

Church Services for February 2016

Wednesday 3rd 10.00am Toddler Praise
 Thursday 4th 10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 7th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 10th ASH WEDNESDAY
 7.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 11th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 14th FIRST OF LENT
 8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 9.30am All.together Service
 6.30pm Holy Communion (CW)
 Thursday 18th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 21st SECOND OF LENT
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 No Messy Church as it's half term
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 Thursday 25th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 28th THIRD OF LENT
 8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 9.30am Together Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Choral Evensong

MARCH 2016

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

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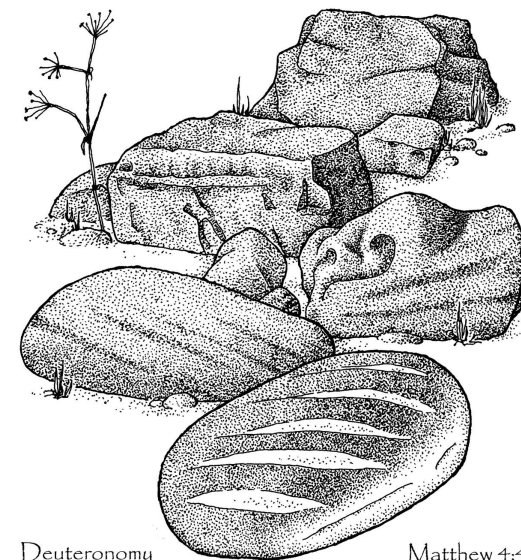
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3rd February
 10am - 11am



Also this month:
 News and events
 Lent
 Leap Year
 Getting to know you
 The Ten Commandments
 Christmas 2015 review
and much more



Deuteronomy
 8:3

Matthew 4:4

Bread is not enough to keep us alive;
 we need to feed on every word of God

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It appears last months rotas were 'out of sync'. Our apologies.

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28 Feb Lent

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February is also the month of love...

Love is practical or it is not love at all. *P W Heward*

Love seeks one thing only: the good of the one loved. It leaves all the other secondary effects to take care of themselves.

Thomas Merton

Love can wait to give; it is lust that can't wait to get.

Josh McDowell

Marriage is more than finding the right person; it is being the right person.

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As we write this in January (and the rain is still falling), it's hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner (p9). We're still talking about Christmas (p19) but with so many people crossing the threshold of St Giles over the Christmas period, how could we not mention it, despite it being February when you read this!

2016 is also a Leap year

(p23) and the Valentine's month so we wonder how many proposals there will be this month!

Our series of articles 'Getting to know you' serves 2 purposes this month. It tells of 2 very faithful members of our congregation and is a fitting obituary. We are very grateful to Jill who wanted this to go to print (p11).

Gill & Marion

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When people are paid a fairer price, they can have more control over their lives when times are hard, and worry less about how they will feed their families. Whether it's the extra cash in their pockets or being able to expand their farms to grow more food to eat, Fairtrade means many farmers and workers are able to fulfil a basic human need – to put enough food on the table for the people they care about, all year round.

The Lorna Young Foundation based in Huddersfield, is one of the

leading fair trade organisations in West Yorkshire. They work both in the UK and overseas. One of their most successful overseas programmes is their Farmer Extension Radio - they are able to connect with millions of poor small holder farmers through the medium of radio and SMS (text messaging). The farmers 'set the questions' for the radio programme and the LYF provides them with access to answers from experts in the field.

The LYF now broadcast 27 weekly farmer radio programmes. The radio programmes are already

demonstrating a significant impact. At one coffee cooperative, production figures for the last financial year were 1 million kgs of coffee. For this financial year, the figure has increased to 2.7 million kgs. For another coffee cooperative they produced 1.2 million kgs for the last financial year and this year has reported that it has reached 3.7 million kgs.

If you would like to support the Lorna Young Foundation please look at this link <http://www.lyf.org.uk/support-our-work>.

Sue Osbourne

Life abundant

Two students from a theological training college decided to spend part of their holiday in the countryside doing outreach. They stopped at an old house, and proceeded up the path through a gauntlet of screaming children and a washing line heavy with wet clothes. When they got near the door, the woman of the house stopped scrubbing the

steps, brushed her hair and perspiration from her brow, and asked them what they wanted. "We'd like to tell you how you can live forever," they answered.

The exhausted woman hesitated for a moment, and then replied, "Thank you, but I don't think I could stand it!"

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

'I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.'

How quickly we move to Lent this year; no sooner have we brought the Christmas tree down than Lent is knocking on the door!

And with Lent arrives the Lent Course; that time of reflection and preparation for Easter. Lent is a time when we try to take our faith more seriously, be more committed, and allow our faith to take deeper roots in our lives.

This year we are undertaking a course called 'Leading your Church into Growth Local.' It has been written by Reverend Canon Robin Gamble and has been established over 25 years. The course asks us to take a look at church growth and apply it to our lives and our church.

This is a course where the local church

- Learns key biblical teachings on growth
- Discusses, asks questions and applies these teachings to their own situation
- Becomes inspired and motivated
- Makes decisions, implements plans and discovers new ways of working.

But what do we mean by growth? Is this simply a course about numbers? No, not just about

numbers; the course is designed to encourage growth in three ways:

- Spiritual growth
- Numerical growth
- Growth in service.

Like any good Lent course the course asks questions of us and our commitment to Christ. During Lent there will be three sessions. These will take place in our home groups at various times of day and evenings and for those who prefer a different setting this year there will be sessions in the hall on Wednesday evenings led by me. You can see that we are going out of our way to accommodate everyone.

The reason for that is that we want everyone to take part; no one is too old not to bother and no one is too young for their opinion not to count. Even the busiest of people can spare time for 3 sessions of 90 minutes over a six week period. Abstaining or not joining in means that your opinion cannot be heard and cannot be counted and **we want to hear from you.**

We will also hear from **Reverend Canon Robin Gamble** who has also prepared a DVD to go with the course. He will also be coming to our church **on 28 February at the 9.30am service.**

I am absolutely delighted that Robin can come and talk to us. He is a brilliant speaker, lively and relevant to the situation the church is in today. He's not just a church growth specialist but a hard working parish priest with years of experience of parishes and the individuals who make up our churches. He was Diocesan

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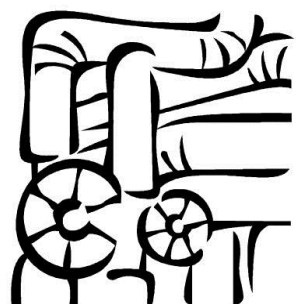
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The Ten Commandments

This month we look at the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20), the law which God gave to Israel.

The computers that we use on a daily basis have thousands of component parts which can go wrong. We need the Maker's instructions to guide us when things go wrong and show us how to get the most out of them. Human beings are also wonderfully complex, physically, psychologically and spiritually. We also have a Maker's handbook to show us how God wants us to live. This is the 10 commandments, which God gave to Moses on Mt Sinai. 'And God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery''. (Exodus 20:1,2).

If we want to grow to become more like God, we have to take seriously the Commandments in our lives. The rest of the Bible could be described as God's repair manual, spelling out the gospel of grace that restores sin-damaged human beings to relationship with God.

How should we approach the 10 Commandments today? You may say 'I try to take them seriously, but every day I fail somewhere.' We have to admit our weaknesses, but we can turn to God for pardon and forgiveness. In the power of the Spirit, Christ brings us a new kind of life, in which our heart's deepest desire will be to go God's way and obedience will no longer be a burden.

God says 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.' (Jeremiah 31:33). The word of command becomes a promise of obedience: 'You shall not...'

Leap Year

20¹⁶ brings us a Leap Year. We need to add this extra day every four years in order to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the Sun. The problem is very simple: our calendar has 365 days, but it actually takes 365.242199 days (a tropical year) to circle once around the Sun. That means we are 'out' by nearly six hours a year. Four times six hours is 24 hours - hence an extra day every four years.

Adding the extra day in February goes back to Julius Caesar in 45 BC. In his Julian Calendar, February was the last month of the year, and 24th February was Leap Year Day.

National Nestbox Week

14th – 21st February



With less and less trees and undergrowth, but more pollution and people around, birds can struggle to survive these days. National Nestbox Week aims to encourage you to put up nest boxes in your local area, in order to promote

and enhance biodiversity and conservation of our breeding birds and wildlife. After more than 15 years it has become a well-established part of the ornithological calendar. More details at: www.bto.org/about-birds/nnbw

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- 3 Wed Toddler Praise 10.00- 11.00 am
- 3 Wed Luncheon Club 12.15 pm
- 3 Wed Mothers' Union 2.00 pm **AGM**
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- 10 Wed CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am
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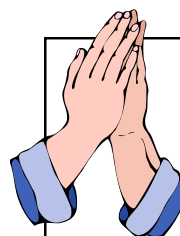
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Evangelist in the former Diocese of Bradford (where he also set up the world's first Christian pub) and is now Bishop's Adviser for Church Growth for our new diocese and parish priest to Holy Trinity Idle. For more information on Robin go to <http://www.westyorkshiredales.anglican.org/content/national-figure-dioceses-new-adviser-church-growth>

Sign up in the lobby for our Lent course and save the date to come and hear Robin not just speak but inspire us.

God Bless you all as we move into Lent, May God give us the grace to want to work in His fields.

Janice



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When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

Attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 16th Century

The cost of adult children who don't fly the nest

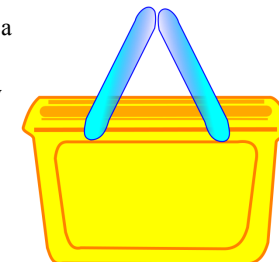
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Shopping habits change

How often do you shop for food? These days, chances are that you are buying 'little and often', popping into your mini-supermarket several times a week, and buying only what you need for the next couple of days. It is a thrifty way of living; the trend has helped to reduce food wastage by as much as a fifth, compared with seven years ago. According to a survey by Waitrose, one in four of us is visiting a 'convenience' store at least once a day. Perhaps it gives a whole new insight into 'Give us today our daily bread...' (Luke 11:3)



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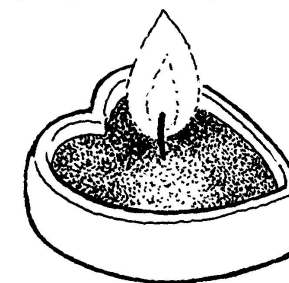
Ash Wednesday: a good time to admit you are sorry

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

‘I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance’ (said Jesus). (Luke 5.32)

‘Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

‘Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious



and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.’ (Joel 2:12-13)

God is inviting you to come to him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.

Lent is for Loving – a Lent Course about Love

What is the point of Lent? If prayer and reading and self-denial are worth doing at this time of year, perhaps we should be doing them all the year round! Christianity is not a blueprint for repression but for joy: for a life of

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N is quite simply for NO!
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How we came to adore Him!

Something for everyone!
That was Christmas 2015 at St Giles – services and events for all ages and tastes. Our church, decorated with lights, flowers and a magnificent Christmas tree made a beautiful setting for our celebrations.

Our musical social event, 'The Sultans of Swing@Christmas' concert, got us all 'In The Mood' as we toe-tapped our way through 'A Winter Wonderland', 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' and many other popular tunes. Seasonal refreshments completed a fun evening which raised over £1,600 for church funds.

There was music of a different kind at the Service of Nine Lessons & Carols. The church was full as we enjoyed traditional carols, wonderful singing from our hard working choir and the familiar bible readings. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards were an extra treat.

The Toy Service was a chance to bring presents for children who would otherwise be without. Your response was quite overwhelming and will have

made such a difference to some very vulnerable children.

At the Messy Church Christmas Party, the Instant Nativity was an instant success with the children and adults enjoying acting out the Christmas story. The party had of course some great games and lots of party food. A great time was had by all.

A record 114 children and 73 adults came to our Christmas crafts morning. A good time was had by all, face-painting, making cards, hats and decorations, listening to the Christmas story and singing carols around the tree.

Our Christingle services were as popular as ever. Our band lead the lively carol singing. Janice, wearing her very best Christmas pudding earrings and tinsel tiara told us about the meaning of the Christingle, and there wasn't a dry eye in the church when the lights were dimmed and the children sang "Away in a Manger" by candlelight (well, glowstick actually!). A fantastic £1400 was raised for The Children's Society.

Christmas Day began with the quiet and moving

Midnight Holy Communion Service, and later on Christmas morning those of all ages gathered together for our family communion service. The children showed us their gifts from Santa – they really must have been very well behaved all year!

Amidst all the celebrations, we also remembered that Christmas can be a difficult time. The chapel was open to all after every service; a quite place to reflect, pray and light a candle for those who are ill or whom we have lost.

So, to everyone who supported Christmas at St Giles by planning, organising, praying, catering, singing, playing, decorating, giving, clearing up or helping in any other way, we say

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for making it so very special. And to Janice, David and Jonathan we say a particularly big and heartfelt thank you for leading our Christmas worship.

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Getting
to know.....

Richard and Jill Perkin



Last December we had the sad news that Richard ('Mr Perkin') had passed away. He was a wonderful man with loads of character and has often written for this magazine. We shall all miss him dreadfully. By permission of Jill we are printing this article which he wrote before he died... what better obituary could there be?

We have been worshipping at St Giles for 50 years and currently attend the 9:30 AM service. For most of our lives we have been actively involved with the local farming community. Jill was born and grew up at Stubbing Farm Otley, christened and confirmed at Otley parish church, where she was a Sunday school teacher for Canon Clayton.

Richard was born and bred at High Farm Adel; the house is still there hiding behind Asda! We met at a dance in Otley and after two years courtship got married. For our religious matrimonial instructions we had to visit the vicarage, which was then what is now Ashcroft House.

On a rather draughty 29th May, 1965 we were married at St Giles. by the Rev Herbert Hicks, followed by

our wedding breakfast at the Craven Institute. We then got a lift up to Yeadon from where we flew to Switzerland for the holiday of a lifetime. One cousin told me recently that she caught the bus from Leeds to St Giles and vice versa to return to work immediately after the wedding - can't see many doing that today!

Jill found us our house "Sun Rising" by Golden Acre Park, just what we wanted, a large private garden and no neighbours! Ideal. We now live in the adjacent house "Woodlands" and this year celebrated our golden wedding.

We decided to support St Giles church; Jill was already in the Mothers' Union with her mother and grandmother. Jill was the treasurer for a while and has organised the

cradle roll for many years. Richard was soon co-opted onto the church grounds team. Since the church hall was to be built, much tidying up was necessary; some of the local residents had tipped hedge cuttings; therefore, Richard got his tractor and bulldozed the rubbish into a heap and on 5th November had a good bonfire much to the consternation of the nearby residents who thought that Richard was about to burn down their house!

Over the years the ground workers team cleared lots of stones which littered the church grounds and used them to build the retaining wall around the car park. Before Christmas, the Rev Raymond Ward was offered Christmas trees for the church from parishioners who had large gardens. Raymond sent Richard to the

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From the Library Shelf

A very Happy New Year to every one!

Although we are well into 2016 now, it still not too late to make New Year resolutions, and I am going to suggest one you might like to take up. It would be great if everyone resolved to borrow at least one book from the library this year. Or at least to browse the library shelves on at least one occasion.

If you feel it's too late for yet another New Year resolution – well, Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is on 18th February this year. So instead of (or as well as) giving something up for Lent why not do something positive and commit to reading one of our library books? The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book this year is 'I am with You' by Kathryn Greene-McCreight. There will be a copy available to borrow from our library.

We have a wide variety of books – not all deeply theological, but many books on personal accounts of the Christian life, poetry, books on prayer and

autobiographies to name just a few. Why not take a little time to look at what we have – you might be pleasantly surprised! And you might learn something about God, or Jesus, the world in general, or even yourself!

Over the next few weeks I shall be carrying out an inventory of all our books. In fact, this has already started, and I am asking for your help in finding some library books which have gone missing. They are those books too big to fit on the library shelves, along with some documents and some audio tapes. They were stored in two plastic carrier bags in the storeroom at the

end of the church hall, and have wandered away. If anyone knows their whereabouts, please let me know.

As always if anyone has any comments about the library – new books we might buy, or ways the library might be improved, please let me know. I welcome all ideas and suggestions. And if anyone would like to write a book review, that would be great. You can email me at: e.s.grahame@gmail.com or phone me on 0113 267 3807. I look forward to hearing from you.

Good reading!

Sue Graham

Prayer on Prayer

Dear Father,

Thank you that you want us, your children, to connect with you in prayer.

Thank you that we can come to you, rest in your presence and spend time with you, either quietly or crying out our thoughts and concerns from open hearts.

Help us to trust you; to be confident that you hear us and will answer our prayers, in the right time and in the right way for us, even if we don't always understand.

Thank you for the sustaining privilege of prayer, In Jesus' name. Amen.

Daphne Kitching

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

Children's Society

The Church was once again packed with families for our two Christingle Services on Christmas Eve. Donations were generous and with gift aid the total was £1392.87 a slight increase on last year's total. Ours is one of the highest collections at Christingle Services in the whole country. Very many thanks to the musicians, singers, sidespersons, people operating the screen and sound systems and everyone else who gave up their Christmas Eve afternoon to contribute to the success of these very special services.

Anne Marshall

Women's Fellowship

Thanks to all who made the Christmas Market a success. £430 was raised for Wheatfields.

The AGM will be on February 9th at 8pm, when there will be a speaker from Wheatfields.

Janet Cunliffe

An Obituary Margaret Packe

Margaret was a loyal member of St Giles and died on 10th December 2015 at the age of 94yrs. She had been in a Nursing Home in Harrogate for the last 9yrs.

Known as Margie she was the only girl of 5 children and unfortunately contracted polio at the age of 5 or 6. She became a teacher at Leeds Polytechnic and lived in Bramhope. She soon became involved with St Giles, becoming its PCC Secretary, a member of the

Mothers' Union and helped with the Luncheon Club. She was an avid potato peeler! Her dogs brought her great joy and I particularly remember Paula and Pixie, a couple of King Charles Spaniels, who welcomed me when I used to visit Margaret and help her with her new PC.

At her funeral on 5th January in St Giles, Tom Packe, her nephew recalled her having great courage, determination and humour. I can vouch for that!

Gill Pinches

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's service has been planned by the ladies of Cuba. The service will be on 4th March at 2pm at Bramhope Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome.



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Creskelds to collect the trees which Richard left for the youth club to decorate. Richard has now retired from such things and so we donate one of our own trees. For the record the large Christmas tree lights which are on the wall of the nearby house were put up by Mr Thompson, the then well-known local electrician.

Our two daughters who attended church and Bramhope School were Brownies and guides. Subsequently Cath ran the Tuesday Brownies for several years. Currently Jill is one of the cooks for the monthly Wednesday lunch club and recently has been co-opted as a Messy Church helper, usually in the kitchen, but escaping when she can to help with the crafts.



Good bye, thank you and hello?

Over the past many years your editors, Gill Pinches and Marion Skirrow, have worked tremendously hard to bring our church magazine to you with interesting articles, jokes and contributions from you our readers.

As with life, all good things must come to an end and Gill and Marion have decided that it is time that we have a change of editorship of the magazine. So its goodbye from them.

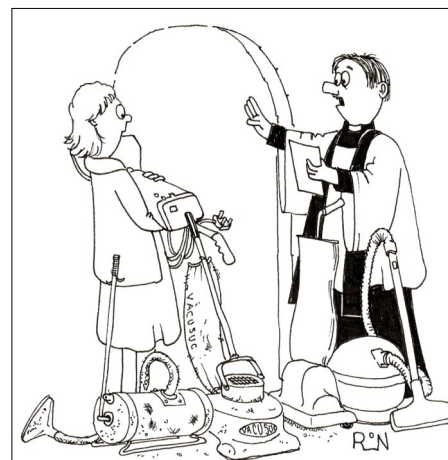
We are very sorry to see them go but they will be with us until the July edition. By which time we will have had to find new editors, Gill and Marion shown them the ropes and our communications team will give continuing support to them as they find their feet.

Could this be the opportunity which you have been waiting for? We need people who are organised, can work to

deadlines, reliable, have computer skills as well as being creative and faithful; all qualities which Gill and Marion have possessed in buckets.

My thanks and I'm sure yours go to Gill and Marion for all their dedication and hard work over the years and I'm sure you will want to add your own thanks over the coming editions. Please contact Gill and Marion in the usual way.

So if you want to find out more and say hello to the review in the first instance have a word with me ring: 0113 203 7523 or email revjanice.smith@gmail.com



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Krystyna Novak

Mothers' Union

We had 31 members join us for our New Year Lunch this year which was a very happy occasion.

Next month, on 3rd February we have our AGM and also welcome Mrs Brooke who will talk about 'The ghost of Burton Agnes'. Visitors are always welcome.

Gill Pinches

MU 1-5 Baptism Scheme

For 25 years, St Giles' Mothers' Union has taken part in the MU 1to5 Baptism Scheme.

Babies baptised at St Giles have received a Baptism Anniversary card for 4 years following their Baptism.

This year, 66 children who have been baptised in the last 5 years will all be receiving an Anniversary card posted or delivered by hand by one of our 20 MU volunteers.

Looking back at the records of the last 25 years, 36 members have at some time taken on this job, demonstrating one of the Aims of the Mothers' Union which is to show concern for family life.

Joan Archenhold

Men's Supper Club

The speaker at our January Meeting was Ken Cothliff, who demonstrated a quite amazing encyclopaedic knowledge of the early days of flying. He gave a fascinating account of the history of 'Yeadon Airport', officially opened in 1931 as Leeds Bradford Airport. Among the many photographs he showed to illustrate his talk was one of Yeadon Air Show, held on Empire Day in 1938 and one of the Avro factory, which

was so well camouflaged during the war that even hedges on the roof were changed from green to brown during the winter months. A photo of Concorde landing on the extended runway opened in 1984 and a Jet2 Holiday plane taking off brought us up-to-date!

The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th Feb. when we welcome Matthew Laird who will speak about his "Life as a Probation Officer".

Please contact **Derek Ogram (0113 284 3301)** by Sunday 7th Feb. **at the latest** if you need to clarify whether you are attending or not.

Fred Archenhold

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Joanne Dawdry

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