

Knaresborough Team Ministry

ACCORD

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God of Mission

**Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



This prayer will play an integral part in our renewed vision as a Team Ministry moving into 2017 and beyond.

Having recently attended the LyCiG course along with 6 others from our Team, it has become obvious that we need our prayer to be more focused as a Christian community – I am not saying we aren't praying well, but we need to pray more for growth. Just recently I was asked by a member of the church the difference between Mission and Ministry... it was an interesting question, because clergy tend to use 'in speak' and think everybody knows what we mean. For me 'Mission' speaks of identifying opportunities to reach out to our community, to bring them the message, the promises, and the love of Jesus Christ that abides in His church – 'Ministry' is the care that follows. The church has in many places been good at the latter, but we have kept the former, the 'Good News' of Mission, quite well hidden simply because we didn't know how to talk about it and share it – we had lost confidence in what we do and were worried about the reaction we would get.

Canon Robin Gamble, instigator of LyCiG, who comes to preach at St.John's this Advent, has given us the tools to be confident Christians. The course sessions included:

- Leadership and Vision
- Our Focus - committing ourselves to growth
- Our Plan - Developing a strategy for growth
- Our Culture - Developing a community of invitation, welcome and hospitality
- Managing Change and Mission Action Planning
- Our Calling - Sharing our story and helping people meet Jesus
- Our Journey - Growing deeper as disciples of Jesus
- Our Heart - Developing worship that helps the Church to Grow
- Fixing priorities and reviewing progress

What was a revelation to our Team was the fact that we already have in place wonderful missional opportunities at our different churches... simply look at the centre pages of this Accord to see the services we offer over Christmas and January, including our new one at St.John's... 'Encounter' which is aimed specifically at a demographic of younger families.

Perhaps some of us feel that we cannot be involved or we don't understand what is involved... if that is the case then I ask that you simply use the prayer at the top of this article day in and day out.

Similarly, there have been occasions in a previous parish of mine, where a lady was heard to say that she didn't want *her* church to grow. Bishop Philip North would counter this: "If we are not leading our church into growth, then where are we leading it?"

Some uncharted waters may lie ahead for us all, but it is an exciting time to be part of the Knaresborough Team Ministry. We will continue to do what we do well, we will add further strings to our bow, and we will plough the fields to allow God to grow His Church. Our commitment to you is to...

Pray well
Plan well
Communicate well

This season of Christmas allows us to use the miraculous image of the Incarnation for our town and villages; New Year allows new promises, new hopes and dreams to begin to take shape, to root and grow.

Let us live by our diocesan tag line, and promise each other and our Lord Jesus Christ, that we shall always be:

Loving.
Living.
Learning.

Every blessing and good wish to you and yours this Holy Season,

Garry



From the Parish Registers

We welcome into our church family...

Kian Mabadi, Jessica Langenegger

We celebrate the marriage of...

Lydia Carfrae and Stuart Brohaska,
Lucy Russell and Anthony Mourginos

*From
This Day
Forward*



We give thanks for the life of...

Wendy Allen, Michael Lofthouse, Stanley Turner,
Eric Dodds, Hubert Wright

To Book a Baptism for children living in the Parish
or a Wedding Please contact the Parish Office.

email knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com

Tel. Jennifer Bradley (01423) 869209



Coffee, Cake and Prayer
@ the HUB

OPEN TO ALL ACROSS THE
PARISH

All welcome to come and enjoy
free tea/coffee, cake, chit-chat
and led prayer

Friday 2nd December 10.30am - 12noon

Come with friends or simply on your own
We look forward to seeing you there.

**Wishing everyone
a very Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year
from all at JAM**

THE SENSATIONAL ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2016



St John's Church
Knaresborough
December 3 - 11

MARVEL AT THE LIGHTS AND
CREATIVITY OF THE TREES IN THE
MAGICAL SETTING OF ST JOHN'S
CHURCH, KNARESBOROUGH

DECEMBER
3rd - 11th 2016

DECORATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES,
ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS AND
FAMILIES



**SANTA WILL BE VISITING
ON BOTH SATURDAYS**

Programmes

£2

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN
THE CHURCH AND CHARITIES OF ITS CHOICE

SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS • LIVE MUSIC • CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITY • RAFFLE • SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

**FREE
Entry**

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2016 **GALA PREVIEW EVENING**

at 7.30pm

*LIVE MUSIC FROM THE SONGBIRDS,
PROSECCO AND CANAPÉS*

AVAILABLE FROM CASTLEGATE BOOKSHOP
KNARESBOROUGH or email knartreefest@gmail.com

Tickets
£8
each

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2016

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

There will be music in church throughout
the day from local choirs and the
Garklein Recorder Ensemble

FREE ADMISSION

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2016

at 7.00pm

IN DULCI JUBILO

A concert of choral music for all tastes
including some Advent and Christmas
music given by **Voces Seraphorum**

Admission £8 (conc. £5) on the door

MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2016

at 2.00pm

MUSIC FOR ALL!

Music from the children of
The Forest School

FREE ADMISSION

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2016

at 6.00pm

MUSIC FOR ALL!

Music from the **Tewit Junior Band**
and **Choirs** from Follifoot, St John's
and King James's Schools.

FREE ADMISSION

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER 2016

at 6.00pm

O HOLY NIGHT

St John's Choir Christmas Concert
**Admission £7 (concessions £5)
on the door**

You are invited....
To join us for a new Worship
service "*Encounter*,"



followed by bring and share supper.



Sunday 15th January at 4pm
Venue—St John's Church

*Experiential/sensory worship
& prayers*

Crafts and games for children

Relationship/community orientated

Inclusive and participation orientated

All welcome!



Spotlight on Tom Gibson from Holy Trinity

1. Tell us a little bit about yourself...

I was born & bred in a terraced house in a Lancashire mill town, apart from 4 years as an evacuee at the age of 6. A grammar school lad who started an apprenticeship in a drawing office in Trafford Park, Manchester and apart from interruptions due to National Service and family commitments went on by night school education to qualify as a chartered structural engineer finishing up as a director of a local steelwork company.



2. What do you consider to be your greatest achievement? My marriage.

3. How would you describe yourself in one sentence?

In my earlier years, ambitious, aggressive and volatile, in my "twilight" years more mellow and equable.

4. What is your motto?

To quote the song - when things go wrong – pick yourself up, dust yourself down and start all over again.

5. What is your food heaven?

All sorts of biscuits (except rice biscuits!!)

6. And food hell? Brussels sprouts & broccoli



7. Who is your greatest inspiration?

Isambard Kingdom Brunel

8. If you had to go to live on a desert island, what would be your luxury item? A tool kit

9. What is your favourite hymn? When all thy mercies O my God (to the tune Contemplation)



10. What are you most thankful to God for?
My family and music.

Holy Trinity



**CRIB SERVICE on
Christmas Eve
PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AT THE
NEW TIME OF 2.30 PM.
This service is for ALL ages .
Come and join us at this very
special time. Everyone welcome.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to
ANNE and TERRY PEPPIT as they
celebrate 50 years of marriage
HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY to
you both.**



*Happy
50th
Anniversary*

carers'
resource
Young Carers

**Vocalis Ceremony of Carols at Holy Trinity:
Friday 9th December. Proceeds from this
concert will go to the local charity Carers'**

**Resource which offers support to young carers aged 7 to 18
living in the Harrogate and Knaresborough District. Tickets
are £10 in advance or £12 on the door, including
refreshments. Tickets for under 16s and carers
accompanying people requiring assistance are free.**

QUIZ NIGHTS—Are you up for a challenge?

Bring a team of 4 or just yourself

These will be held in 2016 on

**2nd December, and in 2017 on 24th February,
31st March, 28th April and 26th May.**

Venue: Holy Trinity church hall Time: 7.30 p.m.

Admission: £5.00

Raffle & light refreshments provided.

All are welcome





Christmas Fair
at
Holy Trinity Church
Briggate, Knaresborough

Sunday 4th December
12:00 noon – 4.00 p.m.
in the Church Hall

- **Delicious lunches and light bites**
 - **Cakes**
 - **Raffle**
- **Tombola and Bottle stall**
 - **Jam and Preserves**
 - **Books**
 - **Bric a Brac**



Father Christmas and Tea
Party at 3pm
and much more!
All welcome!

St Mary the Virgin, Goldsborough



On 7th October we moved into a new era with the Licensing of Revd Jo Henderson as the Team Vicar with responsibility for St Mary's and Holy Trinity.

Over the past 2 ½ years we have been very well 'looked after' by Revd Andrew Pearse. Over that period Andrew must have cycled many hundreds of miles between Birkdale Avenue, Knaresborough and St Mary's, Goldsborough. We will miss the sight of the bicycle with the front basket fully laden and Andrew pedalling, his legs travelling up and down like well-oiled pistons, in all wind and weather.

We all at St Mary's sincerely wish Andrew well when he embarks on his new ministerial responsibilities for the Knaresborough Team Ministry and the Walkingham Hill Benefice.

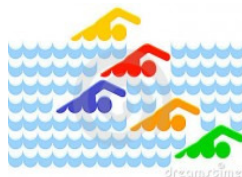
As part of the Knaresborough Team Ministry, Andrew will be on the Service roster and will be officiating at our Churches.

Tom & Lance

SUE'S SPONSORED SWIM

A big **Thank You** to everyone who has sponsored me for the swim challenge. I am doing the swim as Accord goes to print, so cannot give the final amount raised, but it should be about **£400**, which is fantastic! Proceeds will go to the **Children's Society** and the Church general fund.

Thank you again for your generous support. *Sue*



A big thank you to all the St. Mary's Cleaners for all your hard work and support over the year.

The Church always looks clean and welcoming.

Jackie Shaw

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY -

House Box Collection

Thank you to all box

holders for your generous support of the Children's Society again this year. The final count is not yet in, but so far we have raised over **£416**, which is brilliant.

Our vision is a country where
children are free from disadvantage.

The
Children's
Society

The Society supports over **4000** young people in Yorkshire and the North East, and helped transform the lives of over 1,800,000 children in 2015.

Christmas can be a frightening and lonely time - over **2000** young people will go missing from home and care at this time of year.

You can help them by having a house box, or by donating direct to the website childrenssociety.org.uk/safechild

£15 could buy a phone credit, to help keep a child safe.

£25 an hour of time with a project worker

£35 a one-to-one counselling session, but any amount will help enormously!

Lets do what we can....

If you would like to have a house box, please speak to Sue Tel 01423 864275 Thank you

Corrie's Corner

Corrie is our mission partner and works at Kiwoko Hospital in Uganda as clinical lead for women' health.

Corrie is head of the maternity department, supervising the day to day operations as well as delivering babies for women with complicated pregnancies as safely as possible, despite lack of resources. She also trains midwives to improve their skills and teaches Ugandan junior doctors and medical students.

In her words: 'I believe I am doing the work that God has prepared for me to do over many years, sharing my skills in a place where these are not readily available.'

Corrie has asked us to pray for:

Good relations between different faith groups in Kiwoko town

For the staff in the maternity ward, where work sometimes can be overwhelming

For the long term sustainability of Kiwoko Hospital, financially and with staff

Thank you for supporting Corrie in prayer, and do remember the loose change bucket in church, for your odd pennies - they soon mount up!

CMS Action Group

Harrogate CMS Action Group helps to support Mission Partners who come from our area, based both at home and abroad.



At the the Autumn Supper there was an interesting talk from Chris and Angela Chorlton, who have recently returned with their children, from 12 years in Cairo.

Both speak fluent Arabic and Chris, who is now ordained, is working as a Mission Associate in Bradford, as vicar in the Parishes of Manningham and Heaton.

His aim is to promote communication between the faith groups, to reduce fear and suspicion, to support Christians and build faith in the churches. Please pray for Chris and Angela as they start this important work. Thank you.

Advance Notice

We look forward to welcoming **Chris and Anna Hembury**, Mission Partners in Hull, who will be coming to do a talk in Church next Spring. Date to be advised - please keep an eye on the pew sheets and notice board. Thank you. Sue

The Valenzano Quintet at Goldsborough

On a warm October night the Valenzano Quintet delivered a superb concert In St Mary's Church. The Quintet are comprised of Paul Cole & Iain McGavin on violin, our own Laura Lindsay & Alison Morday on viola & Joyce Martin on the cello. They take their name from the Italian violin maker Maria Valenzano. Around 40 guests arrived to be greeted by Tom who ensured wine and soft drinks were available to everybody. The concert started with a Quintet in C minor by Mozart. The programme described this piece as Mozart in a rather dark mood, the performance was actually much more dramatic, with flowing music which kept the audience spellbound. It was obvious from this piece how well rehearsed and coordinated the



musicians were.

Following this we moved on to A Sonatine by Dvorak which was very lively, demonstrated various tempos & induced much finger tapping in the pews. The largetto (published separately as *Indian Lullaby*) was quite haunting, and could easily have been reserved for All Hallows Eve two days later.

A brief interval ensued and once again Tom & Lance ensured that everybody was fed and watered. Goldsborough hospitality needs to be experienced by everybody at some point.

Once the concert resumed we were treated to a piece by Alexander Borodin. Paul Cole on lead violin demonstrated his mastery of the instrument, and he was perfectly complemented by the rest of the Quintet.

The final Classical piece was 3 Hungarian Dances by Brahms. The obvious enjoyment of the players was infectious and their bows seemed to take flight as they played. These pieces were played with great gusto, as demonstrated by the remarkable technique used to pluck the strings (Pizzicato). I would best describe the 3 Dances (influenced by Gypsy refugees to Germany) as Delightful, Smile Inducing and Uplifting. There was certainly evidence of much toe tapping around me.

To demonstrate their versatility, 3 modern classics followed, Puttin' on the Ritz, My Way & New York, New York. All were instantly recognisable, and I am sure that I was not the only person who felt tempted to sing along. I especially enjoyed New York as this was the last dance at my wedding many years ago.

The concert drew to a close, the crowd wanting more and they were not disappointed. A rendition of a Romanian Train Song was conjured up. It started up beat and just got faster and faster, then a bit quicker still. Amazing! Presentations were made and everybody gave hearty applause.

This was a lovely event enjoyed by everybody there. Revered Jo Henderson summed up the proceeding with some appropriate quotes and by saying that she have found it "Really Entertaining" Thanks must go to all 5 members of The Valenzano Quintet for giving up their time both on the night and during all their rehearsals. They would not be out of place on a much bigger stage. They can be booked for private events, weddings and other functions on 01423 871545.

Final thanks also to Tom, Lance & Paul for preparing and opening the church, and Luke for running a raffle on the night.



Culinary and cropping curiosities

By Sophy Potager

Happy Christmas, for although it is still several weeks away preparations must be well under way. Christmas brings with it the redolence of THAT VEGETABLE, and for a third year I offer you a tasteful solution to the annual family battle. I also make a suggestion for an easy and Christmassy dessert that is less heavy than Christmas pudding.

Stir-fry Sprouts

Prepare a small quantity of whatever vegetables are lurking including, essentially, onion, garlic chili, firm mushrooms, and additionally peppers, carrots, parsnip, broccoli, turnip, celery, etc. All should be sliced thinly and the root crops in thin batons. Shred half a pound (500g) of brussels. Heat sunflower oil in a wok and add the onion, garlic and chili and fry briefly. Then add all the rest of the veg except the sprouts and stir fry for four minutes. Add the shredded sprout and stir fry for two minutes until it is well wilted. Season with salt, pepper and a pinch of soft brown sugar and stir well. Flavour with a tablespoon of Soya sauce (preferably teriyaki), a tablespoon of rice wine or cooking sherry and a teaspoon of Chinese five spice. Stir around and serve. This can be made into a full meal by the addition at the end of cooked and drained noodles.



Christmas Crumble

Mash four bananas and mix with a jar of mincemeat in a deep pudding dish. Empty a packet of crumble mix over the top, smooth and gently spread a little demerara sugar over the top. Bake in a moderate oven for about 20 minutes.

IN THE GARDEN THIS MONTH

It has been a mild and dry October and many of us will not have cleared borders or been gathered up leaves. But the frosts are now imminent and these jobs must be done. It is a good idea to edge both flowerbeds and garden plot one last time before putting it to bed – the tidiness of this is pleasing and will remain looking cared for throughout the winter.

However, once the frosts and rain are here it is as well to avoid treading on any dug areas to avoid damaging the soil by compaction. If you have to put heavy wellies on the garden, use a plank to spread your weight, especially if you are doing a job involving standing, such as mending or painting preservative on a fence.



A pleasant job at this time of year on a warm and quiet day is to plant sweet pea seeds. I use the innards of toilet rolls for this, putting two seeds in each toilet roll – already filled with compost. In spring I will remove the weaker seedling. Put them in a box and place in a corner of the greenhouse or cold frame and water sparingly until spring. Also you could plant up largish pots for spring. I put old crocks in the bottom and part fill with compost. A few aliums go in first, about twelve inches below the rim, then more compost. Tulips next and compost. Then narcissi, dwarf daffodils and/or iris reticulata, more compost and top off with crocus corms or snowdrops and a few bright yellow pansies. A pot done like this will give you flowers for 6 months, starting straight away, or will make an excellent present for someone who doesn't garden but has some outdoor space.

I have now been writing this column for nearly two years and by its very nature it is bound to be repetitive. I may be able to avoid too much repetition in 2017, but 2018 will be boring. If anyone has any tips or recipes that I can include as new material I would be delighted.

Meditation Group

Wednesday 18th January 2pm
at 56 Aspin Oval
(the group will not meet in December)

All Welcome

Contact Helen Metcalfe Tel 865343



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Mothers' Union will meet on 10th January and is the
"Wave of Prayer" at 2.15pm preceded by a Branch
Committee Meeting at 12 noon Visitors are very welcome
Christine Tel 868545. Anne Tel 864968



Local charity, **Supporting Older People**
matches volunteers to elderly people in the
Harrogate and Knaresborough areas who live alone
and are experiencing loneliness or isolation.

Volunteer visitors usually visit weekly or
fortnightly for an hour or two. The time can be spent
having a short walk, visit to a café or garden centre, or simply a chat
over a cup of tea. The difference our volunteers make to our older
people is immense, as many of them see very few people from one
week to the next.

If you could spare a little time to help us, please get in touch. You'll be
matched very carefully with an older person we know you'll get along
with, you'll be given a Volunteer Handbook with guidelines to keep you
and your client safe and we provide lots of support whenever it is
needed. For further information, please contact us on
01423 531490 or julialightfoot.sop@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

<http://www.supportingolderpeople.org.uk/>



St.John's

Holy Trinity

**Sunday
December 4th**

Advent 2

8am BCP

10.30am
Holy Communion

10.45am
All-Age
Eucharist

**Sunday
December 11th**

Advent 3

8am BCP

Second Sunday
Service—All Age

10.45am
Sung Eucharist

**Sunday
December 18th**

Advent 4

8am BCP

10.30am
Choral Eucharist

3pm Christingle

10.45am
Sung
Eucharist

6pm
9 Lessons &
Carols

**Saturday
December 24th**

Christmas Eve

11am Crackers
@Christmas

7pm
9 Lessons
& Carols

11.30pm
Midnight Mass

8am BCP

2.30pm
Crib Service

11.30pm
Midnight Mass

**Sunday
December 25th**

Christmas Day

10am
Christmas Day
Service

10.45am
Christmas Day
Service



Goldsborough

Brearton

Nidd

**Sunday
December
4th**

Advent 2

9am
*BCP Holy
Communion*

10.30am
Matins

**Sunday
December
11th**

Advent 3

9am
All Age
Service

4pm
Christingle

10.30am
BCP Holy
Communion

**Sunday
December
18th**

Advent 4

9am Holy
Communion

6.30pm
9 Lessons &
Carols

6.30pm
Carols &
Readings

10.30am
Matins

**Saturday
December
24th**

**Christmas
Eve**

4.00pm
Nativity
Service

11.30pm
Midnight
Mass

4pm Carols
& Readings

11.30pm
Midnight
Mass

**Sunday
December
25th**

**Christmas
Day**

9am
Christmas
Day Service

9am
Christmas
Day Service



St.John's

Holy Trinity

**Sunday
January 1st**

8am BCP

10.45am
JOINT SERVICE

**Sunday
January 8th**

Baptism of Christ

8am BCP

10.30am
Second Sunday
Service—All Age

10.45am
Sung
Eucharist

**Sunday 15th
January**

Epiphany 2

8am BCP

10.30am
Plough Sunday

4pm ***Encounter
Service***

10.45am
Sung
Eucharist

**Sunday
January 22nd**

*Week of prayer for
Christian Unity
PULPIT SWAP*

8am BCP

10.30am
Holy Communion

4pm Evensong

10.45am
Sung
Eucharist

Wednesday 25th

*Holocaust
Remembrance*

11am BCP

7pm Service of
prayer & peace

10am BCP

**Sunday
January 29th**

Epiphany 4

8am BCP

10.30am
Holy Communion

10.45am
Sung
Eucharist

**Holy Communion Services are held every Wednesday in
Knaresborough at Holy Trinity at 10am and at St John's 11am**



Goldsborough

Brearton

Nidd

**Sunday
January 1st**

9am
BCP Holy
Communion

10.30am
Matins

**Sunday
January 8th**

*Baptism of
Christ*

9am
Holy
Communion

10.30am
BCP Holy
Communion

**Sunday
15th
January**

Epiphany 2

9am
Holy
Communion

9am
Holy
Communion

10.30am
Matins

**Sunday
January
22nd**

*Week of
prayer for
Christian
Unity
PULPIT SWAP*

9am
Holy
Communion

10.30am
BCP Holy
Communion

**Sunday
January
29th**

Epiphany 4

9am
Holy
Communion

10.30am
BCP Holy
Communion

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St. John's News & Events

.....From the choir stalls

Thank you to everyone who was involved in our visit to sing Choral Evensong at Newcastle Cathedral

Trip during half term. We were delighted to welcome our visiting singers and the choir performed some very difficult music with great aplomb. Particular thanks to our soloists Amber Hunter, Alice Spencer, Niamh Robinson-Wakefield and Andrew Smith and to the inestimable James Lonsdale for his magnificent organ playing!



We also celebrated the feast of All Saints with a performance of the sublime Mass for Three Voices by William Byrd. Well done to the Gentlemen of the Choir for their excellent rendition of this splendid work.

The new term started with a 'Bang' as we enjoyed the annual Fireworks Party! A big thank you to everyone involved, particularly Martin and Ben Armes for managing the pyrotechnics for us.

There are lots of great musical events to look forward to over the Festive Period:



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL MUSICAL EVENTS

Friday 2nd December 2016 -

The Songbirds will be performing at the preview evening.

Saturday 3rd December 2016 - There will be music in church throughout the day from

St John's Choir, Cadenza, Knaresborough Choral Society, Voix Celestes and the Garklein Recorder Ensemble.

Sunday 4th December 2016 at 7.00pm - 'In Dulci Jubilo'. A concert of choral music for all tastes including some Advent and Christmas music given by **Voces Seraphorum**. Admission £8 (concessions £5) on the door.

Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 6.00pm - Music for All Concert featuring the Tewit Junior Band and Choirs from Follifoot, St John's and King James's Schools. **Free admission.**

Sunday 11th December 2016 at 6.00pm - 'O Holy Night'. St John's Choir Christmas Concert. Admission £7 (concessions £5) on the door.

CHARITY PUB CAROL SINGING

On **Thursday 22nd December 2016** we will be doing our annual Charity Pub Carol Singing. We will meet at the HUB at 7.30pm and end at The Mitre around 9.00pm.
All are welcome to participate.

CAROL SERVICE

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at **7.00pm on Christmas Eve** is one of the musical highlights of the year and not to be missed!



CHORAL EVENSONG AT YORK MINSTER

We will be singing Choral Evensong at York Minster at **5.15pm on Friday 30th December 2016**. It's always wonderful to see some familiar and friendly faces in the congregation, so do please come along and support us if you can.

ANNUAL CHOIR DINNER

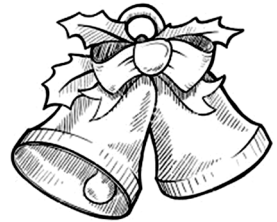
On **Friday 6th January 2017** we will be holding the Annual Choir Dinner at The Mitre at 7.00pm. Choir members (including senior members of the treble line aged 14 and above), parents, clergy, church wardens and all friends of the choir are very welcome to attend. Three courses are £22.00 and two courses are: £17.95. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please email me for further information. It has been a great year so far! I hope that you can join us to celebrate its conclusion.

You can find out lots more information about the Choir and music at St John's, including links to the Newsletter, Calendar and Music Lists on our website: stjohnschoir.org.uk .

Mark

.....**From the Belfry**

**Up your tower - St John's Bell news,
November 2016**



I am sure you will all agree that the new lighting in the church is magnificent and a great improvement. I am sure you also agree that the heating system was also a great improvement when it was installed. You may recall my previous comments on the lack of heating in the ringing room and the problem that the heating system in the church could not be extended to the tower. The bell ringers therefore asked the church if, during the installation of the church lighting, heating could be installed along with some improvements to the lighting in the tower.

Since electrical installation would be underway up the tower to accommodate the exterior floodlights, some additional work would not be excessively expensive, and so the church agreed.

We had previously identified some safety issues with the lighting - the main one being that there was no back-up power supply in the case of a power failure. A power failure is very scary when you are trying to ring a bell weighing nearly a ton and the whole tower is plunged into complete darkness. In addition if we were up the tower during an extended failure, it would be difficult to safely climb down the stairs in complete darkness.

We now have safety lighting on the stairs and an emergency back-up light in the ringing room along with an illuminated fire exit sign. The old fluorescent lights have been replaced with LED equivalents. The halogen flood lights in the belfry have been replaced with LED floodlights.

We also now have smart, efficient, wall mounted infra-red heaters shining down on us, keeping us warm. We have not had really cold weather yet, but so far the only complaints are that it is too warm!



As we head towards the Christmas tree festival, the ringers are contributing this year by performing some Christmas carols on hand bells. We have been rehearsing for a few weeks and hope to perform on the Saturday 10th December at the festival.

I am also adding some finishing touches to the bell ringers quiz. We have a tasty supper and some [not too] challenging question rounds for you all. Details elsewhere on the service sheets, but we look forward to seeing you all on 26th November in the Hub.

If you are interested in making loud and melodic sounds and you would like to try your hand at bell ringing, feel free to come to practices at 7:30 pm Tuesday evenings or contact Matt Curl, Tower Captain on 868104 or matthew.curl@ntlworld.com. You don't need to be big or strong or musical. You just need to be able to count to 8. All welcome, young or old or in-between.

Matt Curl, Tower Captain



.....From the Classroom

St John's pupils and staff commemorated November 11th this year with a special assembly which included children sharing poems and artwork - giving thanks to all those men and women who gave their lives in conflict. The whole school were impeccable for the two minutes silence. It was fantastic to welcome a member of the armed forces into our special service and we were grateful for the time he gave answering the questions that the children had. Children also brought in

their pocket money in the week leading up to November 11th, and spent it on poppies, wristbands and bracelets to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. The generosity and understanding from all ages across school has made everyone very proud.

The school is beginning its festive preparations for Christmas with practices for the Infant Nativity and Junior Carol concerts drawing near. Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day on December 9th will also be getting staff and pupils into the holiday spirit this year. The school will also be taking part in a variety of community events with The Bright Light Lantern Parade and The Christmas Tree Festival at St.John's Church, all part of our Christmas commitments.

.....From the Sunday School



The children of St. John's Sunday School have been busy preparing for Christmas, making decorations for their tree in the Christmas Tree festival and practising for a short Nativity they are sharing at the All Age service 10.30am on 11th December. If you have any little angels or shepherds who would like to come along and be part of our simple Nativity, please do come and join in.



.....From the Flower Guild

A church full to overflowing on Remembrance Sunday saw a dignified service, beautifully conducted by our rector, a service which threw up some moving moments. The various groups, Brownies, Rainbows, Guides, cadets army and air- force, all smartly turned out, marching solemnly down the aisle to surrender their flags.

The music, the sound of the last post breaking the 2 minutes silence followed by those memorable words " When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today." Then the young people kneeling before the rector as they reclaimed their flags. There was such a strong feeling of unity with everything presided over by wall arrangements of poppies and a large arrangement of flowers by the high altar.

This Friday saw a memorial service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life and work of George Moore CBE KStJ, a much revered and respected figure, a local boy who made good, but never forgot his roots in this town, which throughout his successful life has benefited from his amazing generosity, including our own church. It is partly due to him that the new lighting has been possible. Our flower group received the privilege of providing three pedestal arrangements of bright autumn coloured flowers.



Next Friday there will a service to remember and give thanks for the life of Fr Alan Robinson who recently died. In spite of the fact that Alan's wife died just before they were to move into their chosen house of retirement in their chosen town, he said he never regretted that move. He spent the next 17 years as a very active member of the church community. I believe his greatest loves were the choir and Brearton church which rose from the ashes under his gentle but energetic guidance. My fondest memories are of a fellow thespian (his word) treading the boards once a year, as we brought to life weird and wonderful pantomimes often written by Helen and Esther, with a little bit of help. Alan became Rip Van Winkle in Sleepy Knights of King Arthur, Sir Henry Shovel, sheriff of Knaresborough (a crook) in Robin Hood and finally Blind Jack in Dick Turpin or Mayhem on the Moor. What frustrations and fun we had and yes..... there will be flowers at his memorial service too.

Pat Hewitson

January dates for your diary

PLOUGH LUNCH.....Sunday 15th January in the HUB following the 10.30am service. Further details to follow on January pew sheets.

ENCOUNTER SERVICE—Sunday 15th January 4pm—see full page in Accord for more details

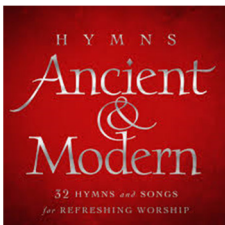
New Window at St.John's:

Peter Kearney has created a beautiful new window for The Hearse House at St.John's. It has lifted that whole area and allows our patron Saint to look benevolently upon our church.

Thank you Peter - wonderful!!



New Hymn Books for St.John's:



From Advent Sunday we are going to be using our brand new hymn books at Church - this is an exciting time for us and will allow us to increase our music repertoire. Many of our congregation have kindly given money to allow this and book plates will be appearing in some front covers (as soon as this can be arranged).

Many thanks to you all.

Garry

Christians Together



Knaresborough



A traditional nativity play will be performed in Knaresborough Market Place on Christmas Eve, 6.00 p.m. for local people and visitors alike to enjoy.

The performance is organised by Christians Together in Knaresborough with actors from the Knaresborough Market Cross Players.



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11am

**Christmas Eve**  
**St John's Church**  
**All Welcome**



## **FAIR TRADE OR NOT FAIR TRADE**

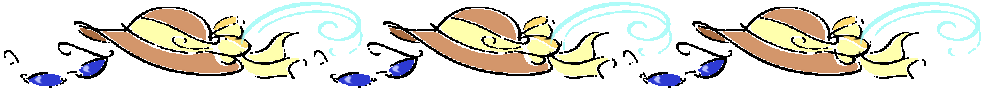


The issue of using fairly traded products in our coffee and tea service was raised again at the last PCC meeting. Some of our churches do use fairly traded tea, coffee and sugar. Others don't, saying that customers have complained about the flavour or that the products are too expensive. This is understandable as we do want to encourage everyone to join us after services for fellowship, and also we are constantly trying to raise money for church maintenance or community projects. We also need to think about catering for social events. Do we scrutinise the ingredients we use, and do we encourage those kind people who regularly donate cakes and other comestibles to also scrutinise the origin on their ingredients?

I know I risk sounding extremely sanctimonious but I cannot see that we have a choice here. The vast majority of people in Britain live comfortably. We have warm, spacious and secure homes, we have plenty of clothes, we have clean drinking water on tap and no sewage problems, we eat a nutritious and varied diet. These are not luxuries but they are necessities that are denied to the vast majority of the planet's population.

The West achieved a high standard of living for nearly all by exploiting the Third World. Until recently the working populations of the West were also exploited. We know from literature about the rural poverty and the urban slums endured by British people only three generations ago and these conditions are still endured by far too many people in the Third World today. IF by opting to use where possible fairly traded products, and by displaying posters to say that we are doing so, we tackle in a small way the problem of price exploitation of poor Third World farmers then surely we can stand the minimal loss of profit from our tea and coffee sales? We as Christians know that the world was created to be enjoyed and protected, and that the products of the world should be shared by all mankind. We must make these small changes in what we do or be branded hypocrites. After all, we believe in a kind, merciful and just God. What kind of justice, mercy or kindness is there in our world for those without a voice? *Alison Kirkham*





## PARISH LADIES

Parish Ladies meet again in **March**  
St John's Hall. Visitors welcome.  
Christine Cope

## Making Friends with the Oddfellows

The Oddfellows is one of the largest and oldest friendly societies currently operating in the UK, with over 200 years of making friends and helping people. There are more than 280,000 members nationwide and through our network of 146 Branches we offer lots of opportunities to meet up and have a great time together. We're also here to help and support each other in times of need. Today the Oddfellows is a social and care organisation. Every year people join the Oddfellows, not just for the range of financial benefits and care support available, but increasingly for the network of social events and the opportunity for making new friends.

Spanning from in and around Leeds to Sunderland the Leeds District Oddfellows arrange regular get-togethers, as well as providing help to each other in times of need. In Knaresborough the Oddfellows meet every second Wednesday at Knaresborough Working Mens Club on Kirkgate at 2pm. Each month we put on a variety of activities, enlightening talks and games, which promises to be friendly, fun and entertaining.

Visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or facebook [facebook.com/LeedsOddfellows](https://www.facebook.com/LeedsOddfellows) or you can call Helen Bullock our Social Organiser on 0113 2424003.



"If you would like to receive the weekly pewsheets electronically each Friday, just email

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# Junior

BibleWise

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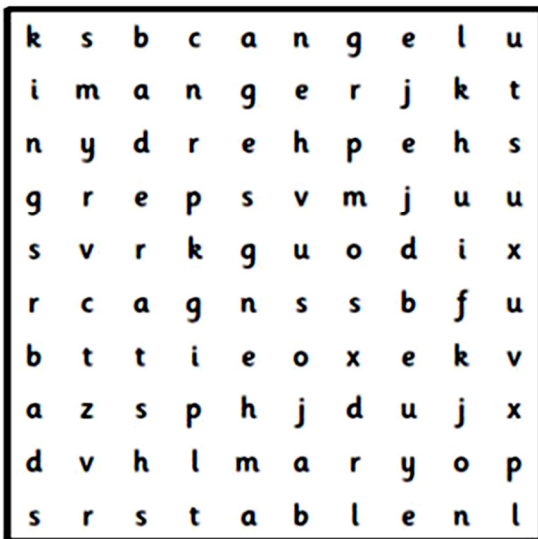
**Find 3 stars, 2 bells, 1 angel, 3 crosses, 1 staff, and 2 candles hidden in the manger.**

Bible Activities For Everyone by Betty De Vries and Mary Currier. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books Publisher, 1999.





## Nativity Wordsearch



angel

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