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**I declare before you all that my whole life whether
it be long or short shall be devoted to your service
and the service of our great imperial family to
which we all belong.**

HRH The Queen

Vicar's Letter

Last month was a very busy month and one that we will never forget. It all started out with a sponsored walk, a three day clergy conference, returning home to cut the vicarage gardens ready for the Family Fun Day and the History Day. It was a Thursday.

Several members of the church met up in church to set up for the events of the weekend only to learn that the Queen's Doctors were concerned about her health and whilst we sat together the announcement came that her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had died peacefully at Balmoral.

And within moments Operation London began – plans that had been put into place many years ago, and updated from time to time, for the preparation of the Queen's Funeral.

By eight 'o' clock that night on Thursday 8th September everyone involved in the preparation of her Funeral would have been cascading down the plans from the very highest levels to those on the ground who had a job to do. In this hour of need, no stone was left unturned and no chances taken and this was clearly seen as events evolved over the next few days.

I can honestly say the British do pomp and ceremony extremely well and as always the Church of England played their part in this grandiose affair with integrity and love – recalling the true meaning of a funeral – at its simplest an opportunity for her loved ones to say goodbye to the person they loved. This was a rare insight into private and public grief running side by side.

It is those personal relationships that truly made the late Sovereign Lady stand out both in her personal life, and in her life of service and duty to others.

I would argue that her life stemmed from her relationship with her Creator, the God in whom she placed her trust and the God in whom she asked for help and support to do her duty at the tender age of 21. It also stemmed from her relationship with her beloved Philip whom she described as her rock and mainstay. Her children, all raised in a loving Christian home, all raised with a sense of duty.

During her ninety-six years of life she saw many changes and the monarchy had to change too but she was the one constant, the one who always gave and kept her word, the one who always stood with her subjects and if they suffered so did she – who can forget the picture of her sat all alone at Philip's funeral?

When I think of the late Sovereign Lady I cannot help but admire her faith, how over the years in her Christmas speeches she became more confident about speaking about her faith and what it meant to her and how it enabled her to be the person she was. It would seem to me that her faith was both active and living, and was evident in the way she lived her life and in the fruits of the spirit that she exhibited – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Elizabeth was an example to us all of steadfastness in the face of adversity, of duty above family at times, of service to nations, country and family.

We thank you Ma'am for your life of service and duty. May you rest in peace and rise in glory to your eternal home, a home that you believed in, a home where your true King waits.

And now we have a new earthly King, King Charles III - a King who has been in training all his life. A King who had to give a speech only days after his mother's death, a speech in which he promised to do his duty and to copy his mother's example of servitude and duty. I pray for His Majesty and pray that the people of this country will give you a chance and not prejudge you, and I pray that God will bless all that you do.

Sharon

A Pilgrimage

Some time ago Rev Sharon shared with us on a newssheet, that our friends at St Michael's East Ardsley were arranging a 'retreat' to Ripon Cathedral, and to let her know if we were interested.

I was one who responded saying I would be interested and then in August received further information confirming that we would be going to Ripon on the 17th September for the event between 10 and 12.

We did wonder, because of the passing of Her late Majesty the Queen, whether the event would go ahead, but were very pleased to learn that it would.

Three of us from St Mary's attended, myself, Churchwarden Gary and church family member Glynn, and we had a lovely straightforward journey on a beautiful Saturday morning.

At 10.00am we were welcomed to the Cathedral by Canon Ailsa Newby and had refreshments before we started our 'pilgrimage' which was a guided tour of some of the treasures within this marvellous cathedral which celebrates its 1350th anniversary of the dedication of the crypt by St Wilfrid.

We stopped off at various points around the Cathedral starting in the Chancel surrounded by wonderful treasures in stone and glass. Gems of architecture, priceless woodcarvings, exquisite sculpture, and the earliest surviving Crypt in England.

We shared a prayer before we moved on.

We moved on to the 'Holy Spirit Chapel', a place set apart always as a place of prayer. It has modern fixtures and fittings

showing the 'fire' of the Holy Spirit and denoting the 'life changing' disturbance of the coming of the Holy Spirit, empowering, enabling and encouraging.

From there we moved to St Peter's Chapel, a place of love and compassion. Holy places like this have special qualities, peace giving, not just peaceful and quiet, but a place that actively seeks to make bridges and build understanding, offering sanctuary, developing relationships.

We then looked at 'The Wilfrid Window' in St Wilfrid's Chapel, a modern window dating from 1977. St Wilfrid stands in the centre surrounded by scenes from his life.

Canon Ailsa then took us to the pulpit and explained about the four figures around it and a little of their stories, they were St Chad of Lichfield, St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, St Hild of Whitby and St Ethelreda of Ely, all very influential leaders in the Anglo Saxon Church.

We were encouraged to draw inspiration from Chad's humility, Cuthbert's steadfast commitment to prayer, Hild's wisdom and Ethelreda's dedication.

We then followed the path of many pilgrims to this place since the 7th Century and made a visit to the Crypt. It was reached down a narrow stairway and through a narrow tunnel, but the sense of time travel was complete when we entered a small space no bigger than our vestry. It was carved out of stone and was so simple, no ornate symbols or carvings, just white walls with small, niches. You did feel like you had gone back in time, and felt the presence of those early pilgrims.

We then headed up slightly less rickety and narrow stairs and

ended our pilgrimage in the sanctuary before the exquisite High Altar.

The screen behind and around the altar (the Reredos) was designed as the First World War Memorial for the fallen of Ripon and the names of those who died during the conflict are recorded in the stonework on both sides.

We then had about 30 minutes or so to wonder about on our own before we came together as a group and joined in the daily Communion at 12.00 noon.

After this our pilgrimage finished and we sought suitable refreshment in a lovely little tea room just along the shopping street.

I don't think any of the three of us knew what we were expressing an interest in several months ago but all three of us thoroughly enjoyed our pilgrimage with our friends at St Michael's.

Many thanks to Revd Mark for organising the event and for those who attended and welcomed us to their pilgrimage on the day, and I'll close with the prayer we shared at the end of our pilgrimage;

You are the peace of all things calm,
You are the place to hide from harm,
You are the light that shines in dark,
You are the heat's eternal spark,
You are the door that's open wide,
You are the guest who waits inside,
You are the stranger at the door,

You are the calling of the poor.

You are my Lord and with me still,
You are my love, keep me from ill,
You are the light, the truth, the way
You are my Saviour this very day.

Christ, in our coming, and in our leaving,
the door and the keeper;
For us and our dear ones,
This day and every day.
AMEN.

With love, from Dawn and fellow pilgrims Gary and Glynn.
xx



Bishop Nick's reflections on the Queen.

Following the sad news of the death of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the Rt Revd Nick Baines offers these words of sombre reflection:

"Today the world has changed. The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who has served for over seven decades. We see the end of an era. This will have an impact not only in this country, but also in the Commonwealth and beyond, across the globe where she has been respected, indeed revered, for her commitment to duty and service over such a long time.

Since she has been the sovereign, the world has changed considerably, and she has managed to be rooted, particularly in her Christian commitment throughout those years. A mark, a sign of stability, of solidity, of confidence in a rapidly changing world.

But today we pray not only for the rest of her soul, but also for those she leaves behind, for her family who know her not just as the Queen, but as someone they loved deeply as a mother, grandmother, great grandmother.

We pray for the nation at a time of real and symbolic change with all the fragilities of the world around us. We pray for the Commonwealth and the wider global community at a time of conflict and uncertainty. We pray that what we learn from the Queen's long life and long commitment may be something that we take into the future.

So we pray for ourselves. We pray for the new sovereign. But, at this point, we thank God for Her Majesty the Queen and commend her to the God of mercy and love whom she has served for so long."

The Right Reverend Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

How Remembering leads to Rejoicing

When the Apostle Paul wants to lead us to rejoicing, he makes a really, really, really important point in the second chapter of Ephesians. Twice. In the first half of the chapter, he paints a dire picture of the gravity of our condition outside of Christ with four stunning words: “*And you were dead*” (Ephesians 2:1). After explaining a bit more of what “*dead*” means, he then draws our attention to the glory of our Saviour with two history-changing words: “*But God*” (Ephesians 2:4). He then goes on to rejoicing over just how glorious Jesus is.

In the second half of the chapter, Paul again paints a dire picture of the gravity of our condition in verses 11-12. He says, “*Therefore remember that formerly you were separate... you were excluded... you were foreigners... and you were without hope and without God in the world.*”

And then, just like earlier in the chapter, he draws our attention to the glories of Jesus beginning with two words: “*But now*” (Ephesians 2:13).

Remember ... But God!

Remember ... But now.

Notice the pattern here?

Remember the gravity of our condition **and** rejoice in the glories of our Saviour.

King David got this. David knew this reality. That’s why David wrote in Psalm 103: “*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and FORGET NOT all his benefits.*” He had to literally tell his own soul: “Don’t forget!” He forgives all our iniquity. He heals all our diseases. He redeems our life from the pit.

Let’s not forget that he redeemed our life from the pit. Look back at the pit – then look up to Jesus – and rejoice. “*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ*” (Ephesians 2:13).

There’s no rejoicing without first remembering. When we remember the gravity of our condition, we are all the more ready to rejoice in the glories of our Saviour.

Gail



OW! That hurt...

A few weeks ago I was making jam. It was a bit 'gloopy' and was bubbling quite strongly, getting towards setting point.

I am used to getting small splatters of hot jam on my hand as I continue to stir, but on this occasion quite a large amount of jam splashed up and hit my hand just above my thumb.

As you can imagine I said 'OW!' but decided that I would invest in a pair of heatproof gauntlets. So off I trekked to a well known kitchen shop where I thought I might get some.

They did have some, but I think they would have fit Goliath!, certainly far too big for my hands, but luckily they had a silicone oven mitt/gauntlet which whilst largeish, fit on my hand, and happily covered up my forearm a little too.

A few weeks later I used my gauntlet for the first time when making some plum jam and although it took a little getting used to I was successful in making jam without burning my hand, hurray.

However, later that evening I was opening a ring pull can of baked beans for my tea and managed to catch the edge of the lid on my left index finger and cutting it.

Well I must admit I stood there (after applying a suitable plaster) and called myself a 'clumsy oaf' but then it made me think about the bible phrase '...put on the whole armour of God...'

I've already alluded to the story of David and Goliath and imagine I would be as weighed down with armour as David was during his preparation for fighting the Philistines, then I looked up '...put on the whole armour of God...'

We find that phrase in St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 6 verses 11-16.

Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil... Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

However, if you continue reading you discover that St Paul is not talking about armour like a suit that a soldier might wear.

Filling in a bit of background, Paul is writing to the churches in Ephesus (Western Turkey) during his time as a prisoner in Rome (probably more like house arrest than locked up in a cell). The style of this 'letter' leads scholars to believe that it was meant as a kind of 'circular' to a group of churches. He had travelled to Ephesus bringing the Good News to the Gentiles there and setting up worshipping communities, but obviously had left them and travelled on, and sadly the Gentile Christians tended to 'look down' on their Jewish fellow Christians.

Paul's 'circular' stressed God's glorious plan to bring people of every nation and background together in Christ, he had no time for a divided church and his letter to the Ephesians goes into much detail on this matter.

This culminates in the passage we are looking at in Chapter 6. Paul tells the Ephesians it won't be easy to maintain the standards he talks about earlier in the 'circular' but then the tools he talks about that we need are not physical armour and man-made weapons, but God given spiritual weapons.

If we read on to verse 14 and beyond...

Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your

feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

Like a Roman soldier , we have a belt and breastplate, shoes and shield, helmet and sword. God fits us out with all the armour we need for defence and protection. With this armour we are ready to stand our ground.

And yet, the most important weapon of all comes at the end, the unseen weapon of prayer.

When we feel beleaguered or that our faith is under attack from modern secular views, our most important weapon is prayer.

St Paul stresses this in many of his letters and his gospel, he starts many of them with greetings that he is praying for a person or community, although at the end of Ephesians he asks the community to pray for him as well as sending the peace and love of Jesus and God to the people.

If we feel we can do nothing else, we all have the ability and opportunity to pray, pray for our church, pray for our community, pray for our world.

It is a timely reminder to take up our 'shield of faith and the 'sword of the Spirit' and we will be ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

It still doesn't help my clumsiness, so as well as the spiritual armour, perhaps I also need a tube of Savlon and some plasters!

With love and first aid!!

Dawn xx

How to Apply The Bible

I do not know if you are like me but sometimes when I read the Bible, I want to understand it and apply it. I want to know what the Bible says and how it affects my life. I want something to happen, I want to get something out of it.

But I am often left frustrated and wondering what I have missed. Maybe before we can apply the Bible, we must understand it. I don't think I can stress this enough, because too often I think we jump to applying it to our lives, and when we skip this first step, we will often miss what God has for us and what the Bible actually says. I think we can turn to this Bible quote.

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Maybe we should ask ourselves some questions when applying the Bible to our lives:

What does God want me to think/understand?

We do what we think and understand. We act based on our thoughts.

If we think something, we go for it. God wants to shape and mould our thinking.

Remember, Hebrews 4 says that the Bible shapes our thoughts and the intentions of our hearts.

What does God want us to believe?

Connected to our thinking, God wants to change our beliefs.

I think we believe many things about ourselves that are not true. We believe we aren't good enough, not lovable. Sometimes we may also believe we are too good.

What does God want us to desire?

We never sin without following a desire.

That desire could be for love or adventure. In this step we need to

evaluate our desires. Are our longings, hopes, dreams and desires from God? Sometimes they may be, or are they our desire to be liked by others, or a prideful desire, A good question when it comes to desire is, "Will this further God's kingdom or mine? Is what I'm desiring a need or a want?" What does God want us to do?

Notice, this is last. Too often this is where we start, and when we do we miss what is actually happening in the Bible.

God wants us to do something based on what we read, what we understand about Him, about ourselves and our world. He is calling us to something. The Bible creates movement in us because the Holy Spirit is moving and active.

Remember Hebrews 4.

Gail



Seeking Forgiveness

Do you know, I sometimes sit in our time of confession on a Sunday morning and wonder how God puts up with me.

The thing is, we use the beautiful prayer of preparation...

*Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Then we have a few moments of quiet as we bring before God those things of which we are not proud, our 'sins'.

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.*

I sit there and think, Yes, I am sorry and I do seek forgiveness of my sins, but then I think back to the previous week and the week before that, and although I (hopefully) won't have made the same mistakes each week, I am still there bringing to mind different situations or occurrences, in which as a flawed human being I haven't done as well as perhaps I should have done.

The answer to my dilemma came to me of course during, I think, a Wednesday morning communion a week or two later, when we happened to sing 'The King of Love my Shepherd is', a beautiful traditional hymn, and I found solace and reassurance in the words of the third verse;

*Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

God puts up with me because he sent Jesus to be the Good Shepherd, and just like the shepherd, he will not give up on me, no matter how many times I fail.

My mum in law was the daughter of a farmer and I remember her talking to me about it once and saying that her dad never kept sheep as they are silly creatures who take a lot of looking after! I was also reminded of how daft sheep can be when watching 'Clarkson's Farm' where TV personality Jeremy Clarkson traded in his fast cars for farming, and bought a flock of sheep, only to have untold issues with them over a period of time.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd is such a beautiful image, it is presence, reassurance, a taking care of.

And so as daft a sheep as I may be, I will continue to sit in quiet contemplation each week during the time of confession, calling to mind the mistakes I have made during the previous week.

It is not a time to trivialise my actions or inactions, but a time for openness with God, a time to look hard at where I haven't been as good as I should have been that week, but safe in the knowledge that I am loved and that God's love is greater than my transgressions, I only need to be open and honest with Him and he, like the God Shepherd will bring me back to the fold and rejoice that I continue to return to him to seek his forgiveness and to seek the grace he freely gives.

Yes I may be daft like a sheep, but I have the greatest shepherd who will never give up on me and will always 'be bothered' with me.

With love and baa's

Dawn xx



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Pastoral Care

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Baptisms—At the moment we are continuing to arrange Baptisms and we will follow the relevant guidelines set out by the government. We will keep in touch with you if you have already booked if anything changes. If you wish to make an enquiry or book a Baptism please contact Barbara Tate on 07792 211095.

Weddings, funerals, Ashes, or the reading of banns—in the first instance please contact our Verger who co-ordinates these events. Our Co-ordinator is Gail Townsend on 07792 975814 or email: gail@stmarywoodkirk.org. We will follow government guidelines throughout this winter and if we need to inform you of changes then we will contact you when and if the government makes changes.

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Please note we are GDPR compliant and take great care of your private information.

What a team.

Hopefully those of you who live in the parish will have received a leaflet through your door in September publicising Rev Sharon's sponsored walk to raise funds for the restoration of the East Window.

I was tasked with getting a team together to sort out the distribution of 5000 leaflets across the Parish.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who pounded the streets distributing leaflets.

So thank you very much:

Elaine and Cath, Gary and Laura, Janet and Claire, Alice, Joanne, Susan and David.

My sincere apologies if I've forgotten anyone, but I think that's everyone.

I couldn't have done it without you, and very happily we have had a good response from the community. I don't know a total for what was received, but I'm sure at some point Barbara will be able to tell us the amount raised from our leaflet distribution.

Very sincere thanks once again.

Dawn x



THE DIOCESE UNITES IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING FOR HER LATE MAJESTY

Churches and cathedrals across the diocese, both large and small, have joined together over recent days to pay their heart felt respects to Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

During a period of national mourning, which began following Her Late Majesty's death on Thursday, September 8 and ended after the funeral on Monday, September 19, a mixture of services and events were held. Some, including a vigil at Leeds Civic Hall and a multi-faith gathering in the centre of Bradford, brought leaders and people of different faith's together.

Civic representatives were welcomed for special events held at Halifax Minster, Leeds Minster, Dewsbury Minster, Huddersfield Parish Church and our three diocesan cathedrals based in Wakefield, Ripon and Bradford.

Parish churches also opened their doors to the public, offering themselves as an important focal point of condolence for their local communities. Spaces of prayer were created, books of condolence opened and churches tolled their bells in memory of the Queen.

Towards the end, crowds gathered to watch the funeral of Her Late Majesty, which was streamed on giant screens erected in Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield cathedrals.

St. Mary's too has been open with a book of condolence which many have signed and a place to lay flowers for those who want to pay their respects and say a last thank you to our late Queen.

A fitting tribute

I just wanted to say thank you to Revd Sharon for providing such a lovely tribute and place of reflection and prayer in Church following the sad passing of her late majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Rev Sharon returned from a clergy conference on the 8th September and must have worked (with support from others) but mainly from her own reserves to ensure that by Friday morning St Mary's was open for prayer, reflection, the lighting of candles and a condolence book should anyone wish to use it.

The church was open every day for at least some part of the day and continued to be open from the following Monday to Friday from 3.00pm to 7.00pm.

Rev Sharon also went in to Hill Top Primary Academy and led an assembly.

All this and then continuing her daily target of 21,000 steps daily for her sponsored walk raising money towards the East Window restoration.

Rev Sharon may not be happy that I have written this vote of thanks, but I know our church family and those within our community who did come into church seeking solace during that sad time, very much appreciated what she had done.

With grateful thanks to Rev Sharon.

Dawn x

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING BY FILLING IN THE BLANKS WITH THE NAMES OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

On a sunny day in Spring, Joe and his wife Mary set sail from a town in _____ on a ship of the _____ Line.

They were welcomed aboard by the Bosun's _____.

The noise was enough to deafen their ear _____. They followed the _____ on the direction signs and reached their cabin. On the dressing table was a vase of _____ and daffodils with large _____.

Joe said "this is much better than the _____ we stayed in last night." There is even a _____ toothpaste in the bathroom.

Mary went to change and put _____, pleated skirt and jumper. "I am so dry that if I don't get a _____," said Joe, "I will die of thirst In fact make that a -- _____,"

Joe sat on a high stool, Mary having short legs thought she would _____ one. Joe lit his _____, "It's a pity there is no tobacco _____ as you might save some money," said Mary. "Don't _____ on about it," said Joe. Presently they announced that ice cream wafers and _____ were on sale. Later they sounded the _____, and eventually they went ashore. " _____ would have enjoyed that trip," said Mary.

Answers in next month's magazine.

Trevor Sykes

10 Big Things Jesus Said Which We Keep Forgetting

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not the things I tell you” (Luke 6:46).

I apologize for the title. Everything our Lord said was “big.” It’s just that some of His statements in particular seem to have been muted in recent years. See what you think.

1) Do we keep forgetting the second commandment is a command?

Do we want our faith to be private, just “me and the Lord?” Jesus refuses to play that game. After being asked to identify the “greatest” command, He said, “And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Matthew 22:39). We must note that this is a command, not an option, an opinion, a wish, or a good idea.

2) We keep forgetting two things about His command to feed the hungry, clothe the needy, visit the sick.

I think Jesus honestly expects us to do this. So, we must give thanks for the Foodbanks, and charities that are helping those in need, and it is up to us to help where we can by giving food, clothing, visiting those we know who are in need.

3) We forget that loving people and loving the Lord is all about action, not emotion.

When our Lord told us to “love your enemies” in Luke 6:27, He immediately explained that what He’s calling for is action. Words are important, of course, and emotions can be, too. But nothing packs more punch than actions, the works we do.

4) We keep forgetting the Lord told us to expect to be treated badly.

“An hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God” (John 16:2).

As God’s people we hoped to be loved and appreciated by those to whom we come in contact with but sometimes those who do not know us well can end up being hostile. All we were trying to do was help.

5) We keep forgetting He told us to love our enemies.

This point follows on the heels of the previous ones for good reason. They treat us badly and how are we to react? We

are to love them.

6. We no longer remember we are commissioned to throw parties for the undeserving and undesirable.

“When you give a reception (banquet), invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous”

7. We conveniently forget that “Jesus saves.”

We know He forgives, and we love to sing about it. What we may have pushed to the back burner however is the fact that He came to save sinners too.

8. We forget that with Jesus, change is the norm.

Luke 5:36-39 presents new wineskins as the Lord’s pattern for His disciples: strong, flexible, faithful, growing, etc. We do love our status quo. However, I think the Lord does not play this game with us. He is forever calling us out of our comfort zones, abandoning our customary methods, and finding new ways of seeing and doing and achieving.

9. We keep forgetting that the object is not to keep rules.

I think the object is to be obedient to the Lord, trying to keep his commandments.

The letter of the law kills, the Spirit gives life (Second Corinthians 3:6).

As we look around we see some people twist God’s laws for their own good, but we know that our God is a good God and will help us to remember this important command.

10. We keep forgetting to read all the Word and not take a verse or two out of context.

“Take nothing for your journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics.” Clear enough, right? Wrong.

I have heard people quoting Luke 9:3 as the basis of God expecting poverty from us Christian workers. However, if we take a look at Luke 22:35-36. our Lord reversed that command. It can be an easy mistake to make unless you spend a lot of time studying your Bible.

Gail x

Trevor's funny bone.

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of a car when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop.

The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage,

"Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked,

"So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new.

So how is it that I am paid less than half of what you earn, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, leaned over, and then whispered to the mechanic.....

Try doing it with the engine running...

Trevor Sykes

House Box Collection Time

Hi there

Just a little reminder if you have a Children's Society Collection Box that you should return it to me as soon as possible so that I can empty them and pass them back to you for another year!

I also realise you may find that you don't seem to have as much change, but as I mentioned in last month's magazine, you can donate via a cheque (payable to Woodkirk PCC (but please write 'Childrens Society' on the reverse of the cheque, or you could donate electronically through the Church Bank Account, (please make sure you identify it as Childrens Society so that Barbara sees it). Bank details as follows:

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Dawn Tattersfield

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ALBERT'S All Creatures great and small Quiz.

1. What do caterpillar's turn into?
2. Is a spider an insect?
3. Do camel's store water in their humps?
4. Where do moles live?
5. What type of creature was A.A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh?
6. What is a young cow called?
7. Name three types of bird that do not fly?
8. In which country do Emus live?
9. Which bird is the symbol of peace?
10. What is a young horse called?
11. What sort of creature was a Diplodocus?
12. Who wrote "The Ugly Duckling"?
13. What is caught in pots in the sea?
14. What is the smallest breed of dog?
15. Which country names its years after animals?
16. What are young ducks called?
17. Which fish looks like a snake?
18. What is a female fox called?
19. What does an elephant use to smell and lift things?
20. Which sub-group of animals do mice, rats and squirrels belong?
21. Who spent three days inside a whale?
22. What is a young bear called?
23. Which rabbit-like animal has long ears and long back legs?
24. How does a Kangaroo move along at speed?

(answers on page 37)

Dates for Your Diary

October

Sun 2nd	10:30am Holy Communion
Wed 5th	10am Holy Communion
Sat 8th	6pm Harvest Supper in Parish Centre
Sun 9th	10:30am All Age Worship Harvest Festival 1:30pm Holy Baptism
Mon 10th	7:30pm PCC Meeting
Wed 12th	10am Holy Communion
Sun 16th	10:30am Holy Communion 1:30pm Holy Baptism
Tue 18th	Blackgates School Harvest (time tbc)
Wed 19th	10am Holy Communion Blackgates School Harvest (time tbc)
Thur 20th	11am Lydgate Lodge Holy Communion
Fri 21st	9am Hilltop School Harvest
Sun 23rd	10:30am Holy Communion
Wed 26th	10am Holy Communion
Thur 27th	12pm Wedding
Sun 30th	10:30am All Saints Holy Communion 1:30pm Holy Baptism

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Wed 2nd	10am Holy Communion 7pm All Souls Service in Church
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How do I join an on-line Service?

If you are not so familiar with the on-line world but you would like to join one of the services, here's some good news! It's easy!

Go to: facebook.com/stmarywoodkirk

Then select 'Videos' from the side bar.

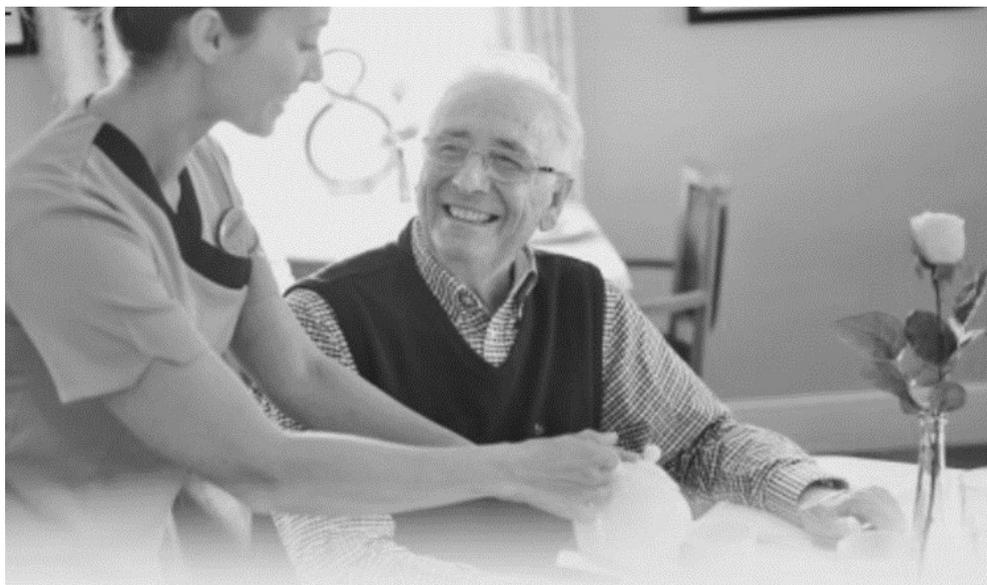
To join a 'Live' service look for the right time on the Diary page. You can also view previous services from the same location



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Butterflies or Moth , (2) No (insects have 6 legs but spiders have 8), (3) No (their humps are full of fat), (4) Underground, (5) A Bear, (6) A calf, (7) Kiwis, Ostriches and Penguins don't, (8) Australia , (9) The Dove , (10) A Foal, (11) 650, (12) Hans Christian Anderson. (13) Lobster and Crabs, (14) The Chihuahua, (15) China, (16) Ducklings , (17) An Eel, (18) A Vixen, (19) It's Trunk, (20) Rodents (21) Jonah, (22) A Cub, (23) The Hare, (24) By taking large leaps.

Albert



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Services

Sunday Services.

Each Sunday there will be a Holy Communion Service at 10.30am in Church as well as Online.

Weekday Services

Mondays 9am	Morning Prayer	On Line
Tuesdays 6pm	Evening Prayer	On Line
Wednesdays 10am	Holy Communion in Church & On-line.	
Thursdays 9pm	Night Prayer	On Line
Fridays 9am	Morning Prayer	On Line

See inside for more details

Please see inside for details of how to join a streamed service