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'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of



the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

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A note from the editor ...

Hello!

I hope you are sitting comfy and wrapped in your blanket (cos no one wants to put the heating on yet with the current energy prices!) and ready to immerse yourself in news from the Parish of Meltham. The Crossroads have been really busy so catch up on their news and their 30seconds of fame! There are lots of events happening on the run up to Christmas, so make sure they are all ready in your diary, (pgs 13 &17).

Helme Ladies have lots to catch us up on having missed the last edition (pg 23) and some great tips on saving energy around your home on page 11.

Please continue to send in your submissions for the magazine, I really couldn't make this magazine what it is without you. It doesn't have to be a lot or maybe you would like to express your option like Denis (pg 29). What ever it is please do send them in.

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

Friday 18th November 2022

Please send them via:

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or

via the vicarage letterbox. (150 Huddersfield Rd, HD9 4AL)

God Bless,

Fiona.

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Meltham Prayer chain has representatives from every church in Meltham and serves to pray for any need or difficulty.

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Letter from your Vicar

There is a lot of uncertainty in the world just now. New faces in Downing Street, though many may look familiar and even be back in old roles. Will there be an election, or can they bring stability? For many people the greater question is, can whoever is in charge do something about the real challenges and problems we face in our daily lives and in the world at large?

The four traditional 'special' days of November pick up on some of the current issues facing us all and reflect times of uncertainty from the past.

Bonfire Night has its origins in political struggles for power and turmoil in Parliament, both of which seem likely to continue this autumn. Remembrance Day reminds us of the slaughter and pain and unbearable cost of war. As a parish we will be holding a service with an act of remembrance at St Bartholomew's Church on **Sunday 13th November**. There will be a parade leaving Carlile Street at 10:30am and the service will start shortly after they arrive at St Bartholomew's Church.



In addition, we will also be holding a memorial service on **Sunday 6th November** at 4:00pm in St Bartholomew's Church. This service offers an opportunity to remember any loved one that we have lost at any time in our lives. I pray that the pain felt through the of loss of a loved one may fade over time, but I'm certain that the love continues unabated. There will be an opportunity during this service for anyone who wishes to do so, to light a candle in remembrance of that love. All are welcome.

Advent Sunday will be celebrated in each of our Churches on the 27th November at the usual times. Advent assures us that God has not left us in this world on our own. He has come to live among us, to die in our place, and to be our Way, our Truth and our very Life, if we but turn to Him.

The Sunday of Christ the King, celebrated on the 20th November, reminds us that this world with its evil and unfairness will not be allowed to go on forever. Jesus Christ has overcome death and will return to us one day. And HIS Kingdom will be one of justice and righteousness, with no more tears, and He will reign forever. Amen!

May the Lord bless you and keep you this month, amid any and all the personal uncertainties you may be facing.

God bless

Revd. John Dracup (Vicar)



'Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever' Psalm 107: 1

It has been a busy month in all aspects in the Crossroads Project.

The Food bank has been delighted to accept vey generous Harvest donations from all the churches in Meltham which filled our depleted shelves and raised the spirits of all our lovely volunteers. We are pleased to welcome new volunteers for the warehouse and for the deliveries.

Chris Sinclair has stepped up as Food Bank manager, moving out of his comfort zone but doing a great job. He is ably supported by Anne Bentley who brings a wealth of experience to her role as Stock manager. Jane Collins keeps the whole show on the road with her work often online making sure there are volunteers each day and new volunteers are welcomed and trained Thanks to them all

The shop is already preparing for Christmas with a Christmas on a budget Sale at the Methodists on the **19th November 9.30am onwards**. Thanks to Liz Rogan the Shop Manager all the wonderful volunteers, the Supervisors and out of hours folk who keep the windows fresh and the shop looking good.

In the Centre we have welcomed the Sustainable Sewing Bees who are busy making draught excluders. These are free to those who need them to keep their houses warmer. They are also recycling old duvets to make tote bags for sale in the shop, with proceeds to the foodbank plus much more.

We were privileged to host an Open Morning for the Outlookers, an organisation that runs support services for the Visually impaired. It felt very positive to link up with them and enjoy tray bakes kindly donated by Two Valleys.



Thank you Two Valleys they were very much appreciated.

As always thank you to all of you who pray for us and support us in so many ways.

Sue Priestley





Meltham Food Bank



It's grim up north...or is it?

We're an independent and very local foodbank – we don't get resources pumped in from national bodies. Fortunately, we're at the heart of a big, warm community where we're proud, we do things for ourselves, and we pull together!

How do we show this?

We have St. James', St. Mary's, Helme, St. Bartholomew's, Baptists, Methodists, collecting at Harvest Festivals. We engage with shoppers at our Morrison's on some Saturdays, and they buy much needed items for us. We have cash donations from people at the centre. A young man donated the surplus he'd collected from sponsors for his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. A couple in Slaithwaite donate the extras from their sizeable flock of hens. The Co-op give us food they'd otherwise mark down, and house our big red bin for donations. Stirley Community Farm give us some of the vegetables that volunteer kids have grown and harvested. Allotment holders pop in with extra produce. Crossroads shop collect bags of tinned goods, not to mention books for adults and children to put in with parcels.

What do we do with this?

We get it out to those in our community who need it most right now. We help out households who're struggling the most. We reach out to schools and surgeries. We wait for the call, and respond. We can only do this with your continued support.

Thanks for being there for us – Bless you all, Chris Sinclair



The Crossroads Shop

The Crossroads shop was famous for 5 minutes in September, when Suzanne, Helen B, Pauline and Chris Sinclair from the Food Bank, were filmed for the ITV Good Morning Britain, Show. ITV were wanting comments from small businesses including charities, on how they were going to cope with soaring energy prices. Chris

answered all the questions very clearly, saying volunteers could not be expected to work in igloos, so hopefully some help may be available. We three "volunteers" in the back room continued to get on with tagging and talking, while the camera

panned round the shop. Well done everyone especially Chris who did the piece to camera and Suzanne who organised it.

Pauline R







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GOING GREENER - Moving towards an Eco Church

If you are still reading these monthly 'Going Green' jottings, how are you doing?

I am definitely more environmentally aware than I was. I'm reading more articles on the subject; listening to the odd, very good, BBC Radio 4 broadcast; making more effort to recycle; to buy /use a few more 'planet friendly' products; to not waste so much water, electricity, gas or food; to be more plastic aware. I enjoy more veggie meals and more homemade 'from scratch' dinners using products that haven't been flown half way around the world! I try to be more efficient - plan more and use more lists to help.

I try to nudge the PCC to 'think Green' when considering building and maintenance projects.

I realise all of this is not going to save the world, but surely if millions of people all do their little bit, well it must help, mustn't it?

Now that the weather is definitely getting colder, to help us keep on track, here are some more '**Top Eco Tips'** from the Diocese to save energy and money (woo hoo!) in November - cosy blankets, hot water bottles, warm woolly jumpers, scarves, hats and fingerless gloves at the ready!!

Around the home

If in doubt *switch it off*. It is never more efficient to leave appliances running when you're not using them. Make sure you switch everything off at the plug before you go out and before you go to bed.

Ensure your heating is switched off at night and when you are away from home (except in sub- zero conditions) and save 500kg of CO2 and other greenhouse gases a year. Don't heat rooms you don't use. Turn the radiator off and close the door!

Read your meters monthly to check how much fuel you are using. This kind of monitoring can save on your fuel bills and also up to 250kg CO2 a year as you keep a closer eye on your energy use.

Find out if you have any unfilled cavity walls and (if yes) have them filled. This extra insulation can make a significant difference to the comfort of your home and save over 1 tonne of CO2

Stay safe and warm – keep an eye open for the vulnerable, the cold and the lonely.

God bless us in our efforts,

Jenny Mathers, Environment Champion



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Meltham Shoe Box Team

The shoe box warehouse will open on the 7 November until the 25 November to receive gift filled shoe boxes.

a real difference Volunteers are invited to help process the donated boxes - if you have not helped before do not worry training will be given!

The warehouse operates Monday to Friday. Mon Tues Thurs Fri 10am - 2pm Wednesdays 10am-8pm.

If you would like to donate a box you can pick up a pre wrapped shoebox and leaflet from the Crossroads Shop.

For more information contact:-Judith Powell 07954784317

'Crisis' coffee morning

Saturday 26th November

10.00am – 12.00pm

St. James' Church, Meltham Mills

Stalls for this year include: Crafts and gifts Silent auction

Please support this event which raises money for the "Crisis" charity which helps the homeless throughout the year.

There will also be a stall selling Community Cards for the Welcome Centre and a stall raising funds for The Meltham Shoe Box Project







real people making



I have a fear of speed bumps, but I'm slowly getting over it!

There's a small village in rural England where they only pronounce 25 letters of the alphabet, no one knows why.

I got sacked from my job at the fishing bait factory because I asked too many probing questions. Seems I opened up a can of worms.

I asked to borrow a crab's lawnmower... he said no... I said you're shellfish.

Why do bees hum? Because they don't know the words.



...love the new notice board, Vicar... ...just not quite so sure about the wording...



I meant to read my Bible today but I got up far too late: the family needed breakfast - of course they couldn't wait.

I meant to read my Bible today but then a friend turned up: and when she went, I had to do a lot of washing up.

I meant to read my Bible today instead I watched the news: well after all, one must keep up with everybody 's views.

I meant to read my Bible today but the children came home from school: lively, boisterous, full of fun - I almost lost my cool.

I meant to read my Bible today but there was football on TV: an international match which England lost 2-3.

I meant to read my Bible today but it's nearly bedtime now: I'm oh so tired at the end of the day that I hardly remember how. Zzzzzz!





Are you worried about your fuel bills this winter?

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Could you help host this Warm Community Space?

If so please get in touch with the Baptist Chapel and volunteer.

Meltham Churches Together Weekly Prayer

The weekly prayer meetings have now restarted. Members of all the churches in Meltham are invited to meet at the Methodist Church on Mill Moor Road

Tuesdays at noon.

This is an opportunity to pray for the churches in Meltham and for our community. If you are able to be there on a Tuesday please do go along and join in. We plan to have a rota of the different churches to lead the prayer-time each week.



You may not like it, but we see it in the supermarkets, Christmas is on the way. So put these dates in your diary, they are not to be missed!

Christmas Market

Saturday 3rd December Parish Hall

Carols in the Park,

Sunday 4th December Robert Ashton Park.

Carols in the Pub

Saturday 10th December Waggon and Horses Pub

Christmas Journey

Plans are coming together for this year's Christmas Journey to be held at the Methodist Church. We are going to have six sessions to invite school classes to. These will be one morning and one afternoon session on Tuesday 6th December, Wednesday 7th December and Thursdays 8th December. There will also be an evening session starting at **7pm on Thursday 8th December** for members of the churches to attend. If you would like to find out about the Christmas Journey and what the school children have experienced please do come along on the Thursday evening.

Help will be needed on Sunday morning (4th December) at about 11.30am to clear away the chairs in church. Also for set up on Monday 5th at 2pm. Welcomers and people to help with refreshments are also needed for the sessions.

This will be an interesting, fun way to engage with the children in our community and tell them about the love of Jesus, please do pray for the event and everyone involved both the volunteers running it and those visiting.

You can email me <u>sarahglover2@gmail.com</u> or leave a message on 854042.

Sarah

Sarah

also need

Weekly Parish Services for November

Memorial Service, an opportunity to remember any loved one. **Sunday 6th November**, St Bartholomews Church - 4pm

Sunday 13th November is 'Remembrance Sunday'.

There will be a parade before and after the service assembling at 10:15am from Carlile Street then on to the service at St Bartholomews Church. The Remembrance service will start at 10:30.

Beforehand there will be a <u>short</u> communion service at 9.30am.

St Mary's church , Wilshaw, will be holding an Act of Remembrance at 2pm

There will be NO OTHER morning services held that day.

You are all welcome to join us at any of the following usual 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

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.

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WHICH BIN IS IT TODAY?

by Pam Murgatroyd

I've lived at number seventy for 15 years or more. But most of the houses have one, of that I'm pretty sure. Although I'm kept outside so that I don't get in the way, I get let out on alternate weeks, for me that is Thursday. I am green and made of plastic, have a lid to keep me dry, You can't put plastic bags in me, but I really don't know why. You fill me with your rubbish to recycle, so they say, Because any other rubbish goes in my Brother bin, that's Grey. I take cardboard and paper, plastic bottles, cans from you, While my brother takes your food waste, general rubbish, nappies too. You don't put anything in bags, just clean and dry for me, While my brother's waste needs bagging or it might get left, you see. I blend in with your garden, with me being green, Stored against the bushes, in the trees, I can't be seen. But my Brother Grey's more visible and smells much worse than me And stands out like the gas is left on, you can smell but cannot see. He goes out every other week, on the weeks that I stay in And some have one for garden waste and that is Brother Brown Bin. So whatever week you're looking at, each one has its own bin, Whether green or grey or brown, you put it out then bring it in. And though it is repetitive, monotonous, that's true, We need to keep the world safe for our kids, their future

too.

<u>COMMUNITY CARDS – MELTHAM GROUP</u> Working to support the work of the Welcome Centre.

Meltham Community Card group recycles old greeting cards and produces new greeting cards to sell to raise money for the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield.

They meet each Friday at St James' Church from 10.00 -12.00. No experience or fantastic skill required just a willingness to work alongside others to produce the cards – and let's face it where else can you get a really good quality greeting card for 50p?

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St. Mary's Report

On Sunday 25th September Wilshaw Welly Walk took place. 40+ walkers set off on a fundraising sponsored walk, in aid of the village hall. Walkers had the choice of a 5mile walk or 8 miles following a set course. Refreshments were available part way round and on completion back at the hall. Our thanks go to Peter Baker and Judith Moore for organising maps and markers en-route and to Keven, Peter, Viv and Judy for the refreshments. Thanks also to those who baked cakes, to those who walked and those who sponsored them, to Keith for the use of his field for car parking and to Shirley for providing the chutneys and jams for sale on the day. What a happy and successful community event this proved to be.

Earlier that day Rev Judy was the celebrant at a service of Holy communion and gave the talk based on the story of "The rich man and Lazarus" Johanna Stewart read the lessons, Elizabeth played the keyboard and offered prayers and Peter operated the power point and assisted with the chalice

On Sunday 2nd October Lay Reader Jacqueline France led a service of the word at St Mary's. There were people in church and people on zoom as we heard the parable of "The Mustard Seed" Clare led the prayers for the first time and Elizabeth played the keyboard. Jacqueline spoke about how a mobile phone can do all sorts of amazing things even when it only has a little bit of power in its battery and in the same way you only need a little bit of faith to do amazing things for God. We enjoyed a video and listened to some Taize music.

St Mary's Harvest Festival took place the following Sunday and it was good to welcome friends old and new to the service. Rev John led our worship and spoke about "Sharing, Giving and Thanking" Shirley read the psalm and we watched a video about Zacchaeus and sang a cheerful song about vegetables. Lynda and Elizabeth led the closing prayer. Donations of harvest gifts were given to Meltham Food Bank.

Rev John led the service on Sunday 16th and based his talk on being persistent in our faith. Kim led the prayers and Elizabeth played the keyboard.

Bell House Report

The residents at Bell House enjoyed a Harvest Festival on Wednesday 5th October. Rev Judy led the service assisted by Jackie and spoke about the different people that bring in the harvest - not just from the land but from the sea. We sang three favourite harvest hymns and heard a reading from the book of Psalms. A gift of fruit, flowers and vegetables, used in the harvest display, was donated to the home.

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Helme Ladies Report (Double Issue!)

Saturday 27th August was the date of the Helme Ladies coffee morning. With all the planning in place we just had to get on with it, waitresses were chosen, stall holders and other jobs allocated. My job as usual was washing up and keeping the ladies well lubricated. The ladies had pulled out all the stops with the cake stall, it was full to overflowing and there were plenty of raffle prizes. The room was soon buzzing as the usual people turned up to meet friends and have a good old natter. The cake stall sold out, and the coffee was kept flowing as was, unfortunately, the washing up. At the end we had had a successful morning thanks to the hard work of the ladies and as a result our charity fund received £220.

Our last walk of the summer season was on Tuesday 30th August, with a walk around Blackmoorfoot reservoir and lunch at the Will's O' Nats. What a joy to walk on dry ground, which was not surprising after the summer we had had, in lovely sunshine with a cool breeze. The level of the reservoir was not as low as I thought it would be and water was flowing in from the catchwater quite fast. We had a lovely walk and caught up with all the gossip before retiring to the Will's where lunch had been booked. My thanks go to the ladies who had led the walks and booked the lunches.

The next meeting was for afternoon tea at Meltham Golf Club, all the ladies ask for is a lovely gossip and good food. Well, we had both and all washed down with plenty of tea and coffee. The views over the golf course were lovely in the sunshine with plenty of players out there, but we concentrated on what was happening inside. The loaded plates appeared, what a lot of food, there was sandwiches, pork pie, mackerel pate, scones with jam and cream and cakes. All very good and the gossip was less whilst we ate. There were doggy bags for those who couldn't eat it all. We had a lovely afternoon and one we will repeat at a later date.

September 27th saw us back in church for a talk about Storthes Hall by Ann Littlewood. We all know about the hospital and the unfortunate people in there, but we did not know all the history. It was built in 1908 and was called an asylum, it was not a hospital, it was for "lunatics" (what an awful name for these poor people). Soldiers from WW1 were housed there suffering from shell shock and other conditions where the mind had been affected. When the war was over these people could not return home because they had become institutionalised and remained at Storthes Hall for the rest of their days. There was a farm and orchard where inmates could work and Storthes Hall became self-sufficient. I could go on as the history is very interesting. When the hospital closed 20 years ago, a retirement village was proposed but the Kirklees planners played the usual silly beggars and threw the plans out.

On October 11th we had a talk about 'Healthy Living' by the daughter of one of our members. She works for what used to be called Public Health England, but it now has a new title but does the same job. Basically, we were told to carry on as we were doing and getting all the vaccinations to keep viruses at bay and keep us healthy. It was important to have the Flu jab this year as it is expected to be a large outbreak due to everyone returning to normal life after the lockdowns and wearing masks. We were also warned to keep up to date with the Covid jabs as it was still around and could be for a few years. Another vaccine on her list was for shingles, the virus is from Chicken Pox and attacks the nerve ends causing a lot of pain. So now we are all jabbed up we should be alright for this winter, we just need to watch out for icy footpaths!



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings - A gift of God in Creation & a means of His grace

Baptisms - we welcome you into the Lord's family

Thora Louise Quarmby

Funerals - May they rest in peace

Valarie Andrews,

George Haigh

Anyone wishing to have their loved ones names included in the book of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's please contact Jean Collison : Telephone 851816 (there is a small fee of £5 for church expenses) To contact our vicar Rev John Dracup: 07983 937132 parishofchristtheking@gmail.com

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20/11/2022	Vacant
27/11/2022	Advent Sunday
04/12/2022	Advent Sunday

If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, we have dates available.



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Saturday Coffee Mornings

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



5th November - Christ Church

12th November - Probus

19th November - WI

26th November - No coffee morning see Christmas tree Festival at the Methodist Church & Crisis event at St James' Church

3rd December - Christmas Market







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Denis Armstrong

Last Month's edition:

Correction: Grandson Thomas got £1,000 for winning Chef of the Year, not £1,00 as printed in last month's magazine. (...Sorry Denis!)

Answer: If you counted how many numbers there are before you reached the letter A, the answer is one thous<u>a</u>nd.

Reflection

October 7th 1956 was Harvest Festival in our church. How do I know that? Because the day before, on October 6th was the day I got married to my darling wife June. Our church was beautifully decorated . Every window sill was covered in flowers & fruit. The choir stalls were decorated with sheaves of corn and I remember Mary Amelia Wood feeding Hayden & myself grapes from the font which was then at the back of the church, whilst waiting for June & her bridesmaids to arrive for our Wedding Ceremony. Altogether, a very memorable day and a packed church and crowd outside to witness it. On October 6th this year, my darling wife is in hospital suffering from a badly injured leg caused by a falling out of bed, in the Care Home where she now lives. So our 66th Wedding Anniversary will be a sober one, to day the least. They say "absence makes the heart grow stronger" it certainly true in my case.

What's happed to our Harvest Festival this year? It used to be such a joyous occasion. A choir of roughly 26 members processing round the church, led by Cyril Vousden proudly carrying the crucifix & followed by the congregation bringing their gifts to be received at the Alter rail by the Vicar & Churchwardens. A packed church and heartly sung Harvest hymns. I wish it was the same today.

Enough of this maudlin, time to think of some more idiotic things to put into next months magazine.

Stay safe, well & happy - God Bless

Denis A.

<u>Editor's Note</u> - It is with great sadness that I have to write an update. Denis' darling June has since passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Denis at this time.

Photo of Denis & June taken at 'The Avenue street party' for the Jubilee earlier this year.





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