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Further news and pictures of what is happening at St Mary's can be found on our web site located at: <a href="www.stmarywoodkirk.org">www.stmarywoodkirk.org</a>
Copies of the magazine can be downloaded from the web site from the middle of the month of publication.

We are on Twitter: twitter.com/stmarywoodkirk

#### Wheelchair Access

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Peace cannot be kept by force.

It can only be achieved by understanding.

Albert Einstein.

#### Prayerful Thought for June - Focus.

Dawn Tattersfield asks us to focus for a few moments...

Well hello again, as I write this piece we have just had some gorgeous summery weather, but just in time for the Spring Bank Holiday weekend it has turned wet and cold! Still all this water is good for the potatoes we have planted in our allotment so I shouldn't grumble.

Anyway, enough of my veggie tales, and on to my subject for this month....focus.

I was inspired for this piece by two things, firstly by wanting to listen to one of our visiting clergy, and then by something my dear old dad used to do that made me laugh, but which I now find myself doing, and that was, if my dad wanted to hear something clearly, he would put his glasses on, because he said "I can hear better with my glasses on"!! and I did that a few Sundays ago, so it made me chuckle, but it also worked!

So I thought I would see if there was a magazine article on the subject, and here you go...

Now I looked for the word focus in the Bible and in my concordance it didn't list it at all, but then using the good old internet, I found no end of references, and although not one of them mentioned the word 'focus' there was no doubt that the passages referred to focussing, here are a few of my favourites;

Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

Also a little bit earlier in Philippians 4:8 "...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

Then in Ecclesiastes, a book I haven't looked at much, and must admit haven't found particularly positive, it says in 9:10 "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might..."

None of these passages have the word 'focus' in them, but I hope you'll agree, there is plenty within them that speaks of focus, and if you need your glasses to see the wording then my dad's edict that he could 'hear' better with his glasses on may apply to you too!

There is a story of Jesus that makes me think of focus immediately and it is in Matthew 14:22-31. It is just after Jesus has fed the 5000 and he sends the Disciples off in the boat whilst he dismisses the people and then he goes on alone to pray. He then goes to meet

the disciples but the boat was far from the land, so He sets out walking on the water to meet the boat. At first the disciples think it is a ghost, but Jesus tells them not to be afraid it is really him, and Peter (of course it would be wouldn't it?) says "if it is you then tell me to come to you on the water", Jesus tells Peter to come and so Peter steps out of the boat and walking on the water goes towards Jesus.

At first, Peter is focussed on Jesus, but then he sees the waves and the wind and starts to sink, he lost his focus.

Now I'm pretty sure I have referred in an earlier article, to me focussing on things more recently in connection with my theology studies. Well I have come to the conclusion that 'multi tasking' is great, if you can do it well, and I'm sure a lot of you out there, particularly if you have family responsibilities will be very good at 'multi tasking'. But whilst I have recognised that for some things I can 'multi task', for example doing a load of washing, ironing a previous load, and baking cakes whilst cooking tea are things I can do all at once, but if I need to write an essay, or have something complex at work that needs doing, then I must focus and have no other distractions.

It also got me thinking about the difference between the Old and New Testaments.

One of my first essays last term was about the nature of God, and it was fascinating to look into this in more detail (easier now that the essay is completed and I got a good mark for it!). I looked at the change in the way God was with man in the Old Testament.

In the beginning, God 'walked' with Adam and Eve in the garden, He walked past Abram and Jacob wrestled with Him! Then with Moses He first appears through a burning bush and throughout the Exodus He appears in mist/cloud. There is further change when God speaks through prophets etc but I won't go through all the details of my essay, let's just say I found it really interesting.

The disciples had Jesus to focus on, who helped them focus and get them to understand so they could carry on when He was no longer on earth. Jesus preached amongst huge crowds, but He also spoke at more intimate gatherings in people's homes, and in some cases had a one to one conversation with someone.

What do we have? It is a long time since anyone saw Jesus. How can we focus in our world today when there are so many distractions? Well if we are to receive all that God and Jesus promise us, then surely amongst our multi tasking, juggling and busyness we can find a slot, however short within our day to focus?

I have a little saying pinned up on my notice board at work and it says 'You will never find time for anything, if you want time, you must make it', which when I look it up is a quote from Charles Buxton an English brewer, philanthropist, writer and MP (who must have followed his own advice to fit in all that, as he was not quite 48 when he died).

Can you 'make' some time in your day to spend with God? It could be on the bus or train going to work, or waiting at the school gate for your child to come out of school, or waiting in that queue at the bank, or perhaps when the kids are in bed and you get in the shower.

You don't have to pick up your Bible (although you may 'hear' better what It has to say with your glasses on like my dear dad) but just close your eyes and focus quietly on God and Jesus. You don't have to say anything, you could just be quiet and still (if you have a family that's probably not something you often have chance to be!).

But if we go back to the beginning of my article and Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." perhaps those few minutes every day will help you focus and get through busy or tough times so you can enjoy the gifts that you receive by making God and Jesus part of your everyday life.

And let's be honest, that pile of ironing will still be there in five minutes won't it?!

Dawn

#### Garden Party for June...

Our Annual garden Party is on Saturday 21st June starting at 10:30 am. There will be the usual array of stalls and prizes to be won, as well as a bouncy castle, tombola, bacon butties and of course great weather! Well hopefully.

David





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Upcoming courses:-

St Michaels, Sunday Service School, East Ardsley. Starting Thursday 3rd July, 7pm and running for three weeks. This is a course aimed at students to help them budget their finances

St Mary's, Parish Centre, Woodkirk. Starting Wednesday 24th September, 7pm and running for 3 weeks. This course is open to everyone who want to take control of their budget

To register your interest in either of the above courses please contact lizaveyard@yahoo.co.uk or call 07791 324221.

Liz Aveyard

#### Christian Aid sponsored walk.

Rachel Harrex walked the walk and helped raise some money...

Fifteen walkers were in for a mixed bag of weather, on Saturday 10 May, when completing a sponsored 5-mile circular walk for Christian Aid. Malcolm and Hazel, from St. Michael's church, East Ardsley, were the guide and car support for our stroll respectively which started from Sandal Castle car park.

We began with a prayer, led by Rujeko Oscars, a volunteer worker with Christian Aid in Leeds, followed by a group photo in front of the ruins before setting off through a field of yellow flowers of oil seed rape with views overlooking Wakefield. Crossing over the beck, Pugneys Drain, and passing playing fields, we soon arrived at Denby Dale Road for our first checkpoint, where orange squash and sweets were provided. From here we followed a footpath along, with the River Calder on our right, until we were near to the M1 and able to go on an embankment path around a lake to end up at the front of the 'Swan and Cygnet' pub. This should have been checkpoint two, but it was only a short hop and a skip to our lunch stop at Pugneys Country Park, so we pressed onwards. There it was lovely to have to some familiar faces from St. Mary's church, Sally and Albert, to greet me and see how I was doing.

Sally had decided that she was unable to do the walk this year and thought of asking me, since she knew I liked walking, but didn't know how to get in contact with me. Then one Sunday morning at the beginning of April she said 'Someone' had been listening to her when I showed up for the first time in a while. I was pleased to be asked, because as a fairly recent newbie to Woodkirk it gave me the chance to talk with others on the walk and see some different places in the area.

Suitably refreshed from our lunch stop, we continued walking anti-clockwise around the lake before taking a path that headed back to Sandal Castle. This strategic mount provided magnificent views to end our walk, looking across at Pugneys Country Park and beyond to the M1 and higher ground of Emley Moor. The rest of my team, Sally and Albert, were there to see me return and we took a look around the Sandal Castle visitors centre to help with their numbers, as they are under threat of closure.

I really enjoyed the walk. This was the easy part as far as I was concerned! It was Sally that had done all the hard work, asking for and collecting sponsorship money, to raise a grand total of £218.10 for Christian Aid, to help in their work with poor communities across the world. Thank you from Sally, Albert and I for your support.

Rachel



The Christian Aid Walkers at Sandal Castle - ready to go!

Rachel is 4th from left.

#### £218.10 Raised for Christian Aid

#### The War to end all Wars...

In this, the centenary year since the start of World War 1, we look at how the conflict began in June 1914 with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand – heir to the Austrian-Hungarian (Habsburg) throne.

The Archduke was on an official visit to Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia, to inspect troops of the Austrian-Hungarian army. Bosnia had become an unwilling addition to the Habsburg empire and Bosnian Serbs wanted to become part of the Serbian nation. A revolutionary group called the 'Black Hand' had mingled with the crowds, armed with bombs to attack the cavalcade. In the event only one bomb was thrown, injuring a driver but no-one else. It seemed the plot had failed and one of the gang, known as Gavrilo Princip, retired to a nearby tavern. Meanwhile the Archduke, having delivered his speech and with inspections complete, elected to visit the injured driver in hospital. This was to be his fatal error. His own driver took a wrong turning and pulled up outside a tavern. Inside, Gavrilo Princip, astonished to see a Royal vehicle rushed outside and murdered both the Archduke and his wife, Sophie. It was the 28th June 1914.

Outraged, the Austrian-Hungarian government blamed Serbia for complicity in the attack and issued a series of ten demands, designed to humiliate them and therefore be rejected. The government, had, however, prior to issuing the demands, sought assurances from Kaiser Wilhelm II that Germany would support them in the event of War. The Kaiser agreed, but appeared to believe that War would not follow. This was to be the second catastrophic mistake. Of course Serbia could not agree to all the demands, and on 28th July 1914, the Habsburg empire declared War on Serbia.

At this time many European countries, as well as Russia, were tied to each other by treaties, so that in the event of one country being attacked or threatened, others had signed agreements to come to their aid. Thus when the Austrian-Hungarian empire declared War on Serbia, they in turn looked to their treaty partner, Russia for support. Russia mobilised its Army. In response the Germans gave Russia an ultimatum, which was ignored. The French were also in treaty with Russia, meaning Germany was at War with both France and Russia. It seemed that no-one paused to consider that this was a dispute between Serbia and the Austrian-Hungarians, caused by a

small revolutionary group whose initial attack had failed miserably.

At this stage Britain were merely on-lookers, with no involvement in the various disputes and treaties, however, Germany needed to defeat the French army before the Russians arrived and the quickest way to do this was to pass through neutral Belgium. This was mainly how Britain became entangled. In 1839 they (along with Germany) had signed a treaty guaranteeing Belgium's neutrality. Since Germany were now the invading force, Belgium turned to Britain to honour their agreement. Britain sought assurances that Belgium's neutrality would be respected, but Germany ignored the request, having the impending war with the Russian army at the forefront of their minds and the need to deal with France quickly as their only strategy to avoid defeat. Britain also had a more loosely worded agreement to support France. Thus on the 4th August 1914 Britain declared war on Germany.

This was not the end of it and many other countries were dragged in by their various allegiances. With Britain's entry into the war, her colonies and dominions variously offered military and financial assistance, and included Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa. Japan also had a 'military agreement' with Britain and joined in. Italy, although allied to both Germany and Austria

-Hungary, was able to avoid entering the fray because it was committed to defend Germany and Austria-Hungary only in the event of a 'defensive' war; arguing that their actions were 'offensive' she declared a policy of neutrality. The following year, in May 1915, Italy sided with the Allies. The USA remained neutral until 1917, when submarine activity by the Germans finally brought them into the conflict.

Thus the War to end all Wars started in earnest, with an estimated 9 million deaths before the end finally came in 1918. It didn't end all Wars, but perhaps marks the beginning of the end?

David



Archduke Franz Ferdinand with wife, Sophie and children.

#### New C of E website for WW1 commemoration

The Church will be launching its own website to bring together resources and stories to commemorate the centenary of World War One. It will act as a source of information and includes suggested orders of service provided by the Liturgical Commission for commemorative events including a service at a War Memorial. The website will explore the church in World War One, and launches with an interview with the renowned broadcaster and writer Kate Adie who talks about the role of church women in the war.

She explains how women coped with losing the breadwinner in the family at a time when they had very few rights. She describes how women weren't permitted to take the collection or hand hymn books out in churches before the war but as men went off to war and the congregations became predominantly female, this changed. You can find the website at: www.churchofengland.org/ww1

## A thousand poppies to bloom for Great War Centenary

Poppies will be grown in the grounds of parish churches and Church of England schools across the country as an act of remembrance for the centenary of World War 1.



Amanda, Averille, Glyn, Alice and Susan planting our Poppy seeds just outside the side door. Also helping were Eileen & Margaret.

#### All-Age Worship @ St. Mary's

On May 8th our All Age service focussed on Christian Aid. We watched the video of Edile's story, aged 9. He lived in a small village in Columbia, but was forced to flee his home when rebels attacked. His Father was killed in the fighting, and now Edile lives with his Grandmother. Christian Aid helped Edile's family to create a safe area where no weapons are allowed and families are protected and feel safe. They hope one day they can return to their former land, but for now, they are happy that they are safe and protected.

We listen to Malcolm reading the story of the Shepherd and the Sheep (see John 10: 1-10). The Shepherd calls the sheep by name - he knows them and they know his voice and feel safe. They will never follow a stranger. Brian tells us about the 'Stick game' where children play in teams and try to make a pile of sticks whilst preventing the other team from making theirs or helping themselves to the newly made pile. The team who wins is the one who can work together best as a team, explains Brian. Working together with Christian Aid we can make a difference to those who need our help.

Sally bamboozled us with a quiz about sheep, shepherds, gates and fences (phew!) before we looked at a picture of Edile's house and suggested things he would not have, that we do - like running water, electricity, fridges, microwaves - and even a playstation! Their house was made from wood and animals lived in the bottom space.

We celebrated our new Baptism children Janine, Cory, Harry and Samuel, before the Cubs and Beavers led us in prayer for the world. Finally we sang 'He's got the whole world in his hands' as a fitting end to the way both Christian Aid and the Church work together to help those in need.

David

#### St. Mary's Chalice and Paten 1954.

Derek Barraclough has been researching St. Mary's artefacts...

On a recent visit to West Yorkshire archives I found this interesting document describing the Chalice and Paten that we use each Sunday here at St Mary's. I wonder if anyone knows its history and who donated it?

As it is the Diamond jubilee of this donation it seems appropriate that we should celebrate it this month.

Chalice and Paten for St Marys Woodkirk given in the will of Mabel Ibberson, the daughter of Dr John Terry who was formerly in practice in Mirfield.

Chalice and Paten in silver fire-gilt with repousse and chased decoration.

The knop and foot also enriched with emeralds and topazes. The calyx of the bowl, the knop and the top of the base, together with

the paten, have a running vine ornament of grapeclusters and leaves. The stem is ornamented with symbolic lilies, also chased and repousse. The Chalice is enriched with six panels of enamel work around the base. depicting various aspects in connection with the Church and family associations as follows: The Crucifixion Our Lady and the Holy Child St Luke the Physician St John the Evangelist St Christopher St Michael The Chalice is 81/2 inches high.



The memorial inscription on paten and under the base of the Chalice is as follows:-

A bequest to St Marys Woodkirk by Mabel Ibberson (Nee Terry) who died 20th May 1953

The details for the scheme for the Chalice and Paten were devised by J.C.Cox, O.B.E

They were designed by Francis Stephen. A.R.C.A. The work was executed by The Faith craft's Works, Westminster, London and several old experienced craftsmen were engaged on various aspects of the production in June 1954.

The Terry family have a long association with St Marys and have two family graves in the churchyard, some family members also applied for a faculty to be buried in the family graves as they lived outside the parish, more regarding this in a later edition. The Terry family also have at least three windows in the church and there is a family connection with the Memorial window for Maurice Nettleton Wilcock Killed in action in WW1 and named on the family grave.

Derek



#### The Monks in Yorkshire (and beyond).

The presence of Monks across Yorkshire and beyond from very early times may have been the springboard for the development of the area with the industrialisation and rapid growth of towns and cities taking their lead from early techniques such as Steel Casting and farming systems as well as knowhow and written records developed by the Monks. The area was served by a number of prominent Abbeys and Priories, including Nostell, Kirkstall, Rievaulx, Fountains, Easby, Monk Bretton, Kirkham, Roche, Whitby, St.Mary's Abbey (York), Jervaulx, Byland and Bolton as well as many smaller churches, like ours, which were Annexes of the larger establishments.

One such Church – just across the border – is at Barnoldswick, now in Lancashire, called St. Mary le Ghyll. Here the Monks found life harder and their story is one of conflict with the locals and troubles with the poorer weather found in this Pennine region.

The story begins in the middle of the 12th century, when a group of monks from the Abbey of St Mary in York, dissatisfied with the fairly lax way of life of the Benedictines at that time, moved to the more austere Cistercian Abbey at Fountains. It happened that Henry de Lacy, of Clitheroe Castle, grandson of 'the Conqueror', fell ill and swore that if he recovered he would build a monastery to the glory of God in honour of St Mary. True to his word, when he recovered, he sought out a suitable site, and his choice fell upon Bernolfeswic. (Barnoldswick).



According to the old monk, Selo, (who was 92 when he died) de Lacy gave land and resources and in 1147 twelve Cistercian monks and ten lay brothers arrived from Fountains Abbey to establish a daughter Church in Barnoldswick on a site which they named St Mary's Mount.

There already was an old church in Barnoldswick, probably a flimsy structure of wood or wattle, but the local people resented the interference of the monks, and during the disputes the monks pulled down the old church in anger. There were other troubles. In the damp Pennine atmosphere, crops would not ripen, and they were harrassed by incursions from the Scots.

By 1152 the monks, and probably the locals, had had enough, and that year the monks moved to a more amenable site at Kirkstall near Leeds, leaving behind only the name Monk Royd or Monk Rood, St Mary's Well and the remains of fishponds.

The matter of the destruction of the local church had been referred to the Pope who found in favour of the monks on the grounds that the pulling down of the church would result in the greater advancement of true religion.

Around 1160, the monks returned to build Ghyll Church, replacing the old one. Ghyll Church is in an idyllic setting along a



narrow country lane beside a (then) natural ravine, hence the name 'Ghyll' Church. The fact that it was built a mile or more from the town is thought to have been some sort of retaliation for the former bad relations with the inhabitants.

The Church is still going today – see pictures – and remains separate from the town, but clearly now well looked after and loved.

David



Karin Shaw, Fresh Expressions Adviser shares information about a free gift in 2014:

DAYOUT! is a free day that everyone linked to a church can enjoy. It will be in Harrogate - a place people really do come to for a good day out! Every church can bring people to be together, have a picnic or lunch out in a café and try out at least one new experience each to reflect on back home. This is a day to share with your family! You can all enjoy Harrogate's beautiful park (adventure playground/skate park/ crazy golf/small boating lake/Pine Woods/flowers/views), the Stray, museums or shopping.



Some or all of your day can be spent experiencing Messy Church, Sweaty Church, Café Church, Mission Action Planning, Rural Festival Planning, Forest Church, Flashmob Choir, Interactive Street Art or.. see the programme on-line at:-

www.visionformission.info

Most sessions will be run by over one hundred volunteers just as they are at home in churches from our Diocese. You choose your own busy or lazy programme! St Peter's (pictured) will be a central prayer zone and other church buildings will host varied sessions and experiences. As mission comes from the heart of God, the prayer zone is the one place everyone should experience during the day, even if it is just for twenty minutes.







#### DAYOUT! can be used as a free Parish Weekend, using

Saturday for the experience and Sunday back home to reflect and eat together. Please think about how you can best use this **free** festival-style day for your church. Check out the website:

#### www.visionformission.info

Reservations for individual experiences can be made on Eventbrite from the link on the website, so if there is something particular you want to make sure you have a space for, please use that facility. Use Eventbrite to get a general ticket even if you don't know exactly what you will pop into yet. Act now to book the date in your diary, free up your church leaders and think about how you are going to enjoy yourself on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

See you there!

Karin Shaw

Fresh Expressions Adviser, Ripon and Leeds Diocese

#### The Kingdom

People often have "hobby Horses" – There is Fred he is always on about politics, or Joan you can guarantee the conversation will turn to food in no more than 5 minutes. It reveals their passion. Jesus had a hobby horse. The Kingdom.

What did Jesus mean by this 'Kingdom' Language? He uses the phrase often, 100 times in Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Old Testament does not mention it at all and it occurs only rarely outside the Gospels. The Kingdom is special to Jesus. Let's try and find out why.

When John the Baptist followers were told the King is coming - they thought Jesus was the King they had been waiting for and a New Kingdom would be upon them. Nevertheless, the followers were in for a shock, he certainly was the promised King, but he turned their ideals about God's rules upside down. They were expecting a display of Power, but Jesus taught them that the focal point of God's Kingdom was gentle empowerment of the weak and disabled members of society. The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to everyone: The poor the distressed and the suffering.

Let's take a look at Marks Gospel, in this Gospel Jesus likens the Kingdom of God to a farmer sowing his seeds; Jesus and his followers sowed the seed of God's Kingdom, but let us remember that they depend on God to grow it.

In Matthew we once again hear about the seeds being sown, but in Matthew we are also told to Listen and share what we hear about the Kingdom. How well do we listen to God as he speaks to us through the sermons and the bible readings we hear each week? The bible helps us to understand what Jesus is trying to tell us about the 'Kingdom' of his father. For us, the Kingdom starts here - not only in our Church but in our lives.

Look around you:

Who is the farmer who sows the seeds?

Do we listen?

Are we the good soil, or do we just let the seed fall on rocky ground? How good and productive is the soil in our lives.

Are we one of those people who listen when we are in Church then just cast off the seed when we leave?

Jesus is here with us helping every one of us sow the seed. It is up to us to help fertilise it, and keep it growing.

Jesus uses the mustard seed to put across his point more forcefully:

Look how tiny the seed is - this is like our faith at the beginning – small - but from this small beginning it starts to grow, slowly. God's intention is not for us to stay that way, we need to grow. Is our faith growing? How can it grow? As the seed need nourishment, so we also need nourishment: we can not just fill a bucket with water and put in some fertilizer and then throw it over ourselves and hope this will make our faith grow, We have been given something more nourishing Jesus and the Bible; in these we will find everything we need to grow.

The Kingdom of God can be found all around us if we care for God and his people.

If we want to see God at the end of our earthly journey, we must help sow his seeds NOW.

We don't have to bang a big drum or scream from the top of the tower to let others know about the Kingdom - we can do it now, don't be embarrassed just look at the person next to you - just give them a smile! Let them know you care - start to sow the seed, but just don't leave it there, what about your neighbours, friends, family who you have not seen or heard from for a long time? Sow the seed now.

Remember the Kingdom is important to Jesus, so it should be important for us to work towards it, here and now.

Gail



#### PAT at St. Mary's

By now all the electrical equipment that needs to be tested according to the so-called Portable Appliance Test (PAT) both in Church and in the Parish Centre will have been done. So if you have an appliance that you bring to Church or the Parish centre, please make sure you have it tested. Thanks.

#### Bedding Plants for Sale...

Grab a bargain from Sandra's nursery...

The bedding plants I normally sell at the Garden party are coming along nicely (really nicely!) As the Garden party is not until the 21st June I wondered if anyone would like to purchase them earlier.

I have.....Lobelia, light and dark blue (bush/upright) Petunias (Frenzy) Busy Lizzies (Impatiens - mixed) Begonias (mixed) and Hollyhocks - 5 only - Majorette. I may also have some Dahlias, but only about 5.

I also have a number of tomato plants - Moneymaker, Ailsa Craig, Roma (a plum) and only three or four LLDI. The latter is a yellow, plum cordon type.

If anyone would like to purchase any plants please contact me on 01924 405790 and I will arrange delivery.

Sandra



Sandra hard at work..

#### Sandra's Seasonal Suggestions

Hopefully it's getting warmer and things may be putting on a spurt. With luck you will be harvesting lettuces, new potatoes and maybe, early peas.

Sandra's Top Tip: Add grass in thin layers to the compost heap. Too much and it may well result in slime in six to nine months time rather than good compost. Tea bags and coffee grounds (and the paper filter) are also useful additions as are egg shells.

- 1. Start feeding tomatoes once the first truss of flowers has set.
- 2. Ensure compost and beds are always moist and never left to dry out. This will help prevent blossom end rot.
- 3. Carrot root fly are active in June so protect carrots, parsley, celery and parsnips with fine mesh.
- 4. Pinch out tips of broad beans once pods start to form. This helps deter blackfly.
- 5. Plant out cucurbits (Pumpkins, Courgettes, Squash, Gherkins etc) Keep an eye out for Jack Frost and protect with fleece or newspaper.
- 6. Weed onions and shallots and snap off any flowers that may appear.
- 7. Water peas and potatoes.
- 8. Sow more Lettuce, Radish, Spring onion, Salad leaves and Coriander.
- 9. Plant out Sweetcorn and sow Fennel where it is to grow.
- 10. Tie in Runner Beans as they grow.

If you have areas of long grass and you don't need to cut all of it in one go, why not just mow a narrow path through the middle? Long grass can provide a good habitat for certain creatures. Coffee grounds (and the paper filter) are also useful additions.

Sandra



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

#### Beavers go Outdoors!

During May the Beavers have been very busy with their Outdoor badge, including listing the equipment they would need to take with them on a long hike, i.e. clothing to wear, and what other clothing they might need, what to kind of foot wear they would need, what food to bring, also what they would need if the weather was very hot. They all did very well.

We have also been busy making lots of craft stuff, which has been great fun, we are hoping to sell what they have made at our AGM on the 20th June. The Beavers decided they would like to do some fund raising for toilets to be built in one of the poorest African countries.

We will be twined with either Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Cambodia., Chad, Ethiopia, Liberia, Nepal Sierra Leone, Uganda or Zambia and we need to raise £60 for one toilet. If you are unable to attend the AGM and would like to make a donation please see any of the Beaver Leaders. We will receive a certificate and the toilet will have a plaque which will state it has been sponsored by 15th Morley Beavers, and the location of the toilet.

We still have lots more planned for the Beavers to take part in, so a very busy time ahead for all of us.

Gail and Joanne

#### Scouts reach their target!

After a long campaign of MILK BOTTLE TOP collection, the Scouts were given the great news over the Easter break that they have reached their target to enable a specialist wheelchair to be obtained. The child's parents wish to pass on their warm thanks to ALL who have assisted in their quest. The Scouts' efforts have certainly reduced the waiting time for the specialist equipment to arrive.

If you still have some TOPS then don't throw them away! Bring them along to Scouts and they will be passed on to another deserving child.. Many thanks to everyone for their efforts.

Skip

#### Cubs digging it ...

A few weeks ago The Cubs planted some seeds in trays and took them home to grow them on. Various vegetables including Tomatoes, beans, lettuce and so on have been planted. They spent a couple of Fridays digging their little garden at the side of the Parish Centre, and now it is ready for planting. The seedlings will be planted out after the May holiday.

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

Becky Schofield has taken up the reins at the Playgroup..

I was delighted to be offered the opportunity to accept the position of Playgroup Supervisor last month. It was really nice to see familiar faces from the time my son attended playgroup some 5 years ago.

Following the Easter break our theme this term is children's characters including Peppa Pig, Bob the Builder and Fireman Sam to name a few. To date the children have really embraced the theme and have expressed their imaginative ideas aided with the help of dressing up.

Places within the playgroup are currently up to capacity and demand is strong. In July we will be aware of the vacancies available in September therefore we encourage you to register your child as early as possible to ensure your child gets the preferred days.

Any suggestions or comments regarding the playgroup activities are welcome to achieve our aim of maximising the children's development.

Becky

#### Brian's Humour Page

- Recycling is a new idea....

Checking out at the supermarket, the young cashier suggested to the much older woman, that she should bring her own grocery bags because Plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologised and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young cashier responded, "That's our problem today - your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right -- our generation didn't have the 'green thing' in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, lemonade bottles and beer bottles to the shop. The shop sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilised and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery shops bagged our groceries in brown paper bags, that we re-used for numerous things, most memorable besides household bags for rubbish, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school), was not defaced by our scribblings. But too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have a lift in every supermarket, shop and office building. We walked to the local shop and didn't climb into a 300 horsepower machine every time we had to go half a mile. But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's Terry Towel nappies because we didn't have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 3 kilowatts — wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then, we had one radio or TV in the house - not a TV in every room and the TV had a small screen the size of a big handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of Scotland In the kitchen. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a tap or fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the 'green thing' back then.

#### The Adventures of Thomas Pinder-Packard..



After a short browse through the magazine.....



.....Thomas thought of a better idea..

#### Poetry Corner.

#### On the wings of prayer

Just close your eyes and open your heart, And feel your worries and cares depart, Just yield yourself to the Father above, And let Him hold you, secure in his love.

For life on earth grows more involved, With endless problems that can't be solved, But God only asks us to do our best, Then he will 'take over' and finish the rest.

So when you are tired, discouraged and blue, There's always one door that is open to you, And that is the door to 'The House of Prayer', And you'll find God waiting to meet you there.

And 'The House of Prayer' is no farther away, Than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray, For the heart is a temple when God is there, As we place ourselves in His loving care.

And he hears every prayer, and he answers each one, When we pray in His name, 'Thy will be done', And the burdens that seem too heavy to bear, Are lifted away on 'the wings of prayer'.

Helen Steiner Rice

#### Albert's 'Jewellery' Quiz

- 1. Which country is known as the 'Emerald Isle?
- 2. What was Elkie Brooks' first hit record?
- 3. How many years of marriage are celebrated at an Emerald Jubilee?
- 4. Which birthstone begins with the same letter as the month it represents?
- 5. Who was the male lead in the 1985 film 'The Jewel of the Nile?
- 6. Which semi-precious stone shares its name with a type of aeroplane?
- 7. Millionaire stand-up comedian Robert Davies has a stage name which combines a semi-precious stone and a vegetable. What is it?
- 8. Who played the male lead in the film 'When Harry Met Sally'?
- 9. Which gem can be linked with 'Baseball, Jubilee and Playing Cards'?
- 10. Which Peter Sellers film about the theft of a precious stone sounds as if it is about a colourful animal?
- 11. Name the 1979 TV crime series featuring Joanna Lumley and David McCallum?
- 12. Who sang the theme tune for the James Bond film 'Diamonds Are Forever?
- 13. Which gem has the same name as an Andy Williams hit and a game of patience?
- 14. Name the sensational 1940s novel by Kathleen Winsor that was later filmed starring Linda Darnell; Cornel Wilde and George Sanders?
- 15. Who played the title role alongside Charlton Heston in the film 'Ruby Gentry'?
- 16. Which Ruby had hits in the British music charts in the 1950s?
- 17. In which American state is Pearl Harbour?
- 18. Which Pearl was often found on railway lines in early silent movies?

Answers on page 38

Albert Shaw

#### Snail Race Wins Big!

Our social event for may was the Snail Race, and with almost 80 tickets sold we had a full house for the main event. Cartoon snails raced across the screen - some coming to sticky ends (yuk!) and with each race having runners and riders sponsored and named by the all the local community, we were in for a great evening of drama and fun

Brian Gledhill hosted the evening and our trusty tote masters, Gary, Julie and Derek kept up with the action taking the bets and working out the payouts (£4 for a win!). Meanwhile our kitchen staff produced a fine selection of goodies for the buffet and drinks were also available. If you haven't tried it yet, a social event at Woodkirk is a great night out and good value too.

After costs were deducted we managed to make £836 towards the Church renovation, so a great result to a great evening.

David



£836 Raised for Church Restoration

#### Diary for June 2014

Sun 1st	8am	Holy Communion (said)  – Revd. Glenn Coggins
	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)  – Revd. John Pinder-Packard
	12.30pm	Baptism service – Revd. John Pinder-Packard
Wed 4th	9:15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (common Worship)
Sat 7th	9:30am on	Church and Churchyard clean up.
Sun 8th	10:30am	All Age Service - Pentecost.
	12:00	Holy Communion (St. Michael's Clergy)
Mon 9th	3:00pm	Wedding
Wed 11th	10:00am	Morning Praise with Gail
Sun 15th	10:30am	Holy Communion
		- Revd Paul Rolfe
Wed 18th	10:00am	Holy Communion (Iona Setting)
		- Revd Glen Coggins
Thurs 19th	11:00am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
		Derek Barraclough
Fri 20th	4:30pm	Wedding
Sat 21st		Garden Party in the Vicarage
Sun 22nd	10:30am	Holy Communion
		-Revd. Stuart Millington
Wed 25th		Morning Praise with Gail
Sun 29th	10:30am	Holy Communion
		-Revd. David Andrew

#### Diary for Early July

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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 with Gail

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

#### Baptisms:-

On 27th April we welcomed Janine Lindsey Worth from Middleton in Baptised at a special service

In May we welcomed 3 new members to our church in Baptism; Samuel Baker, Son of Kieran and Lisa from Tingley. Corey John Wainwright, Son of David and Sarah from Batley. Harry Cawood, Son of Christopher and Kelly from Tingley.

#### Weddings:-

Lee Ramsden and Rochelle Dilworth from Morley were married at St. Mary's on May 10th. Congratulation from the Church Family. Warren Beverley and Emma Farrar, from Castleford, were married at St. Mary's on May 25th.

Congratulations from the Church Family.

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Ireland. 2. Pearl's A Singer. 3. 55 years. 4. Opal (October). 5. Michael Douglas. 6. Jet. 7. Jasper Carrot. 8. Billy Crystal. 9. Diamonds. 10. The Pink Panther. 11. Sapphire and Steel. 12. Shirley Bassey. 13. Solitaire. 14. Forever Amber. 15. Jennifer Jones. 16. Ruby Murray. 17. Hawaii. 18. Pearl White

Albert.

#### Church Mouse Tales...

Misha the church mouse is at the wrong end again...

I think it's unfair! I protest and I want to speak to someone in charge! I don't think Pat should be relentlessly tested in this indiscriminate manner, I mean - what has he done to deserve such a fate? Hubert said I was out of phase, and I have my wires crossed, but someone needs to stand up for the little man here. Sparks will fly - I can tell you! It's a testing time for all of us. Now I find Ratty coming to a sticky end last week, a mouse has to be careful what he chews these days. On a brighter note, there's the Garden Party coming up and word has it Pat wont be tested about that. At least he'll be able to re-charge his batteries.

Misha

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Margaret Hampshire 01924 476721

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Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710

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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 & 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

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