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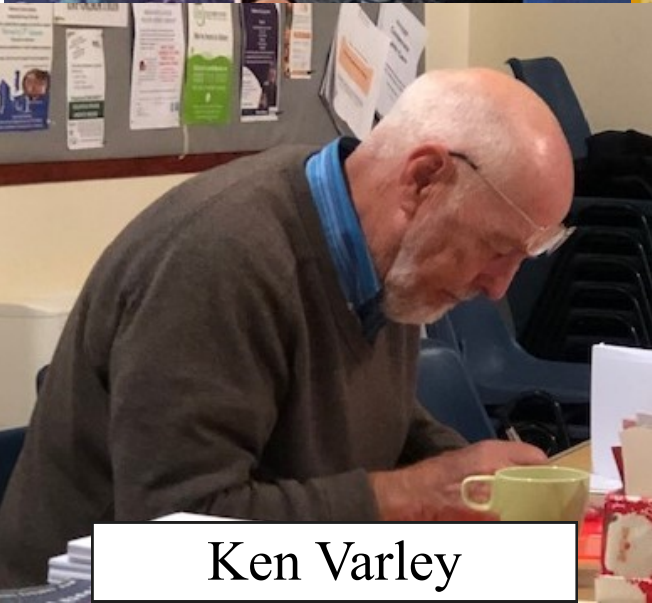
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### Coffee Morning

St Bartholomew's  
10.30 - 12  
Everybody welcome.

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## **A Letter From Your Vicar.**

The worlds strongest man was doing a nation-wide tour showing off his amazing strength. For his final act he would take an orange and squeeze the juice out with his hands and then give out the challenge that if anyone in the audience could squeeze out one more drop, they would win £1000.

Many tried, all failed! Until on the last night a small elderly gentleman stepped forward. The crowd laugh at him, but he calmly places the orange between his hands and to everyone's amazement out came a drop of juice.

He received his award and was asked by the strongman "who are you and how did you do it"? the elderly gentleman simply stated, "I'm the treasurer at my local Church, it's what I do".

October is a good time for us all to celebrate our harvest festivals. It is a time to thank God for all the good things he has provided in our lives and, to remember that God has provided the world with plenty for all.

Of course, we know that there are many people in our world and sadly far too many in our own country who don't have enough. I don't believe that this is a sign of God's lack of provision but rather, it is a reflection of the fact that we have not shared out that provision evenly.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> October each of our Churches will be celebrating harvest and they will be collecting food to help those in our local area that are in need. If you would like to contribute, we are looking particularly for non-perishable goods such as tins and dried food products. Everything that is giving will go to the Meltham food bank and any surplus supplies will be given to the Welcome Centre.

Paul states in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that God loves a cheerful giver and my experience of last years harvest festivals was that we have many such people. So please come along to one of our Churches on the 6<sup>th</sup> October and join us in being cheerful and as generous as we are able.

Revd John

**HARVEST in MELTHAM**  
**Sunday October 6th**



Come and celebrate! Come and give thanks! Come and see! You will all be made very welcome!

St Bart's & St James' - 9:30

St Mary's & Christ Church - 11:15

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### A note from the magazine team ...

Hi folks! As I hit 'send' and the magazine wings its way to the printer, rain is pouring down and the roads are awash. It seems summer is well and truly over. Every season brings something to pray for. Ruth Murray-Webster has sent me an interesting article from the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (page 9) which discusses how faith and prayer can be expressed differently. And Mike's story on page 34, reminds me to pray for the little things when things are going well not just panic praying when they're going badly. I've done both.

Harvest is such a special time of year. Giving thanks for how blessed we are and an opportunity to think about how we give, go hand in hand. You'll find some of both in this month's magazine.

Photos! Now I don't mean to nag - but I can't print 'em if I haven't got 'em! If you're attending anything or everything this coming month I'd love to see your snaps. Perhaps your group could feature on our covers, it's a great way to give recognition and say thank you to all the amazing volunteers we have in the parish.

**Please note:** the deadline for submissions for the November issue is **Monday 21st October**. We're already thinking about our December issue, you can start sending us content for Christmas. **Contact us using: [kxly95@gmail.com](mailto:kxly95@gmail.com) or 07976767296 and also via the vicarage letterbox.**

God bless, Fiona and Kirstin.



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### Meltham Prayer Chain

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Rev Peter Rolls 340342

Lay reader Hester Deacon 657069

## Helme Ladies

Want to join the fun, here are our upcoming events meeting in Helme Church at 7.30pm:

- Oct 8<sup>th</sup>            Talk by Sue Whitwam  
                          (Colne Valley Museum)
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>           Auction
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>             Board Games
- Nov 19<sup>th</sup>            Flower Arrangement Competition

Here is an advanced announcement that Helme Ladies are holding their annual carol service and lunch on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.30am, tickets will be £3.50.

## English Country Dancing

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## Music at Huddersfield Parish Church Saturday Recitals

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**‘Lord I’ve been broken  
although I’m not worthy you fixed me,  
now I’m blinded by your grace  
you came and saved me.’**

It may sound like a worship song, but these lines were sung to – and by – over 100,000 people at Glastonbury festival this summer.

Stormzy, a 25-year-old grime artist, played his two-part song ‘Blinded By Your Grace’ during an explosive 90-minute headline set at the UK’s biggest music festival. He began his performance of ‘Blinded By Your Grace pt. 2’ by saying ‘we’re going to take this to church, and we’re going to give God all the glory right now’. This was a change in tone from the rest of the rapper’s performance, which consisted of stark political and anti-racist commentary with strong language throughout.

It was an unusual moment. An audience of over 100,000 were chanting their criticism of the current political status quo, but in the same performance, they were singing out a clear theology of grace: ‘

**‘You saved this kid and I’m not your first  
it’s not by blood and it’s not by birth  
but oh my God what a God I serve.’**

Like so much of contemporary pop culture, Stormzy’s performance at Glastonbury has divided Christians: those who immediately and unquestioningly celebrate such a clear declaration of gospel truth, even using his performance in church services; and those who write him off completely due to the bad language and questionable morals presented in the rest of his music. Although it may be difficult to reconcile the gospel message of ‘Blinded By Your Grace’ with the lyrics of his other songs, we should perhaps be wary of writing him off completely. But we also shouldn’t accept and condone his music unthinkingly. As with so much in our culture, there is much to be affirmed and much to be critiqued here.

Whatever our conclusion, however, it is clear that this artist – the second youngest ever to headline Glastonbury, and the first ever black British solo artist to do so – has introduced the Christian concepts of grace, salvation, prayer, and brokenness to an audience who may otherwise never come across them.

We do not have to affirm everything about Stormzy’s set and his music, but we can and should celebrate that – and pray that God would give the increase.

**Nell Goddard**

(article from The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) website)



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The group aims to provide a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities to chat, share memories, enjoy a range of activities which all encourage conversation and generally to have a bit of fun on a Monday morning.

If you would like to find out more, please contact:

Judith Powell 859460



## *Oasis Quiet Day.*

*At St James'*

*Wednesday 2nd Oct*

*Coffee will be available from 10am and the day*

*will end at 3pm with a short service of Holy communion in the Celtic tradition.*

*The day will give you a safe, quiet space in which to relax, pray, feel 'in the presence' and generally have a 'day off' away from normal routine.*

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## **LADIES' SPEAKER and SUPPER EVENING**

**ST JAMES'**

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER-  
SUPPER SERVED FROM**

**7.00PM** – Chicken and vegetable tagines, rice and green salads. Coffee / tea and cakes. Soft drinks available – bring your own wine if you wish.

Our guest Speaker will be Victoria Milton who will be telling us about her visit to Palestine.

No tickets required – just come along and invite a friend.

## **St Bartholomew's Women's Fellowship**

The October meeting of the Women's Fellowship will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2.00pm in church.

The speaker will be John McCarthy.

The tea ladies are Jenny Hilton and Nancy Wilkinson.

Those members wishing to go to Meltham Golf Club on November 26<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas meal, will you please let Christine know as soon as possible.

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## **The Meltham Shoe Box Project** **Supporting Operation Christmas Child**

The end of an era or the beginning of something new?

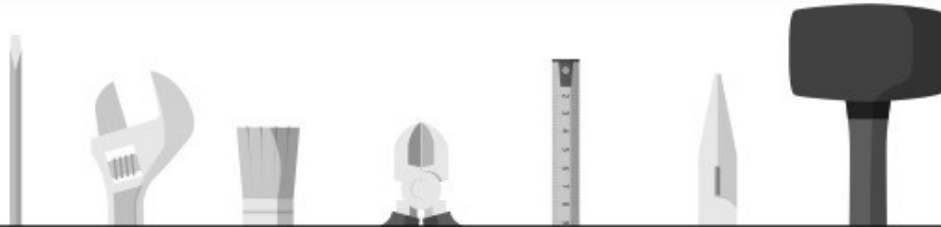
Meltham Shoe Box Project began operating in 2004. We were a small group of people from St James' Church who together with friends checked 400 boxes in 3 days. The following year we moved our November base to the Cross Roads Centre at Layne Dyke House and checked 13,181 boxes! Quite a leap, much activity, lots of help from the neighbouring firemen, all Meltham Churches and the Lions Club. We sought direction and support from Meltham Churches Together and the Crossroads Project who have prayerfully and financially supported us for the last 15 years. We then moved operations to St James' Church where the church family have quietly put up with us taking over the church for 4 weeks in November and using every bit of storage space they have! We have received 183,785 gift filled shoe boxes and packed them into 13,580 cartons for export!!

The theme of 'Love in a Box' a gift from one child to another was attractive to many individuals, schools, churches and organisations, those with faith and those with none. All that was needed was a desire to give. It gives folk the opportunity to share with a child overseas whom they will never know or see, but the donor can be reassured that the gift is highly valued by the recipient.

In recent times the American Evangelical influence on Samaritans Purse UK the parent charity of Operation Christmas Child has influenced the project to become Evangelical in the approach. 'The Greatest Gift', a bible study scheme for churches to use with children who receive boxes, has been interpreted by many to be one that draws children into Christianity. This is strongly denied by the charity but unfortunately the PR films mix the distribution of gift filled shoeboxes with the graduation of 'new' Christians who have come to know Jesus by the receiving of a gift filled box. Also, the increased suggested donation of £5 per box was impacted on the total boxes collected. The support of the head of Samaritans Purse, Franklin Graham, for President Trump and Mr Grahams speeches containing detrimental references against Muslim and gay people have been observed by many who no longer want to be associated with the charity. Governing bodies of schools and many churches have left the UK project because of the above. Almost 1 million shoe boxes were delivered to children from the UK in 2015, in comparison, 512,000 were collected last year. Samaritans Purse is one of the worlds leading disaster relief charities. It carries out amazing work with people of all race, colours and creeds when natural or other disasters strike.

The HQ of Operation Christmas Child has informed us that they are making structural changes to the UK organisation, following an American model which they assure us will work here in the UK. Last year a large Processing Centre opened in Birmingham, and the success of the team there is to be mirrored in 10 large regional units in the UK. Eventually all small warehouses, such as ours in Meltham, will no longer be needed. Initially we were told that the Meltham warehouse would be one of 30 operating this year. That is a reduction in the UK of 60 small local processing centres. After 2019 we would be no longer required as a warehouse. I have since had an email that says we can continue for the next 2 or 3 years whilst transition takes place to the 10 large Regional Centres.

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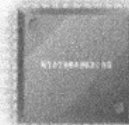
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## The Meltham Shoe Box Project Supporting Operation Christmas Child

I would like to draw your attention to the team of people who have faithfully supported the Meltham Shoe Box Project over the years. Without these folks it would not have the success it does. Some of the people listed below have worked for the project since 2004, some just a few years. All are volunteers and no one has ever asked for recognition but here they have it!

**Mrs Christine Rolls - Finance Officer OCC**  
**Mr Martin Warriner - Meltham Shoe Box Project Treasurer**  
**Mr Neil Robertson - Collections Manager**  
**Mr Terry Jepson - Transport/Van Team Leader**  
**Mrs Sue Carter - Fund Raiser**  
**Mrs Jan Sinclair - Fund Raiser**  
**Mrs Hilary Scholes - Fund Raiser**  
**Mrs Pat Bradley - Schools and church Coordinator**  
**Mrs Mo Crossley - Schools and church coordinator**  
**Mrs Mandy Taylor - Logistics/ Carton storage**  
**Mr Eric Marsh - Senior Supervisor**  
**Mrs Catherine Wildman - Deputy Leader Fridays**  
**Rev. Peter Rolls - Pastoral Care / Finance**

And there are many more who have supervisory and driving roles within our team. The Meltham Shoe Box Project is independent of Samaritans Purse UK in many ways. We raise funds in our name of 'Meltham Shoe Box Project'. We have always been clear that we support Operation Christmas Child, but have managed the work we do on a Friday and the warehouse in November, with the money raised and have not asked for expenses from Samaritans Purse. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Meltham Churches Together and the Cross Roads project for the financial support given over the years, almost £14,000!

We are not at all sure where the future lies for the Meltham project, but whatever happens, we can be sure that 183,785 boxes have given pleasure to the same number of children somewhere in our troubled world!

Judith Powell.

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## St Mary's Report.

We have had two holy Communion services and three Services of the Word over the last few weeks and it has been good to have such variety. We have welcomed Rev John, Rev Judy, Lay Reader Nigel Priestley and Jacqueline France to lead our worship, and Shirley, John, Kim and Elizabeth have read lessons and led us in prayer. We have learnt that Jesus is our Good Shepherd and the best bargain of all! And that we should follow Jesus' example to serve one another.

On Sunday 25th August Rev Judy officiated at the wedding of Andrew Lindley and Jennifer Wilden at St Mary's. Jenny's dad escorted her down the aisle and Philippa McMullan was her bridesmaid. The best man was John Bamforth, Andrew's niece, Lottie read the lesson and Elizabeth Pearson was organist. The bride wore a full length cream fitted dress and carried a bouquet of cream roses. It was a joy to share this special time with them and with Andrew's mum, Alys who is a member of St Mary's church family. Their reception was held at Crosland Hall and we extend our best wishes to them for a long and happy marriage.

Following an appeal a good amount of tinned and dried goods has been donated to the Food Bank and we supported the Civic Service in Meltham on 8th September.



### Civic Service.

St Bartholomew's church hosted the Civic Service on Sunday 8th Sept. Peter Foden was Parade Marshal and Meltham and Meltham Mills Band led the parade which included civic dignitaries, representatives of community groups, guides, scouts and the Royal British Legion. Rev John dracup led the service and flags were presented during the first hymn. Rev John welcomed everyone, especially Councillor Kate Buchanan as she takes up her new role as Mayor of Meltham, and also the Mayor and Mayoress of Kirklees, Muntaz and Noreen Huzzain. Nigel Priestley read the lessons, Simon Ball was organist and St Bartholomew's choir led the singing. Rev john spoke about how God is a god of creativity and community and how we need to follow that example and to remember what a truly amazing God He is. Refreshments were served in the church hall following the service.



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### **Upcoming events for Honley Male Voice Choir...**

26th October at 7pm at Holmfirth Civic Hall with Hade Edge Band.  
November magazine will have details of our Christmas programme.



### **Another Special Talent at the Carlile.**

If Last Night of the Proms isn't your cup of tea, why not try the First (and Only!) **Night of Luke Daniels** at the Carlile?

We are very fortunate to be able to welcome Luke on

**Saturday**  
**October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:45 pm.**

This event is straddled by Hartlepool Folk Festival, for which Luke has been commissioned to write a song about Theo Jones, a local school master who was killed in the 1914 German bombardment of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool. Theo was the first British soldier to be killed on home soil in WW1.

Our event also coincides with Luke's fourth album release, so this is surely a must-not-miss event for all folk music enthusiasts!

**And only £5!!**

As ever, tickets are available from The Flower Box and Café 33 or by contacting 07587 709747. Or take your chance on the door!

**COME AND SEE**  
**Welcome to St Mary's Church, Wilshaw**

If you are new to our parish or our community then we would like to wish you a very warm WELCOME! St Mary the Virgin Church is on the main road in the small village of Wilshaw, just outside Meltham. We have a beautiful, unusual church building and a happy, informal but sincere style of worship. We love to meet new people and have a loving, caring church family. If you would like to pop in to see us then you will be made very, very welcome. There is absolutely no pressure at St Mary's, we are very chilled out!

Our services are at 11.15am on Sunday mornings when the church bell rings out (often pulled by the children, or adults that haven't grown up!)

We usually have two Holy Communion services each month where you can take communion, have a blessing or just watch and find out more about it. We have two Services of the Word which are slightly shorter with a beginning (introducing the theme), middle (talk/sermon) and an end (summing up/making sense of it all and advising us what we can do). These services are informal services and our Clergy or "Team" give us some thought provoking, interactive, happy services. We are lucky that our parishioners and children (big and small!) love helping and like to interact during the services.

We like to try something a bit different as well, like our Animal Blessing Service in the church field where you can bring your pets. We always have plenty of dogs, but also cats, ponies and ferrets! We sing hymns (dogs as well!) and celebrate Gods creation. This year on Father's Day we held a special service with a Pie and a Pint afterwards.

Alternate years we have a Flower Festival. This year we had flower arrangements depicting "Celebrations" (Hogmanay, Saints Days, Mardi Gras, etc). The other years we have a Garden Fete with afternoon teas, stalls, games etc. We have traditional seasonal services too of course; Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, Taize Services and Carol Services. We welcome Baptisms and Weddings parties, which are very special and we keep the families in our prayers.

We have just started a Youth Group for people aged 11-17. Our members enjoy pizza and pop and help plan future activities.

We support local and overseas charities; Meltham food Bank, the Meltham Shoe-box Project, the Mustard Seed project and toilet twinning.  
Summing up St Marys Church - we are a friendly, informal church, who loves to worship God from the heart and to share this love with our community. Why not come and join us? You are very, very welcome and there will be absolutely no pressure. Just COME and SEE and enjoy!

# Harvest for the Shoebox Project

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St James Church, Meltham Mills

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Items to Auction gratefully received.

We will sing some of our old favourite harvest songs and listen to those brave enough to offer a 'turn'.

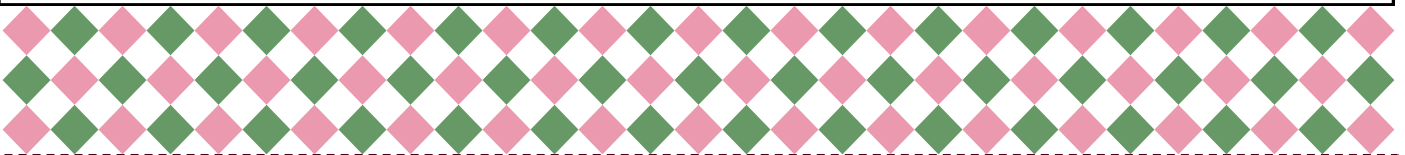
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Weddings - A gift of God in Creation & a means of His grace

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Janet Hutson and James Green

Baptisms - We welcome you into the Lord's family

Evelyn Clara-Mae Robinson

Funerals - May they rest in peace

Enid Radcliffe

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)  
To contact our vicar Rev John Dracup: 07983 937132 parishofchristtheking@gmail.com

The family of Enid Radcliffe would like to thank, most sincerely, the people of Meltham for all their prayers, gifts of flowers, cakes, messages (128 in all condolence cards not just from St Bartholomew's, but all the churches in Meltham) and visits, especially C.M. who always keeps her finger on the pulse!! Enid would have been delighted at the amount of people, from near and far, who attended her funeral which she planned herself. Many thanks to the choir and Simon for their musical contribution. Thanks to the caterers for wonderful 'sop sandwiches'. And to Gwenn and family for their ever efficient guidance and planning of the funeral. Thank you all.

Rev John R. and family.

### Daily Prayers in the Parish

Monday's 9.30am -  
Christ Church, Helme

Tuesday's 9.30am - St Mary's

Wednesday's 9.00am - BCP  
10.00am - MCT

Prayer at St Bartholomew's



### Meltham Churches Together

'Praying with and for our  
community'

Wednesdays 10 - 10.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> October (Christ Church)

9<sup>th</sup> October (Baptist)

16<sup>th</sup> October (St Bart's)

23<sup>rd</sup> October (Methodist)

30<sup>th</sup> October (St James)

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Tuesday 8th October  
At 1.30pm

**Holy Communion**  
22nd October  
at 1.30pm

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**Bell House**  
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**This year's holiday hunger appeal, Feeding Families, has been a huge success.**

**The generosity of individuals, families, parents, businesses and our community has been overwhelming.**



A few months ago, we launched our Feeding Families fundraising appeal to raise £15,000. a huge target, and one that we thought was going to be quite a challenge. But no, our expectations have been exceeded! We have surpassed our goal, and raised nearly £17,000.

**Feeding Families runs alongside our regular food bank, which has also been extremely busy this year.**

Running two projects, means two sets of volunteers. We've been delighted that Carolyn, one of our regular food bank volunteers, has coordinated the Feeding Families project, supported by a team of volunteers from The Welcome Centre. Local businesses have also stepped in to help, sending their employees down to volunteer for the day. Thanks to volunteers from Lloyds banking Group, FMG, Sainsbury's and Yorkshire Building Society for all their support.

**The Feeding families Project has provided more than 200 children with food parcels each week.**

Parcels containing breakfasts, lunch and snacks to last them 5 days, have helped keep tummies full and really has made a difference. Any monies unspent from this summer's Feeding Families appeal will be put aside for the next holiday hunger project we run. These funds won't be spent on the general food bank.

**If you would like to make a donation to support The Welcome Centre then you can do so via our web page.**

**And finally, from staff, trustees, clients and volunteers, a heartfelt thank you to all of you who supported our campaign. You've really helped make all the difference to local children this summer.**

**We help local families and individuals in crisis with food, toiletries and other essential items. We also provide advocacy, guidance, and support to address underlying issues.**

We accept donations of most dried, fresh and tinned foods as long as they are unopened and in date. If you want to discuss a donation of surplus stock from your business, please contact [emma.greenough@thewelcomecentre.org](mailto:emma.greenough@thewelcomecentre.org)

Currently we have shortages of men's toiletries, rice, tinned foods including potatoes, meat meals and vegetables. Please remember us at Harvest time.



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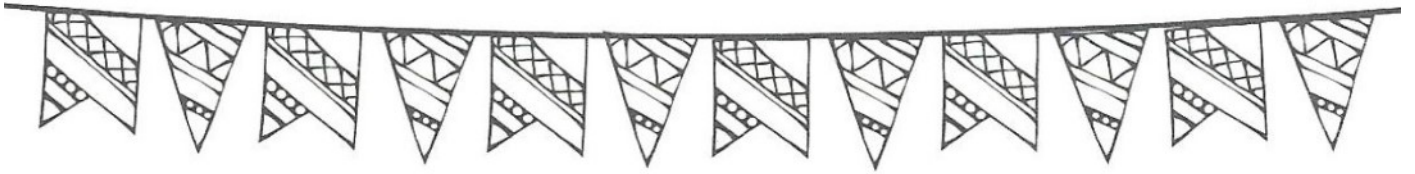
## Helme Ladies Report

We welcomed a beautiful evening late in July for our final walk of the season. It was also our longest walk, around Digley Reservoir. We set out from the quarry car park and picked up the path, having to be careful in places because of loose stones and uneven surfaces. Being out in the warm, fresh air and sunshine is a boost for your wellbeing and we all enjoyed ourselves. We crossed the banking between Digley and Bilberry and negotiated the steep steps up the other side. After this difficult section, the path evens out as it winds its way through the fields and eventually emerges at the second car park. From there it was a simple walk across the embankment and up the final short climb back to where the cars were parked. Supper was booked at Compo's fish and chip restaurant and after our exertions we were ready for some food. I still think Compo's is the best fish and chips around here. We left for home after having a wonderful evening, with all saying how much they had enjoyed themselves. My thanks go to the Ladies who have led the walks and booked some lovely suppers.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August was our coffee morning which was a very successful event, even though some of the regulars were away for the weekend. Helme Ladies are noted for their baking and those who attended were not disappointed. The cake stall was filled from one end to the other and nothing was left at the end. The tombola was also wiped out and the tea and coffee flowed like magic. The money raised will be added to our charity fund and will be dished out to our chosen charities at Christmas.

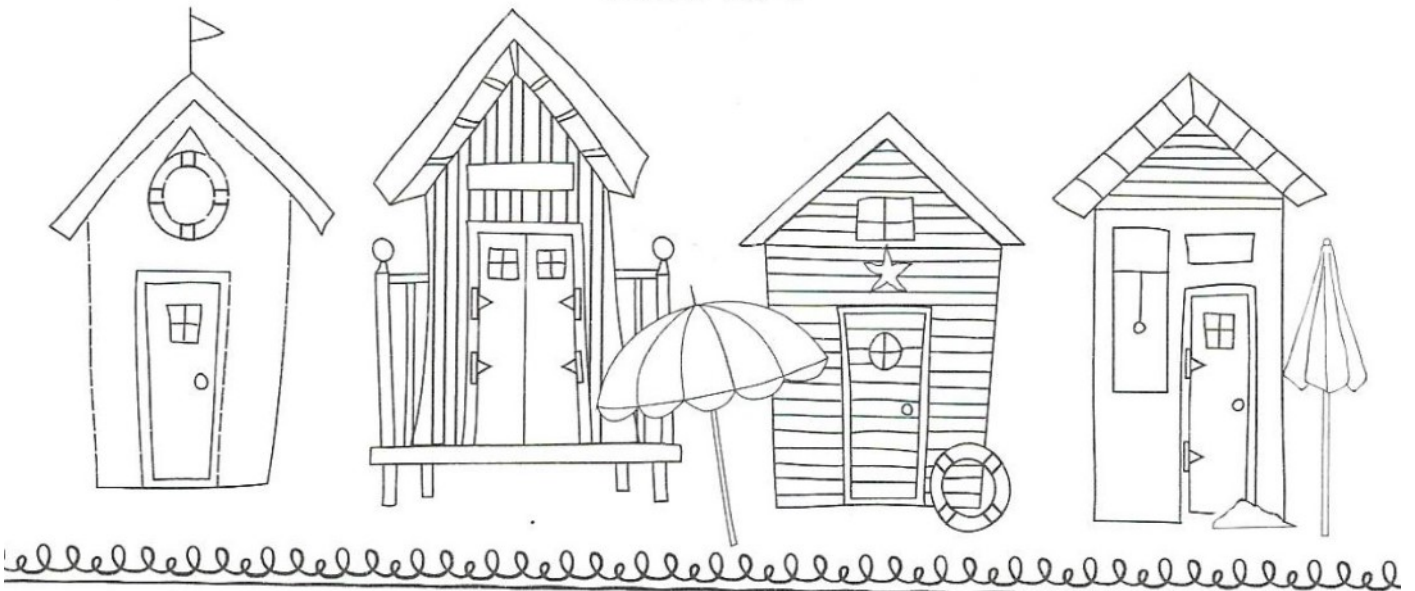
Our meeting was back in Helme Church on 27<sup>th</sup> August, with an evening of poetry and tales. There was a great array of titles, but I won't bore you with all the poems, I'll let you use your imagination. Can you picture a poem about a tramp or a beetle, not to mention a worm or a toaster. How about the reincarnation of a lawn mower! Then we get serious with Granny's House, the Queen's Jubilee and when God made the Planet. We had some poems from Pam Ayres which are always good for a chuckle or two and some tales from the Dalesman magazine. A very enjoyable evening was had by all and we finished, as usual, with tea and biscuits.

# Fiona's Family Pages



God's love and kindness will shine upon us  
like the sun that rises in the sky.

Luke 1:78



**Fiona's quiz....answers on the opposite page, no peeking!**

What am I?

- 1) I am large and fierce. Daniel was put into my den as punishment for praying to god, but I didn't eat him.
- 2) I have wings. Noah sent me out of the Ark twice to see if there was land. The second time I returned with an olive leaf.
- 3) I am a huge animal. Jonah was trapped inside me for 3 days when he tried to run away from God.
- 4) I live in water. I was part of one of Jesus' miracles. He fed a very large crowd with just 2 of me.
- 5) I am a wild animal. I was mentioned in the Sermon of the Mount. Jesus said false prophets are like me on the inside.

# Fiona's Family Pages

## 5ALIVE

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**YOUR ALIVE**

**HE'S ALIVE**

**IT'S 5 ALIVE**



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### OLD OR HAPPY?

by Pam Murgatroyd

My grand daughter looked up at my face  
And said, in tones really bold:  
“Granny, why is your face so wrinkled,  
Does it mean that you’re really old?”

She wasn't being cheeky,  
She was looking quite serious,  
So I put on my best Granny smile,  
And tried to look mysterious.

“Yes, darling, I’m old in years,  
But that’s really not a big deal,  
For when you get older, you don’t count the  
years,  
‘Cos you’re only as old as you feel.

In my head, I am still in my teens,  
Except now there are mobile phones  
And the rest of my body doesn’t agree,  
Especially my arthritic bones.

Your freckles are Angels’ kisses,  
When you’re good, there’s another one  
And you have got plenty of them I see  
For all the good things you’ve done.

When you’re happy you laugh a lot  
And laughing makes your eyes twinkle,  
It also puts some lines on your face  
And when you’re older each line makes a  
wrinkle.”

My grand daughter looked up at my face  
And said, in those same tones, so bold:  
“Well, Granny, you really have laughed a lot,  
So you must just be happy, not old”

### SMART BARTS

Our Smart Barts meet every Sunday at 9.30am at St Bartholomew’s alongside the usual service. The children range in age from 2yrs - 11yrs and we run a range of activities to involve everyone.

Answers to Fiona’s Quiz: Lion; Dove; Whale; Fish; Wolf.

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ROTA

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	SIDESPERSONS	COFFEE
6th Oct	Mr & Mrs M. Farrell	P. Gilleard J. Gilleard	M. Thorley B. Wadsworth
13th Oct	Mrs C. Moulson	E. Crabtree E. Sims	C. Ward J. Collison
20th Oct	Mrs S. Hirst	J. Mitchell C. Mitchell	B. Jennings V. Armitage
27th Oct	Mr & Mrs D. Tancock	J. Swallow A. Bolland	C. Mitchell V. Poole
3rd Nov	Mr & Mrs J. Mitchell	M. Thorley J. Hilton	J. Gilleard N. Wilkinson

### ST MARY'S ROTA

Date	Service	Readings	Prayers
6th Oct	Service of the Word		
13th Oct	Holy Communion		
20th Oct	Service of the Word		
27th Oct	Holy Communion		

### ST JAMES' ROTA

Date	Service	Sides-people	Coffee
6th Oct	Service of the Word	Sue/Nigel Priestley Sarah Glover	Debbie Leach Kirstin Crossley
13th Oct	Holy Communion	Jean Burhouse Alison Whiteley	Tim & Christine Bleasdale
	5Alive	Team	Alison Whiteley
20th Oct	Service of the Word	Margaret Lucas Sarah Glover	Alison & Richard Whiteley
27th Oct	Holy Communion	Daphne Green Andy Pearson	Debbie Still Sue Priestley
3rd Nov	Service of the Word	Margaret Lucas Sue/Nigel Priestley	Tim & Christine Bleasdale



### CHRIST CHURCH ROTA

Date	Flowers	Welcome	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
6th Oct					
13th Oct					
20th Oct					
27th Oct					

**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

Date	1st Reading	Gospel
6th Oct	Ruth 2:1-9	Luke 10:1-4, 17
13th Oct	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
20th Oct	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
27th Oct	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8

### SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Date	St Bart's 9.30am	St James' 9.30am	Christ Church 11.15am	St Mary's 11.15am
6th Oct	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word
13th Oct	Holy Communion	Holy Communion ----- 5Alive (4.30pm)	Service of the Word	Holy Communion
20th Oct	Civic Service	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word
27th Oct	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word (with Baptism)	Holy Communion

## “When I pray, coincidences happen.”

Inspired by Rev John’s thoughts early this summer and with the quote from William Temple,

**“When I pray, coincidences happen and when I stop praying, coincidences stop”.**

I thought it might be worth telling you about our recent trip around Italy. After a lovely and special holiday in Italy with the family, Debbie and I were coming back by train across Europe. For reasons that are too long to go into, and as it was mainly my fault I don’t want to, we missed our connection from Milan to Lyon.

It had been the last train of the day and we were booked to travel on from Lyon the next day. Also our phone battery was flat and there was nowhere to charge it. The problem with this internet age is, when things go wrong, the days of nice friendly local staff to help you are over.

So we are lost in Milan with no accommodation and we need to get to Lyon. After about 2 hours of manly panic getting sent from one queue to another, and also to an office that had closed 3 months previously, Debbie decided it was time to pray. She normally decides before me she needs help. Is it a bloke thing? A bit like blokes not asking for directions? Anyhow, no sooner had she prayed, than I managed to find a helpful English speaking police officer. He advised us to go to Central Station where we would get more help and told us how to get there.

On arrival at Central, I was quickly directed a few yards down the street to a helpful English speaking Travel Agent. They managed to book the LAST 2 available tickets on the overnight coach to Lyon. As Debbie said, things were going progressively wrong until she prayed and things started to go progressively right.

Ok, so instead of a relaxing train journey cruising through the Alps in the afternoon sun followed with a night in a Lyon hotel, we spent the night on a coach on motorways. But it was sorted. Maybe if we had prayed first we would not have missed the Train at all!!

Mike



# MELTHAM PARISH CHURCH HALL DIARY FOR OCTOBER

## WEEKLY BOOKINGS:

Every Monday	Gilbert & Sullivan rehearsals	7.30 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Pilates	10 a.m.
	Good as Gold	2 p.m.
	Slimming World	5.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Every Wednesday	Zumba Gold	10 a.m.
	Chair Exercises	1 p.m.
Every Friday	Gilbert & Sullivan Rehearsal	7.30 p.m.

## MONTHLY BOOKINGS:

1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Women's Institute	7.30 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Pennine Borders Flower Club	7.15 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays	Over 60's Club	2 p.m.

## SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS:

Doors open 9.30 a.m

5 <sup>th</sup> October	Christian Aid
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Women's Institute
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Gilbert & Sullivan Society
26 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Bartholomew's Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Christ Church, Helme

## OTHER BOOKINGS:

12 <sup>th</sup> October	O.A.P. Party	1 p.m.
12 <sup>th</sup> October	G & S Quiz Evening	7 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Alzheimer's Society Concert with Honley Male Voice Choir	7 p.m.

**The Church Hall is available for the use of the whole community.  
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# November



## **COFFEE MORNING**

**November 24th**

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Gilbert and Sullivan Society

## **IOLANTHE**

**Tuesday 19th - Saturday 23rd  
November**

**7.30pm**

**Saturday matinee 2.15pm**

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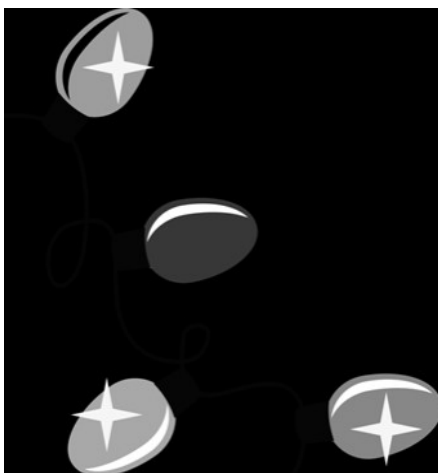
## MELTHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

### SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

9.30am - 2pm - St Barts Xmas Fayre: tea/coffee & cakes in the hall. Stalls selling Xmas goods/Tombola/Jewellery/Crafts etc.

11.30am - In the hall - Honley Male Voice Choir for Christmas songs.

12 until - 7pm - Food & drinks available to buy outside in the car park to bring inside, including Hot food and Beer Stand outside. Mulled wine & mince pies on sale inside, with entertainment and a look around the stalls.



St Barts Church for Christmas Carols - then outside for the counting on of the lights.

switched on, Church Bells ring out & fireworks go off. Lights to be lit by the Mayor (Kate Buchanan), Vicar (Rev John Dracup) & 2 winners of the Children's Poster Competition.

8.30pm - Back into the church hall & car park for more drinks, hot entertainment by a local group - 'Whispering Jim' playing inside.

# Children's and Young People's Church Services and Groups



## SMART BARTS

Our Smart Barts meet every Sunday at 9.30am at St Bartholomew's alongside the usual service. The children range in age from 2yrs - 11yrs and we run a range of activities to involve everyone. We have our own room where we sing, colour, craft and have great fun learning about the stories of Jesus, the love of God and important traditions and festivals in our church.

Look out for further updates on our projects in the magazine and our Smart Barts board is always full of our creations at the front of the church!

## Wilshaw Youth Group

On Friday 26th July Wilshaw Youth Group held it's Launch Night in the Sunday School. This group is for young people aged 11yrs – 17yrs and will be a safe place to make new friends.

Please contact Kim for further details:  
Tel. 852811



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## **One For All Service**

Led by Rev John  
1st Sunday of the month  
St James', Meltham Mills  
9.30am

## **Everyone welcome!**

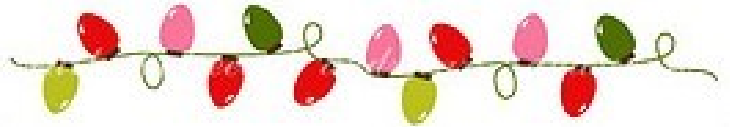
Wonderful music and hymns selected by our brilliant and talented Christine Rolls.



**19th October 09:15 - 16:30**  
**Huddersfield Christian Fellowship**  
**Cathedral House**  
**HD1 3LG**

This is a day to spend with God to 'reset' yourself with him with lots of other women. The day includes worship, teaching, prayer and a lunch! All for £25.

Go to [www.new-wine.org/events](http://www.new-wine.org/events) to book or contact Fiona Dracup via The Vicarage.



## **'A Christmas Journey'**

**Meltham Churches Together** are planning to hold "A Christmas Journey" an interactive /multi sensory experience for classes from the 3 Meltham schools in December (9th to 13th) at the Methodist Church.

We need volunteers help to erect the gazebos on the Monday and then on Tuesday they will welcome the children and staff and help supervise each experience as the children go on the journey. There will be a card making activity and drinks and biscuits to serve.

We need around 8 volunteers each day. If you can help for a session, a day or more we would be very grateful.

Please contact Jean Burhouse on 852018.

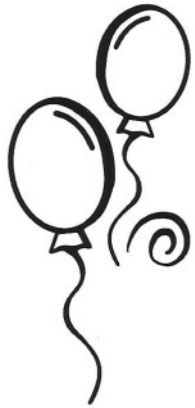
Later in the month, on **Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**, during school half-term, we see the return of puppet theatre to the Carlile with **Cusan Theatre's** production of **The Boy who Found his Smile**. As before, with the acclaimed production of The Princess of the Rain Forest, the performance will be combined with a workshop to encourage our younger audience to discover more. The start time for the theatre is **11 am**.

Arts Council funding allows us to offer **free tickets** for the puppet theatre to accompanied children with an **adult price of only £5**.

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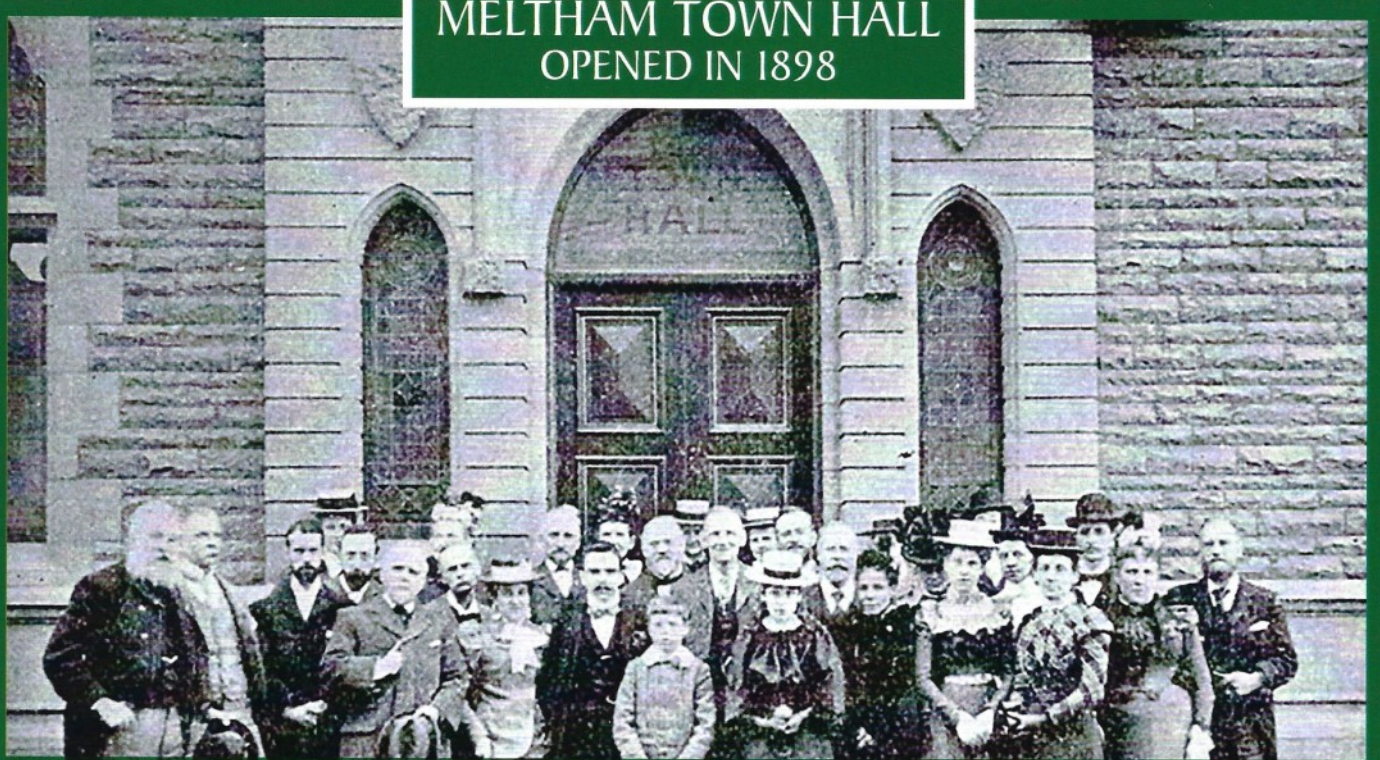
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