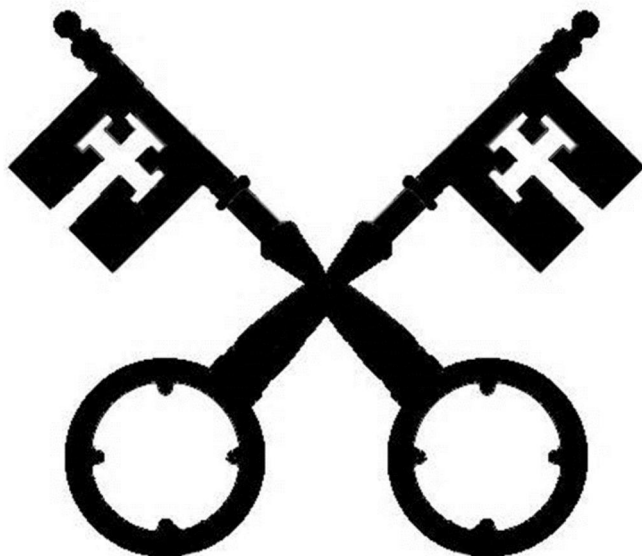


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*To thine own self be true, and it must
follow, as the night the day, thou canst
not then be false to any man.*

(Hamlet).

William Shakespeare

APCM in Review...

Report of the fabric of the church by the Churchwardens to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 17th April 2016

During the vacancy we have continued to look after the ancient church building and churchyard in our care.

Following the work to the back of church, there have been items of snagging required, though communications with the builder have been very problematic. One major issue was that the lightning conductor had been damaged and not performing to the required standard, obviously putting the church at risk should there be storm. This was quickly resolved at our cost (we could not risk delay). This very serious issue and a whole list of other issues are going to be discussed with the builder and architect, and have been discussed on numerous occasions at PCC.

As the dummy organ pipes were affixed to the old pipe organ case, we had to apply for a faculty to re-attach these to the church walls. At the same time it was deemed a good idea to repaint them. This work has been completed.

When we obtained the Chantrell painting it was felt it needed lighting, and again a faculty was applied for and granted to fit the brass light and move the painting to its permanent location. This work has been completed.

Apart from the fixing of the light, these works were completed by Brian and Dave.

Before leaving, Amanda and Derek gifted the church new altar and pulpit frontal which was extremely kind and generous of them.

No other work in the church building has taken place. However maintenance and cleaning is always required and we would like to thank those who support this on the first Saturday of the month. We ask that others consider offering just a short amount of time each month to helping keep the building tidy.

The churchyard remains a challenge. Last year we were able to obtain the services of the Community Payback scheme who tidied a lot of the churchyard. Again, communication isn't always the easiest but we are trying to obtain their services again this year. A huge thanks to Dave Townsend and Alan Kelly for the work they put into the churchyard.

Brian Gledhill

Neal Pinder-Packard

Church Wardens

Treasurer's report for ACPM 17th April 2016

This is my first Treasurer's report, so I hope it meets the standards of previous years and comes with profuse apologies for not having it at the meeting last week.

We started the year off with a considerable balance of £39299 in our current account, a balance of £50547 overall - including investment accounts. We still had monies to pay out for the re-development, so this overstated our funds. There is still outstanding the retention monies from the redevelopment, these will amount to approx £2500 but are subject to final agreement between all parties.

At 31st March this year our current account balance was £17938, overall total £29458. The current account figure includes legacies received in the sum of just over £14000, so available cash is only £3938. The PCC decided that the legacy money should be earmarked for any future projects we may undertake.

Due to Gary's sterling efforts in submitting three years Gift Aid returns we received £8868 from HMRC, this enabled us to pay our Parish Share in full for 2015.

We continue to struggle to get enough income to pay our Parish Share and running costs and hope with the advent of our new Vicar our funds will improve.

My thanks to the members of the PCC and particularly to Gary for their help in my first year as Treasurer.

Grateful thanks to Brian for keeping the Vicars coming in and never missing a service.

Barbara Tate
Treasurer.

Secretary's Report APCM April 2016.

The PCC Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month and have been held in Church.

The evening begins with members sharing refreshments then the meeting begins with opening

prayers which are led by different PCC members each month.

There are a number of standing items on the agenda:

Attendance and Apologies

Approval of minutes

Matters Arising

Treasurer's Report

Correspondence

Any Other Business

Due to the resignation of our incumbent Rev Amanda Barraclough from July 2015 an additional standing item was introduced: Vacancy Issues/Clergy Cover

April 2015

Members were welcomed and the appointment of Committee/Officers took place. There remain a number of vacancies on the PCC. Following Rev Amanda's announcement of her departure to Doncaster in the summer 2015, Malcolm wished to thank Amanda for her huge contribution to St Mary's. Malcolm stated that Amanda will be greatly and sadly missed. This was echoed by those in attendance.

May 2015

A wonderful rededication event had taken place on the 3rd May 2015 when Bishop of Leeds Nick Baines had presided. It was a chance to meet up with our Patron Mr Robert Brudenell and representatives from those organisations who had provided grants towards the cost of the redevelopment. Following a recent OFSTED inspection, St Mary's Playgroup would benefit if an outdoor play area could be made. The PCC gave their wholehearted support to this project. Susan and Brian Walshaw had expressed a wish to pass on the role of Lettings organisers. The PCC were looking at possible alternatives and wished to thank Susan and Brian for all their hard work in this important area over the past years.

June 2015

Following an inspection, there were issues with the lightning conductor, which due to the safe protection of the church from lightning strikes, the work was arranged as soon as possible. We discussed planning our vision for the next phase of growing our church now that the redevelopment was complete as this was the start not the end. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) had been in touch regarding the memorial headstones in the churchyard. These were to be monitored to ensure they are maintained to the CWGC's specific standards.

July 2015

To support the PCC through the appointment of a new vicar, Archdeacon Paul Hooper attended the meeting and talked through the process and expected timeline and advised the PCC that we would need to produce a Parish Profile for the recruitment process. We had also received two expressions of interest for the cleaning of the Parish Centre.

August 2015

The August meeting dealt with mainly urgent business including the appointment of two representatives from the PCC who would be involved in the recruitment process with Diocesan Officers for the appointment of the new Vicar. We were also working hard to produce a Parish Profile. The congregation and church organisations had also been involved by sharing their thoughts on 'What St Mary's means to me'. Brian was liaising with visiting clergy and working hard to ensure that services would be covered during the period of vacancy. Clergy cover was now arranged up to and including Christmas with Gail and Dawn leading the school visits into church and the all age worship team covering the Christingle services.

September 2015

The PCC were very pleased that Sally and Albert Shaw had taken on the co-ordination of Parish Centre Lettings. Brian had been in contact with the 'Community Payback Team' who had confirmed they would be able to offer help to maintain the churchyard. All the necessary tasks in preparation for Christmas services were discussed and arrangements made.

October 2015

The PCC were pleased to co-opt Liz Aveyard onto the PCC. We were delighted to welcome 6 people from the Community Payback team at the October Church Cleanup Day. The organist resigned from his position and so we advertised for a replacement organist. We were also reminded that there would be carol singing at Lydgate Lodge on the 15th December and also at Country Baskets on the 5th December. The PCC were advised that the provisional interview date for the new vicar would be the 25th February 2016. In order that the Parish Profile would be ready for the advertising timescale it was agreed that PCC members would be allocated sections.

November 2015

This meeting also contained our 'Section 11' Meeting which was a formal part of the recruitment process for the new vicar. We welcomed Area Dean Rev Canon Felicity Lawson and Lay Chair of the Armley Deanery Mr I Waterhouse. We also arranged the required 'Section 12' meeting at which the Bishop would be present. This was arranged for the 24th November 2015. We were also pleased to hear that Brian had received an email from someone who was interested in our organist vacancy and he had heard her play. It was arranged that she would come and play for us at the end of November. The fire inspection had been undertaken and the appropriate approval certificate provided.

December 2015

The Section 12 meeting had been held at the end of November when the Bishop of Richmond Paul Slater had attended and discussed the progress we were making. The PCC were delighted to be advised that after a lot of hard work the Playgroup had turned around their 'Requires Improvement' Report from OFSTED to a 'Good'. This is excellent news and the PCC asked that their thanks go to the Playgroup for all their hard work. Brian was still working hard liaising with visiting clergy to ensure appropriate cover of services, these were now covered to the end of March 2016. We had been very pleased with the organist, and were pleased to be able to offer her a contract, which she accepted. We had been notified that the quinquennial Inspection was to be undertaken on the 23rd February 2016. The Diocesan Fees list was presented. Whilst most of these were set by the diocese, those that were not had been agreed within the 'Morley Cluster' of Churches so that we would all be charging the same.

January 2016

The issue of the vicarage phone (and billing) was still ongoing. The faculty had, at long last, been approved and so the organ pipes had been renovated and put back in place. Many thanks were expressed to Brian and Dave for doing this. Neal had coordinated the completion of the Parish Profile which had been sent to the Archdeacon on time and then the advertisement had been placed on the 8th January 2016. Services over Easter were discussed and Brian confirmed ongoing clergy cover. Very positive feedback had been received from people who had attended services over Christmas. Dawn confirmed that as part of her ongoing Lay Reader Training, she would be undertaking a placement away from St Mary's from January 2016 to Easter 2016. The PCC wished Dawn well for her placement.

February 2016

The Chantrell Painting was now properly lit thanks to the completion of the faculty. Brian had secured clergy cover to the end of May 2016. Easter services were confirmed and the PCC were delighted to be advised that 3 applications had been received. Interviews were being held on the 23rd February 2016.

March 2016

At the time of writing the report the minutes of the March meeting had not been ratified by the PCC.

Whilst all the PCC have worked very hard during the past year following the departure of Rev Amanada, I feel it would be remiss of me not to record an extra thank you to Verger Gail and Churchwarden Brian with excellent support from Dave, Neal and Sandra throughout this time.

Gail and Brian must have sometimes felt that they had taken up residence in church and we thank them heartily for all that they have, and continue to do for St Mary's Church, and we thank Dave for all his support both of Gail and of what he does for church, as well as Neal keeping an eye on all our necessary diocesan and church paperwork and legalities. And whilst having no particular role, I would like to include a thank you to Sandra for sharing Brian with us so much during this past year.

Dawn Tattersfield
PCC Secretary
April 2016

Sharing Communion

1 Corinthians 11: 23-29

A little girl asked her mother, 'Mummy, why do you cut the ends off the meat before you cook it?' The girl's mother told her that she thought it added to the favour by allowing the meat to better absorb the spices, but perhaps she should ask her grandmother since she always did it that way. So the little girl found her grandmother and asked, 'Grandma, why do you and mummy cut the ends off the meat before you cook it?' Her Grandmother thought for a moment and answered, 'I think it allows the meat to stay tender because it soaks up the juices better, but why don't you ask your Nana? After all, I learned from her, and she always did it that way.' Nana answered 'I had to; my cooking pot wasn't big enough.'

We do a lot of things in life, and seldom stop to ask why. We develop habits and traditions, and if we are not careful, we can forget why we do certain things...

So why do we celebrate communion? Why do we take the bread and wine together?

A) First it is to remember: (If we look at verses 23-25:)

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me. Paul is describing the last supper, of course, and interestingly, at his last supper; Jesus was interpreting the Passover meal. Exodus 12 describes the 1st Passover, which included a Lamb. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, had been sacrificed (1 Corinthians 5:7) pure bread, called "unleavened". Wine, though not specified in Exodus 12, was a part of the meal, Jesus instituted something new. A ceremony that quickly came to be celebrated in the church much more regularly than the annual Passover.

B) Second to rejoice, (Look at verse 26)

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11: 26). Not just looking back, but pointing forward also:- when we share communion, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes".

As at Easter, "He is risen/He is risen indeed," So in communion we

remember Jesus died for us.

C) To repent (Look at verse 27-28)

Therefore, whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup, has the opportunity to repent and experience his forgiveness and cleansing anew so that we might celebrate worthily.

D) To reconcile (Look at verse 29)

Therefore, use this time as you take the cup and eat the bread, to be reconciled to God.

So as we share this simple ceremony- as Christians

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Asian and Latino,

Male and Female,

Young and Old,

Single and Married

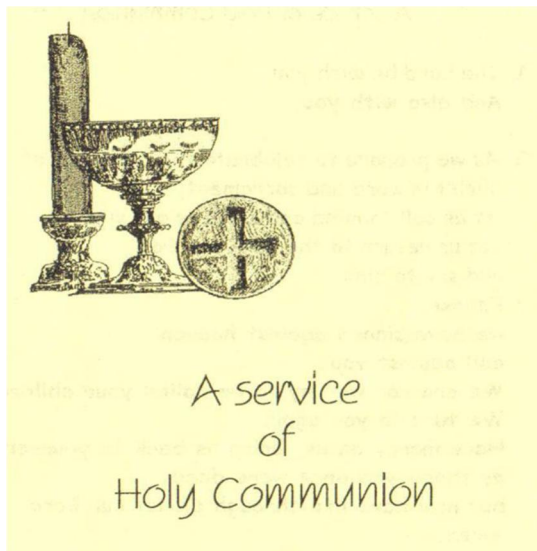
Have done around the world
for twenty centuries – for
four reasons...

To Remember

To Rejoice

To Repent

To Reconcile.



As we wait at the Altar to partake in the re-enactment of the Last Supper let us calm our spirits and take time to remember why we are stood in this place approach these moments of worship carefully and prayerfully.

God Bless

Gail

Queen's 90th Birthday – Get involved.

The Queen's 90th birthday is on the 21st April, and this marks the start of a series of events running through April, May and June.

A weekend of events to celebrate the Queen's birthday and, unofficially, the Duke of Edinburgh's 95th birthday, will start on June 10th with a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral.

We will be having a thanksgiving tree in Church at the All Age Service on Sunday June 12th. Between April and June if you do a good deed, or see someone else do so, please write it down on a card and on that Sunday all the 'Good Deeds' will be hung on the thanksgiving tree. We hope to collect 90 cards – one for each of the Queen's years to go on our '90 Good Deeds for the Queen' tree.

Gail

Christian Aid Week, 15th to 21st May 2016

Christian Aid Week is rapidly approaching and we will once again need door to door collectors. The more volunteers we have, the easier it is. We will also require volunteers for the Christian Aid sponsored walk which will take place on the 21st May around the area of Oakwell Hall, Batley.

This year's walk has been reduced in length to 4 miles as most of the people who volunteer are getting on in years and are not as able as they once were. It would be very nice to see some younger faces amongst the usual walkers, so if you would like to get some sponsors and join the walk please contact me on 01924 475048.

Also coming up, in Morley Town Hall at 7-15 pm on the 11th June, is Christian Aid's Celebration Concert, featuring as guest soloist Morley MP Andrea Jenkyns and various local schools. Full details will be advertised nearer to the event, meanwhile please reserve the date in your diaries.

Do help to continue the good work of this very worthy registered charity which has helped people in all parts of the world for so many years. Thank you.

Sally Shaw
01924 475048

George and Jemima get Sheepish...

George pops up singing a song.

George. Bah Bah Black sheep have you any wool, yes sir, yes sir, three bags full. One for the master and one for the dame, and one....

Jemima. (Pops up and buts in) Ey up George, why are you singing that song?

George. Oh hello Jemima. Sorry, but I seem to have sheep on the brain.

Jemima. Does that make you woolly headed then?

George. Leave the funny stuff to me Jemima.

Jemima. Oooo sorry, but why do you have sheep on the brain?

George. Well it's ever since Sunday School last week.

Jemima. What about Sunday School last week?

George. If you remember Jemima, we were told how Jesus asked Peter to feed his lambs and take care of his sheep.

Jemima. Yes....

George. Well, when I got home last Sunday, I turned on the TV. and guess what programme was on?

Jemima. What?

George. Shaun The Sheep

Jemima. So?

George. Then my Mum called me through for lunch, and guess what we had for lunch?

Jemima. I don't know. What?

George. Lamb. We had LAMB (gets louder)

Jemima. So?

George. Then I went back into the lounge to find my Gran knitting a blooming lambs wool jumper.

Jemima. (Getting frustrated) Soooooo?

George. Then to top it all off, I couldn't sleep that night, so I started counting SHEEP, and when I couldn't nod off I went down stairs to get a drink of milk and guess what was on the telly?

Jemima. What?

George. Silence of the Lambs. I'm fed up to here with Sheep, Sheep, SHEEP.

Jemima. Oh poor George, you just don't get it do you?
George. Well I don't remember Jesus having any lambs or sheep for Peter to feed.

Jemima. Listen George. Jesus did have lambs & sheep. His people were his lambs and sheep, and he was asking Peter to feed them, but not feed them with food.

George. Well if he didn't give them food, then what else did he feed them with?

Jemima. Jesus was asking Peter to feed the people with his love and his teachings, so that Peter could carry on the love of Jesus after Jesus had ascended into heaven, and to this day George we are all Jesus' lambs & sheep and we are all loved by Jesus. Do you get it now George?

George. Yes Jemima, I get it now.

Jemima. Good.

George. Hang on Jemima, I've just remembered what's for tea.

Jemima. What?

George. Flipping Lamb Vindaloo!

Jemima. Well that'll put wool on your chest George.

George. Ha Ha very funny

Jemima. Say Bah Bah George ha ha ha!

Both say goodbye and pop down.
George (from behind the wall) Baaaaahhh!

Brian



Judas Maccabeus

Judah was the third son of Mattathias the Hasmonean, a Jewish priest from the village of Modlin. In 167 BC Mattathias, together with his sons Judah, Eleazar, Simon, John and Jonathan, started a revolt against the Seleucid ruler Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who since 175 BC had issued decrees that forbade Jewish religious practices. After Mattathias's death in 166 BC, Judah assumed leadership of the revolt in accordance with the deathbed disposition of his father. The First Book of Maccabees praises Judah's valour and military talent, suggesting that those qualities made Judah a natural choice for the new commander.

In the early days of the rebellion, Judah received a surname Maccabee. Several explanations have been put forward for this surname. One suggestion is that the name derives from the Aramaic *maqgaba* ("makeebet" in modern Hebrew), "hammer" or "sledgehammer" in recognition of his ferocity in battle. Mindful of the superiority of Seleucid forces, Judah's strategy was to avoid any engagement with their regular army, and resorted to guerrilla warfare, in order to give them a feeling of insecurity. The strategy enabled Judah to win a string of victories. At the battle of Nahal el-Haramiah he defeated a small Seleucid force - the commander, Apollonius was killed. Judah took possession of his sword and used it until his death. After this battle recruits flocked to the Jewish cause.

After this, Judah won many battles, Beth-Horon, Emmaus. Judah proceeded to defeat the Seleucid forces led by generals Nicanor and Gorgias. After several years of conflict Judah drove out his foes from Jerusalem, and on the 25th of Kislev (December 15th 164 BC) restored the service in the Temple. The re-consecration of the Temple became a permanent Jewish holiday, Hanukkah, which continued even after the Temple was destroyed in 70 BC. Hanukkah is still celebrated annually.

Upon hearing the news that the Jewish communities in Gilead, Transjordan, and Galilee were under attack by neighbouring Greek cities, Judah immediately went to their aid. Judah, sent his brother, Simeon, to Galilee at the head of 3,000 men; Simeon proceeded to successfully fulfil his task, achieving numerous victories and transplanted a substantial portion of the Jewish settlements, including women and children, to Judea. The Jewish population of the areas taken by the Maccabees were evacuated to Judea.

Judah then laid siege to the Seleucid garrison at the Accra, the Seleucid citadel of Jerusalem. The besieged, who included not only Syrian-Greek troops but also Hellenistic Jews, appealed for help to Lysias, who effectively become the regent of the young king Antiochus V Eupator. After the death of Antiochus Epiphanes at the end of 164 BC during the Parthian Campaign, Lysias together with Eupator set out for a new campaign in Judea. Lysias skirted Judea as he had done before, entering it from the south, and besieged Beth-Zur. Judah raised a siege of the Accra and went to meet Lysias. In the battle of Beth-zachariah, south of Bethlehem, the Seleucids achieved their first victory and Judah was forced to withdraw to Jerusalem. The defenders found themselves in a precarious situation because provisions were exhausted. However, just as capitulation seemed imminent, Lysias and Eupator had to withdraw when Antiochus Epiphanes's commander-in-chief Philip, whom the late ruler appointed regent before his death, rebelled against Lysias and was about to enter Antioch and seize power. Lysias decided to propose a peaceful settlement, which was concluded at the end of 163 BC. The terms were based on the restoration of religious freedom, and permission for the Jews to live in accordance with their own law

In 161 BC the Roman-Jewish Treaty was agreed, this was the first recorded contract between the Jewish people and the Romans.

As a warrior hero and national liberator, Judah Maccabeus has inspired many writers and several artists and composers.

Gail



The Triumph of Judas Maccabeus
Rubens

1st Woodkirk Rainbows—APCM Report

As with every year it has been another busy year at 1st Woodkirk (St Mary's) Rainbows.

Since our last report we have completed a number of different 'Challenge' badges, these include the 'Wish upon a Star Challenge' and the 'Road Safety Challenge'. As part of the 'Road Safety' challenge we went on a sponsored walk to the local fish and chip shop and raised £106.50 for the road safety charity 'Brake'.

We have also completed 'Rainbows Roundabout Festivals Badge'. Once a 'Challenge/Badge' has been completed the Rainbows (and Leaders) receive a brightly coloured badge that can be attached to their Rainbows uniform. When some of our Rainbows move up to Woodkirk Brownies their uniform trousers are covered in badges showing the 'Challenges/Badges' they have completed during their time at 'Woodkirk Rainbows', this is very pleasing to see.

We work very closely with Woodkirk Brownies who meet straight after us. We have some leaders and young leaders who work with both groups of girls. Each year we have joint craft nights at Christmas and Easter which are always very enjoyable for the girls, leaders, parents and siblings. These evenings also make the transition from Rainbows to Brownies much easier.

At present we have 18 Rainbows, 2 Leaders and 2 Young Leaders. Our unit is popular and I am always trying balance the waiting list with the Rainbows who are ready to move up to Brownies.

Our unit would benefit from having another leader to help share the load.

Next term we will be work on the 'Mermaid Challenge' and will be having a visit from 'Bricks4Kidz'.

Ruth Osenton-Brown

Leader

1st Woodkirk Brownies—APCM Report

It has been another busy year for the Brownies. Over the last year we have worked on a number of challenge badges and interest badges. The Brownies always enjoy crafts. We hold two craft nights with the Rainbows. One at Christmas and one at Easter. We invite siblings and encourage parents to be involved.

The Brownies worked on their World Cultures badge last term which was very interesting, we found out about our own cultures, Chinese New Year and about food from around the world. In January we returned working on our Brownie Adventure Badge and visited the Pantomime to see Aladdin.

Over the last year Brick4Kidz, a group that use Lego bricks, ran a night for us which the Brownies loved. The start of the summer term saw the Brownies complete the Minion Challenge including a visit from the Police to find out about emergencies and how to deal with them. We tasted Fairtrade bananas. We have worked hard to complete our Gardener's badge. The girls have enjoyed planting and finding out about growing. We have also made garden crafts. Next term we are looking forward to working on the Elephant Challenge!

This year our subscription to Girlguiding UK was over £600 so we held a Body Shop at Home party. We invited mums, grandmas and aunties to our pamper night. We raised £100 which helped boost our funds.

We have a large unit of around 24 girls of which most move up from Rainbows. We have 4 Senior Section leaders. Two are working on their Adult Leadership Qualification and two are working on the Young Leader Qualification.

Hannah Tombling

Leader

15th Morley (St. Mary's Woodkirk) Scouting Group—APCM Report

Beavers report for 2015/2016

We now have 20 Beavers and a waiting list. We have just had some Beavers move up into cubs.

Badge work now takes up a lots of our time, we have completed our outdoor challenge, promise challenge, safety badge, healthy eating and creative, we are now in the middle of our Friendship challenge badge, the Beavers are still sending money to Tanzania so the children can have much needed paper and pencils for writing. We also took the Beavers to Eureka to see the space exhibition as they are completing their space badge.

We have lots of Badge work to complete before the summer holidays and also a sleepover.

We were very lucky to visit Pets at Home in Dewsbury again this is one of our favourite places to visit and the Beavers love handling to pets and learning how to take care of them, we had sleepovers and a camp during the last year and we have much more to look forward too.

We also made a visit Dewsbury fire station and had great fun with the hoses. We once again had a wonderful Christmas party and a trip to the Panto, with the Cubs and Scouts.

We will be having our annual BBQ on the 15th July and then after the holiday we have lots planned. We hope to continue to take the Beavers out visiting in the future, but we do rely on parents for this and we hope they will be able to continue to give us a helping hand by volunteering for the rota which will be placed in the hall, help will be much appreciated if you could come along and help at any time.
Gail, Joanne and Skip

Woodkirk Mums and Tots Group

Report to Annual Parish Church Meeting 2016

Mums and Tots meet at 9.15 am to 11.00am on Wednesdays during term time. Attendance fluctuates and can be as low as three mums/carers and three children to 15 mums/carers and 15 children.

We enjoy a drink and biscuits with the children and the mums/carers relax whilst the children play in a safe environment. We charge £2 for one adult and up to three children, the money is split between church and playgroup.

The group is run under the church charity and not independently as some groups are.

Sally Shaw and Tracey Coates—Supervisors

Woodkirk Good Companions (Over 50's group)

Report to Annual Parish Church Meeting 2016

The group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

We are a group of about a dozen members who enjoy each others company. We have chance to have a nice chat and we also take part in activities for example a quiz, play games, share poetry etc.

Half way through the session we share tea or coffee and biscuits or cake. We meet from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

PLAYGROUP Annual Report: To April 2016

May 2015 - At the beginning of the summer term places within the playgroup were up to capacity (20 children on each day).

Summer 2015 – Playgroup was chosen by Asda as a community project. In August the volunteers cleared the area that is to be used as our outdoor area. We received quotes in for a ramp, canopy, storage area, planters and a flagged area. The best quote was circa £15,000.

November 2015 – We applied to Awards for All for funding for the outdoor area (up to £10,000). We also received a phone call from Ofsted on the 4th November to say they would be visiting on the 5th November. We were delighted and very proud to receive a 'GOOD' rating across all areas of the inspection criteria. Here are a few key extracts from the report:

"Staff's knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements are good. They plan and deliver an interesting and varied range of activities to support all areas of learning."

"Children's physical and emotional well-being are supported well. Staff have a good understanding of safeguarding, keeping children safe and helping them to manage their own safety."

"All children make good progress from the starting points and are prepared well for their future learning. The manager and staff monitor children's progress well. "

December 2015 – Staff were busy preparing and making the Christmas nacs which the children sold. The total raised was £494.

January 2016 – We said goodbye to 16 children at the end of the Autumn term – schools took children whose birthdays were in January and therefore numbers were low at the beginning of the spring term, gradually increasing to 19, 19 & 16.

February 2016 - Charity Grant NLM of £200 was awarded from the playgroup's secretary's employer. Awards for All raised a query regarding our application for funding – asking if we own the land and if we need planning permission. Our application has been withdrawn. We have to resubmit once we receive official confirmation that we don't need it.

March 2016 - Due to an issue of an outstanding fee a Fees policy has been put in place. During the last week of the term a cake sale was organised and the total raised was £100.

Thursday Evening Keep Fit Class

APCM Report

A group of about nine members meet together on a weekly basis on a Thursday evening from 8.00pm. We undertake gentle exercises as well as sharing a time of fellowship together.

We pay £10 per term of which we donate £50 to church funds and the remaining funds go towards an occasional social meal out.

Woodkirk Mothers Union—APCM Report

Mothers Union meet on the third Monday of each month at 2.00pm, although we do meet in the evening for some events.

Brenda Dixon is our enrolling member and new members are always welcome. (There are no enrolling requirements ie you do not have to be a mum!)

We enjoy activities at our monthly meetings, a summary of our activities over the past year included;

Our first branch meeting of the year, held in March was 'Pebbles and Prayers' a lovely quiet time presented by Annette Smith.

On the 20th April we celebrated Brenda's birthday with a very enjoyable meal at the 'Harvester's'.

The 18th May saw us very well entertained by Ben Richardson with anecdotes about his time as a police officer. The evening was both informative and very funny.

We were hoping to travel to York in June but the trip was cancelled due to insufficient numbers to book a coach, however, some members travelled there independently and had a very enjoyable day.

Our annual beetle drive was held on the 20th July and although numbers were a bit below normal, all who were there had a great evening of entertainment and laughter.

After our usual summer break, we returned in September and were welcomed back with Nancy Stephenson who delighted us once again with her varied selection of enjoyable poetry readings.

At our October meeting we were pleased to see the return of Malcolm Haigh with another of his amusing and interesting talks about the history of our local area.

The November meeting we saw something quite different, with Averille Milburn delighting us with her flower arranging skills. Averille's floral arrangements were then raffled off at the end of the evening and covered the full cost of all the flowers used!

The year ended at Heath Cottage in December with our traditional Christmas Lunch. As usual we had a great meal, well presented in a friendly atmosphere.

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Poetry Corner.

We have at last (well my husband, David at least!!) started planting in our allotment for this year, and I found this little missive on that their t'internet. I hope you manage to fit some of these into your garden too.

PLANT YOUR SPIRITUAL GARDEN Gardening God's way

Plant three rows of peas
Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash
Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another

No garden without turnips
Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love
There is much fruit in your garden
Because you reap what you sow

To complete our garden we must have thyme
Thyme for God
Thyme for study
Thyme for prayer.

With Love Dawn

SANDRA'S SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Well, here we are 4 years later. I hope my hints, tips and suggestions have been helpful. As we start another year of growing, weeding and nurturing let's hope that the weather is a little more favourable than last year!!

Sandra's Top Tip: Don't throw away any broken pottery or pots. Break them up and use them as crocks. These provide great drainage for containers and don't cost any extra. Be sure to wear protective gloves and glasses to avoid any injuries!!

1. Keep on top of weeds as warmer weather approaches. (Hopefully!)
2. Sow runner beans in cold frame or direct into a prepared trench.
3. Keep onions and shallots free from weeds.
4. If the soil is warm enough, sow French beans directly into the ground.
5. Net strawberries against bird attacks and put straw around them to protect from mud splashes and slugs.
6. Pinch out tips of sweet peas. Pinch out to a leaf bud where two new shoots will form.
7. Harvest rhubarb. You will need to stop pulling this year's stalks over the next week or so.
8. Sow spring bedding seeds for next years display. Sow plants such as wallflowers, pansies and Bellis perennis.
9. Check planted pots for weeds. Also don't forget to water and feed them regularly.
10. Divide primroses after they have finished flowering. Lift, split and re-plant them ready for next years display.

Sandra

Hurray for St George

Woodkirk Beavers, Cubs and Scouts proudly took part in the annual St. George's Day Parade in Morley on Sunday 24th April.

Close to 20 000 people were on hand to see young people from our parish march behind St. George himself and parade in front of representatives of The Queen and local dignitaries. Each participant had an opportunity of carrying the group's flags through the town.

After the long walk up the hill from Morley Town Hall to the rugby ground, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts each reaffirmed the promise to God and to The Queen, making the scout sign.

Woodkirk Scouts have been taking part in the annual parade, which is organised by the Society of St George, for many years. The celebration is now one of the largest in the country.

St George's day is particularly special for Scouts as he is the patron saint of Scouting.

All of the young people did a fantastic job in showing their service and commitment and we are sure they enjoyed the spectacle.

Hathi

Assistant Scout Leader



Happy Birthday Cubs

Cubs from Woodkirk Scout Group held a very special birthday tea party to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the start of Cub Scouts

The Cubs, aged 8-10, arrived extra early at Woodkirk Parish Centre to roll up their sleeves and begin making and baking all the sandwiches and sweet treats they wanted to serve to their invited guests, members of the local community who had supported the Cub Pack since it started at the Church in 1983.

Once everything as beautifully prepared and presented, their work didn't stop there! The Cubs put on their sweetest smiles to greet and wait on their invited guests, before singing Happy Birthday and sharing a slice or two of birthday cake.

Local resident and historian Malcolm Haigh, who has led the cubs on local history walks, was very impressed. "It was lovely to see all those smiling faces as we came in," he said, "but the taste of the cakes was even better!

"We are amazed at the skills of all the cubs at making all the cakes. They are more than welcome to cook at my house."

The Cubs' "Akela", Marianne Ingham, said she was really proud of all the hard work and commitment the Cubs had shown. As well as serving their local community, the children had also contributed to their Chef, Home Help and Our Skills badges.

After the success of Scouting for Boys, younger children soon asked to join in the adventure and Wolf Cubs officially began in 1916. By the end of the next year there were 30, 000 Wolf Cubs. Today, over 150, 000 boys and girls join in with the fun, excitement and adventure of Cub Scouts and are taking part in anniversary celebrations across the country.

Anyone interesting in joining the adventure in Cubs, or in Beavers, Scouts and Explorer Scouts, can find more information at www.slamscouts.org.uk or by calling 0845 300 1818

CUBS 100th BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY



Albert's 'M is for May' Quiz

1. Which is the highest mountain in the USA?
2. Who was Sherlock Holmes' arch enemy?
3. What was the name of Sherlock Holmes' brother?
4. Who created Winnie the Pooh?
5. Which singer's first UK number one was 'Into the Groove'?
6. Who wrote the novel 'The Moon and Sixpence'?
7. Who was King Arthur's court magician?
8. What was the nickname of the composer John Sousa?
9. What was the nickname of the 1950s tennis star Maureen Connolly?
10. Where is the county headquarters of Derbyshire?
11. What was the real name of film star Michael Caine?
12. Which book, later filmed, brought fame to the novelist Margaret Mitchell?
13. Horseshoe, Fu Manchu and pencil are all types of what?
14. Which animal represents the present Chinese year?
15. Name the eight USA states that begin with the letter 'M'.

Answers on P35

Albert

Diary for April and Early May 2016.

May

Sun 1st	10:30am	Holy Communion with Revd. John Pinder-Packard
	12:30pm	Baptisms with Revd John Marsh
Wed 4th	10:00am	Holy Communion with Revd. Glenn
Sat 7th	9:30am	Church and Churchyard clean-up
Sun 8th	10:30am	All Age Service
	12 noon	Holy Communion with Revd. Rosemary
Mon 9th	7:30pm	PCC meeting in Church
Wed 11th	10:00am	Morning Praise with Gail
Sun 15th	10:30am	Holy Communion with Revd. Chris Johnson
Wed 18th	10:00am	Holy Communion with Revd. Glenn
Thurs 19th	11:00am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
Friday 20th	8:30am	Deene Park Coach Trip
Sun 22nd	10:30am	Holy Communion with Revd. Rosemary
Wed 25th	10:00am	Morning Praise with Gail
Sun 29th	10:30am	Holy Communion with Bishop Paul Slater

Early June

Wed 1st	10:00am	Holy Communion with Revd. Glenn
Sat 4th	9:30am	Church and Churchyard clean-up
Sun 5th	10:30am	Holy Communion with Revd. John Pinder-Packard
	12:30pm	Baptisms
Mon 6th	7:30pm	PCC meeting in Church (1 week early)
Wed 8th	10:00am	Morning Praise with Gail
Sat 11th	7:00pm	Tingley Brass Band in Church

Mother's Union Diary 2016:

May 16th	Speaker: Mrs. Nancy Stephenson (2pm)
June 20th	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 April we welcomed 3 new members to our church in Baptism.
Bobbi-Jane Bentley, Daughter of Shaun & Stacey from W.Arsley
Isabell Emilia Heslop, Daughter of Stuart and Fiona, from Tingley
Charlie Milburn, Son of Stuart and Fiona from Tingley.

Weddings:-

Carly Fothergill and Peter Fooks, from Normanton, were married at St. Mary's on the 2nd April 2016. Congratulations from the Church Family.

Michelle Johnson and Phil Taylor, from Ossett, were married at St. Mary's on 29th April 2016. Congratulations from the Church Family.

Funerals:-

William Henry Sykes Gill, will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and church family.

Dennis Howard Cooper, will be sadly missed by his wife Margaret, family and friends.

Margaret Elizabeth Quick, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Quiz Answers. : 1. Mount McKinley. 2. Moriarty. 3. Mycroft.
4. A. A. Milne. 5. Madonna. 6. W. Somerset Maugham.
7. Merlin. 8. The March King. 9. Little Mo. 10. Matlock. 11. Maurice Micklewhite. 12. Gone With The Wind. 13. Moustache. 14. Monkey.
15. Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana.

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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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