.30pm	Henry Bear's Baptism Celebration party (see article)





## February

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	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 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Church cleaning/Churchyard session
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) & JAM Club
	12.30pm	Baptism Service
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	'First Steps' Toddler Service – Henry cares for others' – in church
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Iona setting) & refreshments
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	All-Age Service
	12 noon	Holy Communion



## Albert's Quiz Answers

ANSWERS: 1. [YOUR NAME]. 2. 70. 3. 12 (all of them). 4. None (Moses never went on the Ark). 5. 2 (inside and outside). 6. All of them have 4<sup>th</sup> July! 7. White (only polar bears live near the North Pole). 8. The match. 9. One. 10. Living men aren't buried! 11. None (holes have nothing in them). 12. 10p and 1p (The 1p isn't a 10p). 13. None (monkeys can't talk). 14. No (dead men can't marry). 15. 1 hour.

*Albert Shaw  
Happy New Year*



## **Playgroup... News News News...**

I will Start with some great news! All our volunteers are special, but one received a special recognition for their long service and dedication to Mums and Tots and playgroup. A well deserved congratulations to Sally Shaw, we are all proud of her achievement. A group of us attended the Pre-School Learning Alliance Annual General Meeting at HEART in Headingley on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> November to see Sally receive her certificate and flowers.

Our other good news is that Ofsted have inspected playgroup and we are really pleased to announce that overall the quality of our provision is good. So it is well done to all staff, committee, parents and children for making our playgroup what it is. The full report can be accessed at [www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports).

Our topic this term is Our Favourite characters..... Can you guess any? Peppa pig, Thomas the Tank Engine and Bob the Builder to name a few. We will be having fun basing our activities around our favourite characters.

We have taken on a new, temporary member of staff and welcome Sharon Cartwright to our team. Some of our children left us in December and are taking up school nursery places in January, so we wish them well. We welcome our new arrivals and look forward to getting to know them.

I will end my rather longer than usual update by wishing you a very Happy New Year.  
*Lisa Fyffe*

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<b>Mothers' Union</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month 7:30pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
<b>Playgroup</b>	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:45am-12:15pm Lisa Fyffe 0776 1762661
<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
<b>Rainbows</b>	Thursday 6.00pm Elizabeth Reid 07725 311023
<b>Brownies</b>	Thursday 7.00pm Hannah Tombling 01924 501892
<b>Keep Fit Class</b>	Thursday 8:00pm Margaret Hampshire 01924 476721
<b>Young at Heart</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 2:00pm Clarice Gough 0113 252 7436
<b>Beavers</b>	Friday 5:00pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
<b>Cubs</b>	Friday 6:30pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
<b>Scouts</b>	Friday 7:45pm Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927
<b>Explorer Scouts</b>	Friday 7:45pm Chris Ingham 0113 252 9976
<b>Jam Club</b>	First and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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;

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