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“The living owe it to those
who no longer can speak
to tell their story for them.”



Vicar's Letter

Remembrance Day this year is celebrated on Sunday 14th November. Arguably, this is the only day in each calendar year that brings the country together in communal silence, private grief and renewed hope. No matter where you are, the Last Post is played by that lone trumpet, the same words of Laurence Binyon are spoken. The weather often conspires too and I find myself thinking about how important the temporary discomfort of the cold or the rain or the wind (or all of the above!) is in contrast to the size of the sacrifice of those whom we are remembering. There is both a social and communal dimension in remembering these important events. With Remembrance Day, we have so much to be grateful for, recognised without reservation and with a huge collection of stories and poems that seek to express our gratitude.

In Isaiah 46:9 the Lord commands, "Remember your history, your long and rich history. I am God, the only God you've had or ever will have – incomparable, irreplaceable – From the very beginning telling you what the ending will be, all along letting you in on what is going to happen, assuring you, 'I'm in this for the long haul, I'll do exactly what I set out to do.'" Throughout Scripture the Lord invites his people to examine their history in order to see examples of his love and power, to encourage them to continue serving Him, and to warn them away from sin and idolatry.

The Scriptures speak loudly about the importance of

history. God's divine power and wisdom ultimately control human events, but history is also the story of man's response to God in rebellion and reconciliation. A rigorous study of history must incorporate both of these elements, keeping the divine narrative in mind while taking seriously the human actors involved.

Preserving the memory of these events is vital to the future of our ministry and our ability to see God's love and graciousness.

On Tuesday 2nd November at our All Soul's Day service we will remember our loved ones. Those who touched our lives and were so special to us and whom we see no longer. We will hear their names read aloud and we will remember what they meant to us. We will individually grieve whilst being in communal grief with each other.

It is important to understand the past to move forward to the future. To continue to give thanks for our loved ones who touched our lives and made us who we are.. To continue to give thanks for those who have served and are still serving today in all our armed forces men and women. For lives broken and shattered in doing their duty. For lives changed by those who did not come back.

Remembering the past gives power to the present.

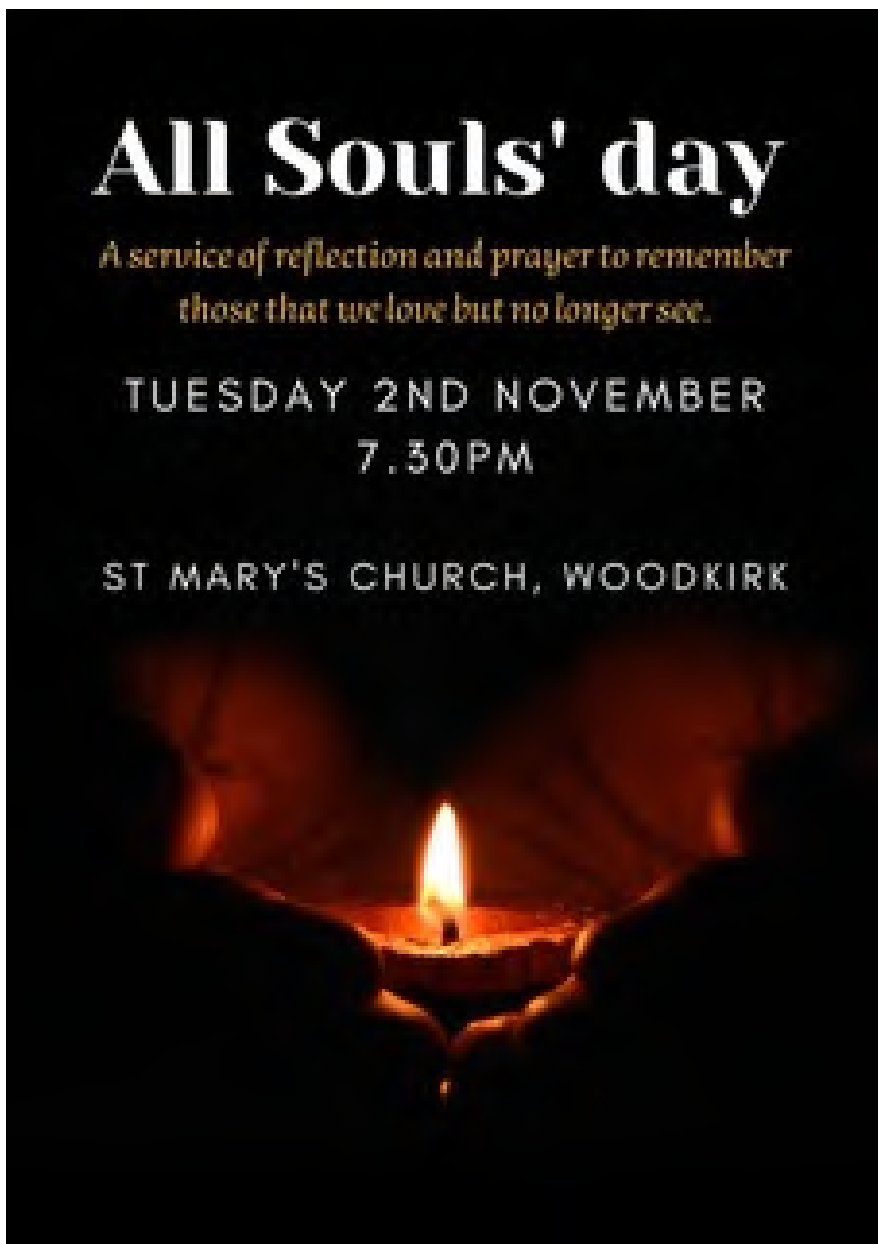
Sharon

All Souls' day

*A service of reflection and prayer to remember
those that we love but no longer see.*

TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
7.30PM

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WOODKIRK



Hill Top School Harvest.

Well what a wonderful sight to see our church full to the gunwhales with the children, staff and helpers from Hill Top Primary Academy as they celebrated their Harvest Assembly in church on Friday 15th October as they celebrated their harvest assembly in church.

It was a beautiful crisp and sunny morning, which made their walk from school a pleasure, and they all arrived with rosy cheeks and big smiles.

The generosity of the children and their families with food gifts was amazing and we covered every available flat surface with packets, tins and jars of an amazing array of goodies all destined for the Leeds South and East Foodbank. The total amount of food sent from St Mary's and Hill Top was an amazing 210kgs (463lbs or 33 stones!).

Anyway, here are the words to the song and I hope, whether it reminds you of Countryfile or Clarkson's Farm, maybe your childhood, or just getting stuck behind farm vehicles when out and about, I hope you enjoy it.

Out of the way, there's work to do,
the big blue tractor's coming through.
Down to the fields, over the mud
to get to the turnips, fresh turnips.
Chug-a-chug-a did you see the big blue tractor?

Rumbling on, no time to waste,
there's work to do, so let's make haste.
Down to the fields, over the mud
o get the onions, fresh onions,
and the turnips, fresh turnips.
Chug-a-chug-a did you see the big blue tractor?

And with a trailer on the back,
it's bumping, bumping down the track.

Down to the fields, over the mud
to get the carrots, fresh carrots
and the onions, fresh onions,
and the turnips, fresh turnips.
Chug-a-chug-a did you see the big blue tractor?

Back to the barn down a dusty lane,
And then it's time to go again.
Down to the fields, over the mud
to get the pumpkins, fresh pumpkins,
and the carrots, fresh carrots
and the onions, fresh onions,
and the turnips, fresh turnips.
Chug-a-chug-a did you see the big blue tractor?

Thank you to all the pupils and staff at Hill Top for their excellent assembly, it truly was a thanksgiving for the harvest.

With love and chug a chugs

Dawn



A man and wife were having an argument about who should make the pot of tea in the morning. The wife told him that he should do it because he gets up first.
The husband said that she was in charge of the cooking in the house, making it her job.
The wife said that even the bible says that the man should do it.
The husband told her to show him and if it did he would make it.
She fetched the bible and opened up the new testament, showing him at the top of several pages that said “Hebrews”

Dawn

Jesus: Our Saviour



I don't think we can imagine an affirmation that would meet with more resistance from contemporary Westerners than the one Paul makes in 1 Timothy 2:5: "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." This declaration is powerful and hit the soul. We have been inundated with the viewpoint that there are many roads that lead to heaven, and that God is not so narrow that He requires a strict allegiance to one way of salvation. If anything strikes at the root of the tree of pluralism and relativism, it is a claim of exclusivity to any one religion. A statement such as Paul makes in his first letter to Timothy seem's hateful.

I think Paul, is not expressing hatefulness at all. He is simply expressing the truth of God, the same truth Jesus taught when He said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Paul is affirming the uniqueness of Christ, specifically in His role as Mediator. A mediator is a go-between, someone who stands between two parties that are estranged or involved in some kind of dispute. Paul declares that Christ is the only Mediator between two parties at odds with one another — God and men.

We can encounter mediators throughout the Bible. Moses, for example, was the mediator of the old covenant. He represented the people of Israel in his discussions with God, and he was God's spokesman to the people. The prophets in the Old Testament had a mediatorial function, serving as the spokesmen for God to the people. Also, the high priest of Israel functioned as a mediator; he

spoke to God on behalf of the people. Even the king of Israel was a kind of mediator; he was seen as God's representative to the people, so God held him accountable to rule in righteousness according to the law of the Old Testament.

So let us take a look, why, then, does Paul say there is only one mediator between God and man? I believe we have to understand the uniqueness of Christ's mediation in terms of the uniqueness of His person. He is the God-man, that is, God incarnate. In order to bring about reconciliation between God and humanity, the second person of the Trinity united to Himself a human nature. Thus, Jesus has the qualifications to bring about reconciliation — He represents both sides perfectly.

Maybe some people ask, "Why did God provide only one Saviour?" I do not think that is the question we ought to ask. Instead, we should ask, "Why did God give us any way at all to be saved?" In other words, why did He not just condemn us all? Why did God, in His grace, give to us a Mediator to stand in our place, to receive the judgment we deserve, and to give to us the righteousness we desperately need? The astonishing thing is not that He did not do it in multiple ways, but that He did it in even one way.

I believe it is true that there is only one way to God, and that is through our Lord Jesus Christ,

As we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ, it is good for us to remember the uniqueness of Christ. May we never suggest that God has not done enough for us, considering what He has done for us in Christ Jesus.

Gail



“As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that

the highest appreciation is not to utter words,
but to live by them”

Prayerful Thought—The Royal Rule of Love

Hello there Some weeks ago our first reading was from the Book of James, chapter 2 v 1-17 and it made me think. I feel that James can so easily be missed or forgotten. His book is only five chapters and is hidden away towards the back of the New Testament. Whilst biblical scholars aren't sure, they believe the most likely author is Jesus' brother James who went on to become the leader of the Jerusalem church. Whenever I come across readings from James I sort of feel he was a quiet studious chap who didn't say a lot but what he said 'spoke volumes'. The version of James 2: 1-17 used in the service was from the New International Version (NIV) Bible translation, for interest you may want to look it up in the more contemporary Message translation too as it brings the message out clearly. (If there is space in the magazine the Message version is included at the end of this article). The reading talks about not showing favouritism because in doing so have we not discriminated amongst ourselves, if we keep the law found in scripture "Love your neighbour as yourself" we are doing right, but showing favouritism is a sin and whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. This feels harsh, but James goes on to say we should 'Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom because judgement without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgement'. It is always useful to remind ourselves to try not to show favouritism, I find this sometimes difficult when at Girls Brigade, as there are those children you could spend ages with as they are responsive and enthusiastic, pleased with everything and joining in with gusto, I'm sure our uniformed organisation leaders have come across this too. Then there are the little darlings who rush through everything, don't listen, do things wrong or don't want to do the same as everyone else. I am there to share God's message with all of them, not just the nice ones! I saw a news article recently about an inner city church (can't remember which city) that dealt with many people who were lost in situations relating to mental health issues and drug abuse that unfortunately appeared to have been let down by organisations and agencies who should be there to help and support them. We've all

seen it, the busker or beggar or homeless person, and it can be so hard not to judge, not to walk on by. But then James goes on and talks about faith being no good unless it has deeds, 'faith without action is dead'. Again these are harsh words but I sort of feel they are spoken softly, and to me it makes them more meaningful. I do not feel that I can help in these situations personally, I lack the skills, however, I can help in other ways, I can donate to charities that work in these situations, I can lobby my local councillors and MP, and I can pray. 'Actions speak louder than words' is one of those sayings we know from of old, and I know many of you feel you can no longer do as much as you did when you were younger, but I also know that many of you quietly undertake action within your ability. You support appeals within church for all manner of things, you support the church, you support charities, and I know you also pray, many different actions which are quietly and humbly undertaken on a regular basis. Have a read of James and feel his quiet but determined message within his small but important five chapters.

Here is the version from the message I referred to earlier...

With love Dawn xx

The Royal Rule of Love

James 2 1-4 My dear friends, don't let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith. If a man enters your church wearing an expensive suit, and a street person wearing rags comes in right after him, and you say to the man in the suit, "Sit here, sir; this is the best seat in the house!" and either ignore the street person or say, "Better sit here in the back row," haven't you segregated God's children and proved that you are judges who can't be trusted? 5-7 Listen, dear friends. Isn't it clear by now that God operates quite differently? He chose the world's down-and-out as the kingdom's first citizens, with full rights and privileges. This kingdom is promised to anyone who loves God. And here you are abusing these same citizens! Isn't it the high and mighty who exploit you, who use the courts to rob you blind? Aren't they the ones who scorn the new name—"Christian"—used in your baptisms? 8-11 You do well when you complete the Royal Rule of the Scriptures: "Love others as you love yourself." But if you play up to these so-called important people,

you go against the Rule and stand convicted by it. You can't pick and choose in these things, specializing in keeping one or two things in God's law and ignoring others. The same God who said, "Don't commit adultery," also said, "Don't murder." If you don't commit adultery but go ahead and murder, do you think your non-adultery will cancel out your murder? No, you're a murderer, period. 12-13 Talk and act like a person expecting to be judged by the Rule that sets us free. For if you refuse to act kindly, you can hardly expect to be treated kindly. Kind mercy wins over harsh judgment every time. Faith in Action 14-17 Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?

This is the word of the Lord...Thanks be to God

An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength.

After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now."

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."



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Trevor Sykes

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What is Remembrance according to the British Legion

Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

We unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth. We will remember them.

- We remember the sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth.
- We pay tribute to the special contribution of families and of the emergency services.
- We acknowledge innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.

Remembrance does not glorify war and its symbol, the red poppy, is a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

Wearing a poppy is never compulsory but is greatly appreciated by those who it is intended to support.

When and how you choose to wear a poppy is a reflection of your individual experiences and personal memories.

Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds but it is also deeply personal.

It could mean wearing a poppy in November, before **Remembrance Sunday**. It could mean joining with others in your community on a commemorative anniversary. Or it could mean joining with others in your community on a commemorative anniversary. Or it could mean taking a moment on your own to pause and reflect.

Everyone is free to remember in their own way, or to choose not to remember at all.

St Mary's Church, Woodkirk

Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 14th November
10.30am



...We will remember them

Use Words

I have now found a great way to communicate with other Christians though Facebook and Zoom. Maybe you have even been able too to join together in this way, the following words have been commonly attributed to Francis of Assisi: “Preach the gospel. Use words if necessary.” I think we can appreciate what many are getting at when they say something like this. As Christians, we should live in such a way that our lives point to the person and work of Jesus. However, good intentions cannot overcome two basic problems with this quote and its supposed origin. One, Francis never said it, and two, the quote is not biblical.

It has been pointed out by some Christian authors that there is no record of Francis, a member of a preaching order, uttering anything close to this. In fact, everything we know about the man suggests he would not have agreed with his supposed quote. He was well known for his preaching and often preached up to five times a day.

The idea may not have resonated with Francis, but for many today, wordless ministry is a compelling approach. “Words are cheap,” we like to say, and “Actions speak louder than words.” I think this sentiment complements our culture rather well:

“Preach the gospel; use words if necessary” goes hand in hand with a postmodern assumption that words are finally empty of meaning. It subtly denigrates the high value that the prophets, Jesus, and Paul put on preaching. Of course, we want our actions to match our words as much as possible. But the gospel is a message, news about an event and a person upon which the history of the planet turns.

And this is the real problem—not from whom the quote originally came, but just how it can give us an incomplete understanding of the gospel and how God saves sinners. Christians are quick to encourage each other to “live out the gospel,” to “be the gospel” to our neighbours, and to even “gospel each other.” I think the missional impulse here is helpful.

The Apostle Paul summarized the gospel as the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, through whom sin is atoned for, we as sinners are reconciled to God and the hope of the resurrection

awaits all of us who believe. The gospel is not habit, but history. The gospel is the declaration of something that actually happened. And since the gospel is the saving work of Jesus, it isn't something we can do, but it is something we must announce. We do live out its implications, but if we are to make the gospel known, we can do so through words.

I think we must make proclamation of the Gospel a task of all Christians. But it is not the only task God has given us, but it is central. I think while the process of making disciples involves more than verbal communication, and obviously the life of a disciple is proved counterfeit when it amounts to words alone, the most critical work God has given us is to "proclaim the excellencies" of our Saviour.

I think that a godly life should serve as a witness for the message we proclaim. But without words, what can our actions point to but ourselves? A godly life cannot communicate the incarnation, Jesus' substitution for sinners or the hope of redemption by grace alone through faith alone. We can't be good news, but we can herald it, sing it, speak it and preach it to all who listen. In fact, verbal communication of the gospel is the only means by which people are brought into a right relationship with God. The Apostle Paul made this point to the church in Rome when he said:

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on Him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher? (*Rom. 10:13-14*.)

If we are to make disciples of all nations, we must use words. So let us encourage one another to talk about the gospel, and use words, since it's necessary. But let us also agree to the centrality of proclamation is not enough. We need to move from agreement with the idea to effective execution of it. Let encourage one another to be a people who not only use gospel words, but words of love and encouragement.

Maybe we should look at what we as Christians can do to redirect other Christians back to Jesus through the good news of the gospel. And we need to speak it in the church so that the unbelievers visiting among us can hear how precious it remains to our lives, that it is not merely a way station on our spiritual journey. The gospel is spoken in the company of faith for both our sanctification and our worship.

The gospel requires—demands even—words. So, let's shout out the gospel, and let's use words, since they're necessary. May they be clear and bold words that call those inside and outside the church to follow Jesus.

Scriptures: 3 John 1, Acts 2:42-47

Gail

Getting Old

Old is a word some folks don't use
A word they just avoid
Some people can't stand it
They really get annoyed
Now they are Senior Citizens
That's the modern way today
But old can be a lovely word
If you look at it this way
Old wine is quite the best to drink
Old wood is the best to burn
Old Authors are the best to read
Old songs the best to learn
If it's old, it has a rare quality
That folk will always treasure
Old friends the ones we love to see
They give us so much pleasure



Alice (seen in a Magazine)

Church Mouse Tales

'It's very perturbing.' I said somewhat agitated, to my friend Hubert, the Black Canon.

'Perturbing?' Hubert fixed me with his kindly but far too penetrating gaze

'Yes—I don't know who I am—or rather, what I am?

'Well you are a mouse...', offered Hubert, helpfully.

'Yes, yes I know', I replied in an agitated, perturbed kind of way, 'but I overheard a conversation earlier today about different kinds of mice...'

'Different kinds...?'

'Yes—apparently there are Harvest mice and Field Mice—something called a yellow necked mouse and even a house mouse.'

'A house mouse?'

'Yes a house mouse.'

'Oh, I saw one the other day,' Hubert looked serious but it seemed like a smile flickered across his face.

'Where?' I said in agitation.

'There,' he pointed.'

'There on the stair?' I asked.

'Right there', he kept pointing helpfully.

'Well, I declare', I said less agitated, '...a house mouse?'

'A house mouse,' he nodded,

'The trouble is', I went on, 'I don't know which kind of mouse I am. I mean—I know I'm not a yellow necked mouse—on account of the fact I don't have a yellow neck. I think I'd quite like to be a Harvest Mouse, they sound quite cool.'

'Well is it important—what kind you are?'

'Well yes—I need to know my type.'

'Isn't it more important WHO you are and now WHAT you are?' Hubert asked in his kindly manner

I thought for a moment.

'Yes, you are probably right—it's no good being a nasty Harvest mouse. I think I'd rather be a nice house mouse. Anyway—where is the house mouse you saw right there on the stair?'

Hubert just looked at me a while.

'It was me wasn't it? I asked without needing to ask.

Hubert kept smiling.

'I'm going now.' I said in an unperturbed kind of way.

'Don't forget your clogs...'

Cheeky.

Misha x



Knitting and Nattering

Over the years I've learned that it is dangerous to let the vicar know too much about your hobbies, interests and skills. As a breed, vicars seem to have an ability to file these snippets of information away and then turn them to their advantage just when you least expect it!

Sharon discovered my passion for knitting and quilting very soon after I first came to St Mary's and has "encouraged" me to undertake a few projects over the past few years. She has, for some time, been asking me to form a group of like-minded individuals to meet on a regular basis but I've managed to resist the offer for quite a while. However, whilst discussing other things that I do and how nice it was that a lot of activities were picking up after the Covid-19 lockdowns, I heard myself saying, in an unguarded moment, "Well, it would have to be on a Wednesday for me to be able to attend regularly" to which she promptly replied "That's good, because the Parish Centre just happens to be available on Wednesday afternoons". Well, how could I refuse an offer like that? After looking through the commitments I had we settled on Wednesday 20th October as the starting date.

After placing an announcement in the Parish Magazine, and with a bit of planning between Dawn and I, we duly saw the inaugural meeting of the St Mary's Knit and Natter Group.

What a success the meeting was — we had a total of 10 people attending, including 2 "visitors" from the Horbury Knit & Natter group (that's what I do on a Tuesday afternoon) - and their feedback has been excellent saying what a nice group of people we are!

We quickly agreed that we would pay a nominal amount each week to cover the costs of our refreshments and fund a "Christmas Fuddle", with any surplus being donated to the Church Window Fund.

Quite how much of the session was productive craftwork and how much was chatter, I wouldn't like to say—but that is not a problem—the main purpose of the group is to have a nice social gathering and if, by chance, some kitting of other craft gets done, then that is a bonus.



So, if you are free on any Wednesday afternoon, and want to meet up for a cuppa and a hate and, optionally, a bit of craftwork then please feel free to come along at 1.00pm

Elaine

My False Teeth



Last time I had to read in church
I wanted to be nice
My bottom teeth are slack you know
So I took a friends advice
I got some Special Powder
To me it was quite new
I shook some on and put them in
They felt very comfy too
When I started reading
Things were going well
Then the Powder began doing things
But what I couldn't tell.
I tried to hide my feelings
But I didn't have a doubt
If I didn't stop my reading
I'd be foaming at the mouth
In fact, I did a little bit
I had to be excused
When I explained the situation
The folk were quite amused
My teeth still have a wobble
When I have something to eat
So I hope you will excuse me
If I don't do a repeat.

(from Alice—read in a magazine)

Foodbank News!

I thought you might be interested in our Appreciation Day at the Foodbank as you have all given us lots of support throughout the year and we have really appreciated it.

I wish I could have invited all of you, but Dawn and Gail were representative. The picture shows - left to right - John Casey (Chair of Trustees) Nat Laurent (Development Manager, Charlie Wood (Trustee) Lord Mayor of Leeds, Cllr Asghar Khan, me (Trustee) Wendy Doyle (Project Manager), and Sinead Williams (Admin Assistant)



Friday 1st October 2021 was a very auspicious day for our Foodbank. We were very pleased to host our volunteers and corporate supporters, along with the Lord Mayor of Leeds and local MP Hilary Benn.

Our morning started with our volunteers and some members of the clergy and church representatives. We are all conscious of the debt we owe to all our volunteers and the Churches which host them. We were able to offer a glass of fizz and a lovely buffet as well as a chance to meet volunteers from other outlets. We did have a couple of speeches but I did promise they would be short, and they were.

We had gifts for all our volunteer managers and also something for them to take back to their outlets.

After a bit of down time, in the afternoon we hosted our corporate supporters and we were honoured that the Lord Mayor, and Cllr Khan accepted our invitations. Our corporate supporters have provided large sums of money, sent their staff to work with us or done work for us for free. Later in the afternoon the Leader of Leeds City Council arrived, followed shortly afterwards by The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP.

The Lord Mayor officially opened our new warehouse (10 months late) by cutting a ribbon which was held by Wendy & Nat. We managed very meaningful conversations with the politicians and we are grateful for all the support they give us.

Barbara



St Mary's Playgroup Woodkirk

Sessions Are

- Monday 9.30 - 11.25
- Tuesday 9.30 - 11.25
- Thursday 9.30 - 11.25

All sessions are £9.50 each , paid termly.

For more information please email -
stmarysplaygroup12@hotmail.co.uk

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St Mary's Playgroup Woodkirk

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We provide lifelong support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

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From providing expert advice and guidance, to recovery and rehabilitation, through to transitioning to civilian life—we can be by their side every step of the way. And it's not just members of the Armed Forces but their families too.

If there is ever a reason we can't help, our vast network will mean that we know someone who can.

RBL works with politicians and officials at all levels to represent the interests of the Armed Forces community.

Through our research and campaigning, we challenge myths about serving and ex-serving personnel.

Our manifestos outline key actions we think the government should take to improve the health, finances and well being of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families.

We give our Armed Forces community a voice

We champion interests of serving and ex-serving personnel and campaign on key issues to help improve their lives and make their voices heard. We often call on members of the public to add their support, helping us make a real impact.

Every year we lead the nation in commemorating and honouring those who have served and sacrificed.

We remember those who lost their lives on active service in all conflicts; from the beginning of the First World War right up to the present day, as well as all those who have served and their families. Every year in November, we distribute our paper poppies to raise vital funds to help today's Armed Forces community. And it wouldn't be possible without our incredible supporters. Whether you're a volunteer, member or proud **Poppy Appeal** collector—or however you choose to support us—we couldn't do it without you.

Our red poppy is a national symbol of Remembrance and hope.

Wearing a poppy is a way of showing appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families, both past and present.

In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote his now famous poem after seeing poppies growing in battle-scarred fields.

In Flanders' Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppie grow
In Flanders' field.



St, Mary's, Woodkirk



Come along and join us for a

“Knit & Natter”

(or just a natter!)

Wednesday 1.00pm-3.00pm

Commencing October 20th

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Alberts November Quiz

1. This month's first Sunday celebrates what day?
2. What type of flower will be associated with Remembrance Sunday?
3. The Sundays preceding and completing November have names with the same initials as the quiz setter. What are they?
4. In 1605 whose murderous assassination failed but is annually celebrated on 5th November?
5. Which Chinese festival is held during November and December each year?
6. Which Patron Saint's Day is celebrated on the 23rd November?
7. What colour is the background of the Union Jack flag?
8. How many flags are included in the Union flag?
9. Name of the countries which are represented by each of these flags.
10. Name the Patron Saints of each of these countries?
11. If describing the numerical position of each month in the calendar, which month has most letters eg First (5), Second (6), Seventh (7), Eighth (6)?
12. How many players from each side, excluding substitutes, are on the pitch at the kick off of the FA Cup Final?
13. In which parlour game are "legs eleven" declared?
14. Julia Roberts played in the film "Oceans Eleven" in 2001. In which year did she play in its successor "Oceans Twelve"?
15. When the months of the year are numbered, July & November seem to be wrongly so in what way?
16. Which star sign covers the last week in October and the first three weeks of November?
17. Who was shot and killed on 24th November 1963 on live television?
18. What is the birthstone for November?

(answers on page 37)

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 2nd November – All Soul’s Day – 7:30pm

Thursday 11th November—10.50 am Two minutes silence outside church

Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 21st November – Christ the King

Sunday 28th November – Advent Sunday

Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December – Advent Reflections 7:00pm online only

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th December – Christmas Tree Festival

(times Friday 4:00pm – 8:00pm, Saturday 10:00am – 6:00pm, Sunday 1:00pm -4:00pm finishing at 4:00pm with children’s Carol Service)

Saturday 11th December – Christmas Fair – 10:00am – 2:00pm (Parish Hall)

Sunday 12th December—Nativity Service 10.30am

Friday 17th December – Christmas - Hilltop Primary 9:00am – 11:00am

Sunday 19th December -Carols by Candlelight 4:00pm

Tuesday 21st December – Blue Christmas Service 7:00pm

Friday 24th December—Christingle Service 3.00pm and 5.00pm

Friday 24th December – Midnight Mass – 11:30pm

Saturday 25th December – Christmas Day – 10:30am

Sunday 26th December – Feast of St. Stephen – 10:30am

Wednesday 29th December – No 10:00am Service

NB The last daily office (morning, evening and night prayer on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) will be on Tuesday 21st December and will recommence on Monday 3rd January at 9.00am.

How do I join an on-line Service?

If you are not so familiar with the on-line world but you would like to join one of the services, here's some good news! It's easy!

Go to: [facebook.com/stmarywoodkirk](https://www.facebook.com/stmarywoodkirk)

Then select 'Videos' from the side bar.

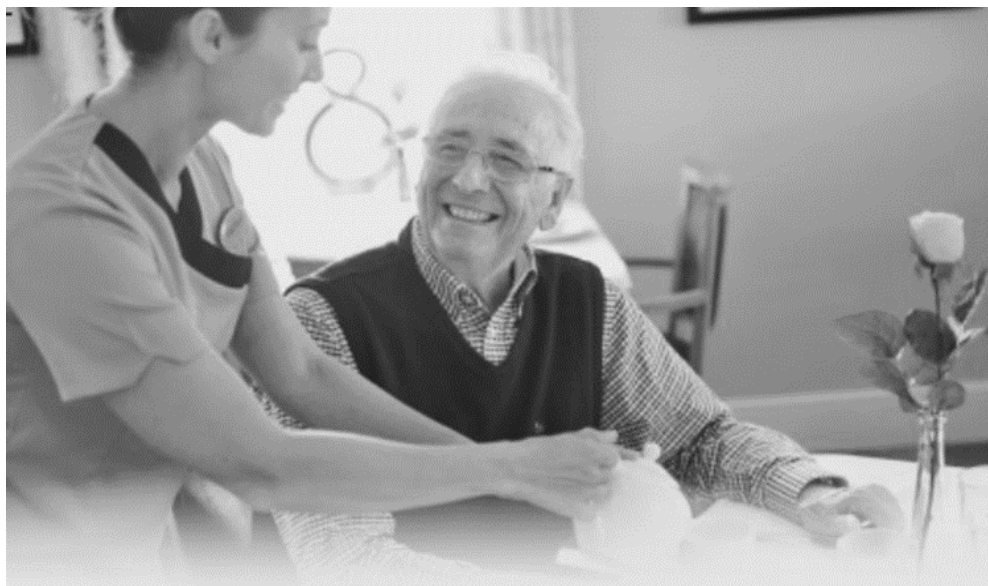
To join a 'Live' service look for the right time on the Diary page. You can also view previous services from the same location.



QUIZ ANSWERS

1.All Soul's Day 2.Poppy 3.All Saints, Advent Sunday (AS) 4.Guy Fawkes (Bonfire Night) 5.Winter Solstice 6.St Andrews' Day 7.Blue 8.Three 9.England, Ireland, Scotland 10.St George, St Patrick, St Andrew 11.Eleventh 12.11 13. Bingo (also called housy, housy) 14.2004 15. The Seventh and Eleventh months contain the word 'even' 16. Scorpio 17.Lee Harvey Oswald 18. Topaz

Albert



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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS—We welcome into our Church family:-

Elsie June Barries

Olivia Paige Kelly

Ellie Grace Naylor



DEATHS



We give thanks for the lives of all those who have died within our Parish:

Clive Lyndon Darrington

Susan Valerie Jennings

WEDDINGS

We pray for all who are preparing for marriage in the coming months



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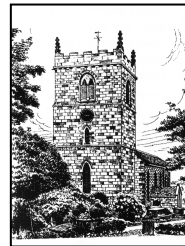
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What's on (please check with the leader due to current tiers)

Playgroup Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:30am to 11.25am

Lauren Adamson 07885626603

ABC Group Adults, Babies and Children

Wednesday 9:15-11:00am (Term time)

Nikki Esberger 07932026419

Stepping Stones Sunday Children's Group (3-12 years old)

4th Sunday of the Month

10:30am in Church

Rainbows Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm

Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 607393

Brownies Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm

Hannah Tombling 01924 501892

Young at Heart 2nd & 4th Thursdays 2:00pm

Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078

Beavers Friday 5:00pm to 6:15 pm

Joanne Rutledge 07950 580877

Cubs Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm

Marianne Ingham 07778 542302

Scouts Friday 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927

Explorer Scouts Friday 7:45 pm to 9:30 pm

Chris Ingham 07816 517838

Diary and Services this Month

Sunday Services.

Each Sunday there will be a Holy Communion Service at 10.30am in Church as well as Online.

Weekday Services

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------|
| Mondays 9am | Morning Prayer | On Line |
| Tuesdays 6pm | Evening Prayer | On Line |
| Wednesdays 10am | Holy Communion | |
| | in Church & On-line. | |
| Thursdays 9pm | Night Prayer | On Line |
| Fridays 9am | Morning Prayer | On Line |

Special Services in November:

Tuesday 2nd November—All Soul's Service—7.30pm

Thursday 11th November—2 min reflective silence

10.50am for 11.00am—Outside Church

Sunday 14th November—Remembrance Day—10.30am

Please see Page 37 for details of how to join a streamed service