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**St. Mark; Edith Cavell;
Freely Give; Easter Love;
Brothers in Alms.**

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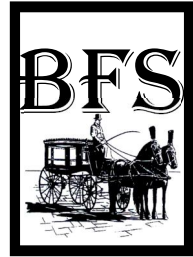
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Copies of the magazine can be downloaded from the web site from the middle of the month of publication.

We are on Twitter: twitter.com/stmarywoodkirk

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A wheelchair is available to help people move easily between the church and Dewsbury Road. Just ask.

And he departed from our sight that we
might return to our heart, and there find
Him.

For He departed, and behold, He is here.

St Augustine

Vicar's Letter — The Easter Story.

Everywhere I look there are signs of spring emerging from the ground. The daffodils and snowdrops are lovely in the graveyard. The sun has appeared on a couple of days and it has even been warm (or warmer!). Now not to get too carried away, we are still in the midst of lent, a more sombre period of the church calendar where we reflect on our own relationships both with each other and with God.

During Holy Week there will be services in church on Monday, Tuesday and Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm, Good Friday at 2.00pm, Easter Saturday at 8.00pm and of course Easter Sunday at 10.30am. What will we do with all that time, I hear you ask? Won't it be boring!!

Well, we will remember and reflect on what Jesus did for us, for you and for me. We tell the old, old, stories harkening back to the oral tradition that kept those stories alive. We reflect on Jesus' actions, his journey, his anguish and his pain. We shed tears, He shed blood.....

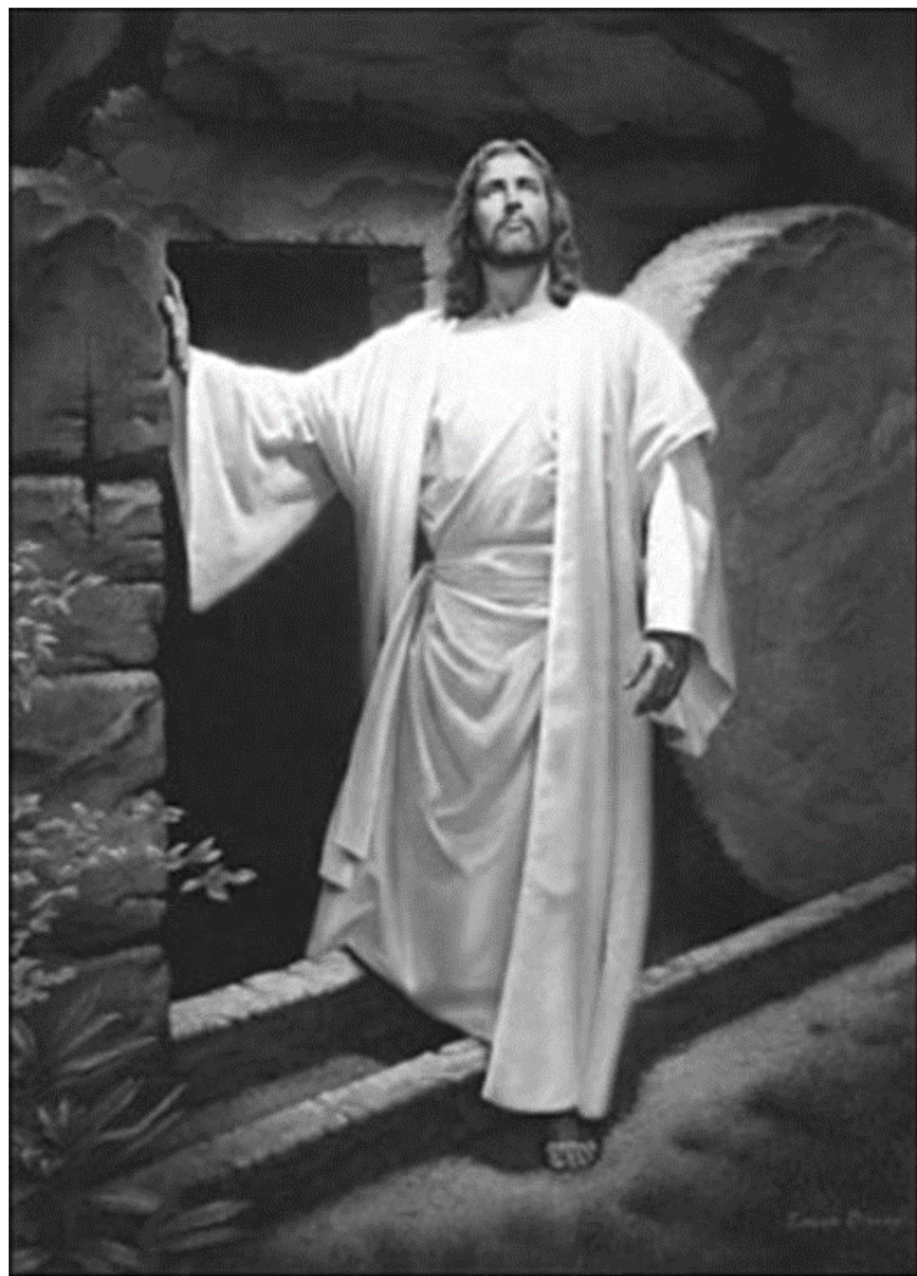
We experience the desolation of Good Friday, the pain of separation on Easter Saturday and the joy of Easter Sunday when He defeats his arch enemy and triumphs as the Tomb is opened.

This one week contains the most dramatic script for a movie you will ever find. It does everything a good movie should do. It has intrigue, mystery, betrayal, even a "loose woman"! It draws you in, it makes you hold your breath, it pierces your heart so that you feel every emotion, and I mean every emotion - shock, horror, failure, confusion, misunderstanding, tenderness, heartbreak, loss, hurt, pain, love and hope and I could go on. It has the most unbelievable ending and is the most incredible story you will ever hear and what's more it is a story for US - for YOU and for ME.

So I invite you, to think about experiencing this story for yourself, if not every night, then choose wisely and the best three episodes are Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

See you there.

Rev'd. Sharon



When you prayed beneath the trees.

When you prayed beneath the trees,
it was for me, O Lord;
when you cried upon your knees,
how could it be, O Lord?
When in blood and sweat and tears
you dismissed your final fears,
when you faced the soldiers' spears,
you stood for me, O Lord.

When their triumph looked complete,
it was for me, O Lord,
when it seemed like your defeat,
they could not see, O Lord!
When you faced the mob alone
you were silent as a stone,
and a tree became your throne;
you came for me, O Lord.

When you stumbled up the road,
you walked for me, O Lord,
when you took your deadly load,
that heavy tree, O Lord;
When they lifted you on high,
and they nailed you up to die,
and when darkness filled the sky,
it was for me, O Lord.

When you spoke with kingly power,
it was for me, O Lord,
in that dread and destined hour,
you made me free, O Lord;
earth and heaven heard you shout,
death and hell were put to rout,
for the grave could not hold out;
you are for me, O Lord.

by
Christopher Idle
Rev'd Sharon

Mirror, Mirror on the wall,
St Mary's Church is amongst the fairest of them all!

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to support our Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th March to remember Fair Trade Fortnight and raise awareness of Fair Trade and for producers to receive a fair price for their goods.

We raised a total of £250 in fair trade goodies and cake and raffle sales and enjoyed tea and coffee together.

The event was held at the back of church and it was lovely to see about 30 people share fellowship together.

The 2nd prize from the raffle is as yet unclaimed so dig out your tickets, the winning numbers were 456-460.

I would like to say a huge thank you to those who helped me set up then helped serving drinks & cakes & manning stalls, then helped me clear away afterwards. And once again thank you all for your support.

Dawn



Prayerful Thought

How is your Lenten fast progressing?

By the time you read this there won't be too long left to go without whatever it was you gave up. Amongst my friends and family; chocolate, meat, wine and cakes, all featured.

I'm afraid I didn't give anything up this year, I was on holiday at the start of Lent so never got around to choosing something to give up. So instead, I decided to 'take up' something and reacquainted myself with the daily prayers in the UCB 'Word for Today' (copies of which you can pick up from the back of church).

I had followed these some time ago, but I think I lapsed during my recent studies as it was yet more reading on top of so much academic reading I was doing at the time.

When I look back, I recognise that I should have made time for this quiet time with God, it is readily available, I don't have to think about where my reading is coming from, and whilst the 'piece for the day' isn't always relevant, and it can sometimes be a little bit 'overly American' there are days when the words seem chosen especially for me. Sometimes, whilst not applying directly to me, the words nevertheless have great impact, and usually the message is a simple one.

In February there were a few days where the focus was on Joy and as this article is for the magazine which covers our celebrations of Jesus rising from the dead at Easter, it seemed an appropriate time to refer to the secret of having Joy.

When I was a young girl in Girls' Brigade, I remember one of the talks we received was about JOY and it was something along the lines of how do we receive J.O.Y, it is through loving Jesus, then loving Others and then finally Yourself. I bet I was only 11 or 12 when I first heard this and I remember it still.

The UCB thoughts stemmed from John 15:11 'That my joy may be in you' and Psalm 16:11 'In thy presence is fullness of joy'.

The thoughts went something like this...

Jesus said 'I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete'.

God's love isn't based on looks, personality, wealth or even moral goodness, it's offered without any preconditions.

You can't do anything to make God love you more, and you can't do anything to make Him love you less.

God's love guarantees His acceptance when all others have rejected you, His forgiveness when all others have judged you, and His mercy when all others have condemned you.

The world didn't give you this joy - and the world cannot take it away!

The joy that comes from knowing that you are unconditionally loved and accepted by God, enables you to be joyful. Because...

Happiness is external; joy is internal

Happiness depends on outward circumstances; joy depends on inward character

Happiness depends on what happens to us; joy depends on who lives within us

Happiness is based on chance; joy is based on choice.

The prayers for the week in which these devotions fell included trust, self control and giving, but the two that specifically related to joy were as follows;

Pray that God would give you a fresh sense of the peace and inner joy that comes from His love. Thank Him that His love is unconditional.

And

Ask God to help you develop an inner joy that is present even through difficult circumstances.

As we celebrate again our JOY in the risen Christ, these are my prayers for all of us this Easter.

With love and prayers

Dawn x

Churchyard News

The new 'Ride-on' mower had its first outing at the end of March—and very nice it is too. It takes a bit of getting used to because the clutch/brake pedal is on the right hand side which caused me some confusion at first. Anyway I didn't hit anything solid so we are good to go.

We have also planted another row of small Beech Hedge saplings to create a new Cremation area. These little plants will take 2-3 years to establish properly and so its good to get them in now just at the beginning of Spring. Revd Sharon and I started putting them in—although somehow she ended up digging all the holes and Gail and I planted. (Thanks Sharon).

The Payback Team have missed a couple of weeks—we don't know why but they have moved offices which may account for their absence, but Brian and his wife have been working hard along the wall and Dawn's David has cleared a lot of ground at the bottom (East) end.

Now that spring is well and truly here we are flexing our muscles in anticipation of the growing season getting into full swing. In years past this is when we have lost ground as the jungle has overtaken us. This year we are planning to fight back and try to hold the ground we have taken with our collective effort. Let battle commence.

So if you can spare some time on Saturday mornings for a bit of jungle warfare, that would be great.
David.



Little Saplings are hard to spot.....

Sponsor a Bible

At each baptism the child or parents are given a copy of the Children's Bible to take home.

If you would like to Sponsor a Bible for one of the Baptism Families they cost £10 and will go to the child's family.

Please see Liz or contact the editor if you would like to sponsor a bible.

David

Things about April

Birthday - Fairy tale author Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) was born in Odense, Denmark. He created 168 fairy tales for children including the classics *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Snow Queen* and *The Nightingale*

April 4, 1968 - Civil Rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tennessee. As head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he had championed non-violent resistance to end racial oppression and had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He is best remembered for his *I Have a Dream* speech delivered at the 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington. That march and King's other efforts helped the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In 1986, Congress established the third Monday in January as a national holiday in his honor.

St. Mark

This is the story of another one of my favourite Saints, hope you enjoy it.

Mark is the name given to the author of the second Gospel in canonical order, generally accepted as the earliest to be written. Any details of his life belong to tradition rather than to history: he is not one of those disciples whose doings are recorded in the New Testament, so any account of him has to be drawn from the Gospel itself.

By the second century Mark was apparently being referred to as St. Peter's "interpreter," who had accurately written down all that Peter remembered, but this tradition is recorded only in the late third century, by the historian Eusebius. There are several references to a Mark or John Mark in the Acts of the Apostles and one in the Letter of the Colossians, stating that he was in Rome when Paul was in prison there, and these have all been taken as referring to the same person, though without any real evidence. There is also the passage in his own Gospel where a young man flees naked when Jesus has been arrested (Mark 14: 51-2). This young man has been held to be Mark himself, as he is the only evangelist who mentions the incident. The tradition that makes him one of the original seventy-two disciples sent out by Jesus starts after the second century.

Internal evidence from the Gospel suggests that he did not come from Palestine. He writes fluent Greek and makes topographical mistakes about Palestine. He is at pains to explain Jewish customs, suggesting that he is writing for a non-Jewish audience. He may have written in Rome (as per the tradition that places him there with St. Peter), in which case the date of the composition would be around 65 or possibly in Alexandria (the sort of popular Greek he writes was common language of the eastern Mediterranean), in which case a date of around 70 is indicated, before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Long held to be simplest, most historical, and least theological of the four, Mark's Gospel is now viewed by scholars rather differently. He drew on oral and probably also written traditions already circulating and wove them into a deliberate pattern. The fact that he devoted a third of his text to the last week of Jesus' life would seem to show that he is stressing a theology of the cross, showing Christians of his time (when persecution had perhaps already begun) that they too must expect to suffer and die for their faith. This emphasis also distinguishes Jesus from others - wandering preachers and wonder-workers (who were common in Palestine) and makes him someone unique, whose nature is difficult to grasp: a "king" whose

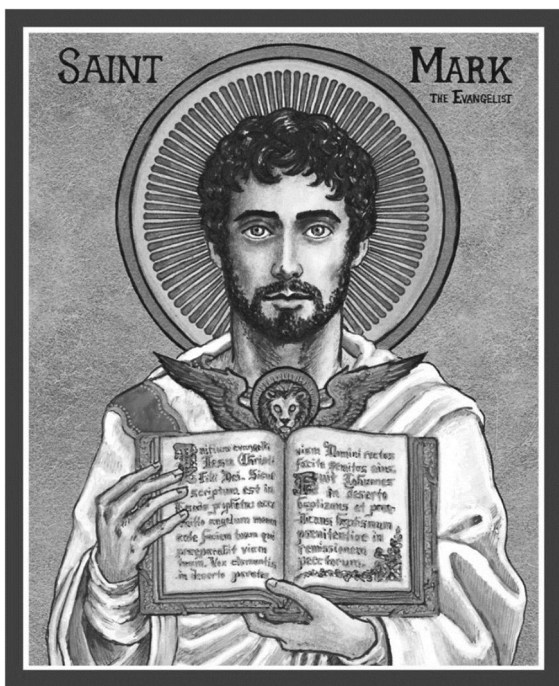
"kingdom" is not of this world, as Mark records him saying to Pilate, "a son of God", as he has the centurion confess after Jesus' death.

The principal cult of Mark developed in Venice after his supposed relics had been taken there from near Alexandria (where he was said to have been martyred) in the early ninth century to prevent them being desecrated by Arabs. There is also a claim that his remains were then moved to Reichenau on Lake Constance in 890. St Mark's Cathedral in Venice has twelfth-and thirteenth-century frescoes showing supposed scenes from his life, and his symbol, a winged lion (which dates back to the fourth century and is based on the visions in Ezekiel and Revelation) was adopted as that of the Republic of Venice and used increasingly as its prosperity grew.

His other patronages include Egypt, notaries, basket-weavers, glass-workers and opticians. Venetian painters depicted him as saving the city from plague and as protector of justice and the law; virtually all allegorical depictions of the glory of Venice include him in one role or another.

Hope you enjoyed this read.

Gail



Women of Substance—Edith Cavell.

Edith Cavell was born in Swardeston near Norwich on 4 December 1865. The eldest child of the vicar of St. Mary's Church, she was schooled at home by her father along with her two younger sisters and brother until she was 16. The opportunities for young women of her background were very few, but Edith was determined through Christian service to make a difference. She wrote, 'Someday, somehow, I am going to do something useful. I don't know what it will be, I only know that it will be something for people.'

Edith trained to be a nurse at the Royal London Hospital in London's East End from 1896-9, and her great opportunity came when in 1907 she was invited by Belgium's leading surgeon, Antoine Depage, to become the founding director of the first professional nurse's training school in Belgium.

Each summer Edith came back to Norfolk on holiday. In August 1914 she was with her widowed mother in her College Road, Norwich, home when news came of the threat of the German invasion of neutral Belgium. Edith immediately travelled back to Brussels to be with her nurses, and they cared for the casualties regardless of national origin.

Although the German occupiers of Brussels threatened death to anyone assisting allied soldiers, in early 1915 Edith became part of an underground network that enabled those caught behind enemy lines to escape from Belgium.

She later admitted she had helped around 200 allied soldiers even while she was nursing German soldiers in the clinic.

Eventually Edith and the underground group were all arrested and imprisoned. She found her ten weeks in solitary confinement in St Gilles prison in Brussels 'a great mercy', a time of healing, peace and calm after the constant anxiety and stress of her work. Edith was tried along with 34 others and found guilty of treason. On the afternoon of 11 October 1915, she learned that she and a resistance colleague would be executed by firing squad the next morning.

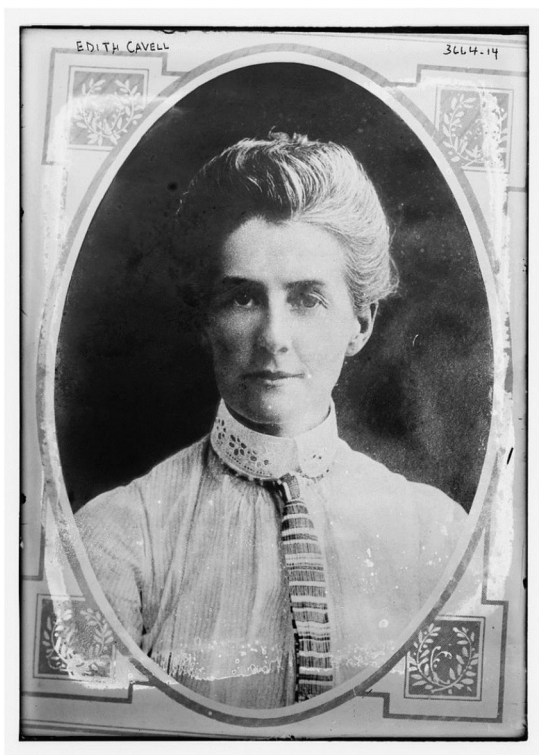
Edith faced her death with calm courage. 'I have no fear or shrinking. I have seen death so often it is not strange or fearful to me.' As a Christian and as a nurse, she had committed herself to the service of others, conscious that this might cost her everything, even the sacrifice of her own life. As Christ had done from the cross, she prayed for the forgiveness of those who would kill her: 'I expected my sentence and I believe it was just. But this I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity: I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.'

Edith's words were a rejection of the patriotic hatred that drove the war, and they are words that speak to us just as powerfully and directly today.

Edith's body was returned to England in May 1919. After a state funeral in Westminster Abbey, she was brought back to Norfolk and in the presence of thousands was buried in Life's Green, the former monastic cemetery outside Norwich Cathedral. Public donations were used in accordance with her express wishes to open rest homes for nurses, work that continues today under the Cavell Nurses Trust.

With thanks to Glyn for bringing this article.

David.



Christian Aid Week

The time of year is approaching when we raise money for Christian Aid. We will be looking for collectors to do the house to house visits. The more we have the easier it becomes.

The walk, which raises money by sponsorship, is on Saturday 13th May and is approx. 4.5 miles starting from Secker Wood, Chapelthorpe and then Newmillardam, leaving at 10:30am. Anyone is welcome to join the walk and if possible obtain sponsorship.

Sponsor forms are available from Sally Shaw and for any other queries please contact her on 01924 475048.

Christian Aid do have a website where you will be able to find out more about their work. I am hoping to get at least one person to do the walk as I can no longer walk that far but will help with getting sponsors. Thank you for all your help in the past.

Sally

Open Quiet Day

Elijah and the Ups and Downs of our Spiritual Journey

A Quiet Day led by the Venerable Peter Townley, Archdeacon of Pontefract.

Monday 24 April, 10.00am - 4.00pm at Parcevall Hall

Peter trained at Sheffield and Cambridge and was ordained in 1980 before spending the first 16 years of his ministry in Manchester. He moved to Ipswich and was vicar of St Mary le Tower for nearly 12 years before being appointed Archdeacon of Pontefract in 2008. During his time in Ipswich he took the memorial service for Sir Alf Ramsey with a congregation that included most of the World Cup-winning 1966 England football team! With the creation of the Diocese of Leeds, Peter has also now taken on the role of Diocesan Mothers' Union chaplain.

No booking is required, but bring your own lunch.

The Ardsley Connection

The Churches of St. Mary's Woodkirk and St. Michael's East Ardsley are only about 3 miles apart, but the connections go much deeper than that.

St. Michaels was originally built around 1160—not long after St. Mary's and was a 'Chapel of Ease' for St. Mary's with a Chaplain appointed by the Master of the House at Woodkirk. Both Churches came under the Black Canons at the Priory in Nostell and the Master would report to the Prior. In 1276 an agreement was made between the Master of the House at Woodkirk and the Chaplain about the monies due to the Chaplain. He was to receive the 'altarage' (offerings made on the altar) and all 'obventions' (incidentals) of the altarage except wool, lamb and mortuaries. In addition, the Master and Canons were to pay him £3 per year. For this he was to do duty in the chapel and to find, at his own expense, a clerk to act as administrator.

If the Black Canons should come calling, they should find lights at the great altar with sufficiency of wine, oil and the like for their ministrations.

St. Michaels fell into an unsafe condition and, in 1879, was pulled down and re-built, finally being consecrated in 1881. By this time the reformation in the 16th Century had turned religion on its head and the Monks were no longer in charge. It fell to the Lords and Landowners to take custody of Churches (and their lands) and to appoint clergy to care for their spiritual life.

So it was that the Savile family came to be owners of both Woodkirk and St. Michaels Churches. This continued up until 1668 when the Savile daughter (Frances) married the Brudenell son (confusingly also called Francis but spelled differently), so that the Churches' destiny was transferred into the hands of the Cardigans (Francis Brudenell was the second son of the Earl of Cardigan). To this day the Brudenell family are patrons of both churches, with the current head of the family being Robert Brudenell.

David

Ripon Cathedral becomes Westminster Abbey for a day

Ripon Cathedral will feature in the second series of the flagship ITV period drama *Victoria* which stars Jenna Coleman, Rufus Sewell and Tom Hughes.

Filming has taken place at the Cathedral this week with a location unit spending three days in Ripon, one day to get in and 'dress the set', one day filming and one day to return everything back to normal. The Cathedral's south nave aisle and north quire aisle were used to depict Westminster Abbey and Hall for the next series, expected to be broadcast in Autumn 2017.

Welcoming cast and crew into the building was the Dean of Ripon, the Very Revd John Dobson, who said, "Ripon Cathedral has been transported back in time by about 160 years and moved south by 230 miles!

The second series - once again written by creator and executive producer Daisy Goodwin - sees Queen Victoria face the new challenge of motherhood.

Locations include not only Westminster Abbey and Hall, but of course Buckingham Palace, as well as France and Germany, as the series touches on tragedy in Ireland and war in Afghanistan, and see Victoria and Albert discovering sanctuary in the Isle of Wight.



15th Morley Beavers—Red Nose Day Out

On 10th March the Beavers gathered at Ardsley Reservoir for a sponsored walk of 1 lap around the Reservoir. It was 5:15pm by the time everyone was ready with their reflective vests donned and shoelaces tied up.

We set off at a steady pace and soon strung out into a 100 yard convoy with Joanne at the head of the pack and Trevor sweeping up at the rear, checking for stragglers. By the time we reached half way the sun had sunk quite low and we needed to press on, so no stopping allowed. By the time we reached the finish, we were just losing the light so we made it just in time.

The beavers raised £250 for Comic Relief from sponsorship so a big BRAVO to all who took part.

Gail, Joanne and Jess



Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give....

These words from a reasonably well known hymn came to mind when I was wondering how I could share with you some more items from my daily reading the UCB 'Word for Today' resource that I started following again during Lent.

The thing is I really likes these little suggestions of situations or people to pray for, but they didn't really gel into a coherent theme, the only way I thought I might be able to share them was this.

You may remember in previous articles I have mentioned when I have come across sayings that particularly resonated with me, it doesn't matter if you haven't, as I'm going to mention them again anyway !

I often refer to the struggle I have fitting in everything I need, and want, to do and how I struggle sometimes to find time to talk to God. One of my favourite sayings I had on my wall at work was:

" You will never find time for anything. If you want time, you must make it"

This may well resonate with you, it certainly applies to me, especially in those things that don't shout loudly...I always seem to find time to do the washing and Ironing, the shopping gets done, as does the hovering and even sometimes dusting too! Yet it is the things I would really like to do, spending time with friends, on hobbies and time with God that get squeezed out.

You may well be reading this around the time of the Easter holidays and so if you are a parent or grandparent, aunt or uncle, you may find that even the short amount of time you thought you had, is fast disappearing under caring or visiting responsibilities. But if there is one thing I would like to give you, it is a few of the short suggestions for prayers that came from the UCB weekly prayers and hope that you may be able to find a precious few moments with a cup of tea or coffee (or other suitable beverage!!) and spend those precious moments with our wonderful risen saviour, Jesus Christ in prayer.

This Easter, pray for...

- Patience - Ask the Holy Spirit to grow patience in you. Thank God that he is patient and gracious with us.
- Help - If you're struggling with something, ask God to show you someone who can help you.
- Kind words - Pray for those who have been hurt by harsh words. Ask that all your words would be marked by kindness.
- Thinking - Ask God to be in all your thoughts and ideas this Easter. Pray that He would show you new and creative ways of thinking.
- Rest - Pray for times of rest and relaxation. Invite God into those moments and ask Him to refresh you.
- Friends - Thank God for the gift of friendship. Praise Him for the people He has brought into your life who love and support you.
- Kindness - Pray that God would help you react with kindness towards everyone this Easter, even if they have treated you unkindly or unfairly
- Love - Ask God to show you opportunities to share the gift of love in some way this Easter.

Going back to the title of my article, freely we have received God's love, let us share that unconditional love by spending time in prayer this Eastertime.

With love

Dawn

Poetry Corner

JUDGE NOT.

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp-
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money! Twice.
Next to him was my old neighbour
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
Would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.

'And why's everyone so quiet,
So sombre - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

Brian.

SANDRA'S SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Crop rotation is essential if you wish to avoid diseases building up in your soil. It is also essential to avoid leaching nutrients year after year by planting the same crops in the same place. The one exception I make is with my runner beans. If you dig your trench in the same place and fill it with rotted compost or kitchen waste, then that, coupled with the nitrogen left from last year's crop, usually brings in a good harvest.

Sandra's Top Tip: Review your check list of all the things you wish to achieve in the garden during this growing year and see what still needs to be done.

1. If you are trying to grow Beech Hedge—don't go for cuttings as these are notoriously difficult to start. Buy seeds or collect them, or buy small saplings and plant them out now.
2. Service mowers and strimmers ready for the season ahead.
3. It's not too late to grow summer flowers if you buy them as seedlings and keep them frost free.
4. Sow more successional crops such as lettuce, radish, rocket and spring onions.
5. Harden off sweet peas.
6. Make a bird box and put it on a North facing wall or shady spot.
7. Check the shed and greenhouse for any damage and make repairs now the weather is getting better.
8. Catch weeds now before they get established—they are much easier to deal with when small.
9. Place small logs in quiet corners of the garden where insect and bees can shelter and make a home.
10. Divide or cut back any overgrown marginal and bog plants before they come back into growth.

Sandra

Brian's Funnies...

Who's talking?

It seems there was this minister who just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made.

The first Sunday, he only preached 10 minutes.

The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes.

But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes.

When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way.

The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk.

The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot.

The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!

THE ATHEIST AND THE BELIEVER

There's a little old Christian lady living next door to an atheist. Every morning the lady comes out onto her front porch and shouts "Praise the Lord!".

The atheist yells back, "There is no God".

She does this every morning with the same result. As time goes on the lady runs into financial difficulties and has trouble buying food. She goes out onto the porch and asks God for help with groceries, then says "Praise the Lord".

The next morning she goes out onto the porch and there's the groceries she's asked for, of course she says "Praise the Lord".

The atheist jumps out from behind a bush and says, "Ha, I bought those groceries - there is no God".

The lady looks at him and smiles, she shouts "Praise the Lord --- not only did you provide groceries for me Lord, you made Satan pay for them"

Brian

Albert's People and Places Alphabet Quiz

1. Which American City was hit by a major earthquake in March, 1964?
2. Which Comedian wrote a book on Golf called 'Confessions of a Hooker'?
3. What was the surname of the Minnie played by Margot Bryant in Coronation Street?
4. Which Peers ranks next above Marquesses?
5. Which American Landmark has 102 floors and featured in the film 'King Kong'?
6. Which headland near Bridlington is a breeding ground for sea birds?
7. Philip Pirrip features in which Charles Dickens novel?
8. Charles Wesley wrote the words for which well-known Christmas Carol?
9. In which country are the mountain ranges 'Western and Eastern Ghats'?
10. What is the name of Ivor the Engine's driver?
11. Which American Novelist wrote 'One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest'?
12. Which sport has a coverpoint, a goalkeeper and a third house?
13. Which is the world's largest Opera House?
14. In which USA city is it located?
15. Is the Moon older or younger than the Earth?
16. Which Jane Austen Novel features Anne Elliot as the heroine?
17. 'Under Pressure' was a 1981 hit combining David Bowie and who else?
18. What do competitors do in the last event of the modern pentathlon?
19. Which TV comedy series featured Harold and Albert?
20. In the film 'Annie Hall' what sport do Woody Allen and Diane Keaton play?
21. In a bottle of wine what is the air space between the cork and the wine called?
22. In South America which country is the major producer of oil?
23. A gynocracy is a government ruled by whom?
24. In 480BC which Persian King invaded Greece then captured and burnt Athens?
25. Barbara Streisand starred in and directed which 1983 film?
26. What is the first name of Manchester United striker Ibrahimovic?

Albert

Answers on P34

Misha welcomes Spring?

Well hello there, I'm very pleased to see that we are now into Spring again. However efficient the heating is in church, it's always a happy time when I can cope with my mousey fur rather than having to try and huddle near Hubert the Black Cannon. His habit just isn't that comfortable and although I can snuggle up in it, it can be a bit scratchy.

So here we are again, not only spring but Easter, as a little church mouse I'm afraid I don't always follow all the in's and out's of Easter, but I know the church goes from sombre and solemn with quiet reflections to glorious celebration with beautiful flowers and Easter eggs, hoorah!

The added bonus this year was that when I ventured outside on a lovely sunny Saturday to see how the gardening team had been getting along (I don't go out so much when they are there, I'm a bit frightened of getting clobbered with a rake or chased by a mower (especially now my friend Dave has been out on the new ride on mower!)) it was wonderful to see all those lovely snowdrops and daffodils which had been hidden previously under the overgrown brambles. I also noticed a beautiful tiny patch of primroses. Well done those lovely people who are working so hard.

The other thing I noticed the other day was that the warmth seems to have not only warmed me up for a bit of a wider exploration, but has also woken up some Coccinellidae, well that's what my clever friend Hubert told me when I asked him. He did explain though, when I spluttered and asked him if I should be frightened of these monsters!!! that they were perfectly harmless, well unless you're a green fly! because Coccinellidae are Lady Birds.

I had seen one buzzing around the lights up in the choir stall recently, I've nicknamed him Mo after Mo Farrar, because he not only flies around very quickly, but even when he lands, he whizzes

off. His friend was a bit more sedentary, I wonder if he overslept and is still coming round from a winter hibernation, as he trundled onto a shelf and promptly fell asleep.

Well, I must dash and find my little hidey hole before you all start coming to church over Easter, the schools are coming in and I love their singing, but if I should happen to pop up for a closer look - that might cause mayhem!

Hubert and I will be watching out for you, and wish you every blessing this Easter time.

Misha



CUDDLY TOY APPEAL—MORE NEEDED...

I would like to make an appeal for some more soft/cuddly toys to be 'won' at the Garden Party.

They do not have to be new but preferably in good, clean condition please.

We have done so well in the past year or so with some very generous donations.

All the toys were 'won' at the Christmas Fair so our present stock is low.

Thank you.

Sandra Gledhill

Diary for the coming weeks

(Morning Prayer will take place at 9.00am Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri.)

April

1st	9:30am	Church & Churchyard Clean up
2nd	Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion—Passiontide 12 Noon AGM
4th	7:30pm	Lent Group (Ends).
5th	10.00am	Holy Communion Healing
	11:00am	Lent Group (Ends).
9th	Sun 10:30am	All Age Service (Palm Sunday)
	12 noon	Holy Communion
10th	Mon 7:30pm	Reflective Service
11th	Tue 7:30pm	Stations of the Cross
12th	Wed 10:00am	Holy Communion—God's Goodness
	7:30pm	Ecumenical Service—Church of the Nazarene.
13th	Thu 7:30pm	Vigil—to 10pm
14th	Fri 2:00pm	Good Friday Solemn Service
15th	Sat 8:00pm	Easter Vigil
16th	Sun 10:30am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion
	1:00pm	Holy Baptism
19th	Wed 10:00am	Holy Communion with Revd Glen.
20th	Thu 11:00am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
23rd	Sun 10:30am	Holy Communion with Revd John P-P.
26th	Wed 10:00am	Holy Communion with Revd Glen.
30th	Sun 10:30am	Holy Communion with Revd Rosemary

May

3rd	Wed 10:00am	Holy Communion/Morning Praise TBC.
6th	Sat 9:30am	Church & Churchyard clean up

Answers to Albert's Quiz:- 1. Anchorage, Alaska 2. Bob Hope 3. Caldwell 4. Dukes 5. Empire State Building 6. Flamborough Head 7. Great Expectations 8. Hark the Herald Angels Sing 9. India 10. Jones the Steam 11. Ken Kesey 12. Lacrosse 13. Metropolitan 14. New York 15. Older 16. Persuasion 17. Queen 18. Run! 19. Steptoe and Son 20. Tennis 21. Ullage 22. Venezuela 23. Women 24. Xerxes 25. Yentl 26. Zlatan

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family:-

Freddie Peter Lee

Noah Richard Thistleton

Lily Walker



DEATHS

We give thanks for the lives of:-

Thomas Senior

Elsie Lula Cawood



WEDDINGS Please pray for all couples who are to be married at St Mary's in 2017



May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine upon your window pane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near to you and
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.
(Traditional blessing)

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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

1st Sunday of the month:

10:30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of the month:

10:30am All Age Worship for adults and children

12:00pm Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month

10:30am Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month:

10:30am Holy Communion

5th Sunday of the month

10:30am All Age Holy Communion for adults and children

Wednesdays:

10:00am Holy Communion

3rd Thursday:

11:00am Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge

Morning Prayer 9.00am—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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