

Church Services April 2016

Sunday 3rd **SECOND OF EASTER**
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
Thursday 7th 10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 10th **THIRD OF EASTER**
 8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 9.30am All.together Service
 6.30pm Holy Communion (CW)
Thursday 14th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

All.together

Sunday 17th **FOURTH OF EASTER**
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
 6.30pm **No Choral Evensong**
Thursday 21st 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 24th **FIFTH OF EASTER**
 8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 9.30am Together Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
Thursday 28th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



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Sunday 1st **SIXTH OF EASTER**
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 6.30pm Choral Evensong
Wednesday 4th 10.00am Toddler Praise
Thursday 5th 10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)

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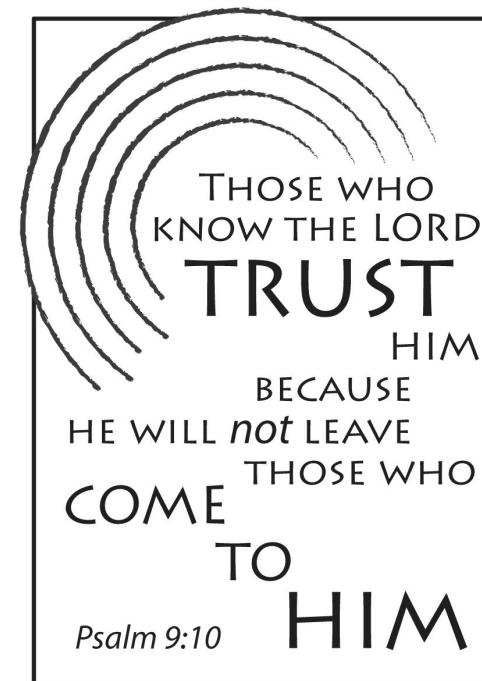


Next Draw: 10th April

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an all-age service

Sunday 10th April 9.30am

Also this month:
News and events
Beyond Easter
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The Queen's logo
Days for Girls
.....and much more



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Prayer Schedule for Bramhope

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Today as we write this it's not raining! The daffodils are in full bloom and at last (hopefully) Spring is on its way.

So we are looking 'Beyond Easter' (p12) and spring poems and verses (p21 & p23).

As for St Giles, just because Easter will soon be over there is still a lot happening. The Annual Men's Supper Club Book Sale (on Sat 14th May) is always a good time to stock up on summer reading and, of course, to

empty your shelves to make room for them by donating read books. This is followed in the evening by a Musical Extravaganza in Two Acts (p6) - whatever that means we're sure it will be a fun evening!

We're gearing up to a special edition SGR in June to celebrate the Queen's birthday and we would love to hear from anyone who has personally met the Queen!

Happy reading!

Gill & Marion

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Shakespeare - the Bard of Avon

William Shakespeare, universally recognised as the world's greatest playwright, died on 23rd April 1616. The 400th anniversary of that event is being widely marked – the BBC is broadcasting every one of his plays, for instance. Even people who have never read any of them are familiar with bits of their speeches: 'To be or not to be?' and 'Neither a borrower nor a lender be' (Hamlet); 'Out, out damned spot!' (Macbeth); 'Friends,

Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears!' (Julius Caesar); 'If music be the food of love, play on' (Twelfth Night); 'Beware the green-eyed monster' (Othello) and scores more. 'Now is the Winter of our discontent' (Richard the Third) has plagued my life! We probably endured studying his plays as teenagers and if not then, then perhaps later found how wonderfully he tuned his words to the human spirit.



He was a jobbing actor, a script writer, a master of the sonnet as well as being a truly great dramatist. He lifted the English language to new heights. Let's celebrate him this month!

Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

Choir

Seen in a parish magazine: Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.



...and when it comes to 'the peace' I want all those who want to stay in Europe to shake hands with all those who want to leave...

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

Easter Greetings and Happy Easter to you all.

I write this in the April magazine but in fact Easter Sunday was a few days ago in March. By the magic of print deadlines you will still receive this before Easter takes place.

Throughout Lent we have been saying Easter is early this year as if it makes a difference to the Good News that Easter holds.

The fact is no matter when we celebrate Easter, early, late, on time (when is on time?), in the church there is great rejoicing. It is reflected in our music, our prayers and our bible readings. And it lasts not just one Sunday but many Sundays until that long neglected festival of Ascension takes place on the 40th day of Easter. This year Ascension Day is 5 May.

So why do we celebrate so long; what is it about Easter that makes it special?

Easter is the main festival of the Christian church. It celebrates the rising of Jesus from death. It celebrates the hope of the Christian church that Jesus died, rose again that we might have the hope of eternal life. All we have to do is believe and we will be saved. Jesus is called our Saviour for that reason.

And that's it in a nutshell; the Christian Church is based on our belief in Jesus Christ Son of God who died and rose from death. All the rest is periphery, the core the centre of the Christian faith is Jesus Christ his life, death and resurrection.

If you want to hear more about Jesus, if you want to celebrate with us then please join us on Easter Sunday. You can come early, 8.15, 9.30 or late 6.30, and of course on any of the

Sundays following Easter, because each Sunday we celebrate Jesus' death, and resurrection until he comes again. And who can blame us what better news is there than there is the hope of eternal life?

Come and join our celebrations you will be warmly welcomed.

²⁵ Jesus said (to her,) "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25 -26

Alleluia - Christ is Risen - let us all rejoice.

Janice

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Dawn Chorus

A glow in the east, faint
fingers of dawn
A single bird wakes, and
greet the dim rays
His voice fills the air, as
morning takes form
And soon he is joined by a
chorus of praise.

They praise for their life, and
the end of the night
For perils survived, and
hunters unfed.
They praise for the day, and
the beauty of light
The praise for their flight;
while we lay abed!

And yet, as we lay, and hear
their fine song
Our praises join theirs, our
hearts lift with joy.
We can't match their skill,
but yet sing along
The birds and ourselves our
voices employ

In worship of God, for gifts
of new days
A cadence of song, dawn
chorus of praise.

Nigel Beeton

Good likeness

Some children were asked:
"What do you think of
Jesus?"
"Jesus," said one little boy,
"is the best selfie that God
has ever taken."

Days for Girls

*I*t wasn't the normal thing
you do to celebrate a
(significant) birthday but it
turned out to be a very
memorable one!

Girls in Africa, whilst
menstruating, are not able to
go to school. They therefore
miss a significant number of
days schooling. What the
charity 'Days for Girls' are
doing is making hygiene kits
up for them of fabric that
can be washed and reused.

So off I trotted to a
workshop in York Minster to

help make these kits, run by
Izzy Sanderson of York
Ainsty Rotary Club. Over
400 people turned up to help
and there was a wonderful
productive atmosphere. I met
and chatted with Sue
Hamilton who actually has
taken these kits out to Nepal
and was overwhelmed by
their gratitude. 'Please bring
us more' they said.

Most groups making these
kits are small scale and I am
looking at the possibility of
doing it in Bramhope. Watch
this space!

Gill Pinches

Dawn chorus

*I*f you sleep with your
bedroom window open,
you will know all about the
dawn chorus around now!
The birds are busy establish-
ing their territorial rights,
and the 'early birds' have
probably already selected a
nest site and started building.

The blackbird builds a solid
cup of twigs, plant
stems and leaves,
lined with a thick
skin of mud covered
with finer grasses
and leaves. The long

tailed tit forms a soft hollow
ball of mosses, hair and
wool, with a tiny hole as
entrance. The wrens do it
differently, with the male
wren sometimes building
several nests before his fin-
icky mate will accept one.
He gets his revenge, though,
because he sometimes in-
stalls a second wife in one of
the rejected sites!



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24th January

Edward Cooper

Lydia Derbyshire

James Reeves

Frederick Riley

Fiona Rocket-Taylor

Emily Rose

Wedding

6th February

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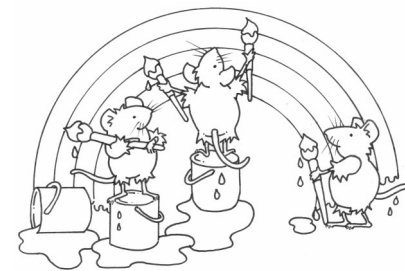
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Diary for March 2016

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| 5 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 6 | Wed | Toddler Prize 10.00 – 11.00 am |
| 6 | Wed | Luncheon Club 12.15 pm |
| 6 | Wed | Mothers' Union 2.00 pm
Helen Mumby "African Adventures" |
| 12 | Tues | Women's Fellowship 7.00 pm
Fashion Show by Complete Clothing Co. |
| 17 | Sun | Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am |
| 17 | Sun | Messy church 3.00 – 5.00 pm |
| 19 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 20 | Wed | CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am |
| 20 | Wed | Open House 2.00 - 4.00 pm |
| 24 | Sun | Annual Parochial Church Meeting 10.45 am |
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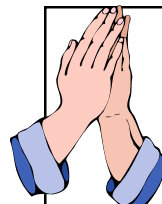


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When the warm sun, that brings
Seed-time and harvest, has returned again,
'T is sweet to visit the still wood, where springs
The first flower of the plain.

I love the season well,
When forest glades are teeming with bright forms,
Nor dark and many-folded clouds foretell
The coming-on of storms.

From the earth's loosened mould
The sapling draws its sustenance, and thrives;
Though stricken to the heart with winter's cold,
The drooping tree revives.

The softly-warbled song
Comes from the pleasant woods, and colored wings
Glance quick in the bright sun, that moves along
The forest openings.

When the bright sunset fills
The silver woods with light, the green slope throws
Its shadows in the hollows of the hills,
And wide the upland glows.

And when the eve is born,
In the blue lake the sky, o'er-reaching far,
Is hollowed out and the moon dips her horn,
And twinkles many a star.

Inverted in the tide
Stand the gray rocks, and trembling shadows throw,
And the fair trees look over, side by side,
And see themselves below.

Sweet April! many a thought
Is wedded unto thee, as hearts are wed;
Nor shall they fail, till, to its autumn brought,
Life's golden fruit is shed.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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Mark - disciple, apostle, writer of the second gospel

Mark, whose home in Jerusalem became a place of rest for Jesus and his 12 apostles, is considered the traditional author of the second gospel. He is also usually identified as the young man, described in Mark 14:51, who followed Christ after his arrest and then escaped capture by leaving his clothes behind.

Papias, in 130, said that in later years Mark became Peter's interpreter. If so, then this close friendship would have been how Mark gathered so much

information about Jesus' life. Peter referred to him affectionately as his 'son'.

Mark was also a companion to Paul on his journeys. When Paul was held captive at Rome, Mark was with him, helping him. Mark's Gospel, most likely written in Italy, perhaps in Rome, is the earliest account we have

of the life of Jesus. Mark died about 74 AD.

Early in the 9th century Mark's body was brought to Venice, whose patron he became, and there it has remained to this day. The symbol of Mark as an evangelist, the lion, is much in evidence at Venice.

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Winner of church school design competition for Queen's birthday

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by Lucas Salinger, aged 10, from Potten End C of E Primary School in Hertfordshire, was picked from over 1000 entries.

Lucas, whose village school is near Berkhamsted said: 'I feel amazed that my design was chosen. I feel lost for words!'

Head teacher Andrew Morris said: 'I am extremely proud that a member of my school has won the competition, out of so many entries.'

Official celebrations will take place in London between the 10th – 12th June, including a thanksgiving service at St Paul's Cathedral, a Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade and a street party in The Mall. It is envisaged that church events will be integrated into local community celebrations that take place that weekend.

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Richard of Chichester

- wanting God more clearly, dearly and nearly

Ever wonder where the prayer ... 'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day' comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments

were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3 April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his

feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full:

"Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

Thy Kingdom Come

- a week of prayer is called for May

Churches across the country have been invited to spend the week before Pentecost, 8th to 15th May, in praying together.



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Getting
to know.....

Bryan & Nancy Bunday

Nancy was born in Eccles, Manchester. Her father died when she was 3 months old, and her mother moved to Southport with two Aunts who took a grocery shop in Birkdale. Here Nancy grew up. She was educated at a local private school, and having a good solo voice, and a friend who was a good accompanist, used to travel around doing competitions and concerts. On leaving college, Nancy went to work for a firm of manufacturing chemists in Southport. She was keen on drama, as well as the singing and became a member of a church youth club, fortunate to be with some exceptionally talented youngsters, who wrote, produced and performed their own plays, films and pantomimes in the church hall, giving Nancy further opportunity to take on the things she enjoyed.

Bryan was born in Crewe, but having a Father who was a Vicar, moved to Crosby, Liverpool, then on to St. Helens, before arriving at

Southport where his Father was appointed Vicar of St. James, Birkdale. Here he met Nancy. Bryan was then at school at St. John's, Leatherhead, a keen sportsman playing cricket, rugby and fives for the school. He started work with a Liverpool company of Timber Importers, specialising in hardwood, a trade in which he continued through the rest of his working life, first in Liverpool, then Hull, and finally back to Liverpool again. In Southport, he played cricket for Southport & Birkdale, before taking up golf, first at Hillside, and then Royal Birkdale. Bryan's Father officiated at their wedding in 1959 at St. James.

They moved to Bramhope after their marriage, paying £3100 for their first house in Wynmore Drive!! Bryan joined Pannal Golf Club, where he has been a member for over 50 years. Within a few years he was co-opted on to Bramhope Parish



Council. Michael was born in 1963, Catherine 1964, and there are now four Grandchildren. They joined St. Giles where, under Raymond Ward, Nancy was asked to start off the Luncheon Club, in which she acted as Convenor for 15 years. She also helped with the cooking for social events for many years and is still on the coffee and flower rotas. Bryan followed his father's early training to be a Server and Crucifer, joined PCC, become a Churchwarden, and then in 1975 a Lay Assistant, a job he is still privileged to do. He joined the Healing Prayer Group, started by David Robinson. When Raymond became Vicar, Bryan, along with several others, joined the Church choir, a group of men who have supported the church ever since. He also followed his love of music and joined Otley Choral Society. They have lived down The Sycamores for many years.

Beyond Easter – The cross of victory

Colossians 2:8-15

When the first Christians began to meet in secret in the catacombs of Rome, we know that they used to mark their meeting places with secret signs. One was the fish – whose initial letters, in Greek, stood for ‘Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour.’ Another, to begin with, was the cross.

But with the cross,

apparently, there was a problem – at least, for some. For to some the cross still stood for shame and defeat – whereas they knew themselves to be participants not in defeat, but in victory.

So they searched around for a sign that would turn the cross of shame into the cross of victory. They found it in the circlet of laurel leaves that was used to crown the victor’s head in Roman

games – the Gold medal of ancient times. So, with the circle round the centre, the cross of defeat was clearly seen for what it was – a cross of victory.

Our God has won, in Christ, a victory so vast that it surely deserves the clearest victory sign that we can find.....

So, what sort of sign can we raise, to celebrate the vastness of the victory that God has won in Christ? In

Breakfast – with Jesus Christ

“It is the Lord!” (John 21:7)

There is something very reassuring in the simple scene by Galilee’s lake, described on that post-Easter morning. Taking place there was the birth of a mighty world-wide adventure that has not ended yet! Was there ever a breakfast like it? They’d been fishing all night, but in vain.... until they heard a distant call from the shore: “How are you doing, guys?” There is even the little detail in the instructions from the beach that it was to be on the right side of the boat that the net should be thrown out this

time.

That Stranger. That voice! Suddenly the net was full of wriggling fish. It was like coming in at the start of the film again – (see Luke 5:6). Then Peter’s hundred yard splash to the shore... the charcoal fire and ‘large’ tilapia fish... the typical action of fishermen in counting the catch – how we love the Bible, with its teeming stories.

And now breakfast on the beach, with Jesus Christ! It was a re-commissioning for the apostle Peter, who only days earlier had denied any knowledge of Jesus.

From now on it would be different. “Feed my sheep,” said Jesus.

1. Whose call but Christ’s call? Peter would never be the same again. Those who have truly heard the call of Christ, will still be standing firm when revolutions explode, when finances plunge, when a church falls apart.
2. Whose word but Christ’s word? ‘Feed my sheep,’ were His words. Whoever we may be teaching, Christ’s servant is to see to it that what is taught is Christ’s word and not one’s own. The power that brings

Events Group News Notices.... Events....

Women’s World Day of Prayer

Very regrettably we had to cancel the service in the Methodist church because of absolutely foul weather. The snow fell at a most inappropriate time and the decision was taken to cancel rather than feel the responsibility of anyone falling and injuring themselves in the icy conditions.

Consequently we were unable to collect money for the ladies of Cuba. If you feel you would like to contribute, despite not attending the service, please see Jean Weatherall or myself who will give you a gift aid envelope and then add it to the collection.

Gill Pinches

Christian Aid

Christian Aid week is 15th - 21st May. Last year the good people of Bramhope collected £4k for the work of Christian Aid worldwide. This year they are focusing on Abused women in Brazil, The refugee crisis, the El Nino food crisis and the Zika virus crisis. Please give generously!

Gill, Marion and Jenni

Circle Dancing

The second of my dances which I learnt at Rydal Hall was also done to a track on “The Peacemakers”. Karl Jenkins has composed his own music to the Celtic Prayer.... Deep peace of the running wave to you. One of the lines is: “Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.” So our dance is called Peace of the Healing Light. It is absolutely beautiful.

They are simple but very expressive steps and hand movements. As the choir sings the words of the prayer, we walk round the circle taking our arms up and over to the outside of the circle. Then after ‘Deep Peace of Christ to You’ we come towards the centre,

raising both hands high. On ‘Amen’, we bring our upstretched hands together into a prayer position, and lower them slowly to heart level. Then, moving back, our arms are stretched up again and round in a circle till our hands form a candle shape on a saucer.

It is difficult to describe in words. It’s much preferable to see it, or better still, take part in it! It is my ambition to do the dance in a church with all our group.

Reaching up towards the high roof in such a sacred space would be the ultimate experience. This to me is prayer in movement, where no words are necessary.

Joan Peart

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Colossians, Paul writes;

‘On the cross Christ freed himself from the powers of the spiritual rulers and authorities; he made a public spectacle of them by leading them as captives in his victory procession.’

Are we not the people who have been set free, by Christ, from these powers? Narrow nationalism, blind ideology, superstitious and lazy

religion, servitude to violence within and war without, the deadly divisions of race and class and ideology – have we not been liberated, by Christ, from all of these? For us, in George MacLeod’s famous phrase, the undertaker has come and gone – we are dead to our sins, and our ransomed lives are now hidden with Christ in God. Now, is it not required of us that we live out, in hard but joyful

discipline, the nature of the new life in the midst of the suffering of the world, with God’s help?

For it is we, incredibly, who are to be the victory sign. When people look at us, at our ransomed and renewed lives, they are to see, with God’s help, not us but the life of the risen Christ – and turn and follow him.

John Harvey

*From ‘Lent and Easter Readings
from Iona’*

forgiveness and resurrection life can only come from one source!

3. Whose flock, but Christ’s flock? ‘MY lambs... MY sheep’ – they were never ours! Realise this – and so much of the conflicts that can occur between the friends of Jesus will cease overnight. Can you smell the tilapia fish grilling on that little fire by Galilee’s beach? The Stranger on the shore is calling YOU. Along with John, dripping wet in the boat, recognise that He is no stranger. “It is the Lord.”

Richard Bewes



St Peter's Church Tabgha - on the Sea of Galilee (above)

The rock table where he served the fish (below)



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Krystyna Novak

Mothers' Union

We had a very successful 'Musical Afternoon Tea' event on 5th March and would like to thank everyone who came, supported us and helped. A special thank you goes to Peter and Ken Smith and Elaine for entertaining us. As a committee we are wondering how on earth we can follow that! All together we raised over £460 which will be donated to the 'Away from it all' Caravan holiday scheme for families needing a holiday.

In April we are looking forward to welcoming Helen Mumby who will be reporting back on her trip to Africa when she took our gifts for the children there. If you would like to join us on 6th April we start at 2pm with a short service of prayer

and a hymn, followed by the talk and then have refreshments.

Gill Pinches

Men's Supper Club

The club was delighted to have Jim Monte as guest and speaker at the March Meeting. His talk on 'Lead mining in the Dales', illustrated with many photographs, some of which Jim had taken himself, outlined why Yorkshire had been the main producer of lead in England for some 2000 years. The Romans transported lead from Yorkshire to make water pipes for their cities, such as Pompeii, again illustrated with a photograph. Fascinating!

The next meeting will be a new venture, i.e. a 'Ladies Invitation Meeting' to be held in the Church Hall at 6.00 for 6.30 pm on

Thursday 12th May. The guest and speaker will be Sir Thomas Ingilby of Ripley Castle whose topic is 'Castle life in the 21st century'. Our caterer Karen Sheard will provide a two-course meal as usual (but with choice of 2 main courses plus a vegetarian

option and choice of 2 sweets) followed by tea/coffee. Please note the date in your diary and the earlier time. Members will receive a booking form by email or post after Easter.

Fred Archenhold

Women's Fellowship

At the February AGM Hazel Lee and Jenny Platt said that they would remain as joint leaders with Joan Peart as treasurer.

Hazel said that 2015 had been a very enjoyable year.

Joan said that her main problem had been the changing of banks!

Jenny has arranged the programme for 2016. She presented a cheque for £400 to a representative from Wheatfields. This money had been raised at the Christmas Market.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Fashion show – again to raise money for charity. This is to be held on Tuesday April 12th at 7pm. Admission £3.00.

Janet Cunliffe

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