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Next Parish PCC meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 15th December 2015, St Mary's

A note from the Vicar - December 2015



You will be aware that we have been reviewing our communication across the parish. I am enormously grateful to Richard and Cate Ashley who have taken on this piece of work. One of the issues to be discussed in the light of the review is whether a monthly magazine like this is the best way to share information, or whether a different format would be clearer and more sustainable.

Communication is at the centre of the Christian faith. We generally speak of 'revelation' rather than 'communication', but the idea is the same: God communicates with us, he reveals himself to us. The way in which he does so is through Jesus. As the beginning of the letter to the Hebrews puts it: 'In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.' (Hebrews 1.1, 2)

Of course, that is what Christmas is all about. God has spoken. Jesus is the final Word of God. He was born of a virgin, so the initiative was all God's. He was born in relative poverty, so the power-structures of this world are subverted. And he was born in order to die an ignoble death on a Roman cross, to bear in his own body everything that cuts us off from God and spoils God's world.

It is the best news in the world. But it has to be shared. News kept to ourselves is no longer news! In 2016 we shall be continuing to think about how best to share that news with one another and with our communities. Our communication review is an invaluable start. But as the year closes, perhaps there is one person you know, with whom you could share the good news of Christmas? People often appreciate an invitation to church at this time of year. May I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Liam Beadle

Future Parish Magazines

As highlighted above, the Communications Review is still ongoing. The results of the review (including the future of the Parish Magazine) will be discussed at PCC on 15th December. As a decision taken on this date – whatever the outcome – will not allow an edition of the magazine to be prepared in time for a January issue, there will be no edition of the Parish Magazine in January 2016. If the magazine is to continue, the next edition will appear as soon as possible after that.

I want to express our heartfelt thanks to John Playle for editing the Parish Magazine for the last year. He has been unflappable, efficient, and unfailingly courteous. John's willingness to be our webmaster has also been invaluable. We are grateful also to Alison Dean who edited and produced the magazine for a number of years before that and Simon Dean who looked after the web. As we look forward to God's future for our communications, we do so from a base which has been supported by their faithfulness to Jesus Christ and to our communities.

ST. MARY'S CALENDAR DECEMBER 2015

Wed 2 9.30 am Holy Communion followed by Pastoral Care Group

Thurs 3 9.00 am 'Let's Play' Baby & Toddler group in Parish Room
10.00 am Coffee Morning in church

Sat 5 10.00 am - 3.30 pm Honley Christmas Street Market

Sun 6 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)
9.30 am All Age Advent Carols
6.30 pm Holy Communion (1662)

Wed 9 9.30 am Holy Communion

Thurs 10 9.00 am 'Let's Play' Baby & Toddler group in Parish Room
10.00 am Coffee Morning in church

Sun 13 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)
9.30 am Holy Communion (sung)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Wed 16 9.30 am Holy Communion

Thurs 17 10.00 am Coffee Morning in church

Sun 20 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)
9.30 am Holy Communion (sung)
6.30 pm Christmas Carol Service

Wed 23 9.30 am Holy Communion

Thurs 24 Christmas Eve

4.00 pm All Age Christmas Carols

11.00 pm The first Eucharist of Christmas

Fri 25 Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11.00 am Holy Communion (sung)

Sat 26 10.00 am Holy Communion

Sun 27 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)
9.30 am Holy Communion (sung)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Wed 30 9.30 am Holy Communion

January 2016

Sun 3 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)
9.30 am All Age Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Holy Communion (sung)

Wed 6 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Mother's Union Meeting (St Mary's)

Thurs 7 9.00 am 'Let's Play' Baby & Toddler group in Parish Room
10.00 am Coffee Morning in church

ST. GEORGE'S CALENDAR DECEMBER 2015

SUN 6	11.00 am	All Age Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Compline
Thurs 10	6.30 pm	AD in Church - 8-12 year olds
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SUN 13	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Evensong
Fri 18	3.30 pm	Brockholes School Christmas Fair
	7.00 pm	Brockholes Community Carol Singing outside the Methodist Church with Vintage Brass.
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SUN 20	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Compline
Thurs 24	6.30 pm	Christmas Candlelight Carol Service
	11.00 pm	The first Eucharist of Christmas (St Mary's)
Fri 25	9.45 am	Christmas Day Service
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (St Mary's)
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SUN 27	11.00 am	Holy Communion

JANUARY 2016

SUN 3 11.00 am Holy Communion

EVENTS AT BROCKHOLES VILLAGE HALL

**Tickets can be obtained from Brockholes Post Office, Honley DIY & Pet Supplies or by telephone 01484 662079/662870*

Friday 11 December 7.30pm

Christmas Ceilidh

After April's sell-out event the Holme Valley Village Band are back. With a range of traditional musical instruments and medleys and a caller to ensure people make all the right moves, this will be an evening of dancing, fun and good company. Buffet supper incl' tea and coffee. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £9 adults/£6 under 16's.

Thursday 21 January 7.30pm

Packhorse Trails

Following a very popular illustrated talk last year by Edgar Holroyd-Doveton on turnpike roads, Edgar returns, turning the clock back to reveal the development and impact of the packhorse roads and trails that provided the means by which trade developed across the country. Tickets £4.

Thursday 25 February 7.30pm

The Criminal Activities of the Reverend Edmund Robinson

John Cross reveals the story of Brockholes own naughty vicar, who, in the 17th century carried out the notorious practice of coin clipping. Lesser known than Calderdale's Cragg Vale Coiners, John's research will reveal the setting, the events and the outcome of Edmund's nefarious deeds.

ST GEORGE'S AD REPORT

11 children attended the November meeting when the theme was 'Stars'. Lots of colourful stars were made for the young people to take home. Thought was given to the light from 'stars' and Jesus being 'the light of the world'. Val's story with frequent use of the word 'stars' had the young people on the edge of their seats ready to run. The magnetic rods (kindly made by Peter Tipling) had the young people fishing – not for fish but 'yes' you've guessed – 'stars'. A fine night inside church if a somewhat wild one outside.

Next meeting December 10th . All 8 to 12 year olds welcome. Time 6.30pm to 8.00pm



St Mary's Christmas Street Market

Saturday 5th December

10.00am - 4.00 pm

Church Street Honley



This hugely popular Street Market is now in its twelfth year. Church Street will once again be filled with over

forty stalls including a number of newcomers. There will be a large range of seasonal goods for sale including cards, gifts, hand-made toiletries, confectionary, wine, homemade preserves, books and jigsaws. You will be able to eat the length of Church Street enjoying bacon butties, soup, burgers and pie and peas. Glasses of mulled wine will be available to celebrate the festive season and tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available in the Church and Parish rooms. Throughout the day there will be free entertainment in St. Mary's Church. The day's programme in the Church has something for everyone and includes:

11.00am-12.00pm Holme Valley Singers -Known as 'The Friendly Choir' they have enjoyed considerable success in the UK and abroad as well being very popular locally.

12.15pm-1.15pm Honley Male Voice Choir - will be singing some of your Christmas favourites and will fill the Church with their beautiful voices.

1.30pm-2.30pm Yorkshire Traction Honley Band - Our very own local band, always entertaining!

2.45pm-3.15pm Huddersfield Community Gospel Choir - Listen to amazing melodies and be inspired by their singing.

3.30pm-4.00pm Honley Samba Band - Bringing a sunny Carnival atmosphere as they enter St Mary's Church!

Make sure you don't miss this fabulous event, it's a Honley tradition-Christmas starts with St Mary's Street Market! See you there!

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

At our November meeting we had an enjoyable and insightful talk from Margaret Redfearn, Barbara Dixon and "Nigel" from "Hand to Mouth Puppets". We learnt how using puppets was a creative way of communicating with children, to more effectively deliver messages. From small beginnings the charity has grown and now delivers sessions in 70-80 schools per term to help deepen spirituality in children. The charity needs £80,000 per year to operate and a large amount of their income is from charitable giving. Margaret gave some examples of the "journeys" that are used to teach children that God loves them and demonstrated with puppet Nigel (one of thirty puppets), how difficult conversations could be enabled.

MU Subs

MU subs are now due for 2016 and are £19.00. Please give or send your subs to Alison Dean (if paying by cheque, payable to "St Marys Church Honley Branch Mothers Union"). Anyone who is not already a member and would like to be – please get in touch! Your subs go towards great work nationally and internationally to support marriage and family life. At the local level there is prayer, spirituality and fellowship in monthly meetings.

9 December 2015, 10.00 am - 2pm. Huddersfield Parish Church Prayer Vigil against Gender Based Violence

This is one event which is part of the 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. Please feel free to join the vigil for some or all of the time. Information and prayer materials will be provided.

6 January 2016, 7.30 pm St Mary's

We welcome Colin Hill as speaker to our January meeting with a talk on "*My Life in Electricity*". Please do join us for what will no doubt be an interesting evening.

Annual; Wave of Prayer

Sunday 10 January. 11.30 am - 12.00 pm - St Mary's

This will be a special service as in 2016 Mothers' Union celebrates 140 years of faithful service to families and communities. We shall be following the prepared service from the Diocese, if anyone would like to read short extracts for the service, please do get in touch.

Emergency Toiletry Packs

Thank you to everyone who donated in any way towards the Emergency Toiletry packs during 2015. The Branch has now passed over 250 packs to Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and Calderdale Royal Hospital Medical Assessment Units, for the use of patients who are admitted overnight unexpectedly. Pauline Adams will resume collecting items for the packs (toothbrushes, toothpaste, flannels, soaps, zip lock plastic bags, combs, laminating pouches for the explanatory cards or money towards buying these items) again in the new year.

On behalf of St Mary's Honley Mothers Union Branch, a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all.

Alison Dean



Share Prayers

(From Mother's Union - *John Birch*)



Advent God,
we journey with you,
to Bethlehem's stable
and a new-born King,
ears attuned
to the song of angels,
eyes alert
for Bethlehem's star.
Forgive us
if on our journey
if we are distracted
by the tempting offers
of this world.
Keep our hearts aflame
with the hope
of Christmas,
and the promise
of a Saviour.

Amen

To you O Lord we bring our lives
Troubled, broken or at ease
A sacrificial offering
For you to use
Take away our selfishness
And teach us to love as you loved
Take away our sense of pride
And show us the meaning of humility
Take away our blindness
And show us the world through your
eyes
Take away our greed
And teach us how to give as you gave
Show us your ways
Teach us your paths
That we might walk with you more
closely
Our hand in your hand
Our feet in your footsteps
From the baby in a stable
To eternity,

Amen

PAT GREEN

Cliff and family would like to thank the many members of St. Mary's and St. George's churches who expressed their condolences following the sudden death of a dearly loved wife and mother, mother-in-law and grandma. We were overwhelmed by the expressions of appreciation for Pat's contributions to church life and for the many ways in which she had helped and influenced other people's lives. Your support at the funeral service, so sympathetically led by Liam and David, was a tremendous help to us and we thank everyone. God Bless you all

Cliff Green

THANKS

As many will know I was given a pacemaker in Calderdale Hospital on 12 October. My sincere thanks to the many people who have sent cards and gifts and expressed concern for Mary and me over the past few weeks; and, in particular, Honley Surgery and the N.H.S.

Dean Henry.

Update from Honley Junior School



We have had a really busy and successful first term and as we write this Christmas is fast approaching. Year 6 have visited Kingswood for an overnight stay, they have taken part in lots of activities such as problem solving, high/low ropes, zip wires, night line, Team Tech and Jacob's ladder and even a camp fire. They had a wonderful time and behaved well.

We have had lots of sporting events already, including a hockey tournament in which a few of our pupils took part in and came second. Some of our children participated in the Honley Partnership Sports Hall Athletic competition and they performed amazingly well, demonstrating teamwork and commitment. During the Cross Country Race we had a number of medal winners! There are various football clubs taking place in school and we are pleased to report an increase in the number of girls taking part!

We enjoyed our autumn disco, it was a great way to have fun as well as to raise some money for our school. There were refreshments and also some tasty sweets as well as some very entertaining dance moves! Thank you to FOHJS for their support and hard work. The FOHJS team are planning our **Christmas fair which is on 10th December**. We are really looking forward to it and hope you can come and support us.

We had a Book Fair in school, allowing us to purchase some fantastic books and again, raise some money for school in the process, thank you to all who came and bought books.

We are thrilled to report that our school as a collective, have earned over 5000 goldslips – goldslips are awarded for demonstrating our school values which are: responsibility, respect, resilience, friendship, fun, forgiveness, honesty and peace. We have therefore earned a whole school reward of fun activities where we can be with friends in different year groups.



And finally our school has been approached by PC Baines to take part in a community project to increase the usage of the zebra crossings in the village. The community police officers have voiced concerns about the number of families not using the crossings and putting their children in danger by crossing the main road in unsafe locations – look out for our posters going up around the village to help encourage safe crossing!

All of us at Honley Junior school would like to wish you all a very safe, healthy, happy Christmas and new year!

Written by Members of Ethos Group

Bumper Christmas Quiz

(Answers on page 14)

1. How many reindeer are named in the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas"?
2. In the story "The Littlest Angel", what was the box turned into?
3. Who wrote the poem "Old Santeclaus" in 1821?
4. Which Beatrix Potter book is set around Christmastide?
5. The children's book "The Snow Bear" was written by whom?
6. Who wrote the story of "A Child's Christmas in Wales"?
7. Which famous author wrote the first Christmas broadcast for King George V?
8. Which Scottish author wrote the Christmas poem "Behold, as Goblins Dark of Mien"?
9. How many years elapsed between Jacob Marley dying and appearing as a ghost in Dickens "A Christmas Carol"?
10. Who wrote the book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?
11. In "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" What was the name of the Grinch's dog?
12. "Baboushka" is a traditional Christmas story from which country?
13. "If music be the food of love", comes from which Shakespeare play?
14. "It is always winter and never Christmas" is a quote from which book?
15. Who wrote the book "Paddington Bear and the Christmas Surprise"?
16. What type of bear featured in the book "The Christmas Bear" by Henrietta Stickland?
17. In the book "The Polar Express" what transports the characters to the North Pole?
18. What was the name of the starving child in Dickens "A Christmas Carol"?
19. What is the name of The Pumpkin King in "The Nightmare Before Christmas"?
20. In the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" where were the children?
21. White Christmas, a cake made from coconut, rice and dried fruit, is popular in which country?
22. At what time did Queen Victoria sit down for Christmas Dinner?
23. Which country serves rice pudding with a hidden almond after Christmas dinner?
24. In Germany, what would you eat on Christmas Day instead of turkey?
25. Which King was known as "The Pudding King" because he enjoyed Christmas Pudding?
26. On Christmas Eve where would you eat turkey stuffed with ground beef and peanuts and decorated with pineapple and cherries?
27. What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?

28. Which food is the main dish of the Polish Christmas feast?
29. What is eaten in the USA as an alternative to Christmas pudding?
30. What is a baby turkey called?
31. In 2009 what % of sprouts purchased in the UK the week before Christmas were consumed?
32. Which King made eating turkey at Christmas fashionable?
33. What is the favourite Christmas Dinner in Japan?KFC.
34. Fried carp and potato salad is served for Christmas dinner in which country?Czech Republic.
35. "Meleagris Gallopova" is the scientific name for which Christmas food? Turkey.
36. When the Norfolk turkeys walked to London they wore boots, what was put on the feet of the geese?
37. According to legend which King of England first ate turkey on Christmas Day?
38. What Christmas food is made from "Marshworts"?
39. What is a male turkey called?
40. What do the Parker family eat for Christmas dinner in the 1984 film "A Christmas Story"?

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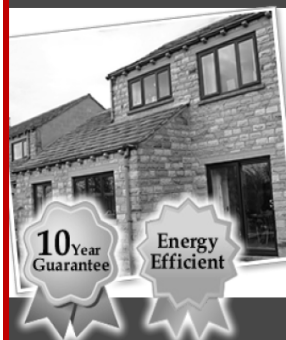
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While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centrepiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

LET'S PLAY!

Baby & Toddler Group



Thursdays - open 9.00 to 11.00 am

Christmas Closure from Thurs 17 Dec. First session 2016 - Thurs Jan 7th
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All are welcome - £1 per week
(Cost includes fruit, juice and drinks for carers)

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child-minders, while your children create, play,
sing and have fun together!

Contact Sam 07336229991 or
sammisocks@googlemail.com



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	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sidespeople</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Intercessors</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Sunday Club</u>
Dec 6	All Age Advent Carols	Kate & Ian	Diana	Liam	Elaine & Cynthia	-
Dec 13	Holy Communion	Mary & Janet	Graham	Liam	Diana & Charles	Jane/Gina
Dec 20	Holy Communion	Jean & Craig	Andrea Gosslin	Angeline	Janet & Kathleen	Kate & Sarah
Dec 20	6.30 pm Carol Service	Margaret & Bill				
Dec 24	4.00 pm All Age Carols	Charles & Clive G				
Dec 24	11.00 pm Holy Communion	TBA				
Dec 25	11.00 am Holy Communion	Richard A				
Dec 27	Holy Communion	Olivine & Kevin	Pauline	Graham	Margaret J & Steph	-
Jan 3	All Age Morning Prayer	Kate & Ian	Jane	Jane	Jane & Graham	-

The full rota to June 2016 will soon be available on the church web site



Flower Rota.

Dec 6 Jennie Waing
Dec 13 Margaret Hay
Dec 20 & 27 Christmas



Baptisms

1 Nov 2015: Jacob Franklin Hoyle

Memorial Service

30 October 2015: Peter Wildman

Quiz Answers

1. 8
2. *Star of Bethlehem.*
3. *Clement C. Moore.*
4. *The Tailor of Gloucester.*
5. *Miriam Moss.*
6. *Dylan Thomas.*
7. *Rudyard Kipling.*
8. *R. L. Stevenson.*
9. 7
10. *Dr Seuss.*
11. *Max.*
12. *Russia.*
13. *Twelfth Night.*
14. *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.*
15. *Michael Bond.*
16. *A Polar Bear.*
17. *Steam Train.*
18. *Tiny Tim.*
19. *Jack Skellington.*
20. *In Bed.*
21. *Australia.*
22. *9pm.*
23. *Denmark.*
24. *Fish.*
25. *George I.*
26. *Peru.*
27. *Snood.*
28. *Carp.*
29. *Persimmon pudding.*
30. *Poult.*
31. *28%.*
32. *Edward VII.*
33. *KFC.*
34. *Czech Republic.*
35. *Turkey.*
36. *Tar.*
37. *Henry VIII.*
38. *Cranberry Sauce.*
39. *Tom.*
40. *A Chinese meal.*



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Saturday 19 Dec. (St Mary's)

Messy church is a form of church for children and adults together that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It includes a welcome; a long period of creativity time to explore the biblical theme by getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games etc; followed by a sit-down meal together at tables.

All the different elements include people of all ages; adults *and* children. It is a fun way of doing church. Messy Church Honley is run jointly by St Mary's, Elim and Trinity Methodist churches.

Come along and see for yourself what goes on - All are welcome - children need to bring an adult with them!



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