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## Prayer for those effected by the coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of  
your mercy.  
Sustain and support  
the anxious,  
be with those who care  
for the sick,  
and lift up all who are  
brought low;  
that we may find  
comfort knowing that  
nothing can separate  
us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our  
Lord.  
**Amen.**

## A note from the editor ...

Hello!

Welcome to the July/August double edition.

Hopefully this will be the final non printed edition. We use Kirklees college to print and due to Covid-19 they are not able to print yet. However, I hope you enjoy this double issue, it's brimming with updates from the Crossroads centre and each of the areas it supports. There are also thoughts from a Church Warden and the latest from Rev John's youngest, Jack.

Finally I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who have contributed to this jam packed double issue, including Rosie and Venessa for helping me out with a couple of pages. It is very much appreciated.

If you would like to join the magazine team and take part in any of our future editions then please do let me know. All ideas and articles are welcomed and you can contribute as much (or little) as you feel able.

The deadline for submissions for the next magazine is:  
**Friday 14th August.**

You can send in your contributions via:

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God bless, Fiona.

## Meltham Prayer Chain

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**Rev Peter Rolls 340342**

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## **Letter from your Vicar.**

The Psalms are a wonderful source of solace and a great resource for reflection. Though they were written thousands of years ago, it is often possible to find a Psalm in which the feelings, desires, and frustrations of the writer resonate with our own lives today.

My heart is breaking as I remember how it used to be:

I walked among the crowds of worshipers,  
leading a great procession to the house of God,  
singing for joy and giving thanks  
amid the sound of a great celebration!

Psalm 42:4 (NLT)

Psalm 42 will be familiar to many as it is the basis of the song: *As the deer pants for water*. Perhaps this verse resonates with you now as you think about how long it has been since you were able to worship God in Church alongside your Christian brothers and sisters.

The good news is that we can now begin to reopen our Churches. However, this will not happen with the celebration and fanfare that some may have hoped. The pandemic may be under control, but it is not yet over.

Our reopening will need to be controlled and restrained, carefully thought through, cautious, and above all else safe. The first opening times will be:

**July 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 St Bartholomew's, 10:30 St James**

**July 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 St Bartholomew's, 10:30 St James**

These will be prayer services and will last about 30 minutes and will not include Communion or hymns. We will have to stay within a safe capacity of around 30 people in each service and if this capacity is reached, we will sadly have no choice but to turn people away.

The doors will be opened around 10 minutes before the service, and we need to encourage people not to arrive too early to avoid queuing.

There will not be any refreshments after the service, and we must ask you not to gather for too long outside.

I understand that this is not the way that any of us would like our fellowship and worship to be, but it is a beginning and in time things will improve. We will be looking to open our other Churches later in July if it is possible to do so safely. We will also try to include more in our services as August progresses, but again with safety foremost in our minds. This inevitably means that the service times and places will be subject to change for a little while, please visit our website [www.melthamparish.co.uk](http://www.melthamparish.co.uk) to keep up to date. I apologise for any confusion that this may cause and will try to return to a regular service pattern as soon as practically possible.

No one should feel under any pressure to come to any of our buildings until they feel ready to do so, and for those who do not yet wish to come or are unable to do so our online services will continue.

God bless, Reverend John (Vicar)

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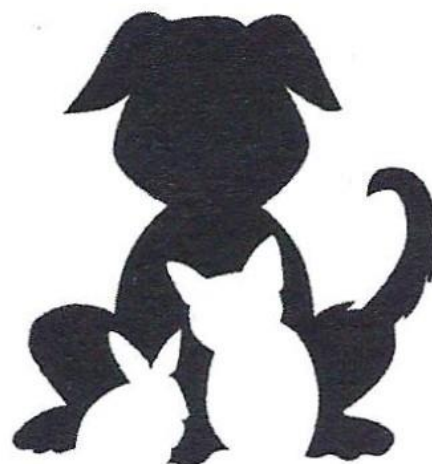
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## **To see ourselves as others see us**

Lockdown provides more than plenty time for reading. Looking through my collection of quotations and wonderful words uttered by prominent people over the last few centuries, I came across a passage from an S P B Mais book, "This Unknown Island."

The particular passage refers to Haworth but is applicable I think to all this hill country of this part of West Yorkshire.

*I may have made Haworth sound inaccessible. It isn't. It is most accessible. It is quite close to Leeds, Bradford and Halifax and Huddersfield on the one side and Colne, Nelson and Burnley on the other. It is a mistake that to suppose that because these towns possess factory chimneys and are interested in manufacture, that they are either ugly or uninteresting. Each one is marked by a very strong individuality. Each has a peculiar beauty of its own. The inhabitants of these places are not colourless townsmen, but sprung from a sturdy stock of hill country yeomen. They are intensely loyal in friendship, vigorous in action, cheerful in adversity, modest in prosperity, artistic, tender hearted and fundamentally humorous. They know and love their moors, but they are not in the least dog in the manger about them.*

*Yorkshire is by far our largest and easily our most varied county. Its manifold beauties are far too little known and what matters most to me its people are most lovable.*

Using the "modern" wonder word; Wow! Unsolicited compliments. Mais was born in Birmingham in 1885 and "This Unknown Island," one of his many books was published in 1932.

John Mitchell

### **Still In Isolation**

By Pam Murgatroyd

I've always kept a diary, it helps me to remember all the things I have to do from January to December. Over all the past years, my diary's been filled with plenty of meetings and of all things planned, but there were none in twenty twenty.

Now there's nothing to get up for, no reason to get dressed and when it all first started, we began to feel depressed. When we first entered isolation, we thought it would be short, but now that it is 3 months in, it's gone on longer than we thought.

We're starting to get used to it, being together from morn' 'til night, With hubby thinking he is always correct when I know I am always right. Our daughter comes to visit but she stands six feet away, Only just as far away where we can hear what we have to say.

We wish that we could be closer, cuddling is what we miss, and when it comes to the time to go, I'd really like a kiss. It can not last forever but I'm sure that when it ends, we can happily get our lives back and be together with our friends.





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## Jack Dracup

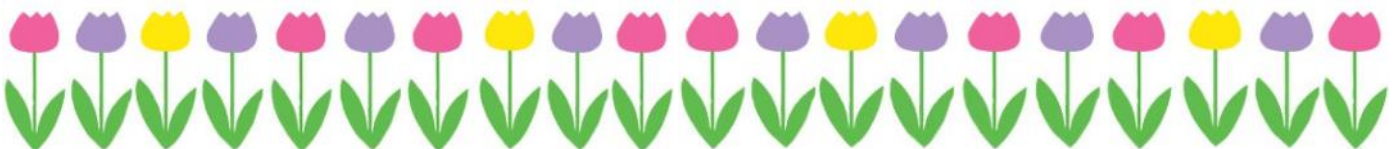
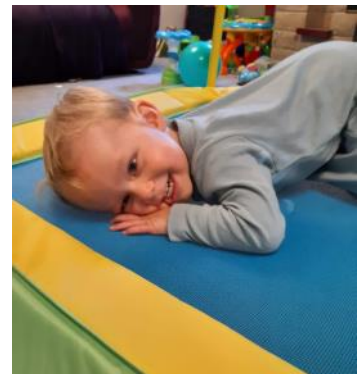
*Jack, our youngest, was born 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and came in quite a hurry, so much in fact John was still in his clergy shirt as he didn't have time to change after coming home from a Baptism! Unfortunately, a couple of days later his blood sugars had dropped dramatically low during the course of the evening and in the very early hours of 27th June, Jack was admitted to hospital with Hypoglycaemia and was attached to many wires and tubes to help keep him stable.*

*I distinctly remember his first day there, his doctor came to see him to perform some tests, he apologised in advance that he was going to make him cry. But Jack didn't cry, in fact he didn't respond at all. God really did answer prayers over the two weeks we spent there. One by one each wire or tube eventually disappeared and his sugars gradually climbed until he was finally allowed home. However, he came home with the diagnosis of a hypoglycaemic brain injury.*

You may remember reading this in a previous edition of the magazine which I wrote not long after we moved here. We left hospital not knowing what Jack's future would hold. Medical professionals tried to make sense of the unknown and told us he may not be able to walk, his vision would be affected, have epilepsy and unlikely to hit many of his milestones.

Two years on, and I can say that we have one amazing God! Jack has surpassed all original expectations. During 'Lockdown' he has learnt to walk, he struggled with grass, but he has overcome that too. He can say a handful of words and, in his own way, make himself known! In March he was discharged from the Epilepsy clinic. He is registered partially sighted as his brain finds it difficult to make sense of what he sees, for example, he struggles with depth perception. However in all of this, he never gives up, he tries hard to learn how to eventually achieve his 'milestones' through repetition and stubbornness. Jack has still a long road ahead of him, but I echo the words I said before... *"Regardless of all of this and the difficulties faced, deep down my family and I know, that God is good! He always has been and always will be, a good God."*

Fiona Dracup



'Sheila and David Dearnley wish to thank everyone at St.Bartholomews for their expressions of sympathy - and the beautiful bouquet of flowers- which they have received following the sad death of their lifelong friend, David Lace, - on 27th May. We all hope he is now at peace.'





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# Can I come to Church, without coming to Church?

Mike Still

A conversation recently, at the Crossroads Centre.

Can I come to church, without coming to church? This question was asked by a person who does not come to Church.

What did the questioner mean and how do we answer it?

Like many I suspect he was asking the question how do I begin to explore my faith? or connect with people that are Christians? or can I be a part of the church community without going on a Sunday?

What would be your answer? In truth my answer would be the same as many and probably wrong. To encourage the person to come to some meeting somewhere or somehow.

As I thought about it deeper, I realised that actually, the Question itself shows how we all tend to miss the point. Church is not something we go to; it is something we are.

Yet don't we all tend to talk about going to church? Throughout history many groups have tried to help by not calling the building a church. A Chapel, Cathedral, Citadel, Mission Hall, or sometimes just the building for example are all used.

So how do we transform ourselves from thinking of ourselves as a people that belong to a church, or go to a church, to being a people that think of ourselves as the church, and naturally befriend people to join us?

If we are the Church, that is Church, meaning the Christian community, then is the questioner really asking like so many, how can I begin to break in, to this community, how can I begin to feel a part of what you are doing? Can I in some way contribute?

If you are a person asking that question. The answer is of course you can. You are welcome how do you want to be part of us?

CHURCH IS NOT AN  
ORGANISATION YOU JOIN; IT  
**IS A FAMILY**  
WHERE YOU BELONG,  
A HOME WHERE YOU ARE  
LOVED AND A HOSPITAL WHERE  
YOU FIND HEALING.



## Join in prayer at 11am each day

Many across Meltham at 11am are being encouraged to pray, knowing that at this time others will be praying too. Why not join in and...

Pray for the world, the people and their needs.

Pray for our work force, our NHS, Police, Fire Service and Armed Forces.

Pray for our government and the Advisors.

Pray for encouragement and ask for guidance in all we do.

Pray for ourselves.





# CROSSROADS CENTRE



## **Crossroads Centre Update**

On Sunday 14th June our online service from St. Bartholomew's was the first Sunday of ordinary time. I've never been quite sure what that means (I'm sure that someone will tell me!) but for the Crossroads Project it certainly hasn't been ordinary.

We have of course been getting ready to open the Crossroads shop. By the time you read this it will hopefully have been open for a couple of weeks. The shop has been cleaned and all items quarantined and put back in the shop. Plans were prepared for social distancing, taping to ensure customers could move around safely and many notices encouraging people to sanitise their hands, to look not touch, and keep together in family groups if they could not shop alone.

My thanks to everyone who made this possible.

The Crossroads Centre slightly changed its image with goods from the shop going into quarantine in one room and then moved into Rogers room waiting to be taken back to the shop.

Responding to calls for requests for a food parcel and the restarting of Chris, our debt and benefit advisor, has meant that maybe we are beginning to enter 'ordinary' time.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who continues to support the Shop and the Centre and to pray for us.

**We are encouraged by the words from Isaiah 40 -**

**'The Lord is the everlasting God**

**The creator of the ends of the earth**

**He will not grow tired or weary**

**And his understanding no one can fathom**

**He gives strength to the weary**

**And increases the power of the weak.'**

Sue Priestley

## **Meltham Foodbank Update**

The foodbank continues to be busy and I just can not thank those involved enough for their support over the past few months.

Everyone has worked so hard and been so generous, with both food and financial donations. It has been a real blessing to see the thoughtfulness of people. We have been especially touched by one 9 year old boy who donated money that had been left to him by his granddad. Others have also committed to donating money on a regular basis, or when they are able to afford to. One man went shopping and donated £80 worth of groceries on 2 occasions. Thanks to all of this we have been able to be self-sufficient, and have not needed to ask for any extra funding from the crossroads project.

We are also receiving regular food donations from our two local supermarkets, with the Co-op donating food every evening and Morrisons donating when they are able to. We are very thankful for these generous donations.

We have had many new volunteers starting, helping us in our warehouse, sorting and packing food parcels, and also to deliver them to foodbank clients.

During this uncertain time, we have been fortunate to receive a sustainability grant to enable us to be more equipped if there is a second wave of this coronavirus pandemic. This funding has provided us with a much needed extra fridge and freezer. As part of the Crossroads Project we are hopeful for a further grant which will be used to upgrade our rooms to a higher standard, providing us with a better working environment and storage facilities.

We have also been getting very good feedback from our foodbank clients. It was lovely to hear recently from one of our ex clients who told us that the support she received from the Crossroads Project, through the debt advice service and foodbank, had saved her life.

I certainly believe what Jesus said in Matthew 25:40

**‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me’**



Debbie Still

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# The Crossroads Shop

## **COVID 19 and the Crossroads Shop**

The sudden realisation that Coronavirus was spreading in the UK followed by the sudden lockdown on March 23rd left us all reeling and although many volunteers wanted to continue working, family pressure and the Prime Minister ensured that the shop closed immediately a few days before 23rd March.

For 3 months we watched and waited. The community of Meltham was mostly very kind to us and observed our requests not to leave black bags of donations outside the shop. Several people kindly moved any bags inside or to the Town Hall and kept on top of sorting the contents so that the shop was not overwhelmed when the time came to re-open.

We heard the news that non-essential businesses could open with mixed feelings. After 3 months at home and realising the potential danger involved in coming back to work at the shop around 50% of our regular volunteers preferred the option of delaying until later in the year.

However around twenty volunteers agreed to open with reduced days – so at present although our opening hours are as normal, we are closed on Monday and Wednesday all day.

We are observing government guidelines regarding social distancing so we allow only three customers at any one time and they patiently wait outside until there is room for them to enter. We ask them to use hand sanitiser gel and the till is protected by a Perspex screen. We have masks, aprons and gloves available for staff to use. The changing room is closed so no one can try on clothing but can instead return garments for exchange or a credit note.

We spent a week giving the shop a thorough clean, removing all the winter stock and replacing with summer dresses, t shirts and children's summer clothes. We held training sessions on different days to reduce the numbers of volunteers in the shop at any one time and went through the safeguarding measures we have put in place. We can now take card payments – another new process to learn.

It's very early days as we only opened on Tuesday June 23rd but we had a very successful first week taking around £1000 and we are coping with huge amounts of generous donations by using a room in the Carlile Centre kindly offered to us by the Town Council.

We're extremely grateful to all our volunteers and also to several people who are helping us by, for example, moving bags of donations to the Centre at the Town Hall to quarantine for 72 hours, then sorting, ironing and hanging garments ready to be returned to the shop for tagging and pricing. At the moment it seems an epic task – I think we all used lockdown time to go through our book and CD and DVD collections, pictures, kitchen cupboards, attics, wardrobes and children's toys and the Crossroads Shop is now the happy beneficiary of such industry! However, we are coping and there is a happy and positive atmosphere in the shop as we welcome longstanding customers who tell us how delighted they are to be able to shop at Crossroads again.

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## **St Mary's Report**

As we continue to cope with lock down and our churches being "paused" due to the corona virus we hope you are all keeping well and safe. Let's make sure we try to be kind to one another and keep praying that God will hold each one of us in his loving care. Help us Lord to be patient and to help where we can. Our thanks once more go to Rev John Dracup for the on line services and to Jacqueline France for hosting the Zoom services each Sunday.

On Sunday 17th May Kim Howe led an Evening Service for the parish, on Zoom, at 6pm. 17 computers logged on with more than 20+ people sharing in this act of worship. Kim took for her theme "Friendship" and several bible readings were incorporated in her talk. Jacqueline led the intercessions and Elizabeth Pearson played the keyboard to accompany the hymns which all reinforced Kim's message that Jesus is our BEST friend.

May 24th was the last Sunday of the Easter season and there was a Service of the Word on Zoom. Jacqueline led the service, Rev Dennis Shields read the lesson from Acts 1 and Kim led the prayers. Rev Judy Kenworthy gave the talk and reminded us that God often surprises us and that with the support of the Holy Spirit we can help to spread God's kingdom to the ends of the earth. Elizabeth played the keyboard and assisted by her husband Peter (on the keyboard !) she also played the flute. 21 people shared the service on 16 computers.

Pentecost Sunday found us still in lockdown but not down hearted. Lay Reader Jacqueline led an All Age Worship Service on Zoom and it was wonderful to welcome 16 adults and 8 children from across the parish to this fun service. The service started with a listening activity as we tried to guess which language we were hearing. Jax told a story about how chef Gordon Ramsay turned his life around when injury brought a promising career in football to a sudden end and we played a guessing game - identifying people whose lives were changed by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Rev Dennis read the lesson which told of the coming of the Holy Spirit and which marked the birth of the Christian Church. We sang an action song and the children enjoyed a finding game. They had to find a candle, something to celebrate with, and something to decorate (most of them found a bun or a cake) and so at the end of the activity they had a birthday cake to eat. We sang "Happy Birthday" to the Church as Pentecost is the considered the birthday of the Christian Church. Jax gave a talk and Rebekah Dracup (one of the children) led the prayers - brilliantly - well done Rebekah. The service came to a close with a hymn and the Grace. Thankyou Jax for a truly happy family time and a chance to be together and to worship together.

On Trinity Sunday 7th June Rev Dennis led a service of Holy Communion at 11:15 on Zoom. Elizabeth and Peter provided the keyboard and flute accompaniment for 3 hymns and Lucy Verille read the lessons. Kim and Jax shared the leading of the prayers and 19 people shared the worship. Rev Dennis took for his theme "The Trinity" and reminded us that Jesus requires us to make disciples in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and to do so "As we go". These are in a way our "Marching Orders".

Services will continue on Zoom for the time being and as we look forward to the re-opening of our churches in the not too distant future let us continue to hold one another in prayer and love. Please pray especially for our children, for the couples who have had to postpone their weddings and families who have lost loved ones during these difficult times. God bless and keep you safe.



## **Daily Bible Readings for the months of July & August**

<b>Date</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Judges 9:22-end , Luke 16:1-18	1 Samuel 13:19-14:15 , Luke 23:1-12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judges 11:1-11 , Luke 16:19-end	Genesis 32:22-31 , Matt 14:13-21
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Judges 11:29-end , Luke 17: 1-10	1 Samuel 14:24-46 , Luke 23:13-25
4 <sup>th</sup>	Judges 12:1-7 , Luke 17:11-19	1 Samuel 15:1-23 , Luke 23:26-43
5 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 24:34-38 , Matt 11:16-end	1 Samuel 16 , Luke 23:44-56
6 <sup>th</sup>	Judges 13:1-24 , Luke 17:20-end	1 Samuel 17:1-30 , Luke 23:56 – 24:12
7 <sup>th</sup>	Judges 14 , Luke 18:1-14	1 Samuel 17:31-54 , Luke 24:13-35
8 <sup>th</sup>	Judges 15: 1-16:3 , Luke 18:15-30	1 Samuel 17: 55-18:16 , Luke 24:36-end
9 <sup>th</sup>	Judges 16:4-end , Luke 18:31-end	Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 , Matt 14:22-33
10 <sup>th</sup>	Judges 17 , Luke 19:1-10	1 Samuel 19:1-18 , Acts 1:1-14
11 <sup>th</sup>	Judges 18:1-20, 27-end , Luke 19:11-27	1 Samuel 20:1-17 , Acts 1:15-end
12 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 25:19-end , Matt 13:1-23	1 Samuel 20:18-end , Acts 2:1-21
13 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 1:1-20 , Luke 19:28-40	1 Samuel 21:1-22:5 , Acts 2:22-36
14 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 1:21-2:11 , Luke 19:41-end	1 Samuel 22:6-end , Acts 2:37-end
15 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 2:12-26 , Luke 20:1-8	1 Samuel 23 , Acts 3:1-10
16 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 2:27-end , Luke 20:9-19	Genesis 45:1-15 , Matt 15:10-28
17 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 3:1-4 , Luke 20:20-26	1 Samuel 24 , Acts 3:11-end
18 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 4:1-end , Luke 20:27-40	1 Samuel 26 , Acts 4:1-12
19 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 28:10-19 , Matt 13:24-43	1 Samuel 28:3-end , Acts 4:13-31
20 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 5 , Luke 20:41-21:4	1 Samuel 31 , Acts 4:32-5:11
21 <sup>st</sup>	1 Samuel 6:1-16 , Luke 21:5-19	2 Samuel 1 , Acts 5:12-26
22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Samuel 16:15-end , Luke 8:1-3	2 Samuel 2:1-11 , Acts 5:27-end
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 Samuel 8 , Luke 21:29-end	Exodus 1:8-2:10 , Matt 16:13-20
24 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 9:1-14 , Luke 22:1-13	2 Samuel 3:12-end , Acts 6
25 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 9:15-10:1 , Luke 22:14-23	2 Samuel 5:1-12 , Acts 7:1-16
26 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 29:15-28 , Matt 13:31-33,44-52	2 Samuel 6:1-19 , Acts 7:17-43
27 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 10:1-16 , Luke 22:24-30	2 Samuel 7:1-17 , Acts 7:44-53
28 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 10:17-end , Luke 22:31-38	2 Samuel 7:18-end , Acts 7:54-8:3
29 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 11 , Luke 22:39-46	2 Samuel 9 , Acts 8:4-25
30 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 12 , Luke 22:47-62	Exodus 3:1-15 , Matt 16:21-end
31 <sup>st</sup>	1 Samuel 13:5-18 , Luke 22:63-end	

# DAILY PRAYER

## Ordinary Time

### Opening Prayer of thanksgiving

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you heavens, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

O people of God bless the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit,

Bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart. **Amen.**

The readings for the day may be found on page 18

### Prayers of intercession are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

### The Collect

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:

Fill your Church with faith and hope;

For a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open

In our saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father , who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory,

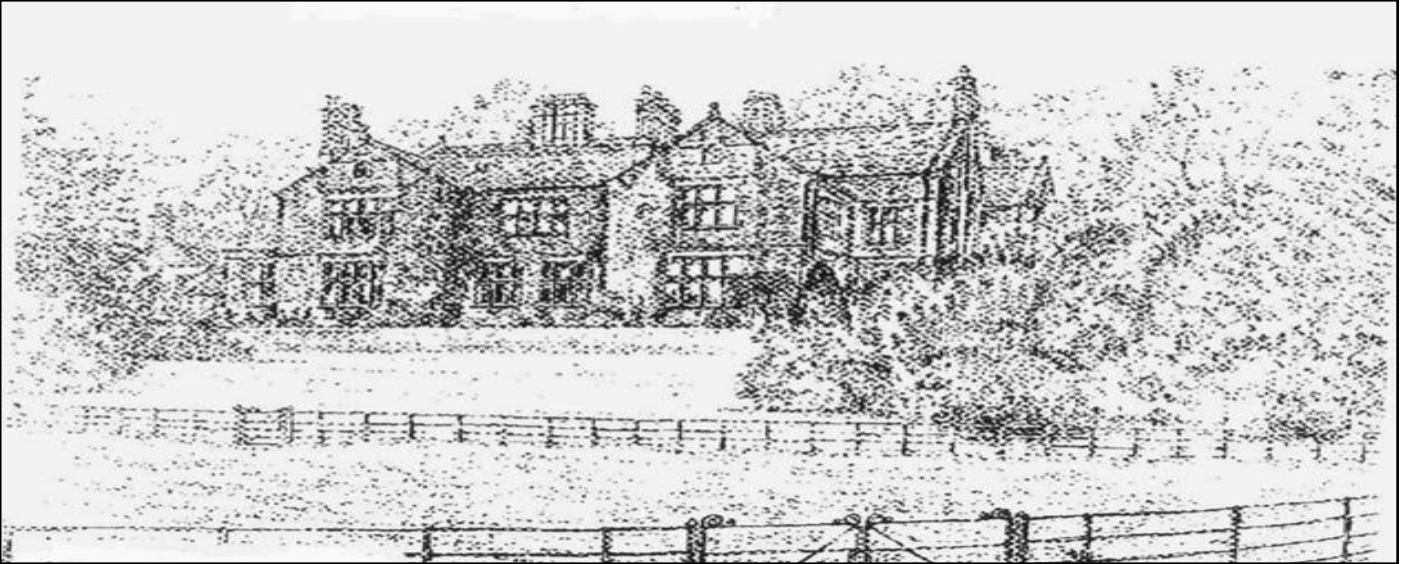
Forever and ever. **Amen.**

### Closing prayers

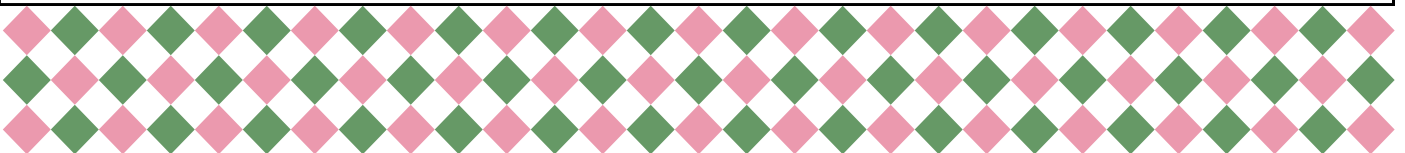
The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the lord, thanks be to God, **Amen.**

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## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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

Baptisms - We welcome you into the Lord's family

Funerals - May they rest in peace

June Hinchcliffe

Jean Thorpe

David Lace

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

### **200 CLUB June winners:**

065	£100	Miss B. Hirst
978	£10	Mrs. P. Murgatroyd
189	£10	Mrs. S. Hirst
919	£10	Vacant Number
205	£10	Mr. T. Barrett

### **July winners:**

449	£50	Mrs. B. Jennings
011	£10	Mr. B. Hanson
952	£10	Mrs. S. Priestley
762	£10	Mrs. V. White
963	£10	Mrs. C. Norcliffe

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, C Moulson 850171



### **Meltham Churches Together** **'Praying with and for our community'**

Wednesdays 10 - 10.30am

July 1 <sup>st</sup>	(St Mary's)
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	( Quaker)
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	(Christ Church)
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	(Baptist)
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	( St. Bart's)

August 5 <sup>th</sup>	( Methodist)
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	(St James)
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	(Catholic)
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	(St Mary's)

### **Join in prayer from home**

Please note ALL services are currently suspended but usually held in St Bartholomew's Church.

### **THE CASSOCK**

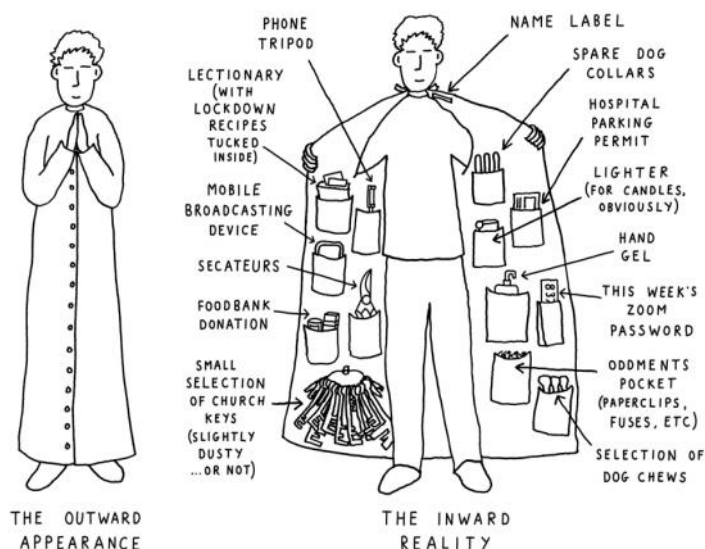


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## Helme Hall

Usually have their service of

### Holy Communion

On the forth Thursday of the month,  
at 2.00pm in the lounge.



Once this is resumed,  
all will be welcome

## Greenacres

The following services are  
currently paused.

### Songs of Praise

Usually takes place on the second  
Tuesday in the month at 1.30pm

### Holy Communion

Usually take place on the forth  
Tuesday in the month at 1.30pm  
Once resumed all will be welcome


## Bell House Report

We are still unable to visit as they  
are still in lockdown so please pray  
for the residents and staff there that  
they keep well and don't feel too  
isolated. I am sure they and the  
people at Green Acres and Helme  
Hall would appreciate a card or a  
letter to show we are thinking about  
them or the children could draw a  
picture to send to them - they would  
love that.

## Bell House

Holy Communion service has  
been paused, this usually takes  
place on the first Wednesday of  
the month at 10.30am, in the  
Lounge.

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## Parish Working Party

On Saturday 27th June a group of volunteers did some fantastic work at clearing some green space at Christ Church, Helme.



**Saturday 12th July** will be the next date to bring your gardening gloves (a flask) and join in. Meeting at **Christ Church, Helme at approx. 9.30am.** Whether your younger or older, regular at church or not you will be very welcome to work together to help keep our churches looking their best.

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## **An update on our online services – stressful or what!**

During the continued Covid-19 situation, we have continued to have a weekly Parish Communion Service online. However, as the lockdown measures were eased, and access to the church buildings was allowed (albeit on a restricted basis) we decided to try and conduct the services in church and do a live broadcast – the aim being to ease the burden on putting the services together which was very time consuming and to also give them a more normal and familiar feel. Cue another steep learning curve!.....

There were many questions to answer and challenges to overcome including:

- Finding which software was suitable for doing a live stream.
- Obtaining a suitable mobile SIM with a large amount of data (though we were not sure how much we'd actually need).
- Working out how to do a livestream to our Parish YouTube channel.
- Testing the mobile signal strength at each of our churches and whether it was good enough for a live stream by doing some test broadcasts beforehand.
- Experimenting to get the music and hymns to sound ok (they were very intermittent initially).
- Finding an easy way to also display the service words for people to follow.
- How to make Rev'd John look good for the camera (this was left to Fiona!) 😊

After much testing and research during the previous week, we came to do our first live service at St Bartholomew's as this seemed to have a good phone signal. On the Sunday morning, we soon found that what worked ok on one day, wasn't bound to work the next! The mobile signal was weaker, and the computer decided it wouldn't connect to the mobile wi-fi hotspot. We ended up having to use an iPad strapped to a tripod with parcel tape (which created a comedy squeak every time the camera was moved to view the screen with the words on) and also use a mobile that was on a different network. We later found that there was a phone mast down in Meltham.

The next week, we tried at St Mary's up at Wilshaw. Again, everything was tested and worked well the day before, but on the Sunday morning, the same thing happened again – the signal was weaker, and then 4 minutes into the live broadcast, we lost the signal altogether. We were eventually able to re-start the service using Rev'd John's phone signal. We really were on a wing and a prayer as we didn't know if he had enough data allowance, or whether he had enough battery. Fortunately it lasted for the duration of the service – (just) though the picture sometimes froze and we had to abandon displaying the service words. After the initial panic that after spending an hour recording the service, it appeared to have been lost – though we were able to retrieve it (phew!). There was much confusion for all those who had tuned in as we had to re-issue the link to view it.

So, onto week 3 and we decided to try up at Helme. However, our trials showed that the phone signal was too weak, and not good enough. The signal at St James' was also found to be worse so it was back to St Bartholomew's. We decided to start the service 30 minutes earlier than the advertised time so that we could deal with any technical issues which might present themselves. Fortunately, it went smoothly, other than again having to use an alternative mobile network as the mast had gone down again!

So, to summarise, doing online church continues to be time consuming, and is quite stressful dealing with all the technical issues thrown at us – especially when we are broadcasting live, but it will get easier – won't it?

We could write a book!

Simon Ball

# MELTHAM PARISH CHURCH HALL DIARY

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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Women's Institute (Not see below)	7.30p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Pennine Borders Flower Club	7.15 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Over 60's Club	2 p.m.

## SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Doors open 9.30 a.m.

## OTHER BOOKINGS

The Church Hall is for the use of the whole community.

Please contact the Booking Secretary on the number below for details and rates.

ALL ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS FOR THE CHURCH HALL MUST BE MADE  
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## Staying Connected

Want to keep connected while social distancing?

Here are some reminders on how to keep up to date with what is available to you.

If you have access to email then why not subscribe to the parish website? You will receive an email when new things are posted to the website like the latest service from Rev John or this magazine for example. So just head over to:

**www.melthamparish.co.uk** find where you can enter your email address and click 'subscribe' it will send you an email immediately with a link for you to confirm. You will then start to receive all the latest news & updates (You can unsubscribe at any time) check your spam or junk folder if you don't receive the email.

### Meltham.org

A collaboration of people from, local organisations, the Church and Town Council, coordinated through the Crossroads Centre.

It offers advice, help and support for people in isolation. For more

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The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

**"Meltham Church at Home!"** is a WhatsApp group for people to share thoughts, encouragement and prayer or even photos to brighten up your day. You won't feel alone with over 60 others in the group! (You don't have to be a member of a church to join) To gain access download the app and contact the group admin Nigel Priestly on: **07885 430085** to be included.



'Zoom' is a video conferencing app been used by St Mary's, Wilshaw for weekly **Sunday morning services at 11.15**. To gain access download the app onto a device that has a microphone and a camera, such as a tablet or mobile.

If you would like to go on the mailing list to get the zoom link for our services please contact Jacqueline on 01484 663867 or email [Jacqueline.france@interface.com](mailto:Jacqueline.france@interface.com)

**Note:** This is video so make sure you've brushed your hair! Also be aware people can hear what you are saying and doing, so we can be altogether.

Have a facebook account? Follow or 'like' us to get notifications. Share posts on your own timeline or invite other people you know to follow us too.



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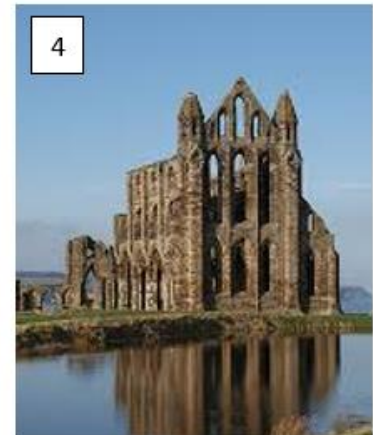
Out and about (whilst staying in!)

Where in the world were these pictures taken?



Can you unscramble these Meltham street names?

1. Loathed wisteria
2. Helen meal
3. Aaren hewed oddness
4. Clothes ebb
5. Conger elders



We might not be sitting on a beach right now but we can still have an ice cream! This recipe from BBC Good Food is very simple and requires little effort:

- ½ a 397g can sweetened condensed milk
- 600ml pot double cream
- 1 tsp vanilla extract



Put the condensed milk, cream and vanilla into a large bowl. Beat with an electric whisk until thick. Add in any flavouring. Scrape into a freezer container or a large loaf tin, cover with cling film and freeze until solid.

Or make ice lollies with fruit juice, blended fruit or veg, yoghurt, squash or lemonade – whatever works! If you don't have ice lolly moulds you can use anything similar such as empty yoghurt pots with a teaspoon 'stick'. Pour in the mixture and freeze until solid. Enjoy!

If you make anything please send us your pictures to the 'Meltham Church at Home' WhatsApp group as we'd love to see!

ANSWERS: Street names: 1. Slaithwaite Road 2. Helme Lane 3. Wessenden Head Road 4. The Cobbles 5. Colders Green. Where in the world? 1. Berlin 2. New York 3. Rio de Janiero 4. Whitby

<sup>1</sup> BBC Good Food (2020). *No-churn ice cream*. Accessed from <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/no-churn-ice-cream> on 23/06/2020.

# Fiona's Family Pages

## **ZOOM Services for July**

5<sup>th</sup> July 1.15am – Holy Communion  
12<sup>th</sup> July 6pm – Evening service  
19<sup>th</sup> July 11.15am – Service of the Word  
26<sup>th</sup> July 11.15am – Service of the Word

## **ZOOM Services for August**

2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 11.15am – Holy Communion  
9<sup>th</sup> Aug 6pm – Evening service  
16<sup>th</sup> Aug 11.15am – Service of the Word  
23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 11.15am – Service of the Word  
30<sup>th</sup> Aug 11.15am – Family Service

The times for Aug are still to be confirmed, please see the Parish website for more info and login details or contact Jacqueline on: 01484 663867



## **Parish Quiz Night**

Saturday 6th June was the first Parish Quiz night on Zoom. It was a great night, each church put together a set of questions aimed at all ages. The final set of questions came from Simon, a music round with included his electric organ. This was personally my favourite round as we seemed to score more points!

After going so long not seeing many faces it was lovely to see so many enjoying a relaxed time together, albeit over a screen. Thank you to all involved.

## **Could you contribute to Meltham Food Bank?**

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Drop into the bins at Morrisons or the Coop. Fresh & frozen vegetables, welcome but these must be delivered to the centre only.

### **Financial donations are also welcome.**

These can be posted through the centre door. If you want your financial donation it to be specifically for the foodbank please label it clearly.



Centre opening hours: **Mon - Fri 10.00 to 12.30.**

## The Meltham Shoe Box Team

### Teams 4 U (T4U)

Shoe boxes will go to children this year in November. There may not be many, but all will be special.

At present, our plan is **not** to open our normal Friday meetings.

In October a few invited folks will social distance at St James and fill the wrapped boxes we already have, with our stock of fillers. We are aware that many of folk are knitting and crafting at home and there will be an opportunity for us to collect your donations or you can bring them to St James on a date yet to be arranged.

Those organisations filling boxes will be able to have them collected as normal but I do not envisage the hire of a van this year. Those of you that are willing can use your own cars.

T4U have produced a lovely video, suitable for schools, churches and those home schooling children. Please go to <https://teams4u.com/shoebox2020/>

I have some wool, cards to write and craft materials which I am willing to drop off to anyone who gets in touch.

What we do is for the children, wherever they may be!!

Judith Powell



The following information is taken from the Teams4U website:

**[Teams4u.com/shoebox2020](https://teams4u.com/shoebox2020)**

Here are some ideas about putting together a shoebox for this year. With extra time on your hands this is an ideal time for making and collecting things for a shoebox that the whole family can be involved in that will make a difference in a child's life.

### What to put in your box?

#### Practical Supplies

Toothbrush & Toothpaste  
(yes, it is now accepted)  
Hairbrush/comb  
Facecloth and soap  
Stationery/Pens/Pencils/Paper  
Gloves/hats/scarves  
Craft Pack  
Sewing kit  
Drawstring bag

#### A few small gifts

A soft toy &/or plastic toy  
Ball  
Game  
Puzzle  
Bubbles (wrapped in polythene)  
Hair bobbles/ head band  
Musical Instrument i.e harmonica/recorder  
A photo of yourself  
Christmas Card



### **But please NONE of these:**

No medicines, No food (except chocolate & sweets), No 'military themed' toys or clothing, No dangerous items such as knives or razors, No novels (picture books & colouring books are OK)

### Your shoebox is now full, now what?

Print off and fill in a donation slip and label. You can download a donation slip and a boy or girl label from their website, (See above) or speak with Judith Powell.

Attach a cheque or some cash. Please include £2.50 in an envelope and attach to the inside of the shoebox lid or you can donate online. If you are eligible for gift aid please tick the box on the donation slip as this will increase your donation to £3.12



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# **Photos from around the Parish**



All these photos have been taken whilst out for a walk around Meltham.

Can you guess where any of these may have been taken?





## The Church buildings are reopening.

### However...

Our reopening will need to be controlled and restrained, carefully thought through, cautious, and above all else safe. The first opening times will be:

**July 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 St Bartholomew's, 10:30 St James**

**July 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 St Bartholomew's, 10:30 St James**

These will be prayer services and will last about 30 minutes and will not include Communion or hymns. We will have to stay within a safe capacity of around 30 people in each service and if this capacity is reached, we will sadly have no choice but to turn people away.

