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Harvest Time and we look forward to celebrating this event in the church calendar once again (p11). And, once again, the church will be decorated to mark it.

Our continued series on articles about the First World War continues on p14/15.

Another interesting article we came across was how to read the Bible in public (p29). We're sure that if you fancied

reading at St Giles, Mary Mumby would love to hear from you and put you on the rota.

Thank you to David Kirby for his book review (p25) and it goes without saying that if anyone else feels so inclined to put fingers to keyboard....feel free!

We hope you enjoy Harvest and Harvest Lunch.

*Gill & Marion*

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# From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

*Genesis 1 verses 29 -31*

<sup>29</sup> *Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground – everything that has the breath of life in it – I give every green plant for food.' And it was so.*

<sup>31</sup> *God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.*

Harvest is the time of year that we recognise all the good gifts that God gives to us. We will celebrate and praise God for his gifts 'All good gifts around us' in our Harvest celebration service at 9:30 on 12 October. We will share a meal. Contact Keith Smith for tickets 07920 139172. We will share fellowship and each other's company, young and old across the congregation. And we will be thankful for all we have.

However with great gifts comes great responsibility. By tradition we bring gifts of food to the church to share with those who have less than we do. This year our gifts will be given to the local charity Caring for Life.

Caring for Life is a Christian charity sharing the love of Jesus through offering compassionate, consistent care for those who have 'slipped through the net'. Caring for Life provides homes, support in the community and therapeutic daytime activities, for life if needed. CFL seeks to bring the love of Jesus to many who have known only abuse in childhood.

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- Dried goods, flour, rice, pasta
- Tinned goods – such as soup, rice pudding,
- Treats – biscuits, chocolate
- Household items such as washing up liquid, washing tablets.



Everyone in no matter how small a way can help and donate something for such a good cause. Some of you may ask is there anything else I can do?

There are national charities which we support such as Christian Aid which always need help. Currently there are emergency requests out for Iraq, Syria and Gaza. Any money you can donate to these worthy causes will, I know be gratefully received.

As Christians we live in a very fortunate part of the world, free from persecution and famine. We give grateful thanks to God for everything he has given to us. Let us make the most of the opportunity that harvest brings us to help others.

May God Bless you as you seek to find a way to give thanks with a grateful heart.

*Janice*

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## Parish Registers

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30th August

Rory Hamilton and Kathryn Newell

6th September

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## Diary for October 2014

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- 1 Wed Toddler Praise 10 -11 am
- 1 Wed Luncheon Club 12.15 pm
- 1 Wed Mothers' Union 2.00 pm  
Ros Dobbin, Diocesan President
- 1 Wed Alpha Taster Course 7.30 pm
- 7 Tues Circle Dancing 7.45 pm
- 8 Wed CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am
- 8 Wed Alpha Course 7.15 for 7.30 pm
- 9 Thurs Men's Supper Club 6.30 for 7.00 pm Keith Barber  
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- 12 Sun Harvest Service followed by lunch
- 14 Tues Women's Fellowship 8.00 pm  
Pat Osbourne "History Talk"
- 15 Wed CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am
- 15 Wed Open House 2.00 - 4.00 pm
- 15 Wed Alpha Course 7.15 for 7.30 pm
- 19 Sun Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am
- 19 Sun Messy Church 3.00 - 5.00 pm
- 21 Tues Circle Dancing 7.45 pm
- 22 Wed CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am
- 22 Wed Alpha Course 7.15 for 7.30 pm
- 23 Thurs Pub Walking Group 9.30 am
- 26 Sun Activities for under 7's during 9.30 am Service

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# Thank you Dr Luke!

**M**atthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on' - my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. This month Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day - 18th October.

He was, we learn from the letters of St Paul, a 'physician' - an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life, Paul could write, 'only Luke is with me'.

However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure in the history of the Christian Church. Mark's Gospel may have more drama, Matthew's more prophetic background and John's a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the

persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise - indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

He was also a masterly storyteller. Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions ('your son, this brother of yours'), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling's alleged reformation, the 'prodigal' himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father's mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, of course, abandoning the dignity of his

role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son's return.

There are more women in Luke's Gospel than in any of the others, but also more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners' and tax-collectors, more 'outsiders' who are shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!

*David Winter*

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## Marriage alive and well

**T**he death of marriage has been exaggerated, it seems: there is currently the biggest rise in getting married in the UK since the end of the Second World War. The number of weddings in England and Wales increased by 5.3 per cent in 2012 to more than 262,000 - the highest for a decade. And that figure doesn't include the growing numbers of couples getting married abroad.

Taken alongside the biggest year-on-year increase in the number of church weddings for more than 30 years, some family lawyers say it points to a revival of support for 'traditional' marriage. The new Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Rev Paul Bayes, said: "People now see marriage ... as a crown on the life that they have made together."

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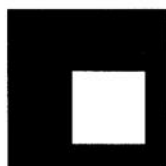
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# Simply say 'thank you'

October means Harvest, and that means thanksgiving time. Here is a beautiful description of this rich time of the year: "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are filled with flocks and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing." (Ps 65:11-13) What a beautiful picture of harvest, of blessing as the year begins to draw to a close!

The Psalms have a lot to say about harvest and thanksgiving. "May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. THEN the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God will bless us." (Ps 67:5,6)

You may not be in farming, but you will have 'sown' things this year: you may be growing certain relationships, or work projects. Now is the time to review them: if they are doing well, thank God for them. If they are doing badly,

pray for them. The Bible tells us time and again that God longs to bless us, and will bless us – if we acknowledge him, and thank him.

"Praise our God, O peoples," cries the Psalmist with joy. "He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping....you brought us to a place of abundance." (Ps 66:8,12) If there is any 'abundance' in your life, have you thanked God for it?



## Operation Christmas Child – time to pack shoeboxes

Since 1990, caring people across the world have packed more than 113 million shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child, which means that millions of girls and boys in more than 150 countries have experienced the joy of Christmas.

2013 was the first year that OCC UK sent shoeboxes to Zambia – 41,000 in total. 4,000 of these boxes were distributed in an extremely remote part of Zambia, which takes two days to reach by road. Our local partner said,

"One cannot explain the joy and excitement that hit not only the children but the entire community because they have never experienced that kind of love expressed through a simple shoebox. The gift box means so much more than the sweets, balls, crayons, etc, but also the greater expression of God's love to children in the remotest areas.

One little girl in remote Zambia had always longed for a pair of sunglasses. When she opened her

shoebox last Christmas, she found on top, the very thing she had been hoping for! Her squeals of delight told of her joy, as she snatched up the sunglasses and put them on to show her friends.

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# Ralph Vaughan Williams

His 'Pastoral Symphony' evokes visions of babbling brooks and bucolic meadows, but the scenes that inspired Williams in 1917 were not as he put it, 'lambkins frisking about' but the starkly bleak opposite – the battlefields of northern France, where the English composer served as a stretcher-bearer and ambulance driver. He witnessed a daily toll of casualties – many of them close friends, including the young composer George Butterworth, to whom he dedicated his 'London Symphony'. As his wife Ursula said, 'Working in the ambulance gave Ralph vivid awareness of how men died.'

By the time war began, he was 41 – old enough to avoid it entirely. But he volunteered as a private in the Royal Army Medical Corps, serving in France, where he served in the Somme in 1916, and a malaria-infested Salonika.

Then as a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Artillery in December 1917, the continual exposure to gunfire took its toll on his hearing, leaving him almost entirely deaf in old age.

The 'Pastoral Symphony', his third – which premiered in London in 1922 – is regarded as the most war-influenced of all his symphonies, including a

passage in which a lone trumpet represents a bugler practicing and constantly hitting a wrong note. 'Beneath the symphony's tranquility lies its sadness,' wrote the composer's biographer, Michael Kennedy.

Vaughan William's music is often said to embody patriotism – the same patriotism that drove a man in his forties to sign up to serve his country.

*Extracts from an article written  
by Zoe Dare Hall.*

## The Soldier

If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is forever England. There shall be  
In that rich earth a richer earth concealed;  
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,  
A body of England's, breathing English air,  
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

*Rupert Brooke*

Rupert Brooke joined the Naval Division as an officer in 1914 and fought in Antwerp. On 23 April 1915 he died of blood poisoning on board a French hospital ship on the way to the Dardanelles and was buried on the Greek island of Skyros.

**1914**  
WWI CENTENARY  
**1918**

## Cecil Coles

The lesser known Cecil Coles, a Scottish friend of Gustav Holst whose 'Ode to Death' was dedicated to Coles) died of wounds in 1918, aged 29. He left a small body of work which, like George Butterworth's, suggests what might have followed had he lived. Holst added a dedication to the manuscript of Coles's suite 'Behind the Lines' which bears blood and mud stains from the trenches. Only the first two movements survive, the rest having been destroyed by shellfire.

*Extracts from a letter by P.  
McKenzie.*



# The Lark Ascending – why do we love it so much?

How timely that The Lark Ascending, by Ralph Vaughan Williams, was recently declared the nation's favourite piece of classical music by Classic FM.

Not only is the skylark the very voice of spring but, lest we forget, it's a hundred years since Vaughan Williams first began to compose his stirring piece – standing on cliffs above Margate, watching naval exercises, prior to the declaration of war.

And so, while the music evokes nostalgia for an English pastoral scene, drawing inspiration from George Meredith's poem 'The Lark Ascending' (Vaughan Williams copied his lines about the bird's "silver chain of sound" onto his score), this is no easy listening composition. In fact, the controller of Radio 3, Roger Wright, warned that "there is loss... and the sense of a difficult time in a country's history". He concludes: "It should not simply be a piece to relax to." What great art ever should?

For the musician Kerry Andrew, the violin's evocation of the skylark represents a sense of "spiritual aspiration" – which, I have to admit, is my own point of entry; especially since hearing

that the skylark can sing a wondrous 200 separate notes or 'consonants' per second.

David Hindley, formerly head of music at Homerton College, Cambridge, discovered this when he recorded and slowed down the bird's song. Fifty seconds' worth of skylark can be transposed into 13 minutes' of sheet-music! And remarkably, he found that the structures of its music closely resemble those of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

All the while, the skylark never sings the same thing twice. It is forever composing unique variations – new every morning – which are "on equal terms with anything man has ever written", according to David Hindley. "Profuse strains," as the poet Shelley puts it in his ode 'To a Skylark', "of unpremeditated art".

Perhaps "unpremeditated" is key. We're not all great composers, but nevertheless: the same creative Spirit, which first hovered over the face of the waters, would flow uniquely through us, too, like lark-song... were we not to worry so much about what others think of our efforts, or whether we're good enough, that we choke it.

God gives us a voice, a melody, creativity. So "sing to the Lord, all the Earth!" as the psalmist writes. That's what The Lark Ascending reminds me of. Let it flow. Which is inspiring listening, no doubt: but never easy.

*Brian Draper. London Institute for Contemporary Christianity*

## Sir Arthur Bliss (1891-1975)

Bliss was Master of the Queen's Music from 1953 and served as an officer in the 13<sup>th</sup> Royal Fusiliers and then the Grenadier Guards. He saw action on the Somme, was wounded twice, and gassed. He was mentioned in dispatches. One of his brothers was killed in action. These experiences had a lasting influence on his work.

*Extracts from a letter by P. McKenzie*



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**'Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.**

**He gives us autumn and spring rains at the right time.**

**He makes sure that we have the harvest at just the right time.'**

*Jeremiah 5:24*



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**May all the peoples praise you.**

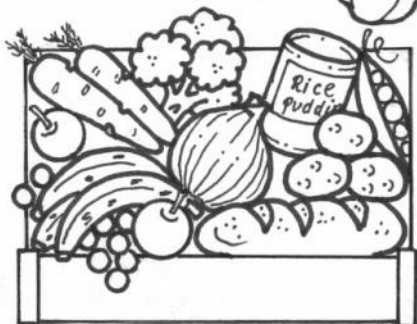
**The land yields its harvest; God, our God blesses us."**

*Psalm 67:5-6*



**'Honour the Lord with your wealth and the first part of your harvest'.**

*Proverbs 3:9*



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*Acts 14:16-17*



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## **Mothers' Union**

Over 50 people attended our Tea Party to welcome the 4 new groups of MU members to the Headingley Deanery. The afternoon began with a short service in church conducted by Janice, followed by tea in the hall. Ros Dobbin, our Diocesan President was also in attendance. And she will be returning next month to talk about her work in the MU.

*Gill Pinches*

## **Women's Fellowship**

We had a wonderful and appreciative audience for our Fashion Show last month. Seven outstanding adult models and a galaxy of delightful children who showed off the clothes to great advantage. I think we must have imported them straight from New York fashion week. I am delighted to say that we made £531 which we are sending to the Salvation Army.

This month we are having a history talk by Pat Osborne who has visited us before when she gave us a talk on Lady Randolph Churchill. The meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday, October 14th.

*Rosemary Cysarz*

## **Circle Dancing**

The very talented flower

arranger in our Dance Group is away on holiday. Therefore we mere mortals are mustering up our ideas for a display for the Church Flower Festival.

We've decided to 'play safe' and make it like one of our usual centres which we are familiar with. So we're busy making a seaside scene with pebbles and shells and some seashore plants. Also we'll show the names of some of our seaside dances.

We've got so carried away, I'm just hoping all our treasures will fit in the space we've been allocated!!

We look forward to seeing all the other contributions. It will be a great event.

*Joan Peart*

## **Messy Church**

Messy Church meets again on the 19th October. This 2



hour session includes craft, worship and food and is ideal for families with young children. Everyone joins in

and there's a lot of chat along the way. More details from Janice, [revjanice.smith@gmail.com](mailto:revjanice.smith@gmail.com).

## **Toddler Praise**

This group meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the church and is open to all



Carers with Under 5's. There is a story, craft and singing plus, of course well deserved refreshments for all.

## **CATS**

CATS is back with a new formulae, a café for mums, new toys and new ideas. So if you are a Mum, Carer or Grandparent come along on a Wednesday morning 930—11.30am with your under 5's to have a chat while the children play.

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## **Home Nurture Groups**

Building on our previous  
study topics, we have chosen  
'Too busy not to pray' by  
Bill Hybels, as the next study  
course for our Home Nurture  
Groups. We will start in mid  
October. Sign up sheets are  
now in the lobby.

'Too busy not to pray.  
Slowing down to be with  
God' by Bill Hybels offers  
us his practical, time-tested  
ideas on slowing down to  
pray. The urgent need for

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world is clear, but busyness  
still keeps many of us from  
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what our eternal, powerful  
God does when his people  
slow down to pray.

Through this course we will  
consider:

The importance of a  
consistent time and place for  
prayer

How to organise prayers  
according to tried-and-true  
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How to hear the Spirit's  
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We hope many of you will  
join us on this journey.

*Sue Osborne  
on behalf of all the Home  
Nurture Group leaders.*

fellowship and a lovely meal  
at Headingley Golf Club.

The next meeting will be on  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct in the  
Church Hall at 6.30 for 7.00  
p.m. Karen Sheard and Julie  
will again be catering. The  
cost of the meal will  
continue to be £10.00. Our  
speaker is Keith Barber, who  
will take a lighthearted look  
back to the 1940s, 50s and  
60s.

Please note that the  
telephone number of our new  
Treasurer Derek Oworm is  
0113 284 3301 if you need  
to clarify whether you are  
attending or not. Derek  
needs to know by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Oct at the latest. You will  
appreciate that to keep our  
costs down the Club does  
need to charge for meals that  
have been ordered but not  
taken.

*Fred Archenhold*

## **Men's Supper Club**

We started our 43<sup>rd</sup> year with  
our annual Ladies' Evening  
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## **Ashes to ashes...**

Our ash trees are doomed. Ash dieback is now unstoppable, and could mean the end of 45 native species as well as endangering the habitats of nearly 1000 others. Hundreds of insects, mosses, lichens and birds are at risk.

Such is the warning of British ecologists, since ash dieback, or *Chalara fraxinea* was spotted in trees in Britain in 2012. It has the potential to wipe out the country's 80 million ash trees. Sadly, "it really will matter if we start to lose one of our dominant tree species," said Dr Ruth Mitchell of the James Hutton institute of Aberdeen. A total of 955 species have been found to use ash trees, including wood mice, squirrels, bullfinches, wrens, blue tits, bats, beetles and moths. The warmer and more humid it gets, the more quickly the disease will spread.



## **Flower Festival 2014**

What a splendid site greeted motorists as they came round the final bend into Bramhope from Otley. A rainbow over the front door of St Giles! And the colour continued inside with wonderful flower arrangements depicting all the verses of the hymn, All things bright and beautiful.

Congratulations to all the organisers of this wonderful event, which I have been assured, reduced some people to tears at the beauty of it all.

Visitors were also very

generous and a total of over £1500 was raised for church funds.

Special thanks must go to all our sponsors, Headingley Flower Club and of course the catering crew who provided magnificent cakes and served them too!

It was a great deal of hard work but well worth it.

Well done!!

*Gill Pinches*

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# A Timely Read !!

## Mammon's Kingdom by David Marquand (Allen Lane 2014)

Rarely have I read a book where I have been saying 'Yes!' on page after page. David Marquand's new book is a remarkably insightful analysis of the state of the UK today, and how we got into the mess in which we find ourselves. It is not a religious book, but in his conclusion he writes 'Somehow we shall have to find a richer discourse, drawn largely (but not exclusively) from religious traditions.'

I cannot do better than to quote from the dust jacket:

*'At the heart of our predicament lies a profound crisis of our moral economy, our public culture and our democracy. The empire of money has now grown remorselessly for three decades, narrowing the space for a common life without which democratic institutions are empty shells. Increasingly, worth is equated with wealth and greed is thought to be good. Inequality has soared as a narrow elite of the super-rich has raced away from the rest of us. Humiliation at the bottom of the pile is matched by callous indifference at the*

*top. The better angels of our nature survive, but they have taken a heavy hit. We are sleepwalking into a seedy barbarism.'*

*'The language of the public interest is rarely heard; the notion that the common good should take precedence over individual appetites has virtually disappeared..... Public trust, essential for properly functioning markets as well as for democratic rule, has plummeted.'*

I found that David Marquand says much that chimes with the way I see the relevance of our Christian faith to the world around us. He is a secular John the Baptist who simply says *we can't go on like this!* His book is a serious read.....but you might find him popping up in my sermons from time to time!

David Kirby

## Why it is cleaner to bump fists

Bumping fists – the latest fashionable alternative to the handshake – is better than the traditional greeting because it reduces the spread of bugs.

So say the scientists at Aberystwyth University, who have found that using a 'fist bump' instead of a handshake can reduce the spread of bacteria and viruses by up to 90 per cent. Even swapping a firm handshake for a briefer one can halve the spread of super-bug infections such as MRSA, it seems.

It's easy to see why – a faster method of greeting means less skin surface area is exposed. That reduces the spread of microbes from one person to another. Thus studies in the American Journal of Infection Control have found that the most bacteria are passed in a handshake, half as much in a 'high five', and 90 per cent less when bumping fists.

But is it likely to catch on? How would bumping fists work during a Sunday morning worship service when we are asked to Share the Peace with each other?! Does anyone want to give it a try? Let us know!



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**O**ctober 1984 was the month for the Christian Stewardship renewal. There were 4 meetings with a buffet meal, during which there were speakers, question time and an adviser on hand to help with the filling in of forms, if necessary.

As Raymond said, the object was not only for financial support to be donated but also for people to come forward to help practically with the church's work and ministry. In other words giving of ourselves, our time, abilities and resources, all of which God has given to us.

**Bryan Bundy** wrote a very interesting article about the Church Commissioners – who they were and how they worked. They were established in 1836 to administer surplus Episcopal and cathedral endowments for the clergy and parochial ministry of the church. This was led by all 43 Bishops including 2 Archbishops, 3 church estate commissioners, 15 clergy and 10 lay people elected by the General Synod.

It was estimated that by 1985

only 28% would come to the Diocesan Budget from the Commissioners which was why it was so important for the church members to contribute as much as possible.

Work on repairing the organ started this month and the organ fund continued to grow and at the time had reached more than £1700.

Bible study groups met twice monthly. Religion-focussed coffee mornings were held once a month at which a creche was available for babies and young children. The Children's Society were to hold a "Hair Fashion 84" show presented by Hair Studio of Headingley.

The Men's supper club had a talk on crime prevention and **Jonathan Slater** organised the 7th walk of the season into Brontë land.

The church magazine was being used as a conduit as a means of appealing for helpers in village activities. Bramhope senior citizens club,

which was a village organisation for older people, very urgently needed help with leadership. There was also an appealing article on fostering from the social services department in Leeds. The training process in 1984 to become a foster parent lasted 5 months. Does anyone know how long this process takes now?

*Janet & Bill*



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# Reading the Bible in public

But is this a necessary topic? I'm afraid so. I have heard the British actor David Suchet declare that he has been up and down churches everywhere.... and that the dull and listless public reading of the Scriptures is generally a disgrace to the power of the Bible.

"The music was wonderful today".... "That was a great talk!".... "I loved the worship!" Hardly ever do I hear gratitude expressed for a Scripture reading. Let this be the background to that occasion when you find yourself called upon to read from the Scriptures publically.

We are not simply pronouncing words when we stand at the front. Unhurried preliminary prayer is vital to the task. What is this passage all about? Why is it here in the Bible? What is its main point? I need to ask myself which words - as I read them - could do with a slight emphasis, a mental underlining, a raised or lowered inflexion?

Yet others should not be thinking, 'What a great reader,' but rather 'My goodness, that passage was speaking to me!' The voice must be naturally your own. Do normal people speak with

'holy' churchy affectation? Did Jesus, when telling his parables?

We are to keep the voice natural, yet with an underlying awareness that - without straining - WE NEED TO PROJECT. True - there may be a microphone - but be not deceived! It is only there to impart a slight 'lift' to the voice; it simply cannot do the job for you. Keep ten inches from the mike and then address the very back row.

Across the years I have recognized various unfortunate 'Categories' of reader. Be warned! One could be named after an early English king, unfortunately known as Ethelred the Unready. Such a reader turns up, but has clearly not thought the passage through at all; the reading is an utter non-event.

By contrast we have sometimes been subjected to The Thespian. Here a well-intentioned reader is so intent on 'acting' the passage with ham-fisted phony 'accents' that it is truly cringe-worthy. Public Scripture reading can be truly supernatural in power - without it ever becoming unnatural in delivery.

Have you sometimes heard The Dullard give the reading? It is delivered in a flat

monotone throughout; it could have been a recitation of shares on the stock market.



Then there is what may be called The Queen's Speech, immaculate; beautifully spoken and with perfect diction. But somehow the reading lacked 'Soul' - was it a communication from heaven and a life of prayer, or a performance from the local dramatic society?

Give yourself some practice sessions! Try Luke 15:11-24 as an obvious 'story', and then, by contrast, Ephesians 2:1-10; then 1 Kings 18: 20-39.

Treat public Bible reading as an honour. For centuries the Bible has been described in the British Coronation Service as the most precious thing that this world affords. We are to treat it like that!

*Richard Bewes*



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# Church Services for October 2014

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

## **Sunday 5th**                      **SIXTEENTH AFTER TRINITY**

	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 9th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

## **Sunday 12th**                      **SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY / HARVEST**

	8.15am	Holy Communion (CW)
	9.30am	All.together Service
	6.30pm	Holy Communion (CW)
Thursday 16th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

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## **Sunday 19th**                      **EIGHTEENTH AFTER TRINITY**

	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	3.00pm	Messy Church
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 23rd	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

## **Sunday 26th**                      **LAST AFTER TRINITY**

	8.15am	Holy Communion (CW)
	9.30am	Together Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 30th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)



## **NOVEMBER 2014**

### **Sunday 2nd**                      **FOURTH BEFORE ADVENT /ALL SAINTS**

	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
	6.30pm	"In Loving Memory" Service
Wednesday 5th	10.00am	Toddler Praise
Thursday 6th	10.30am	First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)

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