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CHRIST THE KING

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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 May's edition of the magazine. Thank you to all those who have contributed to our new feature on Christian music (pg's 14-15) I hope you enjoy reading about how music impacts different people for different reasons. This feature will run into next month too so please do let us know your favourite.

On page 13 Pam tells us how she remembers getting a glimpse of Prince Philip and also looking forward to seeing her family again (pg 23). On the inside back cover I hope you enjoy learning about how St Mary's was originally decorated before the redecoration in the 1930's it really is an eye opener.

Finally, 'Thank you' to John Steel photography who have contributed the photos on the front page of St Bart's and the back page of St James' (if you look hard you might even be able to see Rev John)

The next deadline will be:

Monday 17th May

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God Bless, Fiona.

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Letter from your Vicar.

In my view, vaccinations are a wonderful thing and something for which we should all thank both God and all those involved. However, they do seem to have turned the pandemic sort of upside down. This disease is clearly ageist, and so for the most part the younger part of society has been asked to protect the older. Now, thanks to the wonder of the vaccine it seems that some of the younger people may be more vulnerable than some of the older. This is quite confusing.

Many things about the last year have been difficult to comprehend and many things still cause me to feel confused. I have not seen my parents in person since September. They are both vulnerable and so I have had to stay away to protect them but, it does feel a bit like “to protect them I’ve had to neglect them”. On 17th May, if the governments road map remains the same, I will finally be allowed into their home. This would seem to be our country finally returning to something a bit more “normal”.

I’m sure that everyone is hoping that this is true and that we will not see any substantial setbacks. In fact, I suspect that many who would not normally join me in Church would be willing to join me in praying for that.

The last year has seen people showing compassion, generosity, and kindness in ways that have been surprising to many. Faced with the challenges of lockdowns, we have shown that we are a caring nation.

Now we are faced with another challenge, perhaps even a greater challenge. How do we move forward? There will be those who are eager and those who are hesitant, some are frustrated, others are nervous or afraid, and some are exhausted.

The Bible encourages us to care for one another in bad times and when things are better. We are to be patient, to bear with each other. How we cared for one another over the last year when things were bad was important, but I think that how we care for one another over the next year as things improve (we pray) will be just as important and may even have a more lasting effect.

God bless

Reverend John Dracup (Vicar)



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Meltham Easter Son/Sunrise Service - 4th April 2021 **At the Cock Crowing Stone, Wessenden Head Road**



Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

It was cold and gloomy, but we waited with eager expectation, as the sun was set to rise at **6.33 a.m.** This was a happy day and service of celebration, for: Jesus Christ is risen today, and is now with us every day!



What a difference, half an hour makes - **c7.00a.m.** After sharing worship, our little band of pilgrims enjoyed socially distanced fellowship, the light and growing warmth of the sun and the beautiful countryside above Meltham, with distant views of Castle Hill, Huddersfield and beyond, beneath a clear blue sky. Light, like Jesus our Lord, is indispensable to mankind and all life on earth:



Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8.12

Up the hill, for a safe place to turn **c7.15** and what is this? Jesus has provided another sign of His light. There, still visible, sat the moon, catching and reflecting the light of the sun. A timely reminder of our job as Christians to catch and reflect the Son's light in the world. Let us pray:

Jesus, source of lustrous light, help me to catch and reflect Your radiance and glory in the world. Amen.

With love, stay safe, Rev'd Dennis x



CROSSROADS CENTRE



Such difficult times but also some memorable moments.

In the foodbank mini eggs, kindly donated bagged and ready to go out to all the Foodbank clients.

The Make Meltham Happy campaign which filled our windows and gave us so much pleasure.



Decorated Easter windows and handmade daffodils gave us Joy.

The opening of the shop on the 12th April. What a relief and lots of laughter, smiling supporters and happy staff!

These all remind us that 'Weeping may last for a night, but Joy comes in the morning, (Psalm 305)

In the Centre cream cakes in the morning and sometimes in the afternoon.

Deliveries from Tay trans who have been storing our excess food, thanks so much to them and their delivery men who made us smile.

Thank You to you all for your continued support prayer and encouragement as we enter this new phase as restrictions are lifted.



Foodbank News

Thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers and supporters, we were able to give easter parcels including easter eggs for both adults and children to 65 of our Families and clients. Each parcel also contained a Heart of Love and our Easter Card, with, the words of When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, printed on it. Our aim in the foodbank is to not only provide food but to demonstrate to our clients that they are valued and cared for when so often, being in need produces a sense of isolation and loneliness. We ask you to continue to hold the foodbank and its users in your prayers.

During March and April our demand has continued to be very high, although the number of food parcels has not increased, we are seeing the number of Families compared to single people increase. Therefore, the amount of food being given out has increased significantly.

We continue to be in need of food donation. Currently we have high stocks of Pasta and rice, but we are in need of everything else. Including cleaning, personal care, and pet food products.

As usual I sincerely thank our volunteers and supporters.

Debbie.

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, noodles, cereals, pasta sauce, custard, 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 must be delivered to the centre only.

Financial donations are also welcome.



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



Crossroads Pop UP Shop

The next pop up shop is planned for Saturday 22nd May in the church hall.

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A SMILE FROM A PRINCE

This afternoon I sat alone in front of St Barts Church and listened to Peter tolling the tenor bell, half muffled for half an hour, followed by one minute's silence for the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. It was an eerie experience as for each toll of the bell, there was a muffled echo, which gave me goosebumps and brought back my own fond memories of Prince Philip.

He gave up his life in the military when his beloved wife, Princess Elizabeth, quite unexpectedly, became next in line to the throne, even though he had grown up in Greek royalty rather than British. I think I admired him most for the way he always spoke his mind, said what he first thought and often landed himself in deep water. (Much like me, I suppose).

My special, personal memory of him was during the Royal Tour for the Silver Jubilee in 1977 when they visited 'the north'. They were travelling from Liverpool to Salford along the East Lancashire Road, but cut through the small village of Boothstown, where we lived at the time. I ran a playgroup, but as soon as we finished the morning session, I took my daughter Alison, aged 4 yrs and her friend Stuart, aged 2 yrs down the road to where the royal vehicles were due to pass.

We waited and waited and then there was a commotion higher up the road and the first car appeared around the corner of the junction where we were standing. I picked Alison up in my left arm and Stuart in my right, balancing my 35mm camera between them, just as the beautiful black limo with the glass back came alongside. The Queen was on the farside of the rear of the car, waving to the crowds across the road from us, but Prince Philip was facing our side and as the car drew level, he looked straight at us, waved to the kids and gave us a beautiful smile. He was only about 6 feet from us (sorry kids, this is old money but it is about 2 metres). He probably thought 'Look at that poor woman with 2 such young children', but it was amazing even though the kids did not realise what all the fuss was about.

I did manage to snap off a few photos, but it was not easy with a child on each arm so I could not wait to get the 35mm film developed (this was the olden day, kids, no mobile phones then, no instant photos). When the day came for me to collect my printed photos from the chemist shop, I was told the manager wanted a word. He wanted to know how I had managed to take such a beautiful photograph of Prince Philip from so close. I was thrilled and cherished that photo for many years, but unfortunately it got lost with all our house moves. However this afternoon, while listening to the tolling of the bell, I closed my eyes and the picture came back into my memory as clear as it had been back in 1977 when I got a smile from a Prince.

We were so lucky to have had HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh to love and support our Queen Elizabeth for so long until the day he died. May he rest in peace.

By Pam Murgatroyd

What hymn or song sums up your Faith?

It's a hard question, isn't it?! During our lent group this year, we were talking about how we share our faith in God with others, how we find the right words (or sometimes choose wrong ones?)

Fiona and I were chatting and agreed that often the words that make the most sense for us are written by others in songs and hymns – so we thought you might like to have a think about the one that does it for you? I'll make a start...

You might not know the tune to this song (words and music by David Bilbrough). If you have the internet you can find a version on this link.

[https://www.invubu.com/music/show/song/Dave-Bilbrough/Who-Can-Ever-Say-\(Forever-More\).html](https://www.invubu.com/music/show/song/Dave-Bilbrough/Who-Can-Ever-Say-(Forever-More).html)

I've never sung this in a church anywhere I've lived, but it was a song that Josh (now 27) was taught at school when he was 4. It's also one of the few that I can play on the piano so it's a song we sung at home over and over when Josh and Helen lived at home. Of all the hymns and songs I love, I choose this for the words – it says everything I feel...

*Who can ever say they understand all the wonders of His masterplan, Christ came
down and gave himself to man, for evermore.
He was Lord before all time began, yet made himself a sacrificial lamb. Perfect love
now reconciled to man, for evermore.
For evermore, we'll sing the story of love come down.
For evermore, the king of glory, we will crown.
He is coming back to earth again, let every knee bow down before His name.
Christ is Lord, let thankful hearts proclaim – for evermore.*

If you have one to share either write a short piece and share with Fiona, or let me know and we can have a chat and I'll help you write it.

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'Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow'

You will probably know these are two lines of my favourite hymn 'Great is thy faithfulness'

Several years ago I could never sing this hymn without tears flowing. As a family we were going through a difficult time and strength for today was definitely something I needed and I wasn't always confident about the 'bright hope'. Light at the end of the tunnel seemed very unlikely and yet nothing is impossible for God. We are grateful that we did indeed see miracles in our family life and although life for all of us is not always straight forward. I can now sing with confidence 'Blessings all mine, with ten thousand besides'.

Sue

So much wonderful music written over the centuries has been inspired by words from the Bible, Hymns, Anthems, Oratorios etc, and selecting one has been particularly difficult for many reasons.

However one which has always been an inspiration and meant a lot to me has been "I was glad" by Hubert Parry, just to start singing with those three words is marvellous. Traditionally sung at the coronation of a British Monarch, the text consists of verses from Psalm 122.....".I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand in thy gates oh Jerusalem". The anthem begins with the orchestral or organ introduction, building up to an ever increasing crescendo before the choir enters singing three beautiful unaccompanied chords with such fervour and meaning in the words, it is quite overwhelming.

Hubert Parry wrote some wonderfully stirring music, also deeply moving music to passages from scripture;- Dear Lord and Father of Mankind - and Jerusalem written in 1916, to brace the spirit of the nation, and chosen by the WI are two songs people know and love.



Jean Collison

As a young child in the 60's with my teenage years in the 70's I was lucky to grow up in the best generation for secular music ever!! Then as a young Christian in the 80's experienced if not the best as, some of the older hymns must win. For me When I survey, along with I cannot tell why he who angels worship, How great though art, and Amazing grace. Must be in the top selection along with many other I could not choose a favourite! We definitely enjoyed the explosion of Christian music written then. With all the new choruses bring a new joy depth and expression to worship. It seems to me much recent Christian music is struggling to compete. But does every generation say that about the music of their youth?

Favourites of the 80's and 90's include, we can't call them new, they are now 40 to 30 years old! There is a Redeemer, Shine Jesus Shine, Majesty, Father God I wonder, When the music fades It's all about you Jesus, and Meekness and Majesty. Its only partly a joke when I tell my family, if I get to choose the music for my funeral, they will be there for 3 days!!

For me Christian music must lead to God in worship and adoration!! I am with Selwyn Hughes who said a Chorus is a bit like saying I love you, and giving my wife a quick kiss, but every so often you need a hymn, where you sit down or write her a love letter and tell her in depth how important to you she really is. Husbands reading this take note! Including note to myself!

Finally, I am always mindful of the saying Christians don't lie but they sing thousands, so I struggle with, Take my life and Let it be! Although I can go with the first line. I have to be honest, I cannot easily sing, and truthfully sing, 'Take my silver and my Gold not a mite would I withhold' I would like to be there but my faith ain't there yet!

Mike

Daily Prayer

Easter Season until 12th May

Opening prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made, and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.
Amen.

The reading for the day can be found on page 19

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

The Collect

God of life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 prayer

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve him with joy.
Amen.

Daily Prayer

Ascension & Pentecost

from 13th May

Opening prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, creator God, to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters bringing light and life to your creation, pour out your Spirit on us today that we may walk as children of light and by your grace reveal your presence.

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

Amen.

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The Collect

O God the King of Glory,

You have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

With great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

We beseech you, leave us not comfortless,

But send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our saviour Christ is gone before,

Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever. **Amen**

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Daily Bible Readings for the month of May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
1 st	Deuteronomy 15:1-18	Ephesians 6:10-end
2 nd (Sun)	Acts 8:26-end	John 15:1-8
3 rd	Deuteronomy 16:1-20	1 Peter 1:1-12
4 th	Deuteronomy 17:8-end	1 Peter 1:13-end
5 th	Deuteronomy 18:9-end	1 Peter 2:1-10
6 th	Deuteronomy 19	1 Peter 2:11-end
7 th	Deuteronomy 21:22-22:8	1 Peter 3:1-12
8 th	Deuteronomy 24:5-end	1 Peter 3:13-end
9 th (Sun)	Acts 10:44-end	John 15:9-17
10 th	Deuteronomy 26	1 Peter 4:1-11
11 th	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	1 Peter 4:12-end
12 th	Deuteronomy 28:58-end	1 Peter 5
13 th (Ascension Day)	Isaiah 52:7-end	Hebrews 7
14 th	Deuteronomy 29:2-15	1 John 1:1-2,6
15 th	Deuteronomy 30	1 John 2:7-17
16 th (Sun)	Acts 1:15-17,21-26	John 17:6-19
17 th	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	1 John 2:18-end
18 th	Deuteronomy 31:14-29	1 John 3:1-10
19 th	Deuteronomy 31:30-32, 14	1 John 3:11-end
20 th	Deuteronomy 32:15-47	1 John 4:1-6
21 st	Deuteronomy 33	1 John 4:7-end
22 nd	Deuteronomy 34	1 John 5
23 rd (Sun) Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27, 16:4-15
24 th	Job 1	Romans 1:1-17
25 th	Job 2	Romans 1:18-end
26 th	Job 3	Romans 2:1-16
27 th	Job 4	Romans 2:17-end
28 th	Job 5	Romans 3:1-20
29 th	Job 6	Romans 3:21-end
30 th (Sun) Trinity	Isaiah 6:1-8	John 3:1-17
31 st	Job 7	Romans 4:1-12

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St Mary's Report

Rev John Dracup took a Service of the Word on Sunday 21st March 2021. Lay Reader Jacqueline France hosted the zoom service and led the prayers and Kim Howe read the lessons. Rev John asked who liked going to the dentists and of course nobody did. Sometimes, however, if you have a broken or damaged tooth it is necessary to put things right. Rev John reminded us that Jesus came into the world because He loves us and He needed to put things right in our broken and damaged relationship with God. This was very costly to Jesus but never the less He chose to do it. Elizabeth provided the music and we sang three hymns. The 23rd March was designated a National Day of Reflection as we remembered the terrible loss of life caused by the corona virus pandemic. Many of us observed the minutes silence at 12noon and lit a candle at 8pm. We also planted a yellow rose in the Garden of Remembrance.

On Saturday 27th March we had a cleaning party in church to make sure all was clean and tidy and "covid safe" ready for re-opening.

The following day was Palm Sunday when Rev Judy Kenworthy was celebrant at a Holy Communion Service and blessed the Palm crosses. This service took place in church and it was the first one using our giant TV screen which is amazing. How good it was to be back in church and to welcome our friends on zoom as well. We had 7 Bible readings taking us from Palm Sunday to Good Friday as we quietly reflected, during the service, on the events of Holy Week. Our thanks go to our readers and to Elizabeth for the music and power point presentation. Kim offered prayers during which we remembered all those who have died from Covid over the last year. There was no talk but Rev Judy asked us to really think about all that our Lord Jesus endured because of God's great love for us.

On Easter Sunday there was a Holy Communion Service on zoom and in church. Lay Reader Jacqueline France led the first part of the service and gave the talk. We were encouraged to think about traditional Easter food such as lamb, hot cross buns, Simnel cake and Easter eggs and then Jacqueline explained their meanings. Rev Judy blessed the new Paschal candle, assisted by Peter and she was celebrant at the Eucharist. Shirley Langrick read the lesson and we watched a video account of the Resurrection story as recorded in St John's Gospel. Kim and Jacqueline shared the prayers and Elizabeth was organist. We congratulated Elizabeth and Peter on their 45th wedding anniversary and sang "Happy Birthday" for several people. We have supported the "Real Love Story of Easter" making some felt hearts and decorating a large cross and a tree in the churchyard. We also made some Easter cards and took them, along with some daffodils, up to "Bell House" for the residents and their carers. The following Sunday, 11th April we enjoyed a Service of the Word led by Rev John. At the beginning of the service we said a prayer, held a minutes silence in memory of HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh and watched a short video about his life. Rev John gave the talk reminding us that because God has shared His love with us, through Jesus, we also ought to share all that we have and that it is a privilege to do so. Kim offered prayers, John Andrews read the lessons and Elizabeth was organist.

We hope that you all had a nice Easter and are ready to embrace a bit more freedom as lock-down begins to ease. May Jesus our Saviour and our friend light our way and keep us safe as we take our first tentative steps back into some sort of normality.

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BABY ARLO REECE

By Pam Murgatroyd

Our granddaughter had a baby boy back in May of twenty twenty,
We have not had a cuddle yet, but photos we've seen plenty.
They live in Dorset by the coast and travelling we couldn't do,
So by the time we see him, he'll look and say: "Who are you?".

It's been great for both his parents as in lockdown they've been home,
They've been there to see him doing things and see the way he's grown.
To see him sit up, then learn to crawl and then to cut a tooth,
To see him take his first steps at 10 months and that's the truth.

Our son is getting married on the twenty third of May
And that is down in Dorset so is too far for the day.
So we're going for the weekend so that we can visit friends,
To spend some time with Arlo before his childhood ends.

We are really so excited at this very special treat,
To go down for a wedding and our great grandson we will meet.
To maybe have a cuddle, hold his hand and see him walk,
Then maybe when we're back home, he'll ring Granny for a talk.

Church Working Group Update

We are back at long last!! Your chance to work off some of the lockdown weight free of charge. Here are May's dates, so grab your flask and join us.

Saturday mornings from about 09.30 to 12.30.

8th May - Calmlands Bush and undergrowth cutting.

15th May - Calmlands Bush and undergrowth cutting.

Feel free just to turn up, for all or a part of the session. We have a good chat and a laugh as well as work. As we are outside, it is always weather dependant, here's trusting for a long hot summer.

Other dates for your diary (locations to be advised):

12th June
26th June
10th July
24th July



Many thanks to Irene Harrop who has agreed to act as administrator for this group.
If you want to be included in up to date emails etc please contact her at:
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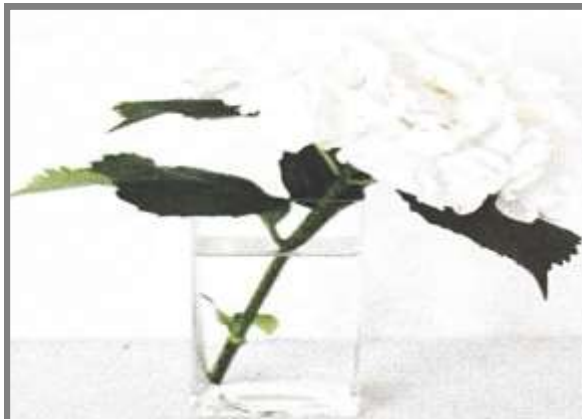
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BELL HOUSE REPORT

We hope everyone at Bell House had a good Easter and that our Easter cards and flowers cheered them up a bit. It is good to know the residents can have a visitor now so hopefully it won't be long before we can call in to see them again.

Please continue to pray for them and their carers to stay safe and well and also for those at Green Acres and Helme Hall.



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HD9 Club

The HD9 Club had a fun games evening on zoom before Easter and then took a break over the school holidays. They met up again on Friday 16th April when they had an art evening outside in Kim's garden. It was cold but enjoyable and so good to meet up in person rather than on a screen. HD9 is a group for anyone 11+yrs please contact Kim for more info. (see below)

"CARE AND SHARE"

The Care and Share group that meets on zoom on Tuesday evenings have enjoyed a talk on Huddersfield Town Hall which was given by Elizabeth Pearson and an evening of Chair Zumba which was great fun. They have also tested their brains with a fun quiz and had a week off for Easter.

Care and Share takes place on zoom every Tuesday between 8pm-9pm.
For more information please contact Kim on: 852811

Denis A

Now that we have got Brexit completed, what would we do if the French decided to back all the French words and saying out of our everyday English language? E.g.

Joie de vivre - (What? In this troubled world of today?)

Cul de Sac - (I live in one, almost)

Deja Vue - (Haven't been anywhere this or last year, so not true)

Chaffeur -(me) Risque - (a bit dodgy) Toupee - (Haven't got one but need one)

Entrée, A la Carte, Menu - (Not been out for a meal in goodness knows how long)

Encore - (Not since I gave up G&S society)

C'est la vie - (And what a life it is today!)

Covid Continued - Fred went out and realised he had forgotten his face mask, so he went back home to get it. When he arrived back, his wife wouldn't let him in the house because he wasn't wearing a mask.

Vicar - Now then Mr & Mrs Royd, are you sure that you want to christen your daughter "Emma"?

June said, "You're forgetful nowadays (which I am). I bet you can't even remember what my favourite flower is". "Of course I can", I replied. "Well go on then, what is it?" she said. "Self Raising" I replied.

Stay loving and caring and try to smile at least once a day. God Bless, Denis A.

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St Mary's Church - a surprising discovery

With permission through a faculty from the Church of England, due to the poor state of repair, the plaster was removed from the east end of St Mary's, Wilshaw. On each side of the window texts were discovered. The left side being in a better but fragile condition compare to the right side. Below is an extract of the beautiful description that was featured in the Huddersfield Chronicle on 15th October 1864 on the reopening of the Church after the decoration was completed.

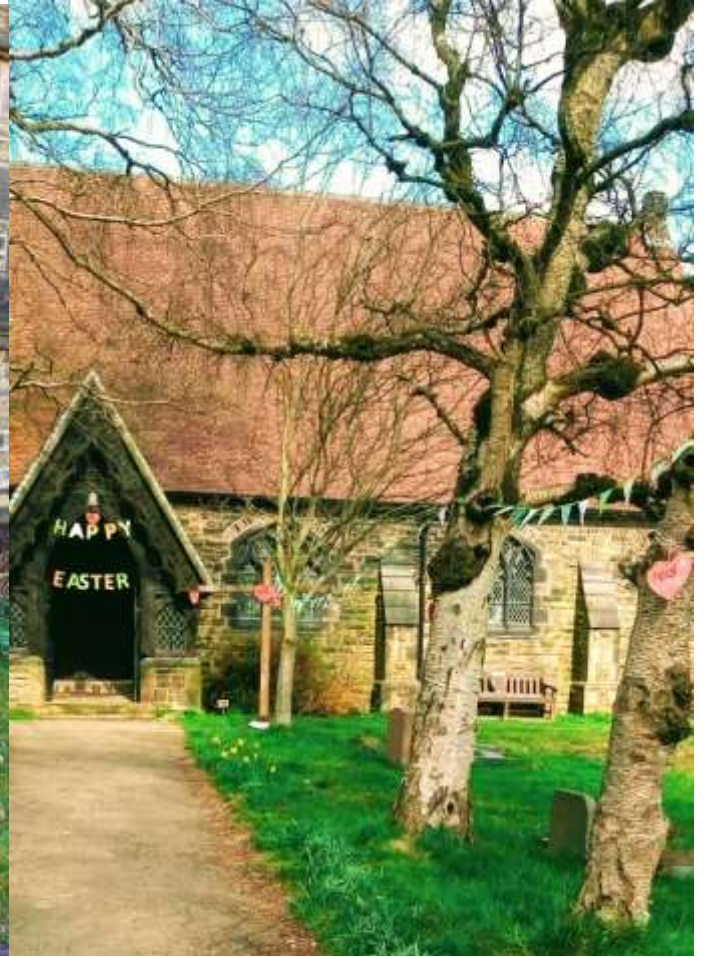
...The interior of the church is magnificently decorated, the ceiling and the east end being the most striking and elaborate. The ceiling is profusely decorated with ornaments of good design in gold and ultramarine, on a rich cream-colour ground. The effect thus produced is most pleasing, and for richness and neatness its equal is rarely to be seen. Between the wall-plate and the ceiling is an ornamental border richly illuminated in gold vermillion. The wood work is stained oak, with inlaid patris painted upon it, which, so far as concerns the roof, makes it complete. The east end, over the chancel arch, is a most beautiful design, and gorgeously decorated, the whole surface being completely covered with texts and ornaments. On the top part, under the wall plate, painted in vermillion, with blue capitals, are the words, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men." Next to the arch, in blue letters and vermillion capitals are the words, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, Alleluiah, Amen." The ornamental being chiefly painted in stone-colours, marine and gold...

...All the texts are in Roman capitals to correspond with the building, which is Romanesque. The chancel ceiling is exceedingly rich and in good harmony with the stained glass windows, the ground is a rich

ultramarine blue, emblazoned with ornaments in gold and scarlet; the walls on the north and south sides are diapered and the east end, on each side of the large stained glass window, are tablets containing the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, and Lord's Prayer, with illuminated capitals on a gilded ground. Round the stone work over the window are the words, "The Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." and above this under the wall plate close to the roof are the words,

"Glory, honour, power, be unto the Lamb." The whole of the decoration has been executed by Mr. George Brighthouse, decorator, John William-street, Huddersfield, under the superintendence of Mr Kirk, architect.





**More Easter Day Photo's of our Churches.
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