

# **Parish News**

**St Mary's, Woodkirk**

**Happy Easter.**



**April 2015**

**This Month:**

**Windows, Time, Flags, Thoughts,  
Activities and Days Out.**

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## **Welcome!**

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Copies of the magazine can be downloaded from the web site from the middle of the month of publication.

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## **What of this World?**

A place where people are loved and things  
are used.

Not the other way around.



# **Thanksgiving and Rededication**

## **Celebration Weekend.**

**2nd - 3rd May 2015.**

We have much to be thankful for! Some six years ago we spent time listening to folk in the church and community, seeking to set priorities for the future of St. Mary's. And we have tried to keep them in view and work towards the goals, by God's grace. The biggest challenge we knew we faced was to redevelop the interior of the church so that it was 'fit for purpose' for the future, installing much needed toilet and kitchen facilities, and incorporating flexible social space which will allow the building to be used for other purposes than church services and organ recitals. So much of the new phase of ministry hung on getting that right.

What we have achieved is just the first phase, though it is the most foundational one. The plan to install a full-height screen to separate the social and worship spaces, creating a place where youngsters can play whilst their carers can still hear the service through the speaker system, will, we hope, come later. To secure funding we have had to work in phases, and, given that the screen was the most contentious element of the plan, it was decided to defer that and review as we become adapted to the new space.

All that makes it clear that we cannot say, "Phew! Thank goodness it's done! Now we can sit back and enjoy it. That's enough change for now" This is not a plateau from which we can congratulate ourselves on how much we have done, and how far we have come. It is a marking point on an on-going journey, to build the relationships which will ensure this community space is just that – a bridge into the wider community.

This was always a means to an end, not an end in itself. And so we need to rededicate ourselves, along with the building, to serve God in this community.

On Sunday 3rd May at 10.30am we will be holding a special Service of Celebration. It will be the first time our Diocesan Bishop, Nick Baines, will have visited St. Mary's. Other guests have also

been invited from the local community, from the contractors and the architect, representatives of schools and the council, funding bodies and supporters. The service will be followed by a faith lunch so that we can enjoy the space in a more informal way. Come along and join us for what will be a wonderful service!

On the day before, Saturday 2nd May, we will be having an Open Afternoon from 2-4pm so that folk can come and see the work, and ask questions, and enjoy the space over a cuppa. We want the wider community to see how the building has changed and explore the potential it now has to be used for a wide range of community groups. Come and see what's happening!

Revd. Amanda

## **Got an idea in mind for a new group?**

From time to time we are approached by folk thinking about beginning a new group of like-minded people with a shared interest. In a world where there is so much loneliness it's a great idea and one St. Mary's wants to support whole-heartedly.

We are aware that finding a suitable venue can be a challenge – many community centres have closed down, and local Working Men's Clubs have suffered the same fate. Others charge commercial rates which are out of the reach of small gatherings seeking to explore their viability in early days, before they have become established.

We currently have space in the Parish Centre for two evenings a week. The space is often used for parties and special events on one off occasions for £50 for 3 hours, but for a regular weekly group that price can be reduced substantially. Also, in the coming months we will be able to offer a smaller community space in the beautiful and historic surroundings of St. Mary's Church for gatherings and groups. If you want to know more, get in touch with the vicar or churchwardens in the first instance.

Revd. Amanda

## Time – the greatest healer?

It's a platitude we hear bandied about so often – that time is the greatest healer. This month has been giving me pause for thought on that one.

Sitting at my desk, I've been aware of the major work of 'surgery' going on in the vicarage garden. As the drainage pipes have been laid, and the vicarage drains relocated, and the water supply for the church renewed, it has all taken its toll on the Vicarage garden. With diggers, and gravel, top-soil and bulldozers, there have been trenches dug which left it more like the Somme. Neither of us are passionate gardeners, or we might have felt more upset than we do. But when whole sections of the large privet hedge suddenly move, seemingly of their own accord, raised into the air by unseen machinery, and slowly brush past the window where you are sitting, en route for a skip, you begin to wonder what will happen next. It has all been very unsettling.

Last week, a huge quantity of top-soil arrived, and was duly spread across the now rather ravaged garden. It has had some grass seed spread on it. Now we have to wait. Will time indeed be the greatest healer and restore the area to something approaching a garden again? After the surgery, this is the time of recovery. Already we are aware that the clock is ticking towards the Garden Party, and it's very unclear whether it will indeed be a Garden in which the party can happen. This season of new life and new growth matter more than ever to us this year! We depend on the season, and the passage of time, to do its work. We depend on the God of the seasons to restore what has been damaged. We've done what we can do, and now have to wait, and hope, and pray.

All that led me to reflect on the saying, "Time is the greatest healer." And it seems to me that Time gets undue credit. It is not Time which heals, but the Healer of All, the God of Creation, working gently and gradually under the cover of time. We want instant solutions in our instant world, but that Healing which we need comes

with the passage of time. My garden knows that, and so do we at St. Mary's. We'd love to be able to fast-track healing (whether in gardens or in other things) but some things have to happen at a gentler pace.

The Easter message affirms that new life is latent in the most unexpected places and will break out. The empty tomb is a visible reminder of that. It speaks of hope in hopeless places. There is no place on earth where we can stand and say, "New life cannot come here. It's hopeless." Perhaps those who placed the broken body of Jesus in the tomb on Good Friday after his crucifixion might have felt that. But they were wrong. Easter Day proved them wrong.

We all have places in our lives which can feel hopeless, where new life seems an impossibility. We have perhaps rehearsed that thought so often that we believe it to be gospel. But it isn't Gospel. The Gospel says that new life is always possible. And when we soak in that mind-set, we see the world differently.

As we prepare for our Rededication Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, during the Easter season, we remember that we are Easter People, people who believe that God is at work to bring new life. We offer our building, and our lives to him afresh, for that new life to emerge in us.

Revd Amanda

## **The Children's Society.**

Our box collection this year raised £905.54. We have about 30 box holders at present.

On Christmas Eve our two Christingle services raised £323 for the Children's Society. In total we have donated £1228.54. I think this is a fantastic effort and will make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable Children and young people

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Susan Walshaw

## Fair Trade - a result!



Thank you so much to all those who were able to come and support our fair trade coffee morning on the 14th March.

You were generous as always and as well as over £70 worth of Fair Trade goodies sold, you also helped raise over £100 towards helping people in developing countries.

So now, what a lovely dilemma - what to donate our cash to...??

Over previous years we bought items through World Vision, then last year we 'Sent a cow' to Africa. So what about this year?

I have been having a look at a number of things and am presently investigating the possibility of choosing some items that the UK Government will match funding for, this means our generous efforts will be doubled, so we may be able to do twice as much good.

I've left it too late for the magazine deadline this month to let you know for certain, so like all the best shows.... pick up next month's mag to see what we ended up doing!!

Many thanks again for your most generous support, it really is very much appreciated.



Dawn Tattersfield

## **St. Mary's Stained Glass.**

### **The Mary & Joseph Window.**

Towards the rear of church on the North side is the 'Mary and Joseph Window'. The window was sponsored by Jack Wilcock (Peter Wilcock's father) in memory of his wife Phyllis Wilcock (Peter's Mother). Phyllis was a member of the Mother's Union as well as the Guild. Jack served as Churchwarden as well as a 'Sidesman' and is even referred to as one of several St. Mary's 'bus conductors'. Presumably there was a 'church bus' which brought parishioners to church on a Sunday, although this is not clear.

On the page opposite is the original Vicar's letter, describing the window on the eve of its dedication into the fabric of the Church. Many thanks to Peter for the original text, describing the details so vividly.

David



S.Mary's Vicarage,  
Woodkirk.

AUGUST, 1967.

My Dear People,

#### OUR NEW WINDOW

On Sunday evening, July 2nd we dedicated a Stained Glass Window 'TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS WILCOCK'. The window, created by Frederick W.Cole (the artist who designed the Ascension Window) is a glorious work, not merely because of its sheer artistry and colour but because of its content.

Like other works of art, be they painting, writing or music, the window demands quiet study and meditation; not merely a passing glance but rather a good, hard, long look.

Consisting of two lights, the left hand depicts the majestic figure of Our Blessed Lady holding in her arms the Christ-Child. Beneathe her are inscribed words from S.John's Gospel (Chapter IV.14) Reminding us that it was God Himself who came down to earth from heaven and garbed himself in human form. By the Incarnation God has revealed, has shown plainly and simply that He has made our world His world, His dwelling place, and has identified Himself with us....the Man amongst men, making life a Divine business.

And lest we forget this cardinal truth, and look upon the Christmas Story as fit only for the nursery, in the right hand Light there is the kneeling figure of Joseph, again reminding us that Jesus was born into a family. By His nativity Jesus became part of a community upon earth, and most important, subject Himself to the demands of community life. For example, He had to be registered; He had to attend school; He had to work; He had to pay taxes. And in all things he was tempted as we are tempted.

Below Joseph there is a Font placed against a background of a Cross. This serves to refresh our memories that entry into the Divine Family is by way of the Sacrament of Holy

Baptism, one of the two Great Sacraments of the Church. And not only by water are we made members of His family; the inclusion of the Cross teaches that it is by suffering, pain and death are we made like unto Him. We are signed with the Sign of the Cross in token that we should never be ashamed of it. There is no mere sentiment here but a frightening awareness that birth into the Family of God brings with it pain, sorrow, disappointment and ultimately death. At Baptism we are born into His suffering, His loneliness, His Passion, His death.

At the foot of both Lights there are the little people (the you's and me's of the world) and they are saying in effect ... "Is there for us in your family?" And the answer from the Child must always be... "Yes, there is room, there is room in my heart for you".

A lovely window and one which I trust will wring from all who gaze upon it the response... "Come to MY heart Lord Jesus, there is room in MY heart for you".

Your Vicar and Friend,

George D.Nesham.

## A Letter from Ipswich - Part 2.

*Art Lindon - an ex-St.Mary's Choirboy, shares a few more secrets...*

My brother - professor J M A Lindon played the organ at St Mary's together with Ronnie Whitam from West Arsdley, who was also in the choir. We also had as choir masters, Mr Vokings and Mr Field. When I first started playing sax we used to practice in the Sunday school where the youth club took place.

I played sax and flute. Tony Chapman, an ex 'scenes of crimes' officer, played organ with Vic Batty (uncle of David Batty of Leeds United fame) on harmonica and Pete Barnfather played the drums.

Pete was an ex director of John Laings gents outfitters from Dewsbury and he is still playing now at nearly 70 yrs old!

Going way, way back my grandfather was the town clerk of Morley, George Abraham Auty. He was well regarded throughout England for growing fruit. Corden apples were his speciality and potatoes. That's my mothers father.

My fathers father, Mark Lindon was a blacksmith/farrier in Wisbech, Cambs. He realised in the 1950's that blacksmithing was becoming more obsolete and he told my father and his brothers to "get mechanical - tractors are coming, you need to get organised!" This scared them to death! They all left the County! A company took over called Bodger Bros, I'll always laugh at the name! Bodger Bros are still going to this day! They worked in the 1960s, 70s and 80s and became the biggest agricultural dealers in East Anglia!

Thinking about my grandad, it's a pity I was not around in his day. I would have been straight in for this tractor business. I had a sale in 2012 with 2,500 lots of vintage tractors and various other pieces of equipment. People used to think I was mad collecting all this gear! It's quite ironic really as I'm now living near to where they built all the best ploughs and implements, Ransomes of Ipswich.

Most equipment was scrapped in this country! They came to my sale from all over Europe - the village had never seen as many people! It wasn't too bad for so called scrap and me being mad collecting it!!

The church magazine has been great for me, meeting up with Joseph Auty and Roger, his son after 55 yrs. It was great to see them as they are distant relatives of mine - being an Auty myself!

Might I just add, a big thank you to Dave Townsend for all his involvement in producing the church magazine.

Art.





## **Put the Flags out...**

The St. George's flag fluttering away atop the Tower is always a great sight to behold. Unfortunately the flags take a hammering from wind and rain and we need to replace them fairly regularly. If you would like to make a donation towards a replacement flag please see Brian or Gail. Many thanks.

The St. George's Day parade will be on 26th April starting at Morley Town Hall at 11:30am continuing to the Rugby Club, with the society of St. George at the helm, complete with all pageantry and a horseback rider.

David.



## **A Plea from Sandra**

Does anyone have a copy of 'Our Island Story' by H.E. Marshall that they no longer want? I would be willing to pay (subject to negotiation!) or I will make a donation to Church funds. I would prefer an old copy rather than a modern copy.

Thank you in anticipation.

Sandra Gledhill (aka Seasonal Sandra).

## Prayerful Thought ...April 2015

Well now, Happy Easter to you all, and here's to lighter nights and enjoying the wonders of God's creation as we move more into Spring. How did you get on with the fruits of the spirit I challenged you last month? Did you manage to share a few 'fruits' a day with those around you?

I do hope so, and I hope you felt better for it.

Did you manage to go to either of the Lent groups? I did. I only missed one, and as part of my lay reader training, along with Derek, I was able to help Amanda with the Tuesday afternoon group, it was lovely and I really enjoyed it.

What was even better was, that using the 'Life Source' booklet was a really practical experience, and I wasn't the only one in my group who felt that this little course booklet would not be placed carefully on a high shelf gathering dust, but would be used regularly to enhance our prayer time.

If you did not have a chance to join in the Lent Course, then just so you know what I'm talking about, it was a 5 week course on prayer. We looked at prayer as relationship, which was a bit of an eye opener, as I'd not really considered my prayer as part of my relationship with God, but then of course when you think about it, that's exactly what it is!

What week 1 also gave me was a prayer we all shared at the end of session one which they called the Collect for Purity and it was this one...

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now some of you may well remember that from services in the past, I know I did, but we were asked to read it through line by line, quite slowly, and it is amazing the difference it makes to the words, just try it now.....

It really highlighted and put into focus the part which says "to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden".

It made me realise that, I cannot hide anything from God, and also I shouldn't be afraid of telling God things, because, well, he

already knows. But I think what this first week of the course taught me was that God is waiting for me to talk to him about it, not to give excuses for what I've said or done that I shouldn't have said or done, but just to spend that time with him, acknowledge that whilst I may have tried my best things may have gone awry, but God forgives me that, so long as I talk to Him about it.

Then in week 2 we moved on to prayer as enjoying God, now this again was a bit of a challenge, as I don't know about you, but before this course, my prayer sort of sometimes felt like a duty, a task to be ticked off my 'to do list' for the day, "been there, said the prayers, got the t-shirt" kind of thing, but this session was all about just enjoying that time with God in prayer, and despite what we think sometimes, prayer doesn't have to be a long list of things to pray about, because as we discovered in week 1, God knows about it anyway! This was just enjoying our time with God.

Now, I'm sorry to say that I missed week three, and when I read it just before I prepared for week four, I saw that it was about prayer as listening.

Now don't get me wrong, I do try and be a good listener and give people my undivided attention, but I must admit, that in my prayers, I sometimes don't really pause for breath much, as I squeeze in what I want to say sorry to God for, thank Him for and then dash off into the rest of my day not listening for that 'still small voice' of His anywhere in my prayers! So really, I do need to re look at that week and take on board some of the advice (I'll let you know how I've got on in next month's article!).

In week 4 we focussed on prayer as honesty, and considering I really hadn't looked at the previous week, I came clean and was honest about it, but do you know, no-one in the group 'hassled' me about it or 'tutted' loudly, I was just honest with God and the friends around me, and do you know, it was OK, God didn't mind, He was just pleased I'd spoken about it, and then moved on to this next session.

One of the most challenging really I think, honesty, because whilst hopefully none of us is majorly dishonest, there are still things we don't reveal to anyone. But if we revisit week one, what was it the collect said?...." Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden" we have no need to be secretive when we talk to God, he knows the worst (and the best) in each of us, all he says is, 'come to me, talk with me, spend time in my

presence, I am there for you" and how wonderful does that make you feel?

Then so soon, we were at the last week, prayer as care, our prayers of intercession, asking God for good things to be given or happen to us and others. But the session of course went into more detail and provided three words... 'Hope', 'Character' and 'Blessing'. For the first one, hope, it told us this quote 'Prayer is the God given energy to move from the grief of what is to the joy of what could be', now that sounds pretty positive to me folks!, the Character, when it tells us that 'Our prayers need to be not just about easier circumstances but about a godly response to testing times, that they will result in true holiness', some of us may be in a difficult place at the moment, and certainly, as I write this shortly after the dreadful plane crash in the French Alps, there are certainly testing times for many people as a result of that tragedy. Then we move onto the blessing, when we connect ourselves with the love that flows to all God's creation from a heart of tender compassion, if we can do nothing else, then deep in our hearts we must have compassion for others.

Now I've just very quickly done you a whistlestop tour through 5 weeks of developing our prayer lives, and whilst it may give you a flavour, it doesn't do justice to something that I will truly miss now that the Lent course is finished.

However, now, in addition to sharing these sessions with others and sharing our experiences, I also have some excellent tools and prayers which I can go on using to further develop my prayer life and gain so much more form that special time, my sharing and enjoying my relationship with God.

I do hope that, in some small way, by sharing my experience with you and some of what we discussed, I may encourage you to think a bit more about spending time with God in prayer too.

Oh and the blessing we ended with, here you go, just for you...

"The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you;  
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace."

Dawn Tattersfield

## Looking for a challenge?

*On 19th April we will be holding our Annual Meeting as a church, at which we appoint our churchwardens, and others to office as PCC members.*

This year, we will have 6 vacancies to be filled, as well as 1 Deanery Synod vacancy. If you are on the electoral roll of the church (renewed between 22nd March and 5th April) and are a communicant member, you are entitled to apply to join us. You will need someone to nominate and second you, and add your name on the sheet in the porch from 5th April. If you're not sure it's for you, but you can identify someone who has something to offer, why not ask them to consider representing your views to the wider body of the church?

It is an exciting time for St. Mary's. We now have the re-development of the back of the church, and have some wonderful facilities which exist not just for the benefit of those attending services. Having spent much time working towards this, we now need to move on to the next chapter in the life of St. Mary's, and decide how to use the space wisely and well. That will need a group of folk at the helm who have a strong sense of where we are heading as a church, and who are working together to realise that.

The PCC are not just there to oversee drains and buildings, but to assist in growing the spiritual life of the church, its mission, vision and community involvement. All these aspects of the life of the church will form part of the agendas we will tackle over the next 12 months, as indeed will issues being faced by the wider church – e.g. the changes involved in the transition to the new diocese, and wider changes in the church nationally.

We also decide the little things that can make so much difference to the ministry of the church. Some members of the Council are busy people with full-time jobs, others have more free time to give the church – each brings what they have, both in terms of time and skills. Without the generous giving of those skills and that time, St. Mary's could not continue to minister effectively in our community.

Come and be a part of the future.

Revd. Amanda

## **Magna Carta - 800 years old and still going strong.**

*You can see the Magna Carta at a special display at the British Library - or in the newly refurbished Lincoln Castle.*

The Magna Carta, meaning 'the Great Charter', has inspired people across the centuries, from Thomas Jefferson to Mahatma Gandhi. But why was the charter originally created? And what does it actually say?

In 1215, the ruler is King John. Many people believe that King John was one of the worst kings in history. He imprisoned his former wife; he starved his opponents to death and he allegedly murdered his own nephew. It was said he had all the bad traits of his brother, Richard (the lion heart) and none of the good. King John had imposed heavy taxes on his barons in order to pay for his expensive foreign wars. If they refused to pay, he punished them severely or seized their property. The barons demanded that King John obey the law; when he refused, they captured London and John was forced to negotiate.

The two sides met at Runnymede in June 1215. The result of the negotiations was written down by the king's clerks in the document we know as Magna Carta. Although most of the charter's clauses dealt with medieval rights and customs, Magna Carta has become a powerful symbol of liberty around the world. The most famous clause, which is still part of the law today, for the first time gave all 'free men' the right to justice and a fair trial. 'No man shall be arrested or imprisoned except by the judgment of their equals and by the law of the land. To no one will we sell, to no one deny or delay right or justice.' However, this clause was not as liberal at it sounds. The Charter only applied to 'free men', the vast majority of people in 1215 were unfree peasants who were ruled over by their landowners.

Although, Magna Carta was intended to create peace between King John and his rebellious barons, England was plunged into civil war after the Pope declared the Charter invalid. When King John died of dysentery in 1216, nine year old Henry III took to the throne. To keep the peace, Magna Carta was re-issued several times during the 13th century, until it was finally made part of English law. Magna Carta has lived on for 800 years, and is echoed in the United States Declaration of Independence and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Perhaps Magna Carta's most important legacy is that everyone – including our leaders – must obey the law. What started out as a

document of specific complaints from a group of barons has turned into an international symbol of liberty, without which we might not have the rights we value so much today .

This year is a big one for the four surviving versions of the charter that resulted from King John's fractious meeting with his barons at Runnymede in 1215. There are new exhibitions at Salisbury Cathedral, which owns one, and the British Library, which owns two. All four documents starred in a February "Unification" event for bigwigs, scholars and 1,250 lucky members of the public.

But Lincoln's Magna Carta is to the others what Diana Ross is to the Supremes. Not so much for its quality, although it has finely justified calligraphy and holes for a diamond-shaped seal. No, Lincoln is the only Magna Carta that tours like a diva. London, St Albans, America (twice), Australia. At the end of its triumphant 2014 tour of America, it flew back on an Airbus 380 with its own bed. Faced with a star of this magnitude, what could Lincolnshire County Council do but build it a dedicated vault, within the walls of Lincoln's Norman castle and under the gaze of its actual owner, next-door Lincoln Cathedral?

Sections of the Wall were open before, but it's now a full circuit and, along with the Vault, is part of the £22 million "Lincoln Castle Revealed" project opening on April 1.

This is the highest point of the Lincoln Edge, carefully chosen by the Norman invaders, and far below farmland stretched away into haze. To one side of us was the cathedral, golden in the light. On the other, within the bailey, a vertical cylinder of trendily rusted steel held a new lift shaft that opens up the wall to wheelchair users.

While digging its foundations, workmen found 10 Saxon burials, including a male skeleton in a sarcophagus, and below that Roman remains, possibly from the fort that once ran from the hilltop all the way down to the River Witham.

Beyond this lay two former prisons, one Georgian, one Victorian, and between them the semi-circular roof of the Magna Carta Vault. To the west were the National Skills Centre, housing workshops for "dirty" skills such as masonry and "clean" skills such as textiles, and Lincoln Crown Court.

At ground level, the castle has been opened up so that Lincoln residents can walk through as they cross the city, visiting the café or shop. Paying visitors can access the Wall Walk and the restored prisons, as well as the Vault.

David

## Haworth World War 2 Day.

*The annual WW2 day in Haworth is coming up on the weekend of May 16th/17th .*

Haworth's 1940s Weekend is an annual World War II-themed event which has been running for 18 years.

About 20,000 people are expected to attend the event, which includes a flyover of World War II aircraft, live music and a special exhibition celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Dambusters.

All proceeds raised from the weekend will be donated to the armed forces charity, the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association.

If you haven't been it's well worth a visit. A large portion of the local community are dressed in period costume, including Military as well as 'civvy' clothes, with women wearing their hair just like they did back then – in fact you can have your hair – and make up - done in the same way at one of the indoor events. (The women that is....).



Spitfire in readiness...



Stylish....

There are period busses chugging up and down the hill – free of charge – so you don't have to labour up the hill to see the Spitfire and the dancing girls. One of the Busses is 'open-top' too – for a great view of the village and surroundings. There are many stalls selling period clothing as well as memorabilia and of course old fashioned food emporiums to try out.



The whole event gives a real 'feel' of the 1940's and a visit is like travelling back in time to that evocative period.

David



The Fly-boys

Checkpoint Charlie



Tickets please....



## **Lady Day Service**

*This year's service was at St. Cross Church at Middleton. The service was a celebration of the Annunciation of Mary.*

### **A meditation on Luke 1: 26-38**

'You've got it wrong', I told him,. 'You cant mean me, no way!' 'Someone else, perhaps, more worthy, more important, but not me!' Honestly what did I have to commend me? No connections or special qualities, nothing - just an ordinary girl from Nazareth, so what could God see in me?

But it was academic anyway for I wasn't even married yet, and there was no way I'd sleep with Joseph until I was. So I came straight out with it, 'Sorry, but you're wrong.' Only he wouldn't take no for an answer. Just stood there smiling, unruffled; and before I knew it he was off again - the message even more fantastic than before. God's power overshadowing me, a child born of the Holy Spirit, the Son of God!

It was way over the top , and I should have turned him out there and then, but I was flummoxed, too amazed to reply. Even when I found my tongue it wasn't much use to me - my mind so befuddled with questions that I ended up saying, of all things, 'Here I am, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word'.

Oh it sounded good, granted - the epitome of humility - but if only you knew what I was thinking, you'd have a different picture then. So what got into me, you ask? How could I be so meek and accepting? Well what choice did I have, let's be honest, for as the angel said, 'With God nothing will be impossible.'

How could I argue with that? There was no way out, was there? But its one thing to accept that in principle, another when it turns your life upsidedown. Do I believe it? Well I didn't at the time but I do now for I've just discovered I'm pregnant, and I say this perfectly reverently God knows how!

Its astonishing and terrifying, exciting yet mystifying, my mind in turmoil, not quite sure what to think anymore. But one thing is plain now, beyond all question - with God, quite clearly, nothing is impossible!

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

After ten years at playgroup we are very sorry to lose Lizzie from the staff team. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her excellent support and commitment over the years and we wish her all the very best for the future.

On 8 January we had an Ofsted inspection at playgroup. Overall we had a very good report. We achieved good (and in parts outstanding) with regard to how we meet the needs of the range of children who attend playgroup. Our only area for improvement is for children to have access to an outdoor play area which is currently something the playgroup and the PCC are working together to achieve.

We will be saying goodbye to some of our children at Easter who are taking up school nursery places. They will be greatly missed but I'm sure they will be ready and eager to start their new adventures.

This year Playgroup is once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers so please pass them our way if you shop at Sainsbury's. We would love to be able to use our tokens to buy some new resources.

Debbie

## **Help inspire children to lead healthier lives**

Sainsbury's can help make a real difference by supporting children to eat well, move well and live well. Just collect as many Active Kids vouchers as possible when you shop at Sainsbury's to donate to your local school or group. Then they will exchange them for an exciting range of active and cooking equipment, and experiences.

## Brian's Humour Page

Brian asked Dave, "What ya talkin into an envelope for?"

Dave replied: "I'm sending a voicemail."

Dave says, "Brian, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador .

"Blow that," says Brian, "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

19 'Dave & Brians' go to the cinema and the ticket lady asks "Why so many of you?" Brian replies, "The film said 18 or over."

The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

I was driving this morning when I saw a parked RAC van. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself, that guy's heading for a breakdown.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2.30am this morning, can you believe that, 2.30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said she would like to come back as a cow. I said "You're obviously not listening."

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

The wife was counting all the 5ps and 10ps out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."

Brian

## SANDRA'S SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Before planting anything, think about what was where last year and possibly, what will be there next year? Crop rotation is essential if you wish to avoid diseases building up in your soil. It is also essential to avoid leaching nutrients year after year by planting the same crops in the same place. The one exception I make is with my runner beans. If you dig your trench in the same place and fill it with rotted compost or kitchen waste, then that, coupled with the nitrogen left from last year's crop, usually brings in a good harvest.

Sandra's Top Tip: Compile a check list of all the things you wish to achieve in the garden during this growing year. If you don't do it now you may become too engrossed in the growing season and forget all about it.

1. Start sowing in earnest with parsnip, carrots and Broadbeans directly into the ground.
2. Cover your bean trench and put up your bean poles.
3. Plant out peas from your guttering or cardboard tubes. Sow more in the greenhouse every two weeks.
4. Sow successional crops such as lettuce, radish, rocket and spring onions. Use any piece of spare garden you may have.
5. Harden off sweet peas.
6. Sow some winter greens such as winter cabbage and sprouting broccoli.
7. Clean up the strawberry bed. Remove any dead or dying leaves.
8. Plant Brussels sprouts, spring cabbage and asparagus crowns.
9. Place small logs or other objects into the margins of ponds so that hedgehogs and other forms of wildlife that fall in can scramble out with relative ease.
10. Divide or cut back any overgrown marginal and bog plants before they come back into growth.

Sandra





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

### **Cubs.**

The Cubs took part in the Swimming Gala in early March, unfortunately we weren't able to bring home the trophy that we won last year, but the 3 cubs attending did a sterling effort. Well Done James, Max and Will for trying so hard!!

We also attended a workshop at Halfords in Wakefield as part of our Cyclist Activity Badge, we will be continuing to work on in the Summer term. A photo is attached of the cubs receiving their certificates.



On 20th March 14 of our cubs attended the District Trading Post at St Andrew's Church, Beeston. The cubs had been practising the types of bases they would encounter, i.e. doing press-ups, tying shoe laces, knowing their promise, making a card; at our meetings prior to this and this paid off as 3 of our cubs came in the top 12.

Approximately 60 cubs took part across the district with Ella coming 1st overall, James T 4th and Ava joint 9th. They will now be invited to attend the County Trading Post in Roundhay. Well done to all who took part and Good Luck to Ella, James and Ava for this competition in May.

Marianne

# CALLING ALL BRIGHT SPARKS.

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## Eggs-trordinary Activity Day

Sixteen children came along for a hectic morning of activities and crafts. They made Window stickers, egg cups, rice crispy nest cakes and door hangers, as well as learnt about the Easter story, went to church for an egg-hunt and to make a cross banner and made 'Palm Crosses from paper and a straw.

A busy morning, but great fun for everyone.

David



Making the Banner in Church





The 'Blindfold' Game



Banner almost finished...

## Poetry Corner.

### Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs  
[www.poemsource.com](http://www.poemsource.com)

## Albert's 'Gone to the Dogs' Quiz.

1. Who wrote 'The Hound of the Baskervilles'?
2. Which dog appeared in Punch and Judy shows?
3. On which ship did Charles Darwin sail on his explorations?
4. Which 3-headed dog guarded the entrance to the underworld?
5. Name the Bulldog that appeared in many 'Tom & Jerry' cartoons.
6. Who wrote 'A Portrait of the Author as a young Dog'?
7. What was the name of the mechanical dog that featured in Dr. Who episodes?
8. What is the heaviest breed of domestic dog?
9. What did astronomer Clyde Tombaugh discover in 1930?
10. Which famous poetess had a dog named flush?
11. In the UK how many dogs take part in a greyhound race?
12. What is the name of Bart Simpson's dog?
13. From which breed is a Jack Russell derived (a) Border terrier, (b) Fox terrier, (c) Lakeland terrier?
14. What is the name of the Pekinese dog who is Rupert Bear's friend?
15. What percentage of UK homes have a dog? 12.5%; 25%; 33.3% or 50% ?
16. What is the name of Tin Tin's dog?
17. Which dog featured on advertisement posters for HMV records?
18. In Oliver Twist what was the name of Bill Sykes' dog?
19. In which children's TV program did the dog 'Doodles' appear?
20. Which Sheffield star recorded the 1970's album 'Mad dogs and Englishmen'?
21. Who directed the 1993 film 'Reservoir Dogs'?
22. Who was the male star of the 1975 film 'Dog Day Afternoon'?
23. 'Great Dog' is the English name of which constellation?
24. Which 2 drinks are combined to make a 'Dog's nose'?
25. What was the name and breed of the dog that died shortly after arriving home from the Crufts Dog Show 2015?

Answers on P38

## Diary for March and early April 2015,

### APRIL

Wed 1st	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments
Thurs 2nd	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with foot-washing after which church open for silent prayer until 10pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 3rd	2-3pm	An Hour at the Cross (followed by refreshments at the Vicarage)
Sat 4th	9.30-11.30pm	Church and Churchyard clean-up
	8.30pm	Easter Eve reflective Service

**Electoral roll closes.**

**Election nominations for Church Council open.**

Sun 5th	8am	<b>Easter Day Communion (said)</b>
	10.30am	<b>All-Age Communion for Easter</b>
	12.30pm	<b>Baptism Service</b>

No midweek service on Wednesday 8th April.

Sun 12th	10.30am	<b>All-Age Service</b>
	12 noon	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>(Clergy from St. Michael's to cover)</b>
Mon 13th	7.30pm	PCC meeting in Parish Centre
Wed 15th	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (1662 setting) & refreshments
Thurs 16th	11am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
Sun 19th	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion (sung)</b>
	12 noon	<b>ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING</b>
Mon 20th	11.45am	First Steps Service – 'Henry's Easter Egg' – in Centre
Wed 22nd	9.15am	Church open for prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (with prayer for healing) & refreshments
Sat 25th	4pm	Wedding
Sun 26th	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion (sung)</b>
	12.30pm	<b>Baptism Service</b> <b>(brought forward one week due to Rededication Service)</b>

Wed 29th 9.15am Church open for prayer  
10am Holy Communion (One World setting) & refreshments

### **EARLY MAY.**

Rededication Weekend:-

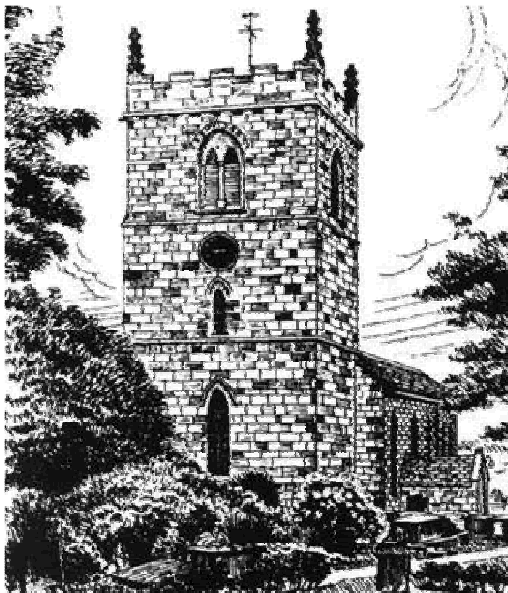
Sat 2nd 9.30-11.30am Church and Churchyard clean-up  
2-4pm Open Afternoon

**Sun 3rd 8am Holy Communion (said)**  
**10.30am SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REDEDICATION**

**Bishop Nick Baines to preach and celebrate.**  
**Followed by a Faith Lunch. See article.**

Wed 6th 9.15am Church open for Prayer  
10am Holy Communion (Common Worship) & refreshments

**Sun 10th 10.30am All-Age Worship – Christian Aid**  
**12 noon Holy Communion**



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

## Baptisms:-

In March we welcomed 3 new members to our church in Baptism;

Harry Richard Wood, Son of Richard and Shannon from Tingley.

Willow Jean Landstaff, Daughter of Tom and Kelly from Tingley.

And

Elizabeth Rose Rowland, Daughter of Michael and Rebecca from Wakefield.

**QUIZ ANSWERS** 1. Arthur Conan Doyle 2. Toby 3. HMS Beagle  
4. Cerberus 5. Spike 6. Dylan Thomas 7. K9 8. St. Bernard 9. Pluto  
10. Elizabeth Barrett Browning 11. Six 12. Santa's Little helper  
13. (b) Fox terrier 14. Pong ping 15. 25% 16. Snowy 17. Nipper  
18. Bullseye 19. The tweenies 20. Joe Cocker 21. Quentin Tarantino  
22. Al Pacino 23. Canis Major 24. Gin and beer 25. Jagger, an Irish  
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Albert.

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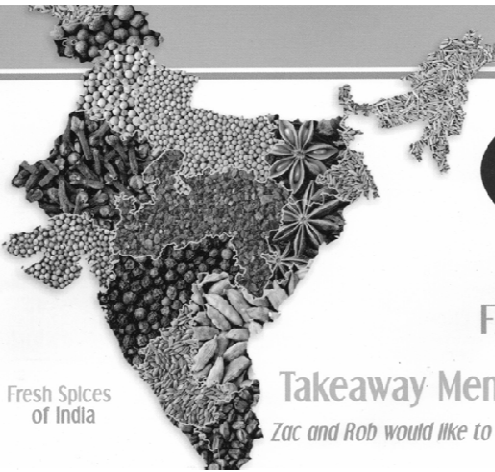
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## **What's on**

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<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
<b>Explorer Scouts</b>	Friday 7:45 pm to 9:30 pm Chris Ingham 07816 517838

# 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  
Email: [vicar@stmarywoodkirk.org](mailto:vicar@stmarywoodkirk.org)

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