

Dearest friends,

The clergy of the diocese were recently summoned to Ripon Cathedral for a Bishop's Study Day – Bishop Nick in his opening statement reflected that, no doubt, there had a been a



collective groan from the clergy in knowing that this one day was going to take them away from the business and busyness of their parochial lives. At this I gave a wry smile because I was certainly there not because I necessarily wanted to be, but instead was expected to be. However, as with many things which we don't particularly look for or indeed look forward to, it was an interesting and helpful day.

Two of our diocesan canon theologians led the day – the first, Charlotte Methuen, reflected on 'learning from the past', exploring some of the times in the past centuries when the Church had encountered times of pestilence, plague and sickness and what it did about it. The second speaker, Ben Quash, reflected upon us 'imagining a future': how we move from pandemic into being more of a prophetic church.

Charlotte I've known since we were at Theological College together and she is always wise, discerning, and interesting in what she has to share. Ben was new to me, but he was equally engaging and, in many ways, more helpful in looking at the church of today and especially thinking about what a (emphasis on 'a') future might look like.



Ben concluded his presentation by asking us to think about three gifts of the Spirit for the future: righteousness, peace and joy.

He elaborated eloquently on what he meant but I just want to share the very last thing he asked of us – bearing in mind we had the pandemic in our thoughts, he asked us to remember that in the Gospels Jesus would often say: “The Kingdom of God is like.....?” What then would we say about this in relation to the pandemic... his offering to us was not revelatory or revolutionary, he simply suggested we should revisit the imagery of the ‘mustard seed’ that Jesus used so well and so often. In other words, we have great power in small things to establish something miraculous and powerful.

You had to be there perhaps! ... but as this month of November lays itself before us, a time of remembering and even perhaps of letting go, we will very quickly move into Christmas, the season of expectation, fulfilment and joy – the season of hope and expectation, the season in which the church and our faith can offer and are expected to offer a message and a welcome to a world still reeling from sickness and suffering.

My message this November therefore is to exhort you to Remember, but in the remembering to recognise the power of righteousness, peace and joy that is inherent in our faith - and then look towards Christmas with a spring in your step and a joy in your heart as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ for all the world.

Yours in Christ's service
Garry



From the Parish Registers

We welcome into our church family.....

Riley Webster
Elijah Barnes



*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

We celebrate the marriages of.....



Andrew Woolf and Victoria Place
Thomas Wilkinson and Charlotte Hicks
Thomas Slade and Sarah Allott
Michael Fisher and Chelsea Williamson
William Smith and Poppy Emsley

We give thanks for the life of.....

Mavis Diane Barnett
Jessie Schofield
Gordon Smith
Marta Brazier
Sheila Brown
Ken Dibb



And for all those throughout the world who have died due to Covid-19 .
May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

*For information about baptisms and weddings during the Covid-19 situation
email knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com
Tel. Faye Wright 01423 869209*



St. John's News & Events

.....From the Flower Guild

We are back at last!! I believe our floral arrangements for the Harvest Festival not only made the church a more colourful and inviting place, but I believe gave us all a new feeling of optimism and renewal. Our hope is that it affected you in the same way and gave you pleasure.

We are delighted to welcome two new members, Ann and Stuart, who have recently made Knaresborough their home, and we are hoping for 2 more new members to be joining us soon. There is always room for anyone interested in joining us.

Work has already commenced on plans for the Christmas Tree Festival. One idea sparks off others which we hope will extend to Accord readers and encourage you all to bring a tree for display. It can be anything, a theme maybe, large or small, traditional or fun or even a serious message. Go where your imagination takes you, but please bring a tree whether you are a business, a group or an individual.

Before the Tree Festival though we shall be filling the church with poppies for the Remembrance Service on 14th November in memory of all those whose lives were lost in the two world wars and more recent wars.

Bernie 866539 and Antje 860463 have kindly consented to continue as our co-ordinators for another year. Any requests for personal flowers should be made through one of them.



Pat Hewitson

.....From the Choir Stalls



As I write this it feels rather like the calm before the storm, with Remembrance, Advent and Christmas all looming hard on the horizon. As ever, I am very grateful to all those who give so freely of their time and talents to participate in music making at St John's during this busy, but most wonderful time of the year.

Choral Evensong

Our November Choral Evensong will be on **Sunday 28th November 2021**, at the usual time of 4.00pm. It would be great to see you there.

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival will be running from Saturday 4th December to Thursday 23rd December (inclusive). Circumstances permitting, we hope to once again feature some live music in church on the three Saturdays of the festival, namely: 4th, 11th & 18th December. Some slots have already been taken, so if your music group is interested in participating, please get in touch via the email address below. The annual **Choir Christmas Concert** will be on **Sunday 12th December 2021 at 6.00pm**.

Choir Recruitment

For obvious reasons, it has proved very difficult to recruit new choir members over the past 18 months. I am well aware that some of the music which the choir tackles can be very daunting to the inexperienced or less confident singer, or those who believe that the ability to read music is a necessity. This is not the case and I am keen to rebuild the choir following the pandemic, hopefully attracting more singers of all ages and abilities with a view to singing at Sunday morning services in particular. So if you and/or your children would like to be involved in the choir, but felt it was too difficult or too big a commitment, this is your chance to test the water. We are very supportive and flexible and you may surprise yourself!

If you have any queries regarding the above, or indeed, anything to do with music making at St John's, please feel free to drop me a line on: mark.hunter83@gmail.com.

Take care and stay safe.

Mark



.....From the Belfry

Farewell and welcome

The ringers are now ringing for the monthly evensong service. We are hoping to ring more quarter peals if we are able, but this is not always possible. On Sunday 26th September a course of 'called changes' known in the ringing world as "Sixty-on-Thirds" was rung after Evensong, to say "Farewell and best wishes for the future" to Head Chorister, Alice Spencer; but also, to say "Welcome" to recently baptised Benedict Luke William Cove and to a new ringer at St John's, Sarah Mattocks. Sarah has returned to ringing after a long break, but has soon recovered her skills and abilities, and is a great asset to the band. Ringing on the back six the band was: 1 Jeni Dodds, 2 Sarah Mattocks. 3 Derrick McRobert, 4 Ros Moss (Benedict's grandmother), 5 Angus Dodds (caller), 6 Matt Curl.

The clock

Although the bell ringers are responsible for ringing the church bells for service etc, by default, we seem to be custodians of the clock. On occasions, therefore, people comment to us about the clock, the chimes, and the striking. In particular we sometimes receive queries relating to the clock's accuracy. This is an issue on which Garry seems particularly keen! Usually, we will be informed that the clock is a minute or two slow, or possibly too fast! This may refer to the hands or the chimes - the two are not the same!

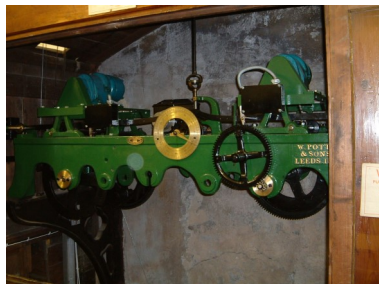


This happened a few weeks ago, so I investigated. I should also note that previously I have discussed this issue with the clock engineer, when he last serviced the clock, because I periodically need to deal with it.

I checked the clock at 7:00 pm on a Tuesday evening, just before practice night. I then checked it later in the week, at 12:00 midday on the Friday. One has to bear in mind that the clock movement (i.e. the bit that actually keeps time) is modern and electric/electronic. It is accurate and keeps good time. It is, however, driving mechanical parts, some of which were installed in the 19th century. To add further complications, the hands on the clock face which are seen on the outside, are approximately 20 feet above the clock movement in the ringing room, and operated through 19th century linkages. The third complication is that, although the chimes are

driven by electric motors, they are triggered by the mechanics of the original 19th century clock. So, at 7:00 pm on the Tuesday, I listened to the chimes outside the church. Remember that on the hour, the clock sounds the full Westminster chimes, followed by striking the hour. The whole sequence takes nearly 35 seconds at 7:00 and about 45 seconds at 12:00. At 7:00 pm on Tuesday, the last stroke of the hour chimes rang at about 5 seconds to the actual hour on my Apple watch. At 12:00 the last stroke of the chimes rang at about 15 seconds to the actual time on my watch. The hands on the clock face indicated about 15 seconds past 12:00.

When I talked to the engineer a few months ago, he put forward a possible explanation for our observations. The problems with big clocks is that the hands of the clock do not travel round the dial at constant speeds. The problem is the weight of the hands, together with mechanical 'play' in the system. The hands will travel downwards faster than they will go upwards. e.g. as the hour hand passes three, it is being pulled down by gravity and tends to reach the III and the IIII (IV), some seconds early. Conversely, at 9:00 it will arrive at the figure IX some seconds late. At 11:00, 12:00 and 1:00 it will tend to be more or less on time, and similarly at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00.



This issue is common to all turret clocks. The country's most famous clock suffers from this problem. In fact, if you look at the hands on the clock on the Elizabeth Tower at Westminster, you can see that the hour hand and the minute hand don't match. This is because the minute hand was redesigned to try to lighten it.

Unfortunately, there is one further complication. It is not only gravity that acts on the hands. If the wind is in the right (or wrong direction), it will also act on the hands of the clock and cause inaccuracy. This is more likely to affect the hands if they are vertical.

The engineer also told me about a problem he had with a clock where it seemed to go wrong at a quarter past nine or a quarter to three. It turned out that the crows liked to sit on the hands when they were horizontal and the weight of the birds pushed the hands downward.

To best summarise the situation, all large clocks suffer from problems relating to size (in fact small clocks do as well, but it isn't so obvious to us). Over 12 hours the clock is highly accurate, but at any given point, the hands may indicate they are slow or fast or on time. Even if the clock mechanism is accurate, the hands don't necessarily point accurately to the numbers and this in turn, feeds back to the chiming mechanisms. Although the clock

may appear to be wrong at any given point, it is probably correct overall.

It is now October and at the end of the month, the clocks go back. In our modern world, a high proportion of our clocks and other timepieces handle this issue automatically and those which do not are relatively easy to adjust. However, older clocks with chimes and bells can be problematical.

For some clocks, simply turning the hands back, fixes the problem. In others, it is not possible to turn the hands backward. In other words, you may be able to turn the hands back, but then you can't turn the chiming mechanism back and the clock becomes unsynchronised. e.g., it will chime 9 o'clock, but the clock shows 10 o'clock. In its original form, the church clock was even more difficult to deal with. You can't turn it back at all. To add to the difficulty, the clock doesn't have any faces in the tower. It has one dial which runs anticlockwise and tells you the minutes past the hour. It doesn't have any obvious indication of the hour however. To work out what hour the clock is indicating, you have to count the number of teeth between timing pins on one of the cogs.

Fortunately, several years ago, an electronic control system was installed which switches the chimes off at night. Part of this system, also sorts out the spring and autumn daylight saving adjustments. It is a very simple control system. In the autumn, it simply stops the clock for an hour at 2:00 am. In the spring, it stops the clock for 11 hours. Of course, no-one notices the autumn change (it happens at 2:00 am), but in the spring, the clock indicates 2:00 o'clock all morning until 2:00 in the afternoon. You may ask, how does the clock know it is the correct date to change the hour. Apparently, the government defines the dates of change, many years in advance. The clock has these dates programmed into its electronics.

If you are interested in a new hobby, try your hand at bell ringing. We will be happy to give you a taste of the exercise. Feel free to come to practices at 7:00 pm Tuesday evenings or contact Matt Curl, Tower Captain on 868104 or matthew.curl@ntlworld.com. You don't need to be big or strong or musical. You just need to be able to count to 8. All welcome, young or old or in-between.

Matt Curl, Tower Captain





Pat Hewitson's History of Malta continued.....

In 300 years of rule the Romans had transformed Malta from a rough mariners' refuge to a sophisticated community. They built magnificent palaces and rich temples to their gods and importantly secured any important point with massive fortifications. Publius lived in a palace with a pillared courtyard, a floor of mosaic and enjoyed hot baths as did other nobles and I suspect later on Princess Elizabeth. Jars in honey were stored on marble slabs and covered in a Malta weave which I could still find being sold.

Following the collapse of the Roman Empire Malta suffered under many conquerors and barbarians. Treasure was stolen or destroyed, Saracens, Moslem Arabs, for 200 years Malta was a garrison island. Dawn was slow to arrive, but at last it did in the form of a Christian soldier fresh from ridding Southern Italy and Sicily of the Arab invader. He was welcomed with open arms as a saviour by the now Arab speaking Maltese. He was a Christian and spoke French and with his 13 knights Count Roger of Sicily said "I take possession of this land" and the people knelt in homage.

Malta had a new ruler with red hair and a ruddy complexion and from the moment the newly ordained Christian bishop said a special mass behind closed great oak doors for Count Roger, he set about restoring the faith of the ruined church, started by the Roman Publius under the influence of St Paul, when he was thrown upon those rocks.

At first the knights saw Malta as short of fresh water and a barren rock with scant soil much as I had done in the late 1950, but like me they must have discovered that each spring the countryside was transformed into a patchwork of wild flowers and vegetable produce. They found the nobles snobbish and the common people rough and speaking a strange Moorish language, but by his death eleven years later Malta was ruled in peace for the next 400 years. Count Roger had given them a flag (his own torn in half), restored their church and their pride as a nation.



Spotlight on.....

Freda Lyons, longstanding member of St John's, Knaresborough



Tell us a bit about yourself

My name is Freda Lyon and I lived in Milford Haven South Wales. I went to the local Grammar School but because of the war all the old teachers were recalled. I achieved my Matriculation certificate but couldn't go to college because of returning soldiers doing 1 year emergency courses so I did uncertificated teaching for 1 year in a little country school 5 miles away and had to walk home then had to practise the hymn for morning assembly and prepare my lessons for next day and received £2 10 00 per month. I thought I was rich! The next year I managed to get a place at Kesteven College with a very modern female ex general as Principal for two years training housed in a beautiful old house 6 miles from Grantham in Lincolnshire. I met my husband at the local dance He was in the R.A.F Spitalgate and we married in 1952 and had 3 sons after teaching for 4 years. He had been training to be an accountant but gave up to introduce the Feeding bottle routine for Milton Antiseptic travelling in an Austin 7 with no heating for the wind screen or the inside of the car so developed the worst chilblains we had ever seen. Fortunately, they were taken over by another company and he had a decent car to travel around. He was still away Monday to Friday so I went back to do supply teaching and Neville went into a day nursery for teachers so that I could buy a car to improve our lives.

We moved for various reasons and finally settled in Wetherby as Maurice was Sales Manager for Sir Lindsay Parkinson and responsible for selling all the houses on Spofforth Hill and I started teaching at Crossley St School and stayed there until I retired

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?

Staying sane after living such a topsy turvy life at the same time as one son determined to be a golfer and reached the qualifying rounds for the Open but decided to give it up and find a job, thank goodness! Fortunately, he had a talent for the computer when they were first introduced so did well eventually. The youngest one became a geologist.

How would you describe yourself in one sentence?

An honest, friendly, caring individual if possible.

What is your motto?

Do unto others as they would do unto you.

What is your food heaven?

Barabrith fruit loaf.

And food hell?

Cockles, mussels, and oysters.

Who is your greatest inspiration?

Pamela Barry who helped and guided and supported me in difficult times and introduced me to Torpenhow church .

If you had to go and live on a desert island, what would be your luxury item?

Lots of good books including my bible.

What is your favourite hymn?

Jesu lover of my soul but I like the modern words to the old tunes.

What are you most thankful to God for?

I thank God for my comfortable flat in Knaresborough and my caring family and the clever doctors who have looked after me through so many health problems.





ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2021

DECEMBER 4TH - 23rd

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12-5pm

SATURDAY 10am - 5PM SUNDAYS 1.30 - 5PM

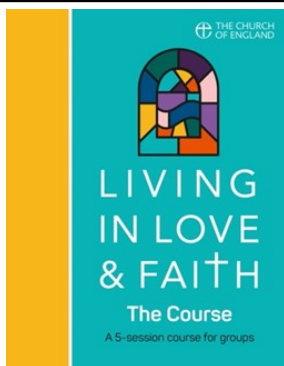
There will be no booking system this year but a one-way system for viewing the trees will be in place

SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE HUB @ St JOHN'S
SATURDAYS 10AM-4PM SUNDAYS 1.30-4pm

LIVE MUSIC EACH SATURDAY
RAFFLE
FRIDAY 3rd December - PREVIEW EVENING 7pm

This year there will be wine and a chilli to enjoy, plus musical entertainment in the HUB after the preview Tickets £10 contact knartreefest@gmail.com or church wardens

PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ALONG TO SUPPORT THE
FESTIVAL
ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND CHARITIES
OF ITS CHOICE
IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO ENTER A TREE THE
DEADLINE IS:
15th NOVEMBER
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
email Ann knartreefest@gmail.com



Knaresborough Team Ministry

Advent Study Course:

Living in Love & Faith

How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

The hope is for people in Church of England churches across the country to use the LLF resources to study and pray together.

The Church of England is keenly aware that issues of gender and sexuality are intrinsic to people's experience; their sense of identity; their lives and the loving relationships that shape and sustain them. We also know that the life and mission of our Church – and of the worldwide Anglican Communion – are affected by the deep, and sometimes painful, disagreements among us which have been debated and discussed on many occasions over the years.

These divisions have come into sharper focus because of society's changing perspectives and practices, especially in relation to lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and intersex people. The Church wants to understand what it means to follow Christ in love and faith given the questions about human identity and the variety of patterns of relationship emerging in our society, including marriage, civil partnership, cohabitation, celibacy and friendship.

The course explores these matters by studying what the Bible, theology, history and the social and biological sciences have to say, and by telling the real-life stories of followers of Christ with diverse experiences and convictions. Find out [more](#) about what the learning outcomes of the resources are.

We hope that people in worshipping communities across the country will get involved and use the resources to learn together.

We believe that the Holy Spirit will be active among us as we pray, study and deliberate together to discover Christ's call to the Church today. We do this with a deep sense of hopefulness for a future in which Christians can follow Christ together joyfully, fruitfully and with integrity.

Monday nights in The HUB – 7.30pm to 9pm

22nd Nov, 29th Nov, 6th Dec, 13th Dec, 20th Dec

If you are keen to join then Revd Garry has the books... no need to do anything else, other than turn up on the night.

If you want to have a quick look at some of the material beforehand then please look on the Church of England website.

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The first meeting of this newly formed group was not a great success – mainly due to the weather being unseasonably hot and quite a few people still being on holiday (we had apologies from several). The October meeting was cancelled due to a meeting which was taking place in the hall, and so we are having a relaunch on Wednesday 10 November.

Please join us in Holy Trinity Hall at 2pm on that day as we really need to judge whether or not this new initiative should go ahead. The whole idea is for people to get together for a pleasant, sociable afternoon (gentlemen as well as ladies), maybe listen to a speaker followed by a cup of tea and a chat. We would really like to know what activities would appeal to you – speakers, games, quizzes, etc – please come and tell us.

We have booked a speaker for the November meeting. Kathy Allday is coming to tell us about the progress being made with plans for the new Knaresborough Museum. This is a very local project and Kathy is an enthusiastic and interesting speaker.

If we have a poor response again then we shall drop the idea, but it would be a shame when we are beginning to get out and about again, and can meet up with other people.

We really look forward to seeing you on 10 November.

Christine Cope and Anne Peppitt

Quote from Sarah Orne Jewett (American novelist and poet 1849 – 1909)

‘Yes’m, old friends is always best, ‘less you can catch a new one that’s fit to make an old one out of.’

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Wednesday 10th November at 2pm

Holy Trinity Church Hall

**Speaker: Kathy Allday — The New
Knaresborough Museum**



Café church @ the HUB



All welcome to come and enjoy free tea/coffee, cake, chit-chat and led prayer

Friday 5th November

10.30am - 12noon

Come with friends or simply on your own

We look forward to seeing you there.



Pastoral Support Team

Just to let you know that our telephone volunteers are still happy to contact people who are feeling particularly isolated or in need of pastoral support .

We have received lots of messages of thanks from people who found the calls a big help during this difficult time but please let us know if you no longer require this support as our churches reopen for regular worship.

Printed pew sheets and copies of Accord for people who can't get to church will be available for collection and delivery by volunteers.

If you know of someone who might appreciate any of these things please contact:

Anthea Green
07946 419528

Denise Cullingworth
07739 398197



Holy Trinity



Scarecrows were the order of the day as we celebrated Harvest at the first of our Messy Vintage gatherings with the Rector



thoroughly enjoying himself. We enjoyed coffee and cake, we shared our childhood memories of harvest, we thanked God for watching over us throughout our lives, we ploughed the fields with great gusto and finished with a simple lunch of soup and fresh rolls (and more cake!)

Messy Vintage is a new initiative in the Knaresborough team for everyone to meet informally and enjoy a range of activities, discussions, and celebrations. Everyone is invited so do come along and bring a friend too. For more information please contact **Denise Cullingworth on 07739398197**

Holy Trinity Church Hall

Tuesday 23rd November at 11am (and every 4th Tuesday in the month)

Refreshments including a simple lunch will be served.

Creativity- Celebration—Christ-centredness—Mission—Hospitality

Holy Trinity Harvest Lunch

A sound awakens me—no it is not the refuse bins being collected nor a neighbour's noisy vehicle ready to move off to work! Sleepy, but had to think, then it dawned. I had refused a chip butty last evening, didn't fancy it! The sound must have come from a rumbling, empty tummy! Problem identified: but not quite as there were a few more hours to wait. Wait for what? YES! It's Holy Trinity's harvest lunch: one must save the appetite for that, it's bound to be good.



My daughter, Nicola collected me and after our harvest festival service in church, we arrived in the church hall to an intoxicating aroma of food being cooked by a group of loyal helpers. We joined Nell and Don who had saved places for us. Tables were beautifully set and well stocked with traditional harvest drinks of apple juice and many different types of cider. A very warm welcome indeed!

Then along comes Phil (of the Skeels variety) resplendent in a pristine pinny. He would obtain employment at Betty's no problem. He arrives at our table full of smiles and places before us plates of delicious looking food, cottage pie and mixed vegetables with a rich gravy. We couldn't wait for grace to be said so we could tuck in. It tasted wonderful and was followed by



home made apple pie and creamy custard. We finished with tea and coffee. What more could one ask? A happy and chatty atmosphere filled the room, everyone enjoyed the lunch enormously evidenced by all the empty plates that were returned to the kitchen. Grateful thanks were extended to the hard workers.

The raffle was drawn with some good donated prizes and the proceeds from that and the lunch amounted to £416. this will be shared between church funds and Christian Aid.

Arrived home happy and contented after a lovely afternoon. My daughter Nicola remarked how much she had enjoyed the occasion and found how very happy, friendly, and welcoming everyone is at Holy Trinity.

Yvonne Spencer



Holy Trinity Church – Market Stall

Wednesday 22nd September turned out to be a wonderful day of fellowship and outreach for Holy Trinity Church as we stood in Knaresborough market in the glorious sunshine.

We met many old and new friends as we sold our cakes, preserves, jigsaws, bric-a-brac etc. There were also many visitors to Knaresborough who came to chat with us and share our day.

After many hours of hard work and fun we discovered not only had we enjoyed our day but we had raised local awareness of Holy Trinity Church and had raised the magnificent sum of £319 for our church.

Thank you to everyone for your support in baking, making, selling and sharing your day with us.

Why not look at our website www.knaresboroughanglicans.co.uk to see what else is going on at Holy Trinity Church.

Dot Jelbert



**FAMILY & ELDERLY
SHOEBOX
APPEAL**

Romania • Moldova • Ukraine • Bulgaria

This year we are sending shoeboxes to families and elderly people through the charity Link to Hope.

If you would like to take part, please Pick up a leaflet from Church, (it will explain exactly what to put into your box) and return the box to Church by **Sunday 7th November** at the latest.

If you have any questions, please contact June Graham on junegraham1961@gmail.com or 07759 619780

Thank you



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Please refer to www.hstm.org.uk or e mail info@hstm.org.uk for latest information

20th November 2021	Canon Dr Mark Powley In search of the presence of God: How we meet God in Worship Live lecture	St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate (& Zoom option) 10.00am—12.00 noon with breakfast available from 09.30am
4th December 2021	Bibletrack seminar: reading the bible, part 2, Jane Williams (DVD and facilitated discussion)	Zoom only (facilitated by Dave Bolton and HST&M team members) 10.00am —11.30am

Live lectures: live lectures attended in person: STILL ONLY £8 per session, including breakfast and mid-morning refreshments (Covid guidance allowing); students: £5 per lecture:, under 18's free. Fees payable preferably in advance by the online booking system *Eventbrite* or on the day by contactless card or cheque to Harrogate School of Theology and Mission. Zoom live-stream of lectures: £5 per person, bookable via *Eventbrite*.

Bibletrack seminars: £2 per zoom session; under 18's free. Bookable in advance only by the online booking system *Eventbrite*.

Editor's note

The next edition of Accord which will be issued on Sunday 28th November will be the double edition for December and January. Please could I ask that all contributors send their articles to me at the e mail address below by the closing date of 15th November.

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St John
the Baptist
Knaresborough

Holy Trinity
Knaresborough

Sunday
7th November

3rd Sunday before
Advent

8am
Holy Communion

10:30am
All age service

Baptisms

10:45am

The Eucharist

Sunday
14th November

Remembrance
Sunday

8am
Holy Communion

9:30am
Holy Communion

10:57am
War memorial

10:45am

The Eucharist

Sunday
21st November

Christ the King

8am
Holy Communion

10:30am
Holy Communion

Baptisms

10:45am

The Eucharist

Sunday
28th November

Advent 1


8am
Holy Communion

10:30am
Holy Communion

4pm
Advent Choral
Evensong

10:45am

The Eucharist

	<u>St Mary the Virgin Goldsborough</u>	<u>St Paul & St Margaret Nidd</u>	<u>St John the Baptist Brearton</u>
Sunday 7th November 3rd Sunday before Advent	9am All age service	10:30am BCP Mattins	
Sunday 14th November Remembrance Sunday	9am Holy Communion 10:50 War memorial	10:30am BCP Holy Communion	
Sunday 21st November Christ the King	9am Sunday Morning Praise	10:30am BCP Mattins	9am Holy Communion
Sunday 28th November Advent 1	9am Holy Communion	10:30am BCP Holy Communion	

**Holy Communion Services are usually held
 every Wednesday in Knaresborough
 Holy Trinity at 10am
 St John the Baptist at 11am**

St Mary the Virgin Goldsborough

Knaresborough Market Charity Stall

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Goldsborough & Flaxby we had a tremendous response when we asked for Bric a brac, books, children's toys etc to sell on our charity stall recently. We were very fortunate to have a lovely fine day and even more fortunate when the stallholder next to ours failed to turn up!! As a result, we were allowed to "overflow" onto his pitch!

At the end of the day, we still had a lot of saleable items left, so we decided to go to the Minskip Car Boot Sale the following Sunday, where we sold even more items! We made the decision that local charity shops would benefit for any remaining goods, for which they were very appreciative.

We also raffled a fruit cake – Nicky Wynn was the delighted winner! Of course these events could not have taken place with help & support – thanks to Margaret, Jackie, Paul, Ian, Roy, my husband Alan and everyone who came and bought!

So, all in all we raised in excess of £620 for Church funds.



Elizabeth Harper



St. Mary's Church, Goldsborough

presents

Harrogate Male Voice Choir

in a

Festive Concert

Saturday 11th December 2021

at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £10 each, Family £25

to include a glass of wine or soft drink

and mince pie or Christmas cake

Tickets from

Jackie Shaw 01423 863939

or Nicky Wynn 01423 864316



St Paul & St Margaret

NIDD

On the level

No, I've not joined the freemasons but I have just bought a small spirit level to align pictures on the wall. My wife says I've got OCD. Nidd Church will be levelling the ground over some burial plots to make maintenance easier and safer. Boris is keen to "level up" between the South and North.

Every one of us feels for and prays for the family of Sir David Amess (69, Southend) killed during a constituency surgery. This was a heinous act, as was the murder of Justin MacLoughlin (14, Glasgow), Hazrat Wali (18, Richmond), and the other 224 deaths by sharp instruments to March 2021, not to mention Covid deaths and road accidents. Every life snuffed out is a tragedy and stuns family and friends. Those of us who have watched family members reach the natural end of their life will know the bewilderment, pain, sense of loss. Nothing can prepare for that although we know it is inevitable. Imagine therefore the emotions where death is unexpected and violent?

Why does the death of an MP command such publicity? Why are BBC TV schedules re-jigged and newsreaders dressed in sombre garb? Why is it the headline for days on end? The newspaper coverage of Sir David's death (206 column inches) compared to that of Hazrat (30) and Justin (2) suggests his death was worthier of our attention, that his life was better in some way. As Christians we know this is not true. Jesus said that not a sparrow falls to the ground unnoticed by God. Life is precious and its end the source of much mourning, whoever's life it is.

Why then the apparent inequality? With the best will in the world, unbiased news is hard to deliver. There's often hidden pressure. Good news does not sell newspapers or improve TV ratings. Politicians will use news stories to deflect attention from criticism of other areas and they will seize on any subject which displays a united front against a common foe. Yes, consider improved security for MPs but don't forget hospital staff, clergy and charity workers, all similarly vulnerable.

How do we promote "levelness" or equality? Jesus gave us a summary of the commandments: love God and love your neighbour as yourself. The word "love" here doesn't mean you have to like your neighbour, but that you show them genuine respect. And for the large minority who claim not to be Christian, there's not one religion or code of conduct I know which does not contain this equality clause. Treat others as you would wish to be treated. If only that were sincerely and universally adopted, we would indeed enjoy God's kingdom here on earth, and at a stroke solve all of our social problems.

David Andrews
Reader and Organist at Nidd



Culinary and cropping curiosities

By Sophy Potager

November is a dull month in every way. It is getting darker, but Christmas and the winter solstice are still far away. However, on a good sunny day foraging in the hedgerows will provide one with a harvest of sloes, to prepare sloe gin, and hazelnuts – for chocolates or marzipan or to roast. You may also come across sweet chestnuts – the trees have a peculiar twisted bark – which are excellent for roasting. Many people forage for fungi, but I have never had the confidence to do so. If you do, make sure you have a clear guide to what is and is not edible. The clergy would hate to see their congregation decimated!!!! Soups are clearly the flavour of the month given the availability of so many root crops and Trinity Teas will be offering Roasted Pumpkin Soup on Nov 7th.

Roasted pumpkin Soup.

Chop up and de-seed your pumpkin, or however much of it you want to use. Leave the skin on.



Lightly brush with oil and place skin side up on large baking trays. Roast in oven at 160/180 deg C for 20-30 mins until soft. When cool remove the skin and set aside.

In a large pan sweat chopped onion, celery and garlic (proportions depend on how much pumpkin you have – enough to flavour your pureed pumpkin) until the onion is transparent.

Add finely chopped root ginger, Chili, cumin, garam marsala/ Chinese 5 Spice/ Allspice (not all of them – quantities depend on flavour desired)

Slop in all the Pumpkin, mix with a stick blender and warm up. Serve.

If wished you could add tin of coconut milk for a creamy soup.

Sloe Gin

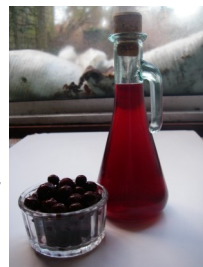
Take a clean glass jar with a well-fitting lid. Wash your sloes and then prick each one with a darning needle. Put into jar until full.

Shake granulated sugar into the jar until all the interstices are full.

Pour in gin, allowing all the trapped air to escape.

Shake the jar and put the lid on firmly. Turn and shake gently to allow the sugar to dissolve.

Put the jar in a coolish dark place but every week give it a shake until all the sugar is dissolved. Drink at Christmas.



And in the veg patch



November is a dull month but there are still some essential jobs to be done.

Leaves need to be collected and put in a wire cage to form leaf mould. (If you don't have a cage and only a few leaves they will rot down satisfactorily in black bin bags if given a bit of water and placed in a sheltered area). Leaf mould can be used to enrich and aerate flower and vegetable beds.

Provided there is still no severe frost, perennials can be divided (use two forks) and re-planted.

Once there has been enough frost to blacken them begonias can be lifted, cleaned and placed in a frost free place to go dormant. Dahlia corms also need to be lifted, cleaned and stored.

On a sunny day it can be pleasant sitting in the sun on a sheltered bench to clean and sharpen all your tools ready for the new season.



Flower and vegetable beds need to be mulched and put to bed for their period of dormancy.

Comfrey has proved to be controversial this month. I advocate making a final brew of



comfrey to have it ready to encourage new growth in the spring. However, when this was discussed on the radio (Gardeners' Question Time) it was strongly suggested that the brew loses its potency if left for several months. I have also been challenged by Phil Skeels who feels that comfrey is too valuable medically to be used on plants. He recommends a poultice of boiled leaves on severe bruises and even broken bones and tells me that he made a rapid

recovery from a footballing injury using comfrey which he also knew as "Knitbone". I have checked with Culpepper, and Phil is quite right. Comfrey poultices are recommended by Culpepper, though he claims that the roots are more efficacious than the leaves. It can also be used as a decongestant, by decocting it, and will soothe haemorrhoids, infected kidneys and breasts "sore from an abundance of milk". Wow! What a useful herb. I shall grow more of it.

As we are talking about fertilizer it might be worth mentioning use of commercial fertilizers and application of horse manure. Like many gardeners I have at this time of year applied a thick layer of manure in the winter months, often beginning in November. Others apply chemicals at this time. I have recently found out that this is rather a waste of labour as the winter rains (and snow) will wash much of the nutrient straight through. Far better to hold off until February or even March.

It is also a time to remember the neighbours who share our garden spaces. They are going to have a tough few months even if they are hibernators. So leave some of the

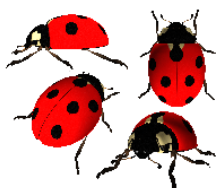


flower beds uncared for to provide cover especially for invertebrates. A hedgehog box stuffed into a quiet and secluded spot may mean your reward of a family of slug eaters next summer. No need to buy an expensive commercial model. Just make an L-shaped box with a small opening in an end wall. The hedgehog will drag in his/her own bedding and sleep round the bend

out of the draught. Do put a bit of bent pipe as ventilation into the end furthest from the opening to avoid your tenant suffocating in the bedding. I have had the privilege of having a hedgehog box used once by a female stoat to raise six kits. I do hope she found the box untenanted but maybe she started by eating the hedgehog.



You can also make a winter home for invertebrates like lacewings and lady birds. Just make a bundle of short pieces of cane and put them in a sheltered corner that gets some sun to keep it reasonably dry. When they emerge they will pay you rent by eating aphids.





Thinking caps on for our November quiz

Knotty finds November a generally dark and sombre month. Dark with the clocks going back at the end of October making the longer nights so much more obvious, and with autumnal storms, and leaves disappeared from the trees. Sombre, with Remembrance Sunday and associated commemorations. Even the fireworks and light of Bonfire

Night bring darker undertones of persecution and death. Advent, coming at the end of the month, is a quiet and reflective season. November is particularly poignant for Hanbury, a small village in Staffordshire, where, on 27th November 1944, over 4,000 tons of high explosive munitions stored in gypsum mines underneath the area exploded, killing over 70 people, destroying farms and houses and creating a vast crater. A little known disaster, submerged in the much greater tragedy of the World War of which it was part. (Knotty considered making a question about this, but thought it merited specific mention!

Knotty

1. Who was baptised on April 16th 1570 in the church of St Michael le Belfrey, York, and died in London on January 31st 1606.
- 2.. Which “Girl Band” comprises Nicole and Natalie Appleton, Melanie Blatt and Shaznay Lewis, and what on earth, or elsewhere, is their connection with November?
3. If you follow November with the first name of an Irish playwright, a winner, a rebounding sound, a device used for amplifying and recording sound, an expression of approval at the opera, another rebounding sound and a Shakespearean lover, what do you get?
4. The film “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” was released on November 4th 2001. Which actor played the Hogwarts School headmaster in the film and by what name was the film known in the USA?
5. Number question coming up! November’s ordinal number is 11, which is the 5th prime number. What is the 11th prime number? November has a total of 30 days; 30 is not a prime number, but which months have ordinal numbers AND total numbers of days which are both prime numbers?
6. In which television series, first shown in November 1969, did the eponymous family share its world with the Soup Dragon?

7. Which saint, famous for cutting his cloak in half so he could share it with a beggar, is celebrated on November 11th?
8. On December 26, 1941, President Franklin D Roosevelt signed a joint resolution of Congress fixing the USA's national Thanksgiving Day to which specific day?
9. Who famously, and presumably, met whom on November 10th 1871?
10. Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born on 25th November 1881 in the Bergamo Province of Italy and died on June 3rd 1963 in Rome. By what name is he better known?
11. Which element has the Atomic number of 11 and the Latin name of Natrium?
12. Why might you have noticed a bustle in your hedgerow on November 8th 1971?
13. By what colloquial name is the last Sunday before Advent known in the Anglican church, and why? Traditionally, what task should be performed on this particular Sunday?
14. The poppy is the most prominent symbol of Remembrance in the United Kingdom leading up to Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. In which year did the British Legion's first 'Poppy Appeal' take place – 1919, 1921, 1925 or 1928?
15. St Andrew's Day is celebrated on November 30th. Why, according to legend, was St Andrew adopted as Scotland's patron saint?
16. Where in Scotland would you find the 'Old', the 'Castle', the 'New', the 'Jubilee', the 'Eden', the 'Strathtyrum' and the 'Balgove', all linked together?
17. November 27th this year is the centenary of the birth of Alexander Dubček. Of which country was he the de facto leader between January 1968 and April 1969?
18. 'Five Days in November' is the title of a book by Clint Hill. What 1963 event forms the central theme of this book?
19. The rock band 'Guns N'Roses' song 'November Rain' was released as a single in 1992. In which British city was Guns N'Roses' lead guitarist 'Slash' (real name Saul Hudson) born?
20. In which of the following sports do teams take to the field with a maximum of 11 players? Association Football, Canadian Football, Cricket, Shinty, Men's Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Hurling, American Football, Netball, Gaelic Football, Bandy, Ladies' Lacrosse?



How many did you get right in our October quiz?

Check your answers below.

1. Triangle (equilateral); twelve edges; six vertices.
2. Shoemakers, cobblers, leatherworkers, tanners. Street is the home of Clark's shoe company.
3. Agincourt.
4. Sean Connery
5. Signs of the Zodiac spanning October; (Ford) Scorpio; Libra.
6. Samhain
7. Barbara Castle.
8. Thanksgiving Day.
9. 'The Ninety-five Theses' or 'Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences'. Martin Luther.
10. 1957.
11. October Sky
12. Llareggub. Captain Cat.
13. The Birth of the Prophet Muhammed.
14. Ada Lovelace.
15. The Football Association (The FA).
16. Stamford Bridge.
17. Captain Pugwash.
18. Clarice Cliff
19. Rum, usually. Sometimes brandy. Nelson's body was returned to England preserved in a barrel of rum. Or brandy.
20. An escalator – or, as it was known then, a 'moving staircase'.



Applications for a place at St Aidan's CE High School for September 2022.

It's that time of year again when many parents and year 6 pupils start to think about the secondary schools that they wish to apply for. As usual applications go through the NYCC applications process online and families will receive letters about this once term re-starts. For St Aidan's CE High School there is an additional form that needs to be completed which is available when you visit the school for one of the Open Days or can be downloaded via the school website. This form is used by the Governing body for those years where the number of applicants exceeds the number of places at the school and a points system is applied to each applicant. This is explained in the application form and takes into account different consideration including whether pupils live in the Episcopal Area, whether they are looked after children, whether they have any special educational needs statements or medical conditions that need special consideration, whether they have siblings at the school and whether they are applying for a Foundation (Faith) place. There is a lot of good information on the website to help parents understand this additional form and the nature of the place they are applying for. Pupils applying for a Foundation place apply based on attendance at a place of worship and points are allocated over a 3 years period prior to the application and based on the level of regular attendance; weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc. Obviously there has been some questions over the last 18 months for period when churches have been closed and the school has said the following:

'For applicants wishing to join Year 7 in September 2022, the previous three years attendance at a place of worship would be from October 2018 to October 2021.

The variation put in place last year still applies – this means that for the period of time places of worship were closed (currently March 2020 – June 2021) church attendance cannot be counted. Attendance via online services unfortunately cannot be taken into consideration.

Obviously places of worship have not been consistently open since March 2020. Therefore, the presumption will be made that an applicants' pattern of church attendance up to March 2020 would have continued at the same rate if places of worship had remained open.

As always, the Governors on the Admissions Committee would read any supporting letters from Ministers.

(October 2018 to March 2020 = 17 months, June 2021 to October 2021 = 4 months)'

Therefore when points are being considered they will be based upon a number of factors and in particular for a Foundation Place will be based upon attendance at a place of worship as set out in the paragraph and as always the additional form needs to be completed and then signed by a member of the team clergy in order for it to be taken into account by the Governors. So please make sure you bring your form to be signed by either Garry or myself in good time before the October application deadlines. Where we know applications are being made for our church family children we can write a letter of recommendation to go with the Application and I have always been happy to do the in the past.

As a governor and parent of children who are going/have gone through St Aidan's I am very happy to answer questions parents might have or to point you to the right resources and I know Garry will be too, so please do get in contact with us.

Revd Stroma

Remembrance Day

Have you seen all the poppies around town and covering Knaresborough castle? This is because the poppy is a flower of remembrance. On 11th November each year we celebrate Remembrance day. It is on this day that we honour all the men and women who have served in our armed forces who have fought to defend our freedom. In Belgium there is a place called Flanders Fields where many soldiers from the first world War are buried. The poppies grow wild there between all the crosses that mark their place.

Here is a poppy wreath for you to colour like the ones that you will see if you visit the war memorial in the castle grounds



Look this verse up in your Bible, John, chapter 8, verse 36

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

The greatest freedom we have is the freedom that we have in Jesus. The Bible teaches us that Jesus died to set us free from the penalty of sin and we have been given eternal life. Jesus paid the price for us so let us remember to thank God for Jesus.

Accord



Remembrance Day



Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.



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Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021 at St Mary's Church, Goldsborough

In the chair Revd. Garry Hinchcliffe

Present: Revd. Stroma McDermott, Denise Cullingworth, Oliver Cullingworth, Brian Jelbert (Treasurer) Anne

Peppitt, Carol Ballard, Shirley Lovell, Jackie Shaw, Nicky Wynn, Paul Kerwin, Sharon Foster, Pam Thomas, David Osborne, Lynn Curl, Jack Wilson, Mervyn Derby, Martin Lightfoot. Secretary Margaret Bridge.

Apologies: Pam Child, Elaine Armes, Philip Skeels

Opening Prayer – Revd Garry Hinchcliffe.

1 Matters arising and Adoption of Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 26th July 2021

Proposed: Brian Jelbert Seconded: Sharon Foster. Agreed as an accurate record. Matters arising - None

2 Vision/Mission update

A 'New Dawn' update – The new Bridges bulletin is now available. The last of the invite letters to the consultation meeting will be posted out this week. Garry to invite Andrew Michael to our next PCC meeting to further help our deliberations.

House groups/Alpha – The Alpha group facilitated by Revd Stroma started last week. The House groups are meeting this week.

Website – Revd Stroma reported that the website was well used during lockdown. As reported at the last PCC meeting the current website is no longer fit for purpose and needs updating. It has been decided to transfer to a new provider. WIX will be the new provider and data will be transferred in early November, starting with team events and later individual churches news.

Living in Love and Faith – Advent Course – The C of E have introduced a 5-week Advent course exercise book. There is also a video on the C of E website.

3 House for Duty post – There is no start date for Lisa, but possibly early 2022.

4 Finance update – (see separate sheet) Brian referred to his report. He confirmed that there has not been much movement. The Finance Sub-Committee are to discuss the Parish Share and the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Also, possible introduction of card machine facilities in 2022. New Treasurer at St John's – Mike Daybell is taking over this role.

Also discussed was the proposal of increasing wedding donation to £500. The increased amount to be ringfenced to pay the Parish Administrator salary. Also, to introduce a Baptism donation, recommended amount of £100, to go towards costs.

The PCC propose an increase from £200 to £500 for wedding donations starting 01/01/2022.

Proposed: Revd Garry. Seconded Nicky Wynn. 17 - for 1- against

The PCC propose to introduce a baptism donation of £100 starting 01/01/2022

Proposed: Revd Garry. Seconded Mervyn Derby. 17 – for 1 – abstention

5 Safeguarding – It was agreed to update ‘A Safer Church’ policy. – Agreed Unanimously.

6 Disability – (see separate sheets) Access and Inclusion – Nicky talked us through what is required for each church. All churches across the team to display a notice informing who the church contact is. Leaflets showing guidelines to be handed out, also, information on pew sheets. Carol spoke about service booklets and how they could be presented to make them user friendly. Carol to send an information sheet to PCC members for their comments before the service sheets go to print. Garry thanked Nicky and Carol for all their efforts.

7 Fabric update: St Marys reported that the window should be completed mid-November St John’s – No Update. Holy Trinity – No update.

8 AOB:

COVID-19 Update – Garry has checked the C of E website for updates. Suggestion that more Hymns may be sung as before Covid/lockdown.

Vestry meeting dates – Daytime meetings if possible – Proposed dates, Monday 18 October 2021, St Marys 1pm and Holy Trinity 3pm. Wednesday 20 October 2021 St Johns at 1pm all via Zoom.

HUB/Hall updates – Brian reported that the ceiling at HT hall had now been painted. Groups were starting up again and using the hall. Community Stars are using the Hub for refreshments which have been very successful.

Church Records – Terrier & Logbook Carol reported that Paul and herself had checked the cabinet in St Marys and the records are out of date. Carol explained that this is an onerous task as every detail needs updating. Carol to send to all PCC members a copy of the Church Property Register and Logbook for guidance, this is also available from Church House Publishing. The documents outline what is to be in place. Garry informed the PCC that the Archdeacon will be due to do a visitation at some stage, therefore all church records need to be up to date.

The Next Meeting will be Monday 15th November 2021, 7.30pm at St Johns.

PCC dates for 2022: 13 Jan; 9 March; APCM 4 April; 15 May; 21 July; 12 Sept and 16 Nov.

Jack referred to the production of the Annual Report and suggested that the reports need condensing (see separate sheet). All reports to be submitted by the end of January 2022, in time to be collated/printed etc. for the APCM on 4 April 2022. Jack also informed the PCC that he had been involved in the preparation of the Annual Report for some 9 years. He is now looking for someone to shadow him in his 10th year with a view to taking over the role.

Garry thanked Margaret (Secretary) and Brian (Treasurer) for all their efforts.

9 Closing Prayer - The Grace

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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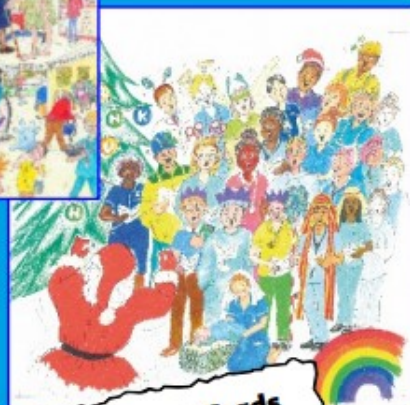
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