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A note from the Vicar

October 2014

At our church schools at this time of year we often sing a song called Autumn days. It has a jaunty tune and speaks of simple pleasures: jewelled grass; the 'smell of bacon as I fasten up my laces'; 'the song the milkman sings'; comfy shoes; 'the taste of apple pie'; 'a win for my home team'. If your home team is Huddersfield Town that might feel like more than a simple pleasure, but you get the idea.

To be able to take delight in these things is one of God's blessings to us. He is the creator of all things, including our mental faculties, and he loves us. But interestingly, the Bible doesn't often focus on the delights of God's creation. When the Bible speaks of God's love, it focuses not on creation, but on salvation; not on the golden leaves of October, but on the red blood of Jesus Christ, shed for sinners. 'This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.' (1 John 4.10) As we are having sermon series on the love of God, that might make a good memory verse for this month.

It is in the light of God's salvation in Jesus Christ that his creation begins to be appreciated in a new sense. By the Spirit who dwells within all those who put their faith in Jesus, we see the world with fresh eyes. It is as if everything is new. If you haven't had that experience, I commend the Lord Jesus to you. Don't turn over a new leaf, however golden its colour. Rather, turn to God. Put all your trust in the death and resurrection of Jesus. No one comes to the Father except through him. (John 14.6)

As I write, I do not know the result of the referendum on Scotland's independence, but by the time you read this we shall. It was Samuel Johnson who said that 'Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel', and certainly it has been the cause of much violence. Whatever our Scottish friends have decided, if we are true Christians, we rejoice that our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3.20). We pray for Her Majesty the Queen, we give thanks for the witness of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and we look forward to the day when God will create new heavens and a new earth (Isaiah 65.17).

Liam Beadle



'Tis not that I did choose Thee For hard, that could not be, This heart would still refuse Thee, Hads't Thou not chosen me.

My heart owns none before Thee, For Thy rich grace I thirst; This knowing, if I love Thee Thou must have loved me first.

Josiah Conder (1836)

Submitted by Margaret Maddocks

God made each one different Each one of us unique Our DNA, our fingerprints Our faces, hair and feet. Some are good at one thing Others at another But if we work together We will achieve – NO BOTHER! He wants us each to love the world To make life good for all Which means a willingness to share With others, great or small. So if God creates diversity Who are we to complain That someone else is different And must be the one who's wrong? He made us and He loves us And pronounced creation good. Diversity's acceptable, respectable from God, Something to be welcomed Giving each other worth And we become the building bricks Of architectural splendour To create God's church on earth -The body of our Lord.

Sponsors of this magazine

Lyn Gregory and family are delighted to sponsor the October issue of the parish magazine.

In loving memory of her mother-in-Law, Margaret Gregory and her husband David Gregory, son of Margaret
- who was taken from us suddenly last year, both now reunited and enjoying their eternal reward.

Both very much missed and remembered with so much love.



Fund Raising Scottish Choir Concert

Saturday 25th October 7.30 pm, St Mary's Church

"A Choired Taste" are a fabulous community choir who love to sing to raise money for charity.

The funds from the concert will go towards the humanitarian crisis fund for those who have been driven from their homes in Iraq. It will be a lovely, family concert with light refreshments.

Entrance is £5 and £2 for children. Tickets available on the door, book on 320 918 or from church any Sunday or Thursday morning.

Bev Playle

PARISH NEWS

From the Parish Registers

Marriages

St Mary's August 22 Moazham Joseph Iqbal Khokhar and Laura Kate Stelling

St Mary's August 23 Michael Archer and Hannah Booth

In October we remember in our Year's Mind

Willie Parkin	d.	1	October	2004
Margaret Gregory	d.	5	October	2007
Roy Littlewood	d.	9	October	2009
William Johnson Wilson	d.	13	October	2003
Carol Lesley Hepper	d.	19	October	2010
Doreen Wadsworth	d.	21	October	2007
Rupert Handsley Hildred	d.	22	October	1984
Mabel Tolhurst	d.	23	October	2007
Lesley Cockroft	d.	26	October	2011
Maureen Taylor	d.	28	October	2009
Vera Jessop	d.		October	2010
Brian Hinchliffe	d.		October	2010
Geoffrey Gill	d.		October	2011

The Millennium Book Prizes Winners

Brockholes School **Zoe Smith** and **Elinor Barker-Thompson**

Honley Infant and Nursery School **Derrell Wells** and **Jack Drummond** and **Amelia Firth**

Honley Junior School

Jacob Schoolar

Honley High School

Russell Shore and Helena Pufal

ST. MARY'S CALENDAR

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Sunday 26	8.00 am 9.30 am 6.30 pm	Last Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (1662) Holy Communion (sung) Evening Prayer
Wednesday 29 Thursday 30	9.30 am 10.00 - 11.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Coffee Morning in Church Bible Reading Group
NOVEMBER Sunday 2	8.00 am 9.30 am 6.30 pm	4th Sunday before Advent Holy Communion (1662) All Age Morning Prayer Holy communion (sung)
Wednesday 5	9.30 am 2.30 pm	Holy Communion Mothers' Union - Jenny Lockwood 'Huddersfield Choral Society'

Sunday 9 Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00 am Morning Prayer: Remembrance Sunday

6.30 pm Holy Communion (1662)

The date of Harvest was incorrect in the September magazine.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

St Mary's Helpers Rota for 9.30 am services

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sidespeople</u>	<u>Reader</u>	Interces- sors	Serving Coffee
Oct	All Age	Pauline and	ТВС	Bev	Alison and
5	Service	John Adams		Playle	Simon Dean
Oct	Harvest	Mary Stapleton	Shirley	Graham	Steph Childs
12	Service	Janet Sykes	Turner	Wardman	Margaret Jenkinson
Oct	Holy	Jean Cheeseman	Graham	Carol	Liz Cummings
19	Communion	Gillian Greaves	Wardman	Hirst	Sandra Dean
Oct	Holy	Olivine and	Carol	John	Maureen Allen
26	Communion	Kevin Radford	Hirst	Playle	Pat Allsop
Nov	All Age	Cynthia Hepper	Cynthia	Kate	Heather Ambler
2	Service	Elaine Shaw	Hepper	Walter	Shirley Turner

HONLEY NEWS

Inspiring reading

On Monday 15th September, Bev, Kate and I went to St Mary's Church, Gomersal, to participate in the Alpha-Omega Bible Reading Marathon.

It was a lovely church and we were made very welcome by everyone. We each read for 15 minutes at a time and our stint covered 11.15 am to 1.15 pm. We were reading from Kings with lots of long and unfamiliar characters and place names and I'm not sure if I pronounced them all correctly!

However, the stories were interesting (and blood thirsty!) and time sped by very quickly. As we read about the conflicts between Kings of Israel and Kings of Somalia and battles with Egypt, Samaria, Gaza etc, it occurred to me that nothing in that part of the world had changed in 2,000 years and that was sad.

Do we learn anything from the past and the mistakes made? I trust we do and put faith in Our Lord that he will continue to direct us along the peaceful path, whilst keeping us ready to help others in righting wrongs. This was a wonderful experience *and* we were given a certificate.

Andrea Gosslin

A Holme-Grown Eclectic Musical Evening

An invitation to you and your friends, to join us for a wonderful evening of music, songs and laughter!

at St Mary's Church, Honley

on Friday 10th October

7.30 pm for 7.45 pm (lasting approximately 2 hours)

Entrance only £5 including refreshments. Pay on entrance.



Many thanks to all those who supported and helped in any way at the August Fundraising Coffee Morning. A grand total of £427.25 was passed over to the "Wheels Appeal" - £327.25 from the day and a £100 total contribution from the open church donations on the Tour de France weekend.

The annual Wave of Prayer Service was held on 4th September and a small group of members and friends joined together to pray for the linked dioceses around the world.

Three members also attended the Deanery Festival at Kirkheaton Church on 16th September where we enjoyed a meaningful Evening Prayer service and an informal tour of the architectural changes and refurbishment of that church (very interesting if you've never visited).

The MU Action & Outreach group have been busy updating this year's "Grub on No Grant" booklet and members made sample recipes and served these at Huddersfield University Fresher's Fayre at the start of term.

MU Christmas Cards are still available to order - please see Pat Green. Pat has resumed selling MU merchandise for the time being so if you are looking for MU celebration cards do contact her.

At the October meeting, on Wednesday 1st at 7.30 pm in church, the speaker will be Bev Playle, talking about 'Melded Families'. All welcome. On Wednesday 5th November, the speaker will be Mrs Jenny Lockwood, who will talk about Huddersfield Choral Society. This is sure to be extremely interesting and informative, please do come along at 2.30 pm in church (daylight meeting).

MU is running a campaign "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" between 25 November and 10 December. If this is something you would like to get involved with, please see me.

West Yorkshire Hospitality Required!

The Scottish Choir are paying their own expenses to come to Honley to sing for us. To keep their costs as low as possible, we're trying to find beds for the Saturday night (25th October). We still need around 8 beds. Please ring me – Bev on 320 918 if you can offer accommodation. They are all lovely and will be house trained!!!

Bev Playle

Honley Feast Celebration

The Tradition of 'Honley Feast' was marked on Sunday 21st September at a special Churches Together service. Villagers gathered at the Well in the Market Place for a hymn and introduction by Liam, and the hymn 'O Worship the King all glorious above', accompanied by Yorkshire Traction Honley Band. The assembly then moved up to the outside of church to continue with 'Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation'. The service continued inside with more hymns and an address, followed by a magnificent Sunday tea provided by Gillian Greaves and helpers.

Thanks to all those involved in making this event happen in the long tradition of Honley Feast celebrations.

Anon

Honley Aid in Sickness

The charity Honley Aid in Sickness is a long established Honley fund which is able to make modest grants to individuals who are in immediate need of financial assistance, due to ill health or disability and fall outside the scope of available NHS/Social Services help.

The charity has recently received an almost new, modern, lightweight wheelchair donated by a local family and this can be borrowed for short periods by anyone in Honley who requires it. Perhaps you have a relative or friend who is due an operation and will require a wheelchair for a few weeks during recuperation? Please contact the Secretary on 323832 for more details.

Winter Clothing

If you are turning out any unwanted winter clothes or bedding, please could you let me know (telephone 662209 - I can collect). I know that many Asylum Seekers arrive here with only the clothes they are standing up in; the Elim Church in Huddersfield do a great job of providing them with such necessities and I will deliver them there for redistribution. Many thanks.

Liz Cummings

Operation Christmas Child 2014

The nights are now clawing in and Autumn is with us, it is now time to be looking at this years Shoebox Appeal.

This year the boxes are going to the Philippines. The usual things are requested: stationary, small toys, books, toothpaste and brushes, facecloths, soap and sweets (which must be in date to March 2015).

It has been requested that toy snakes, spiders and bugs are not put in, but small cuddly toys are acceptable. And of course money donations are always appreciated to help with transport costs. I will be bringing leaflets and boxes into St Mary's soon for people to pick up.

The checking of the boxes is from 1st - 18th November, so please do bring your completed boxes back to Church before the last date so I can get them to the warehouse. I know you will all be brilliant as usual, so I say 'many thanks' in anticipation.

Elaine Shaw

Christmas Street Market Draw

Contributions of items for the 'Hamper' prize in the Christmas Street Market Prize Draw are welcomed. Please place any donations in the box at the back of church. Many thanks.

Carol Hirst



ST. GEORGE'S CALENDAR

OCTOBER		
Sunday 5		16th Sunday after Trinity
•	11.00 am	All Age Worship followed by Picnic Lunch
		for all in Church
	6.00 pm	Compline
Thursday 9	6.30 pm	A D Meets
Sunday 12		Harvest Thanksgiving
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	United Songs of Praise
Tuesday 14	7.30 pm	D C C Meeting at 8 Crodingley
Sunday 19		18th Sunday after Trinity
Ouriday 13	11.00 am	Holy Communion
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	6.00 pm	Compline
Sunday 26		Last Sunday after Trinity
-	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Compline
NOVEMBER		
		All Saints tide
Sunday 2	44 00 am	
	11.00 am	All Age Holy Communion

Harvest Thanksgiving in Brockholes

On Sunday 12th October both churches will celebrate Harvest at their own services in the morning. In the afternoon at 3.00 pm at St George's there will be a United Songs of Praise Service to which everyone is welcome.

The cash offerings from both churches will be sent to the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal. This year the proceeds will provide sunflower seeds for farmers in Burundi.

Gifts in kind will also be glady receieved and will be sent to the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield for the relief of local people in need. Tins and packets of dried items are the most needed.

BROCKHOLES NEWS

News from Brockholes School

We had a fantastic year in 2013-2014; staff, children and parents all worked really hard in order to enable school to achieve the many things that we did. The highlights for me included the Tour de France events and our French themed week as well as the various educational visits, theme days and residential trips. Friends of Brockholes School (FOBS) went from strength to strength and donated money to each class to spend on things the children wanted as well as raising funds for our main project of putting up a canopy for extra shelter outside. We wouldn't be able to do the many things which we do without the help and support of everyone involved in Brockholes School, so a very big thank you to all concerned, your hard work is very much appreciated.

We're looking forward to maintaining our strong links with St George's Church and seeing many familiar faces in the community. We were delighted when church gave school a bench in thanks and remembrance for the partnership during the 150 Years Celebrations. The bench is now in place and being used. We hope to have a dedication service in the near future.

A massive thanks must also go to the incredible team of dedicated staff who continually strive to offer our children the best provision and opportunities possible. Many things are already on the agenda for another very busy year. Educational visits are being planned and Cliffe House, Whitby and Robinwood have been booked for residential visits as well as day visits to Magna for Years 3 and 4, Yorkshire Sculpture Park for Years 5 and 6, Huddersfield Library for Years 1 and 2. All classes will also once again be visiting Cliffe House at some point this year.

All children have come back to school ready for learning about their exciting new topics, Reception has the topic 'Ourselves', Years 1 and 2 have the topic 'Toys', Years 3 and 4 have the topic 'Natural Disasters' and Years 5 and 6 have the topic 'Ancient Greeks'. We also have an exciting range of after school clubs this term!

OTHER ITEMS

Calling all pianists!

The residents at Burhouse Court, Honley, have a piano but no-one to play it! They would very much like to be able to have a singalong on Thursday afternoons during the winter months so they are looking for someone who would like to go along and play for an hour to accompany them. Tea and biscuits provided! If you are able to play the piano and would like to go along — even occasionally - and help out, please contact the warden, Carol Paxman on 07528 988954. Thank you.

Jane Wardman



"Good news on the lottery-funding for the organ repairs, Vicar – three of our numbers came up for £25!

Material for Publication

All contributions to future editions of the Magazine welcome. e-mail: alison.dean@dunelm.org.uk

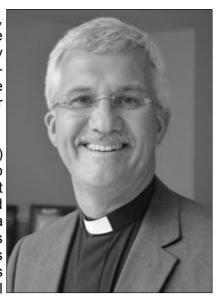
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Our New Bishop

The Revd Dr Jonathan Gibbs (53), currently Rector of Heswall in the Diocese of Chester (and previously Chaplain at Basle with Freiburg-im-Breisgau, in the Diocese of Europe from 1992-98), will be the first ever Bishop of Huddersfield.

Nick Baines (Diocesan Bishop) says, "Jonathan Gibbs brings to this new office wide experience at parish, diocesan, national and international level. He has been a committed parish priest and has served in a variety of contexts. His appointment is hugely welcome as he establishes the new episcopal area of Huddersfield."



Jonathan says: "I am delighted to be coming to Yorkshire and to be joining the new Diocese at this exciting time. Toni and I are thrilled to be moving to such a great part of the world, with a wealth of culture in its towns and cities as well as beautiful villages and countryside. I am looking forward to working with the other members of the Diocesan team to build up the life of our churches both numerically and spiritually and to contributing to the life of the rich and diverse community in West Yorkshire. I am also very partial to a pint of Timothy Taylor's "Landlord" and am looking forward to getting to know some more of the local brews!"

Jonathan takes an active role in the Church of England on diocesan, national and international levels: he has been Chair of the House of Clergy in the Diocese of Chester since 2006 and Chair of the Diocesan Clergy Chairs Forum since 2011. He is a member of General Synod, of the Meissen Commission (which links the C of E with the Evangelical Church in Germany), and of the Clergy Discipline Commission.

He has also represented the General Synod on the Council of British Funeral Services and the Churches' Funerals Group, focusing on the importance of clergy working flexibly and creatively to support grieving families.

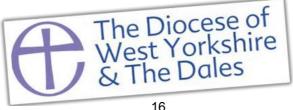
After gaining an MA in Philosophy and Politics from Jesus College, Oxford, he went on to train for the ministry at Ridley Hall in Cambridge, where he also completed a PhD in Theology at Jesus College. He served his curacy in the Diocese of Chester at Stalybridge Holy Trinity and Christ Church (1989-92).

Jonathan is married to Toni who with others set up the Besom charity on the Wirral, which provides a bridge between those who want to give time, money, things or skills and those who are in need, working with over 40 agencies in the statutory and voluntary sectors. They have three children, Harriet (24) who is married to Matthew Curry, Edward (21) and Thomas (18).

Jonathan's interests include walking, usually accompanied by their Cocker Spaniel, and rummaging in second-hand bookshops. He is fluent in German, Swiss-German and French and he and Toni have a love of France (where they first met).

He is also a member of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), and is committed to supporting village and community life. As members of the National Trust and English Heritage, they are looking forward to visiting many of Yorkshire's historic properties.

Jonathan Gibbs will be consecrated as bishop in a service at York Minster on Friday 17th October at 11am, conducted by the Archbishop of York. Whilst everyone is welcome to attend this service, tickets will be required. These can be requested before Wednesday 1st October by contacting Mrs Janet Slater on 0113 2000 540.



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