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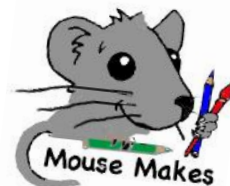
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It is certainly a sign of the times when we need to help and support charities who are setting up Food banks in Leeds (p13). Help is also needed for Christian Aid Week (p17 & 25). If you can help Sue do the collecting and counting, do please let her know. The article about Baroness Warsi saying that churches are being relied on to meet certain social needs certainly seems to ring true (p15).

We've had much laughter

this week on working out who Ann Marshall was (p28) and it made me wonder what news we might have of those who have moved away from Bramhope. If you are still in touch with anyone, please do encourage them to drop us a line and let us know what they are up to.

Many thanks

Gill Pinches

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# From the Vicarage



Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia. Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome, Cretans and Arabs we hear them declaring the wonders of God in their own tongues! *Acts 2:9 – 11.*

Those on our list of readers are always glad not to be given this reading, there's many a possible slip in pronunciation for the unwary.

Yet it gives us a wide range of now forgotten or renamed lands and languages that once were common. The Jews had come together in Jerusalem from 'every nation under heaven' to celebrate Pentecost which took place 50 days after the Passover ceremonies. It was a festival of thanksgiving for harvest.

Christianity is not limited to any race or group of people. Christ offers salvation to all people without regard to nationality. The visitors to Jerusalem were surprised to hear their own language spoken by the apostles and other believers. The Holy Spirit had allowed the believers to speak in this way to spread the

Good News of God's love for us. God calls all kinds of people to become his followers. No matter what your race, colour, nationality or language God speaks to you. But are you listening?

On the 16 June,  
Bishop John is

coming to the parish to confirm people who have heard the call of God on their lives. They don't just come from Bramhope but other areas of Leeds as well. All are welcome and called by God. If you want to consider confirmation or want to find out more about the Christian faith then do contact me to join one of the groups.

We are celebrating Pentecost on 19 May at special services at 9.30 and 6.30 and a special Messy Church in the afternoon. Messy Church continues to thrive and be enjoyed by everyone taking part from the youngest of our children to the oldest of our volunteers. There is a theme for the day this month Pentecost with crafts, activities and

games for all the children and their parents. We then have a short service in church for all followed by a meal together. We come together as a community. We offer a place to build our faith, our community and our love for one another.

Pentecost is the time that the Holy Spirit came upon all the believers and inspired them and motivated them to go out and tell everyone about Christ. May the Holy Spirit bless and inspire us here at St Giles to continue to spread the Good News of God's love for us all through His Son Jesus Christ, to the residents of Bramhope and beyond!

May the Holy Spirit bless you this Pentecost



*Janice*

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*(including Parish Register)*

## Parish Registers

### Baptisms

**31st March**

Rhys, Callum & Max  
Martyn Wharam

**7th April**

Benjamin James Gifford  
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### Weddings

**30th March**

Gareth Hemingway  
and Jennifer Pinder

**1st April**

Nicholas Stevens  
and Louise Goodall  
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### Funeral

3rd April  
Muriel Nicholson  
*'Condolences'*

### Baptism Anniversaries

Charlotte Emily Brownless  
Scarlett Elizabeth Anne  
Kitching  
Daisy Sophia & Phoebe  
Florence Lavery  
Isaac William Rollett  
Matilda Rose Alderson  
Adam Haris Bashir  
Callum Jack & Joshua Liam  
Flesher

Edward Alexander Freeman  
Imogen Erin Gray  
Harry Michael Hyman  
Beatrix Louise Scott

Oliver James Parkinson  
Isabel Catherine Burdon

### In Memorium

The funeral of **Brenda Powell** age 82 took place at

## Diary for May 2013

- |    |       |   |
|----|-------|---|
| 1  | Wed   | Toddler Praise 10 -11 am  |
| 1  | Wed   | Luncheon Club 12.15 pm  |
| 1  | Wed   | Mother's Union 2.00 pm<br>Shelagh Robinson "Yorkshire Air Ambulance"            |
| 2  | Thurs | The Word – Bible Study 7.30 pm<br>Home Group Tel 2670311 for location           |
| 5  | Sun   | Rock Solid 5.00 -6. pm at St Giles  |
| 8  | Wed   | Toddler Group 9.15 am   |
| 9  | Thurs | Walking Talking Group 9.30 am   |
| 10 | Fri   | The Nightflyers Big Band 7.30pm   |
| 11 | Sat   | Mens Supper Club Second Hand Book Sale 10am                                     |
| 12 | Sun   | ook Sale after Service 10.30 am   |
| 12 | Sun   | Start of Christian Aid Week   |
| 12 | Sun   | Rock Solid 5.00 - 6.00 pm at St Giles   |
| 14 | Tues  | Women's Fellowship 8.00 pm<br>Pam Harcourt "Tiller Girls"                       |
| 15 | Wed   | Toddler Group 9.15 am   |
| 15 | Wed   | Open House 2.00 - 4.00 pm   |
| 16 | Thurs | The Word – Bible Study 7.30 pm<br>Home Group Tel 2670311 for location           |
| 19 | Sun   | Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am   |
| 19 | Sun   | Messy Church 2.00 - 4.00 pm   |
| 19 | Sun   | Rock Solid 5.00 - 6. pm at St Giles   |
| 22 | Wed   | Toddler Group 9.15 am   |
| 22 | Wed   | Children's Society talk and tea 2.30 pm<br>Anne Batchelor "My name is Frances " |
| 23 | Thurs | Pub Walking Group 9.30 am   |
| 26 | Sun   | Activities for under 7's during Service 9.30 am                                 |
| 29 | Wed   | Toddler Group 9.15 am   |

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# Dunstan (909 – 988)

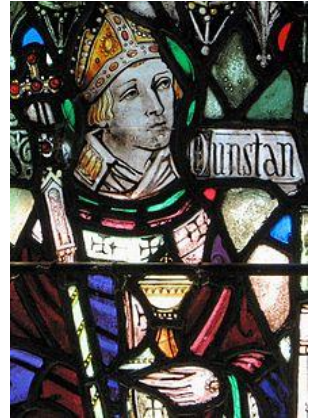
Dunstan stands out as an example of what just one person can achieve when they follow the call of God on their life.

Dunstan was born near Glastonbury, of a noble family with royal and church connections; his uncle was archbishop of Canterbury. But in 935, at the age of 16, he was accused of ‘studying

life by simply returning to Glastonbury and living as a hermit. He painted, embroidered and did metalwork. But when in 939 Edmund became king of Wessex, he recalled Dunstan and made him abbot of Glastonbury. The monastic life of the country was all but dead: the Danish invasions and the hostility of local magnates had seen to that. Dunstan set out to change all this, and went on to restore monastic life in England, under the Rule of St Benedict.

Down the years, Dunstan saw kings come and go: Edmund, Edred, Edgar, Edward. Under King Edgar Dunstan was made bishop of Worcester in 957, bishop of London in 959, and archbishop of Canterbury in 960. Thus was born a fruitful collaboration between King and Archbishop which was to reform the Church in England. Monastic orders began to thrive once more. After the Conquest, the days of Dunstan would be looked back on as the ‘golden age’.

Dunstan was zealous for the faith. He taught, prayed, fasted, repaired churches, acted as judge, inspired national laws of the land, made sure taxes were paid,



and encouraged his monks in their manuscripts and prayers. He remained active right to the end of his life: he preached three times on Ascension Day 988, and died two days later, on 19 May, aged nearly 80.

They wrote of him: he was without doubt ‘chief of all the saints who rest at Christ Church’ (Canterbury).

It has been well said that the 10th century gave shape to English history, and Dunstan gave shape to the 10th century.

*Parish Pump*

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...‘chief of all  
the saints  
who rest at  
Christ  
Church’

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the vain poems of the pagans’ – and expelled from court. He nearly married, but instead made private monastic vows and was ordained a priest by Elphege, bishop of Winchester. Dunstan felt God’s call on his life, and responded. That decision was to shape English history.

Not at first, however. For Dunstan began his priestly

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# Three in One

*May is a busy time in the church calendar with Ascension Day, Pentecost and Rogation Sunday*

## **Ascension Day - 9 May**

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. It may seem crazy to call it Eastertide when Easter is clearly over! - but these are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to his disciples, following his death and resurrection.

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those forty days. Jesus was seen by numerous disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged his disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent him, he was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses.

## **Rogation Sunday - 5 May**

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At

the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation was said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them. (Do you know yours today?)

### **Prayer for Pentecost**

Loving, generous Father, In your love you gave us Jesus - sent him out to bring us back to you. And when he had completed his work, by



dying on the cross, rising again, and coming back to you, you hadn't stopped giving. You gave us your Holy Spirit. You sent him at Pentecost and you send him today. Thank you Father.

Fill us with your Spirit Lord. Equip us with the gifts of your Spirit that we need to serve you. Ripen in us the fruit of your Spirit, so that our lives will be witnesses that you are alive today in this world; that you have the power to renew and restore broken hearts and lives and all creation.

Fill us with your Spirit Lord. Send us out in the Spirit's power to live and work for you, to make your difference today, for your glory.

Fill us with your Spirit Lord, we pray. Amen.

*Daphne Kitching*

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# Food Banks – a sign of the times?



The rising cost of food and fuel, combined with static income, unemployment and changes in benefits have seen increasing numbers of people turn to food banks in the UK recently.

Recognising the value of these banks, retired archbishop Rowan Williams has become patron of one in his new home town, Cambridge.

The Trussell Trust, a Christian charity, now oversees over 250 local food banks on a franchise basis. Banks typically provide boxes of three days' emergency food to tide people over whilst putting them in touch with other agencies which might be able to help in the longer term.

Many of the banks are located in or around church premises. Thousands of people are giving time and money to find premises,

gather supplies of food and make it available to those in great need. It's good for the helpers, too – many are rubbing shoulders with, and hearing stories from, people they've never come across before.

The trust that has had a leading role in the food bank movement was founded in 1997 by Carol and Paddy Henderson and was based on a legacy left by Carol's mother, Betty Trussell. The work had begun when Carol and Paddy were working for a UN feeding programme in Bulgaria and rescued a street baby, Boris. Paddy and Carol vowed to keep him alive and eventually he was taken into an orphanage.

The work started in Bulgaria soon spread to Britain. The Trust's network fed over 128,000 people in a recent 12-month period, distributing 1,225 tonnes of food donated by the public, schools and businesses.

*Philip Barron*

*The Rotary Club of Headingley have recently held a Bridge Drive in St Giles Church hall to raise funds for setting up Leeds*

*Food banks. They raised £600 at that event alone and have now raised over £1000 for the Trust.*

*A Project Team to establish Foodbanks in Leeds was established last year, and it is intended that four Food banks should be established across the city – Leeds East, West, South and North.*

*Leeds West is now established, springing from the work undertaken by St George's Crypt in Armley.*

*Leeds East has now appointed a Co-ordinator and will cover Lincoln Green, Gipton and Seacroft.*

*Leeds North will cover the Miles Hill and Moor Allerton housing estates, and Leeds South will cover LS10/11.*

*Gill Pinches with thanks to Rev David Kirby for the local information.*

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## What is Rowan Williams doing now?

Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, has kept just one project from his Lambeth Palace days: the Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing. Williams founded the Prize in 2005 to encourage the most promising contemporary theological writing and to point it out to ordinary Christians, the people in the pews like you. Rowan Williams is still determined to get across the message that no one should be scared

of theology.

The Prize is awarded every other year and takes the form of an original artwork and £10,000 for the author of the prize-winning book. The authors of the other short listed titles will be awarded £1,000 each. This year's Prize will be awarded on 28th May at a gala lunch at the Hay Festival (tickets available from [www.hayfestival.com](http://www.hayfestival.com)).

## People who 'do' God, do good

Society is now more reliant on churches and religious groups meeting



'crucial' social needs that were once met by the state. That is the view of Baroness War-

si, a minister in the Foreign Office and the minister for faith. She believes that society is being threatened by a rising tide of 'militant secularisation', and has defended religious people's right to practise their faith in public. She insists that "people who do God, do good".

A recent government survey has found that religious groups are helping to meet society's needs during the recession. Churches have been providing nearly 100million hours of unpaid voluntary work on social projects each year. Lady Warsi, a practising Muslim, told Parliament that faith groups can "reach areas of need that government cannot."

*Marion Skirrow*

## God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes,  
Which God gave me to hold.  
He said, 'Put all your sorrows in the black box,  
And all your joys in the gold.  
I heeded His words, and in the two boxes,  
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,  
But though the gold became heavier each day,  
The black was as light as before.  
With curiosity, I opened the black,  
I wanted to find out why,  
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole,  
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.



I showed the hole to God, and mused,  
'I wonder where my sorrows could be!'  
He smiled a gentle smile and said,  
'My child, they're all here with me'.  
I asked God, why He gave me the boxes,  
Why the gold and the black with the hole?  
'My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,  
The black is for you to let go'.





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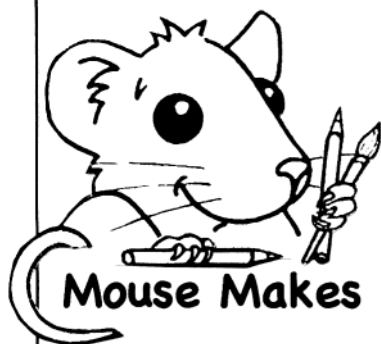
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**Read Acts 2:1-11**  
Which countries had the crowd come from?

## The Holy Spirit



John 14:26

## Reveals

John 16  
14-15



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John 16:7-11



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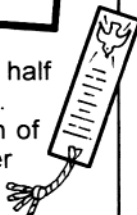
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## **Mothers' Union**

The Bring and Buy Sale and Afternoon Tea raised £700. Many thanks to all who supported it by bringing and buying and to all who helped set up the hall, made the sandwiches, baked cakes, "manned" the stalls, served tea etc. This is the main fundraising event of the year and goes a long way to meeting our expenses and donations to the charities supported by MU.

Sylvia Witrod spoke to us in April about her career. She was employed to set up and co-ordinate a Literacy scheme in Leeds for adults lacking literacy and numeracy skills. She explained how the scheme had developed over the next twenty plus years, Leeds being a pioneer in this area, until it was taken over by the Adult Education Programme in 1989. In December of that year she was awarded an MBE in recognition of her work. She brought her medal to show us along with photographs and reading and numeracy material produced long before the days of computers and word processing! It was a very interesting talk by someone whose initial appointment had only been for six months!

The Deanery Quiet Day will be at St Chads Church on Thursday May 9th and the Diocesan Summer Event at Wetherby on Tuesday July 16th. A coach has been booked for our summer outing to Richmond on Wednesday July 3rd. There is a castle, a garden, the Georgian Theatre, cafes and shops to be explored! Details of cost and timings to follow. Our May meeting is a talk about the "Yorkshire Air Ambulance" service.

*Anne Marshall*

## **Women's Fellowship**

Last month we had a very interesting talk on the History of Glass. Nora Hayes took us on a whistle stop tour of this subject and along many of its side roads. I am sure that if all history lessons could be as entertaining and informative as this was we would have an amazing surge in students taking GCSE History!!!

This month we have a real challenge for you. On Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8pm Pam Harcourt is coming to talk about her life as one of the Tiller Girls! Another interesting evening. So get practising your steps and high kicks! Look forward to seeing you all in very active form.

*Rosemary Cysarz*

## **Circle Dancing**

Our latest adventure has been to Cirencester! A wonderful weekend at the Royal Agriculture College. We arrived to find beautiful gothic buildings standing in spacious grounds, with an ancient farmhouse and a 16th century Tithe Barn. It was founded in 1845 and was the first College of Agriculture in the English speaking world. Most of the students were on vacation, so it was very peaceful.

30 of us, including 7 or 8 ordained ministers, were there to learn how to celebrate the Christian Festivals of Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Harvest through the medium of dance. One of the leaders, Sister Lorraine, who is a keen Circle Dancer, helped us to understand the meaning of the various festivals, and we had several in-depth discussions, sharing what they meant to us and how we can use them in our dance programmes. Another group discussion was called 'What is a Ritual?' We decided it was an action performed with intent and respect and sincerity. A church service is a ritual used by people to endorse and share their faith.

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We experimented with two rituals to celebrate Easter and Pentecost, involving the lighting of candles and listening to readings, then complemented them with some very beautiful dances.

We all agreed at the end that with the extra dimension of adding movement to the occasion it really added to our expression of faith, made it more meaningful, and brought us closer together in a shared feeling of purpose.

We all went home eager to try out some of the inspiring new ideas and dances we had learnt.

*Joan Peart*

## **Open House**

Next Open House is on 15th May in the church hall between 2-4pm when there will be a quiz. If you fancy making new friends or catching up with old ones why not give Wendy Fudge a ring on 281 7754?

## **Luncheon Club**

The next Luncheon club is on Wednesday 1st May at 12.15pm. One of the comments heard at the April lunch was "Aren't we lucky to have such a facility on our doorstep."

The two-course meal of Chicken and mushroom pie,

creamed potato and vegetables was followed by meringue fruit baskets with cream. Then came the tea or coffee, all waitress served and greatly appreciated. All for £3. New members are always welcomed so book your place early (or at least a week before) with Mary Burnell on 2671742 for the May Lunch.

## **Walking Club News**

The snow during March curtailed our walks but now that it has thawed I am becoming more optimistic for the program for May. Our first walk will be on the 9th for the Walking Talking Group with the Pub Walking Group meeting on the 16th. Both walks will be about five miles in length. Details of the walk for the 9th are not known at present but the Pub Walking Group will be starting the walk from The Black Swan at Burn Bridge, returning there for lunch.

Both groups meet before the walks in the Old Lane car park adjacent to the Craven for a 9.30 a.m. departure for the walks.

*Ken Ball 2673772*

## **Christian Aid week, 12th - 18th May**

Please note the dates for Christian Aid week. If anyone feels they can spare

some time to help with the door to door collections do please let me know as I am short of volunteers, please contact me on 267 8755 or [suejosborne@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suejosborne@yahoo.co.uk)

## **The Word**

Informal worship, bible-based discussion and prayer, meeting twice a month on a Thursday in each other's homes at 7.30pm.

We are a friendly group who start the meeting with refreshments, and would like to welcome you to join us for informative, relaxed fellowship. Open to anyone!

*Krystyna Novak*

## **Easter 2013**

It's always fun to do crafts with children, especially when they are enthusiastic and, dare I say it, will be going home at the end of the morning! We had a record number of children on Good Friday - 88 in total plus about 60 adults. The hall was humming! I was i/c of assembling the Easter garden for the church. I have never seen so many willing flower arrangers. Later on in the morning they were all able to make their own Easter garden to take home. We could hardly cut up the foliage quickly enough for them to arrange in their

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oasis. It was great to see so many then in church to hear the Easter story from Janice. What an opportunity to spread the word!

In the evening we also saw a good attendance for Stainer's Crucifixion. The joint choirs of St Giles, Bramhope Methodists and St Stephen's with friends did really well and the 2 soloists were excellent. It's the first time I've got down to the last 2 cups and saucers in the cupboard when serving refreshments afterwards.

Easter Sunday morning, though dreadfully cold, was also a great success. The joint musicians and choir led a wonderful service to a packed congregation. I even had to open the spare packet of chocolate eggs which we offered to all as they left.

I was exhausted by just these 3 services but add to that 2 Weddings and 3 baptisms, plus 2 more services on Easter Day, it's hardly surprising that Janice needed a weekend off!

*Gill Pinches*

## **Nightflyers Big Band**

Friday 10th May, 7.30pm.  
Come and enjoy an evening

of big band music from the Nightflyers and vocalists. They come well recommended and what's more there will be a chance to browse the second hand book sale in the hall, along with a glass of wine and canapés during the interval.

Tickets are £10 from Keith (07920 139172) or via the website. Proceeds are for Christian Aid and the Church Kitchen Fund.

## **Book Sale**

The annual Men's Supper Club Book Sale is taking place in St Giles' Church Hall on **Saturday 11 May 2013** at 10am. Second hand paperbacks, hardbacks, and children's books together with CD's and DVD's will be available.

Donations of surplus books for the sale will be gratefully received on Friday 10th May from 2 – 4pm in the Church Hall. Alternatively they can be collected from your home in week commencing 6th May by contacting Bernard Williams (0113 3188707) or Steve Giles (0113 2671785).

Please do lend your support to the event - proceeds from the sale will be used in aid of the Church Kitchen Fund.

*Bernard Williams*

## **Grounds Rota**

Thanks to all the willing volunteers who have offered their time and services over many years and also a warm welcome "on board" to this year's new recruits!

*Alan Tomkins & Jim Molyneux*

## **A little Note of Thanks**

On behalf of all of us that were at the 3rd March luncheon (Iechyd Da) and also for the fantastic meals served to us on previous occasions, I would like to thank all those concerned very much indeed for the lovely time we all had. The hard work everyone puts into these 'dos' does not go unnoticed. Without you all and without your dedication, we would not have all these wonderful times to look forward to.

*Yours very gratefully*

*A member of the congregation*

## **Men's Supper Club**

Our last meeting before the Summer break was a Ladies' Evening Outing to the Playhouse Theatre in Leeds to see 'Rutherford & Son', performed by the well known Northern BroadSides Company, and produced by

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## Confusion Reigns

Many have commented to Anne Marshall about her great help to the MU (30 yrs ago, April 2013) and as it wasn't the present MU secretary we all wondered who it was. In this month's 30 years ago account there is a Dennis Marshall and Robert and Simon Marshall, so to all and sundry obviously another Marshall family was at St Giles in 1983.

Intrigued, Anne Marshall, the present MU Secretary went to see Bill and Janet Cunliffe to see the original

entry. This is what she told me:

*I don't think there was another Anne Marshall! I've had a chat and a laugh with Bill and Janet, as I thought it was a mistake. We think it was Ann Yeadon but it's my name in the original so maybe that's a mistake too! I certainly wasn't a member of MU then.*

*Dennis Marshall was a soccer coach. The Robert and Simon are my sons but were never choristers (much to Raymond Ward's disappointment!) but they did do the football. Dennis*



*did have a son (or maybe 2); they moved to Huby and still live there. Sue Ball is in touch with them.*

Thanks for your detective work,

Anne. At least I'm not the only one that makes mistakes!

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no less than Jonathan Miller. We had a coach, with 50 people, to take us from 'door to door'. A very emotional and nail-biting performance, set in the N. of England in the early 1900s, showed a family being driven to desperation by a ruthlessly tyrannical father, owner of the family owned glassworks. The complete silence of the audience gave testament to the dramatically tense atmosphere throughout, much of it angry and noisy, demanding wonderful performances from all the cast.

The Supper Club will start again on Thursday 12th September, with another Ladies' Evening, this time meeting for a meal at Headingley Golf Club, as last year. Please make a note of this date in your diaries, and full details, along with the future programme, will be sent to you in August.

*Bryan Bunday*

### **KEYS, KEYS, KEYS**

A plea from Mary Mumby - our curator of keys.....

Any keys belonging to church should be returned to Mary if the reason they had been issued them has been rescinded.

**So if you've given up a job**

**that required you to have a key then do please return it as your successor will need it!**

Thank you.

## Flour and Water

How is it that when you mix water and flour together you get glue.....and then you add eggs and sugar and you get cake?

Where did the glue go ?

You know very well where it went.....that's what makes the cake stick to your derriere and hips.

## What is Celibacy?

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances.

While attending a Marriage Weekend, my wife and I listened to the instructor declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

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And when it goes to green  
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Just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front  
It lists those to the rear  
And taking this into account  
It specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver  
Has so helpful a device  
For when we leave and lock the car  
It still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counselling  
Each journey's pretty fraught  
So why don't I exchange it  
And get a quieter sort?  
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house  
Makes sure I'm properly fed  
It washes all my shirts and things  
And - keeps me warm in bed!



*Anon*

## The Lark Ascending?

O where have all the skylarks gone?  
O how I miss their thrilling song  
That so enlivened times gone by,  
As skylarks circled in the sky.

How I recall that, as a boy  
I'd lay me down and just enjoy  
The larksong high up in the air,  
As they would make their music fair.

Today we listen out in vain  
To hear the skylark's sweet refrain,  
For they have vanished, with their joys,  
Instead we just hear traffic noise.

And yet, perhaps, it's not too late,  
To spare the lark the dodo's fate;  
Please Lord, I pray, before I die,  
I'll hear a skylark in the sky.

*Nigel Beeton*



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## *A look back in time at previous St Giles Reviews*

The Annual Vestry and PCC meeting held in March reported that the Christian Stewardship Campaign in 1982 had been very successful. Offers of help had come for the **Lunch Club, Good Neighbours** and many other church activities. The accounts showed a surplus for the year instead of a deficit as in the previous year. The Diocesan Quota had been increased from £3,970 to £5,740 and a further increase was expected. This compares to the current figure of £80,797.

**Derek Mumby & Bryan Bunday** were re-elected as **Church Wardens** and a vote of thanks was given to **Raymond** and **Carole**.

The **Men's Supper Club** meeting was to be a "Make do and Mend" which included clearing out the gutters and tidying the grounds. **Graham Wordsworth** printed the grounds rota and thanked **Richard Perkin** for carting off loads of unburnt rubbish.

The **Mothers' Union** had a coach trip to Ripon Cathedral and a Deanery

Quiet Day.

In March The **Women's Fellowship** had had their annual Spring Clean of the Church Hall followed by a Fish & Chip Supper.

Congratulations were given to the choirboys and Junior Church boys soccer team for winning the Northern Choristers Competition and the Dales Church Trophy – 20 games without defeat.

They were trained by **Dennis Marshall, Bill Cunliffe, Jim Harrison and Geoff Wilks**. Many families of these boys would still be recognised today - some of whom were **Chris Ball, Tim Cunliffe, Guy Wordsworth, David Buncall, Ian & Paul Johnson, Nigel Harrison, Matthew Carmichael, Stephen Page and Robert & Simon Marshall**.

Finally **Henry Baker** gave thanks to all who had helped with shopping etc and had prayed for Audrey and himself after her bad car accident at the Dyneley Arms.

*Janet and Bill Cunliffe*

## **Warden's Blog**

I have a dilemma this month. If I don't get elected as Churchwarden for another year I shouldn't be writing this blog. However I still am at the moment so here goes...

April was spent making sure everything was shipshape for the APCM. Church property register, Churchwarden's report on Fabric, Terrier and Inventory etc etc. Of course if it wasn't for Mary's efficient administration this would be an ominous task. As it is, it's a 'ticking off' operation with just a few tweaks to add the new lighting, decorating etc. Though I have to admit to making it all electronic so that next year we can amend much more simply. We still have to print off the register on archive paper but it can be added to easily as the year goes on.

So you see there's still a lot to learn (and re-learn, having a memory like mine).

Thank you to everyone at St Giles.

*Gill Pinches*

# Rotas for May 2013

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19 May Jean Horne

26 May Kath Grainge

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26 May HOLIDAY

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5 May Joan Archenhold  
Elizabeth Johnson

12 May Jo Simpson  
Kath Grainge

19 May Nick Pinches  
Stephen Giles

26 May Nancy Bunday  
Jill Perkin

## CHURCH GROUNDS

4 May BANK HOLIDAY  
WEEKEND

11 May Gareth Osborne  
John Pilkington

18 May Martin Dixon  
Bernard Williams

25 May BANK HOLIDAY  
WEEKEND

## BRASS CLEANING

## ROCK SOLID

5 May Karen Giles

12 May Nici Shay



## *Quote of the month*

Ladies - don't forget the Rummage Sale. Here is your chance to get rid of all those unwanted items in your house. Bring your husbands.....

## SIDESPERSONS' ROTA

Sunday	8.15am	9.30am	6.30pm
1st	Bill Cunliffe Steve McGraw	Dorothy Powney, Margaret North Matthew Laird	Ann Ridsdale
2nd	Mike Brown Joyce Shephard	Philip Kendall-Smith John Grahame Neil Simpson	Margaret North
3rd	Janet Howard Chris Pearson	Fred Archenhold Bob Lewis Joan Archenhold	Michael Coles
4th	John Grisdale Keith Hawkins	Suzanne Mills/ Pam Walton Tom Pridmore Lesley Reeves	Alan Woodthorpe
5th	John Grisdale Sue Gamble	Sara Leefe Jean Snowball Audrey Harrison	Pat Gregersen

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# Church Services for May 2013

Wednesday 1st 10.00am Toddler Praise  
 Thursday 2nd 10.30am First Thursday  
 Holy Communion (BCP)



**Sunday 5th SIXTH OF EASTER**  
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)  
 6.30pm Choral Evensong  
 Thursday 9th ASCENSION DAY  
 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sunday 12th SEVENTH OF EASTER**  
 8.15am Holy Communion (CW)  
 9.30am All.together Service  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry  
 Thursday 16th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

*All.together!*  
 all age service



Sunday 19th **PENTECOST**  
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)  
 2.00pm Messy Church  
 6.30pm Choral Evensong  
 Thursday 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sunday 26th TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 8.15am Holy Communion (CW)  
 9.30am Together Communion (CW)  
 6.30pm Choral Evensong  
 Thursday 30th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



JUNE 2013

**Sunday 2nd FIRST AFTER TRINITY**  
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)  
 6.30pm Choral Evensong  
 Wednesday 5th 10.00am Toddler Praise  
 Thursday 6th 10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)

Transport for First Thursday 10.30am services - contact Donald Coates on 2673608