

THE PARISH OF MELTHAM

CHRIST THE KING

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Picnic in the Park



September 2022



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

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our Lord.
Amen.

A note from the editor ...

Hello!

Firstly I would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to Alison Whitley for putting this month's edition together. Without her help you would not be reading this now, it would probably be October!

As you can see there has been a lot happening over the summer with photos from the Picnic in the Park on the cover pages, an update from Crossroads (pg 8&9) the sponsored walk for the Mustard Seed (pg 16) and also not forgetting our new event, Toddler Church starting this month.

If you would like to tell us what you have been up to or seen over the summer on your travels that may be of interest then please do not hesitate in sending it in!

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

Monday 19th September 2022

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God Bless,
Fiona.

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Letter from your Vicar's wife!

What a lovely August that was, I hope you have managed to enjoy it whether it be holidays, day trips or just relaxing in the unusual sunny days we have had recently. The Dracup house, have enjoyed a relaxing trip to Cumbria which involved a lot of swimming in the pool, visiting some historical sights, climbing high nets in Windermere and simply some great family time together.

Now its September, and it's the time of year where we look to get back to our usual routines after a Summer break from the 'norm. However, for Christ Church, Helme we have added a little bit of excitement to Monday mornings! Monday 12th September at 9am sees the first 'Toddler Church' an exciting opportunity where under 5's and their carers can come and meet together for some fun games, craft, exciting Bible stories and of course for the adults, a good cuppa.



But why are we doing this I hear you say? Why now or why there? Well Why not?!

As Christians, God has called us to make a difference in our work places, homes and schools, but no better reason is the words Jesus said in Mark 10v15-16. ¹⁵ *Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.* ¹⁶ *And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.*

Helme Church is next door to Helme Primary school so the thought is that carers who have younger siblings may want to come and get involved in some fun activities after school drop off and see that the Church is actually open. That people who go to church are human are actually nice and can smile, occasionally. So when we have more events happening like at Christmas or Lent and Easter, etc we will hopefully be more approachable and believe it or not, we know how to have fun! Chris Dronsfield is taking the lead along with a great team of helpers to show God's love in action just like Jesus did.

However it is not just about the small group on a Monday morning at Helme. We ALL can play a part in showing God's love to the people around us. A man standing on a train platform was asked one day: *'Who are you?'* He replied, *'I am a Christian thinly disguised as an accountant.'* If we were asked the same question I wonder what we would say. As disciples of Jesus Christ, our identity is rooted in God and His call upon our lives. For each of us, September represents going back to school with Jesus, to learn how we can live for Him.

Personally I am very excited by this new venture and cannot wait to see what God has in store for Monday mornings and of course, across the whole of Meltham Parish.

Fiona Dracup

(Don't worry Rev John will be back next month, I promise!)

CROSSROADS CENTRE

We have a creative God and we have been able to enjoy the works of his hand in the joy of Creation and the things that are created.

31 and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— 32 to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, 33 to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. Exodus 35. 31- 33

We have been fortunate in the last couple of months to enjoy a new experience as the Crossroads Centre joined forces with the Carlile institute to host fringe events for the Holmfirth



Art festival. Art works mainly by the U3A Meltham ART Group and other Crafts were on display. These included pottery, embroidery, paintings woodwork, silver jewellery and photography. Artwork was displayed and sold by local artists and crafters. Over 200 people visited the exhibitions and this gave us an opportunity to talk about the work of the Crossroads Project and the Foodbank and to send a sizable amount to Holmfirth for their chosen



charities Macmillan Nurses and Kirkwood Hospice.

In August we visited the Huddersfield Ukraine Association to meet Harley Fisher a young boy who wrote a book called Funghi Fishers Pizza Pals priced £5 and available from the Crossroads Centre. Crossroads helped fund the publishing of this book and all proceeds go to support the people of Ukraine.



The Foodbank volunteers once again joined in with the Scarecrow festival redressing their model in a royal outfit kindly provided by the Crossroads Shop.

The Mendfulness Group began to create some lovely work as they practised stitches and techniques and were then challenged to be more imaginative and creative.



We have new projects in mind to bring people together and support them as they enjoy learning new skills and have the opportunity to relax, make new friends and enjoy some time away from their busy lives.

Sue Priestley

Meltham Food Bank



It's the end of an era at the Crossroads Meltham Foodbank, as our manager Debbie Still has stepped back for a well-earned rest. She's been at the helm for many years since we worked from the cellar of the Methodists' Church. Her sterling and tireless efforts have seen us grow steadily from then, and she's always gone the extra mile helping our clients. Debbie still helps out at the shop, runs Side by Side on Mondays along with her active interests at the Church. I've taken over her post, and I'm delighted to be aided by Anne Bentley as our new Warehouse Manager. Anne's been with us for about five minutes, so it'll be an exciting challenge for her! We also welcome Phil Smith and Jenny Hill to our Steering group, and look forward to their input and drive.

When times are tough we have to roll our sleeves up, so we've had a presence outside Morrison's on two Saturday mornings asking for food donations, we were given a mountain of goods, and it's been a joy! It's been a chance to engage with our donors, and shoppers have been so generous.

Although it's unfortunate that foodbanks are required in an affluent society, we're needed more than ever. With a perfect storm of inflation and rising energy costs looming, we'll need all the help we can get. We rely on the big heart of this wonderful community, so please continue to support us in any way you can.

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GOING GREENER - Moving towards an Eco Church

I do hope everyone has enjoyed the lovely long summer and the very hot weather. The words - 'Phew, what scorcher' never rang more true!!

But of course, just in case we were actually enjoying ourselves, we were **constantly** being reminded by all media sources, that the record breaking temperatures, with the subsequent parched landscape, terrifying wild fires and drought conditions have all largely come about because of global warming and climate change. Let's hope and pray all world leaders, Governments and captains of industry continue to take Climate Change seriously.

I rather suspect, that like me, when faced with the prospect of enormous utility bills landing on our doormats or inbox, all this 'Going Green' and trying to live a more sustainable lifestyle can seem a bit of a luxury!

However, if 'Going Greener' can help me to save money, I shall persevere! I'm still enjoying my first bottle of Ecover laundry liquid – excellent value for money. I'm not so keen on the fabric conditioner, I miss the fragrances of lilies, strawberries lavender, fresh cotton etc!

To encourage church folk and others in their Green efforts, the Anglican Diocese of Leeds has produced an excellent document – **52 Eco Top Tips** - handily written to cover each month of the year. I am sharing few tips which appeared for August and September.

In the car (if you can still afford the fuel!!) – 1. Drive Off immediately when starting from cold – idling to heat the engine wastes fuel and causes rapid engine wear. 2. When driving, typically the most efficient speed is around 55 – 65mph. Slow down and allow a little more time for journeys. 3. Switch your engine off if you pull over or are stuck in traffic. It will save fuel, reduce nitrous oxide pollution for you and for those round you and reduce noise!

This all sounds rather like the BBC's public service broadcasts, very popular in the 50's and 60's!

Lighting your home – 1. If you replace all light bulbs with LED it will, on average save you £35 pa (after initial outlay of maybe £100) 2. Use natural light when you can to save energy – sit by the window to read! Of course your windows are now draught free! 3. Turn the lights off when you're not using them! 4. If you have lights in the garden – try and use solar power, they don't use electricity.

Do with these tips as you will – they may be really helpful. We can but try!

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Jenny Mathers, Environment Champion



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MELTHAM MEMORIES SATURDAY JULY 2ND

St Bartholomew's steering group would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported in any way our fundraising activities at the church hall for the Meltham Memories Community event.

Saturday morning and afternoon we had coffee, tea, juice and cakes inside the hall along with the popular tombola stall. At the rear of the hall in the car park, we provided a vast array of games both traditional and modern - intended for children, but the adults also seemed to have just as much fun - all free of charge. Grateful thanks to our friends at St James' and Christ Church who came and helped us; we certainly needed it.

In the evening we hosted a sell out Royal Variety Performance which featured some excellent performers from the Kirklees Youth Theatre Ensemble (KYTE) along with a young and upcoming Rock band from the Holme Valley featuring Isaac Ball and his band mates. A big grateful thanks must go to Sonya Calvert for organising and putting together a 1st Class show, all in the presence of 2 distinguished guests, Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness Gary Barlow. We had a wonderful evening of entertainment from some very young, talented children, youths and young adults. Our very own Simon Ball was dragged off the streets to be the compère, and play the piano sing-along, and Margaret Thorley duly assisted 'Bruce Forsyth' (Jimmy White) as was our Dolly dealer in Play Your Cards Right. As well as the performers, the show had a real professional feel to it due to the skills and expertise of Cameron and AJ who came along and kindly provided fantastic lighting and sound.

A fantastic fun day and evening was had by all - roll on next year. A decent amount was raised for the church coffers too - bonus!

We were recently able to finally present David Earnshaw with his long service medal and certificate for completing 75 years of dedicated service to the choir and church, having joined the choir back in September 1946. Due to the Covid pandemic, this had not been possible to present last year. David said that he had many happy memories of his time singing in the choir over the years, and recalled one special event when the choir did a marathon sponsored sing of the full book of 150 psalms non-stop, to raise funds for a new boiler for the church. They were also hoping to qualify for the Guinness Book of Records. The attempt made the local press (see story below courtesy of the Huddersfield Examiner) and the local regional news on TV!



Thank you David, and well done! We hope you will continue singing for a good few more years yet!

(A transcript of the article will be published in next months edition.)



LIFEBOATS ??? MELTHAM ???

Meltham has always been a staunch centre of support, ever since the day the Late Allan Dixon of Mill Moor Road became a regional organiser (Manager) for the RNLI.

The Lifeboat Service today now costs in the region of £196 million pounds every year, all of which is provided by voluntary contributions, from a variety of sources, not least of which are events such as we were permitted to hold in your church hall on Saturday 6th August 2022. The proceeds amounted to almost £700, which is remarkable from a small village event.

On behalf of the RNLI I wish to offer sincere thanks to all involved, To the church for the opportunity, The ladies who provided a wealth of totally healthy cakes, The Ladies who provided, the gift stall, the tombola, and the handmade Christmas Cards. The local shops who provided the ingredients, and of course all those who worked so hard on the day serving coffee and washing up. and of course the people who attended and supported the event and who made generous contributions.

Yes we still save lives at Sea (See BBC2) but we also have dedicated flood rescue teams, for when disaster strikes any part of our community. We have specially trained lifeguards keeping our children and holiday makers safe on our sunny beaches. Along with a special training and lifesaving team who work all over the world in deprived areas where loss of life is frequent and unnecessary.

The RNLI does all that we can to save and preserve life, be that of a child in danger in an inflatable dinghy, or a dog that has fallen down a cliff face, This takes place 365 days a year, regardless of weather and conditions.

LIFEBOATS ? - MELTHAM? Yes we are there for you often in ways that you may not appreciate.

Thank you for your support so that we can always be there.
Don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

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Church Hall

What a Difference!



At last we have finished some of the planned work on the hall. The new windows across the back were fitted in June, the chimney stack above the kitchen was taken down and the roof made water tight. Pointing all around the building has been completed and the gutters have been cleared and replaced where needed. The West and front doors have been replaced, and all the external doors have been painted, we hope you like the blue. In August we had to have some substantial plastering work done in the back room, loft, kitchen and middle classroom. The next project on our agenda to be discussed is the decorating of kitchen, toilets, middle classroom and passage ways.



The day before Meltham Memories we made sure the car park was clean, grateful thanks to Revd John, Fiona, Rebekah, Peter and Briony Blackburn for doing this. We must give a special shout out to Jack, it just shows you can help no matter what age and he loved Peter's gloves.

MUSTARD SEED WALK

On a hot summer afternoon in the middle of July, 16 intrepid walkers, plus a few dogs set off to scale the heights of Meltham in pursuit of sponsor money for the Mustard Seed Charity. The route took us from the church hall via Popley Butts and up past the allotments. We then descended down Calmlands, crossing the main road into the Pleasure Grounds where the shade from the trees was most welcome. From there, a short steep climb up the Knowle brought us into the woods and up to the fishing lake. This was a lovely cool stretch taking us away from the blistering heat. In days gone by, this was the old coffin route when there were no churches in Meltham and mourners and coffin bearers would have to walk in all weathers to the church in Almondbury, some seven or so miles away. It must have been dreadful in the depths of winter but perhaps people were tougher then and certainly more used to walking. Our path then turned right up a concrete road which took us through part of Wilshaw village and then to the church itself where Revd. Judy welcomed us with refreshments and cool drinks. Approximately 20 minutes later we were on the road again but not for long before a track lead us down to Meltham golf course then back down the road to the church hall again. Where tea and hot drinks were waiting for us; thank you Carol. Everyone expressed what a lovely walk it had been then off home for a cool shower and a rest for those aching feet. Next task..... collecting in the pledged money!

Janet Rockett

COMMUNITY CARDS – MELTHAM GROUP **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?

If you would like to get involved please contact Christine Rolls: 01484 340342 or p.c.rolls@hotmail.com



JUST FOR FUN!

A wise schoolteacher sent this note to all parents on the first day of school: "If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he or she says happens at home."

A parent had been teaching their four-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer. Then one evening at bedtime she attempted it solo. The parent listened with pride, as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer. "And lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen"

"Who made King Arthur's round table?... Sir Cumference"

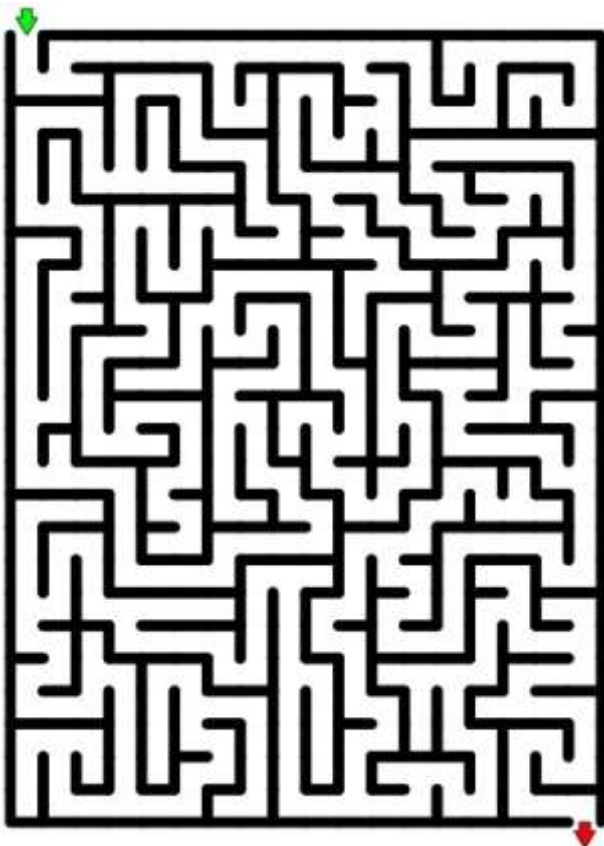
"When on holiday I was walking through the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribesman and said "That lizard is really Funny". The tribesman replied "That's not a lizard.... It's a stand up chameleon"

I bought a wig today for only £1. It was a small price toupee.

"My wife and I had a big argument last night. She called me gullible and financially irresponsible!. Wait until she hears I've won the Nigerian lottery...."

Thought for the day:

When you clean out a vacuum cleaner, You become a vacuum cleaner!



Can you make your way through the maze or complete this Sudoku? Answer on the back page.

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OASIS

A quiet space for reflection and refreshment.

The Oasis team are pleased to announce that our Quiet Days will be returning in a slightly different format on Tuesday 13th September.

We shall meet at St James' Church Meltham Mills. Tea and coffee will be available from 9.30. The Quiet Time will begin in the church at 10.00 prompt and end at 12.00. Lunchtime 12.00- 2.00. Please bring a packed lunch. There will not be an afternoon session.

Following a short welcome in church, there will be a time of quiet until 12.00. Please use the time and space to relax; pray; think; reflect; read; be creative; go for a walk; sit in the sunshine! Do whatever it is you feel God is calling you to do. Just rest in his presence.

There will be books; prayer cards and opportunities to be creative. There will be pastoral ministers available if you would like to talk or pray with someone in confidence. The Crèche will be kept for this purpose.

If you can, please stay for fellowship and a time to share thoughts and reflections over lunch.

If you are unable to stay for the whole time, do not worry. We hope you will have enjoyed your time in the quiet space and will join us at the next Oasis.

If you need more information please contact Christine Woods:07989693699 or Jenny Mathers:07951017454.

Weekly Parish Services for September

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

St Bartholomews Church, Meltham - 9.30am

St James' Church, Meltham Mills - 9.30am

(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.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others,
it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects,
always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres.

Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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My favourite Bible verse

'I chose these verses because I think love is the greatest gift God gave us and it is the basis of Christianity. Everything we do counts for nothing without love.'

Jill Horsman

If you would like to share your own favourite verse and explain why you have chosen it we would like to include them in future editions. .

The Eleanor Hirst Trust



The Eleanor Hirst Trust own six stunning Grade II listed Almshouses in the pretty village of Wilshaw. The Trust's aims are set out in the 1870 will of Eleanor Hirst which are solely to maintain and preserve the Almshouses for the benefit of elderly, low-income residents.

Dan Bamforth is Trustee and Chairman of the Trust, along with Trustee Hilary Livingstone.

In 1831 Eleanor Ramsey married Joseph Hirst, as a wedding present they were given an old disused stone quarry. Joseph then started to build his own little empire – within the village of Wilshaw and the land around it. His business went from strength to strength. Joseph built a mill, a warehouse, weaving rooms, a counting house and a row of cottages for his workers.

Eleanor and Joseph had one child, Mary. By 1842 when Mary was 10 years old, Joseph's schemes were prospering so much that he needed to expand, and he found a place to rent at Meltham Mills. The operation grew and grew. In 1853 he extended his production by renting a mill at Royd Edge. He eventually bought this mill and enlarged it considerably. Joseph gained a solid reputation throughout England and many parts of the world as a first-class fancy woollen manufacturer.

Tragedy struck in June 1859 when their daughter, Mary, died during childbirth – just a year after she married. She was buried in the churchyard at Meltham Mills. Joseph and Eleanor decided to build a church at Wilshaw and a family mausoleum in the churchyard. Mary's body was eventually exhumed and taken to its new resting place in the mausoleum.

In 1871 Joseph purchased Upper Greave, which had been a tiny hamlet, followed by St Mary's Court which was built by Joseph in 1873 and named after his daughter. These are replicas of houses seen by Joseph when he exhibited cloth at the Crystal Palace in 1851. It was Eleanor's idea as a memorial for her daughter and in 1879 the six Almshouses were built. Mary had been an affectionate young lady who had a lot of love and sympathy for the poor of the village, wanting to provide comfort in their declining years.

Eleanor lived until 1881, some seven years after her husband's death, they had no direct descendants to take over the woollen business and the mill closed. Eleanor was laid to rest alongside her husband, Joseph and daughter, Mary in the family mausoleum in Wilshaw .

The Eleanor Hirst Trust has been transformed by Dan and Hilary over recent years. Sadly, because of financial difficulties the Trust had to sell several assets to raise much needed funds to refurbish the Almshouses which included new windows (70+all unique in size), roof and chimney repairs, electrical wiring, stonework, tree work, landscaping, drainage etc. The Trustees have worked hard with the support of the Charity Commission and especially the Almshouse Association to both modernise and run efficiently the Trust to secure its future whilst achieving the objectives set out in the will of the late Eleanor Hirst.

For more information, please visit www.teht.co.uk or like our Facebook page.

Rhiannon Iggleden



Daily Prayer podcast celebrates 1,000th episode

A free service bringing the ancient monastic cycle of daily prayer to millions of modern listeners has recently broadcast its 1,000th episode.

The Daily Prayer podcast* brings listeners together twice a day for the short traditional services of Morning and Evening. The podcast, available both via the Daily Prayer app as well as all major podcasting platforms, was launched in March 2021. It has now been streamed more than four million times, with a monthly audience of 60,000 people.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said: "Reaching 1,000 episodes of Daily Prayer is an impressive milestone. Being able to participate in Daily Prayer through the app has been of great help and encouragement for many to begin, sustain or develop their life of prayer."

Many people say they have found a rhythm of prayer by using it.

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Sunday 16th October 2022

After 20 years of teaching and 24 years 3 months 2 weeks and 4 days of ordained ministry, Revd. Maureen is retiring.

Her last services will be:

St John the Evangelist, Lyneal with Colemere 10.00am Sung Eucharist

St Michael & All Angels, Welshampton 4.00pm

'Maureen & John's Favourite Hymns' Songs of Praise

Following the final service there will be a buffet in the Millenium Hall, Cockshutt.

All welcome to both or either service and to the farewell buffet.

John and Maureen are moving

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xxx



Thank you for the Get Well cards, flowers and kind wishes that I received following my knee replacement. I am doing really well and I hope to see you all soon.

From
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St. Mary's Report

It was Father's Day on 19th June when Rev John reminded us that God our father loves all His children. The following Sunday Rev Judy spoke about us no longer being slaves to sin and the law but free children of God through His grace. Lay reader Jacqueline France led the service on Sunday 3rd July and spoke about how God calls us and how that call can often surprise us. We are grateful to all those who lead our worship and spend time preparing talks that teach us more about our wonderful God.

Since our last report we have had 4 services of Holy Communion and 5 Services of the Word. There was no service at St Mary's on 31st July as we joined in with the united parish service at Christ church Helme. Last week Cpt John Smith led the service and taught us that God is a God of compassion. Our thanks go to all those who read lessons and lead intercessions, to our musicians and singers and those who organise power point presentations and run Zoom.

Finally, we hope you have all enjoyed your summer break and are looking forward to new and exciting times to come as we live out our calling to serve God in our churches and in our communities in these difficult times. KEEP ON PRAYING.

United Parish Communion

On Sunday 31st July Rev John Dracup was celebrant at a service of Holy communion. A full congregation, with members from all 4 churches enjoyed a warm welcome from Christ Church Helme who hosted the service. St Bartholomew 's church led the worship, their choir led the singing and Simon Ball played keyboard and piano. Alistair Storey operated the power point and assisted with the chalice. It was so special to receive communion at the altar rail after such a long time.

Rev John spoke about how the way we value and care for one another and for the church should be a direct reflection of the way God values and cares for us.

Sue Priestley thanked everyone for the prayers, cards, good wishes and flowers she has received whilst battling illness and she was pleased to tell us that she has now received the all clear - Praise God!

Following the service we enjoyed some delicious cakes with our coffee thanks to the ladies of Helme Church.

Bell House Report

On Wednesday August 3rd Rev Judy led the service at Bell House. A good number of residents attended and we had a good sing. The Bible reading told about "The Feeding of the Five Thousand" and we thought about how Jesus provides for all our needs

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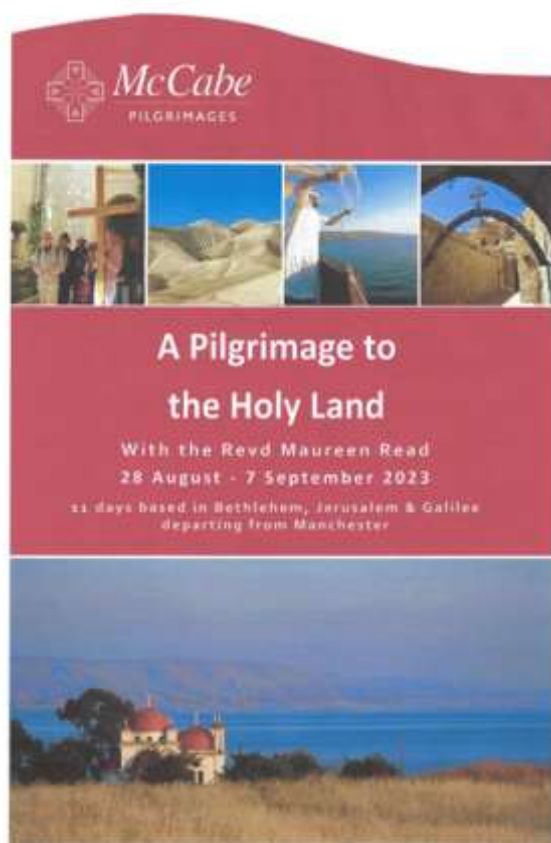
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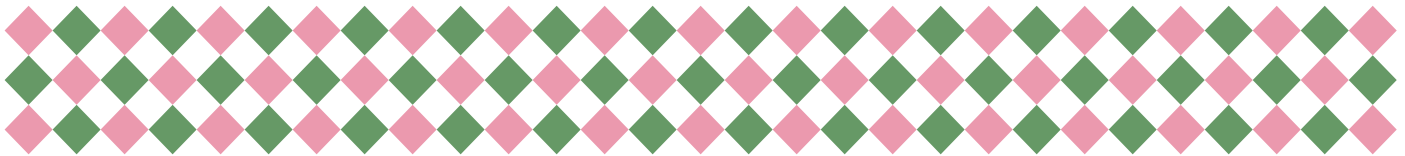
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Helme Ladies Report

Summer is here at last! What a beautiful day Helme Ladies had for their first outing of the summer season on Tuesday 21st June. We had a day out in Uppermill and the plan was for us to do what we wanted. We met in Carlile Street car park at 10am and then travelled to the garden centre in Uppermill where we gravitated to the café for coffee. Discussions took place as to what we were going to do next. There are various walks along the canal, Uppermill to have a look around, museums and of course the garden centre. Uppermill has some lovely independent shops (far better than Huddersfield) and on some days there is a street market. The canal with its boats and ducks is always worth a look and the garden centre is full of plants and bushes. I would be surprised if anyone looked around and didn't buy at least one plant (in my case quite a few). We had arranged to meet back at the café for lunch. It was wonderful to sit outside in the warm sunshine. We had been lucky with the weather and had really enjoyed ourselves.

Our next outing on July 5th was a walk on the canal from Marsden to Tunnel End, the weather was set fair so we were hoping for a good day. Our walk began by Marsden Station and we followed the canal towpath to Tunnel End in lovely sunny weather. The path was dry, no sign of mud, and Tunnel End was soon reached. The Helme Ladies who were not doing the walk had driven there hoping for a coffee in the café, it was closed as was the visitor centre due to there being no electric as Northern Powergrid were trimming the trees near the power lines. We decided to walk further up the valley towards Eastergate then back to Marsden Station as lunch was booked at the New Inn. Once seated in the pub we tucked into a buffet lunch which was very good. Our first walk of the season had been a great success with lovely sunny weather.

Our next walk was on Tuesday 19th July, by eck it was hot!! With all of us being of a certain age we decided that walking was out of the question, but lunch had been booked. After a few minutes discussion we decided to meet at Hinchliffes for coffee then go on to the Beaumont Arms for lunch. After meeting in Carlile Street car park we made our way to the farm shop, there were seats and tables outside but we made our way inside as it was cool there. We had our usual gossip and put the world to rights, then looked around the fridges in the shop. When we came outside the heat hit you and the car seats burnt your bum. We met up with the ladies who were meeting us for lunch at the Beaumont Arms which was as usual very enjoyable. Although we hadn't walked any miles we had made the best of our day out in extreme circumstances.



The weather couldn't have been so different for our next walk on 2nd August, it was wet and windy and quite a few degrees cooler. We met as usual in Carlile Street car park and decided to walk down the Greenway instead of our intended walk. It was quite sheltered under the trees, so we enjoyed our walk there and back but we still had plenty of time before our lunch date. It never takes long to come to a decision so we called in at Morrisons for a coffee. Off we went to Meltham Golf Club where lunch awaited, we were not disappointed by the lovely food and great service. This was another walk where we had been beaten by the weather, but we still had an enjoyable time.

Well would you believe it, Tuesday 16th August was our next walk and rain and thunderstorms had been forecast, but we were made of sterner stuff and met at 10am in Carlile Street car park. We were ready for what the weather could throw at us, you know the saying 'if you can see the tops its going to rain, if you can't see them it is raining'. On arriving in Marsden we could see the tops, so we set off walking down the canal towpath towards Slaithwaite. The temperature was a little lower than it had been so it was quite pleasant. The Sparth Reservoir was low so no swimming today and the water in the canal was very low too. We arrived in Slaithwaite and made our way to the Vanilla Bean café where lunch had been booked. All I can say is that we had a delightful lunch and the rain kept off, for once we had been able to carry out our proposed walk and had an enjoyable day.



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