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Letter from your vicar.

This year February seems to be dominated by meetings, particularly an “*extraordinary Parochial Church Meeting*” which will be held on the 19th February. Before this date we will be holding an annual meeting for each of our four Parish Churches. St James Meltham Mills and Christ Church Helme will have their meetings on Sunday the 2nd and St Bartholomew’s Meltham and St Mary’s Willshaw will have theirs on the 9th. Each will follow immediately after their morning service.

I realise that these are a month earlier than they would usually be. The reason for these dates having been brought forward is that we wish and need to place something before the Bishops council which will be held on the 5th March and that it must be placed before a full “*Parochial Church Meeting*” before that. Therefore, these meetings have been brought forward to allow discussion and explanation at each Parish Church before the “*Parochial Church Meeting*” on the 19th of February, which will be held at St Bartholomew’s at 7:30pm.

So, what’s so important? There have been certain “irregularities” identified within the governance of the parish. It is important that I explain that these issues are largely procedural, and that they stem from the difficulties caused by The Church of England’s system being designed for a Parish with one Parish Church rather than the four we have in our Parish. Therefore, we are asking our diocese to authorise a few adaptations to the rules to allow appropriate representation of each Parish Church within the established Church of England governance system.

I recognise that this may all seem a bit dull to some and perhaps a bit unspiritual. I must admit that it is not where I would wish the focus of my own ministry to be, and that I will be happy to see it all completed so that we can all focus on the things that consider to be the true calling of the Church. That said, it is clear from biblical passages like Acts 15 (the council of Jerusalem) that even the earliest expressions of Church needed to establish some form of governance to enable the leadership of their ministry and to settle or avoid disputes.

If all of this seems a little confusing, then please come along to the upcoming meetings where I hope I will be able to offer a straightforward explanation.

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A note from the magazine team ...

Hi folks!

Welcome to your February edition, you may be wondering what the front cover picture is this month. Well it has been wonderfully created by those who have attended 5 Alive over the last four months. 5 Alive is an all age café style service which takes place on the second Sunday of each month. There is a bring and share picnic tea at 4.30pm and the service kicks off at 5pm. Over the last four months a different colour for each square was chosen and a different theme given when put together, created this fantastic Mosaic. Well Done 5 Alive!

Also in this issue is an interesting report about the Meltham Mustard Seed Project which this parish has supported over a number of years, since the 1990s.

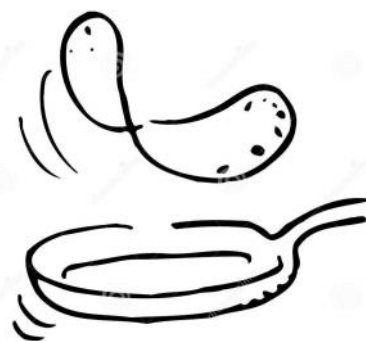
Finally, if you want to know about the pancakes, see p.31 and keep your eyes peeled.

Hope you enjoy this edition, this is very much your magazine so if you would like to contribute, the deadline for submissions for the March magazine is **Friday 14th February**.

You can send in your contributions via:

melthamparishmagazine@gmail.com or 07976767296 and also via the vicarage letterbox.

God bless, Kirstin and Fiona.



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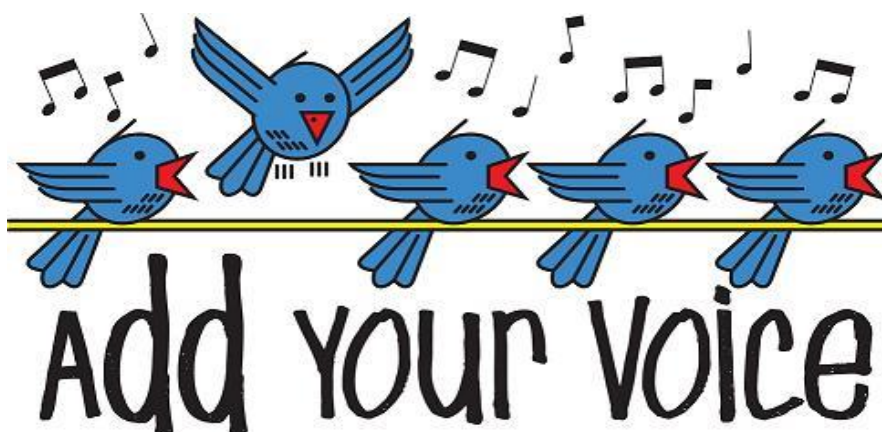
Choir Notes

We managed to get out and about the village for 2 nights carol singing just before Christmas - weather wise, one was perfect, the other not so - we got a bit wet!. The 3rd scheduled night was not fit to turn out. It was good to spread some Christmas cheer at the various doorsteps we visited - we were fortunate to catch a number of our regulars all at one house who were at a house group - which helped save us a bit of time. Thank you to all those who made donations (which totalled £314) and to John and Celia Mitchell for hosting us at their house for drinks and refreshments. Not forgetting of course, those who ventured out to sing, without whom, it would not be possible at all to keep up this local tradition.



Congratulation to Walter who recently celebrated a BIG birthday.

The choir had our annual trip to the LBT to watch the Huddersfield Light Opera pantomime - Aladdin. Good time was had by all. Usual humour and laughter prevailed.



We hope to be able to perform Stainer's Crucifixion prior to Easter this year on Palm Sunday (5th April).

Again, we would be delighted welcome additional singers (experienced or otherwise) from across the Parish and beyond to swell the chorus. It would be good to have representation from all the 4 churches - please see me or a member of the choir if you are interested. Rehearsals will commence in mid March - dates will be confirmed nearer the time.



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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

MELTHAM PARISH CHURCH HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held

WEDNESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 2020

In Meltham Parish Church Hall

At 7.30p.m.

Everyone in the Parish is very welcome to attend.

Due to relocation of some of our present members we are urgently in need of committee members in order to keep this community facility viable.



200 CLUB

The first prize in December was £200.

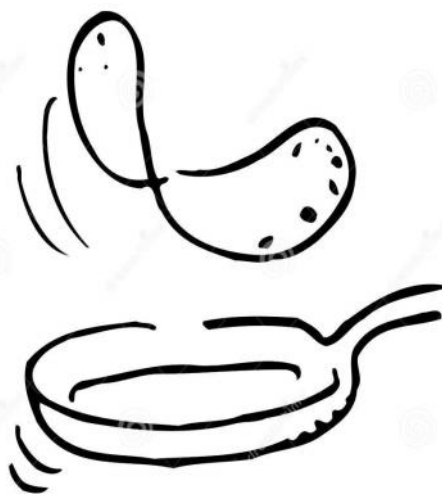
Subscriptions for 2020 are now due.

January winners:

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There are still several vacancies in the 200 Club. If you would like to become a member & support the Church Hall, please contact Michael farrel 07768258257 m.farrellphd@btinternet.com

David Earnshaw 341968



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The February meeting of the Women's Fellowship will take place on Tuesday 25th February at 2.00pm in the Church. The speaker will be Kath Heaney from Meltham Wildlife Centre. The tea ladies are Elaine Crabtree and Hester Deacon.

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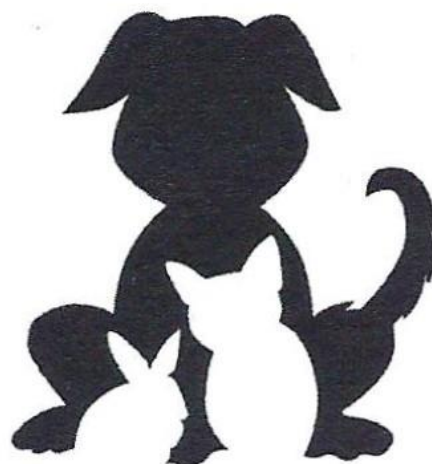
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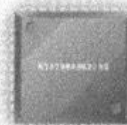
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Thank you to everybody who donated over the Christmas period. It was an extremely busy time, and we are sure that the few extra Christmas luxuries we were able to give out in our parcels made a real difference to people. One family were not only out of food just before Christmas but had no way to buy their children any presents.

Sadly, the benefit system does not recognise Christmas!! Fortunately, we do and also so does the Yorkshire Children's Centre, who gave us some presents for the children. The comment on delivery was, 'Thank you so much you have saved our Christmas'.

We also gave as many of the people that we were able to contact, who we have helped over the last year a small token box of food-based gifts, to wish them a happy Christmas and remind them they were not forgotten. Thank you to Meltham shoe boxes for the packaging.

We could not have done this without your generosity. People donated directly into our foodbank bins at Morrisons and the CO-OP or dropped donations off at the Crossroads shop, and Crossroads Centre. Not only did people donate food but we have also received generous cash donations from individuals and some of our village groups. This is vital as we can buy the fresh, perishable food that cannot be stored. Milk, eggs, vegetables, etc.

Throughout January demand has continued and as I write this may even have increased. We are now running short of some items, so I have put notices on the bins and in the Crossroads Shop/ Centre.

I am especially grateful to all who have volunteered to help in many ways.

On the 8th January we gathered as many who could come, together at the Crossroads Centre. 18 people turned up!! Others could not make the meeting but are also volunteering. We have a steering group of 5 who are keenly working together to set the Foodbank up on a more sustainable basis. It would not have been possible for the few of us who were doing it to have continued much longer. This is a bigger task than I imagined so once again I give my thanks.

On Behalf of the many families and people in need in Meltham, I thank you all.

Debbie.

Meltham Women's Institute

At our annual Christmas meal held at the Meltham Golf Club our members were invited to donate money toward the Meltham Food Bank. They responded well and just over £135 was handed over to Debbie Still at the Crossroads Centre. We asked that if possible it be used towards treats for the recipients but only if basic requirements were being met first. Meltham WI are not new to making donations towards the Food Bank as items of food and toiletries are regularly made at our monthly meetings held in the Church Hall on the first Tuesday of the month.

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St Mary's Report

What a joyful day Sunday 15th December was as we welcomed Bonnie Ivy Bamforth into our church family at her Baptism. Rev Judy Kenworthy led the service, Bonnie's godfather Christopher Halifax read the lesson and her godmother Clare Stokes lit the baptism candle. Bonnie's mum and dad, Ben and Harriet, chose the carols we sang and Elizabeth Pearson was organist. Bonnie's cousin Alfie helped Rev Judy as we thought about "Gifts" and Bonnie was presented with a children's Bible and candle. It was lovely to share this special time with Bonnie and her family and we pray that God will bless them all.

Rev John Dracup led the carol service at 6pm that evening as we heard again "The Christmas Story". There were a number of readings which were read beautifully by Shirley Langrick, Elizabeth Pearson, Janine Day, Chris Schuyler, Jonan Dunn, Holly Beaumont-Heppenstall and Franchesca Ramsay. We enjoyed hearing the choir sing two items as well as the carols accompanied by Clive Pearson on the keyboard. Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed following the service.

Rev John led a service of Holy Communion the following Sunday and reminded us that what God wants us to do is more important than what people think about us. On Christmas Day Rev Judy was celebrant and spoke about the many surprises we discover if we look more closely at the birth of Jesus. Rev John gave the blessing and wished us all a very happy Christmas.

On the last Sunday of 2019 was the united parish communion service at St Bartholomew's. And so another new year began and an opportunity to start with a clean sheet once more. Kim Hose led a service of the word on 5th January and spoke about the gifts that the wise men brought for Jesus. She also spoke about the gifts that God has given us and of how we can use them, in his service, as our gift to Jesus. Shirley read the lessons, Elizabeth Pearson was organist and Jacqueline led the intercessions.

On Sunday 12th January there was no service at St Mary's as there was a Churches Together service at Meltham Methodist Church to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service was led by Rev Andrew Marchington and Rev John Dracup. It was lovely to see people from all the churches in the Meltham area join together to share worship and to renew our covenant with God. Members from the various churches took part in the service by reading lessons, assisting communion or welcoming everyone. Our thanks go to Meltham Methodist Church for hosting this very well attended and special service, for their warm welcome and for providing refreshments.

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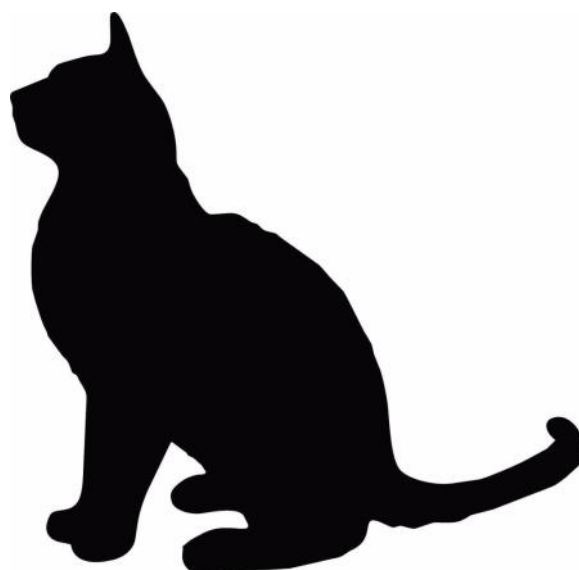
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Meltham Mustard Seed An Update

By Jane Collins, Secretary MMS.



It is a year since my friend Linda Tinson and I visited the Meltham Churches Together Mustard Seed Project in Kyema, Uganda. We received a typically fantastic African welcome as we joined in their annual get-together celebration. I went to discuss, face to face, the best way to withdraw by 2024. After 23 years, with aging committees and falling support for MMS, the end seemed inevitable. BUT what a surprise to find a new way into the future!

Involvement with Kyema village started in the 1990s. Originally from Kyema, the late John Bakanoba MBE, from the Meltham Methodist Church, started the Kyema Water project. It raised money to sink a bore hole for fresh water which is still used today. Various other special projects including, a community hall, electricity supply and nursery school followed.

In 1996, during a trip to the official opening of the bore hole, a group visited the 'The Mustard Seed Baby Home' orphanage, a small project in nearby Hoima. Many orphans were being cared for by a young girl supported by a group of people from Kyema. Their plight moved people including Jackie Gee from Meltham. Back in the UK a group formed, 'The Meltham Mustard Seed Project' (MMS), giving regularly and fundraising to support the now registered charity.

Officially an 'orphan' in Africa, is a child who has lost their father and a 'total orphan' has lost both parents. Sadly, orphaned children are left in orphanages, especially by mothers, because they cannot afford to look after them. The aim of MMS was and **still is**, to support orphaned children in Kyema in one of the child's own family units, with mother or grandparent/s, older siblings. This idea of 'kindred foster care' is currently being promoted throughout the world as the best care for orphaned children. Gosh we are world leaders!!!

Back in Kyema, a committee (KMS) was formed, (involving some of John Bakanoba's family) a constitution written and the chairperson was always to be the current Reverend of the local church. There are still many applicants to KMS committee, who yearly have the difficult decision to choose which are the neediest orphans from Kyema to support, with the funding received. By late 1996 12 children were supported in their kindred foster homes.

The KMS treasurer collects the money from the local bank in Masindi and distributes it to each foster carer. A little money supports the child at home but most of the money pays for school fees, the best affordable schools being chosen. So instead of a class of over 100 children the KMS children are in smaller classes. The KMS 'Visiting Mother' oversees the welfare of the children and family at home. KMS receives annual reports from school.

As young people progressed through education it became apparent there was a need to give an opportunity to continue studies at University or College level. Since 2002 Mustard Seed has extended support to all children until the end of further education.

Since 1996, 39 young adults have progressed through Mustard Seed. 14 have a degree, 17 have diplomas and 8 have higher education certificates. There are accountants, teachers, social workers, educational assistants, environment officers, a nurse, tailors, tax officers, plumbers, electricians, hotel and catering managers, and some working in environment and forestry management and the sugar industry. Sadly, unemployment is extremely high in Uganda. 77% of the population are under the age of 30 and the majority of those are under 16. Some MMS children are unemployed but actively seeking work. Currently (2020) there are 34 children in the project at various levels of support and education.

Since 1997 MMS has raised £193,528.75. KMS annual accounts are independently audited and sent to MMS. Each year a new budget is set by KMS for approval of MMS and MMS is also fully audited. All members of MMS and KMS are volunteers. ALL the money goes to KMS, except the HSBC bank charges; every penny is accounted for. With sustainability in mind, since 2015, FE students have been encouraged to regard the financial help as a 'loan' and they agreed to pay back some money once in employment. This has had some limited success and added to their own growing fundraising efforts.

In 2019, 10 ex KMS orphans formed a Young Adult committee - KMSYA, determined to continue Mustard Seed as Meltham withdraws. These young people are late 20's early 30's and SO determined to give back to what they regard as their lifesaving opportunity. Their stories are heartbreaking and some say they would be dead was it not for Mustard Seed. KMSYA emphasizes supporting and guiding each orphan emotionally and physically and fundraising.

Linda and I met the KMSYA's after our welcome and we were astounded! This was an unexpected way forward.

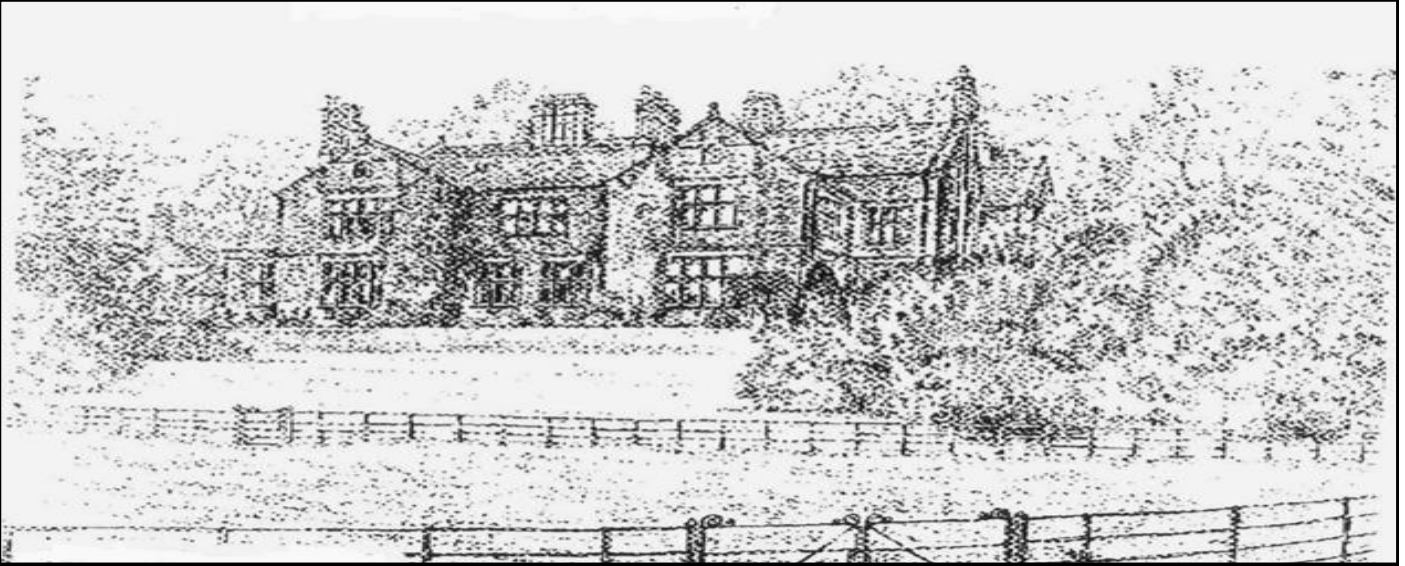
KMSYA requested 2 years of the promised final 7 year MMS funding upfront to invest in a project to enable Mustard Seed become SELF SUSTAINING!!! By April 2020 this money will have been sent. KMSYA will be monitored, funded through, audited, advised by and accountable to KMS.

The YAs are initially spearheading a sugar cane growing project the viability of which has been planned and scrutinized by both MMS, KMS and the YAs. Fred Nyakana, ex Mustard Seed orphan, coordinator of KMS and KMSYA is project manager as he has 10 years of experience working in sugar growing. With money from his own private sugar growing he has built his own house and self-funded degree qualifications in agriculture for his wife and himself.

MMS will continue to support for 5 more years as planned. It will take those next 5 years of reinvesting all sugar profits into more land hiring and planting to amass 21 hectares. By 2024 Mustard Seed should be self-sustaining - able to BOTH continue investing in sugar AND give enough income to support MS orphans in the future. 2.1 hectares were planted in 2019 and 12 more hectares are being cleared at this moment to plant in April 2020 after the dry season.

To spread the risks, other self-sustainability schemes are being discussed to run alongside the current sugar project. This is an amazing story, prayed over and supported by many both in Meltham and Kyema. Few charitable organisations seem to be able to support INTO self-sustainability. We still need you to continue to pray for and support fundraising MMS into this exciting new beginning.

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a time to pluck up
that which is planted;**

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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Tuesday's 9.30am - St Mary's

Wednesday's 9.00am - BCP
10.00am - MCT

Prayer at St Bartholomew's



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Holy Communion
Tuesday 25th February
at 1.30pm

All are welcome


Bell House Report

In December residents enjoyed a carol service based on the journeys that Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men made and the journey we make ourselves, to meet with Jesus. Patrice read the lessons and Rev Judy led the service and we sang several carols. On January 8th there was a communion service, our first of the new year. The Bible reading was from Ch1 of St John's Gospel and we sang two hymns. Rev Judy offered prayers and led the service.

Bell House

have their Holy Communion
service with Rev Judy, on
Wednesday 5th February
at 10.30am
In the Lounge

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Helme Ladies Report Jan 2020

The morning of January 14th was the first Helme Ladies meeting since Christmas. To start the New Year, we were having a watercolour demonstration by Meltham artist John Mitchell and also our New Year feast.

John arrived with the painting already prepared with buildings sketched in place to save time. With the drawing on an easel he showed us how to build the painting starting with the sky, not a vivid blue everywhere but a blue grey washed on and then taken off with a tissue to make the clouds. Next was the green background and then the buildings. Watching it all happening was fascinating, adding dry stone walls, bushes and trees made the painting come to life. John explained each step as he added to the painting and also knowing when to stop. You could ruin a picture by adding too much.

When John had finished, we had a lovely painting of Castle Hill with the farms on Ashes Lane in the foreground. John kindly donated the painting to Helme Ladies to raise money for our charity fund. It will probably be raffled at our next meeting which is our AGM.

We extended our meeting with the New Year feast and what a delight it was with sandwiches, flat breads, pork pie, scones with Jam and cream, cakes and cheese and biscuits all washed down with tea and coffee.

Our first meeting of the year had been a great success, thanks to John for making it so. I have never heard the ladies be so quiet as they watched John's painting come to life. For me personally it was great, I always wished I could paint.

Our next meeting held at Helme church will be Jenny's game on February 11th followed by a beetle drive on the 25th, all at 10am.

New members are always welcome.





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Denis' thoughts for the day

Doing my weekly shopping in Morrisons I was following a Grandad and his badly behaved 5 year old grandson up and down the various aisles. The grandad had his hands full with the child screaming for sweets, ice cream, biscuits and lots of other things. Grandad was saying in a controlled voice. "Easy William, we won't be long, ..easy boy". Another outburst & Grandad says, "It's O.K William just a couple of minutes more and we'll be out of here." At the checkout the boy was throwing things out of the trolley. Grandad says again in a controlled voice "William, William, relax, don't get upset, we'll be home in five minutes, stay cool William. "

Following them outside to where the Grandad was loading his groceries into his car, I felt I had to say something. I said "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in Morrisons. I don't know how you did it. You kept your composure and no matter how difficult and disruptive your grandson was, you kept saying in a calm voice that everything would be O.K. William is very lucky to have you as his Grandad". "Thanks", he said, "but I am William, the little one is called Jeremy!"

(This could have been true but knowing Denis...)

Work this one out:

A law student failed his exam. Speaking to his professor he said, "Let me ask you a question. If you answer it correctly I will accept my marks, otherwise you give me an A. What is legal but not logical, logical but not legal, and neither logical nor legal?" The professor could not answer the question, so the student explained.

A 65 year old man married a 25 year old woman—legal but not logical. She has a 22 year old lover—logical but not legal. The 22 year old man failed his exams, but you have just given him an A which is neither legal nor logical.



Fiona's Family Pages

HD9 - Wilshaw Youth Group

7pm—8.30pm

**St Mary's Church Room,
30 Wilshaw Rd, Wilshaw,
Meltham, HD9 4DZ**

The next meeting will be
Friday 7th & 21st February

This group is for young people aged
11yrs – 17yrs and is a great place to
make new friends.

Please call or text Kim

M:07512 290110 or email:

kimandmarkhowe@btinternet.com



2019 was an exciting year at St Mary's as Kim and I ventured into the youth territory of Wilshaw (& surrounding areas). We both had a strong calling to do this & both felt unsure! We tried to ignore the calling but it just kept coming back! After taking advice from various sources we planned our first pizza night to hopefully gather the local youths and see what sort of things they'd like to do. Nobody turned up! But what about our calling we thought! Well, Kim's niece & nephew came along to support us, they were very keen & decided we needed to 'up' our advertising and make it more attractive. And what a difference that made. At our second meeting we had 4 nice young people who were very keen. This grew and we now have 8 regulars. Since then we've had various games nights, a baking night, a craft night and a Christmas party. 4 of our young people attended the carol service and 2 of them did readings! Kim and I were like proud parents. So watch this space and see what 2020 brings. (By Jacqueline.)

God does work in mysterious way



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HE'S ALIVE
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Fiona's Family Pages

Pancake Day Tuesday 25th February!

The kids and I love making and eating pancakes, so I thought I'd share my recipe with you. Its quite simple.

4 heaped tablespoons of Plain flour

1/2 pint of milk

Pinch of salt

2 eggs

Whizz it all together and that's the batter ready.

Make sure you frying pan is hot with a little oil (or lard if you prefer) and pour just enough to cover you pan.

Fry on one side until it starts to brown, flip it and do the same with the other.

Then top with your favourite toppings, chocolate spread or syrup are the favourites at the vicarage!



In celebration of this, there are a number of frying pans flipping pancakes around the magazine,

How many can you spot?

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.

One For All Service

1st Sunday of the month

Led by Rev John

Next service

Sunday 2nd February

St James', Meltham Mills

9.30am

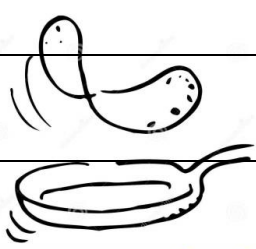
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ORGANISATION YOU JOIN; IT
IS A FAMILY
WHERE YOU BELONG,
A HOME WHERE YOU ARE
LOVED AND A HOSPITAL WHERE
YOU FIND HEALING.**

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ROTA

Date	Alter Flowers	Sides Person	Coffee	Readers (1st Reading Gospel reading)
2nd Feb	Mr & Mrs B Gregory	Richard Styan Penny Maffin	Celia Mitchell Mrs V Poole	John Mitchell Pan Murgatroyd
9th Feb	Mr & Mrs F Kaye	Alan Ball Margaret Ball	Nancy Wilkinson Janet Gilleard	Pat Beastow Richard Styan
16th Feb	Women's Fellowship	Peter Gilleard Janet Gilleard	Maureen Hardy Susan Wood	Ben Rhodes Peter Blackburn
23rd Feb	Mrs A Halstead	Celia Mitchell John Mitchell	Margaret Ball Catherine Moulson	Jean Collison Elaine Crabtree
2nd Mar	Lent No flowers	Pam Murgatroyd Caroline Woodroffe	Barbara Jennings V Armitage	Elaine Sims Alistair Storey

ST MARY'S ROTA

Date	Service	Reader	Prayers
2nd Feb	Service of the Word		
9th Feb	Holy Communion		
16th Feb	Service of the Word (with baptism)		
23rd Feb	Holy Communion		
2nd Mar	Service of the Word		

ST JAMES' ROTA

Date	Service	Sides-people	Coffee
2nd Feb	Service of the Word	Margaret Lucas Sarah Glover	Tim & Christine Bleasdale
9th Feb	Holy Communion	Sue Priestley Debbie Leach	Debbie Still Debbie Leach
	5Alive	Team	Jean Burhouse
16th Feb	Service of the Word	Alison Whiteley Andy Pearson	Alison & Richard Whiteley
23th Feb	Holy Communion	Daphne Green Debbie Leach	Richard Whiteley Sue Priestley
1st Mar	Service of the Word	Margaret Lucas Sarah Glover	Tim & Christine Bleasdale

CHRIST CHURCH ROTA

Date	Service	Flowers	Welcome	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
2nd Feb	Holy Communion	Cyril	Janet	Christine	Eileen & Sheila	Pat
9th Feb	Service of the Word	Vacant	Moyra	Janet	Rita	Irene
16th Feb	Holy Communion	Eileen	Jennie H.	Jenny B.	Christine	Janet
23rd Feb	Service of the Word	Vacant	Eileen	Christine	Janet	Eileen
2nd Mar	Holy Communion	Lent, no flowers	Sheila	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

Date	1st Reading	Gospel
2nd Feb	Hebrews 2:14-end	Luke 2:22-40
9th Feb	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
16th Feb	Romans 8:18-25	Matthew 6:25-34
23rd Feb	2 Peter 1:16-end	Matthew 17:1-9

SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Date	St Bart's 9.30am	St James' 9.30am	Christ Church 11.15am	St Mary's 11.15am
2nd Feb	Holy Communion	Family Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word
9th Feb	Holy Communion	Holy Communion 5Alive (4.30pm)	Service of the Word	Holy Communion
16th Feb	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word
23rd Feb	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion



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21st March

18th April

16th May

18th July

19th September

17th October

19th December

MELTHAM PARISH CHURCH HALL DIARY

FEBRUARY 2020

WEEKLY BOOKINGS

Every Monday	Gilbert & Sullivan rehearsal	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 st Tuesday	Women's Institute	7.30 p.m.
2 nd Wednesday	Pennine Borders Flower Club	7.15 p.m.
2 nd Thursdays	Over 60's Club	2 p.m.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Doors open 9.30 a.m.

1 st February	West Yorkshire Dog Rescue
8 th February	Meltham Stage Players
15 th February	St. Bartholomew's Church
22 nd February	Meltham Hospice Support Group
29 th February	Gilbert & Sullivan Society

OTHER BOOKINGS

Sunday 2nd February	Meltham Stage Players rehearsal	2 p.m.
Sunday 9th February	Meltham Stage players rehearsal	2 p.m.
Thursday 13th February	Meltham Stage Players rehearsal	6 p.m.
Sunday 16th February	Lauren Faye School of Dance	All day
Sunday 23rd February	Meltham Stage Players	2 p.m.
Sunday 1st March	Private party	11.30 a.m.
Sunday 1st March	Stage players	4.30 p.m.

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*Wednesday 25th
March*

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Sunday 22nd March

9.30@ St Bartholomew's—
Meltham

or

St James' - Meltham Mills

11.15@ Christ Church—Helme

or

St Mary's—Wilshaw

Thanking God for our Mums,
Grandmas, Aunties and any
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Friday 6th March at 7.30pm

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CHRISTINGLE AT HELME

Revd. John thought it would be a good idea to hold our Christingle service on the Saturday before Christmas. Some of us were doubtful, myself included but I duly ordered the oranges and began to think it might work out. Helme school were having their own Christingle on the 11th of December so with that in mind , I only ordered 60 oranges instead of the usual 100 because if there were any left over , we could not give them to the school as in previous years as they would already have broken up for Christmas. One or two of our small band of workers started to prepare the candles, the tinfoil and the sweets on sticks before we met at the home of Jenny Hill to assemble the Christingles. It didn't take long, many hands make light work and in about an hour they were doneand we'd eaten a few sweets as well..... only the broken ones of course!

The afternoon of the service dawned bright and clear and when I entered the church at 4.45pm it was already half full and the door kept on opening; most of the people I had never seen before. We counted over 80 parents, grandparents and children and we had only 60 oranges." Too late was the cry" children first, then adults but nobody seemed to mind. When the candles were lit, the lights turned off and we all sang Away in the Manger, it felt like a lovely start to Christmas. Revd. John had been right (but don't tell him.) He and Dennis led the service and it was followed by hot mince pies and cups of tea. Every one agreed it was a lovely occasion and the icing on the cake was we had raised a fantastic £256.90 for the Children's Society from both the school and the church. Meltham people are so generous and Morrisons supermarket came up trumps again by providing the oranges. A big thank you to them and to everyone concerned.

Thank you one and all. JR



Meltham Women's Institute 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Meltham WI celebrated their 50th Anniversary on 18th January with an Afternoon Tea, attended by six of the original members from 1970, many past members who had completed 10 years or more, and current members. Rosemary Pearson the West Yorkshire Federation Chairman and Kate Buchanan, Meltham Town Mayor, also attended and helped cut the beautiful celebration cake, made by a member. Fantastic food was supplied by 'Simply Splendid' and vocalist Tim Szoradi entertained and even got us up dancing! Lots of archive material was on view and brought back many happy memories.





Churches Together
Covenant Service held
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Church
Sunday 12th January.



Service at Christ Church,
Helme
Sunday 22nd Dec
Led by Jacqueline France



Pat & Janett preparing to
play football!!

