

# **Parish News**

**St Mary's Church, Woodkirk**

**Remembrance Sunday 12th November**

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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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## **Wheelchair Access**

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

**Old age is when its your Doctor telling  
you to slow down, not a policeman.**

## Vicar's Letter

I am writing this letter on the morning after the All Soul's Day Service held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Remembrance features heavily in November – All Soul's Day gives us an opportunity to remember those that meant something to us, those ordinary people who may not have left a mark on the world, but who made a mark on us, their loved ones. Over 70 people attended last night, all gathered together to remember their loved ones. Hymns and songs were sung, candles were lit and a beautiful cross was made to remind us that the cross of Christ, is a cross of a love, a sacrifice made for all.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November we have a Service for All Saint's Day and this is when we remember all the saints of the church whose work everyone knows something about: St Paul, St Peter, and St Francis.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November we have a Remembrance Day Service. A time when we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. This day has always focussed on WWI and WWII but increasingly we find ourselves remembering those who have continued to fight for freedom and justice in places far away, but the horrors and atrocities appear all too vividly in our own living rooms, thanks to the power of technology.

Our remembering of the past is important as it makes us the people we are today. It has shaped and changed our perceptions and our values and it has helped us to appreciate those whose lives have touched ours, and those who we never see or never know but appreciate what they have given so that life can be better for the majority of people.

So I encourage you to do something simple at home. Light a candle, say a prayer and remember. Here are the words to a simple song we listened to at the All Soul's Service and a picture of the cross that was made:-

Tonight I'll light a candle  
Tonight I'll say a prayer  
Tonight I will remember you  
And wish that you were here

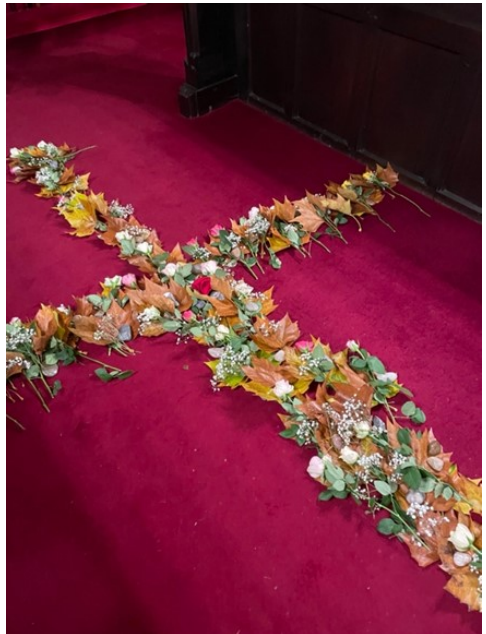
So many times I speak your name  
In hopes you will return  
So many times I cry in vain  
Because the candle now will burn  
You are with the angels now  
Flying up above  
You are with the angels now  
I send you my love

Stories shared by many friends  
Who travelled near and far  
You'll live on in their hearts and prayers  
You'll be their shining star.

Your time on earth was far too  
short  
Your soul is now at peace  
And when God's angles heavenly  
bound  
Your earthly trials shall cease

You are with the angels now  
Flying up above  
You are with the angels now  
I send you my love Love

Sharon



## Doesn't time fly?

Hi there

Cast your mind back to the summer (yes I know it seems an age ago!) but you may remember that during August Rev Sharon invited us to choose our favourite hymns and she would play them during August.

Well, the last Sunday we did this was the 3rd September when we sang:

*Great is thy faithfulness,  
I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
Just as I am, and  
Thy hand O God has guided*

Then for our final hymn we sang Thine be the Glory that amazing Easter Hymn, and it got me thinking about the passage of time as obviously we wouldn't ordinarily be singing an Easter Hymn during the summer.

It also reminded me of something the late great comedienne Victoria Wood said about shopping and time, when in the shops we seem to have Christmas, Cadbury's Creme Eggs, Christmas, Cadbury's Creme Eggs...(which by the way, if you've noticed does tend to be somewhat true).

Because in 'olden days' when a lot of people couldn't read or write, they would have known the passage of time by the seasons in weather terms, but also in the Church Calendar. For an rural area like ours the seasons would be noticeable by the arrival of Spring, which would then of course lead to Easter.

You may be aware that the Church's year (Liturgical Year) starts with Advent, which looks forward to Christmas. The visit of the wise men to Jesus is remembered at Epiphany, after which there is a period of 'ordinary time'. The six weeks of Lent prepare us for Easter, and obviously Spring fits in this period. Then in liturgy we have Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost. which fall in May.

Apart from any particular 'special' periods, the liturgical calendar then goes into something called 'Ordinary time' until the end of the year. But whilst the title 'ordinary time' might sound a bit boring, it actually allows for more varied reading from the Bible, for the exploration of other themes such as creation and the environment, and for creative responses to saints' days.

For those who couldn't read and write, this period of 'ordinary time' would be for rural people the time of planting, tending, sewing and reaping, for looking after their livestock etc etc.

There is an additional visual indicator of the passage of the liturgical calendar, do you know what it is?

We have different colours for different seasons, so you will see the altar frontal and cloths we use changing between Green, Red, White and Purple (I've hopefully not forgotten any or Sharon and Gail will be telling me off!!).

Anyway, just a little pause to think about how time and the seasons pass by, all part of our rich and varied traditions. OH and see how soon after Christmas you spot a cadbury's crème egg tee hee.

Blessings  
Dawn x

St Mary's Church, Woodkirk

# Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 12th November  
10.30am



*...We will remember them*



## Elaine and Duncan Head for Pastures New...

As many of you may know, Elaine and Duncan are moving to Arbroath in Scotland—about 300 miles north of here. Both Elaine and Duncan have been great assets to the church in different ways, helping out with events as well as more mundane tasks like cleaning the Church and Parish Centre. Elaine was an integral part of the 'Knit and Natter' group who have produced the post box toppers as well as the poppy displays you can see this month in the churchyard and the porch.

They will be missed by all of us and we wish them the very best in their new venture in bonny Scotland. They plan to head north in early November. Below is a picture of them at their house here...



## **Sticks and Stones**

When you step back and really look at the songs and sayings of our childhood, it leaves you scratching your head. They can actually be a little misleading and even disturbing.

For example, we have all heard the childhood saying

*"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me."*

I don't know about your experience, but that has not been true for me.

Someone has suggested we rewrite that statement to say:-

*"Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can shatter my soul."*

Our words have incredible power. Every one of us could go back to significant moments in our lives when somebody's words deeply inspired and breathed life into us. And we could go back to other moments where somebody's words have deeply cut and wounded us.

The words in our past echo in our present and they continue to shape our lives today. And the words that we speak to others shape their lives. Remember your words can...

Affirm and encourage, Divide a family, Build someone's self-esteem, Tear down a person's self-esteem, Work people into a frenzy, Disrupt Unity, Bring comfort, Create Panic, Express love, Incite violence, Inspire confidence, Spread mistrust, Communicate value, Resolve conflict, Destroy reputations, Wound deeply, Bring healing.

*"The tongue has the power of life and death..." Proverbs 18:21a*

### **So, let us think how we can use our words wisely.**

1. Use words carefully

*"Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body." Proverbs 16:24*

It doesn't cost us anything to do this, and this isn't about "spiritual gifts". This is about sensitivity and love and kindness.

*"Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up." Proverbs 12:25*

When I was doing my Pastoral course I had to stand up and talk about my journey that had brought me to this path I was about to take, and

after I had finished someone took to one side and said to me “Your words of have touch my heart, you were so brave to stand up and tell your story it made me realise God works in mysterious ways and can touch anyone at any time where ever you are in you journey.”

*"At the baptism of Jesus, a voice out of heaven came and said... This is my dearly loved son, who brings me great joy..."* Matthew 3:17

Let us encourage one another to speak kind words to each other everyday or maybe send a Birthday card to someone you have not seen for a long time or A hand written note, or An encouraging e-mail, or Face to face conversation, or A text message with a short prayer.

Our approach with words are critical to successful relationships.

*"Words satisfy the soul as food satisfies the stomach; the right words on a person's lips bring satisfaction."* Proverbs 18:20

Especially when we are engaging a courageous conversation or resolving conflict, our words matter even more.

Our tone and the kinds of words we use make all the difference in whether we put people on the defensive or we create openness for a meaningful conversation.

Proverbs 25:15 really shows us in this verse about the art of good delivery,

*"Patience can persuade a prince, and soft speech can crush strong opposition."*

Let us work at being “soft” in our communication. We can be clear and still be soft.

So, as we engage with people this month, Let us be lavish with our words of blessing and affirmation. And work hard on the art of good delivery. What we say matters but “how” we say it matters just as much, God bless.

Gail



## Harvest Home

Hi folks

Well once again in October we had a lovely harvest time.

Rev Sharon led a harvest assembly at Blackgates School and took 149 kilos (328.5 pounds, 23.5 stones) of donations to the foodbank.

We had a brilliant Harvest Supper and Quiz on the 7<sup>th</sup> October with a lovely beef casserole and then apple crumble and custard. We raised an excellent £350 towards the East Window fund and a fun night was had by all.

Huge thanks to Brian for producing an excellent quiz and well done to the winners.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October we had our Harvest Festival in Church and Ann had done a fantastic job decorating the church for harvest, it looked lovely. Then you all brought your food donations and an amazing 169 kilos (372.5 pounds or 26.5 stones) was taken to the foodbank.

Then on the 13<sup>th</sup> October we held a soup lunch social. It was a rotten day weather wise and those who prepared big dishes of soup were concerned about finding room for it in their freezers as we thought many might not turn out. However, over the period 11.30 to 1.30 there were approximately 30 people who came into church to share food and fellowship with friends, and all the soup was slurped and enjoyed.



Our final event was when Hill Top School were coming into church on the 27<sup>th</sup> October for their harvest service. Sadly, the weather had other plans and so the service was held in school. Rev Sharon still collected all the harvest gifts to take to the foodbank, and a brilliant 88 kilos (194 pounds, 13.86 stones) was donated.

It is so lovely that when times are hard for everyone, there is still that desire to help others less fortunate than ourselves.

I went back through previous harvest school assemblies as I was sure I would find something lovely that the children sang, and although I cannot remember the tune of the song, I think the words fit to what we need to remember:

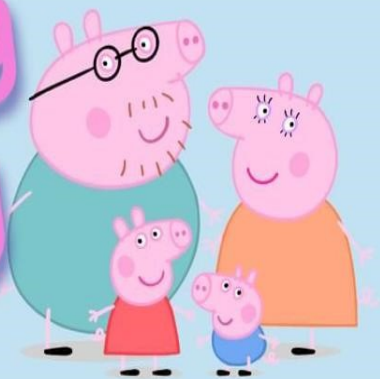
*A little bit of kindness in your day  
Will bring a lot of happiness your way  
It doesn't take a lot to stop and say,  
'Can I help you?'*  
*A little bit of kindness here and there  
Will show a lot of people that you care  
It's something you can practise anywhere  
If you want to!*

*What a difference we can make  
When we brighten someone's day  
Is there any better way to be happy?  
Just a little thing or two  
It's not difficult to do  
Will be just as good for you as each other.*

With love and huge thanks

Dawn x

# Peppa Pig play day



Saturday 18th November  
10-11:30am

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themed play with toys, crafts & fun.  
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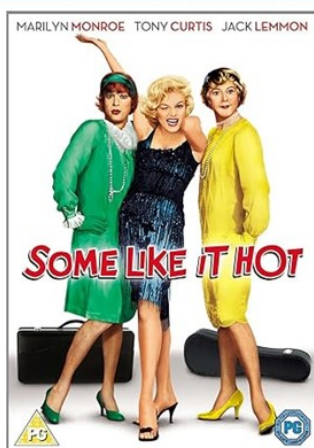
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# St Mary's Church Woodkirk



Welcome to this child friendly  
carol service which closes our  
Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

At 4.00pm

## The Magic of Wool + Needles = Love

Hello there

Back in May I received a message from Reverend Sharon which she had received via one of our online pages. It was an appeal from a nurse from the Intensive Care Unit at Pinderfields Hospital asking if we had any knitters who may be able to help.

They explained that as part of the care they provide to patients and families coming to the end of their lives they try to place 2 hearts with the patient and then 1 stays with them and the 2nd goes with their loved ones as a memory. Unfortunately they had run out of these, and understanding we had a knit and natter session within the church wondered if we could help?



Could we help? What a question to ask of the wonderful ladies who attend our Knit and Natter, and also our friend Mavis.

They set too, and I am delighted to tell you, that at the end of October I was able to deliver over 50 pairs of hearts and 4 gorgeous blankets to the hospital. (The blankets were for a different section of the hospital, but were all delivered together). Here you can see the lovely items that the ladies provided.

We hope that the love we put into our work will be a comfort to all those who receive them.

Thanks as always to the amazing ladies who never fail to provide lovely things from my many and varied requests.



Love and thanks Dawn x



St Mary's Church, Woodkirk

# Community Christmas Tree Festival

Come and see our Christmas Tree's  
decorated by our local community

## *Festival Opening Times*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 4pm to 8pm**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10am to 6pm**  
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## Don't go breaking my Heart

Hi there

I have two heart related things to talk to you about this month.

Firstly, you may remember that we were holding a second Heart Start Course in the Parish Centre in October.

Well I'm delighted to report that a further 5 people attended the training, which included some basic first aid, how to deal with cases of Cardiac Arrest and Heart Attack, also CPR and how to use a defibrillator.

Again, our trainer was the lovely Craig who did a brilliant job, making what can be a slightly daunting thing interesting and understandable.

Craig would be happy to run a further course in the New Year so if you are interested, please let me know ([dawn@stmarywoodkirk.org](mailto:dawn@stmarywoodkirk.org)) so I can start a list.

The second heart related matter relates to the **Defibrillator** that is sited on the wall of the Parish Centre.

Back in June you may remember that I wrote asking for donations towards the cost of a replacement battery which was an eye watering £267.60. We did contact local Councillors but unfortunately no funding was forthcoming.

I can however confirm that we have covered the cost of a replacement battery from church funds. Whilst budgets for church, just as at home are stretched, we felt it was essential that we continue to fund this lifesaving equipment.

I'm also making a further appeal as we need to replace one set of the pads immediately and the second set of pads within the

next 10 months.

The cost of a set of replacement pads is £71.94

This is a large sum for an individual or couple, but if a larger number of us made smaller donations, we hopefully will be able to cover the cost. I'm really sorry to seem to be always asking for monies, but if you do feel able to donate anything it would be really really helpful.

You can donate via our bank account the details are as follows:-

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Account Name: Woodkirk PCC

You can also pass any donations on to myself or Barbara, and you can also use the card machine at the back of Church, but please do let Barbara know so that she can allocate the monies correctly.

Thank you so much.

Dawn





## The Monks Walk vs Storm Babet.

This year Sharon has been having a bit of hip trouble and couldn't do her sponsored walk, so myself, Dawn and Gary decided we would have a go at the Monks Walk from church down to Nostell – to recreate the walk the ancient Monks would have had to make from our church down to the Priory at Nostell.

We didn't count on the arrival of Storm Babet on the Thursday and Friday leading to localised flooding in the area. Little did we know the consequences of that...



Saturday arrived with good weather, and we set off in high spirits, crossing Hey Beck Lane and onto the fields. I even mentioned, as we walked along, that the pathways didn't seem too bad – only to find a huge lake had formed next to Hey Beck a bit further along, blocking our path. We diverted up the hill along the side of the woods and skirted around a couple fields to get back onto the path higher up (after scrambling through a hedge) but at least it was drier! We emerged onto Park Mill Lane



with 3 miles done and headed down to Low Laithes Golf Club. The footpath cuts across the golf course (closed due to the weather!) before heading up to Junction 41 of the M1. From here we used proper (dry) pavements to take us down Broadway and into Lupset.

Crossing the football fields at the side of the A642 we arrived at Wakefield Golf Course (also closed) and 6 miles completed. Again, we used the public

footpath to cross the Golf Course with

the idea of using the tunnel under the railway to join up with the side of the canal – but this route was completely flooded and impassable meaning needed diversion number 2.



The diversion took us along Thornes Moor Road to the side of Thornes Park where we could follow the main A636 until it crossed both the Canal and the river Calder. Once over the bridge we turned left to follow a footpath alongside the river (luckily not flooded) until we were able to climb the hill to complete 9 miles at Sandal Castle. This was the toughest climb of the route being very muddy and quite steep. We stopped for lunch here and sat on a bench admiring the great views to the west.

Fully refuelled (and with bacon sandwich envy – see picture) we headed down South Drive and Castle



Road, crossing the A61 onto Walton Lane. These were all paved streets so no problems with water. At the end of Walton Lane we turned left and crossed over the railway before turning right into the lovely Walton Colliery Nature reserve. This was created from the spoil heaps of the old mine – with lakes and woodland sections.

But only a few hundred yards into the reserve and we were again halted by flooding (for the third time) and we had to divert another half a mile or so to a bridge crossing to circumnavigate around the flooded section of footpath. We reached the car park at the other end of the reserve and the 11 mile mark. After a brief stop we continued over Shay Lane and joined a footpath heading towards Crofton Village. This also had a small flood and we skirted around it without too much trouble or (more importantly) extra distance!

We crossed the railway once again leading to the streets of Crofton, joining the High Street and Santingley Lane, heading down Spring Lane we joined the last footpath before reaching the A638, but halfway along the footpath we were again confronted by another huge lake. This time, so close to the finish, we didn't have the heart to turn back and take yet



another diversion so there was only one option left....we waded knee deep (or higher in Dawn's case) through the water for about 50



or 60 yards until we reached dry land. Soggy and squelching we pressed on for the last mile along the last section of the A638 to Nostell car park and the finish line. Thankfully, Sharon came to collect us so we didn't have to walk back!

It was around 15 miles in total instead of the expected 13 miles due to the flooding we experienced along the way, but this just added to the sense of adventure!

Thanks to all your support and sponsorship we have been able to raise around £475 towards the East Window restoration fund. Many thanks to all.

Dave, Gary and Dawn.



# Remembrance.

## Robert Laurence Binyon.

(10 August 1869 – 10 March 1943)



RL Binyon was an English poet, dramatist and art scholar. Born in Lancaster, England, his parents were Frederick Binyon, a clergyman, and Mary Dockray. He studied at St Paul's School, London and at Trinity College, Oxford, where he won the Newdigate Prize for poetry in 1891. He worked for the British Museum from 1893 until his retirement in 1933. In 1904 he married the historian Cicely Margaret Powell, with whom he had three daughters, including the artist Nicolette Gray.

Moved by the casualties of the British Expeditionary Force in 1914, Binyon wrote his most famous work "**For the Fallen**", which is often recited at Remembrance Sunday services in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. (see next page).

In 1915, he volunteered as a hospital orderly in France and afterwards worked in England, helping to take care of the wounded of the Battle of Verdun. He wrote about these experiences in *For Dauntless France*. After the war, he continued his career at the British Museum, writing numerous books on art.

He was appointed Norton Professor of Poetry at Harvard University in 1933. Between 1933 and his death in 1943, he published his translation of Dante's *Divine Comedy*.

His war poetry includes a poem about the London Blitz, "The Burning of the Leaves", regarded by many as his masterpiece.

For the Fallen.

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;  
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,  
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Robert Laurence Binyon

## George and Jemima meet a new friend

**Both pop up**

**George** Good morning Jemima, and how are you today?

**Jemima** I'm very well thank you George, and you sound very chirpy today, what ya been up to?

**George** I've been building my new enterprise. In fact I'm becoming a bit of an entrapa-enpetra, oh what's that blooming name?

**Jemima.** Entrepreneur.

**George** Yeh that's him, one of them.

**Jemima.** Ok George, spill the beans.

**George.** It's nowt to do with beans, it's to do with lemonade.

**Jemima.** Lemonade,? Lemonade.?

**George.** Yes you heard me, I'm selling home made lemonade.

**Jemima.** And where are you selling this lemonade?

**George.** I've built a stall just outside our garden gate, but I'm going to have to build a bigger one cause I'm doing a bomb. I'll soon be loaded with money and I'm going to spend it all on me.

**Jemima.** That's typical of you George, only thinking about yourself.

**( From behind the wall)**

**Tommy.** Excuse me.

**George.** What was that?

**Jemima.** What was what?

**Tommy.** (Louder) Excuse me.

**Jemima.** I heard it that time.

**Tommy.** (still behind the wall) I'm down here

**George.** (turning round) And who are you?

**Tommy.** I'm Tommy.

**George.** Tommy who?

**Tommy.** No, just Tommy.

**Jemima.** Ask him to come up George.

**George.** Come up here Tommy, where we can get a look at you.

**Tommy.** I can't climb up, it's too high.

**George.** Hang on then, we'll come down and give you a peg up.

**George & Jemima drop behind wall)**

**George & Jemima.** After three Tommy, are you ready?

**Tommy.** I think so, let's give it a go.

**George.** One, two, three, heave.

**(All three pop up on the wall, Tommy in the Middle)**

**Jemima.** Well hello Tommy.

**Tommy.** Hello Jemima, nice to meet you.

**Jemima.** Come on George, say hello to Tommy.

**George.** How do.

**Tommy.** Hello George nice to meet you too.

**George.** Ther's only one of me.

**Tommy.** Pardon?

**Jemima.** Never mind him Tommy, you'll get used to him.

**George.** Ok Tommy, where do you live?

**Tommy.** Rein Road.

**George.** Oh I bet ya get wet living there.

**Tommy.** How do you mean?

**George.** Rain Road, rain's wet int it?

**Tommy.** So where do you live George?

**George.** Soothill.

**Tommy.** You'll get mucky playing out there then.

**George.** I like you Tommy.

**Tommy.** And where do **you** live Jemima?

**Jemima.** I live on Bag Hill

**George.** Now be very careful what you say next Tommy.

**Tommy.** I'm saying nowt.

**George.** Good boy. Anyway Tommy, what do you want?

**Tommy.** Well I don't think you remember me George, but I was at your very busy lemonade stall yesterday and bought a bottle of your delicious lemonade, and I'd like some more please, cause I'm very hot and thirsty.

**George.** Ok Tommy give me a quid and I'll go and get you some.

**Tommy.** A quid? a quid? It was 50 pence yesterday, why is it now a quid?

**George.** Cause I'm not a charity. It was hot yesterday and its going to get even hotter today, so more people will want my lemonade. And the more people want lemomade the more it's gonna cost.

**Tommy.** But I've walked all this way in the heat and I'm very very thirsty and I've only got 50 pence.

**George.** Tough.Well it looks like you're gonna be walking all the way back again thirsty then.

**Jemima.** Oh come on George, that's not very nice.

**George.** Course it is, there's lots more customers wher he came from, he's just a drop in the bucket.

**Tommy.** Ocean.

**George.** What?

**Tommy.** It's a drop in the ocean, not bucket.

**George.** Oooo clever little clogs aren't we?

**Jemima.** Come off it George, give Tommy some lemonade.

**George.** If I give Tommy some lemonade at yesterday's price, everybody will want some. I need more money.

**Jemima.** For what?

**George.** Well at first I wanted to buy a new little dinky toy aeroplane, but I don't want that any more. In fact I've got so much money I can buy a big radio controlled aeroplane, the supa-dupa deluxe model **and** have enough money left for a lovely cheesy pizza just for me and lots of pop so I can party all night long. Oh and I need the money for my advertising campaign. So Tommy, take it or leave it.

**Jemima.** Just a minute, what advertising campaign?

**George.** I'm going to get an advert on TV.

**Tommy** (laughing) Ha, ha , ha.

**George.** What you laughing at shorty?

**Jemima.** Leave him alone George.

**Tommy.** Yeh, leave me alone or I'll tell my Dad.

**Jemima.** Ok George, have you any ideas for your advert. Have you got a strap line?

**Tommy.** What's a strap line?

**George.** Blimey Tommy don't ya know what a strap line is? (pause) What's a strap line Jemima?

**Jemima.** Ya know, like a slogan, you've seem em on the telly. For example (in a french accent) L'oreal because your worth it. Or (singing) I sold my car on we buy any car.

**Tommy.** Have you got any idea so far George?

**George.** Well, I'm calling it Gorgeous George's Lemonade. So 'Gorgeous George's lemonade...

**Tommy.** Tastes better than manky Lucazade.

**George.** Ha ha very good Tommy.

**Jemima.** Don' be so daft you two.

**George.** I've got another one. George's pop is nice and bitter.

**Tommy.** But it tastes more like cat litter.

**George.** Ha ha, I'm getting to like you Tommy.

**Jemima.** Pack it in you two. Now let's get serious.

**George.** Strap in Tommy, this may take some time.

**Tommy.** OK.

**Jemima.** Shut up George and listen. Like the gospel reading said in church, you don't need to worry about what you don't have, God will always provide.

The rich man only thought of himself, much like you George. He wanted to build a bigger barn for his crops so he could make more money, just like you wanting a bigger stall for the same reason. God called him a fool for storing up his treasures for himself, but that didn't make him rich in God's eyes.

Don't worry what you will eat or what you will wear, or how many toys or pizzas you can buy George, for life is more than these things. Look at all the birds and animals, they don't have lemonade or pizza, they don't have to build bigger stalls, yet God feeds them. Don't keep striving for what you want.

Look at the grass in the field. God clothes the grass. It's in the field one day and could be burnt in a furnace tomorrow, but God will clothe the grass again.

So do me a favour George, give Tommy some lemonade for free.

**George.** Ok Tommy, you can have some lemonade.

**Tommy.** Oh thank you so much George.

**George.** That's 50p

**Jemima.** Get out of here you two.

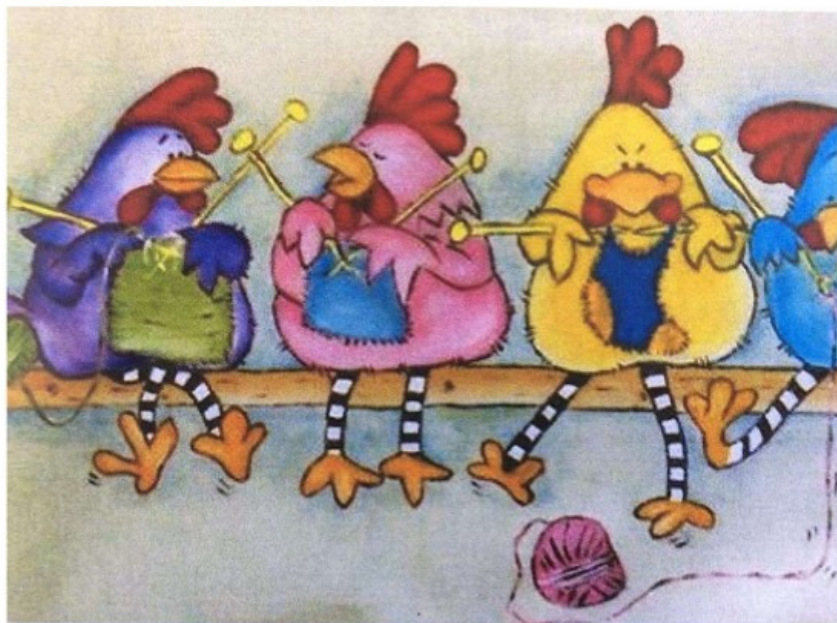
**All** Goodbye everybody.

## Ten Commandments for Church Ministers

1. Thou shalt not be perfect or even try.
2. Thou shalt not try to be all things to all people.
3. Thou shalt leave things undone that ought not to be done.
4. Thou shalt not spread thyself too thinly.
5. Thou shalt learn to say 'No'.
6. Thou shalt schedule time for thyself and thy supportive network.
7. Thou shalt switch off and do nothing regularly.
8. Thou shalt be boring, inelegant, untidy and unattractive at times.
9. Thou shalt not feel guilty.
10. Thou shalt not be thine own worst enemy.



*St, Mary's, Woodkirk*



*Come along and join us for a*

*"Knit & Natter"*

*(or just a natter!)*

*Wednesday 1.00pm-3.00pm*

*St. Mary's Parish Centre*

**Contact: Dawn Tattersfield 07840739239**

## Church Mouse Tales

‘There’s a very pertinent article in this month’s Parish News’, declared my friend Hubert, the Black Canon one fine autumnal day.

I stopped in the middle of my usual cheery greeting to consider this new pontification.

‘Is it a good recipe?’ I asked hopefully.

‘Well it kind of is, yes’, he agreed.

‘Does it involve cheese?’ I asked with gathering curiosity.

‘No – it’s not that kind of recipe’, Hubert continued, ‘more of a recipe for life. It’s called Ten Commandments for Church Ministers.’

‘Oh.’ I said rather deflated. ‘So, what does this ‘recipe for life’ suggest you should do?’

Hubert gathered himself with purpose...

‘I have decided I am not going to spread myself too thinly....and switch off and do nothing regularly.’

‘Oh I definitely do that – do nothing I mean. I can’t spread myself any thinner....I think it’s due to a lack of cheese.’

‘...and not be my own worst enemy...’, continued Hubert with furrowed brow.

‘Oh, I often find I’m my own best friend...apart from you obviously.’

‘...and leave things undone that ought not to be done....’ he continued with brow still in the furrowed position.

‘Oh yes I can definitely leave things undone.’ I nodded.

‘....and schedule time for myself....’

‘I do quite a lot of that...’

‘....and try not to feel guilty...’

‘Oh I don’t do that....’

‘...and be untidy sometimes....’

‘Definitely.....’

Hubert stopped and looked at me as if confused.

‘Would you like some help with this?’ I asked.

‘I seem to be very good at it...’

He raised one eyebrow but seemed unable to speak.

Misha.



## ALBERTS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

The first ten are first line of songs.

Name the songs...

- 1) You were working as a waitress in a Cocktail Bar?
- 2) You never close your eyes anymore when I kiss your lips?
- 3) Hello darkness my old friend?
- 4) Why do birds suddenly appear every time you are near?
- 5) Well, she was just 17 you know what I mean?
- 6) Is this the real life is this just fantasy?
- 7) We skipped the light fandango turned cartwheels across the floor.?
- 8) When the day is dawning on a Texas Sunday?
- 9) As first I was afraid, I was petrified kept thinking I could never live without you by my side?
- 10) You can dance you can jive having the time of your life?

*If you can name the artists for the above songs give yourself an extra point.*

- 11) My favourite things, climb every mountain, Do-Re-Me, are from which musical?
- 12) Cats is based on a book by which Author?
- 13) Evita is based on which Argentine leader?
- 14) 'Les Miserable' musical is based on a novel by which Author?
- 15) Who is the Demon Barber of Fleet Street?
- 16) Fiddler on the Roof the musical is set in which country?
- 17) Matilda the musical is based on a book by which Author?
- 18) Which Aussie Soap star played the title roll in the 1991 revival of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat?

Answers on page 41

# Advent and Christmas

at ST MARY'S, WOODKIRK



**St Mary's Woodkirk would like to warmly invite you to our Christmas services and events.**

|                                       |   |            |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------|
| <b><i>Sunday 26th November</i></b>    | Holy Communion                              | 10.30am    |
| <b><i>Wednesday 29th December</i></b> | Holy Communion                              | 10.30am    |
|                                       | Online Advent reflection                    | 7.30pm     |
| <b><i>Friday 1st December</i></b>     | Christmas Tree Festival in Church           | 4pm-8pm    |
| <b><i>Saturday 2nd December</i></b>   | Christmas Tree Festival in Church           | 10am-6pm   |
|                                       | Christmas Fair in the Parish Centre         | 10am-2pm   |
| <b><i>Sunday 3rd December</i></b>     | Holy Communion                              | 10.30am    |
|                                       | Christmas Tree Festival in Church           | 12noon-4pm |
|                                       | Family Carol Service                        | 4pm        |
| <b><i>Wednesday 6th December</i></b>  | Holy Communion                              | 10.30am    |
|                                       | Online Advent reflection                    | 7.30pm     |
| <b><i>Sunday 10th December</i></b>    | Family Nativity Service                     | 10.30am    |
|                                       | Blue Christmas                              | 4pm        |
| <b><i>Wednesday 13th December</i></b> | Holy Communion                              | 10am       |
|                                       | Online Advent reflection                    | 7.30pm     |
| <b><i>Sunday 17th December</i></b>    | Holy Communion                              | 10.30am    |
|                                       | Carols by Candlelight                       | 4pm        |
| <b><i>Wednesday 20th December</i></b> | Holy Communion                              | 10am       |
|                                       | Online Advent reflection                    | 7.30pm     |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b>                  |   |            |
| <b><i>Sunday 24th December</i></b>    | Holy Communion                              | 10.30am    |
|                                       | Christingle Service(targeted at under 7's*) | 3pm        |
|                                       | Christingle Service (target at over 7's*)   | 5pm        |
|                                       | Midnight Mass                               | 11.30pm    |
| <b>Christmas Day</b>                  |   |            |
| <b><i>Monday 25th December</i></b>    | Christmas Day Family Holy Communion         | 10.30am    |

**For more information visit: [www.stmarywoodkirk.org](http://www.stmarywoodkirk.org)**

## 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](https://facebook.com/stmarywoodkirk)**

**Then select 'Videos' from the side bar.**

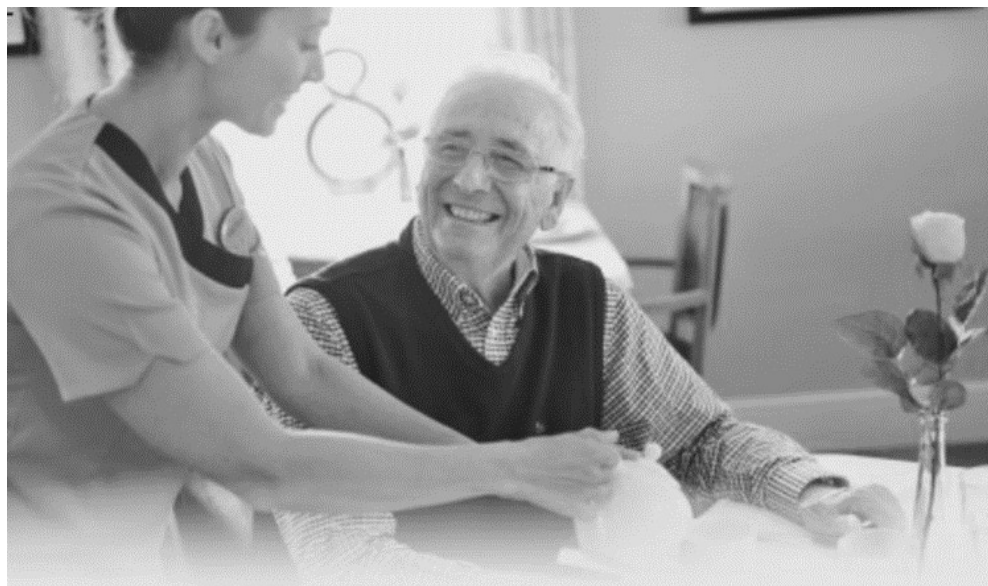
**To join a 'Live' service look for the right time on the Diary page. You can also view previous services from the same location.**



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QUIZ ANSWERS: 1) Don't you want me by the Human League, 2) You've lost that loving feeling by The Righteous Brothers , 3) The sound of Silence by Simon and Garfunkel, 4) Close to you by The Carpenters, 5) I saw her standing there by The Beatles, 6) Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen, 7) A Whiter Shade of Pale by Procol Harum, 8) Amarillo by Tony Christie, 9) I will Survive by Gloria Gaynor, 10) Dancing Queen by ABBA, 11) Sound of Music, 12) T S Eliot, 13) Eva Peron, 14) Victo Hugo, 15) Sweeny Todd, 16) Russia, 17) Roald Dahl, 18) Jason Donovan.

**A very big thank you to Albert and Sally!**



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## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS—

None this month



### DEATHS



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

None this month

### WEDDINGS FROM LAST MONTH:

None this month



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Woodkirk Valley Country Club**

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**Contact: The Editor (see page 2)**

**Annual Fee for Advertising:**

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**We have space for Groups who may be interested in using the Parish Centre at various times of the week.**

**Nominal Cost is £60 for 3 hours. Regular long term bookings negotiable.**

**Contact: Sally Shaw**

**01924 475048 for more information.**

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What's on (please contact the leaders for further information)

**ABC Group** Adults, Babies and Children  
Wednesday 9:30-11:00am (Term time)  
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.  
Dawn Tattersfield 07840739239

**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 |

### Special Services in July & August:

Sunday 9th July—All Age Worship 10.30  
Sunday 13th August—All Age Worship 10.30

Please see Page 41 for details of how to join a  
streamed service