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Jesus comes not for the super spiritual but for the wobbly
and the weak kneed, who know they don't have it all
together, and who are not too proud to accept the handout
of amazing grace. - Brennan Manning

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And in service to our
local community,
Through Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.

Hello!

As I prepared the this month's long awaited edition, it struck me how much things are now starting to emerge again from the last two years. On the centre pages are the weekly services and lent courses available. The Women's fellowship at St Barts (pg 11) & Helme (pg 19) On the back pages, so you can see in colour the gifts received, we say a big Thank You to Rev'd Peter Rolls for all he has done in the Parish.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue it really wouldn't be the newsletter it is without your input. All contributions are considered both big and small.

The next deadline for the **April** magazine will be:

Monday 14th March 2022

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God Bless,

Fiona.



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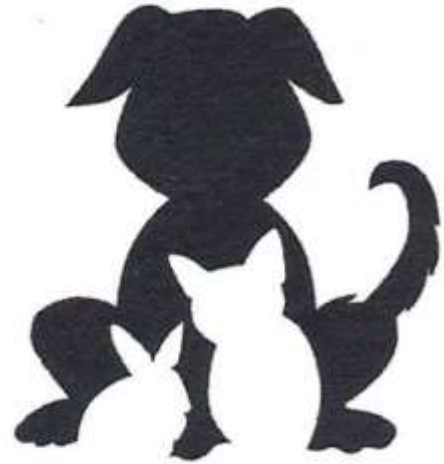
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Letter from your Vicar.

Whilst making a big budget Hollywood film the crew went on location in the desert. One day an elderly local gentleman approached the director and said, “tomorrow there will be rain”, the next days filming was a wash out. A couple of weeks later the same elderly gentleman again approached the director and said, “tomorrow there will be a storm” and the next day came strong winds and hail. The director was so impressed that he had the local gentleman put on the payroll.

A few weeks later they were due to film “the big scene” so the director sent for the gentleman who had not been seen since being put on the payroll to ask if the weather would be favourable. The local man smiled at the director and said, “don’t ask me, I don’t know, my radio is broken”.

The weather and predicting the future!

Whilst the weather has recently been atrocious with a succession of named storms Meltham does appear to have escaped the worst of it so far, and I’m happy to say that our Churches seem to have suffered nothing worse than a few slipped slates. I said so far because nobody can really say what might be around the corner. I remember that in my farming days I spent large amounts of time looking at weather forecasts, however, I never cut grass for hay, I would mow the grass and decide a few days later (hopefully sunny ones) if we had made hay or something else.

Generally speaking, knowing the future is a bad idea. If something bad is coming tomorrow then knowing the future will simply ruin today, and, if something good is coming then we shouldn’t spoil the surprise.

That said, two years of covid and trying to predict the course of a pandemic (least of all the changing rules) have given me occasion to think that a crystal ball might have some uses. When I wrote last month, I expressed cautious optimism for the year ahead, but I had not thought at that time that we would be removing all restrictions by the time that you had the opportunity to read this letter.

Of course, it is Ash Wednesday on the 2nd of March and as this marks the start of lent, the Church will be encouraging everyone to consider what they might give up or take up for the season of lent. The government has chosen to give up all legal restrictions and whilst some might think this a little early (a week before the start of Lent) I imagine they just wanted to make sure that they didn’t miss the deadline for our magazine???

I don’t know what the future may hold but, I do hope that you will be able to enjoy the new freedoms, I pray that we will all have a happy and healthy 2022, and whatever you might give up for Lent I encourage everyone not to give up the common-sense things that will help to keep us all safe in these still uncertain times.



God bless
Reverend John (Vicar)

CROSSROADS CENTRE



Crossroads Update

The New Year has been an exciting time for the Crossroads Project. The Shop has been busy and is now developing new ideas and projects. Working even more closely with Uniform Exchange we are now selling more school uniforms at very cheap prices to ensure that those who need them can afford them. Families requiring full uniforms can still obtain them free from Uniform exchange.



Instead of eBay shopping new clothing that has been donated is now sold at slightly higher but still affordable prices, this seems to be going down well.

The Project has joined forces with Kirklees to be part of the Community Anchor Networks which are helped to support other community groups and organisations to sustain and develop community activities contributing to health and wellbeing. It is about 'making a difference' and working with others.

This is something we have always tried to do by selling affordable goods in the Shop, giving Grants to individuals and groups, and offering free accommodation in the Centre for those who need it.

The Foodbank continues to be busy, and we are delighted to welcome new drivers and volunteers.

Thanks as always for your support and prayers

Sue Priestley

Please continue to contribute to Meltham Food Bank

They especially need the following items:

Sugar, ss 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 the Coop in Meltham and Netherton. 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.**



Meltham Food Bank

- Much more than a can of baked beans!



Recently I took the opportunity via a Crossroads open day to go and have a look at the foodbank and what great things it offers to the community.

Patrice Curtis - Storey took the time and showed me around, the recent renovations really do help brighten the place up. There are about 100 families the foodbank are supporting each month with food parcels and other toiletries too. The volunteers who help have a real heart to help others and are a jolly bunch who work well together getting parcels ready or help delivering where needed.

The foodbank are always happy to receive donations big and small, whether it be directly to them or in the bins at the Coop in Meltham or Netherton. You can also buy a foodbank bag at Morrisons which gets distributed around the local foodbanks, including the one here in Meltham.

While I was there, it stuck me that the foodbank is not all about baked beans and pasta but about long life Semi skimmed milk in cartoons and shampoo and shower gel too. This was echoed in our own household, when I realised whilst putting the kids to bed I should have bought more toothpaste that day and didn't so I had to help squeeze the last dregs out of the tube, and again the following morning just so the kids could clean their teeth. It made me realise that this is what some families in our community are facing more often, making things last that one more time, putting off the inevitable.

So can you help? The previous page and the pictures bellow gives examples of the types of items the foodbank are short of. Thank you to all those who already support the foodbank whenever you can, but next time you are in the supermarket, instead of picking up those cans of baked beans or packets of pasta, why not pick up an extra jar , can or packet of something of what you are short of instead? Thank you.

Fiona Dracup





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GETTING OLD GRACEFULLY !!!!!

In a couple of years I'll be eighty, which will
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And although I've always been reasonably
fit, I have now become asthmatic.
It is making me wheezy and breathless,
while walking or when I'm asleep,
It's a good job we've got a bungalow,
because I cannot climb stairs if they're
steep.

Though my heart is in the right place, its
beat is becoming erratic,
Which means I can't get excited at all or
the results could be quite dramatic.
Arthritis has stiffened my joints, my eyes
are not good, I'm myopic,
So I cannot see what is too far away,
unless my specs are telescopic.

I am really a wreck, can't you tell? It is not
just my being asthmatic,
I had a blood test a week ago, now I'm
borderline diabetic.
I now have a pump to blow into, if I can't
breathe right I won't live,
I'll use my inhaler and take my pills as I
don't really want the alternative.

To make sure I'd get nothing else, I've had
jabs for Covid and Flu,
And then because when my birthday is, I
was jabbed for pneumonia too.
I might not get anything nasty or have any
longer to live,
But with all the needles stuck into me, if I
drink I will leak like a sieve.

Pam Murgatroyd



BELL HOUSE CARE HOME

Rev Judy Kenworthy led a service at Bell House on Wednesday 5th January we sang 3 carols and had 2 Bible readings and several prayers.

The theme of the service was the visit of the wise men and the gifts that they brought and Rev Judy reminded us that the most precious gift we can give to Jesus is the gift of ourselves.

Unfortunately we are unable to take a service on 2nd Feb as Bell House is once again, closed due to an infection.

Please remember the residents and staff in your prayers.

Women Fellowship, St Bartholomews

We finally were able to meet on 25th January for the AGM after 2 years of lockdown. Sue Gregory is the new Chairperson, Susan Crowther the New treasurer.

We would like to welcome new members to come to our informal meetings, on the last Tuesday in the month in Church at 2pm. After a short service we have a speaker, & chat with a cup of tea.

Secretary, Catherine Moulson.



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TWO YEARS LATER

By Pam Murgatroyd

Covid was like a visitor, who decided to stay on,
Even though not welcome at our doors.
It made us die, it made us ill and filled our hospitals,
But the vaccine stopped infection getting worse.

In the two years since it joined us, we have really learned so much,
Even though we had to stay apart.
We couldn't kiss, we couldn't hug, we couldn't even touch
And when you live alone, this breaks your heart.

Although our days were stressful, some aspects turned out good,
My kids were small when I first tried to bake.
Morrison's delivered flour, sugar, margarine
And when in lockdown I made my first cake.

I also knitted dishcloths and knitted one a day,
But when I got to forty, I felt sad,
'Cos we were still in lockdown, watching rubbish on TV,
So I gave them to the food bank, which were glad.

Then, when cafes opened and we could meet our friends,
We'd go out for a coffee or some tea.
Although we could have made our own, it wasn't quite the same
As going out for other company.

The good that came from all of this was meeting people new,
We made new friends from strangers that we met.
People, just like us, who needed company outside
And didn't see the cafes as a threat.

I learnt to bake a cake and bread, but then I put on weight,
I also knitted dishcloths to give away.
I made new friends, helped neighbours, who were lonelier than me,
With not a thought that Covid was here to stay.

It's said that something good can always come from something bad,
This goes for this pandemic that's for sure.
It came to us two years ago and has not gone away,
They found a vaccine, have they found a cure?

So what is normal now, since so much of life has changed,
Has normal now turned into something new?
We lost most of twenty twenty and all of twenty one,
We need back to normal as we know in twenty twenty two.

Fairtrade Fortnight

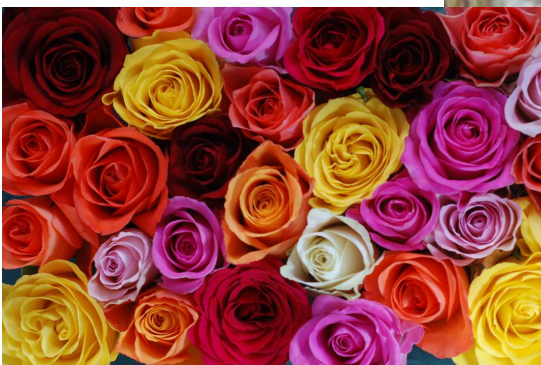
Fairtrade Fortnight 2022 began on 21st February and ends on 6th March. During this time individuals, groups and companies come together to celebrate the people in developing countries who grow our food, but are often underpaid and exploited. This year the focus of Fairtrade Fortnight is climate change and the growing problems this poses to farmers and workers within the Fairtrade community. Climate change is a huge challenge for farmers with drought, crop diseases, floods, heatwaves and shrinking harvests among the obstacles faced by producers in countries who have contributed least to the causes of climate change.



You may have noticed special offers in the supermarkets on Fairtrade products during Fairtrade Fortnight. Maybe you can support this cause by choosing Fairtrade options where available. We have supported Traidcraft for a number of years in this Parish. Traidcraft is the original Fairtrade pioneer in the UK. It was founded in 1979 by a group of Christians who wanted to challenge the deep injustices in global trade. If you haven't looked at Traidcraft for a while maybe take a few minutes to have a look at their website. www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

If you don't use the internet and would like a catalogue, which has lots of information about Traidcraft's work and campaigns as well as the products they sell, let me know and I will get one to you. In the meantime you may enjoy this puzzle that they have sent out this Fairtrade Fortnight.

Sarah Glover



Images taken from the Fairtrade fortnight website.

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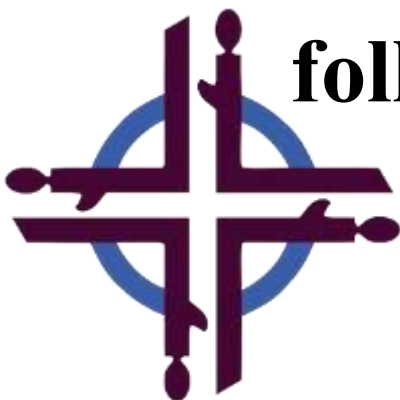
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Weekly Parish Services for March.

You are all welcome to join us at any of the following weekly Services:

St Bartholomews Church, Meltham - 9.30am

St James' Church, Meltham Mills - 9.30am

St Mary's Church, Wilshaw - 11.15am

During the colder months there will be NO services held at Christ Church, Helme.

Ash Wednesday: (2nd March) will be held at St Barts Church at 7.30pm.



Meltham Churches Together – Lent and Holy Week

Lent groups will start the week commencing 7th March.

It is planned to hold the following groups.

Monday evenings – TBC, demand dependant

Tuesday afternoons – 2pm St. Bartholomew's Church

Wednesday mornings – 11am Methodist Church

Thursday afternoons – 2pm Baptist Church

Everyone will be most welcome to attend any of the groups. There is a list in each church for you to indicate which group you may like to be part of, so that the leaders have an idea of numbers.

Holy Week: in addition to the services in the Parish, the Baptist church will be having Prayer stations at 2pm for one hour and the Methodist Church will have evening prayer online at 6.30pm.

Good Friday: we will be holding a service outside St. Bartholomew's Church beginning at 11.30am. This will be followed by lunch at the Methodist Church.

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by Ville

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Helme Ladies Report

January 4th and it was Helme Ladies first meeting in 2022 and at our new venue. After being driven out of Helme Church due to the cold and damp we now meet in Meltham Church Hall. It was nice to enter a warm building and we soon made ourselves at home, setting out the chairs and tables. The question of time and place had been discussed in November after the committee had decided that a new venue had to be found. During January and February, we had been meeting in the mornings for a few years now and the committee thought that mornings would be better all year round, and when put to the members they all agreed.

So, for our first meeting of the year what better than a 'New Year Quiz'. We had questions on history, geography and culture, such as which rivers join to form the Humber? And of course, who wrote 'Superworm'? The quiz completed amid lots of laughter, all the gossip brought up to date, there was only one thing left, to finish off with tea and cake. Our first meeting in the new venue had been very successful.

The 18th January was the date of our Annual General Meeting, better known by some as the Annual Gripe and Moan. In the leaders annual report, she said that our meetings had been well attended after we had been able to meet again. We had fun and laughter on our walks and at our meetings. Our Carol Service and Lunch went very well under the circumstances and our Christmas Lunch out was well attended. We had had a good year and hoped for better things in the year ahead. The treasurer reported that we were in a good place financially, so there was no reason to put up our membership fee. We had donated £300 to local charities and good causes and looked forward to a better year.

In the election of officers and committee, this is where you see members clamouring to take on the roles (we wish), so nothing has changed. We ended the meeting with the leader thanking everyone for their help over the year.

On the 1st February Helme Ladies were out for coffee and cake. Whilst out investigating the best place to go, we were made an offer it would have been churlish to refuse. It was a place we have visited before and we knew that the food was good, the Beaumont Arms at Netherton. We accepted their offer, so 20 of us descended on them oping for some wonderful cakes. Well we were not disappointed, we could choose between millionaires shortbread, chocolate brownie, strawberry and white chocolate cake, coconut cake or bakewell slice. Can I just say we had a wonderful time catching up with all the news and gossip between mouthfuls of cake.



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St Mary's Report

It was good to come together as a parish and to share a united parish communion, at St James' Church, on the first Sunday of 2022. Rev Martin Compton was the celebrant, he spoke about the wise men's gift and reminded us that Jesus is our great High Priest who gives us an instant access to God in response to this wonderful gift we shall live to proclaim God's love to everyone we meet. Thank you to St James's for the warm welcome and hospitality.

Rev John Dracup led a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 9th January at St Marty's. Rev John was celebrant assisted by Kim Howe who also led our prayers. The theme of the service was "Justice" and Rev John reminded us that the Holy Spirit shows us what is right and wrong and that God's love and mercy tempers His judgement of us.

On Sunday 23rd January Rev Judy Kenworthy led a service of the Word and as is now usual, the worship was shared by people on zoom as well as in church. Rev Judy gave the talk that reminded us that God shows Jesus to us in His word - the Bible, in creation, in His commands and in Jesus' amazing deeds. We need to stop, look and listen to see what God is showing to us.

On 29th January the Wilshaw Village Hall committee held a coffee morning at Meltham Church Hall. There was a well stocked cake stall, a tombola stall and a raffle. Our thanks go to all who helped on the day, all who provided things for the stalls and all who supported the event despite the high winds and rain created by Storm Malic.

Lay Reader Jacqueline France led a Service of the Word on Sunday 6th February, on zoom. She spoke about it being 70 years to the day since Queen Elizabeth II was proclaimed Queen on the death of her father King George VI. Jacqueline gave the talk about Jesus being our best example of how we should serve one another and be humble. She also spoke about how our Queen has also been a wonderful example of devotion to God and a lifetime of service. We had a quiet time of prayer as we listened to some Taize music following which some of our own prayers were shared.

The following week Rev John was celebrant at a Holy Communion Service and based his talk on the "Beatitudes" Mary Greenwood led the prayers and Shirley Landrick read the lessons. Rev John reminded us that the world belongs to us but that Jesus turns the world upside down.

There were no services at St Mary's on 16th January to enable us to share with the churches together covenant service at the Methodist Church.

The end of January saw a new venture. The United Parish communion, took place at St Bart's Church. St Mary's planned and led the service and St Bart's hosted it. A large congregation was in church and also on zoom, we celebrated "Jesus is the light of the world." Rev John led the worship and gave the talk. Rev Judy was celebrant. During the eucharistic prayer Rebekah, Jonah and Dylan helped to lead the responses. Following the service a presentation was made to Rev Peter Rolls on his Retirement from the Ministry. Our thanks go to St Barts for their warm welcome.

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'Side by Side'

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The group, which has been running now for six years, meets every Monday morning from 10.00-12.00 at the Methodist Church, Meltham.



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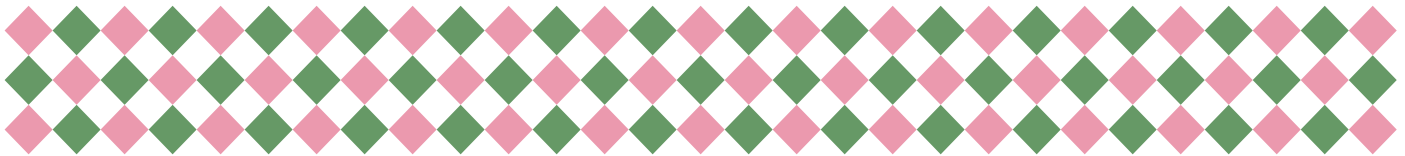
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Anyone wishing to have their loved ones names included in the book of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's please contact Jean Collison : Telephone 851816

(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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For more info, please contact either:
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St Bartholomews Flowers

There are a few vacancies on the church flower rota which is now up in church for 2022. If anyone is interested to place flowers on the altar in memory of loved ones contact Catherine Moulson. (850171)



Saturday Coffee Mornings

9.30am - 12pm at Meltham Village Hall, hosted by local organisations.

5th March - Hospice,

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Last month , a world wide survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was: *“Would you please give your honest opinion about possible solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?”*

The survey was a complete failure because: in Eastern Europe, they didn't know what “honest” meant. In Western Europe, they didn't know what “shortage” meant. In Africa, they didn't know what “food” meant. In China, they didn't know what “opinion” meant. In the Middle East, they didn't know what “solutions” meant. In South America, they didn't know what “please” meant. In the USA they didn't know what “rest of the world” meant, and in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Great Britain everyone hung up as soon as they heard they were doing a survey.

When you delve into history, some weird coincidences emerge. For example;

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860

John F Kennedy was elected President in 1960

Both Presidents were shot in the head on a Friday

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln.

Andrew Johnson who succeeded Lincoln was born in 1808,

Andrew Johnson who succeeded Kennedy was born in 1908

Lincoln was shot at a theatre name “Ford”,

Kennedy was shot in a ‘Lincoln’ car made by Ford.

A week before Lincoln was shot he was in Monroe, Maryland

A week before Kennedy was shot he was with Marilyn Monroe.



God Bless, Denis A.

What's the difference between Iron Man and Aluminium Man? Iron Man stops the bad guys, Aluminium Man foils their plans.

I went for a pelican curry last night, it was quite nice but the bill was enormous.

My friend just tried to cheer me up by saying “don't worry it could be worse, you could be trapped in a hole full of water”... I know he means well.

My boss asked why am I only sick on week days?... It's because I have a weekend immune system.

THANKS



I would like to say a huge Thank You for the beautiful Glass Sculpture I received from the Parish on my retirement from official ministry which began 39 years ago this year with my ordination.

I really appreciated the special Parish Service and also the time afterwards – especially the cake – where I was able to meet with so many people.

I was overwhelmed later at home, to read all the notes within the Memory Jar that I was given and these brought back many memories of events and special times during my ministry and our journey together.

I would also like to say Thank You for the Wooden Cross which was given to me from Meltham Churches Together and Christine would like to say Thank You for the beautiful bouquet of flowers which she was given.

It has been a privilege to serve within the Diocese of Leeds, within St James' Church', within the Parish of Christ the King and also within Meltham Churches Together.

I am aware that God does not have a retirement plan and so I now look forward to the future and working alongside everyone in whatever role God gives me.

Rev'd Peter Rolls



“SPEEDY GRANNIES”

There's a new Meltham group of
drivers,
Which needs an explanation,
It's a trio of elderly ladies,
Who once had a good reputation.

They all went out on their own,
Their various deeds to fulfill,
But they all got caught going too
fast,
That's Valerie, Pat and Jill.

They all got caught on camera,
Which their families thought was a
thrill,
So now they're the
'Speedy Grannies',
Known as Patricia, Val and Jill.

They decided to go on a course,
To learn a safer way to drive,
So that the 'Speedy Grannies',
Would have longer to stay alive.

Pam Murgatroyd

Thank you Rev'd Peter Rolls



In our Parish Communion on Sunday 30th January we gave thanks for all that Rev'd Peter Rolls has given to the Parish and to the life of the churches in Meltham. Peter was ordained 39 years ago this year and has now retired from official duties. Peter was ordained deacon on 30th September 1984 and priested the following year. Alison Whitely spoke about the incredible contributions Rev Peter has made to all four churches in the parish, to Churches Together in Meltham and to each one of us.



He was presented with a cross from Meltham Churches Together and it bears some words that are very fitting for Peter:

'God blesses the man who does his job with dignity, treats his friends with loyalty, lives his life with honesty and loves his family wholeheartedly.'

He also received a jar filled with messages of thanks from people who have benefited from his teaching, creativity, friendship, support and prayers throughout his many years of service.

As his gift from the Parish, Christine chose a piece of Svaja glass for Peter. This beautiful sculpture was made specifically for Peter in Lithuania and didn't arrive in time for the Parish Communion. It was presented to Peter in a service at St. James' on February 13th.

We know that Peter will continue to support both individuals and the churches through his ministry of prayer and his willingness to listen.

Peter's faithfulness to God is a blessing to us all.

God bless you Peter and thank you.





**Photos
from
around the
Parish**



On 1st February 2022 Nigel Priestly received his MBE by HRH Prince Charles at Windsor.