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#### A note from the Vicar

## August 2014

I am writing this the day after the General Synod of the Church of England passed legislation to allow women to be consecrated as bishops. It has taken a very long time to get the legislation right: not only will women bishops need to be able to exercise authority under God in their own right, but provision also had to be made for those conscientiously unable to accept the ministry of women bishops, who remain loyal Anglicans. Nevertheless, there is much rejoicing, even among those nervous of the development: now that the debate is essentially over, the Church will have more time and energy to devote to its chief task of proclaiming the love of God in Jesus Christ to the people of England.

Our specific task is to proclaim God's love to the people of Honley and Brockholes. The events of the *Tour de France* weekend certainly helped us to do that: providing refreshments at the Brockholes Carnival and in St Mary's building, inviting friends and neighbours to *Hymns and Pimms,* and sharing a good time with our community were all God-given opportunities. I find it true that when we pray for gospel opportunities, God gives them. Perhaps on our summer holidays God may give us opportunities to share good news of his love with fellow-travellers or those among whom we stay?

If you are going away in August, do try to find a Bible-teaching church you can go to. One of the wonderful results of being born anew by the Spirit is that we have brothers and sisters in all sorts of unexpected places, and they will be encouraged by our partnership with them in the gospel. Whenever we go to church, we go not simply to hear the Bible taught ourselves – though that is certainly important – but also to encourage one another in our daily discipleship of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul speaks of the whole of life as worship: in view of God's mercy we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12.1).

One of the implications of that is that we shall be keen to think biblically. Last month I wrote about *Explore* notes to help us in our daily Bible reading, available from the Good Book Company. With current confusion in society about the ethics of assisted dying, thinking biblically will be so important. Remember God's command to his people: 'Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.' (Deuteronomy 30.19-20) Pray for our nation's leaders, that they will make good decisions in the light of God's word.

### Liam Beadle

# Doreen Maude

We are all very sad to hear the news of the death of Doreen on 28th June at Nottingham. She was "born and bred" in Honley, living in Gynn Lane then moving to Burhouse Court some years ago. Doreen made a great contribution to the life of St Mary's; the village community; and to local industry.

She was the daughter of parents who were strong supporters of Brockholes Methodist Church; but she was drawn to the Church of England, attracted in particular by its sacramental life. She was churchwarden for a while, and later Sacristan caring with deep devotion to the preparation of the altar for the Holy Communion and serving and administering too. She rarely ever missed attending and for a while was a member of the choir.

Doreen was a member of the Honley Players and often appeared on the stage; in later years she was Front of House Manager. She was active in Honley Aid in Sickness and a trustee of the Beaumont Jessop Charity. There are many in the parish who speak warmly of her concern for them and their families in time of distress. She rose to become Administrator at David Brown Gears.

All her work colleagues were men and she campaigned and won for equal pay and equal pensions for women. Her work involved tracing of gears for tanks and her devotion was rewarded not only with visits to army training camps but in due time with the award of the MBE.

When she moved to Burhouse Court, she was a leading member of that lively community. It was not long before she persuaded the Local Authority to give residents the option of a shower instead of a bath; and she went on to serve on bodies concerned with similar communities in Kirklees. Physical frailty affected her in later years and she moved to be near one of her nieces in Nottingham. A fall a month ago precipitated a decline in her health, and she set her face to prepare for leaving this world with equanimity, faith and courage. We thank God for her and pray for her nieces and their families and friends. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

All are warmly invited to St Mary's for her Memorial Service on Sunday 10th August at 2.00 pm.

Henry Stapleton

share Prayer

Lord, you have always given bread for the coming day; and though I am poor, today I believe. Lord, you have always given strength for the coming day; and though I am weak, today I believe. Lord, you have always given peace for the coming day; and though of anxious heart, today I believe. Lord, you have always kept me safe in trials; and now, tried as I am, today I believe. Lord, you have always marked the road for the coming day; and though it may be hidden, today I believe. Lord, you have always lightened this darkness of mine; and though the night is here, today I believe. Lord, you have always spoken when time was ripe; and though you be silent now, today I believe.

#### Serenity

God grant me the serenity to accept The things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference Lord, where we are wrong

From the Northumbria Community

make us willing to change. And where we are right make us easy to live with.

Att. To Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

Peter Marshall (1903-1939) Pat Green

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# **PARISH NEWS**

# From the Parish Registers

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| <u>Funerals</u> |         |               |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| St Mary's       | June 16 | Derek Haigh   |
| St George's     | June 17 | Michael White |

# In August we remember in our Year's Mind

| Charles Martin Hughes |    | 1  | August | 2008 |
|-----------------------|----|----|--------|------|
| Eric Tolson France    | d. | 7  | August | 1980 |
| Douglas Walker Gill   | d. | 8  | August | 2011 |
| Gordon Spencer        | d. | 9  | August | 2003 |
| Amy Sowerby           | d. | 15 | August | 1972 |
| Esther Lillian Taylor | d. | 15 | August | 1999 |
| Bob Allsop            | d. | 24 | August | 1995 |
| Alan William Driscoll | d. | 26 | August | 2010 |
| Edith Howell          | d. | 30 | August | 1996 |
| Phyllis Crowe         | d. |    | August | 2011 |

# **OTHER ITEM**

## New Mill Male Voice Choir

Our friends from St. Buryans MVC in Cornwall will be joining us for a concert on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7:15pm at Christ Church New Mill

Tickets £5 from choir members, Atkinsons Butchers New Mill or on the door.

| ST. MARY'S CALENDAR                       |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| AUGUST<br>Friday 1<br>Saturday 2          | 7.30 pm<br>1.00 pm                       | Hand Chimes Rehearsal<br>Wedding Ben Johnson & Catherine Graham   |  |
| Sunday 3                                  | 1.00 pm                                  | 7th Sunday after Trinity  |  |
| Sunday 5                                  | 8.00 am<br>9.30 am<br>6.00 pm            | Holy Communion (1662)<br>All Age Morning Prayer<br>WW1 Service at the War Memorial,<br>in the Cemetery with the Civic Society |  |
| Wednesday 6                               | <b>6.30 pm</b><br>9.30 am<br>7.30 pm     | Vigil Communion Service for WW1<br>Holy Communion followed by<br>Pastoral Care Prayer Group<br>Mothers' Union - speaker       |  |
| Thursday 7                                | 10.00 - 11.30 am<br>11.00 am             | Cynthia Osborne (MU President, Wakefield)<br>Coffee Morning<br>Bible Reading Group  |  |
| Sunday 10                                 | 8.00 am<br>9.30 am<br>2.00 pm            | 8th Sunday after Trinity<br>Holy Communion (1662)<br>Holy Communion (sung)<br>Thanksgiving Service for Doreen Maude           |  |
| Wednesday 13                              | <b>6.30 pm</b><br>9.30 am<br>7.30 pm     | Evening Prayer<br>Holy Communion<br>Finance & Property Meeting  |  |
| Thursday 14                               | 10.00 - 11.30 am<br>11.00 am             | Coffee Morning<br>Bible Reading Group   |  |
| Friday 15<br>Saturday 16                  | 7.30 pm<br>1.00 pm                       | Hand Chimes Rehearsal<br>Wedding Andrew Russell & Rakhee Karia  |  |
| Sunday 17                                 | 0.00                                     | 9th Sunday after Trinity  |  |
|   | 8.00 am<br>9.30 am<br>6.30 pm            | Holy Communion (1662)<br>Holy Communion (sung)<br>Evening Prayer  |  |
| Tuesday 19<br>Wednesday 20<br>Thursday 21 | 7.30 pm<br>9.30 am<br>10.00 am - 12 noon | D C C Meeting<br>Holy Communion<br>Mothers' Union Coffee Morning<br>fundraising for 'Wheels Appeal'                           |  |
| Friday 22                                 | 11.00 am<br>2.00 pm                      | Bible Reading Group<br>Wedding Moazam Khokhar & Laura Stelling  |  |
| Saturday 23                               | 7.30 pm<br>1.00 pm                       | Hand Chimes Rehearsal (TBC)<br>Wedding Michael Archer & Hannah Booth  |  |

| Sunday 24<br>Wednesday 27<br>Thursday 28 | <b>8.00 am</b><br><b>9.30 am</b><br><b>6.30 pm</b><br>9.30 am<br>10.00 - 11.30 am<br>11.00 am | 10th Sunday after Trinity<br>Holy Communion (1662)<br>Holy Communion (sung)<br>Evening Prayer<br>Holy Communion<br>Coffee Morning<br>Bible Reading Group                            |
|--|---|---|
| Sunday 31                                | 8.00 am<br>9.30 am<br>6.30 pm   | <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i><br>Holy Communion (1662)<br>Holy Communion (sung)<br>Taizé Service   |
| SEPTEMBER<br>Wednesday 3<br>Thursday 4   |   | Holy Communion followed by<br>Pastoral Care Prayer Group<br>Toddlers "Play Away" in Parish Room<br>Coffee Morning in Church<br>Bible Reading Group<br>Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer |

# St Mary's Helpers Rota for 9.30 am services

|     | <u>Service</u> | Sidespeople    | <u>Reader</u> | Intercessors            | Serving Coffee   |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Aug | All Age        | Cynthia Hepper | Carol         | Bev                     | Liz Cummings     |
| 3   | Service        | Elaine Shaw    | Hirst         | Playle                  | Sandra Dean      |
| Aug | Holy           | Olivine and    | Jane          | Graham and Jane Wardman | Pat Allsop       |
| 10  | Communion      | Kevin Radford  | Wardman       |                         | Maureen Allen    |
| Aug | Holy           | Diana and      | Elaine        | Carol                   | Heather Ambler   |
| 17  | Communion      | Charles Kaye   | Shaw          | Hirst                   | Shirley Turner   |
| Aug | Holy           | Andrea and     | Jenny         | John                    | Cynthia Hepper   |
| 24  | Communion      | Clive Green    | Lockwood      | Playle                  | Elaine Shaw      |
| Aug | Holy           | Angeline and   | Alison        | Kate                    | Kathleen Kennedy |
| 31  | Communion      | Richard Baker  | Dean          | Walter                  | Janet Sykes      |
| Sep | All Age        | Bill Gray      | Dennis        | Liam                    | Diana and        |
| 7   | Service        | Margaret Hay   | Thewlis       | Beadle                  | Charles Kaye     |

# HONLEY NEWS

#### World War 1 Commemorations

1914 marks the centenary of the start of World War 1 and there are going to be services and events nationwide to mark this. Honley Civic Society would like to mark this in Honley too and so are proposing to produce books, displays and information boards, amongst other things.

At St Mary's we would like to mark this occasion with two services, both on the evening of Sunday 3rd August. At 6.00 pm there will be a short service at the War Memorial in the cemetery, on Cemetery Road off Green Cliff, where we will remember all those caught up in the events of the First World War. Then following this, at 6.30 pm, there will be a Vigil Communion Service in church which will be a reflective service of readings and prayers with some hymns. We would like to encourage everyone to come along to either, or both, of these services to mark this important anniversary.

Worship Planning Group

### Oxfam Trailtrekking – I did it!

Thank you to all those who very kindly donated and sponsored me on my epic walk across the North Yorkshire Moors! Yes, it really was 100km. Yes, I really did do it all in one go. No, I did not sleep!

We completed it in 32 hours and 17 minutes and we have medals and certificates to prove it. It was great fun – exhausting – and nose-bashing! I managed to tumble in the first 10 mile section right on to my face and bashed my nose enough to make it bleed and cause massive bruising and swelling. I looked like a panda for several days! We have now raised over £1,600 and are very proud of our achievement. At 57, I did not think I would be trekking across moors and dales in the middle of the night, but am thrilled that I did! However, I won't be doing it again! Thanks once again to everyone for your support, prayers and financial donations.

Bev Playle

## **Bible Reading Out Loud Marathon**

This event, called Alpha to Omega, will take place at St Mary's Church, Gomersal, under the guidance of the vicar, the Revd Karen Nicholl, starting on Sunday 14 September at 11.00 am and running through the nights to finish 84 hours later around 11.00 pm on Wednesday September 17th. 336 readers will be needed.

The purpose is, as Trees Fewster (organizer) says is to "raise a better awareness of the Holy Bible. We want to give people the chance to read, handle and sense the Bible in its entirety." People will read for 15 minutes at a time and the church is looking for anyone willing to take responsibility to fill at least one hour and source their own readers to fill this hour. Everyone taking part will receive a certificate saying which 15 minutes they have read. The event is being launched by Bishop Nick Baines. It sounds like a really exciting project to take part in.

St Mary's have elected to read on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> between 11.00 am and 1.15 pm. Would you like to take part? We need 8 people to fill our slot. We'll be putting a list up at back of church if you do, or you can let Liam or me know as soon as possible. You can of course elect to read at a different time and we can let you have Trees' details to contact her to arrange that yourself.

Bev Playle

# Parent and Toddlers – Launch of "Play Away" on Thursday Mornings

Afternoon groups for toddlers seem to have become less popular as many have naps after lunch etc. Attendance had been dwindling too as several children started at nursery sessions. We've therefore taken the decision to close the Thursday afternoon group and will be launching a Thursday morning session from September 4<sup>th</sup>. We are now looking for parents/grandparents/ carers of babies and/or young children who would be willing to be part of a team to welcome other parents to the group and help put out toys, take part in singing/story-telling and/or very simple craft activities. If you are interested, do please let me know on 07428 116 305 or 320918. Also, do spread the word to parents who might be interested in coming along.

Bev Playle

## Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the events of Christian Aid week. We held a street collection, a cake stall and an envelope collection for individuals. In total, for the whole of Brockholes and Honley (churches together), we were able to send off £1,210.95 to Christian Aid. I received a letter from their office in June with this quote from a recipient of aid:

"We are exhausted, and have endured much suffering due to the war. War has lasted a long time, so we want peace to be long-lasting too" – Maria Ligia Chaverra from Colombia.

Maria is just one of the many people that the week's prayers, actions and donations helped. Afro-Colombians have been some of the most affected people by the violence in Colombia and Maria, who is 73, has been violently displaced several times. Just imagine being thrown out of your home and your village over and over again while fighting goes on all around you – and at 73! I'm so pleased we could help in this very small way.

Because of other commitments, I will need to stop coordinating the Christian Aid week collections now that this one has finished. It is not a heavy task and we are looking for someone who would be willing to pick this up for future years. Do please pray about this and let me know if you are interested.

Bev Playle

### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you for the 1,341 vouchers which I've collected from people in church and taken to Honley Infants School. Information later on what has been purchased with them.

**B** Shirley Turner

### Honley Feast Celebration

On Sunday 21st September at St Mary's church, the Honley Feast service will be followed by tea and cakes. If anyone feels they could help out by baking a cake, buns or tray bake please contact me on 665914. Thank you.

Gillian Greaves

| Incumbent                     | Liam Beadle                     |  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Honorary Assistant Priest     | Henry Stapleton                 |  |
| Lay Reader                    | Bev Playle                      |  |
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|                               | Bev Playle                      |  |
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| Verger                        | John Adams                      |  |
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|                               | Elizabeth Jones                 |  |
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| Toddlers                      | Bev Playle                      |  |

# St Mary's Who's Who 2014-2015

| Parish Magazine Editor                | Alison Dean                              |
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| Worship Planning                      | Jane Wardman                             |

## Fundraising for Yorkshire Air Ambulance

The unwanted bra collection box is now situated on the north (lefthand) side of the church on the bottom shelf next to the First Aid kit. Bras (in any state!) are badly needed in West Africa, but also the EU pays YAA 10p per bra, which doesn't sound much but adds up over the year(s). Contributions to date have raised over £1,000 and we all know how important it is to help the YAA.

Grateful thanks to all of you who support this good cause.

Mary Stapleton



On Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16 Mother's Union members, plus our Vicar, Liam, along with Cyril, the husband of one our members, went to the Wetherby Whaler at Wakefield to enjoy a delicious fish and chip lunch. It was a lovely day for an outing, the lunch was tasty and we had good fellowship together. It was also at a very favourable cost! All agreed that it was most enjoyable.

Along with members of the congregation, MU members offered coffee and home made cakes throughout Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July, when a Street Fair and Village Extravaganza was being held, as well as immediately before the Tour de France came through Honley on Sunday 6th July and for a couple of hours following. We also gave out free cold drinks to children, something that families particularly appreciated. Knitted teddies were given to young children to commemorate the exciting event. We were delighted that so many people enjoyed the church being open, looked at our MU displays and many spent time just sitting in the quiet of the church for a welcome break from the festivities.

At the Branch meeting on Wednesday 6th August, Cynthia Osborne, Wakefield Diocesan President will talk to us about her MU experiences 'Looking forward and looking back'. Please do join us at 7.30 pm in Church.

Also don't forget the Fundraising Coffee Morning on Thursday 21st August 10.00 am - 12 noon in the Parish Room. Your support for the MU 'Wheels Appeal' is appreciated.

In addition, a final reminder for your Families First Subscriptions (£10.50 members). If you have not subscribed before and are interested, do please ask to look at back issues - it's rather good.

The annual Wave Of Prayer will take place on Thursday 4th September 12 noon - 12.45 pm. We hope many of you will join us for this meaningful and contemplative service.

Bev Playle and Alison Dean

## News from Honley Junior School

As we write this the summer holidays are getting ever closer, just one more day of school left! We are all very excited and looking forward to a break and to our new classes in September. Unfortunately, we will have to say 'goodbye' to our year 6s, they will be moving up to High School but we will be welcoming some new pupils and teachers. There has been a lot happening recently: class assemblies, moving up/transition day, Cycling Tour week, sports' day, trips, leavers disco, leavers presentation and so much more!

On June the 28th we held a Summer Fest. Altogether we raised  $\pounds$ 3,600! It was a great turnout even though it was raining – thank you for your support! We joined together with Two Valleys Radio, Honley Infant and High Schools and we all had a great time.

On 1st July our year 6's visited their High Schools for transition day. They enjoyed the visit and are looking forward to moving there after the holidays. At the Junior School every one moved up to their new class and met their new teacher and the Year 2's came to visit us in preparation for September. As well as welcoming new pupils we will be welcoming new staff. Mr Hinds will be teaching our year 5 class, Miss Morritt will be teaching year 3, Miss Hinchliffe will be teaching year 6. We all hope that they will settle in well.

Our year 5 children have recently been on a school trip to visit a Mosque; this was to help them learn more about the Islamic religion first hand. They had a good time and learnt a lot about this religious community and their practices during this experience. 'It was a calm place to visit and nice to see another religion and what they do, I enjoyed it,' said Alice C. 'They were really welcoming and taught us a lot of new stuff; it was good.' said Nathan J.

We are all really proud that Le Tour De France came through Honley for Le Grand Depart, we did lots of things in school to prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime experience, but our favourite activity was bringing our bikes to school. Each year group were able to bring their bikes in to ride and we had races and did obstacle courses around the school field. We had a lot of fun! Thank you to Mrs Farquar and Mrs Marshall for organising this great week of biking fun!

Recently our year 6s had a Leavers Disco. They all had a wonderful time; 'it was a great way to end the year!' commented one year 6 pupil. FOHJS organised this event and supplied drinks, sweets and a DJ to raise money for school as well as entertain the children! Even some of the teachers came too, they looked like they also had fun!

On 17th July we had a Leavers Service at St Mary's Church for our year 6's to say farewell and send them off with our best wishes. Both year 6 classes did a poetic performance looking back on their four years at our school.

Year 6 have also taken part in a 'journey' with 'Hand to Mouth' to help them reflect on their time at Honley Junior School and help to prepare them for moving on. "We are all really sad to go but we are looking forward to a new start," commented Hayden and Mason. Miss Goodall said; "We will miss the children but they are all ready to move on and experience new adventures in their High Schools. I suppose that means we've done a good job."

Unfortunately this will be our last article as both of us are leaving Honley Junior School to go to High School but we have enjoyed writing to you; we hope you have enjoyed reading all about what we have been doing this year!

Bethany Balaam and Eve Thompson (members of Ethos Group)

### Material for Publication

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# ST. GEORGE'S CALENDAR

|                     | 7th Sunday after Trinity   |
|---------------------|--|
| 11.00 am<br>6.00 pm | All Age Holy Communion<br>Compline   |
|                     | 8th Sunday after Trinity   |
| 11.00 am            | Holy Communion   |
|                     | Compline   |
| 7.30 pm             | D C C Meeting at 8 Crodingley  |
|                     | 9th Sunday after Trinity   |
| 11.00 am            | Holy Communion   |
| 6.00 pm             | Compline   |
|                     | 10th Sunday after Trinity  |
| 11.00 am            | Holy Communion   |
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| 11.00 am            | Holy Communion   |
| 6.00 pm             | Compline   |
|                     |  |
|                     | 12th Sunday after Trinity  |
| 11.00 am            | All Age Holy Communion   |
| 6.00 pm             | Compline   |
|                     | 6.00 pm<br>11.00 am<br>6.00 pm<br>7.30 pm<br>11.00 am<br>6.00 pm<br>11.00 am<br>6.00 pm<br>11.00 am<br>6.00 pm |

# **BROCKHOLES NEWS**

### News from Brockholes School

Well what a year it's been for all the staff and children at Brockholes School. As the Year 6's prepare to leave for their High Schools we think of them fondly and wave them on their way, hoping that we have given them the best start to their education that they could have possibly received. The children who are left behind contemplate what their new teacher will be like and if they will have as much fun as they have done this year.

This year has been amazing...possibly one of the very best, so much has been achieved and so much learnt, I'm certainly hoping that next year will match it if not beat it!

The children have been involved with many projects, the biggest being Le Tour De France. The parachutes in the fields and the artwork on the garages at Birks Funeral Directors were a sight to behold. Mr Penson and Mrs Booth worked tirelessly to coordinate all the schools involved so that the artwork was ready in time. They both then, with their band of merry helpers, displayed them so artfully in their places and were seen by all on the coverage of the race on the television. If something big is going on then we at Brockholes have to be involved somewhere!

The children have also benefitted from our Year of Sport and taking fitness and challenging themselves to beat their goals. The Year 3/4 cricket team won their tournament, a feat never before seen. All children have really thrown themselves into sport this year and the teachers all look fetching in their new P.E. uniform too.

Brockholes School is growing, in reputation as well as capacity. Classes are more or less full and teachers try to teach as creatively as possible so that the children get the best out of their education as they can possibly have. Years 5 and 6 have had a real Viking to talk to them and have had a Viking theme day. Years 3 and 4 have had Victorian days at Oakwell Hall and learnt how to cook a meal for everyone. Years 1 and 2 have been farmers for a term and learnt so much about sustainability, they have also learnt how to knit with their fingers and make wool from fleece. Reception have had a fantastic year and been involved with many different topics to make sure they are ready to move through the school. They continue to work both inside and outside and have lots of fun whilst doing so.

Church links remain strong and the children enjoy going to church for different services and festivals. The children who attended the St George's Day celebrations in April again paraded with the dragon and many had their faces painted and had a delicious barbeque. Events like this make our community strong and give us a sense of satisfaction that we have done something good.

As this school year comes to an end we look back on how great it's been and can only hope that next year will be just as good...if not better!

Clare Thomas, Head Teacher



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#### THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, HONLEY

| SUNDAY SERVICE     | <ul> <li>8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)</li> <li>9.30 am All Age Morning Prayer (1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Child (2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)</li> <li>6.30 pm Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Sun)</li> </ul> | Iren's Sunday Clu |                  |
|--------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|
| WEEKDAY SERVICES   | 9.30 am Wednesdays, Holy Commu  | nion              |                  |
| CHURCHWARDENS      | Carol Hirst, 8 Town Head, Honley<br>Bev Playle, Green Cliff House, Honley   | /                 | 664616<br>320918 |
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| VERGER             | John Adams, 6 Spring Dale, Honley   |                   | 663510           |
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| CHURCH / ROOM HIRE | Carol Hirst, 8 Town Head, Honley  |                   | 664616           |
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#### THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, BROCKHOLES

| SUNDAY SERVICES | 11.00 am Holy Communion (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays)<br>All Age Service with Communion (1st Sunday) |                  |
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|                 | 6.00 pm Compline (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays)<br>Sung Evensong (2nd Sunday)                         |                  |
| CHURCHWARDENS   | Margaret Kenworthy, 8 Crodingley, Thongsbridge<br>Joan Oldfield, 46 Riverholme View, Brockholes     | 687169<br>665310 |
| DCC SECRETARY   | To be appointed   |                  |
| DCC TREASURER   | Roger Kenworthy, 8 Crodingley, Thongsbridge   | 687169           |