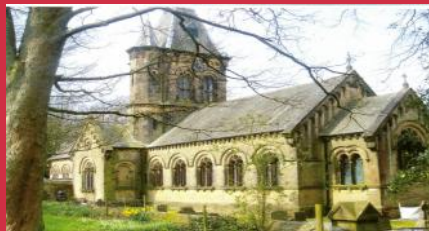


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**Collect for the Feast of Christ the King - 22nd November 2015**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son, Jesus Christ, ascended to the throne of Heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet:  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

**True Stories?**

**Trade Description Act**

I'm thinking of suing Jamie Oliver. I tried to make one of his "15 minute meals." It should have read "1 hour! as it took 45 minutes to wash the 26 pans used in making it!

**Denis Armstrong**

## A letter from your Vicar

This month I want to offer everybody a huge 'Thank you' for all the prayers and support offered during my sister Susan's illness. Cancer has devastated the lives of so many people, mine included. Thankfully, as Christians, we believe that death is not the end and that cancer does not have the victory. I'm sure you've gathered that Susan has died. She died very peacefully on the morning of 14th October 2015 in Willow Wood Hospice, Tameside. These last four months since her diagnosis have sped by and yet time has stood still! May she, like all those who've gone before her, rest in peace, rise in glory and may light perpetual shine upon them.

With my love and my prayers, Maureen xxx



## Helme School Prize Winners!!!!

In July, two of our year six, pupils Ben Lodge and Sophie Ethelston-Clarke entered a Sainsbury's School Games competition to blog about our School Games Sports Day. They have been successful and won a voucher worth £400 to spend on sporting equipment for our school.

With temperatures rising, we switched our opening ceremony down to church to keep all our athletes cool. Our ceremony opened with a live performance of the National Anthem on clarinets by Years 5 and 6. Inspired by the BBC ten classical pieces, we performed our own version of "Connect It" followed by our Helme School song with lyrics created by Rodger Davis, a local lyrical genius who worked with our Key Stage 2 children. The ceremony concluded with a spectacular showcase, singing and signing "Proud" by JLS. All the children were split into five vertical teams, each wearing a different coloured tee shirt, representing one of the Olympic rings. Each team was then split into three different groups participating in fifteen exciting events, including netball, boccia, athletics, football, rugby, gymnastics and many more. It felt as though we were in the Olympic stadium on hot weather Wednesday, as the crowd went crazy, cheering us all on. Well done, Helme School!!

## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ROTA NOVEMBER 2015

Date	Altar Flowers	Sidepersons	Coffee	Church Open
November 1st	Mr & Mrs Tancock	Mrs M Hardy Mrs S Wood	Mrs P Murgatroyd Mrs J Gilleard	31st Oct Mrs S Gregory
November 8th	Mr & Mrs J Mitchell	Mrs C Woodroffe Mrs P Murgatroyd	Mrs M Thorley Mrs E Radcliffe	7th Nov Mrs V White
November 15th	Mr & Mrs H Gillett	Mr A Ball Mrs M Ball	Mrs C Ward Mrs J Collinson	14th Nov Mr T Barrett
November 22nd	Mrs E Shaw	Parish Communion	Helme	21st Nov Mrs G Taylor
November 29th	Advent No flowers	Mr R Styan Mrs J Lane	Mrs C Mitchell Mrs V Poole	28th Nov Mrs B Furness
December 6th	Advent No flowers	Mrs J Mitchell Mrs C Mitchell	Mrs C Moulson Mrs M Ball	5th Dec Mr N Web

## ST MARY'S NOVEMBER ROTA 2015

Date	Service	Readings	Prayers
November 1st	BCP	Hilary	Jacqueline
November 8th 2.00pm	Remembrance Sunday	Hilary	Kim
November 15th	Holy Communion	John	Jacqueline
November 22nd 11.15am	Parish Communion Helme	N/A	N/A
November 29th	Holy Communion	John	Jacqueline
December 6th	BCP	Hilary	Kim

### ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES

St Bartholomew's - 10.30 pm

St Mary's - 2.00pm



### PLEASE NOTE - CHRIST CHURCH

If anyone would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please call either Eileen Hague on **851164** or Margaret Tunnacliffe on **850724**, thank you

## ST. JAMES' NOVEMBER ROTA 2015

Date	Service	Sidespeople	Coffee	Reader
November 1st	10.00am FC	Daphne Clinton	Jean Clinton	Richard Walker
November 8th	10.30/10.45am	Remembrance Service - St Bartholomew's		
November 8th	5.00pm	Five Alive	Jenny Sue	-
November 15th	10.00am MW	Sue Alison	Richard Alison	Jenny
November 22nd	11.15am HC	Parish Communion Christ Church		
November 29th	10.00am HC	Debbie Alison	Richard Jenny	Debbie
December 6th	10.00am FC	Andy Clinton	Jean Clinton	Christine Woods
December 6th	4.00pm	CAROLS IN THE PARK All hands on board!		

## CHRIST CHURCH NOVEMBER ROTA 2015

Date	Flowers	Intercessions	Side Person	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
November 1st	Pat R	Clergy	Eileen	Jenny B	Christine	JennyH
November 8th	Remembrance Sunday - St Bartholomew's - 10.30/10.45am					
November 15th	Jeff B	Clergy	Monica	Janet	Irene	Eileen
November 22nd	Parish Communion - Helme					
	Margaret	Clergy	Irene	Christine	Janet	Pat
November 29th	Monica	Christingle - Helme - 4.00pm				-
December 6th	Eileen	Clergy	Sheila	Jenny B	Eileen	Tracy

When on coffee duty please take a pint of milk and biscuits if necessary. **Thank you**

## Parish Christingle

Christingle is a celebratory event which takes place in thousands of churches and schools across the land.

The spirit of Christingle is coming together as a community to celebrate whilst helping children who are in desperate need of support.

Christingles are also a great way of teaching children the Gospel story and its significance to Christians.

Come and join us at Christ Church, Helme  
on the 30th November at 4.00pm

### **Classical, traditional and film music regale audience**

If you were one of the 100 people present at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual “Last Night of the Proms” held in Meltham Church you were fortunate to enjoy a concert performed by Meltham and MM Band and guest mezzo soprano Sally Perkins. If you weren’t there, it was your misfortune.

The church was festooned with union jacks and the band caught the right mood early on, playing New World Fantasy, followed by well known pieces such as Tara’s Theme from Gone with the Wind, music from West Side Story, Amazing Grace and the ever popular and rousing Radetzky March. The band was conducted by their Musical Director Norman Law.

Sally performed classical pieces by Handel, Verdi and Gluck for her debut at LNOP, much to audience acclaim, and you might have imagined you were in the Royal Albert Hall.

Her second spot after the interval was with more traditional songs including the wonderful tune and the words of Danny Boy. She was accompanied on the piano by Jean Collison. The traditional finale did not disappoint with Fantasia on British Sea Songs which includes Rule Britannia, Jerusalem and Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 including Land of Hope and Glory. All these songs, led by Sally had the audience on their feet as they indulged in moments of patriotism.

Wine and soft drinks were available at the interval and a raffle with an abundance of prizes was held. The proceeds in the normal way were divided equally between the band and the church

The Band will be performing their Christmas Concert in the church on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. If you miss this, you’ll regret it.

John Mitchell



## 200 Club OCTOBER winners were:-

£50	428	Mr J Farrell
£10	135	Mrs J Hilton
£10	785	Mr A Lovatt
£10	343	Mr M Kaye
£10	000	Mr M Townend
£10	22	Mrs D Holmes

**D Earnshaw**

### THE MELTHAM REFUGEE CRISIS APPEAL

by Pam Murgatroyd

1. It all started when a little boy was drowned,  
whilst trying to escape to somewhere safe.  
Who would have thought that such a reaction could  
have come from emotion for that lowly waif.
2. The Carlile opened up to take some goods  
to send to refugees who'd had to flee  
and leave their homes and everything behind.  
Nothing like that has happened to you or me.
3. The Crossroads Shop were first with eleven bags,  
then donated all their takings for that week..  
Churches Together were involved as well,  
with messages and prayers more help to seek.
4. Things just kept on flowing through the doors  
with not a sign of coming to a stop,  
from tents and blankets, coats and shoes as well,  
most second hand, like from the Charity Shop.
5. A group was set up and the name they picked,  
Was "Meltham Refugee Crisis Appeal"  
And emails went around between this group  
at least one hundred, couldn't say for real.
6. And still the bags poured into the old Carlile,  
filling the Post Office and the upstairs store.  
The media had now become involved,  
asking everyone to bring us more.
7. Soon the bags would not be strong enough,  
transfer to boxes was the way to go,  
with lots of volunteers in days to come,  
their hard work in this sorting soon did show.
8. The operation only took two weeks,  
about one thousand boxes were now packed.  
The Post Office down to half its size  
because that's where the boxes all were stacked.
9. But even when they're taken and it's as if they've never been,  
a place within our hearts knows they were real.  
So we will all remember who had helped all those in need,  
The Meltham Refugee Crisis Appeal.



Many thanks to all who donated to the Appeal and many  
thanks to those who bagged, sorted, boxed, stacked and  
loaded everything to be transported where needed most.

## SERVICES IN THE PARISH NOVEMBER 2015

<b>Date</b>	<b>St. Bartholomew's</b>	<b>St. James'</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>
November 1st	4.30pm <b>Confirmation</b>	10.00am FC	11.00am BCP	11.15am HC
November 8th	9.00am HC	5.00pm 5 Alive	2.00pm Remembrance	10.30/10.45am Remembrance
November 15th	9.30am HC/Bap	10.00am MW	11.00am HC	11.15am HC
November 22nd	Feast of Christ the King			11.15am HC
November 29th	9.30am W4A	10.00am HC	11.00am HC	4.00pm Christingle
December 6th	9.30am HC	10.00am FC	11.00am BCP	11.15am HC

## READINGS IN THE PARISH NOVEMBER 2015

<b>Date/Day</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
November 1st	Jesus raises Lazarus	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
November 8th	Remembrance Sunday		
November 15th	Destruction of the Temple foretold	Hebrews 10:11-14 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
November 22nd	Jesus before Pilate	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
November 29th	The Coming of the Son of Man	1 Thessalonians 3:9-end	Luke 21:25-36
December 6th	This brings to an end the Christian Year		

## **PLOTTERS and RAIDERS**

This was the time of year when millions of school boys throughout England, from the October half term onwards, until early November were engaged in sometimes nefarious activities. In “our gangs,” groups of up to say 10 boys had gang huts but the nearest we got to criminal activities was to nick apples and other kids’ bonfires. We all set about gathering wood from whatever source we could to make bonfires. In our part of the world we were plotting - in this area, and Huddersfield in general, kids called it chumping. It was the Bonfire Plot, because in 1605, that’s just what it was. A York man and his cohorts were to be the perpetrators, but as everybody knows from being a child the plot was scuppered. I read somewhere that Guy Fawkes was thought to be the only person who entered Parliament with an honest intention. Discuss please.

The wood that burned the best were the wicker skips from the mills and these were sought after by all gangs. We had to beg these from the store boss. Old hen huts, discarded furniture, limbs and boughs from trees and plenty paper and cardboard plus paraffin formed the plot which was erected on the day in the in the centre of the stone sett vehicular street. Quite amazing. In those days things like this were very informal, - let’s call it “The Common Sense Prevails Act” and kids got on with it. You tried to hide the material so it would not be raided by tougher youths from adjoining streets. Some streets close by had 2 bonfires at both ends of the street, and nobody in our town of 15,000 people ever raided theirs. They stored all their wood on top of the outside WC and dustbin blocks, in those days still called by locals, the middens, as they were formerly the block of earth closets. The WC blocks were in very frequent use night and day so their wood remained totally secure from raiding parties and in any case the lads there had fearsome reputations. One gang nearby even stored their wood in abandoned air raid shelters and had the bonfire on the local public recreation ground which was very poorly maintained and looked what it was, a wreck. They didn’t get permission from the Council. The leader, the eldest and toughest in any gang always directed operations.

Fireworks seemed to be rationed and the school grape vine disseminated information as to which shop had received their quota and lads were queuing up for them. “Please mister, can’t you let me have a few more, ‘cos me brother is in bed poorly and can’t come for his?” They saw through it every time! The anticipation for a week before was at fever pitch. Alas, it could rain for days on end and reinforcements by way of dads had to be called to apply their skills, paraffin and old oil from factories to ignite the fire. Whoosh, it’s alight! Come on, more wood needed. Oh, do be careful, stand back Guy’s falling. Towards the end it was time to put the potatoes in the embers. Never mind the layer of charcoal on the skin, eat it and enjoy. All too soon it was over; well actually not quite, because if your fire could be rekindled the following morning that was worth bragging about at school.

Advance many years to the mid 1960’s and we had Health and Safety (I’ll call it “H and S Ubiquitous Provisions Act”) because it seems almost every human activity is controlled by this, sometimes to farcical degrees. Gone were the street plots, in came smoke and noise control, safety certificates, insurance and all the rest. This introduced the whole community bonfire concept. By all means have some sparklers on your own patio with a few friends and if you dare, a small bonfire but be prepared for complaints. Come on neighbours, it’s only once a year!

Some years ago whilst on a coach tour at this time of the year of South Island, New Zealand, an American said to me “Say John in your country, don’t you have a big event of some sort on 11 /5?” Eleven five got me thinking, what is he on about ? Then of course it came to me. They put the date the wrong way round in the United States of America (or should it be America States United?) He mentioned this because in Napier and no doubt other places in NZ they make 5 November a big social occasion. There were dozens of private and public bonfires on the beach with barbeques and music. It was the early summer for them and it was a delight for us to share in the celebrations.

Will I be going to a Bonfire Plot this year? The glamour and excitement disappeared years ago, but there again I might be induced, as you might, to go to some form of “over regulated” event, where you can’t get near to warm your brains (well school teachers used to say you sat on them) and chuck a spud in the fire.

John Mitchell

## The Jesse Tree

*A shoot shall come out of the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.*

*Isaiah Chapter 11 verse 1*



### What is a Jesse Tree?

A Jesse tree is linked to the prophecy in Isaiah about the branch growing out of the stump of Jesse. It shows Jesus' family tree.

Jesse is shown at the bottom of the tree with his son King David above him. Above David is his son Solomon and at the top are Mary and the Christ Child. The rest of the tree might include the prophets, Old Testament figures or stories that point to the coming of the Messiah.

### What's Involved?

The Jesse tree is used in churches today during Advent, each day wooden symbols are added to the tree, which tell the Old Testament story leading up to Christmas. These are accompanied by short bible readings and prayers that point the way to Jesus the Messiah.

Any one can take part: our Jesse tree will be located in **St Bartholomew's church**. Each day please add the relevant decoration to the tree, accompanies with a short bible reading and prayer (the book is kept with the decorations).

### Starts 30th November 2015

There will also be a modern twist to the Jesse Tree: alongside the real tree in St Bartholomew's there will be a virtual Jesse tree on Facebook. Please like, share and enjoy the Christmas story.

I hope you enjoy taking part. Revd. Charlene



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### Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Coffee Morning on the 3rd October. £282.00 was raised from the raffle, cakes, tombola and cards etc. During 2015 so far, and including this amount, a total of £4,148 has been raised for the work of Christian Aid.

# We need YOUR help



This year has seen many tragedies across the world with families forced to leave their homes, children orphaned, and many thousands fleeing from war and terror, seeking refuge in other countries.

Every year Operation Christmas Child sends over 10,000,000 shoeboxes to needy children in 120 countries with 850,638 sent from the UK in 2014.

This year, with the refugee crisis in Syria, Operation Christmas Child aims to send 45,000 extra shoeboxes from the UK to the refugee children, this is in addition to the boxes that will go to children in other parts of the world!

Could you, as an individual or as a corporate group, help us to achieve this target?

Shoeboxes are gifts of love containing educational supplies, hats, gloves, scarves, a small toy, toothbrushes, toothpaste, facecloths, soap, small cuddly toys, sweets, jewellery, hair accessories etc. (please NO war toys, scary animals or broken toys) We would also request a donation of £3 to help with the transport costs of sending the boxes to their recipients.

If you are able to donate filled shoebox (es) please drop it off at St James' Church, Meltham Mills on any Friday between 10am and 3pm or anytime from 2nd November to 27th November 2015 or at the Crossroads Shop.

If you would like an Operation Christmas Child volunteer to come and talk to your group or business or would like any more information please contact Judith Powell on 01484 859460 or Grace Dronsfield on 01484 850955



## A Meditation

Consider all my ways, O Lord, consider all my ways.  
Consider all my ways, O Lord; the sin that saddens Thee.  
Consider all my ways, O Lord, consider all my ways.  
Consider all my ways, O Lord; but do not turn from me.  
Consider all my ways, O Lord, consider all my ways.  
Consider all my ways, O Lord; and in love pardon me.  
Consider all my ways, O Lord, consider all my ways.  
Consider all my ways, O Lord; and help me live in Thee.



*Jack Yates*

## St Bartholomew's Women's Fellowship

The November meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 25th November** at 7.30pm in Church when the speaker will be Revd Charlene Smith.

Please note the **change of date** as both the Church Hall and Church are in use on Tuesday evening. The tea ladies are Hester Deacon and Kathleen Cockcroft.

Thanks to all members who helped or donated cakes, food, etc for the Autumn Munch on 31st October. This was very much appreciated.  
New Members always welcome

### Men's Night

Sometimes, just sometimes God seems very close. And sometimes, just sometimes we are given the opportunity to hear his voice, however distantly.

The Men's Night held at Clinton and Jean's was one of those occasions. 25 men from different backgrounds listened to Terry Wilcox, Project Director with In2Out a Leeds based charity working with young people with convictions. It's the only such organisation in the country. It has 4 paid staff and 30+ volunteers, many of whom are mentors. It meets all the standards set by the Government and has worked with 70+ young people.

Terry is a man whose life is shaped by his desire to follow Jesus. He was a successful businessman who found himself in the unusual position firstly of simply talking to prisoners and who was then encouraged to start working with them when they were out. In2Out was set up. For details have a look at their website <http://www.in2out.org.uk>

If we had stayed till 2am there would still have been someone wanting to ask Terry another question. He did not claim to be a plaster saint. He was well aware of his own fragilities and fallibilities. But in his telling his story and the story of those with whom he, his wife and his team worked, there was to me a sense that here was a man who was Jesus to them - on the basis "that Christ has no hands but our hands." He reminded us that the runaway slave Onesimus referred to in Paul's letter to Philemon was described as - once he was useless, now he is useful. Many of us may feel useless. God seeks to make all of us useful.

Thanks again to Jean for the wonderful gift of hospitality - her apple pie was Great British Bake Off standard and the Shepherd's Pie would have called many from the Harden Moss Sheepdogs Trials! And £180 was given to In2Out!

Nigel



## HELME LADIES

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Now that the summer is giving way to autumn our evening strolls are at an end for another year. But they have been enjoyable and apart from just one occasion the weather has been very kind. Even when it did rain we still carried out our walk around Nettleton Hill.

On our first occasion back in church we held a poetry evening. This is an event very much revered with the ladies taking immense satisfaction from the variety of poems. In the space of just over one hour we can be laughing, tearful, nostalgic and comforted by the variety of poems which are read. It is also an opportunity for the ladies, who are able, to create their own poems and these can be something special. We had a number of poems by various authors including Pam Ayres and a monologue by Stanley Holloway. Margaret Fenton read a couple of poems, one of which was, from a church magazine called 'Grace'. The poem called The Nativity is aimed at children and puts a different slant onto the normal nativity story. As usual it was a very enjoyable evening. On our next meeting in church September 29<sup>th</sup> we were delighted to welcome John Mitchell who is the Secretary for St. Bartholomew's Church and who gave us an interesting talk entitled Phrase and Fable. He described the English language as a mixture of Latin, French, German, Norse, Chinese, Anglo-Saxon and many more. Over the course of the evening John gave us a number of well known phrases and expanded on these in order to explain their origin. For example 'A Nine Day Wonder' originated in Tudor times. The daughter of Henry VIII, Mary Tudor, was next in line for the English Throne after the death of her brother Edward VI. However she was a Catholic and certain factions did not approve of a Catholic Queen on the throne of England. The factions wanted a Protestant heir and this was in the shape of Lady Jane Grey who was declared queen but never crowned. However Mary Tudor prevailed and after Nine Days, Lady Jane Grey was beheaded. Another example is 'Rule of Thumb' which originated in times when husbands were allowed to beat their wives. The rule of thumb was introduced to limit the diameter of stick which could be used which hadn't to be greater than the diameter of a thumb. 'Sleep Tight' originated in common lodging houses which had beds without mattresses but instead had ropes. If the ropes were tight the chances were of a better night's sleep. 'POM' which is the description given to us Brits by the Australians refer to the days when our prisoners were transported there after committing various crimes. POM stands for 'Prisoner Of (his or her) Majesty. It was such a fascinating evening, just completely different and one which we thoroughly enjoyed

Hazel Gibson Contact telephone 01484 852711.

## ALE TALK

AleTalk is a discussion about all things spiritual. It is friendly, serious and fun. We explore questions about life and God in an informal, open and non-prescriptive way over a drink in the Waggon & Horses in Meltham. An initial short thought and question gets things going, after which the conversation runs freely. The evening is rounded off with an opportunity to share insights and reflections on "the question". Our simple house rules include:

- ♦ respect each person
- ♦ come prepared to listen to others
- ♦ do not adopt the posture that "my opinion is more important than yours"

The meetings before Christmas will be 7.30pm 3rd November, 17th November and 1st December - All welcome!

Anyone wishing to have their loved ones names included in the book of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's please contact Jean Collison : Telephone 851816 (there is a small fee of **£5** for church expenses)

Marriages and Baptisms, to be arranged :  
Ring Revd Maureen **(01484) 850050**  
or email: [maureen.read09@btinternet.com](mailto:maureen.read09@btinternet.com)



**Come and Sing**  
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### **WORK CARRIED OUT ALL YEAR**

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including planting. Hedges trimmed,  
trees shrubs pruned, turfing, fencing  
(Autumn/Winter), patios, wood  
chippings. Weed killing, Patios/drives  
jet washed. Any other requirements,  
please ask. Thank You Andrew



### **LANESIDE FARM BED AND BREAKFAST**

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## Dates for your November Diary

1st November	<b>Feast of All Saints</b>
1st November	4.30pm Confirmation Service - St Bartholomew's
2nd November	Leading your Church into Growth - Residential Training (Maureen, Dennis and Nigel are away)
3rd November	Come and Sing - 7.00pm - St Bartholomew's
5th November	Residential Training ends
5th November	Wardens' meeting - 7.00pm - Vicarage
8th November	<b>Remembrance Sunday (see Service Rotas)</b>
8th November	Interment of Ashes - 2.00pm - Christ Church
9th November	Pilgrimage to the Holy Land begins
9th November	Helme School Worship in Church - 9.15am
9th November	Meltham C of E Worship - 10.15am
10th November	Come and Sing - 7.00pm - St Bartholomew's
10th November	St Mary's DCC - 7.30pm - Kim Howe's
16th November	Meltham C of E Worship - 10.15am
17th November	Come and Sing - 7.00pm - St Bartholomew's
19th November	Holy Land Pilgrimage ends
20th November	Celebration Shoebox Service - 6.30pm - St James'
21st November	Prayer Day - St James
22nd November	<b>Feast of Christ the King</b>
22nd November	Parish Communion - 11.15am - Christ Church
23rd November	Meltham C of E Worship - 10.15am
24th November	Meltham Gilbert & Sullivan begins
28th November	Meltham Gilbert & Sullivan ends
28th November	Crisis Coffee Morning - St James
29th November	Christingle - 4.00pm - Christ Church
30th November	Meltham C of E Worship - 10.15am
30th November	Advent Pilgrimage - 6.30pm - Christ Church



**“Crisis” Coffee Morning**  
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Every Wednesday	6.30pm to 7.30pm	Exercise Class
Every Tuesday	2.00pm to 3.00pm	Zumba
Every Tuesday	5.30pm and 7.30pm	Slimming World
Every Thursday	9.00am to 11.00am	Funky Monkeys

Wednesday 11th November - 7.00pm to 10.00pm - Flower Club

Thursday, 12th November - 2.00pm to 4.00pm - Over 60s Club

### Saturday Coffee Mornings - Commencing at 9.30am

31st October	St Bartholomew's Autumn Munch
7th November	Christ Church, Helme
14th November	Meltham Cricket Club
21st November	St Bartholomew's
28th November	No Coffee Morning
28th November	Crisis Coffee Morning at St James' - 10.00am

### Christmas Tree Festival Meltham Methodist Church 28th and 29th November 2015



They are asking groups of people and the Churches if they would like to enter a tree on the theme of 'Christmas Carols.'

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Cover my eyes that they may see it no more.  
Sanctify my heart that evil may not dwell within me.  
Be Thou my God, be Thou my guide.  
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And whatsoever Thou commandest in me,  
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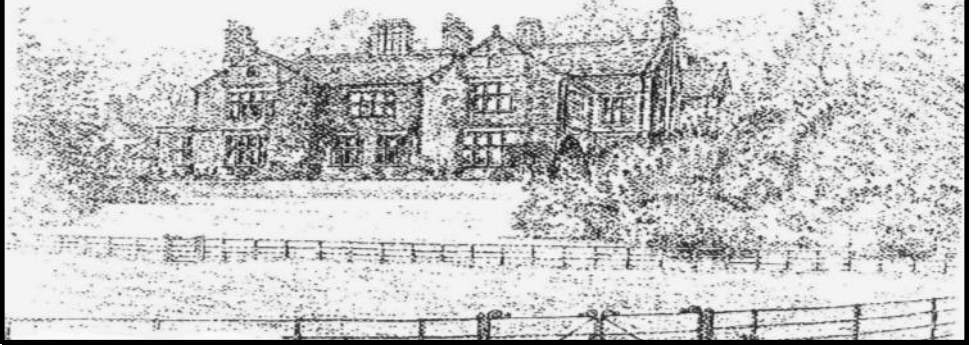
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## ST MARY'S REPORT

There was no service on 20th September as we shared in the Civic Service at St Bartholomew's Church.

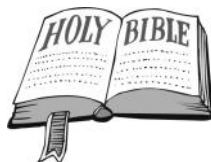
On 27th September Rev Judy Kenworthy welcomed Cole Michael and Blue Raine Smith and their family and friends for their Baptism service. Their parents are Lee and Cally and their God parents are Nicola Smith, Debbie Taylor, Cameron Gibson and Kirsty Atkinson. The children helped Rev Judy with the talk and big sister, Skye, presented the Baptism candles. Glenda Yates read the lesson and Jack Yates, assisted by the children, took the collection.

At 4pm the same day Jacqueline France led a Celtic Communion Service and read a reflection based on the reading from St Matthew's Gospel. Rev Judy was the celebrant, Clive Pearson the organist, and Kim Howe led the prayers.

The following week we held our Harvest Festival, led by Rev Judy. Harvest gifts were brought in during the first hymn and blessed. We thanked God for all His gifts to us and thought about those who have to grow their harvest in desert conditions. The children helped to mix the ingredients for a cake as we thought about how we need things like determination, hard work, patience and team work to do something that seems impossible. God tells us to focus on what we hope for and to take things a step at a time. If we follow this recipe then we will find that the task is not impossible after all. Kim Howe offered the prayers, John Andrews read the lesson and the children, along with the music group accompanied the hymns. Following the service everyone enjoyed a piece of cake (one that Leanne had made earlier). Harvest gifts were shared with the Immediate Needs Charity in Meltham and taken around the village. Thanks were expressed to Liz and Kim for decorating the church so beautifully and to Leanne for the cake.

On Friday, 9th October, we held a Cheese and Wine Evening. This included two wine related quizzes and "Call My Bluff". A good time was had by all who came. This was planned as a social evening, rather than a fund raiser, and our thanks go to all who organized and ran it, and those who donated the wonderful array of cheeses, nibbles, bread and chutney for our enjoyment.

Last Sunday a service of Holy Communion took place in the Sunday School room, due to a boiler malfunction. This was led by Rev Judy, Elizabeth Pearson accompanied the hymns on the piano and Kim Howe assisted with the chalice. Peter Pearson was sidesman and Jacqueline France led the intercessions.



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Each year the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent that truly prepares us for the Holy Season of Christmas, with all its meaning.

Therefore, let this Advent reflect a period of stillness, seeking and preparation amidst the craziness, let us be called to be a pilgrim people sharing in our sacred spaces, let us journey together across the Parish of Christ the King for Advent.

### THE PILGRIMAGE

This Advent season we have the chance to journey together across the Parish resting at each Church in turn, for meditation and prayer. This can be a simple way to enter into the Advent journey week by week in the midst of our busy everyday lives; a real chance to slow down and take time to unwind. Each of our Churches will provide a quiet, calm space to reflect and pray.

The Pilgrimage will be particularly focused on our senses, following the four themes of the Advent Season. We are invited into our sacred spaces to rest in the presence of God, to relax and draw on his strength and to listen to the stillness of God's voice within us.

Let us please join together for this Advent Pilgrimage.

<b>Hope</b>	<b>Monday 30th November</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>
<b>Faith</b>	<b>Monday 07th December</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm</b>	<b>St Bartholomew's</b>
<b>Joy</b>	<b>Monday 14th December</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm</b>	<b>St James'</b>
<b>Love</b>	<b>Monday 21st December</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>

Back by popular demand, there will be hot chocolate with marshmallows and spiced mulled wine served after each gathering.

For more information please speak to Charlene

## Are We Ready? The Parish Posada

### Making Room for Jesus this Christmas



#### What is Posada?

Posada is a Spanish word that means 'Inn', and is also the title for a Mexican Advent celebration. In the UK a more recent tradition is to send out the figures of Mary and Joseph on an Advent journey around a parish leading up to Christmas. The figures travel from home to home staying overnight before moving onwards in their journey.

Whilst the figures are in your home, it is an opportunity to pray, and quietly reflect on the wonder of that first Christmas, and to share God's message and promise of love given us in the Christ-child.

The Posada is based on the text from chapter 2 of Luke's Gospel: "*She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn*". It symbolises the hardship of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and their difficulty in finding a place to stay where Mary could have her baby.

#### What's Involved?

Mary and Joseph travel with instructions, suggested prayers, a book telling the Christmas Story and also a diary for you to put your own entries, photos and pictures. It's a great Advent activity for all ages, and can be enjoyed by everyone.

All you need to do is add your name to the journey rota (in Church) for a night that will suit you to host Mary and Joseph. Another person from the parish will make arrangements to bring the figures to you at a time to suit you both. The next day you need to take Mary and Joseph to the next host on the journey rota. It's as simple as that! Please ensure you have added your details on the journey Rota by **November 26th**.

Mary and Joseph receive a blessing and set off on their Advent journey at our "**Worship 4 All**" service at **St Bartholomew's Church on 29th November 9.30am**, visiting each home in turn, returning in time for the "**Crib Service**" at **St James' at 24th December 4.00pm**. Where the whole parish will gather together in Church to listen to the Christmas story. Everyone who has hosted Mary and Joseph during December is invited to the service.

*I hope you enjoy taking part!*

#### Bell House Reports

On Friday, 21st August we joined the staff and residents of Bell House for a "Coffee and Cake" afternoon. Lots of family and friends joined the celebrations as well, and what a good time we had. Kirsty, assisted by her son Elliot, entertained us with songs, from 40's music to the Beatles, with lots to sing along to. There was a quiz and lots of delicious cream cakes and coffee. Some of the buns were made and decorated by the residents and there was a raffle. Liz took her grandson, Jonah, along and he was very popular with all the ladies, especially Gladys. Our thanks go to all who worked so hard to put on this lovely afternoon and for making their guests so welcome. Rev Judy led the Harvest Festival at Bell House Residential Home at Wilshaw. The residents enjoyed singing their favourite Harvest hymns, heard the story of "The Sower" from St Matthew's Gospel and thanked God for all his gifts to us. We prayed for those who do not enjoy a good harvest and listened to a Harvest poem. The display of flowers, fruit and vegetables was donated to the residents, with love from St Mary's.

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