

# Parish News

St Mary's, Woodkirk

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**September 2019**



***This Month:***  
*Elijah the Prophet*  
*Focussing on the Psalms*

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

**If God is all you have,  
you have all you need.**

***John14:8***

## Vicar's Letter

As I write this letter I am sat in 80 degree weather with two of my children on holiday in Lanzarote and Greece searching for warm sunshine. Hello! Its' here!!

Typically August is the month we do many things—some of us go on holiday, others still go to work, some of us have to amuse children etc etc. In church life August is the month were there is an opportunity to take things slower, to take time to read that book or to go on that walk, however, for quite a few of us this past five weeks we have been extremely busy.

What have we been doing I hear you ask?

We have given the church hall a face lift, not just the hall but the tea room and the toy store. Here are some before pictures:-





We are having a special opening ceremony for people to come and see what we have done on Sunday 1st September at 4.00pm. No doubt we will want to say thank you to those who have helped in any way and when all else fails there is tea, coffee and cake to be served.

It has been a tiring 5 weeks and we are at the point where most of the painting has been done and we are putting things back together and cleaning up so by next Sunday the main Hall, the tea room and the toy store should be spick and span for inspection. It will be lovely to see you on the 1st but if you are unable to make it rest assured there will be pictures in next months magazine. Best wishes.

Sharon



## **Elijah the Prophet: What We Can Learn From His Mental Health**

Over the last few years we have heard a lot about mental health. Looking through the bible there are quite a few characters who could come under this label. The story of Elijah the Prophet could come under this heading through Elijah we can learn a valuable lesson on self-care and God's provision to take care of His own.

We can discover from Elijah's story that mental health was not uncommon then nor is it uncommon in our day now. We are all called to serve in the capacity of the Father's will for our lives. Elijah the Prophet was a powerful man of God, and God used him mightily, but ultimately, we find Elijah depleted, mentally, physically, and emotionally drained. We may often feel that way at times.

It is crystal clear that the Bible speaks of servants like Elijah the prophet and King David, a man after God's own heart. And the list goes on of many others who have served the Lord. We can learn and share their transparent stories around mental health-related issues.

The Lord lifted them all up and their stories are recorded to educate us. We don't have to give up on our service to God; we just need to be ministered to for a season, like God did for the prophet Elijah. Yes, we may be depleted but never disconnected from God and His love for us.

It is necessary in this twenty-first-century to consider the case study on the life and ministry of Elijah the Prophet. Elijah was overwhelmed by mental health even though he lived in the days of the Old Testament. In James 5:17, James, a New Testament writer, declares that Elijah the Prophet is just like us. We are no different than he was—we have all experienced similar symptoms, and we all have stress-related issues, even if it is nothing more than anxiety.

Elijah's story is about his mental health condition while serving God in a Spirit-filled ministry and operating under a great anointing. This is nothing new; the suffering of mental illness has always been present in some form of anxiety or depression from the beginning of time, and even now as we serve God. But God does care and provide for His own.

Now in the twenty-first century in which we live, this commonality with Elijah the Prophet is devastating for us to believe when we encounter the dramatic events of his life story that took place so long ago yet is relevant today. Elijah's story is found in 1 Kings chapters 17 and 19. The same God who took care of Elijah is still the one who cares today for His followers. He still STOPS to hear us, and He is still asking the same question today, "What can I do for you?"

In the New Testament, if we would just follow the STOPS of Jesus, we would learn how Jesus showed compassion and healed those in His presence. He loved them so. Today, like our Master, we should STOP and show a more compassionate spirit toward those suffering mental illness. God stopped to restore Elijah's health and replenish his spiritual well-being.

Elijah's story is about the God in him, which made him so powerful in his moments of weakness, and how God provided for His own. The Bible reveals the mighty acts of God in the prophet Elijah's life;

it is a story about how God uses His people for His glory regardless of one's mental condition or status. With God, no one is disqualified from service. Not even the Christian he calls today will be given a different task—the requirements for a Christian life have not changed. None of us are exempt from God's calling, no matter what we are experiencing in life.

The prophet Elijah's call was not based on ability, but rather his availability. Our inability or insufficiency has never mattered to God; that should be encouraging to us. The Lord told the Apostle Paul in the New Testament that His grace is sufficient in all things. It has always been, and always will be, about God's greatness and mighty acts done through His people. God is so compassionate to those who serve Him. Jesus truly is a burden lifter, a lover of our souls, and a restorer of failing!

James says that Elijah was just like us. He suffered from anxiety, despair, unbelief, weakness, loneliness, and lack of human ability. But by living a life of persevering faith and dependence on God's grace, mercy, power, and presence, God used him to confront the wayward sinful nations while displaying God's glory and truth.

In Elijah's day, and now in our day, God still delights to pour His glory into weak vessels of clay like us. It's not what is happening to us, but rather what God is doing through us for His glory. It's never about how much God can do for us, but always about how much God can do through us.

As loyal followers of Christ, we must be willing to live for Jesus through times of tribulation as well as times of loneliness (see Acts 14:22, John 16:32, 1 Kings 17:2–7). As followers of Christ, there will be days when we feel depleted and depraved, have dark moments, and even feel worthless at times, when our souls are crying out for immediate help and we, too, need a compassionate, caring spirit to minister to our needs. We have our moments of despair and weakness and often cry for help silently through prayer for the strength to overcome frustrations and anxieties.

As Christians we can at times find ourselves experiencing the same symptoms as Elijah at the brook—the place where God restores our failing health and revives us for the next level of his calling. As Elijah the Prophet spent time by that drying brook, he felt depleted, lonely, and miserable, but at the same time, God was preparing him for greater works.

The Bible doesn't cover up or have a hidden agenda about those great women and men who lived during the Bible days. Like us, they experienced both physical and mental conditions while being instructed by God to serve as His servants.

The Bible provides for us a clear picture of those whom the Lord called and chose to use. It gives us the whole story, both the failures and achievements of their life stories. When the Bible describes the great cloud of witnesses of the Old Testament and the New Testament, it tells the unvarnished truth of their struggles in real life ministry, their temptations, their difficulties. We too may have experienced the same struggles and hardships, and we are not exempt from moments of anxiety and depression.

For our benefit, God used them and raised them up during their moments of depression and anxiety. Even today we may fall because of depression, or anxiety, God will still raise us up to serve Him again despite our previous conditions. God will never leave us nor forsake us. Elijah did not know God was preparing him for his next great adventure.

Gail

## Confirmation Candidates



On the 14th July 2019, Bishop Paul, Bishop of Kirkstall attended St Mary's Church to confirm five candidates, two from this church and three from St Michael's Church in East Ardsley.

Jonathan, Anne, Claire, Pauline and Claire had all undertaken a twelve week period of instruction where they explored their growing faith in the Start Course and Moving On Course. Both these courses are excellent in encouraging people to talk about their faith and takes everything back to the beginning examining our lifeline and significant moments within that time to the age old question of what evidence is there to point to God and what evidence is there to point to a world where there is no God. We looked at the meaning of faith– what is it? Do I want it? And what do I have to do? We looked at Jesus' life and



His death, at His resurrection and ascension. We looked at what this meant for each of us as individuals—until each of us could answer the following question?

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ? - **I AM!**

Once we can make this decision we then can look at the gifts we have been given by God and how we could use them. How do we continue to grow in faith—read scripture, pray, study group, serve and worship. How can we fulfil the promises we make at Confirmation.

Bishop Paul addressed each of the candidates individually....

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying:

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Those who are baptized are called to worship and served God and Bishop Paul charged the whole Christian community to be faithful to their calling.

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostle' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people loving your neighbour as yourself?

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak and by seeking peace and justice?

The answer is always—**with the help of God, we will.**

It was a pleasure to be part of this day and each candidate was presented with a Confirmation Certificate and a Bible. Bishop Paul also gave each of the newly confirmed a lighted candle saying....

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

And we all reply....

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

The Confirmation Service was followed by a shared table of food in the Parish Hall and a very good time was had by all. It was so nice to meet the family and friends of the candidates and a pleasure to welcome congregation members from St Michael's Church in East Ardsley.

We are grateful to Bishop Paul for conducting this Service.

Sharon



### **Grant from Raistrick Lodge**

Mr Robert Bastow, Chaplain at Raistrick Lodge is seen above presenting a cheque to Mrs Sandra Gledhill and Rev Sharon Wilkinson for the sum of £2,500.00 towards refurbishment within the Parish Hall. This money has been identified to provide two new carpets, and six metal cupboards.

We are grateful to the Mason's at Raistrick Lodge for this grant and I would like to thank Sandra and Bob for their hard work in applying for this grant. Sandra and Bob have been friends for many years meeting to Woodkirk Secondary Modern School (as it was then).

Sharon

## **1st Wood Kirk Brownies Report – Summer 2019**

It has been another busy year at Woodkirk Brownies we started the year with a challenge badge – Magical creatures written by our Friends at Mirfield Brownies. We has lots of fun making unicorn lip balm, dragon goblets, unicorn ice-cream horns and much more.

Eight of our Brownies had a great time sleeping at Eureka! It was a great experience exploring the museum while it was closed to the public!

During the autumn term we discussed Bonfire Night safety, made chocolate finger fireworks and researched nocturnal animals. We visited church to find out about Remembrance and decorated a Christmas tree with the Rainbows for the church Christmas Tree Festival. Our tree looked amazing decorated with rainbows, owls and bells!

We started 2019 making calendars, had a visit to the pantomime and celebrated Chinese New Year. As we headed through the spring term we have started to explore the new Brownie Programme. We joined other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in Mirfield for our Division Event. This year one of our Brownies won part of the badge competition! The Badge looks absolutely brilliant!

Throughout the summer term we have continued to explore the new programme, we've had a pajama promise party and an American Independence Day Promise celebration. We made dream catches and had stars and stripes buns!

We ended the term with our annual summer craft night with the Rainbows creating sand art ice-cream, magic carpets and mini-beast scratch art. We also enjoyed making fruit kebabs!

We're already looking forward to September!

Hannah



Brownie badge won at the Division Event at Mirfield

### **Preacher Dying Among Banker And Lawyer**

An old preacher was dying. He sent a message for his banker and his lawyer, both church members, to come to his home.

When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the preacher held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The preacher grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything.

Both the banker and lawyer were touched and flattered that the preacher would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled; the preacher had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them. They both remembered his many long, uncomfortable sermons about greed, covetousness, and avaricious behaviour that made them squirm in their seats.

Finally, the banker said, “Preacher, why did you ask us to come?”

The old preacher mustered up his strength and then said weakly, “Jesus died between two thieves, and that’s how I want to go.”

## **Hymn 35 in the purple book.**

Hi there

Here I am again, writing about a hymn we sang a couple of weeks ago.

What is it about some of those old traditional hymns?

I wouldn't like to think how many times I've sung "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart", and I know some of you will have sung it many more times than I have.

The version in our purple hymn book misses out some 'be's' from some of the lines which I know we used to include when I sang this at school, but I think despite this minor alteration (or omission) it is still a wonderful hymn. It is one we can all heartily sing with a fair amount of gusto.

As the hymn book states the hymn is based on original Irish text, actually a prayer called "Rop tú mo Baile" and it was translated by Eleanor Hull in 1912.

It seems that scholars don't agree on when the original Irish text was written ranging from the 6th, 8th, 10th or 11th Centuries. (Our hymn book goes with 8th). The original text reflects aspects of life in Early Christian Ireland (c.400-800 AD) and belongs to a type known as a lorica, a prayer for protection. The symbolic use of a shield and sword to invoke the power and protection of God draws on Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians 6:16-17, which refers to "the shield of faith" and "the sword of the Spirit".

Eleanor Hull was born in England to a family from County Down and was educated at Alexandra College, Dublin where she was a student of Irish Studies. In April 1898 she co founded the Irish Texts Society who worked to publish early Irish manuscripts. Eleanor was also president of the Irish Literary Society.

Why I chose this hymn I think, was probably because I had been thinking about my own focus on God and how difficult I find it to focus.

This hymn sets out a key focus for us,  
Lord be our vision, let us think about you night and day, be  
always with us, let us dwell in you, and you will be our  
breastplate and sword, the shelter for our soul.

We don't need riches nor the empty praise of man, you are  
our inheritance, through all our days, with you in our hearts  
we have all the treasure we need.

And when our battles are done, then grant the joy of heaven  
to us, let us still have you as our vision, almighty ruler.

Whilst the prayer on which this hymn is based was written  
over 1200 years ago, it still has the power to speak to us  
today. (Perhaps, like me, you'll be singing it as you read this  
article, remembering it's fabulous tune and singing along  
with gusto!).

All together now.....!

Happy singing.....Dawn x



## **Archaeologists Believe They've Found the Church of the Apostles**

Archaeologists believe they have uncovered the Church of the Apostles in Israel. The church was mentioned in recordings by Bavarian bishop Willibald in 725 C.E. when he visited the Holy Land and is significant because it was believed to have been built on top of the house of the apostles and brothers Peter and Andrew.

“The church indicates that there existed a living memory in the Christian community about the location of Bethsaida, home of Peter, Andrew and Philip (John 1:44),” quoted Professor Steven Notley. Notley noted the find is significant for another reason: Previously, many scholars questioned the church’s existence.

The archaeological excavation is a joint effort between Kinneret College in Israel and the Center for the Study of Ancient Judaism and Christian Origins, and partners with Nyack College. Students from both colleges and volunteers have participated in the excavation, which is just wrapped up its fourth season.



## **The Discoveries That Point to the Church of the Apostles**

The excavation site is called el-Araj and is located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel. The discoveries of ornate mosaic floors, the fragment of a marble chancel screen decorated with a wreath, and glass tesserae gilded in gold that were part of a wall mosaic indicate the church was “large and magnificent” according to a press release. Two years ago, the site caught the attention of the press when archaeologists working on a dig tentatively claimed they thought they had found the site of Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew, Philip, and Peter. Previously, two other sites in the area were more commonly accepted to have been Bethsaida.

Some scholars and archaeologists still hold to beliefs in the other sites, however the discovery of the ornate church has given the theory of el-Araj being Bethsaida more weight and aligns with Willibald’s notes about the area and the church. In addition to the remnants of the church, the dig has also revealed the remains of a private house from the area’s Roman period. After Bethsaida (which was a Jewish fishing village), the Roman polis, or city, Julias grew up in the area. Finds from the Roman house are believed to be from the first to the third centuries C.E. and include pottery, coins, fishing net weights, and a cooking oven.

This house is just the beginning of what may be found from the Roman polis iteration of the site. Researchers employed electromagnetic sensors on the ground and a drone to discover many more houses are buried in the earth.

## **What Else Will They Find at el-Araj?**

The next season of digging at el-Araj promises to reveal even more information about the area. So far, only the southern rooms of the church have been uncovered. Notley has said that at the end of this current digging season, “we were just beginning to uncover the mosaics of what is likely the nave, the center section of the church.”

The crew hopes to excavate the entire church in subsequent digs. “At the end of next season we expect to be able to publish a preliminary report on our first five seasons and definitely answer the question of the location of New Testament Bethsaida-Julias,” Notley says.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### 100 Years Young

Long time Church Member  
Mrs Dorothy Wilson  
celebrating her 100th birthday  
with friends from the Young at  
Heart group from  
St Mary's Church

A lovely afternoon tea was  
enjoyed by all at the Heath  
Cottage Restaurant.

Dorothy has a sweet tooth  
and enjoyed the little cakes  
and the big box of  
chocolates that was  
presented to her.

May there be many more  
birthdays Dorothy!



## Blast from the Past!



Anybody recognise this board and when it was made?

Found whilst pulling out old cupboards in the tea room!

Just a bit before my time....

Sharon

## **Focussing on Psalms**

I wonder how many of you have done something similar to what I'm talking about?

Some time ago I wrote an article and referred to sometime hoping to make a bit of a bible study into the book of Psalms, oh my word! why on earth did I do that?

Seriously though, I have started reading some books, one by Walter Brueggemann, (an American Protestant Old Testament scholar and theologian), which is a little 'heavy going', I have also picked up a more contemporary 'Reflections on the Psalms' which has a short reflection and prayer on each of the 150 psalms, and a book originally published in 1958 called 'Reflections on the Psalms' by none other than C S Lewis, author of the hugely successful children's' adventure series 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe'.

I am finding CS Lewis's book the most helpful, his style is accessible and I like the fact that in the introduction he writes "...“This is not a work of scholarship...I am no higher critic, no ancient historian, no archaeologist. I write for the unlearned about things in which I am unlearned myself.”"

From what I have read so far, it seems that scholars and theologians group the psalms into categories. However, of course they don't necessarily agree on what these categories are!

Brueggemann refers to Hermann Gunkel's classification of psalms, which basically puts psalms into these groupings;

Introductory Psalms, meaning calls to praise, sing rejoice to Yahweh in some form, then

Lament or Complaint Psalms, these can be communal or individual complaints,

There are psalms protesting innocence, confession, cursing and vengeance as well as psalms of trust.

There are Royal Psalms, concerned entirely with Kings, and Thanksgiving Psalms again being individual and Community Psalms.

We then have Wisdom psalms followed by smaller generic groups, liturgies, miscellaneous and mixed psalms.

Phew, I just knew there were some I liked; now I will have to look at them again and see where they fit in 'Gunkel's classification'!

I haven't read the whole of C S Lewis's 'Reflections on the Psalms' as yet, but going on the bits that I have read and his comment that [He] "...writes for the unlearned about things in which [He is] unlearned himself." by next month I may have a little more reflection for you on these most fascinating texts.

With love and prayers (and a little mindboggling!)

Dawn

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE EUCHARIST

*Written by the Rev'd Samuel J. Wylie, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston, and printed in their monthly Message, these suggestions should commend themselves to our prayerful consideration.*

- 1) Arrive at the church prepared by self-examination, a token or actual fast (three hours or overnight), and confession if need be.
- 2) Arrive early enough to study the Epistle and Gospel and to meditate on them.
- 3) Take your seat as close to the Altar as you can get.
- 4) Pray the service and listen for God's specific Word to you as an individual and to us as a people.
- 5) Pray for the preacher and listen hopefully. Good "hearers" can create good preachers.
- 6) Make all responses in a voice loud enough to be heard by your neighbours. Some people mumble and some bellow. Neither custom is helpful. You need not answer loud enough to have the celebrant hear you, but the people in your pew and the pew in front of you should be able to hear and understand your responses.
- 7) Use all the communion time for intercession (which means prayer for others) and for adoration. Since most people are shy at that level of prayer, you may want to use the Hymnal for help. Read the Communion hymns (189-213). Note also the very personal hymns from 443-466. Some of them may say exactly what you want to say yourself.
- 8) Let your thanksgiving be genuine. Ask for grace to be a witness for Christ, an extension of his sacramental Presence.
- 9) Be sure that your fellowship with your brothers (your concern and conversation) at Coffee Hour is consistent with the fellowship of the Lord's Table.


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## Church Mouse Tales

‘I’m somewhat put out’, I announced one morning to my friend Hubert, the Black Canon.

‘Oh, and why is that?’ he asked, rather less sympathetically than required.

‘Well, I’ve heard there are big changes going on in the Parish Centre and I went over to have a look for myself – you know – inspect the works, you might say...’

‘...and?’ said Hubert, raising his eyebrows.

‘Well, it seems some bright spark has blocked off all my usual points of access....’

‘How inconsiderate’, agreed Hubert, but also without the required sincerity.

‘So I’m somewhat put out,’ I confirmed.

‘Well I can tell you what’s happening right now’, Hubert whispered after glancing around to check for listeners.

‘Oh really – do tell...’ I moved a little closer to get the latest gossip.

‘There’s a blind man coming to measure up,’ he said knowingly.

‘A blind man?’ I asked, somewhat confused.



‘Yes.’

‘Measuring?’

‘Yes.’ He said with a serious face. ‘The windows.’

‘A blind man is coming to measure the windows?’

‘Yes.’

‘Does he have a braille tape measure?’ I asked in total confusion.

‘No, I don’t think so.’ Hubert shook his head slowly.

‘A friend to help him then?’

‘No, I don’t think so.’

‘So why would a blind man try and measure the windows?’ I asked a little exasperated.

‘Well I suppose so that he knows what size to make the blinds,’ replied Hubert, who couldn’t stop the little smile as he spoke.

‘I’m still somewhat put out’, I called over my shoulder.

Misha x

## Albert's Alphabet Quiz

1. The Bible's book of Revelation claims which battle will end the world?
2. In which film did Audrey Hepburn sing 'Moon River'?
3. Name the capital city of the Mediterranean island of Sardinia?
4. The Canary Islands are named after which creatures?
5. What is the national flower of Austria?
6. What kind of creature is a 'Black Moli'?
7. The wool cashmere is a product of which animal?
8. What does beer contain that ale traditionally does not?
9. The Tynwald is a Parliament of where?
10. Who played Clarice Starling in the film 'Silence of the Lambs'?
11. Which alcoholic liqueur is made from cherries?
12. What is the star sign of people born on the 1st October?
13. Baltimore is the capital of which USA state?
14. The Yorkshire town of Knaresborough lies on which river?
15. Which creature can be eagle, brown spectacled and snowy?
16. Who painted the picture 'The bombing of Guernica'?
17. In the Harry Potter books what sport was played on broomsticks?
18. Which film actor founded the Sundance Film Festival?
19. In which county is the brewing town of Burton on Trent?
20. With which tv show were Pan's People most associated?
21. Which country won the first ever UEFA World Cup?
22. Caracas is the capital city of which South American Republic?
23. With which scandal is Deep Throat associated?
24. A hater of people from other countries is called what?
25. What colour are the hanging flowers of a laburnum tree?
26. Name the Hungarian actress of the 1952 film 'Moullin Rouge'?

Albert

Hello there

Here's a date for your diaries...

Saturday 21st September 2019

10am to 12 noon



We will be holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our coffee morning will be held at the back of church and is open to everyone.

If you would like to bring a cake/scones/quiche, well anything really!! that would be great (we're not bothered if it's home made or bought) but do come along and enjoy coffee (or tea or other beverage) and a cake and a catch up/natter and help us raise funds for this most worthy charity.

If you can let Dawn know if you will be bringing a cake just for numbers etc. (tel 07840 739239, email [dawn@stmarywoodkirkk.org](mailto:dawn@stmarywoodkirkk.org)).

We look forward to seeing you on the 21st September.



## Alice's' Yorkshire Jokes

Married for less than a month, Mary asked her husband what he thought of her first attempt at Jam making.

‘It’s lacking summat...’ he declared.

‘What’s that?’ asked Mary.

‘Flavour, I think...’

The morning after much celebrating in a pub, Donald asked his best friend if he’d been spending freely last evening.

‘Tha’ certainly was!’ he replied.

‘Oh good’, said Donald, ‘I thought I’d lost fifty quid.’

Young Tommy was always wittering away in class, so the teacher wrote on his report ‘Tommy talks too much.’

Next day Tommy showed his teacher the reply from his Dad:

‘You should hear his Mother...’

A visitor to a pub saw that the ale was priced at only tuppence a pint. The barman explained it was to mark the centenary of the pub first opening its doors, by selling at the same price.

So why aren’t the locals buying it? He asked.

‘Aye, well – they’re waiting for happy hour...’





What do you call a thieving Alligator?

A 'Crookadale'

What do you call a bee that cant make up its mind?

A 'maybe'

What shivers and shakes at the bottom of the sea?

A nervous wreck.

What do you get if you cross a snake with a dessert?

A 'piethon'.

Alice

### **Woman With Strong Faith**

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!"

Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD. GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD."

The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, "PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!"

## **BAPTISMS—We welcome into our Church family:—**

Jack & Alice Rochford

Eva Naylor

Jax Marshall

Willow Price

Lacey & Naomi Longbottom

Jayden Eastwood

Arthur Bennett

Sonny Hunt

Jonah Lewis

Nola Kerr



## **DEATHS**



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

**WEDDINGS** Please pray for all couples who married at St Mary's, especially:

David & Gaynor Shepher



God can restore what is broken and change it into something amazing. All you need is faith.

Amen



## **Diary for the coming weeks in September**

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

<b>1st Sept</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Opening of Newly Decorated Parish Hall—Tea, coffee and cakes.</b>
<b>2nd Sept</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Wardens Meeting</b>
<b>4th Sept</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Forget me Not Cafe</b>
<b>7th Sept</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Church and Churchyard Cleanup</b>
<b>8th Sept</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>All Age Holy Communion</b>
<b>9th Sept</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>PCC</b>
<b>11th Sept</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Care &amp; Share Group</b>
<b>14th Sept</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Churchyard Cleanup</b>
<b>15th Sept</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
<b>18th Sept</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Forget me Not Cafe</b>
<b>19th Sept</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge</b>
<b>21st Sept</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Churchyard Cleanup</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>McMillan Coffee Morning</b>
<b>22nd Sept</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Songs of Praise—ecumenical service</b>
<b>25th Sept</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Care &amp; Share Group</b>
<b>28th Sept</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Churchyard Cleanup</b>
<b>29th Sept</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
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<b>1st Oct</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Lycig Meeting</b>
<b>2nd Oct</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Forget Me Not Cafe</b>

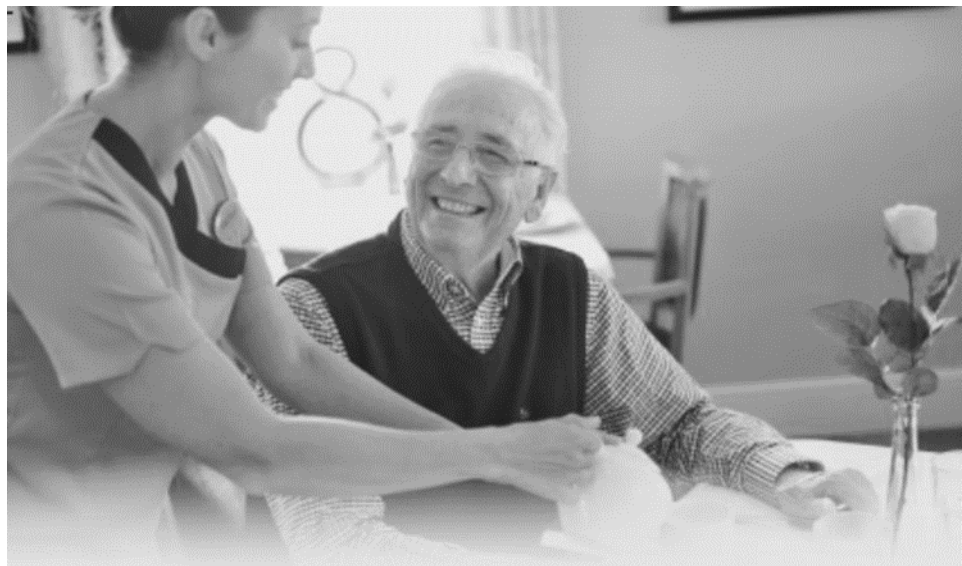
## SOMEBODY CARES

Somebody cares and always will.  
The world forgets but God loves you still,  
You cannot go beyond His Love  
No matter what you're 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 any place  
That can 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—(with thanks to Alice).

### Quiz Answers:-

1. Armageddon 2. Breakfast at Tiffany's 3. Cagliari
4. Dogs 5. Edelweiss 6. Fish 7. Goat 8. Hops
9. Isle of Mai 10. Jodie Foster 11. Kirsch 12. Libra
13. Maryland 14. Nidd 15. Owl 16. Pablo Picasso
17. Quidditch 18. Robert Redford 19. Staffordshire
20. Top of the Pops 21. Uruguay 22. Venezuela.
23. Watergate 24. Xenophobe 25. Yellow
26. Zsa Zsa Gabbor

Albert Shaw



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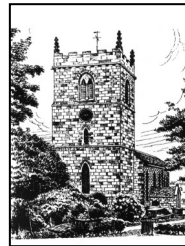


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