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It's nearly Lent so we've included some ideas to inspire you into thinking about what Lent means to you and what you can do in 2014 (p11-13).

We are grateful too to Bryan Bunday and David Kirby for their contributions (p15 & 17).

Our readers always seem to be interested in the reports on activities so if you have taken part in an event in the

church/church hall why not send us something to print?

Women's World Day of Prayer is open to children and men too! As this year's contribution is from Egypt it should be a most meaningful service (p23).

What to do in retirement?
See page 29 for ideas

Gill & Marion

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

It is a time of change and a time of business as usual.

In the diocese we are about to change from 3 separate dioceses Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield to one super diocese West Yorkshire and the Dales. Our new Bishop, the previous Bishop of Bradford, Rt. Reverend Nick Baines has been appointed as our new Bishop. I would ask you to pray for him as he prepares to take up this leadership role.

The changes in our diocese start from Easter Sunday 20 April 2014.

We, in the parishes however have continued and will continue with business as usual. Our focus and our mission remains the same:

- To tell our community and beyond about the love of God and eternal life that is available through His Son Jesus Christ.
- To act out that love in our community and beyond. Remember on Sunday 9th March we are having our annual collection of clothes, household items, tea, coffee, sugar and toiletries for St George's Crypt.
- To deepen our discipleship through worship, our nurture groups and throughout Lent by taking part in our Lent course.
- To welcome those who want to worship with us and join with us on our journey of faith.
- To continue our work with all sections of the community; from the elderly in our services held at Ashcroft House, home Communion for those unable to get to church, Luncheon Club and Open House to our work with the young and their families with Messy Church, All.together and 4th Sunday Family

Communion.

This year our Lent course is called '*Another story must begin*' using the film '*Les Miserables*'. We will use the DVD of the film and consider the grace of God, and our own fallen state and opportunity for redemption, to help us to reassess what we can do with our lives and for those around us. Look out for the sign up list in the lobby soon.

May God bless the work of our new diocese and all the parishes that are within the care of our new Bishop,

Janice



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10th February

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'Congratulations'

Thank you

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Diary for March 2014

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|----|-------|---|
| 1 | Sat | Fun Quiz Night 7.00 for 7.30 pm |
| 3 | Mon | PCC Meeting 7.30 pm |
| 4 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 5 | Wed | Toddler Praise 10.00 -11.00 am |
| 5 | Wed | Luncheon Club 12.15 pm |
| 11 | Tues | Women's Fellowship 8.00 pm |
| | | Val Howson "Tales from the Charity Shop." |
| 12 | Wed | CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am |
| 13 | Thurs | Mens Supper Club 6.30 for 7.00 pm |
| | | Mrs Jennifer Angus, MAF "Flying for Life " |
| 13 | Thurs | Walking Talking Group 9.30 am |
| 13 | Thurs | Children's Society 2.00 pm afternoon tea with |
| | | Ian Dewhirst " History through Postcard Messages" |
| 16 | Sun | Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am |
| | | Messy Church 3.00 - 5.00 pm |
| 18 | Tues | Mothers' Union 2.00 - 4.00 pm |
| | | Bring and Buy and afternoon tea |
| 18 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 19 | Wed | CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am |
| 19 | Wed | Open House 2.00 – 4.00 pm |
| 23 | Sun | Activities for under 7's during 9.30 am service |
| 26 | Wed | CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am |
| 27 | Thurs | Pub Walking Group 9.30 am |

Please ask your friends or relations to let us know if you wish for someone to pray with you and/or bring Holy Communion whilst you are ill or in hospital and unable to get to Sunday Worship. In the first instance they should contact:

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St Cuthbert c 634-87 Monk and Bishop of Lindisfarne

Cuthbert of Lindisfarne has long been northern England's favourite saint. It is easy to see why: Cuthbert loved God with all his heart, and loved others as himself. By all accounts, he was holy, humble, peaceable, prayerful, faithful in friendship, charming and really kind.

Cuthbert was born into a fairly well-off Anglo-Saxon family, and became a monk at Melrose in 651. He and another monk, Eata, were sent to start a monastery at Ripon, but Alcfrith, who owned the land, insisted that they adopt the Roman customs, which Cuthbert's Celtic church did not allow. So Cuthbert and Eata quietly returned to Melrose, where Cuthbert became prior in about 661. Then came the Synod of Whitby in 663/4, and the Celtic Church formally decided to adopt the Roman Customs. After this, Cuthbert was sent on to Lindisfarne as prior, where he sensitively introduced the new ways, and won over the monks there.

Cuthbert was very much loved at Lindisfarne. His zeal was evident in his constant preaching, teaching, and visiting of the people. He was also said to have

gifts of prophecy and healing. Occasionally, Cuthbert reached 'people overload'. Then he would retreat to a tiny islet called Inner Farne, where he could pray in total seclusion. When, to his horror, he was told he had been made Bishop of Hexham, he immediately 'swapped' sees with Eata, and stayed on at Lindisfarne as Bishop. Sadly, Cuthbert died on little Inner Farne, only two years later, on 20 March, 687.

Cuthbert was buried at Lindisfarne, but that is not the end of his story. For it was only now that his travels began. After the Vikings destroyed Lindisfarne in 875, several monks dug him up and set out to find Cuthbert a

final, and safe, resting place. For the next 120 years Cuthbert was deposited in various monasteries around the north of England and southwest Scotland. Finally, in 999, Cuthbert was allowed to rest in Durham, where a Saxon church was built over his shrine. All that travel must have done him good; when his body was exhumed to be put into the new Norman Cathedral in Durham in 1104, it was said to be still 'in perfect tact', and 'incorrupt'.

Marion Skirrow

From a prayer of St Patrick

May Christ shield me today.
Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand...

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Lent – a time to think

Lent is a month to think about sinning. When people sin against us, we get hurt. (Have you ever been lied to? Been robbed? It hurts.) When we sin against others, we also get hurt: we feel guilty before God, we lose our self-respect, and we feel isolated.

The little book of 1 John, in the New Testament, talks a lot about sin. John did not write in anger, but out of deep pastoral concern. His desire was that those who name Jesus as their Lord face the reality of sin in their lives. He wanted them to learn to avoid it as a pattern that ruled their lives.

John reminded his readers that God is perfect light, holy, and the source of all life, truth and beauty. Christ, his son, the Light of the World, came to redeem us from our separation from him caused by sin, which has marred the world since the

fall of Adam and Eve.

So what is sin? The Bible says that sin includes not only physical indulgences of our selfish appetites, but also our lustful, angry and hateful thoughts, as well as our self-righteousness, selfish ambition, divisive spirit, and pride.

All of the Law of God, Jesus said, is summarized in the Great Commandment to love God with our entire being and our neighbour as ourselves (Mark 12:28-34), and not one of us in light of these commands can claim to be without sin (Luke 10:25-37).

As John makes clear in his short epistle, even God's being-saved, true believers will be guilty, perhaps even daily, of single acts of sin. Even though true believers have been released from the dominance of the habitual patterns of sinful behaviour, and have access to the liberating, victorious power of the Spirit for new life in Christ, we still, as long as we remain in these sin-prone bodies, will commit sin.

Yet this is not to discourage us, but to encourage us to



take action. Our Father in heaven is a loving Father, waiting for us to come back to him, confessing each sinful failure, each hour of each day, if necessary. There's no sin so great as to separate you from the Father's mercy, grace, forgiveness and love. And through the Holy Spirit, we can become more Christ-like in our nature. It is a growth process, and we need to start growing now. This month is the perfect time for you to return to the Father's house, and receive and celebrate his complete forgiveness.

The Rev Dr Roger Roberts



Do One Nice Thing

~ A Lent Challenge

Lent is a time of preparation around remembering the forty days Jesus spent in the desert praying and preparing for his public ministry. It is the period from Ash Wednesday to the events of Easter weekend - a time traditionally of giving up - but this year can we encourage you to GIVE OUT?

#Do1NiceThing is about loving and serving others and the wider community. It is about being the change, making positive steps to make life better for others (and yourself in the process!). The ideas are generally very simple and require not much thought or pre-planning. If you don't like one of the ideas, do something else!

#Do1NiceThing also links with The Big Read 'Barefoot Prayers'
- visit www.loveyourstreets.org.uk for more details.

#BIGRead14 Theme of Week - Gatherings

- 5th March - Engage in conversation with the people who serve you (eg shop keepers)
- 6th March - Say thank you to someone as they work and say how much you appreciate them
- 7th March - Call in on an elderly neighbour - take some cake, have a cup of tea and a chat
- 8th March - Shop locally and support local farmers, local veg growers and local shops
- 9th March - Walk round your neighbourhood and pick up litter (please wear gloves and use a strong bag) or see if there is anything more you can recycle at home

#BIGRead14 Theme of Week - Awakenings

- 10th March - Hold doors open for those behind you
- 11th March - Smile at people
- 12th March - Be a nice driver - spread road-calm!
- 13th March - Email / write a local charity you think does a great work and thank them and those who volunteer
- 14th March - Take time to pray for your neighbours
- 15th March - Spread the niceness on Facebook and Twitter - compliment some of your friends
- 16th March - Organise a Love Your Streets Easter street party for the Easter weekend in your neighbourhood (see www.loveyourstreets.org.uk for ideas and resources for organising a street

party....)

#BIGRead14 Theme of Week - Occasions

17th March - Write a letter to a local emergency service and thank them for the work they do

18th March - Say hello to people

19th March - Look at joining or setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

20th March - Spot ways of helping people and do it

21st March - Go on a thankful walk - see all the positive things you can be thankful for in your neighbourhood

22nd March - Buy Fairtrade where you can today

23rd March - Take a single person (elderly person, single mum...) out for Sunday lunch

#BIGRead14 Theme of Week - Puzzles

24th March - Buy seeds ready to create a wildlife garden (or tub or window box!)

25th March - Commit to collect used stamps for The Leprosy Mission

26th March - Catch a bus (#Do1NiceThing for the environment) and say thank you to the bus driver

27th March - Give a drink to a homeless person or take part in 'Suspended Coffee'

28th March - Email / write to your MP and say thank you for representing you and that you are praying for them

29th March - Take a prayer walk round your neighbourhood and pray for needs

Mothering Sunday 30th March - Take some flowers to mothers and grandmas on your street

#BIGRead14 Theme of Week - Responses

31st March - Say sorry even when its not your fault!





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St Giles Healing Ministry

Janice's letter in the January Magazine described in some detail the Church's Healing Ministry, and our own involvement at St. Giles, where we have the opportunity to share in private prayer within our services, in confidence. At present this takes place at 9.30am on the 3rd Sunday of the month, and at 6.30pm on the 2nd Sunday. We plan to leave the evening service as it is on the 2nd Sunday, but in future to vary Healing Prayer during the morning services at 9.30am. It will remain in

February on the 3rd Sunday, but then from March take place on 1st Sunday, in April on 2nd Sunday, in May on the 3rd Sunday etc. so that we try to cover the varying congregations throughout the month, in turn. The details of these dates will continue to be shown on the back page of the magazine, and also on the lobby notice board so that you will know which services are involved. As Janice said – "You can ask for prayer for yourself, or for someone else. We will pray with you that you (they) may

experience God's healing and that you may have a sense of his presence with you, his love, his peace and his support through the Holy Spirit. Whoever you are, whether you attend church or not and whatever your needs, you are welcome to come and ask for prayer".

Bryan Bunday,
St. Giles' Healing Prayer Group

Use it and lose it !

I bumped into one of my excolleagues and in our conversation he explained that life was difficult for him. I asked if he still went to church... he didn't. I asked if he tried praying to God. He said he didn't know how to pray any more. I replied, "I have the very booklet for you, called *Trypraying*." A few weeks later he said he had found the booklet very helpful and that he had recommitted his life to Christ and that his life was getting back on track.

This is just one of many stories coming out of the *Trypraying project* which has been running in Edinburgh for

several years. This year HOPE is working in partnership with *Trypraying* to encourage Christians to use the *Trypraying* booklet themselves for a week – then to lose it; to give away the booklet to a neighbour, friend, relative or colleague with a simple suggestion: try praying.

One in three people believes that God answers prayers - and *Trypraying* relies on God to respond to those who reach out to him in prayer.

The *Trypraying* booklet is a seven-day prayer guide written in accessible language for people who

don't do church. There's a simple challenge to try praying for seven days and see what happens. It has short articles and stories of answers to prayer. There are things to do each day as well as a short prayer to pray.

Roy Crowne, HOPE's director says: 'We are always looking for innovative ways to develop a rhythm of mission through the church calendar.

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Islamic extremism and us

In a sermon a few months ago I referred to *The Islamist* by Ed Husain. Its subtitle was *'Why I joined radical Islam in Britain, what I saw inside and why I left'* which is a fair enough synopsis of what the book is about. As several people have mentioned the book since then I thought it worthwhile to share some of the insights it gives to Muslim extremism and the present situation in the Middle East.

At the beginning of the book, (Mohamm) Ed Husain was a well-brought-up teenager in South London. His parents were devout Muslims, his grandfather in particular a highly spiritual person who practised his faith as the path to inner peace and social well-being. *These are universal values within all the great religions.* But teenagers rebel and young Mohammed found himself drawn to a more assertive form of Islam. To begin with he joined the Young Muslim Organisation, but as he progressed through Further and Higher Education he became more and more radicalised, eventually joining the Islamist movement Hizb ut -Tahir.

Islamism has its roots in a wish to return to a more fundamental and literalist view of the Quran and asserting the

primacy of Islam in all aspects of life. One example is 'Wahabism' which emerged in Saudi Arabia. It is very 'Puritanical' insisting on the implementation of Sharia law – and Al Qaeda is its off-shoot. Another example would be the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt and of course, the Taliban. The various extremist preachers we have seen in the news over recent years also come from the same stable.

Hizb ut-Tahir is banned in many parts of the Islamic world because its goal is the overthrowing of all secular (and democratic) governments in favour of a universal, world-wide government based on the practice of Islam, enforced by sharia law and with a 'Caliph' at its head. The argument is that secular governments have displaced the primacy of Allah and are therefore heretical. This is why, although the 'Islamic Republic of Iran' has a President and an elected assembly, its Supreme Ruler is a cleric. *Ironically this is exactly parallel to the early books of the Old Testament. The Israelites were governed by 'judges' until they demanded a King [Saul] like other nations!*

.....and the centre for the Caliphate would be in 'the land of Sham' – Syria, which perhaps explains why the conflict there has attracted 'jihadists' from many parts of the Muslim world.

After spending some time in Saudi Arabia, Husain came to realise that radical Islamism was really all about power, rather than an attachment to the Prophet's message. He returned to England and his grandfather's more peaceful and personal faith, a faith more typical of our Muslim neighbours.

But here's the lesson *'In mosques, after prayers, many of my Muslim friends rightly ask what we are supposed to integrate into - 'Big Brother' lifestyle? Ladette culture? Binge Drinking? Gambling?...The neglect of the elderly.....' (pg. 284).....* They have a point!

Revd David Kirby

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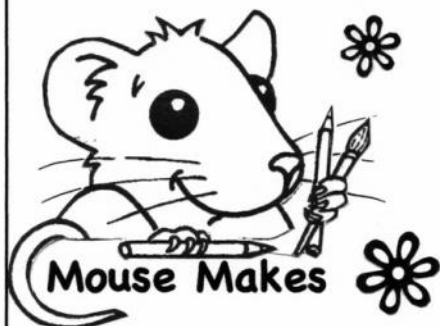
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Children's Society

Tickets are on sale for an entertaining talk by Ian Dewhirst MBE 'History through Postcard Messages' followed by Afternoon Tea on Thursday 13th March 2pm, price £6.

Anne Marshall

Mothers' Union

29 members and 3 guests attended our January Lunch on Thursday 16th. Thanks to Sheila and June who liaised with Culinary Quest, the caterers and to committee members who provided the canapes.

We had the AGM on 6th February when 29 members attended. Elaine Dagg, Anne Marshall and Audrey Walch stood down from the committee this time and we welcomed Mary Mumby and Pam Walton back on. In the absence of anyone prepared to take on the role of Branch Leader, the committee are going to run MU on a "job share" basis, sharing out the duties between them. Elaine was presented with a special silver medal as a retiring Branch Leader and Anne and Audrey were given planters of lovely Spring flowers. Very many thanks to all members for their loyal support over the last 6 years

from all 3 of us. After the official business we watched 2 DVDs about the work of the Mothers' Union at home and abroad.

Please support our main fundraising event, the Bring and Buy Sale and Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 18th March. 2pm -4pm. Tickets priced £2.50 are available from committee members and items for the stalls can be brought to the hall on the day from 10.30 onwards.

Our next 'proper' meeting is on 2nd April when we look forward to another interesting talk by Helen Mumby, 'Supporting Rural communities in Namibia'. Friends are very welcome to join us.

Friday 1st March - Women's World Day of Prayer at the Methodist Church 1.45pm.

Tuesday 25th March - The Lady Day Service at Meanwood Church 2pm.

Anne Marshall

Men's Supper Club

We were particularly pleased, at the February Meeting, to welcome our 'Priest-in-charge' Revd Janice Smith on

her second visit to the Men's Supper Club. In a wide ranging talk, Janice drew particular attention to the social changes that enabled her to become one of the first 'woman tax inspectors', but then also enabled her to answer 'her calling' to become an ordained priest in the Church of England.

Janice traced her 'journey of faith' from the moment she read the gospels as a seventeen-year-old to her decision later in life, fully supported by husband Keith, to seek ordination. This could only happen after 1995, the year the Church of England approved the ordination of women. Her talk generated a lot of interest and at the conclusion she was kept busy answering many questions from a large group of 44 members.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 13th March when we welcome Jennifer Angus as the speaker. Her topic is 'Flying for Life'. Please contact Brian Ridsdale (0113 267 3293) by Sunday 9th March if you need to book.

Fred Archenhold

Women's Fellowship

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Notices.... Group News.... Notices.... Events....

AGM last month. Thanks were expressed to Sue Hughes who is retiring after three years as our Treasurer and also Joanne Dawdry after two years as Co-leader. The secretary, Jenny Platt, gave her report on the past year and also looked forward to the forthcoming year. In her leader's report, Joanne thanked all her co-workers for their help and cooperation and all members for their support. We welcomed two new members on the committee, Audrey Harrison and Kathleen Grainge. The new leaders will be Christine Smith and Jenny Platt. Because of the weather the meeting ended early after a cup of tea.

The next meeting is to be highly recommended. It is a talk by Val Howson on "Tales from the Charity Shop." Tuesday, 11th March at 8.00pm. Membership cards will be ready at this meeting.

Rosemary Cysarz

Walking Group News

I am hoping that the rains, (of biblical proportions!), will have eased by the time of the March walks. Even if they have we will try to organize walks without too

much mud but if they haven't we may become a swimming group. The walks will take place on the 13th for the Walking Talking group and the 27th for the Pub Walking Group. We will meet just before 9.30 a.m. in the car park adjacent to the tennis courts in Old Lane for departure to the starting points of the walks.

Ken Ball

Messy Church

Next Messy Church will be on 16th March and not the 23rd as previously stated. This will be our Baptism Reunion party too when all children who have been baptised in the last 5 years are invited to join in the fun too.

See you there!

Thank you

A big 'thank you' to Janice and our many friends at St Giles for all the support given to both myself and Shirley (especially your prayers) over the past difficult months.

Shirley's funeral was a real celebration of her life and I thank you all for making it all so special.

Carol Wiggins

Toddler Praise

Next Toddler Praise is on 5th March. Sing, dance, make a noise in praise! 30mins of fun worship in the church followed by refreshments.

Fun, toys and games for the under 5's & a friendly meeting point for their Mums & Dads, Child-minders and Grandparents 12th March, 19th March & 26th March. 9.15—11.30am at St Giles Church Hall, Bramhope LS16 9BA. Cost £2 per family.



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Mothering Sunday – 4th Sunday in Lent

There is an old Jewish saying: God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday



has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mothers' Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their moth-

er on the day.

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World Book Day – 6 March

Would you like to encourage the children you know to appreciate books? Then why not invite them to join in the national celebrations of World Book Day, which takes place this month, on 6th March.

World Book Day was launched 17 years ago by UNESCO, and aims to encourage a celebrations of authors, illustrators, books, and reading. World Book Day therefore sends schools packs of Book Tokens (more than 14 million this year; or one for nearly every child aged under 18 in the country!) and age-ranged World Book Day Resource Packs. Children can then take their voucher to a local bookseller and use it to pick one of eight (new and free) books. Or, they can use it to get £1 off any book or audio book costing more than £2.99 at a participating bookshop. For more details of how to get involved, please visit: www.worldbookday.com.

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Meanwhile, nearly a quarter of the population walks less than five miles a month, and nearly one in four adults rarely go for walks at all; 17 per cent of us never even venture more than 500 yards from our car! The research was done by the National Trust, which is encouraging people to get out and enjoy the magnificent scenery of Britain that can only be seen on foot.

Retirement

According to a recent poll. Gardening is the hobby which gives 38 per cent of over 65s the most pleasure in life. This is followed by going for walks, reading a newspaper, talking to friends and listening to the radio, according to the charity Age UK. "Having a positive attitude and enjoying the little pleasures of life is really important," says Age UK. 'The cheerful of heart has a continual feast,' observes Proverbs (15:15).

Christian Dating website launches campaign on London Underground

The leading UK Christian dating site Christian Connection recently launched an advertising campaign on the London Underground - the first specifically religious dating site to do so.

An estimated 1.4m single Christians between the ages 25 and 60 attend church once a month in the UK, many in the London area. Christian Connection has already facilitated thousands of relationships and marriages through the site. Launched in 2000, it was voted best niche dating site at the international Idate awards of 2013.

The campaign was created by graphics artist Alex

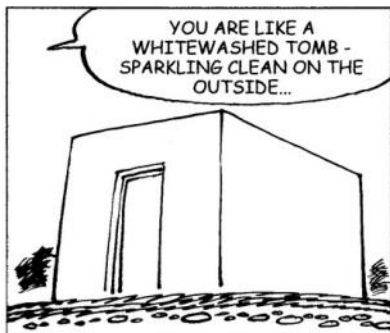
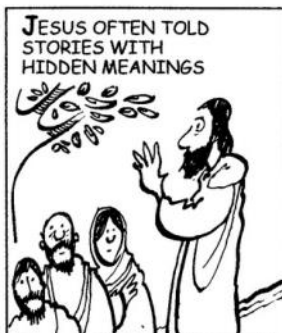
Fowkes who has previously created work for Sony and Olly Murs. He claims "Christians make better lovers" with "love one another" a key part of the Christian code. Visit <http://blog.christianconnection.co.uk/tube-ads>

"It has taken us 14 years to take the plunge and go Underground. We wanted the campaign to be friendly, engaging and surprising," said Christian Connection founder Jackie Elton. "We hope it will make people of all faiths and none sit up and take notice. The campaign informs single Christians about a website that may help them find a mate who shares the same worldview.

The style is exciting, colourful and delightfully retro. Until now we have relied on religious media and word of mouth but we want to spread our wings and reach a wider range of Christians. They are out there - we want them to know we are here."

Since its launch in 2000, thousands of Christians have found love and marriage through Christian Connection. Visit www.christianconnection.co.uk

Some tough Talking



Where is God?

Famine. Storms. War. Terrorism. Financial crisis. Divorce. Unemployment. Homelessness. We live in a world of turmoil. One of the best-selling books in recent years, written by a psychiatrist, put it very well with his opening statement: "Life is difficult."

All manner of tragic, harmful things haunt our time. It can be easy to wonder at times: "Where is God in all this?" And perhaps, even more urgently: "Where is God concerning the adversities in my private life?"

The Bible never ignores the problem of evil. Throughout the Old and New Testament wars, disease, famine, and

says that another law is in operation: that God still loves this world, and will respond to any one of us who turn to him for help. He does not promise to take us OUT of the problems of this world, but to protect us IN the problems of daily life.

Jesus said that his kingdom is in another world, a world



if we turn to him, he will never turn us away. Instead, we can know that the evil we have done, and which haunts us, has been forgiven. We can have his spirit within us, and know that he will guard us for the rest of our lives through every mishap, and one day we shall inherit eternal life, in his presence.

Psalms 23 expresses it very well. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Ps 23: 4,6)



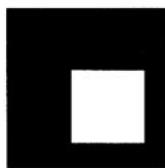
social breakdown run their course. The Bible explains that the problem lies in the fact that sin and evil are very real indeed. This world really is under the dominion of evil. So bad things WILL happen. But the Bible also

that is open to anyone who turns to him, who believes that he is who he said he was: the Son of God, who came to earth to die for their sins. Jesus promised us that

How time Flies....

On 30 March 1914, 100,000 Yorkshire miners went on strike.

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A look back in time at previous St Giles Reviews

years ago

Raymond emphasised that Lent is a time for positive Christian thinking and training, as well as giving things up. As in the past, the Lent meetings were to be held on Wednesday evenings, jointly with the Methodists.

You may remember from last month's contribution that 30 years ago the organ was broken. The cost of repair was £3,894. An anonymous donation of £1000 towards the organ fund was very much appreciated, effectively paying 25% of the cost. Fund raising events for the organ and general church funds was to be helped by a Shrove Tuesday Barn Dance and a Jumble Sale.

The magazine contained an interesting letter from Risalpur in Pakistan, from Jim & Ann Newmark, the missionaries who were linked to St Giles. In particular they reported that the Pakistan government had ordered for the first time that minor religious groups, such as Christians and Hindus should be represented on the "Cantonment Board". This board is an organ of local government free to formulate

policies for local development. However the board was accountable to the military!

In February, the members of the Men's Supper Club were impressed to hear 3 speakers from Alcoholics Anonymous tell their stories of recovery.

Miss Hughes described her day at the Queen's Coronation to members of the Mothers' Union. They were reminded about the Women's World Day of Prayer to be held at the Methodist church when Debbie Carmichael would be the speaker.

Jonathan Slater advertised a pre-season walk to Great Almscliffe Crag.

The saying of the month which we like and was obviously before our technical era.

"To err is human. To really mess things up you need a computer".

Janet and Bill Cunliffe

Warden's Blog

There we were stuck on the edge of a cliff in a howling gale in Ravenscar. I hasten to add we were indoors! The fire was burning brightly, the sofa was comfy and we had just had a beautiful meal.

A sudden thought came to mind 'Eek, I wonder if the church is ok?' this thought was even worse when we learnt that Headingley Road was closed and there were lots of poor people without electricity. Somehow we never gave a thought to our own property!

I'm pleased to say that all was well when we returned from our East coast sojourn.

You will be pleased to know that we won't be having a fund raising scheme for the roof....just yet!

Gill Pinches



Rotas for March 2014

CHURCH FLOWERS

Guild Member Mary Mumby
2 March Janet Cunliffe
9 March Lent
16 March Lent
23 March Lent
30 March Wedding

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Matthew Dagg
23 March Mary Dobson
30 March Judy &
John Boardman
Wendy Fudge

PEW NEWS

March & April: Angela Smith
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Prayer Schedule for Bramhope

We pray weekly, in conjunction with the Methodist Church, for all people living in our area. If you know of anyone who especially needs prayer from the road 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.

02/03/14 Church Hill, Church Gate, Church Gate Court & Holland Mount
09/03/14 Manor Close, Moor Road & Moorland Road
16/03/14 Old Lane, Occupation Lane, Hilton Court, Grange & Mews
23/03/14 Those from outside the parish who worship with us
30/03/14 Staircase Lane & Hall Drive

SIDESPERSIONS' ROTA

Sunday	8.15am	9.30am	6.30pm
1st	Bill Cunliffe Steve McGraw	Jean Weatherill, 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
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Church Services for March 2014

Sunday 2nd

SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 5th

ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am Toddler Praise
 7.30pm Holy Communion (CW)

Thursday 6th

10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)



Sunday 9th

FIRST OF LENT

8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 9.30am All.together Service
 6.30pm Holy Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 13th

Sunday 16th

SECOND OF LENT

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 3.00pm Messy Church and Baptism Reunion



Thursday 20th

6.30pm Choral Evensong
 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 23rd

THIRD OF LENT

8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 9.30am Together Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 27th



Sunday 30th

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Together Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Choral Evensong



APRIL 2014

Wednesday 2nd

10.00am Toddler Praise

Thursday 3rd

10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 6th

PASSION SUNDAY

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Evening Service at The Methodist

Church

