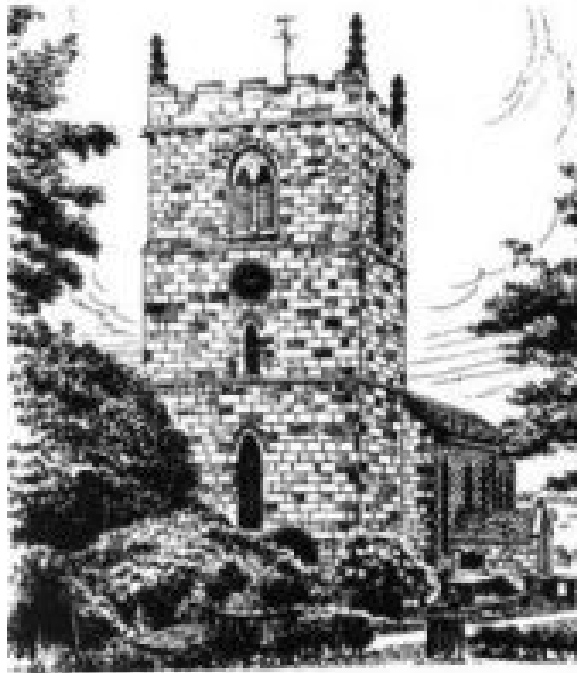


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Vicar's Letter

Alleluia, He is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia! And so life goes on or does it? We have eaten our chocolate, indulged in those things we gave up or indeed stopped doing what we took up as extra during the period of Lent. So nothing has changed or has it? For many the answer to that will be simple – life goes on as normal but for some Lent will have changed their perspective, maybe a deeper faith, maybe I enjoyed that discipline of reading I took up so will carry it on, maybe I was better without the biscuits and cakes and have lost weight and feel better so will continue not to have them.

During Lent we had a couple of different Lent courses. One in the evening, which was streamed online and it was based on a book by Archbishop Stephen Cotterill entitled, “The Nail” which gave a very different perspective from the point of view of the different characters leading up to Good Friday. This was extremely challenging as we listened to the frailties of human beings, the anguish of doing the right thing, and the challenge of finding themselves in such a position. It became clear that each of us today face similar challenges and dilemmas and we find ourselves having to make less than perfect decisions which cause us pain and anguish. It is a wonderful book and I highly recommend it.

The other course was in person and was entitled “The Green Hill” and was based on the words to the Hymn, There is a green hill far away, and their meaning. This course was more interactive with much more discussion taking place. We were able to come together and discuss how we felt, how we would have reacted, what other options were available etc, as well as how we would have been affected by the events leading up to Good Friday.

One thing that stuck out for me is the discussion we had about what constitutes a good Christian and who will be saved/go to heaven. After much discussion and varied answers the question was asked: “I know many people who don’t go to church but do Christian things, they are caring and kind, what about them?”

In many respects the response to this question has a straightforward answer. Doing Christian things, doing good things will not get you saved/ or get you to heaven. Quite simply they are works – and the bible is quite clear about that – Galatians 2:16 “know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.”

Jesus was sacrificed on the cross so that we could have that relationship once more with God. It was through the resurrection of Jesus that our faith was born and on which our faith rests. We can only be saved through Jesus, we can only be saved because He died for us, we can only be saved because He took our sins, past, present and future on Himself, and made it possible for us to restore our relationship with God and be reconciled. We are saved by grace through faith. Ephesians 2:8-10 “ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Jesus did his part but what about our part? Our part is simple and yet the most difficult. Our part is to let go of all we know and understand, to say yes to Jesus, to put Jesus first in our lives and to grow in faith and to become more like Him and as we do that our faith becomes a faith of action and Jesus becomes first in our lives.

Jesus offers hope to all that believe in Him and that was evident with the two criminals who were crucified with Him. Both of them mocked and insulted Jesus. However, according to the Gospel of Luke, one of them, known as the Good Thief, repented and asked Jesus to remember him in his kingdom. Jesus promised him that he would be with him in paradise.

Jesus makes that same offer to each and every one of us.

I hope you all have a blessed and happy Easter.

Sharon

Prayer of commitment

Jesus, we come to you now, we know you are here, and you love us,

We know that you gave your life for us on the cross, we believe you are God's Son, and we have faith that what you did at Calvary made it possible for us to receive forgiveness for our sins. We are sorry for all that we have done wrong.

Please forgive us and help us to turn from wrongdoing. Please begin a new relationship with us now. We accept you into our lives, not just as a friend or teacher, but as Master and Saviour.

We open the door to the will of God the Father, we engage as a disciple of Jesus the Saviour and Lord, and we accept the guidance and indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all that we do from here on. Amen

Gail

Lent and Holy Week

Dear friends

Lent for me this year was one of exploration and learning, which makes a change from my usual craving for chocolate which I'd managed to give up!

The exploration presented me with a challenge, which I will be continuing to work through, but the learning I would like to share with you.

During one of my regular 'development' meetings with Rev Sharon, I mentioned that due to family commitments I was going to be away over Easter beginning with Maundy Thursday. Whilst discussing various matters around this, Rev Sharon asked if I would like to lead two of the services for Holy Week, being Monday and Wednesday, and after further discussion, we agreed that I would choose what liturgy we would follow and would also prepare Church and lead the services.

Using various books from Rev Sharon's large selection, service sheets from services we had attended, and the internet, I shared that I would like to produce a Taize Service and a Tenebrae service if they would be suitable. Rev Sharon provided further resources to help which I was able to use with my own research, and put together two very different services.

If you were unable to come to the services in person or online, the description of these two services is as follows:

- Taize – Is a simple meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us.

Tenebrae – meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows' is taken from an early Christian service, and one of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only the Paschal candle, as symbol of our Lord, the Light of Christ, remains.

Pulling together the services was a very interesting exercise. It was really good looking up things, choosing hymns and readings, looking at different Bible translations to see what fitted best, and a myriad other 'bits and pieces' that went together to make the whole.

After this though, is a further step, one we rarely see...

The amount of time it takes to decide, test, redo, try again, test any number of times until you are happy with the setting up of the church (or part thereof) you are using for that particular service. No wonder Rev Sharon manages to get so many steps in, I was up and down the aisle, backwards and forwards, looking at where 'things' needed to be.

Rev Sharon as always was there to support and advise but to a certain degree, left me to set up as I felt was right. Not an easy thing for a Vicar who likes things to be 'just so', but ultimately she has taught me well, and I don't think I made her wince too much!!

I had 'fun' seeking readers for both services, and learnt a valuable lesson, always make a note of the names of those who you have given readings to. However, I need not have worried, and my very grateful thanks to all those who agreed to do readings and did so well. A huge thanks also to our organist John who played so wonderfully during Holy Week. This really was the icing on the cake, as the atmosphere of both these services rely greatly on the right music.

Preparing, arranging and leading these two services at such a holy time was a big responsibility, but afterwards, when I thought about it, I realised that it had also been enjoyable. However, I must pay tribute firstly to Rev Sharon who encourages, mentors and guides me in my ongoing development, but in addition, I also need to thank you all as my Church family, you also support and encourage me, even if you don't realise it. I wouldn't feel confident in undertaking these development opportunities without your love and support.

My grateful thanks as always.

Dawn

The Way to Calvary

Well, our Lenten Journey is over. I have walked through the wilderness with my Lord and now I take on a new journey.

As I stand near an open door I see Jesus appear with his disciples, one is missing, I now feel a cold seeping through my body. Is this the time? Do I have to watch what is now to take place before my eyes? Am I strong enough to follow where this road is now going to lead me. Is my faith now going to be tested? As the disciples follow Jesus, I pray that the Lord will not let me stumble now.

It was a difficult climb, following Jesus and his disciples to the Mount of Olives. It wasn't a high hill, all the time they were walking, Jesus was talking to them trying to get them to understand what is about to happen. It was a reasonable view from the summit of the Mount of Olives, yet the disciples could not see into the depths of their own hearts. Time and time again during these final days of his physical dwelling upon earth, Jesus tried to warn them, to alert them, to prepare them so that they could guard themselves against the acts of betrayal, denial, and desertion that they would soon perpetrate against him. I stumble again, do I really want to witness what is to come? But I must be strong, God has led me on this journey for a reason. I must finish it.

As Jesus and his disciples now walk down the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane, my heart starts to beat faster. The time has come for my Lord to be betrayed. I fall further behind not wanting to witness what is about to happen, but I cannot help but look. The disciples seem relaxed and happy, Jesus instructs them to sit under the olive tree while he goes off to talk with his father, but as the heat bears down on them they fall asleep. Jesus returns and rebukes them

for not keeping watch. There is a loud noise of people entering the Garden, Judas is leading them he kisses Jesus on the cheek, and the soldiers take Jesus by force. I lose sight of him as he is taken away and the disciples have fled. Where shall I go now? follow Jesus or try and find the disciples? I follow Jesus from a distance then I spot Peter, he has followed also but at a distance. He enters the courtyard I try to stay by his side but people keep coming up to him and asking if he is with Jesus. He denies this 3 times then the cock crows and Jesus passes by. He looks beaten and lost. I want to run to him but the soldiers hold him tight but he turns and looks at Peter. Peter remembers what Jesus had said to him. I follow Peter as runs and hides weeping bitterly, I want to put my arms around him and comfort him and tell him it will be ok. I now find myself in among a lot of people. Jesus is stood on some steps and Pilate is asking the crowd what they want him to do with Jesus. They cry Crucify him! I cry out leave him alone he has done nothing but good. But they cannot hear me. Pilate washes his hands and gives Jesus over to be Crucified. I can't help but follow. I hide behind a pillar and hide my eyes in my hands I cannot watch the flogging and mocking. They are placing a crown of thorns on his head the thorns pierce his head and blood runs down his face. Oh, my Lord what have we done to you?

They lead him out with two others to a place called The Skull (Calvary). On the climb the soldiers get a passer- by, a man named Simon of Cyrene, to carry the cross.

As Jesus is nailed to the cross, a few of his faithful followers stand at the foot. I watch as their hearts break to see their precious Lord hanging there. They are John, Mary his mother Mary Magdalene,

and some others. They hear him ask his father to forgive all who have brought him to this. And he breaths his last breath.

As I leave this place, I know this is not the end but the beginning of a new and forgiven life. Not only for me, but all of us who have stood at that cross during our life time and asked for forgiveness for all the pain we have caused.

A Prayer

Jesus, I come to you now. I know you are here, and you love me. I know that you gave your life for me on the cross. I believe you are God's Son, and I have faith that what you did at Calvary made it possible for me to receive forgiveness for my sins. I am sorry for all that I have done wrong. Please forgive me and help me to turn from wrongdoing. Please begin a new relationship with me now. I accept you into my life, not just as a friend or teacher, but as Master and Saviour. I open the door to the will of God the Father, I engage as a disciple of Jesus the Saviour and Lord, and I accept the guidance and indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all that I do from here on.

Amen



Bishop Tony to retire.

The Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield, will retire this summer after 42 years of ordained ministry.

Bishop Tony, one of five Episcopal Area Bishops in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds, came to the

then Diocese of Wakefield as Archdeacon of Pontefract on September 1, 1997, and so describes himself as “incomer” to Yorkshire for 27 years.

Bishop Tony’s vocation to the priesthood began to develop at the age of 13. He attended theological college in Salisbury for three years before being ordained in 1982 in the Diocese of London.

He began ministry as assistant curate at St Paul’s Church in Tottenham and later that year moved to be Team Vicar in Leicester. In 1989 he was made Team Rector and in 1992 the Area Dean of Leicester North.

On December 2, 2002 he was consecrated as Bishop of Pontefract in York Minster by the then Archbishop of York, David Hope and after the creation of the Diocese of Leeds in 2014, he became its first Bishop of Wakefield in 2015.

“Having spent nearly two thirds of my 42 years of ordained ministry here in Wakefield the time has come to retire. Sue and I have loved living in Yorkshire and it has been a great joy to share in the lives of countless people, clergy, parishes and communities,” said Bishop Tony.

Bishop Nick said: “This diocese will lose a dedicated pastor, wise counsellor and exemplary bishop. In wishing him and Sue a long and happy retirement, they go with our love, gratitude, prayers and blessing.”

“I will miss the clergy and people of the Wakefield Area in particular whom I have been privileged to serve. I thank them for their support for me and my family.”



THE Results are IN!



Hi folks

Just updating you with the results of the Big Plastic Count some of us took part in for the week of 11th to 17th March.

I input information from 9 sheets that people handed back to myself or Sharon, and I'm sure some of you submitted your own statistics by the end of March deadline.

Drumroll please

We recorded as a total;

238 Pieces of plastic from Food and Drink

24 pieces of plastic from cleaning and toiletries, and

22 pieces of other hard and soft plastics

What was amazing was, when I asked it to compare these with our last results from 2022, it showed...

A reduction in two areas, and I'm pretty sure that the third category wasn't used last time.

Many thanks to those of you who submitted sheets to me and thanks to those of you who submitted your own results.

You may think that doing these surveys doesn't really make much difference, but each time we get involved in these types of events, we are contributing to the bigger picture by being part of the cohort so our voices and actions are heard.

Thank you once again.

Dawn

HERE'S WHAT YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S PLASTIC
PACKAGING WASTE WAS USED FOR



84%

FOOD & DRINK

Hide your last count -

IN 2022, THIS WAS:

90%



8%

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IN 2022, THIS WAS:

10%



8%

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IN 2022, THIS WAS:

0%

**THE BIG
PLASTIC
COUNT
11-17 MARCH**

Waste not want not!



Hello there

Are you good at planning your meals to reduce or even eliminate wasting food?

Whether you are or not, there is a day to focus on not wasting food on Wednesday 24th April.

Stop food waste day was started in America in 2017, but I also found that in the UK we have 'Love Food Hate Waste' which is a week of focus.

Food waste is a global problem, somewhat ironic considering the issues with famine we see on our news, but I thought I'd use the food waste information for the UK to highlight that it is a problem in our neighbourhoods too.

18 million tonnes of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) are generated by UK homes from wasted food and drink, this is caused not only by the physical throwing away of food, but at the whole lifecycle of our food "from farm to fork" to the bin. Each stage in the journey of our food uses resources from our planet producing greenhouse gasses and contributing to climate change.

If we can make sure that no good food ends up in the bin we could save the emissions from the food being produced.

Think about the carbon emission journey of our food...

The land in which it grows may have been deforested taking away trees that absorb CO₂, and a farmer ploughing their field releases greenhouse gases.

Growing food needs fertilisers, animal feed, tractors,

equipment, harvesting, transporting, there's an awful lot of effort, time and resources involved.

Processing food, for example turning potatoes into oven chips or crisps, and wheat into bread in factories.

Food miles – whether you shop online, at a supermarket or local shop, the food you buy has had to be transported there, and in a lot of cases from all around the world.

Cooking our food also has an impact: fuelling our fridges and freezers, ovens and microwaves.

Wasting food - When we throw food away, it rots and releases greenhouse gas into the atmosphere: whether that's in our compost bin, food caddy or landfill

Even though here in the UK, less than 1% of carbon emissions related to food comes from this final step: when it ends up in the bin, a large amount of greenhouse gases has already been released during the journey of food from farm to your plate - only for it to end up in the bin.

BUT...

We can all take small steps to help reduce this by trying to keep some good food habits, for example;

Planning ahead – simple, flexible and realistic planning will help you make the most of your food.

Think before you shop – take a few moments to think about what you need before you shop.

Stay in control when shopping – Take your shopping list, whether it's on your phone, a photo of the list on your fridge or the back of an envelope.

Storing – Put your food away in all the right places and it will keep fresher for longer. And if you've taken advantage of a reduced price item or a bigger pack, split it into the portions you need straight away and freeze it.

Introduce an 'eat me first' shelf putting food close to the end of its life near the front of the shelf so it doesn't get forgotten at the back.

Eat every edible morsel of food and if you have 'leftovers' search the internet or that tucked away recipe book for where you might be able to turn those leftovers into something else.

None of this is 'rocket science' and my guess is that a lot of you do all of this anyway, but remember , simple changes really do add up if we all make a small change and continue that action every day.

I'm including one or two recipes that might inspire you with your leftovers, it would be lovely if you could share with me any favourites you have and I can use those in future magazines...

Bubble and Squeak anyone?

Ingredients

1 small onion finely chopped(or any spring onions/leeks or shallots leftover)

225g (8oz) leftover mashed potato

150g (5oz) leftover mixed cooked vegetables – e.g. roast parsnips, green beans, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli or peas, chopped into small pieces

25g (1oz) hard cheese, grated

25g (1oz) butter, melted

oil for frying

Plain flour

Salt and black pepper

Recipe

1. Heat the oil in a frying pan and cook the finely chopped onion until soft.
2. Remove the pan from the heat and transfer the onions into a large bowl.
3. Add the mashed potato, cooked vegetables and cheese to the bowl and season well. Mix well and divide the mixture into three portions (or to your desired portion size)
4. Using your hands, shape each portion into a round cake. Put a little flour on a plate and coat each cake in flour on both sides.
5. Put onto a greased baking tray and brush with a little melted butter. Bake in a preheated oven (200°C/400°F/ mark 6) for 25 minutes or alternatively fry on both sides until golden brown.
6. Remember to freeze any portions you don't eat this time to save them from going in the bin.



How about that stale bread, try a bit of Ooh La La with;

French Toast with honey

Ingredients

2 small eggs, (or 1 large one) lightly beaten

150ml (1/4pint) warm milk

2 slices of stale bread cut into triangles

1 pinch of ground cinnamon
1 pinch of ground nutmeg
25g (1oz) butter
Honey (or golden syrup)to serve

Recipe

1. Warm the milk, then mix together with the beaten egg and spices.
2. Put the bread slices into a shallow container and cover with the milk mixture; leave it to soak for 5 minutes.
3. Heat a large non-stick frying pan and add the butter. When the butter is frothy, add the bread slices and fry over a high heat for 1 minute on each side. When they are golden on both sides drizzle with honey and serve immediately.

You can also use up those bits of fruit sprinkled on your toast too, yum!



I'd love to share your favourite 'leftover' recipes if you'd be willing to share them with others, you can email me at dawn@stmarywoodkirk.org or see me in church, thanks you.

Lets see if we can plan a leftover meal perhaps on food waste day 24th April.

With love and leftovers
Dawn

What Time Is It?

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" ~ Mark 1:14-15

Who knows God's timing? It's one thing to agree with God's viewpoint; it's quite another to express our agreement in concrete action.

Jesus modelled agreement with the Father by doing God's will in perilous times. Mark's gospel tells us Jesus launched his ministry at the very time that the Kingdom's message could get you thrown into jail.

In an atmosphere of resistance and oppression Jesus said that the time was right to proclaim good news. Herod, a puppet-king of the powerful Roman Empire, threw John the Baptist in jail because John's preaching had threatened the status quo. Perhaps Jesus should have kept things quieter until passions had cooled. You can almost hear the counsel of the worldly-wise in Jesus' day: "Wait just a little while," they whispered. "Let the rich and powerful turn their attention away from preachers in the countryside."

In a world overrun by a pagan power, in a world rife with political scheming and considerations, in a world where caution was the order of the day, Jesus boldly declared that good news, the best news, was within reach.

Jesus modelled a ministry directed by the Spirit. What kind of person tells suffering, mourning captives that freedom is within their reach? The source of his good news had nothing to do with the powers of the age and everything to do with bringing God's rule and reign into their time.

It's only natural to look for the "best time" to engage in ministry: wait until the economy is stronger; until the political climate is warmer; until the streets are safer, until your children are older, until your savings account is fatter. Wait.

Jesus had a different schedule. He said simply, "The time has come." He took into consideration only one factor: God's Kingdom was at hand.

The Kingdom of God does not require us to wait on the future because it is breaking into the present. God's Kingdom was (and is) beginning to invade the kingdoms of the earth. God was on the move; how could Jesus remain still? It's true for us: we are called to imitate his example. If God is on the move, how can we remain still?

Jesus is serving the best wine now because he dwells in the now. "The time has come" each day. Jesus inaugurated bringing in the Kingdom *every day*, and presents opportunities to announce and demonstrate the Kingdom of God. The only important question is whether we know what time it is?

Gail



Earth Hour—Review



Hi folks

Did you remember Earth Hour on the 23rd March? Taking the opportunity to turn off our lights to show we care about the future of our planet?

If you did...well done, the problem was that the England football team were playing that night so perhaps it wasn't easy to do.

I set an alarm so I would remember, and after careful thought, realising that I couldn't manage cross stitching or knitting by candlelight! I decided to have a long soak in the bath with a book and candlelight, even then I needed four candles to be light enough to read.

One thing I did realise was how dependent a lot of what I do is on electricity. I mention cross stitch, knitting and reading, but I couldn't listen to music or any chores like ironing (even if I'd wanted to tee hee).

However, enjoying reading in the bath, I did use the time to switch off from distractions and relax for an hour, a win win, no electricity and an hour of relaxing.

I hope you managed to do something with your earth hour. (As England lost their friendly game perhaps I chose more wisely than I thought.



Best wishes

Dawn

Earth Hour -Small actions can make a big difference

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 07792 975814.

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.

Funerals & Ashes - 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.

Weddings and Banns

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Woodkirk Parish Centre

Saturday 20th April at 6.p.m.

Tickets. Adults £7.00

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Includes 2 course meal



**EVERY MOMENT
HOLDS A MEMORY**

Cinema Club

New people are coming to church services, thanks to a recently launched community cinema club.

Worshippers at St Lucius Church, Farnley Tyas, Huddersfield, have a hit on their hands since launching the club in Autumn last year, said Chris Thompson, one of the founders.

“We have run the Farnley Tyas Community Cinema Club for 7 showings with an average audience of 60 people with the recent films generating over 80 people each time, which means we have a total audience of well over 400 people so far,” said Chris.

“This is a huge success for us as we normally have around 15 to 20 people at a Sunday service and the Cinema Club has encouraged a lot of new people to come to worship.

“So, we have engaged with the community and encouraged new members of our congregation.”

The idea for the Cinema Club came from Richard Wood, a long serving member at St Lucius.

“We saw it was a chance to reach out to people, as loneliness and isolation are critical factors in both rural and urban communities. That is even more apparent amongst retired and widowed people, who currently make up the majority of our congregation,” said Chris.

“The Cinema Club encourages people to meet, engage

socially and have an enjoyable shared experience. We are also keen to open our church to wider use by the community and in doing so we are able to encourage more people to engage with our Christian message.”

They made contact with Moviola, which exists to support community cinema clubs in bringing film to an audience in village halls and community locations and to broaden interest in film generally. It provides all the films and deals with the licensing and royalty payments for each film, in return for 35 per cent of the takings on the door, plus an admin fee. Ticket prices are held low to encourage new people.

“We were lucky enough to receive a donation from The Rochester Bridge Trust, who are extensive landowners in our village, and from Kirkburton Parish Council, as well as the generous support of our congregation. As a result we purchased the equipment which included a projector, motorised screen, Bluray player, amplifier, speakers and cabling.

“As St Lucius is a grade 2 listed building, we initially installed all the equipment on a portable basis. However, we have now been granted a faculty and are in the process of completing a permanent installation,” said Chris.

Horrible Histories.

There is an old Hotel/Pub in Marble Arch, London, which used to have a gallows adjacent to it. Prisoners were taken to the gallows (after a fair trial of course) to be hanged. The horse-drawn dray, carting the prisoner, was accompanied by an armed Guard, who would stop the dray outside the pub and ask the prisoner if he would Like "ONE LAST DRINK".

If he said YES, it was referred to as ONE FOR THE ROAD. If he declined, that prisoner was ON THE WAGON.

In the 1500s: Most people got married in June, because they took their yearly bath in May and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight, then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence The rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot, nine days old".

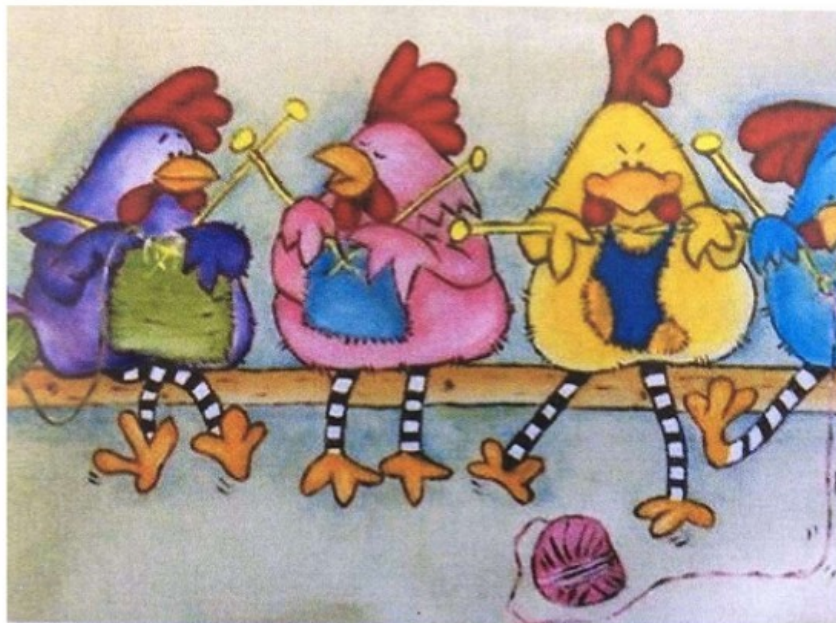
With thanks to Brian.

ALBERTS APRIL QUIZ

- 1) What is the hardest natural substance on Earth?
- 2) What Country was Marie Curie born in?
- 3) What is the study of mushrooms called?
- 4) Jeramy Paxton hosted which BBC 2 Quiz Show?
- 5) In which 1961 Romantic Comedy does Audrey Hepburn sing Moon River?
- 6) In the Old Testament from which part of Adam does God fashion Eve?
- 7) For what is Adam's Ale a humorous name?
- 8) What Shakespeare Play was West Side Story based on?
- 9) Which musical includes the song You'll Never Walk Alone?
- 10) In which film series does Tom Hanks voice the main character?
- 11) Which comedian voiced Donkey in the film Shrek?
- 12) Which film features the song Circle of Life?
- 13) In which County is Stonehenge?
- 14) Of what is Evening Primrose a type (a) Hymn (b) Desert (c) Plant?
- 15) Who founded the Boy Scout Movement?
- 16) Who was Moses' Brother?
- 17) Which Scottish Doctor explored Africa in nineteenth century?
- 18) Where was Jesus born?
- 19) How many sides has a 20 pence piece?
- 20) How does a dog cool itself down?
- (21) What two colours do you mix to make Green?
- (22) What are the Seven Colours of the Rainbow?
- (23) What is Theology?
- (24) Where are the British Monarchs crowned?
- (25) What Brass Instrument has a slide control?

Answers on Page 34 (no peeping)

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Church Mouse Tales

I was sitting quietly on a pew, one spring morning, when my friend Hubert, the Black Canon came up and sat beside me. We exchanged a nod and a smile but we both sat quietly together without speaking. After a while Hubert turned to me.

‘Have you heard the story of Greyfriars Bobby?’ he asked.

I thought for a moment.

‘No, I don’t know that one – was he some kind of policeman and monk combined? – A Policemonk?’ I suggested hopefully.

‘No, no’, laughed Hubert, ‘he was a dog – a type of Scottish Terrier who lived in Edinburgh.’

‘Oh – well what did he do?’

‘John Gray – his owner – was a nightwatchman who worked for Edinburgh city police...’

‘Oh – so I was right about the police...’

‘Yes, so anyway’, Hubert raised an eyebrow, ‘When John Gray died he was buried in Greyfriars Kirkyard, the kirkyard surrounding Greyfriars Kirk in the Old Town of Edinburgh.’

‘Is this a sad story?’ I asked with some trepidation.

‘Well- yes and no. Bobby missed his owner so much he spent the rest of his life sitting by his grave in the churchyard. People came and fed him, but he wouldn’t leave his Master’s side, until eventually after 14 years, Bobby passed away too.’

‘That is a bit sad’, I observed, ‘but also quite heroic.’

‘Yes I agree’, said Hubert, ‘I was thinking perhaps that is something you could do for me?’

‘Er – well – of course I would....’

‘But...’ Hubert’s eyebrow raised again.

‘Firstly, who would feed a little mouse?’

‘Hmmm...’

‘Secondly, it’s cold in winter!’

‘Yes, but....’, said Hubert starting to protest.

‘and thirdly...’, I went on, ‘you are already 300 years old and still going strong.’

‘Fair point’, agreed Hubert looking a little deflated.

That was a close one!

Misha.



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://www.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) Diamond, 2) Poland, 3) Mycology, 4) University Challenge, 5) Breakfast at Tiffanys, 6) Rib, 7) Water, 8) Romeo and Juliet, 9) Carousel, 10) Toy Story, 11) Eddie Murphy, 12) The Lion King, 13) Wiltshire, 14) C. plant, 15) Robert Baden Powell, 16) Aaron, 17) David Livingstone, 18) Bethlehem, 19) Seven, 20) By panting (21) Yellow and Blue, (22) Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet (23) Study of Religion (24) Westminster Abbey, (25) Trombone.

A very big thank you to Albert and Sally!

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None



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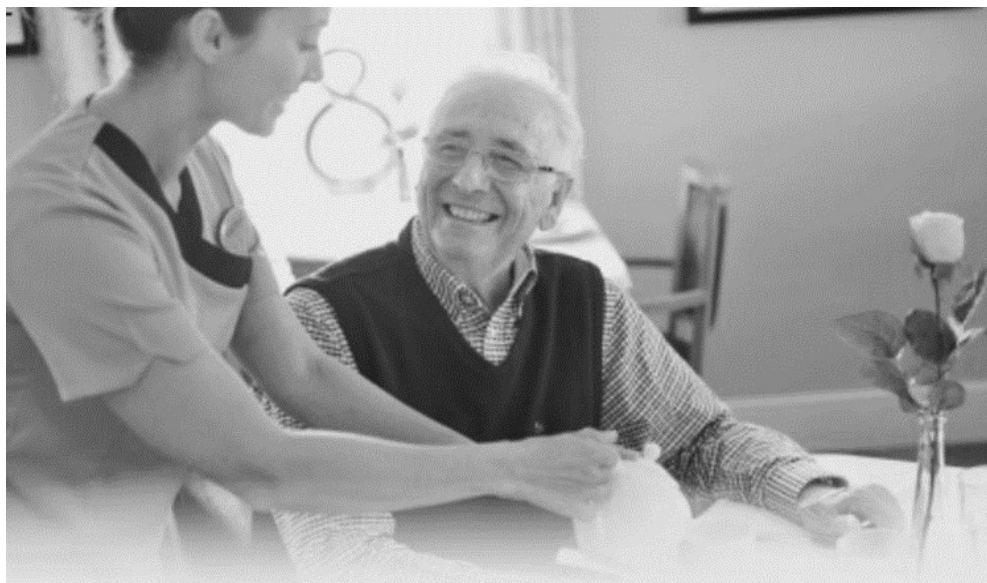
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WEDDINGS:

None





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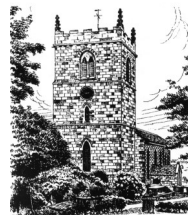
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What's on (please contact the leaders for further information)

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

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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 and Events in April:

Sunday 14th April:

All Age Worship 10:30am, followed by
APCM 12 noon

Thurs 18th April: Lydgate Lodge Holy Communion.

Sat 20th April: Down Memory Lane Social event

Friday 26th April: The Soup Lunch

11:30-1:30pm

Come and enjoy a bowl of soup and a roll in
Church. Tea, Coffee and Cake too !

Please see Page 34 for details of how to join a streamed
service