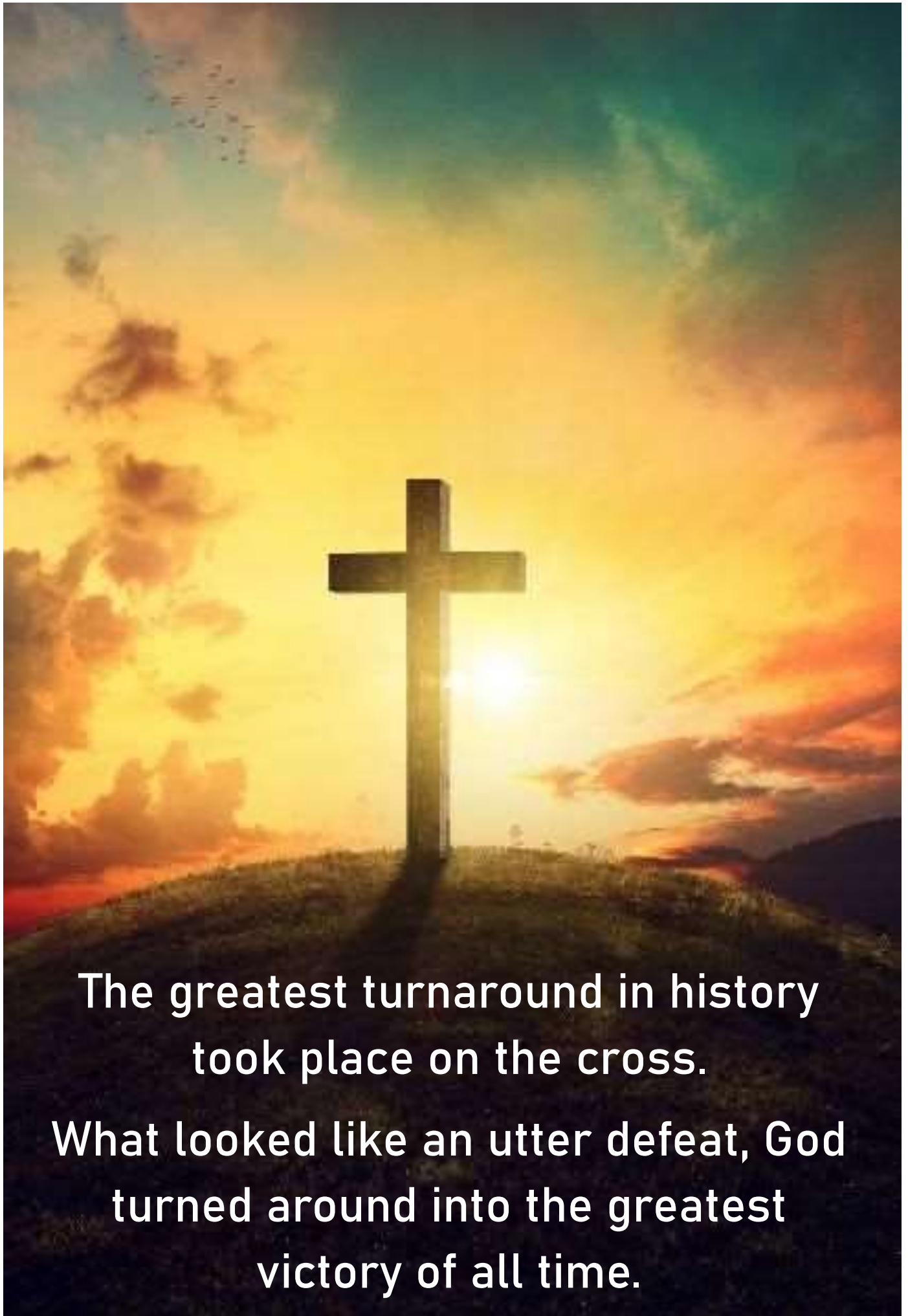


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**The greatest turnaround in history  
took place on the cross.**

**What looked like an utter defeat, God  
turned around into the greatest  
victory of all time.**

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Jesus forgave a thief dangling on a cross, knowing full well the thief had converted out of plain fear. That thief would never study the Bible, never attend church, and never make amends to those he had wronged. He simply said "Jesus remember me", and Jesus promised, "Today you will be with me in paradise". It was another shocking reminder that **grace does not depend on what we have done for God but rather what God has done for us.** - Philip Yancey

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### A note from the editor ...

Happy Easter!

Easter is such a hopeful time of the year, flowers are starting to grow and there is an increase in bird song and we can eventually start to put the clothes on the line more too. However it is not just about that, find out what it means to others (pg 8) and about the 'Real Love at Easter' event on page 13.

We have all been touched by the events in Ukraine, and the recent appeal showed just how much it has touched the hearts of Meltham. (pg 14) We have given an amazing **£949.60** to Teams4U.

Thank you to all who have contributed helped with this issue especially Alison W, it really wouldn't be the magazine it is without your input. All contributions are considered both big and small, so please do send them in.

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God Bless,  
Fiona.

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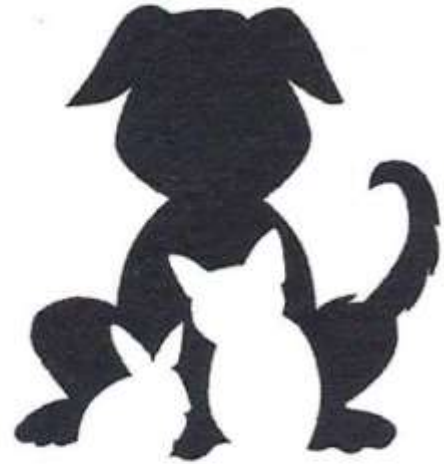
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## Letter from your Vicar.

After two years of covid and As we approach another annual General meeting (**APCM to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April at 7:00pm in St Bartholomew's Church**) I think that, in one way or another, we are all asking the same question:

Are we getting back to normal yet?

This last year has certainly not been back to normal. Restrictions have varied through the year not least with the omicron variant over Christmas but, many things have begun to be "more normal".

In April last year the APCM was able to go ahead which was an improvement after the 2020 APCM had been delayed from April to October. We were still in the early days of the vaccine rollout and still had many covid related restrictions. Therefore, I felt that it was a very great positive that we were able to fill most of the spaces on PCC and on all four of the Church Steering Groups.



During the last year we have been able to restart some activities and hold most of the events that we would normally aim to. In June there was a very successful Party in the Park which we were able to support, and the civic service went ahead in September. After discussions with the British Legion and members of the council it was decided that our Parish Remembrance Day service should be held outside again. This was for covid related reasons but unlike 2020 we didn't need to apply for a permit from Kirklees.

As Christmas came along so did omicron which resulted in the government sending out some very mixed messages regarding socialising. This did influence the number of people attending some events, but overall things were much better attended than in 2020.

Many thankyou's

I am deeply grateful to everyone who has helped to make this year a success. Especially our Church Wardens, PCC and steering group members who have all worked hard through what have often been challenging circumstances. I thank God for all those who have helped to keep our finances in order, for those who give regularly, for those who have left us legacies, and for those who have kept our accounts. And finally thank you to all who are involved in leading and enabling our worship and many parish activities.

Unfortunately, naming everyone involved would make this letter incredibly long but, please be assured that your contribution is greatly valued by myself and by God.



God bless  
Reverend John (Vicar)

## What does Easter mean to me?

A chance to celebrate new beginnings and enjoy time with family. A reminder that there can be hope and renewal even in terrible situations. A reminder to celebrate all I am thankful for. Freedom from the past and looking forward to the future.

*Rosie Wood*



I find God in nature, often more than in church! So Easter means a time of contrasts:

Good Friday to Easter Sunday.

Snowy weather to bright sunshine.

Dull, heavy soil to colourful daffodils.

Dead wood to branches bursting with new buds.

Hope in a breaking world.

*Val White*



Resurrection and rising in glory !!

The Easter after my husband Jim died in January 2017 I was worshipping at St. James'. We sang 'Thine be the Glory' as a final hymn and I had this overwhelming assurance that Jim was with our Lord in glory. A very special moment which has stayed with me.

*Carol Hunt*



Emerging

All around us

Swathes of new life

Takes our eyes forward

Encouraging us

Remember to value

*Amanda Rothwell*



For me Easter, especially Holy Week is a time of reflection, a time of quiet and contemplation. Easter Day is a joyous day, its the beginning of new life, gives hope and joy.

*Anne Halstead*



I became a Christian in the mid 1970s and at Easter I remember the Rev'd Eddie Roberts eating a daffodil and saying "When you go home will you tell people that the vicar ate a daffodil or tell them that Jesus is alive?".

The story of Mary meeting Jesus, risen and alive, has travelled with me all these years.

Like Mary, I've been surprised by God so many times in the past and in faith I know God will keep surprising me in my future.

*Cap't John Smith*



One day, our superhero came back from the dead - like he actually came back to life after having been crucified! God's actual son died for our sins - he rolled the stone back and he ROSE AGAIN. And because of that day we can now eat chocolate, spend time with loved ones, celebrate with joy and know that we are forgiven because Jesus loves us THAT much.

*Abbie Priestley*



For me as a Christian, Easter commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus. The event which took place over 2,000 years ago was the most important in world history. Life changing for so many people. The Bible predictions coming to fruition and the story told is so powerful.

With all that is going on in the world at the moment, we need the faith, the hope of better times and, most of all, the love in the world. Easter is the time for new beginnings, new life.

*Jill Horsman*



What a good question!

At Christmas we are often encouraged to take time to think about the real message. So it's a good idea to do exactly the same at Easter.

Our Christian faith is predicated on the death and resurrection of Jesus. If this did not happen, then there is no Christianity.

I believe that Jesus died and rose to life three days later. Therefore, for me, Easter is simply the most important time of the year.

*Richard Whiteley*





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Q: Where should over 70's look for their specs?                      A: On their foreheads.

Q: Why should over 70's use valet parking?

A: Valet's don't forget where they parked your car.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your husband?

A: Tell him your pregnant.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?                      A: Yes in the afternoon.



Fred's missus saw Fred standing on the doctors scales tucking in his tummy and weighing himself. "That's not going to help" she said. "Sure it does" said Fred. "It's the only way I can see the numbers on the scales".

Following this he turned to the doctor and said, "Well you see, the problem is that obesity runs in our family". To this the doctor replied "No! the problem is that nobody runs in your family".

Finally: I have decided that without coffee I'm always walking into rooms and forgetting why I went in there. With coffee, I still don't remember, but at least I have something to sip while I try to figure it out.

God Bless, Say one for the people of Ukraine.  
Denis A.

Just had two police officers come up to me outside the supermarket. They asked me the following questions:

"Are you familiar with the letters HB?"

I said "no I am not"

"How about LS?"

"No"

"What about JD?"

I said, "hang on a minute, am I a suspect or something?"

They said, "No, these are just initial enquires".



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"

## HELP WANTED!

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## Real Love at Easter



Last year we had exciting times at Easter. We gave away felt hearts, cards and painted stones to remember what Real Love is - that Jesus loves without limits.

This year, building on last year's Real Love outreach, we are aiming to have an outreach on the Meltham Greenway - with decorated eggs and coffee given away, if we can.

An Easter story trail is going to be set up with worksheets for children that leads from the Greenway to St James' churchyard. That's where a cross and empty tomb will be. Each child that completes the trail will receive a free Easter egg.

At St James' Church there will be an Easter reflection area together with an "History of the church" display plus free coffee and cakes. Our plan is to give away an Easter story book to the children, together with leaflets sharing information about what happens in the four churches in the Parish. We plan to advertise any events coming up. It's possible that there could be a Crossroads stand.

Whilst this is physically located at St James' Church it is part of the parish wide 'Real Love at Easter' event. Any help you can offer on the day would be **greatly appreciated.**

We need cake bakers and people on the day being around to talk to people and also people to help with setting up and packing away. Please offer whatever you can.

Thanks.

Contact: Nigel Priestley on 07885430085 or Mike Still on 07867951512



## UKRAINE APPEAL.....IT WAS AN AMAZING 4 DAYS!

It all began on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March when Judith & Paul Powell, Mike Still, Grace Dronsfield and myself got together and decided that we must do something to help the displaced Ukrainians who were having to leave their homes and flee across the borders into neighbouring safe Countries in order to escape the bombing and fighting. This was a humanitarian crisis and there was an urgent need for basic supplies.

The local schools in Meltham were all contacted and emails were sent out by the staff to all the parents on the school's mailing lists appealing for donations. From the morning of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, donations began to appear at the three Meltham Drop-Off Points, Morrisons, the Co-op and the Crossroads Shop. We also received donations from Aldi, in Thongsbridge, who had set up an appeal for their customers to donate items but didn't know what to do with the huge quantity donated. Local businesses in Holmfirth also became involved with WH Brown (Estate Agents) acting as a Drop-Off Point.

Because we had advertised the Drop-Off Points, on social media, the appeal took off at a stratospheric level and our "warehouse" at



St James Church was flooded with a huge quantity of much-needed supplies, on a daily basis, that would provide the refugees with the basics that they so desperately needed during such a turbulent time in their lives.

They had hurriedly left their homes with just what they could carry and this was minimal. They suffered so much and faced a difficult journey to escape the bombing and cross over the border into safe and welcoming Countries where they were received with open arms and an abundance of love. Women and young children who had left husbands, fathers and older sons behind in Ukraine to defend their homeland from the aggression of the Russian invasion not

knowing whether they would ever see their loved ones again and be reunited as a family.

The "warehouse" had become a hive of activity as lots of volunteers came along each afternoon to sort out and group the donations into cardboard boxes. It was a wonderful sight to see and we were continually



amazed at the generosity of so many people in Meltham and the surrounding area.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, as donations continued to flood in, we busily processed them in readiness for the arrival of the van, provided by



TayTrans, that was expected in the late afternoon. On its arrival, with careful loading, we were amazed at the huge number of filled boxes that were able to fit into the van. As it was driven away from outside St James, bound for the T4U Head Office in Wrexham the following morning, it was an emotional time for everyone who had been



involved during the four days and especially for the five of us who had met together just 3 days earlier and who had felt compelled to do something and enable the local community to come onboard and “make it happen”.

And it certainly happened...my goodness, didn't it just happen!

All the hard work became so worthwhile because we knew just how much the content of the boxes from Meltham would help our Ukrainian friends.

It is wonderful to realise how people across Europe have been so moved by what they see on their TV screens and respond in such a humanitarian way.

It is true to say that, as the people of Ukraine weep, then people here in the UK, in mainland Europe and across the World also weep.

As Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41), our Lord must also be weeping over Ukraine at this sad time.

Chris Dronsfield



## **UKRAINE APPEAL ...An Update**

On 1st March, a prayer vigil was held in St Bart's church for the situation in Ukraine. During that time a text donation number was set up to send funds directly to the Meltham Shoe Box partners, Teams4U, who already have links in the countries the refugees are fleeing to like Poland and Moldova etc (where the Christmas Shoe Box appeal went to this year). This money would be used to buy food and medicine parcels. Through this text service £277.59 was given. Following that as the need grew, we were able to send the filled van to the T4U warehouse to join others where it would be taken collectively to the areas in need.



Further more, due to the unfortunate cancellation of a coffee morning on Saturday 19th March, the Parish used the free spot and pulled together, yet again at short notice, a coffee morning where 100% of the money raised would be given to T4U to specifically help the refugees. A cake stall, tombola, a soft toy stall where provided and even small badges of the Ukrainian flag were sold to show our solidarity with the people of Ukraine.



The money raised came to £672.10

## **Meltham Churches Together – Lent and Holy Week**

Lent groups will run up to Holy Week.

Monday evenings – 7pm, Crossroads Centre

Tuesday afternoons – 2pm, St. Bartholomew's Church

Wednesday mornings – 11am Methodist Church

Thursday afternoons – 2pm Baptist Church

Everyone is most welcome to attend any of the groups, even if you haven't been to any before.

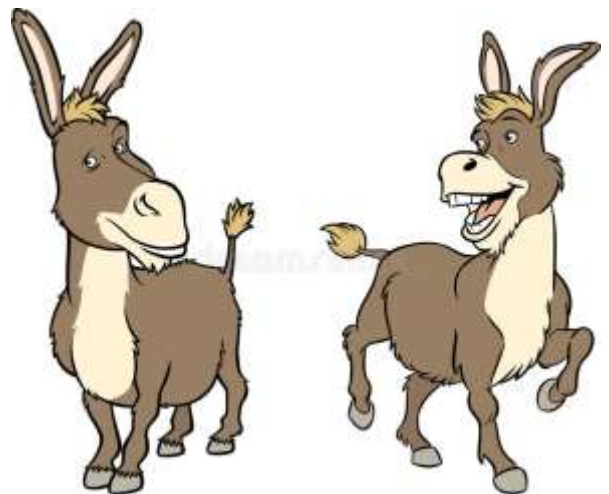


Holy Week; in addition to the services in the Parish, the Baptist church will be having Prayer stations at 2pm for one hour and the Methodist Church will have evening prayer online at 6.30pm.



### **Two donkeys**

Two donkeys were walking the streets of Jerusalem. One said: "Just a few days ago I came down that hill carrying Jesus, and the people were all singing and shouting and throwing down their cloaks and palms for me to walk on. But today they don't even recognise me."



The other donkey replied: "That is how it is, my friend. Without Jesus, none of us amounts to much."



## **Weekly Parish Services for April.**

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

Subject to heating contractors, Services will resume at Christ Church, Helme very soon! Keep a look out on facebook or the website for dates.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

- Monday to Friday 7.30am at St James Church, daily devotion.
- Monday 7pm at Christchurch, Helme, Stations of the Cross
- Monday 7pm at St Marys, Wilshaw, Taize Service
- Maundy Thursday 7.30pm at St James', Communion service
- Good Friday 11.30am, St Bart's churchyard, Service of witness followed by soup lunch at the Methodist Church.

### **EASTER WEEKEND:**

**Saturday Easter trail**, Greenway, (start at the Morrisons end).

Follow the trail of the Easter story all the way to St James' Churchyard and if you complete it, you will be rewarded!

**Sonrise Service, 6am, Cock Crowing Stone, Wessenden Head Road  
(be there before ready for the Sunrise)**

HE IS RISEN! Join us for this very special time. It really is worth getting up for! The Sunrises at 6 am. so you need to be there for then. A short reflection focussed on the discovery of the empty tomb for about 20 minutes.



Then join us afterwards for Bacon Butties in the parish hall, (across from St Barts church)

### **EASTER DAY SERVICES**

You are very welcome to join us as we celebrate the resurrection at any of our four churches in the Parish. The service will include Communion and be at their 'usual' times (see above). This WILL also include a service at Christchurch, Helme at 11.15am

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## Helme Ladies Report

Now Helme Ladies do like a 'Beetle Drive', so on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February we met to do just that. We had enough ladies to have four tables of 4 and one table of 2. We settled down to the serious business of making beetles, there was plenty of laughter along with groans and 'this dice doesn't have a six on it'. It can be a fast and furious game with someone shouting "beetle" on one table before some on another had even got a body. After every game you change partners, and this is where chaos reigns with winners changing tables. We managed to have eight rounds of 'beetle' and the person who has had the most beetle body parts is the winner, who was suitably rewarded with a prize. Coffee and biscuits followed with all catching up with the gossip.

1<sup>st</sup> of March was our next meeting, meteorologically the first day of spring, well the sun was shining for a change. As I am writing this report you will have to forgive me if it is short and sweet, I was at the dentist, but I know where I would rather have been. The ladies were playing a game called Guestures which is similar to Charades, you have two teams and one person from the team has to mime words on a card and the rest have to guess what it is, within a time limit. When everyone in both teams had had a turn, the team with the most points is the winner. From what I have heard everyone had a great time with plenty of laughs which is what it is all about.

### Upcoming Events

March 29<sup>th</sup> Lunch out at the Huntsman

April 12<sup>th</sup> Recipe Swap with tasters

April 26<sup>th</sup> Talk by Pauline Robertshaw "Teaching Around the World"

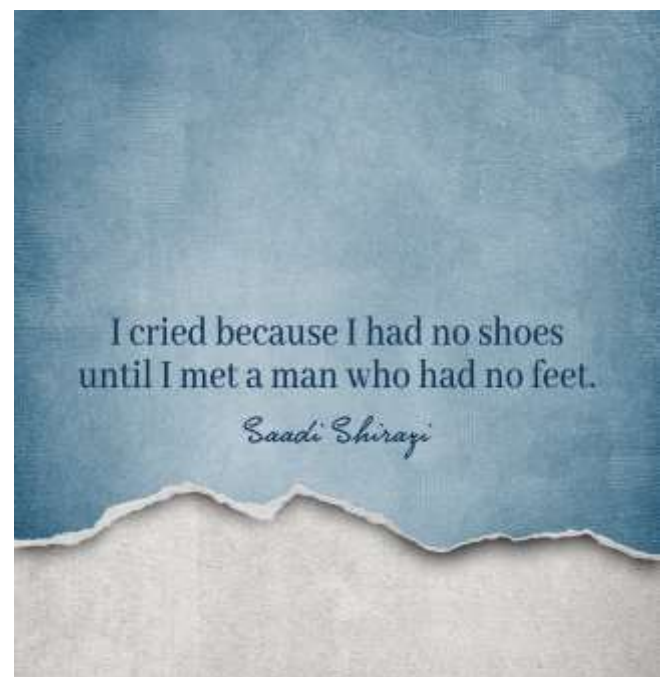


### BELL HOUSE CARE HOME

On Wednesday 9th March, Rev Judy took a service for Lent for the residents and staff. Assisted by Sally we heard about Jesus being tempted in the desert, we prayed for Ukraine and sang two hymns.

It is so good to be able to visit our friends at Bell house and to share worship again

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# Choir Notes

Since the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions were eased, we have struggled to get back into singing routinely at the services. It's not easy as our numbers have dwindled further due to various reasons – ill health, other commitments, and a couple of retirements (see later). We are currently trying to commit to singing once per month on the third

Sunday plus other special services and get together as many members plus helpers for this to make the choir a viable lead to the singing. We welcome any new voices who might want to come and sing with us occasionally but not able to commit to each week. We are also looking at other options to remove any barriers for potential new recruits joining us – for example, the wearing of robes is quite an alien concept for some people in this day and age.

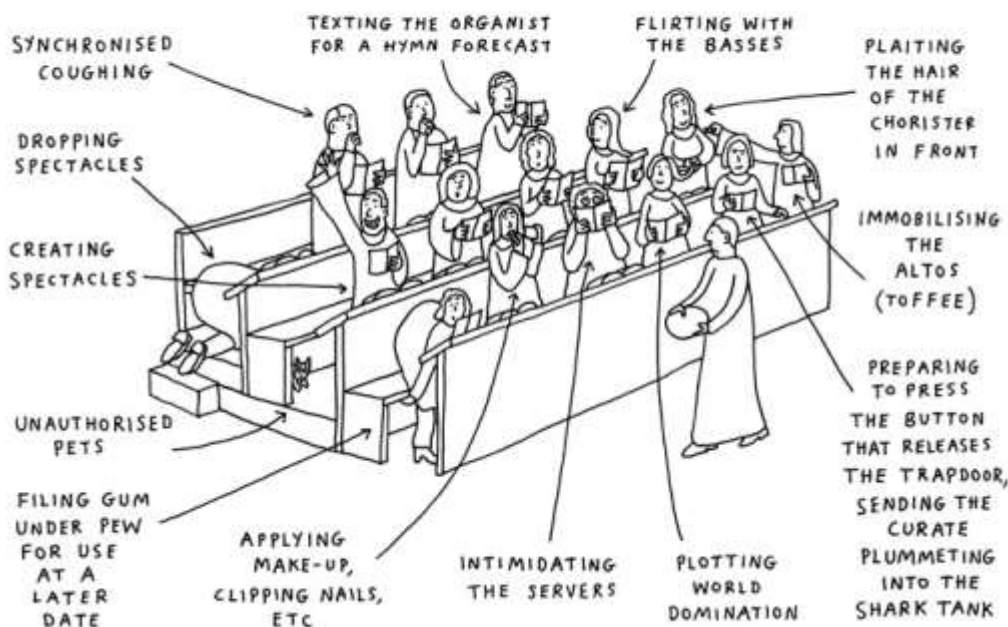
Unfortunately, Walter Young and Norman Webb have now retired from singing in the choir. Walter has sung with us in the bass section for around 28 years and more often than not has been accompanied by a guide dog – we've seen a few come and go over the years, and they've all been excellent – well behaved and never once sang a note out of tune! Norman joined us more recently in 2011 but has still clocked up a few years nonetheless. We thank them both for their years of service to the church and wish them all the best.

On Good Friday, we are hoping to put together a musical offering with a little help from our friends. At this time, we're not sure of the format, as we're still assessing what will be viable, which will be dependent on outside help. As you have now probably gathered, there is a common theme here – we need more voices. Please speak to myself or any choir member if you are interested in finding out more, or giving it a try. We're not that scary – honest!

Simon Ball

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## St Mary's Report

On Sunday 20th March it was a joy to welcome Ruth Murray Webster to take the service Ruth is training as a worship leader and did a great job rev John gave the talk and spoke about how almighty God who is seated on his throne and worshipped by all creation and all mankind is just a thin veil away from each one of us and can calm all the storms that surround us.

We have also shared two services of holy communion led by rev John and rev Judy and a service of the word led by lay reader Jacqueline France we have learnt about the how in the transfiguration we catch a glimpse of Christ's glory we have learnt that the closer we stay to Jesus the more we will reflect his light and love we need to remember that it is god's kingdom His power and His glory for ever and ever and no human person can change that we learnt that when we find ourselves in the dessert of difficult times in our lives Jesus walks alongside us and finally we were reminded that God shelters us under his wings as a mother hen shelters her chicks and it is there that we find safety and comfort.

As usual services were shared with people in church and on zoom our thanks go to Judith, Kim, Shirley, Lucy and Rev Dennis for reading the lessons and leading our prayers and to Peter and Elizabeth for the music and power point. People were also encouraged to donate to a local appeal for Ukraine.



### 'Side by Side'

'**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** or **Alzheimer's disease**.

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



There is a small charge of **£3.00**

We aim to provide a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities to chat; share memories; enjoy a range of activities which all encourage conversation, confidence and generally have a good time on a Monday morning!

If you would like more information please contact:  
Judith Powell- 859460 or Jenny Mathers - 850839

# CROSSROADS CENTRE



*'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it'*

(John 1: 5 New Living Translation)

After so many months of restricting activities in the Crossroads Centre it was exciting to host an Open Day in conjunction with Platform 1 who send representatives to the Centre every Tuesday morning.

Platform 1 are a Huddersfield Charity who offer face to face support to help anyone going through depression, loneliness, low mood or those who may be lacking direction and support when going through difficult times or life changing events. They do not want anyone to suffer alone and there are qualified staff available to help.

There were opportunities to try Creative Writing courtesy of Serendipity, Art as therapy, British Sign language or the chance to chat to Nigel Priestley our legal Advisor or Chris Smith our Debt and Benefit Advisor.



Free refreshments were available which included delicious tray bakes from Two Valleys.

If you would like to make appointments to see any of our advisors, please contact the Reception on: 01484 854400

It is lovely to see other groups from Meltham using the Centre to hold their monthly meetings.

We are slowly welcoming volunteers back into Reception, still very conscious that we need to keep people safe and where possible free from infection.

The Crossroads Shop has continued to open whenever safe to do so and we are delighted to see more customers returning. In the second week of March a week's takings were given to the Huddersfield Ukraine Association to help them support those caught up in the conflict in Ukraine, a total of £1,720.88. Thank you to everyone who donated time and money for this important cause.

Thank you to the window dressers and shop staff who work tirelessly to ensure goods are available to sell and that it is a pleasant shopping experience

As always thank you to everyone for your prayers and support as we seek to serve and support those in need in our community.

With our very best wishes to you this Easter, from all in the Crossroads Project.

Sue Priestley



*“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus”. (Philippians 4:19)*



With the situation in Ukraine as I write this, I felt challenged to reflect on the way God has met our challenges. Inevitably this is a more personal article which I hope readers will find helpful. I have quoted the verse of confidence in our Gods provision previously. Before the pandemic started, we were supplying and supporting about 20 clients a month. Throughout the challenges of the Pandemic God did not fail us. As we came out of the pandemic it became clear the challenges were, if anything, becoming greater. Currently we continue to support over 100 families per month.

We do not know what the future holds, it seems certain now that energy prices, and inflation will continue to soar. Additionally, as a community it is likely we may well be asked to help Ukrainian refugees. The Foodbank was able, from our limited surplus stock, to send a large quantity of Pasta to Ukraine as part of the incredible community effort with our partners Teams4U, to send a large Van loaded with needed supplies on the borders in just 3 days. Foodbank volunteers again stepping up to help collect, sort, and load the donations.

We are extremely fortunate as a foodbank to be subsidised each moth from the crossroads project, and as a Christian based organisation, to have the support of our trustee's to be generous reflecting the heart of God. The direct donations from everyone are very valued both food and money but have for some time been outstripped by demand. We have also many examples of large direct donations arriving unexpectedly just when we needed them.

Some may ask the question, “How can you say its God that provides your needs ? Its clearly the people of Meltham through the crossroads project”. I believe it is God that inspires our human hearts, it is part of us being created in his image, “We love because he first loved us”. John 4:19.

We certainly know it has nothing to do with the devil, we see the evil inspired by him graphically displayed on our TV screens. It is certainly beyond my training and ability to be able to explain or understand, the details of the spiritual warfare that is behind such evil. In the end I rest on Pauls explanation in his letter to the Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

My personal faith journey has led me to strongly identify with the saying, “ The older I get the less I understand but the more I believe”. As we move forward into a very humanly uncertain future, I am certain although there are many things I can't explain. I have confidence that God is in control, his character and dependability never changes, and his love for humanity never falters.

The challenge for us is to reflect Gods love, “to be His ambassadors “. This is one of the core principals which guides the development and running of the foodbank.

Debbie Still

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Edward Sykes

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Please contact:  
Catherine Moulson  
(850171)

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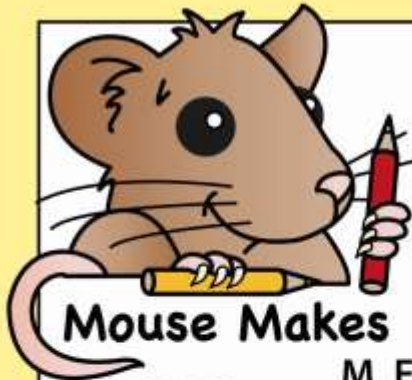
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# Meltham Family Page

There are 12 easter eggs hidden in this edition, can you find them all? There will be two of each design.

(Answers for the word search is on the back page.)



Who betrayed Jesus?  
Who denied Jesus?  
*Read Matthew 26:17-75*



What did the soldiers put on Jesus at his crucifixion?  
What time did Jesus die?  
Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?

*Read Matthew 27*



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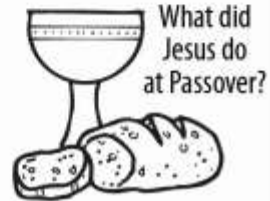
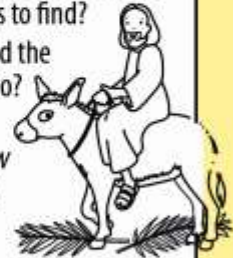
Jesus has risen!  
Jesus is with us!  
Jesus will come again!



What did Jesus send the disciples to find?

What did the crowd do?

*Read Matthew 21:1-11*



What did Jesus do at Passover?

*Read Matthew 26:17-30*



On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb?

What had happened to Jesus?

*Read Matthew 28*



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Find these words from the Easter story in the word search:


DONKEY • ROAD • BRANCHES • PALMS • KING • HOSANNA  
PASSOVER • ROOM • BREAD • WINE • CUP • MEAL • BODY • BLOOD  
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ROBE • TREE • NAILS • CROSS • DARKNESS • QUAKE • DEATH • LOTS  
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MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • GOD • RAISED • JOY • GO TELL  
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## Easter Creativity



Thank you to everyone who decorated Easter eggs. We're sure they will bring a smile to the faces of the recipients and the accompanying message will remind everyone of Jesus' love.





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Answers for the wordsearch on page 31.