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*Life isn't about finding yourself.
It's about creating yourself.*

George Bernard Shaw.

Reverend Sharon's First Day...

Thank you to all concerned for a very moving, uplifting and spiritually moving Licensing Service on Monday 20th June 2016.

As I write this letter, today is Tuesday, my first official day in office, and I have been busy answering calls and emails, I have attended a Churches Together meeting which lead to three new events for the diary and I have been preparing for my first small service on Wednesday morning. So far I have not used the keys to the church building that were handed to me at my Licensing.

I cannot express my thanks and appreciation for all who worked so hard to make the Service so special.

It was a wonderful welcome from my new congregation and I am looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you in the future. It was also very touching that so many friends (my former congregation) came on the coach from St Paul's in Lancaster.

They have also asked me to express their gratitude for the welcome and hospitality they received, and I have had many comments about the quality of the Service and the beautiful organ playing by Sammie.

Many people commented on the number of times I hit the gong - that it was only three times! Truth is I didn't want to keep everybody waiting whilst peeling out my expectations!

I am looking forward to all that lays ahead, to new relationships and friendships, to working together for the good of the Gospel, and building an outward looking vision for the community around us.

We have a long road to travel together. This is just the beginning and I am looking forward to each moment and the journey ahead.

Your new Vicar
Sharon



Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Christian Aid week a success by giving or raising money. The total achieved was £415 for this very good cause, of this £415 there was £216 for sponsorship of the walk and the remainder came from a church collection along with house to house collection. Special thanks go to Glynn who completed the walk with me and Susan Walshaw and Albert Shaw who collected house to house. Well done to everyone you can be sure this money will be used wisely.

Sally Shaw.

Morning Prayer

From Monday 4th July 2016 there will be Morning Prayer held in St Mary's Church at 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week. I warmly invite you to join in the prayer life of the whole Anglican Community. This will initially be lead by myself but then shared among those who wish to take a lead.

Vicar's Rest Day will be Thursday except for the third Thursday in each month when it will be Friday.
Lay Pastoral Assistant's Rest Day (Gail) will be Saturday.

Rev. Sharon

Tingley Brass Band Strike a Chord

Special thanks go to Tingley Brass Band for performing for us on Saturday 18th June. It was a great night out, with music from shows, ballads and hymns as well as the Beatles. Really well put together program and hugely enjoyed by a good crowd. We'll have to do that again...

David

The Licensing Service for Reverend Sharon Wilkinson.

On Monday 20th June 2016, Reverend Sharon became the new Vicar at St. Mary's Church. The drama started early as, due to the sad death of Jo Cox MP (see Page 22), Bishop Nick Baines could not lead the Service as originally planned because he was called to Westminster. So The Rt Reverend Paul Slater (Bishop of Richmond) stepped in to take-over the proceedings. He was ably assisted by The Venerable Paul Hooper (Archdeacon of Leeds) and our own representatives: Gail was the Crucifer, leading the procession down the aisle, carrying the Cross, closely followed by Churchwardens Neal and Brian, carrying their Staffs of Office.

Invited local dignitaries included Bob Gettings, the Mayor of Morley, Karen Hinds, Head Teacher of Hilltop Primary School, Trevor Holdsworth, 15th Morley Scout Leader, Paul Martin, Methodist Minister on behalf of Churches Together and Ian Waterhouse on behalf of Armley Deanery.

We were also delighted to welcome our Patron Lord Robert Brudenell, who, at the start of the service, formally presented Reverend Sharon to the Bishop as the chosen candidate. The Bishop welcomed Revd. Sharon and asked her if she was willing to accept her new duties and responsibilities. Luckily she was, and we all agreed to support her in her role.

Later in the service, the Bishop asks Revd. Sharon to



re-affirm her Ordination Vows, before making the Declaration of Assent. The Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment. The bishop, by the act of institution, commits to the presentee the *Cure of Souls* (translated as 'Care of Souls') attached to the office to which the benefice is annexed.

The Archdeacon is then able to induct Revd Sharon into her new role - *'the real and actual possession of this benefice.'*

This is done in three steps:

First the Archdeacon, Revd Sharon and Churchwardens move to the main Door of the church. The Archdeacon places the Incumbent's hand on the handle of the door. He now inducts Revd Sharon into the real and actual possession of this church.

Next, the Churchwardens hand Revd Sharon a set of keys for the church building. She then tolls a bell to signify her taking up the Pastoral Charge. (Folklore suggests a link between the number of tolls of the bell and the length of service, however this is not recognised as having any actual relevance). After ringing the bell three times, Revd Sharon and the procession move to the Chancel.

Thirdly, the Archdeacon places Revd. Sharon in the Vicar's Stall saying: *'I place you in the seat of the Vicar of this Parish. Lead and hold this benefice in prayer and may God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in the ways of truth and peace.'*

We pray with the Lord's Prayer and then the Archdeacon presents Sharon as the new Incumbent. We welcomed her in the traditional fashion, followed by words of welcome from all the local dignitaries in attendance.

As her first official duty, Revd Sharon read out the notices of the week. The Bishop asks us, the congregation, to recommit ourselves in the service of God and neighbour, to which we readily agreed and with that we were fully installed with our *very own, bona*

fide, permanent, fully licensed, here to stay—Vicar. (To coin a phrase).

Now that the interregnum is finally over, we look forward to working with Sharon as we move into the next chapter of life at St. Mary's.

David



From left: Brian Gledhill, Bishop Paul Slater, Revd Sharon Wilkinson, Archdeacon Paul Hooper, Neal Pinder-Packard

Strawberry Tea for All...

Liz Aveyard tempts our taste buds for a good cause...

You are cordially invited to our Strawberry Tea on Saturday 30th July 11am - 3pm at St Michael's church hall, East Ardsley

Myself and a few friends are hosting a Strawberry Tea to support 2 charities very close to our hearts - Breast Cancer Care & UK Sepsis Trust and are encouraging you to come along to support us.

There will be plenty of home cooked food such as Pizza, Soup & Lasagne as well as delicious home-baked cakes & buns for you to buy. You can even wash it down with a nice cup of tea.

We will also be holding a raffle and a tombola if you are feeling lucky...

About the Charities

Breast Cancer Care - Monies raised will help Breast Cancer Care continue to provide a unique range of support including reliable information, one-to-one support over the phone and on-line from nurses and people who've been diagnosed themselves. Every year around 58,000 people are diagnosed with breast cancer in the UK so there's never been such an urgent need for their support services."

UK Sepsis Trust - Sepsis is a life threatening condition that arises when the body's response to an infection injures its own tissues and organs. Sepsis leads to shock, multiple organ failure and death especially if not recognized early and treated promptly.

Every year in the UK there are 150,000 cases of Sepsis, resulting in a staggering 44,000 deaths – more than bowel, breast and prostate cancer combined. The UK Sepsis Trust (UKST) was established as a charity in 2012 with the objective of saving 12,500 lives every year. They are committed to changing the way the NHS deals with Sepsis, to increasing public awareness and supporting those affected by Sepsis.

Every penny you donate is valuable in helping them achieve their goals .

See you there

Liz

Save our Woodland.

The Woodland Trust says 'Our woodland needs protection...'

Our woodland faces threats from climate change, increasing numbers of pests and diseases, pollution, overgrazing, invasive non-native species, and intensification of land use. Environmental change is happening at an unprecedented rate.

Wildlife-rich areas have been lost and fragmented, many species are declining, ecosystems are damaged and degraded. Our landscapes can't cope with these pressures. They are less able to provide the things we take for granted - clean air and water, flood control and food production.

Areas rich in wildlife are the building blocks from which we can create landscapes that are more resilient in the face of change. Protecting our most valuable habitats is the first step to recovery.

Ancient woods and trees are some of our most valuable natural assets. Ancient woods are irreplaceable, home to many vulnerable and threatened species. Ancient trees are whole habitats in their own right, supporting a wide variety of wildlife. The Woodland Trust believe there should be no further loss of ancient woodland.

They work to protect our most valuable woods and trees from direct loss, for example from clearance for development. They also advocate buffering our most valuable woods from the impacts of neighbouring land-use, through creation of new wildlife areas around them.

The Woodland Trust work to protect our most valuable woods and trees from other impacts, from tree disease to overgrazing through our advocacy work, and through partnerships with others.

Together, we can stick up for precious ancient woodland.



Charles De Foucauld

Charles de Foucauld is cited as a supreme example of Christian presence in mission. De Foucauld's Little Brothers and Little Sisters of Jesus live among the poor of the world, not engaging on any recognisable evangelistic tasks but offering "Their role...of prayer and of silent, hidden presence of love". This is a Biography of his life - hope you enjoy it. I found it very fascinating.

Charles was born in Strasbourg, France on September 15 1858 and was baptized two days after his birth. Through his mother he learned about God and how to pray. His first memory was the prayer she made him recite morning and evening: 'My God, bless father, mother, grandfather, grandmother and my little sister'.

But his mother, father and paternal grandmother all died in 1864. The grandfather took the two children, Charles (6 yrs) and Marie (3 yrs) into his home. "He always admired the great intelligence of his grandfather whose infinite tenderness enveloped his childhood and youth with an atmosphere of love." On April 28 1872, Charles made his first Holy Communion. He was confirmed the same day.

Charles was intelligent and studies were not difficult for him. Little by little Charles distanced himself from his faith. He continued to respect the Catholic religion but he no longer believed in God. He said: "I remained twelve years without denying or believing anything, despairing of the truth and not even believing in God. There was no convincing proof."

At 17 he was totally selfish, full of vanity and irreverence, engulfed by a desire for what is evil. He was running wild. He said he was in the dark. He no longer saw either God or men: "There was only me."

After two years of studies at Military College, Charles became an officer. His grandfather had just died and Charles inherited everything. He was 20 years old.

For several years, Charles would seek his pleasure in food and parties. At that time, he was called "Fats Foucauld". He slept long, ate a lot. and thought little.

But in October 1880, Charles was sent to Algeria. He liked the country and the inhabitants interested him: He is quoted as saying "It is a beautiful country! For my part, I was enthralled. In the midst of them all there are Arabs in white burnouses or dressed in bright colours, with a crowd of camels, small donkeys and goats, which have the most picturesque effect."

However Charles' refusal to listen to his superiors in an affair involving a woman eventually cost him his employment. Having only just returned to France, he learned that his regiment was being sent to Tunisia: "An expedition of this kind is too rare a pleasure to let it slip

by without trying to enjoy it. He was indeed sent back to Africa but not quite in the regiment that he had wanted. He was part of a column which manoeuvred on the high plateau, to the South of Saïda. He enjoyed camp life as much as he disliked garrison life.

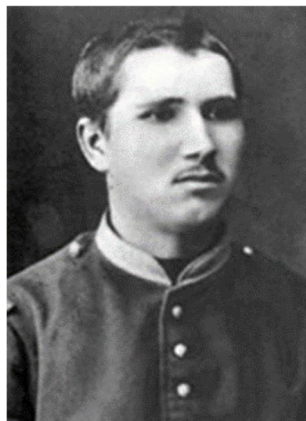
In January 1882, the columns were disbanded and Charles was again back in the barracks. He hated garrison life... he much preferred to take advantage of being young in order to travel.

On January 28 1882 he resigned from the army.

Charles then decided to settle in Algiers in order to prepare his trip. "It would be a shame to undertake such wonderful trips foolishly, like a simple tourist." He wanted to do them seriously, bringing along books in order to discover both the ancient and modern history. Morocco was not far away but was forbidden to Europeans. Charles was attracted to this little known country. After a long preparation of 15 months, he left for Morocco with a Jew named Mordechai who would serve as his guide. In 1883 Europeans could travel

visibly and safely only in that territory which came under the Sultan's rule. They could only enter the rest of Morocco if they were disguised, and even then it was at the risk of their lives. They were considered spies and would be killed if recognized. Nearly his entire trip was made in the independent parts of the country. He disguised himself from Tangiers onwards. To avoid awkward meetings, he pretended he was an Israelite. During his trip, his costume was that of Moroccan Jews, his religion, theirs, his name, Rabbi Joseph. He prayed and sang in the Synagogue. Parents pleaded with him to bless their children. To those who wanted to know where he was from, sometimes he responded Jerusalem, sometimes Moscow, and sometimes Algiers. If someone were to ask the reason for his trip - To Muslims he would reply that, he was a mendicant rabbi going begging from town to town; To Jews, a pious Israelite who had come to Morocco despite the fatigue and danger, so as to inquire about the condition of his brothers. All through his journey he wrote notes. Nobody ever noticed this, even in the biggest caravans. He was careful to walk in front or behind his companions, so that with the help of the wide span of his clothes, they hardly saw the light movement of his hands. Thus the description and survey of his itinerary filled a good number of small notebooks.

As soon as he arrived in a village where it was possible for him to have



An unconvinced military man (1876 to 1882)

a separate room, he completed them and copied them into notebooks which made up the journal of his trip

During his short stay in Tisint, all the hajjis wanted to see him. The simple fact that he came from Algeria, where they had received a warm reception meant that he received the same welcome. Many suspected that he was a Christian. They did not say a word, understanding perhaps better than him, what danger might befall him were they to speak up.

On arriving in Agadir, he went to the home of Hadj Bou Rhim. He could not praise him enough nor articulate what he owed him. For him he proved to be the most reliable, most altruistic and most devoted of friends. On two occasions he risked his life in order to protect Charles. He soon guessed that he was a Christian. Afterwards Charles told him he was a Christian. Showing him such confidence only increased his attachment.

For 11 months, Charles often received insults and stones. Several times he was almost killed.

On May 23 1884, a poor beggar arrived at the Algerian border crossing. He was barefoot, thin and covered with dirt. This poor Jew was none other than Charles de Foucauld. This journey was hard, but very interesting, and he succeeded! The scientific world of the time was greatly impressed by Charles' work: a true exploration! He had travelled 3000 km in an almost unknown country. It was glory!

A seeker of God (1886 to 1890)

Such glory meant nothing to Charles. He left Algeria and settled in Paris, close to his family. He was 28 years old. At the beginning of October 1886, after six months of family life, while in Paris getting his journey to Morocco published, he found himself in the company of people who were highly intelligent, highly virtuous and highly Christian. At the same time, an extremely strong interior grace was pushing him. Even though he wasn't a believer he started going to Church. It was the only place where he felt at ease and he would spend long hours there repeating this strange prayer: "My God, if you exist, allow me know you! But I did not know you... Oh! My God, how much your hand was upon me and yet how little I was aware of it! How good you are! How you protected me! How you covered me with your wings when I did not even believe in your existence! All this was your work, my God, your work alone... A beautiful soul assisted you, but by her silence, her gentleness, her goodness, her perfection... you attracted me by the beauty of this soul. So let me study this religion: let me take a professor of the Catholic religion, a wise priest, and let me see what it is about and if I should believe what it says."

He asked for religious lessons: Fr. Huvelin made him kneel down and

made he then went to confession, and then he was sent to communion right away.

Charles had doubted so much and did not believe everything in a day; sometimes the miracles in the Gospel seemed hard to believe. "But divine grace and the advice of my confessor dissipated the clouds..." Charles wanted to be religious and live only for God. But his confessor made him wait three years. He then went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

After spending Christmas of 1888 in Bethlehem, having heard Midnight Mass and received Holy Communion in the Holy Grotto, he returned to Jerusalem.

Charles was very attached to his family and friends, but he felt called to leave everything so as to follow Jesus. On January 15 1890, he entered the Trappists.

The Gospel showed Him that the first commandment is to love God with all one's heart and that we should enfold everything in love. It seemed to him that nothing presented this life better than the Trappists.

"Every person is a child of God who loves them infinitely: it is therefore impossible to want to love God without loving human beings: the more one loves God, the more one loves people". The love of God and the love of people, was to become his whole life. Charles was happy as a Trappist. He learned a lot. He received a lot. But something more was missing.

Charles wondered if seeking out a few souls with whom one could form the beginning of a little congregation wasn't called for. The aim would be to lead a life as exactly like the life of our Lord as far as possible: living only by the work of one's hands, following to the letter his counsels.

On top of this kind of work there would be a lot of prayers, the formation of small groups alone and the extension to mostly non-Christian countries which are so abandoned and where it would be so good to increase the love of Our Lord Jesus and the number of his servants.

On January 23 1897, the Superior General of the Trappists announced to Charles that he could leave the Trappe so as to follow Jesus, the poor workman of Nazareth. Charles left for the Holy Land. He arrived in Nazareth where the Poor Clares took him in as a servant. God enabled him to find what he was looking for: the imitation of what was the life of Our Lord Jesus in the very same Nazareth.

In his wooden hut and at the foot of the Poor Clares' Tabernacle,

through his days of work and his nights of prayer, he had all that he had been looking for, so that it was clear that God had prepared this place for him. But Charles wanted to share this life of Nazareth with other brothers. This is why he wrote the Rule of the Little Brothers.

He wanted to compose a very simple rule, apt to give to a few pious souls a family life around the Sacred Host. He wrote: "My rule is so closely linked to the cult of the Holy Eucharist that it cannot be followed by a group without there being a priest among them and a tabernacle; it is only when I am a priest and there is an oratory around which we can come together, that I will be able to have a few companions."

In August 1900, Charles returned to France and was ordained a priest. He spent a year in a convent. and received Holy Orders there. He had been a priest since June and he felt called straight away to go to the "lost sheep".

Knowing by experience that no people were more abandoned than the Muslims of Morocco and the Algerian Sahara, he requested and obtained permission to go to Beni Abbès, a little oasis in the Algerian Sahara on the borders of Morocco.

On October 28 1901, Charles arrived in Beni Abbès. The Natives made him very welcome and he formed relationships with them, trying to do good.

The soldiers set about building him a chapel, three cells and a guest room out of dry bricks and palm tree trunks. He wanted all the inhabitants to get used to looking on him as their brother. They were beginning to call the house "the fraternity", and he was to find this very touching. Each day, Charles spent hours before the Tabernacle, but there was constant knocking at the door. "Whatsoever you do to one of these little ones you do to me".

The Gospel had already transformed Charles' life and he would straight away open the door to welcome the Beloved. From 4.30 am to 8.30 pm, he never stopped receiving people: slaves, the poor, the sick, soldiers, travelers and the curious. In this region, Charles discovered slavery. He was scandalized. The fraternity was built, but Charles waited for brothers to come. He prayed to God that he may carry out the work he was sent to do: that he may establish a little convent of fervent and charitable monks, loving God with all their heart and their neighbour as themselves. A little family imitating so perfectly the virtues of Jesus that all who live in the surrounding area would begin to love JESUS!" But the brothers did not come.

He was still alone. Several people had let him know that they would like to join him, but there were difficulties. The main one being the ban imposed by civic and military authorities on any Europeans travelling in the region because of the lack of security.

In June 1903, the Bishop of the Sahara spent several days in Beni Abbés. He came from the South where he had visited the Tuaregs. Charles felt attracted by these people who live in the heart of the desert. There were no priests available to go there, so Charles volunteered. On January 13 1904, Charles left to go live with the Tuaregs. His intention was to visit newly conquered peoples and to then push on as far as Timbuktu.

His vocation normally involved solitude, stability and silence, for he saw himself as a servant of the Lord. But for the moment he was a Nomad, going from camp to camp, trying to build up familiarity, trust and friendship. This nomadic life has the advantage of allowing him to see a lot of people and get to know the country. The country almost always lacked water and pasture land and so the Tuaregs had to break up into small groups and spread out so as to feed and water their flocks. They lived in very small groups, a tent here, a few tents there. Charles then went about setting up the first tabernacle in Tuareg. Charles then spent most of his time studying their language, and translating the Holy Gospels into the Tuareg language. It was a great consolation to him that their first book was the Holy Gospels.

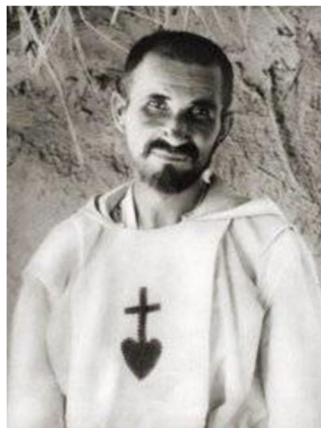
"The Tuaregs in my neighbourhood give me the greatest joys and consolations. I have excellent friends among them". He declared.

Charles' work on the language was going well. The dictionary of proper names was finished in 1914 along with the more complete Tuareg-French dictionary. In 1916 he finished the collection of poems and proverbs, but on December 1, 1916, de Foucauld was dragged from his house by a gang of armed bandits led by El Madani ag Soba, who was connected with the Senussi Bedouin. Their intention was to kidnap de Foucauld, but when the gang was disturbed by two guardsmen, one startled bandit shot their prisoner through the head, killing him instantly.

The French authorities continued for years searching for the bandits involved. In 1943 El Madani fled French forces in Libya to the remote South Fezzan. The bandit who murdered Foucauld was apprehended, and executed at Djanet in 1944.

De Foucauld was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on November 13, 2005 and is listed as a martyr in the liturgy of the Catholic Church.

Gail



A Sad Loss for our Community.

Jo Cox was the Member of Parliament (MP) for the Batley and Spen constituency from her election in May 2015 until her death last month, having won the seat with an increased majority for Labour in the 2015 general election.

Working first as a political assistant, she then joined the international humanitarian charity Oxfam, where she rose to become head of policy and advocacy at Oxfam GB.

She was selected to contest the Batley and Spen parliamentary seat after the previous incumbent decided not to stand in 2015. Having held the seat for Labour, she became a campaigner on issues relating to the Syrian Civil War, and founded and chaired the all-party parliamentary group Friends of Syria; an obituary appearing in The Independent on the day of her death described her as having "campaigns tirelessly for refugees".

Jo campaigned for a solution to the Syrian Civil War. In October 2015 she co-authored, with Conservative MP Andrew Mitchell, an article in The Observer arguing that British military forces could help achieve an ethical solution to the conflict, including the creation of civilian safe havens inside Syria. During that month Cox launched the All Party Parliamentary Friends of Syria group, becoming its chair. In the Commons vote in December to approve UK military intervention against ISIL in Syria, Jo abstained because she believed in a more comprehensive strategy that would also include combatting President Bashar al-Assad and his "indiscriminate barrel bombs". She wrote:

By refusing to tackle Assad's brutality, we may actively alienate more of the Sunni population, driving them towards Isis. So I have decided to abstain. Because I am not against airstrikes per se, but I cannot actively support them unless they are part of a plan. Because I believe in action to address Isis, but do not believe it will work in isolation.

On 16 June 2016, Cox died shortly after being shot and stabbed multiple times in Birstall, where she had been due to hold a constituency surgery. A 52-year-old man was charged with her murder and will stand trial under terrorism protocols.

We join with the rest of the locality and wider Community in extending our sympathies to Jo's family and friends.

David



Churches Together

Tingley Methodist held a joint service on Sunday 26th June

There was a really strong turn out at the Churches Together celebration at Tingley Methodist, with groups from all the local area including St. Michael's , East Ardsley; Church of the Nazarene; West Ardsley Methodist and of course ourselves and our gracious hosts, Paul Martin and Tingley Methodist Church.

The theme of the evening was to introduce your favourite hymn by explaining what it means to you. We had a marvellous selection. These are just a few:

How Great thou Art . John Brayshaw (St. Michael's), who had climbed to within 10,000 feet of the summit of Mount Everest and looked across from the pinnacle of Ben Nevis at daybreak, was inspired by the words from this great hymn: 'When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze....'

Great is thy Faithfulness: Julie Hyde introduced us to this hymn by telling us of her Sunday afternoons as a child in Northern Ireland, sitting around the piano with her family singing a range of hymns, which painted a lovely picture for us to imagine.

All Creatures of our God and King: Wendy Bradshaw (St. Michael's). Wendy asked us to think about all the animals on our world and how we all interact and fit together on this amazing planet.

10,000 Reasons: Victoria Ajayi (West Ardsley Methodist). Victoria asked us to think about our own blessings and how we can worship the Lord. We have sung this hymn at All Age services and it is a great tune and words. You can hear and see it on You Tube.

My Lighthouse: Alan Curry (West Ardsley). This is a hymn with a distinctly oceanic theme and reminded Alan of his sea-faring past. It's not a familiar one, but it has an almost 'sea-shanty' quality to it, which was wonderful;.

Here I am Lord: Gail Townsend. Gail told us about her struggle to decide if Pastoral Ministry was the right thing for her. It meant three years of training and hard work. Would she be up to it? Was it really something she could do? In a real quandary, one Sunday this hymn came up—and it convinced her to go for it: 'Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord, if You lead me.....'

Dave

Who Cares?

George and Jemima ask the question...

- Jemima. Hi George, how are you on this lovely summers day, doesn't summer make you feel great and glad to be alive?
- George. No, I'm fed up, fed up and 12 times fed up.
- Jemima. How on earth can you be fed up George on a lovely day like today?
- George. Oh I'm fed up with everything & everybody and I'm fed up with everybody & everything.
- Jemima. Why George what's up?
- George. What's up, what's up, I'll tell you what's up.
- Jemima. (getting a bit miffed) Well go on then, get on with it and tell me what's up.
- George. Nobody cares about me.
- Jemima. How do you mean, nobody cares about you.
- George. Well, I seem to do everything for everybody and I get no thanks or nowt in return.
- Jemima. Ooooooh George, how can you say that?
- George. I seem to do everything for everybody and I get no thanks or nowt in return. There that's how I can say it.
- Jemima. Oh George you are daft at times, and the trouble is it's most of the time.
- George. Aw thanks Jemima for really cheering me up. There you are I just thanked you.
- Jemima. No come on now George, be serious for once.
- George. Me, be serious, are you having a laugh?
- Jemima. Well George, we can live in hope. So come on what's up?
- George. OK then. Just last week I delivered some groceries for Mr Turnip our local greengrocer, and when I got back to his shop with the empty boxes and stuff, he just said shove the boxes down there, never said thank you and just sent me home. Now that really got to me.
- Jemima. Please elaborate.
- George. What?
- Jemima. Explain.
- George. Oh, right. OK then when I got home I helped my Dad wash and polish his car, getting wet on his behalf and all he could do was keep saying, "George you've missed a bit, not oh thank you George for helping me, you've made a lovely job. Then we went in for tea and I set the table for Mum, we ate our tea and I had to do the washing up cause Coronation Street was starting on the telly, and God forbid

if my Mum misses Coronation Street. No thanks for that again, all I got when Corry had finished was " right George, time for bed, school tomorrow"

Jemima. So, what's up?

George. No thank you for delivering the groceries. No thank you for washing Dad's car. No thank you for washing up so Mum could watch Corry. I mean come on! I'm fed up with everything and everybody.

Jemima. By eck George you've got a short memory.

George. How do you mean.

Jemima. Don't you remember last Easter when Mr Turnip the greengrocer gave you that Whopping great Easter egg as a thank you to you for doing his deliveries? And how can you moan about your Mum & Dad, come on George, think about all they have done for you. You don't buy the food you eat, you don't buy the lovely clothes you wear, and you don't buy the petrol for your Dad's car when he's running you here, there, and everywhere.

George. OK, OK, point taken Jemima.

Jemima. I will tell you someone else who cares for you every single day of your life.

George. Oh eyup yer off on one again.

Jemima. Shut up & listen George. Who do you think cares for you every day of your life?

George. Go on, enlighten me.

Jemima. What?

George. Ha ha, got you with a big word, how do you like it?

Jemima. Ok we're even now George, so listen. I'm going to tell you a story that will knock your socks off.

George. I don't wear socks.

Jemima. SHUSH! This is about Jesus and 10 sick men.

George. What happened?

Jemima. They asked Jesus to take time and care about them, and heal them.

George. So what did Jesus do?

Jemima. He healed them and sent them on their way.

George. Just like that?

Jemima. Yes George, just like that.

George. Were they happy?

Jemima. I guess so, Jesus healed them, I know I would be happy.

George. Is that the end of the story?

Jemima. No silly. When the 10 men were leaving a really neat thing happened.

George. Go on, I'm getting right excited.
Jemima. One of the 10 men turned back, and went over to see Jesus.
George. Why did he go back, Jesus healed him didn't he?
Jemima. He went back to thank him.
George. What happened with the other 9 men?
Jemima. Jesus asked the same thing. He couldn't understand why the 9 didn't thank him too.
George. He healed them all?
Jemima. He sure did.
George. Well, I know what I would do.
Jemima. What's that George?
George. I would thank Jesus for healing me.
Jemima. Yes George, Jesus cares for us all, each & every day. Did you thank Jesus for caring for you today George? Or did you just go on your way.
George. I think I just went on my way, silly me.
Jemima. Yes George, silly you. Now say goodbye and be on your way.

Both. Good-bye everybody.



SANDRA'S SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Summer is in full swing and you should be harvesting salad crops, peas and potatoes. Carry on with successional sowing and you can be eating salads for another month or so.

Sandra's Top Tip: Identify any plants you have which you wish to grow next year and start collecting seed. Use a clean, sealable envelope for each variety and do this on a dry, still day. Don't forget to label the envelope!

Sow late Carrots.

Gather the last of the peas and clear the ground.

Harvest Shallots, Onions and Garlic as their leaves turn brown.

Feed containers every two weeks for the rest of the season. Use liquid or water soluble fertiliser high in potash.

During mid to late summer, feed your lawn twice a month with a fast acting fertiliser.

Cut off any Potato leaves affected by blight and burn.

Plant a second bed of sweet corn in between your onions. Once the Onions are gone the Sweet corn will have room to grow.

Feed Tomatoes every other week with a high potash liquid feed.

Don't allow pea and bean pods to remain on the plants for long as even the stringless types can toughen up and be unpalatable.

Cut off Strawberry runners as they appear (unless you want to make new plants)

Sandra

Garden Party Round Up

*Our Garden Party was a great success raising over £700—
and the Sun came out...*



That's a lot of Cuddly Toys....



Tea and Cakes were ever popular...



Following 'Serviettegate' the Bad Boys were made to stand facing the fence...

Church Mouse Tales...

Misha 'brassed off'? Not a bit of it!!

Well let me tell you, there I was having a nice little snooze when I was awoken by trembling in the church floor. 'Oh no', I thought, 'who's upset Hubert the black canon now? He seems to be stomping up and down in a rage?'

I peeped out, but no, Hubert wasn't stomping up and down, but he was stamping his feet in time to some wonderful music.

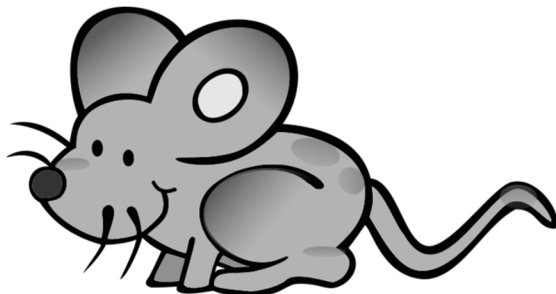
At first, I was a little perturbed as I am used to quiet Saturday evenings with nothing much going on, and I noticed that there were lots of people in the choir stalls, all very smartly dressed and holding all sorts of strange things. They looked like pipes all bent around into strange shapes, but much shinier than the pipes in church.

I crouched in my corner, a little frightened in case I should be stepped on, when suddenly there was a terrific sound, it was fantastic, it made the floor tremble. Oh no..., I thought the roof would come in, but as I settled there, assured by Hubert that the roof was going to remain intact, I let myself relax.

Hubert wandered off and sat quietly tapping his fingers in time with the music, and once I had got the hang of it my tail was swaying in time too.

It all came to an end too soon, and Hubert and I had the place to ourselves once more. Hubert told me that we had been listening to Tingley Brass Band.

I do hope it's not too long before they come back and play for us again - Hubert's been in a good mood ever since! Now there is a blessing to count....



The Archbishops Statement on the EU Referendum.

On Thursday, millions of people from across the United Kingdom voted in the Referendum, and a majority expressed a desire that Britain's future is to be outside the European Union

The outcome of this referendum has been determined by the people of this country. It is now the responsibility of the Government, with the support of Parliament, to take full account of the outcome of the referendum, and, in the light of this, decide upon the next steps. This morning, the Prime Minister David Cameron has offered a framework for when this process might formally begin.

The vote to withdraw from the European Union means that now we must all reimagine both what it means to be the United Kingdom in an interdependent world and what values and virtues should shape and guide our relationships with others.

As citizens of the United Kingdom, whatever our views during the referendum campaign, we must now unite in a common task to build a generous and forward looking country, contributing to human flourishing around the world. We must remain hospitable and compassionate, builders of bridges and not barriers. Many of those living among us and alongside us as neighbours, friends and work colleagues come from overseas and some will feel a deep sense of insecurity. We must respond by offering reassurance, by cherishing our wonderfully diverse society, and by affirming the unique contribution of each and every one.

The referendum campaign has been vigorous and at times has caused hurt to those on one side or the other. We must therefore act with humility and courage - being true to the principles that make the very best of our nation. Unity, hope and generosity will enable us to overcome the period of transition that will now happen, and to emerge confident and successful. The opportunities and challenges that face us as a nation and as global citizens are too significant for us to settle for less.

As those who hope and trust in the living God, let us pray for all our leaders, especially for Prime Minister David Cameron in his remaining months in office. We also pray for leaders across Europe, and around the world, as they face this dramatic change. Let us pray especially that we may go forward to build a good United Kingdom that, though relating to the rest of Europe in a new way will play its part amongst the nations in the pursuit of the common good throughout the world.

Justin Welby and John Sentamu

Aint that a Shame...

Brian Walshaw must have heard about the last PCC meeting.....

This is a story of four people, named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about the because it was Everybody's job. Everybody, however, thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that everybody blamed somebody when nobody did what anybody could have.

Or in other words they all thought it wasn't their job....

Brian.

More from Brian:

Where does Noah keep his Bees?

In an Ark Hive

Weight Watchers will meet in the Parish Hall – please use the large double doors on the side....

How many Women can one Man marry?

A small boy attending his first wedding worked it out to be 16:-

Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer.....comes to Sixteen

Brian W.

Albert's 'J is for July' Quiz

1. Kingston is the capital of which island country?
2. In the Bible Esau is the brother of whom?
3. In which book series did Violet Elizabeth Bott appear?
4. Who duetted with Michael Jackson on the record 'Scream'?
5. Who wrote the book 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy'?
6. Which British King was called 'The Wisest Fool in Christendom'?
7. What is the English equivalent of the Russian name 'Ivan'?
8. What was the real surname of the singer David Bowie?
9. Who said 'I came, I saw, I conquered'?
10. Idlewild Airport's name was changed to what?
11. In 'Oliver Twist' what was the name of 'The Artful Dodger'?
12. John 11, 35 is the shortest verse in the Bible. What is it?
13. Who wrote the novel 'Ulysses'?
14. What tool is used to lift a vehicle to change a wheel?
15. What name is given to a female ferret?
16. Which World War I naval battle's centenary was celebrated this year?
17. Which Admiral led the British Navy in this battle?
18. Which organization publishes the magazine 'Watch Tower'?
19. Which word can precede 'Black, Lag and Stream'?
20. Which word can go with 'Baby, Cranberry and Fish'?

Albert

Answers on P35

Diary for July and Early August 2016.

JULY

Sat 2nd	9:30am	Church and Churchyard clean-up
Sun 3rd	10:30am	Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Baptisms
Wed 6th	10:00am	Holy Communion with Revd. Sharon
Sun 10th	10:30am	All Age Service
Mon 11th	7:30pm	PCC meeting in Church
Wed 13th	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sun 17th	10:30am	Holy Communion
Wed 20th	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sun 24th	10:30am	Holy Communion
Wed 27th	10:00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 28th	11:00am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
Sun 31st	10:30am	All Age Holy Communion

Early August

Wed 3rd	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sat 6th	9:30am	Church and Churchyard clean-up
Sun 7th	10:30am	Holy Communion
Mon 8th	7:30pm	PCC meeting in Church (TBC)
Wed 10th	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sun 14th	10:30am	All-Age Service
	12 noon	Holy Communion

Mother's Union Diary 2016:

July 18th	Beetle Drive
Aug 15th	Meal out – Venue to be arranged
Sept 19th	No Meeting
Oct 17th	Speaker: Mr. Philip Stephenson (2pm)
Nov 21st	Christmas Wreath making with Averille Milburn
Dec 12th or 19th	Christmas Meal
	– Venue and final date to be confirmed.

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

Wedding:-

Mark Bennett and Dee Jolly from Ossett, were married at St. Mary's on the 11th June 2016
Congratulations from the Church Family

Funerals:-

Marshall Stead, will be sadly missed by his family and friends.
Allan Kelly, will be sadly missed by his wife Alice, his family and friends.
Carl Bower, will be sadly missed by his wife Janet, his family and friends.
Percy Hudson, will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Quiz Answers. : 1. Jamaica. 2. Jacob. 3. Just William. 4. Janet Jackson. 5. John le Carre. 6. James I. 7. John. 8. Jones. 9. Julius Caesar. 10. JFK Airport. 11. Jack Dawkins. 12. Jesus wept. 13. James Joyce. 14. Jack. 15. Jill. 16. Jutland. 17. Admiral Jellicoe. 18. Jehovah's Witnesses. 19. Jet. 20. Jelly.

Albert

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Mothers' Union	3 rd Monday in the month 2:00 pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
Playgroup	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am to 12:00pm Becky Schofield 07811 146958
Girl Guides	Tuesday 7:30pm Vikki Springett 07841 513530
Toddler Group	Wednesday 9:15-11:00am Sally Shaw 01924 475048
Rainbows	Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 607393
Brownies	Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm Hannah Tombling 01924 501892
Keep Fit Class	Thursday 8:00pm Margaret Hampshire 01924 476721
Young at Heart	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays 2:00pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
Beavers	Friday 5:00pm to 6:15 pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
Cubs	Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm Marianne Ingham 07778 542302
Scouts	Friday 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927
Explorer Scouts	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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