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A Letter from your Vicar

February is, or at least should be, a wonderful month. Christmas is now behind us and Easter is still a little way off. So, what's happening in February that makes it such a wonderful month? The answer is not too much. That's what should make it a wonderful month.

Hopefully you will all agree that Christmas 2018 was good, and I would like to thank everybody who was involved in making it all happen. Of course, as the vicar I am very grateful to everyone in all the Churches that contributed towards our services and activities. So much simply wouldn't have happened without your help and support, and a great many people helped to make things special through contributions large and small. However, I would also like to thank the many people across Meltham who helped to make Christmas a real community season. From those who were involved in providing the lights in the village centre, to all the teachers and children in our schools, I'm sure you will all agree that Meltham did Christmas wonderfully.

However, what is February for? The Church has of course got various things still going on including the Journeys course that has just started, there will be some planning for Easter and Valentine's day will come along in its usual place. But what I think is really wonderful about February is that not too much will (normally) happen.

My farming background has taught me to appreciate seasons and seasonality. Unfortunately, the benefits of this are too often lost in our modern world culture. We are busy, we are always busy, and we often struggle to know what to do when things slow down a little. In the cycle of farming and in nature there are times when life takes a natural rest. Life doesn't stop, but the pace of it seems to slow a little for a while. February is, or at least should be, such a time and I believe that we should try to recognise it as a gift from God.

The Bible tells us that from the beginning our God gave us a sabbath rest. We usually think of this as one day per week (traditionally Sunday) when we shouldn't work and certainly it is good to take that kind of regular rest. But, my years in farming have caused me to think in a seasonal way too. It's not good for us to become trapped on a treadmill of life where the pace of things is always stretched. Christmas is wonderful, but we need February to help us return to a more sustainable pace, we need a bit of seasonality to establish a richer and more sustainable rhythm of life.

I hope you can all enjoy February,

And, I promise, I'll try and listen to my own advice.

God bless

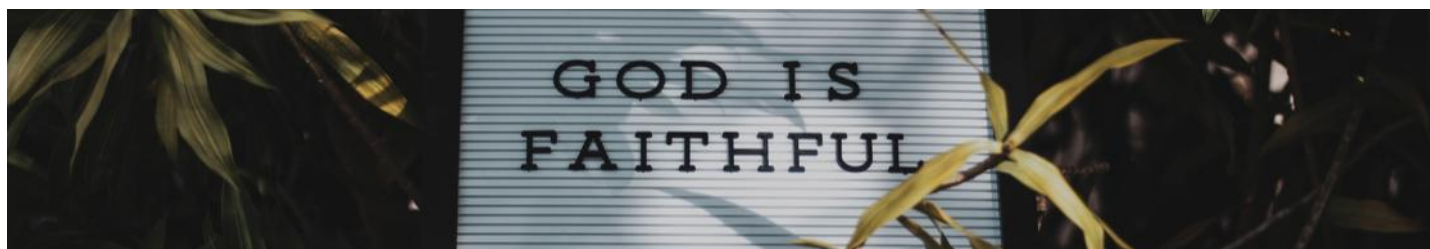
Revd John

Remind yourself that God is faithful

'It is right to refresh your memory'

2 Peter 1:13 NIV

A pole-vaulter only discovers how high he can jump when he clears the bar. Then he sets it higher. God does that too. He stretches your faith to what seems like your breaking point. Pastor and author Jon Walker says: 'At one point I sensed God stretching my faith. Specifically, He told me to stop receiving a regular payslip and start living by faith... So with radiant certainty that God would provide because He told me He would, I did what He said and started looking for His provision. I kept a log of every way God took care of me, and the list grew joyfully impressive. God was moving me from a tentative "I hope it will happen," to a certain "I know this will happen." Yet within months I was literally staggered with doubt. I'd lost my focus... and started scrambling for ways to generate income... believing it was my responsibility to make things happen because God may or may not come through... You may be further along than I am in learning to trust God; then again, you may have experienced exactly what I'm describing.' Understand this: a faith that cannot be shaken comes only from a faith that has been so severely shaken that it is now sure, certain, and steadfast. Our greatest concern is getting our needs met, but God's greatest concern is developing our faith. 'Without faith it is impossible to please God' (Hebrews 11:6 NIV 2011 Edition). That's why Peter wrote, 'I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth... It is right to refresh your memory' (2 Peter 1:12-13 NIV 2011 Edition). So, keep reminding yourself that God is faithful.



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The Old Spink's Station

In the days of her youth, a close relation
was one of the agents of wealth creation,
who came by train to the old Spink's Station,
and walked to their work at the cotton mill.

But her job was boring and bred revulsion;
it contained a cart and it's propulsion,
so she caught the train under strict compulsion,
and crawled to her work at the cotton mill.

- Jack Yates

Fact: Did you know that Meltham used to have two stations?

One where Morrison's is now placed and the second at Brinks Fields. Although only a wooden platform, trains from Huddersfield would stop there and drop off workers who were employed at Meltham Mills.



Side by Side - Meltham

A group for folk who have problems with memory.

This small group has been meeting on a weekly basis for about 6 years.

We meet on a Monday morning, 10.00am - 12.00pm at The Methodist Church on Mill Moor Road, Meltham.

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The group enjoy reminiscing, chatting, sharing stories, a variety of simple activities, coffee, tea and cakes - all for a bit of fun for on a Monday morning.

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Testimony Time...

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mark 10.47b)

When I was leaving Leeds In September, after having seen my Spiritual Director, there was a young man walking up the road towards me, shouting and swearing, with a plastic bottle of drink in his hand – which he threw violently to the ground. He was very, very angry and calling out things that I couldn't make out. I am ashamed to say that I was glad he was going in the other direction to me.

I walked on and came to some traffic lights. Whilst I waited with the crowd, the same young man came walking in the same direction as us but a little further over, down the road.

Again, to my shame, I was pleased that he was that distance away from me. He was still shouting angrily and swearing loudly; and then he stepped straight out into the street without looking, forcing the traffic to stop suddenly to avoid him, before he weaved his way across the road and was gone.

As I crossed at the traffic lights, running to get back to my car before my parking ticket expired, I turned left into a narrow pathway which was the only route I knew back to my car due to building works blocking off my usual route.

There was the same man in front of me but rushing away. Then he dropped some coins and stopped, turned around and was scrambling about on his hands and knees trying to find his money – still shouting and swearing and very upset!

I thought about stopping, or turning back but I knew no other way to the car. So I said a prayer to Jesus and kept walking.

As I got closer, I realised that the man was in great distress and crying in anguish for the voices in his head to stop.

I instinctively glanced around to see if I could help him find any of his money, but to my surprise, there on his hands and knees, he cried out to me: "Help me Father, please help me. The voices Father, the voices won't stop!"

I knew there was nothing I could do but I asked Jesus to help, to be there with us and help. And I believe that He was, and He did.

I thought of Jesus and what He would have done had He been there. How He would have looked at this man with great compassion and ordered the voices to leave him alone.

I helped the man up and asked him if he would like me to pray for and with him. He said, "Yes, please Father," and I held him by his hands as we prayed.

He seemed to have calmed down before I'd even prayed a word.

After the prayers, he told me he was on his way to commit suicide before I met him.

There was no more shouting wearing throughout this whole time. He asked me what church I was from and if I knew of a church he could go to in Leeds.

He thanked me, turned away and started back towards the city centre. I stopped him and asked him if he needed any money.

He said he needed £3.00 to stay in the city shelter that night – which I gladly gave him – and I received further thanks before he calmly went on his way.

No ... I am certain that it was not all an elaborate act on the man's part. Neither is this testimony all about me but about the power and love of Jesus to help in a crisis.

Postscript: Three weeks later I was called upon to preach on Bartimaeus, commonly regarded as a street person of his day, who called out to Jesus for help in Jericho! Isn't it sad, that even today, when we go to Leeds or Huddersfield, or any large town or city, we see the contrasting worlds of the haves and have-nots? We see beautiful buildings, up-to-date transport, good food restaurants and enticing shops; yet amid all this wealth, poverty abounds in the form of the street dwellers and beggars, sitting in their sleeping bags with polystyrene cups in hand, asking for help in the form of 'spare change'.

So let us pause for a moment now to pray for them – and for the work of all who are committed to helping those in any kind of need.

With much love, Dennis x

(Testimonies are such a powerful and encourage way to share how Jesus is still at work in all of our lives today. If you have a testimony you would be willing to share, please send it in to Amelia - parishofchristtheking@gmail.com / 11 Westfield Avenue)

St Bartholomew's Women's Fellowship

The February meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th February at 2.00pm in Church and afterwards in the Church Hall, when the speaker, Sandie Nicholson of Holmfirth, will be showing slides of local scenes.

The tea ladies will be Elaine Crabtree and Hestor Deacon.

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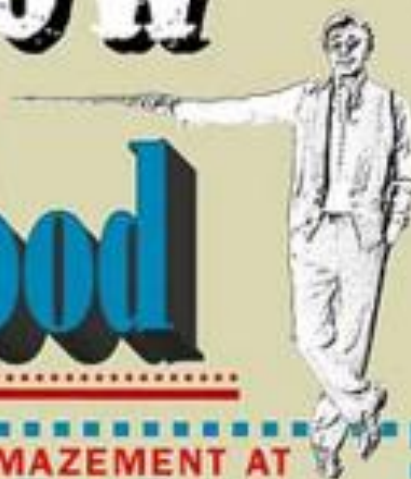


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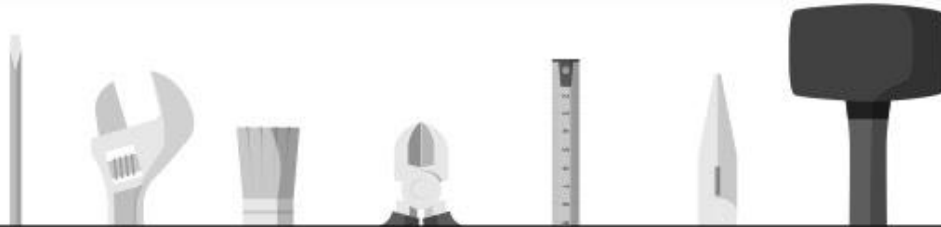
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“ABOUT A BOX”

On reading the January issue of the Parish Church Magazine, page 33, “The Toys we Never Had” by John Mitchell, it brought back many memories from my childhood.

I was talking to John and his wife, Celia, and they encouraged me to write something, but where to begin, I could write a book, but will try to stick to what John wrote about.

Being the second of six children I had to grow up quite quickly (all born within six and a half years, I might add). Dad gave us each half pence twice a week (no such coin today). I always bought Aniseed Balls. You could get five for ½ pence. They were very hard and you could only suck them so they left the flavour in your mouth for a long time.

We always had Christmas and Birthday presents, but other than that there was nothing in between. This was more or less the same for everyone in those days. We didn't expect a lot, but Christmas was a time of great excitement. There were three Newsagents in Meltham and in the weeks leading up to Christmas they filled their windows with toys. Every day after school we would dash round the shops to see if there was anything new. We had a word which meant “bags” and if you saw something you liked best we would say “bags” that and if someone else bagged the same thing we had to choose something else.

One thing that stands out most in my memory was a bride doll which my older sister really wanted and we all joined with her wanting it. Every day we went to see if it was still there. It was taking pride of place in the window. This went on for a few weeks until one day it was gone. I can still feel that dreadful feeling, the bitter disappointment, so she had to think of something else.

But Father Christmas must have heard, for joy of joys on Christmas morning it was in her pillow case. It was beautiful in a lovely blue and white box edged round the top with paper lace. We were very happy for her. But do you know I cannot remember what happened to that treasured doll. We had the box for many years. Every year the Christmas Baubles were carefully wrapped and carefully stored away and long after I was married and mum and dad had died, I somehow was put in charge of the trimmings and it was only four years ago, when Derek and I moved to Mile End, that the box was recycled. It had been stuck together too many times it no longer resembled a bride dolly box, it was impossible to do anything with it, so it was with a little sadness with all its memories, that I finally parted with it.

It wasn't one of the things we “never had” and there must be a moral somewhere in this tale, but it was something some of us had all our lives. We were a close family, only four of us left now and the partings have been very hard, but there we are, one day we shall meet again I am sure, then we shall have far more than “we didn't get” in this life.

Eileen Measham

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ST MARY'S REPORT

It seems amazing to be wishing you God's blessing on yet another new year, but here we are at the beginning of 2019! Another clean sheet to be filled with all the things we hope to achieve and all our business. As we embark on this new and exciting journey remember that God walks alongside us, guiding us and lighting our way - put your trust in Him.

We have enjoyed services of Holy Communion 16th December and 6th January, which were led by Rev John Dracup and a Crib Service led by Kim Howe on 23rd December. The Crib service was held in the Sunday School as the heating had failed to come on. Elizabeth played the keyboard and joined Shirley Langrick as they told the Christmas story from the viewpoint of the sheep on the hillside in Bethlehem. Kim took her theme "Light" and Betsie, Grace, Alys, Lorraine and Mary placed figures in the nativity scene.

St Mary's Carol Service took place on 16th December, in the evening, when a packed church looked "Through the Christmas Window" to discover the true meaning of Christmas. Rev John led our worship and the children, Mums and Grandmas read poems and Bible readings. Clive Pearson was organist, the choir led the singing of carols and sang three items and the church looked very festive. Mulled wine and mince pies were served after the service and our thanks go to our musicians, singers, caterers and to those who created the life size nativity scene in the porch and decorated the church so beautifully.

Christmas Day saw a well attended service of Holy Communion when Rev Judy was celebrant, assisted by Kim Howe. Elizabeth was organist and Shirley read the lessons. Rev John attended the service with his family and wished everyone a Happy Christmas. There was no service at St Mary's on 30th December to enable the congregation to attend a United Parish Communion at St Bartholomew's Church, and on 6th January Rev John led a service of Holy Communion taking his theme "The Epiphany". Kim Howe led the prayers and Shirley read the lessons. Our thanks go to the working party that helped Peter to take down all the trimmings and to those who provided coffee following the services.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BELL HOUSE

The residents at Bell House enjoyed a Christmas Communion Service on 2nd January. This was led by Rev Judy Kenworthy and the reading was taken from St John's Gospel, chapter 1, verse 1-14. As we were still in the Christmas season we were able to sing some more of our favourite carols.

CHURCHES TOGETHER COVENANT SERVICE

On Sunday 13th January all the churches in Meltham came together at Meltham Methodist Church for a service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This was a covenant service and was led by Rev Nancy Ndoho and assisted by Andrew Marchington. Rev John McCarthy and Pat Radford read the lessons and Jean Burhouse spoke about the Crossroads Project. Rev Nancy gave the talk and offered prayers and we all renewed our covenant with God. It was a very uplifting service and our thanks go to all at the Methodist Church for their hospitality and warm welcome.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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Funerals - May they rest in peace

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HELME LADIES

December 17th was the last meeting of 2018 for Helme Ladies and saw them out for a Christmas Lunch. It was great to be waited on for a change and to have someone else to do the cooking. We all gathered at 12.30pm for pre-lunch drinks at Meltham Golf Club, we had heard that the food was good, so we were all looking forward to a lovely lunch.

Who ever had told us that the food was good was nearly right, it was in fact excellent. We had crackers with crowns and the usual silly jokes and I can say we all had a thoroughly good time. We left the Golf Club wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as well as comments like "we must come here again".

Our next meeting should have been January 1st, but with family parties and such like we decided to give that date a miss. So, our next meeting was postponed until January 15th where we had a New Year Party with a difference.

We are trialling morning meetings in January and February as some of the ladies do not like being out at night in the depths of winter.



We offer our congratulations to choir member Ben Glover on his recent marriage to Sarah Goddard. We had a good number of voices with the choir augmented by a few guests including a couple of Ben's friends. We wish them both well and hope they have a long and happy life together.

We managed to get out carol singing just before the Christmas break, though our efforts were somewhat thwarted by the weather. We had planned to go out three nights but only managed one and a half before being rained off.

Thank you to those who gave us a donation for choir funds, and apologies to those we didn't manage to get to this time.

- Simon Ball

200 CLUB

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From Denis A...

They say that walking can add minutes to your life. On that basis, it means that at the age of 84 it enables you to spend an additional five months in a Care Home costing umpteen pounds per month!

If I go for a walk, it has to be early in the morning , before my brain figures out what I'm doing.



I remember my Grandad started walking five miles a day when he was 60. He was 87 before we found out where he was.

I've come to the conclusion that the advantage of exercising every day is so that when you die, people will say "Well, he looks good, doesn't he". Here's a tip, if your exercising includes cross country skiing, start with a small country!

I joined a Health Club last year. The membership fee was £250 per annum. A waste of money! I haven't lost any weight. Apparently, you have to go there.

One final fact: As we get older, we get heavier. That's because there's a lot more information in our heads - that's my story, and I'm sticking with it!

Just to let you all know, I've been admitted to hospital. I've only gone and accidentally poisoned myself. I ate what I thought was an onion, but it turned out to be a Daffodil bulb.

The Doctor said I will be out sometime in the Spring!





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We have a need for two new Foundation Governors. These persons would normally be Christians, but we are willing to consider anyone who is interested in volunteering to fulfill this responsible role.

Those interested in applying may first wish to have an informal conversation with either:

The Headteacher, Mrs. Mel Garlick: **Tel. 01484 222607**

or

The Revd. Dennis Shields: **Tel. 01484 850074**

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Come and hear a first hand report from Kyema, Uganda, by Jane Collins (secretary) who will have just returned from her fact finding trip.

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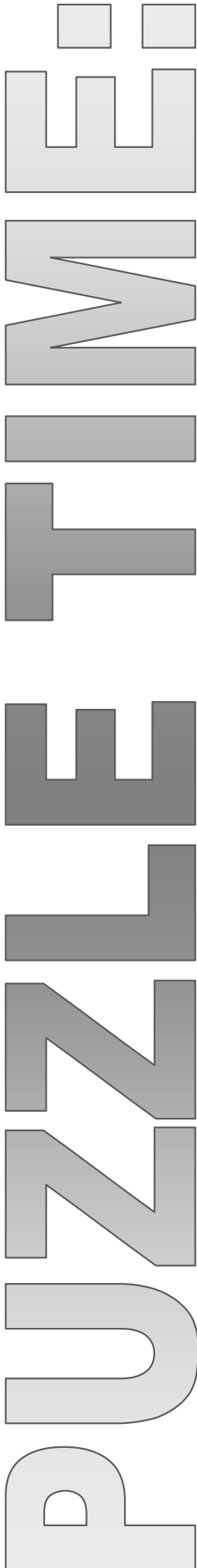
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The following riddle was written by a woman in California, USA, over 100 years ago in the late 1800's. The answer is one word, five letters long, and appears only four times in its various forms in the Authorized King James Bible. Have fun and don't peek at the answer until you give up!

“WHO AM I?”

God made Adam out of dust,
But thought it best to make me first:
So I was made before the man,
According to God's holy plan.
My whole body God made complete,
Without arms or hands or feet.
My ways and acts did God control,
But in my body He placed no soul.
A living being I became,
And Adam gave to me a name.
Then from his presence I withdrew,
For this man Adam I never knew.

All my Maker's laws I do obey,
And from these laws I never stray.
Thousands of me go in fear,
But seldom on the earth appear.
Later, for a purpose God did see,
He placed a living soul in me.
But that soul of mine God had to claim,
And from me He took it back again.
And when this soul from me had fled,
I was the same as when first made;
Without arms, legs, feet, or soul,
I travel on from pole to pole.

My labors are from day to night,
And to men I once furnished light.
Thousands of people both young and old,
Did by my death bright lights behold.
No right or wrong can I conceive;
The Bible and its teachings I can't believe.
The fear of death doesn't trouble me;
Pure happiness I will never see.
And up in Heaven I can never go,
Nor in the grave or Hell below.
So get your Bible and read with care;
You'll find my name recorded there.

(Answer on page 32)

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S - FEBRUARY 2019 ROTA

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	SIDESPERSONS	COFFEE
3rd	Mr & Mrs B Gregory	P Murgatroyd C Woodroffe	C Ward J Collison
10th	Mr & Mrs F Kaye	R Styan P Maffin	M Thorley B Wadsworth
17th	Mrs J Belch	A Ball M Ball	B Jennings V Armitage
24th	Women's Fellowship	J Thornton E Crabtree	C Mitchell V Poole
3rd March	(vacant)	J Swallow A Woodings	C Moulson M Ball

We are looking for more volunteers to help on the flower rota. If you are interested in helping then please speak to Celia Mitchell for more details. Thank you

ST MARY'S - FEBRUARY 2019 ROTA

Date	Service	Readings	Prayers
3rd	11.15am Service of the Word	Angela	Kim
10th	11.15am Holy Communion	Shirley	Kim
17th	11.15am Service of the Word	John	Kim
24th	11.15am Holy Communion	Shirley	Kim

ST JAMES' ROTA - FEBRUARY 2019

Date	Service	Preacher/ Leader	Sides- people	Reader	Coffee
3rd	9.30am S of W	J Dracup	M Lucas S/ N Priestley	A Whiteley	J Burhouse D Leach
10th	9.30am HC	N Priestley	A Whiteley M Still	R Walker	T & C Bleasdale
	5.00pm 5 Alive	Team			J Burhouse
17th	9.30am S of W / Med	P & C Rolls	A Pearson M Still	J Mathers	J & C Burhouse
24th	9.30am HC	J Dracup	M Lucas S Glover	C Woods	K Crossley S Priestley

CHRIST CHURCH ROTA - FEBRUARY 2019

Date	Flowers	Intercessions	Side Person	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
3rd	Eileen	Clergy	Kevin & Jenny H	Jenny B	Eileen & Sheila	Janet
10th	Eileen	Clergy	Kevin & Christine	Janet	Rita	Eileen
17th	Vacant	Clergy	Kevin & Moyra	Christine	Janet	Pat
24th	Vacant	Clergy	Kevin & Eileen	Jenny B	Christine B	Irene
3rd February	Cyril	Clergy	Kevin & Janet	Janet	Moyra	Jenny H

PLEASE NOTE 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**

READINGS IN THE PARISH - FEBRUARY 2019

Date	1st Reading	Gospel
3rd	1 Corinthians 13	Luke 2.22-40
10th	1 Corinthians 15.1-11	Luke 5.1-7
17th	1 Corinthians 15.12-20	Luke 6.17-26
24th	Genesis 2.4-9, 15-25	Luke 8.22-25

SERVICES IN THE PARISH - FEBRUARY 2019

Date	St Bartholomew's	St James	Christ Church	St Mary's
3rd	9.30am HC	9.30am S of W	11.15am HC	11.15am S of W
10th	9.30am HC	9.30am HC - 5.00pm 5 Alive	11.15am S of W	11.15am HC
17th	9.30am HC	9.30am S of W / Med	11.15am HC	11.15am S of W
24th	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	11.15am S of W	11.15am HC

NEW YEAR'S EVER PARTY IN THE CHURCH HALL

Our feet were throbbing and tired
and our ears were buzzing too,
as we saw out the old year
and sang in the one that was new.

It was our fourth New Year's party,
about forty people were there.
A dozen of them were children,
so their energy filled the air.

We played some games for the children,
and some for the adults too.
The four and a half hours passed quickly,
until 'Auld Lang Syne' was due.

It was really worth the throbbing feet
and although it's long overdue,
if you weren't at our Church Hall party,
'A Happy New Year' to you!

Best wishes from Pam & Peter Murgatroyd



CHURCH HALL DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Please note - ALL bookings for the Church Hall MUST be made with Beverley Hirst on 07518 920214 / bhirst530@btinternet.com

WEEKLY BOOKINGS:

Every Tuesday	Pilates	10.00am
	'Good as Gold' with Pam Cox	2.00pm
	Slimming World	5.30 and 7.30pm
Every Wednesday	Zumba Gold	10.00am
Every Friday	Baby Sensory	10.00am
	G&S Rehearsal	7.30pm

MONTHLY BOOKINGS:

1st Tuesday	Women's Institute	7.30pm
2nd Wednesday	Flower Club	7.00pm
2nd Thursday	Over 60's Club	2.00pm
Last Tuesday	Women's Fellowship	7.30pm

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS - Doors open 9.30am

2nd February	Meltham Catholics
16th	Town Council
23rd	St Bartholomew's
2nd March	Kirkwood Hospice

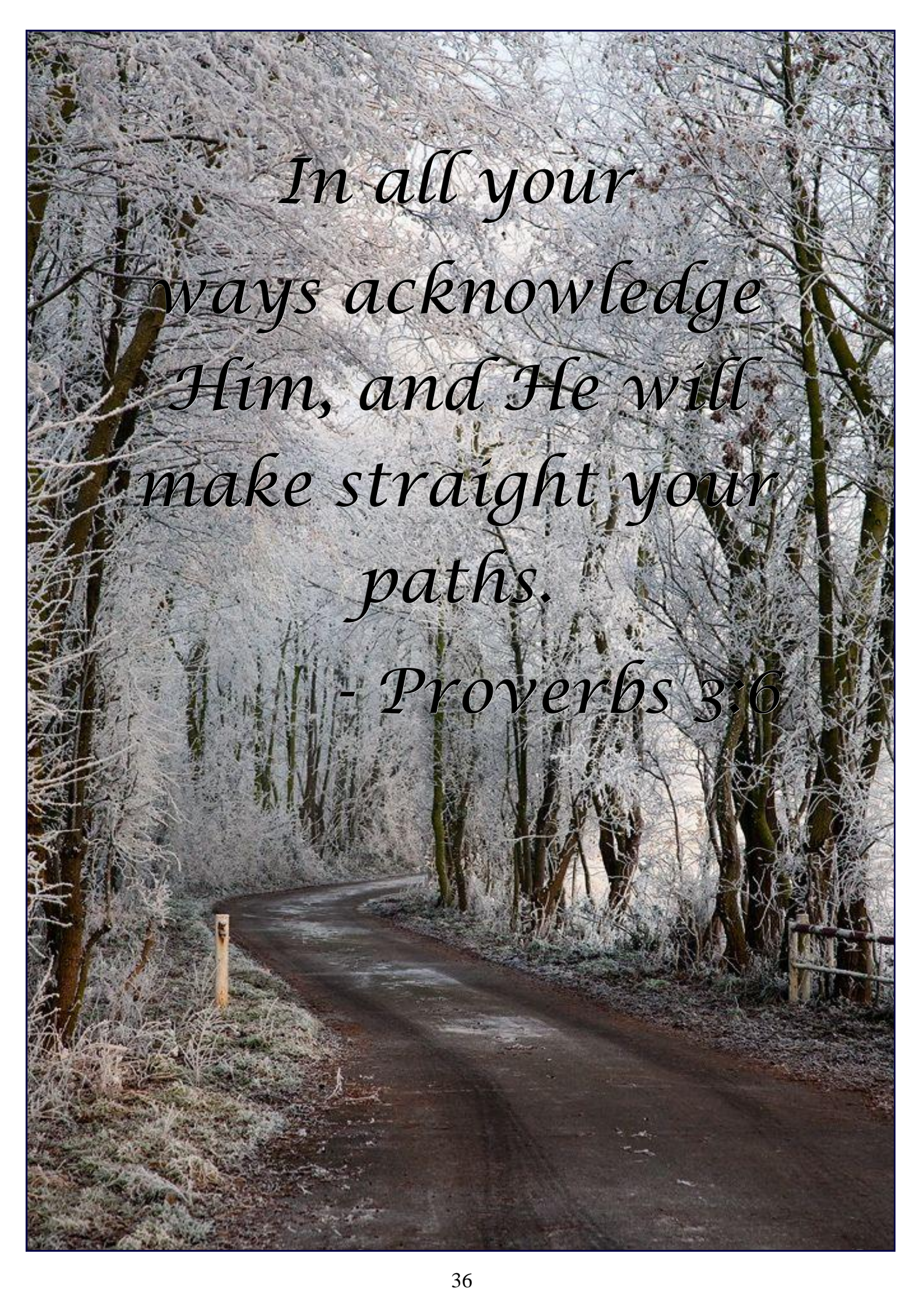
OTHER BOOKINGS:

6th - 8th February	Robin Hood Pantomime	7.15pm
9th	Robin Hood Pantomime	1.30pm & 6.30pm
20th	Church Hall AGM	7.30pm

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A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest in winter. The trees are covered in a thick layer of snow or frost, and the ground is also covered. The path leads from the bottom center towards the middle of the frame, curving slightly to the left. The overall atmosphere is quiet and serene.

*In all your
ways acknowledge
Him, and He will
make straight your
paths.*

- Proverbs 3:6