

# Parish News

St Mary's, Woodkirk

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## **Parish News by Post**

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**“Let everything you do be done in  
love.”**

**1 Corinthians 16:14**

## Vicar's Letter

Why is Easter important?

With less than two weeks until Easter, many Christians are thinking of how to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet despite this, there are many more Christians who view Easter as just another day of the year, just another holiday where they don't have to work, or as a day where they get to eat Easter eggs. Why does this happen? Why do some people no longer view Easter as important to them? Why do some people view Easter as just another day of the year?

I don't pretend to have all the answers to this question, nor do I know what goes on in the minds of people. Yet that said, I believe that many people have been listening to the beliefs and views of modern society in regards to Easter, and are letting these views take precedence in their lives, either willingly or unwillingly. There are times when it is difficult to be a Christian in the modern world. There are times when we all struggle with our faith. I'm going to put the idea of Easter into context, to try to explain why it is important for us as Christians to celebrate Easter as one of, if not, the, most important holy days in Christianity. Potentially even more important than Christmas (gasp).

See, early Christians did not necessarily view Christmas as the most holy and important day of the year. Instead, they viewed Easter as the most important date for all Christians. There were even church councils and treatises on the topic of Easter and the dating for it, no such things exist for Christmas. I am not trying to negate Christmas, just put it in context of early Christianity. Why was Easter so important to early Christians?

The answer is simple. Easter is so important because all of Christianity revolves around the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If Jesus did not die for our sins, or if Jesus did not rise again after three days, then the entire hope of Christianity is based upon nothing but lies and falsities. In short, Christianity would be meaningless as a religion, because our sins would not be forgiven by Christ. If it wasn't for Easter we would have to continue living as the Jews of old and offering animal sacrifices to the Lord for our sins.



The single reason why Easter was and is so important to Christianity is because it is the centre of our faith and religion, and the basis of our identity as Christians. Sure, Jesus' birth is important, as is His ascension. But none of them saved us from our sins. Jesus' birth is only in two of the Gospels, the ascension in another two and Acts. Yet, you know what is mentioned in every single gospel, and is the focus of each gospel? Not Jesus' birth, not even Jesus' teachings (though these are quite important), but Jesus' death and resurrection. It is so important that it was seen as the cornerstone for Christianity, the rock upon which the early Church was built.

Every single Christian should view Easter as the most important event of the year. And we should not be afraid of viewing Easter this way. As Paul says in Romans 1:16, *I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.*

This Good News is that Christ died on the cross for all of humanity, not just the Jews, but also the Gentiles that their sins may be redeemed if they believe in Him, that they will have everlasting life. If Paul is not ashamed of the Good News of Christ, then why are we? Why should we not be out celebrating Easter as if it is the most important holiday of the year? Because it is. Easter is the most important holiday of the year for us as Christians.

Easter is just as important for us today as it was 2000 years ago in the early church. Just as important because it represents that Jesus saved us from our sins by dying and rising again after three days.

This weekend remember the true meaning of Easter, the truth behind Christianity, and thank God for sending His son to die for our sins so that we may have eternal life in Him!

Sharon

## **I wandered lonely, as a cloud...**

Hi there

Not really, but of course I always remember Wordsworth's poem at this time of year. I wasn't in the lake District either, I was driving along Baghill enjoying the lovely daffodils planted in the verge. Also, there are lovely clumps of daffodils all across the churchyard, and I thought about how they are such cheerful flowers, as are all the spring flowers.

I looked up 'Bible verses about flowers' in my trusty online bible and was amazed to discover in 'The Message' translation in Isaiah 35:1 the following;

*Wilderness and desert will sing joyously,  
The badlands will celebrate and flower.  
Like the crocus in spring, bursting into blossom,  
A symphony of song and colour.*

Who would have thought that the humble crocus would get a mention in the Bible? I thought a little more and looked up the origins of the crocus and (according to Wikipedia) the crocus has been known throughout recorded history, mainly as the source of Saffron, one of the most expensive spices in the world and they are native, amongst other places from the Mediterranean...North Africa and the Middle East.

In addition, the crocus flower was seen in Bronze Age Minoan (Crete) culture, from about 1500 BC when women wore the flowers in their hair and saffron-based cosmetics, and in Egypt with artifacts that date back to 1600 BC.

So they've been around a bit!

Dragging my article back from the fascinating minutiae of croci, the sight of the spring flowers prodded me into thinking about

the joy that spring flowers bring and I wondered if it was their colours that made them joyous or the fact that it's spring and we are looking forward to some (hopefully) better weather and the longer days.

An interesting question for you to ponder... would spring be as lovely if we didn't have the yellow daffodils, purple crocus or red tulips (I know there are many different colours and flowers but just using these as an example!).

A bit like my other article where I don't know if I like the music because of the hymn or the hymn because of the music, do I like spring for the flowers or flowers because it's spring? It sounds a bit like the 'which came first the chicken or the egg' conundrum.

I looked up 'Spring' again in my online bible and there were a lot of references but a lot of them referred to springs of water, there were a fair few about frolicking spring lambs, but then I found this one, which summed it all up perfectly...

*He spreads snow like a white fleece,  
he scatters frost like ashes,  
He broadcasts hail like birdseed  
who can survive his winter?  
Then he gives the command and it all melts;  
he breathes on winter—suddenly it's spring!*      *Psalm*

*147:16-18*

Sometimes over the last decade or so, we've had a mild wet and dismal winter followed by a grey and dismal spring, they've sort of merged together, but then some years just like it says in this passage from Psalms, there's that sudden bursting into life that is spring.

Of course we could then move on to the fact that Spring often coincides with the culmination of Lent and the events of Holy Week leading up to Easter Sunday, but that's maybe for a future article!

I hope you have time to look out at the spring blooms of yellow, purple and red and think about the beauty God provides for us, and I'll take this opportunity to send you Easter blessings too.

Love and croci     Dawn xx



## **This Easter**

Easter is just a few days away. Easter Sunday is a big Sunday for churches everywhere. Not just because of the significant meaning it has for our faith, but also because it is historically a weekend when we may have more people in church than any other weekend of the year.

For some reason, at least in our culture, people are more open to coming to church on Easter than any other time of the year. For me, Easter has always been a time of guilt, and sadness as I think of the torment Jesus will suffer for my sins, and I place myself in the life of St. Peter, as he follows Jesus into the courtyard, and the denial of knowing his saviour and friend. Jesus had told him what would happen but still he did not understand, and I think Peter's heart was broken when he realised what he had done, but Jesus forgave him and led him to lead his church in Rome.

Whatever our style or tradition of our church, Easter is a time when we can renew our faith and our dedication to our Lords work here on earth. It is also the experience of someone in an instant moving from being spiritually dead to being spiritually alive (Ephesians 2).

We celebrate that moment. We love to see people get to renew their faith. This is such a big deal that Luke 15 says that the angels rejoice over one sinner who repents. A new baby has been born. Someone's eternal destiny has been forever changed.

So, here is an important question for you to consider this Easter. "What is your plan for following up your commitment to God and making newcomers wherever they are on their journey of faith feel welcome in our church. It is up to all of us to make sure new comers are embraced into the church family believers and are nurtured and cared for in their early journey into faith, and not let them feel underwhelmed.

Let us think about the way we care for a baby born into our family, maybe that is the way we can care for a newcomer. As a

result, I came to this conviction... The greatest gift we can give to a newcomer is not information, it is RELATIONSHIP. Maybe the primary need of a newcomer is nurture, as knowledge comes later when they start their journey through the reading of the Bible.

When a child is born into a family, at first there is very little teaching. It is more about affection, attention, love, and nurture. That is not to say that teaching and training is not important. I think it is important, to get newcomers into a relationship with others in our church could be our first priority. If we have newcomers in Christ we need to let them know they are welcomed and loved in a place of safety,

A passage in 1 Thessalonians 2 was the passage that can show us how we help new believers. Paul said to these early Christians...

*Just as a nursing mother cares for her children,<sup>8</sup> so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.<sup>1</sup>*  
Thessalonians 2:7b-8

I know that even when it comes to relationships, we can't force newcomers. There must be a dependence upon the Holy Spirit and His role in spiritual growth. There is a part of spiritual growth that is beyond the natural. It goes beyond a good strategy, a good plan, or a gifted disciple. There is the mysterious work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer that brings lasting transformation.

Yet, true discipleship of newcomers always involves the vital role of human beings. The Holy Spirit partners with available and faithful believers to bring growth and maturity in the life of a newcomers.

So, this Easter, make sure that when a newcomer is born into the spiritual family of our church, let us do your best to get them connected into life-giving relationships. For it is out of the fertile soil of "community" that they will move toward "maturity".

Amen

Gail

## The Rhythm of Life

*Thought for the Day on BBC Radio 4's Today programme:*

I remember hearing the late great Leonard Cohen explain how he delved into drugs and religion to alleviate his distress; but, he said, “joy kept breaking through.” I remembered this while watching a couple of videos from Ukraine this week.

One was a young woman in her coat and backpack, outside the railway station in Kyiv, playing the piano while the air raid sirens howl across the fearful city. The calm beauty of music defying the threat and the violence – music that, if silenced here by bombs, will be played somewhere else by someone else. The fragile but persistent beauty of music challenged the fear and threat in the air.

The second showed a group of soldiers playing instruments and dancing during a break from the grimness. The small crowd loved it – an interval of joy.

But, you might ask what’s the point? Is it defiance? Or sheer bloody mindedness? A gesture of order against a landscape of chaos?

Well, I’m not sure it really matters. What they do in these simple acts is point us through or beyond the immediate to a barely imaginable future. They light a fire that cannot be extinguished. They are gestures of hope. When things are closing in, they open us up – like a flower opening to the light of the sun which keeps burning anyway.

And there is a long tradition behind them. Three thousand years ago a prophet called Jeremiah was about to be sent off into exile with his people. Military defeat had led to loss and humiliation for a people who thought God had been on their side and couldn’t now understand the abandonment they felt. And, as loss dominated everything – as life

seemed to be ending – Jeremiah bought a field. Pointless – the exile in Babylon might last for decades or, even, centuries? Stupid? Misguided by fantasy? Or brutally realistic and hopeful?

Jeremiah had no illusions about suffering, but he was also able to imagine a different future. I guess many of his friends – if he had any by then – thought he was deluded or making a pointless gesture. But, he was drawn by a vision of God and life that saw beyond the immediate, convinced that endings never end – that out of the trauma and out of the destruction new life will come. So, he buys a field that someone else might one day cultivate to feed a community or start an economy.

Jeremiah refused to let violence have the last word. So do the Ukrainian soldiers and the young pianist. In this sense, hope has a melody and life has a rhythm that makes us dance.

Bishop Nick



*Ukrainian Soldiers playing ‘Don’t worry - be happy’*





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St Mary's

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**Weddings, funerals, Ashes, or the reading of banns**—in the first instance please contact our Verger who co-ordinates these events. Our Co-ordinator is Gail Townsend on 0113 252 8710 or email: [gail@stmarywoodkirk.org](mailto:gail@stmarywoodkirk.org). We will follow government guidelines throughout this winter and if we need to inform you of changes then we will contact you when and if the government makes changes.

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## Prayerful Thought

### “Five Variants of ‘Dives and Lazarus’”

Hello there

I don't know if you're a Classic FM listener like me, or a lover of classical music, but I do love a bit of Vaughan Williams.

The Lark Ascending, Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis, Fantasia on Greensleeves, and the above piece. Vaughan Williams did much more music, but these are the most often played and are among some of my most favourite pieces of classical music.

I think what I like in addition to the music itself, of the 'Dives and Lazarus' piece is that its main tune is also the tune for one of my favourite hymns... 'I heard the voice of Jesus say'.

I'm not sure I like the hymn because of the tune or the tune because of the hymn! Either way, a few weeks ago we sang the hymn and I got to hear Stephen play it, which added additional loveliness.

The full hymn words are;

*I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
'Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down thy weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad,  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
'Behold I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live'.  
I came to Jesus and I drank  
Of that life giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul re-  
vived,  
And now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright'.  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk,  
'Til travelling days are done*

I don't know why, particularly, but on this occasion, the words seemed to speak to me more than they usually do

Perhaps it was the situation in the Ukraine, perhaps it was the start of Lent, perhaps my mood was more melancholy than normal. Perhaps Jesus was closer to me than I recognised. The thing is, as most of you know, I do tend to dash about. I'm always doing (or trying to do) something. I rarely just 'sit and be'.

I thought about trying to spend quiet time during Lent, and although I've joined in with Lent groups in person and online (which I have very much enjoyed) I haven't sat still and quiet.

As I was preparing this article, another hymn came into my head "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult" This wasn't as well known by me so I looked it up. The first verse is;

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild restless sea  
Day by day his voice invites me  
Saying "Christian, follow me!"*

Now you could say that was a coincidence!

But perhaps for me, it is God showing his persistence in inviting me to come to him, to sit in his presence and just be.

I may not have managed to have much quiet time, I guess it's not in my nature, but if I can start by sitting and listening when Classic FM play the piece, or sing with a soft reverence if we have the hymn in church, perhaps that's a start and will make me sit and listen and think.

"...I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad"

Dawn x

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## **Joy Studio**

Joy Studio Of Performing Arts started 7 years ago as a Russian speaking community dedicated to celebrating slavic culture. Our students had a great experience at singing folk songs, playing the piano and dancing. Our children's ensemble has performed on big stages and won several competitions. We have had the pleasure of working with Sharon and Woodkirk Parish church the last few years which has been a fantastic experience for us and something we will always appreciate.

Our students wellbeing and learning experience has always been our main priority. The ongoing crisis and war in Ukraine has been a shock and source of upset to us all. We have been deeply saddened by the human suffering. As a result, people in our studio have struggled to carry on with performing. We hope one day to reunite and once again be loud and proud on the stage again. Thank you to everyone and especially to Sharon for her kindness and support.

Yulia Ernest.



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## Matilda's Big Adventure

A world jamboree is truly a life time experience not to be forgotten. There is estimated to be approx. 40,000 scouts from around the world going to the 25<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in South Korea summer of 2023. Matilda from the Woodkirk St. Marys Scout Group, is also a member of the Central Yorkshire County UK contingent having gone through a County selection process which was oversubscribed with candidates wishing to be selected.

Here is an extract from the 25<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree events/ programme indicative of the Experience the scouts can expect.

*The 25th World Scout Jamboree will take place from 1 to 12 August 2023, in SaeManGeum, Jeollabuk-do, Republic of Korea! This is the second time the Korea Scout Association will be the Host, as the 17th World Scout Jamboree was held in the country back in 1991. It will also mark the 100th anniversary of the Korea Scout Association, a milestone we will all celebrate together in 2023.*

*The 25th World Scout Jamboree experience will enable young people to realise their dreams, make friendships with people from different cultures, and take part in a safe, inclusive and sustainable programme. The Programme is designed around several core elements: Scouting for Life, Smart & Scientific, Safe & Secure, Sustainability, and ACT: Adventure, Culture, Tradition.*

*The theme of the Jamboree is "Draw your Dream", representing our willingness to accept young people's ideas and opinions, and create an opportunity for them to make their Jamboree dreams come true. "Draw your Dream!" expresses the desire for members of the Scout Movement to transform the 25th World Scout Jamboree into their own festival and grow their dreams through the event.*

*To be an eligible youth participant at the 25th World Scout Jamboree, you must have been born between 22 July 2005 and 31 July 2009. If you are*

*older, you can also join us as a member of the International Service Team (IST), apply to be a Unit Leader, or be a member of your Contingent Management Team.*

Those attending return with oodles of memories, confidence, new skills, and above all to create a positive outlook for the future, whatever their chosen vocation in life.

Trevor (Skip) -Scout Leader.

As you can imagine, these trips are not cheap and Matilda is fund raising so that she will be able to go on this journey of a lifetime, representing our Scout Group.

If you would like to support Matilda in making this trip please send your donations to Sharon or Trevor Holdsworth.

Many thanks - *Editor.*



## What do we do with the leftovers?

*“After everyone had eaten all they wanted, Jesus’ disciples picked up twelve large baskets of leftovers.” Matthew 14:20*



The Feeding of the 5000 is the only one of Jesus’ miracles to be recorded in all four gospels, so it must be an important one. It speaks of God’s generosity and God’s ability to supply abundantly all that we need. But have you ever wondered what happened to those 12 baskets of leftovers?

Did they feed them to the birds? Or perhaps take them to the next village and share them out there?

One thing I am pretty certain of is that they will not have simply been ‘thrown out’. Wasting food was definitely not the done thing back then: *“Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the children’s’ table.” Mark 7:28*

Food waste today is a very different story. Some of it is wasted on farms, some in the production process, and some within our homes as we forget what is in the fridge or scrape leftovers into the bin.

Here are a few random facts about food waste for you, some of which really ‘boggled’ my mind:

- *30%-50% of food produced for human consumption is wasted annually*
- *The average family in Great Britain wastes nearly £60 a month by throwing away food, in some cases almost an entire meal a day*
- *Food waste that goes to landfill produces methane, a global warming gas much more harmful than carbon dioxide*
- *Food waste is responsible for 8% of global warming gases, about*

*twice that of the aviation industry*

*Food waste is responsible for over 170 trillion litres of water annually*

So what can we do to help address the problem? Here are my 'top tips':

1. Plan your meals and make a shopping list so that you buy only what will be eaten.
2. Deal with any leftovers you still have by investing in a suitable compost bin, if you have the space (No methane produced this way).
3. If you have a garden, grow some of your own vegetables and pick what you need as you need it.
4. Buy the 'wonky' fruit and veg which would otherwise be wasted. It's often cheaper too.
5. If you have a smartphone or access to the internet, look up recipes to use up leftovers.

By trying to reduce our food waste we can help to keep global warming as low as possible, save money, save water and almost certainly feed more people – as long as we remember to share.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if, by small changes to our habits, we could point the way to a well-fed, sustainable world –pointing the way to God's kingdom where all life flourishes.

PS – If my veg is getting a bit past its best, if I haven't frozen it, I usually put it in a soup.

Dawn

*(Article courtesy of Jan Goodair, Area Environment Champion, Leeds)*

# HOLY WEEK

## AT ST MARY'S, WOODKIRK



**LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**  
**FACEBOOK.COM/STMARYWOODKIRK**

PALM SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
HOLY COMMUNION 10.30AM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
MORNING PRAYER 9AM  
REFLECTIVE SERVICE 7PM

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
MORNING PRAYER 9AM  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7 PM

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
HOLY COMMUNION 10AM  
REFLECTIVE SERVICE 7PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
REFLECTIVE SERVICE 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
REFLECTIVE SERVICE 2PM

EASTER SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
EASTER VIGIL 8PM

EASTER SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
HOLY COMMUNION 10.30PM

## Let go of the Broken Pieces...

Me: Hey God.

God: Hello, my love.

Me: I'm falling apart. Can you put me back together?

God: I would rather not.

Me: Why?

God: Because you aren't a puzzle.

Me: What about all of the pieces of my life that are falling down onto the ground?

God: Let them stay there for a while. They fell off for a reason. Take some time and decide if you need any of those pieces back.

Me: You don't understand! I'm breaking down!

God: No - you don't understand. You are breaking through. What you are feeling are just growing pains. You are shedding the things and the people in your life that are holding you back. You aren't falling apart. You are falling into place. Relax. Take some deep breaths and allow those things you don't need anymore to fall off of you. Quit holding onto the pieces that don't fit you anymore. Let them fall off. Let them go.

Me: Once I start doing that, what will be left of me?

God: Only the very best pieces of you.

Me: I'm scared of changing.

God: I keep telling you - YOU AREN'T CHANGING!! YOU ARE BECOMING!

Me: Becoming who?

God: Becoming who I created you to be! A person of light and love and charity and hope and courage and joy and mercy and grace and compassion. I made you for more than the shallow pieces you have decided adorn yourself with that you cling to with such greed and fear. Let those things fall off of you. I love you! Don't change! Become! Become! Become! Become who I made you to be. I'm going to keep telling you this until you remember it.

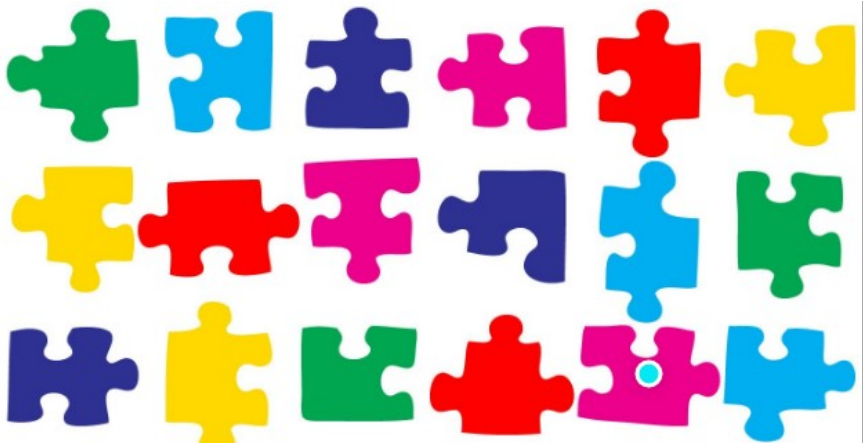
Me: There goes another piece.

God: Yep. Let it be.

Me: So...I'm not broken?

God: No - but you are breaking like the dawn. It's a new day. Become!! Become!!

John Roedel





## So tha thinks thara Yorkshire man?

How many of these Yorkshire words or expressions do you know.

1. agate, 2. alsh, 3. ardin, 4. babbi, 5. blonk. 6. bray, 7. bulli, 8. causey, 9. clag, 10. cloise, 11. crozzil, 12. donned up, 13. lake.

### Answers

1. Agate – On going, on the way, at work. Get agate.
2. alsh: A loop, a knot. eg. a loop on a coat used to hang on a hook.
3. ardin: A cloth made from a course linen
4. babbi: A baby.
5. blonk: To sulk, scowl, frown.
6. bray: To bray, beat, thump.
7. buiii: to bowl, trundle, or roll anything round along the ground, buiii hoop.
8. causey: A paved side path, or pavement, a causeway.
9. clag: claggy, sticky like clay.
10. cloise: close, cloise door.
11. crozzil: burn to a hard cinder, particular of bread or meat.
12. donned up: dressed up in ones best clothes.
13. lake: to play, make game or sport.

Trevor Sykes

*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*

**Contact Elaine on 07894 402332**

## ALBERT'S FRUIT QUIZ

(All answers are types of fruit & the number of letters is shown in brackets)

1. Complete this line from a WW2 song - 'Yes, we have no ----- ?' (7 letters)
2. What is another name for the larynx? (5 & 5)
3. 'In a centre' you'll find the name of a smooth skinned peach! (9)
4. This fruit is a hybrid of a grapefruit and a tangerine. (4 & 5)
5. A South African river has the same name as this colourful fruit. (6)
6. 'Male, depart!' is a clue to the name of this fruit. (5)
7. 'Unripe measure' suggests the name of this fruit! (9)
8. 'The ----- Orchard' is the title of an Anton Chekov play. What is the missing word? (6)
9. In the nursery rhyme, what did Jack Horner pull out of a pie with his thumb? (4) 10. This fruit has the same name as a Chinese dialect of speech. (8)
10. 'Nashi' is the Japanese name for this bird-sounding fruit. (4)
11. 'Spry Barer' is an anagram of the name of this fruit. (9)
12. An alternative to the phrase 'I don't give a damn' is: I don't care a --- Name the fruit. (3)
13. This fruit has the same name as a place in Japan. (7)
14. In the game of 'Cluedo' what is the fruity name of the professor? (4)
15. You should certainly find lots of this fruit in a calendar! (4)
16. What is the fruity title of a 1960 hit for singer/actor Anthony Newley? (10 & 4)
17. A drink provided by this fruit is popularly drunk mixed with lager. (4)
18. Which fruit has a variety named 'Beauty of Bath'? (5)
19. What is the usual colour of an aeroplanes 'Black Box'? (6)
20. The name of which fruit is an anagram of 'Plain Peel'?
21. You'll find this fruit if you look in 'One Great Map!' (11)
22. What type of fruit is a 'Morello'? (6)
23. Barlett and Seckel are types of which fruit? (4)
24. What is the fruity title of a 1956 hit for the entertainer Fats Domino? (9 & 4)

(answers on page 37)

## **Dates for Your Diary**

Fri 1st April      2pm Funeral

**Sun 3rd            10:30am Holy Communion**

1:30pm Holy Baptism

Wed 6th            10am Holy Communion

11am Lent Reflections in Church only

7pm Lent Reflections on-line only

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>            10:30am Holy Communion - Palm Sunday**

1:30pm Holy Baptism

### **SEE PAGE 30 FOR HOLY WEEK DATES & EVENTS**

**Sun 17th            Easter Sunday Holy Communion**

Wed 20th           10am Holy Communion

Thur 21st           11am Lydgate Lodge Holy communion

Sat 23rd            10am-2pm Church Open Day (see page 17)

**Sun 24th            10:30am Holy Communion**

1:30pm Holy Baptism

Wed 27th           10am Holy Communion

## **May**

**Sun 1st            10:30am Holy Communion**

1:30pm Holy Baptism

## 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.**

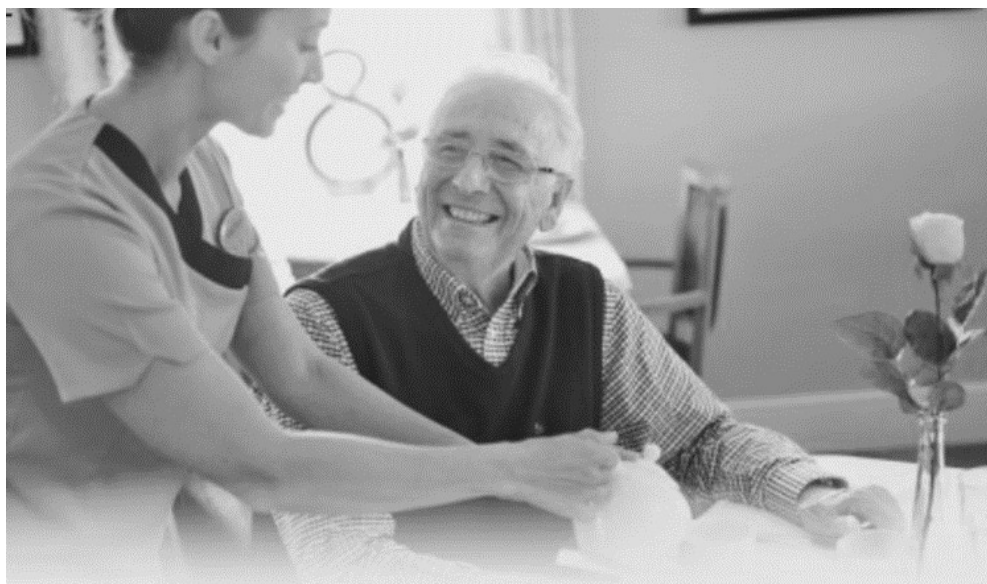


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## QUIZ ANSWERS

1) Bananas, 2) Adam's Apple, 3) Nectarine, 4) Ugli Fruit, 5) Orange, 6) Mango, 7) Green Gage, 8) Cherry, 9) Plum, 10) Mandarin, 11) Kiwi, 12) Raspberry, 13) Fig, 14) Satsuma, 15) Plum, 16) Dates, 17) Strawberry Fair, 18) Lime, 19) Apple, 20) Orange, 21) Pineapple, 22) Pomegranate, 23) Cherry, 24) Pear 25) Blueberry Hill.

Albert



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## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**BAPTISMS**—We welcome into our Church family:-  
Matilda May Lewis  
Maisie Grace Dickinson



## DEATHS



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

Nancy Stephenson  
Pamela Hayes-Ward  
Michael Walton  
Jonathan Smith

## WEDDINGS

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



Tumble Bees

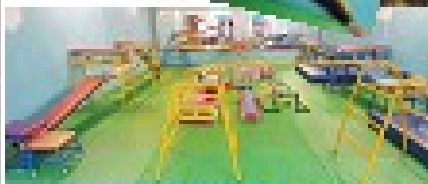


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**Nominal Cost is £60 for 3 hours. Regular long term bookings negotiable.**

**Contact: Sally Shaw**

**01924 475048 for more information.**

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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

**Knit & Natter Group:** Wednesday 1-3pm

Elaine 07894 402332

## Services

### Sunday Services.

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

### Weekday Services

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

See Page 36 for more details

Please see inside for details of how to join a streamed service