

# Parish News

**St Mary's, Woodkirk**

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**June 2016**



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Heritage Restored in Dortmund;  
Heritage Remembered in Northants  
A Year in our Lives;  
The Next Chapter;  
Christian Walking**

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*Enjoy the little things in Life  
For one day you'll look back and realise  
they were the big things...*



## Introducing Reverend Sharon Wilkinson...

It is with great excitement that I write this letter. I was so surprised and happy to be appointed Vicar of St Mary's, Woodkirk and it will not be long now before I am licensed and inducted into this Post.

A lot has happened since my appointment. I have left St Paul's Church, Scotforth in Lancaster after 4 years serving as Curate there. I have moved from Lancaster to Woodkirk and have spent my time packing and unpacking boxes and cleaning and decorating.

There is nothing new in any of this, it is not particularly exciting to read but it is life. We all have to do those things which need to be done to free us up to serve God. We have to put our lives in His hands and we have to put Him first.

Each day we get out of bed God grants us a new day to serve Him and to serve each other. A big part of this for me is the importance of relationships. My relationship with God should be exemplified in my future relationships with you. They are the building blocks to community and to getting to know one another. It is important we get to know each other just as it is important that we grow together as a community and as we seek a shared vision of God's will for our ministry and mission.

As I sit in my new living room, I sit looking at the side of the church and I can see where one of the Windows has been repaired and it stands out because it is new. This makes me think of two things: my own nervousness at being new, and the need for God's love and grace that heals and makes us whole.

I am a simple Lancashire lass (who drinks Yorkshire tea) but I have a warm welcome for all, a ready smile, a sense of humour and a willingness and a heart to serve this community. I look forward to meeting you all soon. My prayers are with you.  
Sharon



## **A Changing of the Guard...**

*Neal reflects on our year of interregnum ...*

It was the APCM Sunday last year when Amanda made the announcement that she was leaving for pastures new. A vacancy is something which a church obviously doesn't want but is a necessary part of the continued growth and development of everybody involved.

It is surprising without a vicar to come across all the varying different requests and jobs that the vicar normally does. Brian and myself have shared the various roles not only of Churchwarden but of other responsibilities of running a church over the past year.

In particular though one of the toughest tasks has been to ensure that there has been a member of the clergy each Sunday. This has been an incredible job of logistics and Brian has been superb in the communication and arrangements behind this.

Also, we changed organist part way through the year and again Brian was having to arrange organists each week or provide music on his laptop for the services. We are delighted to have appointed Sammi who is an excellent organist.

Gail as Verger and pastoral lay minister has always done a huge amount for St. Mary's over the years but in particular during this vacancy her ministry has been invaluable. Gail runs the Wednesday morning services, arranging the ecumenical support for this and other special services, and in particular keeping the All Age worship group together, and producing service sheets etc. Gail also takes on the home communions.

Thanks to Gill and Liz for visiting and arranging the baptism visits and the services, which is an incredibly important ministry for St Mary's.

Thank you to sides-people, assistant churchwardens and all who have helped on a Sunday morning. Thank you to Julie for taking on the job of producing the rotas and Gary for chairing the PCC in the absence of a vicar.

During the vacancy we have maintained all the special services around Christmas, Easter and in particular the All-Age services each month, thank you to all those who have taken part in leading those, and also it has been noticed increasing confidence throughout the vacancy.

Thanks go to Dave for keeping the superb Parish News going, and to those who put in articles on a regular basis. This continues to be one of the most important communication devices we have.

Sally stepped in to look after bookings for the centre this year and again, this is a very vital link with the community which otherwise we would have lost.

As always, what is special about St Mary's is the number of people who just 'get on' with jobs that are needed without fuss, or only if somebody is watching. People at St Mary's care that the church continues into the future, welcomes new people into the fold and extends our welcome to all who we come across. Thank you to everybody who has helped in any way this year and helped St Mary's continue.

The appointment of Revd Sharon Wilkinson is excellent, and provides us with an opportunity to keep growing as a church, and she and we hope the involvement of as many people in the church as possible will continue.

Neal

## **The Licensing of Reverend Sharon Wilkinson**

Our new Vicar will be installed at a special service on Monday June 20th at 7:30pm. Many local persons of note have been invited and Sharon is bringing a coach load from over t'hill to wish her well - so if you want a decent seat (or any seat at all) come early!

David

## **Mothers Union Trip**

There are seats available on the coach for the Mothers Union Day trip to Chatsworth house on Monday the 27th of June. If anyone is interested please contact Sally Shaw (01924 475048).

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Imagine a phone call:-

*Hello? Lantern Magic?*

*I'd like to register a complaint.*

*I just bought your Lamplight 3000 with high hopes. It says on the box "it lights up the whole house".*

*But I have to say it's as gloomy as ever in here....*

*What's that ? Yes I filled it with oil... and trimmed the wick..*

*and lit it just like the instructions say....*

*Yes well, truth be told , it started out brilliantly...*

*It was everything I'd hoped for. Until I put it under a bucket...*

*Yes a bucket ....*

*Well I could not find a lampstand so I thought I'd improvise...*

*What's that? On top of the bucket?*

*Don't be silly, it might fall off. No I'm keeping it safely underneath an upturned bucket...*

*Yes underneath the bucket...*

*What do you mean it's not the lamp that's dim?*

Can you imagine how ridiculous that would be? Jesus says that's what Christians are like. Christians are always tempted to light a lamp and put it in a jar. Yet Christians are the light of the world. And, we're not meant to be hidden we're not meant to be concealed but brought out into the open.

What a Christian has—is meant to be shared.

So let us go out into the world and let the light of God shine around us, not hide it under the bucket.

Gail

*Reading Luke 8: 16-18*

## Morley Heritage Centre back on track...

On Saturday May 21st the Morley Heritage Centre was finally able to re-open its doors to the public.

Local MP Andrea Jenkyns was on hand to cut the ribbon to formally declare the Heritage Centre open at 1:30pm on the Saturday. Andrea was delighted that Peter Aldred's collection of historical pictures, artefacts and memorabilia dating back a thousand years have a new (and hopefully permanent) home in Morley Market.

Peter's Heritage Centre has occupied various empty shops in the Morley area (on Albion Street and the corner of Queen Street as well as opposite the Post Office) but each time the premises have been let to other users and Peter has been moved on. Now it is hoped that the Centre can find a more permanent location which will attract visitors to come along and see first-hand how the area has grown and developed – being able to touch, see and read about the very first Viking parliaments through to an early example of a hand pumped vacuum cleaner – there are stories and examples right through the ages for visitors to enjoy including a set of pictures and stories about St. Mary's as well as a copy of the Chantrell painting.

Peter is on hand to explain some of the more unusual things – all produced in the local area, including a stick with a hook on the end, two wooden paddles on a hinge with an egg cup with holes in the middle, a glazed block of ceramic with a curved upper surface and an egg cup shaped glass too small for an egg! If you want to know what these and many others were for - pop in to Morley Market for a look around. It is a great experience. David



# Prayerful Thought June 2016

Well hello there

Firstly, my apologies for the lack of a prayerful thought for May, my essay deadline and a holiday got in the way of Dave's deadline.

So, here I am, back again and thinking about what I could talk to you about...and have come up with...reading.

I love reading, I am a keen reader, however I don't understand how it is that I can read a novel for hours and late into the night, but when doing academic reading for my lay reader studies, I start yawning and my eyelids start drooping after about an hour!

It was at the start of my studies that I realised it is because when reading for essays I have to concentrate, I have to take in what I am reading, whereas when I read novels I am only really skim reading.

There is something that comes up occasionally on facebook that my friends post, it is this...

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It is called Typoglycemia and I think in some ways it explains why I read my novels quite quickly, I can understand the words as they tell a story, however, when reading for essays, I have to really concentrate and take in what I am reading because I will need to refer back to it in my essay.

I have quite a lot of books that I am happy to read again and again and it is good how I can usually pick out something new that I haven't noticed before whenever I read it, but the ones I enjoy are those with the chapters that I cannot put down, like 'Next weeks thrilling episode' in a television series cliff-hanger, as it is with some novels.

Now you might be thinking, well this is all very interesting Dawn, but what has it got to do with prayerful thoughts?

Well, after my absence due to being placed in another church from January to Easter, I am coming to the end of my studies to become a lay reader, I am on my last two assignments and will

hopefully complete my studies by the end of July, I will then look forward to being licensed sometime in late September/early October, so that will be the start of a new chapter for me, also, by September, perhaps your children or grandchildren, nephews and nieces may be moving schools, may have left school and gone to university etc, all new chapters in our lives.

But also, we are on the cusp of the next chapter in the life of our Church, by the end of this month our new vicar Sharon will be with us and the next part of our parish story can begin.

Now like all good stories, we don't know what this next chapter will bring, thrills and spills, excitement, some tears perhaps but hopefully plenty of laughter too. The thing is, we know our story, the St Mary's story is moving on, as it has done for so many centuries as we are led, by Sharon along the path God has prepared for us.

The main thing for us to do is to not 'skim read' this story, but to be a full part of it, to get 'stuck in', to come to church but also, to support Sharon as she gets to know us and we get to know her.

I have not been involved in a church at the start of a new vicar's appointment before, I came to St Mary's when Amanda was already here, and was new myself, so didn't have any past experience of change in worship etc, but I must say, I am getting excited about starting this next chapter in the life of our church.

One thing we can all do, whether we are fully involved in the life of our church, or feel perhaps at the edges of it due to not being able to get to church as often as we would like due to other commitments or health issues, we can all include Rev Sharon and her family in our prayers over these coming months.

The other thing I'm sure we will all do (as we have a reputation to uphold here!) is continue to be a welcoming, friendly and supportive church to all those who come to join us whether as clergy, or visitors.

God gave us His son, the greatest example of unconditional love, we receive this love through the grace of God, let us share that love wherever we are and whenever we can.

Love and prayers

Dawn



## **Christian Aid Walk – Saturday May 21st.**

*Glynn volunteered to help Sally with a sponsored walk for Christian Aid – here's how he got on...*

The walk was a four-and-a-half-mile circular route along a variety of terrain – urban, fields and woodland paths. A party of approximately 30 started at 10:30am from Birstall Parish Church, in overcast, dry weather (not to last). From the starting point, and a short walk along Bradford Road quickly brought us to a series of green fields with styles and kissing gates to emerge at a small housing development. An interesting feature on one of the houses was a large window which resembled a Coat of Arms. Further road-way walking brought us to Red House Museum car park, then to Gomersal Methodist Church, known as Pork Pie Chapel due to its unusual shape.

One and a quarter miles completed. Walking was easy and pleasant to this point, but we were soon to arrive at dog walker's paradise along lanes and snickets eventually arriving at Oakwell Hall Country Park in the rain. From here on, the terrain took a turn for the worse, helped by heavy rain, making woodland paths wet and muddy.

A series of ascents and descents made walking precarious, be we continued along the path and climbed a steep set of steps to a splendid viewpoint with a gap in the trees. Time to linger and enjoy the view with well-earned refreshments. Sadly, the rain prevented a time to contemplate the surroundings, and the path eventually brought us to Oakwell Hall Visitor Centre with car park, toilets and Café for a lunch stop with the rain still preventing us using the outdoor seating area.

Leaving the Country Park, it was a short walk along Bradford Road to our starting point. Four and a half miles completed. In spite of the rain and muddy conditions underfoot, it was an enjoyable and rewarding day out.

Glyn Jennings

*The good news is that Glynn and Sally have raised £201 for Christian Aid. Editor.*

## Trinity Sunday

*On the 22nd May we celebrated Trinity Sunday.*

I thought I would try and make some sense of the Trinity.

We say "I believe in the Trinity" but what does it mean? Have you ever thought about it, I know I have?

What I have learnt is the Trinity is the unique relationship of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. There are many references to the "Trinity" as we have been used to calling them.

In the scriptures Jesus talks to his disciples and when he refers to the Holy Spirit as well as to the Father he says: 'unless I go away, the counsellor (comforter) will not come to you.' Many times people refer to the Holy Spirit as 'it', but Jesus goes on to say 'when he comes, HE will convict the world of guilt in regards to sin and righteousness and judgment.'

Then he refers to the father when he says: 'I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer.' One of the better known Scriptures shows us the Trinity in action: 'As Jesus was coming up out of the water (at his baptism) he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove, and a voice came from heaven saying: You are my Son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased.' Again we see evidence of all three persons in the God head.

One way I thought I could try and illustrate the Trinity so that we may try and understand it, is like this:

First have you seen those Russian Dolls they all fit into one another: At the start we just see one Doll, but when we look closely inside there are two others. Each of the three fit neatly into each other to make one, but each can also be placed separately.

And what about the egg? First we see the shell, then the white and lastly the yolk. They are three distinct parts, but they all make up one egg,

It is said that St. Patrick explained the Trinity with a Shamrock . But there again we have 3 parts of the shamrock representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - but at the same time they were all one shamrock. These images have helped people - they take us so far but none can help us to grasp completely.

As we look at the scriptures I see things that are true about the Trinity, I see the unity of the Trinity. Especially in the creation of the world God said: 'Let US make man in our image.' (Genesis 1 v26). It does not say: "Let ME make man." It says 'let us.' God is involving the other members of the Trinity in the creation of mankind.

It is still hard to come to terms with what the Trinity is to us. Christian unity should be a reflection of the unity that already exists within the Trinity.

If we look carefully we can also see the diversity of the Trinity. The members of the Trinity work together, but they do not always do the same thing. Let us look at the salvation. God the Father governs the world, God the Son redeems the world (on the cross) and the Holy Spirit gives us the power and grace to change the world. Three very different roles, but all for the one purpose of manifesting God's Glory in the world.

I am beginning to learn how much God loves diversity (it is never too late in life to learn).

For a long time I was discouraged that I could not do some of the things that others could do, but you know what - even though I cannot do those things, that is exactly the way God wants it, because he deliberately made us different, so that each one of us can contribute something unique to society..

It works the same way with the Trinity each member of the Trinity contributes something special and unique to our lives.

God the Father works for our Good

God the Son prays for our Good

And God the Holy Spirit help us pray for our Good.

Jesus showed us the intimacy within the Trinity the love of the FATHER the SON and HOLY SPIRIT. This shows us our God is personal, he is intimate; he is a God who exists in our relationships. God pursues a relationship with us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It is up to us if we wish to give ourselves to God completely and trust God to lead us where he will.

The bottom line is that it is very hard for us human beings to totally comprehend how huge the Trinity is. It is too big for us. Let us go back to the Russian doll. Sometimes we have a 4th doll. It might only be tiny, but this is us. Where are we in relation to God? We are not outsiders, looking on from a detached viewpoint, we are "in Christ." 'I in you and you in me.' In the Father and the Father in me.' All very confusing.

In Christ, we are inside this relationship - no wonder we find it too big to understand! The Bible tells us there is only one God, but also tells us the Father is God, The Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God. So these persons must be the one true God.

Gail

## The Charge of the Parishioners...

*Visit to Deene Park – May 20th 2016*

Deene Park is the ancestral home of the Brudenell family – descendants of the Earl's of Cardigan. The current Lord Brudenell – Robert and his wife, Charlotte and son William, still reside at this marvellous stately home.

There are about a dozen rooms open to the public as well as beautiful gardens and a lake. The home is largely a sixteenth century house bought from the Abbey of Westminster in 1514 but also incorporating a medieval manor. There are some beautiful paintings adorning the walls – not only of the Brudenell family through the ages but also King George and Prince Albert.

The 7th Earl of Cardigan is perhaps the most famous – leading the Charge of the Light Brigade back in 1854 at Balaklava and the uniform he wore at the battle is there on display – as well as the stuffed head of his horse! The horse saved his life so the story goes. The Russian General spotted Cardigan in the melee – recognizing him from an earlier meeting – and sent a troupe of Cossacks on horse to capture him.

The General wanted him alive as a trophy to display to his troops, but Cardigan's horse was a hunter and able to run huge distances at speed and the Cossacks could not catch him.

In 1999 a Millennium Obelisk was erected on the rise directly in line with the main Courtyard entrance. On top of the obelisk sits a teapot, which is because Edmund, the late Lord Brudenell enjoyed a nice cuppa! Speaking of which we enjoyed our lunch in the Old Kitchen tea room which was once the main kitchen for the house and still contains the full length Range, with stone floor and bench tables - it still has the feel of the old Kitchen.

Back in 1735 the Earl of Cardigan owned half of West Yorkshire it seemed, and a map on the wall shows the extent of his lands, including both St. Michael's and St. Mary's churches and huge



tracts of surrounding lands. Robert Brudenell is still patron of both churches and has been involved with the discussions about the new vicar.

His coat of arms is at the top of the stained glass window in St. Mary's on the north side behind the quire pew, along with a seahorse which is also an emblem of the family. The crest of a Seahorse was given in 1569 to Sir Edmund Brudenell, High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I following her visit in 1566.

The gardens are in a beautiful setting and marvellously maintained by the staff – the lake was dug out by one of the earlier Brudenells and now is frequented by Swans and Geese, and Red kites can be seen swooping over the towers.

The house and gardens are well worth a visit and are of particular interest as we have a strong link to the family. If you are in the area, why not pop in for a visit – but check the opening times as they are not open every day.  
David



*Coat of Arms & Seahorse Crest  
With thanks to Margaret Longden  
for pointing this out.*



*Two dodgy characters got in the way of this picture  
of Deene Park. Luckily a warden was on hand to  
shoo them off...*



# **GARDEN PARTY AT ST MARY'S WOODKIRK**

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## BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR.

*With thanks to Glyn for finding this anonymous offering...*

Jesus knocks, I open the door. Just a little

I peer through the gap. He is there.

'Can I come in?' he asks

'I'm not sure,' I reply

He stands, not speaking, a quizzical look on his face.

'It's not you, it's me,' I tell him.

'I know,' he says.

'You see, I'm frightened if I let you in you might make a mess, make demands. You might even make me go outside.'

'I know,' he says.

'Also, I'm not sure what you will do with me. What if my theologies are wrong? What will you do with me then?'

'Can I come in anyway?' Jesus asks.

'I'm not sure.' I answer. 'Last time I let you in, you called me to Ministry.'

'Was that so bad?'

'Well...' I began to flounder.

'You're right,' says Jesus, 'I might make a mess, I might make demands and I might make you go outside.'

'But.....'

'I might mess up your theologies – is that such a bad thing?'

'No....but'

'I might call you to do new things - but then, was Ministry such a bad thing?'

'Well.....no.'

'Then,' he demands, 'can I come in?'

'I'm not sure.'

'OK.'

'Can we just talk here for a while?'

'Yes, but I would rather be inside.'

'I open the door.'

'Jesus walks in.'

Anon

## **All for One and One for All.**

*George and Jemima contemplate a conundrum...*

- Jemima. Hi George, how are you today?  
George. Oh hello Jemima, I'm OK thanks, but I was just thinking!  
Jemima. Oh no, not again, every time you think it leads to trouble.  
George. No No Jemima, I just watched that cartoon with them Mitsubishi Dolls that Uncle Dave showed us.  
Jemima. They're not Mitsubishi Dolls, they're Matryoshka Dolls. Mitsubishi is a Motorcar.  
George. Yeh I know, but I can't say Matryoshka.  
Jemima. You just did.  
George. Oh yeh, yipeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!  
Jemima. So what about the Mitsubishi, I mean Matryoshka Dolls?  
George. Well I know it was meant to make us understand what Jesus said about us all being as one, but it got me thinking.  
Jemima. Oh here we go again,  
George. No Jemima, listen.  
Jemima. (Sigh) OK go on then.  
George. How good would it be if us humans could do what them Mitsubishi Dolls do?  
Jemima. (raising her voice) Matryoshka Dolls George, Matryoshka Dolls.  
George. Yeh, sorry Marmitetoska!  
Jemima. OK George, near enough, go on.  
George. Well Jemima, could you imagine what it would be like if we could all live inside one another?  
Jemima. How do you mean?  
George. Well, starting with my family. My Granddad, being the oldest would be doll number one, the biggest doll. Then Grandma could pop inside him at number two doll. Then my Dad could pop inside Grandma at number three. Then my Mum would be inside Dad at number four. Then my big sister could pop inside Mum at number five. Then my other sister could shuffle inside my big sister at number six. And last but not least, little old me at number seven. How cool would that be?  
Jemima. (sounding brassed off) Yeh great George, just great.  
George. Oh, hang on a minute, we could call ourselves The Alphabet Dolls.  
Jemima. The Alphabet Dolls. WHY?



George. Well, imagine this:  
 Granddad's name is Albert. A for Albert.  
 Grandma's name is Betty. B for Betty.  
 Dad's name is Charlie. C for Charlie.  
 Mum's name is Deborah. D for Deborah.  
 Big sister's name is Ellie. E for Ellie.  
 Other sister's name is Fiona. F for Fiona.  
 And my name is George. G for George.  
 There you have it A.B.C.D.E.F.G.  
 THE ALPHABET DOLLS. How cool is that?

Jemima. (Big sigh) THE ALPHABET DOLLS!

George. Well I wanted THE PUSSYCAT DOLLS, but it was already taken.

Jemima. So what would you do then George?

George. Aw come on Jemima, think about it. Could you imagine only having to pay for one on the bus, then when you got to your destination you get off the bus and all pop out of each other. It would sure freak out the bus driver.  
 And what about the cinema, only pay for one on the way in, then pop out again once you've got inside.  
 Hey presto. BRILLIANT!

Jemima. I don't think you've thought this through have you George?

George. How do you mean?

Jemima. What happens when you have to go to the loo?

George. You're right Jemima, I haven't worked that one out yet.

Jemima. Yeh that's you all over George - trying to think.

George. Sorry Jemima, but come on, you must admit, it would be good wunnit?

Jemima. Oh I suppose so (big sigh)

George. OK then Jemima, run it past me one more time, what's Mitsubishi Dolls got to do with Jesus?

Jemima. Right George. When you look at the Matryoshka Dolls, how many do you see at first?

George. The big Grandad Albert one.

Jemima. Correct. Now look what happens when the Granddad Albert doll is opened— out pops Grandma Betty doll, and so on and so on.

George. OK, go on.

Jemima. Now Jesus was trying to tell his Disciples that all of them may be as one. Just as God his Father was in him, he was in them. Jesus had given them the glory that God his Father had given him, so that they may be one, as Jesus and God are one. Jesus wanted the Disciples to be one in

complete unity so they could let the world know that God sent him to love them as God loved him.

George. WOW! So the Disciples were now all as one?

Jemima. Yes George, I guess so.

George. So they would need 12 Mitsubishi dolls then?

Jemima. I suppose you could look at it that way George.

George. That would be handy for them Disciples when hiring a camel or booking a room at the inn, or renting a boat to go fishing, or - let me think!

Jemima. (butting in) GEORGE!

George. What?

Jemima. Will you give up thinking? Shut up and say goodbye.

Both. Goodbye everybody, goodbye.

Brian.



## Games Night for a Good Cause - The Result

Good news! Back in April the Games night was a great success with £200 being raised to help build a school in Morocco. Charlotte Sykes hosted the event and will also be participating in the expedition with the Scout Group. We expect full details!

David

## SANDRA'S SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Hopefully it's getting warmer (?) and things may be putting on a spurt. With luck you will be harvesting lettuces, new potatoes and maybe, early peas.

**Sandra's Top Tip:** If you have areas of long grass and you don't need to cut all of it in one go, why not just mow a narrow path through the middle? Long grass can provide a good habitat for certain creatures.

1. Start feeding tomatoes once the first truss of flowers has set. Ensure compost and beds are always moist and never left to dry out. This will help prevent blossom end rot.
2. Carrot root fly are active in June so protect carrots, parsley, celery and parsnips with fine mesh.
3. Pinch out tips of broad beans once pods start to form. This helps deter blackfly.
4. Plant out cucurbits (Pumpkins, Courgettes, Squash, Gherkins etc) Keep an eye out for Jack Frost and protect with fleece or newspaper.
5. Weed onions and shallots and snap off any flowers that may appear.
6. Water peas and potatoes.
7. Sow more Lettuce, Radish, Spring onion, Salad leaves and Coriander.
8. Plant out Sweetcorn and sow Fennel where it is to grow.
9. Tie in Runner Beans as they grow.
10. Add grass in thin layers to the compost heap. Too much and it may well result in slime in six to nine months time rather than good compost.

Sandra

## So what did happen to our old Organ?

*We sold the old Organ back in August 2015—so where is it now?*

On Tuesday 19th August 2014 our old Organ was finally taken away in the back of a truck. It was not being scrapped, though, it was travelling across the ocean on a journey of over 500 miles to Dortmund in Germany, where the plan was going to be to re-build it and use it in a Church over there.

It took Oliver and Sonia as well as two friends also from Germany, 3 days to take it apart and pack it into the back of a truck.

Oliver Schulte takes up the story:

We found a decent instrument in Woodkirk near Leeds. It was built in 1868 by Radcliff & Sagar and technically rebuilt by Abbot & Smith in 1930, leaving the original voicing almost untouched.

It lived an unspectacular life since its several alterations behind a fake facade and really having trouble to fill the church room being located in a acoustically unfavourable chamber. (the Tower!). But we looked behind the facade and saw the potential of this pipework. It became clear quite quick: this it should be!

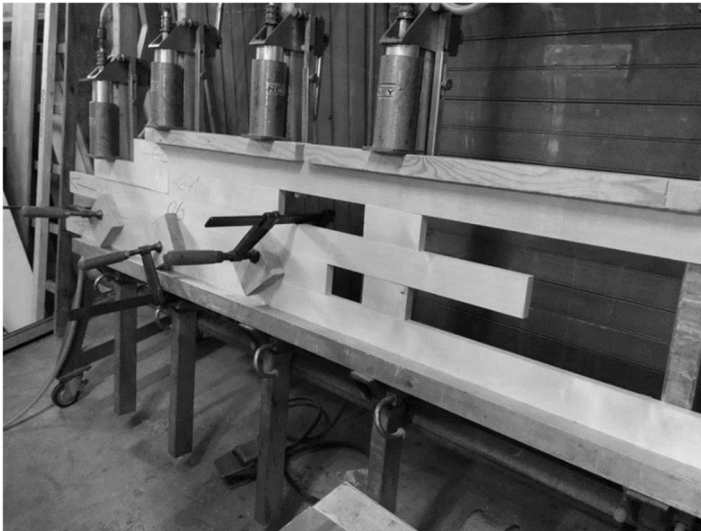
So the Woodkirk organ was stored in our workshop and the production of the new organ for Dortmund, St. Petri, began.



*Oliver's Workshop in Dortmund*

Another challenge was the design of the new organ. It was the guideline to create a contemporary sculpture which should assimilate in the church room but not being too dominant because of the famous altar from 1522. ("The Golden Wonder").

Many discussions were needed with the Westfalia parish, the architect, organ advisor and the Antiquities and Monuments Office to work out the concept.



*Above: The new modern Housing under construction*

All agreed on the first design suggestion of Oliver Schulte, without any pipework in the facade, based on an open structure of slightly grey varnished blades of birch wood.

A new Schulte organ with an English accent. The first of her kind in the Landeskirche of Westfalia.

The organ has been built in 1868 and altered several times in the following decades. It remained silent now for almost 10 years, being replaced by an electronic organ. The speakers were located behind the dummy facade.



...And then it's the day our organ is being delivered to St Petri, Dortmund. Some tricky moments as the main posts are being installed.

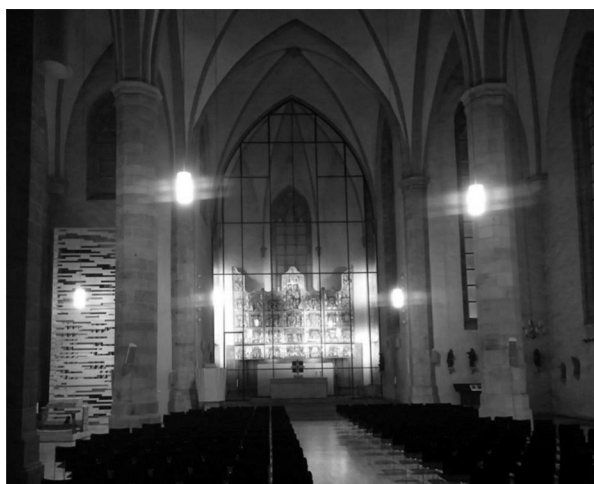


Oliver (centre) and friends outside St. Mary's.

The keyboard is housed in a brand new modern casing, with the rectangular block theme, finished in a light grey colour. (below)



The finished Organ fully installed in St. Petri Church in Dortmund: (below)



The Organ can be seen on the left hand side, reaching over half way up to the ceiling. The outside of the Church is on the front cover.

*Many thanks to Brian and Sandra for finding Oliver's facebook page with all the story.*

## **It's 'bean' great!**

On St George's Day, eight of Woodkirk's Brownies joined with over 180 girls from Calder Division at Christ the King Church, to spend an afternoon working on activities all based around 'The International Year of the Pulses'.

This year I was in charge of the Brownie section, I helped organise and find ideas for different leaders across the division to run. The Brownie activities included planting mini herb gardens, grass seed heads, decorative jars filled with pulses and lentils, collages, cheerio bird feeders, bean orienteering in the church grounds. My activity was friendship soup jars and Charlotte and Charlotte made jelly bean bracelets!

Our Brownies had a wonderful time, they got to meet Brownies from other units, and work with different leaders. The brownies received badge to show they attended the Division Event to sew on their uniform.

This term the Brownies are working on the 'Elephant Challenge' we look forward to telling you all about in soon.

Hannah

## **Beavers on the Go !!!!!!!!!**

The Beavers have been very busy with their badge work, we had a great evening learning how disable people cope, even learning to write with our feet.

Also we have had an evening in church learning about all the parts of the church and what they are called and why - dressing up in some of the garments worn by servers and clergy and looking at the elements used at Communion and why we use them.

We have now taken over the small garden at the front of the church hall as Alan Kelly spent such a lot of time making into a colourful area, and is no longer able to take care of it. We spent a very enjoyable evening weeding it. The Beavers decided it would be a shame to let it go to weeds, and have now started to grow some new flowers in pots ready to go into the garden later.

We have a lot more enjoyable badge work to complete before the end of term.

Gail and Joanne



## Albert's 'J is for June' Quiz

1. Which French heroine was burnt at the stake in Rouen?
2. What type of fruit is a 'Jonathan'?
3. What type of vegetable is a 'Jerusalem'?
4. What kind of animal do Australians call a 'Jumbuck'?
5. Which English king signed the Magna Carta?
6. In which country was the 2003 film 'Lost in Translation' set?
7. For which athletic event was Tessa Sanderson best known?
8. In crown green bowling what is the target bowl called?
9. Which item of horse-riding clothing is named after an Indian town?
10. Who wrote the poem 'Jabberwocky'?
11. In 'Romeo and Juliet' is Juliet from the Capulet or a Montague family?
12. Who is credited with inventing jeans?
13. In the Bible who is renowned for his patience?
14. Is Paul McCartney's first name James, Jeffrey or John?
15. Who wrote the 1939 novel 'Finnegan's Wake'?
16. Who was the female star of the film 'Duel in the Sun'?
17. Name the 1970s\80s footballer who won 52 Scottish caps and played for Leeds United, Manchester United and AC Milan?
18. Which Japanese martial art translates to 'gentle art'?
19. The berries of which shrub are used to make gin?
20. Is a 'jigger' an Irish dancer, a type of spanner or a small whisky glass?

Albert

Answers on P35

## Diary for June and Early July 2016.

### June

Wed 1st	10:00am	Morning Praise with Gail
Sat 4th	9:30am	Church and Churchyard clean-up
Sun 5th	10:30am	Holy Communion with Revd. John Pinder-Packard
Mon 6th	7:30pm	PCC meeting in Church (1 week early)
Wed 8th	10:00am	Holy Communion with Revd. Glenn
Sat 11th	2:00pm	Wedding
Sun 12th	10:30am	All-Age Service
	12 noon	Holy Communion with Revd Graham Greene
Wed 15th	10:00am	Morning Praise with Gail
Thurs 16th	11:00am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
Sat 18th	7:00pm	Tingley Brass Band in Church
Sun 19th	10:30am	Holy Communion with Revd. Rosemary
<b>Mon 20th</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Licensing of Revd Sharon</b>
Wed 22nd	10:00am	Holy Communion with Revd. Sharon
Sat 25th	10:30am	Garden Party (see P22)
Sun 26th	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Songs of Praise at Tingley Methodist.
Wed 29th	10:00am	Holy Communion with Revd. Sharon

### EARLY 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
	12 noon	Holy Communion

### Mother's Union Diary 2016:

June 27th	Outing to Chatsworth House.
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.

## **Baptisms:-**

In May we welcomed 2 new members to our church in Baptism.

Paige Marjorie Gaunt, Daughter of James and Stacey, from Tingley

Henley Beverley Holmes, Daughter of Samuel and Lauren, from Tingley

## **Funerals:-**

Shelagh Rhodes, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Hannah Thompson, will be sadly missed her family and friends.

Quiz Answers. : : 1. Joan of Arc. 2. Apple. 3. Artichoke. 4. Sheep.  
5. John. 6. Japan. 7. Javelin. 8. Jack. 9. Jodhpurs. 10. Lewis  
Carroll. 11. Capulet. 12. Levi Strauss. 13. Job. 14. James.  
15. James Joyce. 16. Jennifer Jones. 17. Joe Jordan. 18. Jujitsu.  
19. Juniper. 20. It is a small whisky glass.

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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 607393
<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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