

Church Services for March 2016

Wednesday 2nd	10.00am	Toddler Praise
Thursday 3rd	10.30am	First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 6th	MOTHERING SUNDAY / FOURTH OF LENT	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Together Communion (CW) with Messy Church
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 10th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 13th	FIFTH OF LENT / PASSION SUNDAY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (CW)
	9.30am	All.together Service with Healing Ministry
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Healing Ministry
Thursday 17th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 20th	PALM SUNDAY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Palm Sunday Choral Evensong
	With distribution of Palm Crosses at all services	
Wednesday 23rd	7.30pm	Worship for Holy Week
Thursday 24th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	7.30pm	"The Last Supper" – Symbolic Worship for Maundy Thursday
Friday 25th	GOOD FRIDAY	
	9.30am	"Messy Easter" – Children's Crafts
	2.00pm	An Hour at the Cross
	7.00pm	Good Friday Evening Service
Sunday 27th	EASTER DAY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Together Easter Communion (CW) With the Welcoming of the Easter Candle
	6.30pm	Easter Choral Evensong
Thursday 31st	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
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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)



St Giles Review

March 2016

Happy Easter

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**'Messy Easter'
Crafts**
Friday 25th March
9.30 - Noon

**Easter Sunday
Together Communion**
Sunday 27th March 9.30am

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News and events
Easter services
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We've focussed more on the Resurrection of Easter this month (p12/13) and thank Bryan Bundy for his contribution of 'Here is a man'. He found this on a booklet given to him whilst travelling in the Holy Land some years ago. There's also a report of Archbishop of York's continuing pilgrimage around Yorkshire (p9). We then move on to the 'lighter' side of Easter, Eggs Galore (p19).

Finally, we thank Janice for her kind words last month (Good bye, thank you and hello?).

We are pleased to hear that the Communications team are taking on the task of the Review, ably led by Louise Wem, Jenni Hall and Caroline Donnelly, from July 2016 onwards. We wish them all the very best.

Gill & Marion

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Thank you.

Prayer of Easter Hope

Dear Father,

When we have lost someone we love, the world seems very dark. Sometimes we might feel that our world has ended, and it's hard to turn round and glimpse any light ahead. But you, Lord, know all about that, and you care.

You sent Jesus to overcome death and lead us into the light of his forgiveness and freedom - to new and eternal life.

Help us Lord, like Mary, to turn away from the darkness death wants to scare us with, and to reach out to you.

Help us to take courage, strength and confidence from the reality of Jesus' resurrection.

He is alive and we are his. There is nothing to fear. All shall be well.

Hallelujah. Amen.

Daphne Kitching



*My sermon today comes from
Apps Chapter 1 beginning at verse 2...*

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From the Vicarage

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The mother of Moses had a terrible decision to make: all Hebrew boys were to be killed by order of the Pharaoh. Her choice was to throw her boy in the River Nile or hide him from the authorities and risk the death of the whole family.



The decision she made was to hide Moses, so she sent him out in a basket in the hope that someone would take pity on this poor Hebrew boy under sentence of death. You can find the story in a book of the bible called Exodus. Exodus meaning the wholesale movement of people from Egypt to escape slavery to another land where they would be free; a story repeated today.

As we celebrate Mothering Sunday this year there are currently 3000 unaccompanied children seeking asylum in the UK. Most have come from countries of chaos: Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Eritrea - the list has a terrible familiarity about it of countries where we know there is war. In addition the UK has admitted 1000 vulnerable lone children from Syria and is preparing to take more. These children have become separated from their parents or have been sent to the UK in the hope that there will be a better life for them here. It's a terrible situation for the parents and the children. Yet like the mother of Moses desperate situations call for unimaginable measures.

So as we celebrate the love of our mothers this Mothering Sunday:

- Can I ask you to pray for all those children and mothers separated by war and circumstances that we can only have nightmares about?
- Can I ask you to thank God for all the blessings you have received from him of family life and a stable country to live in?
- Can I ask you as Lent is a time of sacrificial giving to donate to charities which support these children – the Children's Society or Christian Aid are the first two that come to mind?

The qualities of a loving mother such as self-sacrifice, care, love above and beyond any call of duty are to be celebrated in our services on Sunday 6th March. Each mother will receive flowers and the children will be able to make something special in our Messy Church session in the hall at the 9.30 service.

May God Bless you as you celebrate with your families.

Janice



Mothering Sunday
6 March at 9.30 am
Includes Messy Church



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Beware of these contagious diseases in church

Frontophobia: A morbid fear of the front seats in church. The sufferer is struck by an attack just inside the church door, and collapses in the nearest back seat.

Ear Frequency Destruction: Caused by sitting near the loudspeaker when the minister is singing full volume, off-key, etc., into the microphone.

Sermonic Throat: A dreaded choking caused by the start of the sermon. The sufferer unwraps a sweet very slowly and noisily, which seems to effect a complete cure.

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Retarded Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing slower than the organ.

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Mothering Sunday

The Fourth Sunday in Lent was called 'Mid-Lent' or 'Refreshment Sunday', when the rigors of Lent were relaxed more than was normal for a feast day. It is called Mothering Sunday as a reference to the Epistle reading for the Day (Galatians 4:21-31). The Lenten Epistles follow from each other with teaching about our life as Christians and how we are to follow Christ. On Midlent Sunday the Epistle talks of bondage and freedom; the bondage of the Law and the Old covenant as compared to the freedom in Christ, "the promised one", and the New Covenant. Verse 26 reads "But Jerusalem which is

above is free, which is the mother of us all." We gain our freedom from Christ and, as it was seen before the Reformation, the Church.



Thus Mothering Sunday is about the freedom that we gain through the promise of Jesus Christ delivered through our Mother the Church. People were encouraged to go to their

'Mother Church', their home church or their home Cathedral to worship and give thanks.

Hence apprentices, and others, went home for the weekend and often brought gifts (or accumulated pay) home to their family. On the other hand, Mother's Day is a secular festival invented in 1904 and is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May in most countries in the world. The British Isles seem to be the exception. In recent years Mothering Sunday has been hijacked to take the place of a special, secular day to give thanks for our mothers.

Mark Taylor

Hedgehogs in need



Hedgehogs are in trouble: numbers have more than halved in rural Britain in the last 15 years, where intensive farming and poor hedgerow management have destroyed their habitats. In the city it can be just as bad: fenced off gardens and lawns laid to concrete can mean death to a starving hedgehog.

There are now believed to be less than a million hedgehogs left in the entire UK, according to the 'State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2015' report. So here's how to help your local hedgehog: Cut a five-inch square hole in the bottom of your garden fence, or remove a brick or two from the base of a wall, to let hedgehogs get through.

Where possible, replace fences or walls with hedges. Don't pave over your garden. Encourage insects with nectar-rich plants. Leave out meaty cat or dog food. Avoid treating your lawn with herbicide. Pile up logs to create a habitat for hedgehogs. Take care when clearing piles of leaves, in case you disturb one. And finally, please avoid using slug pellets! (Advice from Hedgehog Street)

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Wedding

6th February

Lee Wintersgill and

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Funerals

12th February

Pauline Newbound

16th February

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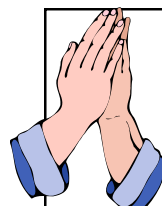
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| 2 | Wed | Toddler Praise 10.00 -11.00 am |
| 2 | Wed | Luncheon Club 12.15 pm |
| 5 | Sat | Mothers' Union 2.00 - 4.00 pm
A Musical Afternoon Tea |
| 6 | Sun | Mothering Sunday Service
with Messy Church crafts |
| 8 | Tues | Women's Fellowship 8.00 pm
Painting Demonstration by Roy Johansen |
| 9 | Wed | CATS 9.15- 11.30 am |
| 10 | Thurs | Men's Supper Club 6.30 for 7.00 pm
Jim Monte "Lead Mining in the Dales" |
| 15 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 15 | Tues | PCC Meeting 7.30 pm |
| 16 | Wed | CATS 9.15 - 11.30 am |
| 16 | Wed | Open House 2.00 - 4.00 pm |
| 20 | Sun | Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am
Around the Holy Land in 8 days 3pm
(A presentation from the group who were in
Israel in 2015) |
| 23 | Wed | CATS 9.15 - 11.30 am |
| 29 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |

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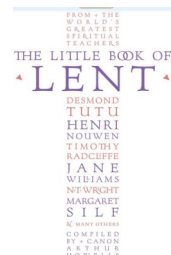
From the Library Shelf

I was interested to read, in the February issue of the St. Giles Review, the article on Sheila Cassidy's book 'Lent is for Loving'. For anyone like me who feels they would like to read this book, I have bought a copy for the Church library.

There are also two more books purchased especially for this season of Lent. One I mentioned last month, is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2016 – 'I am With You' by Kathryn Greene-McCreight. This book is about the presence of God in our lives from the Creation to the New Creation in Jesus Christ. The presence of God is described as a light in the darkness, and the book explores, with numerous references to scripture, the way God has made His presence known to us, and continues to do so. At the end of each chapter there are questions as a focus for further reflection. The framework for the book follows the pattern of the seven monastic hours of prayer, from the morning, through the daytime, the darkness of night, and finally to the dawning of a new day. This is a remarkable book,

and well worth reading.

My other choice is 'The Little Book of Lent: Daily Reflections from the World's Greatest Spiritual Writers' by Arthur Howells. This is an anthology of writings and prayers from several well-known spiritual writers –



Desmond Tutu and Henri Nouwen among them. There is a short passage for reflection, a suggested Bible reading and

a prayer for each day of Lent. If you feel you can't devote time to this each day, then it's the sort of book you can dip into when you have a moment.

Lent is a time for reflection on our own relationship with God. In our busy lives it is hard to find time for this, and when there is time we may find ourselves asking 'How do I begin?'. Perhaps one of our Lent books will give you a starting point.

Good Reading.

Sue Grahame

Keep in Touch

Like some others, I 'signed up' to receive a regular email from Janice giving details of what's going on in church and what is coming up in the near future. Just this past week an email pinged into my inbox from Janice, the latest in this stream of information. And it was a veritable mine! Giving details of future services, the Lent course, and advance warning of a very important date in June this year!

So I would encourage you all to sign up to this, details are on the website. Currently this stream goes to over 100 people in the regular congregation, and it has a link straight onto the website, so it serves a double purpose. So sign up and keep in touch!

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St David

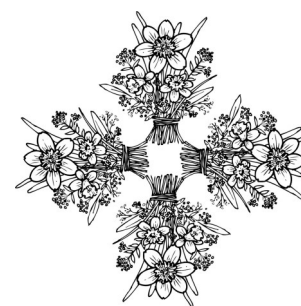
St David's Day on 1st March is a time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks. Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' - but nobody knows the reason. Why should anyone have ever 'requested' that the Welsh wear leeks or daffodils to honour their patron saint? It's a mystery!

We do know that David - or Dafydd - of Pembrokeshire was a monk and bishop of the 6th century. In the 12th century he was made patron of Wales, and he has the honour of being the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culted in the Western Church. Tradition has it that he was austere with himself, and generous with others - living on water and vegetables (leeks, perhaps!?) and devoting himself to works of mercy. He was much loved. In art, St David is usually depicted in Episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder, in memory of his share at an important Synod for the Welsh Church, the Synod of Brevi.



Pilgrimage

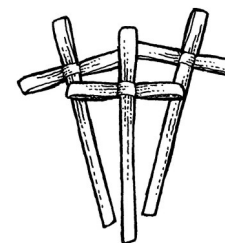
The Archbishop of York is continuing on his Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing across the Diocese of York, which is due to finish in May 2016. Archbishop Sentamu said,



"My prayers have led me to this pilgrimage. St Paulinus, St Aidan, St Cuthbert and St Hilda of Whitby in their time shared the good news of Jesus Christ with the people of the North. Praying for those who come to know Christ is a great privilege and a joy.

"During this pilgrimage, I would like to encourage everyone I meet to commit themselves afresh to try praying, be open to encountering Jesus Christ, pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and receive the gift of the joy provided by Jesus Christ - and be thankful. Pray with me, and join me on the road!"

Archbishop Sentamu began his Pilgrimage at Whitby last December and has since journeyed through Guisborough, Middlesbrough, Stokesley, Mowbray and Northern Ryedale. His Pilgrimage will finish in York Minster on Trinity Sunday (22 May 2016). For the opportunities to walk with the Archbishop, and share in his journey, please visit:
www.pilgrimage.archbishopofyork.org



Easter

The miracle of Easter, so old yet ever new, brings its special blessing of happiness to you. And as the coming Springtime adds new beauty to each day, May God look down and bless you in a very special way.

Author unknown



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Eggs Galore!

Why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

A lot of us may chomp on chocolate eggs at Easter, but originally eating eggs was not allowed by the church during the week leading up to Easter.

So any eggs laid that week were saved and decorated to make them 'Holy Week eggs', then given to children as gifts.

Victorians adapted the tradition with satin covered cardboard eggs filled with Easter gifts.

The first chocolate eggs appeared in France and Germany in the 19th century but were bitter and hard.

As chocolate-making techniques improved, hollow eggs like the ones we have today were developed.

UKs favourite Fairtrade Egg

Introduced in 2010, The Real Easter Egg was initially turned down by supermarkets as they were unsure that a 'faith egg' would sell. How wrong they were. Last year, in a national poll, the Real Easter Egg was voted the UK's favourite Fairtrade egg and now more than a million Real Easter Eggs have been sold!

The Real Easter Egg is still the only Fairtrade egg with a copy of the Easter story in each box. There is also a charitable donation for every 150g egg sold. More than £140,000 has been donated from sales. It also supports farmers and producers in the developing world by using Fairtrade chocolate.

David Marshall, who heads up the Meaningful Chocolate Company, said; "The Real

Easter Egg campaign aims to establish giving a Real Easter Egg as a tradition. We can be found in Tesco, Waitrose and Morrison's. However, we make very little from supermarket sales, so we do rely on direct sales from churches and schools. Last year we sent more than 400,000 eggs through the post. This is a very positive example of putting our faith into practice so I hope churches will support this year's Real Easter Egg campaign by visiting www.realeasteregg.co.uk and ordering.

Each year the content of the Real Easter Egg changes. This year's blue egg has a unique storybook, the Premium Peace Edition contains an olive wood key ring made in Bethlehem and there is a dairy free dark chocolate egg.



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Getting
to know.....

Steve and Karen Giles

Karen and Steve met whilst Karen was still at school in the 6th form. Steve was an apprentice engineer at a firm in Pudsey that manufactured moulds for glass bottles. He trained as an engraver; the tools of this craft are simply a vice, hammer and assorted chisels. Steve had a car (an old VW Beetle) and a job. Of course that is not the only thing that attracted Karen! Steve grew up in Pudsey and Karen in Heaton, Bradford.

Karen went to university in Nottingham to study economics and graduated in 1978. Steve was working and visited every weekend to enjoy social time together.

They married in 1979 and

moved to Bramhope in 1983 and have been attending St Giles since the move.

Steve is an IT Project Manager and works for Yorkshire Water based in Bradford. Karen took early retirement from Npower two years ago where she had been an IT Project Manager and Team Leader. She had enjoyed a 35 year career in IT.

They regularly attend the 9:30 services and Steve can sometimes be seen at 8:15 or 6:30 when he is on duty as deputy warden. They both enjoy the wide variety of services at St Giles including both the traditional and

modern styles. They take an active part in the life of the church.

They have recently enjoyed being part of the



Home Nurture Groups. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know their fellow Christians at St Giles and to learn and grow in faith together in a relaxed environment.

In her retirement, Karen has been involved with some charity work including helping at a Leeds Community Centre with some IT courses for jobseekers.

In their spare time they like to cycle together and their favourite trip is to Burnsall in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales. They try to keep fit in the winter by going to the gym and using their bikes on turbo trainers in the garage.

They have one son, Joseph, who is 24 and who is living and working in Belfast.



Easter in Three Dimensions

Films like Life of Pi or The Hobbit come alive when watched in 3D. As we celebrate Easter, it's good to ask, 'Do we see it in 3D or is our celebration simply one-dimensional?' It's easy to miss the true significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. As C. S. Lewis said, 'Easter is not primarily a comfort, but a challenge. Its message is either the supreme fact in history or else a gigantic hoax.' So how can we see Jesus' resurrection in three dimensions?

The first dimension is the proof of the resurrection: The resurrection of Jesus was an historical event to which we have eye witness accounts: 'He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also.' (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). Jesus' resurrection also had a dramatic effect, as the church grew. 'It is a perfectly amazing story of peaceful

revolution that has no parallel in the history of the world.' (Michael Green).

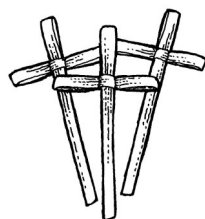
The second dimension is the promise of the resurrection: George Bernard Shaw famously said, 'Death is the ultimate statistic, one out of one of us dies.' As Jesus promised, 'I am the resurrec-

tion and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.' (John 11:25-26).

The resurrection of Jesus declares that he didn't die in vain, but has secured eternal life for us. When we believe and trust in Him, we can



Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month', but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' - a good time for starting up again after a long winter.



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imposed on people - it has to come from them. It was a most interesting presentation followed by lively discussion.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th March when we welcome Jim Monte as our speaker. He will give a short historical tour of 'Lead mining in the Dales', an activity started by the Romans!

Please contact **Derek Oworm** (0113 284 3301) by Sunday 6th March **at the latest** if you need to clarify whether you are attending or not.

Fred Archenhold

Women's Fellowship

Members and guests enjoyed an excellent Buffet Supper and were entertained by Anna Stothard of Yeadon, accompanied by her husband Gareth. She sang a selection of songs from Bond themes to Gospel and popular classics.

We are looking forward to our March meeting which will be a Painting Demonstration by Roy Johansen.

Hazel Lee

Women's World Day of Prayer

A beautiful service written by the women of Cuba will be held at Bramhope Methodist Church on 4th March at 2pm. It is entitled 'Receive Children, Receive Me'. This service although 'billed' as The Women's World Day of Prayer is open to all and gives us an insight into Christianity throughout the world. There will, of course, be refreshments afterwards.

Circle Dancing

During our stupendous week of dancing, singing and playing music at Rydal Hall over New Year, we learnt some of the most beautiful dances I have ever done. I must tell you about 2 of them.

A German woman called Birgit taught us the simplest dance possible!

We sway to the right, sway to the left, sway right again then close the left foot next to the right. Perfect for our last dance before we go home.

I haven't been able to obtain Birgit's music, but as it's in simple 4/4 time, any suitable music will suffice.

I was listening to the CD

"The Peacemakers" by Karl Jenkins, and Track 4 is called "I offer you Peace". I suddenly realised this was the music I'd been searching for.

What a gift. The words are attributed to Mahatma Gandhi.....

I offer you peace,
I offer you love,
I offer you friendship,
I see your beauty.
I hear your need.

I feel your feelings.
My wisdom flows from the Highest Source.

I salute that source in you.
Let us work together for unity and love.

Next month I will tell you about the other dance which is also done to the music from the Peacemakers.

Jean Peart

Christian Aid

Sue Osborne has done a wonderful arranging the Christian Aid collection in the village for many years for which we are very grateful. This year Gill Pinches, Marion Skirrow and Jenni Hall are taking on the daunting task so do expect begging calls from us to do some collecting! PLEASE!!!

Gill, Marion and Jenni

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look forward to an eternity with God, with a body like Jesus! The resurrection of Jesus guarantees us a secure future.

The third dimension is the power of the resurrection: The resurrection is also a present experience, 'This is eternal life, that they may

know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.' (John 17:3). Eternal life is not just about life after death, but a quality of life to be experienced now i.e. 'life in all its fullness'.

Wilson Carlile, the founder of the Church Army was speaking at Hyde Park Cor-

ner, 'Jesus Christ is alive today.' A heckler in the crowd shouted out, 'How do you know?' Carlile replied, 'Because I was speaking to him for half an hour this morning!'

Paul Hardingham

HERE IS A MAN

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He had no credentials but himself. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends – the twelve men who had learned so much from him, and had promised him their enduring loyalty – ran away, and left him. He went through a mockery of a trial; he was nailed upon a cross between two thieves; when he was dead, he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Yet I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has this one solitary life.

Anon.
17th Century

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Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah!

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Krystyna Novak

Mothers' Union

On 3 February we had our Annual General Meeting and were delighted to welcome so many members.

Mary thanked the committee for all their support and hard work and also members who help in so many ways.

Joanne read the minutes from February 2015 and gave a brief resume of the events during the year.

June presented the financial report and advised us that the number of members for 2015 was 32 plus 2 indoor members. Thanks were given to Joanne and Pam for their help and David Shay for auditing the accounts.

Special thanks were given to June for all her hard work as Treasurer. After being responsible for our funds for 3 years June has decided to

step down but will still remain an active member of the committee. It is always difficult to find a Treasurer but fortunately Gill Pinches has kindly agreed to take over the helm.

Joan Archenhold gave a short talk about the St Giles 1-5 Baptism Scheme which had just celebrated 25 years. It was originally devised by the Mothers' Union in the Carlisle Diocese. Joan thanked the volunteers who distribute baptism cards round the village and beyond.

Members were reminded that the Women's World Day of Prayer is on the 4 March at 2pm. This year it is at the Methodist Church and has been prepared by the ladies of Cuba.

We are also having a Musical Afternoon Tea on Saturday 5 March 2 - 4pm. Do come along and support this event. Everyone welcome.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Jocelyn Brookes who gave us an entertaining and amusing talk about her 'box of treasures.' Her treasures

were linked to her adventurous trip to Russia. The treasures consisted of many things including, hats, wigs, a figurine and Russian dolls -- all used to assist her hilarious talk. It was also interspersed with historical facts. It was an enjoyable afternoon and it is hoped that Jocelyn will visit us again in the not too distant future. Christine Smith gave the vote of thanks.

The afternoon concluded with a cup of tea, chocolates and delicious scones baked by Marva.

Joanne Dawdry

Men's Supper Club

The speaker at the February Meeting was Matthew Laird, our Child Protection Coordinator at St Giles', who spoke about his "Life as a Probation Officer". Matthew outlined the complex tasks facing him and his colleagues in the recently created National Probation Service which only deals with the most difficult cases. He stressed that his work attempts to strike a balance between rehabilitation and protecting the public, accepting that social change cannot be

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