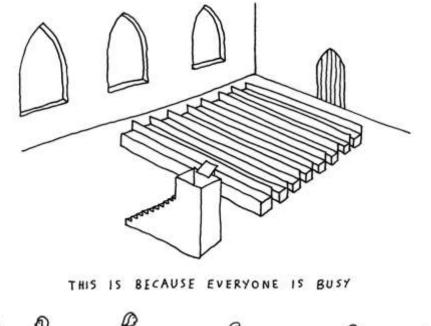
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## **Staying Connected**

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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 <u>Jacqueline.france@interface.com</u>

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#### Coronavirus Outbreak Prayer.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful. and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### A note from the editor ...

Hello!

Welcome to February's edition of the magazine which we have managed to get printed for you. So if you need a copy for your friends please do collect from the usual distribution points.

In this edition you will find updates from the Crossroads and details of their new initiative to brighten up the shop window. There is an interesting information about postal slogans (pg 25) Also the new daily prayers for Lent, the Churches may be closed but God still listens!

As always a thank you to those who have contributed but we still need <u>more content for next month</u>, so send in how you've been creative or those jokes or stories you've heard or the poems you've written to help keep this magazine going and bring a smile to readers faces.

The next deadline will be:

#### Friday 19th February

Send your submissions via:

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God Bless

Fiona.

#### **Meltham Prayer Chain**

Meltham Prayer chain has representatives from every church in Meltham and serves to pray for any need or difficulty.

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#### Letter from your Vicar.

Lent will soon be upon us, and I have been looking at the advice and guidance produced by the Church of England and the government relating to some of our usual activities and celebrations during the coming seasons of Lent and Easter.

Much of this has become "normal" or expected now. Yet, if these things had been suggested a little over a year ago, they would have been considered farcical at best. Of course, I have no wish to disagree with them, and I fully support and understand the need for us to take great care in everything we do but, if this is the new normal then it doesn't feel very normal to me.

Though, perhaps we should pause for a moment and consider. Many of our normal practices as Christians probably don't seem very normal to those outside of the Church. Burning last years palm crosses and mixing them with oil to make the sign of a cross on our heads at an Ash Wednesday communion may seem just as strange as, the now recommended, sprinkling of dry ashes from an appropriate distance. Using bread and wine to represent Jesus's body and blood does require some explanation, and the desire to share a common cup is a particular issue at the moment.

The desire to gather in numbers to pray, sing songs and share acts of worship, and signs of our fellowship are all expressions of our communion in Christ and our oneness as his body. None of these are easy at the moment. And, though some of the new things have help us to think through what is really important, these strange ways often leave me wondering whether to laugh or cry.

That mixture of joy, sorrow, and confusion is in fact just right for lent. Throughout lent Christians consider both the pain and suffering of Jesus on Good Friday, and the sorrow that it is our own sin which made his sacrifice necessary. At the same time, we can't help but acknowledge the joy that we feel in knowing that through this act of his sacrifice we are forgiven and restored into relationship with our God.

Perhaps its only right that we have this mixture of emotions. Perhaps the main thing is that we allow ourselves to feel them. I believe that, in the feeling of both joy and sorrow, in the acceptance of our confusion and frustration, we can find a place where we know that we can't work it all out on our own. If, in that place, we are willing to turn to God then I am certain he will meet us there. I can't promise that in that place we will find all the answers we might like. But, in Jesus, we will find a God that we can trust to have the answers that we need, and the grace and love not to mind that we don't understand them.

God bless

Reverend John Dracup (Vicar)





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# CROSSROADS CENTRE

As I was wondering how to start my news from the Crossroads Project this month I recalled these words of Joe Biden during his inauguration speech on the 20<sup>th</sup> January.

It has been a difficult year and it felt like a hopeful message.

It has been like that at the Crossroads, there have been many challenges, but all faced (most of the time!) with good humour and positivity.

For the Foodbank it has been a time of Transformation which has given many of us so much pleasure.

A great team effort by Brays Building Contractors completely transformed our small Foodbank in the basement of the Crossroads Centre to a lovely workable space. With lights, windows and doors, adequate ventilation, storage space and a clean safe hygienic environment to work in. It has been a pleasure to see this transformation.

Our lovely band of volunteers can now safely prepare and deliver parcels to meet the growing demand in these difficult times. The space enabled us this year to get ready for Christmas preparing hampers and gifts.

We are constantly looking for new ways of reaching out to those in need and are looking forward to supplying prepared meals for those still not able to leave their homes due to Covid 19

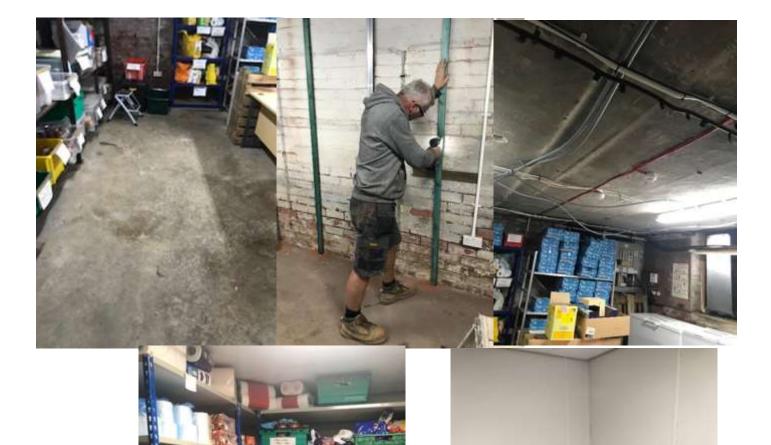
When speaking about the Wedding in Canaan Rev'd John reminded us that however difficult things are, when Jesus turned the water in to Wine it was 'New Wine, Better wine and Abundant wine which was given to the wedding guests.

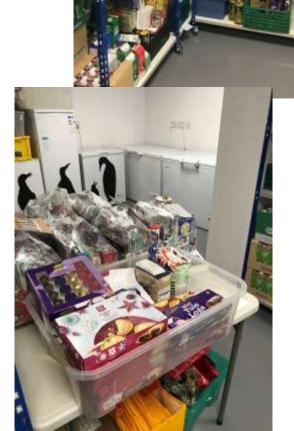
As we seek to discover the way froward for the Crossroads project we look forward to seeing where Jesus will lead and how best we can use the resources we have been given.

Thanks for all your prayers and support.

Sue and the Crossroads Team

(Photos of the refurbishment)







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#### News from The Food Bank.

And My God Will Provide All Your Needs According To His Glorious Riches In Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19.

In the December issue of this magazine I reported on the fantastic and generous pulling together of the community in Meltham to meet the needs of those who would have gone hungry and children who would not have had Christmas presents, in our community.

Due to the publication deadlines I wrote this before Christmas, we are thrilled to report that, in addition to our normal foodbank service, and December was another month were demand increased. Families were provided with hampers of food; Children presents and single clients a pre cooked 3 course Christmas Dinner. It is my vision that we are known for our generosity as I believe this reflects the heart of God, and thanks to our fantastic village we are.

Several of our clients expressed that they were overwhelmed, by the generosity. Many commenting on how nice the meal was.

One our clients who has had more than his share of challenges in life. Told us he was able to cook his Christmas dinner in his oven for the first time. The second-hand cooker and washing machine being provided by a government agency, was just delivered. They were connected by one of our suitably experienced volunteers otherwise they would have been useless.

It was with a heavy heart and some degree of fear and dread that I listened to the prime minister telling us on 4<sup>th</sup> January that we were to be lockdown again. I dreaded being in the situation of the first Lockdown, when like everybody else we queued for hours to get the basics for our clients.

Unfortunately, several of our volunteer team, rightly felt unable to continue as frontline volunteers. From the joy of our provision at Christmas I found myself thinking I can't do this again. My prayer was, "God we need your help, how are we going to manage?"

God has certainly answered, more volunteers have come forward and stepped up, to keep the team up to strength. We continue to have our needs met and have been able to meet the sadly increasing demand.

We thank God for his continued protection. Although we do try to be responsible and safe, working so closely together does present its challenges. Not one member of the team has been, infected with Covid. We have really relied on Gods protection, the effect of having to close the centre on so many would be devastating. We are truly grateful to both God and all our, volunteers, many supporters both individuals and business' we do not take the goodwill of the Meltham Community for granted.

Please continue to stand with us with both your support and prayers for our provision and protection, as we continue to battle the evils of Co Vid poverty and need.

Debbie and the Foodbank Team

#### Please contribute to Meltham Food Bank

#### They especially need the following items:

Sugar, s s long life milk, tinned veg, tinned fruit, rice pudding, soup, rice, noodles, pasta sauce, custard, cereals, tinned meat, tinned pasta meals, Jams, pet food, washing powder, washing up liquid, shampoo, shaving cream & shower gel.

Drop into the bins at Morrisons or the Coop. Fresh & frozen veg welcome but these <u>must</u> be delivered to the <u>centre only</u>.



#### Financial donations are also welcome.

Post through the centre door, labelled clearly 'Food bank'. Mon - Fri 10-12.30.

## Church Working Group

Welcome aboard Irene!

For those that have been following our efforts you will know that the Score so far is CoVid 4 Groundwork group 0

That's right CoVid has manged to scupper our last 4 planned activities. But we will be back and beat it. There is lots of opportunities for you to get onboard and... GOOD NEWS IRENE HARROP has kindly agreed to act as our administrator/ coordinator.

Without hard Work, nothing grows but & Weeds. & Gordon B. Hinckley

So if you or anyone you know fancies having some fun getting their hands dirty, please pass your details to Irene who can be contacted on 01484 664163 or email <u>irene.harrop@hotmail.co.uk</u> and she will keep you updated with news and dates of our activities.

Thanks Mike Still

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Most of us struggle to pray. I certainly do. In 2019 I bought a copy of "How to Pray" by Pete Greig published by Hodder and Stoughton. I put it on the book shelf and didn't look at it till 2020. It's described as "a Simple guide for normal people" – and that's exactly what it is. The book works on the basis that everyone prays. But no one finds it easy – we all need a little help. Most of struggle to pray. I certainly do. In 2019 I bought a copy of "How to Pray" by Pete Greig published by Hodder and Stoughton. I put it on the book shelf and didn't look at it till 2020. It's described as "a Simple guide for normal people" – and that's exactly what it on the book shelf and didn't look at it till 2020. It's described as "a Simple guide for normal people" – and that's exactly what it is. The book works on the basis that everyone prays. But no one finds it easy – we all need a little help.

I worked my way slowly through it and found every chapter full of treasure. It works its way through the Lord's Prayer and is both easy to understand and very practical.

I then found that there is a Course based on the book called "The Prayer Course" lead by Pete Greig. The sessions can be watched on YouTube.

The Prayer Course is split into eight sessions:

#### 1 Why Pray? 2 Adoration 3 Petition 4 Intercession 5 Unanswered Prayer 6 Contemplation 7 Listening 8 Spiritual Warfare

I thought about doing the course in the Parish by Zoom and wondered if others might like to join. To my great pleasure 19 people have taken part since we launched the Course in November 2020. We did the first four topics in 2020 and started the next 4 in January 2021. I think we have all learnt from the course and from each other. As one contributor wrote, "I feel comfortable giving my views in the group – and don't feel judged." Another wrote "I shall keep wrestling." Another: "Loving this course and very special to share with you all."

There are participants from across Meltham and beyond. Two colleagues from my work have dipped in.

Prayer not only changes us, it changes situations. God answers prayer. If you think – "That's fine, but how do we pray", I'm more than happy to run another Prayer Course later in 2021 if there is a demand. Please contact me if you are interested.

Nigel Priestly

(For more information please go to: prayercourse.org)



Ordanary Time, until 16th Feb

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

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

#### The readings for the day may be found on page 19

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.** 

# **Daily Prayer**

#### **Opening prayer of thanksgiving**

Lent 17th Feb onwards

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory forever.

In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. **Amen.** 

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#### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,

You hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:

Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we,

Worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness,

May receive from you, the God of all mercy,

Perfect remission and forgiveness;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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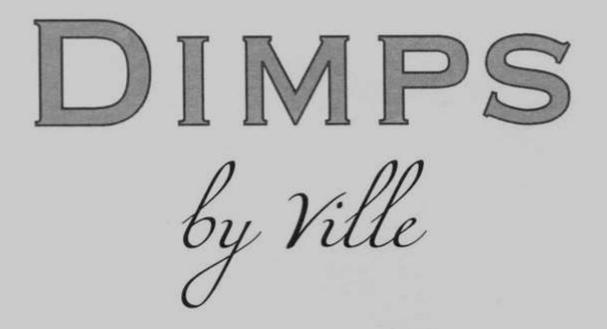
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## Daily Bible Readings for the month of February

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hosea 9	1 Corinthians 12:12-end
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hosea 10	1 Corinthians 13
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	John 17:20-end
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesiastes 3:16-end of 4	John 18:1-11
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesiastes 5	John 18:12-27
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesiastes 6	John 18:28-end
7 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	Proverbs 8:1, 22-31	John 1:1-14
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesiastes 7:1-14	John19:1-16
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesiastes 7:15-end	John 19:17-30
10 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesiastes 8	John 19:31-end
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesiastes 9	John 20:1-10
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8	John 20:11-18
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesiastes 11:9-end of 12	John 20:19-end
14 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	2 Kings 2:1-12	Mark 9:2-9
15 <sup>th</sup>	Jeramiah 1	John 3:1-21
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jeramiah 2:1-13	John 3:22-end
17 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19	1 timothy 6:6-19
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jeramiah 2:14-32	John 4:1-26
19 <sup>th</sup>	Jeramiah 3:6-22	John 4:27-42
20 <sup>th</sup>	Jeramiah 4:1-18	John 4:43-end
21 <sup>st</sup> (Sun)	Genesis 9:8-17	Mark 1:9-15
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeramiah 4:19-end	John 5:1-18
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeramiah 5:1-19	John 5:19-29
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jeramiah 5:20-end	John 5:30-end
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jeramiah 6:9-21	John 6:1-15
26 <sup>th</sup>	Jeramiah 6:22-end	John 6:16-27
27 <sup>th</sup>	Jeramiah 7:1-20	John 6:27-40
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#### St Mary's Report

As Elizabeth and Peter were self isolating the Service of the Word held on 20th December took place on zoom only. Rev John Dracup led the worship and gave the talk. The fourth candle on the advent wreath, representing the Virgin Mary, was lit and a prayer offered. Rev John reminded us that when the Angel Gabriel told Mary she was about to be the mother of the Son of God she said yes. Jacqueline France read the lessons and ran zoom, Elizabeth Pearson played the keyboard and prepared the power point presentation and Kim Howe led us in prayer. It was good to welcome a good number of people to the service, especially Cheryl from Australia and best wishes were expressed for a happy and peaceful Christmas despite the strange times we are living in.

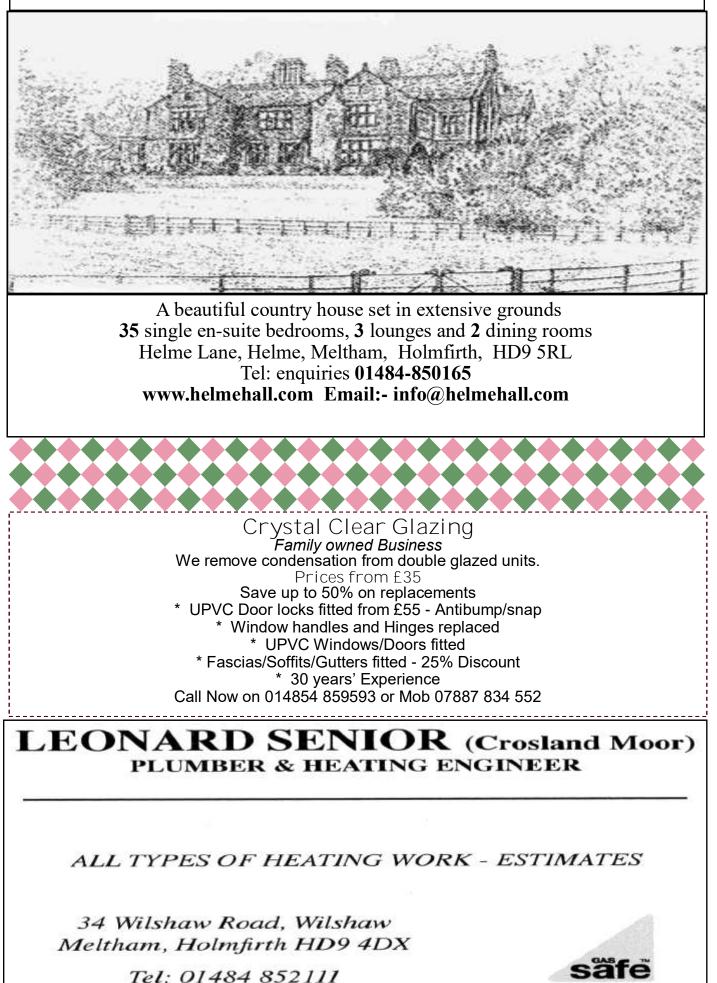
On Christmas Day Rev Judy Kenworthy led a service of Holy Communion on zoom. Jacqueline ran the zoom presentation, Elizabeth played keyboard and Kim led our prayers. One of the carols took the form of a video that we could sing along to and the children showed us their favourite present. Rev Judy gave the talk and spoke about how Jesus is God with us and of how He offers us hope and the gift of eternal life. Rev John joined us for the last part of the service and wished us all a happy Christmas.

The following Sunday (27th) there was no service in church but we were able to share in a pre-recorded service on line. On 3rd January 2021 - the first Sunday of the new year Lay leader Jacqueline France led a Service of the Word on zoom. We thought about our new calendars and of how they are used to plan our time. Jacqueline reminded us that God has a plan and that the Three Wise Men who visited Jesus were part of that plan. God only wants good for us and that should give us hope when things go wrong in our lives. Mary Greenwood read the lessons and Peter Harvey led the prayers. Elizabeth and Peter provided the music on keyboard and flute for the three carols we sang.

The following Sunday there was a Holy Communion service on zoom. This was led by Rev Judy Kenworthy who based her talk on "New Beginnings" The reading from Genesis, chapter 1, told us how God made a new beginning as He began His work of creation. The reading from St Mark's Gospel told us about Jesus' Baptism which marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry on earth and we thought about our own baptisms and the New year and of how these special times mark a new start - a new beginning. Rev Judy reminded us that as we face an unknown future we can do so by knowing that we are loved and saved by our wonderful and amazing God. Tim read the lessons, Jacqueline offered prayers and Elizabeth and Peter provided the music. Despite one or two technical hitches, which do happen sometimes don't they, we managed to finish the service and then plans were made for the production of a welcome pack to give to new families moving into the village and for the resumption of "Care and Share" meetings- beginning on Tuesday 12th January at 6.15pm.

The funeral of Michael Taylor of 4 The Avenue, Wilshaw took place at Parkwood, Elland on Monday 11th January. Michael and his family have lived in Wilshaw since the 1970's and he was well known and well liked. We send our sympathy and love to his family.

#### HELME HALL CARE HOME



### 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

Michael Taylor

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

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- 816 £10 Mrs. C. Ward

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#### **BELL HOUSE REPORT**

Hopefully the residents and carers will soon have received their covid vaccinations and will be better protected from this awful virus. We continue to hold them in our prayers and hope that this Year will be a better and healthier one for us all.

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#### POSTAL SLOGANS

Many years ago an elderly relative (knowing I had an interest in stamp collecting) gave me an album of postal slogans he had collected. At that time, beyond a cursory glance I had not looked at the album. However, now with an abundance of time at home I perused them. Postal slogans were first introduced in 1918 and had national coverage on envelopes bearing the words "Buy National War Bonds Now" and "Feed the Guns with War Bonds." Through the century slogans pan UK and especially in this pandemic, appropriate messages continue to adorn envelopes. Others are more localised and arrangements can be made with Royal Mail for this facility.

Here are some from the album, which in particular caught my attention. "British Goods are Best" from 1926 and a similar one from February 1968, "I'm Backing Britain." Amazing, in a way that we, us, the government should have to say this, but when, like others, I look at goods and provisions we buy it is hard to find a UK stamp of origin. In September 1926 there appeared "Say it by Telephone." Saying it by such means nowadays does not need promoting and perhaps what should be encouraged is for folk to pick up a pen and write a letter, but that is old fashioned. Another one from 1968 "Check Your Tyres Before the Law Does." 1946 bore the words "30 Years National Savings, 1916-1946." In the same year a plea to the nation during food rationing , "Don't waste Bread Others Need It." Many of these imploring the nation with contemporary messages are considered necessary.

"Civil Defence is Common Sense," a catchy message from October 1958. CD was scrapped probably 40 years ago. (somebody out there will remember the date and may well have been involved as a member). A national one that appeared in 1972 and is still doing good work "To Preserve a Heritage, Historic Churches Trust." One from USA in March 1962 was rather touching, if these days one word is rather dated. It read "At Easter help Crippled Children, Milwaukee, Wisconsin." On the theme of flight, June 1949 "Fly British Airlines." This was a time when package flights and a multitude of airlines were none existent. The only UK rival I recall was British European Airlines (BEA). A message to celebrate a humanitarian effort was "Berlin Airlift 1948-49, when, led by the USA, a continuous drop of goods occurred to a besieged West Berlin. A notable British flight achievement was

commemorated in 1969 with "Manchester Airport Salutes Alcock and Brown 1919-1969. First Atlantic Flight by two Manchester Men." Our own county gem "Yorkshire Holiday Paradise, Whitby, Scarborough and Filey, 1975."

On the reorganisation of Local Government in 1974, "Sowerby Bridge U D C, 1856 - 1974, Bids You Farewell."

An amusing one in 1974 was "Robin Hood held his Conferences in Nottingham. Why don't you?"

Recently we have seen the national slogan using Captain Sir Tom Moore's words endorsed on Royal Mail.

These are a mere handful of thousands and thousands. I'm sure like me when you receive a letter, (which is rare these days) as well as trying to identify the writing on the envelope you look at the post mark and any slogan. Interested?

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# **HD9 Club** The HD9 Club is continuing to meet together on zoom although they did have a break over Christmas. On Friday 8th January they enjoyed a games night and played "What If?" and a variation on "Kims Game" - instead of seeing what was missing from a tray full of objects they had to see what had been removed or added to a person e.g. an earing, sunglasses, hair slide, lipstick etc. They also had a good catch up on one another's news and listened to some of the music on their play list.

#### "CARE AND SHARE"

This group have decided to meet up again, on zoom, during this third lockdown and had their first get together on Tuesday 12th January. They enjoyed a Quiz and planned some future meetings to help keep spirits up and to share friendship.
For more info please contact Jacqueline France 01484 663867

#### How's Home schooling going?

Here is one question that took 3 members of the family to try and figure out. Hope you manage it better than us!

Use the digits to complete the calculation. The divisor is greater than 6.

Do you have any good jokes or even home school questions that have baffled you? Please do share them so we can all feel your pain in home schooling. Above all, remember you are doing an amazing job under difficult circumstances!

8, 4, 5, 7, 8, 3

Image: stand for P as in 'hiccough,'

If GH can stand for P as in 'hiccough,'

If OUGH can stand for O as in 'dough,'

If PHTH can stand for T as in 'phthisis,'

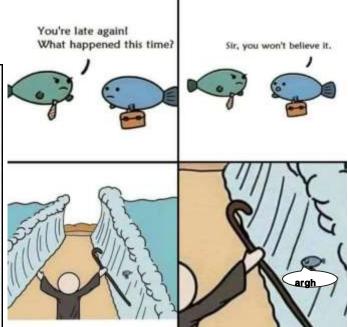
If EIGH can stand for A as in 'neighbour,'

If TTE can stand for T as in 'gazette,'

If EAU can stand for O as in 'plateau,'

Then the correct way to spell potato would be

GHOUGHPHTHEIGHTTEEAU.







# **Craft Creations**

Debbie Leach created these beautiful pot stands and frame prints for her family recently.





Fiona made this bean bag out of the off cuts from the shortened curtains in her daughters bedroom. She loves it!







Answer to the maths question (pg29): 38 / 8 = 4.75

# Not everything is locked down. REMEMBER



Sunrise is not locked down. Fresh Air is not locked down. Family time is not locked down. Friendship is not locked down.

Creativity is not looked down.

Prayers are not locked down.

Hobbies are not locked down.



Hopes and dreams are not locked down.

Kindness is not locked down.

Learning is not locked down.

Conversation is not locked down.

Imagination is not locked down.

Sunsets are not locked down.

Hope is not locked down.



#### Cherish what you have!

Stay at home and make the most of your time,

May you be Safe.

May you be happy and May you be well. Amen