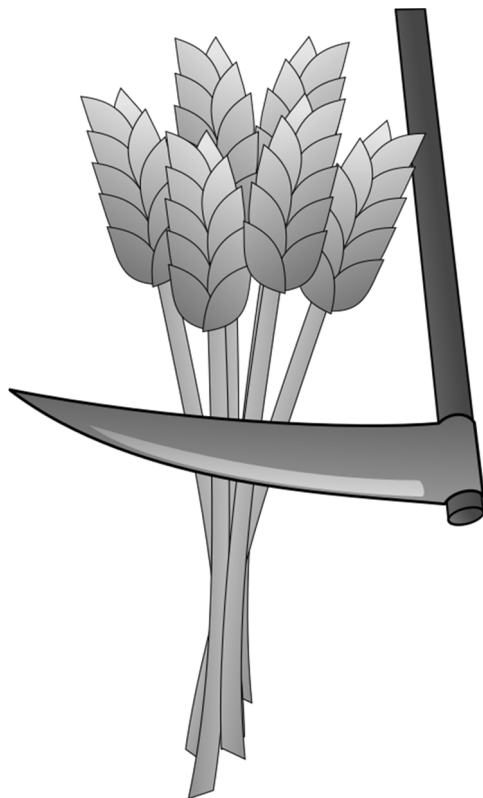


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**Harvest Time...**



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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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## **Every Breath you Take....**

Life isn't about how many breaths you take  
but about the moments that take your  
breath away.



## Prayerful Thought for October

*Dawn navigates a way through life...*

Hi there.

I was channel hopping a few weeks ago and caught the last couple of minutes of a programme, and it was one of those annoying realisations that this would have probably been something I would have enjoyed watching, and sadly, it wasn't on one of the channels which is repeated an hour later, typical!

From what I can remember, it was about the history of Ordnance Survey (OS) maps, but the bit I saw was an older gentleman, who I guess had either worked for the company or was a stalwart user of OS maps, and he said "When people visit I say shall I give you directions, and people say no, I have a sat nav and I say, you don't want sat nav you need an ordnance survey map".

I must admit, I love looking at maps and deciding a way I want to get to somewhere, but I also have a simple sat nav which I use regularly when out and about. The sat nav has proved its worth when we have been trying to find somewhere specific ie a holiday cottage or a person's address, but it can also lead me on a fairly wild goose chase so I tend to have a look at the route before hand as it can sometimes take you on a very minor road because it is a computer and cannot see what I can.

There is also another drawback, David and I were on holiday recently in Italy and had taken a sat nav with us which was fine until after we had arrived in Italy and I asked whether David had remembered the 'in car' charger for the sat nav to discover that it was still in his glovebox in the car at Leeds Bradford airport. Oh dear, this didn't make the sat nav completely useless but did mean that we had to charge it overnight and then only use it sparingly when out as the charge would not last all day, and so we ended up buying a tourist road map of the area to help us find our way around.

Now believe it or believe it not, this inspired me to this month's prayerful thought!

I got to thinking about our lives, and that wouldn't it be helpful if we had a 'Life Sat Nav' which would help us navigate through life, we could choose fastest routes for things we had to get through but where we wouldn't necessarily want to linger, or 'Avoid motorways'

perhaps when we fancied a slightly slower pace to enjoy the scenery around us. Some sat navs now are what they call 'Interactive' which means somehow they identify travel hold ups ahead and suggest an alternative route so you could avoid something that you didn't really want to get stuck in.

Well I would like to suggest that God is our sat nav.

We start off in life and are guided by our families and teachers, starting us off in the best way they can, encouraging us to follow the 'right road' and then we grow up and this is perhaps when we think we can turn our sat nav off for a while, we know where we are going. However, then we realise we need a bit of guidance, a helping hand.

There are so many decisions to make, we need a life map, which way do we turn?

Well this is up to us, but of course we can do a lot worse than seek God's guidance.

We also have a number of ways we can do this. If we want to look at this individually, we can read our bibles and perhaps follow a daily prayer plan. If we want to share our experiences we can go to church and share with other Christians. Perhaps these sound a bit much to you, but do you know, you could just have a quiet time with God every day in the privacy and quietness of your own home, or car or wherever you can be where you can have a bit of time to yourself. Or perhaps, you do some of these things already?

Now sat navs rely, not surprisingly, on satellites, and sometimes when you switch them on they take a bit of time to locate you. If you are in a remote location or sometimes in a city with a lot of tall buildings too, this can have an effect, and you can be struggling to find the road that you need as it will not be able to actually locate where you are.

Well this is where God has the edge, because of course He knows exactly where you are, in addition he has a pretty shrewd idea of where He wants you to go. Now speaking from personal experience, being at the start of my final year of theology studies (which will hopefully lead to my licensing as a lay reader for St Marys Church, sometime in the summer of next year), I had no idea that my wish to learn more about the Bible would lead me to this point, but God did!

Having God as my sat nav doesn't offer me the interactive version of an alternative route should there be 'trouble ahead' but what He does do, is either give me the knowledge and skills to be able to deal with whatever the trouble is, or He supports me and makes me stronger through having that experience, I just have to trust God and if I do that then my journey will continue and I will be able to travel on to what God wants me to do next.

So, now it's your turn, will you trust God as your sat nav, your guide? You may not have a destination in mind, or you might have a good idea of where you would like to go, but then do you choose the 'fastest route' option whizzing along the 'motorway' of life, rushing to get to that particular destination, or do you choose 'avoid motorways', this may enable you to enjoy the 'life scenery' around you, perhaps stopping off for a 'coffee break' or spending a little longer somewhere on your journey.

The main things to remember are, that;  
God does not need a satellite to know your location, He knows exactly where you are, and  
You don't need to 'recharge' God, His energy, like His love for you is strong and never ending.

I hope that along your 'life's journey with God, you have a chance to stop off sometime to share God's love with your friends here at St Mary's, we'd love to hear how your journey is going, and if whether you're enjoying a 'pleasant picnic stop' or perhaps are struggling through a troublesome patch, remember, like most things in life, they are better when shared.

Dawn



## Making a difference at Harvest 2015

Our Harvest service is on the 11th October—our All-age service is at 10:30am and Communion at 12 noon. During this time we will bring our gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs for local charitable causes and financial gifts to support Christian Aid—for those whose harvests have suffered and struggle to cope globally.

Our locally gathered foodstuffs will be split between Caring for Life which is a Leeds base Christian charitable organisation and the local food-banks which are doing such wonderful work supporting families in financial crises, struggling to put food on their tables.

Here is a list of the sort of things they would like:

**Drinks:** Tea bags, instant coffee, instant chocolate, squash, long-life milk, fruit juices.

**Jars:** Ketchup and brown sauce, salad cream, tomato puree, stock cubes, cook-in sauces, golden syrup, jams and honey.

**Dried:** Cereal, oats, muesli, plain flour, long grain and pudding rice pasta, noodles, sugar, ready meals, dried apricots, sultanas, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda.

**Tins:** Tinned meals - mince, chilli, curry, stew, hot-pot, spam, corned beef, chicken in sauce, potatoes, soup, beans Frey Bentos pies, tinned ham, tuna, vegetables, tomatoes, spaghetti, ravioli, rice pudding, custard, fruit, jelly, condensed milk.

**Treats:** Chocolate, biscuits.

**Others:** Washing-up liquid, washing powder, sponge scourers.

God has been good to us so let us share his goodness with others.

Gail

## Children's Society.

October already – where has the year gone? Please let me have your boxes for emptying. The Children's Society have asked me to recruit at least 2 new box-holders in 2015, if possible. Thanks to you, small change is making an enormous difference to disadvantaged young people in this country.

So if you would like a collecting box please let me know.

Susan Walshaw  
01924 479380

## Dear Lorraine....

*Dawn writes a letter to Lorraine, who sadly died in August.*

I am writing this letter as I didn't get chance to say goodbye before you left us, and I just wanted to say thank you for your friendship over the past twelve months or so.

I got to know you better at this year's lent group when we were learning more about prayer, and I feel privileged to have shared that time with you. Over the weeks of the course I saw you grow in confidence and share some of the deepest thoughts of your heart. It was lovely how you brought your love for 'Cliff's' music into our discussions.

Your open and honest approach was refreshing and showed true faith in your wanting to know more about God, you really showed us the example that Jesus gave us, of coming like little children, with openness and questioning things.

I also wanted to say thank you for your generosity in giving me so many lovely gifts. The olive wood cross you gave me, just because you had heard me say that I had wanted one, but not got one yet, will now have an extra poignancy and I will think of you and pray for you whenever I use it. You also gave me a lovely little Rabbit at Easter, and I'm sure you'll be glad to hear that I intend to use it when talking to children about Easter in activity mornings or school assemblies.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for the calendars you gave me on the last Sunday we met, as usual we didn't really have a chance to chat, you with setting up the altar, and me serving that Sunday. When I got home and opened the calendars, you had so kindly written in them, and I will treasure them and think about you throughout 2016 as I come to the end of my Lay Reader Training.

You were always keen to ask me how I was getting on in my studies and encourage me whenever you could. I'll close this letter by sharing with you and reminding you what you put inside the cover of one of the calendars, you said...

"To Dawn, may God protect you and keep you safe, peace be with you, praying for you. God Bless, Love Lorraine"

And Lorraine, may I wish the same to you, and pray for you now safe and at peace with our God whom you love so much.

Goodbye and God Bless.

Dawn

## All Age @ St. Mary's... Don't Worry (be Happy).



### **‘Put your trust in God.’**

Worry doesn't add one single hour to your life, Liz tells us. Don't worry about money, food or clothes. These things have to be taken care of, but not worried about. No-one can serve 2 masters—money and God.

Some people carry a ‘worry stone’ around with them, Gill tells us, and rub it when they are anxious. But Jesus said don't worry about worldly things. Birds, for example, don't store up food, but find it each day. Does that mean we can just do nothing and food will arrive? No, we have to work for it, just as birds have to find it, but we don't need to worry about it too!

As we sat in the beautiful surroundings of St. Mary's, Neal asked us to write down what we felt St. Mary's means to each of us? Some of these answers are given below:

- A place to share God's love with our friends
- A welcoming place for my family. An extended support for uniformed organisations
- A community which supports guides and celebrates the role of its young people, especially in the uniformed organisations.
- Continuity and hope for the future in the community.
- It has been a family church for many years. I have been coming for 21 years on/off throughout the years and always feel welcome. All my family have been christened here and also my children so this church is special to us.
- Love and friendship, serenity.
- A place for our family to reflect on life and receive support if we need it. Also for us to come along and meet friendly people. We were married here and our children were christened also.
- A beacon of the light of Christ in the community ...
- Community.
- A place to worship God in a beautiful historic building with a peaceful atmosphere. Also I take an interest in the community through many organisations.

- Peacefulness, comfort, community, prayer, friendship, communication, happiness, charity, laughter, tears, music, thoughtfulness, caring, teaching, learning, helping.
- St Mary's is the heart of the community. It enables my faith to grow.
- Being part of the church family. Joy, happiness, sharing, kindness, friendship, fellowship with God.

These and other comments are to be included in our Parish Profile which will help us to find a new Vicar. I'm sure the prospective candidate will be thrilled to read such lovely thoughts.

Meanwhile George was having a bit of a worry.....

## **GEORGE & JEMIMA**

Jemima. You're looking a bit ruffled today George what's up?

George. Oh Hello Jemima, I'm just thinking about our old friends Charlie & Alice and I'm really worried about them.

Jemima. Why's that George?

George. Well I don't think they will be very happy living in a place called Spottybrough, I mean would you be happy living in a place called Spottybrough, I mean come on, ugh Spottybrough, it sounds awful.

Jemima. It's not Spottybrough, it's Sprotbrough, that's Sprot not Spotty.

George. Whatever, Sprotbrough, Spottybrough it still sounds a naff place to live.

Jemima. And where is it you live George?

George. Heckmondwike.

Jemima. Oh that's where the birds fly upside down until they get to Brighouse.

George. I suppose you've got a point Jemima. But don't you ever worry about things.

Jemima. Course I do George, all the time.

George. What do you worry about?

Jemima. Well George, I worry every morning when I get up and go to choose which clothes I will put on.

George. How do you mean?

Jemima. Well, if I don't choose the right clothes I won't look pretty will I?

George. So I guess you put the wrong clothes on this morning then?

Jemima. Thank you very much George.

George. I'm only kidding, you always look pretty to me. (Under his breath) but I wish I'd gone to Specsavers.

Jemima. Pardon?

George. Nothing. Something else that worries me Jemima is what my Mum will make for tea.  
She knows I love Pizza & MacDonald's and Nando's, and I worry that when I get home there will be salad on the table, I hate salad.

Jemima. Blimey George is that all you have to worry about, blooming salad?  
You know George; too much worrying can weigh us down. Some worries are bigger than others, some people worry about being sick or being safe, and others like you, just worry about salad.

George. I hate (shouting) SALAD.

Jemima. I know George, but what does Jesus tell us.

George. Don't eat salad?

Jemima. No George, will you shut up about salad. Jesus tells us not to worry, because he is taking care of us, you see he used examples in creation. God gives food to the birds, they don't have to plant it or harvest it themselves.

George. I bet he doesn't give em salad.

Jemima. Shut up & listen George. We don't need to worry about clothes and food and if we have enough money to buy them. Food & clothing are very important, in fact they are things we must have, but does worrying about it help us to get the food & clothing we need?

George. I suppose not.

Jemima. Look at the birds in the air Jesus said. They don't worry where the next meal is coming from. They know that the Heavenly Father takes care of them. And Jesus said, surely we are more important than the birds.



George. Does that mean we can sit around and wait for food and clothing to drop from the sky?

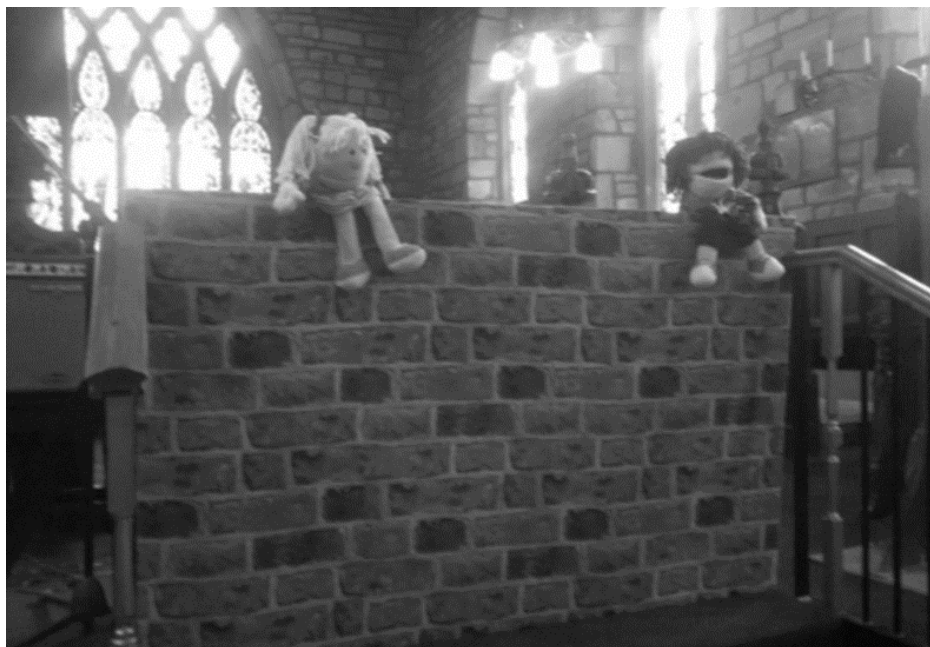
Jemima. No, God provides food for the birds, but he doesn't throw it into their nests, it is up to them to go and gather their food. God provides clothing for us by giving us jobs so that we will have the money to buy clothes. We need to have faith that God will provide, but we do have to do our part as well. And remember George; our part does not include worry.

George. That's a lovely story Jemima, but I wish God would stop providing my Mum with all that salad, and I promise I will stop worrying about Charlie & Alice living in Spottybrough.

Jemima. IT'S SPROTBOROUGH.

Both. Bye Bye everybody.

Brian



## **Harvest at St Mary's Sunday 11th October**

At the family service on Sunday 11th October at 10:30am we will be having a Harvest theme. We usually collect dry goods to supply aid to the needy.

Any money donated is sent to a project run by Christian Aid. This year they have chosen Mali. A third of the children in Mali are malnourished and 40% of the people are close to starvation. They have suffered 3 droughts in 10 years and a political crisis.

Hope to see you there to support the cause,

yours sincerely,

Sally Shaw.

## **I Never Knew That...**

### **The Cure of Souls.**

*As we look forward to finding a new Vicar, at one part of their induction the Bishop hands over the 'Cure of Souls'. So what does that mean exactly?*

In some denominations of Christianity, the 'Cure of Souls' is an archaic translation which is better rendered today as "care of souls". This is the exercise by priests of their office and typically embraces instruction, by sermons, admonitions and administration of sacraments, to the congregation over which they have been given responsibility by the church.

In countries where the Roman Catholic Church acted as the national church, the "cure" was not only over a congregation or congregations, but over a district.

The assignment of a priest to a district subdividing a diocese was a process begun in the 4th century AD. The term 'Parish' as applied to this district comes from the Greek word for district, *παροικία*. Those who earned their living in a position without 'Cure of Souls' were known to have a 'Sinecure' (an office that requires or involves little or no responsibility).

## The Family of God.

*Gail calls us to become people of God...*

When God graciously brings forth new life he also has a plan to nurture that new life. Part of his nurturing plan is the family of God—also known as “the church.” But take note: God does not create metaphorical families of faith; he creates actual families of faith. When Jesus offers us the yoke of discipleship, part of that yoke is continued association with other believers. This association is more than friendship: it is a calling to become part of the people of God...

The first three verses of Acts chapter 13 are clear—Paul and Barnabas were fully invested in the body of believers at Antioch. The church in Antioch was a remarkable multi-ethnic community that embodied the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Paul and Barnabas were a part of a leadership team who heard the voice of the Spirit together and who prayed and fasted together before ordaining two of their own to mission the “mission field.” Then, to drive the point home, the Scripture reports that at the end of this journey Paul and Barnabas returned to their home church and gave a report of what God had done (Acts 14: 26-28).

How long does it take to get to know someone is six months too long to get to know them and—together—to affirm God’s calling? How about ten-to-fourteen years? Depending on how you read Galatians, Paul indicates that he was a part of his local church for a considerable length of time.

Take just a moment and compare Acts 11:19-26 with Galatians 1:11-2:5. These two passages show a man possessed by the sovereign call of God, who displayed obedience to the voice of the Spirit, and still respected the local church. God’s call, God’s gifting, and even obedience to our destiny in God are all worked out in the local church.

It’s true that the Apostle Paul had a unique and powerful ministry on the road. It is also true that he did more than “preach the gospel.” The record of the book of Acts and the apostles is that he planted churches. Everywhere he went, he shared the good news of Jesus, and established bodies of believers to provide a context for living out the gospel. Each of his letters testifies to this. Even the letters to Timothy and Titus (individuals) are about corporate church life. That leaves only the letter to Philemon, which was likely read out loud in front of Philemon’s home church.

Paul felt the weight of every church he started. He knew he would give an account to God for his work. He never gave up on the church, even when there was plenty of reason to do so. The passages

in his letters are too many and too varied to list here , but the weight of evidence is overwhelming:

Paul knew that the local church was God's plan for every community in which he preached the gospel. He entrusted churches to Timothy and Titus; he pleaded with the Corinthians to come to their senses; he agonized over the health of the church in Thessalonica; he knew the path to individual maturity was found in community: structured, organized, accountable, loving, Spirit-breathed, grace-filled community. Paul presented many a picture of a glorious, eternal church. He also poured every ounce of his ministry into local churches. There was no separating the two.

If we have lost this connection to the role of local church, we have lost our way. Let us look at our wonderful local church of St. Mary's, and what it means to us.

We are all part of this church family so let us as one in our Lord Jesus Christ pull together in unity and help move our church forward in God's name. Let us walk into Gods family united as one.

Gail

## **Appeal for Cuddly Toys...**

I have an idea for a new stall for the Christmas Fayre. May I ask for donations of cuddly toys please? Any size - big ones, small ones (some as big as your head!) All donations gratefully accepted. They will all be given a name but if they already have one that's OK.

Thank you, Sandra.



## Songs of Praise...

It was lovely to see a 'good contingent' of St Mary's Church family at the recent Churches together Songs of Praise on the 13th September at West Ardsley Methodist Church.

Mark and I had chosen a favourite hymn and so sat a little nearer the front ready to get up and introduce our hymns.

When I looked at the list of hymns I knew we were in for a lovely evening as all of the hymns I knew and all of them were ones I liked.

Each 'chooser' of a hymn said a few words about their choice, in some instances these were very personal and quite moving, there were also a number of readings and prayers interwoven with our choices.

The first hymn was 'When we walk with the Lord' and was chosen by a lady called Karen who referred to her time at a youth event when she had become a Christian, then came Adele who gave a very personal and moving account of what this hymn meant to her.

We then had readings from John's Gospel.

Then it was my turn as to why I had chosen 'Brother, Sister, Let me serve you' and I talked about how I could have stuck a pin in a hymn book and more than likely turned up a hymn that I liked, but that I had chosen this one because it talked about how we should be to each other, and that if we 'served' one another as brothers and sisters, what a much better world we would live in.

Lindsey spoke to us about why I the Lord of Sea and Sky was important to her and then Douglas led us in prayer. The prayer was wonderful and it is printed at the end of the article for you to share.

Angela then spoke about the importance of her choice, 'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder' and then Alison talked about why 'Will your anchor hold in the storms of life' was important for her.

Glenn then led us in our prayers for others and then it was Marks turn for the closing hymn. And what a hymn it was, 'Guide me O thou great Jehovah' and Mark's reasons for his choice were so moving he elicited a round of applause. You had to have been there to have fully benefitted from Mark's words, but I'll tell you this much, I agree with Mark now that any time I hear this hymn in future the hairs on the back of my neck will prickle.

Thank you Mark for sharing your reasons for your choice of hymn, it was a fabulous ending to a lovely evening.

Also, as with all good Christian events, we ended with sharing refreshments and some lovely cakes together.

Many thanks to Churches Together in Ardsley, for arranging this wonderful evening of sharing together, I'll look forward to the next one.

Dawn

## **Payback Time...**

Good News! Following some comments about the state of the Churchyard, Brian has arranged for The Community Payback team to come and make a start on the Churchyard undergrowth.

They will be clearing up to the tree line starting on Saturday 3rd October at 9.30am, with a view to carrying on a couple of days after that. So by the time you read this, hopefully they will have made a difference!

Community Payback started in 2003 and has been growing in stature and use since that date. You may have seen offenders wearing bright orange safety jackets with Community Payback written on them since this time. Last year alone saw 55,000 completed projects totalling more than 6 million hours of work and estimated at £35m worth of labour at minimum wage.

The aims of the Community Payback scheme are two fold. As well as being a means to punish offenders for their crimes against community without serving a prison term, Community Payback literally forces offenders to pay the community back for the crimes they have committed.

Whilst it is good that they are coming to help, supervision is required in addition to the Supervisor who comes with them, and we need to keep an eye on things whilst they are on site. If you can help with this please talk to Brian Gledhill or Dave Townsend.

## **Organist Required...**

We have a vacancy for an Organist for Sunday Services, Weddings and Funerals. This is a paid position and therefore you should be a competent musician, who can commit the time to play on Sundays and other days of the week, including busy periods such as Christmas and Easter where there are extra services.

If you fit the bill—or know someone who does, please get in touch with our Church Warden (and accomplished musician) Brian Gledhill, for further discussions.  
Many thanks.

David

## **Will you pass on the other side?.**

*Archbishops encourage the Church to welcome those seeking sanctuary.*

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have spoken out on the refugee crisis affecting tens of thousands of people. In a statement on his website, Archbishop Justin urged a compassionate response and called for joint action across Europe to help those in need.

“This is a hugely complex and wicked crisis that underlines our human frailty and the fragility of our political systems. My heart is broken by the images and stories of men, women and children who have risked their lives to escape conflict, violence and persecution.

“There are no easy answers and my prayers are with those who find themselves fleeing persecution, as well as those who are struggling under immense pressure to develop an effective and equitable response. Now, perhaps more than ever in post-war Europe, we need to commit to joint action across Europe, acknowledging our common responsibility and our common humanity.

“As Christians we believe we are called to break down barriers, to welcome the stranger and love them as ourselves (Leviticus 19:34), and to seek the peace and justice of our God, in our world, today.”

In response to the Prime Minister’s statement on Syrian refugees in the House of Lords, Archbishop Justin highlighted work done through the overseas aid budget and the work of the Royal Navy. But he said that the Government’s commitment to receive 20,000 refugees over the next five years was “still a very slim response in comparison to the figures given by the UNHCR and the European Commission, and to the other needs we see.”

The Archbishop of York also wrote personally reflecting on his circumstances of seeking sanctuary within the United Kingdom.

“Having spent 41 years of my life in this country - more than in the country of my birth, I have become more than what I once was – a sanctuary seeker from a country torn apart by a brutal dictator... The current situation has rightly been described as a refugee crisis. But it is also a time of opportunity for us as a country and for our wider continent. The opportunity before us is to rise above narrow self-interest, however defined, and to embrace the highest parts of our humanity.

We have a golden opportunity to demonstrate to the world that at a time of crisis it is not only possible but it is achievable to respond in way that shows generosity, compassion and most of all self-sacrificing love are virtues upon which policy response can be built.”

## **The Woodkirk Poet.**

*John Jackson lived in a house nearly opposite St. Mary's Church during in the 18th Century. He has been credited as a local Poet, but sadly his poetry no longer exists, however something is known of his life....*

For many years he taught at a school at Lee Fair. His nickname was 'Old Trash', but it is not clear if this was connected to his poetry or he was so named for some other reason. It was, however, as a mechanical engineer that Jackson excelled and he put his abilities in this line to practical use, by constructing a Clock.

After building his Clock, Jackson hung it from his living room wall in such a way as to be visible through the window. He even placed a lamp beside the clock so that it was visible during the hours of winter darkness too. The Clothiers passing by each Tuesday and Saturday on their way to Leeds from Dewsbury and the surrounding villages, were able to stop and look through the window to check the lateness of the hour. This was important as they had to be on Leeds Bridge at 6am in summer and 7am in winter.

John was a bit of a 'Jack of all Trades' and also turned his hand to Stone Cutting. One of his productions in lettering was on a stone in Howley Park. This no longer exists, but the inscription is known and reads: 'Here Nevison Slew Fletcher 1684'.

The story goes that Fletcher was a Howley man and Nevison was a thief and highwayman. John Nevison was well known at the time and even had a reputation for robbing the rich to give to the poor.

As Fletcher was connected to Howley Hall he may well have been a member of the landed gentry and took a dim view of Nevison, and his antics.

However it did not end well for Fletcher as John Nevison shot and killed him to avoid capture. In Pontefract there is a great gap called 'Nevison's Leap' which the highwayman is said to have leaped on horseback in another daring escape. He did not maintain his nefarious lifestyle for much longer though, and was captured, tried and executed at York on 4th May later that same year.

John Jackson 'Old Trash' was buried on 19th May 1764.

David.



# **Woodlands Trust News.**

*What can trees do for us and our environment?*

## **Give wildlife a helping hand...**

Woodland Trust encourage planting native trees because they are best for wildlife. Species with berries and fruits are brilliant for birds, while insects and pollinators love those with nectar-rich flowers. Trees provide cover for small mammals from predators and give all wildlife shelter from the elements.

Wherever possible, it's best to plant trees in ways that help extend, or join together, existing woods (especially ancient woodland). This expands the habitat of wildlife already present and helps species move in the landscape.

But just a single tree or small copse can still make a difference. Trees in gardens and public spaces are vital 'stepping stones' helping species thrive.

## **Create beautiful places for people**

Whether it's a quiet walk, a refreshing run or a 'jungle' adventure with the family, woods are fantastic places to spend quality time. They make great community spaces all year round and can cost less to manage than open space.

It takes just 10 years for trees to grow well above head-height, so you (and your community) could be enjoying the rewards sooner than you'd think, as well as creating a lasting, living legacy for future generations.

## **Make good use of unproductive land**

Woodland Trust believe in keeping high-quality land to produce excellent food grown at home in the UK. So their approach involves finding either the less productive pieces of land (such as awkward field corners or areas unsuitable for crops/livestock) or planting in ways that enhance agricultural activities (such as pollinator banks / natural flood defences or shelterbelts).

## **Support the environment**

We all know trees are good for us. Their leaves improve the air we breathe by trapping particles and releasing oxygen. Their roots help water travel deep into the soil, capturing pollutants and reducing flooding. By planting more we can capture carbon and help species move in response to climate change.

## **Church flips burgers for Elland Road footie fans.**

St Mary's Beeston have been flipping burgers for hungry Leeds United fans on their way to Elland Road this season.

Volunteers at the church sell the burgers, bacon butties and mini hot dogs (a new addition to this season's menu) over the church wall before Leeds United's Saturday home matches.

Vicar of Beeston, Revd Lindsey Pearson, says, "In addition to raising some funds for our Parish Centre, we're also showing that there is life in the church." Last season, the project raised £1,100 to help with the running costs of the Church's Parish Centre.

"We'd like to raise some money," said Lindsey, "to get it back on a good footing so we can keep it going for all sorts of community groups as well as church activities."

Can you think of a good fund raising opportunity for St. Mary's?

## **'Long to reign over us' – Ripon Cathedral marks Queen becoming our longest serving monarch.**

Hundreds came to evensong at Ripon Cathedral on Wednesday 9th September to mark the moment that Her Majesty the Queen became Britain's longest reigning monarch. Members of the armed forces joined with civic leaders, mayors, ecumenical church leaders and Queen's chaplains at a service celebrating the Queen's remarkable reign of 63 years and 216 days.

The service at Ripon Cathedral, came at the invitation of the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mr Barry Dodd, and music at the service included the introit "I was Glad" by Parry, the same anthem sung at the Coronation in 1953.

Dean John Dobson said, "It is appropriate that we should pause on this historic day to thank God for the Queen's unparalleled service to this country and to celebrate Her Majesty's inspiring commitment to duty over so many years."

## Poetry Corner.

### Harvest.

Harvest is fields of golden crops,  
Harvest is wheat, barley, oats and maize,  
Harvest is Combines crunching through corn  
Harvest is trailers loaded with grain.

Harvest is bulging trees with ripen fruit,  
Harvest is golden and brown, russet and bronze,  
Harvest is potatoes, cauliflowers, cabbages and carrots,  
Harvest is having enough to eat.

Harvest is churches filled with fruit and flowers,  
Harvest is autumn piled on window sills,  
Harvest is, "We plough the fields and scatter",  
Harvest is saying thank-you God for all he provides.

Harvest is stony fields parched and dry,  
Harvest is dried up streams and rivers,  
Harvest is sparse crops, weak and withered,  
Harvest is empty grain stores.

Harvest is disease and misery in poor countries,  
Harvest is hungry children, empty stomachs,  
Harvest is praying to God for help,  
Harvest is too little

Adapted by Gail

## SANDRA'S SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

October is a time for tidying up. Leave some seed heads and rose hips for the birds. If you have spare earth in the vegetable plot plant some green manure. Some herbs can be potted up now to take you over the winter. Try parsley, chives and mint. Here are some of this month's jobs. I'd like to thank all who have wished me well since I broke my leg. The Doc says it's healing nicely!

1. Sow some more winter lettuce such as Arctic King in the greenhouse or cold-frame.
2. Plant more tulip bulbs for next spring.
3. Sow outdoor broad beans and peas.
4. Lift carrots, beetroot and any remaining potatoes now. Leave parsnips and Jerusalem artichokes in as they'll taste sweeter after a frost.
5. Before storing your garden furniture clean it off and treat with a wood stain or similar. Store in a dry, frost free place such as a shed or garage in a way which ensures moisture won't sit on it causing rotting.
6. Reduce the watering of house plants. Lift a pot to judge whether it feels heavy (wet) or light (dry)
7. Feed Brussels and winter cabbage now to encourage them on for Christmas.
8. Don't forget to put the compost heap to bed. Cover with an organic duvet, black polythene or pieces of wood.
9. Scrub bird feeders and birdbaths with a mild detergent. Put out nuts, seeds, stale cake and fruit. Don't forget clean water too.
10. Leave some runner beans and French beans on the plant to dry so that you have some for next year.

Sandra

## Did I read that right?

In an Office:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER—PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundry:

PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

In an Office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

In a Safari Park:

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

On a Repair Shop Door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR—THE BELL DOESN'T WORK).

Trevor Sykes

## Church Mouse Tales.

A rumour has been going around recently that there is a tunnel leading from the Church all the way to Howley Hall. Well, I've been having a look around myself and so far I've checked the vestry and the tower and no luck. My friend Hubert, the Black Canon, says he can remember a tunnel, but he's a bit hazy on where it started and finished. I'd say he's a bit hazy full stop. The search continues. Meanwhile I'm thinking of learning to play the Organ, as I hear there is an opening. Hubert says I don't have the fingers for it though and besides he says, my efforts on the penny whistle aren't going down well in all quarters. The cheek of it!

Misha





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

### **Beavers**

On the 5th September we returned after our summer break. We are now busy finishing off badge work and starting new ones.

We also said goodbye to Douglas, Toni, Elizabeth, Henry, Keirin who have now joined the Cubs, they were a pleasure to have in Beavers and we will miss them and also we will start welcoming new Beavers in the next few weeks. Now we are busy planning the next year, with lots of badge work and fun and games.

We would like to thank everyone who turned up to our end of term BBQ, and those who give up their time to help prepare the food and helped organise the games.

We do appreciate all your help over the year.

Gail and Joanne

### **Playgroup October News**

We hope you all had a great summer and that you are looking forward to an exciting new term.

We would like to welcome all the existing children back to playgroup and say a big hello to all of our new starters this term.

We are in the happy position of being full on all three days but don't let that put you off putting your child's name on the waiting list.

We have a fun term ahead of us looking at the weather where we will be looking at a different type each week – sun, rain, wind, cloud and snow. For each type of weather we will be doing lots of exciting activities and we will discuss what clothes we should wear to keep ourselves warm/cool and healthy.

Over the summer holidays we were very fortunate to get nominated and chosen for a community project by Asda. Some of the staff at Asda spent two days clearing our outdoor area in readiness for our new outdoor play area. We have received a few quotes and are currently in the process of applying for funding. Hopefully we will be in a position to get started soon....so watch this space.

If you would like to put your name on the waiting list please contact us or call in to see us on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning.

Becky

## Brian's Humour Page

Everybody over 50 was home schooled!

Most of our generation 50+ was HOME SCHOOLED in so many ways.

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE .

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside, I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother also taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC:

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS . "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION . "Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."

16. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it from your father when he gets home!"

17. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to stay that way."

Brian

# Diary for October and Early November 2015.

## OCTOBER

**Sun 4th 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)**  
**12.30pm Baptism Service**  
**Services conducted by Revd. John Pinder-Packard**

Wed 7th 10am Holy Communion  
With Revd. Glenn Coggins

**Sun 11th 10.30am All-Age Worship**  
**12 noon Holy Communion**  
**Service conducted by Revd. Elizabeth Lee**

Mon 12th 7:30pm PCC Meeting in Church

Wed 14th 10am Morning Praise with Gail

**Sun 18th 10:30am Holy Communion**  
**Service conducted by Revd. Elizabeth Lee**

Wed 21st 10am Holy Communion  
With Revd. Glenn Coggins

Thurs 22nd 11am Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge

**Sun 25th 10:30am Holy Communion**  
**Service conducted by Revd. Arani Sen (Area Dean)**

Wed 28th 10am Morning Praise with Gail

## EARLY NOVEMBER

**Sun 1st 10:30am 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)**  
**12.30pm Baptism Service**  
**Services conducted by Revd. John Pinder-Packard**

Wed 4th 10am Holy Communion  
With Revd. Glenn Coggins

Sat 7th 9:30am Church and Churchyard clean up

**Sun 8th 10:30am All-Age Worship**  
**12 Noon Holy Communion**  
**With Revd. Glenn Coggins**  
**6pm Remembrance Day Service**  
**With Ven. Paul Hooper**

Mon 9th 7:30pm PCC Meeting in Church



## **Albert's 'Musical Animals' Quiz.**

1. Which 1983 song with an animal in its title was a hit for Culture Club?
2. In the 1950's which song with an animal in its title was a hit for Bill Haley and the Comets?
3. 'Crocodile Rock' was an early hit for which English singer/musician?
4. Which Tom Jones hit with an animal in its title was also the name of a film?
5. Which Jamaican singer had a hit with 'Buffalo Soldier'?
6. In the 1960's which American group had hits with 'I'm a Believer' and 'Daydream Believer'?
7. Which mad animals are the title of a hit for 'The Osmonds'?
8. Which American trio had a hit with 'Puff the Magic Dragon'?
9. In the 1950's which song with an animal in its title was a hit for Elvis Presley?
10. Which British group had a 1979 hit with 'Cool for Cats'?
11. Which animal was named in the title of Survivors hit rendition of the theme song from the film Rocky III?
12. Meat Loaf's 'Bat Out of Hell' entered the UK Album Charts in 1978. How long did it stay there, (a) 3 years, (b) 6 years, or (c) 9 years?
13. Michael Jackson's 1972 hit 'Ben' was the theme song to a film of the same name. What kind of animal was Ben?
14. Frankie Laine had a 1950's hit with a song containing the name of which animal?
15. What did Patti Page see in a window in her well known hit?

Answers on P34.

Albert

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

## **Baptisms:-**

In September we welcomed into our church family in Baptism:-  
Taylor May Fenton, Daughter of Ryan and Kirsty from Tingley  
Leyla Rose Catrina Littlewood, Daughter of Matthew and Kirstie from Tingley  
Evie Georgia Wood, Daughter of Josh and Sarah from Mirfield

## **Weddings:-**

Sophie Marie Frank and Sam Mark Owen, from Morley were married at St. Mary's on 4th September, Congratulations from the Church Family.

## **Funerals:-**

Lorraine Darwin-Hare, from Tingley. Beloved Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunt and Fiancé, will be sadly missed by all her Family, Friends and Church Family.

## **QUIZ ANSWERS:**

1. Karma Chameleon
2. See You Later Alligator
3. Elton John
4. What's New Pussycat
5. Bob Marley
6. The Monkees
7. Crazy Horses
8. Peter, Paul and Mary
9. Hound Dog
10. Squeeze
11. (Eye of the) Tiger
12. (c) 9 years
13. Rat
14. Mule (Train)
15. Doggie

Albert.

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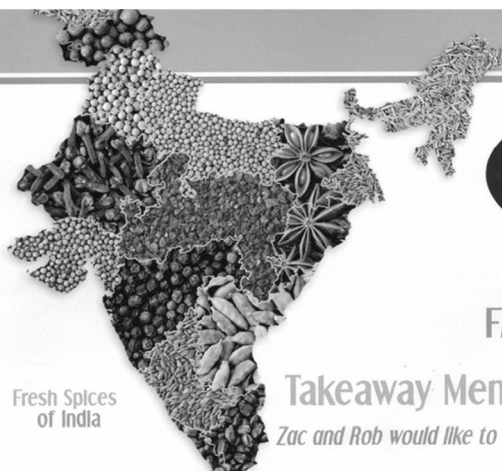
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## What's on

<b>Mothers' Union</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month 2:00 pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
<b>Playgroup</b>	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am to 12:00pm Becky Schofield 07811 146958
<b>Girl Guides</b>	Tuesday 7:30pm Vikki Springett 07841 513530
<b>Toddler Group</b>	Wednesday 9:15-11:00am Sally Shaw 01924 475048
<b>Rainbows</b>	Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 689992
<b>Brownies</b>	Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm Hannah Tombling 01924 501892
<b>Keep Fit Class</b>	Thursday 8:00pm Margaret Hampshire 01924 476721
<b>Young at Heart</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 2:00pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
<b>Beavers</b>	Friday 5:00pm to 6:15 pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
<b>Cubs</b>	Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm Marianne Ingham 07778 542302
<b>Scouts</b>	Friday 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927
<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:**

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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