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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 June's edition of the magazine. Thank you to all those who have contributed it really does help to make the magazine YOUR magazine.

On page 10 there is a look back over the recent years of the Crossroads Project and the wonderful work they do. We continue our feature on how a hymn or song is helpful to express your faith and Pam gives an honest account of her road to confirmation (pg15).

On the Centre pages we continue to include the Daily Readings and Prayers, it can help in our daily prayer life and either start or finish the day focusing our heart.

I really hope you continue to enjoy your parish magazine. The next issue will be a summer bumper issue hopefully full of exciting submissions.

The next deadline for our DOUBLE ISSUE will be:

Friday 18th June

Please send your submissions via:

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or

via the vicarage letterbox. (150 Huddersfield Rd, HD9 4AL) 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.

The word "unprecedented" has been used a lot over the last year or so and while today's media may be inclined to overstate things from time to time this has been an accurate way of describing many things since March 2020. However, I think that the word "uncertain" forms a bridge between this last year and the next.

The last year has been extremely difficult for pretty much every person, business, and organisation in the country and the Church has been no exception. For the Church to be forced to close its doors at any time would be considered extraordinary but, for our buildings to be closed at a time of national crisis still seems unthinkable. How was the Church to offer prayer, comfort, and hope to anyone with the doors locked?

Of course, the situation wasn't created by the government but by the virus, and however unthinkable and imperfect the situation was we had to try. In trying we have had a strange mixture of success, failure, and many things that seem to be somewhere in between. It quickly became clear that one medium which was still available was the internet. However, I didn't have the knowledge or equipment to make this work and I owe a great deal of thanks too many people who have help to enable our Churches to use more technology, especially Simon Ball and Jacqueline France. The lack of equipment (which was all out of stock) and know how meant that we had many failures along the way but thankfully it led to success in the end with St Mary's still available on Zoom and St Bartholomew's continuing to be live streamed. This then has been an example of failure and success but also of that something in between because I am aware that these services can't be accessed by everyone.

The phone has been a more basic and therefore more inclusive form of communication. Unfortunately, it quickly became clear that with four Churches, the many challenges of trying to do Church differently, and a significantly increased funerals ministry I was never going to be able to keep in touch with everyone by myself. In fact, by late April many clergy around the country were already struggling with burn out and I was no exception. Fortunately, members of our pastoral team had worked with me to establish a system that shared this load. I am deeply grateful to those in the pastoral team and the many other volunteers that were committed to this (much of which continues now) and I'm sure that many others would like to thank them too.

As the first lockdown began to ease, we were able to begin to reopen. Getting the Churches ready and working through the many risk assessments was a huge task and I must thank my Church Wardens for all their help with this. The unusual circumstances of the last year has added a considerable amount of work and pressure to the role of the Wardens. They have not only carried out these roles with commitment and care but have also maintained and moved forward other projects at the same time. I'm sure that you will all wish to join me in offering them our thanks.

These collective thanks should extend to so many other people as well. Our finance team have worked hard to keep our finances stable, and I know that they, myself and Bishop Nick are enormously grateful for the continued giving within this parish. Many people have continued to support our parishes ministry with their time, money, and prayers, without which nothing would be possible.





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Letter from your Vicar. Cont....

We must also acknowledge the team of clergy and lay readers. Their flexibility and willingness to adapt within challenging and often changing circumstances has enabled our parish to carry out far more ministry than many others. Some have had to self-isolate or shield for long periods. Working with technology, appearing on zoom and you tube, and prayers by email. Not knowing when lockdowns will begin or end resulting in last minute or cancelled rotas. I'm not sure if we would choose to describe it as chaos, but there have certainly been times that flexibility has been a tremendous gift especially when we have all been waiting for the government's latest announcement and the Church of England's updated guidance.

Against this backdrop we have achieve a surprising amount. Our Churches were all open throughout the summer and without any covid related issues. We were one of only a very small number of parishes within Kirklees that were able to hold a Remembrance Day event. Whilst our Christmas program was not as full as it may usually have been we were able to hold a variety of services including Carols in the carpark. The list of people that should be thanked for helping us to achieve all of this is long, but I must at least mention Morrison's for loaning us their carpark and Meltham Town Council for helping us with the paperwork involved in applying for permission to hold events.

Our Churches are now all open again and we need to begin to look to the future. This brings with it many questions; When will we be able to sing again? How long will we have to where face masks? When can we have a cuppa together? The truth is, I don't think that anyone knows the answer to many of these questions. As things become clearer it is likely that we will find we have both lost and gained things. Some of this may seem to good but some may not. The conversation around what we have gained and lost, what we may try to recover and what we should set aside has already begun. But will take a long time and cannot be completed whilst so many questions remain unanswerable.

Hopefully with the continued success of the vaccination program, confidence will soon begin to return. I begun this report with the words "unprecedented" and "uncertain", but I would like to finish with a different word, "hopeful".

There has never been anything as unprecedented as Jesus's sacrificing of himself for us on the cross, there will never be anything as certain as God's love for us, and as long as our hope is in Jesus it will never be disappointed.

And this hope will never be disappointed. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5:5 (NLT)

God bless

Reverend John Dracup (Vicar)

CROSSROADS CENTRE

Crossroads Project memories

As Lockdown eases, for many it will be a time for reflection. At the Crossroads Project there have been many opportunities for thinking back over the years and looking forward in to the future.



At the end of April I was invited to a face to face meeting with the Crossroads Shop Supervisors. It was Jean Burhouse's last official meeting. Jean retired as secretary to the project several years ago but kept up her interest and connection with the shop, doing the rotas, working in the shop and being responsible for most of the administration that goes with running a busy successful shop.

She was presented with a 'Memory book' full of photos and mementos of her 25 years of service. It was a reminder to many of us of the things we had done and shared over so many years.

I inherited from Jean copies of the Annual reports from the opening of the shop to the present day. Who would have thought that after so many years we would still be running and expanding, and that people would have given up hours and hours serving in the Shop or helping in the Centre. Who would have thought we would still be giving out Grants to local groups from Meltham and beyond?

Over the years we have been fortunate to support many local charities, and individuals. The playgroups, the Guides and Scouts, the Sports Clubs, local schools. The Hospice, Meltham and Meltham Mills Band, the Gardeners society, Hand to mouth Ministries, the Sunshine Club to name but a few.

In 2002 £36.436.00 was given out in Grants!

Many students travelling abroad have benefited from our support

In 1999 we gave a grant to buy a washing machine for a project in Romania.

Often a weeks takings were donated at times of crisis. We have supported the Indian Earthquake Appeal, the Goma Disaster Appeal, Christian Aid. The Sudan Crisis, the Haiti Crisis, DEC- Syria The Gaza Appeal and DEC – Nepal.

We have given regular donations to CART, the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, Meltham Shoeboxes, Jigsaw Kids Ministries, Meltham Chamber of Trade, and Meltham Mustard Seed (Uganda) We were able to give large donations to support Friends of Meltham Greenway, The Skate park and Kirklees Bridleways.

We very much hope that in September we will officially reopen our Grant System.

A massive thankyou to those who have served so faithfully on the Committee. It has always been a popular committee to be on.

'God loves a cheerful giver ' (and delights in the one whose heart is in his gift)

2 Corinthians 9

Thanks as always for your support.

Sue Priestley



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From a Church Notice Board in France.

When you enter this Church, it maybe possible that you hear "The call of God". However it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off yours.

If you want to talk to God, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

<u>Denis A</u>

All about Fred.

Fred's missus visited him in prison. (I've no idea what he was there for, I just wrote it to fit in the tale). Before leaving, she tells a Correction Officer "You shouldn't make him work so hard., He's exhausted". The Correction officer laughed and said, "Are you kidding?, He just eats and sleeps and stays in his cell all day". Fred's missus replied "Rubbish!". He's just told me he's been digging a tunnel for months".

Fred showed a photograph of his wife to his mate and said, "Isn't she beautiful?" His mate replied " You should see my missus mate". "Is she a stunner?" Fred asked. " No, she's an optician" his mate replied.

Fred said to his mate, "I have two loves in my life, my missus and my dog, but I have to get rid of one of them, but which one?" his mate replied, "Put both of them in the boot of your car, close the boot lid and do for a long drive, when you arrive back home, open the boot and keep the one that is happy to see you.

Fred worked for British Rail, his mate asked him "How many derailments have you had Fred?" "Its hard to keep track" was his reply.

Fred asked his wife. "I am going for a haircut, what cut would make me more attractive to you?" She replied "A Power Cut".

Fred wants to join the Police force, at his interview the Desk Sergent asked him, "What would you do if you had to arrest your wife?" "Call for backup" was Fred's instant reply.

<u>Pause for thought</u> - When there is 10 seconds to "Blast Off", do you think that astronauts think that every part of the rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder?

Finally – Aspire to inspire before you expire.

God Bless, Stay Well, hopefully see you in Church in the near future, and more hopefully, with a choir. Denis A.

What hymn or song sums up your Faith?

Following on from the last edition, we were looking at what songs or hymns help to share our faith or what words mean the most to us in our faith. I would like to share with you 2 songs that act as my testimony.

When I was younger I was brought up in a Baptist Church, so on my 15th birthday I was baptised (by full immersion) and on that Sunday I chose a song called, 'I sing a Simple Song of Love', by Vineyard. This song sums up beautifully my faith as a then 15 year old showing simply my love and faith of Jesus.

ARMS OF LOVE [Official Lyric Video] | Vineyard Worship feat. Kate Cooke - YouTube

I sing a simple song of love, to my saviour, to my Jesus, I'm grateful for the things you've done, my loving saviour, oh precious Jesus, My heart is glad, that you've called me your own, there's no place I'd rather be, Than in your arms of love, in your arms of love, holding me close, holding me near, in your arms, of love.

Moving on from that first response to Jesus, and now understanding fully what it means to follow Him and the faith required, then 'Oceans' by Hillsong, becomes my statement of faith and the whole reason I gave up work and support John in his ministry to this parish and 'wherever You would call me'.

You called me out upon the water, the great unknown, where feet may fail, And there I find you in the mystery, in oceans deep, my faith will stand

And I will call upon your name, and keep eyes above the waves, When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace, For I am yours and you are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sovereign hand, will be my guide, My feet may fail and fear surrounds me, you never fail and you wont start now.

So spirit lead me where my trust is without boarders let me walk upon the waters, where ever you would call me.

Take me deeper than my feet can ever wonder and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my saviour

Fiona Dracup



'Love divine, all loves excelling' was sung at both my parents' funerals. Whenever we sing it, I'm reminded of them and of other people who have died. My interpretation of the last verse always gives me hope that whatever has happened to their bodies or their minds on earth, in heaven they have been restored and made whole again.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be. Let us see Thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory into glory, 'Til in heaven we take our place, 'Til we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Alison

<u>A BLIP IN MY FAITH</u>

My Mum had always encouraged us to go to church and in 1956 I joined a confirmation class at St Mary's in Droylsden. My confirmation was set for October 1957 but unfortunately, a few days before the event, I was taken really ill with Asian flu, which was a pandemic that came to the UK just like Covid is now.

We moved away and my confirmation was forgotten. I married in 1968, moved to live in Worsley, Manchester and became members of St John's Church, Mossley Common and soon after I joined an adult confirmation class after some pushing by my Mum. I was due to be confirmed at St Stephen's, Astley on Monday 8th December 1975. However, on 28th November my Mother sadly passed away from cancer at 54 years old and I felt that my world had fallen apart. I could not understand why God could take someone as good as her when there were so many bad people in the world. It completely rocked my faith.

A few days later, while pottering around in the garden, the local Catholic Priest, Father Byrne, came to the house next door. My neighbour was out but I invited him round for a cuppa. (We knew each other as he was one of the clergy involved in setting up the local playgroup I was running). We sat and chatted about the playgroup and other things, but then somehow got onto my faith or lack of it at present. I told him I was not going to church and that I was not going through with my confirmation. He asked me who had always encouraged me to go to church. I told him that it was my Mum of course, ever since I was a young child. He then asked me who had encouraged me to be confirmed and again, I told him that it was Mum. Then he asked me if my Mum had told me not to go to church, had she told me not to be confirmed and had she told me that she blamed God for her leaving us. I had to answer 'No' to all of these. He told me that she had been taken because she was needed elsewhere now that we were all able to look after ourselves after all she had taught us and that no matter what we did from then on, she would be watching over us.

On Monday 8th December, 1975 at St Stephen's Church, Astley, I was confirmed and as I knelt and the Bishop put his hand on my head and welcomed me into the family of the church, I felt a hand on my right shoulder. When I stood, I looked around but there was nobody there and when I asked my family afterwards if anyone had been on my right shoulder, their answer was 'No'. I knew then that my Mum had been there with me and she was happy that I had finally been confirmed into the church and I felt happy too.

By Pam Murgatroyd



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 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 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 17

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.

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>

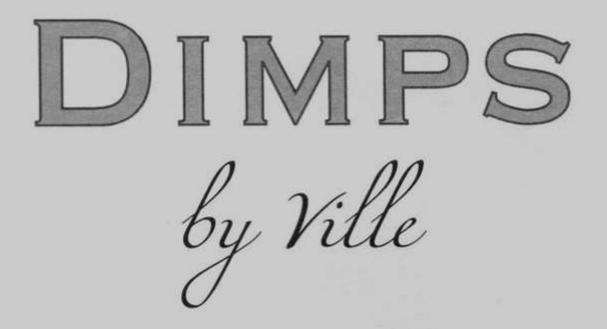
Our Father , who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is 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 Bible Readings for the month of June

<u>Date</u>	Old Testament	New Testament
1 st	Job 8	Romans 4:13-end
2 nd	Job 9	Romans 5:1-11
3 rd	Job 10	Romans 5:12-end
4 th	Job 11	Romans 6:1-14
5 th	Job 12	Romans 6:15-end
6 th (Sun)	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-end
7 th	Job 13	Romans 7:1-6
8 th	Job 14	Romans 7:7-end
9 th	Job 15	Romans 8:1-11
10 th	Job 16:1-17,2	Romans 8:12-17
11 th	Job 17:3-end	Romans 8:18-30
12 th	Job 18	Romans 8:31-end
13 ^{tn} (Sun)	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Mark 4:26-34
14 th	Job 19	Romans 9:1-18
15 th	Job 21	Romans 9:19-end
16 th	Job 22	Romans 10:1-10
17 th	Job 23	Romans 10:11-end
18 th	Job 24	Romans 11:1-12
19 th	Job 25 and 26	Romans 11:13-24
20 th (Sun)	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
21 st	Job 27	Romans 11:25-end
22 nd	Job 28	Romans 12:1-8
23 rd	Job 29	Romans 12:9-end
24 th	Job 30	Romans 13:1-7
25 th	Job 31	Romans 13:8-end
26 th (Sun)	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
27 th	Job 32	Romans 14:13-end
28 th	Job 38	Romans 15:1-13
29 th	Job 39	Romans 15:14-21
30 th	Job 40	Romans 15:22-end



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NEW REGULATIONS

By Pam Murgatroyd

We are now allowed to eat in, Not just sit outside in the cold and rain, To eat inside where it's comfy and warm, It'll be good to get back in again.

But what am I going to wear? We haven't been out for months not just days, I've put on weight so nothing fits, I've been living in trackies and P.J's.

We're going to a wedding quite soon, I was hoping to have a new dress, But the shops have been shut, so I ordered online And I bought the wrong size, I confess.

The dress that I ordered online Came from China and though I'm not tall, It was much too short and narrow as well, So it didn't fit me at all.

When in lockdown, for something to do, I have baked 'cos I like a cream scone, To stop being bored, I baked cakes and pies too And I forgot I had put on two stone!!

I finally found something to wear, It was much too big, so I took it apart, Tried it and pinned it and added a dart. When the wedding takes place, I'll be there.



Following on from the Prayer Course earlier this year, there is the 'Unanswered Prayer course 2'

For the next couple of weeks, it takes place on a <u>Thursday night at 8pm on zoom.</u> The session starts with a 30min video and then

time for discussion afterwards. It aims to look at 'Where is God in suffering?" and "Where is God when heaven is silent?"

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St Mary's Report

As we watch our gardens beginning to come to life again with plants bursting through the soil and promising a glorious display of flowers to come it made me think of our present situation with covid and how slowly and carefully we are emerging from lockdown. As we continue to place ourselves in God's care and with His help the future looks much brighter and we can look forward with hope in our hearts for better times to come.

Up at St Mary's we have continued to hold our services with people in church and also on zoom. We have had three Services of the Word led by Rev John Dracup and Lay Reader Jacqueline France and one Holy Communion service led by Rev Judy Kenworthy. We have learnt about how The Holy Spirit can transform frightened people into witnesses for Christ. We have heard of how Jesus is "The Good Shepherd" who cares for us and calls us to follow Him. We have discovered that just as a computer needs to stay connected to a power source and sometimes needs the expertise of a computer engineer so we need to stay connected to Jesus and sometimes need God to sort out our problems-(Jesus is the vine and we are the branches) and finally, last week we were reminded that loving Jesus may require us to make sacrifices but the joy that this brings is deep and long lasting unlike the superficial joy of the world.

Our thanks go to Jacqueline for hosting zoom each week, to Elizabeth Pearson for preparing the powerpoint presentations and for playing the keyboard each week. Thanks to all those who have led our prayers and also to our readers - we even went international, when Sheryl who joins us from Australia on zoom, read the lessons - it was just as if she was in the next room!

On Monday 19th April the funeral of Fred Hall took place at St Mary's at 10.30am. This was a private service which was led by Rev John Dracup. Fred celebrated his 100th birthday last year and it was good that the service could be held in church now that it is open again. Fred will be sadly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Andrew, Simon, Yvonne and Eunice.



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Church Working Group

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

Saturday mornings from about 09.30 to 12.30. <u>12th June</u> - Calmlands Bush and undergrowth cutting. <u>26th June</u> - 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):

10th July & 24th July

Many thanks to Irene Harrop who is the administrator for this group.

If you want to be included in up to date emails etc please contact her at: <u>irene.harrop@hotmail.co.uk</u> or 01484 664163.

Side by Side Meltham.

SIDE BY SIDE is a small group run by volunteers who meet to offer friendship and support to people who are beginning to have memory problems or have recently been diagnosed with dementia.

This is an informal group who meet each Monday morning from 10am -12pm at the Methodist Church in Meltham, who are looking to refresh their volunteer Team.

If you are interested in joining the team please get in touch:

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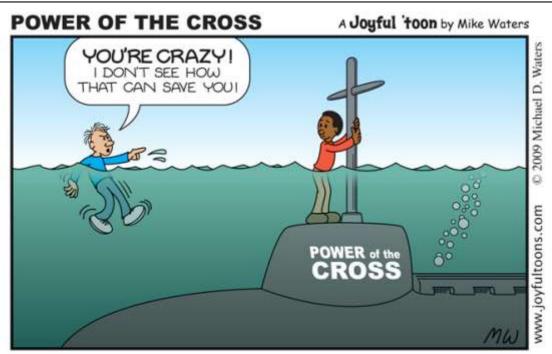
HD9 Club The HD9 Club has met twice over the last month. On Friday 30th April they enjoyed a computer games night on zoom. Friday 14th May saw them actually meet

together in the church croft for a picnic. This required warm clothing and was all safely distanced but it was great to actually meet in person again. It was nice to welcome a new member and great fun was had playing 'Simon Says' to warm us up, 'stick it to you' and a new game called 'paper bag skit' where we created a short play using some props provided by Kim and Freya. This was hilarious and we laughed so much, we had Russian gardeners who put a special ingredient on their flowers and then the evil spatula!

This group is for young people aged 11+ yrs. If you would like further information on how to join in please contact Kim on: 852811

"CARE AND SHARE"

This group continues to meet together on Tuesday evenings between 8pm-9pm on zoom and have enjoyed a talk and demonstration by Mary Greenwood on
"Different ways to tie your scarf" and a "Guess Who" evening. Great fun was had trying out the scarf tying and trying to guess who had written a paragraph about themselves. The meetings finish with a chance to share a friendly chat and catch up with everyone's news. If you would like further information on how to join in please contact Kim on: 852811



For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. -1 CorintHIANS 1:18 KJV



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To be completely honest, I am finding it increasing hard to fill this magazine and give it variety. Please can you help? All submissions from any church member will be considered.

If you would like to join the team then please also get in touch.

Please contact Fiona via email at: **melthamparishmagazine@gmail.com** Or through the Vicarage letter box at 150 Huddersfield Road, Meltham, HD9 4AL Or call Rev John Dracup.

Thank you!



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