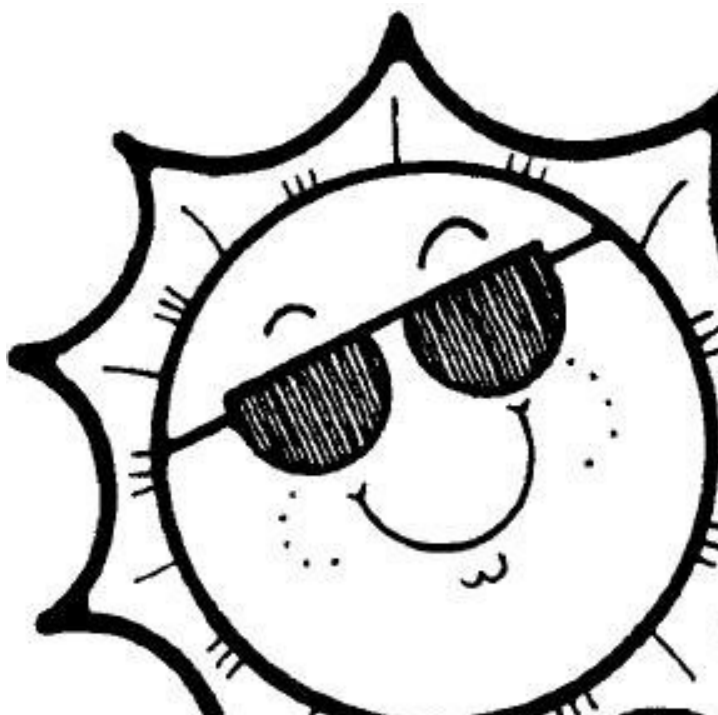


# **Parish News**

**St Mary's, Woodkirk**

Have a wonderful summer!!

**July/August 2019**



***This Month:  
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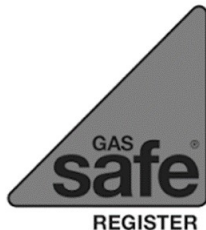
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**Meeting Dates for 2019**

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April	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>
May	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>
June	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>
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November	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>
December	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>



## **Welcome!**

Enjoy reading this Parish magazine and, if you wish to know more about Church Groups, please get in touch with the Movers and Shakers - their names are on the inside front & inside back covers. 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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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](https://twitter.com/stmarywoodkirk)

## **Wheelchair Access**

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

## **Only GOD**

**can turn a MESS into a MESSAGE...**

**A TEST into a TESTIMONY...**

**A TRIAL into a TRIUMPH...**

**A VICTIM into a VICTORY!!**

## Vicar's Letter

The last Saturday in June was our Family Fun Day held in the Vicarage Gardens. We were very fortunate to have beautiful weather and it was a pleasure to welcome Mr Billy Pearce, a well renowned Comedian, Panto Star and local boy to open the day. Billy was very gracious and stayed and talked to everyone.



We were very lucky that the Firefighters and a fire engine from Morley Fire Station attended for a couple of hours and made many a young boys dream come true.



As the heat continued the youngsters enjoyed a game of crazy golf and by the looks of it parents enjoyed it too.



We have been very privileged to work with Joy School of Performing Arts for a number of years now . They are a Russian dance and song group and their costumes are always beautiful. The crowd really enjoyed clapping along to their vivacious and soulful singing.



A beautiful display of plants that were put together by Sandra at short notice after we had been let down because of a robbery of a supplier's van

The Warden's Revenge!  
(and my daughter went first!!)



There were many other stalls including face painting, tombola, book stall, chutney stall, games stall, book stall, card stall, and a tin can alley. There was of course a barbeque and a cafe that sold tea, coffee, and home made cakes.

All in all we had a really good day and we are grateful to all those who helped in any way and who came and visited us and spent some money with us.

With everyone's help we managed to raise a grand total of just over £1,400.00.

We did indeed have a grand raffle with three huge cash prizes and several other prizes and here is a **list of all the prize winners.**

1st £200	614	Daniel Wood
2nd £100	625	Kathryn
3rd £50	138	Bartlett (Woodkirk Gardens)
4th Champagne	721	Mrs Sellars
5th Cava	061	Andrew McAllister
6th White Wine	856	Shirley
7th Red Wine	427	Phillippa Stevens
8th Voucher for Splash	663	Azra Patel
9th Voucher for Tag X	1154	Penny
10th Facial	1381	Trevor Sykes
11th Voucher for Headlines	1143	J Liburd
12th Cake	1167	Paul Bramley
13th Chocolates	703	S Gledhill
14th Bottle of Shloer	090	Eddie L



From all of us at St Mary's Playgroup Woodkirk we are pleased to say that thanks to the generosity and support from St Mary's Church and its members, and particularly the St Mary's Playgroup parents/carers and friends who donated a huge amount of sponsorship money, we managed to raise an incredible £1,600. This has allowed us to finally purchase the defibrillator and external cabinet which has now been installed. The cabinet is located on the external wall of the Parish Centre facing Dewsbury Road. Thank you to everyone who helped our fundraising dreams become a reality. We honestly couldn't have done this without your help.

Becky and the team at St Mary's Playgroup



We are pleased to have worked with Becky and her Team and the result of this fundraising effort by both the Playgroup and its Parents/Carers and Children should be commended.

St Mary's Church gave an initial donation and paid for it's installation bringing the total raised to almost £2,000.00.

Have a happy summer.  
Sharon—Vicar

## **‘GEORGE & JEMIMA . Tongue Wagging**

George pops up, messing about with something on top of the wall.

**George.** (moaning) "Blooming thing, I hate gadgets that won't work"

Jemima pops up.

**Jemima.** What's matter with you now George, what's all the moaning about?

**George.** Oh hello Jemima, I'm just moaning about this blooming torch.

**Jemima.** Wow George, what a lovely torch.

**George.** Yeh, great.

**Jemima.** Well you've wanted a torch for some time now George, and finally you've got one.

**George.** Yeh, my Dad said he'd get me one ages ago. I kept thinking he'd forgotten.

**Jemima.** Come off it George, ya know your Dad always keeps his promises. He said he'd get you a torch and there it is. So that's lovely isn't it?

**George.** No.

**Jemima.** Why not?

**George.** It might look lovely Jemima, but I'm well disappointed with it.

**Jemima.** But George, you can now be very bold & daring and go out in the dark, that's really exciting.

**George.** No it isn't, not with this torch anyway.

**Jemima.** Why not?

**George.** Cause this torch is rubbish.

**Jemima.** No it isn't, it's fabulous, why don't you try turning it on?

**George.** I can't.

**Jemima.** Why not?

**George.** Because it doesn't work, it's broken, it's rubbish.

**Jemima.** Are you sure it's broken?

**George.** Yeh, it wont work at all.

**Jemima.** Have you tried the switch?

**George.** I've tried the switch a million, trillion, zillion times and it won't work.

**Jemima.** Have you checked that the bulb is not broken?

**George.** Yes Jemima, I'm not stupid; I've tried everything OK?

**Jemima.** But have you read the instructions George?

**George.** How can I read the destrutions, have you seen 'em, they are all in about twenty different languages and I don't understand any of 'em, it's ridiculous, and anyway  
you don't need destrutions on how to just press a button on  
& off.

**Jemima.** Let me see the instructions George.

**George.** (looking at the top of the wall) They're there on the wall Jemima, but what's the point, they're all in gobbledygook.

**Jemima.** Ah, hang on George, there's a bit in English.

**George.** Really? What's it say? Does it say something daft like 'push the button'?

**Jemima.** No it doesn't say that, it says something else.

**George.** What else does it say then? Does it say throw away in the nearest bin because it's rubbish?

**Jemima.** No, it doesn't say that either.

**George.** Well what does it say then?

**Jemima.** INSERT BATTERIES.

**George.** Oh sugar!

**Jemima.** Are those the batteries down there behind the wall George?

**George.** Oh crumbs, I must have dropped em.

**Jemima.** Come on George, let's go down and get the batteries.

**Both pop down behind wall, then carry on talking.**

**Jemima.** Right then George, you screw the bottom off the torch, just like this.

**George.** I know, I'm not stupid ya know.

**Jemima.** Yes I know George; you've already proved that. Now we put the batteries in like this.

**George.** OK, OK I know what I'm doing.

**Jemima.** Then we switch it on like this, see?

**George.** Yeah, I know how to push a button.

**Jemima.** There George, now let's get back up on this wall.



## **Both pop up with torch working.**

**Jemima.** OK George, the torch now has the power to work. It's just like when God fills us with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit gives us power too, power to live a life that pleases him.

**George.** Yeah.

**Jemima.** And just like you had to wait for your Dad to keep his promise about giving you a torch, so The Apostles had to wait a while before God gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He filled them with his power to work for God and to speak boldly to others about how Jesus was sent to save them.

**George.** But didn't all the people at Pentecost speak lots of different languages like all them different languages in them torch destructions?

**Jemima.** Yes they did.

**George.** So how did they understand what the apostles were saying to them?

**Jemima.** Well the Holy Spirit gave them the power to hear and understand what the apostles were saying in their own language. God's message can be understood by whomever they are or wherever they're from.

**George.** Amazing.

**Jemima.** God's power is amazing George.

**George.** Yeah, and so is my torch.

**Jemima.** Sure is George. Now you can be bold and daring and go out in the dark

**George.** Nah, not really.

**Jemima.** Why not?

**George.** Cause I don't like the dark; it's scary. There's no way I'm going out in the dark.

**Jemima.** Well why did you want a torch then?

**George.** I don' know really.

**Jemima.** Say goodbye George

**George.** If I say goodbye in different languages, will everybody understand me?

**Jemima.** Course they will George, you try it.

**George.** OK here goes. Hasta la vista. adieu, arrivederci, auf wiedersehen. adios, sayonara, vaarwel, tchau, aloha, au revoir.

Looks like they didn't understand a word I said Jemima.

**Jemima.** Not surprised. Say goodbye in your own language then George.

**George.** I'll sithee



## **Alice's Funny Bone**

Dave was digging quite a big hole in his garden when his neighbour, Brian, came out and asked why he was digging the hole?

‘It’s for my prized Pidgeon – he’s dead.’ Replied Dave,  
‘But why is the hole so big?’ asked Brian.  
‘Cos your cat’s going in too,’ replied Dave.

A Yorkshire Doctor called at a remote cottage to check on a patient. ‘Does he take his medicine religiously as I told him?’ the Doctor asked the wife.  
‘Nay, I’m afraid not’, she replied, ‘he swore every time I gave him some.’

A Vicar at a Parish Church looked sadly at the scant takings on the collection plate. Then she prayed out loud:  
‘Thank you Lord for the safe return of the plate.’

A teacher asked the class: ‘What happens when the human body is immersed in water?’ A young boy answered:  
‘The telephone rings...’

## Prayerful Thought - Whether the weather be fine..

Hi there

As I am writing this I have just returned from a quick week across on the continent. We were complaining of 33 degree heat and returned to a UK being battered by storms and heavy rain! Although a heatwave has been forecast as the week progresses which hopefully will mean a fine day for our Family Fun Day on the 29th (time will tell).

The thing is, I was stood waiting for some printing to come off our printer (it's a bit slow at the moment) and I was looking at the window, not particularly out of it, but as I watched I saw a number of raindrops on the window pane, and of course as they progressed down the window, they collected more water and so their progress got faster until they reached the bottom.

I was wondering if this could inspire me for my prayerful thought this month, and of course it did.

I was thinking that the raindrops I was watching appeared ok when they first hit the window, a bit like us when we are just pootling along, getting on with our day to day lives, but then like the raindrop, speeding lower and lower down the window as it got heavier because of the extra rain it collected, we can be a bit like this when things happen in our day or week to add to our already busy lives.

We can cope with the odd 'curved ball' we can deal with the sudden clamour of 'It's sportsday this week mum are my gym/pe clothes clean?' Or 'We're collecting for the foodbank tomorrow dad, have we something I can take?' these are the everyday things we take in our stride, but the

more and more of these little things can weigh us down, just like my raindrop until we feel so heavy.

We will soon be at the end of another school year and the long summer holidays will be stretching ahead. Now for some this is wonderful, we will be going away on holiday, the kids may be able to spend some extra time with grandparents and friends, the rigid and rushed morning schedule may be able to be a little less rigid and rushed. BUT, there may also be problems, too few holiday days from work might mean extra rushing about and forward planning to get child care for the kids, some families may be dreading the thought of having to find enough food to feed their children during the long summer holidays, and holidays might just be something other families have.

I'm sorry to say that I don't have a magic formula to help, but what I would say is, there are ways for school holidays to not be quite so expensive, there are some lovely low cost or even free things you can do that will help you get through and also give you and the kids/grandkids some quality time together.

It was one of my niece's birthdays recently and I hadn't a clue what to get her so I wrote inside a little card that this was a 'ticket to a day of adventure with Aunty Dawn' the things I had in mind were a day of crafting, or sewing or perhaps a day out on the train or a day out cycling etc, the funny thing was the next time I saw my niece, she suggested an expensive theme park!

Luckily, my brother-in-law took my niece to this as it's not my cup of tea at all, but it also made me realise (not being a parent) that children's expectations can perhaps be a bit

high, so don't get drawn into this. Yes there may be the possibility of a day out (or two even) but make children think about other less expensive or free alternatives. The library in Morley has just reopened, I haven't been in yet, but joining the library is a great thing it not only supports our local town (there is of course Ardsley and Tingley Library too on Bradford Road) but encourages reading, and there may well be some activities in the library over the summer as well.

We have our lovely local environment, there are walks across the fields where we can spot lovely butterflies and hear the birds. I saw a friends facebook post with a summer reading challenge the other day and it listed some great ideas like reading out of doors, reading to a sibling, reading in different voices. You could also sit down as a family and perhaps suggest some challenges or tasks to accomplish over the holidays, for example on a rainy day going out and enjoying a walk running in puddles etc (it always looks great fun, I might have to buy myself a pair of wellies and have a go myself!).

I'm not, under any circumstances, trying to tell you how you should spend your holiday, and I'm certainly no expert, but I just thought I would throw a few things out there that you may not have thought about.

Don't be like that raindrop on my window pane, getting heavier under the pressure of all the things you think you are going to have to spend money on over the summer, look for simple pleasures, think back to what you did with your parents and grandparents during your summer hol's, there wouldn't have been Ipads and computer games then!!

I hope you all have a chance to spend at least a little time over the summer doing something different that is a pleasure for you, and remember, as Peter, reminded us (1 Peter 5:7) we can 'Leave our worries with God because he cares for us'.

Love and blessings  
Dawn

### Somebody Cares

Somebody cares and always will.  
The world forgets but God loves you still.  
You cannot go beyond His love  
No matter what you are guilty of.  
For God forgives until the end  
He is your faithful, loyal friend.  
And though you try to hide your face  
There is no shelter anyplace  
That cannot escape his watchful eye  
For on the earth and in the sky  
He's ever present and always there  
To take you in His tender care  
And bind the wounds and mend the breaks  
When all the world around forsakes  
Somebody cares and loves you still  
And God is the someone who always will.

Anon – found by Alice.

## The Truth About Growing In Jesus

When God graciously brings forth new life he also has a plan to nurture that new life. Part of his nurturing plan is the family of God—also known as “the church.” But take note: God does not create metaphorical families of faith; he creates actual families of faith. When Jesus offers us the yoke of discipleship, part of that yoke is continued association with other believers. This association is more than friendship: it is a calling to become part of the people of God.

I once saw this quote: “The Apostle Paul was never a member of one church and one church only.” Other people quickly agreed with the statement. Both the author and those who agreed had it exactly wrong. (I know: “wrong” is an offensive word these days; it is a word used only by misguided traditionalists.) Perhaps we could allow Paul to speak to us today. Maybe there are things we can learn from him.

### Antioch - Paul’s Church Home:

The first three verses of Acts chapter 13 are clear beyond any cultural leanings—Paul and Barnabas were fully invested in the body of believers at Antioch. The church in Antioch was a remarkable multi-ethnic community that embodied the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Paul and Barnabas were a part of a leadership team who heard the voice of the Spirit together and who prayed and fasted together before ordaining two of their own to mission the “mission field.” Then, to drive the point home, the Scripture reports that at the end of this journey Paul and Barnabas returned to their home church and gave a report of what God had done (Acts 14: 26-28).



### The local church can be the wellspring

We're all about releasing people into their calling and ministry. There maybe people in your church that need the encouragement to move forward in affirming God's call on their life." Maybe we could encourage and gently lead them into listening to what God has called them to do in his church, maybe it is just a nudge in the right direction through the sermons.

It may take a long time to get to know someone and—together—to affirm God's calling on someone? How about ten-to-fourteen years? Depending on how you read Galatians, Paul indicates that he was a part of his local church for a considerable length of time. Take just a moment and compare Acts 11:19-26 with Galatians 1:11-2:5. These two passages show a man possessed by the sovereign call of God, who displayed radical obedience to the voice of the Spirit, and still respected the local church. God's call, God's gifting, and even obedience to our destiny in God are all worked out in the local church.

### The Gospel wasn't enough: Paul planted churches:

It's true that the Apostle Paul had a unique and powerful ministry on the road. It is also true that he did more than "preach the gospel." The record of the book of Acts and the epistles is that he planted churches. Everywhere he went, he shared the good news of Jesus, and established bodies of believers to provide a context for living out the gospel. Each of his letters testifies to this. Even the letters to Timothy and Titus (individuals) are about corporate church life. That leaves only the letter to Philemon, which was likely read out loud in front of Philemon's home church.

## Paul had a high view of the church--the LOCAL church.

Paul felt the weight of every church he started. He knew he would give an account to God for his work. He never gave up on the church, even when there was plenty of reason to do so. The passages in his letters are too many and too varied to list here, but the weight of evidence is overwhelming: Paul knew that the local church was God's plan for every community in which he preached the gospel. He entrusted churches to Timothy and Titus; he pleaded with the Corinthians to come to their senses; he agonised over the health of the church in Thessalonica; he knew the path to individual maturity was found in community: structured, organised, accountable, loving, Spirit-breathed, grace-filled community. Paul presented many a picture of a glorious, eternal church. He also poured every ounce of his ministry into non-glorious, sinful, people-filled, local churches. There was no separating the two.

If we have lost this connection to the role of local churches, we have lost our way. Would you like to be a radical, against-the-gain follower of Jesus? I invite you to make the shocking discovery that we cannot become ourselves apart from the family of God. We need to be a part of the family of God to grow in spiritually and faith.

Gail

## Pineapple Cubes and a spoonful of sugar ....

Hi there

Do you have a sweet tooth? I'm afraid I do, I love all sorts of sweets from haribo to old fashioned sweets like pineapple cubes and sherbert pips!

On facebook recently a post came up about growing up in the 70's and showed a picture of pineapple cubes, and I must admit these were one of my favourite sweets, but this then led me on to think of two separate things, "bite sized chunks" and "Mary Poppins".

What on earth, I hear you cry, well here goes...

I have a perennial problem of trying to sort out my loft. Although I don't have children, I do run a Girls' Brigade Company, and as I'm sure our uniformed organisation group leaders would agree, you tend to squirrel away all sorts of things under the heading of "Oh that might come in useful!!"

It was about 6 or 7 years ago when I last had a really good clear out of my loft. I managed to get everything out of it and put it in the conservatory and then over a period of several days went through sorting things out putting stuff into labelled boxes, recycling and throwing away as I went.

Well, unfortunately I have really needed to do this again over the past couple of years, but have as yet been unable to do so which is where Mary Poppins comes in. One of my favourite parts is the scene where Mary first meets the Bank's children Jane and Michael. They go to the nursery

And it is in a bit of a state (not unlike my loft!), but of course Mary makes it into a game and the whole nursery is spick and span in next to no time (barring one or two hiccups towards the end). I was thinking wouldn't it be great if I could just snap my fingers and the loft would all be sorted. But of course that's not going to happen.

So this led me on to my pineapple cubes and "Bite Sized Chunks".

I worked for over thirty years in the public sector in Human Resources/Personnel and I not only took part in training but also led training, and one of the few things that have stuck with me is from an early tutor who encouraged us to look at a subject not as an unattainable whole, but break it down into bite sized chunks (Oh that reminds me of another trainer who asked us how could we eat an elephant...one piece at a time of course!)

It has taken me a while to realise that I am giving myself an impossible task in expecting to tidy my loft by having a clear week or even 4 or 5 days to do it all at once, so applying the bite sized chunk philosophy, I need to just tackle the loft a box or carrier bag at a time.

Back in October my hubby was away for a couple of days, and although I had commitments for part of the time he was away, I also had a free afternoon, so I set to, (the weather happily wasn't nice so I didn't feel I was missing out on going outside!) and I spent about 5 hours and probably sorted about a third of the stuff I had up in the loft.

Then of course we had Christmas and all sorts of other things, until we are now at the end of June and I have just (as we are having a bit of grumpy weather before a predicted heatwave) taken the opportunity of another probably 3 hours having another go at it.

Unfortunately, in the time between October and June, I had added more stuff to the loft, but again have made some inroads. I can't see lots of progress, but I have cleared out some stuff and put others together, so instead of bits of crafts to do with Christmas here and in that box over there, they are now all together.

Now I know some of you reading this will be thinking 'Oh what a lot of fuss' as you are one of those really organised people like my friend who always knows what she has and where she has it. I however, need to aspire to be like that!

The thing is I am making progress, I am tackling it one chunk at a time and although I have rambled on in my own inimitable way!!, the crux of the thing, being bite sized chunks, we can all apply to any number of challenges or tasks that we may have to deal with.

Don't sit there agonising over tidying up the house around family, pets etc, tackle one room at a time or if you have large rooms, a task within that room? Unfortunately, I cannot bring Mary Poppins to come and help you tidy up with your children, but perhaps tackle one drawer or cupboard or corner at a time.

The other thing I notice is that I only have a finite amount of

Energy and patience when tackling big jobs like that, so the other thing is, I stop when I recognise (by the fact I'm just moving things from a to b or from a box into a carrier bag etc) that I've had enough.

Jesus talked to his disciples and the people he met, telling them about God in 'bite sized chunks', just think about the parables he told. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) shows us simply how we can 'love our neighbour', and the parable of the sower and his seed (Matthew 13:1-9) reassures us that even though some people will hear the word of Jesus and do nothing (the seed that fell on stony ground), whenever we talk to people about Jesus, there will be some for whom that little seed will go into their heart and grow and make a change to their lives (the seed falling in good soil).

I cannot think of a parable that Jesus told about tackling tidying my loft! Perhaps you might think of one but I've tackled my 'chunk' of tidying for today, so it might be time to go and search out some pineapple chunks!

I hope you have a lovely summer and perhaps some sweetie treats too.

With love and sherbert pips

Dawn


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## Prayer works

Two Christian teenagers, John and Heather were swimming at the Beach when they got pulled out to sea by a riptide. The two grew increasingly weaker, wondering if they would make it back to shore, when they prayed to God and a boat named the “Amen” came to their rescue.

“For [God] to send someone for us to keep living and a boat named ‘Amen,’ there’s no way that it wasn’t Him,” said the teenagers.

## A Fun Day Turns Perilous

John and Heather were good swimmers and were enjoying a fun day out when they realised they were unable to make it back to shore. At one point, they tried to swim to a red buoy so they could hold onto it and wait to be rescued, but the current kept pushing them off course. “We lost the buoy all together and that was the moment we needed something miraculous.

They were stranded two miles out from the shoreline for two hours. One of the teenagers John eventually started cramping and then he started praying. He said, “I cried out, ‘if you really do have a plan for us, like, come on. Just bring something.’”

That’s when they caught sight of a boat. “I started swimming towards it,” said John the stronger of the two. “I was like, ‘I’m going to get this boat. Just stay here. I’m going to get this boat. We are going to live.’”



## The ‘Amen’ to the Rescue

The crew of the boat that rescued them was on route to Newquay Cornwell. The Captain says they had decided to go out despite the sea’s rough conditions. He said that it was a day when only fishing boats, which don’t go up and down the coast, go out, so if the “Amen” hadn’t been there, it’s unlikely any other vessels would have come across the teens. About two miles out from shore, the crew heard “a desperate scream.” Looking back, about 200 yards behind them, they saw an arm amid the swell of the waves. They did a U-turn and headed to where the teens were, tossing them life jackets and a line. After they saw the boat, John told her, “‘Heather, just keep screaming, just keep screaming’...I was like, ‘This is it, this is it, we’re getting out of here!’”

John and Heather were too weak to climb aboard, so the crew had to push and pull them onto the boat. This was difficult because the engines were off, and the waves were tossing all of them while unsecured items slid back and forth on the boat. The captain said, “Both were shivering and pale, his lips were white. She was lucid, he seemed to be struggling to answer our questions but coherent.”

Once the teens were safely on board, the coast guard had been contacted, and things settled down, the captain told them the name of the boat. He said, “That’s when they started to cry.” “There’s no other reason or explanation in the world that that wasn’t God,” “I don’t want to call it dumb luck, it wasn’t, it was the Hand of God.

Gail

## **Albert's "Film Oscars" Quiz**

1. Ben Kingsley won an Oscar in 1982 for his role in which film?
2. For which 1996 film did Frances McDormand win an Oscar as a pregnant police officer?
3. Christopher Walken won a best supporting actor Oscar in which 1978 film?
4. In 2001 which Ang Lee film won four Oscars including best foreign language film?
5. Woody Allen won best Director award for which 1977 film starring Diane Keaton?
6. Which 1969 film earned Glenda Jackson a best actress Oscar?
7. Who won his first Oscar in 1953 and his first No.1 hit single in 1954?
8. Which film won 11 Oscars in 1959, including best actor, best film and best director?
9. Who was nominated for an Oscar for his role in the 1951 film "A Streetcar Named Desire"?
10. Which 1939 epic was the first colour film to win a best film Oscar?
11. Which actress won an Oscar for her role in "A Passport to India"?
12. For which 1985 film did Geraldine Page win the best actress Oscar?
13. Which song from "Dr Dolittle" won a best song Oscar in 1968?
14. Which was the first musical film to win ten Oscars?
15. Which 1972 Oscar winning film was set in pre-war Berlin at the Kit Kat Club?
16. Judy Garland & James Mason won Oscar nominations in 1954 for their roles in which musical?
17. For which film did Jeremy Irons win a best actor Oscar playing Claus Von Bulow?

18. Who is the only actor to have had Oscar nominations in the 1950's, 1960's, 1970's and 1980's?
19. Which Oscar winning film of 1995 told the story of William Wallace?
20. Who won a best actor Oscar for his role in the 1999 film "American Beauty"?
21. Who was the youngest ever person to receive an Oscar in the 20th Century?
22. How old was Justin Henry, the boy in "Kramer v Kramer", when nominated for an Oscar?
23. For his role in which 1960 Billy Wilder film did Jack Lemmon win his only Oscar?
24. Which was the first Disney film to be nominated for a best film Oscar?
25. Which Hollywood star was nominated for a record 12 Oscars, winning 4 of them?



A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making Christian Aid week successful. St Mary's Church raised £261.00 which was mostly from the sponsored walk, which Dawn Tattersfield completed—thank you Dawn.

This year the money raised will support women in Sierra Leone to have safe childbirth.

This is a desperately poor country.

The total for Morley Churches Together is not available yet but I do know the walk raised over £1,000.00.

Sincerely

Sally Shaw

## Church Mouse Tales

“‘You’re looking very bronzed’, observed my friend Hubert the Black Canon, not without just a tiny bit of envy in his voice.

‘Did you have a good time in Rome?’

‘Yes, yes and YES!’ I replied excitedly. ‘It was great - I’ve seen the Colosseum, danced down the Spanish Steps, dipped my toes in the Trevi Fountain....’

‘Well you have been busy’, Hubert observed, ‘did you bring anything...’

‘Oh and I’ve been to the Pantheon and seen St. Peter’s Basilica....’

‘Very Papal’, nodded Hubert. ‘Did you see the great man?’

‘Oh no, he’s been dead a long time...’

‘No, not St. Peter – I meant Pope Francis.’

‘Oh I see – er no, he wasn’t in the queue...’

‘Well never mind, did you manage to find a little something for....’

‘And I had an open top Bus ride around Rome – it was a bit like the Pope come to think - anyway you were saying...’

‘Well never mind,’ sighed Hubert, ‘it is nice to see you back here.’

‘Always nice to come home,’ I agreed.

‘Yes, so anyway I must get on...’

‘OK but before you go – I’ve brought you a nice bottle of red – just to say thank you for holding the fort without me.’

‘You’re too kind,’ said Hubert, ‘even if a little cheeky sometimes.’ he smiled and winked.

Misha x



I heard that my brother Misha was travelling again, so I thought I would hop in a suitcase myself - I'm not doing his chores again!!! I ended up on a big ship but it was not as warm as I thought it might be in foreign parts. I was very popular at dinner with both my dining companions and our waiter and Maitre D. I enjoyed myself so I'll be looking for my next trip - hoping it will be to the sunshine.

## Israel's Push to Get the Bible on the Moon Prime

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wants to make sure that the Bible is present when Israel is finally successful in its attempts to land on the moon. It is important the Bible is there because, says Netanyahu, it is the source of the creativity and determination that have led to the Israelis coming close to landing on the moon at all.

“We [will land on the moon] through initiative, determination and daring—given to us by our spirit,” said the prime minister as reported by The Times of Israel. “And our spirit comes from the Bible. That’s not just words. That spirit comes from the Bible, because there’s no meaning to the enormous journey we have made to return to our land, to our birthplace, if we had not carried with us our faith, our tradition and our yearning for the homeland.”

### No Successful Landing—Yet

So far, the only countries that have been able to land on the moon are the U.S., China and the Soviet Union. If Israel does become the fourth country to make a successful lunar landing, it will be the smallest nation to achieve that feat. Israel did recently come close to accomplishing its goal on Thursday, April 11, in a privately funded venture that cost \$100 million.

Had the mission been successful, it would have been the first privately funded lunar landing. However, shortly before the spacecraft, the Beresheet (Hebrew for “in the beginning”), landed, its engine cut out.

The engine did come back on, but ground control lost communication, and the craft ended up crashing on the

moon's surface. The Times of Israel reports that the mission's failure was due to "complications resulting from a gyroscope failure."

Morris Kahn, who initiated the venture and contributed to nearly a third of its cost, said, "I think that the achievement of getting to where we got is really tremendous; I think we can be proud."

Phil Larson, a former space adviser during the Obama administration, said that the Beresheet's failure demonstrates that "space is still extremely hard, and landing human made objects on other worlds is an utmost challenge." Still he noted, "overall it was a path-breaking and innovative project."

### Honouring the One Who 'Established' the Moon

Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke at the International Bible Quiz for Youth, an event held every year on Israel's Independence Day. He said, "Last month we felt tremendous excitement: The spacecraft Beresheet was a hand's breadth from the moon."

Netanyahu said that while the Beresheet had contained a digital copy of the Bible, that was "not enough." It is likely that the spacecraft for the next mission will contain a hard copy of the scriptures. Said the prime minister, "I want the Bible to land on the moon, because it is written [in Psalms 8:4], 'When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You have established.'"

Kahn has said that he is already pursuing the next attempt at a successful mission: "We started something, and we need to finish it. We'll put our flag on the moon."

Gail

# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family:-



## DEATHS



We give thanks for the lives of all those who have died within our Parish:

Patricia Ann Holland

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God promises he will bless our lives  
if we obey him.

Amen



## Diary for the coming weeks

(Morning Prayer 9.00am Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri.)

### July

3rd Wed	10:00am	Holy Communion
	1:00pm	Forget me Not Café (to 3pm)
	7.00pm	Warden's Meeting
6th Sat	9:30am	Church & Churchyard clean up
<b>7th Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
8th Mon	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
10th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion
	12.00noon	Share and Care
13th Sat	9.30am	Churchyard strimming
<b>14th Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION SERVICE</b>
17th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion
	1.00pm	Forget me Not Cafe (to 3pm)
18th Thurs	11.00am	Lydgate Lodge Holy Communion
20th Sat	09.30am	Churchyard strimming
	12.30pm	Wedding Blessing
<b>21st Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
24th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion
	12.00noon	Share and Care
27th Sat	9.30am	Churchyard strimming
<b>28th Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
31st Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion

### August

3rd Sat	9.30am	Church & churchyard cleanup
<b>4th Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
7th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion
	1.00pm	Forget me Not Cafe (to 3pm)
10th Sat	10.00am	Lycig Meeting
<b>11th Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All Age Holy Communion with HB</b>

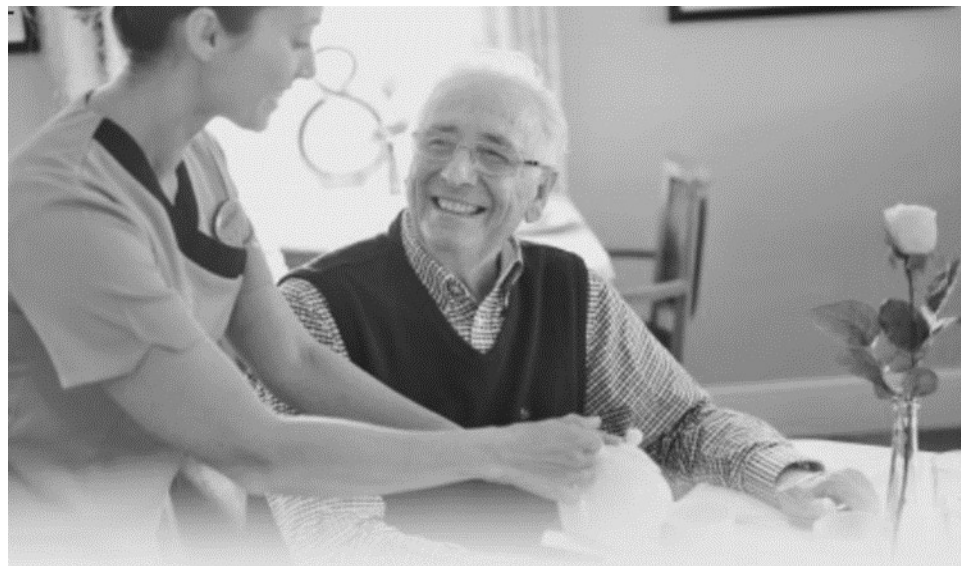
## August (cont)

14th Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.00noon	Share and Care
15th Thurs	11.00am	Lydgate Lodge Holy Communion
17th Sat	9.30am	Churchyard strimming
<b>18th Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
19th Mon	7.30pm	PCC (Heath Cottage)
21st Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion
	1.00pm	Forget me Not Cafe (to 3pm)
24th Sat	9.30am	Church Strimming
<b>25th Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
28th Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.00noon	Share and Care
31st Sat	9.30am	Churchyard strimming

## Quiz Answers:-

1.Ghandi 2. Fargo 3.The Deer Hunter 4.Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon 5. Annie Hall 6.Women in Love 7.Frank Sinatra 8. Ben Hur 9. Marlon Brando 10. Gone with the Wind 11. Dame Peggy Ashcroft 12. The trip to Bountiful 13 Talk to the Animals 14. Westside Story 15. Cabaret 16. A Star is Born 17. Reversal of Fortune 18. Jack Lemmon 19. Braveheart 20. Kevin Spacey 21 Shirley Temple (Aged 6) 22. Eight 23. The Apartment 24. Beauty and the Beast 25. Katherine Hepburn

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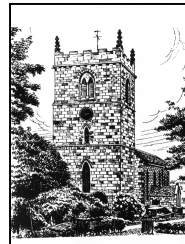


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<b>Young at Heart</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 2:00pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
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<b>Cubs</b>	Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm Marianne Ingham 07778 542302
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### **3rd Sunday of the month**

10:30am Holy Communion

### **4th Sunday of the month:**

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### **5th Sunday of the month (4 times per year)**

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### **Wednesdays:**

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### **3rd Thursday:**

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