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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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Your Church

A note from the editor ...

Hello!

Welcome to the May edition, and what an Easter filled edition it is. Easter was so lovely this year to be able to get out and show Christ's 'Real Love' for us all. You can read about it on pages 8&9

Ever wanted to know what is involved in ringing the church bells? Well turn to pages 12 & 13 to find out! Also a last minute article on some social history documents on St James' Church that was shown to the vicarage is on the centre page.

Thank you to all who have contributed with this issue, especially all your little 'Thank you's really do show the church community working together. 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.

The next deadline for the June magazine will be:

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God Bless,

Fiona.

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Letter from your Vicar.

In the Church Easter is always a time of great celebration however, Easter this year felt like a particularly happy time due to the last couple of years having been so affected by covid. With Churches and Churchyards decorated, children hunting Easter eggs, a very encouraging number of people in each of our services including over 30 at the cock crowing stone at sunrise, I couldn't help but feel that things might be beginning to get back to normal. Off course things are still different and we shouldn't pretend that there are not challenges ahead. But an honest look back to two years ago will remind us that many of the challenges we face now were already present then. Perhaps the greatest challenge (and the most important) is that we need to grow, that we must share the good news of the risen Jesus and pass it onto future generations.

Throughout May we are in the period between Easter and Pentecost which is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. The day of Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit filled the Church and enabled its members to begin sharing the good news of Easter. Worldwide the Church has been growing ever since.

I am very grateful to all those who have served on our PCC and steering groups this year. Our meetings have become increasingly positive, and we have begun to look at the future shape of the Church using the diocesan strategy and we will be engaging with the "Leading your Church into Growth" course and using the materials these provide to shape our conversations. However, in the past Churches have produced many well-meaning but sadly forgotten mission statements and strategy documents. They have been too long and complicated to remember. Therefore, I am proposing that we make our growth strategy; "**Pray and tell people about Jesus**."

This may not appear to be a detailed strategy, but it is the one that Jesus gave us in the great commission.

47 It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' 48 You are witnesses of all these things.

49 "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

Luke 24:47-49 New Living Translation

If we form the habit of asking, does this help us pray? And, is this a place where we can share the good news about Jesus? then we will increasingly find ourselves following the great commission, which is God's growth strategy.

Then we will not only see God's kingdom but find ourselves living in it. A place of growth, joy, and abundant life, a place which should always be the new normal for all of God's people.

God bless Reverend John (Vicar)

Real Love at Easter



Easter 2022 set a new challenge to the church in Meltham. Last year in Covid times, 500 painted stones were left to be taken by walkers on the Greenway; 900 felt hearts where given to students at local schools and to the their teachers;

and hearts also went to the residents and carers at our local care Homes. They were symbols of RealLove – Jesus loves us without limits.

This year the challenge was to learn from last year's efforts. We wanted to keep

reminding our neighbours of what RealLove at Easter means – by sending items into Meltham's homes via the school and into the Care homes and by conversations. We decided that we wanted to try and engage with people rather than just hand out cards, hearts and stones. We realised how many people use the Greenway and decided if at all possible, to offer coffee and tea to those taking a stroll with their families and dogs.



This year's artists turned their attentions to decorating wooden eggs. The response was fantastic. Beautifully decorated wooden

eggs were put into small bags with a message about Easter. The cards were designed by Julie Davies, a local graphic designer. Communicating Jesus message is worth the best design! The Care Home residents got chocolate eggs in their bags!

After overcoming the challenge of how to heat water on the Greenway, courtesy of Sarah Glover providing a gas-lit boiler through the Scouts and Guides, we were all set. The master stroke that added to the quality of the day was the Easter Trail.



Organised by Mike Still with able help from many others, the Trail took children from the Greenway to St James with children and their families by following a series of pictures providing clues which told the Easter Story.

The Easter Trail caught the imagination of many children. The commitment was such that there were two families waiting at the Turning Circle at 9.45 impatient to get going! Over 80 children completed the

task and got a free Easter Egg. Between 200- 300 people came into St James where volunteers provided free refreshments plus water for the dogs. There were stalls including from Crossroads Food Bank, and Teams4U plus a history of the Church.

One local resident emailed Rev John to say: "My 5 year old has just completed the Easter Trail with his dad and the dog and had a great time. Reading the age appropriate clues and winning the chocolate egg has made it really memorable for him. Thank you for making the effort, it was appreciated. Even thinking of the dogs!"

On the Greenway, coffees and teas were handed out and there were many conversations, some simply sociable, some very profound.

And we learnt that some people come from as far away as Kings Lynn, Wigan, Oldham and Barnsley to see Folly Dolly Falls. And they took away with them the message of Easter

By the grace of God we had beautiful weather on the day but the real grace was that we were able to engage with so many local families and share RealLove.





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Thank You to all who helped me recover from my last accident. For the phone calls, especially those who prayed over the phone. For my cards, flowers, plants, those who prayed for me and lit candles in Church for me. Special thanks to the Thursday afternoon Bible Study Group who made a rota of who was going to take me to the doctors each day for dressings and visits to the hospital and those who had time to come and sit with me.

God bless you all,

Mrs Belch.

A big THANK YOU to all the people who came to the Church Hall on Saturday 16th April for coffee and cakes. From your generosity we have been able to send £300 to the Christian Aid organisation. We are sure the money will be used to help those in need and we all enjoyed our time together on a lovely Saturday morning.

- Please see page 27 for more information of the Saturday Morning Coffee mornings.

My sincere apologies goes to Jenni Hilton as I failed to include, in a recent edition of this magazine, the following 'Thank You'. I do try and include everyone who sends little notes in but sometime due to no fault of theirs I sometimes miss them. Sorry again - Fiona.

Thank you to everyone who sent flowers cards, visits and phone calls after my operation. I have been home quite a while and I am getting better slowly.

Thank you once again,

Jenny Hilton.

An Easter Trail 'Thank you'.

What a fantastic day on Saturday 16th April was had by all from the start of the Greenway to St James' church. We estimate we had about 300 people including children at St James' throughout the day. This does not include conversations that we had on the Greenway with those who were not doing the trail. It felt as though we really connected with the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the lovely day here in our community in Meltham.

Mike Still and Nigel Priestly

Church Bell Ringing

English church bells are usually hung in 'peals' and tuned in a diatonic octave, sometimes less than a full octave, sometimes more than.

The 'tunefulness' of the bells relies on them having been tuned to the diatonic scale and they are rung with variations of order with the attempt to keep some sort of musical harmony.



How Bells are Rung There are about 40,000 ringers in over 6,000 towers! Bells are rung full-circle from the 'UP' position (upside-down) with a rope round a wheel \$ This allows ringers to vary ringing speed to change the order in which the bells ring Learn at your own pace in stages: 1. Bell handling A BELL IN THE "DOWN" POSITION (pulling the rope) 2. Rounds (ringing in time with others) 3. Change ringing (methods) Ø

The sound most 'non ringers' will be familiar with is the ringing out of the bells from the highest note to the lowest, so in the tonic scale it would sound as: doh, te, lah, so, fah, me, ray and doh again (highest note first and lowest note last), however ringers number their bells from lightest to heaviest, so a diatonic eight bells would, instead of being doh, te, lah etc would be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

The sound of bells pealing out in this descending order is melodic and easy to listen to, however after a short while of it repeating itself a listener (and ringer(s)) may become less enthusiastic for it to continue.

So, in order that the sound does not become monotonous ringers have come up with ways of changing the order of the bells to enhance the experience. In the first instance those ringing learn to change their position by having numbers/ sequences 'called out' by their team captain, and on the command those ringing change the position which their particular bell (each ringer only controls one bell) is rung in the order specified, so for instance if they started, as they would, as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. They may well be 'called' to change position and ring 2, 1, 4, 3, 6, 5, 8, 7, thereby making the change and sound a little bit more interesting.

For most ringers, after they have mastered the physical and co-operative nature of ringing to the degree where they are comfortable with ringing the previously described 'called out changes' with some ease, will want to progress further, and for the listener it will also increase the interest if the changes occur more often, that is, with greater frequency. So the band of ringers move forward and learn quicker ways of making the changes.

The aim is (in ringers language) to learn 'method' ringing.

This entails everyone in the 'band' knowing how to change their bell's position every time it rings out (which is about every two seconds). In terms of the bell numbers it would look like this;

After about half a minute the bells are back in their original order of; 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

This is called 'plain hunting' and you can repeat the pattern over and over, but it is limited in the number of different sequences it will produce, so the never ending dilemma of 'boring' can raise its head again.

However bellringers have a number of ways of varying the order and can ring different sequences for several hours without repeating any one line, and that is 'method' ringing.

Of course before anyone can join in they need to learn the basic 'physical' skill of bell handling. Simply put this is the ability to control a bell so that it can be rung safely. It is a skill that can be learned relatively quickly and with ease as long as the individual is enthusiastic and patient.

The only restriction normally imposed is a minimum age, most groups set that at around 12 or 13 years but there is no hard and fast rule, and there is no maximum age, some people learn to ring aged 70 plus!

Most importantly, bell ringers are, as a general rule, welcoming and sociable.

If you want to know more or are interested in bell ringing, Practise is every Thursday evening 7pm-8pm at St Bartholomew's church. Beginners are welcome. Peter Murgatroyd is the Tower Captain.

HELP WANTED!

Do you have a Poem to share or found something interesting to share from your travels? Maybe you want to make a public "Thank you" or even seen a funny story or picture.

Then please do send it in to put in the magazine. All contributions will be considered.

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JUST FOR FUN!

I was asked what I did over the weekend. I replied "Why? What did you hear?"

Fred's missus came home one evening and switched on the T.V and after a couple of minutes yelled. "Don't go there!, don't be so stupid, don't go to the Church!" Fred wondered what the commotion was about and asked "What on earth are you watching?" she replied, " Our wedding video".

Tip - When summer arrives, there is not better sunscreen than sitting in the pub enjoying a pint.

I have finally found out that it is far easier to drop things than it it to pick them up!

Whenever the wife says "I was thinking", you know it means I have to move, build, paint or buy something.

Hope you didn't eat all your grandchildren's Easter eggs, (if there were any left!)

God Bless, Dennis A.

Don't mess with Children!

A Primary school teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God'. The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like'. Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute'.

The Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic primary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray; "Take only ONE, God is watching" Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want, God is watching the apples!"

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?' Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white', The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

Do you Remember?

- A Piece of history from St James' Church.

Whilst we were recovering from the wonderful Easter events, there is a knock on the Vicarage door by a lovely gentleman who is armed with some very interesting pieces of Church and social history of St James' Church, Meltham Mills. This gentleman is the nephew of 'Mrs Sykes' who apparently was a 'regular member' of the Church until she died.

Having recently celebrated (well more acknowledged due to lockdowns in place at the time) the church's 175th anniversary I was very keen to see what he had for us to look at. Some of these documents were from 1937! They included a programme for a play called "Nine till Six" by 'The Girl Players', a Christmas card from 1937, a 'Centenary souvenir ' of the



church from 1945 (which I have only ever seen photocopies of) a couple of parish newsletters, a church year book to commemorate the 100 years of a church building being at Meltham Mills and order of services for the Sunday before the Coronation of King George VI.

With the Queen's Platinum jubilee in mind, no doubt some of these pieces will feature more in next month's issue. But I leave you with the following excerpts from the 1947 church newsletter to increase your intrigue.

"My dear Frineds,

Easter Day. The Church was as usual beautifully adorned with flowers and the services were well attended, the number of communicants was about 100. The collections, which were for the upkeep of the Churchyard, amounted to over £11 - Thanks.

...We try to keep our Church and Churchyard in a condition worthy of their sacred purpose. Many complimentary remarks are made by visitors, on the neatness and tidiness of our Church and Churchyard. We have to rely on you and your help for the continuance of this happy state.

(Good to know this is still the case 75 years on)

"Weekday pages for women with homes."

Monday's Washing - Those buttons - To save shirt buttons from breaking in mangling, place shirt two or three thickness through rollers, leaving button side only one thickness. This raises rollers and so enables buttons to pass without getting broken. - Mrs Hardcastle

Tuesday's Sewing - Old electric bulbs make good "mushrooms" for darning. Bind adhesive tape round the stem: it can then be used for the finest silk stockings without fear of catching threads. - B.M.H

Saturdays' Children - Rubber Shoes that the children so quickly run into holes can be mended by sticking on a patch from a cycle repair outfit. For gym at school, these will last a considerable time. - Mrs Neale.

Weekly Sunday Parish Services for May.

On the Fifth **Sunday (29th May)** there will be a **Parish Communion** at <u>10.30am</u> hosted by <u>St Mary's, Wilshaw</u> and worship will be led by St James', Meltham Mills. All are welcome as all four churches join together. <u>Please Note:</u> As we will all be joining together, there will be <u>no</u> other services available that Sunday.

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

St Bartholomews Church, Meltham - 9.30am

St James' Church, Meltham Mills - 9.30am (1st Sunday of the month is a 'Family Sunday' service)

St Mary's Church, Wilshaw - 11.15am

Sunday services at 11.15am have now resumed at Christ Church, Helme

Please keep an eye out on the Church facebook page: 'Parish of Meltham - Christ the King' for updates on services and events.

Women's Fellowship, St Bartholomews.

We are having a lunch in the Village hall (op St Bart's Church) on **Tuesday 31st May at 12.30pm** this will be the May meeting. The cost of the lunch will be £19. If you are interesting in joining in, please give you name to Catherine Moulson (T: 850171) or Sue Gregory (T: 303591). All are welcome to join us.



The Women's Fellowship takes place on the last Tuesday in the month in St Barts Church at 2pm. After a short service we have a speaker and a chat with a cuppa. We would like to welcome any new members to come along to our informal meetings.

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St Mary's Report

First of all may we take this opportunity to say we hope you had a happy Easter and the chance to spend time with your family and friends.

Up here at Wilshaw we have enjoyed a family service for Mothering Sunday led by Rev Judy entitled 'Bags of Love', as we unpacked each bag we thought about how our mums love us, comfort us, nurture us, teach us and sometimes suffer along with us, just like God does. Jonah, Evie and Dylan gave out bunches of flowers and thanks to Peter for baking a simnel cake which we enjoyed with our coffee.

Lay reader Jacqueline led a service of the word the following week when we heard how Mary anointed Jesus' feet with precious oils and how this event was so full of symbolism, foretelling Jesus' death and burial and hinting at Judas' betrayal. But it was also an act of deep love. whose oil was used for anointing. Some people shared their own prayers and we watched a video.

On Palm Sunday there was a service of Holy Communion palm crosses were blessed and given out. We sang some well known Easter hymns and in place of a talk we listened to six Bible readings which gave the account of all the events of Holy week. The seventh reading gave an account of 'The Crucifixion' which we listened to just before we received communion, very moving.

On Tuesday 12th April Jacqueline and Ruth led a Taize service for the Parish at St Mary's. This was a quiet, candle lit, mediative time of prayer, Bible readings, music and silence. People from all four churches attended with some in church and some on zoom.

On Easter Sunday Rev Judy led Holy Communion when we celebrated with joy the Resurrection of our Lord and the new Paschal candle was blessed and lit. This truly amazing event changed the whole course of history and offered freedom and the promise of eternal life to all who believe.

Our thanks go to Sheryl, Mary, Peter, Shirley and John for reading and to Kim, Lynda and Jacqueline for leading the prayers. Thanks to the music group and Elizabeth for leading our singing and all those who join us for worship.

Finally, as well as these times of worship we have held a coffee morning in Meltham village hall and supported several of the Holy Week activities and services.



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Can you solve this Sudoku? If not, the answer is on the back page.



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Helme Ladies Report

On the 15th of March it was the annual Helme Ladies poetry reading session, we get all sorts of poems from just a few lines to longer ones. If I was to tell you all of them, we would be here a long time, so I will give you a summary of them; if you want to hear them in full you could join Helme Ladies.

We started with one for International Women's Day about wearing purple when we grow old, then we had a trip to Granny's house (are we there yet). Next came the mighty oak and friends we once knew, then onto the liquorish fields of Pontefract. Spring and Snowdrops popped up a few times, with poems for children by Enid Blyton and the King wanting some butter for his breakfast. The one about selfservice tills could have been about me, is it progress? Give me a person any day. We all remember tanners and bobs in the days when we were young, but we don't know about having to leave our homes and belongings in war time. The calendar girls were once again doing their alternative calendar, hiding behind flowers and plants.

We always get a few poems by Pam Ayres which are usually hilarious, this time we had "the wonder bra", a battery hen sitting in her box and "the dinner party" with friends we once thought were good fun. We ended wandering lonely as a cloud in a host of golden daffodils.

Our next meeting on the 29th of March was lunch out at the Huntsman. We all made our way there in misty conditions although our numbers were depleted by COVID. I am not going to go into detail about the food, only to say it was very good. As there were a lot of us, we were in the function room and could talk amongst ourselves without disturbing other diners. The service was also good, we didn't have to wait too long between courses. In fact, we had a very good and enjoyable time.

Upcoming Events

May 10th Auction

May 24th Plant sale with coffee and cakes in Helme Church

June 7th Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Helme Church (best dresses and hats)



Bell House Care Home

On Wednesday 13th April Rev Judy led a service of Holy Communion for the residents at Bell house. It was special to be able to do this service for the first time in two years due to Covid. We had two Bible readings on the Easter Story and sang Easter hymns and it was so good to share this special time together.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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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 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

Crossroads 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 which contribute 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. Kirklees Community Rural Plus base themselves in the Centre once a week. Community Plus is a service working within local communities. They offer tailored one-one support to people that would like to have a more connected, happy, independent and healthier life.

The Foodbank continues to be busy, and we are delighted to welcome new drivers and volunteers. The demand on the foodbank continues to increase.

Look who called in to bring us some donations!

The Trustees had their first Away Afternoon held in the Methodist Church where we were well looked after. Discussions were wide ranging looking at our Constitution and policies and ensuring that all out paperwork is up to date



Thanks as always for your support and prayers

Sue Priestley

Food Bank Update



It was an honour this month to be awarded our pride of Meltham award. Myself Shirley and Caroline received it on behalf of all our hardworking volunteers and loyal supporters. It will take pride of place in the warehouse and it was lovely to be recognised by the Town council.

Easter was a really busy time with extra demand due to the increasing financial burdens on families especially during the school holidays. The cost-of-

living crisis is now really hitting such wide range of people so hard. At times some of the stories coming into the Foodbank can be heart breaking.

Thanks to the generosity and support from the CO OP we were able to give out 200 (last year 60) Easter Eggs as part of an Easter present to families with Children. We also gave each family a booklet telling the Easter Story. All of our clients received a Real Love hand decorated egg and card as part of our parish's Easter Outreach.

For families we have started including a few children's books to encourage and support parents in reading to their children.

We were happy to be able to provide a Kirklees College Student a week's work experience placement. As a team we also managed a Foodbank display at St. James' on the day of the Easter Trail.

I cannot put into words the amazing work done by all the Foodbank volunteers and our numerous supporters.

It is a privilege to lead such a dedicated Team, If you feel able to join us you will be very welcome.

Debbie



Please continue to contribute to Meltham Food Bank

They especially need the following items:

Tuna, Coffee, Sugar, Semi Skimmed long life milk, pet food, washing powder, washing up liquid, Toiletries e.g shampoo, shaving cream, shower gel, toothpaste, soap and feminine hygiene products.

Drop into the bins at the Coop in Meltham and Netherton. Fresh & frozen veg welcome but these <u>must</u> be delivered to the <u>centre only</u>.

Financial donations are also welcome.

MARE MALTIN

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The Weeping Cross



This Weeping Cross with it's medieval stone base is the only surviving one in the country. The original cross has long gone from the Reformation base, but the socket where it fitted can be clearly seen under the recent wooden replica. There is some doubt as to how the Weeping Cross was used, possibly as a focus for processions by monastic and secular clergy on the festival of Corpus Christi. Being so close to the Church at Ripley seems to indicate a similar role.

Having eight recesses, most likely for the heads of kneeling devotes would indicate group usage. The term weeping suggests grief, remorse and repentance. Alternatively, atonement for sins or crimes was not uncommon in medieval times.

This unique relic was an added bonus on a recent visit to Ripley near Harrogate. Jean Collison

Easter Photos from around the Parish



HE IS RISEN

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8	9	3	6	4	7	5	1	2
5	2	7	8	3	1	9	4	6
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Congratulations to Pam Murgatroyd who was presented with a Pride of Meltham award for 'service to the community', by the Mayor of Kirklees. Pam said "This was very special to me as a 'comer in'...I had never been involved with community groups before moving to Meltham 15 years ago but Meltham has a way of drawing you in to either join a group or start a new one... Thank you Meltham Town Council for this award. I feel humbled but honoured to have been considered.



He is **RISEN!**