

# **Parish News**

**St Mary's, Woodkirk**

**Remember**



**November 2014**



## **This Month:**

**The First Cut; Pews Out; Church in a  
Shoe Shop; Postcards from the War;  
Flower Festivals; Bridge Building;  
GEMs and Hosts.**

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## **Bread**

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There is such beauty in bread  
Beauty of Sun and Soil  
Beauty of Patient Toil.  
Wind and rain have caressed it,  
Our Lord often blessed it.  
Be Gentle when you touch bread.

An Unknown Land Girl.

## **Step inside – experience the difference.**

As I write, the builders have just arrived to begin work on the redevelopment of the rear of the church. As the weeks unfold, we'll see, little by little, the vision becoming a reality, as toilets are plumbed in, a kitchenette constructed, a ramp built. But that's only a small part of the vision. The much bigger part of the vision is how the building might be used in more flexible and creative ways thereafter. The vision is not just in the hands of the architect and builders. It's in our hands. But we have to step inside it. It will be February before the work will be completed, and then we will want to offer people the chance to 'step inside' and experience the building for themselves. There will be photos in the press, and on the website, I have no doubt. But there's a world of difference between seeing the change and experiencing the change. You need to step inside.

Derek and I discovered the truth of that recently. On our recent cruise holiday, we made our way, as became our custom, to the theatre after the evening meal. On this particular evening a Dusty Springfield tribute artist was performing. It's a bit before my time, of course, but the songs are familiar and there was little else to do in the evenings. However, unusually, the theatre was packed to overflowing and there were no seats to be had. We were invited to go instead to a bar where a simultaneous broadcast would be screened. That way, we could be part of the show, though not physically present in the theatre.

To be honest, it felt pretty flat, and wholly unimpressive. Yet, overhearing those who had been present in the theatre talking about it, it sounded like it had been for them a different event altogether. It was difficult to see what they were enthusing about. What was the big deal? The difference was, they had been inside the experience. We had been watching the self-same material, at the same time, in the same ship. But we had watched it from the outside, detached from it. To us, it felt small and ordinary. We couldn't understand what all the fuss was about.

It's a good picture of what being a Christian is all about. You can hear the same stories, discover the life of Jesus, read the Bible and pray in a 'small screen' way, and wonder why other people are excited by an experience which to you may seem small and unexciting. What are you missing? What have they found that you've not? You need to 'step inside'. Not church, but a relationship with

Jesus. Pick up a Bible and expect to step inside a story which is bigger than you, and which will carry you along in its flow.

We are not about 'Churchianity' – it's not about church. We are about Christianity – it's about Jesus. And excited as we are about stepping inside the redeveloped church and discovering its potential, that's not really the vision. The vision is about inviting people to step inside an experience of Christ, of Jesus' love and discovering the potential that has to change life.

People across the globe today are, like generations before, suffering martyrdom for their allegiance to Jesus – in Syria, Egypt, Libya, Pakistan and many other places. Why? What's worth so much you'd die for it? You have to step inside something to discover that. We see around us a world where young people are hungry to engage with something bigger than themselves, and so are wide open to the harmful influences of extremism. If all our culture can offer is a secular consumerism which has airbrushed God out, we have nothing effective to give. There is so much more. But we'll never discover it if we don't step inside. Not church, but faith.

Revd. Amanda



The Mayor of Morley, Wyn Kidger makes the first cut,  
to start the trench for the new toilets.

## The Changing Church...

1. Below: As it was - with piece of wood to make a table.



2. With Pews removed and ready for transporting. Six have gone to local homes, meanwhile the other six have gone to a restaurant in Kent.



## **The church that began in a Shoe shop...**

A new church that originally met in a shoe shop has been officially launched by Bishop Nick.

Riverside church began four years ago from nothing – or rather, from just an idea to connect with the 10,000 people who'd come to live in the new communities in and around Leeds. Pioneer Minister, the Revd James Barnett conducted 600 one-to-one interviews with the new residents and as a result a small group began meeting in a disused shoe shop. With a complete mix of ages and backgrounds, there's now a core group of 80 adults and 25 children, 50% of whom church is something completely new. And this year alone five people were baptised. James says, "It's really proved to me that if you invest in personal relationships then people show up."

He adds, "Essentially we're a church without a building - along the way we've met in different places, including the Royal Armouries, and now we meet on a Sunday at Holy Trinity Boar Lane. But we're not just about Sunday: we have seven 'missional communities' around the city, which are small weekly gatherings of people who are committed to the values of Riverside. They're quite diverse, some are based around a pub quiz or curry, so that it's easy to bring friends along, and one is a traditional Bible study group. We prefer not to use the label 'fresh expression' – we think of ourselves as just another church; doing the same things but differently.



*Bishop Nick (centre) with Revd James Barnett and Revd Hannah Smith (Curate).*

## **Bridge-building Ecumenical style.**

Just a couple of months ago, on 21st September at 6pm we enjoyed a rousing, and inspiring, Songs of Praise event at St. Mary's, as we hosted representatives from other local congregations to come and share their favourite hymns with us. The result? A rich tapestry of new and old tunes, and rousing choruses which definitely gave us the feel good factor. From our own congregation, Barbara Tate opened the proceedings of the evening with her chosen hymn, How Great Thou Art. She spoke of how it was sung at our former organist's funeral earlier in the year, and how it reminded her of the hope of heaven. That theme of future hope seemed to run like a golden thread through all that was chosen and shared. The 'grand finale' was Mark Dilworth's choice, 'Guide me O thou Great Redeemer' which he saw as a thread woven into his own life experience, as a child in the Rugby stadium, and as a young man serving in the Falklands, and now in his daily life. Singing it made the hairs on the back of his neck stand up, he said. We shared that experience as we raised the St. Mary's roof.

But there are many reasons why not everyone from the congregation are free to enjoy such an event. Why not do something ecumenical on a Sunday morning? The opportunity has now presented itself. I have been invited, as part of a weekend at West Ardsley Methodist Church focussing on Mission, to talk about my experiences in Tanzania. Being part of a 'Rooted in Jesus' team two years ago, sharing with church leaders in the Morogoro area of Tanzania, was an enriching experience and one I have been keen to share. So the invitation to lead the worship in the Methodist Church on Sunday 16th November seemed an opportunity too good to miss.

Now of course, it is not possible for me to be in two places at once, and in the spirit of ecumenical partnership, we have, with the permission of Bishop Nick, invited Revd. Paul Martin from the local Methodist Church to conduct our Anglican worship at St. Mary's that day. Given that Paul was trained on the Northern Ordination Course, just as I was, there is every reason to make that possible as a one-off event. So, with all diocesan permissions in place, we embark on the venture with excitement, knowing we can be enriched by one another's traditions and styles. We have rich evidence of that already through the Songs of Praise events. It's great to be able to bring that to bear on our Sunday morning worship for once.

Revd Amanda

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

Well here we are at November, the time of the year when we particularly focus on remembrance, when the nation remembers those who have been lost in conflict. As my husband is a First World War historian I automatically think of the 1914-18 conflict, although we must not forget all those who died in the conflicts after that, not only the Second World War but in too many other conflicts too.

Perhaps over these next four years as we remember particularly the centenary of the First World War there will be more of a focus on that particular conflict. There has certainly been more television coverage about it, but we must be careful not to judge a century ago by the values that are prevalent today. We may think that we should never have got involved, or we may wonder why so many young men volunteered in such great numbers. We have to remember that there was not the immediate and global sharing of news and 'the world' that there is today, or that your job may see you travelling around your local area or perhaps further afield. In the main you were born, brought up, lived and worked in a small area. There was no television to see what was happening as far away as London, let alone other countries like France and Germany or the Middle East. I often puzzled over why going to war was seen as 'an adventure' when I can nip from Wakefield and through the courtesy of the East Coast Mainline and Eurostar be in the capital of France within probably about 7 or 8 hours but this was not possible or even conceivable really in 1914. There was no Facebook or Email, the only way you communicated was face to face, or by letters.

Well I was very privileged recently to be shown some postcards that are from 100 years ago, they belonged to the sweetheart of Stead Bairstow, one of the young men from our War Memorial, and are kept by his family. The majority of these postcards were not written on but had been bought to write to Stead out on the frontline, but some of them are written on, from Stead to his sweetheart Lydia and his mum. There are two types,

there are some really pretty embroidered ones, they are so dainty it is wonderful that they have survived all these years, some are printed with poignant messages. I have included here some photographs of some of the postcards, although what you can't see is the lovely craftsmanship or the pretty colours.

Sadly Stead Bairstow was killed on 25th April 1918. but his memory remains in his handwritten messages to his sweetheart and his mum, that we can see and read today.

Thank you to Brian and Wendy for sharing their lovely family mementos with me.

Dawn Tattersfield





## Remembering loved ones.

We will be holding a special Memorial Service at 6pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at which our loved ones can be remembered by name, and we can light candles in their memory. All those who have experienced a loss over the last year have been personally invited, but we are very aware that the pain of bereavement lasts much longer than a year. This service has importance for many of us in the journey through grief.

If you would like to join us for this service, the name of the one you have come to remember will be added to the list at your arrival at church. You will be invited, should you wish to do so, to come forward during the service, and light your candle in their memory as their name is read out.

Many who have come in previous years have found this a moving and healing service for them. Grief can be a lonely place – it's reassuring that you do not walk the path alone. I always find it a great joy to see again families who I had the privilege of supporting at the time of the funeral and hear how they have coped.

Revd Amanda



## **The Posada Adventure returns to Woodkirk!**

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph used to travel from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph into a crib scene.

Today, in Britain, things are done slightly differently! Small Nativity figures of Mary and Joseph and the donkey are prayed over, that the homes they visit will be blessed with the presence of the Christ Child, during a Sunday service. They are then entrusted to the care of a member of the congregation, who 'hosts' Mary and Joseph (and the donkey) for the first night. (Don't worry, they don't eat much!!).

A Journey Rota will be displayed at the back of church, and you simply add your name on a night which suits you, to 'host' the nativity figures. The folk who hosted them the night before will arrange to bring them to your house, and will say a simple prayer with you, which comes with the Posada set, as you take them in. The next day, you will take Mary and Joseph to the next home on the Journey Rota, and so on. We aim to have a map up in the porch detailing their journey that week, the route they have taken, and with the aid of a disposable camera, build up pictures of the families or individuals who have given Mary and Joseph room for the night. The journey goes on throughout the four weeks of Advent. On Christmas Eve, Mary and Joseph will be brought by the final host into church for the Christingle celebrations. Last year, the photos of the families who had hosted the Posada were displayed in church after Christmas and proved quite a focus of attention. Why not get your photo there this time round?

Posada is a great way to consciously make room in our homes for the presence of the Christ- child. It's something which can involve the youngest families with children – how exciting, to have Mary and Joseph to stay with you overnight! But it also has much value and comfort to the oldest members of the congregation. Those who took part last year commented on the pleasure they found welcoming the bearers of the set, sharing a coffee and mince pie as well as the whole experience. It is a great way to build community and get to know other church members better. I particularly enjoyed the time I spent handing over the figures, and making time to talk and share a simple prayer in their homes.

Watch out for the rota, and consider signing up. You won't regret it!

Revd Amanda

## **George's Organ Concert is a GEM.**

On 4th October our organist George Ford returned for a one-off concert with friends Elizabeth Cockshott and Max Smith. All of them are Year 3 BMus (Hons) students at the University of Huddersfield. In addition to their university studies, all three have church organists' posts, with both George and Elizabeth Organ Scholars at Leeds (Catholic) Cathedral and meanwhile Max is organ scholar at Wakefield (C of E) Cathedral. All three receive tuition from Dr. Graham Cummings at the University, with George also having had additional tuition from Gareth Green.

The three played a varied programme demonstrating a variety of styles from different periods including Mendelsohn and Bach Sonatas, with W. Mathias, Lang, Buxtehude, Karg-Elert and Vierne. George ending the programme with Gigout's Toccata in B Minor which was a great way to end. Yes, **G**eorge, **E**lizabeth and **M**ax served up a real GEM.

David.



George  
(centre) with  
friends  
Elizabeth and  
Max after  
the Concert.

## **Prayerful Thought...Remembering to Pray.**

Hello there. How are you at remembering?

Are you really good and can recollect things with clarity, or do you remember snippets but not all that you may wish you wanted to remember? Do you remember things from quite a while ago but forget what you went into the other room for?!

I seem to have a reasonable memory for things, but I rarely remember things in the right order. I remember at school I loved history, although the year I sat my O levels we studied modern history like the Industrial Revolution and Trade Unions! But although to this day I remember talking about Jethro Tulls Seed Drill and the Tolpuddle Martyrs, I couldn't tell you to what years they relate.

In my theological studies I am also frustrated by this inability to remember where a certain bible story is, and sit in awe when my fellow students can refer to a story I know about but they can also say where it is found.

Jesus must have been frustrating to be around sometimes, certainly in his encounter with 'the evil one' after he had been in the wilderness for forty days and forty nights which we find in Matthew Chapter 4 and Luke Chapter 4. We know that the devil tried to tempt Jesus and each time Jesus came back with some reference to scripture saying 'Man does not live by bread alone' and 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test'.

The Apostle Paul also was great at quoting scripture and made many references to the law and the life of Jesus when he was writing all those letters to the people in Rome, Romans 1 verse 17 or Corinth 1 verse 31 (There are many more I just picked out these two).

The thing is that Jesus and Paul had studied the scriptures, they read them or referred to them every day.

In the past I tried to talk to one of my nieces about times tables and percentages as she struggled a bit with her maths (nothing to do with me, but she has improved and is now doing well). But it was funny, I could not explain how I managed to take 10% off the price of something in a sale even though to me it was a simple 10p in the £1, I just did it, or how can you explain that you just know that  $7 \times 7$  is 49??

The thing is, we learned, and over time there are things that we then can instantly recall, or skills that we use automatically. I always remember if I was going anywhere in the UK I would always ask my dad about the route I should take. As a long distance lorry driver, then

coach excursion driver (before he finished his career as a service bus driver in this area) as well as holidaying with my mum all over the UK, there weren't many places in the country that he hadn't been, or could suggest a good route for getting there. My dad also disliked motorways and so often had quite a scenic route rather than whizzing down a motorway missing the lovely little towns and villages en route.

Now I know I am going to extremes a little by studying theology to learn more about the bible, but I didn't start off thinking "Oh I think I'll start studying theology"! No, it began by my following a daily bible devotional time.



I use the UCB Word For Today that I picked up initially from the back of church. It has a thought for the day which has a theme like 'Make your time count' or 'Are you growing spiritually?' and there is a very short bible reference and then at the bottom of each daily bit there are some bible verses to read called 'Bible in a year'. Now I've tried to follow the passages for a year, but I always manage to miss a few!

But what I found was, the more I read and used this resource the better recall I was having on stories in the bible or in quite a lot of cases I was reading parts of the bible I hadn't read before and learning lots of new 'stuff', and it was this that led me to want to learn more, which in turn led me to take the step to study theology and then move on down the path to becoming a lay reader.

I'm not suggesting that you all start studying theology, although perhaps some of you may be thinking that you could perhaps do so. No I am just suggesting that you start a daily devotional time with God. It doesn't take a long time, and do you know what, it doesn't actually matter when you take this time. I do try over my cuppa and cornflakes in a morning, but do you know, God doesn't mind whether it's at 6.30am, 12 noon or 11.30pm, he's just waiting patiently for you to say, "well God here I am, I've set aside this time to be with you".

Do you believe in 'God works in mysterious ways'? or do you count it as coincidence?

Well a few weeks ago, the daily thought was about 'When prayer is hard work' and referred to a little saying I have seen on those little prayer cards you often find in cathedral or church shops and it says...

"I got up early one morning, and rushed right into the day. I had so much to accomplish, I didn't have time to pray. Troubles tumbled about me, and heavier became each task; "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered, "You didn't ask."...I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day. I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

Well I knew I was in for a busy day and that there might be some difficulties in my day, but I took time to sit quietly and pray to god. I didn't ask him to sort my day out or to get rid of whatever it was that may be troublesome. No I just asked him to be with me and guide me through the day.

I recall a poster I once had that had on it "Lord let me remember that nothing's going to happen today that you and I can't handle together".

I often think of this saying when I have a difficult day ahead, and it is also helpful when I panic about not getting on with my studies. I remind myself that God is leading me in this direction, it's not easy fitting everything in and I seem to dash from meeting to meeting or task to task, but if I spend that time with God and just ask him to be a part of my day then already I feel more positive about it.

So, if you don't do so already, are you ready to take up a daily devotional time with God? Can you squeeze a time with God into your busy day? You don't need the paper version of UCB for today, you can get their devotionals online, and I know there are devotional daily messages you can have 'pinged' to your smart phone. Now whilst I am not a technophobe and do have a smart phone I haven't managed to sit down with it for long enough to discover whatever 'Devotional App' I need, but perhaps that is something I need to do, then it will 'ping' at me and remind me to spend those few precious minutes with God.

Prayer doesn't have to be hard work, and who knows what the outcomes may be of that time with God. Maybe you won't get less things to do, but perhaps you will get is a sense of calm to cope better with what the day throws at you.

It's got to be worth a try hasn't it??

Dawn Tattersfield

# **Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2014**

## **Service of Remembrance with British Legion 10.30am**

We welcome you to join us for the Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.30am, at which the local branch of the British Legion will be joining us. Whilst this would normally be our All-Age Service, it takes a different format, but there will be appropriate activities organised for children in the Parish Centre if they wish to remember in that way.

As the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War it will be especially significant and poignant. We will be distributing replica copies of the Gospel of St. John which are like those given to each soldier serving during the Great War. For many of these young men the comfort and strength they found in the words in that small gospel were a lifeline to them. For some the physical presence of that small gospel in their breast pocket proved to be the difference between life and death.

Each Gospel has a page within it where a soldier is invited to complete a personal declaration of personal commitment to follow Jesus as a Christian disciple. These pages, returned to relatives with their personal effects in the event of their death, have brought deep comfort to families.

We are asking people to take one of these gospels only if they have a serious intent to read it and find the same comfort and strength for themselves which these soldiers found. Each deserves to be treated as much more than a souvenir. Generally speaking it is not the book which saves lives – it is the words within it. To put it on a shelf or in a cupboard misses the point.

## **Memorial Service 6pm**

At our 6pm Memorial Service we welcome any to join us who wish to come and remember a loved one from their family who has died by lighting candles as their names are recited. We are only able to send out personal invitations to those whose loved one's funeral took place over the last year, but the service is open to all who wish to come. Names can be handed in on arrival to be included in the service. I know how many people find this a helpful event to be part of – some come year after year, and can see in doing so how life has moved on, but the love they cherish remains undimmed despite the passage of time.

Revd. Amanda

## **St. Albans Flower Festival - Kath makes her debut.**

For four days in September 2014, from the 25th to 28th, St Albans Cathedral was transformed into a stunning oasis of colour and sound when the 2014 'Music in Bloom' Flower Festival opened to the public. Beautiful and imaginative flower displays clothed the ancient stones and architecture of this unique building as over 20,000 visitors came to experience one of the largest events in the region in 2014.

Our very own Kath Randall, now living near Bedford was honoured to be invited to prepare a display for this magnificent event, and she did not disappoint, with the beautiful arrangement seen below. (Although black and white does not do it justice).

From huge constructions to delicate posies, the flower arrangements were themed on musical titles of every genre and the Cathedral echoed to the sound of local musicians, carefully chosen to complement the flowers and the setting.

We were amazed at the diversity of displays - from actual Motorcycles with a 'Bat out of Hell' theme, to a Teddy Bears picnic and everything in between including modern themes from JLS and Pink



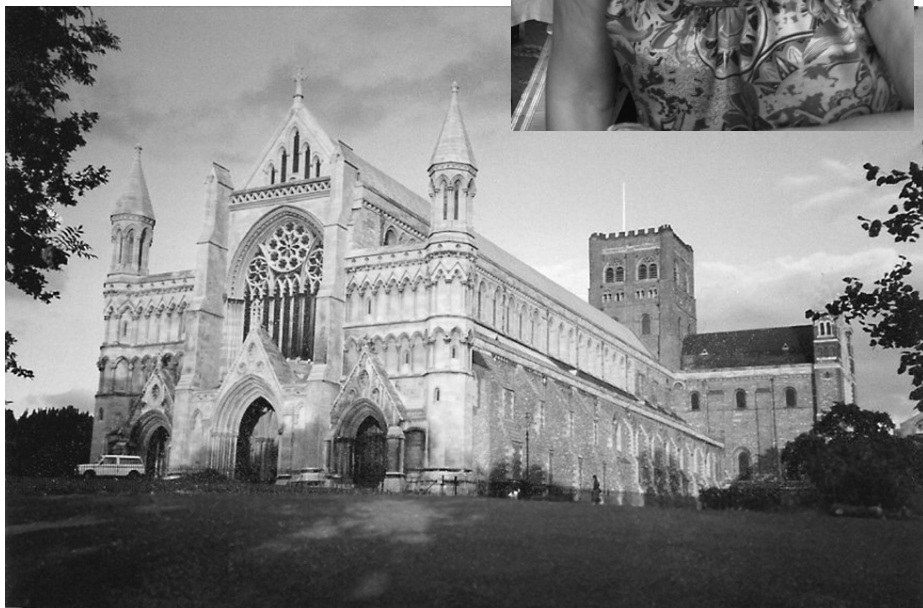


Floyd as well as the classics - with over 130 displays, there really was something for everyone.

Representing her new church, St. Mary's at Clophill in Bedfordshire, Kath's theme music was the Hymn 'The Church's one Foundation' and she spent many hours preparing the arrangement to be perfect for the 4 day event. It was too.

David

Kath Randall



St. Albans Cathedral

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# THE GREAT CHRISTMAS MAKE OFF



**Children's Activity Day**

**Make, Learn, Play..**

**Saturday 13th December 2014**

**10am-1pm**

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

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

***(Accompanied 3 year olds welcome)***

**Cost: £3 per child.**

**Ring Amanda on 01924 472375 to secure your place**

## Carols for all.

One of the joys of the preparation for Christmas is the opportunity to take the true message of Christmas out to people in the time-honoured traditions of singing carols.

Why not join us on Saturday 6th December (probably 11am-2pm – to be confirmed) at Country Baskets to sing carols to those who have come for their trimmings? We'll be in the entrance area near the reception desk – if you're not sure where, keep your ears open and you'll hear us before you see us.

Then on 16th December we'll be sharing carols, crackers and choccies (all the 'c's!!) with the residents of Lydgate Lodge, who always enjoy sharing the carols with us. Some won't remember what they had for tea, but they'll remember all the words of 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' and will join in with gusto. It's a privilege to be able to bring a little bit of Christmas cheer to other along our way.

I know how busy this time of year can be, so if you can put the dates in your diaries now, it will be easier for you to share the joy with us.

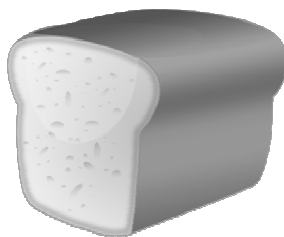
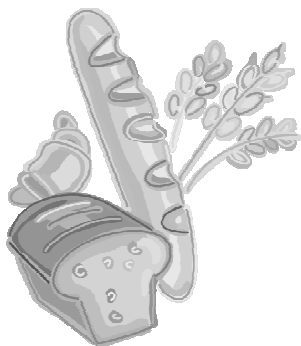
Revd. Amanda

## Harvest Thankyou.

On behalf of South Leeds Food bank can I say a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to the Harvest festival. Thanks also to Amanda and the PCC who decided that we should have half of this year's collection.

I delivered almost 60kilos of food on Tuesday. (For those of you who have not gone metric yet including me, 50 kilos is a hundredweight). A substantial amount just in time for the half term holidays, when we are usually busier.

Thank you again. Barbara Tate



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

The season is not so much drawing to a close but rather it's starting. Now you can start to plant some crops for next season such as Garlic, Peas and Broadbeans. Garlic needs a period of cold so try and put some in the ground now in time for the first frosts. Plant garlic.

1. Sow Broadbeans and Peas.
2. Dig heavy soils and leave in clumps for the frost to break down.
3. Wash pots and seed trays thoroughly in soapy water. Also clean and oil your tools.
4. Bring in the last of the dried beans such as Runner and French.
5. Harvest leeks when required. Heel some in horizontally, in a shallow trench by the back door allowing easy access when it's cold!
6. Plant patio containers for spring colour using hyacinths, daffodils, crocus and grape hyacinths as well as fritillary and Iris reticulata.
7. Stake any Brussels sprouts that look leggy. Pick off any yellowing leaves.
8. Lift Chicory and Rhubarb for forcing. Rhubarb crowns should be at least three years old.
9. Remove foliage from Chicory and place in a warm, dark place.
10. Take a moment to talk to gardening friends, relatives and neighbours to see if there is a way to save money. There are often bulk buying deals for fertilizers, composts and seeds.

Sandra

## A Very Public Toilet!

I came across this toilet whilst on holiday last month. It was in the house used by Christopher Columbus when in Gran Canaria, but I think that it is too modern for him to have used it. I thought of the captions “Now that’s what I call a public toilet” or “A loo with a view”. Can you think of a better one, if so then let the editor Dave know for next month’s magazine.

Derek



## Brian's Humour Page

### The Job of a Pope is to....

After getting all of Pope Francis' luggage loaded into the limo, (and he doesn't travel light), the driver notices the Pope is still standing on the curb.

'Excuse me, Your Holiness,' says the driver, 'Would you please take your seat so we can leave?'

'Well, to tell you the truth,' says the Pope, 'they never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal, and I'd really like to drive today.'

'I'm sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! What if something should happen' protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.

'Who's going to tell' says the Pope with a smile.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff zooms away at breakneck speed.

'Please slow down, Your Holiness' pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens.

'Oh, dear God, I'm going to lose my licence -- and my job!' moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the policeman approaches, but he takes one look at the Pope, goes back to his motorcycle and gets on the radio.

'I need to talk to the Chief of Police,' he says to the duty officer.

The policeman tells him that he's stopped a limo travelling at high speed.

'So arrest him,' says the Chief.

'I don't think we want to do that, he's really important.'

The Chief exclaimed, 'All the more reason!'

'No, I mean really important,' he says with a bit of persistence.

The Chief asks, 'So who do you have there, the Mayor?'

Policeman: 'Bigger.'

Chief: 'A Politician?'

Policeman: 'Bigger.'

Chief: 'The Prime Minister?'

Policeman: 'Bigger.'

'Well,' said the Chief, 'who is it?'

Policeman: 'I think it's God!'

The Chief is even more puzzled and curious, 'What makes you think it's God?'

Policeman: 'His chauffeur is the Pope!'

Brian

# St Mary's Playgroup Update...

Hello everyone

We are well into the new term now and all of our new children have started. We currently have just one place left on a Thursday and only a few remaining places on a Monday and Tuesday.

Our first half term was all about "Ourselves" where we looked at our bodies, health and hygiene, emotions, senses and likes and dislikes. The children enjoyed sticking bits of food cut out from magazines to make their own healthy food plate - you can see their work in the pictures below.

Next half term we will be getting ready for our most exciting time of year.....Christmas. We will be making decorations and cards. We will also be doing lots of the children's favourite activities.

If you require a place for your child, just call in for a registration form and pick up a prospectus in the entrance porch.

Becky and the team at St Mary's







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

### **Beavers and Bugs...**

We have now finished our safety badge with dangers around the house and we are now busy with other badges.

Each colony have made a bug house, and will be taking it in turns to take home and see how many bugs can be found in their houses, we are hoping for quite a few especially ladybirds.

We are also looking forward to an evening hike, to see what animals we can spot, hoping to see bats and maybe an owl and other creatures that come out in the dusk.

We have invested our new Beavers, so they are looking forward to collecting their badges.

We are busy planning our Christmas party - yes it is that time again! Where has this year gone?

As we promised here is another gem from the 1959 Wolf Cub Test Book:-

### **Handcraft Badge:-**

1. Make an article from odds and ends such as fir cones, clothes pegs etc., or recondition two durable toys approved by the Cubmaster.

2. Make a worthwhile toy or model of reasonable size, such as a boat, engine, or motor car, airplane or animal, or, in reasonably correct proportions and colouring, a worthwhile composite toy or model, such as a farmyard, jungle, ark with animals, cottage with furniture, or station, or make two useful or decorative articles from cane, raffia, wool, leather, wood, string or any other suitable material approved by the Cubmaster.

Gail and Joanne

## Poetry Corner - Why Wear a Poppy.

"Please wear a poppy" the lady said,  
And held one forth, but I shook my head,  
And I stopped and watched as she offered them there,  
Her face was old and lined with care,  
But beneath the scars the years had made,  
There remaining a smile that refused to fade.  
A boy came whistling down the street,  
"Lady" he said "may I have one?"  
When she pinned it on, he turned to say,  
"why do we wear a poppy today ?"  
The lady smiled in her wistful way,  
And answered "This is Remembrance Day."  
"And the poppy there is the symbol for,  
The gallant men who died in war,  
And because they did, you and I are free,  
That's why we wear a poppy you see.  
I had a boy your size, golden hair and big blue eyes,  
As the years went by he learned and grew,  
War broke out and he went away,  
I can still remember his face that day.  
He smiled at me and he said, "Goodbye,  
I'll be back soon mom , so please don't cry."  
With the tanks and guns and cruelled barbed wire,  
And the mines and bullets and bombs and fire.  
After at last the war was won,  
And that's why we wear .a poppy son"  
The small boy turned as if to go,  
That sure did sound like an awful fight,  
But you're son, did he come back alright?"  
A tear ran down the faded cheek,  
She shook her head and didn't speak.  
For our thanks in giving is oft delayed,  
Though our freedom was bought, thousands paid.  
So when we see a poppy worn,  
Let us reflect on the burdens borne  
By those who gave their very all,  
When they answered their country's call,  
That we at home in peace might live,  
Then wear a poppy, remember and give.

Author Unknown

## **Albert's 'Groupy's' Quiz.**

Can you remember the well-known collective names of each of the following groups?

1. Music - Peter Gabriel, Phil Collins, Tony Banks and Michael Rutherford.
2. Film - Brad Dexter, Charles Bronson, Horst Bucholz, James Coburn, Robert Vaughn, Steve McQueen, and Yul Brynner?
3. Opera - 'Das Rheingold', 'Die Valkyrie', 'Siegfried', and 'Gotterdamering'?
4. Music - Benny Andersson, Agnetha Faltskog, Anni-Frid Lyngstad and Bjorn Ulvaeus?
5. Literature/Film - Peter, Phyllis and Roberta?
6. TV - Ben, Adam, Hoss and Little Joe?
7. Music - Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield?
8. TV - Tony Arnholz, Nyree Dawn Porter and Robert Vaughan?
9. Literature! TV - 'The Man of Property', 'In Chancery' and 'To Let' (plus 2 short stories)?
10. Music - Ray Davies, Dave Davies, Mike Avory and Peter Quaife.
11. Literature/Film - George, Harris and J?
12. Children's Literature - Ann, Dick, George, Julian, Timmy?
13. Music - Roger Daltrey, John Entwistle, Keith Moon and Pete Townsend?
14. Comedy - Michael Bentine, Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe and Peter Sellers?
15. Geography - Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's, St Mary's and Tresco?
16. Music - Elwood and Jake?
17. Comedy - Chico, Groucho. Harpo and Zeppo?
18. Children's Literature - Barbara, Janet, Pam, Cohn, George, Jack and Peter?
19. Music - Brian Wilson, Dennis Wilson, Carl Wilson and Mike Love.
20. TV - David Copperfield, Lennie Henry and Tracy Ullman?

Answers on page 38

Albert Shaw

## Diary for November

**Sun 2nd ALL SAINTS'**

**8am Holy Communion (said)**

**10.30am Holy Communion (sung)**

**12.30pm Baptism Service**

**Mon 3rd**

**7.30pm** ReSource Celebration evening  
– Dewsbury Minster 'I am the Lord that heals you'

**Wed 5th**

**10am** Morning Praise (followed by refreshments) – Vicarage

**Sun 9th REMEMBRANCE**

**10.30am Remembrance Sunday Communion Service  
(with British Legion)**

**2.30pm Service of Remembrance at Tingley Memorial  
(Bradford Road)**

**6:00pm Memorial Service (see article).**

**Mon 10th**

**11.45am** 'First Steps' service – Parish Centre – Henry is frightened

**7.30pm** PCC meeting – Vicarage

**Wed 12th**

**10am** Morning Praise (followed by refreshments) – Vicarage

**Sun 16th**

**10.30am Holy Communion (sung): Service conducted by Revd.  
Paul Martin (Methodist) – pulpit exchange**

**Mon 17th**

**2:00pm** Mothers' Union meeting – Parish Centre

**Wed 19th**

**10am** Morning Praise (followed by refreshments) – Vicarage

**Thurs 20th**

**11:00am** Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge

**Sun 23rd CHRIST THE KING**

**10.30am Holy Communion (sung)**

**Wed 26th**

**10:00am** Morning Praise (followed by refreshments) – Vicarage

**Sat 29th**

**10.30am-3pm CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**December:**

**Wed 3rd** 10am Morning Praise (followed by refreshments) – Vicarage

**Sat 6th** 9.30am-11.30am Church & Churchyard clean-up

**Mon 8th** 7.30pm PCC meeting at Vicarage

**Sat 13th** 10am-1pm 'The Great Christmas Make Off' Activity morning

## **Christmas Services 2014.**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November      Advent 1.**

10.30am    Holy Communion (sung)

**START OF TOY COLLECTION – UNWRAPPED, NEW ITEMS PLEASE.**

**POSADA STARTS TODAY** (*see article*)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**      TBC: Carol Singing at Country Baskets

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2.**

8am          Holy Communion (said)

10.30am    Holy Communion (sung)

12.30pm    Baptism Service

**END OF TOY COLLECTION.**

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>** 10am Morning Praise (and refreshments) – Vicarage

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

10am-1pm 'The Great Christmas Make Off' Activity morning (*see article*)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December      Advent 3.**

10.30am    All-Age Worship with Nativity

12 noon    Holy Communion

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

11.45am    'First Steps' toddler service in Parish Centre

              "Henry's Christmas Party" (*repeated 16/12 & 18/12*)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

6pm          Carol singing at Lydgate Lodge

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December**

7pm          Westerton School Carol Service

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

9.45am    Hill-Top Carol Service

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December      Advent 4.**

10.30am    Holy Communion

4pm          Carol Service by candlelight

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> December**

3pm          Christingle (aimed at younger children)

5pm          Christingle (aimed at older children)

11.30pm    First Communion of Christmas

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am    Holy Communion (all-age)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am    Holy Communion

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

## **Baptisms:-**

In October we welcomed 2 new members to our church in Baptism;

Alfie Daniel Jones, Son of Daniel and Samantha from Tingley.

Blake Heravi, Son of Craig and Emma from Tingley.

## **Funerals:-**

Edward Cowles, beloved Father from East Ardsley, sadly missed by all the family.

Ellen Hudson, beloved Wife and Mother, sadly missed by all the family.

Eric Bilsborough, Beloved Father from Tingley sadly missed by all the family.

Ruth Nutton, Beloved Mother from Tingley, sadly missed by all the family

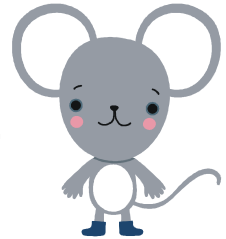
**QUIZ ANSWERS** 1. Genesis. 2. The Magnificent Seven. 3. Wagner's Ring Cycle. 4. ABBA. 5. The Railway Children. 6. The Cartwrights (Bonanza). 7. The Righteous Brothers. 8. The Protectors. 9. The Forsyte Saga. 10. The Kinks. 11. Three Men in a Boat. 12. The Famous Five. 13. The Who. 14. The Goons. 15. The Scilly Isles. 16. The Blues Brothers. 17. The Marx Brothers. 18, The Secret Seven. 19. The Beach Boys. 20. Three of a Kind.

Albert.

## A new home beckons - part 2.

*Misha the Church Mouse strives for Utopia...*

There I was having a nap in a quiet corner, when I heard voices discussing Pews. 'Going' I heard. 'Twelve' I heard. 'This weekend' I heard. But the best was yet to come. 'Six to a restaurant in Kent' I heard. Now that did get my attention. Think of it - cosy warm atmosphere, soft music playing, quiet conversations - and food! Think of all that food! That was for me! I slipped un-noticed into the porch with my clever plan in place - hitch a ride on a passing Pew as it left through the big door and onward to a bijou restaurant. Disaster has struck! I'm sure I saw a flicker of a smile as my friend Hubert, the Black Canon, seemed to relish in telling me the Pews had been removed out of the back door! Humbug. Misha



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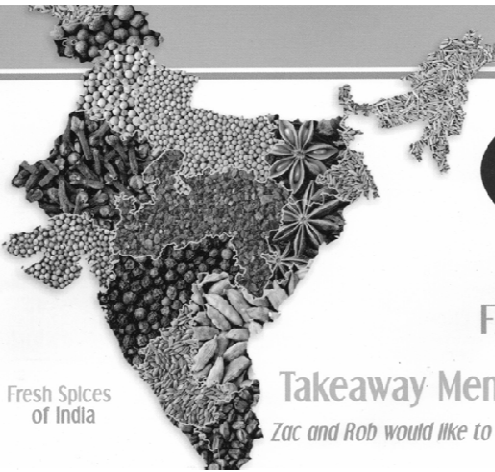
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## **What's on**

<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 9:30am to 12:00pm Becky Schofield 07811 146958
<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 to 6:15 pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
<b>Cubs</b>	Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm Marianne Ingham 07778 542302
<b>Scouts</b>	Friday 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927
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# Services

Every Sunday, the main Service is at 10:30am as follows:-

## 1st Sunday of the month:

- 8:00am Holy Communion (about 1/2 hour, no Hymns)
- 10:30am Holy Communion (with Hymns, 1 hour approx.)
- 12.30pm Baptism Service

## 2nd Sunday of the month:

- 10:30am All Age (Family) Service. (Fun Service with theme)
- 12:00pm Holy Communion (Fewer Hymns)

## 3rd Sunday of the month

- 10:30am Holy Communion (with Hymns, 1 hour approx.)

## 4th Sunday of the month:

- 10:30am Holy Communion (with Hymns, 1 hour approx.)
- 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 (without Hymns)

## 3rd Thursday:

- 11:00am Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge

**Monday to Friday:** 8:45am - 9:00am Morning Prayer.

To arrange for **baptisms, confirmations, funerals, the reading of banns** or any general matter, please contact the Vicar: **Revd. Amanda Barraclough**, St Mary's Vicarage, Dewsbury Road, Woodkirk, WF12 7JL. Tel: 01924 472375  
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