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John Smith

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25/02/18 Eastgate, The Parade, Eastgate Close, The Cross & Old Forge Mews



Hello and an apologetic welcome to the very late February edition of SGR.

I welcomed in the New Year with a nasty dose of flu—proper flu I will have you know! Hence this late and rather lite version for Lent.



Normal service should resume next month...

Best wishes and good health to all,

Louise Email:stgilesreview2017@gmail.com

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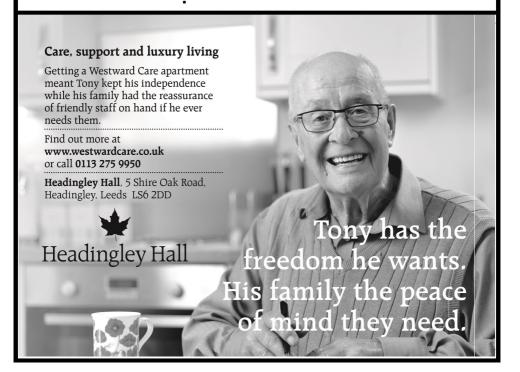
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From the vicarage

Hello Everyone

I have been invited to write the monthly letter by the wardens for this month on the basis that I am writing it before I actually finish at the end of January!

February sees the start of lent which is early this year Ash Wednesday is on 14 February Valentine's Day. That being the case for those who wish to attend the Ash Wednesday service and go out with their love on that night the service will be at 6.30pm. Please note the time.

The lent course this year is a BBC series on the last week of Jesus life. There are four films and we are showing them in the hall one morning and one evening per week. The course will be Café Lent style in that you can come watch the film and chat about it afterwards with coffee. There are some suggested points to guide your discussions but nothing is set in stone. So look out for the first evening one on 22 February at 7.30 and the morning one will be notified in due course.

The time has come the walrus said to talk of many things – (Through the looking Glass) and I have but a short time now in the parish. When Paul knew that his time was short he wrote the letter we know as 2 Timothy.

The letter encompasses advice for a faithful Christian and those in interregnum

Paul thanked God for Timothy's faith as I thank God for yours and asked that he guard it well. Good advice for Christians of today.

Above all things be faithful, 2:5 'an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.'

Hold fast to the true 2:16 'avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.'

Be positively good and patient – you may need to be during a long interregnum! 2:22 pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace.

Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them (sufferings) 3:11 put your faith, hope and love in God and He will rescue from the interregnum.

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My personal message to you is carry on in the faith love each other, support your wardens, be faithful to your church and give every help you can to make sure services and activities carry on. Should you find yourself alone 4:18 The Lord will rescue you from every attack. To Him be glory for ever and ever.

However long or short the interregnum is you, I know will be faithful. May God bless you all with every blessing

Janice



'The Interdenominational movement of the Women's World day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5000 services being held on Friday 2nd March with the title @All God's Creation is very good'! We will join an estimated 3 million people around the world that day in a service which has been written this year by the women of Suriname in South America.

Starting in Samoa as the sun rises and ending as the suns sets off the coast of American Samoa, the service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects as we are reminded that we have responsibilities in caring for this wonderful world we live in. With vast rainforest and wealth of resources. Suriname asks us to pray for

Women's World Day of Prayer

conversation and the protection of wildlife, through awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse, as well as for the situation in Suriname and concerns for the future. (And what could be more topical and 'on-trend' than that?)

This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for **everyone** who cares about our world and those who live in it. For further information please visit the WWDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk

In the meantime Bramhope's service is on **2nd March at 2pm in St Giles Church**. Do come along as these annual services are always well attended and send us away with thoughts and meditation about the world *outside* Bramhope!'



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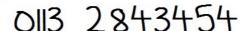




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ANN LEWIN

This New Year at Rydal Hall, the theme was based on this poem. There was a dance to go with every line or 2 lines, to illustrate it. E.g. "Surprise us with your rhythms" was a marvellous dance from

Anne Marshall E.Europe with 11 beats to

the bar. It seemed impossible to fit all the steps in when we first tried it, but with perseverance we got it. It got even better when we'd mastered it! A tremendous feeling of accomplishment.

"To Swing in Abandoned Joy and Fearful Adventure".... Well, the less said about that dance the better. I would have loved it 20 years ago!! We all really enjoyed the singing sessions in the Old Kitchen, and our Band this year was exceptionally good. There is a new Manager and a new Chef at the Hall. The food was even better than usual. There was only one thing we could mention in the Feedback Forms. The heating system gave up

and we all got
NITHERED. The new
Manager did his best to
rectify it, but we had to put
up with a much smaller,
carpeted room at the Hall
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room. We managed, but at
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Gill Pinches

MEN'S SUPPER CLUB

The January meeting of the supper club started off the New Year with a great meal as always and an informative talk by David Alred on the Washburn Valley. 28 people attended even with the bad weather.

Martin Lee

Smith for playing the carols. Our members are looking

Janet Cunliffe

50-50 November

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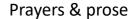
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his Year, the Church's Season of begins on the 14th February (Ash Wednesday). So I set out a Prayer to help us prepare for Lent and a Prayer for use during Lent.

A Prayer to help us prepare for Lent:

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your Service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

From Common Worship

And a Prayer for use during Lent:

We thank you, Father, for those days in the desert when, through prayer and fasting, Jesus discovered your will for his life and overcame the temptations of the Evil One.

Help us, during these days of Lent, to come close to you and to listen to your voice. Give us strength to overcome the temptation to please ourselves and live life without you... Teach us your way. For Jesus' sake.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him.

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ANNE MARSHALL

I was born in Conisborough, South Yorkshire, the only child of parents who owned a small bakery in the village. When I was 7 we moved to Morley where my parents took on a fish and chip shop. Subsequently father went into engineering and mother went back to teaching. I went to Wakefield Girls High School and from then to Gipsy Hill Teacher Training College at Kingston on Thames in Surrey. I lived and worked in London for

diagnosis and most of these children had severe problems. During the last year, while sharing a flat with his cousin, I met my future husband Ian, just as he was to move to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary as a hospital pharmacist, so I made good use of the London to Edinburgh overnight sleeper before moving there in 1968, where I taught in a school for the partially deaf until the birth of our first son Robert.

Our first house was in the village of Roslin

just outside Edinburgh, where the now

famous Rosslyn Chapel was our village church and Robert was christened there.

and finally in a small unit for autistic children. This was in the early days of its

We moved to Bramhope in 1973 when Ian took up a pharmacy post at St James's Hospital and we attended St Giles from then on. Two more children followed. Simon and Anna. We have had very many close family connections to St Giles, where as an adult I was confirmed: two children

Getting to know...



were christened, all three confirmed and two married at St Giles.

I taught at Richmond House School Far Headingley for 17 years.

I helped for many years with the Sunday School when my children were growing up, I have been on the Women's Fellowship and Mother's Union committees and currently I am on the Children's Society committee having taken over as box secretary in 1996.

My three children are married with two children each and I am very fortunate that they all live locally. I have been doing voluntary work with a group of blind and partially sighted people for the last 15 vears.

I have some very good friends, many from St Giles, with whom I am lucky to share Continued on page 19



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holidays, walks and outings since I have been widowed. I attempt to play bridge, sing with Otley Choral Society, belong to two book clubs and usually have some craft or knitting project on the go! I feel very much part of the community at St Giles, where I have some firm and supportive friends



A (not so brief) history of 40acts

This little acorn began 6 years ago, to turn Lent upside down, on it's head and instead of giving up, the idea was to give out with a simple generous act for 40 days. And so 40acts was created. No one at Stewardship would have predicted that within 7 years over 100,000 folk would sign up and embrace Lent so differently. The acorn planted, put down firm roots, opened up and unleashed a wave of international generosity.

'40acts is a fantastic excuse to go and do something slightly out of the ordinary, to step out of my comfort zone and to start a conversation', observed one keen supporter. 40 days of generous acts has become an antidote to our self absorbed lives with our 'to-do lists', agendas and me first attitude.

When Debbie Wright began working for Stewardship, Lent was approaching and she heard the familiar conversations among her friends about whether to give up coffee or chocolate, TV or Facebook, and it struck her again how odd it all was. Yes, she thought, sacrifice and discipline are all well and good, but somehow Lent seemed to have more to do with health

kicks than spiritual preparation. It all felt a little too inward looking and about myself.

A fortnight into her new job at Stewardship, and her decision to take the post seemed in some way related to her Lent musings. "I didn't want to be in a job where generosity was solely about how much money you could give. Fortunately for me, Stewardship wanted to talk about generosity in a broad and holistic way, focusing on being generous with your time, talents, skills and attitude as well as money. That's what convinced me to take the job."

Debbie's thoughts about Lent burned deep enough within her to consider sharing with her boss, Daniel Jones. He'd been wrestling too, wondering how to get good teaching on generosity into churches. Having tried to reach church leaders, he was steering Stewardship towards a different route: trying to reach the people in the pews directly.

"I didn't know Daniel very well at the time," says Debbie, "but I floated the idea and suggested publishing forty reflections as a challenge over Lent. Without a minute's hesitation, he said yes!" Other

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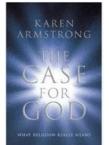
Armstrong has a CV which includes being a nun, a student and teacher (of English), a writer and broadcaster, and an 'activist' (my word) for religious understanding. This book, one of just more than a dozen by this author, is (like marriage) not to be undertaken lightly; but can be very rewarding (marriage again).

It has a chronological framework, beginning with the people who painted on cave walls at Lascaux (among other places) some 30,000 years ago. We start here because Armstrong is one of those who interpret the Cave Paintings as central in Palaeolithic rituals to do with the hunt, with animal sacrifice, and perhaps initiation ceremonies. In other words, they are an insight into spirituality among the earliest humans. It is perhaps a relief to move on swiftly via the Buddha to Confucian China, only to trip over one of the insistent themes which appears first on page 33: "Religion was a matter of doing rather than thinking". Really? For a philosopher? Apparently so: Confucius set much store by the practice of ritual. Then we arrive at the monotheistic religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. For them all, coming through the arguments over the nature of God and the meanings of ancient writings, "Faith was purely a matter of commitment and

practical living". (Page 101). This was true also in the third monotheism of Islam: "Theological speculation that results in the formulation of abstruse doctrines is ... self-indulgent guesswork about matters that nobody can prove one way or the other but which makes people quarrelsome and stupidly sectarian" ... "The fundamental message of the Qur'an was not a doctrine but an ethical summons to practically expressed compassion ..."

But argument there was, as there always has been, and Armstrong gives an interesting account of many such. For example, we get a picture of tremendously dynamic questioning and reinterpretation in both Judaism and what was becoming nascent Christianity following the trauma of the destruction of the Temple in AD 70.

I have written about a third of the text, and our Editor will want to cut words if I go on. The best thing is to read the book! I want to read it again, but it will have to be my own copy, because our Librarian tells me to put this one back on the shelf so that someone else can have a go.



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40 Acts continued

team members bought into the vision and between them they came up with a list of forty people to write the reflections – about a quarter being staff and the rest church, work or family connections.

And so 40acts was born. The plan was simple; to send to subscribers a Bible-based reflection on a particular aspect of generosity twinned with a practical challenge to benefit others. That first year was a hand to mouth affair, with only half the contributions written by the time Lent began, but there were already signs that pairing Lent with generosity was a compelling proposition.

Mike O'Neill, Stewardship's Chief Executive, knew that if the campaign were to spread, it would need support and others quickly came on board. That whole first year made me I realise that the essence of 40acts is relationships. In giving out, you open up someone's ability to receive and in that process a conversation starts."

'Generosity is incredibly infectious and every year we are taken aback' reflects Daniel. 'We have never had any formal marketing or advertising, people just share the idea. There is just something incredibly compelling and attractive to live a life that puts generosity first, puts others first'.

40acts has helped people speak to strangers, forge deeper relationship with their neighbours and take risks that they might otherwise have stepped back from. Over the years the campaign has received awards and accolades, but the real trophies are the stories that come from participants themselves. Like the time in 2014 when two 40act-ers independently started giving out chocolate to strangers on the same crowded commuter train for Chocolate Tuesday, sparking a surge of Twitter interest and appreciation.

Then there was the Muslim man in the fourth year who wrote to say that signing up to 40acts had played a key role in helping him learn to admire the Christian faith and become more tolerant. And the girl in her 20s in Northern Ireland who came back to faith as 40acts created something that was relevant, community based and focused on others.

40acts has grown because individuals have caught the vision for themselves. For Sam Donoghue of Childrenswork magazine, this new view of Lent made perfect sense. I'd done the giving up bit and was more than ready to take on something new. I loved the kids' resources in the campaign – kids really get generosity and the graciousness of God."

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		Anne Marshall
Feb 25	Lent	Sue Ball
		Miranda Reynard

	Sidespersons			
Sunday	8.15am	9.30am		6.30pm
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2nd	NO SERVICE	John Grahame Neil Simpson	Mike Riley	Margaret North
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4th	NO SERVICE	Janet Cunliffe Gill Perkin		Alan Woodthorpe
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	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	
Thursday 8th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sunday 11th	SUNDAY BEF	SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	
	8.15am	NO SERVICE	
	9.30am	All.together Service	
	6.30pm	Parish Communion (CW)	
Wednesday 14th	ASH WEDNE	SDAY	
	6.30pm	Holy Communion (CW)	
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Sunday 18th	FIRST OF LENT		
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	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	
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Sunday 25th	SECOND OF	SECOND OF LENT	
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	6.30pm	Parish Communion (CW)	
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