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We are on Twitter: twitter.com/stmarywoodkirk

Wheelchair Access

A wheelchair is available to help people move easily between the church and Dewsbury Road. Just ask.

Poppy Prayer

We remember with gratitude and love, all those who gave up their lives in the First World War.

We pray that as we remember their sacrifice, so shall we use our lives today, and the freedom and peace we enjoy, in the service of our neighbour and for your kingdom. Amen.

St Mary's and the Centenary of the First World War.

It seems appropriate as we near the centenary of the start of the First World War to think about those who fought and died in that 'bloody' conflict.

I hope over this period of commemoration and reflection to build up information in order to know more about the men from our Parish which will provide a lasting legacy for the community to make sure that these brave men are never forgotten.

Whilst our War Memorial commemorates the fallen from both World Wars, I will for the purposes of these articles, be focussing on the casualties from the 1914-18 conflict.

So, do you have a family member who is named on the War Memorial and who was killed during the First World War?

Wakefield Family History have provided some information, but over these next few years I would like to add more to this in order to have a full record of these men and their families. We may also find that there were other men who are not listed and for whom we may wish to tell their stories.

I am very lucky in that my husband David is a First World War historian and so will, I hope, be able to help me with the conflict side of things, but I am hoping that you may be able to help me with your family histories.

If you do have any information please look for me in church or you can email me at dawntattersfield@fsmail.net.

Together I hope we can bring together the story of our community in the Great War and ensure the story of those brave men is never forgotten.

Dawn Tattersfield

St. Mary's Food Bank - a real difference.

Barbara Tate tells us what it is like at the 'sharp end' - giving out the food that we donate.

Thank you to you people who leave the blue bags full of food at the back of church. Sometimes I know who you are but others are anonymous. I take the bags when I do my stint at the Food Bank at St Cross Church at Middleton. There has been a lot in the press lately about the need for food banks and I think some people have the wrong impression of how we work.

People can't just walk in and be fed. A voucher has to be issued stating the reason they need food and how many people we are to feed. Voucher holders are varied, Vicars, Teachers, Leeds City Council Tenants depts. Doctors. We have pre-determined lists of food which should be enough to feed the person or family for three days.

Only three vouchers per year can be issued. Yes, there are those who try to use the system and try to come more often, unaware that we keep records and from time to time we have to turn people away (not a pleasant experience). Reasons for needing help are varied, one mother with six children who receive free school meals had to provide their lunches during half term - 30 extra meals to find! Also delays in benefits coming through and benefits being taken away for whatever reason - the bedroom tax gets mentioned regularly as well. Debts are another reason and here we try to point the people towards CAP. We get people trying to find their way after being released from prison.

We talk to our clients, give them tea and biscuits and try to help them where we can, we have books of information and leaflets about everything from addiction to free activities in the area.

Apart from the donations of food from churches, our local supermarkets are helping us with collections and donations, there is one coming up soon at Asda Morley.

I have been volunteering here since early this year and have met some lovely people, mostly they are very grateful for the help they are given and some come for a cup of tea and a chat. Our purpose is to help people in crisis not people in need

Barbara

What does God's Love mean to you?

Gail explores our relationship with God and how we can experience his Love.

I don't know about you but I love to hear and read about God's love for us - what does love mean to you?

Love is a small word only 4 letters but with a huge impact on our lives; often you can see in others that they have no love in their lives - they look lost and very alone. Jesus uses the word love a lot in his teachings.

Love feels different as we go through different stages in our life: The love of a parent for a child,

A teenage love full of promise,

A newly wed couples' love - fresh and full of the future together;

The love of a couple who have grown old together contented;

A love that cannot be broken even by death and the special love when your child says *I Love You* for the first time.

I can still remember that feeling - can you? How special it was.

I like to think that is what God feels like when we come to him and say "I Love you Lord".

When we really think about it - how often do we say "I Love you Lord", when we are not in church taking part in the service?

Why are we so embarrassed at times to tell someone close we love them, are we at times so close to God that we are also embarrassed to tell him we love him? I hope not.

To me God's love is like a security blanket that wraps itself around me. I think we all have times when we feel God's love is not there - I find it happens a lot when I am so wrapped up in what is happening around me and God's love takes a back seat.

But this can be changed.

I now make time in my life for God, prayer and quiet time to bring me closer to his Love, - and I once again I have that security blanket around me. Maybe some people will think:

What does she need at security blanket for at her age? They are for babies and young children. But just think about it for a minute....

Don't we all need security at some time in our life?

Maybe it is family, or money, or this building.

What happens when these things are taken from us?

Don't we feel scared and lost?

Who do we turn to?

Just remember God can be our security if we let him, his love is not fragile like worldly love, it is strong and forever.

Look around this church - the walls are steeped with love for God - you can feel it as you walk in.

God does not pick and choose who he loves.

Jesus told us his father's love was "for everyone".

It does not matter to him who we are or what the colour of our skin is, when he was with us walking this earth he offered his love to both Jew and Gentile.

So let us look to ourselves to offer love to the whole world not just those who we like the look of.

It is at this time of the church year that we remember how much God loved us, letting his only son die on the cross for us.

We should remember God loved us so much he sent his son to live with us on this earth, to lead his life as one of us;

God knew what Jesus would have to go through for us. There can be no greater love than this - even in the Old Testament we read of this great love shown to his servants.

God spent time testing his people.

Can you think of any examples? What about Adam & Eve, Noah, David, Saul, Samuel and Moses to say just a few - and what about when God took his people out of Egypt?

Remember how when things got tough they wanted to go back, they only remembered the good things, they felt secure in the past.

Sometimes we like to look back and think how good the past was - maybe we only remember the good times - the security of the past.

I think God would want us to look to the future and show him that we trust his love to lead us forward to a better place, as he did with the people who followed Moses.

Even though we may test God's love at times he will never take his love away.

God is our Father and a Father's Love is all forgiving.

In our Gospel reading today Jesus said if you love me, you will obey my commandments.

How often do we step from these commands?

Especially Love thy neighbour as thyself?

To love God we must also love ourselves. It is not always easy to love ourselves but if we are confident in God's love and look after our minds and bodies, we can feel the holy spirit within us.

This helps us to love ourselves as much as God loves us.

Jesus also told us that to show him how much love we have for him we must obey his command, and if we love Jesus, The Father will love us.

As I said at the beginning, love is huge and can cover lots of feelings in our lifetime.

Let us remember the greatest love we can receive is the Love of our Father who is always with us - even though we cannot see him.

But with his love for us and our love for him we will be given the chance to embrace him.

Remember God's love is forever.

Open up your hearts to him who loves you no matter what has taken part in your past life - look to a future of love and contentment in the love of our Lord.

Gail

Christian Aid update.

Big thanks to all who helped to raise £472.35 for Christian Aid. Special thanks to Rachel Harrex, Susan Walshaw, Alice Kelly and Albert Shaw who did the 'walking' - Rachel who completed the sponsored walk and Susan, Alice and Albert who did the house to house collecting.

Thank you to all who contributed. The money is much appreciated by Christian Aid and is put to good use in providing training and expertise in areas of poverty.

Sally Shaw

St. Mary's Medieval Festival.

Celebrating Medieval times at our Church

This year on August 16th we are proud to announce we will be re-creating the Mystery Plays - some of which were written by our very own Black Canons, here at St. Mary's.

As part of the Medieval Festival, organised by The JORVIK Group, creators of the famous JORVIK Viking Festival, The Yorkshire Medieval Festival brings with it a wide range of events and activities across Yorkshire for all the family to enjoy. You could try your hand as an eagle-eyed archer, discover mighty birds of prey with falconry demonstrations, see brave knights battle in thrilling re-enactments and spend the day in some of Yorkshire's most idyllic settings, as Churches across the region engage with this fantastic event.

We are putting on 2 plays at 12pm and 2pm on the Saturday. The Play will be en-acted by the St. Andrews, Bruntcliffe drama group, these will be performed outside (or inside if it rains) our Church on the day - so don't miss it. The play being performed is called 'Noah's Flood' and will involve 8 or 9 cast members for this 15 minute production, repeated at 2pm. Our warmest thanks go to Mary who is organising the Drama Group.

We are also arranging other things for the day, including displaying the Medieval history owned by Peter Aldred as well as refreshments and other activities to be announced a bit nearer the time. The Church will be open from 10:00am to 3:00pm for visitors to come along and experience our Medieval history - see the terraces built by the Monks, and the stained glass Monk's window. Learn about food of the time and also the life of the monks.

See: <http://www.yorkshire-medieval-festival.com/>

David



Prayerful Thought ...July - The Three D's

Well hello there. As I write this month's piece a lot of you will possibly be sat watching England's second match in the 2014 World Cup and probably some of you will have been avoiding watching it!

It wasn't the world cup that inspired me for this article, however, in thinking about what to say I have realised that my theme of the three D's applies to our world cup squad as well.

So what do I mean by the three D's? Well I'm not going to tell you just yet...let me ask you a question.

Have you got too much to do and not enough time to do it in?

Well as I approach the end of my first year of study in Theology looking towards becoming a Lay Reader, and having left myself just over three weeks in which to complete 2 essays as well as coming to the end of the term in Girls' Brigade and preparing for our annual display and presentation evening as well as all the myriad of other things I have to do, then I certainly feel like that.

Then I was reading my daily bible reflection for today and had to laugh, it was about procrastination. It started with this quote "There are so many good things you can do, that your ability to decide may be the critical determinant of what you accomplish".

There's your first D – Decision.

I have sat down today and read some more text book to help me with my essays, I made the decision to do so rather than put it off any more.

It's funny, but I remember when my brother and I were studying at College as part of our work, if we had assignments to do, we always found something else to do instead. The pencils in my pencil case were all sharpened, the papers in my ring binder were neatly punched and filed, but still I hadn't finished my essay.

Setting priorities, overcoming procrastination and getting on with an important task is a skill which we can learn through practice until it becomes a part of our behaviour, once it becomes a habit, it's automatic and becomes easy to do.

That's our second D – Discipline.

The other thing about getting on with a task you keep putting off, is the feeling once you have completed it.

A few years ago I kept telling my friends that as soon as we had finished Girls' Brigade for the summer holidays I was going to sort out the loft. As with most people our loft had become a repository of all sorts of 'stuff' that I didn't want cluttering up the house but which I didn't want to throw away 'just in case'.

Well, this went on for about three years with still no progress, then I finally thought enough was enough, I disciplined myself and set aside a few days and made a start.

I didn't manage it all in one go but over a period of about 2 weeks on and off I cleared out the loft, sorted things into boxes, marked them all up and put things tidily back where I could find them. Oh the delight in looking at the loft in its tidy state. I even took photos to prove how tidy it was, and yes there was a real sense of achievement, a rush of energy and 'yahoo' about it. Needless to say, I need to do it again as other 'stuff' has now joined my tidy boxes, but that will have to wait until my essays are done!

That is then our final D – Determination.

At long last I was determined to sort out the loft, just as today I have been determined to make some notes that will help me with my essays.

Now you will all know by now that England did not win their second game, however, at the time of writing we were not necessarily out of the competition, but obviously as you read this the World Cup will be about over, we may have had a glorious tournament, or we may have just come home after the first few games.

Whatever the outcome and whether you think England did us proud or not, we must remember that our three D's apply to our footballers. Every player will have applied those three D's. They took the decision to play football as a career, they had discipline to train and be fit and gain skills in their sport, and they had determination, they wanted to play well and do well for their country, and whether they succeeded or not, we should support them for being willing to go

through many months and perhaps years of discipline and training for what in the end are the luck in a game or the decisions made by referees, and the whims of headline writers in our newspapers – Is it glory and adulation or sorrow and damnation, and I'm sorry and don't mean to offend anyone, but after all it is only a game! I know it's an important one, but a game nevertheless.

So how do you apply your D's? What decisions do you have to make, do you need to discipline yourself and be determined?

Well again at this time of year, we are coming to the end of a school year. Exams will be completed, and many young people will have had to make decisions, very important ones that may affect their lives greatly, and they will have had to be disciplined and determined to complete their exams to the best of their ability in order to take their next step whether that's into college or university or vocational training.

I remember the old saying that schooldays are the best of your life, well I'm sure thousands of young people out there would not agree at the moment with all the pressure there is during exams, but I do hope that if you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc I sincerely hope that they have done well.

So, going back to my theme of the three D's and procrastination... is there something you've been putting off? Tidying the garage or the loft, clearing out your kitchen cupboards, sorting out your photographs, taking up exercise, losing a bit of weight??

Have you been putting off coming to church? Did you used to go but things got busy and you got out of the habit? Are you a bit nervous about coming in, that you don't know what to do and would feel silly if you got it wrong? Or you don't know anyone and would feel uncomfortable amongst strangers?

I do hope not. Yes I know churches can be a bit daunting if you haven't been in one for a while, but could you apply the three D's?

Can you make the DECISION, can you DISCIPLINE yourself to get up in time to get yourself to the 10.30 service on a Sunday, are you DETERMINED to come in and see what it's all about?

You may be aware through friends or other magazine articles that changes will be being made in the church in the Autumn, you could decide to come and see us and see what it looks like now, and then you will be able to compare before and after when the works are complete and we have some great new facilities at the back of church which will enable greater community use of our beautiful church

building.

We want to make sure our church continues to be an asset for our community, so please do come and see us, you will be more than welcome.

Coming to Church isn't something bad that you need to put off, like tidying the loft or writing essays, but if going for the first time ever, or for the first time in a long time makes you feel like that, then consider this comment attributed to Mark Twain;

"If first thing every morning you eat a frog, you'll go through the rest of the day knowing that's the worst thing that can happen!" (Please please DO NOT eat a frog we are only talking metaphorically here!).

But think about it, what is the worst that can happen if you come to church? I can guarantee that you won't be ignored or looked at as a stranger? You don't know what to do? Don't worry about that either, our vicar Amanda is on sabbatical at the moment and so we are lucky to have different clergy taking our services each week. They don't know how we normally do things, when we sit or stand etc, but it doesn't matter, it all adds to the atmosphere.

So come on, make the decision to come and see us, be disciplined in getting up on time to come to 10.30 service, and be determined to receive the love of God and the fellowship and friendship of your neighbours in sharing time together.

Dawn Tattersfield

Church and Parish Centre Keys.

Anyone who has a Parish Centre or Church Key and Fob, can they please hand them in to one of the Churchwardens, Gail Townsend or Brian Gledhill (or Revd. Amanda if necessary) by the 1st August with a label stating which person or group they belong to, as they have to be re-programmed. Anyone not handing in their keys will find that after this date they will not work.

If you have any questions about this please contact one of the wardens - their phone numbers are in the Magazine.

Thank-you.

Gail and Brian (Churchwardens)

Lisa at the Moulin Rouge.

21 years ago our own Lisa Fyffe was an ambitious teenager, learning her trade at the Mullen School of Theatre Dance in Churwell....

Lisa started dancing at the age of 10 and by the time she was 17, she had served her apprenticeship. The Moulin Rouge were looking for Dancers and Lisa had dreamed of being in the show for five years. She travelled to Blackpool for the audition, but her hopes were dashed when they decided she was 'not ready' and was not selected. This may have been the end of the story, but a year later Lisa spotted an advert in *The Stage* magazine once again asking for Dancers.

The Morley Observer ran an article back then (many thanks to Sandra Gledhill for unearthing the original newspaper story) when Lisa had to compete with 20 other dancers in a nerve wracking audition in front of the selectors. She need not have worried - they offered her a place straight away. Tall and elegant, Lisa fitted the bill perfectly and she signed up for a year at the famous Moulin Rouge....

David



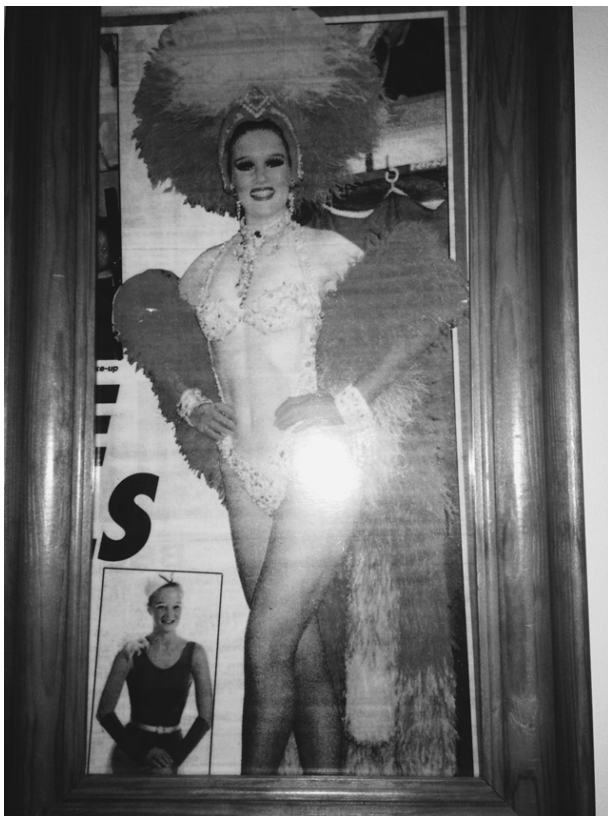
Now 21 years later Lisa takes us back to her time in Paris and the show:

As I write this I delve into my memories of over 20 years ago (that makes me feel old!) I was honoured to be joining the Moulin Rouge; one of the most famous dance shows of the world. I was lucky enough to meet a girl from Clacton-on-Sea at my audition with whom I met up to fly out to Paris and begin rehearsals. We made good friends and became flat mates for my year in Paris.

I studied French at A level, so my skills were tested on my year in Paris, from ordering taxis, to setting up a bank account and paying gas and electricity bills! Most of the dancers at the Moulin Rouge spoke English; however there were dancers from France, Netherlands and as far away as Australia. Miss Doris (who then was responsible for recruiting new dancers) once told me that girls from the UK had a very good discipline and worked hard so she liked to recruit from our country.

After 2 weeks of rehearsals and several viewings of the show, the new recruits & I were ready for our opening performance at the Moulin Rouge. We would arrive about 8pm each night to prepare our make-up, hair and costumes and the first show would start at 10pm, followed by a 2nd show at midnight. In quieter periods we would sometimes only have 1 show a night (which meant an early finish! And more time to see the Paris nightlife.)

I had lots of visitors during my year in Paris, including my

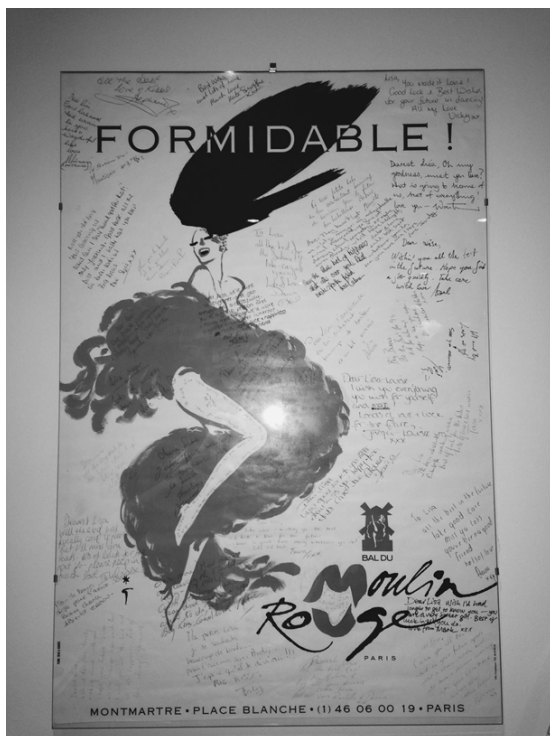


parents, both sets of Grandparents and friends. So sightseeing and watching the show were a must. There were lots of highlights in my time at the Moulin Rouge, however a few memorable ones are hosting the French TV awards and being on their national television. Meeting lots of amazing people from different countries and living in a fabulous city.

Last year my husband & I celebrated our tenth wedding anniversary with a trip to Paris. I showed him the flat I used to live in and the sights of Paris. We also were lucky enough to gain entry to watch the show, as my head girl dancer is now in charge of all the dancers at the Moulin rouge. (She is also a fellow Yorkshire lass, and attended the same dancing school as I did!)

We had fabulous seats and the champagne flowed! It brought back memories and the show is just as spectacular now. I am hoping I will return in the future, maybe taking my 3 girls when they are older (better start saving now!)

Lisa



Left: A poster of the review/show I was in at the time I was in Paris.

‘Formidable’ ran from 1988 to 1998

All the cast members signed it as I left & I've had it on display ever since.

All-Age Service @ St. Mary's.

We feel the power of the Pentecost fire....

We open with Gill explaining about the power of the Holy Spirit, represented by the symbol of fire. Liz demonstrates how a fan can be used to make an invisible force - the wind - that we can't see - just like the Holy Spirit, but more importantly we can feel the power of the Holy Spirit as a force of good in our lives, even today.

Children placed ribbons on their wrists and ran down the aisle with them held aloft, like a representation of a flame fluttering in the breeze. Puppets Charlie and Alice came along, and Charlie wanted to know how much it cost? Alice didn't understand, so Charlie explained that he didn't know how much Pente-cost, but he suspected it was more than the 50p he had. Alice explained it was not something he could buy - God gave it to us for free! Charlie wondered if it was free for God too, but Alice explained he had paid a high price - his Son had died for us. The Disciples were sad to see him go and so God sent the Holy Spirit instead. It came into the room like a great wind and fire appeared above their heads. Did they get the fire-brigade? Asked Charlie, concerned. No, explained Alice, patiently, they found that they could speak in many languages. Like Geordie, Scouse or broad Yorkshire? Suggested Charlie. No, Alice sighed, it was like having a friend to help them. So it's like the Holy Spirit is right here to help us even though we can't see him. Finally Charlie gets it.

Alice is pleased - and did you know the bible has been translated into over 2000 languages, she smiled? Is that including Geordie, Scouse and broad Yorkshire, he asked? Shut up Charlie, she said.

After all the excitement, we find letters in the pews and put them together to spell HOLY SPIRIT. Gary brings in a Birthday Cake, because it represents the birth of the Christian Church. 50 days after the Resurrection was the day of Pentecost. Gary lights the Easter candle as a symbol of the 2000 years since the dawn of Christianity, saying a prayer of thanks.

Brian (guitar & vocals) and George (piano) play 'Morning has broken' by Cat Stevens whilst we write a prayer on a paper flame given to us at the start of the service, and stick them on the window sills.

We welcome the newly baptised Cole, Lexi-Rose, Arthur and Evelyn and the Brownies say prayers for the world. We end with the hymn 'The Spirit lives to set us free'. Next Month: Sowing the Seeds.

David

Scheme launched to support national network of churches and credit unions.

The first steps towards a national network of churches, communities and credit unions has been launched, supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Task Group on Responsible Lending.

The Church Credit Champions Network (CCCN) aims to create a network of people who will bring together churches, communities and responsible lenders. The scheme is being piloted in three Church of England Dioceses - Southwark, Liverpool and London. The members will act as advocates for the community finance providers.

The launch event took place in the St Martin's Hall at St Martin-in-the-Fields church in Central London. The keynote address was given by Sir Hector Sants, former Chief Executive of the Financial Services Authority and Head of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs for Barclays Bank, who convenes the Archbishop's Task Group.

The launch also featured stories of churches which are already working closely with credit unions and previewed new resources which are being developed by the network - including Bible study tools, videos and tips for getting a church congregation talking about money.

Rap song highlights the danger of pay-day industry to young people.

A rap song aimed at warning young people about the possible dangers of pay day lenders has been released.

Inspired by the Archbishop of Canterbury's comments on responsible lending, songwriter and music producer Charles Bailey approached the Church of England with the idea for the rap.

The song, called "Union on the Streets" by Charles Bailey, feat. Question Musiq and Delilah also features Martin Lewis of MoneySavingExpert.com and tells the stories of young people who get into debt because of payday loans with high interest rates. It aims to highlight credit unions as a better way to borrow.

Listen to the song here: **bitly.com/uniononthestreets**

David

Brownies Build a Bug Hotel!

The Brownies have been very busy in the vicarage garden building a 'Bug Hotel' as part of the Big Brownie Birthday Challenge.

The Brownies brought in plant pots, canes, straw, shells, pebbles, tiles, and stones to create different environments for a range of insects.

The Brownies split into two groups. The first built the bug hotel while the rest of the brownies looked at RSPB books about a range of wildlife. Then they swapped. The Brownies worked together co-operatively and were very proud of their finished hotel.

The Brownies have just a few more challenges before they complete the challenge and receive their badge. On June 19th they are walking to Owl Lane Farm Nurseries carrying the Brownie Flag and birthday balloons. They are designing a room of the future, we have invited other leaders and members of Guiding to a cuppa, cake and chat night and finishing in the summer term with a Big Brownie Birthday Party with the Rainbows

Hannah



It's a Bug's life....

Rooted in Jesus.

Rooted in Jesus is a group course in Christian discipleship written for use in Africa. It is the only material of its kind written especially for the use of ordinary African Christians, rather than translated from material developed for the West – where people face different problems and challenges in their Christian lives.

Now in use in many African countries, Rooted in Jesus was originally created as part of the link relationship between Holy Trinity in Leicester diocese and the Diocese of Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, at the request of Stanley Hotay, then diocesan missionary and now the bishop.

Written by a team of clergy and teachers from Leicester with experience of working in Africa, Rooted in Jesus is edited and directed by Alison Morgan, and published and supported by ReSource. It is normally introduced to a whole diocese or area, at the invitation of the bishop or denominational leader, by a team of ministers from the UK and Africa.

Because Rooted in Jesus is as much a method as a course, this has proved the best way of establishing it effectively. Groups are led by pastors, evangelists or catechists, and newly commissioned lay leaders, both men and women. Many of these groups have seen people becoming Christians, experiencing answered prayer, deepening their commitment to one another and to the church, and living changed lives. There is also now a Rooted in Jesus Junior course for use in Sunday Schools.

We have had a busy few months, with Rooted in Jesus Junior conferences in the [Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist](#) in South Africa, and the [Diocese of Eastern Zambia](#) – both of which have been using Rooted in Jesus for some time, but now wish to extend the programme to their Sunday Schools. R in J

Junior is proving very effective; the parish of Mkuti in Tanzania which has been using it for a couple of years [sent an inspiring report](#) on their 100-150 strong Sunday School group.

Revd Dr Alison Morgan
Director, Rooted in Jesus



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.
5. Use liquid or water soluble fertiliser high in potash.
6. During mid to late summer, feed your lawn twice a month with a fast acting fertiliser.
7. Cut off any Potato leaves affected by blight and burn them. Do not take to the tip!!
8. Plant a second bed of sweet corn in between your onions. Once the Onions are gone the Sweet corn will have room to grow.
9. Feed Tomatoes every other week with a high potash liquid feed.
10. 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.
11. Cut off Strawberry runners as they appear (unless you want to make new plants)

Sandra

Annual Beetle Drive

The Mother's Union Beetle Drive this year will be on July 21st at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre, so sharpen up your cards skills and come on down for a fun night out. All welcome.

Betty



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

Beavers learn about Safety.

During June the Beavers have been very busy making lots of craft stuff, which has been great fun, we managed to sell lots of their goodies and raised £60 for toilets to be built in one of the poorest African countries. We will receive a certificate and the toilet will have a plaque which will state it has been sponsored by 15th Morley Beavers.

We also had a sleepover at WRSLS with rest of the 15th Morley Scouting Group, this was great fun and everyone enjoyed a fun Day and rides on the miniature railway. We held our Annual AGM and it was lovely to see so many parents attending. We are now busy with our Safety Badges. We have had a talk on safety near water and swimming, we will now go on to Stranger Danger. We feel at this time coming up to holidays that our children know about the dangers of swimming in areas that are deemed unsafe, i.e. reservoirs, lakes and ponds just to name a few, also talking to stranger or accepting lifts. Most of our children already know about this but we felt as a group we cannot emphasise enough about the potential dangers.

We are now looking forward to our evening with the Cubs when we will celebrate the Tour de France, with a party and games. On the 18th July we will be holding our annual BBQ, parents are also invited to this, hope to see you all there to join in the fun of our last night. But we will be back in September, when we will be losing some of our Beavers to the Cub pack..

Gail and Joanne

Cubs dug it..

The Cubs finished what they started and planted out various crops in the Cub garden - beans, peas, onions and the like. We await the results with baited breath...

St Mary's Playgroup Update...

This term we are concentrating on shapes, numbers, letters and textures in fitting with summer activities such as the World Cup and the beach. The main theme for our older children is 'getting ready for nursery' to help prepare for this transition. The team have taken great pleasure from seeing the children develop and it will be sad to say goodbye to some real characters but we take pride in the fact that we feel they have had such a good start to their education. September will bring new challenges and we are excited and look forward to working with our new starters.

Enrolment has now opened for the forthcoming school year (Sept 1st). The sessions currently available are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (9.45am – 12.15pm). To ensure you get your preferred day(s) we would encourage you to contact us at your earliest opportunity on 07811 146958.

We would like to thank the parent representatives on the Committee for their support. Please remember you are very welcome to stay on the Committee. We must also thank Amanda and Doreen without whom this group would not exist. They've put in a lot of their own time into being involved with the Committee and it is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank our playgroup volunteers, Sally, Margaret and Averille – their help is invaluable.

Becky

Brian's Humour Page

- *Sherlock Holmes and Watson*

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine they lay down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend awake. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?" Holmes questioned.

Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Watson, it tells me that someone has stolen our tent!"

- *The Genie In The Lamp*

A man was walking along a California beach and stumbled upon an old lamp. He picked it up and rubbed it and out popped a genie. The genie said "OK. OK. You released me from the lamp, blah, blah, blah. This is the 4th time this month and I'm getting a little sick of these wishes so you can forget about three. You only get one wish!"

The man sat and thought about it for a while and said, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I'm scared to fly and I get very seasick. Could you build me a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over there to visit?"

The genie laughed and said, "That's impossible! Think of the logistics of that! How would the supports ever reach the bottom of the Pacific? Think of how much concrete . . how much steel!! No, think of another wish!"

The man said OK and tried to think of a really good wish. Finally, he said, "I've been married and divorced four times. My wives always said that I don't care and that I'm insensitive. So, I wish that I could understand women . . . know how they feel inside and what they're thinking when they give me the silent treatment . . . know why they're crying, know what they really want when they say, 'nothing' . . . know how to make them truly happy . . ."

The genie said, "You want that bridge with two lanes or four?"

Brian

Albert's 'ABCD' Quiz

1. Is the secretary bird from a) Africa b) Asia c) Europe or d) South America?
2. Was Frank Sinatra married to a) Ava Gardner b) Betty Grable c) Judy Garland or d) Marilyn Monroe?
3. Is the stripe on the hoist side of the French flag a) Blue b) Green c) Red or d) White?
4. Is the wood hyacinth better known as a) Bluebell b) Buttercup c) Cowslip or d) Primrose?
5. On which island would you have found the former British colonies of Brunei and Sarawak a) Borneo b) Java c) Madagascar or d) Papua New Guinea?
6. In which of these films did Peter Sellers appear? a) Casino Royale b) Dr No c) Goldfinger or d) Octopussy?
7. How many triple word squares are there on a Scrabble board? a) four b) eight c) twelve or d) sixteen?
8. What is the symbol of the US Republican party? a) Bear b) Buffalo c) Donkey or d) Elephant?
9. Who was the 2012 Strictly Come Dancing champion? a) Harry Judd b) Kara Tointon c) Kimberley Walsh or d) Louis Smith?
10. Was Rudyard Kipling's Rikki-Tikki-Tavi a) a fox b) a mongoose, c) a monkey or d) an offer?
11. With which industry are Auk, Beryl and Piper associated? a) Computers b) Mining c) Oil Production or d) Satellite Communications?
12. Which constellation is also known as the Big Dipper? Is it a) Andromeda b) Orion c) the Plough or d) the Southern Cross?
13. Which was Quentin Tarantino's first film as an independent filmmaker? Was it a) Inglorious Bastards b) Jackie Brown c) Pulp Fiction or d) Reservoir Dogs?
14. Was US author Mark Twain's real name a) Hermann Melville b) James Fennimore Cooper c) Samuel Langhorne Clemens or d) William Wilkie Collins?
15. Which starchy food is obtained from the root of the cassava plant? Is it a) Millet b) Sago c) Sorghum or d) Tapioca?
16. When the World Cup Finals were last held in Brazil. Which country won the trophy? Was it a) Argentina b) Brazil c) Chile or d) Uruguay?

Answers on page 34

Albert Shaw

Poetry Corner.

Morning Has Broken is a popular and well-known hymn first published in 1931. It has words by English author Eleanor Farjeon and is set to a traditional Scottish Gaelic tune known as "Bunessan" (it shares this tune with the 19th century Christmas Carol "Child in the Manger").

English pop musician and folk singer Cat Stevens (known as Yusuf Islam since 1978) included a version on his 1971 album 'Teaser and the Firecat'. The song became identified with Stevens when it reached number six on the US Billboard Hot 100 and number one on the US easy listening chart in 1972.

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for the springing fresh from the word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day



Diary for July 2014

Wed 2nd	10:00am	Holy Communion (1662 Setting) - Revd Glen Coggins
Sat 5th	9:30am on	Church and Churchyard clean up.
Sun 6th	8:00am	Holy Communion (said) - Revd Glen Coggins
	10:30am	Holy Communion (sung) - Revd John Pinder-Packard
	12:30pm	Baptism - Revd John Pinder-Packard.
Wed 9th	10:00am	Morning Praise - lay led
Sun 13th	10:30am	All Age Service
	12 noon	Holy Communion (St. Michael's Clergy).
Mon 14th	7:30pm	PCC meeting in Church
Wed 16th	10:00am	Holy Communion (1662 Setting) - Revd Glen Coggins
Thurs 17th	11:00am	Lydgate Lodge Holy Communion
Fri 18th	1:00pm	Wedding
Sun 20th	10:30am	Holy Communion (sung) - Revd Hazel Walker
Wed 23rd	10:00am	Morning Praise - lay led.
Sat 26th	1:00pm	Wedding
Sun 27th	10:30am	Holy Communion (sung) - Revd Stuart Millington
Wed 30th	10:00am	Morning Praise - lay led.

Diary for Early August

Sat 2nd	4:00pm	Wedding
Sun 3rd	8:00am	Holy Communion (said)
	10:30am	Holy Communion (sung) Revd Amanda returns.
Wed 6th	10:00am	Holy Communion

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

Baptisms: In June we welcomed 4 new members to our church:-
Lexi-Rose Tyas, Daughter of Matthew and Amy from Dewsbury.
Cole Charles Coupe, Son of Christopher and Laura from Knottingley.

Arthur Wilfred Tombling, Son of Dean and Hannah from Thornhill.
Evelyn Rose Eastwood, Daughter of Steven and Abigail (Morley).

Weddings:-

Lauren Emslie and Samuel Holmes, Stanley were married at St. Mary's on June 9th. Congratulation from the Church Family.
Susan Holt and Lee Woodall from Tingley, were married at St. Mary's on June 20th. Congratulation from the Church Family.

Funerals:-

Maggie Watford, (Tingley), sadly missed by Family and Friends.
Peter Cleavin, (Tingley). Beloved Husband of Rita will be sadly missed by all the Family.

Kenneth Froggett, From Dewsbury, Will be sadly missed by all his family and Friends.

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Africa. 2. Ava Gardner. 3. Blue. 4. Bluebell. 5. Borneo. 6. Casino Royale. 7. Eight. 8. Elephant. 9. Louis Smith. 10. Mongoose. 11. Oil Production. 12. The Plough. 13. Reservoir Dogs. 14. Samuel Langhorne Clemens. 15. Tapioca. 16. Uruguay.

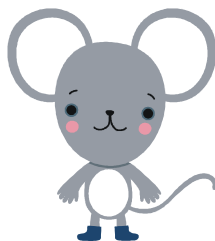
Albert.

Church Mouse Tales...

Misha the church mouse is reminiscing, or is that hallucinating?...

I hear we are going all Medieval next month. I'm wondering if it means a return to the old ways - like eating freshly made bread and 'just picked' fruit and vegetables - sounds good. Or washing in the stream and running naked through the field to dry off. My friend Hubert, the Black Canon, says I'm getting confused, they used to eat naked and run through the fields eating fruit. Well, what does he know? It's not like he was around back then...anyway we are having Mystery Plays performed in Church for the first time for over 500 years - now that is making Hubert all misty eyed.

Misha



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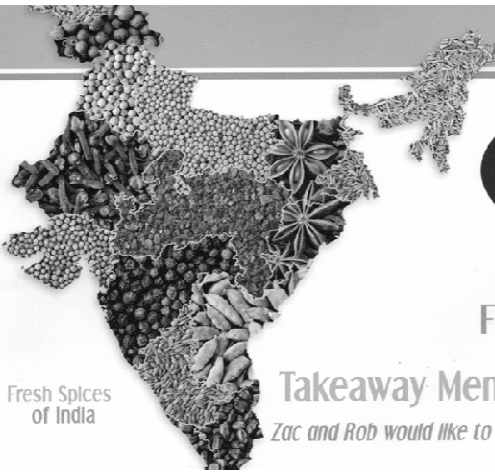
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Girl Guides	Tuesday 7:30pm Vikki Springett 07841 513530
Toddler Group	Wednesday 9:15-11:00am Sally Shaw 01924 475048
Rainbows	Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 689992
Brownies	Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm Hannah Tombling 01924 501892
Keep Fit 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 to 6:15 pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
Cubs	Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm Marianne Ingham 07778 542302
Scouts	Friday 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927
Explorer Scouts	Friday 7:45 pm to 9:30 pm Chris Ingham 07816 517838

Services

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

10:30am Parish Communion

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

12:00pm Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month:

12:30pm Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child

5th Sunday (4 times per year)

10:30 All Age Holy Communion

Wednesdays:

10:00am Holy Communion

1st Thursday:

11:00am Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge

Monday to Friday:

8:45am Morning Prayer

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