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A note from the Vicar

March 2014

The word 'Lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, which means 'spring'. The church season's origins, however, lie in the fourth-century Egyptian custom of commemorating Jesus' temptation in the wilderness (Luke 4.1-13) immediately after a liturgical celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 6th January. Later, it became more widely observed as a preparation for Easter.

During the Reformation, many of the continental Reformers abolished Lent. The English Reformers, however, kept it. While firmly convinced that salvation is by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone, they nevertheless commended times of fasting. They saw that a specific period of self-examination and restraint is spiritually important, and that there is nothing optional about self-denial: 'Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."' (Matthew 16.24)

It is therefore important that we make the best use of Lent. May I commend *Alpha* to you? I am so much looking forward to having a refresher – it is something we all need. It is also a good thing to invite people to, and something to brighten the days of Lent. The man who fronted adverts for HM Revenue and Customs used the slogan, 'Tax doesn't have to be taxing.' Nor need Lent be, if used in the right way.

Reflecting on Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, the metaphysical poet and Anglican clergyman George Herbert was very practical. These words are from his poem *Lent*:

It's true we cannot reach Christ's forti'th day;
Yet to go part of that religious way
Is better than to rest:
We cannot reach our Saviour's puritie;
Yet we are bid, 'Be holy ev'n as He':
In both let's do our best.

May the coming spring be a time of refreshment and renewal for each one of us, as we seek to 'do our best' in response to God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Liam Beadle

PARISH NEWS

Report on the PCC Meeting held on 21st January

Seventeen members were present when Liam opened the meeting with a reading and a prayer.

In his Treasurer's report Clive Green explained that the Common Fund for 2013 had been paid in full and as part of the Diocesan Reorganisation, our arrears from past years have been written off. The Common Fund for 2014 remains at the same level as in 2013 but will only contain a discount for 4 months of interregnum last year as opposed to 11 months in 2012. This means an increase in our payments of £7,302 in 2014. A review of giving will be introduced at both churches. A proposal that our auditors be changed from Simpson Wood of Huddersfield to Michael Bell and Co. of Holmfirth was unanimously passed.

Liam's Vicar's Report referred to the Church Growth Research Programme 2011-2013 which had produced the following list of positive factors in producing growth;

- Clarity about Mission
- Willingness to Change
- Actively engaging Children
- Prioritising Growth
- The Chosen Style of Worship
- Nurturing Disciples through Prayer Groups, Bible Study etc.

The minutes of DCC meetings during October, November and December at both churches had been circulated and these were tabled. John Dean is retiring from his work on the Parish Magazine and he was thanked for his contributions over a number of years.

The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from Wakefield pointing out that the current 3 year term served by our Deanery Synod Representatives has come to an end and that elections for 4 new members are required. A letter asking for donations to Bishop Stephen's leaving present had been received from Bishop Tony and it was agreed that plates would be placed in both churches.

Jane Wardman's re-election as a Foundation Governor at Honley Infant's School was unanimously approved.

The date for the Annual Church Meeting was arranged for Tuesday, April 29th at 7.30 pm.

Cliff Green, PCC Secretary

From the Parish Registers

Funeral

St Mary's January 14 Gerald Roebuck

In March we remember in our Year's Mind

David Greaves	d.	8	March	2012
Frank Armitage	d.	9	March	1996
Audrey Alice Wigfield	d.	9	March	2007
Andrew Lee Raine	d.	10	March	2012
Albert Senior	d.	14	March	2010
Phoebe Higham	d.	15	March	2007
Donald Allen North	d.	19	March	1984
Lucy Millicent France	d.	20	March	1989
Harry Thorpe Dronfield	d.	21	March	1983
Michael Fletcher	d.	22	March	2003
Philip James Taylor	d.	24	March	2006
Barbara Shaw	d.	25	March	2005
John Harry Lockwood	d.	28	March	2003
Barrie Couch	d.	29	March	2006
Margaret Green	d.		March	2010
Peggy Longbottom	d.		March	2010
John Shrigley	d.		March	2010
George Norman Buckley	d.		March	2010
Gordon Conway	d.		March	2012
Jenny Knutton	d.		March	2012

Share Prayer

I came across this prayer in 1960 in the parish magazine at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. I copied it out and it has been tucked inside my bible ever since. I was delighted to come across it again a few years ago in a collection of prayers in a book called 'In a Strange Land' collated by Malcolm Goldsmith. The prayers were for carers and people with long term illnesses.

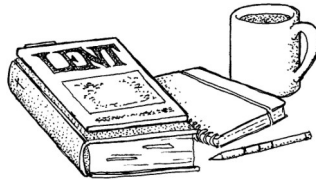
*I asked God for strength that I might achieve;
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for help that I might do greater things;
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I was given nothing that I asked for;
But everything that I'd hoped for.
Despite myself, my prayers were all answered,
I am amongst all men most richly blessed.*

Some of you may not consider this a prayer but prayer is any time spent in the presence of God. The following prayer is more traditional and by William Barclay (1907-1978).

*O God, our Father, we thank You for this day.
We thank You for those who have given us guidance, counsel,
advice and good example.
We thank You for those in whose company the sun shone even in
the rain, and who brought a smile to our faces even when things
were grim.
We thank You for those in whose company the frightening things
were not so alarming and the hard things not so difficult.
We thank You for those whose presence saved us from falling into
temptation and enabled us to do right.*

*We thank You for those whom it is a joy to be with and those in whose company the hours pass all too quickly.
We thank You for happy times to be to us for ever happy memories.
We thank You for times of failure to keep us humble and make us remember how much we need You.
Most of all, we thank You for Jesus Christ, who in the daytime is our friend and companion and in the night is our pillow and our peace.
Hear this, our thanksgiving for Your love's sake.
Amen.*

Pat Green



Alpha

Alpha is for two types of people. First, those of us who are committed followers of Jesus will value a refresher. If I may speak for myself, it is so easy to forget even things I believe wholeheartedly. That isn't a conscious decision: rather, I first *assume* the good news about Jesus, and that leads to *forgetting* the good news about Jesus. It happens to individuals and it happens to churches. A commitment to *Alpha* is a good way of making sure it doesn't happen to us!

Secondly, there can be little more helpful than *Alpha* for those still thinking through the claims of Jesus. That might be you, or it might be a friend, neighbour or colleague. You don't need to know anything about the Bible, you won't be asked to read or pray out loud, and you can ask any question you want – or just sit and listen if you prefer.



So, whoever you are, do join us for *Alpha* in St Mary's on **Thursdays at 6.30 pm from 13th March**. Each week there will be an informal supper, an interesting talk, and an opportunity for discussion. Everyone is welcome, without exception.

Liam Beadle

Giving

In February, we reviewed our giving. If you missed the Giving Review, it is not too late to give the matter some thought! Christian giving is in reaction to God's grace shown to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; it is in recognition of God's gifts to us, whatever they are; and it is in response to needs and priorities. It follows that if you are still thinking through the Christian faith, please do not feel that we are asking you to give anything. We are not.

The Old Testament commanded a tithe (10% of income). The New Testament is far more radical – we are to be generous givers of all we have. Some will give far more than 10% of their income, some less. What is key is that God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9.7): a financial response to God is to be one of joy, not one of compulsion or mere duty.

Liam Beadle

St Mary's Helpers Rota for 9.30 am services

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sidespeople</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Intercessors</u>	<u>Serving Coffee</u>
Mar 2	All Age Service	Olivine and Kevin Radford	Pauline Adams	Diana and Huw Griffiths	Diana and Huw Griffiths
Mar 9	Holy Communion	Diana and Charles Kaye	Margaret Hay	TBC	Cynthia Hepper Elaine Shaw
Mar 16	Holy Communion	Andrea and Clive Green	Jennie Waind	Liam Beadle	Kathleen Kennedy Janet Sykes
Mar 23	Holy Communion	Angeline and Richard Baker	Jane Wardman	Angeline Baker	Diana and Charles Kaye
Mar 30	H C and Baptism	Margaret Hay Bill Gray	Elaine Shaw	Pat and Cliff Green	Margaret Jenkinson
Apr 6	Parish Service	Gillian Greaves Craig Noble	Jenny Lockwood	Graham and Jane Wardman	Alison and Simon Dean

ST. MARY'S CALENDAR

MARCH

Sunday 2

8.00 am

Sunday next before Lent

Holy Communion (1662)

9.30 am

All Age Morning Prayer

6.30 pm

Holy Communion (sung)

Tuesday 4

7.30 pm

Finance & Property Meeting

Wednesday 5

9.30 am

Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion followed by

Pastoral Care Prayer Group

Mothers' Union, speaker: Fairtrade

Thursday 6

10.00 - 11.30 am

Coffee Morning

11.00 am

Bible Reading Group

11.30 - 12.45 pm

Lent Lunch in Parish Room

1.30 pm

Parent and Toddler Group

7.00 pm

Marriage Course

Sunday 9

8.00 am

1st Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (1662)

9.30 am

Holy Communion

6.30 pm

Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12

9.30 am

Holy Communion

Thursday 13

10.00 - 11.30 am

Coffee Morning

11.00 am

Bible Study Group

11.30 - 12.45 pm

Lent Lunch in Parish Room

1.30 pm

Parent and Toddler Group

6.30 pm

Alpha Course

Friday 14

7.00 pm

Celtic Evening in Church

(meal and entertainment)

Sunday 16

8.00 am

2nd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (1662)

9.30 am

Holy Communion

6.30 pm

Evening Prayer

Tuesday 18

7.30 pm

D C C Meeting

Wednesday 19

9.30 am

Holy Communion

Thursday 20

10.00 - 11.30 am

Coffee Morning

11.00 am

Bible Study Group

11.30 - 12.45 pm

Lent Lunch in Parish Room

1.30 pm

Parent and Toddler Group

6.30 pm

Alpha Course

Friday 21

7.30 pm

Hand Chimes Rehearsal

Saturday 22

2.00 - 4.30 pm

Children's Activity Event 'Star Party'

Sunday 23		3rd Sunday of Lent
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 26	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 27	10.00 - 11.30 am	Coffee Morning
	11.00 am	Bible Study Group
	11.30 - 12.45 pm	Lent Lunch in Parish Room
	1.30 pm	Parent and Toddler Group
	6.30 pm	Alpha Course
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Sunday 30		Mothering Sunday
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Baptism and Infants School Choir / Music Group
	6.30 pm	Taizé Service
APRIL		
Tuesday 1	7.00 pm	St Mary's Annual Meeting
Wednesday 2	9.30 am	Holy Communion followed by Pastoral Care Prayer Group
	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union - speaker Mr K Sharp 'West Yorkshire Lieutenancy'
Thursday 3	10.00 - 11.30 am	Coffee Morning
	11.00 am	Bible Study Group
	11.30 - 12.45 pm	Lent Lunch in Parish Room
	1.30 pm	Parent and Toddler Group
	6.30 pm	Alpha Course
Friday 4	7.30 pm	Hand Chimes Rehearsal
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Sunday 6		5th Sunday of Lent
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30 am	Parish Morning Prayer (sung with hymns and choir)
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion (sung)

Do you enjoy working with flowers?

Could you join St Mary's Flower Rota and help decorate the church altar on a rota basis and for special occasions? Sadly, due to various reasons, the Flower Rota has lost four dedicated flower arrangers. Thanks are due to them for their work and time over the years. New volunteers are sought - please contact me on 664347 or see me in church for more information.

HONLEY NEWS

New Beginnings

As you probably know already, we are moving house. We are going to live in Shropshire in a village called Minsterley; ten miles from Shrewsbury. St Mary's has been our spiritual home for almost forty years and so we have many wonderful memories of Sunday Schools, Youth Clubs and Flower Festivals and Plant Sales and all our wonderful friends. We shall miss you all very much, but hope to visit often. Visitors will always be welcome for a day visit or overnight or even longer.

Our new address will be: 'The Cobblestones,' The Square, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, SY5 OBA (telephone number not yet known).

What a surprise we had on Sunday morning, February 9th. We never expected anything like that! On entering church I noticed a spread under a white cloth and wine and glasses. I asked about to find out who's birthday it was, but all said they did not know!

David and myself were deeply moved by your expressions of love for us. We shall remember it always. Many, many thanks.

Margaret and David Wainwright

Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the buffet lunch for David and Margaret Wainwright on 9th February. I know they really appreciated the event and it wouldn't have been possible without your help. Everything was eaten!

Pauline, Diana and Liz

Vouchers for Schools

There is a box at the back of church for Sainsburys vouchers. Last year we collected 1,150 for the Infant & Nursery School. Can we beat that total this year?

Mothering Sunday - 30th March

Why not buy a Mothering Sunday gift and help transform a life!

Please help the worldwide Mothers' Union raise £170,000 for vital projects in the UK and around the world by choosing a 'gift' from the catalogues at the back of church. Gifts range from £4 'Shine a Light' which can provide basic emergency supplies distributed by members at times of need; £10 'Inspire Us' which helps to equip members with skills training and resources for local projects and programmes; £35 'Take Them Further' will help facilitators reach isolated communities, improving health, hygiene, income and family relationships; £100 will enable a family to have the skills they need to overcome poverty through literacy and education.

On receipt of your donation you will be sent a Mothering Sunday card for you to give to your mother. Alternatively, you can give a gift in memory of your mother, as a tribute to a life-time of caring. Her name can then be added to the Remembrance Book which will be kept at the Mary Sumner House Chapel.

For more information ask a member of the Mothers' Union or visit: www.makeamothersday.org

Liz Cummings

Sunday Club News

On Sunday 30th March there will not be a Sunday Club. This is because we would like to invite all the children to be in church for the Mothering Sunday service. The Infant School choir is coming to join us and there will also be a Holy Baptism. So it promises to be a very exciting morning in church and we would like all the children to be able to come and enjoy the service.

Worship Planning Group

Cancellation

Unfortunately, the Women's World Day of Prayer event planned for Friday 7th March has been **cancelled**.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The January meeting began with 18 members receiving Holy Communion, presided over by Liam Beadle. The AGM followed, at which reports of activities during 2013 were given. Sincere thanks were expressed to Andrea Green, as she stepped down as Branch Correspondent and received flowers. A discussion took place on the operation of Thursday Coffee and a price increase for coffee was proposed, in light of the rising costs of expenses. Elections of officers and committee were confirmed. In light of no nominations for Branch Leader, the group will run by Committee.

The next Branch Meeting on Wednesday 5th March at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room will include a speaker from the Holme Valley Fairtrade Group, to tie in with Fairtrade Fortnight. As usual it is an open meeting - all are welcome.

Members are invited to the Deanery Lady Day Service at All Hallows, Almondbury on March 25th at 7.30 pm. Please ask for transport, if required, as those of us going are happy to take passengers

Martin Holding is once again running the London Marathon and invites sponsorship for the Wheels Appeal for the Wakefield Diocese. Forms are on the notice boards for anyone able to support him.

MU members have also been invited to take part in a consultation on Civil Partnerships. Anyone interested in taking part, please see me for response forms and details (these can be forwarded electronically or printed out).

Alison Dean, Treasurer

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Christmas Street Market

If the 2014 St Mary's Street Market is to go ahead, we are looking for more volunteers to join the committee. This market has been running for the last 10 years, with great success, making it a wonderful community event, as well raising much needed funds for the church. However, one of our key committee members is moving out of the area, and another feels he would like to step down. No special skills are required, just enthusiasm! For more information please get in touch (tel 664624).

Diana Kaye

Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Once again, thank you all so much for your recent contributions to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance underwear fund for West Africa. I was able to send 440 bras to the YAA Headquarters in Elland via the kindness of David Turner (of Lindley) last week, in fact 6 large black sacks. A wonderful result, I am so grateful, especially to David for transporting them and to Dorothy Coldwell (of Brockholes) for bagging them all up for me. Thanks are also due to Eileen Broadbent who has recently been indisposed for 6 weeks, but who on her return to activity has produced an enormous bag from the various contacts she has.

After so many of us have been fairly housebound, due to the recent continuous rain and wind, I do hope you and all your friends have had the time to have a big turn-out and found lots of bras to put in the box at the back of your Church.

Many grateful thanks once again to you and all your friends, you have all been wonderful in 2013! Let's have a repeat performance in 2014!

Mary Stapleton

Please remember to pay your annual subscription for the magazine to your deliverer or Sandra Dean as soon as possible. Sandra and John are retiring from printing, collating and organising advertisers for the parish magazine. Many thanks to them for their work over many years. Editor.

News from Honley Junior School

We have had a very busy start to the year with all of our new clubs, new students and lots of new sports equipment which has been given to us by Honley Village Community Trust.

Some of the new clubs are run by pupils in various year groups and some are run by teachers. The School Sports Organisation Crew has started a new sports club for years 3 + 4. Also French club has started and it is run by one of our year 5 teachers, Mrs McLoughlin.

This year we are learning about lots of new topics. Year 6 are doing 'Learning to Learn', year 5 are learning about the different types of drugs and how to avoid dangerous drugs, year 4 are learning about Roald Dahl and year 3 are studying Africa. All pupils are enjoying their topics and discovering something new around every corner.

Recently we have had several sports competitions, such as a Dodgeball tournament and a Netball tournament. The final for the Netball tournament is on 11th March. We really hope our school team gets through to the next round.

On January 31st we had two Christingle Services, one for lower school and one for upper school. It was very enjoyable indeed.

'Hand to Mouth' have been to do a puppet show during Collective Worship, about the miracle in the Bible when Jesus fed thousands of people with only 5 loaves and 2 fish. They told us about the power of prayer, we enjoyed their play and it made us think. 'Hand to Mouth' also worked with the Year 5 pupils to take them on a journey, giving them time to reflect on how it feels to be part of a community - how to live in harmony with others, to forgive themselves and other people, and to understand they can talk to God anytime they like about anything.

We have had 2 Valentine's discos run by FOHJS, a great way to raise money for our school while we can have a good time with our friends! We are looking forward to lots more learning and fun!

Bethany Balaam and Eve Thompson (Members of Ethos Group)

ST. GEORGE'S CALENDAR

MARCH

Sunday 2		10.45 am	<i>Sunday next before Lent</i>
			Café Style Worship
			Coffee - Worship - Lunch (see below)
		6.00 pm	Compline
Wednesday 5			<i>First day of Lent</i>
		9.30 am	Holy Communion at St Mary's

Sunday 9		11.00 am	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>
			Holy Communion
		6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
Tuesday 11		7.30 pm	D C C Meeting at 8 Crodingley
Thursday 13		6.30 pm	A D Meeting

Sunday 16		11.00 am	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>
			Holy Communion
		6.00 pm	Compline
Saturday 22	2.00 - 4.30 pm		Children's Activity Event at St Mary's

Sunday 23		11.00 am	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>
			Holy Communion
		6.00 pm	Compline

Sunday 30		1.00 am	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>
			All Age Holy Communion
		6.00 pm	Compline

APRIL

Sunday 6		11.00 am	<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>
			Holy Communion
		6.00 pm	Compline
Tuesday 8		7.30 pm	St George's Annual Meeting

Café Style Service - Sunday 2nd March

Coffee in the Village Hall from 10.45 am with a planned start time for the service around 11.15 am. As always at the close of these popular services everyone will be invited to share a light lunch of a soup and roll course followed by pancakes. All welcome for this 'all age' informal worship.

Worship Planning

BROCKHOLES NEWS

'Brockholes to Beijing' Talk

About 100 people attended this Talk in the Village Hall on Friday 31st January. Thanks to Peter for delivering the talk and everyone who helped on the night. A special mention and thanks to – representing 'Brockholes' the Travellers' Rest and representing 'Beijing' the Canton Chef. Each restaurant gave a meal voucher as a raffle prize. The evening was a success financially raising over £500 and also proved to be a warm and friendly social time for locals and visitors alike.

St George's Fundraising Team

Christingle

This special service was held on Sunday 2nd February and it was lovely to welcome families to the morning worship along with Miss Thomas, Mrs Heeley and Mrs Henderson (staff from Brockholes School).

In the weeks running up to the service the School had raised the profile of Christingle and the work of the Children's Society. As a result the collecting candles distributed through School and the offering on the Sunday morning together raised £225 for the Children's Society.

Well done everyone on a successful 'working together' effort. Thanks also to the very enthusiastic team who made up the Christingles on the Saturday morning.

Worship Planning

Examiner 'Wish' Tokens

Thank you to the people who diligently collected these tokens which resulted in a very pleasant £88 being raised for AD/St George's Day Funds

Kate Drake

A D

St. Valentine was a clear choice for this meeting on the 13th of February. Caroline had selected red fabric which would be the starting point of embroidered bookmarks, which we thought might make attractive Valentine's Day gifts. 18 children attended and clearly some had had a little more sewing experience than others! Nevertheless all the children are to be congratulated on their concentration and perseverance and can be proud of the colourful bookmarks they took home. With this sort of task we do need all the time available so we only managed to fit it in a short discussion at the beginning about God's love (a big topic for a few minutes!) and a couple of heartily sung songs at the end. There were a good number of adults in support so crises of missed stitches, tangled threads etc. could be rectified without delay. Many thanks to all. Next meeting Thursday 13th March – another 'Saintly' evening but this time St. Patrick and an Irish theme.

Still to come...

Sunday 27th April - St George's Day Event.

AD Coffee Morning - Saturday 10th May 10.00 am to 12 noon in Church. Proceeds to be divided between The Red Cross and St George's Church funds.

AD Leaders

Brockholes Village Trust News

The following events in the Village Hall are open to all - everyone welcome.

9 March - 'Dustbin Film Festival' 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. Short films and cartoons and afternoon tea

22 March - Table Top and Craft sale 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

29 April - An evening with Joe Maiden, gardening expert, 7.30 pm

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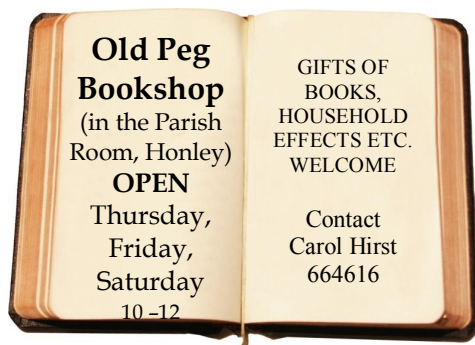
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