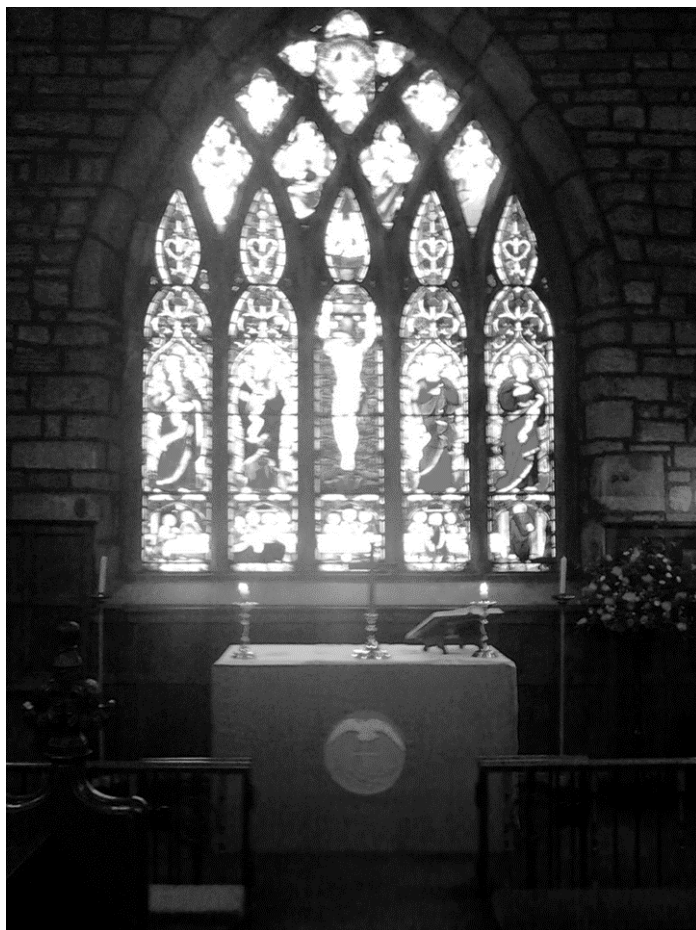


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**The New Altar Frontal**

**July 2015**



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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 lies behind us and what lies before  
us, are tiny matters compared to what  
lies within us.**

**Henry S. Haskins (1875-1957)  
Stockbroker.**



## **Thank you, Woodkirk – you will never be forgotten!**

*Amanda's final letter for our magazine...*

I am rapidly drowning beneath boxes, as I write! By the time you are reading this, the boxes may well have been loaded into a removal van to make their way down to South Yorkshire, and our new home at the Rectory in Sprotbrough. We have been told the removal firm will supply and pack 80 cartons, and supply and fill a 2000 cubic foot lorry – and anything beyond that is down to us. That focuses the mind – especially when the firm's assessor calculates we have 126 cartons worth of stuff. It's always the case with clergy, apparently. It's the books. So we are carefully sifting things, deciding what is to stay and what is to go, what we value and what we don't.

Many of you, at this time of year, will be making decisions of that nature on a smaller scale as the holiday season is upon us. What to pack? What not to pack? Especially as we hear that airlines are reducing the size of carry-on bags, our minds are focussed on what is important to take, and what can be left behind. Much of the decision making process is based on the destination you are heading towards – no point taking thermals to the Mediterranean or a bikini to the arctic – it would be a waste of space. We take with us only what will serve our purposes or enrich our lives at our planned destination. It makes sense!

Some of what I will carry to Sprotbrough is being packed in boxes – in this case, 46 boxes – that being the number the removal firm won't pack. But there is so much more that I carry in my heart and mind, which (fortunately) requires no packing case.

I carry with me the gratitude for the care and support I have received in times when I felt discouraged or out of my depth. My early days in my post here were challenging – I was inexperienced and fumbling, and often failed to hear the unspoken and bigger issue beneath the presenting question. I didn't spend long enough simply listening to people before making suggestions about where we needed to focus our energies. I felt under pressure to make my mark too rapidly.

In all that, you bore with my inexperience with patience and grace, and you gave me space to grow into the vicar I would become.

For that I am deeply thankful. The people of Sprotbrough will, I hope, have an easier ride! Although I know there are things I need to learn, and I am embarking on a whole new challenge, I will carry with me the experience I have gained, and the shaping of my ministry you have fashioned. They will not realise how much of Woodkirk I carry with me, and give to them. But I will know. And, more importantly, God will know.

**My prayer is that he will bless you for the gift you have been in my life.**

I passionately believe that ministry can only be effective when the moulding that happens is mutual – you have moulded me, and I have moulded you in some ways. I hope you can see that, as a church, we are in a different place to the place we were in 11 years ago. Some of those changes are good, and some perhaps less so. But, being in a different place, that means a different set of gifts will be needed in the person called to lead you on into the next phase of life here. May God lead you on. The next months without a vicar might be stretching but they will, I pray, be fruitful and enriching and allow you to grow in ways which would never have happened if I was still around.

I encourage you to explore the stuff packed into your heart and mind, the things you carry but which require no packing cases. Remember that your destination in life determines what is important to hold onto. The other stuff just weighs us down. What are you determined to cling to? And what does that say about your life? May God bless you. Thank you for all you have done for the Barracloughs. We are forever in your debt.

Revd. Amanda

*I would personally like to thank Amanda for both for her Ministry here at Woodkirk and her contributions to the magazine during my time as Editor. These have been of great value and also given us an insight into the woman behind the collar.*

*So now there is a gap to fill. If you have any material you can provide or stories to tell please let me know. There are some great contributors already to your magazine, but more are always welcome!*

David

## Amanda with her Flock...



When I give the signal.....



Everybody stand up !

## Prayerful thought July 2015

Hi there

The End...

Well that was a short article wasn't it?

But of course it's not really the end, but we may all be thinking what now?

Amanda and Derek have moved on to pastures new and we have a vacancy for a new vicar, but whilst yes, this has drawn to a close Amanda's time leading us here at St Mary's, it is not the end, it is really a new beginning.

Now I haven't been at St Mary's long enough to know what an interregnum (time without a vicar) is like, I do remember them at my previous church prior to moving into this area on my marriage, but I wasn't 'involved' in church other than attending services so other than seeing different vicars most weeks it didn't really have much of an impact on me.

But of course that isn't the case now, because I am quite involved at St Mary's being a member of the Core Group, the PCC and of course studying to become a Lay reader, so this time, I am much more aware of the impact that not having a vicar might have over the coming weeks and months.

The first thing we need to remember is not to get despondent about not having a vicar, yes it will be a bit strange, but Amanda has 'booked' clergy for a number of weeks/months so that we don't turn up on a Sunday morning and find no one here! But we will have to accept that some of the services we were used to happening may not actually happen because our visiting clergy may have their own parish commitments. And our Churchwardens Brian and Neal will have to arrange with these visiting clergy, for them to return for other dates until such time as our vacancy is filled.

That's just the Churchwardens though, but what will this time of 'vicarlessness' mean to you and me then?

Well although I am a bit daunted about it, in that Amanda was a great support to me with my studies offering advice and guidance, I

am also a little bit excited, because having different clergy taking our services is good for me in that I can consider the different ways clergy lead their services, and I think that is something that may do us all good really. Different people, men and women, variety, different life experiences. These will all add enrichment to our weekly worship together.

But in other ways we will be affected too. Amanda and Derek were on our reader and prayers rota, they undertook Communion monthly at Lydgate Lodge, Amanda took assemblies at our three local Primary Schools, there were lots of meetings that need to be attended to keep St Mary's 'connected'.

As we move through this time, there may be things that we suddenly might recognise aren't getting done, or that we haven't thought about. Then this will be a chance for all of us to 'step up' and be there for OUR church, just as OUR Church is there for us.

Now I know we are all busy, but what would be lovely is if we could all think a little bit more about where we might be able to help St Mary's over this time of vacancy, I am sure there will be a number of times when Brian or Neal, or members of the PCC may ask for extra help when something crops up and needs doing. I know a lot of you do lots already, but let's keep an open mind and really think about if we could actually give a little bit more time or make an extra effort to get to that particular event or service.

We also need to be considerate to our visiting clergy, we need to remember that the vicar may not know all the little nuances of our service and may not remember to tell us when we can sit down or when we should stand up etc, but we can do our bit by being the lovely welcoming church that we are, not grumbling that he/she didn't do 'whatever'. Think about how you would feel walking into a different church and having to stand up and lead a service knowing that everyone sat there looking back at you knows how 'services are done' here and you don't! But we must continue to be friendly and welcoming, which is of course what we should be anyway! Otherwise people may not want to come back (and that goes for new members in church as well as visiting clergy!).

I made the effort a week or two back and attended an ecumenical service at St Mary's on a Sunday Evening, and do you know, I was

glad I did. It was lovely, although it was a little sad to recognise that the majority of the congregation were from our neighbouring churches not our own. The theme of the service was 'Treasure in Clay Jars'.

As well as Amanda, other friends were involved in the service too with Douglas Perry from West Ardsley Methodist Church and Rev Glenn Coggins from St Michaels at East Ardsley leading us with prayers, Pastor Jeremie from the Church of the Nazarene gave a short talk, and Rev Paul Martin from West Ardsley Methodist Church preached the sermon, and he spoke about treasure, and the bible reading from Matthews Gospel chapter 6 19-21, which if you look up, you will see is the passage about not storing your treasures up on earth where they will be spoiled by moths and rust, but store up for yourselves treasure in heaven. For where your treasure is there is your heart also.

Paul's words were about where was our treasure? Were we too busy storing up treasures on earth and forgetting about the treasures we need to store in heaven? But more than that was the emphasis on where your heart is, for there will your treasure be, and that got me thinking.

Amongst all the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, where is our heart? What is our focus? St Mary's is our treasure, we are part of it, we are part of that family, and being together for our family over these next month's will be so important.

So, do you have space in your heart for St Marys? Will you step up and try and be there over these months of vacancy, worshipping and sharing together when our church and our church family need us.

Do you have St Mary's in your heart? Because remember;

**YOU are the HEART of St Mary's.**

Dawn.

## Hannah 'Obama' Barraclough is on an adventure!

Apparently I'm the best blend of a total hard case and a complete sweetheart. Exploring and adventuring in Zimbabwe, loving life, exploring life, smashing life!

From being a small child I've had a hidden, quiet obsession with Africa, the people, the culture, for me, there is something obviously enticing, and a gap yet to be fulfilled in my life. Eventually the grand old age of 26, after having the Bible verse, Isaiah 61 repeatedly given, I had the guts to change life, to give it a little shake, drop all of my worries and head on a plane to the far away land! I have been overwhelmed by the support of friends and family for this trip, here are a few incredible highlights from the first month in Zimbabwe!

In 1 samuel 2, Hannah prays  
'My heart rejoices in the Lord...  
In the Lord, my horn is lifted  
high,  
He raises the poor from the  
dust,  
And lifts the needy from the ash  
heap,  
He seats them with princes,  
And has them inherit a throne of  
honour,  
For the foundation of the earth  
are the Lords',  
On them he has set the world,  
He will guard the feet of his  
faithful servants'



Zimbabwe has, so far, been exhilarating! The feeling of being in the exact place that God wants me to be has filled me with an incredible sense of peace. I thought this trip would be significant for me, but in what capacity I couldn't define. I'm beginning to discover the bigger plan for my life, the next step along, and I'm meeting the most incredible, God-filled people along my way.

In just 4 weeks in I have been able to help with some amazing

projects over here, with lots more doors opening. My weeks have been filled with sewing projects, painting, praying, kids clubs, Kids Church, and helping vulnerable girls with new skills!

I'm currently staying with an amazing, hospitable couple, Martha and Ezra. With all honesty, I have felt totally at home since I got here. Their capacity to host, look after, pray for, and do life with some very random people (me!), alongside looking after their almost 1 year old, work, life and facing some other tricky situations here baffles me - God is so good!

As the local school is growing to its capacity, I have been called in to help with some tricks to turn one classroom into two, by painting chalk boards, and sewing huge curtains to divide the space. Pictures to follow!

I have loved assisting a girl called Hlulani, who has been running a kids club, teaching kids about Jesus in various schools and centres, each club differs dramatically with high density areas and LOTS of children, and other schools teaching little ones truths about Jesus, it's been amazing to help, plan, share my ideas and teach these amazing kids. These children have so much capacity to learn that God is good and keeps his promises!

Sundays here at fun! Church in the morning, where I have been helping with the nursery room. The majority of these kids are from a children's home, so I have been put to good use teaching them very basic bible stories. These children are used to playing, but are yet to know the truths about God, hopefully those little seeds will be planted here! On Sunday I taught them how to wiggle to 'every move I make' - nothing much changes eh, I feel a little like Jonah!

I have been able to find some refuge to pray, read and think about where God is leading me next by helping out in the 24/7 prayer room in Bulawayo, a busy town! In here I do 3-4 hour stints with people from different churches, making sure there is someone there to have a space where they can pray and reflect, check this place out. I have also unintentionally spent 7 hours in there, I felt a bit brain dead leaving, but felt refreshed by Gods all-surpassing peace!

Alongside these things, I have been meeting some amazing women, helping a ministry called 'Precious Life', who look after young vulnerable girls who have faced devastating circumstances, some who have found themselves pregnant, or in danger. I've been able to share some of my journey with them, teach them some hand sewing skills and laugh with them, they even let me carry their baby! Oh the joy, one of my many bucket list things ticked off!

Thank you for all of your wishes, prayers, motivational chats, crazy messages and cards, they have all confirmed that God has me



here for a plan he is slowly unravelling. I'm meeting some amazing people, with hearts sold out for God. Bible reading here is getting easier, relying on Gods word, seeing him work in people's lives has been, and will continue to be inspiring.

Please keep praying for doors to be opened, there is so much need here, and so little resources/people, but with God, anything is possible. I'm beginning to learn the tricky language Ndebele - this feels like my biggest hurdle, so would love to be a quick learner, and not shy to use it!

I recently have been reading Revelation, where it says:

'What He opens, no one can shut: and what he shuts, no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed an open door before you that no one can shut'

Hoping to update with the next step and more news in a little while, this side of Africa, big love to you all!

Hannah

## **Woodland Trust news: Observatree**

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Harnessing the power of citizen science is critical to the project's overall success. This is being achieved in two ways:-

Firstly, the project aims to encourage tree health professionals and people actively involved with trees to look out for and report any tree pest or disease sightings at the earliest opportunity. In doing this, the chances of eliminating or controlling future outbreaks can be maximised.

Secondly, the project has established a core network of 200 trained Observatree volunteers. Their role is to support Government tree health officers and scientists by undertaking a range of survey work and assisting with the processing and verifying of tree health reports received.

Funded by the EU's Life programme, Observatree is a partnership project. Led by Forest Research, the research agency of the Forestry Commission, partners are Fera, the National Trust, and the Woodland Trust. Supporting the project are APHA, Defra and Natural Resources Wales.

Visit the Observatree website to find out more or sign up for future updates.

## CHARLIE & ALICE: GROWING PAINS

*In their last performance at St. Mary's, Alice grows some seeds...*

Alice is restless....Charlie wonders why....

Charlie: What's up, Alice? Got ants in your pants?

Alice: No. I just can't sit still. I ought to be **DOING** something!

Charlie: Why? What's up?

Alice: Well, I'll worried and when I'm worried I start to fidget.  
I can't help it.

Charlie: What you worried about? Have you lost your favourite teddy?

Alice: No. Berty Bear is exactly where I left him. In my bed.

Charlie: Is your guinea pig poorly? Or your granny?

Alice: No – Gerry the Guinea Pig is fighting fit and so is Granny.  
It's my seeds. I planted them three whole days ago.

Charlie: So what's to worry about?

Alice: Well, they haven't grown yet. I've tried everything!

Charlie: What have you tried?

Alice: I watered them....

Charlie: Good!

Alice: And I've put them in a nice warm place....

Charlie: Good.

Alice: And I've made sure their soil is nice and soft,  
no weeds, and no stones.

Charlie: Good.

Alice: Then I went back after tea and nothing had happened. So I  
tried to think of something else to make them grow.

Charlie: Wait....

Alice: Don't interrupt me, Charlie. I'm telling you.

Charlie: Wait....

Alice: No. Shut up, Charlie. So I had to **DO** something. I talked to  
my seeds. Nothing happened. So I sang to them.

Charlie: What did you sing?

Alice:(sings) Mary, Mary quite contrary....

Charlie: Did it work?

Alice: No. So I did a little dance for them. I read them a story....

Charlie: What did you read them? Jack and the beanstalk?

Alice: Yes – how did you know?

Charlie: Did it work?

Alice: No. All day long I tried to think of things I could do to make  
my seeds grow. All day. But nothing happened.

Charlie: **WAIT!!!**

Alice: What do you keep telling me to wait for?  
Charlie: I keep trying to tell you you have to wait. You've done everything you can. You've made sure your seeds have soil and water and warmth. Now you have to let God do his bit. You have to wait and be patient.  
Alice: But I want to be in control. I'm the boss of these seeds. I want to MAKE it happen. Perhaps I should shout at them and get really cross. "Now, you stupid lazy seeds! Listen to me. I'm not going to wait any longer. Grow! I'm your boss and I'm commanding you to grow!"  
Charlie: Didn't work, did it?  
Alice: No.  
Charlie: Sometimes we can't control everything. Sometimes we have to learn to be patient and let God do the things we can't. Maybe we're not the boss after all.  
Alice: So Harvest isn't about saying, "Look how clever we are to grow all these things"?  
Charlie: No. It's about saying, "Thank you God for doing all the things we can't do by ourselves"  
Alice: Charlie?  
Charlie: What?  
Alice: I've lost something.  
Charlie: What?  
Alice: That worried feeling. It's gone away. Maybe Harvest is a time to remember we don't need to worry so much because God is looking after us.  
Charlie: I think you're right!



## Meet the New Team...

*Charlie and Alice have retired from St. Mary's forever—but they may well be appearing at another St. Mary's in the not too distant future..*

Meanwhile we have a brand new pair of handsome Puppets to take their place—see the pictures below. The question arose as to what we might want to call them? To resolve this tricky issue, the Puppets are to be named at the next All-Age Service on July 12th. Come along and make your suggestion—the best ideas will be announced during the service—and the new puppets will make their debut that very same morning! See you there.

David



What's your name?

## **Being Authentic Disciples...**

*St. Catherine's is very close to where I work in Wakefield. I often pop in for a cuppa and a bite in my lunch break. There is a good atmosphere there and I feel right at home when I walk in. David.*

St Catherine's, Wakefield has made it its mission to be a vibrant, open, inclusive church right at the heart of its community.

Situated as it is, in the centre of one of the most deprived areas of the city, the team of volunteers, vicar, Revd Helen Collings and Centre Manager, Lisa Grant, work hard to develop projects that respond directly to the needs of their neighbourhood in Belle View, Sandal and Agbrigg.

Said vicar, Helen Collings: "Our ministry is rooted in the care of the vulnerable and the disadvantaged. This is about being authentic disciples, in everything we do."

There's the café open every week day from 8-3pm, day care for the elderly, a community job club to help with CVs, benefit, housing and offer a support network to help people back into work, a gardening club with links to local allotments, the European Association which helps with translation and it has partnered with other local churches to help fund a debt service through Christians Against Poverty.

Then there's the food bank. More people turned up for emergency food parcels in the first three months of this year, than in the whole of last year.

Revd. Helen Collings explained: "People don't turn up to the vicarage anymore for a warm meal, they come here. The need has more than tripled in the last few months and we've had people walk from Castleford, Normanton and even Ossett – that's a long way to walk when you're hungry."

Said Lisa : "The emergency food store is most affecting at the moment; it's where we come face to face on a daily basis with people at the point of crisis."

Lisa won the Yorkshire and North East Woman in Business Award in the Not For Profit category 2013.

## Where are they Now?

*What happened to all those trainee Vicars who passed through our doors over the last 3 years? Here's your chance to catch up....*

**Debbie Horsfall**, who was ordained deacon last year, will be ordained priest on 28th June at her church, Holy Trinity South Ossett. Debbie did a placement here at St. Mary's during her first year of ordination training, 3 years ago. This is an update:

Debbie writes:

My curacy has, so far, been one of the most amazing experiences of my life, though not without its significant challenges. The church where I am based with my family (husband and two young daughters) has welcomed us with open arms and given me plenty of opportunities to join in with things. However folk are also very keen that I do not over stretch myself. I have a really productive relationship with my TI and I am learning an enormous amount. As a team we also have a retired priest, an experienced reader and a reader in training and we all meet regularly and take opportunity to learn from each other. The philosophy of the church is one of collaborative ministry where the whole congregation is empowered to get stuck in and we all work shoulder to shoulder to build the Kingdom together. This provides me with a wealth of learning experiences.

One of the great highs was the privilege of participating in the Easter Story where more than 500 primary school children walked through the events of the Holy Week at church in the final week of the Easter term. It was an amazing and humbling experience and brought the story to life in a whole new way.

Probably the greatest challenge is to try and ensure a life/work/home balance. Having moved from the rigid structures of the health service, the more fluid practices of the church have taken some getting used to. I was also concerned that being involved with services all the time might make it difficult to worship for myself or to be resourced, however, that has not proved to be the case.

My curacy has affirmed and confirmed in me that this is exactly



what I am supposed to do. As much as I loved my previous career this is on different scale. As my TI said if you aren't called to do this job you cannot do it and if you are called then you cannot not do it. I have learned that being called to the ministry is something I cannot 'not do' and that knowledge is a joy and an enormous privilege.

Debbie

## **Evelyne Barrow**

On 4th July at 3pm I will be present in Ripon Cathedral as Evelyn is ordained deacon. Evelyn did a placement here 2 years ago, during her first year of training, and has been a regular return visitor since. (In fact, I was asked by someone, hearing of my departure, if Evelyn could be my replacement – but it doesn't quite work that way!) This is an update:

Evelyn is to serve her curacy as a NSM in the Upper Holme Valley Team Ministry. She trained for ordination at the Yorkshire Ministry Course having served in the Parish of St Michael's Emley in a variety of roles.

She is married to Ian and has two children. Katie is in her first year at Salford University and Sam is in year 10 at Shelley College. She is a Headteacher at St Aidan's Church Aided First School in Skelmanthorpe.

It is an amazing place and she considers it a privilege to serve with such an incredible groups of staff who all work together to serve their wonderful school community. Outside of school and training she enjoys singing usually very loudly and occasionally in tune. She enjoys reading, knitting, watching Strictly Come Dancing and baking. She avoids most types of exercise wherever possible apart from walking her wonderfully bonkers Cocker Spaniel Troy in the countryside around her home.

She is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that ministry in the Upper Holme Valley will bring. Just to explain, Evelyn will continue to work as a Headteacher, and will work in the church on Sundays and a number of evenings each week.

Both Evelyn and Debbie would value your prayers at this very significant part of their lives. It is great to know that St. Mary's has been a part of their journey!  
Amanda



## Garden Party in Pictures....

This year the Garden Party had to take place on the lower lawn as the Vicarage Garden was a bit bare following the earthworks for the new toilets in Church. We still had room for everyone—including a Bouncy Castle and as it happened the wind was quite strong that day, so it was a bit more sheltered. We made around £800 too—so it was a good day all round.



The view down the Lower Lawn..



Evergreen Sandra with a myriad of Plants





Derek with a lorra lorra books....



The 'A' Team (Susan, Margaret, Brenda, Audrey and Pat) serving your every desire...



A couple of dodgy guys serving Bacon Butties & Burgers—or should that be a couple of ‘burgers’ serving dodgy butties?



Which one is Mrs. Bucket?

Gail & Joanne with their ‘alternative’ tombola

## **From VICAR of Woodkirk to RECTOR of Sprotbrough – what's the difference?**

It's a question I have been asked a number of times. And, today, to all intents and purposes, the answer is that there is no difference. The terms are largely historic, and go back to the beginnings of ministry in a place, and how they were set up.

The Vicar was appointed to a parish, and the funding to support that vicar came from beyond the parish. The Rector, however, was the priest of a self-supporting parish. In the days of tithes, the Rector was entitled to live from the tithes received by the church as they were his means of financial support. Those days are gone- for which I am very grateful. Nowadays, full-time paid clergy are all supported by the Diocese, into which each church contributes by means of the Parish Share. That provides the resources from which we are financed.

Revd. Amanda

## **Induction invitation**

Anyone wishing to attend the service of induction of Amanda as Rector of Sprotbrough would be very welcome to do so. It will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd July at St. Mary's Church Sprotbrough DN5 7RF, followed by refreshments in the church hall.

## **Christian Aid**

Thank you everyone who made Christian Aid week so successful. We raised £562.83 at St Mary's, so well done all those who contributed and special thanks to the house to house collectors Susan Walshaw, Alice Kelly, Albert Shaw and also to Philip Todd for doing the sponsored walk. All the money raised will be put to very good use in deprived areas suffering from lack of basic amenities and poor climate condition. Sincerely yours.

Sally Shaw

## Naomi takes the Plunge...

Some of you will also be interested to know that our daughter-in-law, Naomi, is also being ordained deacon this year, in Derby Diocese.

She has been studying in Durham for the last three years and has just left to set up home in Matlock, where she will be working in a role which involves both the traditional church and a pioneering role.

This means building a network of people who will in time become a group of people learning about faith together – in essence, building new churches. These may not have their own buildings, and will look very different from the traditional church, but are new ways of growing the Christian community.

In this initiative she will be working across 10 parishes, and it will be exciting to see how things unfold! Please pray for Naomi and Ben- who have just left the warm and supportive environment of theological college life and will need to build new networks of friends. Derek and I will be attending her ordination on Sunday 5th July in Ashbourne, just before our move from Woodkirk.

Amanda



*Naomi with Ben at their  
Wedding in 2012*

## SANDRA'S SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Here are a few tips for July. Hopefully Summer is in full swing and you should be harvesting salad crops, peas and potatoes by now with maybe strawberries and other soft fruits for puddings.

Oh, by the way, remember my photo in last month's magazine? The one with my beans? Well, dem beans is peas! They are Alderman and reputedly grow to 6feet! Watch this space for updates.

1. Sow late Carrots.
2. Gather the last of the peas and clear the ground.
3. Harvest Shallots, Onions and Garlic as their leaves turn brown.
4. Feed containers every two weeks for the rest of the season. Use liquid or water soluble fertiliser high in potash.
5. During mid to late summer, feed your lawn twice a month with a fast acting fertiliser.
6. Cut off any Potato leaves affected by blight and burn.
7. Plant a second bed of sweetcorn in between your onions. Once the Onions are gone the Sweetcorn will have room to grow.
9. Feed Tomatoes every other week with a high potash liquid feed. Sow Autumn crops such as Radicchio, Pak Choi, Mizuna and Endive.
10. Cut off Strawberry runners as they appear (unless you want to make new plants)

Sandra  
(Aka Mrs. Bean).





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

### Beavers

*The Beavers made up the story below, in their 'imagination' session last week. Words in bold type are the random words the children put in a hat which they then drew out in turn to make a story.....*

Imagination.....

One Friday afternoon the Beaver Scout was on his way to Beavers when he saw a football. He kicked it and scored a goal in the **football nets**. He came across an **electric wire** which was unsafe so he unplugged it but he got electrocuted.

It was such a hot and sunny afternoon that the **sun** healed him so he didn't have to go to hospital. He felt better and walked on, then bumped into a big pile that had Henry's **Stuff** on the label. He made his way round Henry's Stuff then bumped into Henry's **Cow**. He left Henry's belongings and carried on **to the church**, where there was a wedding. He went in and found the same **football** from the beginning of the story. A cat was playing with the **football** and it was accidentally kicked into the Brides face.

The groom put on an **African mask**, but couldn't see where he was going so he fell down the steps and broke his leg. The Bride put on her mask and followed the groom and fell into a **bush** and she was stabbed 18 times by some Holly leaves.

A **Tyrannosaurus Rex** was passing by and he picked up the Bride in her wedding dress. He got a stomach ache from all the prickly Holly leaves. The dinosaur then invaded a party and ate some **BBQ ribs** to make him feel better. He left the party and went down the road and it started to **snow**. He was freezing. A **flag** fell down from the church flagpole onto the T-Rex and he started crying.

The Beaver scout wrapped the dinosaur in the flag to stop him feeling cold because Beaver scouts are kind and helpful.....

The End.

Joanne.



## Brian's Humour Page

### LOVE AND MARRIAGE

On our wedding night, we booked into an attractive-looking motel. The receptionist told us all they had left was the Honeymoon Cottage – and we couldn't resist telling him that was just what we were looking for.

Checking out the next morning, I told the receptionist that I had found the décor in our cottage particularly attractive.

"They're all alike," he informed us. "We call it the Honeymoon Cottage because the TV set is broken."

### SPOT THE DUMMY....



Derek wrestles with a Dummy, meanwhile Brian phones a friend....

Brian

## St Mary's Playgroup Update...

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

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

Becky

## Church Mouse Tales.

*Misha is fretting again...*

What with all the changes going on around here, I asked my friend Hubert, the Black Canon if he was thinking of a move?

'Yes', he replied, 'it is something I have been thinking about...'

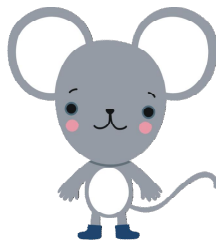
'Oh!' I exclaimed, 'not you too! I mean where will you go? Why now? What about me? What's going to happen next? What...'

'Yes', he cut in, 'I was thinking of moving around a little to keep warm.' He smiled mischievously.

'What, you mean,,,,,you are rotten.' I chastised. 'I thought you meant you were leaving...'

'Leaving?' he said 'I've ben here since Medieval times—what makes you think I would ever want to move?'

'Well, it's good to hear somethings will never change.' I agreed.



David



## Medieval Mayhem.

*Brian brings us some facts about the 1500s:*

Most people got married in June, because they took their yearly bath in May and they still smelled pretty good by June.

However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs, thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs etc) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom, where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence. The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "dirt poor."

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance. Hence: a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight, then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas pudding hot, peas pudding cold, peas pudding in the pot, nine days old".

Brian

## Poetry Corner.

### Sonnet Le Colombie

The wafting veil that dims sun's golden charm  
Spreads dusty odour of a day's growth burned  
And dapples shadows on the resting arm  
Of shining-fingered fig, palms sunward turned.  
Green whip of lizard tail flicks into shade  
In quest of nurture, solitude, that still  
As once and now those white monks sought in prayer  
In cloisters stone and dark below the hill.  
But we, content to be with Nature pleached,  
Our needs foregone, our chemistry distilled  
Bask tranquil in a country seldom reached  
Of unlocked thought and senses comfort-filled  
And casting abroad the night's eternity,  
Hear in sibilance of planes Le Colombie

Author Unknown



Norwich Cathedral Cloisters

## Albert's 'Feathered Friends' Quiz

How many birds can you find from the cryptic clues below...

1. A golf hole score three strokes under par.
2. Festive decoration
3. An industrial lifting device
4. Will a bee do this to scare you away?
5. This bird is not a booby, but it's certainly crazy.
6. Cosmetic bird of peace?
7. Push Donald under the water.
8. Did this bird deserve to be Eric's friend?
9. This bird's namesake, Peter, won a best actor Oscar.
10. Does this bird grumble a lot?
11. This sounds like a bird that stinks!
12. A flying letter (but not a bee!)
13. A flying toy?
14. Does this bird like to frolic and play pranks?
15. This bird is an absolute wizard!
16. Campers dislike this at the end of the day.
17. The call of a Cockney wolf?
18. Is this bird out of breath?
19. A bird vital to road transport?
20. May this bird cause you to tremble?
21. This bird links 'Day', 'Cousins' and 'Hood'
22. A bird you could find on a chess board?
23. This bird is fast!
24. A bird found around Istanbul!
25. A cathedral designer?

Answers on P38

# Diary for July and early August 2015,

## JULY

Wed 1st 9.15am Church open for prayer  
10am Holy Communion (Common Worship)  
& refreshments

Sat 4th 9.30-11.30 Church and Churchyard clean-up

**Sun 5th NO 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**10.30am Holy Communion (sung)**  
**12.30pm Baptism Service**

**Services conducted by Revd. John Pinder-Packard**

Wed 8th NO SERVICE TODAY

**Sun 12th 10.30am All-Age Worship**  
**12 noon Holy Communion**

**12 noon conducted by Revd. Elizabeth Lee**

Mon 13th 7.30pm PCC meeting in church

Wed 15th 9.15am Church open for prayer  
10am Holy Communion (1662 setting) & refreshments

Service conducted by Revd. Glenn Coggins

Thurs 16th 11am Communion at Lydgate Lodge

**Sun 19th 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)**  
**Service conducted by Revd. Rosemary Asquith**

Mon 20th Mothers' Union

Wed 22nd 9.15am Church open for prayer  
10am Morning Praise (lay-led) & refreshments

Thurs 23rd 7.30pm Induction of Amanda as Rector of St. Mary  
the Virgin, Sprotbrough – all welcome!

Sat 25th 1pm Wedding

**Sun 26th 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)**

**Service conducted by Revd. Elizabeth Lee**

Wed 29th 9.15am Church open for prayer  
10am Morning Praise (lay-led) & refreshments

## EARLY AUGUST

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

**Sun 2nd 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)**  
**12.30pm Baptism Service**

**Services conducted by Revd. Chris Johnson**

Wed 5th 9.15am Church open for prayer  
10am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Service conducted by Revd. Glenn Coggins

**Sun 9th 10.30am All-Age Worship**  
**12 noon Holy Communion**

**12 noon Service conducted by Revd. Paul Ainsworth**

Mon 10th 7.30pm PCC meeting in Church

## **Cleaner required!**

Following the departure of Derek with Amanda, the role he undertook as Parish Centre cleaner will need to be filled. Is that a job you could do?

The job requires 2.5 hours a week (term-time only) and will be paid at the living wage of £7.85 per hour. There is some measure of flexibility about when in the week the cleaning can be completed. For further information please contact Brian Gledhill on 01924 405790.

The Parish Centre is a much valued resource, and one which allows us to serve the community – cleaning it might seem a thankless task, but it would be deeply appreciated.

## **Help a Swan....**

Have you any unwanted sheets, blankets , pillowcases or towels? If so The Swan Sanctuary are in urgent need of them to use in their intensive care unit that help nurse the swans and baby cygnets back to full health.

Please contact me Liz Aveyard on:-

0113 8081033 or 07791 324221

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

## **Baptisms:-**

In June we welcomed into our church family in Baptism:-  
Alice Rose Hirst-Swell, Daughter of Kenneth and Sarah from  
Motley  
Ella Rose Marshall, Daughter of Jonathan and Emma from  
Rothwell

## **Funerals:-**

Elsie Whittam, from Ossett, Beloved Mother, will be sadly missed  
by all her Family and Friends.  
David Thompson, from Woodkirk, Beloved Son, will be sadly  
missed by all his family and friends

## **QUIZ ANSWERS:**

1. Albatross 2. Bunting 3. Crane 4. Buzzard 5. Cuckoo 6. Dove 7. Duck  
8. Erne 9. Finch 10. Grouse 11. Hummingbird 12. Jay 13. Kite 14. Lark  
15. Merlin 16. Nightingale 17. Owl 18. Puffin 19. Petrel 20. Quail 21.  
Robin 22. Rook 23. Swift 24. Turkey 25. Wren

Albert.

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## **Parish Centre Rentals**

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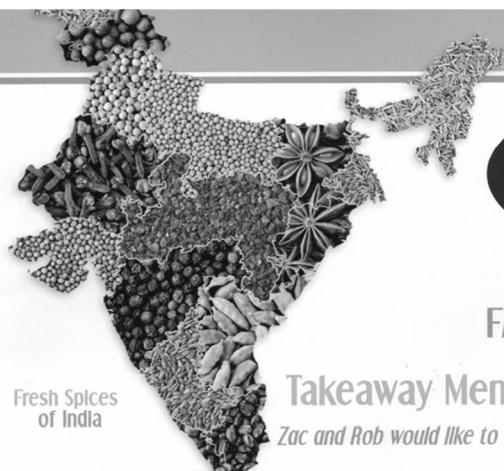
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<b>Girl Guides</b>	Tuesday 7:30pm Vikki Springett 07841 513530
<b>Toddler Group</b>	Wednesday 9:15-11:00am Sally Shaw 01924 475048
<b>Rainbows</b>	Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 689992
<b>Brownies</b>	Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm Hannah 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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