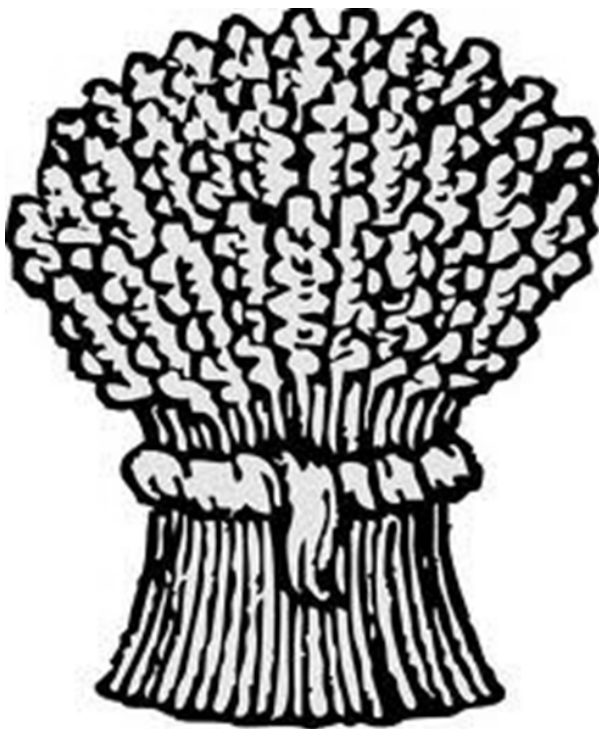


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**October 2013**



**This Month:**

**Harvest; The Screen; Esther;  
Songs of Praise; Little Acts.**

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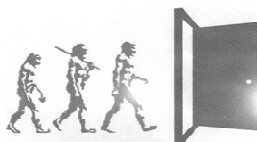
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Service times are on the back page. You'd be most welcome to join us. May God bless you and all whom you love.

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**..And God promised men that good and obedient wives  
would be found in all corners of the world.**

**Then he made the Earth round....**

**....and laughed and laughed.....**

Trevor Sykes

## **A Healthy Corrective.**

With a husband who has spent his entire working life employed by the NHS, I have become used to the exasperation often expressed when he returns home. Staffing is tight, money is tight, resources are stretched to the limit. It's a story which rings true for many other places of work - schools, government departments, and private companies. It's true in the church too. It's a story which rings true for many of us as we try to manage our own resources. There sometimes feels like there is a sense that we are fending off imminent disaster, which lurks around the corner like the childhood monster under the bed. There is a huge sense of fear and foreboding that one day, it's all going to come crumbling around our ears like a house of cards. Then what will happen?

Now that the wonderful summer we've enjoyed is behind us, and the nights draw in and things feel colder, we can find ourselves more plagued by the lurking fears than ever. No wonder so many find life too much to face, and struggle with depression, anxiety and stress. Our fears drive us, feed us, goad us, taunt us.

Isn't it good, then, that at that very time when we're inclined to feel the weight of the world on our shoulders, we can be reminded, in the gathering of an abundant harvest, that the One who sustains the world is not operating on a shoe-string? At the very heart of the universe is a generosity and lavish extravagance which undergirds all our lives.

If we allowed that perspective to correct our negative and fearful mindsets, and saw life as good, and started to live more trustfully in that undergirding goodness, we would cope better with the challenges. Harvest too, reminds us that sometimes we take ourselves far too seriously. We have believed that we are the masters of our own destiny, that we make our own successes. It's all in our hands. Harvest speaks silently but insistently to remind us that there are hands greater than ours which do work we cannot do, change things we cannot change, bring life we cannot bring. Those hands are good and generous.

As a society, moving towards a more secular perspective, we try to airbrush out God. But God cannot – and will not – be airbrushed. He laughs at all our attempts and slips under our radar, outwitting us. Any society which has attempted to do this before has signally failed. The attempt has often proved to be a nation's downfall.

May Harvest remind us to take ourselves less seriously and to live more trustfully in a generous God.

Revd. Amanda

## **Remembrance – Treasures of Memory.**

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on 10th November. We have seen a great deal in the news over recent weeks of the horrors of the on-going cost of war, and we are aware of the scars that are left for years, sometimes generations, in the lives of those involved.

Our 10.30am Service will be our usual All-Age Service for the 2nd Sunday of the month, where we will be helping our youngsters to reflect on the sacrifices made for them as well as for us. That will be followed by our 12 noon Communion service.

At 6pm the local branch of the British Legion will join us for our annual Memorial Service. All those who have lost loved ones and wish to remember them are invited to join us and light candles in their memory. At this service we will also remember those who have given their lives in war, both in the past and those who continue to do so.

Please join us if you wish to do so. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

Revd. Amanda



## Songs of Praise at Tingley Methodist

Last month our 'Churches Together' event was a great way to celebrate our faith as each hymn was introduced by someone with a special connection to the song.

Brian gave us 'Trust and obey' because, he said, he didn't trust and obey anyone when he first came to the area, but has learnt to do so over time and with prayer.

Pam introduced a new hymn written by Stuart Townend (with Keith and Kristyn Getty) called 'Creation sings the Father's Song'. Pam explained that for her, it was not just about Creation of the world, but also our own creativity and how we use creativity to improve our lives and invent new things.

We sang 'When I surveyed the wondrous Cross', but Jeremy, who had chosen it, couldn't be with us as he was working in Nigeria (any excuse!).

Our next Hymn 'Will your anchor hold in the storms of life' was a Boy's Brigade anthem, explained Jean, which they sang at every meeting. Tom, a current Boy's Brigade member, played the organ for this hymn, making a good connection with past and present.

Geoffrey, the organist in residence, played a solo 'Nun Danket' with gusto whilst we rested our voices. Maureen introduced 'All heaven declares the glory of the Lord' chosen, she told us, as it reminded her of a glorious sunset whilst on holiday.

David told of a Gospel Group in Leeds with which he would sing a duet 'Don't forget to Pray' with a friend, and invited us to do the same. Gail had chosen 'From heaven he came' as it touched her to think that the only time Jesus wore a crown was on the cross. Margaret remembered from her Sunday School 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds' and reminded us that it was by the same man, John Newton, who wrote 'Amazing Grace'.

John rounded off the evening for us with 'Jesus is King and we will extol him', written by Wendy Churchill in 1982 and inspired by letters to the Hebrews.

I'll be honest, I wasn't looking forward to this event with much enthusiasm as a poor choice of music can make it hard work! As it turned out, the music was good and the event made special by having those personal connections to each hymn giving them extra feeling on the day. Try it next time. Special thanks to Tingley Methodist for hosting the event and producing a tasty Jam scone.

David

## **All Age Service @ St. Mary's.**

### **-It's all in the Planning!**

The theme for September's All Age service was Planning and Preparation. Revd. Amanda asked the younger ones if they were prepared to go back to School? Did they know, she asked, the story of the Tortoise and the Hare? The difference in the end was that the Tortoise planned it better! We also need to prepare to follow Jesus. If you decided to build a house, you would need to have a plan, even kings of old, preparing for battle, would draw up a plan. Think carefully about how you want to follow Jesus - make a plan!

Sally invited us to think about how long it might take to learn something new: A week; a month; a year?

- Learn to Drive? A year we said.
- Learn to swim? Another year.
- Ride a bike? A week would do it! (we hoped).
- Learn to Cook? A month maybe? (A lifetime for some).
- Learn to play the Piano? A year we thought.
- Learn our spellings? A weak.

Our resident puppet Charlie came to see us (no Alice this time!) and tell us about his North pole adventure. He tells us he is going to the North Pole. Cyril, the churchwarden, is not so sure.

'What have you done to prepare?' he asks.

Charlie hasn't done anything.

'What about the cold?' asks Cyril. Charlie says he's been out in the snow before. 'What about a sledge and survival equipment? A compass?

'No, I'll just follow the Pole Star.' Charlie replies. 'I'll just set off and see what happens'. Cyril wishes him good luck, but suspects he won't get far.

Next Malcolm explains how the Dewsbury Ramblers created their Centenary walks and all the hard work and planning needed to create six interesting and different walks around Dewsbury and the surrounding villages - even planning walks to coincide with local bus routes!

We welcomed the newly baptised: Kinley, Kaison, Charlie, Joshua and Libby with a Toddler Bible and their Baptism certificate. Our Cubs and Beavers led us in praying for the world, and finally we sang 'I, the Lord of Sea and Sky', which has the line: 'Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?'

Be prepared for the day when God calls you.

David

## The August Talks: Esther

*In the second of five talks on figures from the Old Testament, Gail relates the story of a woman fighting for her people.*

The story I'm going to share with you today reads like a 'Made for Television' movie. In it we'll find suspense, intrigue, betrayal, conspiracy and treachery. The cast of characters includes a King; a Queen that loses her throne, an orphan girl who becomes a Queen and saves the day, a man of God, and of course a villain. Yes a person could take the story of Ester and make it into an interesting TV movie of the week.

Our story begins innocently enough with the King of Persia, Xerxes throwing an elaborate banquet for all his nobles and officials. This was a major shindig. There was food, the drink flowed freely, and there were of course dancing girls. But this was no Saturday afternoon get together. Xerxes and his friends partied hard for a solid week.

By the seventh day, the King and his guests had been drinking heavily. The king was in high spirits from wine. In other words he was drunk. He then ordered the Queen Vashti to come out and display herself before the King and his guest-wearing only her crown. She was quite beautiful and he wanted to show her off. Not wanting to be paraded around before a bunch of drunken men, she refused.

Her refusal really annoyed the King. He decided it was such a serious matter that he would consult his advisors about it. They tell him the Queen has done wrong, not only to him but to all men in the King's province. Why, you ask? Because, if the Queen can refuse to obey the King's command the obvious consequence is that all women will follow her example, they said to the King

'There will be no end of disrespect and discord.'

The advisors instruct the King to dispose of the Queen and find a new Queen - perhaps one who was less opinionated and defiant. So the Queen was banished from Persia. Then a decree went out that every woman should obey her husband and every man should rule over his household. Now this part of the passage should come with a warning MEN: DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME, IT WON'T WORK!

After Xerxes gets rid of the queen, he decides to have his whole kingdom searched for all the beautiful young women to come and make a bid for the throne. The girls chosen were groomed and pampered for several months then each in turn would spend time with the King. From that experience he would decide which one would become his new Queen. A bit like a game show "Who wants to marry a millionaire?" But his was called "Who wants to marry a King?"

So, all the land is scoured for beautiful women: enter Esther, a young Jewish Girl entering a Gentile Palace. She was just a little girl when her parents died. Mordecai, her cousin, raised her from childhood. Esther, now a young woman, is selected as one who will be introduced to the King. Everyone who looked upon Esther became captivated by her - even the King. He found her more beautiful and desirable than all the other women. The king was so taken by Esther's beauty he made her his Queen.

Now there was one man who was one of the King's closest friends. His name was Haman. This guy had an ego problem and he convinced the King to make a decree that whenever Haman was around everyone should bow down to him, but Mordecai is a Jew and he will only bow down to God. Mordecai refuses to bow, and, as you might imagine, this gets Haman's goat.

So Haman goes off and stewes on this insult and devises a plan to get rid of not just Mordecai but all the Jews in Persia - all because Mordecai will not bow to him. He decides to tell the King there are a group of people who do not honour the Kings command – specifically the one about bowing to Haman. He tells the King he must issue a decree to destroy them. The king tells him to do as he pleases with the Jews. So a decree goes out for all Jews young old, women and children to be killed.

When Mordecai hears this he rips his clothes and sits in ashes and weeps. But Mordecai was not the only one weeping. All Jews throughout Persia wept. Eventually word gets back to Esther that Mordecai is sitting outside the Kings palace overwrought with emotion. Esther greatly distressed by her cousin's sorrow sends a messenger to find out what is going on. Mordecai shows Esther the decree signed by the king and begs her to go to the king and plead for mercy for the Jews.

Now protocol dictates that no one, not even the Queen, must enter the King's presence without an invitation. Esther tells Mordecai this, so he reminds her that she is also a Jew and she and her father's family will also perish. Esther then asked Mordecai to gather up all the Jews and fast with her. She asks them not to eat or drink - day and night for 3 days. When this is done I will go to the King.

Esther devises a plan. She decides to hold a banquet in the King's honour, and invites Haman along. Her plan is to expose Haman and get the king to repeal the order.

Haman, completely unaware of Esther's plan, is quite pleased with himself as he is the only one besides the King that has been invited by Esther to the banquet.

Now the night before the big banquet, the King finds he is unable to sleep so calls for the records of his time as King to be read to him hoping this will put him to sleep. But as it is being read to him he is reminded of the time Mordecai saved his life not once but twice. The King asks what recognition has he received for these deeds? The answer was none.

So the king calls Haman to his chamber and asked what should be done for the man the King delights to honour. Well of course Haman thinks the King is talking about him. Haman suggests: Clothe him in royal robes, put him on a beautiful horse and a royal crown on his head, and lead him through the streets as a noble. The king tells Haman he loves it and asked him to bring Mordecai to him.

As you might imagine Haman is 'not happy'. He rushes home to tell his wife and friends. They tell him this Mordecai, before whom your down-fall has started, is a Jew, you cannot stand against him - you will surely come to ruin. Truer words were never spoken.

Remember the feast Esther wanted to have in honour of the King? The one she invited Haman to. Well at the feast, and still feeling quite generous the Kings says to Esther,

'My dear what is your request? I will give you anything you ask for, even up to half my kingdom'.

Esther seizing the opportunity, replies:

'If I found favour with you O King, and if it pleases you grant me this one request. For I and my people have been sold to destruction and slaughter.'

The king asks Esther:

'Who is he. Where is the man who dared to do such a thing?' Esther replies, the adversary and enemy is Haman.

In a rage the King leaves the room. While he is gone, Haman goes to the couch where Esther is reclining and begs for his life. The King returns and seeing Haman lying next to Esther on the Couch shouts

'Will he even molest the Queen while she is with me in this house?'

Poor old Haman. A victim of his own undoing.



Someone tells the King that a gallows had been built in Haman's own yard ready to hang Mordecai, the king demands that the gallows be used to hang Haman, the servants take him out screaming, to be hanged.

At Esther's request the king agrees happily to a new decree stating that all Jews throughout Persia should be protected and have the right to defend themselves from attack.

A happy ending to a remarkable story full of twists and turns, plots and deception, which resulted in victory for God's people. From this story we see that God will put us in the right place at the right time to serve him and accomplish his will.

It was no accident that Esther becomes queen when she did, God placed her in the right place at the right time to carry out his will and his plan for the salvation of his people. The same holds true for us, God has us in the right place at the right time to serve him and bring about the fulfillment of his will.

God places us where we can be an influence for him in the lives of others with whom we come into contact. It is no accident that you are reading this. God has something for you today. God wants something of you today. He wants your heart. He wants you to say Yes to him. As we say yes to God, he is going to use us, every one of us, to accomplish his purpose in us and in the lives of others. God gives us small whispers of awareness that we are where he wants us to be.

Gail



## Archbishop Justin on the road.

The Archbishop of Canterbury completed a week-long visit to Barbados, Guatemala and Mexico as part of a series of visits to the Primates of the Anglican Communion which he is making in his first 18 months of office. Archbishop Justin met with leaders from the three Provinces and universally praised the work of the church in each region.

The trip began with a visit to the Province of the West Indies, followed by visits to the Anglican Church of the Central American Region, based in Guatemala, and finally visiting the Anglican Church in Mexico, making him the first Archbishop of Canterbury to visit Mexico. Archbishop Justin and his wife, Caroline, began the week-long trip visiting Barbados at the invitation of the Most Revd. Dr John Holder, Archbishop of the Church of the Province of the West Indies and Bishop of Barbados. Archbishop Justin then visited Guatemala City, saying that he was “honoured” to be invited by the Most Revd Armando Guerra, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of the Central American Region and Bishop of Guatemala.

Finally, Archbishop Justin’s visit to Mexico made him first Archbishop of Canterbury to formally visit the country. On doing so, he expressed ‘special appreciation’ for its Anglican Church’s witness to Christ and the Anglican Communion. During his first 18 months in office, the Archbishop plans to visit all of his fellow Primates around the Anglican Communion. His desire is to build personal and professional bonds, understand the Primates’ work in its local context, and lay foundations for collaboration over the coming years.



*Archbishop Justin with friends in Mexico*

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## Exploring our Heritage:

### The Oak Screen.

*At a time when we are thinking about a screen at the back of church, we take a look back to the seventies, when it wasn't putting up a screen that was the problem – it was taking one down!*

Back in January 1976 the then vicar, George Nesham, in discussion with the architect, and, it was said, with the backing of the Churchwardens and PCC, had a wooden 'screen' taken down from the front of the church (see picture). The screen, pointed out Revd. Nesham, interfered with the service, blocking the view of some members of the congregation, especially from the pulpit. However he, and most probably the PCC, were unaware of the backlash from the congregation and the matter eventually had to be heard by a Judge, sitting in the church for the hearing.

In August that year, the worshipful Chancellor, G.B. Graham, Q.C. sat in his wig and robes to hear the statements of the congregation on one side of the aisle and those of the petitioners on the other. There were testimonies from members of the congregation, saying how long they had been coming and had no issue with the screen – and then from the architect pointing out the frailties of the structure and the likely costs of repair. All this was reported in the local press back then. The judge, however, was unimpressed by the architect's and others' arguments and ordered the screen put back.

This was not the end of the matter though with the church council appealing the decision. During the appeal process, the screen stayed down and a new hearing was scheduled for April 1977. This time there was more 'evidence' supplied by the PCC, explaining how the screen was not properly secured to the walls and there had been a noticeable improvement in the acoustics since the screen had been removed. Those in favour of its return, however, remained vociferous and suggested that it should not be 'indiscriminately discarded'. The Dean of the Court of Archers, The Revd. E.J.T. Elphinstone decided to reserve judgement and hoped to have reached a decision before the end of the month. Meanwhile Revd. Nesham left and went to a new parish.

The end of the month came and went and then finally in June 1977, Revd. Elphinstone declared after full consideration of the facts that the screen should stay down, although his exact reasons were not reported. So finally after 16 months, the front of church was as we

see it today. It wasn't until the year 2000 that a new Vicar came along and wanted to move the altar...

As we can see from this story and the Chantrell painting, the church has had various changes over the years and will continue to do so in the future. Wouldn't it be nice to have toilets and a kitchen area, for example?

David

*Many thanks to John Aveyard for supplying all the background information for this story.*



## **New Bishop of Durham announced.**

The Rt. Revd. Paul Butler (born 1955) was the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham. He was installed at Southwell Minster in February 2010. He was previously Bishop suffragan of Southampton in the Diocese of Winchester, where he served from 2004 until 2010. On 12th September 2013 it was announced that he had been appointed as Bishop-designate of Durham, to take post in 2014 (succeeding Justin Welby).



He said that the priorities for his tenure as Bishop would be growing the Church, helping to tackle poverty and addressing the role of children and young people in the Church. "I arrived still slightly stunned but I am deeply honoured and humbled to have been asked to be Bishop of Durham."

"Growing the Church is something that has to be the highest priority for the Diocese, growing it in numbers, growing it in depth and growing its discipleship of Jesus Christ."

The bishop, who will continue in his role as an Advocate for Children and in Safeguarding, said: "I believe passionately that children and young people should not

be seen simply as our future society but our present society and we have to integrate them in everything we do. We should not see children and young people as the future but the present."

## **Fracking and the Church.**

Following enquiries about fracking on church land, the Chair of the Church of England's Mission and Public Affairs Council, Philip Fletcher issued a statement placing recent media reports in context.

"The Church of England has no official policy either for or against hydraulic fracturing (known as fracking"). However there is a danger of viewing fracking through a single issue lens and ignoring the wider considerations.

A Church of England statement was also issued on the registration of mineral interests with the Land Registry in response to suggested links with fracking, which can also be found at:

<http://bit.ly/19n2Kvg>

## **Cathedrals on the up...**

Church of England cathedrals are continuing to see congregations increase in numbers according to new statistics, continuing a trend seen since the Millennium. Total weekly attendance grew to 35,800, according to Cathedral Stats 2012, an increase of 35% since 2002. From celebrating the festivals to special services such as Ely cathedral's pet service, the worshipping life of cathedrals has proved more popular than ever over the past decade with cathedrals pointing to stronger community links attracting more people.

Easter 2012 saw the highest attendance in the last decade, at 54,700, and Christmas saw similarly high attendance with Liverpool cathedral which held carol services almost every evening December building up to nearly 2,500 people attending midnight and Christmas morning celebrations.

Nearly one million people attended more than 5000 public/civil events in the cathedrals, down from a peak in 2010 but still nearly twice as many as in 2002. 2,900 specially arranged services, such as annual festivals and school leavers' services attracted a further 930,000.

## **Little Acts go a Long Way...**

Acts 435 is a revolutionary website that allows people to give money directly to others. Managed through a network of churches, their goal is to get 100% of your donations quickly to those in need. The website puts out appeals for all kinds of people in need and you can donate directly on line to help them.

Acts 435 has launched a campaign called 'Little Acts go a Long Way', which will run over the next eight weeks, encouraging people to make a difference in small ways in their communities. Jenny Herrera, Director of Acts 435, said: "Why not Tweet your own messages of how in these difficult times little acts of kindness have made a difference? You can use the hashtag #LittleActs on Twitter, or visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/211289255700257/>.

## **Great Harvest Celebrations for this Month:**

The weekend of 12-13<sup>th</sup> October promises to be a rich variety of good things – a fitting harvest celebration – a veritable smorgasbord of delight! There should be something for everyone, and it will finish with the Mayor's Civic Service, which has been moved from its earlier date. So, what's on the cards??

## **Woodkirk Academy Art Exhibition in church...**

We are excited by this initiative, which will allow the community to enjoy some of the work of Yr.11 GCSE students inspired by our building. Following the acquisition of the 1834 watercolour by Robert Chantrell, the Head of Art at Woodkirk Academy expressed an interest in using our building, which inspired Chantrell, to continue to inspire young artists of today.

So, as a celebration of gifts and talents, and a gathering together of their labours, we will be displaying their work in the church over this weekend for everyone to enjoy in situ. That is a fitting harvest theme, as these young people have their work celebrated, and we enjoy feasting our eyes on the fruits of their labours.

It also provides an opportunity for the wider community to enjoy the home-coming of the Chantrell watercolour, seeing it for themselves in its original setting. It is hoped to have a special opening event to which parents and staff will be invited, with wine and nibbles, and for the church to welcome the community throughout the weekend. Watch this space for further details!

## **Harvest Barn Dance...**

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

Yes, another extravaganza of fun and laughter for our Harvest weekend. Come and enjoy 'swinging your partner by the hand' and doing the 'doh see doh' – no expertise required – full instructions will be given. Whether we manage to follow said instructions is anyone's guess!!

Tickets available from church or by ringing Betty on 0113 253 4960.



## **All-Age Harvest Service.**

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am**

We will celebrate the abundance of God's gifts to us as we gather together. Harvest gifts will be brought forward which will be sent to a local charity called 'Caring for Life', based in Cookridge.

These food donations enable the charity to supply food parcels to those on the margins of society, and to feed up to 80 people a day in their refectory – people who have survived childhood trauma, rejection and circumstances we can only imagine.

There will also be opportunity to consider harvest with a wider, more global focus, and to give to a Christian Aid project which supports those eking out a living in a developing country. *(For further details of Caring for Life, and the sort of foodstuffs they would most value, see article below)*

## **Harvest Communion service.**

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> October 12 noon.**

A celebration of God's provision for us, focussing on the fruits of the earth and of human labour represented in bread and wine.

## **Mayor's Civic Service**

**Sunday 13th October 6pm.**

The date of this service has been moved to allow it to be part of this very special Harvest weekend. It is hoped that local schoolchildren will be able to join us, as we reflect on the gifts and skills we all have which are not given to be hoarded for ourselves, but to be shared for the enrichment and blessing of all.

The Chantrell watercolour, which has inspired the weekend's Art Exhibition, will be celebrated and dedicated to God, and the collection taken at this service will assist towards the cost of acquiring it. We really will feel like responding, "Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices!"

## **Extracts from a letter from 'Caring For Life'**

Greetings from everyone at 'Caring for Life'! This summer, at Crag House Farm, we have been so thankful to our Heavenly Father for supplying us with such amazing weather, allowing us to gather in our hay harvest in record time!

In our 26<sup>th</sup> year, the need for our ministry; to feed the hungry, provide homes for those living on the streets or in dangerous circumstances and provide Christ-like, compassionate care to the most vulnerable in society; is greater than ever. We are giving our more food parcels than ever before. The Government welfare reforms have left some people in dreadful situations, and many more people are coming to us for help and support; people who have often known little or no love in their lives and with whom we have the opportunity to share the wonderful love of Jesus. Some have survived dreadful trauma in childhood, but literally have no-one except us to love and care for them now as vulnerable adults.

As we approach Autumn and the season for harvest thanksgiving services, we would ask you to consider donating your harvest produce to Caring For Life. The guidance list below shows you what would be especially valuable to us. Your food donations will enable us to provide up to 80 people a day with breakfast and lunch in our refectory and between 20-60 people a week with food parcels.

## **Harvest Gifts we would especially value:**

**Drinks:** Tea bags, instant coffee, instant chocolate, squash, long-life fruit juices.

**Jars:** Ketchup & brown sauce, Salad cream, Tomato puree, Stock cubes, cook in sauces, Golden syrup, honey (No jam please!)

**Tins:** Vegetables, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, soup, ready meals, spaghetti, ravioli, rice pudding, custard, stewed steak, curry meals, meatballs, mince, tinned meat and fish – ham, tuna, fruit and fruit jelly; condensed milk.

**Dried:** Cereal, oats, muesli, Plain and SR Flour, Long grain and pudding rice, pasta and noodles, sugar (all kinds), ready meals, dried apricots and sultanas, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda.

**Treats:** Biscuits and chocolate

**Misc:** Washing up liquid, washing powder, sponge scourers.

## **Harvest Activity Morning...**

Our Harvest weekend is so overflowing with an abundance of events, that we have scheduled our Activity morning for the weekend before..... See next page for details.

Revd. Amanda

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## Harvest Activity morning

**Crafts, games, fun and refreshments**

**with a harvest theme**

**Saturday 5th October 2013**

**10am-1pm**

**St. Mary's Parish Centre.**

**Suitable for children aged 4-11.**

**Cost: Only £3 per child.**

**Ring Amanda on 01924 472375**



# **BARN DANCE**

**Woodkirk  
Church Parish  
Centre Saturday  
12th October at  
7.00 pm**

**Tickets: £6 Adults**

## Google it!

*Well, you might have thought that you knew how the Internet started, but here's the TRUE(ish) story ....*

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com. And she said unto Abraham, her husband: "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her – as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said: "How, dear?" And Dot replied: "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was called Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures – Hebrew To The People (HTTP)

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and began to siphon off some of Abraham's business. But he was soon discovered, arrested and prosecuted – for insider trading.

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land.

And indeed did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say: "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel , or eBay as it came to be known. He said: "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied: "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

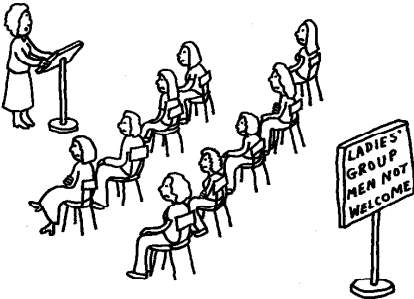
Derek

## SEGREGATION

### THE LADIES' GROUP

THEY  
HAVE  
SPEAKERS  
WHO TALK  
ABOUT:

- KNITTING PATTERNS
- HANDBAG ESSENTIALS
- MAKING PRETTY THINGS  
WITH BITS OF RIBBON



BUT  
SECRETLY  
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ABOUT:

- LAWNMOWER MAINTENANCE
- CHOPPING UP LOGS
- WOLF WHISTLING

### THE MEN'S GROUP

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## **News from 1<sup>st</sup> Woodkirk Rainbows**

We are looking forward to a busy half-term with the Rainbows working on a 'Bonfire Night Challenge Badge'. We will be talking about Guy Fawkes, making various crafts such as a 'Firework display in a glass' and making some yummy bonfire night themed treats. We will also be learning about the 'Firework Code' and fingers crossed we will be having some special visitors to talk to us about this!

We are also making a visit to 'Build a Bear' to make a Rainbow Bear for us to use as the Rainbow mascot in family service.

Rainbows is for girls aged 5-7 years and it's never too early to register your daughters details so they can be added to our waiting list, for further details please look at the back of this Parish News for contact details for Woodkirk Rainbows.

Thank you

Ruth Osenton-Brown

Assistant Leader 1<sup>st</sup> Woodkirk Rainbows

## **Playgroup Update**

Well, all the children have been at playgroup for a few weeks and have settled in and made new friends. This term, as well as settling the children in and making relationships with each other, we have been concentrating on nursery rhymes. We have made lots of incy wincy spiders and enjoyed making a humpty dumpty.

We do still have a few vacancies on Tuesday and Thursday morning so if you are interested in a place for your child, please get in touch.

If you have an hour or so free, we are always grateful of an extra pair of hands so again, please feel free to get in touch! We would really appreciate them at our Thursday session!

Debbie

Playgroup Supervisor

## **Sandra's Seasonal Suggestions.**

October is a time for tidying up. Leave some seed heads and rose hips for the birds. If you have spare earth in the vegetable plot plant some green manure. Some herbs can be potted up now to take you over the winter. Try parsley, chives and mint. Here are some of this month's jobs.

1. Sow some winter lettuce such as Arctic King in the greenhouse or cold frame.
2. Plant garlic and spring cabbage.
3. Sow outdoor broad beans and peas.
4. Lift carrots, beetroot and any remaining potatoes now. Leave parsnips and Jerusalem artichokes in as they'll taste sweeter after a frost.
5. Before storing your garden furniture clean it off and treat with a wood stain or similar. Store in a dry, frost free place such as a shed or garage in a way which ensures moisture won't sit on it causing rotting.
6. If you grow crops in your greenhouse you will need to replace lost nutrients by digging in some well rotted manure. Don't forget to rotate crops to avoid diseases building up in the soil.
7. Feed Brussels and winter cabbage now to encourage them in time for Christmas.
8. Don't forget to put the compost heap to bed. Cover with an organic duvet, black polythene or pieces of wood.
9. Scrub bird feeders and birdbaths with a mild detergent. Put out nuts, seeds, stale cake and fruit. Don't forget clean water too.
10. This is the last opportunity to plant onion sets for cropping early to mid-summer next year.



Sandra.





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

### **Scouts in September**

The Scouts 3 day summer camp started at the national Coal Mining Museum. They practised their navigation and hiking skills by walking to Whitley Beaumont some 5 miles away. Here they set camp as part of their Camper craft practise. They had to prepare all the meals both in the evening and the next morning's breakfast - a minimum of 4 items.

On the Tuesday, after breakfast, they walked 7 miles to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, visiting the exhibition area and listening to a Culture talk by Gareth. Luckily they didn't have to walk back to camp. Just as well as there was a full evening of entertainment with night games and challenges.

Wednesday morning it was back to the vehicles and over to Pugneys for a 4 mile 'stroll' up to Sandal Castle and around the Nature park, followed by great fun on the pedaloes on the lake.

As you read this they will have completed their Camper Craft competition against other Scout groups in the district. They are the defending Cooking and First Aid champions so we wish them well.

In October the Scouts will be involved in a global event, when they will be able to talk to other Scouts across the world using the internet. This Jamboree on the Internet (or JOTI) will be the first of its kind to be tried.

### **Beavers**

We have now started back for a new and exciting term - we have had two Beavers moving on into Cubs, Jamie Curran and Jacob Clancy-Wood. They will be missed by the beavers and leaders. It has been a great pleasure to have them, and I am sure they will have a great time in Cubs. The beavers have been busy completing there Creative Badge, we have decorated buns, had fun with magnets, Lego and made instruments to play.

We will now be starting on our fitness badge and we also have the pleasure of welcoming Harry Gough to our meeting on the 11th October to tell all about the planes he flew in during world war two. The Beavers are going from strength to strength.

Beavers meet between 5.30pm and 6.15pm.

Gail

## Albert's October Quiz:

1. On 1st October 1918 who led the Arab forces that captured Damascus from the Turks?
2. Name the Royal Navy's first submarine, launched on the 2 October 1901.
3. On 3 October 1952 which 'first' occurred on the Monte Bello islands?
4. Which organization was founded by Sir William Smith on 4 October 1883?
5. Which public hunger protest began on 5 October 1936?
6. Which road safety provision was introduced in the UK on 8 October 1967?
7. On 8 October 1982 Britain's then highest building was opened. What was it?
8. Which historic ship was raised in Portsmouth harbour on 11 October 1982?
9. Name the Brighton hotel damaged by an IRA bomb on 12 October 1984.
10. Which coin came into circulation in the UK on 14 October 1969?
11. Why was Karol Wojtyla, Archbishop of Krakow in the news on 16 October 1978?
12. On the 17 October 1956 where was Britain's first nuclear power station opened?
13. The USA's 49th state was acquired on the 18 October 1887. What was it?
14. Which British Prime Minister resigned on the 18 October 1963?
15. What was opened in Australia on the 20 October 1973?
16. On 23 October 1956 which country revolted against Soviet rule?
17. On the 25 October 1961 which satirical magazine was first published?
18. How old was Winston Churchill when elected Prime Minister on 25 October 1951?
19. On the 30 October 1905 which medical product was sold in Britain for the first time?
20. On the 31 October 1951 which road safety feature was introduced in Britain?

Answers on page 38

Albert Shaw

## Poetry Corner.

*The classic Rudyard Kipling Poem 'If' is still one of my favourites...written in 1895 and first published in 1910, Kipling wrote it in part as paternal advice for his son, John. Enjoy... David.*

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too:  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think and not make thoughts your aim,  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same:  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,  
And never breathe a word about your loss:  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings---nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much:  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!

## Diary for October 2013.

Wed 2nd	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments
Sat 5th	10am to 1pm	'Crop Crazy Crafts' Activity Morning – Parish Centre
<b>Sun 6th</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>
Wed 9th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Iona setting) & refreshments
<b>HARVEST WEEKEND – CELEBRATION OF GIFTS – INCLUDING WOODKIRK HIGH ACADEMY YR 11 ART EXHIBITION IN CHURCH. See article.</b>		
Sat 12th	7.30pm	Harvest Hoe-Down Social with supper- see article
<b>Sun 13th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All-Age Harvest Service</b>
<b>HARVEST</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>FESTIVAL</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Mayor's Civic Service</b>
Mon 14th	12 noon	'First Steps' Toddler Service
		– 'Henry makes new friends' in Parish Centre
	2pm	Mothers' Union meeting in Parish Centre
	7.30pm	PCC meeting in church
Wed 16th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (1662 setting) & refreshments
Thurs 17th	11am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
<b>Sun 20th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (sung)</b>
	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Celebration of 125th anniversary of Diocese of Dewsbury Minster</b>
Wed 23rd	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (prayer for healing) & refreshments
Thurs 24th	9.45am	Hill-Top Harvest Service in church
<b>Sun 27th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (sung)</b>
Wed 30th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (One World setting) & refreshments

## Early November

Sat 2nd     9.30am     Church & churchyard clean-up  
                 -12.30pm

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Sun 3rd     8am     Holy Communion (said)  
                 10.30am     Holy Communion (sung)  
                 12.30pm     Baptism Service  
Wed 6th     9.15am     Church open for prayer  
                 10am     Holy Communion (Common Worship)  
                 & refreshments

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sun 10th     10.30am     All-Age Worship for Remembrance Sunday  
                 12 noon     Holy Communion  
                 2.30pm     Act of Remembrance at Tingley Memorial  
                 6:00pm     Memorial & Remembrance Service  
                 with British Legion



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

**Sunday Morning 10.30 - 11.30**

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

## **Baptisms:-**

Kaison Chance Emslie, Son of Kayleigh from Churwell.

Kinley Ellysse Holmes, Daughter of Sam and Lauren from Morley.

Libby Rose Galbraith, Daughter of Richard and Rachel from Tingley.

Charlie Hayden Marsh, Son of Richard and Sarah from Morley.

Jessica Rose Smith, Daughter of Matthew and Nicola from Tingley.

## **Weddings:**

Elizabeth Hirst and Simon Pridding, from Horbury on the 7th September.

Congratulations from the Church Family

**QUIZ ANSWERS:** 1. Lawrence of Arabia. 2. Holland 1. 3. Britain's first atom bomb exploded. 4. The Boys Brigade. 5. Jarrow March. 6. Breathalyser. 7. Post Office Tower. 8. Mary Rose. 9. The Grand. 10. 50p. 11. He became Pope. 12. Calder Hall. 13. Alaska. 14. Harold Macmillan. 15. Sydney Opera House. 16. Hungary. 17. Private Eye. 18. 77 years old. 19. Aspirin. 20. The zebra crossing.

Albert.

## **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.

## **Postal Magazine - new costs.**

If you have received the magazine by post for some time, you will know that the price of £9 per year has been the same for many years. When we look at the costs - it is 50p to send by 2nd class post and the magazine itself is good value at 50p per copy, you can see that the annual cost to send the magazine is £12.

So in future we will be increasing the annual subscription to that amount. I hope you enjoy receiving the magazine each month and I would like to thank you for your continued support. Of course, some of you have donated larger sums already and we thank you for those. The e-mails, letters and phone calls from around the country have been a real joy to receive - keep them coming, the best stories in this magazine aren't mine - they are yours.

Editor.

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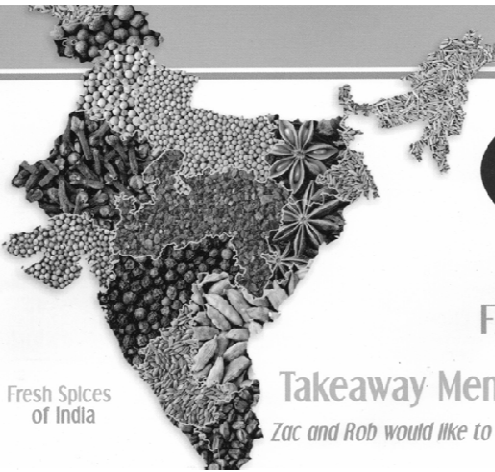
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## **What's on**

<b>Mothers' Union</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month 2:00 pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
<b>Playgroup</b>	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:45am to 12:15pm Debbie Nelson 07896 536188
<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 Marianne Ingham 07816 517838
<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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