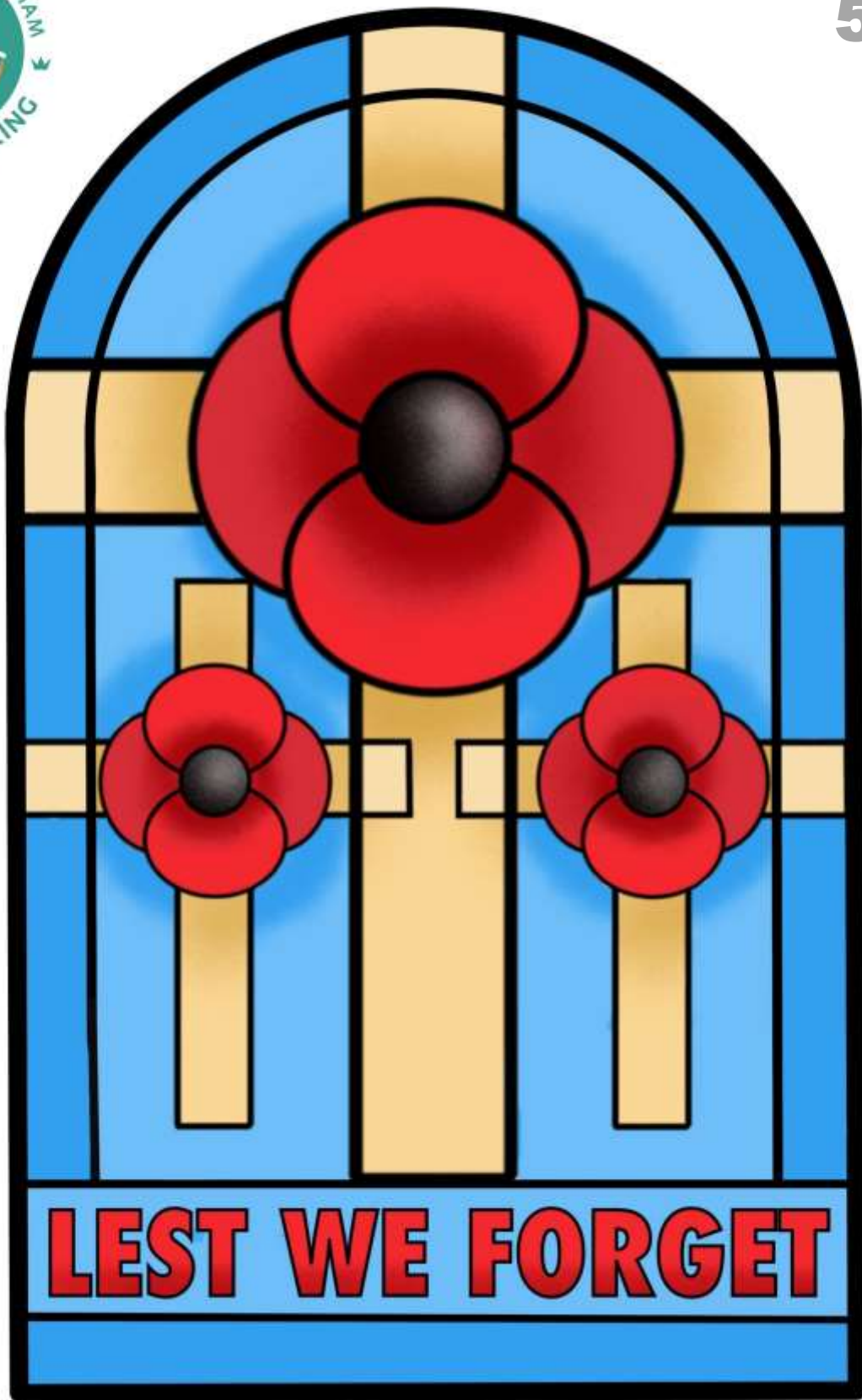


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Harvest

Thanks be to God!



Congratulations!



Left: Happy 80th Birthday to Jill Horsman who celebrated with a party in the Church hall last month. She raised £500 for Crisis and the Hospice.

Right: Well done to Nigel and Dan who ran the Royal Parks half marathon and raised over £2000 for Diabetes UK



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**People are like stained glass windows.
We glow and sparkle when it is sunny and bright
outside. But it is only when the sun goes down that
our true beauty is revealed – and then only if there is
a light deep within us – the light of God.**

- Anon

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A note from the editor ...

Hello !

Thank you so much once again to all who have contributed this month, this would really be boring if you hadn't! - Please accept my apologies once again for not changing the date on last month's paper edition and for this month's being so delayed. I hadn't intended it to be, it just happened with half term etc. Sorry!

However on a happier note, there is lots to read about and catch up on like the Meltham mustard seed, (pg10). Toddler church moving (pg 25) and how to be more 'greener' this Christmas (pg9).

As always I am very grateful for your submissions so please continue to send them in.

The deadline of the December magazine will be:

Monday 20th November 2023

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God Bless,
Fiona.

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Letter from your Vicar

They shall not grow 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.

These are the words read out just before the last post is sounded and 2 minutes of silence observed as we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our nation and the freedoms that we value so greatly. It is a good thing that many people, perhaps most people, are still familiar with these words.

Remembering the sacrifice of so many is a more than sufficient reason to maintain our annual acts of remembrance, and for me the point of the occasion. From a young age my parents would take me to Church, my dad was involved in the scouting movement for most of his life, & I joined Cubs at age 8 so, I can't remember a time when I didn't join in with remembrance Sunday.

However, we also remember in the hope that we might avoid such conflicts in the future, that we might be sufficiently determined to pursue peace as to avoid war. This second reason inevitably comes to mind much more readily at times when our world finds itself facing serious conflict and this is such a time both in Europe and in the Middle East.

Recently I have found myself wondering how it is that people can come to the point of choosing such acts of violence. What pain, hatred, desperation would cause us to behave in such ways, and more importantly what way can we find to stop these cycles of horror.

Jonah and the whale is one of the most well known Bible stories. Recently, I have thought about this story in a new light because there are parts that are much less well known. Jonah was sent to a place called Nineveh to tell people they needed to stop sinning. Not everyone knows that Nineveh was the capital of the great empire of the time and as such was responsible for doing some terrible things to many people, including to God's people. Jonah ran away (and was brought back in the whale) because he feared the results of telling them to change their ways. But not in the way we might assume, these are Jonah's words to God after he had delivered the message he had been given, after the people of Nineveh had said sorry and promised to change their ways.

"Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. Just kill me now, Lord! I'd rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen."

Jonah knew God would forgive, but in his pain, he wanted to see God punish the people of Nineveh as He had said they would be if they didn't change. Jonah was a good man, he must have been for God to chose him as his prophet, but forgiveness is very difficult.

I have no easy answers for the conflicts that our world face today and I'm sure that any such answers would represent foolishness itself. Forgiveness is not easy and when so much hurt has been experienced forgiveness is nothing short of a miracle, but forgiveness is essential for peace, it's needed in all parts of our lives, and when it is achieved it is a wonderful gift to future generations.

God bless, Reverend John Dracup (Vicar)



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GOING GREENER - Moving towards an Eco Church

'And God saw that the world and all that was in it, was very good.'

Genesis Ch 1v 31

Are you dreaming of a green Christmas?

With so much to get ready and so much to organise for the Big Day, it's very easy to forget words like 'Green energy', 'sustainability', 'eco friendly', 'recyclable' etc, etc. But to give us a nudge and keep us on the greener path I have trawled the internet and found some good tips from the goodenergy.co.uk website courtesy of one Imogen Suter - she assures us that being eco-conscious does not instantly turn us into the curmudgeonly Scrooge! I'm not so sure, but here we go -

Wrapping paper – in the UK we use 227,000 miles each Christmas. That's enough to go round the world 9 times! Make sure wrapping paper does not contain plastic or glitter and can be recycled. Unwrap presents carefully, fold paper and reuse next year. Ok – a bit Scroogey.

Christmas trees – Real or fake? Real is better in terms of carbon so long as it is disposed of correctly – chipping, burning or replanting. If fake, buy one to last at least 10 years to reduce carbon impact. (Worthy, but a tad boring, I feel.)

Christmas cards - in the UK we send about 150 million cards (possibly not this year after the hike in the price of stamps!) The energy used, if you include Royal Mail delivery vans, could power 200 average UK houses for a whole year! Try to buy cards which are 100% recyclable – not shiny, no glitter. Deliver by hand or perhaps send e-greetings card to far flung friends.

Glass – 13350 tonnes of glass is sent to landfill during December and January. Recycling all that glass would save about 4,200 tonnes of CO2. This is the equivalent of taking 1,300 cars off the road for a year. We all enjoy a festive drink – just make sure the bottles are going to the bottle bank and not hiding in a black bin bag! (You'll just have to get the crates of shame to Morrisons!)

Unwanted presents – According to the Royal Mint – how do they know? People across the UK are expected to get £1billion worth of unwanted Christmas presents. That's a sad thought. So shop wisely, ask what would people really like? Shop from small or ethical retailers. Go easy on the plastic toys and novelties, they'll probably end their days in a landfill. (Clearly Santa needs re educating!)

Fairy lights – an extravagant lighting display can cost a small fortune to power for the 12 days of Christmas! LED lights use about 90% less energy than regular lights and last much longer. Don't forget to switch them all off before you go to bed. (That must be a Health & Safety requirement!)

This is only the first half of Imogen's list – I'm feeling a bit depressed – can't wait for the second half next month, she tackles the Christmas Dinner and food waste!

We can only do our best. Enjoy November – be a sparkler in the dark.

God bless us in our efforts

Jenny x



MELTHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER MUSTARD SEED.

As many of you will know, Meltham Mustard began its work in 1997 helping to support orphans in the village of Kyema in Uganda. Over the years this charity has supported many young people enabling them to grow up, importantly, in kindred foster families and be educated. Indeed, several have degree level qualifications and exciting careers ahead of them due to your support.



Visiting the sugar fields which will be harvested soon. Mary, nurse school head teacher and Rev Joan of KMS.

In 2019, we worked with the local committee in Kyema to put together a self-sustainability plan. After 4 years of hard work, the local Mustard Seed team in Kyema are now in a position to continue to provide support to orphans without the financial support of Meltham Mustard Seed. This is a fantastic achievement.



These sugar fields will be harvested end of 2024, early 2025

Land acquisition continues for building small housing units in future.

This means that we can now formally close down the Meltham Mustard Seed charity, as our work is complete. There are a number of practical steps that we need to take to do this, including dialogue with the Charity Commission, our bank and our supporters.

We have asked supporters, who donate by standing order, to cancel these as we will make a final payment with any more final donations to Kyema in December this year.

We, the Mustard Seed committee, want to thank you for the support over many years that has enabled us to support many children, who otherwise would have had a very uncertain future.

Additionally, you have helped us create a lasting legacy, which was always the vision that John Bakanoba had when Mustard Seed first began.



Emmaton, one of MMS current orphans supported by his grandmother.

Jane Collins



A new kind of Remembrance Poppy



For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: “We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL’s commitment to sustainability.”

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to “be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment.”

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it made from “bespoke red and green paper.” The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury’s stores for recycling.



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May I thank you most sincerely everyone that attended our coffee morning at The Meltham Church Hall

This letter acknowledges the total sum of £618.75 by the people that attended, which I would be grateful if you would pass on our thanks if you know someone who doesn't get the Meltham Parish Magazine.

Your consideration and hospitality made our time with you most pleasant and we would like to thank you specially for that.

You may well be aware that the RNLI is a charity that is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from good people like your community.

The cost today is running at £168 million pounds a year or £2000 per hour!!! I am permanently in awe that such a massive sum of money is regularly maintained by the consideration and generosity of people like yourselves

I long since ran out of ways of saying thank you in an appropriate manner. Thank you never seems to me to be enough. But I don't have any better words and hope that you will understand that it is said most sincerely, and not simply a routine courtesy. THANK YOU.

Our thanks also go to Morrisons Supermarket, Meltham, and Netherton Co-op for providing help with Tea/Coffee biscuits for the event.

Best regards

Andrew Ingham

Andy Ingham
Honley & Brockholes Branch



Pampered Pooches?

Previously, I wrote about how I'd augmented my household with lovely Ukrainian mum and daughter Tatyana and Anna. There's been a further addition to the homestead in the form of two Border Terrier puppies, Percy and Mirren. My home has suddenly become a madhouse! On a recent trip to Orkney visiting my aunt and uncle, I told them what was going wrong with my life. They mused over it for a few minutes, and came up with a simple course of action – Tell everyone where to get off, and get a dog. This seemed like sound advice, so I got on the case. What's interesting is the cultural contrast in our relationship with our pets. Here in "Misty Albion" (as Tatyana calls the UK), we treat our cats and dogs like royalty. We have built industries on dog behaviour therapy, mobile dog grooming, dog spa treatment and so forth. Being curious, I even googled "Dog yoga", and yes, it IS a thing.

The Dash

The following poem (written by Linda Ellis) was referred to by Chrissie Little at Peter Rolls' funeral. I think it is worth printing for anyone who does not know it, as we all know how Peter filled his 'dash' with so much of everything that is good in this life.

Val White

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on his tombstone from the beginning.... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of his birth and spoke of the following date with tears but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that he spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved him know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash... Would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?



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I went to buy one dog, and returned with two. Having said that the dogs would live only in the kitchen (which is stone floored), Tatyana said "In Ukraine, dogs live in yard". She's smitten with them, feeds them in the morning, and lets them out first thing. I asked about the dogs she has at home, so she told me about two of them, and a third which roams the streets, and comes home during severe weather. It has two litters of five pups every year, which have to be homed. I asked the obvious question: Why not get the dog neutered? The answer came back: "The dog bites hands". Enough said...

Tatyana has had agency work recently at a print works, and guess what she was labelling this week – "Christmas treat packs for dogs"

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Helme Ladies Report

Our Summer of adventures was over, and we were back to meeting in the church hall. On Tuesday 26th September we had a talk by Andy Ingham of the Honley and Brockholes branch of the RNLI. He told us how many lifeboats the people of Huddersfield had bought (I think it was 4) and why these people had provided the money for them. We also learnt how the lifeboat service was set up and all the changes down the years. It just goes to show that we are not only about having fun, but we are also ready to learn about things we don't always know, but go on we do have fun in doing so. We do have talks during the year on all sorts of subjects, so if anyone would like to give the ladies a talk just get in touch.

Our next meeting was an auction on October 10th, where we all go through our drawers in the hope of finding something that others will buy. Our auctioneer was Dorothy (a bundle of energy and laughs) who is very good at the job and makes you want to bid for something you didn't know you needed. Then there is Jenny who lists all the sales and is willing to model items in the hope of finding a buyer. It really is great fun and sometimes the bidding gets very competitive, all being kept in order and on track by Dorothy. Christmas stocking fillers were bought (it would be interesting to see the looks on recipients faces), and when all the lots were sold, we had added £43 to our charity fund. A very interesting morning with loads of laughs and then coffee and biscuits to end our meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 24th	Flower Arranging
Nov 7th	Coffee and cake at the Beaumont Arms
Nov 21st	Wildlife Talk with Kath Heaney
Dec 5th	Carol Service with Lunch at Helme Church
Dec 12th	Christmas Lunch at the Beaumont Arms



Craft & Create group are making Angels

Keep your eyes peeled as you walk around the village, Angels will be watching over you.

There will be a chance to guess their name



'Crisis' coffee morning

Saturday 25th November

10.00am – 12.00pm

St. James' Church, Meltham Mills

Stalls for this year include:

Crafts

Gift baskets and small hampers

Homeware

Christmas goods

Sweets

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



The Alpha Course

Have you ever thought to yourself - I've been going to church for years but I've never really got to grips with questions like:

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Why did he die for us?

How can we have faith?

How does God guide us?

Why do we pray?

If God loves us, why is there so much pain in the world?



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Parish Services for November

You are welcome to join any of the following weekly services,

St Bartholomew's, Meltham 9:30am

St James', Meltham Mills 9:30am

First Sunday of the month is a 'Family Sunday' service

Christ Church, Helme 11:15am

St Mary's, Wilshaw 11:15am

In addition:

Sunday 5th November - The Annual Memorial Service at 4pm, St Bart's Church. A service to remember with thanksgiving the life of loved ones dear departed. We hope that you together with family and friends can join us to remember those who have died and give thanks to God for their lives.

During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle as a sign of remembrance. We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special occasion.

Please Note: Sunday 12th November is Remembrance Sunday,

There will be a short 'said' communion service at 9.30am in St Bart's Church.

The Remembrance Service will follow at 10.30am outside St Bart's by the war memorial.

Save the Date!

4th December, 4pm - Carols in the Park, Robert Ashton Park

10th December, 7.30pm - Carols in the Pub, Waggon & Horses

11th December, 6pm - Carol Service, St Mary's Wilshaw

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Baptisms - *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

Grace Mae Bailey, Mackenzie John Anderson

Funerals - May they rest in peace

Anyone wishing to have their loved ones names included in the book of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's please contact Jean Collison : Telephone 851816
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St Bartholomews Flowers

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5th Nov	Mr & Mrs J Mitchell
12th Nov	Vacant
19th Nov	Vacant
26th Nov	Vacant
3rd Dec	Advent

Flowers are a lovely way to remember loved ones or to celebrate that special occasion. If you would like to put flowers on the Communion table in church we do have dates available if you would like to.

Please contact:
Catherine Moulson (850171)

Saturday Coffee Mornings

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



4th November - Meltham WI

11th November - Probus

18th November - Christian Bookshop

25th November - @St James' Church & Methodist Church

2nd December - St Bartholomew's Christmas Market

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JUST FOR FUN!

By Denis A

Fred and his missus

Fred's missus: What was that noise? Fred: My shirt fell

Fred's missus: It sounded louder than that. Fred: I was in it!

Realisation

I am just sitting here wondering what to write and then I suddenly realised that I had never noticed, there's a turd in Saturday. I also realised I'm almost at the age where I need to see an archaeologist instead of a doctor.

Did you know?

Rev'd John used to be a farmer, He decided to take up arable farming, but he soon became a cropper. That is why he decided to be a vicar. -I'm glad that he did.

Having just achieved 80 years in our choir. Did you know that Church singers were an a-choired taste?

I recently got a text from my Juney in heaven. That was a Godsend.

Did you know that the word 'receiving' is 400 years old? That's going back a bit.

Returning from London one day I was taking the M1 motorway. The traffic police pulled me up & told me to put it back!

God bless one and all. Denis A



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Next Job? Making 4 stable nativity scenes so each church can have one. If you are interested Please call Mike on 07867951512

St Mary's Report

What a busy time we have had at Wilshaw over the last month. We have shared two services of Communion and two Services of the Word in church and the first of our Outdoor services which was great fun despite a bit of rain.

Jacqueline led this and after an introduction in church we went outside to find things from nature. Then we made mobiles out of the things we found but it was difficult to get it to balance. Jacqueline reminded us that we need to balance our lives making sure we spend time with God.

On 30th September there was a Salsa night at Wilshaw Village Hall with a Salsa band and Lasagna for supper. The following day many of us took part in the Wilshaw Welly Walk and thankfully the weather was lovely. At the end of the walk we enjoyed soup and a welcome cuppa.

The 8th October saw the Harvest festival which was led by Rev John Dracup. During the first hymn gifts for the food bank were brought forward and displayed on the altar steps. The music group accompanied the hymns and Jonah and Dylan helped Rev John to illustrate his talk with bricks and a wobbly table. We were reminded that we need to share what we have with those who do not have enough.

On Sunday 15th the theme of the service was based on the Parable of the Wedding Banquet and as usual we welcomed people in church and on zoom.

Our thanks for to all who lead our worship, read lessons, provide music and prepare the power point.

Bell House Report

This month the lovely residents at the Bell House care home shared a Harvest Festival service. A resident, Charles, did a fabulous job reading Deuteronomy 24:19. We talked about our responsibility to care for the vulnerable people around us and to be generous, compassionate, and mindful of the needs of others. That doing this not only fulfils God's commandment but invites His blessing upon our lives. We talked about the churches in the parish and how they support the food bank at Meltham, and then watched a short video of a church preparing for harvest, having a service, and then taking the collection to the local food bank.

Later this month the Bell house residents will join St Mary's HC service via zoom. I'm very excited about this and hope it will develop into a closer relationship between our parish and it's care homes!

Bell House care home joins Sunday worship on zoom.

11 residents from the Bell House care home joined St Mary's Sunday morning worship via zoom! It was the most wonderful experience seeing the resident's eyes fixed on the large TV screen in their lounge, joining in at every opportunity to the prayers and singing. They were thrilled to be able to attend real church and speak with the people in church. At the end of the service, they helped to present a gift to Rev Judy, thanking her for leading worship at the care home for the last 20 years!

Fundraising Concert - Saturday 25th November



Join us for an evening of uplifting songs and beautiful music provided by the Rock Choir and Huddersfield Ukrainian Troupe

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All proceeds going towards the 'Huddersfield Ukrainian Club Community Youth Project' to create a safe space for young refugees and their new friends.

We look forward to you joining us for a very special evening.



Wild Worship!

Looking at new forms of church, St Mary's are trialling 'wild worship'. Our indoor worship has so many references to the natural world in the words we use and the lyrics to the songs we sing. The pillars stretching up to the arched roof of a traditional church building remind us of tree trunks stretching up to the sky above us. So it's good to actually get outside for worship. Just as our regular indoor worship feeds our worship outside, so too outdoor worship soaks up creation giving a new and vibrant understanding to what we do indoors.

For our first service we celebrated the feast day of St Michael and all angels. We thought about St Michael's role where he uses scales to weigh souls. We collected sticks and leaves from the churchyard and made mobiles. We had issues getting our mobiles to be balanced, this prompted us to pray and ask God to help us find balance in our own lives. I always feel close to God when I'm outside and I think others felt that too. The fellowship during the service felt enhanced too. It was a wonderful experience and I recommend you have a go!

Jacqueline France



WE ARE ON THE MOVE !



Question: WHO'S ON THE MOVE?

Answer: THE TODDLER CHURCH

We have been based at Helme Church for over a year but, as a team, we feel that the time has come for Toddler Church to leave Helme Church and set up our new base at St Bartholomews's Church.

We are very grateful for the support that we have received from the Helme congregation but there are certain realities we have to face:-

Increased heating costs

Continuity of meetings

Due to the increased cost of heating, we had to reduce our meetings in the first quarter of 2023 to just once a month (similar to the weekly church services). This meant that any continuity was lost resulting in us losing some of our families who did not return after we resumed meeting weekly.

We would prefer to be able to run our weekly Toddler Church throughout the year (term time only). Heating costs continue to be high, we are unable to make the church floor warmer. We cannot expect babies and toddlers to play on the colder drafty floor through the winter months.

Therefore we will be moving, after the Half-Term break, to St Bart's, and also changing the day to a Tuesday. This will enable us to slot into the current provision of work with toddlers, that currently takes place at the Methodist Church on Monday and Thursday mornings. And, with the growing number of people worshipping at the Wednesday morning HC Service, then that also influenced us to holding Toddler Church on Tuesday mornings.

We firmly believe that it was the right thing for us to begin the Toddler Church at Helme. We have engaged with a few families in the area and hope they will continue to join us as much as they are able. We have grown as a team, as we work together, the morning sessions now run in a seamless way.

The team are looking forward to this next chapter in the life of Toddler Church, we would be grateful for your prayerful support as we seek to reach out to the young families in our village with the Good News of Jesus.

Chris Dronsfield

Toddler Church welcomes pre school aged children with their carers, from Tuesday 7th November, 9am - 11am (term time only)

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'Your word is a a lamp to my feet, A light on my path' Psalm 119:105

Thanks to our Craft and Create Group who made our lanterns for the Light up the Pleasure Grounds .



The Light up the Pleasure Grounds is organised by Meltham Walkers are Welcome and it was blessed with a warm and calm evening despite the storms the night before!

Thanks as always for your prayers and support

Sue Priestley



Reverse Advent Calendar

For many years St Mary's Church, Wilshaw, do a reverse advent calendar. Instead of receiving treats every day through advent, they give an item in support for the Meltham foodbank. After 24 days the donations are given.

Join in and give it a try! Completing the 24 days in November would ensure the foodbank have it in time for the Christmas parcels.

Stuck for ideas? - Give these a try.

Eggs

Crisps, Ketchup/Mayo

Mince Pies, Soup, Jam/Marmalade,

Long Life Milk, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tuna,

Savoury Biscuits, Selection Box, Sauce for Rice/Pasta ,

Instant Coffee/Tea bags, Tinned veg, Custard/Jelly, Breakfast Cereal

Tinned Spaghetti

Stuffing/Gravy

Harvest Festival time has come round again, and it's been joyous – our cup floweth over !



All the Meltham Churches nominated us as their main cause, and the three Meltham schools joined in too. It's humbling for us that they trust us enough to distribute their produce. The contribution from Meltham Moor, Helme and Meltham CofE is particularly touching – they have enough needs of their own – but children and parents dug deep, and just look at the photos. It's a great thing to drive the message home early to children, that there are less fortunate people in their neighbourhood.

Bless all of you,





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