

# Parish News

*St Mary's, Woodkirk*

## Word Up

April 2013



**This Month: Flash Mobs;  
The Brotherhood; Bombers; Snails;  
Departures and Arrivals;  
The Holy Darkness.**

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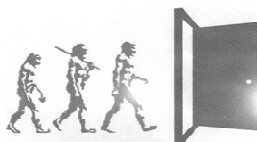
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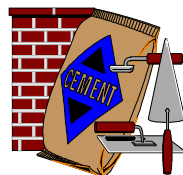
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You'd be most welcome to join us for worship. Service times are on the back page. We look forward to seeing you soon. Meanwhile may God bless you and all whom you love.

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## All the World's a Stage....

One thing I would love to do before I die is to be caught up in a flash mob! (I hope you know what a 'flash mob' is and don't think the vicar wants to become a gangster!).

If you're not sure and have the internet, explore YouTube for some amazing flash mob experiences. One shows Antwerp Train Station where, as if from nowhere, the song 'Do Re Mi' from 'The Sound of Music' begins and after a minute someone begins to dance. Slowly the whole station is caught up in the experience.

There were clearly dancers lingering around the foyer incognito, appearing to be commuters, who join in. Soon what began as a disparate group of strangers, on their way to work, become sharers in an experience which to them seems completely spontaneous, serendipitous, unexpected. They are caught up in the drama of the moment.

Some will attempt to join in – granddads waving their walking sticks, shoppers twirling their bags, others will stand around, finding that what they thought was a train station foyer has just become a stage, and they are part of the unfolding act. There is a sense of wonder, and joy and surprise as they are bonded with total strangers in experiencing the moment. The music stops. The crowd disperses as quickly as they began, but the atmosphere has been changed. I'm sure everyone's day has been changed for the better too. There is something of God in that!

Another shows a busy, buzzing cafeteria on a shopping mall in the run up to Christmas. Suddenly someone begins to sing the Hallelujah chorus, and those tucking into their Big Macs soon find themselves in the middle of an apparently spontaneous choir, the whole drab noisy bustle transformed into a colourful harmony of celebration. There is something of God in that!

These internet 'flash mob' experiences are enormously popular and quickly seem to 'go viral'. I can understand why. There is something stirring about being caught up into a shared experience which is totally unexpected. It has a feel of spontaneity and yet has clearly been carefully planned and choreographed by someone. What you thought a bland public space has become a stage, and people all around you, who look just like you and are dressed just like you, have taken up their parts. You're caught up in something big and purposeful and riotous and joyful. And for that time, you are bonded into the shared experience with total strangers. I would love to experience that!

It seems to me that the Christian journey at this time of year, in the Easter season, has a feel like that. There is a drama unfolding from the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem on the donkey at the beginning of this time, to the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost some 7 weeks later, which suggests people being caught up in a story bigger than themselves.

Both those events, which are like bookends at the start and finish of the season, appear spontaneous and yet have been planned. It is an exhilarating sense of thinking you were in a public space that you now find is a theatre of some epic drama. Will you get caught up in it, join it, let this bigger, grander story draw you in?

In our world today, there is a deep need to find a bigger story within which our own little story begins to make sense and have meaning. There is a need to break away from the stifling individualism which we have built, a way of being we thought would set us free but has trapped and isolated us from one another. Is that what makes the phenomenon of the 'flash mob' so compelling? Why these events quickly go viral?

The Easter season within which we find ourselves is about God offering us that grander story and a context for our own life story to have meaning beyond ourselves. May God bless you as you find your place on the stage as life's drama unfolds!

Revd. Amanda

## **The new Pope joins the World Stage...**

On Wednesday 13th March Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires and a Jesuit, was elected 266th Pope of the Catholic faith. He is, however, the very first Pope Francis after a conclave lasting just over 24 hours made their surprise choice at about 7:00 pm local time. He will become the Pontifex Maximus - Chief Priest of Rome, a title originally held by all Caesars of Rome.

The new Pope was announced to a packed St. Peter's square and appeared on the Papal balcony for the first time around 8:20 pm that same night. His first message to the world was that we should set off on a path of love, and he asked for the people to pray for him in his new role.

David

## **Question Time - and Food Time. The APCM.**

The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) has changed over the last few years! If you haven't been for a while you might not recognise it! You might be pleasantly surprised to find it much shorter, and with more opportunity to ask questions. You never know, you might even find it an enjoyable experience!

### **How have things changed?**

A few years ago, all the reports – those of the vicar, the Treasurer and the Secretary to the PCC, as well as reports from all the organisations, were read in full to the meeting. That could be quite a lengthy procedure, and it is sometimes difficult to be able to take it all in and to formulate the questions in the process. Many times I have been in similar meetings, and it's only after the event that the question I wanted to ask has distilled itself in my mind. By then it's too late!

Now, all the reports are available as a pack, either electronically or as a hard copy, a week before the APCM. That way, you can take away the full text of all the reports to read at your leisure and have time to decide what questions you may wish to put in the meeting.

The APCM is an ideal time for any concerns, worries or niggles to be expressed, where the path into the future can be considered and we can have a sense of moving forward together. It is important that this opportunity forms a part of the life of any church, and that we can all work together to ensure that St. Mary's is fulfilling the task God has called us to undertake in a way which addresses the needs of the people we are here to serve.

Please make a note of the date – Sunday 21st April at 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Once elections have been completed, and questions asked, we will share in a sandwich lunch together (please bring along an item of food for the shared meal).

Revd. Amanda

### **Your PCC needs you...**

There are three open places on the PCC, including two Deanery Synod places. So if you want to know what's happening both in the Church and in the wider Diocese, see Revd. Amanda about joining a forward thinking group, and help to keep St. Mary's a thriving and bustling place to come. There is one meeting on the first Monday evening of the month to discuss all the exciting goings on and with a summer break as well, its not too onerous a commitment to make.

## Three-in-One – the Diocese of West Yorkshire?

As a member of Diocesan Synod, I was present on 2nd March when the vote was taken on the future of the proposals to amalgamate the Dioceses of Ripon and Leeds, Bradford and Wakefield. The Diocesan Synods of all three Dioceses were planned for the same time on the same day, with the vote to be taken simultaneously, so that no-one could be swayed by the outcome of the other votes.

Ripon and Leeds, and Bradford Dioceses both voted by a large majority to pursue the scheme which would see the three Dioceses become The Diocese of Leeds (West Yorkshire and the Dales). Wakefield Diocese, however, voted fairly decisively against this.

There is some uncertainty about what will happen next. It seems unlikely that the scheme will continue with just two dioceses joining – though this is possible. The Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, will have the option of referring the decision to General Synod, the National Council of the Church of England, when it meets again in July. It may be that the scheme will be pushed through by that means, and that Wakefield Diocese will have to come to terms with a decision it has voted against.

Resources are already shared across the three dioceses to some degree – and those who currently work across these diocesan boundaries have particular challenges to face in the light of the vote which has been taken. Inevitably there is uncertainty about the future if the scheme is adopted – but it is true to say there is also uncertainty about the future if it isn't. We will have to wait and see what happens as the future unfolds!

Revd. Amanda

### How the Dioceses voted..

The neighbouring dioceses of Blackburn and Sheffield receiving 6 and 2 parishes respectively from the area of the proposed new single diocese also need to vote on the scheme: Sheffield gave its consent on 16 February; Blackburn votes on 13 April.

The voting figures were:

**Bradford:** 90 for, 4 against, no abstentions;

**Ripon & Leeds:** 70 for, 18 against, 2 abstentions;

**Wakefield:** 40 for, 76 against, 4 abstentions.

The Bishop of Bradford, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, said, "This is a very encouraging result, and not entirely a surprise. I hope that when the Archbishop of York makes his decision on a referral to the General Synod in July, he will bear in mind all the factors that have led to this particular result."

David

## **Tenebrae: A Service of Holy Darkness.**

**Good Friday 29th March: 2pm-3pm**

Tenebrae' means 'darkness' or 'shadows'. The Service of Tenebrae was originally a service for the monastic community, marking the holy darkness of the path to the cross. As such, using this service at St. Mary's, we are returning to the roots of the monastic community which founded our church. We join with Christians of many generations in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we hear the overwhelming sound of the 'strepitus', and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the close of the service, we anticipate what is to come.

During the reflections, the congregation were invited to write a personal response of prayer to Christ. These were taken to the foot of the cross as the service came towards its close, and were burned. No-one but you and God saw what you have written.

Poems by Godfrey Rust and Luci Shaw accompanied the 'Words from the Cross' as aids to reflections and prayer.

Revd. Amanda

## **Easter Saturday**

This service is one of the most amazing of the church year. The congregation gathers outside the church door, in the gathering gloom of dusk, and the first ancient tradition of the service is to light the new 2013 Paschal (Easter) candle from the flames of a fire.

The candle then leads the congregation into the church, lit by hundreds of candles. This is a stunning visual representation of the light of Easter after the darkness of Good Friday, and the history of St Mary's from it's monastic days come flooding in with the candles, incense and choral music makes even more of the moment.

We stop for our first 'station' at the back of church, representing the birth of Christ, and everybody lights a candle. We then move further into the church for the second station, an empty cross with nails, hammer and crown of thorns in front of it. Again, more candles are lit. Then finally to the altar, with the burning incense, and Easter garden in the altar itself depicting the empty tomb. After lighting another candle here, the congregation light their own candle from the Paschal candle and continue with the service.

After the readings, Gospel and a couple of hymns, the congregation move to the font at the church door to renew their Baptism vows. Each person makes the sign of the cross, the sign of Christ, with the Holy water on another person.

During the last hymn, the light outside the East window is lit, which gradually concludes the service of light. An indescribable feeling of new life, surrounds the church and the congregation.

Neal



The Altar with empty tomb and stone rolled away

## Easter Sunday

On a cold, but bright Sunday morning, Revd. Amanda welcomed a packed church to the Easter Sunday celebrations. This really is a service of celebration, with lively and uplifting music and the powerful message of resurrection and hope.

In her talk, Revd. Amanda drew parallels between the Garden of Gethsemane and the Garden of Eden.

By opening a series of Easter Eggs, we learnt that both stories began in a garden, in darkness; that Adam was called to be a gardener and Mary thought that Jesus was the gardener. The garden of Eden contained the tree of life, and in the Easter garden, an empty tomb of life resurrected. Adam hid from God and God called for him, as Mary also asked 'where is he?' at the tomb. Adam and Eve were evicted from the Garden - a symbolic separation of God and mankind, but Mary's message from the garden - that 'Jesus is alive' is the sign that what was once broken has been restored. The man who died for us, is re-united with his Father. The whole journey is a powerful and symbolic path which leads from fear to joy, from darkness to light and from oppression to victory.

David

## **A 'Silver Wedding' Anniversary for the Mara link...**

It is 25 years since Wakefield Diocese first established a link with the Diocese of Mara in Tanzania. The last 25 years have seen almost 100 parishes in Wakefield Diocese build up strong links with parishes in that very different culture – a culture where Christian faith is enjoying significant Christian growth.

Indeed, at the very time when our Diocese has been discussing the possible amalgamation of three Yorkshire Dioceses, the exact opposite is happening in Tanzania, where the Diocese of Mara has been split into three separate Dioceses! The workload had simply become too great to be sustained by one Bishop.

In these 25 years, a cathedral has been built, a primary and secondary school established and a Bible College has begun to train clergy of the future. Our Diocese has been able to send around £1.6 million to Mara over the duration of this link to make this possible.

The benefits have not all been one way. Mara diocese have brought fresh inspiration and energy to the Wakefield Diocese, reminding the church here of the need to engage with its community more effectively.

There is to be a Service of Thanksgiving for 25 years of fruitful working together on Sunday 21st April at 4pm in the newly reopened and refurbished Cathedral. Why not go along to represent Woodkirk's link to the parish of Ikizu? (It would also be a great chance to see the Cathedral following its refurbishment).

Rev. Amanda

## **...and a Silver Medal for Christians Against Poverty.**

CAP have scooped a top place in the Sunday Times Best Companies Awards 2013. Competing in the not-for-profit category, CAP won second place, and John Kirkby and Matt Barlow won the 'Best Leader' award for the fourth time.

John Kirkby said, 'CAP is a great place to work because we all passionately believe that we have a solution to one of the biggest causes of misery here in the UK; debt. Working hand in hand with the local church, we see thousands of people's lives utterly changed. Now that's worth getting up for!'



## **Good News from the Heritage Lottery Fund...**

*HLF want more to Churches to apply for grants.*

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has £375 million to distribute every year. It has called on more Churches to apply for funding through their various grant schemes, including their new programme for listed places of worship.

As you may know we have a grant application in place for our 'back of church' re-ordering and east window repairs, so this is great news to hear that HLF are keen to engage more churches in their scheme.

In England, £25 million will be dedicated to essential repairs and adaptations of places of worship in the new 'Grants for Places of Worship' scheme. This replaces the former 'Repair Grant Scheme'. The new scheme aims to increase levels of both flexibility and efficiency for applicants.

The Church of England's sixteen thousand church buildings are key places for people to learn about and engage with the history and heritage, as they are often the oldest or most significant building in communities. The HLF are keen to see more churches as focal points for the appreciation of local heritage.

So say a prayer for our application and a big thank you to all the people who have 'Made a Pledge' to support our application. We really hope it is approved as this will be a giant step forward for everyone connected with St. Mary's.

David.

## **New Lectionary App. launched.**

The essential digital accompaniment to the Church of England's Lectionary of daily readings and services is now available as an app for iPad. It provides the Common Worship lectionary readings in full with live links to bible passages in the new revised Standard Version.

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David

*Gill Robertson has been with us for 3 months now as part of her Lay reader training. We will miss her at St. Mary's too:*

## **Placement at St. Mary's**

So – what has this place meant? The first thing I want to say is that I've never been in a church (and I've been to quite a few!) where a snail race has been an item on the notices! This surely marks out St. Mary's as an unusual and distinctive church! I was also hoping that warmer spring weather might have allowed the flowers in the churchyard to come out a bit more – but sleet and snow and cold winds have prevailed to the end! I'll have to make a special visit to see them.

More seriously, I have really enjoyed these last three months with you. Most of you will know by now that in my own parish I am the vicar's wife, and already have a fair degree of involvement in leading worship etc. in the church. So St. Mary's has been an oasis of space in which to think about how things may need to change in future once I am licensed as a Reader (all being well this October), and a place where I have just been accepted for myself. Thank you.

I have never worshipped anywhere that has such a long history and tradition of Christian worship. The appreciation the church has for the centuries of people who have come to St. Mary's to meet with God, and the sense that you are worshipping in continuity with all those faithful people, is a special thing. It seems to me that you have kept what is good in terms of traditions, but that they don't get in the way of you being 21st century Christians; the worship of today is enhanced by the links with the past.

It's also been good to be part of a church where the style of worship is different from my own church (which is after all the point of the placement!). I have appreciated attending the mid-week communion service – not something that is usually part of my pattern of worship – and using different forms of liturgy each week at that service has been thought-provoking and illuminating. I also really enjoyed the Ash Wednesday service, and felt God speak to me during that time. Joining in the afternoon Lent group has been a great opportunity to get to know a smaller group of people better, and to share more openly than is possible on Sundays – and I think they liked my cake!

I would like to thank Amanda for her gentle encouragement and example of leadership and service. It's been interesting to talk to her about her own ministry at St. Mary's, and I have learned from her to accept myself and the way I do things, rather than trying to be like someone else. I also want to thank all of you for your friendly welcome, your kind acceptance of me, and your encouragement throughout these three months. It's been good to be with you, and I will remember you all in prayer as you continue in God's service, as I hope you will do for me.

With best wishes, Gill.



*Gill with Amanda (left)*

## **Twenty-Year high for young Priests**

New statistics just out for last year show that the number of young people (under 30 years of age), accepted for training for the Church of England ministry was 113. The highest number for twenty years. In addition, sixteen teenagers aged 15-19 attended a vocations conference in Cambridge. Southwark diocese also hosted a conference for those from black and ethnic minority backgrounds with nearly thirty participants and more names on the waiting list.

Dr. Elizabeth Henry, a C of E advisor said: 'It will be great to build on this success at a National Vocations Conference planned for 2014.'

## **Our new Archbishop takes up the baton..**

The Most Reverend Justin Welby drew back his staff and struck the mighty west door of Canterbury Cathedral three times. He stood back and waited calmly for it to open. His entry into the 1400 year old Cathedral and enthronement on the marble seat of St. Augustine on Thursday 21st March, signifies his formal beginnings as spiritual leader and head of the Church of England.

Also for the first time in history, and a clear statement of intent, a woman, the Venerable Sheila Watson, Archdeacon of Canterbury - carried out one of the two enthronements when she installed the Archbishop on the diocesan throne in the Cathedral, symbolising his appointment as bishop of Canterbury and the continuing role of women as cornerstones of the faith. Also in the service were African Drummers and Dancers, who accompanied the Archbishop to his place to deliver his first sermon. Perhaps another sign that churches can embrace alternatives as well as traditions?

Justin Welby delivered an up-beat sermon in which he stressed there was 'every reason for optimism about the future of the Church in our world and in this country.' He is not new to dealing with difficult situations having negotiated with militants in worn-torn parts of West Africa and acted as an arbitrator during religious conflicts across the globe. He has courted controversy as Dean of Liverpool Cathedral when allowing John Lennon's 'Imagine' to be played on the church bells. (The song contains the line 'imagine there's no heaven...and no religion too.')

He has, however, suffered personal tragedy when his own seven month old daughter, Johanna, was killed in a car crash in 1983, something he has said brought him closer to God. His mother, Jane Portal, was Winston Churchill's private secretary.

The new Archbishop faces a difficult period in history, with Women Bishops, gay marriage and gay clergy still firmly on the agenda and polarised groups within the Church threatening radical action if things don't go their way. He is also challenged to turn around the fortunes of the Church which have seen reduced attendances and dwindling resources with local clergy spread ever thinner.

Of course with great challenge comes great opportunity and a chance to make a real and significant difference both to the Church and the wider community beckons..

David.

## **Evelyne says Goodbye - or is it Au-revoir?**

*Evelyne Barrow has been with St. Mary's for four months as part of her training towards priesthood. Easter Sunday was her fitting goodbye.*

When David asked me to write about my time with you at St Mary's, Woodkirk I was daunted by the prospect. Where to start was my first concern, where to stop quickly became the second. So many thoughts and feeling how do I put them all into words!

Having worshipped for so long at the same church, having practically grown up within its congregation, I was concerned that I would feel out of place and that I wouldn't be up to standard. Yet everyone in the congregation has been so welcoming and so supportive.

Putting up with someone who is so obviously learning and inclined to make mistakes is never easy and you have been so encouraging and so forgiving when I have got it wrong. St Mary's is a warm and vibrant church full of life and full of people keen to welcome the stranger. I have learnt so much from being with you and the experience has helped me grow spiritually and in confidence.

I take many wonderful memories from my time with you, making all those Christingles - I don't think I will look at another dolly mixture for a while; the fun and laughter of the family services; standing under the spotlight in the pulpit; dodging round the altar when serving and of course trying to ding the bell in the right places!

I am now so proficient on that bell I think I will quite miss it. It was really comforting to see the church welcome new members in the Epiphany service and the Baptism of Autumn was an incredibly moving experience and one I will cherish. Amanda is an amazing leader who has given me fantastic advice and guidance and I know that together with such a great congregation St Mary's can continue to go from strength to strength.

I am really excited about your developments and hope that the re-ordering planned helps to revitalise and re-energise the whole church. It has been such a pleasure and a real privilege to worship alongside you at St Mary's. Thank you!



*Evelyne - Bell dinging expert extraordinaire..*

## Harry's War...

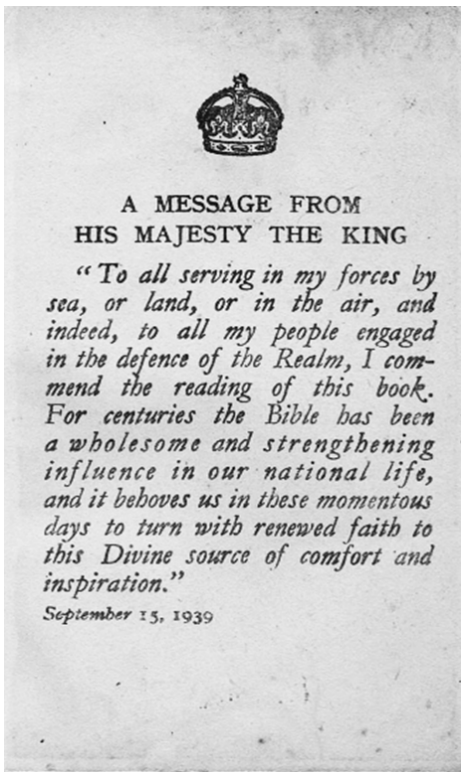
*This is the story of Harry Gough, a boy of fourteen as World War II started, who trained as a rear gunner and flew into battle with a small Prayer Book.....*

Harry was Confirmed by the Bishop of Wakefield some 8 days before his 14th birthday, on February 13th 1939, at St Andrew's Church, Morley. Seven months later Britain was at War. Harry's older brother William, disillusioned with life and work earning 26 shillings a week at a textile Mill in Pudsey, had already joined the Army. When only fourteen, Harry wanted to join the Boy's army. His Father wasn't against the idea, but his Mother was horrified and wouldn't allow it.

So instead Harry joined the Air Training Corps, allowing him to come home every night - a situation his Mother found far more acceptable than moving away with the Boys Army.



*Harry's Confirmation*



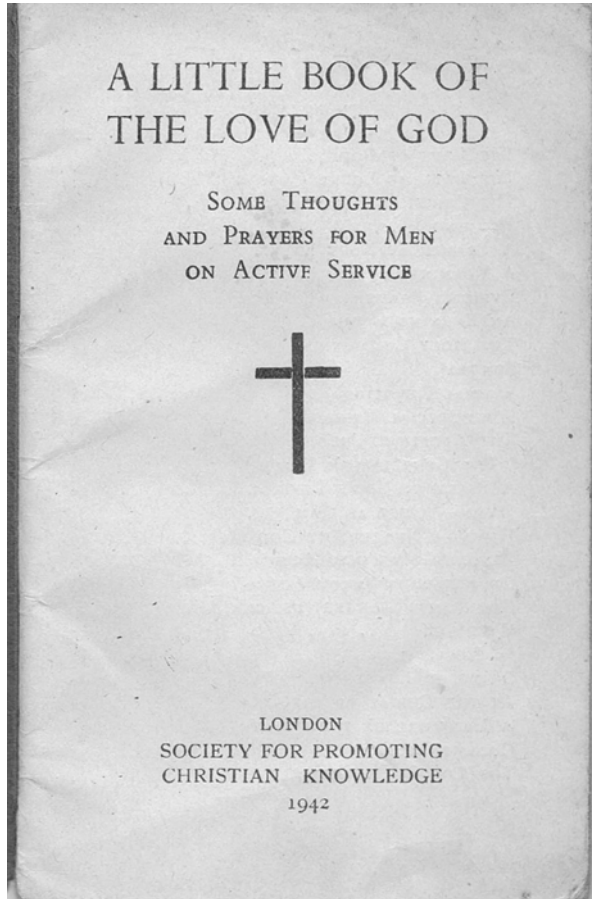
*The New Testament given to Harry as he joined up*

It wasn't until Harry was eighteen that he could finally sign up in August of 1943. From an Air Cadet, Harry went into the RAF as a trainee Air Gunner. He was given a small, pocket version of the New Testament by Douglas Wiswell, vicar of St. Peter's Morley and endorsed by King George VI.

Starting his training in London he finally 'Passed out' at Bishops Court near Belfast in Northern Ireland on 29th December that same year. It was in London as he joined up that Harry received his little Prayer Book.

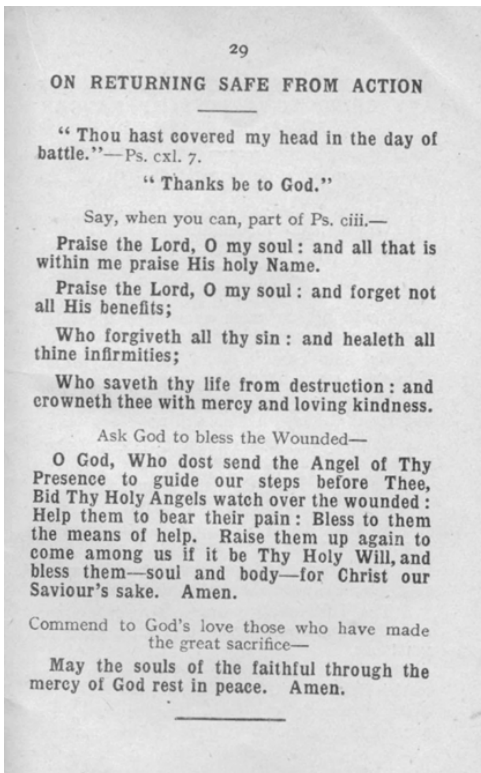
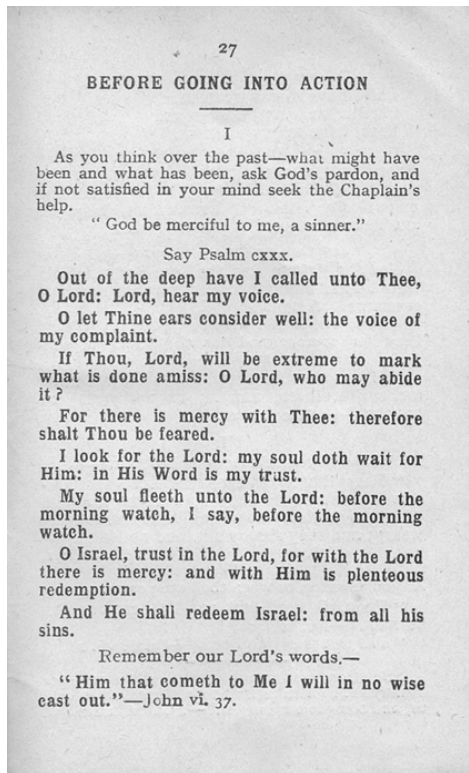
He was based at Melbourne, near Pocklington in Yorkshire as part of 10 Squadron – or 'Shiny 10' as it was known (though no-one knows why). The first mission was to Northern France in July 1944. He remembers flying Mine laying missions - known as gardening - to the Kattegat Straits between Denmark and Sweden, and the bombing runs with four to seven hundred other aircraft over the Ruhr Valley, Essen and Cologne which were heavily defended with ground 'Ack Ack' guns.

The average number of missions aircrew survived typically was seven. Harry flew the last of his thirty three missions five months later in December 1944. In all Harry flew 62 hours of daylight missions and 97 hours of night time missions taking his little Prayer Book on every one of them.



He flew with the same crew and Pilot Officer (later Flight Lieutenant) Harrison flying the plane, who always sang 'Beautiful Dreamer' every time they took off. George Wilson North, the artist who painted the Halifax Bomber said that Harry had got them home safe, but Harry reckons it was down to their pilot.

All the crew returned safely. Harry's brother William also survived the war, but 55,573 Aircrew of Bomber Command lost their lives.



### *Pages from the Little Prayer book*

Following completion of his 'Tour of Operations', Harry went on to Air Traffic Control duties at Shorebury in Shropshire, and was there for VE day followed by a spell at RAF Valley for VJ day (Victory in Japan).

It is only now that the efforts of Bomber Command are being recognised. Sir Arthur Travers Harris, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of RAF Bomber Command or 'Bomber' Harris as he was called, made some difficult decisions about bombing German Cities and this led to Bomber Command being 'swept under the carpet' and not recognised for their efforts in the way that Fighter Command was.



This 'omission' is now being corrected and the surviving crew or family members are to be awarded the Bomber Command Clasp, to be worn on the 1939 to 1945 Star medal ribbon.

On 26 February 2013, the Minister of State for Defense Personnel, Welfare and Veterans, Mark Francois said that all the details have been confirmed for the Bomber Command Clasp as well as the Arctic Star. This follows Sir John Holmes' independent medal review and the announcement by the Prime Minister, on the 19th December 2012, that these awards should be made in recognition of the great bravery of those who contributed to two very significant campaigns of World War Two.

The Bomber Command Memorial was opened in Green Park in London last year and Harry plans to travel down in late April or early May to see it, plus a visit to Coningsby in June, where the Battle of Britain memorial flight is based. He still takes to the air for the occasional flight with his Nephew, John, flying from Sherburn Airfield.



*Harry's Halifax Bomber  
(flown to Caen not long after D-Day on 18.7.44).*

*Painted by George Wilson North*

Harry, who was married to Clarice on 7th February 1948, sixty five years ago (and still is), is set to receive his Clasp in the next few weeks. With a typically pragmatic approach, Harry says he had a job to and got on with it - but never without his little Prayer Book.

David.

*Look out for Harry's Clasp in a future edition of the Magazine.*

## **Celebrating Our Heritage:**

### **The founding of Nostell Priory.**

St. Mary's was a former cell of Black Canons annexed to Nostell Priory, so without the Priory there may never have been a church here at Woodkirk. So how did Nostell Priory come to be a monastery of Augustinian Monks (Black Canons)?

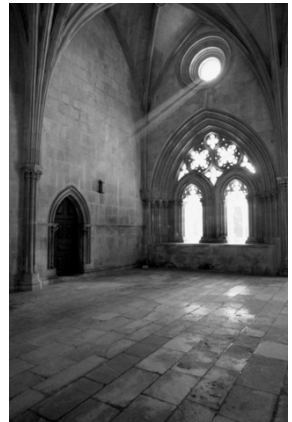
This is a story of the beginnings of Nostell Priory, gleaned from many different sources and pieced together as a summary of the various versions of events. It makes for a wonderful story of the mysteries shrouding the beginnings of Nostell Priory and therefore of St. Mary's, Woodkirk:

Originally the site was occupied by a group of Hermits, who had settled in the woods of St. Oswald near Wakefield. These hermits were in residence during the reign of King Henry I circa 1114 a.d. Now it was at that time that Henry decided to take an army north to face the troublesome Scots. As well as his fighting men, Henry also insisted his Chaplain, Ralph Adlave, travelled with the group. On reaching Pontefract Castle, Henry and his troops rested, but it was at this point that Ralph Adlave took ill and could not continue with the quest. We can only suppose what ailed Ralph, but the thought of 'troublesome Scots' may have had as much to do with his fevered brow as any wave of nausea otherwise contracted.

Indeed it was Ralph, who, during his convalescence, was out riding through the woods (!), when he came upon the hermitage. He spent time with the hermits, finding them much more to his liking than the King's fighting men, and, it was reported, the hermits helped restore Ralph to his full strength.

As the difficult day of the King's return approached, we can only wonder what Ralph may have been thinking. Probably he would be imagining the possibility of the King's wrath being vented upon him for his failure to provide prayerful support as the King fought battles against the Celtic foe. He needed something to divert the King's attention, and the Hermitage in the Woods offered the perfect distraction.

Ralph's enthusiasm for the hermits worked far better than he could ever have imagined, the King being so impressed he granted land and favour to these men in the woods.



Ralph Adlave became an Augustinian Canon, perhaps a more fitting role than a hermit for a man of the King, and by the Henry's direction assumed the position of head of Nostell Priory, which then consisted of eleven brethren.

Henry I made a grant of 12d. a day to it from the king's revenues in Yorkshire. Others followed the King's example as benefactors, chief of whom was Robert de Lacy, in whose lands of Pontefract, Nostell was situated. He granted to God and the church of St. Oswald of Nostell and the canons regular half a carucate of land (about 60 acres). In addition, the king granted the canons the same liberties and customs as those possessed by the mother church of the blessed Peter of York.

Thus, at the very outset, the priory of Nostell was highly favoured, also possessing a number of churches. The King confirmed all, for the souls of his father, William the Great, king of the English, Queen Maud his mother, Queen Maud II. his wife, William his son, and all the faithful departed.

Henry II confirmed the grants again, including some others and that of a fair at Nostell, (as well as Woodkirk), granted by Henry I on the feast of St. Oswald and two succeeding days. The site was moved, at a very early date, to one north of the original chapel or church of St. Oswald, by authority of Pope Calixtus II. The change was made to bring the monastery nearer to a large pool, indeed, fishponds are an important part of monastic life, and St. Mary's had their own versions as well.

The Priory had no less than five cells attached to it, the two more important being Bamburgh in Northumberland, and Breedon in Leicestershire. A third was that of Hirst in the Isle of Axholme, Lincolnshire, and two others at Woodkirk and Scokirk (otherwise Tockwith) in York. Much of the revenues of the priory were derived from Bamburgh, and when, at times, the revenues from Bamburgh failed, due to Scottish raiding parties, the Priory went through hard times.

Later, a visit from Archbishop Thurstan caused a stir when arriving at the Priory, he noted that the Canons from Woodkirk were absent. He reminded the Prior pointedly that Monks from the Annexes should be present during his visits.

Thus it was that Nostell Priory prospered in the beginning, although later Priors caused hardships along the way, but it survived right up until another Henry assumed the throne and changed religion in the UK forever.

## A Huge Thank You.

*Dave Wass talks about the Charity St. Mary's will support in 2013.*

I was delighted and grateful when I learned that after an approach by my wife, Pat, St Mary's have agreed to support the Myositis Support Group as part of their Penny in the Pound charity giving. Many thanks to everyone. I thought perhaps I should tell you a little about the disease and why the Support Group is so important to sufferers.

My particular type of Myositis is Dermatomyositis. I had been suffering pains in my joints for some time but thought it was just old age. I developed dermatitis on my hands (I later learned that in my case this was a sign of the disease). As I was being treated for my hands I was also losing weight - several pounds a week, had great difficulty swallowing, and was no longer able to get out of an armchair without assistance. I had had one or two unexpected requests for blood tests so on my last visit I asked the Dermatologist to look into my file.

The mention of rapid weight loss seemed to turn on a light. She noted that my fingers were blue and very painful in cold weather, as well as the other symptoms mentioned. Someone was definitely looking out for me as only that week she had been reading an article in a medical journal about a very rare disease. This wonderful lady contacted a Consultant Rheumatologist and things moved very swiftly. Within two or three days I had a muscle biopsy and the diagnosis was confirmed. I had Dermatomyositis a very rare condition without any cure, where the immune system attacks and destroys the muscles including of course the muscles in the major organs.

That was the week before Christmas 2000. We had moved house only weeks before, our neighbours still an unknown quantity. We felt utterly alone. Although neither of us acknowledged it to the other, we both thought this would be our last Christmas and Wedding Anniversary together. We had reckoned without the amazing team at Pontefract Hospital.

They slowly managed to stabilise me on steroids and finally transferred me on to medication to suppress my immune system. Of course this has its own problems: I am open to any infection around - even a common cold holds its fears. The medication means I produce calcium in various parts of my body. This is particularly difficult in my fingers where the calcium are like tiny shards of glass forever forcing their way to the surface.

Touching is like putting my fingers in a bowl of pins. There is nothing to be done about this but it is better than the alternative.

The condition has been more or less controlled for twelve years but we have been warned that could change at any time, but for now Pat and I grasp each day with gratitude.

All the types are so rare that I have never met anyone with any of these conditions. The Support Group not only raises funds for research but also offers an on-line forum for sufferers who can discuss their worries with others who are, or have experienced the same problems, thus easing the sense of isolation.

I have been one of the lucky ones, my body is handling the medication well and after twelve years, I am still able to function. This is not always the case, sometimes the myositis cannot be controlled and the ending can be quite different. The forum helps provide comfort and support where someone has been less fortunate than me.

The Myositis Support Group is a small charity. With so few sufferers, funds tend to go to the larger, more well-known charities. Most of the money raised is from Charity Runs, Cake Bakes etc. by sufferers and their friends and families. The money from St. Mary's Church Family will go towards research for a cure for this rare but lethal disease.

Many Many Thanks Dave.

## **The Chidswell Greenbelt - is it saved?**

*Following on from our previous look at this issue, the council have voted...*

On 3rd March about 300 people paraded through Huddersfield protesting against plans to build homes on the greenbelt land. However on 7th March, Kirklees Council voted to approve plans to build on the land at Chidswell.

The Council plans to build 22,500 new homes over the next 20 years with 1,500 of those on the greenbelt. Council leader Mehboob Khan explained that 70% of Kirklees is in the greenbelt and that's why it's such a brilliant place to live.

The plan is to release of 1% of that greenbelt over the next 20 years on two specific sites, in order, they say, to help create jobs.

The council claims to have listened intently to the views of supporters and objectors before the vote and, as a result, have moved away from its original proposal to build 35,000 homes. Opposing groups were said to be very disappointed with the decision.

The Council elections in May are set to be the new battle ground for this thorny issue, with protesters set to vote for the Conservatives, who have promised to review the decision and make sure it is in line with public opinion.

David

## **Ever seen a Snail Race?**

Now's your chance! Brian Gledhill, our new entertainment Guru has arranged a great evening's entertainment at the end of April. Cartoon Snails racing across the screen on a hilarious course full of surprises, twists and turns. You can name your Snail and watch it race the others through thick and thin - cheering it on all the way.

You can sponsor a Snail (you'll need to do it before the night) or you can turn up and try and pick a winner or two during the evening.

See the poster opposite for more details and come along for a great night out.

David.

## **St Mary's Playgroup Update.**

Hello, my name is Debbie Nelson and this is my first update for the Parish News since taking over from Lisa as the supervisor of the very popular playgroup. I am looking forward to working with a lovely dedicated team who have the best interests of the children at heart.

I am also looking forward to getting to know the children and their carers. The children have enjoyed their spring topic of 'growing' by exploring with soil, making lovely, colourful Mother's day cards and imaginative play in our role play florist. Our next topic is 'transport' where we will be learning about cars, boats, trains and planes.

Playgroup is currently full on all three sessions but if you do want to put your child's name on the waiting list, please call in on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning. We'd love to see you!

Debbie

## **Long distance magazine...**

Recently Margaret Longdon received a very nice letter from a lady in Sutton Coldfield (thank you Brenda!) about the magazine, and then I had an e-mail from someone in Harrogate looking for relatives. Also the magazine is sent to Kath and Martin in Bedfordshire.

It made me wonder just how far the magazine travels? Where are you reading this magazine from? Drop me an e-mail (see p2) or write in if you are a 'long distance' reader and say hello. It would be great to hear from you. Many thanks also to everyone who lives locally and 'subscribes'.

Editor.

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Neal

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## Sandra's Seasonal Suggestions.

Before planting anything, think about what was where last year and possibly, what will be there next year? Crop rotation is essential if you wish to avoid diseases building up in your soil. It is also essential to avoid leaching nutrients year after year by planting the same crops in the same place. The one exception I make is with my runner beans. If you dig your trench in the same place and fill it with rotted compost or kitchen waste, then that, coupled with the nitrogen left from last year's crop, usually brings in a good harvest.

**Sandra's Top Tip:** Compile a check list of all the things you wish to achieve in the garden during this growing year. If you don't do it now you may become too engrossed in the growing season and forget all about it.

1. Start sowing in earnest with parsnip, carrots and Broadbeans directly into the ground.
2. Cover your bean trench and put up your bean poles.
3. Plant out peas from your guttering or cardboard tubes. Sow more in the greenhouse every two weeks.
4. Sow successional crops such as lettuce, radish, rocket and spring onions. Use any piece of spare garden you may have.
5. Harden off sweet peas.
6. Sow some winter greens such as winter cabbage and sprouting broccoli.
7. Clean up the strawberry bed. Remove any dead or dying leaves.
8. Plant Brussels sprouts, spring cabbage and asparagus crowns.
9. Place small logs or other objects into the margins of ponds so that hedgehogs and other forms of wildlife that fall in can scramble out with relative ease.
10. Divide or cut back any overgrown marginal and bog plants before they come back into growth.

Sandra.



## **15th Morley (Woodkirk St. Mary's) Scout Group.**

### **This Month: Red Nose Day, Ice Skating, Homelessness and Sleepovers...**

#### **The Beavers (Age 6 to 8) & Cubs (Age 8 to 10 ½)**

The Beavers had an Easter Egg hunt in the Parish Centre - due to the snow outside!

The Cubs and Beavers had a sponsored walk around Ardsley reservoir. The Beavers completed one lap in daylight hours, but the Cubs gathered for a two lap hike as the Sun set in the western sky. So it was that fifteen Cubs, eleven Adults, six dogs and a tandem buggy all set off on the 3 mile hike. Darkness drew around us but we bravely battled on, avoiding puddles and darting dogs we dodged the rain and bore the cold and made it to the end. The Cubs and Beavers raised a fantastic £175 for Comic Relief, so congratulations to everyone.

#### **The Scouts (10½ to 14½)**

As part of their 'Communicators' Badge, the Scouts organised their own Ice Skating trip to the Doncaster Dome. They researched dates and times, sent e-mails and prepared sample notices. Meanwhile they have all completed their 'Photography' badge and are working towards their 'Global' badge. They selected 'Homelessness' as one of the global topics and had to make a shelter out of cones, poles, string and blankets - all suspended off the floor.

They are going to be part of the National Community Week in June, when they will collect and bring clothes for homeless people. These will be delivered to St. George's Crypt in Leeds, where homeless people stay overnight.

The Scouts are starting to think about their trip to Holland, scheduled for next year. More details to follow.

## **Meerkat Explorers (14 ½ to 18)**

The Meerkats are doing their First Aid (first response) badge and they too have been Ice Skating at Doncaster Dome. Their trip abroad is now likely to be to Kandersteg International Scout Camp in Switzerland. They will have 10 days to trek 100 miles to the camp.

## **The Cubs Swimming and Games Night.**

*Brother and Sister Zak and Izzy Dobney report on a busy sleepover night...*

On the 22nd of February the 15th Morley cub pack met up at the parish centre and travelled to Batley swimming baths. We all played in the pool for ages then Jonathan held some races to see who would compete in the district swimming gala. After that we played on the massive inflatable, that was very fun. We got changed in the changing rooms and went back to the parish centre in some of the leaders cars where we had a sleep over.

When we got back Jonathan set out many things for a games night. This included dominoes, mini golf, karaoke, a football table and table tennis. We were put into partners and played each game against another pair of people. For every game that you won you got a £100 note from monopoly money. The winner of karaoke and the winner of the most pound notes won an Easter egg. The winners of the karaoke were James R and Daisy, The winners with the most money were James N and Thomas. We also had pizza and chips to eat that night - yummy!

It was late when all of the games were packed away but once we were in our sleeping bags we watched the Simpsons movie, it was very funny. In the morning we had our breakfast and watched 'A Monster in Paris'. After that all of our families came to pick us up from the parish centre, everyone was very tired but we all had a great time.

Zak and Izzy, twins aged 10

# Brownies\*

In the Spring term the Brownies have worked hard to complete their Artist Badge. The Brownies have had to do a number of clauses including working on a promise poster, making jewellery and drawing a still life of spring flowers. We have welcomed 4 new Brownies to our unit who have planned a Promise Party Picnic for after Easter. The girls are looking forward to their Easter Craft Night this week...we are even hoping for a visit from the Easter Bunny!

## **Big Charlotte and Little Charlotte.**

Big Charlotte (Austin) is doing her Adult leadership and little Charlotte (Anderson) is doing her young leader qualification and it would be great if we could get another leader or unit helper, if you are interested in helping at Brownies please contact me.

Thank you Hannah

## **You Took My Parking Space at Church...**

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near him. The driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated:

"That's my seat! You took my place!"

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said:

"That's where I always sit! You took my place!"

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out:

"What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye: "I took your place."

Author Unknown

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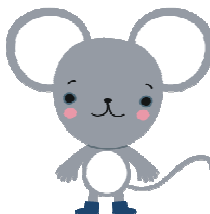
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## Latin Services in Church?

*Misha, the Church mouse is in a flat spin...*

I can't believe the rumour I've just heard: In an extra-ordinary meeting of the PCC on April 1st they decided that it would be a good idea to have the remaining Services in April conducted in Latin!

My head was spinning as I tried desperately to remember some of my old Latin phrases. In a panic I rushed to my friend, Hubert, the Black Canon. 'Was it really true? Would there really be Latin Services?', I asked breathlessly. 'Aprilis Morionem', was all he could say. Well really!



Misha

## Poetry Corner: The Wakefield Pageants.

These bawdy plays were written for the medieval fair-going public of the day, but nevertheless hold a Christian message straight from the pages of the bible. This rather irreverent exchange between Cain and Abel sets the tone for this play:

**Mactacio Abel.** (*Cain enters with servant Garcio*):

*Abell*: God, as he both may and can,  
Spede thee, brother, and thi man. (*go away both of you*)

*Cayn*: Com kis myne toute! Me list not ban;  
As welcome standys the route. (*there's the exit*)  
Thou shuld have bide till thou were cald;  
Com nar (*near*), and other drife or hald - (*drive or hold*)  
And kys the dwillis toute!  
Go grese thi shepe under the toute,  
For that is the most lefe. (*dear*)

*Abell*: Broder, there is none hereabout,  
That wuld the any grefe. (*do you harm*)  
Bot, leif (*dear*) brother, here my sawe;  
It is the custom of oure law,  
All that wyrk of the wise  
Shall worship God with sacrifice  
Our fader vs bad, our fader vs kend,  
That oure tend shuld be brend. (*our tithes should be burned*)  
And therefor, brother let vs weynd  
And first clens vs from the feynd  
Or we make sacrifice;  
Then blis withoutten end  
Get we for oure seruyce, (*service*)  
Of hym that is oure saulis leche. (*our soul's physician*)

If you know that 'dwillis' is 'devil' and 'toute' means 'derriere' it may make things clearer. *Got a poem of your own? Why not send it in?*

David.

## Albert's April Quiz:

1. Which branch of the armed forces was formed on the 1st April 1918?
2. What tax was imposed in the United Kingdom on the 1st April 1973?
3. Which military action took place on the 2nd April 1982?
4. Which mail delivery service began in the USA on the 3rd April 1860?
5. Which English king died on the 6th April 1199?
6. Which sporting event took place for the first time on the 6th April 1896?
7. Which famous criminal was hanged at York on the 7th April 1739?
8. Which war began on the 12th April 1861 and ended on the 9th April 1865?
9. Which U.S. President was assassinated just five days after this war ended?
10. On the 12th April 1961 who was the first man to fly in space?
11. On the 13th April 1668 John Dryden was the first appointment to which post?
12. On the 15th April 1912, which ship sank on its maiden voyage?
13. Which republic with strong links to the UK was established on the 13th April 1949?
14. Which world famous person was born on the 21st April 1926?
15. Which coin was introduced in Britain on the 22nd April 1983?
16. Which writer was born on the 23rd April 1564 and died on the 23rd April 1616?
17. Britain's first two decimal coins were issued on the 23rd April 1968. What denominations were they?
18. On the 28th April 1789 who led the Mutiny on the Bounty?
19. On the 30th April 311 what was legally recognised within the Roman Empire?
20. Which political leader committed suicide on the 30th April 1945?

Answers on page 43

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## Diary for April 2013.

Wed 3rd	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments
Sat 6th	9.30-12	Church & churchyard clean-up
	1pm	Wedding
<b>Sun 7th</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (said)</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (sung)</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Baptism service</b>
Mon 8th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Parish Centre
Wed 10th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Morning Prayer service – NO COMMUNION
<b>Sun 14th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All-Age Worship</b>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>(conducted by Revd. Stuart Millington)</b>
Wed 17th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (1662 setting) & refreshments
Thurs 18th	11am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
<b>Sun 21st</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (sung</b>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING</b>
<b>4pm</b>		<b>Wakefield Cathedral Service of Thanksgiving for Mara link – see article for details</b>
Wed 24th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (with prayer for healing)
Sat 27th	7pm	Snail Race Social event – see article for details
<b>Sun 28th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (sung)</b>



## Early May

Wed 1st	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments
Sat 4th	9.30-12.30pm Church & Churchyard clean-up	
Sun 5th	8am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	12.30pm	Baptism service
Wed 8th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Iona setting) & refreshments
Sun 12th	10.30am	All-Age Worship
	12 noon	Holy Communion



**Kids: Don't forget Jam Club !**

**Sunday Morning 10.30 - 11.30**

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## **What's your Story?**

Do you have a story for the magazine? Maybe you have a religious relative or you have experienced something unusual in your Christian life? Do you work with charities or other religious groups helping in our community? What do you know about local history—especially about St. Mary's. You can write your own story—or see me for a chat if you like. Don't be shy.

## **Church Organisations:**

Why not have your own space in the magazine? Keep everyone up to date and let them know what's coming up. One e-mail a month is all it takes. Get in touch with me for more info.

## **Happy Birthday**

Many happy returns to Margaret Wilcock, long time parishioner and avid magazine reader, who is celebrating a 'significant' birthday on the 24th April. Congratulations!

Any more birthdays to celebrate? Let me know!

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# St Mary's Registers of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

## **Registers for APRIL**

In March we welcomed 2 new members in Baptism.

Teenager Autumn Rose Lidelow committed herself in Baptism to serve God as a member of his family.

Also:

Louie Evan Howley son of Richard and Emma from Tingley

## **Weddings:-**

Hannah Allison and Matthew Scott from Tingley were married at St. Mary's on March 15th. Congratulations from our Church Family.

## **Funerals:-**

Leslie Bennett, beloved Husband of Margaret and beloved Grandfather to Gemma from Tingley.

Nellie Clayton, beloved Aunt of Margaret from Soothill Manor.

Andrew Stephen Godfrey beloved husband of Jennifer and a beloved father and Grandfather.

**QUIZ ANSWERS:** 1. Royal Air Force. 2. V.A.T. 3. Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands. 4. The Pony Express. 5. Richard I. 6. Modern Olympic Games. 7. Dick Turpin. 8. American Civil War. 9. Abraham Lincoln. 10. Yuri Gagarin. 11. Poet Laureate. 12. SS Titanic. 13. Republic of Ireland. 14. The Queen. 15. £1 coin. 16. William Shakespeare. 17. 5p & 10p. 18. Fletcher Christian. 19. Christianity. 20. Adolph Hitler.

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## **What's on**

<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 to 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 Sally Shaw 01924 475048
<b>Rainbows</b>	Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 689992
<b>Brownies</b>	Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm 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 Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
<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 07816 517838
<b>Jam Club</b>	1st and 3rd Sunday of the month - 10.30am Derek Barraclough 01924 472375

# Services

**Main Sunday Service:** (except the 2nd Sunday of each month)

**10:30am Parish Communion & Jam Club**

**Additional Services:**

**1st Sunday of the month:**

8:00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism Service

**2nd Sunday of the month:**

**10:30am All Age (Family) Service**

12:00 Holy Communion

**4th Sunday of the month:**

10:30am Gro-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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