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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!

Well I don't know about you but this summer seemed to have flown by! Hope you are all rested and ready for whatever awaits you.

This long awaited issue is full of updates from MMS (pg 16-17) The Choir (pg 19) and others. There are coffee mornings starting up again from Meltham Shoe box (pg17) and the church hall (inside cover). This month also includes a lovely thought provoking poem which I hope you will enjoy.

Please continue to forward anything you would like to include in the next edition as without them it would be very boring!

The next deadline for much needed contributions will be:

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God Bless, Fiona.

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## **Letter from your Vicar.**

Three good signs that your vicar needs a holiday:

- 1) The choir have noticed that he has Bermuda shorts on underneath his cassock.
- 2) His wife has begun posting pictures of him around the parish asking, “have you seen this man?”
- 3) When preaching on Jonah and the whale the theme was “a change of scenery does you good”.

I am pleased to say that we have finally managed to get away and have a couple of weeks of much needed holiday. The weather was good (by English standards) and the opportunity to spend some quality time with my family has been greatly appreciated by us all.

However, it is quickly a case of back to business and it was agreed at our PCC meeting in July that we should try to do two things:

Firstly, we agreed that we should aim to run an Alpha Course. This course is designed to give people an opportunity to think about and explore the Christian faith. It is suited to anyone who has questions about Christianity, whether you have been a member of the Church for many years and wish to deepen your faith, or you are simply wondering if Jesus could possibly be for you. It will begin in the first week of October and more information will be in next months magazine.

Secondly, to engage in “generosity week”. This runs through late September/early October generously giving us a little more than a week to talk about the very sensitive issue of money.

The first thing I wish to say on this awkward subject is that it is clear to me that we already have many generous people in our Churches and parish. I am very grateful for all the support that people have given over the years and especially for the way that so many have continued to give over the last, very difficult, year or so. In many cases this has been both inspirational and humbling.

I know that many people have experienced financial difficulties and that there are many uncertainties in the future. We do however need to take a realistic look at our finances to ensure that the following definition is avoided.

Budgeting: A method for going broke methodically.

In the Bible St Paul states that “God loves a cheerful giver (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)”. I would not wish to cause anyone to give through obligation or guilt but rather to encourage a generosity of heart that is a response to the boundless grace and generosity of Jesus.

God bless

Reverend John (Vicar)

# **Who is like You?**

*Alicia Chapman*

When the skies tell of an Artist who is beyond description And stars shine, imitating  
the One who made them. When birds sing giving honour to their maker;

Oh, to have been there, when You the Animator  
Of all creation Said "Let there be Light"

And Light; Glorious light  
Marvellous light  
Brilliant light  
Erupted for the first time  
Even then still, lacking in radiance  
Compared to the One who spoke forth it's existence *Who is like You?*

Unfathomable beauty from nothing, At Your command  
But then to watch as you took Your hands  
And filled them with dust.

Moulding tenderly, Shaping gently  
Fashioning lovingly, The ones who would look like You  
*Who is like You?*

Not withholding Your image or Your breath from the ones  
You knew would use it to revile You -  
You breathed life into dust and then  
Allowed Your creation to call You Friend  
*Who is like You?*

When the ones You fashioned  
Moulded, Designed,  
The ones You walked with as friends  
Became ungrateful, rebellious, even then  
You did not relent. You did the thing that no one would expect;  
You came closer still.  
Who is like You?

I imagine heaven stopped as a voice protruded from the throne  
"Father, send Me, I will go"

And You, beautiful You  
Laid aside your garments of light  
Instead choosing flesh in which to reside  
Exchanging the throne for a young girl's womb  
Stepping into a world that had no room  
For You, The One it would not exist without.  
*Who is like You?*



Unseen, unheard, The Living Word  
Unable to utter a word  
As the hand that hung the stars now can barely fit around  
The little finger of that girl  
Who You saw before time began  
Yet who now holds You in her hands  
*Who is like You?*

The manger didn't know who it held that night  
The wise men in all of their wisdom  
Didn't know who they visited

For You looked the same as us  
You, unashamed of us  
You, fully acquainted with us  
You, here to save us  
*Who is like You?*

They said You had no beauty that men would desire You And yet we had never  
seen another one like You We'd never seen a mouth speak only truth  
We'd never seen words cause a storm to be subdued  
We'd never seen a fish feed a multitude  
We'd never seen the outcasts welcomed in  
We'd never seen someone who forgave of sin  
We'd never seen One who called "follow Me"  
To the prostitute, tax collector, the least of these  
We'd never seen eyes so pure, full of light  
Look upon brokenness with such kindness  
*Who is like You?*

Perfect. Spotless. Holy.  
Perfect, Righteous. Holy.  
Perfect. Blameless. Only... You  
Could do the unthinkable, For You didn't stop there

Perfect. Spotless. Holy.  
Perfect, Righteous. Holy.  
Perfect. Blameless. Only... You

The Perfect One, The Righteous Son  
The Spotless One, God's own Son

Could die the death that was meant for me  
Could by dying, set this sinner free  
Could claim me for eternity  
With holy blood, could ransom me  
*Who is like You?*

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## **Rev'd Charlene Smith - Update.**

A brace of new Anglican chaplains to the Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust serving Pinderfields, Dewsbury and Pontefract Hospitals have been licensed by the Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield.

Revd Charlene Smith and the Revd Glenda Webb are pictured with Bishop Tony and other members of the Chaplaincy Team.

"It was really good to be able license Charlene and Glenda as Chaplains as it is a while since we have had an Anglican Chaplain working in the Trust," said Bishop Tony.

The Chaplaincy Team offers a confidential listening presence to complement medical and nursing care and is a point of contact with the appropriate faith community.

Christian and Muslim worship and prayers take place in the hospital chapels and Prayer Rooms and also offer Holy Communion at the bedside by request.

The team also provides bereavement support to those who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death.

*Taken from the Leeds Diocese Website, News.*



For those who may not know, Rev'd Charlene was curate in this parish with Rev'd Maureen Reed as her training incumbent. Charlene left Meltham in January 2018 to be Priest In Charge of St Cuthbert and All Saints Churches, Ackworth, near Pontefract.

We wish her every blessing in her new role.



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## **Helme Ladies Report July/ August 2021**

Hoorah, Helme Ladies are back in business!!

We felt we could start to meet again with our outdoor walks and supper at a suitable venue.

It was with great excitement that we met for our first walk on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July in the Netherton area. By eck it was hot! We started our walk by the farm shop and headed for the welcome shade and cool of Spring Woods, it was lovely under the trees. We passed the Devil Stone and emerged from the trees into the Hill Top area of Netherton. We carried on along quiet lanes and made our way to the Beaumont Arms where supper had been booked. We were the only diners there, so it did not matter that the chatter was a bit loud, we had a lot of catching up to do as our last meeting had been in March 2020. When we finally made our way home it was with jaw ache, not leg ache, but we had enjoyed our first get together.

What another wonderful evening we had for our next walk on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. We met at Beaumont Park for a stroll through the grounds. As it was such a lovely evening there were still lots of families about, especially in the playground. We set off along the main path, inspecting the bandstand, animal sculptures and the fountain. The views were wonderful, Castle Hill so clear in the evening sunshine, Lockwood Viaduct straddling the valley and the views up the Holme Valley. As we re-approached the bandstand, we could hear singing, this lovely sound drifted to us, there was a group singing Gospel songs. We stopped to listen to this joyful sound along with many of the other people in the park. Beaumont Park is once more a great place to be thanks to the friends and volunteers who have tackled the years of neglect. We retreated once again to the Beaumont Arms where supper had been booked. Another wonderful evening ending with some more good food and fine chat.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August was the turn of Helme Ladies to host the coffee morning. Since opening up again the attendances had been climbing, so we were hoping that there would be even more.

Cakes, tombola and books were set out and ready for customers. With a steady stream we were kept on our toes and the chatter was exciting as friends met for their coffee. The morning passed quickly, and it was soon time to clear up, all our cakes sold, and the tombola was nearly cleared out. We made a profit of £147 which will go into our charity pot. My thanks to all the ladies who helped and made cakes.

Upcoming events:

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Poetry Evening

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Auction



## **Who is like You? ...Continued from page 8**

Hanging there , I wonder if the tree knew it carried the One  
Who designed it.

If the nails knew they pierced the hands of the One  
who held the world they existed in together?  
Did the thorns that burrowed into Your brow  
know they inhabited the space a true crown belonged in?

The Judge of the Earth; innocent, condemned  
Indicted by mere judges of men  
Mocked. Beaten. Silent. Bleeding.  
Heart; stopped beating.  
*Who is like You?*

The grave didn't know who lay in it that day  
Or that You had no intention to stay  
As You descended for three days and  
Rose with the keys clenched in Your hand!

Grave, where's your victory?  
Death, where's your sting?  
Forever, You have conquered, beautiful King.  
*Who is like You?*

The same way you ascended, You will come again  
There is coming a day with no more pain  
The skies will roll back like a scroll  
Parting as the trumpet blows

And You, beautiful You, Will ride forth in glory  
Author of the most beautiful story  
Mighty Conqueror; strong and victorious  
Awesome, radiant, terrifying, glorious  
*Who is like You?*

No more dying, No more sighing No more crying  
*Who is like You?*

Yes, one day every tongue will echo that question  
But as for me, I have no intention  
Of waiting until then. This is my declaration:  
*I have never known another one like You!*

Gladly I will praise You now , For all that You mercifully allow  
For benefits too numerous to count, For that which could have taken me out

But failed to only by Your hand of grace,  
For even valleys are a meeting place For You  
Battles are where You set Your table  
Is there anything You don't make beautiful?  
Beauty, beauty, You're beautiful!

And even when it feels like the air has been knocked out of me I will use the  
breath You uphold in my lungs  
To say "I have never known another One.... Like You"

That manger, that tree,  
Those nails, changed everything for me  
An orphan adopted, a slave set free  
I don't have words to describe this beauty  
You didn't promise easy You promised me You.  
And You...

You're the Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End  
Redeemer, Healer, Father, Friend  
You're my Advocate, Captain of my Salvation  
You, Beautiful You, are the Desire of Nations

You're the Christ, the Lord, the Living Bread  
Faithful Witness, Firstborn from the Dead  
You're the Light of the World, the Mediator  
You are Lord of Glory, Master, Creator

You're the Author and Finisher of my Faith  
You are the Good Shepherd, You are the Gate  
You're the image of God; His exact representation  
You are the Firstborn of all creation

You are the Lion of Judah, the Prince of Peace  
Great Intercessor, Faithful High Priest  
You're the One who is, who was, who's to come  
You are the Messiah, the Beloved Son

Man of Suffering, Cornerstone  
You are the Lamb in the midst of the throne  
Root of Jesse, Head of the Church  
There are no words that would come close to defining Your worth

***Who is like You?***

I know not one.

## MELTHAM MUSTARD SEED UPDATE



The Meltham Churches Together Mustard Seed in Kyema, Uganda, is the two-fold support of orphans. Support within their kindred foster family (currently being promoted throughout the world as the best care for orphaned children) and their education.

It is with much sadness we heard of the death of Jessica Kyongo in January this year 2021. One of the founder members and secretary of Mustard Seed in the village of Kyema, Masindi. She was the sister of the late John Bakanoba OBE (Meltham Mustard Seed founder) and visited Meltham for his memorial service in 2012. Jessica, herself a foster mother, regularly visited the orphans under KMS care and was excited with the sugar project and the prospect of the MS becoming self-sustaining. Jessica will be sadly missed in both countries where her impact and loving care has been life changing for many.



Congratulations to Muhumuza Fred Moses, chairperson Kyema Mustard Seed Young Adults, on his marriage in December to midwife Marion. Fred, a clinical officer: nurse, midwife and general surgery assistant joined MS in 1998. Now one of the strong exponents of sustainability. In July Fred said "A lot has been going on with covid's second wave, then second lockdown and people dying everywhere. Being a front liner is not easy but God has been

merciful to us all. Thanks to MMS for everything. With God we are certain that the whole pandemic situation will come down some day".

In 2019 KMSYA Kyema Mustard Seed Young Adults (who were themselves supported by MMS since early childhood) requested 2 years of the promised final 7-year MMS funding upfront to invest in a project to enable Mustard Seed become self-sustaining by the end of 2024. By April 2020 all this money had been sent. MMS will continue to support the orphan care until the end of 2024 meanwhile KMSYA will be reinvesting all sugar profits into more land hiring and planting to amass 21 hectares. Becoming self-sustaining will enable KMSYA to continue investing in sugar **and** give enough income to support MS orphans in the future. During 2019/20 over 13 hectares (approx. 32 acres) has been planted.



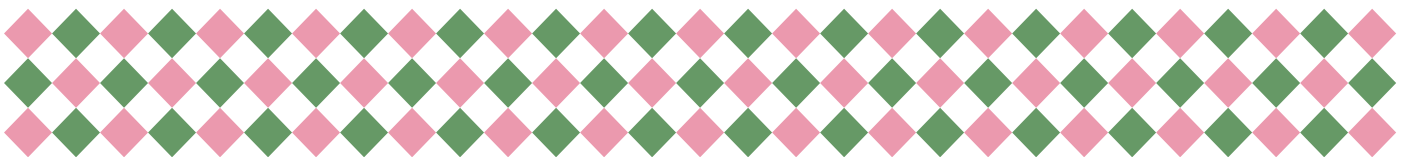


This July '21, MMS were pleased to hear of the successful growth and harvesting of the first KMSYA sugar field funded by themselves, to spearhead the sugar project. The yield was as good as expected. Fred Nyakana (MMS agriculturalist graduate, leading the project) says "The first **MMS** field is expected to be harvested in September. Its growth is good and we expect high yields about average tonnage of 100 per hectare. Thank you, the entire MMS community of supporters for supporting the sugar initiative". The other 13 ha, planted in various fields will be harvested during 2022.

Since 1996, 40 young adults have progressed through Mustard Seed. 15 have a degree, 17 have diplomas and 8 have higher education certificates. Many have excellent jobs. Sadly, unemployment is extremely high in Uganda. The effects of Covid further devastating job prospects. Inevitably some MMS adults are unemployed but actively seeking work. Currently there are 36 children in the project at various levels of support and education.

Thank you to all supporters.

Jane Collins



### **Meltham Shoe Box - Coffee Mornings**

The Meltham Shoebox Team are happy to announce that the Friday weekly coffee meetings will begin once again!

First one will be on: **Friday 3rd September**

From: **9am until 12pm.**

At: **St. James' Church**

Coffee cakes etc will be available  
We have lots of boxes waiting for fillers!!

Everyone is invited!

Thanks, Judith Powell



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On Thursday 5th August 2021 and following the easing of Covid restrictions, we had our first choir rehearsal since March 2020! As you will be aware, we have not been allowed to sing in church for quite some time now, and have been using recordings instead, but now that we are able to sing again, we are trying to get the choir going

again whilst taking precautions to try and minimise the risks associated with the virus. We have tried singing with both masks and face visors - and found that the latter is the more comfortable of the two. We've now had 3 rehearsals and are gradually trying to build up our voices once more, and are hoping to have a choir for the Civic Service on 12th September. It is difficult however as since we last sang, we have lost both Gwynneth and Beverley who have both moved away as well as being without others at the moment due to various reasons, so the number of voices is not what it once was, but all we can do is try. As always, we would welcome new additions to the choir - potential new members should however not feel they have to commit to singing every week - occasional singers are welcome too!

It was September 1946 when a young boy named David Earnshaw started singing in the choir. Back then, I'm told the young lads (probationers) sat in the pews where the Smart-Bart's sit until being allowed to sit in the choir stalls when their voices broke. I'm very pleased to say that David came through his probationary period all those years ago and has this month completed 75 years service of singing in the choir - a remarkable achievement and a lifelong dedication. We give thanks for all his years of singing and hope he can continue for a few more yet!

David has given many years of service to not only the choir but the wider church in general including bell ringing, 200 club and the church hall committee. He was also a founder member of the G&S society and has sung in many a show often taking principle roles. Thank you David for your dedication over the years.

David joins the long service gang which has previously seen Hildred Gillett, Peter Drake and more recently Denis Armstrong achieve this amazing 75 year milestone, not forgetting Haydn Webster who completed just shy of 70 years service before he retired from regular singing in the choir. I think this will probably be our last such long service - these boys being encouraged to join the choir in the era of the then vicar - Canon Roberts. We may have to lower the bar to acknowledge others who have given dedicated service over the years - I myself started as deputy organist only 30 years ago and some current choir members were here even before then so have a significant number of years service. It does all beg the question - Where does time go?

As is now customary, we shall be presenting David with a long service medal and certificate to commemorate and celebrate his achievement.

Thank you all!, Simon Ball

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## **St Mary's Report**

As covid restrictions have been eased- thank goodness- life seems to be picking up again up here on the edge of the parish. We thank our loving and merciful God for His love and protection and pray that this will continue as we take careful steps back to normality.

On Fathers' Day Rev John Dracup led a family service and spoke about how God our Father loves us, watches out for us, and forgives us when we get it wrong - just as our own fathers do. On Saturday 26th June St Mary's had a couple of stalls at a "Pop up Craft Market" in Wilshaw Village Hall, this was quite well supported despite the Yorkshire Motorsport Festival taking place the same weekend in Wilshaw.

We have enjoyed four communion services and five services of the word since our last report - (it seems such a long time ago) and we are grateful to Rev John, Rev Judy Kenworthy, and Lay Reader Jacqueline France for leading our worship. Some of the congregation continue to join us on Zoom. It was also lovely to welcome Captain John Smith, Sunday 15th August to take the service at Wilshaw. John retired from his ministry with the Church Army and moved back to Meltham in 2020 just before the pandemic hit so this is the first opportunity we have had to meet him and share worship with him. He will continue to be a blessing to the parish for sure.

Over the last few weeks we have learnt about true giving and of how our giving should be a direct response to the giving of Jesus on the cross. Jacqueline spoke about how God calls us to different ministries and how we need to be open to His call and Rev John reminded us we should never try to keep God "in a box" and that we should praise Him and worship Him with joy in our hearts. We also learnt that we need to take time to find out what God's plan is for the parish and to pray hard about it over the summer break. We need to trust that Jesus will provide all that is needed, however impossible it seems (remember the 5 loaves and 2 fishes). On St James' Day, 25th July Rev Judy spoke about how we should follow Jesus' example of loving service and to remember to be humble. The following week Rev John reminded us that the context of our faith is love and belief that Jesus, the Bread of Life, is God come from heaven to feed us and save us. Finally Captain John reminded us to love God and to love our neighbour. What wonderful teaching we have received this summer thanks to our worship leaders and the inspiration of our amazing God. Thanks also go to all those who read lessons, provide music and power point services, host zoom and lead the prayers too many to name in this already long report.

One highlight of the summer that cannot be left out though is Yorkshire Day, 1st August. There was a "Welcome back to Church" service in the morning when Elizabeth Pearson read the Gospel reading in broad Yorkshire and told us about a brilliant Yorkshire organist, Walter Parrot who wrote the hymn tune "Huddersfield". Rev Judy led the service and Jacqueline led some "Rainbow" prayers which involved the children. Following the service, refreshments were served until 4pm and there were stalls in the porch including a well stocked cake stall. £300 was raised for church funds so well done everyone.

We hope you have all had a good summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

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## **Live Stream Update.**

### **Did you know we still Live stream the morning service?**

Despite the virus restrictions easing, we have continued to livestream via YouTube the service from St Bartholomew's and the Zoom from St Mary's at Wilshaw. Unfortunately, we have recently been dogged with technical issues with the YouTube stream and the broadcast started being curtailed after approx. 20 minutes or so. Annoyingly, it seemed to always cut off right in the middle of Rev John's sermon - maybe it was trying to tell us he'd gone on too long! :-). The situation then got worse as it stopped working altogether!

With a lot of trial and error, and experimenting with changing various settings we now seem to have reached some stability with the technology and hopefully things will be improved going forward. We would welcome your feedback on the usefulness of online services, even if it's just to say that you still watch them either live or afterwards or afterwards when you have a spare moment. Or maybe you'd just like to be able to watch or listen to Rev John's most excellent sermons in their entirety and not bother with the whole service?

Obviously when our church buildings were closed it was our only way to come together for worship and many people would 'tune in' but things are obviously different now the buildings are open. Please share your thoughts with myself or Rev John or Jax at Wilshaw.

You can access our Parish YouTube channel which contains all the live streamed services here from St Bartholomew's

[https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCpj6ZG35fYEmZGXFBhDF\\_kw](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCpj6ZG35fYEmZGXFBhDF_kw)

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## **BELL HOUSE CARE HOME**

Life goes on much the same despite some work on the roof at Bell House and it was good to welcome one of the residents and her daughter to our Pop Up Craft Fair and the afternoon tea at church on Yorkshire Day. Please continue to keep the carers and residents in your prayers.

*Congratulations*



**Hester and Val would like to thank everyone for all their good wishes, flowers, cards and phone calls received as they celebrated their birthdays. They give thanks for having so many friends and family to help them through this big milestone! They look forward, with Gods help, to many happy days to come.**

**Happy Birthday to you both from all our readers!**



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**More info is on the diocese of Leeds website  
[www.leeds.anglican.org/resourcing-parishes/  
generosity-week](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/resourcing-parishes/generosity-week)**



# JUST FOR FUN!

The first computer was owned by Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with very limited memory. Just 1 byte and everything crashed.

One day, during the hot weather in July, I opened all the windows, stripped off my until I was completely starkers, then sat down and relaxed. I was surprised when none of the other passengers on the bus followed suit! (P.s Last time I ws on a bus the return fare, Meltham to Huddersfield was 10 old pence!)

One night as I was getting into bed she said “ You’re drunk”. I asked “ How do you know?” She said, “Because you live next door”

A few days ago we went out for dinner, When the waitress came over to take our order, June said “we don’t eat eggs, meat, fish, dairy products or gluten. What would you recommend?” - “ A taxi “ was the waitresses reply.—True or False? Definitely the latter!

My Great Grandson asked his mum, “Did you want a daughter or a Son? His mum replied “ I just wanted a back rub!”

Went for a haircut last week,. Whilst I was there I told the barber that I would also like a shave because I can’t get all my whiskers off because my cheeks are wrinkled from old age. “O.K” said the barber, “just pop this little wooden ball inside your cheek to spread out the skin”. “What will happen if I accidentally swallow the little wooden ball?” I asked. “Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does” replied the barber.

Tip - If you want to stop living in fear, just turn the TV off when its time for the news. ...When will it all end?!

Stay Well, Be Happy, God Bless, Denis A.

## **Church Working Group**

**Saturday mornings from about 09.30 to 12.30.**

**11th September - St James', Meltham Mills**

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, so rain coats or sun hats required!

If you want to be kept up to date with dates and locations, please contact Irene Harrop at: [irene.harrop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:irene.harrop@hotmail.co.uk) or 01484 664163.

# Meltham Family Page

## HD9 Club

Some of the group met up on 23rd July for a Walk & Talk. We met in the church yard and played a couple of question and answer games then we walked and talked about all sorts of things in the evening sunshine. It was good to meet together before the summer break and to enjoy the fresh air and friendship.

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

On June 22nd we shared a meditation based on "Christ the Light of the World" led by Rev Judy Kenworthy. We enjoyed quiet prayers, Celtic music, on screen pictures and a bible reading followed by a nice catch up with one another. At the next meeting there was a Guess Who and prayer activity. People sent pictures of themselves as children and then the group prayed for each person.

These meetings are held on zoom on Tuesday evenings between 8pm-9pm so you can join in from your home.

For information on how to join in please contact Kim on 852811

### "Pop Up Craft Market - Sat 26th June



We are pleased to announce that the Saturday Coffee Mornings have started again in the Village Hall.

9.30am – 12pm

Its great to all be back together again.

4th Sept - St Barts  
11th Sept - PROBUS  
18th Sept - G&S  
25th Sept - Pre School  
2nd Oct - Dog Rescue



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