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Letter from your vicar.

Wow, what a Christmas; of course, as I'm writing this many of our Christmas services are still to happen, but things have been so good so far that I am confident Christmas 2019 will be remembered as a good one. This means that I need to thank a great many people, far too many to name. From musicians to singers, mince pie makers to mulled wine mullers, readers to stewards and welcomers, a great effort has been put in by everyone, thank you all. I would also like to thank all those who have come along and supported these events simply by being there and being a part of things, you have helped make it all such good fun.

There have been two new things this Christmas that I think should have a particular mention. Firstly, at carols in the park we had a visit from Santa Claus. I am always concerned when I try something new that nobody will turn up and so I had set the bar of success quite low. However, there were around 150 presents handed out and that surpassed even my greatest hopes. I would like to thank the Meltham shoe box team for all their help in providing the presents and also the Lions Club for arranging the visit from Santa Claus. Secondly, Churches Together decided to try something called "the Christmas journey". This involved all Christian Churches in our parish and around 150 school children from all three of our schools. All of these children seemed to enjoy the experience and the feedback I have received from the teachers has been universally positive. So, another great big thank you to all the many people that worked hard on this project.

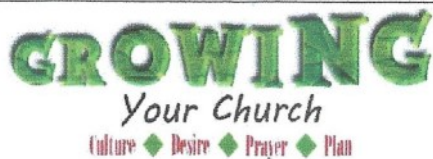
I feel that this is the point that I should apologise as I am sure that I have failed to thank many people who genuinely deserve to be thanked personally. My problem is that so many people have been involved in so many ways, but I do pray that you will all have been blessed by your experiences throughout this Christmas period.

So, I pray that you will all have had a very happy Christmas and, that together, we will all have a wonderful new year.

Revd John

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Through Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.



A note from the magazine team ...

Hi folks!

You may have spotted that the magazine has a shiny new email address all of its own. Please use this address for contacting Fiona and I about the magazine.

Speaking of communicating - did you know our churches here in the parish have 4 Facebook pages? They are excellent places to find out about upcoming events, view photos and Simon Ball also posts the magazine on the parish page as well as the website. The Church of England also has it's own page of course which includes a prayer for the day.

Following Dennis A's brilliant example, we would like to invite jokes and funny stories for entry into the magazine. The more the merrier!

It seems Ruth Murray-Webster has been spying on me! Certainly, her article in the middle pages describes my own experience very accurately. Perhaps you have a similar story to tell - I'd love to hear from you.

The deadline for submitting content for upcoming magazine is near to the middle of the month again. Here at magazine HQ we need the extra days to make sure we're sending to the printers in plenty of time. So, please keep looking ahead for future events that you would like us to know about.

Please note: the deadline for submissions for the February magazine is **Friday 17th January**.

Contact us using: melthamparishmagazine@gmail.com or **07976767296** and also via the vicarage letterbox.

God bless, Fiona and Kirstin.

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RECIPES – 1945

Recently we were given an old Centenary Souvenir booklet of Recipes and Quotations published by St James' Church, Meltham Mills in 1945 celebrating their centenary

1845-1945 and priced at 1/3d.

You may like to test out a selection of the recipes from this booklet - if you do maybe you would like to let us know how you went on. We would love to have your comments to pass on to other people.

Christine Rolls – 01484 342340 p.c.rolls@hotmail.com

GINGER CAKE

½ lb flour, ½ lb syrup, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon ginger, ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, 2ozs. Sugar, 2ozs butter or lard, ½ teaspoon salt, 1½ teaspoons baking powder, ½ teacup milk. Warm the syrup and butter together, mix all dry ingredients together in a bowl, add the syrup etc., and lastly the beaten egg and milk. Pour into a greased tin and bake in a quick oven about half-an-hour.

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MALT BREAD

3 cups flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 tablespoon black treacle, pinch salt sultanas, Milk.

Make very sloppy, bake in slow over 1½ hours.

ALMOND SLICE

4ozs margarine, 4ozs sugar, 4ozs quaker oats, 1 teaspoon almond essence, 1 tspn baking powder, 1 egg

Cream fat and sugar, mix all ingredients, spread on pastry.

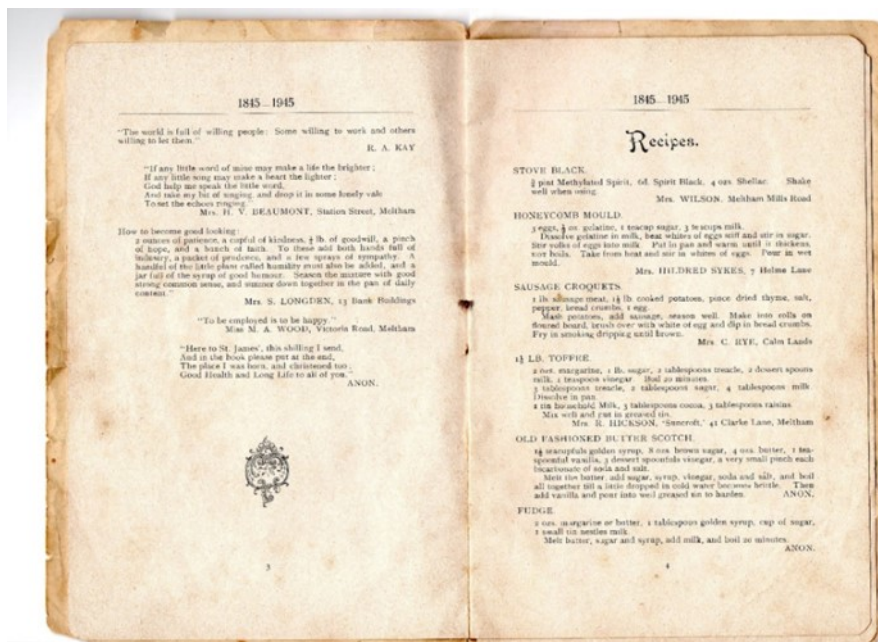
Both from Mrs Dalby, Meltham Mills

ALL NIGHT CAKE

1 lb flour, ½ lb sugar, ¼ lb butter, ½ raisins, ½ lb currants, ¼ lb candied peel or dates, 2 teaspoons bicarbonate soda, a little nutmeg, a little salt, 2 cups milk.

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GRANNY'S BIRTHDAY in JANUARY

By Pam Murgatroyd

“Granny, what do you want for your birthday?” My grandson said to me.

“I’m saving all my pocket money for something nice, you see”.

“You always give me what I ask for when my birthday comes around,
You often seem to read my mind with your gifts, that’s what I’ve found.”

“Like my birthday when I got the game, that I’m sure I did not mention,
But if I did, I’m sorry, because that was not my intention.

You must want something really special, maybe something made of gold,
I really don’t know what people need when they’re getting old”.

“I could buy you something nice to wear, but Mummy says that isn’t wise,
Because I am not allowed to ask you: ‘Just what is your size?’
She says it’s rude and private, like your age, none of my business,
But I do not want to duplicate what you got for Christmas.”

“So Granny, dear, please tell me, for your birthday, what would you like?
You keep saying you need exercise, but your limbs are too stiff for a bike.

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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.

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Thank you



Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Crisis' coffee morning in any way. As organisers of the event, we were reminded that there are lots of good people in the world when we saw the kindness and generosity of all those who contributed. This year we were

able to raise £3,692 for 'Crisis' as well as funds for the Welcome Centre and the charity Bloodwise. There was also a lovely atmosphere as friends old and new found the time to chat over a cup of coffee or at one of the stalls. The whole team did us proud once again!

Richard and Alison

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The January meeting is the Annual General meeting and it will take place on Tuesday 28th January in Church at 2.00pm.

New members are always very welcome so why not come and join us.

We had a very enjoyable Christmas meal at the Golf Club for our November meeting.

Thank you to all who contributed cakes or tombola prizes to the success of the Christmas Fayre.





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Carols in the Park 2019

Another splendid Carols in the Park on the 1st December, this time with the glorious added twist of a special guest who marched across the park. Then with his elves, captivated over 100 children and their families. Perhaps 400+ came to sing.

Thanks to all who made it happen. I'm bound to have missed someone who played a vital role. If you know someone who helped - thank them from me!!

It was a really busy weekend for the schools so it was great to have both the readers and the Schools Choir taking part. Rev John bought some speakers which meant that the residents of Holmfirth could listen to the readers and the singing; he was an ever patient sound man.



We had a Brass Band yet again on top form; a Community choir that sounded really good; a fine compare who never fails; twinkling, sparkling Mr Simon Ball; plus all those hard workers in the kitchen, led by Patrice, who kept the mulled wine and mince pies flowing.

The weather helped!

Let's pray for all those who came to support not only this event but the many activities organised by churches in the parish throughout December. May they and we have the light of Christmas burning in our hearts throughout the year.

Thanks,
Nigel Priestley.

When we read this Christmas will be over but memories were made and I would like to share a new memory made this year at St James' Church. After Carols in the Park children were invited to come along to the church as we had a special visitor – Santa Claus arriving in his sleigh and accompanied by his two elves. Refreshments were served and over 140 Gift wrapped shoeboxes, full of exciting things, were given out to children and there was a real sense of celebrating the festive season.

Thanks go to all those at Operation Christmas Child, Holme Valley Lyons and members of the church who helped organise this event.

Christine Rolls



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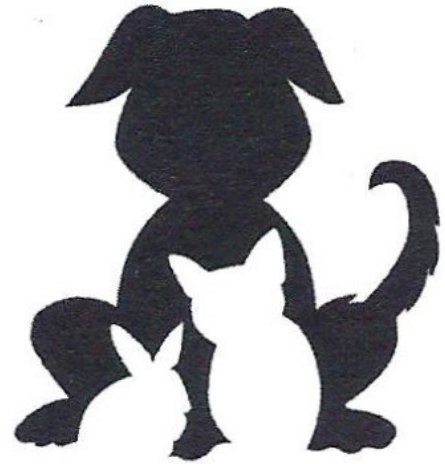
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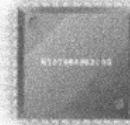
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We are in desperate need for more volunteers to continue the service. There are numerous job roles and skills needed. From collecting food, processing parcels and administration.

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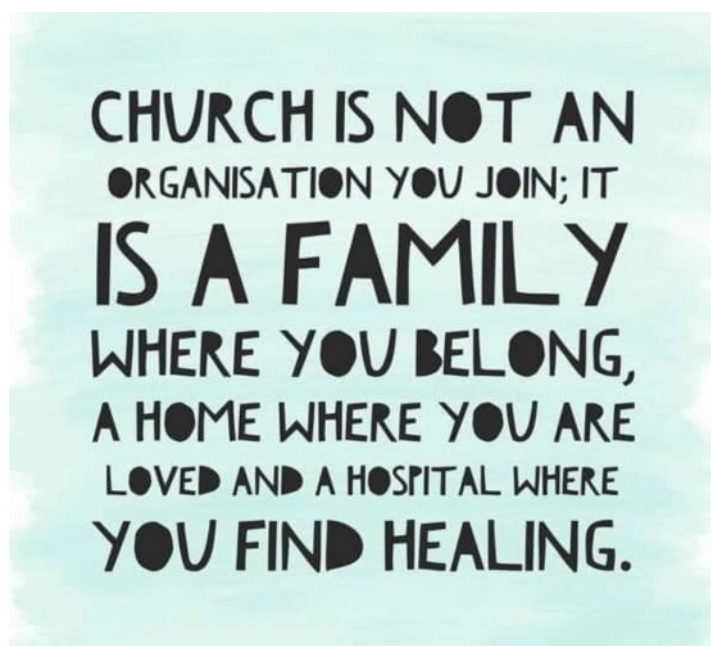
St Mary's Report

As the heating failed to come on in church, we held a service in the Sunday School on November 17th. Rev John Dracup led this and reminded us that God is not a God to be afraid of, but a God who is awesome and amazing. Shirley Langrick read the lesson, Jacqueline France led the prayers and Elizabeth Pearson played the keyboard. The following Sunday there was a service of Holy Communion at St Mary's to mark the Feast of Christ the King. Rev Judy Kenworthy was celebrant, assisted at the altar by Jacqueline. Elizabeth was organist, Kim Howe led prayers and Peter Pearson was sidesman. Rev Judy reminded us that Jesus has redeemed us, but He is also King of Kings. Coffee was served after the service and the choir had a short rehearsal.

On Advent Sunday there was a service of the word which was led by Lay Reader Jacqueline France. The first candle on the Advent wreath, representing hope, was lit by Evie Pearson and her Grandma Elizabeth said the prayer that followed. The music group played to accompany the hymns, John Andrews read the lesson and Kim Howe offered prayers. Jacqueline spoke about how Advent is a time of preparation and illustrated this with a game of football and picnic assisted by Peter, John, Judy and Evie (see the photo on the back cover). We sang Happy Birthday for John Andrews who will celebrate his 80th birthday with his family in South America next week. We enjoyed a slice of beautiful chocolate birthday cake with our coffee – thank you Leanne.

On Sunday 8th December Rev John led a service of Holy Communion assisted by Rev Judy who also led the intercessions. Shirley read the lesson and Elizabeth was organist. Rev John reminded us to be a warm and welcoming church and to be willing to try different ways of worshipping God.

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas, and may we take this opportunity to wish you all blessed and peaceful New Year.



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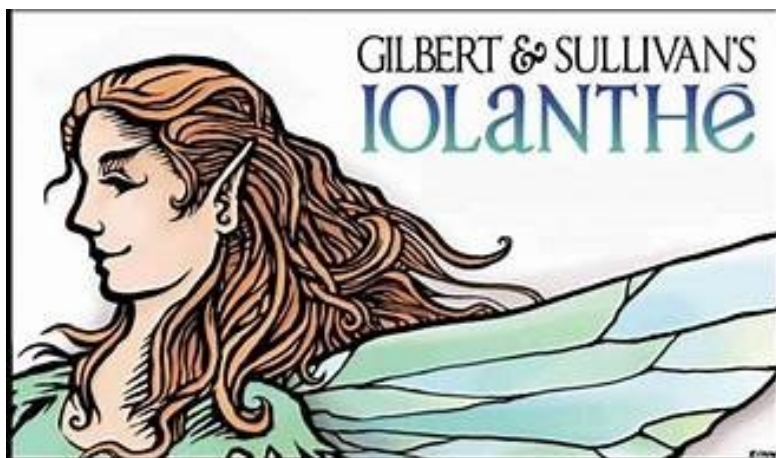
Four of us came to the Thursday evening performance of Iolanthe. My sister came from Wetherby and was keen to see this Operetta as she had taken part in it at School many years ago. From start to finish the whole performance was superb. The orchestra was brilliant and so professional, we thought.

The chorus of fairies supported the principal characters very well. It is very difficult to single out any particular soloist as all were excellent. The two Earls, Mountararet and Tolloller were very amusing as well as being superb vocalists. There were some nice 'topical' touches too..... re the 'B' word and remainers and leavers which the audience enjoyed!

All in all it was a very entertaining evening. The audience showed their appreciation for the whole Company, for their talent and hard work. Thank you to each and everyone of them.

Looking forward to 2020.

KW.



Faith on the front line – **a story of opportunity on public transport.**

One of the bible verses I keep coming back to is Micah, 6, verse 8

This is what God wants from you:

Be fair to other people, love kindness and loyalty, and humbly obey your God.

(more traditionally act justly, love mercy, walk humbly)

It's one of those verses that I know applies all day, every day – but especially on the 'frontline' of my faith when I'm at work or travelling. You may have seen me advertise the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC) before? They have amazing on-line resources, prayer journeys, challenging blogs, but their core message is that we are called to be God's people on our '**front line**' wherever that is – the places we spend lots of time with people who might not know how much God loves them.

<https://www.licc.org.uk/ourresources/lifeonthefrontline/>

Your frontline might be the supermarket, the school gates, the gym, your work-place. Mine very often is when I'm travelling on public transport which I use lots every week – planes, trains and London buses being my usuals.

I know that travelling on public transport can bring out the worst of my short-temper (my 'resting bitch face' as my kids call it) and if I don't catch myself I'm sitting or standing quietly looking cross, rolling my eyes and generally being internally critical of everyone who is occupying space or air-time. Or I'm challenging people who are behaving anti-socially but creating conflict not gently asking them to consider others. I'm aware of not having much unconditional love for my neighbour on some of those journeys.

I had a day that could have been like that on Saturday when I was travelling by train from Wakefield to Liverpool so see Helen at university. There were the usual cancelled trains because staff hadn't turned up for work, packed trains with people with bags on the seats and others being rude to people speaking a foreign language, really packed trains where a Canadian who announced loudly he was from a remote town in the Arctic Circle was complaining bitterly of the overcrowding on the Manchester to Liverpool leg because he was used to reindeer and bears and not all these people (he was going to the Liverpool FC game – what was he thinking?!) and really, really packed trains with people coughing and sneezing and not a handkerchief in sight!

I felt myself descending into huffing and puffing mode early on, but I was determined to have a nice day and crushed into the aisle of one of the vehicles I closed my eyes and the Micah 6, 8 came to mind.

God loves everyone on that train equally (even the sneezers!). We were crushed in together – all wanting a nice day, all too hot, all annoyed a bit and all wishing some of the people had decided not to travel, or they'd be quiet. My take on acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly is about getting over myself and showing humour and care and courtesy and it's really easy, with a smile and a shrug rather than a huff, puff or angry outburst to get people to smile too and to acknowledge that we share a common humanity and are 'in it together'.

Everyone is known and loved by God. It's good to have opportunities to be on our 'front line' and be reminded that our instinctive behaviours are not always to be the best we can be.

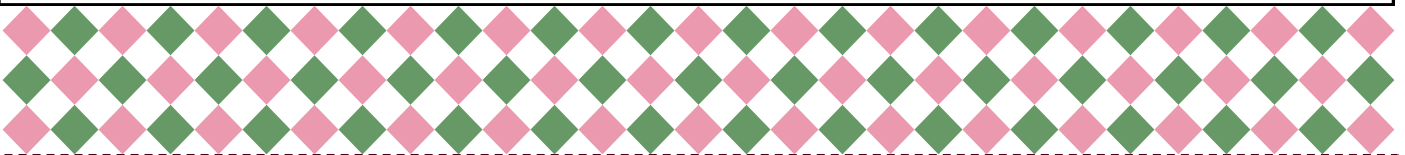
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Ecclesiastes 3:1

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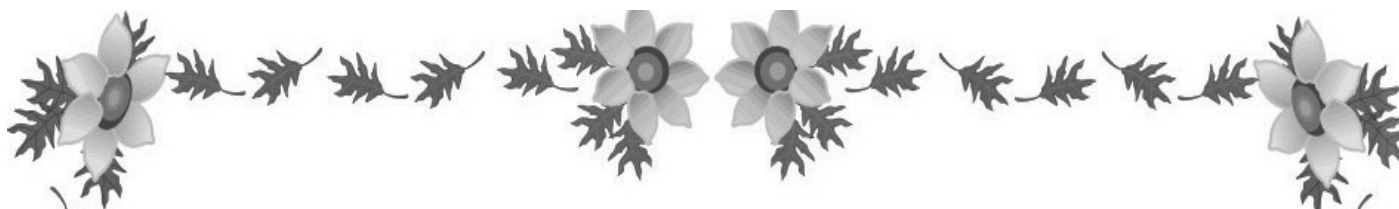
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Helme Ladies Report Dec 2019

Oh, what a relief!! The boiler had been repaired so we had heating in the church. Our carol service and lunch on December 3rd had been saved, we were very worried that it would be freezing cold and everyone unhappy. Three of us met in church on Monday to set all the tables and chairs out and do what jobs we could before, so there would be less to do on Tuesday morning.

Oh joy, Tuesday dawned fine and sunny and we were soon preparing the food and getting everything ready for our service. Rev. Judy Kenworthy was leading our service and Jean was playing the piano (the organ is broken). Soon everyone started to arrive and take their places, at 11.30am we began. We had carols, readings, poems, a shepherd's story in broad Yorkshire and finished with prayers. Then everyone took their places for lunch, we had beautiful vegetable soup, followed by ham, chicken or turkey sandwiches and finished off with pudding, rice, Christmas or fruit crumble. Before everyone left, we drew the raffle, there were lots of prizes. The money we raised will be added to our charity fund, I have found that the people of Meltham are a very generous bunch, we raised £223.

On Monday 9th December, Helme Ladies held their Christmas Lunch at Meltham Golf Club. What a relief to have someone else do the cooking and most importantly the washing up and I must not forget to mention the girls who were waiting on, they were marvellous. We had chosen our food beforehand, but there was plenty of choice – soup, salmon and prawn cocktail, black pudding stack and for mains turkey, hake or duck and a vegetarian option, puddings – Christmas pud, lemon roulade or cheesecake. Most had chosen turkey and Christmas pud, well it was Christmas lunch after all. We gathered at the golf club in plenty of time and enjoyed a drink before lunch and as well as plenty of gossip we admired the wonderful views in the sunshine. The lunch was superb, just as we expected, and we had crackers as well. After eating our fill, we sat back with coffee and the chat started up again. Everyone agreed that we book for next year, so we have done.

Our next meeting is on January 14th at 10.00am and we shall be back in Helme church with a watercolour demonstration by John Mitchell followed by our New Year feast (Helme Ladies seem to do nothing but eat). I would like to thank the Crossroads Hub for stepping into the breach when we had no heating in Helme church.

On January 28th it will be our Annual General Meeting or known to some as the Annual Gripe and Moan, at 10.00am in Helme Church. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.



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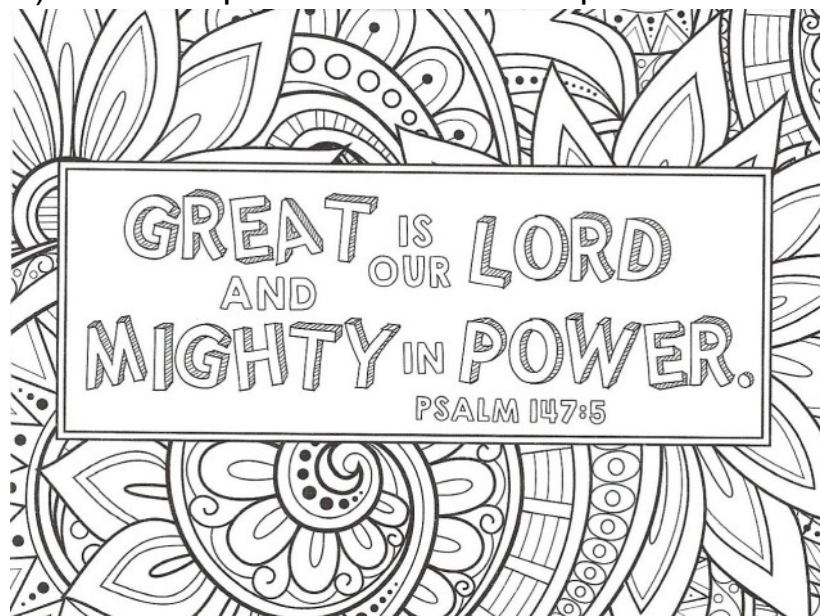
A Christmas Journey.

For a week in December Meltham Methodist Church was transformed. Four gazebos were erected and decorated to represent various scenes from the Christmas Story. Each day school children from the local schools were invited to visit, one class at a time, to take 'A Christmas Journey'.

The Journey began with the storyteller (Suzanne Bridges) recounting the Creation Story using Godly Play props. Following this the children visited Mary's kitchen where Mary was found baking bread. There the Angel Gabriel came to visit Mary and give her the good news that she was chosen by God to bear His Son. As Mary rushed off to tell Joseph, the children moved on to the hillside near Bethlehem where they were invited to become shepherds to look after the sheep. Once again the Angel Gabriel appeared to tell the shepherds about Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. The 'shepherds' all hurried to the stable where the animals of the stable (disguised as hand puppets) told the story of the birth from their perspective. The Wise Men's palace was the next scene where one of the Magi explained who he and his friends were and why they travelled such a long way, bearing such unusual gifts for a baby. Finally, the storyteller related the story of the New Beginning and described elements of Jesus' life and death again using the Godly play materials.

The visit concluded with juice and biscuits to fortify the children after their long journey and they had a chance to make a Christmas Card to take back with them. Schoolchildren and staff from the schools all said they had enjoyed the trip, despite many of them having to walk in atrocious weather to get to us!

This truly was a Meltham Churches Together event as it drew participants from all the congregations of the Meltham churches. Whether they were supplying refreshments, organising the props, welcoming people and guiding the children on their journey, participating in the scenes or helping with clearing up afterwards, all came together and had an enjoyable experience. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped, especially to Suzanne Bridges (Huddersfield Methodist Circuit Children's Work Co-ordinator) for her inspiration and leadership.



Fiona's Family Pages



Wilshaw Youth Group

7pm—8.30pm

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Fiona's Family Pages

Fiona's Quiz Answers on p.37, no peeking!

1. How many wise men visited Jesus? 2, 3 or unknown
2. Which king ordered Jesus to be killed not long after he was born? Herod / Caesar Augustus / Flavius Josephus.
3. Who wrote the song 'We Three Kings'? Philip Brooks / John Henry Hopkins Jnr / Charles Wesley.
4. The story of the wise men appears in which book of the Bible? Mathew / Mark / Luke.
5. Traditionally, the names assigned to the wise men were what? Peter, Paul and James / Huey, Dewey and Louie / Casper, Melchior and Balthasar.



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.

THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

... WHERE IS HE THAT IS BORN KING OF THE JEWS? FOR WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST, AND ARE COME TO WORSHIP HIM. MATTHEW 2:2

THE NIGHT OF JESUS' BIRTH, IN AN EASTERN LAND...

WE'VE STUDIED THE STARS FOR YEARS, AND WE'VE NEVER SEEN ONE LIKE THIS!

IT IS A SIGN THE KING OF THE JEWS HAS COME.

SO THEY TRAVEL TO JERUSALEM.

I, HEROD, AM THE KING... BUT THE CHILD IS TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM.

THEN TO BETHLEHEM WE GO.

IF YOU FIND HIM, COME TELL ME... SO I MAY COME WORSHIP HIM, TOO!

AND WHEN THEY WERE COME INTO THE HOUSE, THEY SAW THE YOUNG CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER, AND FELL DOWN, AND WORSHIPPED HIM: ... THEY PRESENTED UNTO HIM GIFTS; GOLD, AND FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH. MATTHEW 2:11

I DON'T TRUST HEROD. HE'LL KILL THE CHILD!

HE'S AFRAID OF A NEW KING.


LOOK — THE STAR IS ABOVE THAT HOUSE!

WE HAVE COME MANY MILES TO WORSHIP THE CHILD KING AND BRING HIM GIFTS.

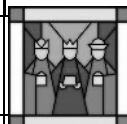
THE WISE MEN GO HOME BY A DIFFERENT WAY AFTER AN ANGEL WARNS THEM OF HEROD. JOSEPH IS WARNED AS WELL.

SO JOSEPH, MARY, AND JESUS SNEAK OUT OF TOWN AND HIDE IN EGYPT UNTIL THEY CAN RETURN SAFELY TO NAZARETH.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ROTA

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	SIDESPERSONS	COFFEE
	Mr & Mrs Stafford	Mrs M Thorley Mrs J Hilton	Mrs B Jennings Mrs V Armitage
12th Jan	Mrs M Hardy	Mrs M Hardy Mrs S Wood	No coffee
19th Jan	The Schofield Family	Mrs B Jennings Mrs F Whittaker	Mrs C Ward Mrs J Collison
26th Jan	Mr & Mrs A Ball	Mrs C Ward Mrs N Wilkinson	Mrs M Thorley Mr B Wadsworth
2nd Feb	Mr & Mrs B Gregory	Mr R Styan Mrs P Maffin	Mrs C Mitchell Mrs V Poole


ST MARY'S ROTA

Date	Service	Reader	Prayers
5th Jan	 Service of the Word		
12th Jan	Holy Communion		
19th Jan	Service of the Word (with baptism)		
26th Jan	Holy Communion		
2nd Feb	Service of the Word		

ST JAMES' ROTA

Date	Service	Sides-people	Coffee
5th Jan	Service of the Word	Sue & Nigel Priestley Sarah Glover	Debbie Leach Sue Priestley
12th Jan	United service – Methodists	Jean & Clinton Burhouse	Jean & Clinton Burhouse
	5Alive	Team	Alison Whiteley
19th Jan	Service of the Word	Richard Walker Margaret Lucas	Alison & Richard Whiteley
26th Jan	Holy Communion	Clinton Burhouse Andy Pearson	Debbie Still Sue Priestley
2nd Feb	Service of the Word	Margaret Lucas Sarah Glover	Tim & Christine Bleasdale

CHRIST CHURCH ROTA

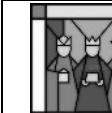
Date	Service	Flowers	Welcome	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
	Holy Communion					
12th Jan	United Service Methodist's covenant service 10.30am					
19th Jan	Holy Communion					
26th Jan	Service of the Word (with baptism)					

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
5th Jan	Isaiah 60:1-6	Mathew 2:1-12
12th Jan		
19th Jan	Isaiah 49:1-7	John 1:29-42
26th Jan	Isaiah 9:1-4	Mathew 4:12-23

SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Date	St Bart's 9.30am	St James' 9.30am	Christ Church 11.15am	St Mary's 11.15am
	Holy Communion	Family Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word
12th Jan	United Service Methodist's covenant service 10.30am	Methodists ————— 5Alive (4.30pm)	United Service Methodist's covenant service 10.30am	United Service Methodist's covenant service 10.30am
19th Jan	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word (baptism)
26th Jan	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion

A note from Dennis A.

Wishing all at St Bart's a happy, peaceful and stress free New Year. Having recently visited our funeral directors (to be!) and paid in full for our funerals, I returned home in a rather morose mood. Facing the knowledge that sometime in the future one of us will be left alone to deal with everyday life is extraordinarily difficult. With this in mind, I would like to offer this prayer to all who have lost loved ones and live alone.

I live alone, dear Lord,
Stay by my side
For all my daily needs.
Be thou my guide.
Grant me good health,
For that I'd pray
To carry on my work
From day to day.
Keep close to my heart.
My every deed,
Let me be caring
In my neighbours need.
I live alone, dear Lord.
Yet I have no fear
As I feel your presence
Ever near.

Amen

And, because Dennis would never leave without a smile on our faces

- Holding your partner's hand when you're out shopping may look romantic, but it's actually economic. If you let go they'll start shopping and buy more!

- Archaeologists digging in a pyramid in Egypt have found a mummy covered in chocolate and hazelnuts and believe it to be Pharaoh Rocher!



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World Day of Prayer
Friday

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**'Rise! Take your mat
and walk'**

Prepared by the
Christian women of
Zimbabwe

Answers for Fiona's Quiz p.31

1. Unknown
2. Herod
3. John Henry Hopkins Jnr
4. Mathew
5. Casper, Melchior and Balthasar

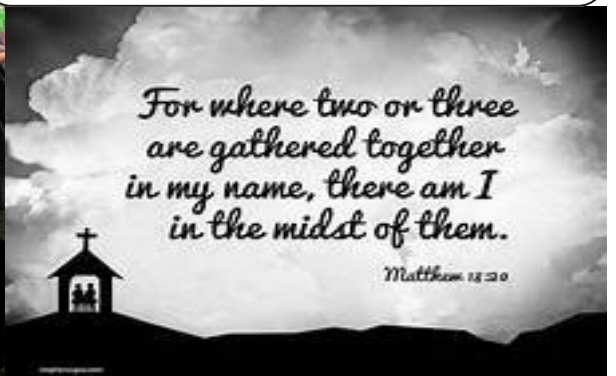
The Rev. John H. Hopkins, an Episcopal priest, wrote the text of this hymn in 1857 for a Christmas pageant at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Phillips Brooks, also an Episcopal priest, wrote the text to "O Little Town of Bethlehem" in 1865. Charles Wesley, the brother of John Wesley, wrote the text to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" in (about) 1739. Father Josef Mohr wrote the text to "Stille Nacht" ("Silent Night") in 1816.



**Thank
You!**



Crisis coffee morning.





Evie and Rev Judy having a picnic but not being prepared! (See page 17)