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Parish Letter

February 2010

Dear Friends

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

"I've gone to church for the past 40 years, man and boy," he wrote, "and in that time I've heard somewhere in the region of 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the vicars are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a raging controversy in the "letters to the editor" column, much to the delight of the publishers. The debate went on for weeks, until someone wrote this reply.

"I've been married for over 40 years now and in that time my wife has cooked for me some 40,000 meals, but for the life of me, I can not recall the entire menu of a single one of them. But I do know this; they all nourished me and gave me the strength to do the work which was set before me. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise if I had not gone to the church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today."

When you are down to nothing,
remember, God is up to something!

Thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment!

The month of February marks the beginning of the Lenten period. Lent has always been seen as a time of reflection, nourishment and preparation for Easter.

Lent is a good time to reflect on many things, our relationship with God and with our neighbour. It's also a time when we can explore the gifts we have been given and see how best we can use them.

During this Lenten period it is hoped that there will be a study course run on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Room. Also on Sunday Evenings there will be chance to be part of a reflection service specially designed for the Lenten period.

Please take this Lenten opportunity to prepare and enrich yourself spiritually, so that the joy of Easter may be more complete in your life.

Yours in Christ's service

David

February Sponsors

John and Pauline Adams

Heartfelt thanks for all the cards, letters, telephone calls, flowers and kind words received on our very sad loss of Alison.

The 18th February would have been Alison's 44th Birthday.

We cannot send her a card or a present, but she has given the Gift of Life by donating all of her major organs, tissue and cornea, many of which have already been used to save the lives of other people. It is a great comfort to us that she has been able to do this wonderful thing.



GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

In 2009 the Parish received £67,500 from giving in its various forms. Of this £41,000 was given by those on our Planned Giving Scheme, and £10,000 was received from the government under the Gift Aid legislation from our giving in 2008. The Collection Plate brought £10,000, Donations £1,500 and finally £5,000 from the Harvest Gift and Promise Weekends in October.

In a difficult year for the economy this was a welcome outcome and a very sincere thank you to everyone for their generosity.

We wish that this could be the end of our message – but unfortunately, it cannot be. The financial challenges that face our Parish in 2010 are even greater. Every one of us will need to examine our generosity and if possible, review our giving. Any increase we can afford, however small, will make a difference to the Church, both locally and beyond. Also, if you have not already done so, please consider joining our Planned Giving Scheme. Finally, if you can – please Gift Aid it.

How much we give depends on many factors known only to ourselves, and is a very personal decision. However, for those seeking guidance on giving, the Wakefield Diocese has produced a green booklet “Giving money to support the work of the Church” which explores both the spiritual and practical aspects. Copies will be distributed during February.

In the next issue we will look at why we need to be generous and where the money goes.

Please ask and we will be happy to help on any aspect of giving.

Clive Green and Roger Kenworthy, Parish Giving Officers

PARISH NEWS

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

St George's	December 27	Layla Mae Greive
St George's	December 27	Guy Brennan Grieve

A Prayer for Haiti

O God, our refuge and strength,
we hold before you the nation and people of Haiti, and pray for
healing in the midst of tragedy and devastation.
Give comfort to the homeless, the bereaved and the suffering,
courage to survivors, wisdom to those who seek to help,
and light to all who live in the shadow of death.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our
salvation. Amen.

Church of England

In February we remember in our Year's Mind

Jack Tinker	d.	4	February	1971
Hollis Amelia O'Brien	d.	8	February	1985
Amy Lodge	d.	9	February	1995
Eric Tinker	d.	12	February	2004
Dorothy Quinn	d.	13	February	2005
Michael Anthony Law	d.	17	February	1984
Olive Christine Sykes	d.	17	February	1989
Norma Joyce Lee	d.	21	February	2001
Jean Davidson Bradley	d.	23	February	1995
Geoffrey Crowe	d.	23	February	2001
Christine Anderson	d.	23	February	1987
Hilda Turner Reast	d.	24	February	1977
Harold Bray	d.	26	February	1985
David James Wainwright	d.	27	February	2004
Michael John Boothroyd	d.	28	February	2006

ST. MARY'S CALENDAR

JANUARY 2010

Sunday 31

Candlemas
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

FEBRUARY

Monday 1	6.30 pm	Slimming World in Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Churches Together Meeting
Wednesday 3	9.30 am	Holy Communion followed by Pastoral Care Prayer Group
	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union Meeting (speakers: the Stapletons)
Thursday 4	10.00 am - 12 noon	Coffee in Parish Room
	1.15 pm	Baby and Toddler Group
Friday 5	7.30 pm	Hand Chimes Rehearsal

Sunday 7

2nd Sunday before Lent
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Family Service
6.30 pm Parish Eucharist

Monday 8	6.30 pm	Slimming World in Parish Room
Tuesday 9	7.30 pm	P C C Meeting in Parish Room
Wednesday 10	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 11	10.00 am - 12 noon	Coffee in Parish Room
	1.15 pm	Baby and Toddler Group
	7.30 pm	Civic Society Meeting in Parish Room
Saturday 13	7.30 pm	Honley Ladies Choir concert in church

Sunday 14

Sunday next before Lent
No 8.00 am service

9.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Monday 15	6.30 pm	Slimming World in Parish Room
Tuesday 16	7.30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Social
Wednesday 17		<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's
Thursday 18	10.00 am - 12 noon	Coffee in Parish Room
	11.30 am - 12.45 pm	Lent Lunch
Friday 19	7.30 pm	Hand Chimes Rehearsal

Sunday 21 *1st Sunday of Lent*
8.00 am **Holy Communion**
9.30 am **Family Communion**
3.00 pm **Evensong and Holy Baptism**
Monday 22 6.30 pm Slimming World in Parish Room
Wednesday 24 9.30 am Holy Communion
Thursday 25 10.00 am - 12 noon Coffee in Parish Room
11.30 am - 12.45 pm Lent Lunch
1.15 pm Baby and Toddler Group

Sunday 28 *2nd Sunday of Lent*
8.00 am **Holy Communion**
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**
6.30 pm **Evening Prayer**
MARCH
Monday 1 6.30 pm Slimming World in Parish Room
Wednesday 3 9.30 am Holy Communion followed by
Pastoral Care Prayer Group

Sunday 7 *3rd Sunday of Lent*
8.00 am **Holy Communion**
9.30 am **Family Service**
6.30 pm **Parish Eucharist**

Helpers' Rota

	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Sidespeople</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Intercessors</u>	<u>Serving Coffee</u>
Feb 7	Family Service	Diana and Charles Kaye	Lucy Brooksbank & Fiona Oliver	Pat and Cliff Green	Cynthia Hepper Elaine Shaw
Feb 14	Parish Eucharist	Andrea and Clive Green	Dennis Thewlis	Jane and Graham Wardman	Jane and Graham Wardman
Feb 21	Family Communion	Sandra and John Dean	Pauline Ellis	Diana and Huw Griffiths	Maureen Allen Pat Allsop
Feb 28	Parish Eucharist	Pauline and John Adams	John Adams	Clive Waind	Shirley Turner Clive Waind
Mar 7	Family Service	Maureen Doran Denise Jackson	Simon Croke	David Barnes	Heather and John Ambler

HONLEY NEWS

Coffee Wagon News

Despite the wintry weather, the Coffee Wagon Team continue to provide a hot drink and friendly chat to youngsters in the village.

As a celebration of their work they decided to meet together for a meal at the Italian Restaurant in Lockwood. The evening was very much enjoyed by all and it is hoped to be repeated next year. They are a hard working and dedicated team and all deserve a 'pat on the back' for keeping this project going for so long.

Liz Cummings

Women's World Day of Prayer



A warm welcome to everyone to the Women's World Day of Prayer, this year to be held at our church of St Mary the Virgin, on the 5th of March at 2.00 pm. The service this year has been prepared by the Christian Women of the Cameroons. The theme is "Let everything that hath breath, Praise the Lord". We look forward to seeing you at this worldwide fellowship of prayer and praise.

Margaret Wainwright, Pauline, Jean and all our Trinity friends

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Report on the DCC Meeting held 15th December

The Vicar opened the meeting with 12 members present with a prayer.

Under Matters Arising from the previous minutes the only reported progress was that redecoration of the Parish Room by Kirklees Community Service people had begun. Matters relating to the organ remain unresolved with our insurers and clarification regarding the legal position of the Parish Room is still awaited from the Diocesan Legal Department.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary reported that non-budgeted income was up by about £8,000. This is a result of income from the Gift Weekend (approximately £3,000); the 4 dinners put on in church by Pauline and John Adams and their helpers (£2,000), the Street Market (£1,500 above budget) and increased giving over the year (£1,500). As a result the forecast deficit for 2009 is now reduced to £2,545. Together with the deficit of £4,238 carried over from 2008 this will give a deficit at the end of 2009 of £6,783.

The DCC formally gave consent for a Street Market to take place on Saturday, December 4th 2010.

A report by Andrew Duncan on aspects of fire and safety aspects of the church buildings had been received and circulated to members of the DCC. Thanks were given to Andrew for his contribution. Various aspects of the report were discussed and will lead to a number of minor changes in church.

One aspect which gave rise to considerable discussion was the need for a more organised system to be used by members of the congregation when taking Communion in church. A circulatory system with two queues down the centre aisle returning via the side aisles was preferred and the Churchwardens were asked to 'direct traffic' until the system became established.

On the question of Remembrance, the use of the Book of Remembrance and who should be included in the intercessions

relating to year's mind: it was left that the Group responsible for the subject of Prayer to be set up under the new Parish Plan should consider these matters.

Under Any Other Business a request for use of the church for a concert by Honley Band was considered. The Vicar will obtain details for confirmation at the next meeting. Jane Wardman queried whether a complaint had been made to Kirklees regarding the siting of the new bollards in Church Street blocking the pavement for wheelchair/pushchair users in places. Carol Hirst had already taken the matter up with local councillors. Kenneth Ellis reported a slipped tile on the Parish Room roof.

Cliff Green, DCC Secretary

Lent Lunches



Everyone welcome on Thursday lunchtimes during Lent between 11.30 am and 12.45 pm for soup lunch in the Parish Room. Donations towards the Honley Aid in Sickness Fund.

Gill Greaves

Christingle

Thanks to all who helped at the Christingle Service on January 3rd. We were able to send £190.73 to the Children's Society as a result of funds raised at this event.

John Ambler

Coming soon...		
CUBS ARE MAGIC		
A concert by around 50 Honley cubs and leaders		
	Friday 19th March at 7.15 pm St Mary's Church , Honley	
Saturday 20th March 2010 at 7.15 pm in Trinity Church, Honley		
Tickets: Adults £5 Child/OAP £2.50 including refreshments <i>Proceeds shared equally between St Mary's, Trinity, Scouts</i>		

Sadly the Communion Service and A.G.M. planned for our January meeting had to be postponed for a week and then cancelled because of the weather. After consultation with the Diocesan Vice-President with special responsibility for Almondbury Deanery, Brenda was advised to hold a meeting of past and new officials and committee members to complete the relevant business. A group of us met on Thursday 21st January to hear all the A.G.M. reports and hand over responsibilities to the new officials for the next three years. The minutes of the meeting, financial and other reports will be available for members to inspect at the next meeting.

As Brenda mentioned in her December report she is resigning as our Branch Leader having completed three years. She has made an excellent job of organising and leading our meetings, visiting members when they were ill or celebrating a special occasion and keeping us in touch with the work of M.U. at Diocesan level. We thanked her officially at the handover meeting and presented her with a music token as appreciation of her hard work. I am replacing Brenda as Branch Leader on a temporary basis until a successor can be found.

Our Treasurer, Jean Swann is also retiring after three years. She has done a most efficient job on our behalf and I am sure that Brenda has appreciated her expertise, support and knowledge of Mothers' Union. Jennie, our secretary, presented Jean with a plant as a token of our appreciation of her hard work. Jean Chadwick and Andrea Green will share the work of Treasurer. Their first task will be to collect the annual subscription of £13.50. It would be helpful if you would put this in an envelope bearing your name and hand it to either Andrea or Jean as soon as possible.

We are fortunate that Jennie is willing to carry on as Secretary for a further term of office, this will provide some welcome continuity. She will be assisted by Alison Dean who will be our Programme Secretary. Dean Henry and Mary Stapleton will speak to us on 3rd February about their Royal Visit. This will be an excellent start to the New Year.

Many thanks to all our members and church friends for the support they give to M.U., especially those who help by visiting Baptism Families, helping with Baby and Toddlers and serving coffee on Thursday mornings. The latter has raised over five hundred pounds for church funds in the past year.

The Mothers' Union is a great organisation and although our name has not changed over the years we have moved with the times and continue to do important work in helping all families in need throughout the world. Our Special Relief Fund will be used by M.U. workers in Haiti to help those in need.

Please give us your support and better still give serious consideration to becoming members.

Pat Green

National Marriage Week – 8 to 14 February

Marriage Week UK celebrates the diversity and vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life in the UK. It is timed to include Valentine's Day and has been held every year since 1997.

Marriage remains incredibly popular – over 90% of young people in the UK aspire to be married at some point in the future and the large majority will achieve this. Although many people fear that marriages don't last, two out of every three first marriages will last until one partner dies, and one in two second or subsequent marriages will also last a lifetime.

Current research suggests that the enduring stability of marriage results from the commitment that two people make to each other, embodied in their vows, and supported by family, friends, and society at large.

Many couples today however come to marriage to celebrate the stability of their relationships rather than to initiate them, so we see couples marrying later in life, often after living together for a period, and often after buying their home and starting a family.

Parish Pump

Street Market Quiz

Congratulations to Andrea and Clive Green who won the quiz.
Answers below for those of us still wondering.

1	A false ache	Champagne
2	Seasonal dessert that is in line	Plum pudding
3	Usually found in boxing	Punch
4	Found here and now	Present
5	An idiot could be.....	Crackers
6	Nine o'clock onwards	After eight
7	Where posh people live	Quality Street
8	Found on the fire	Pine log
9	A tasty European Country	Turkey
10	Follow birds around	Cocktails
11	Idle fancy bread	Fruit loaf
12	Strange covering	Rum sauce
13	A lady with a traditional song	Carol
14	Drinks for Frank Bruno	Boxer shorts
15	Obstruct	Hamper
16	A very small thing	Trifle
17	Goes with a Christmas toast	Wine
18	Not before a close encounter	After shave
19	It usually fills a space	Stuffing
20	Footwear for walking on ice	Slippers
21	Allowed by a pair of game birds	Bracelet
22	Pastry with a grunt	Pork pie
23	Found in a grotto	Santa
24	A greasy fowl	Goose

ST. GEORGE'S CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Sunday 7

11.00 am *2nd Sunday before Lent*
Family Communion
(Refreshments after Service)

6.00 pm **Compline**

Tuesday 9

7.30 pm P C C Meeting at Honley

Wednesday 10

1.30 pm Churches Together (Methodist Parlour)

Thursday 11

6.30 pm A D Meets

Sunday 14

Sunday next before Lent

11.00 am **Parish Communion**

6.00 pm **Compline**

Wednesday 17

7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's

Sunday 21

1st Sunday of Lent

11.00 am **Parish Communion**

6.00 pm **Compline**

Sunday 28

2nd Sunday of Lent

11.00 am **Service for St David's Day**

12 noon **Lunch in the Village Hall**

6.00 pm **Compline**

MARCH

Sunday 7

3rd Sunday of Lent

11.00 am **Family Communion**
(Refreshments after Service)

6.00 pm **Compline**

A D

The January meeting was cancelled due to the weather conditions. The next AD will be on Thursday 11th February in church at 6.30pm.

St George's Day 2010

This event will be held on Sunday 25th April following a similar format to the last 4 years. Please put the date in your diary. This is a community event and all local residents and friends are welcome.

Kate Drake

BROCKHOLES NEWS

St George's Church 150 years Anniversary - 28th April 2013

I've been asked to make a start co-ordinating some thoughts and ideas as to how we might celebrate this important date in our church's life.

In the autumn of 2009 two meetings were held, firstly to brainstorm ideas and secondly to put some concrete plans onto a calendar between January 2010 and June 2013.

It was agreed that we needed to arrange some fundraising events to enable us to afford meaningful and significant celebrations when the time draws nearer; that a programme of celebratory events should be drawn up for the period Advent 2012 to Pentecost 2013; that sub-groups should be formed to put these various ideas (both fundraising and celebration dates) into practice.

Broadly speaking we hope to arrange events which will be family orientated and have specific activities for children; to organise events which reflect cultural interests – music, flowers, artistic talents, talks, and to consider some activities to do like walks, barbecues and so on.

To make a start on the fundraising front it was suggested that we could hold some 'themed' meals and it is proposed to have the first of these on Sunday 28th February. This is the day before St David's Day and the lunch will have a Welsh 'taste' to it. In an endeavour to particularly include our young families the 'worship' group will look at a form of service very user friendly to that age category. The lunch will be easy (not the Welsh form of 'cordon bleu') but good, will take place in the Village Hall after the service and is open to **all**.

We hope that you will be able to take part in as many events as possible to build up a little 'pot' of money to mark the occasion but also, by participating, to build up our fellowship and enjoyment of working together.

Tickets are available for the lunch and I hope to see lots of you there.

*Kate Drake, Co-ordinator - 663678
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OTHER ITEMS

Valentines Day - 14 February

A February Rose

My love, she likes a red, red rose
Of deep magenta hue,
A gift for Valentine that shows
That someone's love is true.

But think on this, my bonnie lass,
As you admire the bloom –
That flower's been forced on under
glass
You ought to wait till June!

Nigel Beeton

One liners

My wife says I never listen,
or something like that...

*Doctor: "Has there been any
insanity in your family?"*

*Woman: "I'm afraid so.
My husband sometimes
thinks he's the boss."*

Why did you hit your
husband with a chair?"
"I couldn't lift the table."

The Lights

Halfway through a romantic dinner, my husband smiled and said, "You look so beautiful under these lights." I was falling in love all over again when he added, "We really should get some of these lights."

Know your spouse

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, a man and his wife were told by the instructor: "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

He addressed the man. "For instance, can you name your wife's favourite flower?"

The man leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's self-raising, isn't it?"

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All contributions to future editions of the Magazine welcome.

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, HONLEY

SUNDAY SERVICE	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Family Service (1 st Sunday) Family Communion and Children's Sunday Club (3 rd Sunday) Sung Eucharist (2 nd 4 th 5 th Sundays) 6.30 pm Sung Eucharist (1 st Sunday) Evening Prayer (other Sundays)	
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