

THE PARISH OF MELTHAM

CHRIST THE KING



July and August 2022



Pictures from the Jubilee celebrations at St James' Church .



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The special person called to do missionary work is every person who is a member of the church of Christ. The call does not come to a chosen few, it is to ever one of us. -

Oswald Chambers

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Amen.



A note from the editor ...

Hello!

It's a double issue and what a bumper issue it is, I have increased this issue by 4 pages due to all the submissions received. Thank you very much I couldn't have done it without you all! There are some that I couldn't fit into this issue, but don't worry I will ensure they get included in future editions.

This edition, however is full of the success of the Queen's Jubilee (pg 30 & 2) and St Mary's Flower festival (pg 34). There is exciting news on the centre page from Chris Dronsfield and more from Jenny on our new feature 'Going Greener' (pg 9)

Please continue to send in your submissions for the **September** issue, which will have to be delayed due to the summer break.

The next deadline of the magazine will be:

Friday 26th August 2022

Please send them via:

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God Bless,
Fiona.

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Letter from your Vicar.

A lonely man decided to get himself a pet for company but felt he would like something a little unusual. After visiting the pet store, he came home with a centipede in a little white box. Soon he decided that it would be nice to take his new friend to the pub for a drink so, he called into the little white box “would you like to go out for a beer?” there was no answer, so he waited a few minutes and tried again, still no answer. So he left it a while longer and tried again at which point the centipede responded “I heard you the first time! I’m putting my shoes on”.

Patience is a virtue, and according to St Pauls letter to the Galatians it is also one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit which God wants all Christians to have. It has been difficult over the last couple of years or so to get anything much done. Lockdowns, mega ships stuck in the Suez Canal, and tradesman having backlogs of work have all contributed to a sense of frustration.

And so, it is with great joy that I am able to report that “some” things are beginning to move forwards. After several months of delay the heating at Helme Church was fixed though, annoyingly, just in time for the spring. St Marys at Wilshaw were able to hold their flower festival which, whilst I think this may have been two years late, was a great success. We were able to celebrate the queen’s jubilee, providing fun and games for children, hundreds of hot dogs, and a welcome dry space in St James Church on what was a bit of a damp day. And, trusting God for the future, I am sure we will have a similarly successful Meltham Memories on the 2nd July with more fun, games, cake, coffee, and a wonderful variety performance, all at the Church Hall.

Speaking of the Church Hall, after years of discussions and almost a years work to gain planning permission, we now have new double-glazed windows installed at the rear of the building. In addition to this a considerable amount of maintenance to the stonework and roof is nearing completion which should ensure that the building is weather proof. I cannot begin to express how grateful I am to all those who have shown the patience, perseverance, and commitment needed to see us through to this point, or how much I hope and pray that they will feel able to continue though we all hope to have more help in the future.

Speaking of the future, it is nearly three years ago that I first spoke of the need for a toddler group to be established at Helme. We now have firm plans, (with the support of a great group of volunteers and a fully working heating system), to start this group in September.

Speaking of Helme, as a governor at the school I take great joy in publicising the results of our recent OFSTED inspection. The school is now rated as “good” across the board and it seems clear from the details of the report that the school is very securely “good”. To support this claim, I simply offer you the first lines of the report

This is a happy school where pupils feel supported and listened to. Leaders ensure that all pupils receive a good quality of education. Leaders work with focus towards clear aims and ambitions, and staff share their vision. Parents and carers agree that the school supports their children to “be the best they can be”.

This really is a great achievement and fantastic news for our whole community. I hope you will all join me in thanking and congratulating all those who have worked so hard to achieve this.

God bless, Reverend John (Vicar)



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GOING GREENER - Moving towards an Eco Church

“Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good” Genesis 1v 31

I wonder, sometimes when I am wandering round Morrisons – other supermarkets are available – if like me when you arrive at the laundry and cleaning stuff your eye lands on ECOVER Liquid Detergent and ECOVER washing- up products or other ‘Green’ brands. Mmmm – they look very clear, clean, very wholesome and boast all their very good ‘Green credentials’ on their labels. I then look at the price and think, perhaps another time! However, this month, filled with my newly acquired ‘Green’ outlook on life, I thought to myself, “hang the expense, I’ll give them a go!” and so wheeling my virtuous trolley to the checkout I bought them both and have enjoyed using them these past few weeks.

First, the washing- up liquid, I don’t have a dish washer, so I was really hoping the extra expense would be worth it!

The label claims *-our washing –up liquid unleashes the power of plant-based, biodegradable ingredients, to leave your dishes squeaky clean.*



Well, I liked it. I didn’t like it any more than I like my regular one with the little cherub!! You do only need a very small squeeze of the bottle to get a nice rich lather. Providing the water is hot, it was good on greasy pans and didn’t leave streaks. It has a light lemony smell and contains aloe vera to keep our hands soft! The bottle can be recycled but.....it can be refilled at two local health food stores – HalfMoon Healthfoods, Huddersfield, or Your Nuts Wholefoods, Holmfirth.

The bio laundry, also, plant based was good. A scant capful is sufficient for an average wash, the label states I should get 42 washes from the bottle. I have absolutely no complaints. The smell is zesty with a hint of lime, – I haven’t tried the fabric conditioner yet. The washing looks clean and smells fresh! The bottle can also be recycled or refilled. What more can I say?

I realise housekeeping budgets are being stretched to the limit these days, what with the huge hike in utility bills, ever rising food prices, not to mention petrol – ouch!!! But if we want to feel good, even a tiny bit virtuous we may be willing to pay that little bit more to do our bit to help the planet, it really is a matter of personal choice. I will definitely try to refill the bottles when the time comes! I might even buy a large refill container to go under the sink, now that will definitely be more ‘green’ than driving my car to refill – but I do like a trip to Holmfirth!

God bless us in our efforts,

Jenny Mathers Environment Champion

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Church Working Group

We are already getting started!! This is your chance to have a good chat and a laugh as well as helping to achieve a tidy church yard or graveyard.

Here are July's dates, so grab your flask or water bottle and join in.



Saturday mornings from about 09.30 to 12.00.

9th July - Calmlands grave or Helme Church Yards.

23rd July - Calmlands grave or Helme Church yards.

Please keep an eye out on our church facebook page or the church website for locations. This is due to need required at each location at the time.

Feel free just to turn up, for all or a part of the session. As we are outside, it is always weather dependant.

Note: there will be no sessions in August.

'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

Alpha is back!

Have you ever thought you wanted to know more about your faith – what you believe and why?

Is there someone you'd like to tell the good news of how God the Father wants to be their father and how knowing Jesus can be completely transforming?



If so, think about joining the Alpha Course. Last year we ran two courses – one online and the other at the Crossroads Centre. Over 25 people took part. They went really well

Why Alpha?

Alpha is a tool built for local churches based on sharing and open conversation – and often on hospitality. The same Alpha content has been run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions and provides a common expression of learning together. Millions of people have and sharing our faith with others.

Alpha is big news – it's used in over 100 countries and over 100 languages around the globe.

What happens?

- Whether in person over a meal or with a cup of tea, all sessions start with a time to connect, relax and build friendships. Eating food together, sharing time over a cuppa creates space for people to connect and share life on a deeper level.
- We can meet virtually so mothers and fathers with young children can take part
- The Alpha talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation. They explore the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like “Who is Jesus?”, “Why and how do I pray?” and “How does God guide us?”
- The discussion time is an opportunity for people to respond to the talk, hear from others and contribute their own perspective in an honest, friendly and open

Who is for?

Anyone of any age!

We will be starting a new Alpha Course this Autumn.
If you want to know more contact me on 07885430085 or email me on
nigel.priestley@ridleyandhall.co.uk

CROSSROADS CENTRE



June has been an exciting month at the Centre as people got even more Creative **Craft and Create** which meets on a Thursday morning led by Lorna continued with fun and enthusiasm. They have made new friends as they learnt new skills and produced items to be proud of.



On Friday mornings **Mendfulness** meets. This group led by Julia Roebuck is a Creative programme teaching practical hand sewing skills and techniques textile repair and customisation. Pin cushions were the first challenge and buttonholes the second. Here again new friendships are formed, and wellbeing improved. We are looking forward to seeing what they produce next.



Several members of our Creative writing group attended a Jubilee Party at the Hive Café in Huddersfield. What a lovely event with people sharing their writing and being confident enough to share it with others.

Serendipity meets at the Crossroads Centre on the last Tuesday of each month from 10.00am till about 11.30am and all are welcome.

June was spent preparing for our new venture of being a Fringe Event for the Holmfirth Art Week.

More about that for a future magazine.



My report ends with a sad note as we mourn the loss of our long term friend, supporter and Trustee, Roger Furmedge.

Much will be written about Roger but to us, his commitment to the neediest within our community will be our lasting memory. Roger with his wife Sheila was the founder of the Crossroads Meltham Foodbank. This and his work on the Grant Committee served to remind us all to give generously and to give to where it was most needed.

We are thankful for all he did for us and for the Project and we send our thoughts and prayers to his wife Sheila and his family

Sue Priestley

Here at the foodbank, we haven't let the grass grow under our feet! We've teamed up with FareShare Yorkshire, who now supply us with free food unwanted by supermarkets. It helps bolster our stocks, and deals with the national scandal that is food waste.

We successfully applied for a grant from the Co-operative movement, and we've now received enough to fund the conversion of our stairlift to a cargo carrier. Within two days of putting an appeal on Facebook, a local firm HIK Vision did the job for free, so we can now afford to have the stairway refurbished, have enough left over for an air hand-dryer, and the necessary kitting out of a back room as a safe space for service users.



An important part of our service is to help our clients with their debt and benefit issues, so Debbie Still our manager, and returning team member Ziona, will be helping Chris Smith with this. We'd also like to thank Shirley, who's stepping back as Warehouse Manager for her sterling efforts in the last two years.

Morrison's and Meltham/Netherton Co-op have continued their generous support, along with welcome cash donations from the public.

These are difficult times – we're feeling the pinch from Covid, rising energy prices, and spiralling inflation. We're holding our own thanks to our amazing band of volunteers. Times are tough, but we'll be there for those who need it most – the vulnerable in our community.

Please help us make that difference

Chris Sinclair



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 must be delivered to the centre only.

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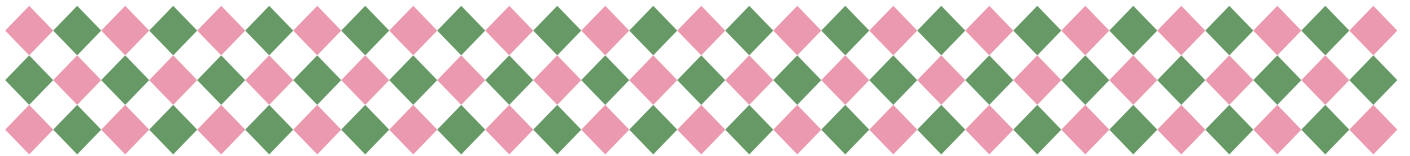
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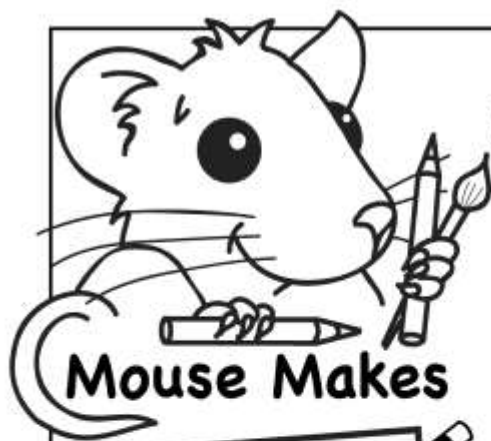
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What did Jesus turn
water into?

John 2:1-11

Who's mother-in-law
did Jesus heal?

Matthew 8:14-15

How did Jesus get out
to the disciples
in the boat?

Matthew 14:22-27

Who did Jesus raise
from the dead?

John 11:38-44

How long had the
woman at the synagogue
been disabled?

— — years

What did she do after
she was healed?

Luke 13:10-13

Who did Jesus
heal when his ear
was cut off?

Luke 22:47-51

DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus fed thousands
of people from a
few loaves and fish,
... not once but twice!

READ

Matthew 14:13-21

AND

Matthew 15:32-39

In each story...
How many loaves
and how many fish
did Jesus have?

How many people
were fed?

How many baskets of
broken pieces were
left over?

DID YOU KNOW?

There
are over

37

miracles of Jesus
recorded in the Gospels.

How many of them
do you know?

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“The Army’s Back in Town”



Church Army was founded in 1882 by the Revd Wilson Carlile as a Society of Lay Evangelists – and, yes, there is a historic connection between Wilson Carlile’s family and Meltham in the late 19th Century.

For the first 130 years of its existence, the membership of Church Army was just comprised of Church Army Officers who were Admitted to the Office of Evangelist and they wore a grey military uniform.

After spending 3 years at the Church Army Training College in London, I was Commissioned as a Church Army Officer and Admitted to the Office of Evangelist by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1977. A few years later, in 1982, John Smith was also Commissioned and Admitted.

Church Army has evolved over the years and, in 2012, it changed dramatically as it no longer was just a Society of Commissioned Evangelists. It became a Mission Community, recognised by the Church of England, but open to Christians of all denominations who have a heart for evangelism. This has broadened the membership and allowed clergy and lay people to join and be part of the growing movement of Church Army.

I have been asked What’s the difference, within the Mission Community, of the Commissioned Evangelists (such as Captain John Smith) and Covenanted Evangelists (such as myself). Not a lot, really, because they are both recognised as being called to exercise an evangelistic ministry and have a shared desire to see people come to know the love of God.

When I made my Promises, during Midday Prayers at the Church Army Centre in Sheffield, on June 9th, and became a Member of the Church Army Mission Community, it was a wonderful day as I was

welcomed back into the Church Army family after having resigned my Church Army Commission back in 1996. But the reality is that, although I had physically left Church Army, the Church Army never left me and its DNA stayed with me throughout those intervening years when I was working as a Surgical Nurse at Tameside Hospital in Ashton-under-Lyne.

I can’t express enough just how wonderful it is to be back as part of Church Army and be privileged to fulfil my Calling as an Evangelist as part of the Ministry Team here in Meltham and, for this, I have so much to thank God for.

So, along with Captain John Smith, the “Army” is certainly back in town.

Chris Dronsfield

Weekly Sunday Parish Services for July & August.

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

St Bartholomew's Church, Meltham - 9.30am

St James' Church, Meltham Mills - 9.30am

(1st Sunday of the month is usually a 'Family Sunday' service)

St Mary's Church, Wilshaw - 11.15am

Christ Church, Helme - 11.15am

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

EXEPT! Sunday 31st July there will be a **Parish Communion** at **10.30am** hosted by Christ Church, Helme and worship will be led by St Bartholomews. All are welcome as all four churches join together.

Please Note: As we will all be joining together, there will be **no** other services available that Sunday.



20th ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday 9th June 2002 Rev John Radcliffe and Rev Judy Kenworthy were ordained Priest at a service in Wakefield Cathedral. The Rt.Rev. Nigel McCulloch , Bishop of Wakefield took the service and lots of People from the Parish went along to support John and Judy. Following the service there was a buffet lunch provided by people from all four churches back in Meltham. In the evening there was a service of Holy Communion when Rev John was celebrant for the first time assisted by Rev Judy bringing a very special day to a close.

Congratulations to you both from the Parish of Meltham Christ the King!

Bell House Care Home

The residents at Bell House enjoyed a service to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Wednesday 1st June. The service was led by Rev Judy Kenworthy and we remembered how Queen Elizabeth II promised to serve her people as a servant of God and of how she has kept that promise for an incredible 70 years. We sang three hymns and had a Bible reading from St Matthew's Gospel In the prayers we thanked God for the wonderful example the Queen has been to us all.



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St Mary's Report

On Sunday 22nd May Rev Judy Kenworthy led a service of Holy Communion. As usual some of the congregation were in church and some on zoom. Elizabeth Pearson played the keyboard, Kim Howe led the prayers and Shirley Langrick read the lessons. We were reminded that as Jesus prepared to leave His disciples, He left them, and us, a very precious gift - the Holy Spirit - to give guidance, comfort, and peace.

On the last weekend of May we held a Flower Festival at Wilshaw and what a feast of talent, beauty and fellowship we enjoyed (see separate report) On the Sunday there was a United Parish Communion, hosted by St Mary's and led by St James'. Rev John Dracup was the celebrant and gave the talk, Lay Reader Nigel Priestley led the service and Sarah Glover offered some beautiful prayers. Chris Dronsfield read the lessons and the power point presentation was put together and operated by Alison and Jacqueline. What a joy it was to see the church full and to enjoy such a happy time together remembering how wonderful it is to be loved by Jesus.



On Pentecost Sunday, 5th June, we had an All Age Service to celebrate the Birthday of the Christian Church and also the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. We welcomed Queen Olivia and her attendants Jonah and Dylan and they helped Rev Judy to guide us through the Coronation service. We thought about the different symbols that were given to the Queen and what they represented. Our thanks go to Peter and Elizabeth for the "props" and to the children for playing their parts

so well. It was wonderful to welcome Sheryl in Australia and Olivia's Grandma in France along with other folk on zoom and in church.

Sunday 12th June was Trinity Sunday and the children made spinners to help us understand that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three separate persons but one God. Rev John was celebrant and reminded us that God is eternal and infinite, He has no beginning and no end and that each person of the Trinity is equal to the others. This is very difficult for us to comprehend but faith is believing even when we can't explain it or understand it, All we need to know is that God loves us.

Finally a BIG THANKYOU to everyone who worked so hard to make the Flower Festival such a weekend and to all who came along to support it. We raised around £2,000 but more importantly people were able to enjoy friendship and food surrounded by the beauty of God's creation. We hope you enjoyed your visit and that you have a chance to enjoy a holiday over the next few weeks.

God Bless, Rev Judy

JUST FOR FUN!

Daily Round of a Soldier's Life, told by a few well known hymns.

06:30	Reveille	Christian Awake
06:45	Rouse Parade	Art thou weary, art thou languid
07:00	Breakfast	O Wait, meekly wait and murmur not
08:15	Officers Parade	When he cometh
11:15	Swedish Drill	Fight the good fight
13:00	Dinner	Come ye thankful people come
14:15	Riffle Drill	Go labour on
15:15	Lecture by officer	Abide with me
16:30	Dismiss	Praise God from whom all blessings flow
17:00	Tea	What means this eager, anxious throng
18:00	Free for the night	O Lord how happy we shall be
18:30	Out of bounds	We may not know we cannot tell
21:30	Still out of bounds	Tell me the old old story
22:00	Last Post	All are safely gathered in
22:15	Lights Out	Peace perfect peace

Author: Richard H Mellor, father of George A Mellor.

Fred

Fred's Missus was texting Fred. "Don't forget to buy some bread on your way home from work when your girlfriend Hettie meets you"

Fred: " Who's Hettie"

Fred's Missus: "Nobody, I just wanted to make sure you had got my text".

Fred: "I'm with her right now"

Fred's Missus: "What?!, Where are you? "

Fred: "Near the bakery"

Fred's Missus: "Wait there, I'm coming right now. "

Five minutes later she arrived at the bakery, but no sign of Fred, "Where are you?" she asked angrily.

Fred: "I'm at work. Now that you're at the bakery, you can buy the bread!"

Something to ponder - Nowadays, when a man opens the car door for his wife, he has either got a new car or a new wife.

Got to go and lie down now, Denis A.



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!

Can you do this Sudoku?

Answer on the inside back page.

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A couple took their five-year-old young daughter to church. During the service, the minister conducted the baptism of a tiny infant. The little girl watched in wonder as he held the baby, said solemn words, then poured water over its head, and then carefully wiped it dry. Finally, she turned to her father. "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"

The lady who wanted three hymns

One Sunday a minister announced that the church needed some extra money. He asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra, and as an enticement, added that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

The offering plate was passed around, and to the minister's amazement, someone had put in a cheque for £1,000. He shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to thank the person who'd given the cheque. A very quiet, elderly lady shyly made her way down to the front of the church. The minister told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much, and asked her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation. She pointed carefully to the three handsomest men in the building and said: "I'll take him, and him, and him."

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Helme Ladies Report

It was the Helme Ladies Plant Sale with coffee and cakes on Tuesday 24th May. We were back in Helme Church for the first time since the heating had been repaired. I was wondering how many plants we would have, but I need not have worried as gardens were raided to produce a wonderful selection. We had seedlings, flowers annual or perennial, vegetables and salad, the choice was yours. Helme Ladies are noted for their baking so there was plenty of choice to have with your coffee. I did notice that the chocolate cake was the first to disappear. As our sale was open to everyone, we had visits from many friends who always support our events, it was lovely to see them and if they didn't buy any plants, they had coffee and cake with lots of gossip to catch up on. The event raised a marvellous £123 which will go into our charity pot. I would like to thank all who helped, baked, supplied plants, or just turned up for coffee.

On the 7th June Helme Ladies celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a party in Helme Church. Posh frocks and hats were the order of the day.

The church was decorated with flags and bunting, and we had Union flag serviettes. Everyone brought some food so there was lots to choose from, we had various sandwiches, sausage rolls, quiche, scones and plenty of cake and buns, all washed down with copious cups of tea. There was plenty of chat around the tables as we tried to eat all the food, a good time was had by all.

Upcoming events:

July 5th Walk on the canal at Marsden with lunch at the New Inn

Jul 19th Walk Netherton area with lunch at the Beaumont Arms

Aug 2nd Walk Meltham reservoir with lunch at Meltham Golf Club.



Sky Dive for Helme C of E School.

On Sunday 3rd July, 4 brave parents and 1 daring teacher are going to jump out of a plane. The 'Helme High Flyers' are doing this to raise funds so that all pupils at Helme CE Academy are able to go on amazing school trips. We would love to raise £1000.

Please help us achieve our fundraising goal by sponsoring us. Any amount will help. All of your contribution will go towards the total as all 5 of us have self-funded the skydive. The below is a link to our fundraising page on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/711696943448821/>

If you can help contribute in any way please do get in touch with Helme school if you are not on Facebook. Thank you for your support.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

9.30am - 12pm



at Meltham Village Hall, hosted by local organisations.

2nd July - Meltham Memories Weekend - St Bart's

9th July - Meltham Walkers,

16th July - Mustard Seed

23rd July - Flower Club,

30th July - Tia Greyhound

6th Aug - RNLI,

13th Aug - Hospice Sale day at Methodist chapel.

20th Aug - Over 60's,

27th Aug - Helme Ladies

3rd Sept - Oxfam



It is with sadness we report that our choir member Geoffrey Crowther has recently passed away. Geoff originally was a member of the choir at St James' Church Meltham Mills from quite a young age along with his wife Sue. Both have sung in St Bartholomew's choir now for a number of years – Geoff originally sang in the bass section, but in more recent years, moved over to the tenor side as his voice got higher!

We managed to get together a good choir (with extra voices helping out) to sing at his funeral service – the hymns were ones found on a list he had written and left in the front of his hymn book – fortunately it was found in time!

Geoff also enjoyed singing in the Gilbert & Sullivan shows and he was regarded by all who knew him as a true gentleman who will be missed by us all, but especially by Sue, daughter Sarah and his 2 grand children. We offer our prayers and sympathies to them all at this sad time.

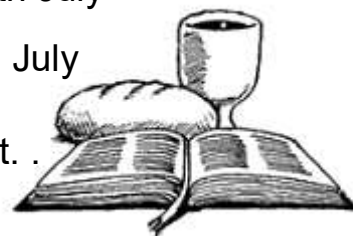
Greenacres and Helme Hall Care Home Service July Dates

Greenacres, Songs of Praise / Service of the Word - Tuesday 12th July

Greenacres, Holy Communion - Tuesday 26th July

Helme Hall, Holy Communion - Friday 29th July

All services are at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. .



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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

200 CLUB : June Winners:

546	£100	Mrs. R. Fisher
887	£10	<i>Vacant Number</i>
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945	£10	Mrs. S. Dearnley

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St Bartholomews Flowers

3rd July - Mr & Mrs A Ball

17th July - Mrs B Hirst

24th July - Mr J Radcliffe

14th Aug - Mrs V Poole

28th Aug - Mr & Mrs J Brearley

10th July - Mr & Mrs S Ball

24th July - Mrs J Belch

7th Aug - Available

21st Aug - Mrs V White

4th Sept - Mr D Earnshaw

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The Jubilee Celebrations

It is great to be taken by surprise. It's even better when the surprise is a good one. And the best of all surprises happened on Jubilee Weekend.

The PCC had agreed that the role of the church in Meltham on the Sunday of the Jubilee Weekend was to provide games – oversize games – in the Robert Ashton Memorial Park. So big snakes and ladders, two Connect 4s and a very large Jenga along with smaller throwing games and the traditional Splat the Rat were provided for the expected customers. I'd forgotten how hard it was not to set the bell ringing in the game where the player is taking a hoop above a curvy metal track and trying to avoid touching it.

There were no prizes! But the day's winner was Mike Still who determined there had to be a Tin Pan Alley games – stacking 15 tins in a pyramid with a goal to knocking them down. Mike devised it and had the brainwave to have a tennis ball gun firing a ball at the tins. Down they came! The queue formed and re-formed just to achieve this simple, or not so simple task, and some parents were determined to show their children how to do it.

The weather forecast was poor, but the rain held off. So, families simply had fun together. They then went into St James for a hot dog and a Bewley's coffee. Somewhere over 250 people, many of whom had never set foot inside St James, came in and were physically and emotionally warmed up. There was a great team of meeters and greeters – and lots of Badges were made courtesy of Fiona, Dawn and Rebekah.



Did I ever think that we needed 200+ tinned hot dogs? I did not. Was I wrong? Completely! Over £200 was freely given for the £1 hot dogs and a similar sum for the fresh coffees. Did I think so many would make the journey down to the bottom of the Park just to play games in the cool weather and then come into church? I did



not. Was I taken by surprise? Definitely.

We had a great time – and once again I was reminded that “God is able to do far more than we could ever ask or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working within us.”
Ephesians 3 v20

Nigel Priestly

(More photos on inside front cover)

BEST OF BRITISH – ROYAL VARIETY SHOW

SAT 2nd JULY – 7pm

Celebrating alongside Meltham Memories "Best of British" theme, the Church Hall will be hosting a Royal Variety style show.

The evening is set up for lots of family fun entertainment, joined by Kirklees Youth Theatre Ensemble KYTE performing some snippets from their new production 'The sound of music' plus some more British classics.

Other local talents will join us as we share with you other musicals, dances, classic sing-alongs and games, plus a special guest appearance from an up and coming young rock band from the Holme Valley.

So, get your friends and family together, pull up a chair and relax with some top live entertainment and support your local community.

Refreshments will be available but feel free to bring your own favourite tippie if you like.

Tickets are available from: The Flower Box in Meltham, or Anne Halstead at St Bart's Church.

Adults: £5 | U16: £2 | Family of FOUR: £10 (2 Adults / 2 U16)



April Look Back

It comes to something when the highlight of your week is counting the number of daffodils in your garden. 246 in all, and what a beautiful sight to behold. Followed by watching the different species of birds at the bird feeder through our kitchen window whilst washing up, (yes I am house trained). These included 2 cock & two hen pheasants, a nuthatch, ring necked doves, a jay, a robin, a thrush, quite a few different varieties of tits, loads of pigeons & jackdaws, house sparrows, blackbirds and rooks (which I don't particularly like) and the inevitable squirrels, all of which help to brighten up your day & forget the aches & pains in your not too fit body.

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St Mary's Church, Wilshaw Flower Festival

On the weekend of 27th to 29th May we held our bi-annual flower festival. It had been postponed due to covid but once we could proceed, we planned the dates and the ball started rolling! The first decision was to decide what our theme would be. A few suggestions were made but we decided upon "Hobbies". We could cover a wide range of hobbies and hopefully there would something that would interest everyone. In fact, there are so many we could do hobbies again in the future and still not cover them all. Lots of preparations and hard work went into the weekend, cleaning, making or gathering props, ordering flowers, flower conditioning and arranging, shopping, cooking, waitressing, washing up, welcoming, finances etc. It was amazing how many generous people came to help us.

We found that people from all over, as far as Steeton, Hull and of course all the surrounding villages came to see us. We even had one lady from Australia who had a guided tour by zoom! People popped in to see us on their lunch hours because they had seen us on Facebook.

One of the most wonderful and gratifying things for us at St Mary's, is that lots of people who do not normally come to church came to the flower festival to share in God's creation, creativity and community. We have had enquiries about our normal services and hopefully we will see new growth in our church family and community. We were also supported by members of our Parish and from our sister churches and we could share our weekend with our church family. Lots of family groups met up to share time together, chatting and laughing whilst sharing the tasty homemade soups, homity pie, quiche, afternoon teas, trifles and the cakes, buns and cream and strawberry scones. It was so very good to see so many happy people together.

With it being so close to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we wanted to mark her majesty's dedicated and long reign as our Queen. She is one special lady! We had a wonderful floral tribute in the Altar area of the church representing a street party and in the Sunday School area Rev. Judy had done a wonderful display showing stories and pictures of Her Majesty's life and milestones over her reign.

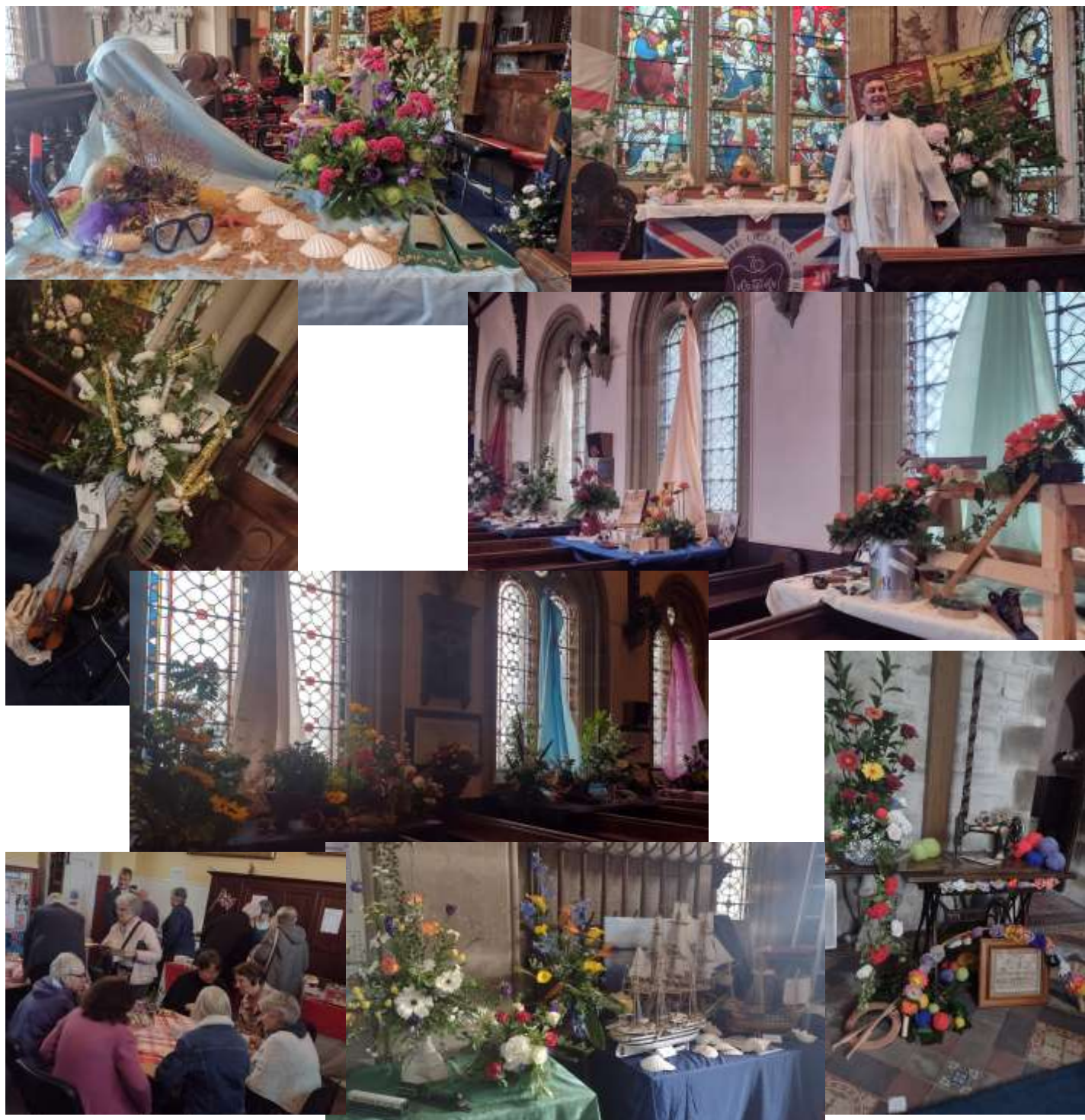
Over the weekend we had lovely music playing in the background in church and as part of the photography exhibit we had some fantastic photos which were taken by Roger Greenwood showing on our big screen. On the Sunday afternoon we were lucky to have a quartet of flutes called Valley Flutes who played sweet music so people could sit and relax whilst surrounded by beautiful flowers and their scent. How peaceful!

Our thanks go to all the people who worked so hard and were so dedicated to making our Flower Festival weekend such a success. We would also like to thank our sponsors Taylors Florist and Food Store of Honley and Pearson Funeral Services and all those who kindly donated food and raffle prizes.

Finally, THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported us, it is very much appreciated and we hope you all had a wonderful, happy time.

Kim xx

Pictures taken from St Mary's Flower Festival 27th - 29th May



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