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Parish Letter May 2013

Dear Friends,

I think Church Magazines are really interesting and rightly deserve their unique place in the life of our nation. I was fascinated to learn recently that Verena Wood has a collection of every Parish Magazine of ours. It's a wonderful collection giving us a unique history of the life of the Parish over 50 years – since 1963.

We are very grateful that we have a dedicated team who contribute, edit, produce and distribute our monthly Magazine and we offer all of them our sincere thanks for all that they do.

I have counted it a privilege to have been able to contribute to the Magazine each quarter and also to have been able to help in taking services at our Parish Churches during the interregnum.

I think we can honestly say that the Church is in good health here in Honley with Brockholes and now we eagerly await the Induction and Institution of the Revd Liam Beadle on the 15th May. It will be a great occasion and Liam will bring his own God given gifts to exercise in his ministry here.

We have been praying for Liam ever since we heard he was to be appointed and we will continue to do so as he leads us forward in faith.

It is a rather daunting task trying to remember everyone's name when taking up a new position in a parish, so when he arrives don't be backward in reminding Liam of your name whenever you see him. There's only one of him – there are lots of us!

We could pray for Liam, ourselves and our parish in these words:

Heavenly Father,
You have chosen our parish as the vehicle
by which You encounter us,
and we encounter You in our daily lives.
It is here that your Word is proclaimed,

Your sacraments are celebrated,
Your people are united in a local community
and subdivided into smaller groups
so that we may become the agent for change
for the good of the whole Church.
Make us aware of the many opportunities and responsibilities
that are ours as we witness of You to our generation.
Keep us open to the need of Your love and fellowship.
Let both clergy and laity work together to serve You in others,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

With sincere thanks for all your support during the interregnum.

Every good wish and blessing.

John

New incumbent

With the arrival, installation and institution of the Revd Liam Beadle on 15th May 2013 we open a new chapter in the history of the parish. We hope and pray Liam will feel welcome, supported and enjoy his time here.

We would like to record our thanks to everyone who during the last fifteen months has supported us and helped in any way to maintain the smooth-running of the churches and the services.

We would also like to register our appreciation of the unstinting and willing help that has been given by The Very Reverend Henry Stapleton, Revd Jenny Barnes and Revd John Barnes. They have all done their utmost to ensure that we have been able to follow our usual pattern of worship and while they are not going into total retirement we hope that the demand on them will be less than it has been recently!

Liam's installation and institution is at 7.30pm on 15th May and his first celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish is at 9.30am on Thursday 16th May at St Mary's.

PARISH NEWS

Ascension Day - Thursday 9th May 2013

Our Ascension Day celebration of Holy Communion this year will be at 9.30 am in St Mary's on Thursday 9th May. While the service will be a said Communion Service there will be some appropriate hymns to sing as well. Why not join us and then have coffee in the Parish Room afterwards?

Clive Waind

Parish Boundary Walk

Members of St Mary's and St George's Churches are walking the Boundary of the Parish on Saturday 15 June, leaving St Mary's Church at 10.00am.



The walk will be led by Roger Kenworthy and is open to anyone who would like to stride round the whole boundary or just part of it. Transport back to St Mary's will be available for those who are not able to go round the whole route - which is expected to take between 4 and 5 hours and includes footpath, roads and some steepish bits. There will be a BBQ at St Mary's at the end of the walk.

Those taking part please wear suitable clothing and footwear, bring a drink and some food for a refreshment stop. Those who are aged under 16 years are asked to bring an adult with them! Route Maps will be available from the Churches and Honley Library.

Clive Waind

From the Parish Registers

Funerals

St George's	March 18	Mary Bridget Barwick
St Mary's	March 20	Sydney Thornton
St Mary's	April 11	Jason Micklethwaite

In May we remember in our Year's Mind

1 st	Elsie Wilson (2005)	
2 nd	Frank Booth (1978)	Sydney George Felgate (2002)
	Rachel Alice Beryl Hope Kaye (2005)	
11 th	George Radcliffe (1983)	
12 th	Carren Faith Dickinson (1971)	
15 th	Catherine Hampshire (2001)	
17 th	John Wigfield (2005)	
19 th	Charles Ridgwick (1962)	
25 th	Gilbert Lodge (1977)	
26 th	Kate Thomas (2002)	Philip William Chapman (1970)
27 th	Jeffrey Kneale France (1999)	
29 th	Margaret Lockwood (2008)	
	Pat Lockwood (2010)	Bill Oldham (2010)
	Betty Uttam (2010)	

A note from the Vicar Designate

I am tremendously honoured and excited to be coming to Honley and Brockholes to serve you as your new vicar. I am looking forward to getting to know you all properly, but in the meantime you might like to know a little about who I am. This will give you an advantage over me, but so be it!

I grew up in Newcastle upon Tyne and read Theology at Oxford before working in North London as a pastoral assistant at St Michael's Highgate. I trained for the ministry at Cranmer Hall Durham and have served my title at St Andrew's Enfield - a busy town centre parish in suburban London. I also serve as the publicity officer for a group called Praxis, which helps people to think about how the things they do and say in worship reflect their beliefs about God and their hopes for his world.

Aside from that, I sing (Tenor), cook (with mixed results), drink gin (in moderation, with lime), visit friends (in far-flung corners of England) and find it hard to walk past second hand bookshops. I am looking forward to being back in the north. But much more than that I am looking forward to learning from you and taking part in God's mission to Honley and Brockholes, that many may hear the good news and put their faith in Jesus Christ. You are in my prayers daily. Please pray for me.

ST. MARY'S CALENDAR

MAY

Wednesday 1	9.30 am	Holy Communion followed by Pastoral Care Prayer Group	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union meeting
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Sunday 5		6th Sunday of Easter		
	8.00 am	Holy Communion		
	9.30 am	Family Service		
	6.30 pm	Parish Eucharist		
Wednesday 8	9.30 am	Holy Communion		
Thursday 9		Ascension Day		
	9.30 am	Ascension Day Service with hymns		
	10.00 - 11.30 am	Coffee Morning		
	1.30 pm	Baby and Toddler Group		
Friday 10	7.30 pm	Hand Chimes Rehearsal		
Saturday 11	-	Christian Aid Walk and BBQ (page 9)		
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Sunday 12		Sunday after Ascension Day		
		** Christian Aid Week **		
	8.00 am	Holy Communion		
	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist followed by Cake Stall for Christian Aid		
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer		
Wednesday 15		** No Holy Communion **		
	7.30 pm	Induction and Institution of new vicar Revd Liam Beadle by Bishop of Wakefield followed by light refreshments		
Thursday 16	9.30 am	Holy Communion		
	10.00 - 11.30 am	Coffee Morning		
	1.30 pm	Baby and Toddler Group		
Friday 17	7.30 pm	Hand Chimes Rehearsal		
Saturday 18	8.30 am - 2.30 pm	Christian Aid Street Collection		
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Sunday 19		Pentecost - Whit Sunday		
	8.00 am	Holy Communion		
	9.30 am	Family Communion (+ Children's Club)		
	3.00 pm	Evensong and Holy Baptism		
Wednesday 22	9.30 am	Holy Communion		
Thursday 23	10.00 - 11.30 am	Coffee Morning		
	1.30 pm	Baby and Toddler Group		
Saturday 25	1.30 pm	Wedding of Imogen Jill Kemp and Peter Ian Coates		

HONLEY NEWS



Despite the wintery weather 35 members and non-members attended our April meeting. Cynthia Warrington gave an interesting talk about the work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and how donated bras are recycled as part of their fund-raising. Cynthia delighted us by recounting how she was given the job at the age of 80 of collecting bras and speaking to groups. The YAA operate 365 days a year, using two helicopters and carrying out, on average, 6 lifts per day at a daily cost of £8,100. We were interested to learn that it takes 30,000 bras to fund 60 lives saved by the service. Thank you for the 239 bras collected by St Mary's and please continue donating.

The collection on Mothering Sunday for 'Buy a Mothering Sunday gift and help transform lives' raised £37.00 and will be put towards Parenting and Family Support programmes in this country.

As its 2013 Project, the Wakefield Diocesan Mothers' Union is supporting an initiative from the Diocesan Board of Education to provide book marks for the 96 Church Schools within the Diocese covering 22,000 pupils in each Diocese. Each bookmark will have the MU logo and contact website address, together with the Lord's Prayer as the focal point. Hopefully MU branches/members will be able to help in distributing the bookmarks. The money we raise at our Coffee Morning and any other fundraising we may undertake will go towards this project.

Our next meeting on 1st May will be based on the Diocesan Project - 'The Seeds we Sow' or 'Help Us Grow'. The more the MU grows, the more it can make a positive impact to help support parents and families. The aim is to reach out to a new and wider audience - using the MU bookmarks to help promote greater awareness is one way. If you can encourage a friend to come that would be perfect. As usual - everyone welcome.

Brighouse and Elland Deanery have invited us on 14th May from 12.00 to 2.30 pm at St Thomas Church, Rochdale Road, Greetland for a Quiet Afternoon led by the Revd Terry Swinhow. If you would like to attend, please see Andrea.

Please don't forget the sponsorship form in the Parish Room for Martin Holding who is running for MU in the Edinburgh Marathon on 26th May. It would be nice if we could beat last year's total.

Dates for your diary - 5th June is our Summer Outing to The Huntsman Inn, Holmfirth. If you wish to attend please put your name on the list in the Parish Room. Deadline is the 26th May.

Tuesday 18th June 2013, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm will be the Summer Celebration (incorporating the AGM) at Barnsley Town Hall. The speaker is Revd Sean Robertshaw recounting some of his experiences serving as Chaplain to the Armed Forces in Afghanistan and entertainment will be provided by Barnsley Metropolitan Band. Tickets are £5 each and on sale at Council, thereafter by post.

Suzanne Dufton (Secretary) and Andrea Green (Branch Co-ordinator)

Yorkshire Air Ambulance

As you know the speaker at the Mothers' Union meeting in April was Mrs Cynthia Warrington, from Pocklington, who gave us a most interesting, inspiring and immensely fascinating talk about the Air Ambulance, how it works and how it is paid for. She also gave us a good insight in to how all the bras we collect help to pay for the cost of the YAA and also how much the bras are needed in Africa, particularly in the West.

So please, please continue to let me have your cast-offs and not dispose of them in your black/grey bin. I was able to send nearly 250 bras back to Pocklington with Cynthia, 39 of them coming from the MU, so a good start to 2013. Thank you so much for all your support which is greatly appreciated.

Mary Stapleton

Christian Aid Week 2013 – 12th to 18th May

Bev Playle, a new member of the fellowship at St Mary's, has agreed to organise Christian Aid Week activities for Honley this year. The street collection will take place on **Saturday 18th May** in the centre of Honley village from 8.30 am to 2.30 pm. The Christian Aid themed service at St Mary's will take place the preceding **Sunday 12th May** at 9.30 am and will be followed by a cake sale. On **Saturday 11th May**, we're also organising a walk, joining with members from All Saints, Marple (Bev's previous church) to Marsden Clough, followed by a BBQ at Bev and John's. The proceeds from these events will go to Christian Aid.

The work of Christian Aid is ever more vital and I know that many people have supported this charity and helped in the past with collections, as well as making donations. There are a number of ways that you can get involved with fund-raising this year:

1. Sign up to be a collector on Saturday 18th May (there is a list at the back of church).
2. Go into the village on the 18th May and give generously to those who are collecting – encourage friends and neighbours too!
3. Put your personal donation into the envelope which is enclosed with this magazine and bring it along to church on the 12th May or take along to the street collection on 18th May. (You can of course hand it in to church at any time before the 18th May).
4. Bake a cake for the sale after the morning service on the 12th May at St Mary's
5. Buy a cake at the sale!!
6. Buy a Christian Aid Quiz (on table at the back of church), copy and sell to friends, returning the money to church.
7. Come along on the walk (chance to meet up and chat to others too!) on the 11th May - £2 to join in. Friends and family welcome!
8. Come along to the BBQ at Green Cliff House, on Green Cliff at 5.30 pm on the 11th May (£4 for a burger and a drink – sign up list at back of church).

Whichever way you can offer to support this worthwhile cause, we do thank you for your time and willingness to give generously.

Bev Playle

Report on the DCC meeting held on 19 March

Twelve members of the DCC were present when Chairman, Clive Waind, opened the meeting with a prayer. Under Matters Arising from the previous minutes, Jane Wardman reported that Mrs Beverley Playle had volunteered to take on the role of Christian Aid Co-ordinator.

Under Transformational Planning Group Reports the following were mentioned:

- Prayer & Spirituality - Kate Walter reported on the Lent Course.
- Finance & Property - the Secretary reported that Architect Stuart Beaumont had confirmed that the tower repairs could be delayed by 12 months without any danger thereby allowing grant application from the Heritage Lottery Fund to be completed. It was also agreed to provide a handrail and lighting to the churchyard steps leading to the vicarage and to repaint the four wrought iron gates providing access to church.
- Worship Planning - Jane Wardman reported that the Junior School Choir will visit the Family Service in June. There was some criticism of the behaviour of some parents involving photography during the Mothering Sunday Service.
- Community & Outreach - Bill Kemp noted a number of donations to charities from the remaining Outreach funds.

The Standing Committee had held rare emergency meetings to approve the quotation for redecoration of the water-damaged areas in church and the replacement of the faulty motor in the organ.

Suggestions for use of money budgeted in 2013 for Ministry included the appointment of an Organ Scholar and provision of courses related to creative worship.

Other items discussed included: the formation of a "200 Club"; Gay Bishops; the viability of the Bookshop and progress of the Health and Safety Policy. Carol Hirst reported that "Open Church" on Thursday mornings would start after Easter and appealed for volunteers to steward these mornings. The card tables in church and the parish room were reported as being unfit for purpose and steps to replace them were put in place. Permission was given to dispose of a number of old blue choir cassocks.

Clive Waind was thanked for his chairing of meetings during the past year.

Lent Lunches - Honley Churches Together

Many thanks to all who made soup or helped at the Lent Lunches and to all who supported the lunches week by week.

This year, we raised £715 for the Honley Aid in Sickness Fund. Thank you.



Gillian Greaves

Thank you

Thank you to all who contributed to "Wear a hat for brain tumour day" on Thursday 28th March. In a very short time we collected £100, which was sent off and duly acknowledged. A very big thank you from Ben (*Ed: Shirley's grandson*).

Shirley Tuner and Jennie Waind

Beaumont and Jessop Charity

This is a charity set up to help the older members of the community of Honley. It meets twice yearly at Trinity Church to consider requests for help and decide on the allocation of monies.

In addition to the Vicar of St Mary's, Doreen Maude was a long serving member of the committee. Unfortunately Doreen has now moved to Nottingham and can no longer be involved.

Recent grants by the charity have included providing some funds for the Doctors' Surgery Transport Scheme, equipment for sheltered housing and donations to the new heating systems in St Mary's and Trinity Churches. The next meeting is in October 2013. St Mary's is now looking for a volunteer – preferably a resident of the village with a knowledge of local people - to replace Doreen as the St Mary's representative for this charity. This is not an onerous job but a very worthwhile one. If you feel you can make a contribution to the welfare of the village please contact Cliff Green (tel: 664277).

Cliff Green, DCC Secretary

Pastoral Care Group

Pastoral Care in the Parish continues with visiting, Home Communion, welcoming and praying for those in need. Welcome Cards are now available for sidespeople to hand out to visitors.

This completes the tasks set out in the Transformational Plan. We will reconvene meetings of the group when the new incumbent is in place and the Parish Plan is revised. In the meantime with your help we will continue to quietly care.

Pat Green

Thank you

On behalf of the flower group may we say a great big "Thank You" to everyone who very kindly gave generous donations towards the Easter Flowers. We do appreciate this and it is a great help to us to make the church look lovely for these special celebrations. Once again many thanks to all.

Sandra Dean and Andrea Green

Groundforce

Many thanks to all the volunteers who turned out on Saturday 20th April to transform some of the green areas around the church and Parish Rooms. Many hands made light work and after a couple of hours the borders had been weeded, cleared and rejuvenated. The grass will get a cut once the remaining bulbs have had chance to flower. Special thanks to John Adams who made numerous trips with his trailer to dispose of much of the garden waste.

Alison Dean

Coffee wagon

The Coffee Wagon team are continuing to meet up with the Youth Hub in the skate park each Thursday at 7.00 pm to give out hot and cold drinks. We are only a small team and would be delighted to have new members. If you think you would like to join us please contact Liz Cummings 662209.

Liz Cummings

ST. GEORGE'S CALENDAR

MAY

Sunday 5		11.00 am	6th Sunday of Easter
		6.00 pm	Family Communion
Thursday 9			Compline
			<i>Ascension Day</i>
		9.30 am	Ascension Day Service at St Mary's
		6.30 pm	A D Meets

Sunday 12			Sunday after Ascension
			** Christian Aid Week **
		11.00 am	Parish Communion
		6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
Wednesday 15		7.30 pm	Induction and Institution of new incumbent Rev'd Liam Beadle at St Mary's Honley
Friday 17		7.15 pm	Pre-Flower Festival Concert with the Bluebird Singers
Saturday 18	10 am - 4 pm		150th Anniversary Flower Festival

Sunday 19			Pentecost
		11.00 am	Flower Festival Service
		12 noon - 4 pm	150th Anniversary Flower Festival
Tuesday 21		7.30 pm	P C C Meeting at St George's

Sunday 26			Trinity Sunday
		11.00 am	Parish Communion
		6.00 pm	Compline

JUNE

Sunday 2			1st Sunday after Trinity
		11.00 am	Family Communion
		6.00 pm	Compline



Flower rota

May 5	Mrs J Gibbons
May 19	Flower Festival
Jun 2	Mrs A Lock

BROCKHOLES NEWS

150th Anniversary Celebrations

Children's Event

25 children and quite a number of mums and dads, came to church on Sunday 17th March for this event aimed at giving the children something 'special' for them. Hand to Mouth Puppets gave a delightful performance of the Creation, a short sing-song with Sue and then down to the Village Hall for a picnic tea and games. Lots of fun and maybe, when the church celebrates its 200th birthday, some will remember they were there for the 150th party.

Messiah

Sadly this musical event had to be cancelled due to the very adverse weather conditions. Thanks to Noel Clarke and everybody who had put in a lot of work in the preparation stages.



Flower Festival

This event spans the weekend of 17th, 18th, 19th May. Friday evening - a concert by the Bluebird Singers in Church will not only provide beautiful music but also the first opportunity to sit and admire the floral displays. Wine and nibbles served. Donations welcomed on the night.

Church will be open between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Saturday 18th and between 12 noon and 4.00 pm on Sunday 19th. Don't miss this 'Heaven Scent' experience with the church decorated to represent the Seasons and Colours of the Rainbow. Many, many people will be contributing from local flower clubs and local organisations – so don't miss this very special occasion.

Flower Festival Service

Worship at 11.00am will be a special service based on the Flower Festival themes. All the family welcome.

Summer Serenade

June 9th 7.15 pm. The final event and what better way to say 'thank you' for St George's 150 years, to close our exciting seven months marking this anniversary and to anticipate its future in the community.

Brockholes will host an international aspect with visiting French saxophone players (friends from Noel's wide musical circle); Brockholes will host two of the best solo singers Yorkshire has to offer in Sarah Ogden and Thom Meredith; St George's will fly its flag with some 'Last Night of the Proms' type singing. If the sun shines – wine and nibbles in the church grounds!

Kate Drake

Christian Aid Week: May 12th - 19th

In order to support the Christian Aid Week appeal in Brockholes, envelopes are being distributed with this Parish Magazine and also with the Methodist Newsletter.



Please bring the filled envelopes back to Church on Sunday 12th May or let Elizabeth have them. If you are eligible, please fill in the Gift Aid form. Thank you.

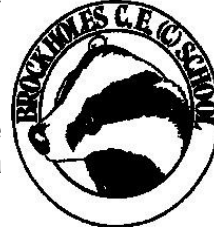
Elizabeth Mosley

News from Brockholes School

We're all very happy that the sun is starting to show itself and the indoor playtimes are becoming less and less frequent. The summer term is always full of fun activities and great times are ensured. Before I tell you about some of those things coming up next month I will recap what has happened recently.

Just before the Easter break, we had a fantastic Easter Fair. There were egg hunts, craft tables, cake tables and lots of other things going on. There was a huge chocolate tombola that many children (and adults) enjoyed. Friends Of Brockholes School (FOBS) and the staff would like to thank everyone that came as we raised a lot of money that will help the school complete much needed projects.

Sadly, due to the sudden snowy downpour, the Shakespeare Festival at Honley High School had to be cancelled. Everyone involved, children and staff, were hugely disappointed but, as they say, the show must go on. In fact, as I write this, the children are setting up the brand new stage for a performance, in our school hall, of 'Romeo and Juliet'. 'Break a leg', children!



The snow also meant that the children were unable to perform their Easter Services in Church at the end of term.

However, the school hall was transformed into a place of worship and the children performed for the audience of family and friends. There were lovely performances from every class which left everyone looking forward to Easter day; for religious and confectionary reasons both.

Years 1 & 2's Toy Day was a great success where a lot of toys and fun were created. A huge thank you goes out from Mrs Henderson and Mr Horsfall and also to all the volunteers (many parents and grandparents) who helped out that day. These things couldn't happen if it wasn't for the kindness of volunteers.

Book fairs, Olympic Legacy sports afternoons, class photos, Neiley Races and, of course, the St George's Celebration are just some of the things that are happening this month but in particular we have the poet Craig Bradley coming in to run poetry workshops with the children.

On the same day, Year 4 are going to Holmfirth High School to play their brass instruments in the musical showcase evening.

And finally, Year 5 will be going on their residential trip to Whitby. The children are all very excited and are looking forward to spending 3 days away from parents and midnight feasts under their duvets. Mrs Maddison is equally excited about trawling up and down the corridor telling children to "go to sleep"!

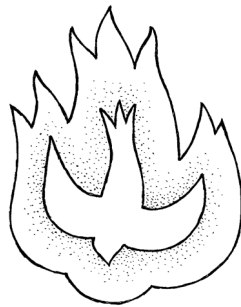
Russell Horsfall, Year 2 Class Teacher

OTHER ITEMS

Diocese re-organisation

Bradford and Ripon & Leeds dioceses have voted in favour of a scheme from the Dioceses Commission to reorganise Church of England structures in West Yorkshire and the Dales. Wakefield diocese rejected the scheme.

The overall proposal is to replace the existing dioceses of Bradford, Ripon & Leeds and Wakefield and create a new single one. Now consent has not been given by at least one of the dioceses, it is up to the Archbishop of York to decide whether to allow the scheme to go forward for debate at General Synod (possibly in July).



Parish Pump

Before Pentecost the disciples
found it hard to do easy things.
After Pentecost they found it
easy to do hard things.

A J Gordon

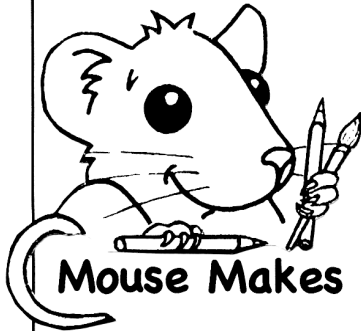
Moving with the times

A popular app for smartphone users has been upgraded and re-launched. The Reflections for Daily Prayer app includes Morning Prayer and a smarter, easier-to-use interface. The app, which has already been downloaded over 40,000 times from iTunes, continues to be the format of choice for “on the go” worshippers.

Containing Bible passages, inspirational prayers and reflections from leading authors, it allows users access to the Bible alongside emails, social media and phonecalls. Subscriptions for one month (£1.99), three months (£3.99) or 12 months (£11.99) are available from the iTunes store.

In Focus, Church of England newsletter

A bookmark for **PENTECOST**



It was the festival of **PENTECOST** and the Apostles and other believers were all together when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like tongues of **fire** which spread out and touched every person. All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. A crowd had gathered outside and each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.

Read Acts 2:1-11
Which countries had the crowd come from?

The Holy Spirit

Teaches
John 14:26

Reveals
John 16:14-15

GUIDES
John 16:7-11

Helps
Romans 8:26

Comforts
John 14:16-17

Transforms
2 Corinthians 3:18

The work of God's Holy Spirit in us brings:

LOVE
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
HUMILITY
SELF CONTROL

Galatians 5:22-23

To make your bookmark:
Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.



Holmfirth Parish Church and
Holmfirth Choral Society present

Long To Reign Over Us

A Concert to Celebrate the
60th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation

To be held in Holmfirth Parish Church on
Saturday 8 June 2013 at 7.30pm

All Tickets £6 available from
Choral Society Ticket Secretary Pat Steventon 01484 687642,
Andrew's Greengrocer, Huddersfield Road Holmfirth,
Sid's Café in the Churchyard, Holmfirth

What is a Grandparent?

These comments are from a class of 8 year olds.

"Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's".

"When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars".

"They wear glasses and funny underwear".

"Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money".

"They can take their teeth and gums out. They don't say "Hurry up!"

"When they read to us they don't miss things out. They don't mind if we ask for the same story again and again".

Submitted by Dorothy Bray

Whilst sitting at a table in a public restaurant a lady was joined by two nuns. Out of curiosity she enquired of them "What is your order?" (meaning Religious Community). The nuns replied: "Sausage and chips."



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