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Although Easter is not until later in the month, that's what we have focused on with articles on pages 12 through to 17. We hope you enjoy them.

There's also a lot of news about events at St Giles on pages 23-27. March seems to have been a month for fund raising! It started with the Quiz which raised £650 for church funds. Then Headingley Rotary held a

Bridge drive in the hall to raise £1100 for Caring for Life and a Schools Technology challenge in South Leeds. Finally our wonderful Children's Society Committee raised £700 at an afternoon tea with an entertaining talk by Ian Dewhurst MBE. Didn't we do well!?

*Gill & Marion*

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# From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

'Are we nearly there yet?' is a cry that goes up from children when we have barely been on a journey a few minutes. And we this Lent could say the same. Here we are in April and Easter is still a long way off towards the end of the month. We are still deep in the rigours and abstinence of Lent. However what we do know is that Easter will come. Our celebrations for Easter will happen because we know that Jesus is alive even as we go through Lent.

We are able to get through Lent because we know the resurrection words, which greeted the women

*'He is not here. He has risen!'*

It is the greeting of Easter morning. It is the start of our belief in Christ. More than any other season of the church Easter proclaims the faith in which we put our faith and trust. And we still send that greeting today because it is a message of hope to all who would call on the name of Jesus. It is a message of love because Jesus died and rose again for us

*'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life.'*

There are those who would deny this hope, explain it away or are too embarrassed to own it. Yet every day at every moment in the day all over the world people are coming to faith in Jesus Christ, owning their faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and putting their hope and faith in his resurrection by their baptism. And they have come to that faith because they have been told about it by people who are sure enough not to deny their faith, by people whose faith rests on God's power and by people who only boast in the resurrection.

Our Easter card which has gone out to the

village proclaims our Easter faith "*Happy Easter, Jesus is alive*". We warmly invite everyone, villagers and visitors, to come and worship and wonder at the love of God who sent His only Son to live, die and be resurrected for us.

As we gratefully arrive at Easter after a journey of self denial and self examination we rejoice that we can share the Easter message of love and hope telling everyone

*He has risen Jesus is alive!*

May God Bless the remainder of your journey through Lent and may your arrival at Easter Day fulfil all your expectations.

God Bless you and all for whom you pray

*Janice*



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### Baptism

9th March

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### Funerals

19th February

George Helm

*'Condolences'*

### Baptism Anniversaries

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- 1 Tues Circle Dancing 7.45 pm
- 2 Wed Luncheon Club 12.15 pm
- 2 Wed Mothers' Union 2.00 pm Helen Mumby  
*"Supporting Rural Communities in Namibia"*
- 6 Sun Annual Parochial Church Meeting 11 am
- 8 Tues Women's Fellowship 8.00 pm  
Kate from Courtyard Planters  
*"Wild Life Gardening and Herbs"*
- 10 Thurs Men's Supper Club Ladies Evening 6.00 pm  
Leeds Playhouse *"An August Bank Holiday Lark"*
- 13 Sun Healing Prayer during 9.30 am service
- 13 Sun Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am
- 15 Tues Circle Dancing 7.45 pm
- 16 Wed Open House 2.00 - 4.00 pm
- 19 Fri Messy Easter Crafts 9.30 - 12.00 pm
- 23 Wed CATS 9.15 - 11.30 am
- 24 Thurs Pub Walking Group 9.30 am
- Fri 25 - Sun 27 Parish Weekend at Rydal Hall
- 27 Sun Activities for under 7's during 9.30 am service
- 29 Tues Circle Dancing 7.45 pm
- 30 Wed CATS 9.15 - 11.30 am

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# St George - our patron saint who isn't English

It's perhaps typical of the English that they should have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who may not have existed at all. That didn't stop him being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that he was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that he was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the middle ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and

invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

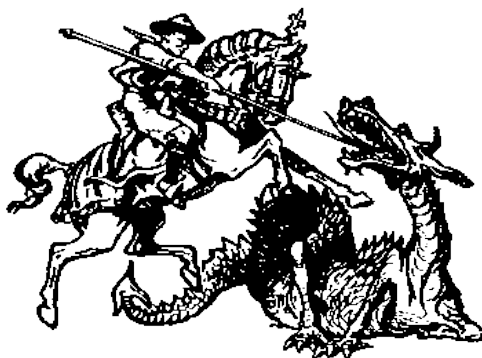
However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the

militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause. Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our gratitude and admiration.

*Canon David Winter*



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# Lent challenge continued - Nice Things to do this April

This year thousands of Christians are doing Lent differently. The challenge is to 'Do1NiceThing' every day between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday – 40 acts of kindness and generosity to make our communities nicer places to be. Ideas for this Lent focus are at [www.do1nicething.org.uk](http://www.do1nicething.org.uk) and [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk)

## #BIGRead14 Theme of Week - Responses

31st March - Say sorry even, when it's not your fault!

1st April - Look for ways to volunteer your time for someone else (look at StreetBank for ideas)

2nd April - E-Mail your local councillors to thank them for what they do

3rd April - Take time to discover some new tourist attraction in your area (eg wildlife park)

4th April - Give away a book you think is worth reading

5th April - Pay for the drink of the person behind you in a coffee shop

6th April - Write some inspirational messages on Post-It notes and randomly leave for people to find

## #BIGRead14 Theme of

## Week - Virtues

7th April - Help someone down the stairs or hold open a door for someone with a pram

8th April - Sit in a coffee shop and chat to some strangers or buy a 'Suspended Coffee' or pay for a stranger's drink

9th April - Offer your skills to someone else for free

10th April - Write a letter to the boss of someone who has given excellent customer service to tell them so

11th April - Clear out unwanted items and give to a charity shop

12th April - Organise a free car wash for your community

Palm Sunday 13th April - Thank people for the virtues they have

## #BIGRead14 Theme of Week - Deeps

14th April - Send flowers to a friend as a thank you for your friendship

15th April - Give a New Testament or inspirational book to someone you don't know

16th April - Take a box of chocolates to work and say thank you to your colleagues

Maundy Thursday 17th April - Easter Weekend - invite people to your Love Your Street street party

Good Friday 18th April - Put spare change in a charity box

19th April - Visit a local shop you have not visited before or in a while (support locally!)

Easter Sunday 20th April - Love Your Street street party ([www.loveyourstreets.org.uk](http://www.loveyourstreets.org.uk) for resources) - keep on your #Do1NiceThing challenge.



# Why Easter will never go away

**H**ow do you make sense of the Resurrection?

Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man did rise?

At the end of St Luke's Gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: "You crucified Jesus, but God raised him up!"

How did they know this? Because of experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But of course each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue his good name. So

did they pretend they had seen him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds. He recovered in the tomb, and escaped. The disciples nursed him back to health. But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit.

If the disciples had been hiding Jesus, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues.

Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.



Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life-changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: "He came to those men who knew him not. He speaks to us the same word: 'Follow thou me', and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal

# Easter Prayer

himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.”

Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.

*Parish Pump*

Dear generous, loving Father,

How can we thank you for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, for his life of obedience and servant-hood, for his choosing to die that agonising death on a cruel cross, so that we can be forgiven, and most of all for his death-defeating resurrection on the first Easter morning and the gift of his Spirit to those who put their trust in him?

We can't possibly thank you adequately Lord, but we want to try! Thank you, thank you Father, that Jesus, our Servant-King is alive, Lord of heaven and earth - and yet still serving us, so that we too can live and serve.

Help us to be your Easter people and live lives of faithful witness to the living Lord, empowered by your Holy Spirit, building in all that we think, say or do for your kingdom to come. Hallelujah! Amen.

*Daphne Kitching*

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## An Easter Poem

**C**hocolate eggs and cuddly bunnies  
Mark the start of Easter time.  
But where's the cross, the Lord's great  
passion  
That took our sin both yours and mine?  
Once a babe but now a king  
Born of David's royal line  
See the crown of tangled thorns  
Rammed upon the head divine.

Jeering now they strip and beat Him  
Nail Him to a cross on high  
Throwing dice they shout and mock him  
Watching there for Him to die.  
Little did they know the outcome  
That it was the Father's plan  
That the Son should give His life

Our sacrifice, the Paschal Lamb.

Taken down and wrapped in spices  
In a borrowed tomb He's laid,  
Stone rolled hard against the entrance  
Guards and seal securely made.  
The women and disciples seek Him  
He who death could not hold down  
Risen now, forever living,  
Wearing now the victor's crown.  
He the firstfruits of the Father,  
Secures for us a heavenly place  
What great joy and celebrations  
When we see Him face to face.

*By Megan Carter*



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# An Empty Celebration!

**P**hilip always seemed different to his eight-year-old Sunday school classmates. Several weeks before Easter, Philip's teacher told them the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. To make the point about new life, she gave each child a large plastic egg: 'I want you to take this home and bring it back with something inside that shows new life.'

Enthusiastically, the class responded. In the first egg was a flower; in the next a plastic butterfly, while the third contained green grass. Then the teacher opened the fourth egg; however the egg was empty! The teacher felt a tug on his shirt. It was Philip, who said, 'That's mine, and I did do right! It's empty, because Jesus' tomb was empty.'

He got it right!! The greatest symbol of new life is an empty tomb!

Now there are three Empty Promises that we can celebrate this Easter:

**An Empty Tomb:** Without the empty tomb, we have no Saviour. For those who know Jesus as their Lord, there is no fear in death and we share the assurance of an eternity spent with Jesus and sharing his resurrection life.

**An Empty Cross:** The promise of an empty cross is that we can stand forgiven of our sins before God. Jesus' cry on the cross 'It is finished!' is a cry of triumph, because the barrier of sin between us and God has finally and eternally been removed. God is with us and working through us.

**An Empty Life:** This world can only offer transitory satisfaction and security, while the joy of the Lord lasts forever. Our God specialises in filling up the emptiness of this life with his joy, peace, forgiveness and new life. Nothing in this world will ultimately satisfy us except Jesus himself.

So Easter reminds us: 'The world gives us promises full of emptiness, but God gives us emptiness full of promise!'

*Paul Hardingham*

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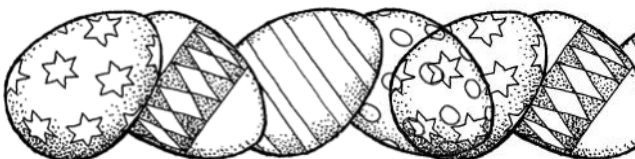
**\*Children ~ Mannerless**

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**Everything is becoming  
LESS**

**BUT still our hopes are ~  
ENDLESS.**

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leaves me ~ Speechless!**







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# The Perils of Easter weekend

Good Friday is traditionally the start of our DIY season – the time of year when hundreds of thousands of optimistic British householders decide that NOW is the time to tackle those jobs around the house. Wickes, the DIY chain, has estimated that we will spend over £1 billion on home improvement this weekend alone. B & Q expects to sell more than one million litres of paint.

Intentions are good, but the reality is alarming: according to the Department of Trade and Industry, there are about 100,000 DIY-related accidents annually. More people die every week in domestic mishaps than in road crashes. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents reckons that, over the average bank holiday, there are 1,400 serious injuries as a result of DIY. Climbing a simple step ladder alone defeats 40,000 of us a year.

We can't climb ladders, and there's a lot more we can't do: according to a recent survey by the Ideal Home Show, 52 per cent of us can't wire a plug; 79% of us can't wallpaper a room; 62% of us can't put up a shelf; one third of us, 35 per

cent, are even helpless when faced with a blocked sink.

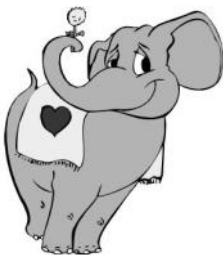
And yet – still we try... and in the process we wreak havoc. A study by Halifax shows that over the past ten years, more than four million British households have been the victims of DIY debacles. The total bill for repairing these self-inflicted disasters? £6.7 billion – and rising.

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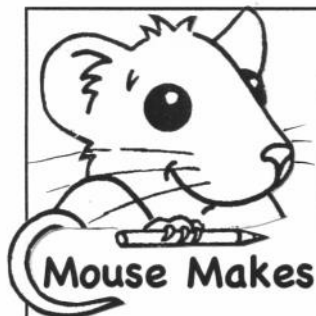
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## **Children's Society**

Thank you to all those who helped and supported the event on 13th March when Ian Dewhurst MBE gave a talk on 'History through Postcard Messages' followed by afternoon tea. £700 was raised for the Society.

## **Mothers' Union**

At the time of writing we have yet to hold our annual Bring and Buy sale with afternoon tea. Our April meeting, on the 2nd April will be a talk by Helen Mumby on 'Supporting Rural communities in Namibia'. Do encourage non members to come along to this as Helen always entertains us with lots of pictures and stories about her travels.

*Gill Pinches*

## **Men's Supper Club**

At our March Meeting Jennifer Angus spoke to us about a little known Christian Charity called 'Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)', formed in 1945 by a few pilots who had flown during the Second World War. The charity has continued to grow and currently operates 130 light aircraft in 35 countries. MAF pilots and personnel

deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines - everything that can only be safely and speedily delivered by air in some of the most challenging terrain on earth. MAF often works with large relief and aid agencies such as OXFAM. The talk was warmly received and a real 'eye opener'.

The Ladies' Outing on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April is to the West Yorkshire Playhouse to see 'An August Bank Holiday Lark'. The coach leaves St. Giles' car park at 6.15pm. The organiser is Bryan Bunday (0113 267 8534). The current session ends with the Secondhand Book Sale on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, organised by Bernard Williams (0113 318 8707).

*Fred Archenhold*

## **Women's Fellowship**

The March meeting was a humorous and interesting talk by Val Howson on her work in the Salvation Army Charity Shop in Meanwood Road. She told several different stories of how the shop is able to help the community in the area and also how unsaleable clothing found its way far afield, some deep into the African bush. There were

many questions.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 8th April at 8.00pm when we shall have a talk by Kate from Courtyard Planters, Beech Hill, Otley. Her subject is Wildlife Gardening and Herbs. We hope she will bring some plants for sale with her.

Subscriptions are now due (£10) and membership cards available. The summer supper is on May 14th and there will be a list at the next meeting to sign. The price remains at £10.50. On July 8th we are visiting Golden Acre Park in the early evening with a supper in the newly extended cafe. The caterer would like to have an idea of numbers and whether we would like afternoon tea or a high tea or something else! (suggestions, please) Again there will be yet another list at the next meeting for you to sign!

*Rosemary Cysarz*

## **Walking Group News**

During one of the walks in February the members of the group discussed its future for the coming years. It was agreed that we should reduce by one the number of walks

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offered each month. To achieve that it was decided to continue walking on the fourth Thursday of the month and this to be a pub walk. Consequently, the Walking Talking Group has been disbanded although I would be delighted if someone wished to resurrect it. Any volunteers?

Janet Sunderland set up the Walking Talking Group over eighteen years ago and until her death led most of the walks for the group. Many walkers past and present will have fond memories of Janet's enthusiasm and sense of fun. Her husband, Philip, has been leading the walks since that time and I would like to express my thanks for their input. We have had some great walks and interesting conversation over the years.

And so to the present. The April pub walk will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month and we will continue to assemble in the Old Lane car park (next to The Craven) in time for a 9.30 a.m. departure for the start of the walk.

*Ken Ball*

## **Fair Trade Stall**

Over the past year there have been nine Fair Trade stalls after the Sunday mid-

morning service. These have raised a total of £586 pounds. Thank you for your support over the past year. I would also like to thank Pam Walton for her help with the stall during this time.

*Sue Ball*

## **Messy Church**

This month it will be 'Messy Easter Crafts' on Good Friday, 18th April from 9.30am—Noon.

Bring along anyone 'young at heart' and have fun doing Easter crafts and listening to the Easter Story. Children over 7 can be registered and need not bring along a parent.

## **Toddler Praise**

will be on 2nd April when no doubt the theme will be Easter. Carers and their under 5's are welcome. 10—11am in the church.

## **City of Bradford Brass Band**

Congratulations to the CBBB who were crowned 1st section Champions of Yorkshire at the regional finals in St George's Hall Bradford. Many of you will remember their wonderful

concert at St Giles last December. Perhaps it was good practice for them!

## **Circle Dancing**

Our week in Morocco was amazing. It was organised as a dancing holiday, but each day was spent exploring and getting to know the people. We just danced for 2 hours in the evening when it was cooler. We stayed at Maison Anglaise, a Guest House in Taroudant which is owned by a British woman but staffed entirely by local people. We were taken to see a Honey Farm, a new mixed orchard for the bees, and a pigeon house, all of which have been funded by Maison Anglaise to provide work for the community. They also support an Argen Nut scheme, employing all local women who, after their morning shift are given education. We spent some time at the Orphanage which is also partly funded by the Guest House.

Our best day was spent at a Berber village in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, learning how the women bake their bread in a clay oven, then use the charcoal from the oven to cook their meals in a tagine. We watched the men making

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pots and tiles, and finally we shared a meal with one of the families, sitting on cushions at low tables, scooping up the delicious vegetable stew with the bread which we had just watched being made. The man of the household then came in to prepare the Moroccan tea ceremony which lasted half an hour. It is Green Tea with peppermint – very strong and sweet.

We were very impressed by how close the community was. Everyone works together, helping those who were in need, and the whole village shares the task of caring for the elderly. They were an extremely interdependent and contented group. We seem to be losing that in England.

One evening, a group of Berber women came to entertain us. 6 women with an assortment of drums of all shapes and sizes, played and sang and taught us how to shimmy and shake to their music. Not many of us were much good at it but it was great fun.

My lasting memory of the country is of intense colour, wonderful aromas, delicious food, smiling faces, friendly children, donkeys everywhere, palm trees,

storks and egrets perched on top of buildings, hot sunshine and blue skies. We LOVED it and will be back!

*Joan Peart*

### **Multi-media Update**

Believe it or not it's been nearly 4 years since we had our new sound system and screen installed.

PCC have recently approved an upgrade to the system to make it even better. The more observant will have noticed that we now have a ceiling-mounted projector and new speakers in the hall, and a couple more TV screens on the pillar nearest to the pulpit. These new TV screens allow Janice and the music group to see what is being shown on the big screen without having to turn round. Next to be installed will be a camera on the west wall and some control equipment at the sound desk.

When the installation is complete, the north aisle screens will be able to show the altar, pulpit and lectern, and we will be able to show any of these pictures on the screen in the hall. This will be of particular benefit when we have a large funeral service that overflows into the hall. A special microphone will also be used to relay the organ sound to

the hall on these occasions.

In the hall, it is now much easier to use the projector and screen by connecting either a laptop or a CD/DVD player into the sockets on the wall under the screen.

I will be happy to let anyone know how the equipment works – as soon as I have found out for myself when all the equipment is installed sometime after Easter.

*Nick Pinches*

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And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for *The Life of Eve's Mother*. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.' Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula: 'April-Fool-Day's-past-and-gone-you're-the-fool-and-I-am-none!'

## Smile lines.....

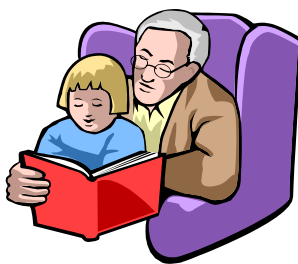
.....A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store.

As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied "Yes. Just go straight down this street and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said "I'm the new Priest in town. I'd like you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle "You're kidding me, right? You don't even know the way to the Post Office!"



....I was sitting on the carpet with my youngest grandson, helping him to make words with his wooden letters.

We spelled out his name, AIDEN, and he said "Grandad, why do people call me Aiden?"

I told him that when he was born, his Mummy and Daddy chose a name for him and from then on everyone called him by that name. He said "Did your Mummy and Daddy call you Grandad?"

I had to laugh and explain to him exactly why he called me Grandad, and that my Mummy and Daddy had called me Stephen, to which he replied "That's a funny name."

.....A small boy wanted a baby brother, so his father suggested he pray every night for one. The boy began to pray earnestly, night after night. When nothing happened, he gave up. After a few months his dad said they were going to see mum in the hospital and he was going to get a big surprise. When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies. "Well, what do you think about having twin brothers?" his dad asked. The little boy thought for a moment and replied: "It is a good thing I stopped praying when I did."





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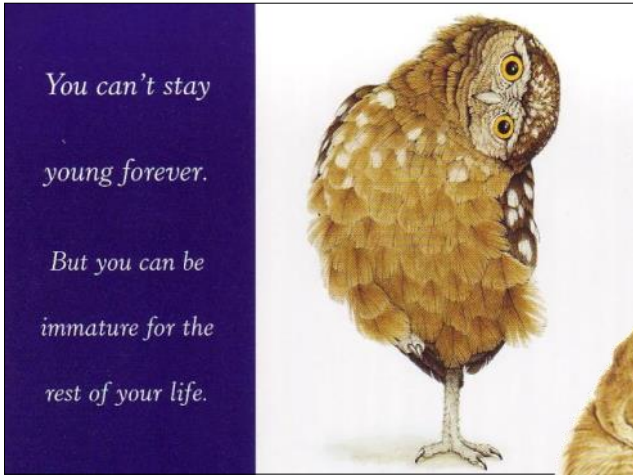
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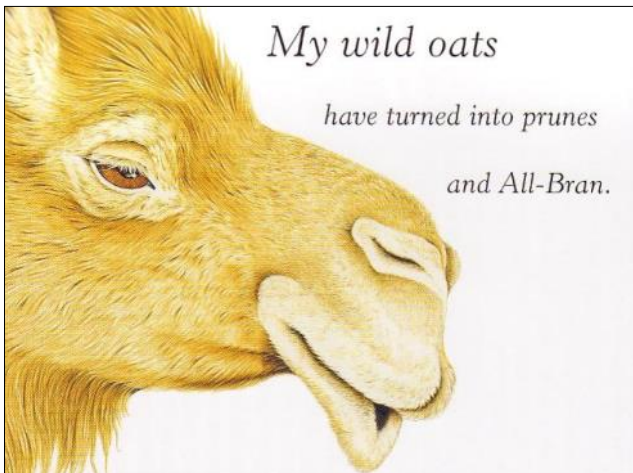


*You can't stay  
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*But you can be  
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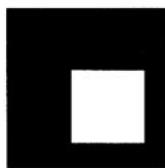


*I would be unstoppable. If I could just get started.*



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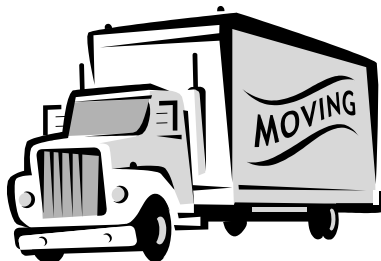
Raymond discussed the rising number of Aid agencies such as Christian Aid, which reminded us of the suffering of people caused by wars and the possibility of strife in the Middle East and Ireland. He said that although we have caused this, God still loved us enough to send us his son to die on the cross.

On Good Friday, there was to be a procession of witness by member of St Giles and The Methodist Church around the village, walking behind a wooden cross. This was to start at 2pm.

The Hospital Chaplain of Leeds General Infirmary was appealing for people to join the hospital visitors group and train as visitors within the hospital.

In February, the Women's Fellowship had a talk by Dr Hampton on the International Biomedical Expedition to the Antarctic and Gilbert Matthewman had talked to the Men's Supper Club about Sardinia.

**Mary Mumby** was asking for volunteers to transport large articles for sale at the Grand Salerama in May. This was to be in aid of the organ repairs.



Finally the Children's Society said that their Antiques Evening had been a great success. Altogether during the year they had raised £746 plus £120 at the Christingle Service and £420 at the box opening.

*Janet and Bill Cunliffe*

## Warden's Blog

When I first became Churchwarden the list of things to do when opening up the church seemed unending. Open this door, turn that light on, open that safe, lock that one, wash out and refresh the water jugs, get out the collection plates, put out the cones (those dreaded cones!), put up the correct hymns, find some (willing) volunteers to take up the elements, ring the bell (but first learn how to do it!), do 'the count' and work the soundboard. Then do everything in reverse.

This morning, after 2 years it seemed so much easier though, this Sunday, I got the count wrong...AGAIN! Why is it so difficult to count how many people are in church? I never seem to be able to get it right—it's either too many or too few. You'd be surprised to know that I got A level Maths! Neither did I get the sound right but that's another story.

*Gill*

PS ....must buy some more water bottles....much easier than washing the glassware..

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Dacre Son & Hartley	16	Andrew Gamble	Morrish & Co	4
Manning Stainton	8	Arthur Clemens		
		D PA Fletcher	<b>Window Cleaning</b>	
<b>Food &amp; Catering</b>		Green Renovations	M Milner	6
Village Bakery	32	Heselwood Plastering		
		Lily's		
<b>Funeral Directors</b>		Neil Stringwell		
Donald Pickles	14	Small building works		
Good's	20			
Slater's	19	<b>Plumbers and Gas Engineers</b>		
		Andrew Dodsworth		
<b>Health &amp; Beauty</b>		BHP Services		
McMahon Dentists	32	John Suggit		
Nth Leeds Physio	28			
		<b>Res/Nursing homes</b>		
		Ashcroft House		24

# Church Services for April 2014

Wednesday 2nd 10.00am Toddler Praise  
 Thursday 3rd 10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sunday 6th**

## PASSION SUNDAY

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)  
**6.30pm Evening Service at the Methodist Church**  
 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



Thursday 10th

**Sunday 13th**

## PALM SUNDAY

8.15am Holy Communion (CW)  
 9.30am All.together Service with Healing Ministry  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (CW)  
 With Distribution of Palm Crosses at all Services

## HOLY WEEK

Wednesday 16th 7.30pm Worship for Holy Week

Thursday 17th

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 7.30pm "The Lord's Supper" Symbolic  
 Worship for Maundy Thursday



Friday 18th

## GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am "Messy Easter" Children's Crafts  
 2.00pm An Hour at the Cross  
 7.00pm "Olivet to Calvary" at St. Giles

**Sunday 20th**

## EASTER DAY

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 9.30am Together Easter Communion (CW)  
 With the Welcoming of the Easter Candle  
 6.30pm Choral Evensong  
 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



Thursday 24th

**Sunday 27th**

## SECOND OF EASTER

8.15am Holy Communion (CW)  
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)  
 6.30pm Choral Evensong



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Thursday 1st (BCP) 10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion

**Sunday 4th**

## THIRD OF EASTER

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)  
 6.30pm Choral Evensong  
 10.00am Toddler Praise

Wednesday 7th

