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

Thought for the Day.

**Going to church doesn't make you a
Christian, anymore than standing in
your garage makes you a car.**

Prayerful Thought August

Hi there.

So many of us these days are 'surfers on the net', although I appreciate not all.

Those of us who are, know that there is a lot of rubbish circulated through these digital connections. However, a 'Facebook Friend' posted this a few weeks ago and it just shows me that perhaps God is trying this 'surfing the net' lark as He encourages people to share across the world.

See what you think...

A Minister passing through his church in the middle of the day,
Decided to pause at the altar to see who would come to pray,
Just then the back door opened, and a man came down the aisle,
The minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved for a while.
His shirt was torn and shabby, and his coat was worn and frayed,
The man knelt down and bowed his head, then rose and walked away.

In the days that followed at precisely noon, the preacher saw this chap,
Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch pail in his lap,
Well, the minister's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear,
He decided to stop and ask the man, 'What are you doing here'.
The old man said he was a factory worker, and lunch was half an hour,
Lunchtime was his prayer time, for finding strength and power.

I stay only a moment, because the factory's far away,
As I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is kinda what I say,
I just came by to tell you, Lord, How happy I have been,
Since we found each others' friendship and you took away my sin,
Don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day,
So Jesus, this is Ben, just checking in today.

The minister feeling foolish, told Ben that it was fine,
He told the man that he was welcome to pray there anytime,
'It's time to go, and thanks' Ben said, as he hurried to the door,
Then the minister knelt there at the altar, which he'd never done before.

His cold heart melted, warmed with love as he met Jesus there,
As the tears flowed down his cheeks, he repeated old Ben's prayer.

I just came by to tell you, Lord, How happy I have been,
Since we found each others' friendship and you took away my sin,
Don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day,
So Jesus, this is me just checking in today.

Past noon one day, the minister noticed that old Ben hadn't come,
As more days passed and still no Ben, he began to worry some,

At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill,
The hospital staff were worried, but he'd given them a thrill,
The week that Ben was with them, brought changes to the ward,
His smiles and joy contagious, changed people were his reward,
The head nurse couldn't understand why Ben could be so glad,
When no flowers, calls or cards came, not a visitor he'd had.

The minister stayed by his bed, he voiced the nurses concern,
No friends had come to show they cared, he had nowhere to turn.
Looking surprised, old Ben spoke up, and with a winsome smile,
'The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, He's been here all the while',
Every day at noon He comes here, a dear friend of mine you see,
He sits right down and takes my hand, leans over and says to me.

I just came by to tell you, Ben, How happy I have been,
Since we found this friendship and I took away your sin,
I think about you always, and I love to hear you pray,
And so Ben this is Jesus, just checking in today.

I am not aware of whether the 'Facebook friend' who shared this with me is a person of faith or not, but they obviously thought enough about it to share it on their page for their friends to see.

It is something posted by an American singer-songwriter, but it just felt right to share this with you, perhaps it might help you if you are struggling with how to pray.

Jesus doesn't mind whether you come across as a great orator or thinker, whether you spend ages preparing to pray. Even if you only have a few minutes, can you invest it in 'checking in with God today?

Dawn



A Near Novice Experience

Alice Kelly reports back on the MU Beetle Drive....

A good laugh, some moves and a whole lot of shaking going on. Not my usual night (Line Dancing is the norm), but the Mothers Union Beetle Drive.

Having not been for a number of years, I had forgotten what a good night out it was and only cost £2. We even had an interval with tea and bickies, then it was time to calm down before round 2 began. A plus for me was I won a prize even if it was the Booby!

Alice

All Age @ St. Mary's...

Our new Puppets make their debut on the big stage...

God's adopted Children

Gill & Liz introduce our theme for the day.

Every year millions of children are adopted. I have a home and you needed one. You needed love and I had love to give.

When parents adopt a child they become their Son or Daughter. We can also be adopted by God. He can give his love to us and help us to grow every day.

Sally invites us to write our names on a label which says 'God has chosento be adopted into his family'. We hang our labels on a small tree at the front of church.

We also had the opportunity to suggest names for our new puppets. All the suggestions were collected and the winner was Philip Taylor who said the names should be: GEORGE and JEMIMA.

Here is their first performance:

ADOPT TED

George pops up, acting agitated.

Jemima pops up.

What's the matter with you George, you look troubled?

George. Oh hello Jemima. Yeh my Sunday School Teacher wants us to write something called adopt Ted, but I wasn't paying attention much, so I'm worried.

Jemima. Why, what's to worry about?

George. Well, adopt Ted? er I don't know anyone called Ted.

Jemima. You silly boy. It's a word and the word is adopted, it's all one word not adopt Ted.

George. Oh right, so what is adopted then?

Jemima. Well, let me think. Do you think that you look like your parents George?

George. I think so. I mean, I must do.

Jemima. How do you know?



George. Well, I was in Tesco's the other day with my mum, and some lady who my Mum knew, came up to my Mum and said "wow is this your little George, my, he looks just like his Dad". My Mum said "yeh, but he'll grow out of it". Then they both laughed. I didn't get it.

Jemima. I think they were just joking George. But if you didn't look like your Mum or Dad, would you think that you were adopted?

George. No not really, I'd just think I was better looking than my Mum & Dad. Ha Ha.

Jemima. Let me try and explain George, because I'm the one who listens at Sunday School.

George. Oooo Little Miss Goody Two Shoes.

Jemima. No, listen. One thing that comes to my mind is that whenever I'm sad, my Dad is always there to comfort me. I climb onto his lap and tell him what's wrong.

George. Yeh. My Dad's like that too. He climbs onto my lap and I comfort him.

Jemima. Don't be silly.

George. Only joking

Jemima. You know that nice couple at the end of our street, Mr & Mrs Jones, well they have a little boy called Michael. Now Michael didn't have a Mummy & Daddy of his own, so Mr & Mrs Jones were so kind that they took Michael in, and now look after him as though he was their own child.

George. So Michael has been adopted.

Jemima. Yes George, now you've got it.

Jemima. I've just had another thought

George. Oo I bet that hurt.

Jemima. Yeh but, no but, yeh but, no but, if our real Fathers are caring and understanding, don't you think that God is even more caring to his own children?

George. I suppose so, but it's easy for him, he only has one, and that's Jesus.

Jemima. Ah well, that's where you're wrong George.



George. How can I be wrong. I remember reading about Jesus in the Bible?

Jemima. OK, listen. Have you ever been naughty and your Mum & Dad have told you off, and then you think they don't love you?

George. Oh yeh, at least three times a week.

Jemima. But you know deep down that they really do love you.

George. Yeh, they're my parents, they always love me, no matter what.

Jemima. That's right, and it's just the same with God. Once someone is his child, they are always his child.

George. So what's that got to do with been adopted?

Jemima. Well George. You are a child of God. I am a child of God. We are all God's Children.

George. Even Ted?

Jemima. Ya being daft again.

George. Sorry.

Jemima. You see George, if more children spent more time with God, they will become more like him, and people around them will see a difference. So George, that's it in a nutshell.

We are all God's adopted children.

George. Jemima.....

Jemima. What?

George. I do look like my Mum & Dad though don't I?

Jemima. Come to think of it, you look a bit like our milkman. I think his name is Ted.

George. Get out of here.

THE END

Brian then performed the beautiful melodic hymn '10,000 Reasons' on guitar, before Neal gave our final blessing prayer:

All the time God waits,

All the time God sees,

All the time God loves,

He is calling us by our name.

Thank you God for adopting us into your Family.

With thanks to Gail, Brian and the team for the monthly Family Service. Come along and see Sunday from another point of view....

Wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen...

Surprisingly we discovered there is more than one St. Albans...

On holiday this year Gail and I discovered another St. Albans. Although this one is not a Cathedral, it belongs to the Church of England and has a Royal past.

The present church was built close to the heart of Copenhagen in 1885 and was consecrated in 1887, just a stone's throw from the royal palace and the little mermaid. However, before this there had been an Anglican presence in Denmark for many years and they were one of the first foreign denominations to be granted royal approval to hold services which previously had been restricted to den danske folkekirke (the Danish Church).

The Church was named after Saint Alban, the first martyr of England, murdered on the 22nd of June in the year 303 A.D. and buried in Ely in Cambridgeshire in eastern England. Canute of Denmark (Knud den Hellige), son of Svend Estridsøn and nephew of Canute the Great, King of England, in 1075 moved the remains of Saint Alban to the Church of St Mary at Odense, in northern Denmark, a small wooden church which was consequently renamed Church of Saint Mary and Saint Alban.

In the year 1086, Canute of Denmark, or as he was now called, Canute the Fourth of Denmark, together with his brother Benedict, were murdered in front of the altar of this church and was sainted in 1101. Today the remains of Canute the Fourth and his brother Benedict, as



well as those of Saint Alban, are kept in the present Church of Saint Canute (Sankt Knud) in Odense. The original church of Saint Mary no longer exists. [Funnily enough, the local brewery, Albani in Odense, was named after Saint Alban.]

The history of the church begins in Elsinore, situated at the entrance to the Sound between Denmark and Sweden, and the logical port for the collection of the so-called "Sound Dues" (a toll for using the sea passage between Denmark and Sweden). A large group of Scots resided in Elsinore. Later, also Englishmen arrived. A great part of the ships passing Elsinore were British, thus, for example in 1850 when out of 20,000 passing ships, approximately 7,000 were British.

For this reason many English shipping agencies were established in the town, and there was even a British consul, whereas Copenhagen had only a vice-consul. All these people, of course, had a need to worship in their own language and according to their own rituals, but this was forbidden by the Danish King's Law of 1665, issued by Frederik the Third, according to which no other church than the Lutheran was tolerated in Denmark. However, English ambassadors and ministers at the Danish Court were allowed to hold private services in their own homes, but only in their own language and only for their own family and English servants. It was, however, forbidden to administer Holy Communion.

As Copenhagen more and more had become the centre for commerce, an English congregation was developing in Copenhagen. And following the various exemptions made to the King's Law, it was possible for the congregation to have religious services in Copenhagen. Thus, in 1834, they rented a room in Store Kongensgade 51, for 400 silver Rix Dollars (a Dollar was worth about 2 shillings). Freedom of worship was not granted until the Danish Constitution of 5 June 1849.

In the long run, however, it was not a very satisfactory arrangement renting rooms for worship, and the congregation began to wonder if it would be possible to build their own church. They worked on this for more or less 30 years! It was difficult. Not only did they have to obtain all the necessary permissions from the Danish State to rent the site and build a church, they also had to obtain the necessary financial support for this purpose. Especially the latter was extremely difficult. It is here that the Danish Princess Alexandra enters the picture.

She was the oldest daughter of King Christian the Ninth (1818-1906) and married Queen Victoria's oldest son Edward, Prince of Wales, later King Edward the Seventh. Thanks to their untiring efforts it became possible in the end to procure the necessary funds, and on 19 September 1885 Princess Alexandra laid down the foundation stone.

On this very special occasion, the following statement on vellum was placed in a hermetically sealed bottle, together with some English, Danish and Russian coins, and deposited in a cavity of the stone:-

"This foundation stone of St Alban's English Church was laid on September 19th 1885 by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales in the presence of the Prince of Wales, King Christian the Ninth and Queen Louise, The Czar and Czarina of Russia, the Danish Crown Prince (later Frederik the Eighth), Prince and Princess Valdemar, the Princes Christian and Carl of Denmark (later, respectively, King Christian the Tenth of Denmark and King Haakon of Norway), as well as representatives of other European Royal Houses. '

Less than two years later, on 21 May 1887, the top stone of the spire, which is of granite, some 150 feet above the ground, was raised and the event duly celebrated, both ecclesiastically and in more mundane fashion, the latter by the workmen who received 415 Danish Kroner for the purpose, the elite being content with a glass of sherry at 1.50 Kroner per bottle.

The church was consecrated on 17 September 1887. Present were the Prince and Princess of Wales, the King and Queen of Denmark, The Czar and Czarina of Russia, the King and Queen of Greece, the Danish Crownprince and Princess Marie of Denmark, and many other members of foreign Royal Houses, besides the entire Diplomatic Corps, Ministers and representative from Army and Navy, Church Officials, as well as Greek, Russian and Roman Catholic Priests. Following the consecration, the Prince and Princess of Wales on board the royal ship Osborne were hosting a lunch, to which all those who had been closely connected with the realisation of the church were invited.

The church is a typical English church in Early English style, designed by the Victorian church architect Sir Arthur Blomfield, and executed by the Danish architect Professor L. Fenger. As far as possible it is built as it would be in England. The walls are faced externally with cleft flints from Stevns in Denmark, the stone dressings are of the harder quality of limestone from Faxe, also in Denmark, except the spire, which is of cut stone from Åland in Sweden.

The facing and mouldings of the internal walls are executed in the fine white Faxe limestone. Please note the particularly beautiful moulded chancel arch and the arches and column dividing the nave from the north aisle. The dado and floor are of Campbell tiles, the roof is covered with brindled Broseley tiles from Shropshire. The reredos, pulpit and font are carried out in terracotta and Doulton ware from the firm of Doulton, Lambeth, the subjects moulded in terracotta being the work of George Tinworth, who was a well known artist in the modelling of religious subjects. The foundations were troublesome to the tune of about 5,000 Danish Kroner, as it was necessary to pile under the whole church and to strengthen the underwater bank of the moat. The cellar is waterproofed by an asphaltic membrane through walls and floor.

We made a donation as we left this marvellous little piece of England in Denmark.

David



Pin Points of Light.

I am still fascinated by air travel at night. As one flies over a town or city, making one's descent into darkness of the night, we look out at the town below and see little pin-point of light. Most offices and factories may be closed, so these pin-points of light, each one may represent a home, a family.

Our world to-day is pretty dark. In parts of it there are conflicts and open tension and hate, In parts there are hunger and social conditions that we find hard to describe. In other parts there has been a loss of moral standards and a lack of teaching of Christ's love and wisdom, children are growing up in a maze of moral uncertainty. Darkness covers some of our world and this also covers some people. But all over the world there are Christian homes where the light of Christ shines....and here is our hope. These are pin-points of light which penetrate the surrounding darkness. If we look into one of these homes these centres of light, this is what we may find:-

A man and a woman who love one another with a deep and understanding love. This is the basis of the security and confidence which the children feel as they go out from the home and mix with others. The security of love, the confidence created by deep harmony at home is a treasure beyond all price. Looking more closely at the home we will see a copy of the Bible, not one of those plain Bibles we may have had as children with small type and language more than three and a half centuries old, but an attractive book, well printed, in a Language which modern youngsters can grasp without undue difficulty. Here it is available among the other books or papers in the room, easy to reach, easy to read and may be read by the father or the mother to the children from time to time or by the children themselves - maybe they even pray together. Here is a family who has an allegiance to Jesus Christ on the part of the parents, if not now but maybe later on in their lives will lead the children to give their allegiance also.

"I am the light of the world" said our Lord

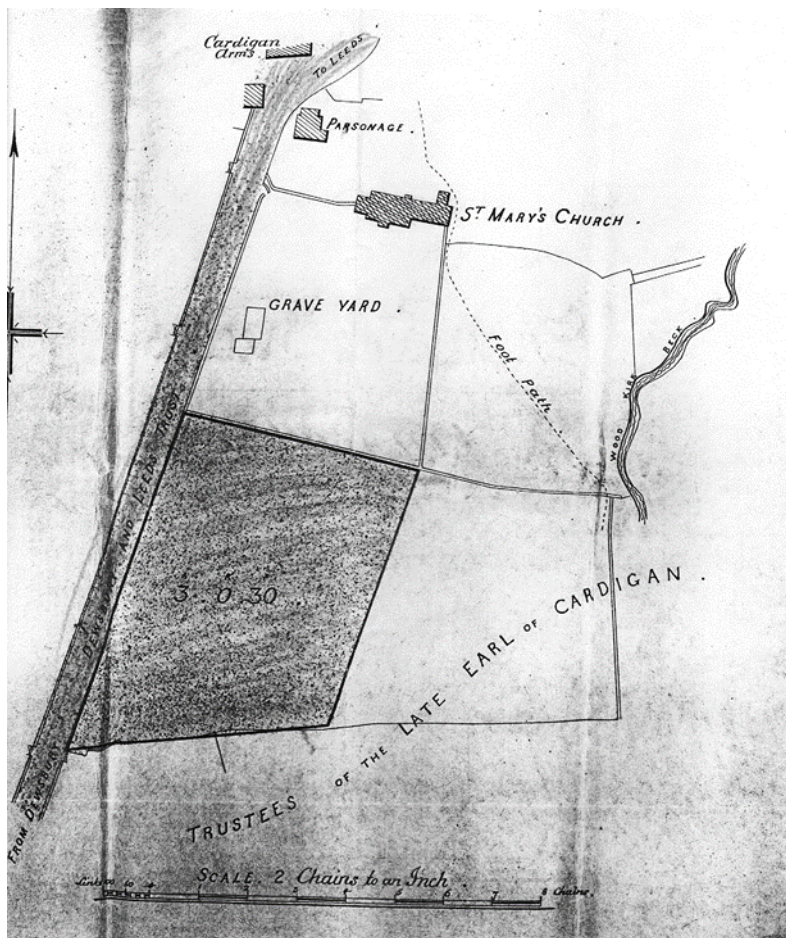
"You are the light of the world" said our Lord.

Ours is a derived light, a reflected light, rather as the moon derives its light from the sun and reflects it. What more wonderful calling could anyone have than so to live through us the light of Christ should shine out in the family, out from the family, into the street, into the neighbourhood, out into the world..

Gail.

Church Yard

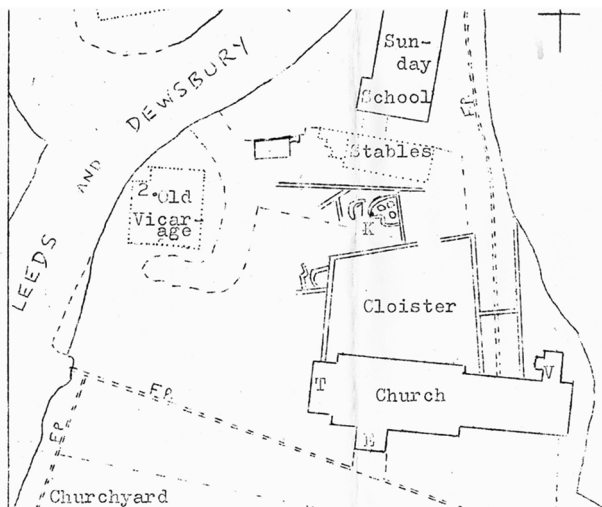
Our Church yard is 11.5 acres and is getting quite full, but how did we come to have such a large grave yard for such a comparatively small Church? Actually the grave yard was less that half its current size, but back in 1886, the then Bishop of Ripon, The Right Reverend William Boyd allowed for the additional ground to be added as consecrated land, as shown by the darker zone in the actual sketch below:-



This made the grave yard more than double its original size, but it was later reduced when the dual carriageway was built. This was no small thing as it entailed the moving of 191 graves. The gravity of the situation can be felt in an extract from the original Chancery Court document from July 1969:

The matter which has necessitated a sitting of this very ancient and historic Court—the first for over 40 years—is a Notice of Appeal by Mr. Albert Bleasby, Town Clerk of the borough of Morley, on behalf of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Morley from a Judgement of the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Wakefield given on the 16th day of October 1968, whereby it was adjudged that the Appellants in this Court—the Petitioners in the Consistory Court—had not made out a sufficient case, on the ground of public need, for the grant of a Faculty to enable improvements to be carried out to that part of the main road from Dewsbury to Leeds which runs adjacent to the West boundary of the Church and Graveyard of St. Mary the Virgin Woodkirk, to override the very strong public and private interest that Consecrated land should remain for the use for which it was dedicated and that human remains when interred therein should continue undisturbed.

Eventually of course, the matter was settled and the new road was built, which included the demolition of the original Vicarage:-



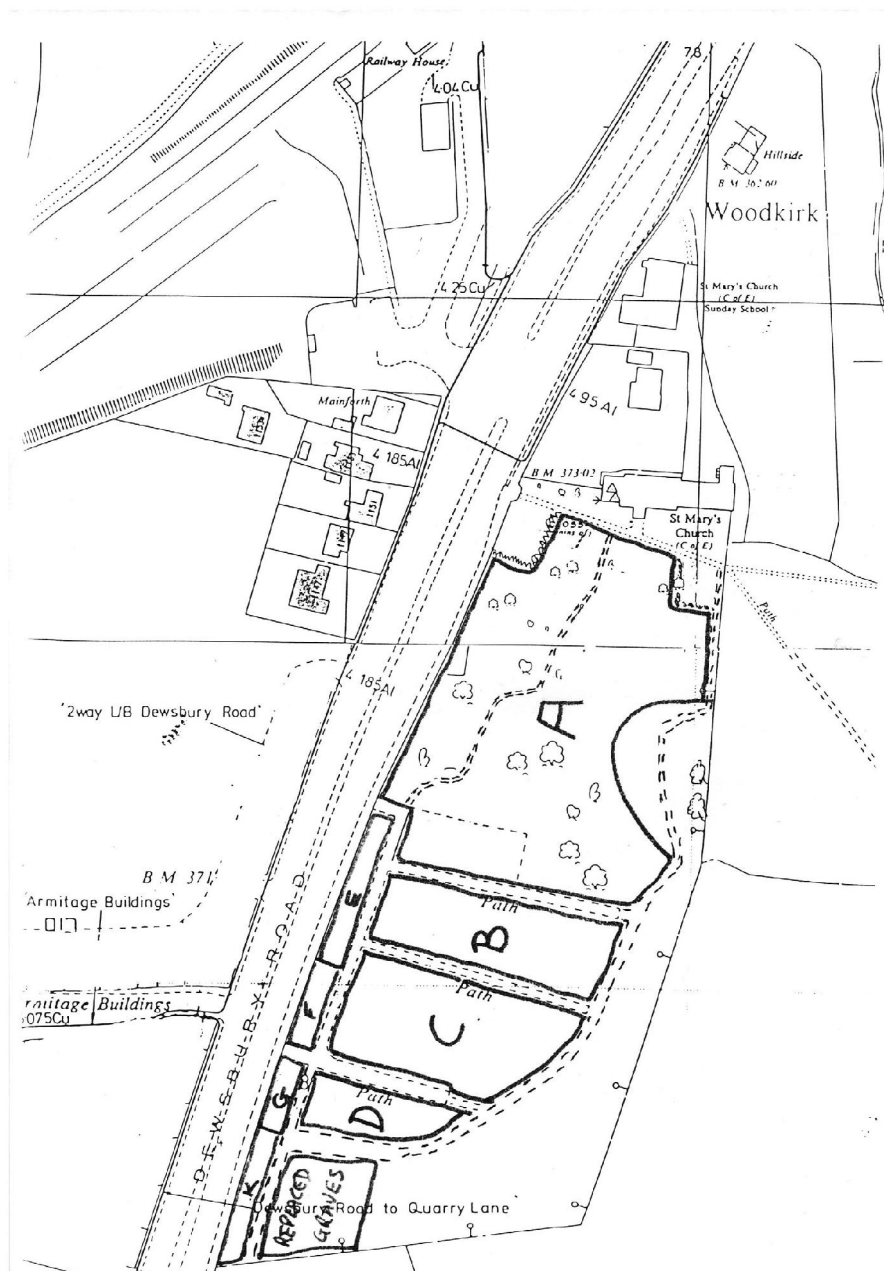
So that's how we have today an 11,5 acre plot at St. Mary's. A lot of it runs wild, but the Yorkshire Wildlife trust has recognised it as a great haven for wildlife, but it should also be '*a haven of peace where people can honour the memory of loved ones and share in the beauty of God's creation.*' (Taken from a Church discussion document dated August 2002). Back then things were a bit different, with a 12 strong team of volunteers, a huge amount could be accomplished. Here is a picture of the 'team' from back then:-



Today we don't have quite so many folk, but there is a regular 'hard core' who like a challenge. If you too enjoy the great outdoors and have some free time—come and join us for a couple of hours on the first Saturday of every month, to mow, strim, cut, chop and manicure this great Churchyard—and help to keep a bit of History alive.

David

Today's Church yard Layout:-



May Magdalene uncovered.

Gail takes a look at the life of Mary Magdalene...

Taken from Luke 8 v1-3

This is how we are introduced to Mary Magdalene in the Gospels and she goes on to be a constant companion of Jesus, as it is the women who remain faithful to him at times of crisis when male disciples become discouraged and abandon him. Mary Magdalene and the other women are present at Jesus crucifixion and burial. It was Mary Magdalene, Jesus mother, his mother's sister, and Mary the wife of Clopas who stood at the foot of the cross. Finally on the Morning of Easter Sunday she alone goes to the tomb, finds the stone rolled away, and runs to tell Peter. 'They have taken the Lord away, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved followed and looked into the tomb and return to their houses, Mary stays there weeping, two Angels ask her why she is crying she told them what she had said to Peter, but then turns around and see a figure, whom she does not recognise and thinks he is the gardener she ask where have you taken him, Jesus speaks her name whereupon she recognises him. He tells her not to hold on to him but to go and tell the disciples. Mary Magdalene and some of the other women return to the tomb, two angels appear to the women and tells them not to look for the living among the dead and to go and remain with the disciples.

In the 4 gospel's she is the one singled out as the first witness to the risen Christ.

It is said that she went east accompanied by Mary (Jesus' mother) and John, to Ephesus. She is also said to have gone to the West and had a dramatic time turned loose in an oar-less boat with Martha, Lazarus and others, she landed in southern France where she spent her last years in a cave, living as a hermit. Fascination with her was increased by her identification with the women "who was a sinner".

Gail

The first English Protestant Martyr.

Last month at work, we had a visit from Boeing. They flew over from Seattle to see one of two Presses we are building for them, prior to shipment to the States. One of the Engineers, called Peter Strauss, informed us that he had a religious ancestor, born in Birmingham. By co-incidence, we had a meeting in Birmingham and so our Technical Director, Peter Anderton, set off in search of a 'Blue Plaque' commemorating this Ancestor.

He found the Plaque on a street in an area called Deritend – not far from the centre. The person on the plaque was called John Rodgers – a clergyman born in 1505, he was a bible translator and commentator, and the first English Protestant martyr under Mary I of England burned at the stake on 4th February 1555. His father was also called John Rogers and was a lorimer – a maker of bits and spurs – whose family came from Aston; his mother was Margaret Wyatt, the daughter of a tanner with family in Erdington and Sutton Coldfield. Rogers was educated at the Guild School of St John the Baptist in Deritend, and at Pembroke Hall, Cambridge University, where he graduated B.A. in 1526. Between 1532 and 1534 he was rector of Holy Trinity the Less in the City of London.

In 1534, Rogers went to Antwerp as chaplain to the English Merchant Adventurers. Here he met William Tyndale, under whose influence he abandoned the Roman Catholic faith, and married Antwerp native Adriana de Weyden in 1537. After Tyndale's death, Rogers pushed on with his predecessor's English version of the Old Testament, which he used as far as 2 Chronicles, employing Myles Coverdale's translation (1535) for the remainder and for the Apocrypha. Although it is claimed that Rogers was the first person to ever print a complete English Bible that was translated directly from the original Greek & Hebrew, there was also a reliance upon a Latin translation of the Hebrew Bible by Sebastian Münster and published in 1534/5.

Tyndale's New Testament had been published in 1526. The complete Bible was put out under the pseudonym of Thomas Matthew in 1537. Richard Grafton published the sheets and got leave to sell the edition (1500 copies) in England. At the insistence of Archbishop Cranmer, the "King's most gracious license" was granted to this translation. Previously in the same year, the 1537 reprint of the Myles Coverdale's translation had been granted such a license. The pseudonym "Matthew" is associated with Rogers, but it seems more probable that Matthew stands for Tyndale's own name, which, back then, was dangerous to employ. Rogers had little to do with the translation; his own share in that work was probably confined to translating the prayer of Manasses inserted for the first time in a printed

English Bible, the general task of editing the materials at his disposal. These are often cited as the first original English language commentary on the Bible. His work was largely used by those who prepared the Great Bible (1539–40), and from this came the Bishops' Bible (1568) and the King James Version.

Rogers matriculated at the University of Wittenberg on 25 November 1540, where he remained for three years, becoming a close friend of Philipp Melanchthon. On leaving Wittenberg he spent four and a half years as a superintendent of a Lutheran church in Meldorf, Dithmarschen, near the mouth of the River Elbe. He returned to England in 1548.

In 1550 he was presented to the crown livings of St Margaret Moses and St Sepulchre in London, and in 1551 was made a prebendary of St. Paul's, where the dean and chapter soon appointed him divinity lecturer. He courageously denounced the greed shown by certain courtiers with reference to the property of the suppressed monasteries, and defended himself before the privy council. He also declined to wear the prescribed vestments, donning instead a simple round cap. On the accession of Mary he preached at Paul's Cross commending the "true doctrine taught in King Edward's days," and warning his hearers against "pestilent Popery, idolatry and superstition."

On 16 August 1553 he was summoned before the council and bidden to keep within his own house. His emoluments were taken away and his prebend was filled in October. In January 1554, Bonner, the new Bishop of London, sent him to Newgate Prison, where he lay with John Hooper, Laurence Saunders, John Bradford and others for a year.

In December 1554, Parliament re-enacted the penal statutes against Lollards, and on 22 January 1555, two days after they took effect, Rogers (with ten other people) came before the council at Gardiner's house in Southwark, and defended himself in the examination that took place.

On 28 and 29 January he came before the commission appointed by Cardinal Pole, and was sentenced to death by Gardiner for heretically denying the Christian character of the Church of Rome and the real presence in the sacrament. He awaited and met death cheerfully, though he was even denied a meeting with his wife. He was burned at the stake on 4 February 1555 at Smithfield. Noailles, the French ambassador, speaks of the support given to Rogers by the greatest part of the people: "even his (ten) children assisted at it, comforting him in such a manner that it seemed as if he had been led to a wedding."

A bust in his memory was erected at St John's Church, Deritend in 1853, by public subscription.

Poetry Corner.

The Tree

Its roots are bristling in the air
Like some mad Earth-god's spiny hair;
The loud south-wester's swell and yell
Smote it at midnight, and it fell.

Thus ends the tree
Where Some One sat with me.

Its boughs, which none but darers trod,
A child may step on from the sod,
And twigs that earliest met the dawn
Are lit the last upon the lawn.

Cart off the tree
Beneath whose trunk sat we!

Yes, there we sat: she cooed content,
And bats ringed round, and daylight went;
The gnarl, our seat, is wrenched and sunk,
Prone that queer pocket in the trunk

Where lay the key
To her pale mystery.

"Years back, within this pocket-hole
I found, my Love, a hurried scrawl
Meant not for me," at length said I;
"I glanced thereat, and let it lie:

The words were three -
'Beloved, I agree.'

"Who placed it here; to what request
It gave assent, I never guessed.
Some prayer of some hot heart, no doubt,
To some coy maiden hereabout,

Just as, maybe,
With you, Sweet Heart, and me."

Thomas Hardy

SANDRA'S SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

JOBS FOR AUGUST

Here are a few tips for August. Hopefully the garden is in full swing and produce should be coming along well. Tomatoes should be ripening, cucumbers swelling and, hopefully, fruits on the pumpkins and squash. If you will be on holiday there are jobs to do before you go (see no's 7 – 10) There are more tips and advice on the BBC web site: - www.gardenersworld.com Remember them beans that are peas? Well they have produced pods! Lots of peas, onions, swede and beetroot. Some pak choi but not sure if I've grown it properly as it has not swelled much. Watch this space.

- 1 Cut off all leaves below the first truss of tomatoes. This lets more light in to ripen the fruit. Continue to feed them and water little and often.
2. Pinch out growing tips on pumpkins once they have set 3 or 4 fruits.
3. Keep cutting off runners or diseased leaves from strawberry plants.
4. Water runner beans, celery and pumpkins if the weather is dry,
5. Sow green manures in vacant ground. Try Mustard or Rape but make sure you dig them in before they start to flower.
6. Sow Parsley seeds towards the end of the month. Sow in 3 ½ inch (9cm) pots ½ to ¾ in (1-2cm) deep. Once sown, place on a light windowsill or in the greenhouse and keep the compost just moist. Harvest as required through the winter.
7. De-bloom and harvest. Be ruthless. Pick all crops that are, or nearly ready. Remove spent and open blooms and the buds of edibles and ornamentals to ensure they carry on.
8. Automatic irrigation is the best way to keep your garden watered. It can be hidden easily and controlled manually or by a timer. Punch holes in the cap of a 1L bottle. Cut the bottom off, screw the top on and fill the bottle. Insert the bottle in pots or greenhouse borders next to plants.
9. Don't forget houseplants. Place some capillary matting on your draining board trailing into a full sink. Allow the matting to soak up the water then place your houseplants on top. Leave a space between each plant to ensure there is enough air circulating to avoid rotting.
10. Don't forget to feed the garden plants with a general fertilizer. However, if they are flowering or producing crops, give them a high potash feed. This encourages them to produce more flowers for when you get back (especially if you have de-bloomed) Make sure you follow the manufacturers advice.

I hope you have a happy and pleasant holiday and that everything in the garden is rosy when you return.

Sandra

SANDRA'S GARDEN

Shortly after these pictures were taken, Sandra had a fall in the garden and managed to break her leg (fibula).

Get well soon Sandra, with love and best wishes from all your friends.





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

Beavers

During July some of our Beavers attended a fun day and sleep over at the railway park near Leigh View Centre, they all had a great time, We only attend two weeks in July so we were busy finishing our fitness badge.

On the 17th July we attend our Group BBQ; it was lovely to see so many parents there.

The children had lots of activities to keep themselves busy. We would like to thank the ladies who made some wonderful cakes and got all the food ready and not forgetting Dave who did a wonderful job on the BBQ.

A special thank-you to Chris our District Commissioner who kindly agreed invest Sam into the 15th Morley Beaver Group, and to hand out all the badges achieved over the last 6 months. We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and looking forward to seeing you all on the 11th September.

Gail and Joanne and Skip

Brian's Humour Page

Can you imagine the Nun sitting at her desk grading these papers, all the while trying to keep a straight face! It comes from a catholic elementary school test.

Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following 15 statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected . Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, guinessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.

2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.

3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.

4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.

5. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.

6. Moses led the Jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.

7. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.

8. The first commandments was when eve told Adam to eat the apple.

9. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

10. The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

11. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.

12. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

13. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.

14. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

15. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.

Brian

Diary for August and early September 2015,

AUGUST

Sat 1st 9.30-11.30 Church and Churchyard clean-up

Sun 2nd NO 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE

10.30am Holy Communion (sung)

12.30pm Baptism Service

Services conducted by Revd. Chris Johnson

Wed 5th 10:00am Holy Communion with Revd. Glen Coggins

Sun 9th 10.30am All-Age Worship

12 noon Holy Communion

12 noon conducted by Revd. Paul Ainsworth

Mon 10th 7.30pm PCC meeting in church

Wed 12th 10am Morning Praise with Gail

Thurs 13th 11am Communion at Lydgate Lodge

Sun 16th 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)

Service conducted by Revd. Elizabeth Lee

Wed 19th 10am Holy Communion with Revd. Glen Coggins

Sat 22nd 1pm Wedding

Sun 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)

Service conducted by Revd. Elizabeth Lee

Wed 26th 9.15am Church open for prayer

10am Morning Praise with Gail & refreshments

Sat 29th 12pm Wedding

Sun 30th 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)

With Revd. Elizabeth Lee

EARLY SEPTEMBER

Wed 2nd 10am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

With Revd. Glenn Coggins

Fri 4th 1pm Wedding

Sat 1st 9.30-11.30am Church & churchyard clean-up

Sun 6th 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)

12.30pm Baptism Service

Services conducted by Revd. Paul Ainsworth

Wed 9th 10am Morning Praise with Gail & refreshments

Sun 13th 10.30am All-Age Worship

12 noon Holy Communion

12 noon Service conducted by Ven. Paul Hooper

Albert's Name the Artists Quiz

Top Ten UK Singles of the 1950's:

1. Rock Around the Clock
2. Diana
3. Mary's Boy Child
4. The Harry Lime Theme
5. Living Doll
6. Jailhouse Rock
7. What Do You Want To Make Those Eyes At Me For?
8. All I Have To Do Is Dream/Claudette
9. What Do You Want?
10. All Shook Up

Top Ten UK Singles of the 1960's:

1. She Loves You
2. I Want To Hold Your Hand
3. Tears
4. Can't Buy Me Love
5. I Feel Fine
6. We Can Work It Out/ Day Tripper
7. The Carnival Is Over
8. Release Me
9. It's Now Or Never
10. Green Green Grass Of Home

Answers on P34.

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

Baptisms:-

In July we welcomed into our church family in Baptism:-
Evelyn Mae Audrey Harrison, Daughter of Stephen and Emily.
Samuel and James Bisatt, Son of James and Samantha.
Oscar Thomas Richards, Son of Ian and Sarah.

Weddings:-

Claire Hockett and Robert Leighton, from West Ardsley were
married at St. Mary's on 25th July.
Congratulations from the Church Family.

QUIZ ANSWERS:

Answers 1950's

1. Bill Haley and the Comets 2. Paul Anka 3. Harry Belafonte 4. Anton
Karas 5. Cliff Richard 6. Elvis Presley 7. Emile Ford 8. The Everly
Brothers 9. Adam Faith 10. Elvis Presley

Answers 1960's

1. Beatles 2. Beatles 3. Ken Dodd 4. Beatles 5. Beatles 6. Beatles
7. The Seekers 8. Englebert Humperdinck 9. Elvis Presley 10. Tom
Jones Albert.

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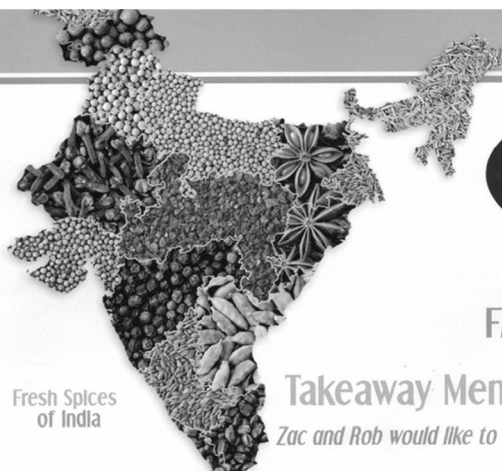
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Cubs	Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm Marianne Ingham 07778 542302
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Services

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

1st Sunday of the month:

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

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