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spring skips its turn.**

**The day the Lord created
hope was probably the same
day he created spring.**



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Vicar's Letter

Once again Easter is nearly upon us and as we begin to move out of the darkness and challenge of Lent to the joy, light and hope that Easter brings us, we cannot get there without acknowledging the events of Holy Week.

I have spent some time watching the films Jesus Christ Superstar and the Passion of Christ and in each film we can see different aspects of those characters involved. The betrayal of Judas, the realisation that he got it wrong, the frantic attempt to give the pieces of silver back and his anguish that he could not live with the knowledge of what he had done, and the stark image of the tree he died on (best portrayal in Jesus Christ Superstar).

Sadly had Judas realised sooner who Jesus was and understood the nature of Jesus' death ie that Jesus would die as a sacrifice for all our sins past, present and future and that Jesus would have forgiven Judas had he asked and that Jesus would have loved him back into wholeness.

In the Passion of Christ it is the relationship between Jesus and his mother Mary that tugs at the heart strings. The images of Jesus as a boy falling over and being scooped up into Mary's arms and the images of Jesus as a man carrying His cross and stumbling and Mary not being able to get to him. How the words of Simeon rang true that day.

Easter week is dramatic and powerful. We owe it to ourselves to enter into Jesus' final journey, to seek to understand God's love for us, and the sacrifice He made for each of us.

We have a varied week of Services in Holy Week, all different, all challenging but equally tell a story in both words and music. Please see pages 13 & 38 for details.

From all of us at St Mary's we wish you a happy and blessed Easter and yes a few chocolate eggs would not go amiss!

Sharon

Oscar season!

Well not quite, but nearly!

Hi there, you may remember from last month's magazine that Rev Sharon had been nominated for an award at the Best of WF3 Awards being held on Thursday 16th March.

The Best of WF3 awards is a celebration of those who go above and beyond across the WF3 area and is part of the WF3 Kindness Community.

WF3 Kindness was founded in March 2020 in an effort to support people living in the Tingley, Ardsley and Thorpe area during the Coronavirus pandemic.

They coordinated volunteers who provided practical and emotional support to local people, whether that was by collecting groceries from a supermarket, helping them with physical tasks around the home or simply by offering a listening ear to people who felt lonely and isolated. Two years later, whilst the need is different to what it was during the challenges of a global pandemic, WF3 Kindness are still there, meeting the needs of the community. There are still people who want to help. WF3's mission from the start was to support anyone in our community that needed it. The team at St Mary's works in partnership with WF3 kindness and offers support and a listening ear for those who are vulnerable in the community.

Sharon was nominated in the category 'Fundraiser of the Year' for her wonderful efforts in September 2022 when she undertook her second sponsored walk to raise funds for the renovation of the East Window.

Sharon walked 21,000 steps per day during the month of September, that equates to 300 miles in total.

A team of people worked to deliver leaflets across the parish to raise awareness of her walk and the reason she was undertaking it, informing the community that the beautiful window required urgent repair with a price tag at the time of £75,500 and seeking support from the community for the final push.

Whilst Sharon did not seek any recognition for herself, she was humbled that she received the nomination.

Some of us were able to join Sharon at the event and it was wonderful to hear about all the brilliant work being celebrated on the night.

WF3 Kindness friend and Patron Billy Pearce hosted the awards ably assisted by founder Dan Frank and presented all the winners with their awards.

There were over 20 awards presented for categories as diverse as Business of the year, Neighbour of the year, Community Project of the year, Junior Local Hero and People's Champion.

The Fundraiser of the Year Award was presented to two winners, with a young brother and sister receiving an award for raising over £500 for Cancer Research, with Rev Sharon also receiving the Award.

Rev Sharon, always quick to stress that she is part of a team that continue to work hard to raise the funds necessary for the window, nevertheless leads from the front and is able to bring

people together.

One of the loveliest things I will take away from the evening, other than seeing Rev Sharon blush very red when she heard that she had won the award!, was the number of people who spoke to her, came and shook her hand or came and gave her a hug.

The Community has a big heart that was definitely showcased in this awards event and showed that so many people across the WF3 area want to help each other and continue to do so, benefitting us all.

Congratulations to all the amazing winners, and our own Rev Sharon.

Dawn x





Procrastination is the thief...

Hi there

Are you an organised person?

An interesting thought as we start another Spring, do you relish the chance to get stuck in to some spring cleaning, organising your wardrobe, tidy out the shed etc etc?

Well, it probably comes as no surprise to learn that although I try very hard, I am not that organised.

My friend who worked alongside me in Girls' Brigade was definitely an organised person, she was always someone I aspired to be like. If we planned an activity day with different sessions and activities, within the next few weeks, any tasks she had to do would be completed, whereas I would be dashing around the weekend before, gathering all my stuff together!

The thing is, I work to a deadline.

You see, for the majority of my working life, I worked in Personnel, Human Resources etc looking after many different groups of staff, and whilst I never actually physically paid staff, I did have to provide information to our payroll teams in order for people to be paid and so I worked to a monthly deadline.

I had to make sure that any new employees were set up with proper salary records, I had to make sure that any persons who left received their final salaries correctly and woe betide me if I forgot to process overtime payments!

And so whilst I might work gradually through tasks, the week before the payroll deadline would be when I would be chasing

managers to make sure they had sent me details of any new staff they had appointed, or chasing team leaders to make sure overtime claims or mileage claims were in. I remember working my holiday dates around my payroll deadlines!

Now in the general scheme of things, now I am retired, this doesn't really matter, but it does mean that poor Dave and Rev Sharon probably almost despair as their deadlines for things like magazine articles or PCC minutes are approaching and I have yet to send them things!

This got me thinking of the saying 'Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today', a quote attributed to Benjamin Franklyn

He was one of the founding fathers of the USA, the son of an English father and American mother, born in 1706. He was a polymath (*an individual whose knowledge spans a substantial number of subjects*) as well as being an active writer, scientist, inventor, statesman, diplomat and political philosopher. Perhaps by doing things today rather than putting them off until tomorrow helped him achieve so much!

Well, far be it for me to pooh pooh the achievements of this renowned American, I thought the quote he used had a basis in the bible, probably in Proverbs, and so it was.

There in Proverbs 3 verses 27-28 I discovered the following;

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbour, 'Go, and come again: tomorrow I will give it' – when you have it with you"

I must admit, I do like Ben Franklyn's more punchy version, but the overall message is the same.

However, after over 30 years of working to deadlines, it is very hard not to. For example, I've been in church with Hill Top Primary School this morning for their Easter Service and whilst there, Gail informed me that Dave needs magazine articles by at the very latest tomorrow lunchtime, so I get home all fired up to get articles written, but then get diverted to clean the conservatory floor, a job that's needed doing for a number of weeks, but which I suddenly need to do right now!

So, with sincere apologies to Dave, Rev Sharon, and anyone else who I undertake tasks for, let's hear it for procrastinators everywhere, and by the way if I do say I'll do something, I will do it...honest!

I'll leave you with this thought...

"Procrastination taught me how to do 30 minutes of work in 8 hours and 8 hours of work in 30 minutes."

With love and laughs

Dawn x

Church Mouse Tales

One fine morning I woke up feeling very refreshed and decided I would seek out my good friend Hubert, the Black Canon. He was over by the Monk's door looking his usual studious self.

'Good morning!' I greeted him cheerily.

'Do you know what day it is?' he asked quite brusquely I felt.

'Er....'

'Precisely!' said Hubert with a little sharpness in his voice, 'you have no idea that today is Easter Sunday!'

'It is?' my mind was trying to count the days from the last time Hubert told me what day it was, but without much luck.

'Yes!' he confirmed loudly, 'and what's more you have missed the whole of Holy Week!'

'Well - I was a little sleepy...'

'You SLEPT through the whole of Holy Week?'

'Hibernation?' I offered weakly. 'I needed a top-up', I explained in my best explaining voice. Hubert didn't reply to that but the look said it all.

'Anyway', he went on more cheerily, 'today is a day for celebration and there is even the possibility of an Easter egg...'

'An egg!' I was excited at this new development in the day. 'I haven't had an egg for ages – I especially like boiled eggs, although I like them scrambled.'

'I'm sure you do', he agreed, 'but do you know why we have eggs on Easter Sunday?'

'Is it the Turkey's day off?' I suggested.

'Not really no', Hubert went on, 'it is the end of Lent and in the olden days eggs weren't allowed in Lent so people used to decorate them for Easter. Also it can represent the stone that was rolled away from the Tomb.'

'Oh I see.' I nodded.

'Today it is usually a chocolate egg....'

'Chocolate Egg! Wow that's even better!' I was excited by the thought.

'But what kind of chicken lays them?'

'It's called Chocken', said Hubert raising an eyebrow.

He is so clever...

Misha

What Kind of King?

I would like to share this poem with you all at this special time.

What Kind of King Are You?

What kind of king
rides on a donkey
a donkey that might be borrowed,
or might be taken?

What kind of king
rides on a donkey
into the city where
his assassins are waiting?

What kind of King
can send two followers
to fetch a donkey, and know exactly what they'll need to say
What kind of king enters his assassins' city
with a ragtag commotion for all to see
and not one security guard?

What kind of king
can tell a blind beggar
"your faith has made you well."
And actually make him see?

What kind of king
can weep at the funeral of his friend
only to say, "Lazarus, come out!"
and watch him come back to life.

What kind of King are you?
A King who came not to be served
but to serve and to give

his life as a ransom for many.

A King who keeps his promises

A King who I can trust

A King who can save

A King I want to follow

What kind of king

can sit at the dinner table

with his subjects and be subject to them

and wash their feet?

What kind of king

can die so that

his assassins

can live?

And so I come to you, King Jesus

not to be served by you

but to serve you

and to give my life to you.

So take my cloak

use it to clothe the naked

or use it for your donkey to step on.

I don't care

And so I come to you, King Jesus

What kind of king

can sit at the dinner table

with his subjects and be subject to them

and wash their feet?

What kind of king

can carry his own cross

can serve his assassin and
help in his own execution?

Because you're the only one who
will give me a new garment in return,
a white robe, a garment that fits so well it'll be
my new self.

Use me, King Jesus,
all of me.
As you see fit.
Make me a knight or a bishop or a rook,
or make me an expendable pawn.
I don't care what piece I am.

So long as yours is the hand that's moving me.
Because yours is
the mighty hand with an outstretched arm.
Yours is the hand that rules with an iron sceptre,
and that knitted me together in my mother's womb.

So let me follow you,
King Jesus
all the way to Golgotha.
Let me walk next to you
and put palm branches at your feet
and shout "Hosanna!" with the children.

Let me sit at the table with you
and take bread and wine from your hands
and let me lay my head on your chest.
And if thirty pieces of the world's silver
are ever enough to draw me away.

Wash my feet and make me clean again

Let me pray with you at Gethsemane
and learn from you how to be vulnerable with the Father
let me see your tears and sweat and grief.

And if my prayers give way to sleep
wake me again
with the waters of regeneration.
Let me walk with you to the cross.
Let me be Simon of Cyrene,
and learn to carry your cross with you.

And if my Simon of Cyrene becomes Simon Peter
and I walk away from your cross to deny you
lead me back to where I can still be with you.
And live.
And all along this long rough road
let my song be:

Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father in heaven.
Hosanna in the highest!

Gail



Sit still...what me!

Hi there

As we approach the end of Lent, I wonder how those of you who gave something up have fared.

I'm afraid I didn't do too well but then as a friend mentioned to me, I probably tried to do too much.

One of the things I actually wanted to take up during Lent was one of the hardest, because I was to try and sit still and quiet for a period of time every day, something those of you who know me, will recognise was a big ask!

I started positively on Ash Wednesday and was really proud of myself that I managed to sit still and quiet for about 15 minutes, which is a pretty good start. On the next day I managed the same, but then someone came to the door so that broke my concentration.

This continued for the next few days, but by the time I started the following week I was finding it hard to set aside that time even though I knew it was something I really wanted to do.

As I have reflected on this, it reminded me of the story in Luke's Gospel of Mary and Martha. Luke 10:38-42.

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

41 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

My bible handbook explains that this is our first encounter with the sisters and says that Martha was likely the eldest in a family of young adults who had lost their parents. (now here's an interesting topic for a future article, Martha and Mary had a brother, Lazarus, this suggests he was a young man, I'd always thought he was an old man (probably because he died)).

Martha invited Jesus probably during the Feast of Dedication, which lasted eight days and involved traditional foods, ceremonies and lamps in the windows, so Martha had a lot to do.

And yet, as Martha is rushing about getting everything ready and feeling overworked, Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet. This wasn't so much about posture or position it actually meant she was studying with a Rabbi.

Women were not supposed study with Rabbis, but it wasn't this that bothered Martha, she thought that Mary should help her with the chores. Perhaps Martha thought that if Jesus was on her side, he would tell Mary..."run along then: maybe we can talk later" but Jesus didn't do that, he said that Mary had chosen the one necessary thing.

Now my inability to sit still is nothing like the Martha/Mary situation really, I didn't need to do any chores, I wasn't preparing for a visitor, but my head was full of everything else, I was unable to 'sit at the Lords' feet.

This is something I need to think about going forward, as part of

my ongoing development as Licensed Lay Minister, and perhaps I'll do better without the 'pressure' of it being Lent.

But then again, we need both Martha's and Mary's, so perhaps my heart is destined to be practical and busy, but I hope I may be able to find that part of me that longs also to be a Mary.

I'll leave you with this...

Many years ago I was on a school trip to the village of Ledsham not far from where I grew up in Castleford, and we did a country walk and ended up in the churchyard looking at gravestones (like you do!). I'm afraid I cannot remember the name of the lady who's stone we spotted (I'll have to have a pootle over there and have a look) but I do remember the inscription, which was;

"She had the heart of Mary and the hands of Martha"

Love and prayers

Dawn x

STOP FOOD WASTE DAY - 26th April 2023

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**Source: World Food Programme*

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George & Jemima. Lego Mania.

Both pop up

Jemima. Hello George, nice to see you, hows things?

George. Oh, hi Jemima, not so bad all things considered.

Jemima. Ok. All things considered to what?

George. Nothing really, I'm just settling down a bit now after the trauma of shopping with my Mum.

Jemima. You **never** go shopping with your Mum, why now all of a sudden?

George. Cause I wanted some new Lego.

Jemima. I thought your Dad would have been the best person to go with for Lego, don't you think?

George. That was the original plan, but my Dad had to work away from home for the week, so it was my Mum or bust.

Jemima. Ok, so what's wrong with shopping with Mum?

George. Well, if me and Dad would have gone together, in car, to Toys was Us, Lego, back in car, home, done, all within an hour.

Jemima. I thought Toys Are Us had closed down.

George. They have. I said Toys Was Us not Toys Are Us. Ha ha, ya missed that one Jemima. We would have gone to Smyth's Toys. Get it?

Jemima. Ok I've got it. So I'll ask you again, what's wrong with shopping with Mum?

George. Because shopping with Mum is a full day's job.

Jemima. So why's that then?

George. Because she needs stuff for herself and has to go in every blooming shop in the shopping mall.

Jemima. So go on then, what happened?

George. Well, we got off to a good start. I was sat there all ready and waiting for Mum to get ready, and after waiting for a whole hour, she appears. I said to her “what kept you” she said “I had to put my makeup on” I said “ we’re going shopping, not meeting George Clooney”. She said “I want to look good in case I see someone I know” I said “you look good Mum now can we please go”. Then just as I stood up she said “ won’t be a minute, just nipping to the loo”. She’d been in the loo for the last hour putting her slap on, what’s wrong with you women?

Jemima. That’s just how we are George, get used to it . Now carry on.

George. Ok. So we get to the shopping mall and park in R.Y.O carpark.

Jemima. R.Y.O car park, never heard of that one.

George. You have. R.Y.O. Rip you off car parks.

Jemima. Ha ha very funny. Go on.

George. So we finally reach the first floor of the mall and we are immediately confronted by this young women carrying a clip board. She says to my Mum “excuse me madam I’m carrying out a survey about peoples shopping habits and wondered if you’d mind answering a few questions” and of course my Mum say’s “no I don’t mind”. I was fuming by now, I just wanted to get on with the shopping. Then this woman’s first question to Mum was “would you mind telling me how much salary you earn in a year” I butted in and told her £250,000. The woman said “wow, where do you earn that kind money. I said “taking surveys at the next mall down the road , now come on mum, let’s go.

George. So, at last we start shopping and it had to happen.

Jemima. What did?

George. Mum wants a new dress.

Jemima. So, what’s wrong with that?

George. The thing that my dad warned me about.

Jemima. What’s that?

George. Mum’s mood swings, I think I’ve seen this before.

Jemima. How do you mean?

George. Well, my dad said, if mum tries on a dress and it's a size 10 and it fits perfectly, then all is hunky dory. But if mum needs a size 12, then all hell breaks loose and she has the blonk on for the rest of the week.

Jemima. So, what happened?

George. Size 10, so I survived.

Jemima. So, you went to Toys were Us next then?

George. Oh no, not a chance, mum needed lunch now, so she took me to Zi Zi's Italian.

Jemima. Wow, that's a bit posh for lunch.

George. Yeh, not half.

Jemima. Was it any good?

George. Not bad, but I did get into a spot of bother with mum.

Jemima. What bother?

George. Well our food arrived and my mum said "dont you dare ask for tomato ketchup" I said "come off it mum, I need ketchup, I've ordered the risotto.

Jemima. Ha ha.

George. So I did ask the waiter for the ketchup, my mum was livid. The waiter came back with a tiny little pot with about a teaspoon of ketchup in it.

Jemima. So what did you do?

George. I took a sip and said "yes very nice, I'll have the bottle please.

Jemima. Brilliant George. So was it now Lego time?

George. Oh no, mum wanted to go to the market now.

Jemima. Ugh, I hate it there.

George. Yeh, me too, but we had to go cause mum said so.

Jemima. Was it good then?

George. No, it was mental. There were kids running riot everywhere, men & women shouting, dogs barking, chickens clucking. At one point a couple of sheep got loose and started knocking over stalls spilling fruit and veg all over the place, it was panemonium.

Jemima. Blimey George, ya know what that reminds me of?

George. No, what?

Jemima. That temple that Jesus was going to tear down in that story we had in Sunday school. It sounds just the same, where Jesus had to put together a whip out of strips of leather and chase the stampeding sheep and cattle out of the temple. Remember, when he said to the Merchants and the loan sharks.....

George. There were no sharks in the market.

Jemima. Shut up George. Jesus told them to get their things out of there and to stop turning his Father's house into a shopping mall. Don't you remember George? that's when he said "tear down this Temple and in three days I'll put it back together" They told Jesus it took forty six years to build this temple and you're going to re-build it in three days? But what they didn't realise was that Jesus wasn't talking about their temple, he was talking about his body being the temple. Later, after Jesus had been raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this. They put two & two together and believed both what was written in scripture and what Jesus said.

Anyway George, did you get your Lego?

George. Aw aye, eventually we got back to Toys Was Us.

Jemima. Did you get what you wanted?

George. Yes thanks. Me and Dad started to build a replica of Woodkirk Church.

Jemima. Wow, can I come and see it?

George. Not yet, we've had a mishap.

Jemima. Why, what's happened?

George. We had a stampede.

Jemima. What?

George. Yeh, mum left the back door open and next door's dog came bounding in chasing a cat into our living room. They knocked over tables, chairs, fruit bowls, fish tank, (no sharks though) and my Woodkirk Church. I was furious. My dad said "don't worry son we can re-build it in three days" Ya know what I said to him?

Jemima. No. What?

George. It took me forty six years to build that, and you can re-build it in three days?

Jemima. Say goodbye George.

Both. Goodbye everybody, goodbye.

Brian

Hill Top School Easter Service

Well once again we were delighted to see the church bursting at the seams on the last day of March when the lovely pupils and staff along with supporting family and friends came to celebrate their Easter Service which was brilliantly led by the pupils from Year 3.

The children had worked really hard learning all their words and told us about Easter eggs and Hot Cross Buns, they also paraded their Easter bonnets.

Rev Sharon got the children to share in the Easter story by hiding plastic Easter eggs amongst the pews which contained representative symbols to help them remember.

And as always, their singing was a delight and they treated us to a whole raft of new songs which they sang so well.

We had;
*Say goodbye to colder days,
the sky begins to clear.
Give a wave to winter for a year.
Like the clocks we all leap forward,
hop, skip, jump and play.
Spring is here, it's time for us to say:*

The next two songs talked about Jesus at Easter:

*The sun was shining, shining down, in the Easter garden.
And flowers were blooming all around, in the Easter garden.
Cos Jesus had risen, he'd risen again,
Cos Jesus had risen, he'd risen again.*

And

*When I think about the cross, when I think of Jesus,
I'm reminded of His love - love that never leaves me,
Who am I that he should die, giving life so freely?
When I think about the cross, help me to believe it.*

I am reminded here of the words in Matthew and Mark's Gospels...

"whoever does not receive and welcome the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it"

The next song was sung with much gusto;

*Oh I've got - lots of chocolate
Give me – lovely chocolate
It's the best thing to eat for sure.
When I get eggs for Easter
It's my favourite treat so I can
Always make some room for more!*

The words of the penultimate song again reminded us of the reason for Easter.

*Who spoke words of wisdom and life?
Only the one they call Jesus.
Understood what people are like,
nobody other than him.
Who performed miraculous signs?
Only the one they call Jesus.
Healed the sick, gave sight to the blind,
Nobody other than him.*

And then the final song was a lovely ending to a lovely service.

*Easter jubilation fills the streets and towns
Celebrations have begun.
Hear the music and the dancing now
Join the laughter and the fun*

It was as always a great privilege as well as very enjoyable being in church when our friends from Hill Top School came for their service. And the songs were a lovely collection bringing together all aspects of the story of Easter.

With love and thanks to Hill Top School.

Dawn Tattersfield



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(24hrs)

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0808 2000 247
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0808 168 9111
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ChildLine
0800 1111
(24hrs)

Action on Elder Abuse
0808 808 8141
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Respect - Men's Advice Line
0808 801 0327
(Mon-Fri 9-5 or 8pm)

Samaritans
116 123
(24hrs free)

National Centre for Domestic Violence
0207 186 8270

Pastoral Care

Telephone Calls—We understand times are difficult—please know we are here if you need anything. Gail Townsend is our Pastoral Minister and she regularly telephones those who are unable to leave their homes at this time. If you would like Gail to give you a weekly call then please do not hesitate to contact her on 0113 252 8710.

Baptisms—If you wish to make an enquiry or book a Baptism please contact Barbara Tate on 07792 211095 in the first instance. Barbara will then arrange to visit you and book your Baptism into our Diary.

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 0113 252 8710 or email: gail@stmarywoodkirk.org.

Notice Sheets—If you would like to receive a copy of our weekly Notice Sheet via email—then please drop me an email giving me permission to add you to the list. My email address is vicar@stmarywoodkirk.org

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Happy Easter from Knit & Natter & friends



Well hello there, I wonder if you have been along Batley Road past the Hare and Hounds lately?

If so have you been 'eagle eyed' enough to spot an adornment to the post box?

The ladies of knit and natter with adopted friend Mavis from Church have been beavering away on their needles to produce West Ardsley's first knitted post box topper;



It was installed on the 27th March so that it would be seen by the children going to school in their last week before Easter and within half an hour of installation had been shared with lovely positive comments on one of the community facebook pages.

The 'art' of post box toppers in knitting or crochet has gained

popularity over the past few years and it is lovely to have been able to create this one.

It would have been impossible without the dedicated ladies who produced the base, chicks, ducks, a rabbit, flower baskets and lots of flowers. I'm not going to name them, but they know who they are, and a great big thank you to them.

The only thing is, we seem to have 'created a monster' as we are busily now pulling together items for a 'Coronation' topper, so watch this space.

If you haven't seen it yet, do pop along and have a look. It is easier to spot if you are coming from the direction of Wakefield as it is hidden by the wall if you're driving up from the Dewsbury side.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter
from Elaine, Dawn and the Knit and Natter ladies xx

St Mary's Church – Woodkirk

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 2nd April 10.30am Palm Sunday

Monday 3rd April 7.00pm Holy Monday

Tuesday 4th April 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Weds 5th April 7.00pm Holy Wednesday

Thursday 6th April 7.00pm Maundy Thursday

Friday 7th April 2.00pm Good Friday

Saturday 8th April

3.00pm Easteringle – Service for families and children

8.00pm Service of Darkness and Light

Sunday 9th April 10.30am Easter Sunday

Alberts Quiz

- 1) Who were the first people in Australia?
- 2) In which country does the Emu live?
- 3) What was the name of the Spanish ships once sent in to invade England?
- 4) The Ugly Duckling was written by Hans Christian who?
- 5) The world's biggest desert the Sahara, is where?
- 6) Which ancient King had a round table?
- 7) What is the capital city of Greece?
- 8) A hovercraft is kept up by a cushion of what ?
- 9) Joan of where was known as The Maid of Orleans?
- 10) The New Zealand rugby team is called the what?
- 11) In South America (mainly in Brazil) what rain forest can be found?
- 12) Which forbidden fruit was eaten by Adam and Eve?
- 13) Which pear is not a pear?
- 14) The Koala is a marsupial found in which Country?
- 15) From who's lamp did a genie emerge?
- 16) The fuselage is part of the body of what?
- 17) Which limbs of the 'Venus de Milo' are missing?
- 18) What name do we use for a book of maps?
- 19) What is the past tense of eat?
- 20) What grows on oak trees?

Answers on Page 41

Dates for Your Diary

April

Holy Week—see page 38

Note: No morning prayers on Tuesday & no night prayer on Thursday during Holy Week.

Mon 10th PCC meeting in church

Wed 12th 10am Holy Communion

Sun 16th 10.30am Holy Communion

Wed 19th 10am Holy Communion

Thur 20th 11am Service at Lydgate Lodge Care Home

Sun 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion with Revd John P-P.

Wed 26th 10am Holy Communion

Sun 30th 10.30am Holy Communion

May

Wed 3rd 10am Holy Communion

Sat 6th (Coronation of King Charles)

Sun 7th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sun 2pm 2pm Afternoon Coronation Tea

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.

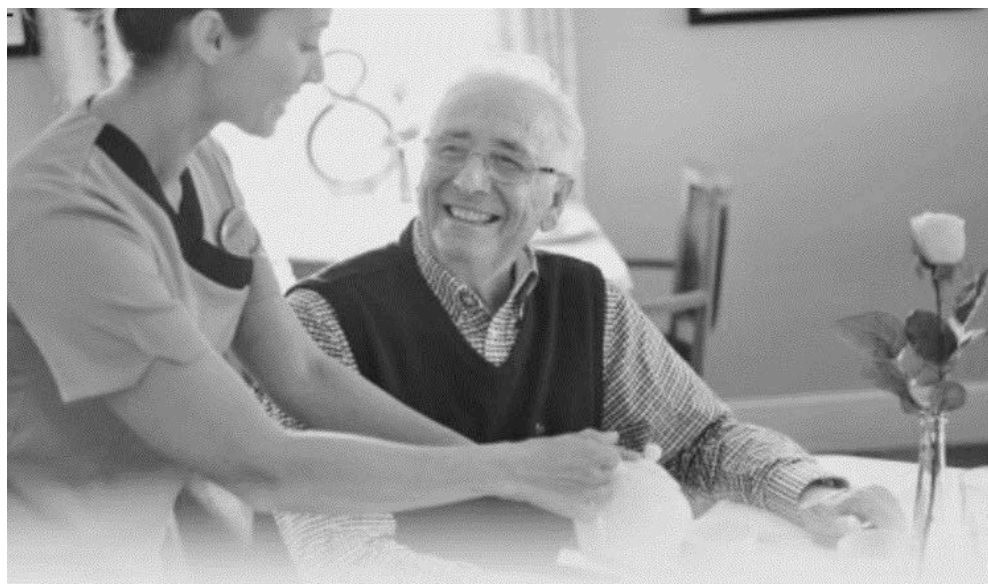
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1) Aborigines, 2) Australia, 3) Armada, 4) Andersen, 5) Africa , 6) Arthur, 7) Athens, 8) Air, 9) Arc, 10) All Blacks, 11) Amazon, 12) Apple, 13) Avocado, 14) Australia, 15) Aladdin, 16) Aeroplane, 17) Arms, 18) Atlas, 19) Ate, 20) Acorns.

A very big thank you to Albert!



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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS—

There were no baptisms last month and so we will pray for those families who have baptisms booked in later in the year.



DEATHS



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

Violet Luty

WEDDINGS

We pray for all who are preparing for marriage in the coming months



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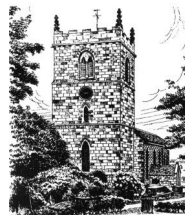
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Nikki Esberger 07932026419
Thursday 9.30-11.00am (Term time)
Charlotte 07972217528

Line Dancing 1.00-3.30pm Tuesday
Contact Helena 07719946917

Knit and Natter—come and enjoy help with crafts or just chat
Wednesday 1.00-3.00pm

Pilates Wednesday 7.00- 8.00pm
Contact Erin Blake

Young at Heart 1st & 3rd Thursdays 2:00pm
Sally Shaw 07963610708

Rainbows Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm
Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 607393

Brownies Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm
Hannah Tombling 01924 501892

Beavers Friday 5:00pm to 6:15 pm
Joanne Rutledge 07950 580877

Cubs Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm
Marianne Ingham 07778 542302

Scouts Friday 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927

Explorer Scouts Friday 7:45 pm to 9:30 pm
Chris Ingham 07816 517838

Diary and Services this Month

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

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