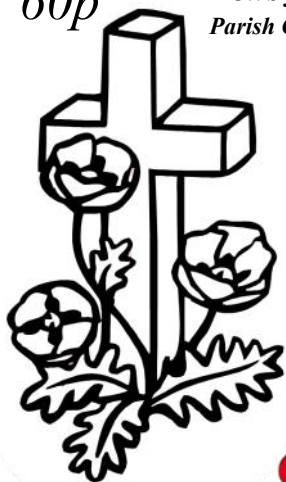


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November is always a time to remember and this year is no exception.

We are grateful to Clive Wilkinson for his article about Sgt Whitfield (p13) who tragically lost his life in the 2nd World War and is remembered at St Giles by the pew fronts across the front of the church. There are many other items that have been generously gifted to the church and we hope to have some more articles about the people behind those gifts. Can you help?

We also have an article by

Bryan Bunday (p29) recalling the RSCM Festival. What an experience that must have been. It is always uplifting to be part of a 'big' sound and with the Town Hall organ it must have been quite something.

'Growing as a Christian' by another member of the congregation, Valerie Lee, is also a very interesting concept (p17). Our thanks go to all contributors. Do keep them coming!

Gill & Marion

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November is the month for remembering those we have loved but see no more, those who were pioneers of the faith and those who have died in the service of our Country.

1st November is All Saints Day and on 3rd November we remember the pioneers of our faith who in many cases were willing to put their lives on the line in service of Christ and of others in our services.

3rd November is our 'In Loving Memory' service at 6.30pm when we will be remembering those we have loved with a quiet reflective service. It is an opportunity to pray, light a candle and join with others who have lost loved ones. There will be refreshments after the service.

10th November is Remembrance Sunday and we remember the sacrifices of those who died or were injured during the hostilities of the two world wars and all the conflicts since then. The British Legion, members of the Parish Council and the uniformed organisations will be attending the 11.20 service at St Giles. This service is open to anyone in the village.

1 Thessalonians 1:2 We always thank God for all of you and continually remember you in our prayers.

Our harvest was a huge success in the amount of food that was brought for the needy, in the large fellowship that shared a 'Big Harvest Lunch' together and in the numbers of you who came to sing the traditional harvest hymns and praise God for all His gifts.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our harvest in any way; those who brought food for the needy, decorated the church, took part in the service, planned and

cooked the meal and served and cleared away. It was a real team effort. An effort of the whole fellowship. I want to thank you for your faithfulness to God and his mission here in Bramhope.

We, as a church will be supporting the poor and needy again on Sunday 3rd November by bringing food for the North Leeds Food Bank. Any gifts of tins or dried food that you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Can you help?

May God Bless all who mourn, all who share their plenty with others, all who are connected with our church and all who live in our parish. May you know the comfort and peace that only faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit can bring.

Janice



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Veronica Barrack

1st October

Ian Rodger

11th October

John Vickers

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Baptism Anniversaries

Bethany Martha Laird

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'Congratulations'



Diary for November 2013

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| 3 | Sun | Memorial Service 6.30-7.30 pm |
| 4 | Mon | PCC Meeting 7.30 pm |
| 5 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 6 | Wed | Toddler Praise 10 -11 am |
| 6 | Wed | Luncheon Club 12.15 pm |
| 6 | Wed | Mother's Union 2.00 pm |
| | | Hilary Browne "Return to the West Bank" |
| 6 | Wed | Alpha Course 7.15 for 7.30 pm |
| 12 | Tues | Women's Fellowship 8.00 pm |
| | | John Gillingham "Temple Newsam" |
| 13 | Wed | Toddler Group 9.15 am |
| 13 | Wed | Alpha Course 7.15 for 7.30 pm |
| 14 | Thurs | Walking Talking Group 9.30 am |
| 14 | Thurs | Men's Supper Club 6.30 for 7.00 pm. |
| | | Mark Walker, West Yorks Police Dog Training |
| 17 | Sun | Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am |
| 17 | Sun | Messy Church 3.00-5.00 pm |
| 19 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 20 | Wed | Toddler Group 9.15 am |
| 20 | Wed | Open House 2.00 - 4.00 pm |
| 20 | Wed | Alpha Course 7.15 for 7.30 pm |
| 22 | Fri | The Organists Entertain |
| 23 | Sat | Children's Society Box Opening |
| | | Lunch 12.00 – 2.00 pm |
| 27 | Wed | Toddler Group 9.15 am |
| 27 | Wed | Alpha Course 7.15 for 7.30 pm |
| 28 | Thurs | Pub Walking Group 9.30 am |

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All Saints Day - 1st November

*All Saints' Day – the feast
day of all the redeemed*

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not
friends that hath
thy love,

And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tossed,
Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

**(Maurice Frost (ed.), Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.*

Why go to church?

A church-goer complained to his minister: "wrote I've been coming to church every Sunday for 30 years, and in that time I have heard thousands of sermons, but for the life of me, I can't think of a single one now. So I think I have wasted my time."

The minister thought for a moment and replied: "I've been married for 30 years and my wife has cooked me thousands of meals. For the life of me I can't recall the entire menu of a single one of those meals now. But I do know that each one nourished me and gave me strength to carry on living. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would have been stunted and eventually starved. Without regular Christian nourishment, we also will starve – spiritually."



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Edward Benjamin Britten, 1913 - 1976

Britten was one of the central figures of twentieth-century British classical music, and wrote music in several classical genres and styles, from film scores to opera. His best known works include *Peter Grimes* and *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*.

Born in Suffolk, the son of a dentist, Britten showed talent from an early age. He first came to public attention with the a cappella choral work *A Boy Was Born* in 1934. With the premiere of *Peter Grimes* in 1945, he leapt to

international fame. Over the next nine years, he wrote six more operas, establishing himself as one of the leading twentieth-century composers in this genre.

Britten's interests as a composer were wide-ranging; he produced important music in such varied genres as orchestral, choral, solo vocal (much of it written for his life partner, tenor Sir Peter Pears), chamber and instrumental, as well as film music. He also took a great interest in writing music for children and amateur performers, and

was an outstanding pianist and conductor.

Together with Pears and the librettist/producer Eric Crozier, Britten founded the annual Aldeburgh Festival, and was responsible for the creation of Snape Maltings Concert Hall. In his last years, Britten was the first composer to be given a life peerage.

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Poppies for Remembrance

The annual Poppy Appeal is now underway. Did you ever wonder how it all began?

It seems that poppies were first suggested as a symbol of Remembrance in the USA by a Miss Moina Michael, way back in November 1918. The American Legion used them in 1920, and then in 1921 Madame Guerin introduced her poppies, made by widows of a French-American charity, to the British Legion. The next suitable occasion for a poppy-linked appeal was Armistice Day, and the British Legion took a big chance: they had no idea if the poppies would 'catch on' over here or not, but went ahead, ordered nine million, and held their breath...

On the day itself, the first poppy was bought in London a few seconds after midnight. The poppies were on sale at an official price of three pence but before breakfast single petals were selling in Smithfield Market for £5. All day long motor cars fetched poppies and crate after crate was emptied until supplies ran out. A message from Queen Mary brought sellers to Buckingham Palace, but hearing that poppies were in

short supply, she bought only two. A basket of poppies auctioned at Christies raised nearly £500.

That first appeal raised £106,000 (nearly £30 million in today's terms). In 1922 the "Poppy Factory" was established in the UK and has been employing disabled ex-Servicemen to make the poppies ever since.

Poppies were "sold" when the appeal started. Nowadays, charity legislation requires them to be 'distributed in return for donations'.

Parish Pump



Special signs are appearing at cemeteries in Leeds to officially honour those who fell in the First World War.

As part of the lead up to the 100th anniversary next year of the outbreak of the Great War, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is carrying out a project to raise awareness of the 13,000 sites in the United Kingdom, Iceland and the Faroe Islands where those who died are buried.

Signs will be placed at 15 cemeteries in Leeds – one being Lawnswood Cemetery – to act as a permanent reminder that soldiers are buried there.

‘We were honoured to be approached by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to be part of this project’, said Councillor Mark Dobson, ‘These soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedom and way of life and their final resting places deserve to be recognised in this respectful way’.

For further information visit - www.cwgc.org/

Sgt John Kenneth Whitfield

Ever wondered as you queue to take communion what is the story behind the commemorative plaque on the first pew?

St Giles Review July 1948 records that Harry, a stockbroker, and Marguerite Whitfield who lived at "Westwood," Hall Drive – a house of that name no longer exists - made a donation in memory of their only son, John K Whitfield. The money was spent when PCC commissioned 3 kneeling desks* and a squadron badge from Robert "Mouseman" Thompson.

Just before the outbreak of WW2 John had married Rosemary Carter, the daughter of a Hanover Square London dental surgeon and they came to live at 30 Moseley Wood Lane. The marriage took place in Eton and it is interesting to wonder how a "Leeds Lad" crossed paths with Hanover Square society.

The Yorkshire Post report on the loss on active service of John record him as a former Director of J W Smith (Leeds) Ltd – "a blouse and robe manufacturer" – how Victorian is that? The newspaper cutting shows a photograph of a fine looking young man; sadly the quality

of that cutting does not allow for reproduction here.

John had volunteered in May 1940 and trained as a wireless operator/air gunner, eventually posted to 99 Squadron based at RAF Waterbeach which operated Wellington Mk 1C bombers. The second pilot of that crew was a John Broadley – no relation to our former Parish Councillor and British Legion worker!

At 19.11 hours 28 September 1941 Wellington Z8869 took off, one of 44 aircraft tasked to attack Frankfurt. The mission was a disaster, 8 of those bombers failed to return to base. What caused Z8869 to crash at Great Finborough Suffolk at 00.55 on the 29 September is not known. Possibly damaged, gradually losing height until it crossed the Suffolk coastline too low for the crew to bail out; the night is reported as being ¼ moon with cloud and rain adding to the difficulties of navigating over blacked out Britain. Possibly the skipper was trying to find and crash land on one of the many airfields in Suffolk and just ran out of fuel – no one will ever know. John and his crew members are just 5 of the fifty-five thousand airmen who

sacrificed their lives serving in Bomber Command alone.

John's son John S Whitfield was 3 weeks old on that fateful date.

In 1946 Rosemary Whitfield married Frank M Senior and they continued to live at Moseley Wood Lane until 1954. We know Rosemary died in Carmarthenshire in 2001 aged 87 but sadly we have been unable to trace the life of John S Whitfield and can only hope he grew up proud of the dad he never knew.

Clive Wilkinston

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*these kneeling desks we now refer to as 'pew fronts'; two of which are in front of the central and south blocks of chairs and the 3rd in front of the sound desk.

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Operation Christmas Child (OCC) explains: "Every box is a precious gift for a needy child overseas, wrought out of heartfelt desire to show compassion, to express love and to share something of God's love for us and his greatest gift to us: Jesus."

But there's more to it than shoeboxes – there is also a programme, The Greatest Journey, aimed at helping local churches overseas to reach as many children as possible with the Gospel. Since the programme began worldwide in 2009, 1,710,993 children have enrolled in the programme, 665,332 children have made decisions to follow Jesus Christ, and 711,088 children have committed to pray for/share their faith with family and friends.

But it starts with a shoebox, through Operation Christmas Child. For more details on how to pack a shoebox this year, visit:

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/getting-started. For more info on The Greatest Journey, visit www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/the-greatest-journey.

Enjoy a safe bonfire night

Did you know that a sparkler can get six times hotter than cooking oil? In the past few years hundreds of children have been treated in hospitals for burns and other fireworks injuries. So here are some dos and don'ts this year's Bonfire Night party:

~ Supervise children at ALL times

~ Children should wear gloves when holding sparklers. Sparklers should be plunged into cold water when over.

~ Don't cut corners to save money – buy fireworks ONLY from a reputable shop and make sure they have BS7114 written on the box.

~ There are different categories of fireworks. Members of the public can legally buy only categories 1 to 3.

~ Only ONE person should be in charge of fireworks on the night. That person should

carefully read the instructions in good daylight well ahead of time, not after several glasses of wine on the night. On the night you will need a torch, a bucket or two of water, eye protection and gloves, a bucket of soft earth to put fireworks in, and suitable supports and launchers if you are setting off Catherine wheels or rockets.

~ Finally, spare a thought for your pets. Keep them indoors during the evenings around Bonfire Night, and dogs on a lead when you take them out - a loud bang and they might bolt in fright.





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Growing as a Christian

- Establishing a Goal?

Last month I shared with you my thoughts on using the coaching GROW model to improve our Christian fellowship and way of life and asked you to think about an area within your faith you'd like to move forward with. This month I'd like to explore further the G of GROW, firming up our aspirations for the future and how we can use goals and actions to strengthen our faith.

It is really important that you are clear about what you want to achieve and why so; have a think about what would make setting an action of real value to you in your Christian life.

When a striker scores a goal there always seems to be a celebratory action with a group hug - the goal scorer naturally feels great. How will you feel when your goal is achieved and how many



members of your church family will you celebrate with? What does success look like, feel like and sound like to you?

To achieve success in any task, feeling motivated and inspired is the key, so what's your motivation to take this first step? What makes you feel that this is the right time to move forward? Have you looked at the variety of groups and courses St Giles offers to see if any would help you towards this achievement? Many of us need encouragement to keep on task. Support to get started and keep going can come from anywhere. At St Giles this support could come from a group leader, the person you sit next to in a service or the member of the congregation who smiles at you when sharing the peace. Who would you tell about your journey? Perhaps more importantly we also need to consider what we would say to encourage other Christian folk if they shared their goal with us.

What a lot of questions to think about!
Answering them should

help your hopes and ideas take shape. Remember you don't have to find the answers all by yourself if you don't want to - you belong to a Christian family who will help and support you in any way they can.

These articles are my attempt at offering help and coaching through the written word. Next time we will examine the R of GROW and look at the reality of our situation.

Valerie Lee Priestley



Without thought for his own safety, George visited his sick parishioners.

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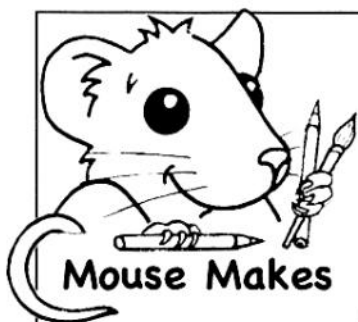
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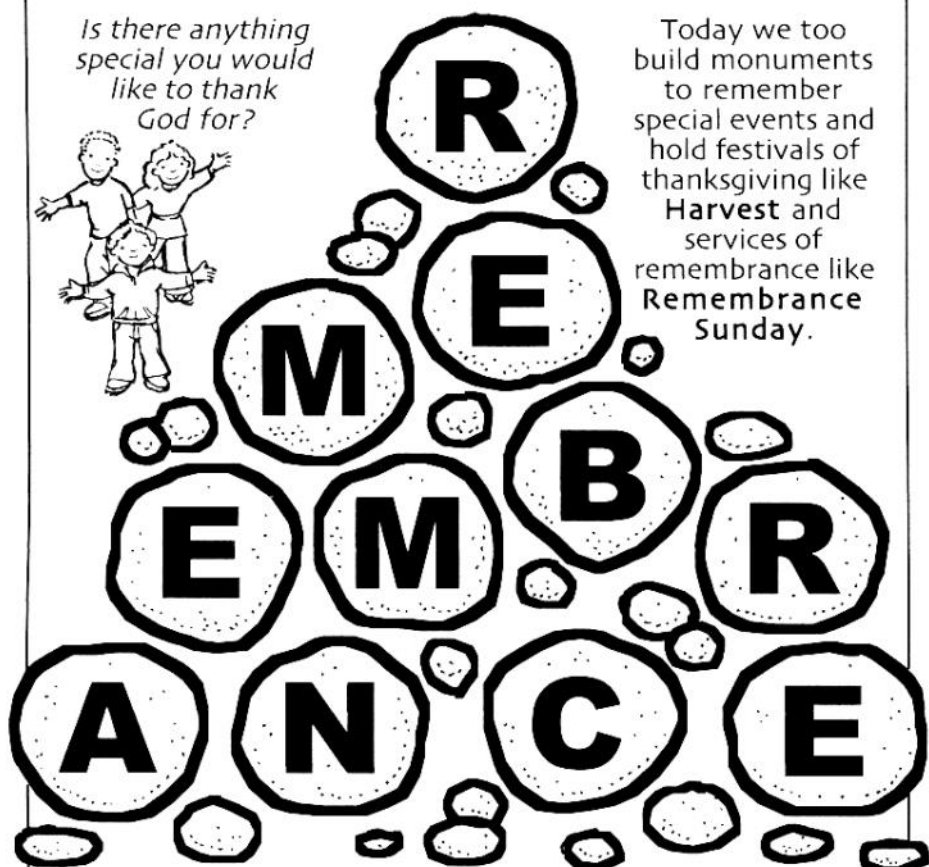


Read Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Is there anything special you would like to thank God for?



Today we too build monuments to remember special events and hold festivals of thanksgiving like Harvest and services of remembrance like Remembrance Sunday.



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Children's Society

Something for the ladies!
The Crabtree & Evelyn shop in the Victoria Quarter Leeds will host a fund raising event for us on the evening of Thursday November 21st between 6pm and 8pm. Tickets are £10 for which you will receive a "goody bag" of their products and a glass of wine with nibbles. They will provide £100 of goods as a raffle prize and donate to the Society a percentage of the ticket money and goods sold. Come and have a browse and get ahead with the Christmas presents.

The Box Opening will be on Saturday November 23rd from 12noon to 2pm. Soup and rolls, tea/coffee and biscuits will be available and a variety of stalls, some old some new. We will have a bric a brac stall this year. Any contributions gratefully received by committee members or bring on the day.

Anne Marshall

Mothers' Union

We had a very enjoyable afternoon in September watching Jean Money assisted by Joy Smith assemble three stunning flower arrangements whilst telling

us a few flower arranging-anecdotes and making it all look so easy! Three lucky members took one home as a raffle prize and one member a bunch of flowers. In November we celebrate 110 years of the St. Giles MU Bramhope Branch. Our speaker will be Hilary Browne "Return to the West Bank " and we may celebrate with some homemade refreshments! Friends are very welcome. Annual subscriptions are due, £17 please to the Treasurer.

Anne Marshall

Toddler Praise

Next Toddler Praise is on 6th November. Come along with your Toddlers to sing and make a noise in Praise. We start at 10am in the church and finish with refreshments for all. All Welcome.

Women's Fellowship

In September we had a very successful and enjoyable Fashion Show and we were able to send £535 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. I think we must have had record attendance and superb models. In fact we had many young potential models, both boys and girls, queuing up to take part! There were some wonderful bargains available.

In October a most interesting

talk about Tea was given by Victoria who works for Taylor's of Harrogate. She brought seven different samples of tea with her, ranging from gunpowder and Lapsang Souchang to Earl Grey and Yorkshire Tea. She also told us the history of each sample and at the end encouraged us to taste them.

This month we have a talk by John Gillingham about Temple Newsam on Tuesday, 12 November at 8.00pm.

Rosemary Cysarz

Walking Club News

November walks for the two groups will be on the 14th for the Walking Talking Group and the 28th for the Pub Walking Group. Meet as usual in the Old Lane car park in time for a 9.30 am departure.

Ken Ball 2673772

Harvest

Our church really excelled itself for Harvest this year. Harvest Weekend sounds so much better than Harvest 9.30am.

On Saturday morning the flower team were on top form and I managed to persuade Marva Fuller to do a window

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with vegetables and some corn, whilst the red apples found homes on the top of pillars with bread and grapes on the altar complimenting the flowers.

The church was open on Saturday afternoon so people could admire the team's handywork.

On Sunday morning, Keith was in the kitchen early, whilst the church filled up with families. Harvest, like Christmas does seem to bring in the families and it was good to see them with their offerings.

After the service we moved into the church hall to be entertained by the Cunliffe's Quiz followed by the Harvest lunch.

In the evening there was 'Hymns of Praise for Harvest'. Sadly this was not as well attended as I would have hoped as when I was young the 6.30pm service was full.

In those days, at the end of the war there was still rationing, shortages and 'dig for victory'. People appreciated where their food came from – there were no supermarkets with their heavily laden shelves.

My father used to quote from

the scriptures, 'Whilst the Earth remains, seed time and Harvest will never fail'. However, he always seemed to hedge his bets as when we were bringing in the sheaves, he would select 4 nice ones. Two for the Church of England and two for the Methodists.

At St Giles' we are very fortunate to have so many talented people, cooks, flower arrangers and all the helpers. It is right that we thank God for our many talents.

R.W. Perkin

Men's Supper Club

The speaker at our October Meeting was Mrs Glenda Hunter, representing The National Trust. She gave a fascinating talk, accompanied by wonderful photographs, of the early history of Fountains Abbey. She outlined its beginnings when a few monks left the Benedictine Abbey in York in 1132 to start a 115 year plan to build a Cistercian Abbey that was to become the wealthiest in England, with a larger annual income than The Crown! Following its dissolution and destruction in 1539, Fountains Abbey is the largest Cistercian ruin in England.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th Nov. when we welcome Mark Walker – a West Yorkshire Police Training Instructor (with Handler and dog). Please contact Brian Ridsdale (0113 267 3293) by Sunday 10th Nov at the latest if you need to clarify whether you are attending or not.

Fred Archenhold

Circle Dancing

Each Tuesday that we meet, we always have a 'Welcome Table' not far from the door. First of all there's a reminder to pay and a cash box. But also, there's a picture or photo or poem or some wise words which are relevant to the time of year or theme of the evening. We usually have a little jar of flowers too, to make everyone feel welcomed.

We are all becoming aware of our own increasing age, (even the young ones amongst us!) so the wise words for next Tuesday will be a quotation by Edith Wharton (1862-1937)...

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curiosity, interested in big things, and happy in small ways."

I think we can all tick off the final one, but I wonder if it's worth trying all the others?? If I'm still writing this article in 20 years' time, we'll have proved that it works!

Joan Peart

Home Nurture Groups

Our Home Nurture groups have started and various groups are meeting to study Canon J John's course 'Just 10'. If you would like to join a group please contact Kevin McIntosh (0113 345 3147) or Janice Smith (203 7523).

Canon J. John's excellent resource JUST10 focus on interpreting the Ten Commandments in the 21st century.

Through nurturing and supporting each other we hope that these groups will provide a vehicle for growth in our collective learning journey.

Kevin McIntosh

Luncheon Club

St Giles Luncheon Club provides a two course home-made lunch for just £3. And it's open to everyone! Contact **Mary Burnell on 267 1742** to book your place. The

next one is on 6th November and they continue every 1st Wednesday of the month until June 2014 (NB 2nd Wednesday in January 2014)

Alpha

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The Organists Entertain

An evening of popular organ



music by John Smith, our organist and guest organist David Wilks from Lidgett Park Methodist Church. Mulled Wine and mince pies will be served. Date: Friday 22nd November. Tickets £5 from Joy or John, towards the Flower Festival in June 2014.

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Saturday 14th December

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whatever you need. If you have a dog you would be willing to let me walk, please contact my Mummy, Sue Osborne on 0113 267 8755.

Zoe Osborne, age 7

Hazel's Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning

Leeds NSPCC Luncheon Club are holding their annual fayre at St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Far Headingley on Tuesday 5th November from 10am to 12pm. Entrance is £2 to include coffee, mince pie and biscuit. Lots of stalls to start your Christmas shopping including jewellery, cards, bric-a-brac, handbags and scarves. Also Cakes, tombola and raffle.

R.S.C.M. Festival, Leeds Town Hall, Saturday 28th September

St Giles is a member of the Royal School of Church Music, and as such was invited to participate in a North of England Festival and Service entitled 'The Whole Company of Heaven'.

Five of our choir members, following some helpful guidance on the music by Rosemary Cysarz, attended a 2½ hour morning rehearsal, and later the service at 3pm. We were not alone. No less

than 6 Cathedral/Minster choirs attended, together with members of 29 other parishes from Whitby to Durham, Sheffield to Macclesfield; in total some 420 voices which, with the Town Hall organ and 5 Brass players produced a sound we had not before experienced and in which it was a privilege to join.

What a delight, also, to see so many youngsters both from the Cathedral and Church choirs. It should have been an occasion to present to Simon Lindley, on his 65th birthday, a tribute for his contribution to music, and Leeds in particular, but sadly he was ill and unable to

and uplifting occasion, with difficult but inspiring music – they should do it more often! It is always good to join other people/choirs and share in learning new music.

Bryan Bunday



conduct, so Gordon Stewart, of TV's Songs of Praise fame, amongst other things stepped in and was a spirited and very accomplished replacement. It was a joyful

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Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another. Help us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ

In his strength and in His Spirit, now and every day.

Amen.

More info at: www.prisonsworld.org

A good day to feel odd?

If you are feeling a little uneven today, you might want to look at the calendar.

Today is 9/11/13, just one of five dates this century featuring three consecutive odd numbers, this being the last.

The mathematical rarity occurs five times every 100 years.

The last was 7/9/11 and we will then have to wait until the 1/3/05 in 2105 for the next one.



A prayer in November

Heavenly Father,

In this month of long nights and dull days, we remember those we have known, those we have loved and lost recently. We ache and we cry, as individuals and as a nation.

We read the lists of names of those who died in wars that are now history. Few of us knew those brave ones as living people, and we realise that life is fleeting. We too will soon be just names on a list, or on someone's family tree. And we wonder what life means.

Help us, Lord, to switch our focus, from our limited, "now" view, to your unlimited and eternal bigger picture - and to be reassured.

Thank you for sending Jesus to make sense of life, paradoxically, by his death on the cross. Thank you that through knowing him, we can know you. Our names will never be forgotten, because we shall live forever with you, if we put our trust in Jesus.

Thank you Lord for remembering us.

Amen

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In his letter, Raymond discussed the changes forecast within the church due to the lack of manpower and finances. He described the eighth century church when the Lord of the Manor built his own private church on his estate and appointed a parish priest who was under his jurisdiction. These priests had only a rudimentary education and some had two or more wives. By the 13th century, each local population was the personal responsibility of a parish priest & 8000 were registered. By act of parliament in 1919, the laity were given more say in the running of the church. This was by the creation of PCCs, The National Assembly and the Diocesan Conference. He said that, 30 years ago, there were 12,000 ordained clergymen and the ministry needed at least 600-700 newly ordained people per year. However there were only about 350 per year being ordained. This accounted for the joining together of many parishes and the closure of many inner city churches following depopulation. Following this came the welcome ordination of Non Stipendiary Priests (Thank you

Janice !) and Auxiliary Priests.

Donald Banks General Secretary of the African Christian Press, seconded by the Sudan Interior Mission was to preach at Parish Communion in November. He is **Liz Johnson's** brother – now retired.

The Bishop of Knaresborough was to confirm candidates in November.

Mary Mumby said that the Harvest Supper had been almost “standing room” only with 160 people enjoying a home cooked supper and entertainment.

The Choirboy and Junior Church football team coached by **Denis Marshall & Bill Cunliffe** had won the Choristers Football trophy for the 3rd time.

Winners of the Women's Fellowship progressive beetle drive were **Jill Perkin & Marjorie Mason**.

Janet and Bill Cunliffe

Warden's Blog

Thank you so much for all the offers of help I have received. I have a willing volunteer to take an interest in promotional material and people have been very ready to offer help with duties etc whilst I have been incapacitated with a ‘dickie’ knee.

I think , that as Wardens, Mary and I are still getting over the busy and successful September. There has been so much to organise and Christmas is just round the corner!

There will be distribution of leaflets telling the Christmas Story, Christmas cards and services to ‘man’. If you want to help now is the time to volunteer!

We are so lucky here at St Giles to have so many willing volunteers and I am always amazed to see how all the jobs ‘just get done’.

Thank you once again

Gill



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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 from any road on the date in question please pass the details on to Janice or any of the Lay Assistants who will arrange for that name to be included on the Prayer List.

3rd Nov Old Lane, Occupation Lane, Hilton Court, Grange & Mews
10th Nov Those from outside the parish who worship with us
17th Nov Staircase Lane & Hall Drive
24th Nov Leeds Road, Ashcroft House, St. Giles Garth & Glenmore Court

SIDESPERSIONS' ROTA

Sunday	8.15am	9.30am	6.30pm
1st	Bill Cunliffe Steve McGraw	Dorothy Powney, Margaret North Matthew Laird	Ann Ridsdale
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Sunday 3rd FOURTH BEFORE ADVENT
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Memorial Service "In Loving Memory"



Wednesday 6th 10.00am Toddler Praise
 Thursday 7th 10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 10th THIRD BEFORE ADVENT / REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
 8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 9.30am All.together Service
 10.55am Remembrance Parade at Village War Memorial
 11.15am Remembrance Service at St. Giles
 6.30pm Holy Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
 Thursday 14th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 17th SECOND BEFORE ADVENT
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 3.00pm Messy Church
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 Thursday 21st 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



Sunday 24th CHRIST THE KING
 8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 9.30am Together Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 Thursday 28th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



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Sunday 1st FIRST OF ADVENT
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Advent Carol Service
 Wednesday 4th 10.00am Toddler Praise
 Thursday 5th 10.30am First Thursday Holy
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