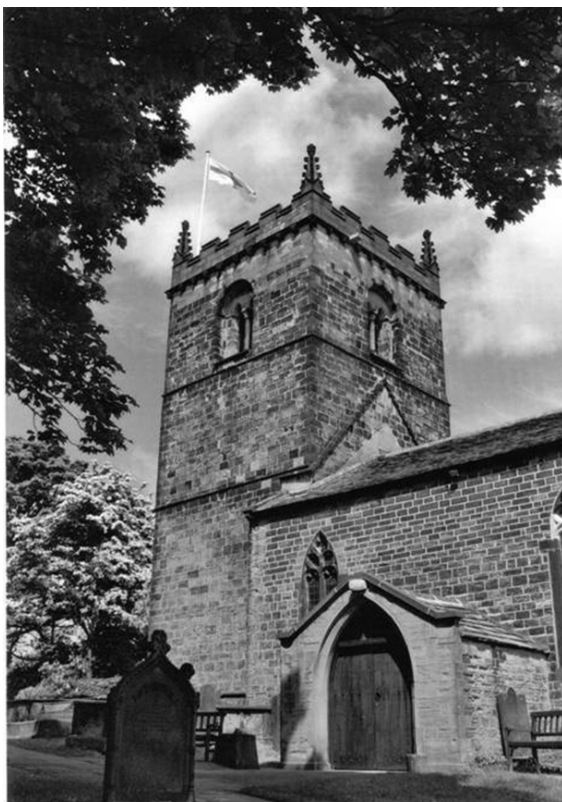


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St Mary's, Woodkirk

July 2013



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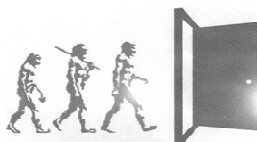
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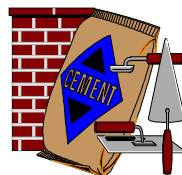
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When did you last have a 'Bisto moment'?

Revd. Amanda describes the moment she discovered our new painting...

Maybe it's my age, but I call it a Bisto moment. You catch a glimmer of something that makes you catch your breath, or a tempting smell wafts towards you which draws you to identify the source, and you are caught up in an unexpected 'Wow!' moment.

Like the cartoon children on the Bisto advert, who have caught the mouth-watering fragrance of gravy on the breeze and are mesmerised by it, you're having a 'Bisto moment'. The awe and wonder that children experience a hundred times a day at little things seen with fresh eyes can sometimes come and tap adults on the shoulder unexpectedly. They can be reminders of the spiritual dimension always around us.

When a small cutting from a current edition of a magazine called 'The Oldie' was left on my desk last month, showing what purported to be 'The Interior of Woodkirk Church, West Ardsley, 1834', a watercolour by an artist and church architect, Robert Dennis Chantrell, it was for me a definite 'Bisto moment'.

It provides an amazing record of the chancel (the choir area) of the church part-way through a major restoration project, just a few years after the nave roof blew in in 1831. It shows, in remarkable detail, 14th century wall paintings which had been hidden behind wooden panels when the Reformation required a more austere worship space.

A little more scouting around led me to a London Gallery where it was on sale. Courageously, the Church Council made the decision that this 180 year old record of the interior of our church should 'come home'. It belongs here, and will mean more to us than to others. If the opportunity to buy it now was missed, it would probably never come our way again.

It will also show our own commitment to the Heritage Base we envision in the church as the future unfolds. We plan to create a number of 'Limited Edition' prints which will be available for sale to enable us to fund the investment we are making in the heritage of our church.

As I write, just yesterday, the painting was being transported back to its origins here in Woodkirk on a train from London. We are very grateful to David Tattersfield for having taken responsibility for this work of art, carefully guarding it through London for the day and ensuring its return to us in one piece.

We are all catching our breath awaiting our first glimpse of 'the real thing'. We hope that this will add to our appreciation of the constantly changing face of the church, and will be enjoyed by many visitors, whether schoolchildren exploring local history, or people who travel from

across the globe researching their family tree, or others from nearby and further afield who enjoy art and see the value of displaying it in its home environment.

As I ponder the painting, (which I have done repeatedly over the last few weeks) I wonder what it must have been like to see those wooden panels, first erected in the Reformation, removed, to discover such beauty and colour and wonder beneath them? Surely that must have been a Bisto moment even before Bisto existed!!

It seems to me to be a parable of life. For beneath the very ordinary exteriors of some very ordinary people there are some remarkable elements of great beauty and wonder, which day by day make me catch my breath in some very different ways. One of the great privileges of ministry is the opportunity to see those beautiful characteristics in some surprising places. May we all have the eyes to see them.

We hope you will take the opportunity to come and enjoy the new acquisition in its original home! But also, enjoy seeing God's greatest works of art in the personalities and people all around you!

Rev'd. Amanda



St. Mary's Woodkirk 1834

Malcolm Haigh receives Queen's Honour.

In this year's Queen's Birthday Honours, our very own Malcolm Haigh has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM).

Malcolm is a long time St. Mary's Parishioner, very well known to all regular church goers, having held the post of Church Warden and Magazine Editor as well as being very active in Church life at All-Age services and manning a stall at this year's Garden Party, but what else has Malcolm been up to over the years to catch the eye of our Queen?

Here is a quick run down of Malcolm's life and work in our Community:-

Author of four local History books:

The History of Batley 1800-1974 (first published 1978).

Historical Walks Around Batley & Birstall (1987).

Historical Snapshots of Batley & Birstall (1994).

Batley Pride (2005).

Plus many newspaper articles and three walking guides around Batley Cemetery

Television and Radio appearances:

Railway Journeys with Michael Portillo: Booming Batley - BBC North
Batley Variety Club - ITV

The Archive Hour - BBC Radio 4

History specials - Radio Leeds

Journalism:

Former Chief Reporter and sub editor of the Batley News Former editor of the Ripon Gazette

Municipal correspondent Halifax Evening Courier Feature writer

Saturday Evening Telegraph (East Anglia)

Chief Reporter of the Yorkshire Evening Post's Dewsbury office for

28 years Freelance sports writer: Press Association, Yorkshire Post, Yorkshire Evening Post, Rugby League Express

Teaching:

More than 25 years of running local history classes which concentrate on Batley history for the Adult Education service.

Other Posts:

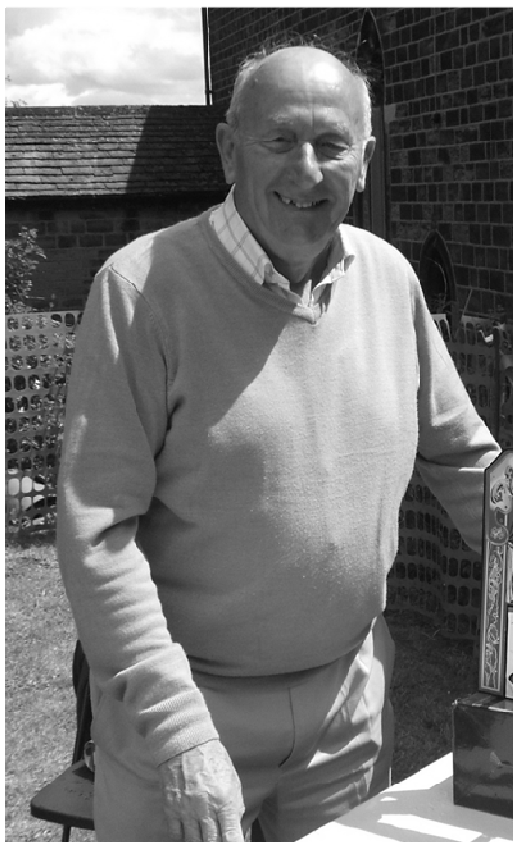
First secretary of the Batley and Birstall Civic Society.

First chairman of the Batley Community Alliance.

Founder member and, later, Coordinator of Batley Cemetery Support Group.

First chairman of Batley Environment Forum.
Chairman and founder of Batley Conservation Group.
Chairman of Batley History Group.
President of Dewsbury and District Ramblers.

It is the significant efforts of Malcolm to preserve, promote and improve the town of Batley and its history and heritage including: the Market Place being upgraded to 'Outstanding Conservation Area', encouraging local Scouts to look after Batley Cemetery, cleaning up the town centre as Chairman of the Batley Environment Forum, successfully opposing the closure of Batley Library, securing changes to traffic signalling to reduce congestion, winning an award from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in 2003 for his work in St. Mary's graveyard, as well as raising over £25,000 for Dewsbury District Hospital to



improve the cancer clinic and being a lifelong reporter (and supporter!) of Batley Rugby League Club, which have combined to mean the awarding of this honour to Malcolm.

The Medal will be presented by the county's Lord Lieutenant, Dr. Ingrid Roscoe at a ceremony at Bowcliffe Hall, Wetherby in autumn, followed by an invitation to a Buckingham Palace garden party next year. Malcolm says it came as a huge surprise to hear of this award, but when he told the Batley history group, none were surprised - they had been working behind the scenes to get Malcolm recognised! Many Congratulations to Malcolm on this great honour.

Editor

Malcolm Haigh BEM

Prayerful Thought.

Is prayer easy or hard?

I thought it was easy, but then in June one of the UCB Word for Today meditations made me think again. It said “The reason we don’t turn to God more often is because we are not “fully convinced” He is able and willing to move on our behalf”. It went on to question what was in our prayers and asked “Do we just make a few wishes on our knees?” Have you ever prayed for a lottery win?

I was reminded about an episode of Porridge starring Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale when Godber is saying his prayers and he lists a number of relations he wants to pray for and I always remember him saying “..and my Auntie Connie in Newport Pagnell” and Fletcher says “Is this a prayer or a dedication on the Jimmy Young show!”

I also remembered when I was a child, I shared a room with my sister, and we would say our prayers together saying the Lord’s Prayer followed by “Good night, God bless, sweet dreams, sleep tight, goodnight for the last time I hope”. This last bit, was because as we were settling down, there would inevitably be things that we wanted to talk about and the last word we said always had to be goodnight. However, when we said that last bit, after the Lord’s Prayer, we did it as a race and whoever said it fastest won!

Over the past few years I have been trying to pray more, but on reading this daily meditation I realised that I still don’t give the time to prayer that I should. I do pray more, and even though I try and do the additional readings listed daily as well, I am still squeezing my “prayer” in somewhere in my day, or missing a few days and then reading several days’ worth together.

In Matthews Gospel in Chapter 6 verses 6 to 8 just before the part about Jesus giving us the Lord’s prayer, as instruction on what we should pray, we get a few verses that actually tell us how we should pray. It says “But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your father who is unseen.....” and goes on “And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

The UCB meditation said “Nothing in your life will change until you pray Lord, help me. I say things with my lips that I don’t follow through my behaviour”. It goes on to explain that “Once we begin to pray that way we can start walking through the Bible, rediscovering ‘God is able’”. I have a “Thought for the week” on my notice board at work in which I try to list an interesting or thought provoking quote, usually about teamwork,

however, one week I used this one “You will never find time for anything, if you want time you must make it”.

I’m sure some of you are very good at prayer, but perhaps some of you may recognise your own attitude to prayer in my article.

Remember that we are all flawed human beings, but that even with all these flaws God loves us and will always forgive us, if we turn to him.

So like me, will you persevere in your prayers? Do we believe God is able and willing to help? Nothing is too difficult for him, he’s just waiting for us to recognise this and go to him in Faith asking for help.

My first step is to designate time in my day, after all, I make time to go to work, to clean, to do the ironing, shop and cook tea, surely in there I can MAKE TIME in my day for God, and in my prayers I shall ask God to be with you as you make time for him too.

Dawn Tattersfield



Dawn on the Fair Trade Stand at the Garden Party

All Age Worship @ St. Mary's

One Sunday each month we celebrate God in a more relaxed and informal way, with Family participation, quizzes, games and singing, it's a great way to spend a Sunday morning. On Sunday 9th June the All-Age service looked at Miracles and Hope.

As we arrived, we found in our pews, two cardboard shapes. One was in the shape of a teardrop and the other an anchor. What could they be for, we wondered?

Revd Amanda began by asking if we watched the television program Pointless? Lots of people do. There was one question about Miracles - who could think of the least known miracle? We knew some but not all of them.

Gill came to tell us the story of the Widow whose only son had died in the village of Nain. Jesus saw the procession and came over. He touched the coffin and said 'Get up!' The Son did get up and Jesus returned him to his mother.

Now a reporter (played by Malcolm) appeared on the scene and starts to interview the Mother (Revd. Amanda).

She told him she felt her life was over too when her son died. She was penniless and homeless and was staring starvation and death in the face.

'So when Jesus intervened', asked Malcolm, 'he saved both of you?'

'Yes and now we are travelling around proclaiming the miracle. Out of nothing has come hope.'

'What do you say,' asked Malcolm, 'to people who may be loosing hope?'

'If God can give me hope, he can do it for anyone. It almost seemed there was hope even in death. There is always hope with Jesus.'

As we pondered this message we sang the Hallelujah song, but we had to stand up and sit down at various points in the song - great fun!

Revd. Amanda invited us to take up the tear-drop shaped cards in the pew in front of us and write the name of someone who is sad on it. The cards were collected and placed in a bottle on the Altar.

'This is God's bottle', explained Revd. Amanda, 'God says: You have collected all my tears and sadness in a bottle.'

We sang 'Kum ba yah' as the teardrops were collected.

Now we invited to take up the Anchor and write a message of hope. The Anchor symbolises stability and hope. We placed our Anchors on Noah's rainbow, as the well known hit single 'Whenever God shines his

light', by Van Morrison/Cliff Richard played.

Then Revd. Amanda prayed:

Loving God, we aren't always very good with people,
not when they are in real need. Other people's tears embarrass us,
almost more than breaking down in public.

Forgive us when we shrink away from saying a word of comfort.

Just to let someone know they are not alone.

Forgive us when we go babbling on and saying too much, or when we
lack the courage to risk saying nothing.

When we make light of others' pain, or try to shut them up because we
want them to comfort us instead. Amen.

We welcomed the newly baptised - Lucas and Alfie, with
children's bibles and a candle. As always we celebrated everyone's
birthday in the month by singing 'Happy Birthday' to them, so if its your
birthday next month, come along and be sure that we will celebrate it
with you.

See the article on page 27 for the special event planned for this
month's Good Samaritan All Age service on the 14th July.

David

Ebay and Market Stalls in May...

Derek Barraclough has been selling the family silver...

Many of the items that I listed on this well-known online auction
site were for church funds. Cigarette cards, shoes, books, postcards
and bric-a-brac, a fire surround, two prints etc. All items kindly donated
by you, members of the church family. We raised through this venture
£129.36. So it is an idea that I will be repeating later this year.

Added to that we raised a bumper £270.41 at the last charity
market stall in Dewsbury. We will be having two more this year; I will
keep you informed of the dates. If you have a summer clear out please
remember items for the stall. Every donation helps. Items that sold well
recently were western books, tools, vinyl records and old Avon bottles!
So a big thank you to you all for your support and the kind donations,
without you and the goods to sell it would be a very empty stall. Many
thanks and God bless you.

Derek

The 50 Year Chorister

Joseph Sanderson Auty is the oldest surviving member of the Choir of St.Mary's. Here he remembers those days when the Choir was twenty plus in size. On 21st June 2013 he was 105 years old.

Joe's earliest memories were going to School in a foot of snow. Joe was all for it, but his Mother didn't want to send him. His Father said 'wrap his legs up and let him go.' So Joe battled his way to school only to find there was only him and one other boy who had made it. Joe started going to St. Mary's Sunday School as soon as he could walk. He would leave from his house at the end of Church Lane, down the path and the famous 'ABC' steps, across the beck and up the hill to the church. His Grandfather built the house in the 19th century and both his mother and Joe were born there. He moved back into the house when his Father died in 1948 and lives in the house today with son, Roger.

When he was seven years old (in 1915), the vicar, Reverend



*Joe Auty sitting second from right.
Joe's sisters in the middle.*

Hammond marched him round to the Choir vestry and told the Choir Master to get him a Surplus. Clearly Joe had a talent for singing, but little did he realise then that this was to be the start of a 50 year singing career with St. Mary's Choir. His sister, Audrey, excited by this development told their parents Joe 'had been in a fire with a nightie!' But Joe explained she meant to say 'in a Choir with a Surplus'.

Joe had six sisters in all: Louisa Ann, Sarah Kathleen; Twins Doris Mary and Marianne Audrey; Doreen Agnes and Gwyneth Patricia. All were christened with two names. At home he also had to tend for the hens, keeping the water trough full and breaking up pots for grit (to aid their digestion). He says he made a sledge from some wood he found lying around. 'It wasn't a thing of beauty', he says, 'but it worked!' He managed to train the family dog to pull it back up the hill too!

So it was that the Choir had an inauguration ritual for new Choir members – they each took an arm and a leg and gave them the 'bumps' on a gravestone in the vestry – known as the 'bumping stone'. Joe didn't fancy a sore bum and so waited outside with the men until it was almost time, then rushed in and changed quickly. After a while it was forgotten about and it was safe to go in on time.

After leaving School in 1921, at 13 years old, Joe had a couple of jobs including delivering groceries around Morley and Gildersome using a handcart, but at 16 he started a six year apprenticeship at Beacon Glassworks in Morley in the Nickel Plating Department. Soon the foreman sent for his Father, saying that Joe was wasted where he was and should be moved to the tool room where his skills would be better utilised. Indeed Joe was asked to repair a complicated die whilst still only 16, a job he was chosen for over a more experienced 23 year old.

He continued working at the company right up to retirement and produced tiny letter stamps for military parts during the war. Joe married in 1937 to Dorothy (Atkinson) and they had two children, Roger Anthony and June Sandra (keeping the two name theme going). He was off work for a month with Sciatica in his leg and although he was on sick pay, he couldn't collect it because he couldn't walk on the infected leg. Hard times with no money coming in and a young family. The foreman waited anxiously for Joe's return to make the tiny number stamps, as no-one else could produce them to the required standard.



On the left one of the tiny Number Stamps made by Joe.. You can just see the numbers on the end - each one hand made.

At 18 years old, Joe took singing lessons in Guisley and could sing a top note 'C' effortlessly. He sang for other Choirs as well as St. Mary's, singing for a centenary celebration for a church in Leeds, where he had to sing a duet with a woman he had never met before and a song he had not previously sang. He also remembers singing at Hanging Heaton Church as well as having to learn to sing in Italian. Whilst singing 'King Ever Glorious' at St. Mary's, a member of the Morley Operatic Society in the congregation left a complimentary remark for Joe after the service.

The Choir would walk around the Parish singing hymns: The Whitsuntide Walk as it was known, was one event and also the famous Christmas Eve Carol singing walk, also remembered last month by George Aylesbury. Joe explains: 'On a cold, still night, the Carols seemed to float in the air, creating a marvellous atmosphere.' They would set off at midnight on their tour of the parish. 'It didn't feel like Christmas until we had sung our carols,' explained Joe.

Later Joe left the Choir for a couple of years but then one day the new Choirmaster heard him singing in the pews at evensong. After the service the Choirmaster caught up with Joe at the door and asked him to sing a duet. On hearing him sing, the Choirmaster immediately asked Joe to re-join the Choir and he readily accepted. Joe went to all the services but really enjoyed evensong. One of his favourite parts of the Sunday service was when, as a tenor, he sang softly during communion as the congregation knelt to receive.

Joe's excellent hand-eye co-ordination served him well, producing high quality prototypes at work – the 25 light Chandelier shown here was made by Joe – as well as enjoying sporting success.

He helped to start Tingley Tennis Club, which moved to Woodkirk Valley Club. Revd. Reynolds was a Cambridge Blue tennis player and would team up with the Jenkinsons and Joe for doubles matches. On Sundays Joe played in the evenings until just after 6:00pm and then went to Church for evensong, before returning to the Tennis. Reverend Reynolds said he could do what he wanted, as long as he came to church on Sundays!

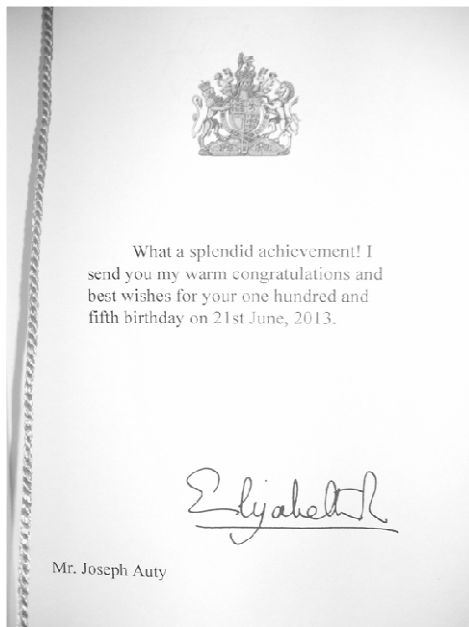


Joe started the Woodkirk Cricket Club and was team Captain and an excellent bowler, with a best of 7 for 3 (yes 7 wickets for 3 runs!), winning the Wakefield and District league. Joe also played snooker for many years – a game he loved - and won several tournaments, but he says it meant he had a stock of presents for when his sister married!

After he retired Joe took up bowls, but after having only played twice he was approached by the Club Secretary and asked to play in the next league game. In his third ever game Joe won 21-10 in the Heavy Woollen Bowls league. Joe went on to win many cups for bowling, and was made an honorary member of Batley Bowling and Cricket Club in December 2004.

A few years ago, when Joe heard about our need for a new Organ he was very pleased to make a donation to help buy it, due to his long association with the Choir. The new Organ has been going a while now and sounds great! Today Joe still keeps hens with his son Roger in their garden as well as growing a range of vegetables and having 30 or so apple trees.

On his 105th birthday Joe received a Card from the Queen (pictured) as well as lots of cards and visits from his family. Joe has six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, so it was a hectic day. Later he also visited the Bowling Club, taking a few treats for them too. 'I was exhausted by the end', admits Joe. The local paper came to take his picture, so it became quite an event. He was given a couple of bottles of whisky by family members. 'Do you like a tipple?' I asked. 'No, can't stand the stuff!' replied Joe, 'but every morning I put one teaspoon in a cup of tea – have done since I retired in 1973,' he observed. 'But only one teaspoon!' So now maybe we know the secret of Joe's longevity?



Joe just before his Birthday

I would like to thank Joe for sharing his memories of Woodkirk life with me – it's a great insight into the Church and especially the Choir and its important role in the community over the years. Wouldn't it be great to get the Choir going again?

David

A Mayoral honour for St. Mary's.

The Mayor of Morley, Councillor Tom Leadley, has approached St. Mary's to ask if his Annual Civic Service might be held in our church this year. We are, of course, thrilled at the honour of being approached, and are looking forward to hosting this important civic occasion in our beautiful church.

I know that our hopes to acquire the Chantrell painting have been brought to his attention, and he has asked that the collection taken at that service be put towards the purchase price. We are very grateful to him for this generous suggestion, and looking forward to hosting a very special event on Sunday 1st September. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that is done by so many organisations and individuals which makes Morley and its surrounding area a great place to live.

CAP Money – a tool-kit for budgeting.

Coming to this area soon.....

Local churches, along with other community groups, are very aware of the significant problems created for many families by the recent changes to the benefits system. The idea that people will be able to budget just by being given money they need to make last longer is unrealistic. Many families have been thrown into economic turmoil by the situation, and sadly, it is often the children who suffer. We want to offer a tool-kit which will help households to learn the skills to enable them to budget better.

For this reason we have been working with a Bradford-based charity called 'Christians against Poverty' to train up a small team to offer a three week budgeting course. This is not designed for those in severe financial difficulty (Christians Against Poverty have other support networks for people in such situations – see <https://capuk.org/> for more information). CAP Money is a course which is designed to help those who wish they were a bit better at budgeting so they can get to the end of the month without running out of money.

We will be developing the delivery of the course over the summer so that by September we hope to be able to offer it to those in the community who might value what it has to offer. If you'd like to know more, see Amanda. This course will be offered through a partnership venture with other local churches as an ecumenical project.

Revd. Amanda

St. Mary's Garden Party...



...In Pictures.



Learning from each other: A summer Sunday opportunity.

Last year, five members of the Core group took up a challenge which, for all of them, took them outside their comfort zone and allowed us all to learn from them. You may remember each of them spoke about a hero of faith – some from many years ago, like the Biblical character Ruth, or John of Beverley, or John Bunyan. Others were more recent, such as Eric Liddell, the Olympian, and Corrie ten Boom, a young Christian woman caught up in life in a Nazi concentration camp.

The talks they gave featured in the magazine over the months which followed. Each of the five were very encouraged to get some positive feedback as a result, and indeed, two of the five, inspired by the experience, went on to undertake further theological study.

Dawn Tattersfield and Derek Barraclough have both recently completed a course called “Studying Theology for the first time.” Both hope to embark on what is called the ‘Common Exploratory Year’ in September – this will possibly be the foundation year towards becoming Lay Readers. We should be encouraged by that! We are creating the environment where people can test out a potential future ministry. That has to be good news for St. Mary’s!

Each of the five worked to prepare their material last year with my support and guidance, so that they could feel comfortable that what they were delivering had been read by eyes also trained in teaching the Bible. So there was a ‘Quality Assured’ confidence in their delivery! It was the way they chose to approach the challenge again.

The Core Group has decided that this was a worthwhile and important opportunity and one they wanted to repeat in a different form this year. As a Core Group we discussed the fact that so much of our teaching and preaching tends to be based on the New Testament and the Gospels in particular.

The decision was therefore taken to use this opportunity to explore some of the Old Testament characters, some well-known and others more obscure! So, from the end of July and throughout August, we’ll be enjoying some different voices and insights from the norm. Watch this space, and look forward to learning some new things! Please encourage these folk and let them know your responses to what they share.

Rev. Amanda

Special 'Good Samaritan Sunday' at St. Mary's!

Sunday 14th July is going to be a special day at St. Mary's. Things are going to be a little different for this one off event! (Though if the feedback is good it may become more than a one off).

At 10.30am, there will be our All-Age Worship, with the usual fun, music, instruments, and unpacking of perhaps the best known of Jesus' stories – the Good Samaritan. As the service draws to a close, we will finish by walking that imaginary road from Jerusalem to Jericho, otherwise known as the path to the Parish Centre!

There we will find 'The Inn' where the Good Samaritan took the victim of the attack, and share picnic food together as a reminder of the hospitality of the innkeeper. There will be craft activities with the same theme, and some games to ensure we celebrate being a family of God who care for one another as the Samaritan showed care on the road that day. Who knows? We may even be able to find the Samaritan's donkey, on which he carried the man to the Inn! There's the potential for more fun if we can manage that, isn't there?

All this means that we will be still enjoying ourselves when the Communion service would normally be conducted. We didn't want this smaller congregation to miss out on the day's fun and fellowship. That's why we decided that on this one occasion, the **Sunday Communion** would be at **4pm followed by a sandwich tea** in the Parish Centre. What a lovely way to enjoy a summer Sunday afternoon!

You may be wondering what inspired all this. Well, YOU DID!! Around a year ago, we asked our All-Age congregation to complete a short questionnaire so we could listen to what you wanted out of that service, and your belonging to St. Mary's.

A number of requests for social events were voiced, to enable you to get to know one another better. Also an appeal for more creative and craft opportunities ("Evie wanted to make things!") which are often difficult to achieve in the space we have in church. We thought these were wonderful ideas so we set our minds to exploring how they could be used. This is what we came up with.

So, put the date in your diary, come along and enjoy the fun. All you need is a packet of sausage rolls, or some crisps, or buns, or a plate of sandwiches and you're ready for a fun-filled summer Sunday which we hope will find people saying, "We should do this again sometime!"

Revd. Amanda

St Mary's Playgroup Update.

Well, it has been a very exciting and busy time for me over the last few months since I took over as Playgroup Supervisor. 28 of our children have left us to start school nursery and we are busy preparing for the next intake in September.

Our year ended on 22 July and our new term starts on Monday 2nd September. I'm sure everyone will enjoy the long summer holidays!!

If you are interested in a place for your child, remember we can take them from aged 2, please get in touch or call in to see us. We have just a few places available.

Finally, I would just like to thank our lovely volunteers who we miss so much when they do not come in to playgroup, Sally, Margaret and Ingrid. Thanks also to Doreen, our treasurer and to Revd Amanda for the lovely story adventures of Henry Bear.

Debbie

Garden Party Update

Last months Garden Party was a great success.

The sun shone (well mostly) and the event was well attended. The mini crazy golf was a fantastic centre piece in the middle of the main lawn and was enjoyed by young and old alike. Many thanks to Geoff Auty, who supplied all eighteen holes. We had good food, music and some great stalls this year - see centre pages for just some of the attractions.

The proceeds from the day were almost £800 and this made it really worthwhile. Social Chairman Brian Gledhill said he was pleased but was already thinking about ways to make improvements for next year. Sounds good!

David.

Short Course – Growing in the Scriptures

– coming soon !

Have you ever thought, “I wish I knew more about the Bible – how it all fits together – but I don’t know where to start” I know for certain that some of you have – because you’ve said as much to me! Which is why I’m offering a 5 week course which will enable you to get to grips with the Bible. It will be run on **Thursday evenings** at the Vicarage starting on **11th July and finishing on 8th August**, assuming there is sufficient demand for it. Each session will start **at 7.30pm, and run until 9pm**, though you are welcome to stay for refreshments afterwards.

The course doesn’t expect you to have a lot of knowledge already – so if you are quite ‘clued up’ about the Old Testament you may have to wait for others in the group to catch you up a bit. Because most of us are much more familiar with the Gospels and the life of Jesus, this course won’t spend much time on this area. The sessions will be as follows:

Session 1: 11th July From Abraham to Joshua.

Session 2: 18th July From Joshua to the Exile

Session 3: 25th July From the Exile to John the Baptist

Session 4: 1st August The New Testament

Session 5: 8th August Ways into reading the Bible today.

All you need is a Bible – in fact, you can even manage without that, as there will be some of the church pew Bibles available. There will be no assumptions made that folk know their way around the Bible, so page numbers will be given out as well as Bible references – I remember well how uncomfortable that can feel from the days when I didn’t really know my way around it too well! Yes, we all begin somewhere on our journey of discovery.

This is an opportunity for anyone who wants it to explore an overview of the Bible today. Please indicate if you are interested in coming along.

Rev. Amanda

Exploring our Heritage: The Cardigans at Woodkirk

What is the connection between the Earls of Cardigan and St. Mary's?

The Brudenell family descends from Sir Robert Brudenell, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas from 1520 to 1530 in the time of Henry VIII. So it was that King Henry VIII had set upon a course to strip the monasteries of their immense wealth and power (collectively they owned around a quarter of the nation's landed wealth).

The Dissolution of the Monasteries, was the set of administrative and legal processes between 1536 and 1541 by which Henry VIII disbanded monasteries, priories, convents and friaries in England, Wales and Ireland, appropriated their income, disposed of their assets, and provided for their former members and functions.

To help with this Henry also allowed much land and property to be leased out, or local notables to be offered fee-paying offices and annuities, thereby creating a 'vested interest' in the dissolution process.

By 1540 lands and endowments were available to applications for purchase, of which there had been a continual flood ever since the process of dissolution got under way. Purchasers were predominantly leading nobles, local magnates and gentry; with no discernible tendency in terms of conservative or reformed religion, other than a determination to maintain and extend their family's position and local status.

The landed property of the former monasteries included large numbers of manorial estates. Acquiring such feudal rights was regarded as essential to establish a family in the status and dignity of the late medieval gentry. As the land of St. Mary's was monastic, it would have been sold off leaving the Church without a recognisable income source or a monastic patron.

Robert Brudenell's great-grandson, Sir Thomas Brudenell, was created a Baronet in the Baronetage of England, on 29th June 1611. On 26th February 1628, he was raised to the Peerage of England as Baron Brudenell, of Stanton Wyvill in the County of Leicester, and on 20 April 1661 he was further honoured when he was made **Earl of Cardigan**, also in the Peerage of England, so beginning the Cardigan lineage.

Fast forward to 1832 when we find a Pew Allocation diagram (see opposite) which features **Lord Cardigan** as the main recipient of pew space. Robert Brudenell, 6th Earl of Cardigan (born 25th April 1760, died 14th August 1837) succeeded to his title on 24th February 1811, following the death of his uncle James Brudenell, 5th Earl of Cardigan. Robert was a keen cricketer who made eight known appearances in major cricket matches between 1790 and 1793. He was an early member of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), for whose team he played most of his

matches. He sat as Member of Parliament for Marlborough in both the Parliaments of Great Britain and the United Kingdom from 1797 until 1802.

His son became the 7th Earl of Cardigan on his father's death in 1837, therefore we know that it was Robert Brudenell, the 6th Earl who was the 'Pew Tenant' in 1832. Whether or not the payment of 'rental' was made for these pews is not clear, but usually where there are records, there are payments and may have been one way for the incumbent to receive an income, aside from collections and parish work.

The 7th Earl of Cardigan was the Lord Cardigan who led the Charge of the Light Brigade on 25th October 1854. Lord Raglan, overall commander, had intended to send the Light Brigade to pursue and harry a retreating Russian artillery battery near the front line, a task well suited to light cavalry. Due to miscommunication at some level in the chain of command, the sabre-armed Light Brigade was instead sent on a frontal assault into a different artillery battery, one well-prepared with excellent fields of defensive fire. Although reaching the battery under

St. Mary's Pew Allocation 1832



Thomas Wardsworth
Cardigan/Sykes
Uncialmed/Wood
Wheatley/ unknown
Wood
Samuel Scaith
Joseph Boyle
Francis Hogg
Thomas Middlebrook
Minister

Aisle

Choir
Lord Card gan Topcliffe
Lord Card gan Hagh Hal
Leathley/Cardigan
Lord Card gan
Charlesworth/Wood
Lord Card gan
Lord Card gan
Cardigan/Boyle
Joseph Boyle
Joseph Boyle



Charge of the Light Brigade by Richard Caton Woodville Jnr, (1825 – 1855).

withering direct fire and scattering some of the gunners, the badly mauled brigade was forced to retreat immediately, producing no decisive gains and very high British casualties.

Lord Cardigan survived the battle. He led the charge from the front and, never looking back, did not see what was happening to the troops behind him. He reached the Russian guns, took part in the fight, and then returned alone up the valley without bothering to rally or even find out what had happened to the survivors. Afterwards he said all he could think about was his rage against Captain Nolan, who he thought had tried to take over the leadership of the charge from him, when in fact it was believed he was trying to re-direct the charge to the correct area. Captain Nolan was killed by artillery fire and his reasons for taking the lead were never fully understood. After riding back up the valley, Cardigan considered he had done all that he could and then left the field and went on board his yacht in Balaclava harbour, where he ate a champagne dinner.

Throughout his life in politics and his long military career he characterised the arrogant and extravagant aristocrat of the period. He bought both his seat in parliament and his commission in the army. His progression through the Army was marked by many episodes of extraordinary incompetence, but this can be measured against his generosity to the men under his command and genuine bravery. When he died he left massive debts and these were serviced by selling off much of his land and property, including Kirkstall Abbey in Leeds.

The Cardigan's long association with St. Mary's may have come about as a result of acquisition of monastic land and/or property during the reign of Henry VIII, and the pew allocation may be as a result of that. In the 1912 edition of our Church magazine the Cardigan Trustees were still being forced (by Court Order) to pay for Chancel repairs. The Church roof was also lost in 1832 and Lord Cardigan may well have had to pay a good portion of that bill too. The recently acquired painting (see P10) is from 1834 and may be connected to the damage seen here.

The Brudenell family are still patrons of St. Mary's Church, but this is more of an 'honorary' role. Even today they still have to 'rubber stamp' the appointment of a new vicar.

David



Stained Glass window showing roof damage

Poetry Corner.

The Charge of the Light Brigade by Alfred Lord Tennyson, was written shortly after the battle. Whilst the decision to attack came out of a terrible communication break down, the bravery of the men and indeed Lord Cardigan himself can never be questioned.

The Charge of the Light Brigade.

Half a league, half a league,
Half a league onward,
All in the valley of Death,
Rode the six hundred.
'Forward, the Light Brigade!
Charge for the guns' he said:
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

'Forward, the Light Brigade!'
Was there a man dismay'd?
Not tho'(though) the soldiers
knew

Some one had blunder'd:
Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die:
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon in front of them
Volley'd and thunder'd;
Storm'd at with shot and shell,
Boldly they rode and well,
Into the jaws of Death,
Into the mouth of Hell
Rode the six hundred.

Flash'd all their sabres bare,
Flash'd as they turned in air
Sabring the gunners there,
Charging an army while
All the world wonder'd:
Plunged in the battery-smoke
Right thro' the line they broke;
Cossack and Russian
Reel'd from the sabre-stroke
Shatter'd and sunder'd.
Then they rode back, but not
Not the six hundred.

Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon behind them
Volley'd and thunder'd;
Storm'd at with shot and shell,
While horse and hero fell,
They that had fought so well
Came thro' the jaws of Death,
Back from the mouth of Hell,
All that was left of them,
Left of six hundred.

When can their glory fade?
O the wild charge they made!
All the world wonder'd.
Honour the charge they made!
Honour the Light Brigade,
Noble six hundred

Sandra's Seasonal Suggestions.

Summer is in full swing and you should be harvesting salad crops, peas and potatoes. Carry on with successional sowing and you can be eating salads for another month or so.

Sandra's Top Tip: Identify any plants you have which you wish to grow next year and start collecting seed. Use a clean, sealable envelope for each variety and do this on a dry, still day. Don't forget to label the envelope!

1. Sow late Carrots.
2. Gather the last of the peas and clear the ground.
3. Harvest Shallots, Onions and Garlic as their leaves turn brown.
4. Feed containers every two weeks for the rest of the season. Use liquid or water soluble fertiliser high in potash.
5. During mid to late summer, feed your lawn twice a month with a fast acting fertiliser.
6. Cut off any Potato leaves affected by blight and burn.
7. Plant a second bed of sweet corn in between your onions. Once the Onions are gone the Sweet corn will have room to grow.
8. Feed Tomatoes every other week with a high potash liquid feed.
9. Don't allow pea and bean pods to remain on the plants for long as even the stringless types can toughen up and be unpalatable.
10. Cut off Strawberry runners as they appear (unless you want to make new plants)

Sandra.



Church Noticeboards - What do they say..?

These are actual notices taken from Church noticeboards up and down the country...

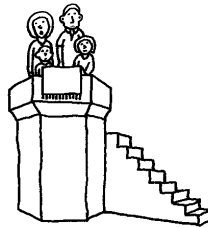
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00pm, prayer and medication to follow..
- Low Self Esteem Group will meet Thursday 7pm. Please use the back door.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- This evening there will be hymn singing in the Park. Bring a blanket and be prepared to sin.

Trevor Sykes

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



SOMEONE FROM THE DIOCESE
IS GIVING OUT THE HYMNBOOKS



A FAMILY OF HOLIDAYMAKERS
IS PREACHING THE SERMON



A RETIRED PRIEST IS
LOOKING AFTER THE CRECHE



A VISITING CHOIR IS MAKING
THE AFTER-SERVICE REFRESHMENTS

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

Gail retires from Cubs (but not Beavers).

This month Gail is stepping down as Akela for the Woodkirk Cub pack. It's not a decision she has come to easily, but she feels the time is right to step aside and concentrate on the Beavers. It was back in 2001 when the then vicar, Gareth, asked at a PCC meeting if someone was prepared to start a Cub pack. The Scout numbers had dwindled away, with no Cubs coming up through the ranks and it was felt that having a Cub pack could also benefit Scouts. All eyes fell on Gail and she agreed to 'give it a go' even though she had never done it before.

Adverts were placed and preparations made for that first Friday at 6:30 pm. Gail waited nervously. Would anyone turn up? First one turned up, then a second and then a third boy came through the door. There were 3 Cubs! St. Mary's had a Cub pack once again. Soon the boys talked to other boys at School. Parents talked to other parents. Their sons were having a great time at St. Mary's – why don't you come too? Even some girls wanted to come along – so Gail made room for them as well. They played in football, swimming and athletics tournaments, went to the seaside, camped overnight and even put on a show for parents.

As numbers swelled, younger brothers wanted to come too. Gail responded by starting a Beaver pack – now six to eight year olds could come. Nicola came to help with beavers. They told their friends and they came too! Before long there were over 30 Cubs and Beavers and it was decided they should be split into two groups, Beavers starting at 5:00pm and Cubs at 6:30pm. Today there are 24 Cubs (19 boys and 5 girls) and 21 Beavers (1 girl) with a waiting list for places. The Scouts have swelled so much that they too have split into two groups, following on from the Cubs on a Friday night.

On Friday 12th July, Gail will attend her last Cub Barbeque at Phoenix Park where she will say goodbye to her Cub pack. She will still be around though, looking after Beavers in that special way she has, which tells the boys and girls she cares for them – even when she tells them off! All the boys and girls who have come to St. Mary's Cubs and Beavers have benefitted immensely from Gail's care and attention, and it's clear they too recognise her special combination of nurture and discipline which means she always has their best interests at the very

heart of everything she does.

Marianne is taking over as Akela for the Cubs, ably supported by Jonathan who has been at Gail's side for several years helping to run the Cubs. She passes on the baton with her blessing.

Gail is Akela no more, but her new name as Beaver leader hasn't been decided yet. Watch this space for more information!

Beavers (Age 6 to 8) and Cubs (Age 8 to 10 ½)

The Beavers had their sleepover in the Parish centre last month, with games, DVD's, hot dogs and beans - it was a fun packed night for all. Gail and Trevor had to mend a leaky toilet at 4:00am, but otherwise the evening and night passed uneventfully.

By the time you read this, the Cubs will have been on their weekend camp at Fanwood. Every year they look forward to their summer camp under the stars, and for many this is the first time they will have been sleeping under canvas.

All the Scout groups were asked to design a group badge to celebrate the 30th anniversary that can be worn on the neckerchief. This is what they had to do:

The design must have the words:

**15th Morley (St. Mary Woodkirk) Scout Group and
30th Anniversary - July 1983 to July 2013**

The badge can be square or diamond shaped and must have a white border to stand out against the green neckerchief. The task was to design a badge which represents 30 years of scouting.

Watch out next month for the winning design.

David

Meerkat Explorers (14 ½ to 18) & The Scouts (10½ to 14½)

The Scouts are going on a 3 day canoeing visit to Aldwark. They have been swotting up on their First Aid as it's the Camper craft Competition in September and they are the current First Aid and Cooking champions.

Meanwhile at the Phoenix Camp Barbeque it will not only be Gail's last day with the Cubs, but also it is the 30th Anniversary of the 15th Morley Scout Group. The Cubs first started in 1983, followed by the Scouts in 1984. Trevor started as assistant Scout leader, but after a few months the Scout Leader stopped coming, leaving Trevor in charge - a post he has been in ever since.

This years summer walks are:

3 Days / 2 nights starting at the national Coal Mining Museum, walking to Whitley Beaumont Scout Camp for the first night, then on to Woolley Edge Camp for the second night, followed by a visit to Bretton Sculpture Park. (Total 13 miles over 3 days with 1/2 packs).

The aim is to achieve the Expedition Challenge badge later in the year, which is 2 days/1 night but covers nine miles with full packs.

The Meerkats are planning to go to Walesby Forest for a full week in early August.

With thanks to Skip, Gail, Jonathan, Joanne and Chris.

It's all Go!!!

Thank You from Christian Aid...

Well done to everyone who supported Christian Aid Week. Special thanks go to the collectors Susan Wallshaw, Alice Kelly, Malcolm Haigh and Albert Shaw, also Glynn Jennings who went on the walk with me and raised sponsor money. We had a fine day, there were fewer walkers but those who took part enjoyed it. It was nice to chat to people from other churches and quite a bit of tongue exercise took part!

The total for the walk was £355.00 this was a wonderful amount. The other collections raised £291.80 bringing the total to £646.80.

Thank you once again,

Sally Shaw

Albert's July Quiz:

1. Which emergency service was introduced in Britain on 1st July 1937?
2. Which TV first regularly began in Britain on 1st July 1967?
3. Which religious organisation was founded on the 2nd July 1865?
4. The first Socialist MP was elected on the 4th July 1892. Who was he?
5. Which welfare service was introduced in Britain on the 5th July 1948?
6. Why was Michael Fagan in the news on the 7th July 1982?
7. Live Aid concerts were first held on the 7th July 1985 in London and where?
8. On the 13th July 1955, who was the last woman to be hanged in Britain?
9. On the 14th July 1769 which event began the French Revolution?
10. Which British cartoon magazine was first published on the 17th July 1841?
11. Which sporting event was first completed on the 19th July 1903?
12. London's first railway station was opened on the 10th July 1837. Which?
13. Which Royal Wedding took place on the 23rd July 1986?
14. On the 25th July 1909 who was the first to cross the Channel by aeroplane?
15. Exactly fifty years later, which vehicle made its first Channel crossing?
16. What was the name of the first test tube baby, born on the 26th July 1978?
17. On the 27th July 1949 the world's first jet airliner made its maiden flight. What was it called?
18. On the 30th July 1930, which country won soccer's first World Cup?
19. Why did England rejoice on the 30th July 1966?
20. On the 31st July 1963 Viscount Stansgate was the first British peer to renounce his peerage. By what name is he best known?

Answers on page 42

Albert Shaw

Diary for July 2013.

Wed 3rd	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Morning Praise service & refreshments
Sat 6th	9.30-12.30pm	Church & churchyard clean-up
Sun 7th	8am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	12.30pm	Baptism service
Mon 8th	7.30pm	PCC meeting in church
Wed 10th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Iona setting) & refreshments
Thurs 11th	7.30pm	Growing in the Scriptures session 1 – Vicarage (see article)
Sun 14th	10.30am	All-Age Summer Special – bring food for picnic!
	4.00pm	Holy Communion followed by sandwiches and cakes. (see article)
Mon 15th	12 noon	First steps Toddler service 'Henry goes on holiday'
Wed 17th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (1662 setting) & refreshments
Thurs 18th	11am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
	7.30pm	Growing in the Scriptures session 2 – Vicarage
Sun 21st	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
Wed 24th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Morning Praise service
Thurs 25th	7.30pm	Growing in the Scriptures session 3 – Vicarage
Sun 28th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	12.30pm	Thanksgiving for the birth of a Child
Wed 31st	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (One World Setting) & refreshments

Early August

Thurs 1st	7.30pm	Growing in the Scriptures session 4 – Vicarage
Sat 3rd	9.30-12.30pm	Church & churchyard clean-up
	2pm	Wedding
Sun 4th	8am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	12.30pm	Baptism Service
Wed 7th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments
Thurs 8th	7.30pm	Growing in the Scriptures session 5 – Vicarage
Sun 11th	10.30am	All-Age Worship
	12 noon	Holy Communion



Kids: Don't forget Jam Club !

Sunday Morning 10.30 - 11.30

Jesus - And - Me

Learning & Doing in Faith.

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

Registers for JULY:

In JUNE we welcomed 2 new members in **Baptism:**

Alfie Joshua Richardson, Son of Arran and Gemma, and:
Lucas John Cole, Son of Thomas and Laura both from Morley.

Weddings:-

Shane Eastwood and Lauren Moore from Tingley were married at St. Mary's on June 21st. Congratulation from our Church Family.

Funerals:-

Alec Taylor, Sadly missed Father and Grandad from Tingley.

Bettina Lowe, Sadly missed by all the family from Tingley

Harold Ward, Beloved husband of Bridget, sadly missed from Tingley.

Charles Harwood, Beloved Father sadly missed from Dewsbury.

Ian Brook, Beloved husband of Linda, sadly missed from Tingley.

From May: Rena Sharp, beloved partner of Billy from Woodkirk.

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What's on

Mothers' Union	3 rd Monday in the month 2:00 pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
Playgroup	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:45am to 12:15pm Debbie Nelson 07896 536188
Girl Guides	Tuesday 7:30pm Vikki Springett 07841 513530
Toddler Group	Wednesday 9:15-11:00am Sally Shaw 01924 475048
Rainbows	Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 689992
Brownies	Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm Hannah Tombling 01924 501892
Keep Fit Class	Thursday 8:00pm Margaret Hampshire 01924 476721
Young at Heart	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays 2:00pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
Beavers	Friday 5:00pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
Cubs	Friday 6:30pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
Scouts	Friday 7:45pm Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927
Explorer Scouts	Friday 7:45pm Chris Ingham 07816 517838
Jam Club	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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