

# Church Services June 2016

Thursday 2nd	10.30am	First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 5th	SECOND AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 9th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 12th	THIRD AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (CW)
	9.30am	All.together Service
	4.30pm	Celebration Service for HM Queen's 90th Birthday
	6.30pm	NO SERVICE
Thursday 16th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 19th	FOURTH AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Together Communion (CW) with Messy Church for Father's Day
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 23rd	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 26th	FIFTH AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (CW)
	9.30am	Together Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 30th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>JULY 2016</b>		
Sunday 3rd	SIXTH AFTER TRINITY / THOMAS THE APOSTLE	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	2.00pm	Celebration Service for Revd Canon John Clayton with Rt. Revd Bishop Nick Baines
	6.30pm	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 6th	10.00am	Toddler Praise
Thursday 7th	10.30am	First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)

*All.together*



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Parish Church of Bramhope

*St Giles*  
**Review**  
*June 2016*



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## Prayer Schedule for Bramhope

We pray weekly, in conjunction with the Methodist Church, for all people living in our area. If you know of anyone who especially needs prayer please pass the details on to Janice or any of the Lay Assistants who will arrange for them to be included on the Prayer List.

“ In my first Christmas Broadcast in 1952, I asked the people of the Commonwealth and Empire to pray for me as I prepared to dedicate myself to their service at my Coronation. I have been - and remain - very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for His steadfast love. I have indeed seen His faithfulness. ”

### SIDESPERSONS' ROTA

Sunday	8.15am	9.30am	6.30pm
1st	Bill Cunliffe Steve McGraw	Margaret North Philip Kendall-Smith	Margaret North
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Mrs Sue Osborne

We hope you enjoy this special edition commemorating the Queen's 90th birthday.

This being our final St Giles' Review, it has been a pleasure to end on this unique occasion.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our time 'at the helm' and hope we have brought to you all a little fact and humour each month. Thank you all who have contributed

and supported us over the last 8½ years and as for all our bloomers remember 'In forgiveness we find love!'

Our very best wishes to the new team.

Gill and Marion



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## A Tale of two Simes'

The Queen receives thousands of letters and cards but she has an amazing memory for detail and tremendous care for individual people.

Every year from 1952 Albert Alfred Simes sent a Christmas card from Izmir in Turkey to the Queen until he died in 2011 aged 102. In 1972, he was invited to meet the Queen at a reception in Izmir. His grandson, Andrew, writing on Facebook, recalls the event:

'When it was his turn to be introduced to the Queen, instead of a formal handshake, she paused, smiled, and quipped: 'So it's you who keeps sending me those lovely Christmas cards.'

When his grandfather died in the summer of 2011, Andrew took up the baton and sent a Christmas card to the Queen. The following January, he received a letter from her. Andrew explains:

'In it was written: 'When I received a letter from a different Simes this Christmas, I instructed my

office to research your grandfather's whereabouts. Therefore, it is with much sadness, I have learned of his passing and extend my condolences to you and your family.' I couldn't

fight back the tears then, nor can I fight them back every time I remember this story of two people who left a lifelong impression on each other.'

## Meeting the Queen



Dr Len Watkinson, who sings in St Giles Choir on the back row as an alto, remembers vividly the two times he met the Queen. The first time, was as part of the team, he received the Queens Award for Technology whilst working for Vickers Algraphy in Leeds in 1973. The company were awarded the award for their lithographic techniques.

The company then hosted a lunch for the Queen a few years later. Len says all he remembers were her handshake and how HUGE Buckingham Palace was! Both occasions however were very special.

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## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends



"Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday dear Ma'am", the children's voices sang beautifully on the Queen's birthday.

As well as the Queen's birthday we also celebrate the fact that the Queen has been the Supreme Governor of the Church of England since she came to the throne. The role is the largely symbolic one of leading the Church of England. The Queen is called Governor rather than Head so that the role is not seen to be usurping Christ as Head of the church. And really it's that symbolism of her role that we recognise in our celebrations.

The Queen has given her life in service of her country and her church. She has attended weekly worship all her life. She has served her people through her formal role as Queen and her informal one through supporting and being patron of 510 charities in Britain, including Cancer Research UK, The Royal British Legion and Barnardo's. She has helped raise over £1.4 billion pounds over her reign.

And it is in her service of the country and her church that we find an example of unstinting and unwavering service. Service that has covered her whole life and at 90 she has not retired but continued with her duties and her service to others. In 2015 she carried out no fewer than 306 engagements in the UK and 35 on overseas tours. Something that would, I am sure, challenge many younger people.

And the disciples of Jesus were challenged by the service Jesus gave and in return expected them to give. On that first Maundy Thursday, Jesus gave them and us the example of the

depth of service that we should follow.

Jesus said 'I am setting an example for you so that you will do just what I have done for you.'

The disciples are ambitious and have failed to understand Jesus. The standard of service required is that of the cross not the crown. The Kingdom of God is humility, it is continuing to learn, it is service, it is even the washing of the disciple's feet by the master.

You see discipleship as the disciples found is not about talking the talk or even walking the walk but acting it out in our lives in whatever situation we find ourselves whether we be Queen or commoner.

Two pensioners, interviewed before their meeting with the Queen, both celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays too, talked about her and how they couldn't do half the work that she does. In particular one of them mentioned the Queen when she lays a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. At 90, she steps forward to lay the wreath and then she goes backwards down the steps with no stick and no hand to help her. Could you manage that?

It's a symbol of service and when we can follow Christ even to the extent of going backwards down the stairs then we will have learnt what service is.

Very many happy returns dear Ma'am.

God bless you all as you continue to serve your King.

*Janice*

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412,750 honours bestowed  
62 speeches to the State Opening of  
Parliament  
56 televised Christmas Day speeches  
12 Prime Ministers  
7 Archbishops of Canterbury  
10 serving US Presidents met  
1.1 million guests treated to garden parties at  
Buckingham Palace  
380,000 telegrams sent to mark 100<sup>th</sup>  
birthdays  
300 billion stamps bearing her image  
worldwide  
68 billion coins struck  
30 corgis owned – at up to 8 at a time  
0 passports – the Queen doesn't need one!



*The Lord Chamberlain is  
commanded by Her Majesty to invite*

*Mr. and Mrs. Fred Archenhold  
to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace  
on Thursday, 23rd July, 1987 from 4 to 6 p.m.*

## 90th Celebrations at St Giles

*A 'Right Royal Do' over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at St Giles*

### Saturday 11th June Black Tie Dinner

Tickets **£17.50** to include a Prosecco  
Reception 7.00 for 7.30pm and a three  
course meal with wine.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June Afternoon Tea

Tickets £7.50 to include a glass of Prosecco  
followed by a Celebration Service with flag  
waving in Church.

**Tickets for both events £22.00**

Tickets available from Keith,

**tel: 07920139172**

### The Menu

#### Starters

Mackerel Pate with Melba Toast  
Melody of Melon  
Goats Cheese Tartlets

#### Mains

Beef Wellington with Red Wine Jus  
Salmon Fillets with Herbs and Red Peppers  
Spinach and Ricotta Cannelloni  
Aubergine Cheesecake  
Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes

#### Desserts

Chocolate Roulade with Black Cherries  
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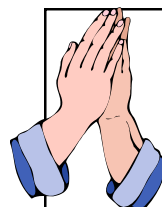
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|----|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Wed  | Luncheon Club 12.15 pm                                                   |
| 1  | Wed  | Mother's Union 2.00 pm<br>Patricia Atkinson "Hope to hear from you soon" |
| 8  | Wed  | CATS 9.15 - 11.30 am                                                     |
| 11 | Sat  | A Right Royal Do – Black Tie Dinner                                      |
| 12 | Sun  | A Right Royal Do – Afternoon Tea                                         |
| 14 | Tues | Women's Fellowship 8.00 pm<br>Veronica Bird "From Prison to Palace"      |
| 15 | Wed  | CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am                                                     |
| 15 | Wed  | Open House 2.00 - 4.00 pm                                                |
| 19 | Sun  | Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am                                                |
| 21 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm                                                   |
| 22 | Wed  | CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am                                                     |
| 26 | Sun  | Activities for under 7's during Service                                  |

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# Happy Birthday your Majesty

*What greater inspiration could we have in our spiritual lives than the steadfast*

"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."

*The Queen 2014*



God sent h  
'to serve, not to  
restored love ar  
centre of our liv  
of Jesus  
*The Que*

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year  
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the  
unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness,  
and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be  
to you better than light, and safer than a known way.'

*Minnie Louise Haskins. A poem given by Princess Elizabeth  
to her father George VI in 1939.*

Despite being displaced and persecuted  
throughout his short life, Christ's unchanging  
message was not one of revenge or violence  
but simply that we should love one another.

*The Queen 2015*

I know just how much I rely on  
the good times and the bad. I  
know that the only way to live  
right, to take the long view, to  
day brings, and to put my trust  
the message of the Christian



## The Queen at 90...a remarkable woman

- She is the longest reigning monarch in British history.
- She never went to university, but she has been the adviser and confidante to twelve Prime Ministers.
- She's a 90-year-old senior citizen, but still works over 40 hours a week.
- She employs 1200 people, but feeds her own dogs.
- She can rebuild the 6-cylinder, 3462cc engine of an Austin K2 Ambulance, trek hatless for hours on her Fell pony across the windswept Highland moors, but she looks entirely comfortable and elegant in the 488 diamond Kokoshnik tiara.
- She is the most famous woman in the world.
- She is Supreme Governor of the Church of England.
- There are no reliable incidents of the Queen losing her temper, using bad language, or refusing to carry out a duty expected of her!

## And Sir John Major said.....

'How does one sum up  
our remarkable Queen?

Compassionate, shrewd,  
well informed, pragmatic  
and wise, with an  
unshakeable commitment  
to duty – and a great  
sense of humour.

Throughout her reign she  
has led by example and  
served our country well.  
She has entrenched a  
popular Monarchy so  
firmly in the affections of

our nation that even the  
most hostile critics have  
been silenced.

In an egalitarian age, this  
is an extraordinary  
achievement. As a nation  
we have been very lucky:  
in a world of change – the  
pace of which is often  
bewildering, even  
frightening – The Queen  
has provided a stability  
that is comforting and  
true.

Nearly 70 years ago, the



then Princess Elizabeth  
broadcast a message to  
the Commonwealth in  
which she pledged: ' I  
declare before you all that  
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*The Queen 2011*

is only son  
be served.' He  
nd service to the  
es in the person  
s Christ.

*Queen 2012*

He commanded us to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, but what exactly is meant by 'loving ourselves?' I believe it means trying to make the most of the abilities we have been given, it means caring for our talents. It is a matter of making the best of ourselves, not just doing the best for ourselves.

*The Queen 1975*

I my faith to guide me through  
Each day is a new beginning. I  
my life is to try to do what is  
give of my best in all that the  
t in God...I draw strength from  
gospel.

*The Queen 2002*

Remember that good spreads outwards and every little does help. Mighty things from small beginnings grow as indeed they grew from the small child of Bethlehem.

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## From the Library shelf

It is always good when someone tells me that they have enjoyed reading one of our library books. This happened recently, the book in question being 'How to Read a Church' by Richard Taylor. I had to admit that I had not read it - even the most assiduous librarian cannot read ALL the books in the library! But I was curious, and decided to read it myself.

The full title of the book is: 'How to Read a Church. A guide to images, symbols and meanings in churches and cathedrals.' An introductory chapter describes how many churches are full of imagery and symbols representing Christian theology and teaching, and stories from the Bible. Their meaning is not always obvious, and this book gives us a comprehensive account of what to look for and how to interpret it. There is much detail - did you know that there are several different types of halo in church art? It is difficult to explain the meaning of church imagery without referring to church history, and this book does that too. Though by the author's own admission this is not an in-

depth study of church history or architecture, and he gives a comprehensive bibliography for further reading.

Churches were built to be Houses of God, and they have a specific design - a series of spaces leading to the holiest place of all, the altar. But do we know which is the nave, which the chancel - and where is the transept? And why is the font placed at the back of the church, what is a chasuble and where will you find a rood screen? As a representation of heaven on earth, churches were richly decorated and filled with beautiful objects - stone carvings, statues of the Saints, stained glass windows, wooden pews and crucifixes. Functional objects like the pulpit and the font

were often decorated with carvings of people, animals and plants. This book tells you how to recognise them, and explains how to interpret the stories represented in stained glass, statues and paintings.

If like me, you enjoy visiting churches and cathedrals, you will find this book a useful guide. I have found it a fascinating read, and it has made me realise how much I take for granted about church buildings, and to appreciate that a church is not just a building, but a holy place, made beautiful by the craftsmanship, love and reverence of those who built it.

Good reading!

*Sue Grahame*



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Getting  
to know.....

## Jean Horn



Although I have lived on Old Pool Bank most of my life, my connections with Bramhope are many. From 5 - 12 years I attended Bramhope Council School (now a private house in the village main street) and then went to secretarial college for 2 years. At 14 yrs I started work in Otley bringing proudly home my first week's wage of 7/6d (35p in current money !)

My mum who attended St Giles introduced me to the Rev Bairstow who took me under his wing. I was confirmed and then joined the choir for 10 years until I married Ken, also a church member and who later became a sidesman.

We had a thriving Church Fellowship; the nativity play performed in the church was always a memorable event. Easter Monday was a great day for the parishioners who walked around the village whatever the weather, rain or snow.

I love my sport, golf being one of my favourites in which I proudly have twice managed 2 holes in 1! I belonged to the

Bramhope Tennis and Bowls Club and also the Bramhope Youth Club which did many good deeds producing pantomimes for the village. We organised public debates to which the biggest laugh came after a question on whether cremation (at the time a newish topic) was a good thing. A gentleman said "yes", he thought the sooner we were all cremated the better.

After Hitler left his calling card we had to find our own entertainment; there was no television etc. During the war the electricity house premises in Leeds were bombed and the company was evacuated to Bramhope. Nissen huts were built on the grounds opposite The Cross (now an estate), where I got a secretarial position until my marriage in 1948.

I have seen many changes at St Giles, five different vicars, the new church room, a big-screen helping with services and notices. For many years the organ had to be pumped by

hand. A real joke and hard work and once Ken fell asleep in the middle of pumping; the result was a very awful hymn. Electrification of the organ was therefore a major change.

Our two daughters were christened, confirmed and married at St Giles, as was Lindsey my granddaughter. My granddaughter was married a few years ago at St Giles and her children, my great-granddaughters, were both christened at St Giles.

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I have now lost my Ken but with Janice's help and the fellowship of the congregation I am thankful for Bramhope and St Giles playing such a big part in my life.

# A day in the life of

*The Queen's working day begins at her desk.....*

After scanning the daily British newspapers, The Queen reviews her correspondence.

The Queen will then see, separately, two of her Private Secretaries with the daily quota of official papers and documents. This process takes upwards of an hour.

Every day of every year, wherever she is, The Queen receives from government ministers, and from her representatives in the Commonwealth and foreign countries, information in the form of policy papers, Cabinet documents, telegrams, letters and other State papers.

A series of official meetings or 'audiences' will often follow. Each meeting usually lasts 10 to 20 minutes, and usually The Queen and her visitor meet alone.

The Queen may also meet a number of people who have won prizes or awards in a variety of fields such as literature or science, to present them individually with their prize.

If there is an Investiture, it begins at 11.00am and lasts just over an hour. The Queen usually meets around 100 people at each Investiture to present Orders, decorations and medals.

The Queen will often lunch privately. Every few months, she and The Duke of Edinburgh will invite a dozen guests from a wide variety of backgrounds to an informal lunch.

If The Queen is spending the morning on engagements away from her desk and other commitments, she will visit up to three venues before lunch, either alone or jointly with The Duke of Edinburgh.



*In the afternoons, The Queen often goes out on public engagements.....*

Such visits require meticulous planning beforehand to meet the hosts' requirements.

This helps to ensure the widest possible spread and to make effective use of The Queen's time.

The Queen carries out around 430 engagements (including audiences) a year, to meet people, open events and buildings, unveil plaques and make speeches.

Such engagements can include visits to schools, hospitals, factories, military units, art galleries, sheltered accommodation for elderly people, hostels for the homeless, local community schemes in inner city areas, and other British and Commonwealth

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home, children with no other adults in their lives to listen to them, young children who are struggling to look after a sick or disabled parent by themselves and children whose families are trapped in debt.

We heard about projects in this Diocese particularly the Hand to Hand project in Keighley which is in its twelfth year, providing drop-in centres, counselling, training for professionals to recognise signs in the behaviour of vulnerable children and fun days out for young carers. The speaker had worked here for all the twelve years and really conveyed the importance of the project. They also work closely with other charities and the Police and reach out to well over 1000 children each year just in that area. Depressingly 3.5 million children live in poverty in the UK and this is expected to rise to 4 million by 2020 and every 5 minutes a child runs away from home or care.

We learnt that there are only 7 committees in the Diocese. There are over 100,000 house boxes in England (82

in this Parish including regular donors who don't have a real box to put coins in).

In 2018 the Christingle Service will be 100 years old and in many Churches it is now established in the yearly calendar. These services raise £1million annually. The average amount raised per service in the West Yorks and Dales Diocese is £270. We raised £1392.87 last December!

One final statistic! The Bramhope Children's Society committee was formed in 1978 and over the last 38 years we have raised in excess of £125,000. Well done all of us!

*Anne Marshall*

### **Circle Dancing**

I have cancelled our usual session on Tuesday 7th June, as most of us will be in the Austrian Tyrol for a week of dancing, walking, swimming and just enjoying ourselves in the mountains.

Also we won't be in the hall on Tuesday 5th July, as I have managed to get consent to use the newly refurbished Otley Parish Church, for us to be part of

Encircling the Land with Sacred Dance.

More news about both events when they have happened.....

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful sunshine and all the birds singing!

*Joan Peart*

### **Baqoun Choir**

A group of young Christian Palestinian students are coming to Yorkshire on 16th June, supported by the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales. They have formed a dance group called Baqoun who perform traditional Palestinian dancing in a modern way. There are various venues including St Chad's Headingley and St George's, Leeds. Tickets are now available so please book online at [www.baqoun.org](http://www.baqoun.org).

We saw them in Bethlehem last year and had an opportunity of personally talking with these educated youngsters about their life in Palestine. It was well worth listening to and if you attend one of the events, you too will get this opportunity. They need our support!

*Gill Pinches*

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organisations.

The Queen regularly goes out for the whole day to a particular region or city. If the visit is a busy one, or if it lasts more than a day, then The Queen will travel overnight on the Royal Train.

The Duke of Edinburgh will often accompany The Queen on such visits; when this happens, they will carry out some engagements jointly and others separately to ensure that the maximum number of people and organisations can be visited.

The Queen may end the afternoon seeing a number of Government ministers in a meeting of the Privy Council.



### *Early evening*

.....may see a meeting with the Prime Minister. The Queen has a weekly meeting alone with the Prime Minister, when they are both in London. Communications between The Queen and the Prime Minister always remains confidential.

At about 7.30 pm a report of the day's parliamentary proceedings arrives. The Queen always reads this the same evening.

Some evenings, The Queen may attend a film première, a variety of concert performances in aid of a charitable cause, or a reception linked to organisations of which she is Patron.

The Queen regularly hosts official receptions at Buckingham Palace (usually with other members of the Royal Family), ahead of overseas visits or to mark the work of particular groups in the community

Her Majesty also attends the Derby and the Summer Race Meeting at Ascot. As a keen owner and breeder of racehorses, she often sees her horses run at other meetings.

As owner of private estates at Balmoral and Sandringham, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh oversee the management of the estates which are run on a commercial basis. She takes a close interest in all aspects of estate life, particularly in the tenant farmers and employees who live and work on the estates.

Often, one of the last lights on in the Palace at night is The Queen finishing her 'red box' of official papers.

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### Mothers' Union

We had a very interesting update about the Yorkshire Air Ambulance by Richard Handscombe in May. Richard was an excellent speaker who explained that the charity, totally funded by donations was going from strength to strength and have ordered 2 new helicopters to be delivered next year. The two helicopters they have at the moment are based in Tockwith and on the Nostell estate. And this year alone they have served over 6,000 emergencies so far! Paramedics and even medics onboard are funded by the NHS but it is up to the charity to keep the helicopters flying. Thank you so much to Richard, who is himself a volunteer. Please contact me if you want a contact for your group. We can well recommend him!



Next month on 1st June at 2pm, we are looking forward to again hearing a speaker, Patricia Atkinson, who had us laughing so much last time. This month her talk is entitled 'Hope to hear from you soon'. We have yet more

prospective members so why don't YOU join us? You will be welcome.

*Gill Pinches*

### Men's Supper Club

The meeting on Thursday 12th May was a new venture for the Club - a 'Ladies Invitation Meeting' in the Church Hall. Bryan and Nancy had not only devised a seating plan but also provided Karen in the kitchen with the menu choices for each of the 12 tables, so that every one of the 73 people who had booked got the meal they had ordered. The men acted as servers and 'wine waiters', making sure that the ladies were looked after!



We then settled back to listen to our guest and speaker - Sir Thomas Ingilby of Ripley Castle. He entertained us magnificently with his presentation on 'Castle life in the 21st century'. The stories he told of weddings and other events

held at Ripley Castle could not have been made up! Sir Thomas speaks on behalf of Myeloma UK and he was presented with a cheque from the Men's Supper Club to further the work of this cancer charity.

*Fred Archenhold*

### Women's Fellowship

The Spring Fashion show was a great success and raised approximately £400 for charity. Many thanks to all who helped and all who bought!

The talk for June will be a demonstration of Creative Dance by Jackie Shuman.

*Janet Cuntliffe*

### Children's Society

Sue Ball and I went to a meeting in Leeds for an update on the Children's Society's activities in the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales.

Since 1881 The Society has been providing safety, shelter and love to children in danger and right now project workers and volunteers are working to help children with nowhere else to turn. Children who are forced to run away from

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