

# Parish News

St Mary's, Woodkirk

Outdoor All Age—This July!

**July-August 2018**



## ***This Month:***

*Family Fun Day; Peace perfect peace;  
Go Outdoors! ;  
In need of a Friend?*

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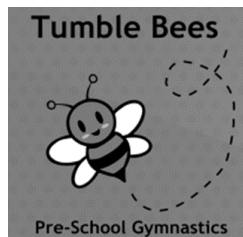
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Service times are on the back page. You'd be most welcome to join us. May God bless you and all whom you love.

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*If at first you don't succeed:  
Try doing it the way your Wife told  
you to in the first place...*

## Letter from The Vicar

Well here we are again rapidly approaching the summer holidays. The weather has taken a turn for the better and as I write the forecast for the week is hot and sunny, a stunning 83 or 83 degrees!

We have just had our family fun day and it was lovely to see so many new faces and families and I hope you will come and see us again on the 8<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am when we will be having our All Age Service outside in the Vicarage Gardens. This will be followed by a barbeque, drinks, cake and ice cream. Hopefully there will be a few games and activities for the children to play!

Thank you to all those who have helped in any way to make these events possible.

On a different note, my daughter and I decided to take a big step last week and go to Slimming World. On the face of it, it sounds like a simple decision but actually as the time neared both of us were a little nervous and certainly we were both felt out of our comfort zones.

As we were waiting to be seen, we were giggling like two school girls. Yes we had a good idea what was going to happen and yet there was both a sense of embarrassment and unease.

It made me realise just how difficult it is to do something out of your comfort zone.

This experience made me think about how difficult it is for people to come to church. It is clearly visible at Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings when invited guests stand outside the church building until the last minute but what of those who are thinking of coming on a Sunday morning? How difficult is it to want or wish to go and

explore church and yet find it so difficult to cross the threshold?

If this scenario speaks to you, and you do wish to come and visit St Mary's or attend a Service, or simply explore your faith or spirituality then how can WE help you? Why not give me a call and come for a coffee? Why not give me a call and I will come and see you? Why not give me a call and I will arrange for you to be met on a Sunday morning?

It's the people that make the Church not the building and so it was true of Slimming World. If the people are nice you will come back and if you come back then who knows what God and you can do together! And yes Lizzy and I will go back to Slimming World this week and who knows what changes behold for both of us in the future. It's all about being open to the opportunities.

Have a lovely summer.

Sharon



## **Forget Me Not Friends Memory Café at St. Mary's.—now open for business!**

Wednesday 6th June saw the opening of the Forget me not Cafe at the back of church. In conjunction with Syke Road Fisheries we co-hosted a group of dementia sufferers and their carers. They were offered tea/coffee and an assortment of cakes.

We played 40s/50s music in the background whilst everybody chatted and reminisced. Caroline, from the Fish Shop, had some photographs of 'Morecambe and Wise' and we played and sang 'Bring me Sunshine'. She talked about the duo especially the fact that Ernie Wise had gone to school in West Ardsley. One of our attendees announced that her husband had gone to school with him.

Later we sang some hymns and Gail led us in the Lords Prayer. We gave out hymn sheets but it did appear that not many people needed them as they knew all the words.

We were joined by our Councillors - Judith Elliott and Wyn Kidger - and they enjoyed chatting to everybody. It was good to get their support.

The Cafe will open from 1pm to 3pm every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the month.

Barbara





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## Prayerful Thought-Searching for Peace

Hi there

Now as I write this, we are enjoying some unprecedented gorgeous hot and sunny weather, and have been in the 'grip' of this lovely weather since early May with not much in the way of rain.

I know not everyone likes hot and sunny weather and I know it can cause problems with health conditions, but there is something really lovely in being able to wander about in lighter clothing and leave your coat at home!

I hope by the time you read this, the weather hasn't broken and we're now in the grip of grey skies and cold winds!

A few weeks ago, whilst the weather was in its 'hot and sunny' phase, I had thought about going cycling, however, although it was nice, there was a strong and blustery wind. David and I decided we would go for a walk instead (as wind does make cycling difficult).

We set off walking from West Ardsley through Soothill to Batley, then towards Dewsbury but turned and went over Dewsbury Moor crossed the Spenn Valley Greenway, through the Spenn Valley and Dewsbury Country Park and through lovely countryside to the top edge of Ravensthorpe to Mirfield.

We walked just under 7 miles and it was lovely, and whilst you might be thinking 'Well that's all very nice, but why in particular are you sharing this with me?' it was because of the wind that I wanted to share this with you - it brought to mind the reference to '...God was not in the wind...' from a story in the bible. I remembered it being a prophet trying to hide from God.

Thanks to online Bible Gateway, I found what I was looking for. It was of course the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Kings and the fleeing of the prophet Elijah; when Elijah has had enough and hides in a cave, but of course God finds him there and tells him to "stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord for the Lord is about to pass by".

In 1 Kings 19:11 we read “Then the Lord passed by and sent a furious wind that split the hills and shattered the rocks—but the Lord was not in the wind.”

The blustery wind I had walked in wasn't a 'furious' wind, just blustery, however, I did notice a stillness when the wind stopped briefly or when we were walking in a sheltered spot. I didn't hear the voice of God specifically! But I did hear other sounds, the low hum of traffic and aeroplanes, the singing of birds, these were then lost when the wind started up again.

A few days later, enjoying the sunshine again, David and I did another walk - we drove to Scammonden Reservoir just off the M62 around the edge of Birdisland and did a walk in the valley on the other side of the motorway. It was a series of downhill and uphill, but it was amazing that we were just below one of the busiest highways in the country and yet the deafening rumble of traffic was softened to a steady and almost gentle rumble which enabled us to enjoy the sounds of the valley we were walking in, the song of birds, the rustle of squirrels running in the trees and the gurgling and trickling water of the stream we were following.

Our lives today are busy and surrounded by noise, and yet I discovered that you can be in the midst of all this modern 'racket' and still find quiet.

I often find it hard to not get distracted by noise, and yet on both these occasions, when there was modern life all around I found peace and tranquillity, but Like Elijah, God was not in the wind or the earthquake or the fire, but I found beauty and the wonderful sights and sounds of nature in the gentle whisper...

Some days you may long for noise and busyness and racket, and there is nothing wrong in that, but I hope, like me, you may also be able to find those golden moments when the sun is shining, the air is warm and you can lose yourself, for however short moments as you can, to listen beyond the noise and bustle to the soft sweet whisper of calm and peace.

Have a lovely summer, best wishes.

Dawn Tattersfield.

# Friendship

Just imagine a day in your future, or a day in your life now. You are now seventy or seventy-five, and the pace of life has slowed. You get up early in the morning and sit in your favorite chair with a cup of coffee. The house is still and silent. No one is there but you and God and your thoughts.

On this morning, instead of thinking about the day's activities, you begin to reflect upon the past. It's like you've popped in a DVD of your life. You see family vacations, times with your spouse, holidays spent with relatives. You have memories of ministry, both rewarding and painful. It hasn't always been easy, and not everything turned out like you hoped, but it's been a good life.

Today one thought especially encourages you and brings a smile to your face. You are grateful to God that you took time to develop a handful of deep friendships. You realize that on life's balance sheet, possessing cars, houses, and toys doesn't add up to much. But a real friendship is of high value. It's the stuff life is made of.

The truth is we don't always appreciate friendship thing very well. One survey among church goers found that 70 percent do not have a close friend, confidant, or mentor. Henri Nouwen wrote, "Most Christian leadership is exercised by people who do not know how to develop healthy, intimate relationships." What an indictment.

I grew up around church and Christians, so I've always had a lot of acquaintances. My relational circle was wide but not very deep. Looking back, there were at least three factors that made deep friendship illusive.

First, I grew up in a generation of church where we didn't talk much about the value of community and relationship. We talked a lot about salvation and knowing the Bible and pure living. It never felt like anybody inside the church had a messy life. As a result, there was a subtle pressure to project an image that you had it all together. Because of that subtle pressure you wouldn't let people get too close, which meant your friendships were usually shallow. The second factor had to do with my personality and wiring. By nature, I am calculated and cautious when it comes to relationships. I don't let my guard down easily. Opening up and



being completely transparent does not come easy for me.

During the few years God brought into my life some very special friends with whom I connected easily. As trust began to develop, and our friendships have grown. I learned in this process that you never drift easily into deep friendships.

The most famous friendships in Scripture is that of David and Jonathan. At one point, Jonathan does something that feels awkward and uncomfortable for most men: “*Jonathan made a special vow to be David’s friend*, and he sealed the pact by giving him his robe, tunic, sword, bow, and belt.” He made a “special vow.” He declared his commitment to pursue the friendship. We just don’t do that today. For most people I know are not the touchy-feely sort. But I need an intimate friend or two who fully know me, friends who aren’t impressed with me and who aren’t afraid to tell me the truth. I need a handful of people who know the junk about me, who know where I struggle, who know the skeletons in my closet, and who love and accept me anyway.

This kind of friendship doesn’t happen by accident. If you’ve got someone in your life you want to go deeper with, do what Jonathan did. Declare it! Life is too short and there is too much at stake for you to avoid this level of friendship.

Start now. Build a rich life by developing a few deep friendships. But there is one friend you can rely on and talk to every day, he watches over you and will lead you to the friends you can count on. **His name**

**is Jesus.**

Read the book on this life the Bible this will point you into the right direction and show you what a great friendship you can have with Him.



Gail

## Family Fun Day = Lots of Fun...

Great weather, great entertainment and great food.....



Russian Singers & Dancers wowed us with their performances....



Live animals were great —sheep and goats for petting and feeding....

Cuddly toys, hoopla, duck shoot, the human fruit machine, labyrinth and lots more games were all well stocked..



...as were the plant stall and the ever popular barbeque and café areas...



## Family Fun Day—The Winners!

The prize raffle draw was held on the day and the winners of all the prizes are below. Congratulations and many thanks to all who bought, came, saw and enjoyed the fabulous Fun Day!

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Champagne	1816	Neal Pinder Packard
Chocolates	257	Nicola
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## St. VERONICA (first century)

As Jesus proceeds on the way, covered with sweat of death, a woman, moved with compassion, makes her way through the crowd and wipes his face with a handkerchief. As a reward of her piety, the impression of his sacred countenance is miraculously imprinted upon the handkerchief. "This " sixth station" of the Way of the Cross popularized in the nineteenth century has made Veronica one of the best known of all the saints.

Images were then devised to supply the need, and in the process Veronica became an embodiment of what Christ showed by his life and death: compassion, suffering, to an extent that renders her historical existence unnecessary.

Plausibility, however, required that Veronica be identified with one of the women mentioned in the New Testament. The earliest known attempt to do this was in the *Acts of Pilate*, dating from the fourth or fifth century, which makes her the woman whom Jesus cured of hemorrhages (Matt. 9:20-22). A French tradition has her as wife to Zacchaeus (Luke, 19: 2-10), while another identified her with Martha of Bethany. She has also been made out to be a Syrian princess, the wife of a Roman officer on duty in Jerusalem, or the tormented daughter of the Canaanite woman in Matthew 15; 22-28

The best-known claimant to be the "true image" of Christ was the *mandylion* (towel or handkerchief) from Edessa in Syria, supposed to have been given by Jesus himself to King Abgar of Edessa. This was moved to Constantinople and was known to be there in the tenth century but disappeared after the sack of the city in 1204. Devotion to the Holy Face became so popular that Pope Innocent III authorised a Mass and Office in 1216.

"Veronica's veil" (purportedly taken to Rome by Veronica and left by her to Pope Clement) in St. Peter's became an object of great

veneration in the late Middle Ages, mentioned by both Petrarch and Dante. Seeing it was regarded as a foretaste of seeing Christ in glory, but the idea that it held a miraculous image was not developed before the thirteenth century. It became a rival pilgrimage attraction to the image kept in the Lateran Basilica, claimed to be a portrait of Jesus painted by St. Luke.

It disappeared after the emperor Charles V's forces sacked Rome in 1527, and it was said to have been auctioned in a tavern by Lutheran soldiers, but in the seventeenth century it was found hidden in a relic chamber built by Bernini into one of the piers supporting the dome of St. Peter's. It has no image on it. In the sixteenth century a more historical approach to relics gained ground in the wake of the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic response at the Council of Trent, leading St. Charles Borromeo to suppress the Mass and Office of the Holy Face in Milan.

The name Veronica has been supposed to be made up of the Latin for "true", *vera*, and the Greek for "image", *eikon*, but is more probably a Western version of the name Berenike, given in early tradition to the woman suffering from hemorrhages. The name was then applied to images of Our Lord's face. By extension, it is the name of a "pass" in the first phase of a bullfight, in which the matador "wipes" the bull's face with his cape.

*O Jesus! May the contemplation of thy sufferings move with the deepest com-  
passion, make us to hate our sins, and kindle in our hearts more fervent love to thee. May our image be graven on our minds, until we are transformed into thy likeness.*

Gail



## **A Very Busy May...**

"The world's favourite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." Edwin Way Teale

Well I made it...

You may remember that I set myself three challenges in May, for which I asked, if you would be kind enough, to sponsor me. I was to undertake a 25 mile walk for Girls' Brigade helping to celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, I was to do a sponsored walk within the Parish as part of our fundraising effort for Christian Aid, and finally I undertook to swim 100 lengths for Guide Dogs.

I managed to complete all three challenges, on the first two I was not alone. For the 25 mile walk there was a group of six of us and two (certainly in my case) long suffering husbands who provided back up vehicles. It was great how the six encouraged one another and kept spirits high when the going was tough. On the Christian Aid walk which I did a circular walk from church to the reservoir and back, I was joined by my husband David for a section and then had company from Rev Sharon, Lizzie and two canine supporters (Talo and Rosie) around the reservoir. It was then lovely to be welcomed back into church by friends who had gathered for a coffee morning.

My final challenge I completed alone. I was to swim 100 lengths and originally had allowed myself up to three days to complete this (as I hadn't swum in a while). In actual fact I pushed myself a bit and was pleased to complete the 100 lengths in two days. Let me say, straight away, that the fact that you were all so supportive in your sponsorship encouraged me greatly, and thanks to your wonderful generosity, these three events helped raise over £400 for Girls' Brigade, over £250 for Christian Aid and over £100 for Guide Dogs.



A huge thank you to all of you, you are all wonderful, for your financial support and your support of me in these challenges.

The only thing now seems to be a bit of a 'thing' for challenges as my sister has invited David and I to join her in undertaking a cycling challenge during August when it is hoped we will cycle 'The Way of the Roses' cycle route from Morecambe to Bridlington!!

(Let's hope this lovely weather continues!).

Thank you all once again.

Dawn

## **Christian Aid Appeal**

### **Sponsored Walk**

Christian Aid week 13-19 May - A very big thank you from Sally, Albert and Dawn for all who gave so generously for Christian Aid week. The total raised by St Mary's was £380.40.

An extra thankyou to Dawn who did a sponsored walk from church, around the Reservoir and back, accompanied on the circuit of the Reservoir by Sharon and Lizzy and met by Sally. This sponsored walk raised £233.76 of the total sum raised.

The project this year is to help the people of Haiti who lost their homes in the hurricane and are still homeless.

Sally



## **Go Wild – foraging for edible plants.**

*There are many edible plants growing wild in the countryside – here are 5 examples with tips on how to use them and what to look for.*

### **Bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*)**

Also known as blueberry and whinberry, these edible berries of heathland and moorland readily turn fingers, lips and tongues a deep purple. Collecting them used to be a common pastime in many parts of upland or western Britain.

**How to use it:** bilberries are pleasant tasting when raw but are even better when cooked. They can be made into jam or lightly stewed with a little sugar and added to natural yoghurt, cream or ice cream. Use them to make a version of Scottish cranachan or a summer pudding or (if you have picked enough) use as a filling for pies, tarts and crumbles.

**What to look for:** the low shrubby plants grow on heaths, moors and sparse conifer woods with acid soil. Their fruit, the bilberries, resemble small blueberries and appear as early as the beginning of July, but August and September are the best months.

### **Chickweed (*Stellaria media*)**

Chickweed is an overlooked but underrated weed with cleansing and healing properties and is packed full of vitamins and minerals.

**How to use it:** its tender leaves can go in salads with lemon and olive oil dressing. Blend into homemade pesto, or use to liven up fish or chicken. The tiny white, edible flowers make a pretty salad garnish.

**What to look for:** it's a tough, creeping annual common throughout the UK on waste ground and in gardens. It's abundant throughout the year from spring to late autumn. Look for its small, white, star-like white flowers.

### **Fat hen (*Chenopodium album*)**

Don't let its alternative names of dirty dick and pig weed put you off. This common and nutritious plant, also known as wild spinach, was a staple food of our ancestors. Its seeds have been found inside the stomachs of Danish bog bodies.

**How to use it:** its leaves taste similar to spinach and can be

cooked it in the same way. Pick the tender leaves of the stems and lightly steam or boil. Blend it into a dressing with parsley, capers and olive oil or whip up a soup.

**What to look for:** fat hen is identifiable from its diamond- or goose foot-shaped leaves that are covered with a coating of faint white hairs. Choose tender leaves and flower heads from the top of the plant.

### **Mallow (*Malva sylvestris*)**

The leaves, flowers and seeds are edible. Leaves are rich in protein, calcium, iron and vitamin C and in traditional medicine they've been used to treat constipation and diarrhoea, dry throat and chesty cough.

**How to use it:** the slightly furry leaves are best picked in the summer. They contain a resin which gives them a distinctive gummy texture a little like okra. It adds glutinous richness to the Arabic soup, molokhia, which is made from them. The mauve flowers have a similar flavour and texture to the leaves and are good addition to salads, while the seeds have a delicate nutty flavour.

**What to look for:** find it in open and sunny habitats along hedgerows and roadsides and in pastures and wasteland. Its geranium-like leaves are best picked in midsummer. When the flowers start to drop, look for the little pea-sized, green seeds that are worth a nibble.

### **Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*)**

Meadowsweet has long been a hedgerow herbal medicine. It was important in the development of the drug Aspirin which got its name from the older scientific name for meadowsweet, *Spiraea ulmaria*.

**How to use it:** the leaves have a pleasant cucumber flavour and the flowers have a scent similar to sweet almond. Both leaves and flowers can be used to flavour home-made wines, teas, cordials and sorbets, why not try our favourite [meadowsweet sorbet recipe](#).

**What to look for:** meadowsweet is in full flower in July. It grows best where there is moisture, so look for it along ditches and in bogs, marshes and at the edges of watercourses.

## Wakefield Cathedral Welcomes Music Legends at Long Division Festival

Forget Glastonbury, Wakefield Cathedral was on the festival trail last Saturday for the city's Long Division musical festival.

The Grade 1 listed building hosted the headline act, Billy Bragg with his inimitable blend of folk, punk and protest song - and earlier in the day there was an impressive musical line up that included post punk legends The Membranes, with a full choir accompaniment; King Creosote, The Surfing Magazines and Charlotte Hatherley.

Wakefield Cathedral was one of more than a dozen venues including St Austin's RC church and Warehouse 23 that hosted a huge range of live music and a full arts programme for this year's Long Division festival. BBC Radio Leeds set up a studio in the Cathedral from 3pm on Saturday as part of the BBC Introducing a stage outdoors in the nearby Bull Ring.

The sub Dean of Wakefield Cathedral, Canon Tony Macpherson said: "The Cathedral is proud to be part of this city-wide event which has grown year on year. We are a unique venue here in the heart of the city, open and welcoming to all, and are really looking forward to sharing our beautiful building with a new audience."

Some of Wakefield's homeless community also worked with artist, Richard Wheater, on a project to communicate their stories to the wider public through a series of extraordinary neon signs. These were displayed at the festival as part of A Manifesto For a New Wakefield supported by Arts Council England.

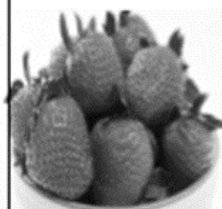


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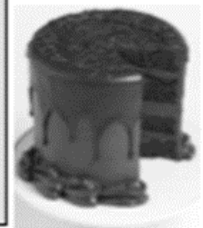
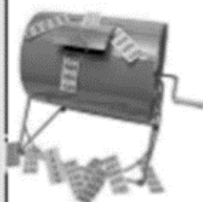
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**& fun, fun, fun**  
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## ALBERT'S 'BOOKS, PLAYS & PICTURES' QUIZ

1. Which English King commissioned 'The Doomsday Book'?
2. Which battle is depicted on the 'Bayeux Tapestry'?
3. What character did Jodie Foster play in 'Silence of the Lambs'?
4. Who wrote the autobiography '1966 and all that'?
5. In the Harry Potter series of books, what sport was played on broomsticks?
6. What nationality was the author Hans Christian Anderson?
7. Viola, Malvolio and Olivia are characters in which Shakespeare play?
8. Who created the 'Mister Men' book series?
9. In which Jane Austen novel does the Bennett family appear?
10. Sylvia Plath only wrote one novel– what was it?
11. Did Mary Shelley write Dracula, Frankenstein or Jekyll & Hyde?
12. In 2009 who became the UK's first female Poet Laureate?
13. Da Vinci's Mona Lisa is displayed in which Art Gallery?
14. Which Artist painted 'The Persistence of Memory'?
15. What was Stephen King's first published novel?
16. What DH Lawrence novel was banned in the UK when first published?
17. What was Oscar Wilde's only novel?
18. Who painted 'The Birth of Venus'?
19. Who created the James Bond series?
20. Who wrote Murder on the Orient Express?

Albert

Answers on Page 37

## Poetry Corner

*Here are couple of 'Gardening Poems' for your delight.*

### A garden...

If it's drama that you sigh for,  
plant a garden and you'll get it.  
You will know the thrill of battle  
fighting foes that will beset it.

If you long for entertainment  
and for pageantry most glowing,  
plant a garden and this summer  
spend your time with green things growing."

Edward A. Guest, Plant a Garden (with thanks to Dawn)

### The Glory of the Garden

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made  
By singing:- " Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade  
While better men than we go out and start their working lives  
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner-knives.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders,  
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;  
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden,  
You will find yourself a partner In the Glory of the Garden

An extract from Rudyard Kipling's 'The Glory of the Garden'

## **Psalms...pick your favourite.**

Just recently there have been two occasions where the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament have been mentioned, and it seemed to me to be perhaps some gentle 'prodding' to get me to have a look at them in greater detail.

My 'Handbook to the Bible' which provides excellent help when looking for background introduces the Psalms like so;

*"The psalms express the whole range of human feeling and experience, from dark depression to exuberant joy, They are rooted in particular circumstances, yet they are timeless, and so among the best loved, most read, parts of the bible. In our modern age we are stirred by the same emotions, puzzled over the same fundamental problems of life, cry out in need, or worship, to the same God, as the psalmists of old."*

Well I haven't had a chance to look as yet, although I am going to get a book or two that will hopefully help me get stuck in! This will not be a quick thing, but I will update you as I go along with anything that I discover through this task I am setting myself.

And just to whet your appetites (I'm sure some of you will know a lot more of, and about the psalms than I do) I thought I would share with you Psalm 1 which I remember looking at during my theological studies a few years ago. I particularly like the reference to the 'tree planted by streams of water' because I always feel refreshed when I give myself time to share with God.

### **Psalm 1**

1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of



mockers,

2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Do you have a favourite psalm?

Dawn

## Church Mouse Tales

‘Hmmpf!

My friend Hubert, the Black Canon, seemed a little unhappy.

‘What is it furrowing your ample brow?’ I asked rather ungraciously.

Hubert shot me glance of displeasure.

‘Animals!’ he exclaimed.

‘Animals?’ I asked.

‘Yes! Far too many animals!’

‘Rabbits?’ I asked uncertainly.

‘No! - Well Yes! But not just Rabbits, we have dogs, cats, stoats, owls, bats—and now sheep and goats! Well really..’ He seemed perplexed.

‘Well that’s a good thing’, I replied. ‘Dogs and cats are excellent company. Sheep and Goats provide warmth and sustenance. What is the problem?’

‘Well I’m not sure about it all,’ he said rather less convincingly.

‘Surely we don’t need all these animals?’ he grumbled.

‘Well I think it would be great—we should invite them all in for an animal service...’

‘Well that would be preposterous - animals in church! Whatever next!’

‘Besides,’ I went on. ‘I’m an animal.....’

He stopped as if that thought had not occurred.

‘Well you’re different—a special kind of animal...’

‘Now you are making me blush...’

‘Hmmpf!’ said Hubert.

Misha x



## Guess Who?

See if you can guess who it is in the picture below?

This cute little girl was also a ballerina for a while - then lived in Malta before saying 'Here I am Lord' at St. Mary's.



Did you guess? Last month's little girl grew up to be our own Revd. Sharon.



## Diary for the coming weeks

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

### July

- 1st Sun 10:30am Holy Communion**  
**12:30pm Baptism**
- 2nd Mon 7:45pm IT Meeting**
- 4th Wed 10.00am Morning Praise with Gail**  
**11:00am Book Club**  
**12:30pm Forget me not Café (to 3pm)**
- 7th Sat 9:30am Church & Churchyard clean up**
- 8th Sun 10:30am All Age Outdoor Service + BBQ**  
**1:30pm Baptism**
- 9th Mon 7:30pm PCC Meeting in church**
- 11th Wed 10.00am Holy Communion: Iona**  
**11:00am Book Club in Church**
- 15th Sun 10:30am Holy Communion**  
**12:30pm Baptism**
- 18th Wed 10.00am Holy Communion. Healing**  
**11:00am Book Club**  
**1:00pm Forget me not Café (to 3pm)**
- 19th Thur 11.00am Lydgate Lodge—Holy Communion**
- 22nd Sun 10:30am Holy Communion**  
**12:30pm Baptism**
- 25th Wed 10.00am Holy Communion. God's Goodness**  
**11:00am Book Club**
- 29th Sun 10:30am Holy Communion**  
**12:30pm Baptism**

## August

1st Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion. BCP
	1:00pm	Forget me not Café (to 3pm)
4th Sat	9:30am	Church & Churchyard clean up
<b>5th Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
8th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion: Iona
<b>12th Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>All Age Service</b>
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
18th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion. Healing
	1:00pm	Forget me not Café (to 3pm)
16th Thur	11.00am	Lydgate Lodge—Holy Communion
<b>19th Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
22nd Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion. God's Goodness
<b>26th Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Wedding</b>
29th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion. BCP

## Sept

1st Sat	9:30am	Church & Churchyard clean up
<b>2nd Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
5th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion. Iona
	1:00pm	Forget me not Café (to 3pm)

**QUIZ ANSWERS:** 1. William the Conqueror 2. Hastings. 3. Clarice Starling. 4. Geoff Hurst. 5. Quidditch 6. Danish 7. Twelfth Night 8. Roger Hargreaves 9. Pride & Prejudice 10. The Bell Jar 11. Frankenstein 12. Carol Ann Duffy 13. The Louvre 14. Salvador Dali 15. Carrie 16. Lady Chatterley's lover 17. The Picture of Dorian Gray 18. Botticelli 19. Ian Fleming 20. Agatha Christie



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### BAPTISMS

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Ewan James Pell  
Henry Lumley  
Harper Ra Brewer



### DEATHS



**We give thanks for the lives of:-**

James Cullen  
Andrew Hillerby

**WEDDINGS** Please pray for all  
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especially:

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Sergio Buonvino

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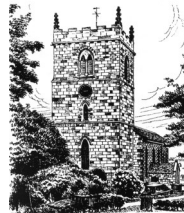


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### What's on

<b>Mothers' Union</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month 2:00 pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
<b>Playgroup</b>	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am to 12:00pm Becky Schofield 07811 146958
<b>Toddler Group</b>	Wednesday 9:15-11:00am Sally Shaw 01924 475048
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<b>Brownies</b>	Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm Hannah Tombling 01924 501892
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<b>Young at Heart</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 2:00pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
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## **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**

To arrange for **Baptisms** please contact: Revd. Sharon Wilkinson

01924 472375

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