

Washburn Valley & Mid-Wharfe Churches

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[Norwood Retreat Centre](#)
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Villages Service Rota: March 2020

	1 st March 1 st Sunday of Lent Rom 5:12-19 Matt 4:1-11	8 th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent Rom 4:1-5,13-17 John 3:1-17	15 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent Rom 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	22 rd March 4 th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday (see worship leader for readings)	29 th March 5 th Sunday of Lent Rom 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	5 th April Palm Sunday Phil 2:5-11 Matt 27:11-54
Weston 10am.	Holy Communion Stephen McCaulay		Morning Prayer (BCP) Michael Cleverley & John Charman			Holy Communion (BCP) Barry Miller
Denton 11am.		Family Service Peter Wiggins		Holy Communion Stewart Hartley		
Fewston 11am.	Holy Communion Michael Cleverley	Family Service & Baptism Stephen McCaulay	Holy Communion Dick Watson			Holy Communion Stewart Hartley
Blubberhouses 11am.				Mothering Sunday Fiona Schneider		
Farnley 9.30am.	Family Service Stewart Hartley	Holy Communion Stephen McCaulay		Morning Prayer John Charman		Family Service & Baptism Stephen McCaulay
Leathley 10am.	Holy Communion Barry Miller	Morning Prayer (BCP) John Charman	Holy Communion (BCP) Stephen McCaulay	Family Service Stephen McCaulay	Benefice Service Stephen McCaulay	Holy Communion Michael Cleverley
Norwood Chapel		2.30pm TBC		2.30pm TBC		

The View from the Vicarage

Those of you who know me will be aware that I am not the most 'sporty' of people. I am not even an 'armchair sportsman.' I am in awe of those who can remember the scores of famous football matches; who scored and when. Those who can recall Test scores for yesteryear are beyond my comprehension. I am frankly baffled by Americans who can tell me all sorts of statistics about Baseball or American Football. My brain just doesn't work that way. I enjoy watching some sports; I love watching Scotland beat England at anything; but as with most of my nation this usually happens inside my head rather than in reality!

To be honest I can only remember one sporting event from the past. The Grand National of 1981. Before you get worried about the Benefice funds, let me make it clear that I have never placed a bet in my life; I wouldn't know how. However, I remember the National of '81 vividly. I was living in Spain and I listened to live commentary of the race on the BBC World Service. The Grand National is always a thrilling race but that year was special. The race was won by Aldaniti ridden by Bob Champion. He led from the eleventh fence at Aintree and held off the favourite, Spartan Missile, to win by four lengths. A thrilling race, but why do I still remember it?

Aldaniti had been a good horse. He had been placed on both the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Scottish Grand National in 1979 before being seriously injured in another race. He was out of racing for over a year before making a comeback in 1981, he won a race at Ascot in February of '81 and some thought he had a chance at winning but that injury had been serious and the Aintree course was testing; could he do it?

Bob Champion his jockey, had been a successful National Hunt rider. Then, he too was cut down by illness; diagnosed with cancer in '79. He was successfully treated and the National of '81 was his big comeback.

We British love a good story; an injured horse fighting back to fitness and a jockey recovering from cancer. And they won!

When Aldaniti was injured, putting him down must have been considered before the decision was made to soldier on. When Bob Champion was told he had cancer he must have thought about his death. But from those two pits of suffering both horse and rider triumphed.

Throughout this month of March we are journeying through Lent, for some a time of giving things up, for others a time pray or read the Bible a bit more. For others Lent doesn't really mean anything. Whatever the case the month will role on; Spring will continue to unwrap around us and we will be at Easter before we know it.

For Christians, Easter speaks of new life; of the endless possibilities that the Risen Jesus has given us. For all of us Easter shows us new life all around us; the lambs in the fields, our gardens springing to life; even if that means more weeding! Life is endlessly changing; sometimes good, sometimes less so. However, this March finds you remember, you are not alone. You are part of this wonderful community, so reach out either to help another or to ask for help. Either way you will be blessed.

Yours aye
Stephen



Stephen's Lent Appeal

I often find myself driving around the Benefice with a smile on my face as I consider how lucky I am to be here. Our countryside is spectacular but it didn't just happen. The industrial past of the Washburn Valley has shaped a lot of it but all around us the countryside is as it is due to the work of the Farming Community. They work each and every day from before dawn till after dark caring for their stock and their land and feeding us.

The Farming Community is strong and resilient. They look out for each other and pull together. If you have ever been to a Farmers funeral you will know what I mean. But farming can be a lonely life. Personal or professional pressures can build up until a situation can seem hopeless. In the UK more than one farmer a week takes their own life.

This is where the Farming Community Network (FCN) comes in. They run a help line each and every day of the year from 7am. till 11pm. (03000111999) and an e-helpline (help@fcn.org.uk) . This allows farmers, and their families to talk in confidence to someone who knows what their life is like. The FCN volunteers mostly come from a farming or country background. As well as the helpline the FCN also has a large team of Caseworkers who can give support on issues to do with Finance, Animal Disease, Family and Health.

All this costs money, in fact it costs around £1,500 a day to run the FCN. I've been around farmers all my life and they have fed me well! In fact, a little too well. So during Lent this year (26 February till 11 April) I'll be dieting to raise funds for the FCN. Each day I'll be eating around 800 calories so hope to lose a reasonable amount of weight. I'll let you know my weight (in Stones and pounds) on Ash Wednesday and on Easter Day.

I hope that you will be able to sponsor me during Lent to raise some cash for the FCN. You either give per pound lost or a lump sum, or whatever you can spare. There will be sponsorship forms in each church in the Benefice or you can sponsor me online on my GoFundMe page (just search for either Stephen McCaulay or Farming Community Network and you will see my appeal page).

Thank you very much for your support and I hope that there will be less of me to see on Easter Day.

Stephen



From the registers

Baptism

26th January 2020 - Alexander William Pike at Leathley

Note from the Editor

My name is Anna Bowman, and I have taken over as Editor from Michael Sant, who has been the editor for four years. I am sure the readers will join me in thanking him for all his hard work and offering best wishes for the future, (Mike has not moved and will still be available for any painting work). I moved back to Yorkshire from Portsmouth (where I worked on HMS Warrior (1860)) two years ago and live in the Washburn Valley.

This is my second edition: January's Magazine which I hope you all enjoyed was my first with Mike's support. The Magazine is created from contributions from a myriad of people who represent different organisations in the Parishes. I would like to thank them for sending in their information. As I am new to the role of editor, I am taking the opportunity to make a call for new contributors.

Call for articles

If you would like to write a snippet, poem, recipe or article about local news, history, wildlife or event please either email me to discuss or send in your items to our new email address magazine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk .

- ◆ Contribution deadlines are on the back cover.
- ◆ Full page article is 500 - 600 words (less with an image), please provide credit information and a Title.
- ◆ Photographs need to be printable in black and white and please provide copyright info and a title.
- ◆ There is no guarantee that any item will be used, but it will be put into the next possible issue of the magazine.
- ◆ Contributions are subject to the editorial control.
- ◆ If you have planned an items which needs to be sent out in a particular month, but you need an extra day after the deadline, please email me before hand and we can discuss how much space I hold for you.

This month there is already one new contribution an article "Birds in our Garden", from a member of the British Trust for Ornithology.

A Special Service All Saints Church, Weston

A wall plaque commemorating the life of **Judge Harry Walker** will be dedicated to his memory in a special service of Morning Prayer at to be held at All Saints, Weston on Sunday 15th March at 10.00 am. The service will be taken by Rev. Michael Cleverley and Mr. John Charman.

Washburn Parish Council

Washburn Parish Council covers the areas of Blubberhouses, Fewston, Norwood and Timble. The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and is a body of volunteers elected to represent the views of their community.

The Parish Council met in early January to agree the parish budget for the upcoming financial year. The Council agreed a parish precept of £7,700 for the year 2020-21. This precept will be used to ensure local maintenance works by our caretaker, upkeep of the Meagill Lane Chapel, and equipment maintenance at the Swinsty Moor Car Park defibrillator, as well as ensuring the Council meets its statutory obligations and responsibilities through the Parish Clerk.

In addition, Washburn Parish Council continues to report highways issues affecting the parish; monitor and comment on local planning applications or major proposals such as the A59 Kex Gill road realignment; and inform residents of activities and events in the parish on our noticeboards and website.

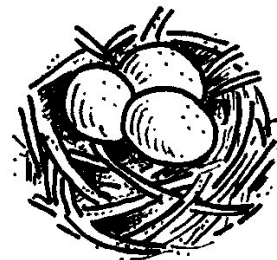
It was agreed that the Council will undertake a **litter picking day** in the parish on Saturday 18 April. Equipment will be provided for participants although you are encour-

aged to bring your own gloves. The arrangements are: Timble meet at the Robinson Library at 10.00am; Fewston meet at Parochial Hall 10.00am; and Norwood meet at Norwood Social Hall 10.00am. All are very welcome with the aim to beat the number of bags collected last year. We will then all come together and meet for a photo shoot and drink at the Sun Inn about 1.30pm. Anyone who needs further details please contact Cllr Andrew Campbell.

The next meeting of Washburn Parish Council will be held on Monday 2 March 2020 at Norwood Social Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Should you wish to contact any of your councillors please email washburnnpc@gmail.com or for more information about your council please visit

www.washburnparishcouncil.co.uk



Fewston Foxy

Ladies

We meet at Fewston Parochial Hall at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated! £12 for a whole year of fun! Contact any committee member for further details: Margaret Ainsley: 01943 462261 Ann Atkinson: 01423 771393



Shirley Dawson: 01423 770281 Mary Donovan: 01943 464507 Sheila Herbert: 01943 468741

Joan Knight: 01943 466789

Gillian Knox: 01943 880362

March 17th Anne Lister of Shibden Hall with Pat Osborne

April 21st Making a Book Sculpture with Laura Dudley May 19th Trip to Shibden Hall and Piece Hall - daytime by coach

June 16th The Great American Song Book (Open Evening Guests £3 including raffle) with Roger Browne on his electric piano

July 21st History of Nursery Rhymes with Jane McKeowen

Aug 18^h Entertaining the students from Horticap 6-6.30pm

Sept 15th Pottery Painting in Otley at Puffin Pottery + Opportunity for Fish & Chips supper prior

Oct 20th Badapple Theatre with writer and producer Kate Bramley

Nov 17th Charting the 60s with Malcolm Johnson

Dec 8th Christmas lunch

See you soon!

Discussion Group

First and third Wednesdays 10.30AM at Fewston Parochial Hall. For more information please contact Peter Wood.

Tel 01943 880558 email peterlwood@hotmail.com



Bible Study

Time: every Tuesday afternoon (during winter: evenings during summer)

Venue: My home 32 Manley Road Ben Rhydding ILKLEY s Tuesday.

Please contact Peter Wiggins if you would like to join this friendly group.

Tel; 01943 609599

Email;

Fewston Teas

Teas, lunches and homemade cakes Saturday 28nd and Sunday 29th March at Fewston Parochial Church Hall from 11 till 4pm. All proceeds this month to Alms Life Tennis and Bowling Club.

Washburn Valley Choir

We meet regularly on Monday evenings at St. Oswald's, Leathley. We are always keen to take on new members and you can be assured of a warm

welcome. Being able to read music is a slight advantage; we sing a mix of A Cappella and accompanied music, some Ancient, some Modern and some "In Between"?!

Anyone wanting further information, don't hesitate to ring me, Alistair Wood, on 01132843109 or e-mail woodah@btinternet.com Website - www.washburnvalleychoir.org.uk



Community Lunch

Wednesday, 25 March at 12.30

Washburn Heritage Centre

New friends and old most welcome, to book,

Tel: Pat 01943 880284
or Cheri 01943 465977



Timble Library Crafters Group

Everyone is welcome to bring their own craft work to the friendly Timble Library Crafters group which meets at the Robinson Library, Timble, (opposite the Timble Inn), on the last Saturday of each month, 9.30am-noon (except August and December). £5 includes coffee/tea and home made cakes! More details from Liz Carnell on 07590 466629.

Last Friday Supper

There will be a Last Friday Supper on the 27th March at 7.00pm. It's £12.50 per head for a 2 course supper bring your own bottle, or we have decent wine available to buy on the night. Booking essential Please contact Paul Howarth on 01943 465076 for more info thank you.

Teddy Church

Welcomes all babies and toddlers and their favourite Teddy Bear to an informal Story, Play and Sing session at

Fewston Church and Centre every 2nd Friday of every month throughout the year and we start at 10 am. Parents, Grandparents and Carers welcome. Light refreshments are provided for babies, toddlers and carers.



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Cleaning and Flower Rotas

Weston Cleaning and Flower Rota

1st & 8th March Mrs H Pullan

LENT

15th & 22nd March Mrs A Ainley

LENT

29th March & 5th April Mrs R Woodrup

Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota

March 1st A Chadwick

8th A Straume & J Crowther

15th " "

22nd C McDonald & S Teasdale

29th " "

Leathley Flowers

Jan Marston

All Saints Farnley

Rota, March 2020

	Cleaning	Flowers	Open/Welcome/ Heating	Coffee
Sunday 1 st March	D & J Clayton	D & J Clayton	Y Dale-Winder	M Laxton
Sunday 8 th March	L & P Goodwin	L & P Goodwin	P & S Herbert	C Booker
Sunday 22 nd March	D & C Eadon	D & C Eadon	F Dale	L Goodwin

Sudoku

From the April Issue the answers will be in the following month.

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In the aftermath of Storm Ciara we were lucky to have a relatively quiet and dry evening for our February meeting and a good number of members came along.

Our speaker was Bob Webb who told us about a trip he took two years ago to Uzbekistan following the ancient Silk Road. As East Asian countries began to develop the silk trade with the West they built a network of routes and that which crossed Uzbekistan made the cities of Samarkand and Bukhara in particular, extremely wealthy. Following independence from the Soviet Union in 1991 Uzbekistan has begun to flourish and although there are still many issues, particularly environmental and in the field of human rights, Bob said it has become an extremely interesting and friendly place to visit.

He gave us a brief introduction to the history, culture, traditions, and cuisine of the country through an excellent selection of photographs of the places he visited. We saw a wealth of magnificent palaces, public buildings, madrasas, and city walls, many of which have been superbly and painstakingly restored by Uzbek craftspeople since the ending of Soviet rule. We realised that most of us knew little about Uzbekistan and so we found Bob's talk totally engrossing.

We've got a couple of trips arranged so far this year, the first to Thorp Perrow Arboretum in the Spring, and in May we're going to visit the Piece Hall in Halifax and Anne Lister's

home, Shibden Hall. Also coming up are lots of events and courses organised by our Federation.

Our speaker on Thursday 12th March will be Matthew Beynon-Tullett who'll be telling us about 'Whiteknights' a group of 60 volunteer bikers who help to deliver urgent out of hours blood, plasma and pathology samples between hospitals and hospices throughout Yorkshire. Being unpaid and relying on donations they help to save the NHS a huge amount of money each year.

We're a very friendly group of women who meet on the second Thursday of the month, 7.30pm, at Askwith Village Hall and we welcome visitors and new members from around the area. If you'd like to know more why not phone Andrea on 01943 462163 or Sue on 01943 839292.



They had been asked to prepare poses for Mothering Sunday



Join us for a
Roadside Litter Pick
Farnley Area
Saturday 28th March 2020

All Those Able to Assist Please
Meet at
Farnley Nursery School 10am



Join the Great British Spring Clean

Be part of the pick

**20 MARCH –
13 APRIL 2020**

Register your support keepbritaintidy.org
#GBSpringClean

Keep Britain Tidy is a registered Charity No. 1071737

There are three litter picks in this months magazine,
please see the Diary for the dates

March Crossword Puzzle

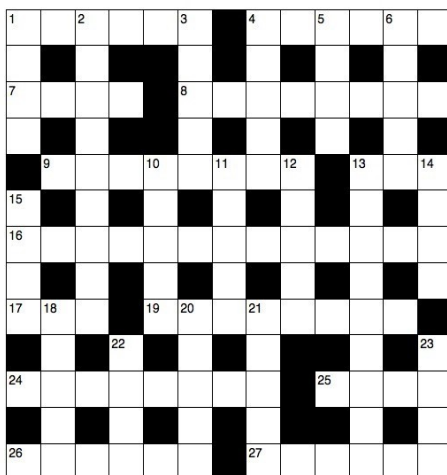
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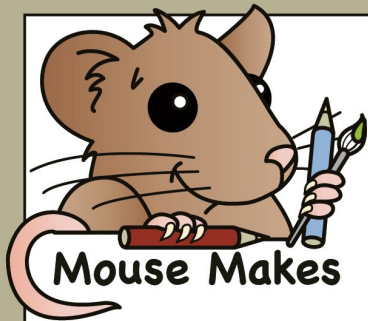
- 1 The earth is one (6)
 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)
 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8)
 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3)
 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
 25 The Venerable —, eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)



- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
 6 To put forth (5)
 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)
 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)
 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
 18 'When I —, I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
 22 Does (anag.) (4)
 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis



Mouse Makes

Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary had been invited to a wedding. The wedding was to last a week, but too soon the wine had all been drunk.

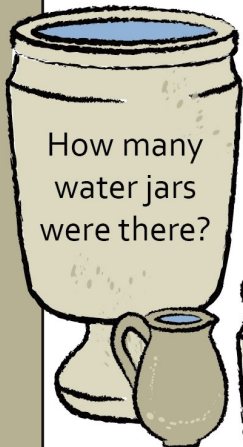
READ *John 2:1-11* to find out what happened.



Where was the wedding?



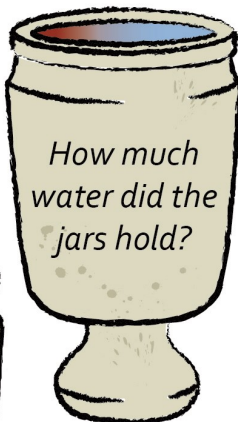
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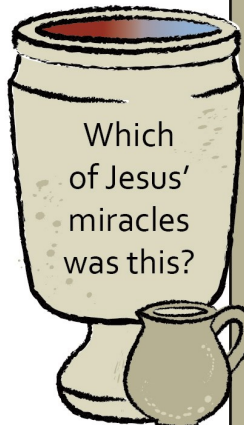
How many water jars were there?



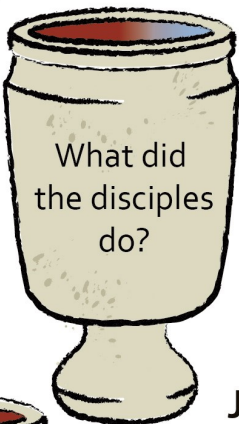
What were the water jars made of?



How much water did the jars hold?



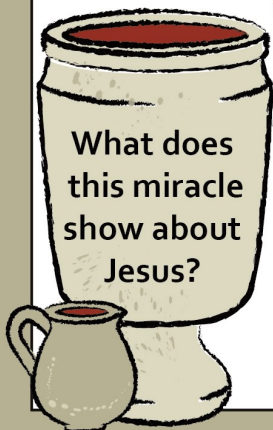
Which of Jesus' miracles was this?



What did the disciples do?

What had happened to the water when it was taken out?

What did the steward tell the bridegroom?

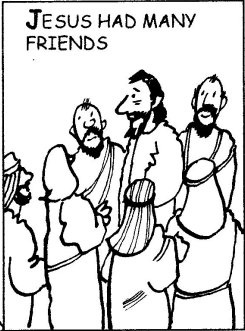


What does this miracle show about Jesus?

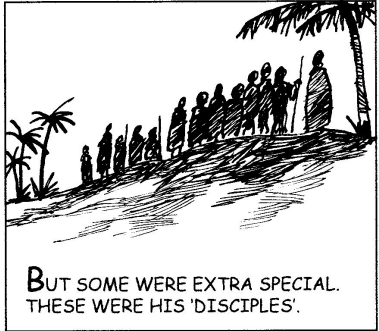
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WEDDING • CANA • GALILEE • JESUS • MARY • DISCIPLES
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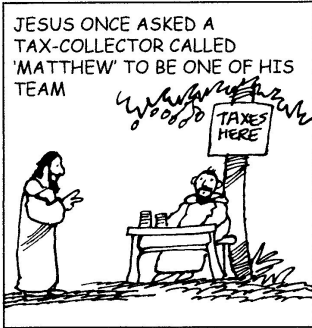
The Doctor and the Patient



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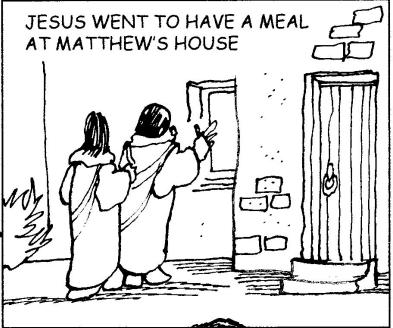
BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.



JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM



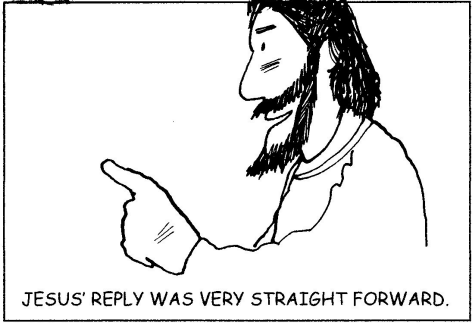
MATTHEW AGREED TO FOLLOW JESUS



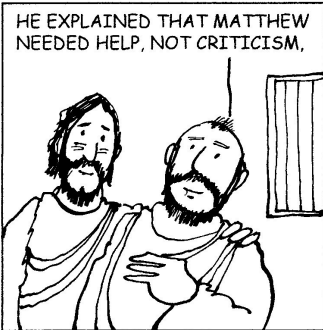
JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE



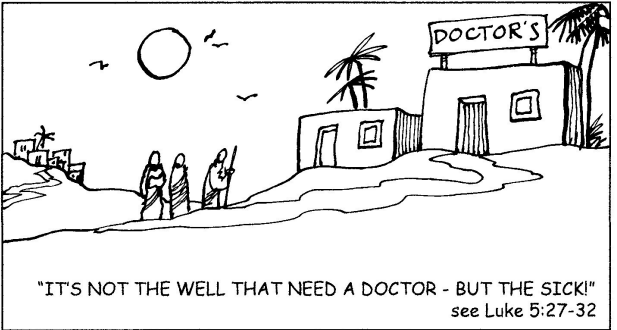
BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.



JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.

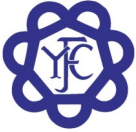


HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM,



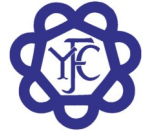
"IT'S NOT THE WELL THAT NEED A DOCTOR - BUT THE SICK!"
see Luke 5:27-32

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Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club

By Emma Goulding



A Busy Month at Farnley Estate Young Farmers!

On the 15th January Farnley Estate Young Farmers attended mystery judging at Almscliffe Village Hall. We judged logs, gunslips and sausage rolls and I think everybody's favorite part was eating the sausage rolls! Thank you to the judges who came, and the results were:

Juniors:

- 1st Daisy Roberts,
- 2nd Andrea Wilson,
- 3rd Jacob Ryder,
- 4th Lily Hughes,
- 5th Ellie Inman
- 6th Izzy Bush.

Intermediates:

- 1st James Driffield,
- 2nd Billie Towers
- 3rd Izzy Hewick and Joe Groves.

We attended the County Public Speaking competition on the 19th January held at Harrogate High School. This was a successful day for our club with the Kwik Cricket teams coming 1st, junior reading team coming 3rd, junior public speaking team coming 1st, Jacob Ryder winning junior member of the year and James Driffield coming 3rd with his 10 minute speech. Thank you to everyone who helped with the catering too.

On the 22nd January Knaresborough Exotic Rescue came to talk to us about their reptiles, parrots and other exotic animals they rescue. We were able to handle snakes, a lizard, a bearded dragon and a cockroach! Thank you to them for coming

and giving us an interesting night. They are run on charity donations so please donate to help them to help more animals.

For a change of pace we learnt Scottish dancing on the 29th January at St Wilfred's Church Hall in Harrogate. We all had lots of fun and improved our dancing as the night went on. Thank you to Harrogate and Saltaire Scottish dancing club who were very patient and welcoming to us and made the night so enjoyable.

We attended a talk by 'The Bilton Hogspital' on the 5th February we went to Almscliffe Village Hall to have a talk who rescue hedgehogs who are in danger around the area. They rescue around 400 hedgehogs a year and release them back into safe areas when they are well again. Thank you to Theresa and Richard for giving us an interesting talk, for bringing samples of hedgehog food and Andy the hedgehog who was very cute! The work they are doing includes long hours but benefits the wildlife in the community. Please donate as they rely on donations.

Next week's meeting is dairy judging. We hope to see lots of members will come along to have a go. As always if you are aged 10-26 and would like to join please call Jacob Ryder on 07497 828065. Thank you

Editors note, sadly the Hogspital has closed to new patients so please send donations or enquiries to www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/

EVENTS in ASKWITH,
WESTON and DENTON
PROGRAMME for 2020:

- Sat Mar 14th
Beetle Supper in Askwith Village Hall
- Mon April 13th
Easter Monday Walk and Easter Egg Hunt
- Mon Aug 31st
Refreshments at Fewston Parochial Hall
- Sat Oct 17th
Harvest Supper in Askwith Village Hall
- Sat Nov 14th
Domino Supper in Askwith Village Hall



Norwood Social Hall

2020 dates for your Diaries

Dances - Supper included

8pm until 11.45pm.

Fridays - 24th April - 22nd May - 25th
September
and Friday 4th December - Christmas
Buffet Dance

Family Dominoes and Supper

7pm start

Fridays - 1st May - 3rd July - 2nd
October

and Friday 11th December

Christmas Hats and Jumpers

For Dance tickets or information
please contact 01943 880604 or 01943

Future Events at Weston
Church

9th -12th July Journeys: to Wharfe
from Thames and Tawe *Teithiau: I'r
Wharfe o'r Tafwys a'r Tawe*
a selling exhibition of stained glass by
various artists.

11th July 12.30 pm *Sorrow there made
Fair*

Music by Dowland and Holborne for
countertenor and lute 12.30-
1.15 Tristram Cooke and Peter Martin

11th July 4 pm *Songs of Travel and oth-
er Matters* Tristram and Tom Cooke,
Graham Thorpe
(Assistant Director of Music, Bradford
Cathedral)

Entry to each concert strictly by ticket
in advance due to restricted
seating £10

For more information on events or to
buy tickets please contact Ruth Cooke
01943 602521/07968 967490 Further
details to follow.

12th July Garden Tours and Cream Teas
at Weston Hall

28th-31st August Flower Festival Wes-
ton Church featuring work from the
Yorkshire Flower Club



Lower Washburn Parish Council

Some items of interest.

The Parish Members have agreed that there should be no increase to the parish precept for 2020/2021 and it will remain at £7750.

The work on strengthening the riverbank in Castley to prevent further erosion has now been completed and the tree overhanging the road has been cutback.

Our parish caretaker continues to carry out work around the parish which the parish council feel will assist the area. In addition the parish arrange for a local contractor to cut back the verges on the minor roads and use local farmers to carry out additional work which may require the use of larger machinery.

The next parish meeting will be on Thursday 12 March in the Leathley Village hall commencing at 8.00p.m.

You can contact the parish clerk on 01943864312 or by e-mail to lowerwashburnpc@hotmail.co.uk.

M. Elam
Clerk to the Council



Leathley Parish Room Events

Community Litter Pick 28 & 29 March 2020. All help welcome for as long or as short a time as possible, anytime between 10 and 4. Equipment supplied – collect from Village Hall

Plant Exchange 4th April, 10 till 4. Bring along spare seedlings/plants/seeds to donate or swap

There are regular events and “one off” events throughout the year. Events are advertised on our notice board, web page (www.leathleyvillagehall.org.uk) and our Facebook page @LeathleyVillage.

Cock Pit Farm Tea Rooms Weston Otley

Have raised £6550 for Guide Dogs and as a result are being able to name a dog.

We had chosen the name Scramble some months ago and on Saturday 1st February, we were able to meet our puppy, now 6months old! He was a lively boy and is doing well in his training. We wish him well for a happy and successful future.

Thanks also to everyone who helped us raise money and supported our events. Sue



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From our Community Police Officer

Since the beginning of 2020 the following crimes have been reported to us from the Washburn Valley and Mid Wharfedale areas:

Between the 28th and 30th January a residential burglary occurred in Fewston whilst the residents were on holiday. A vehicle and jewellery were stolen. The vehicle was found abandoned in Bradford on 31st January.

Overnight on 29th to 30th January an office was broken into and a ticket machine, despite having signs showing that it did not contain any money, was ripped from the floor and opened at Swinsty Moor Car Park.

In the early hours of 3rd January a Quad Bike was stolen from a farm at Leathley. The tracker on the vehicle shows it travel to Bradford but then the tracker was disabled.

If you have any information about any of these incidents please get in touch.

The winter months can bring a whole host of problems with the bad weather and short days. I would urge you all to take care on the roads and look out for each other, especially elderly or disabled neighbours who may struggle to get out in the high winds and cold temperatures.

If you wish to report an incident please ring 101. If a crime is in progress or you feel you are at risk ring 999.

PC187 Marie Scott

Toilet Twinning

As many of you are aware St Helen's Church Denton now has new facilities. We have a kitchen and toilet and a new car park with disabled access from the rear of the church.

The PCC would like to twin our toilet with one in Malawi. 1 in 4 people worldwide don't have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet. We are aiming to collect £60. If I can relieve you of any of your loo-se change that would be great, please contact Hazel Pullan 01943 466098

WE ARE TWINNING OUR TOILETS

1 in 3 people worldwide don't have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet.

Please help us to raise money so that we can twin our toilets and help people have access to safe sanitation, clean water and hygiene education.

www.toilettwinning.org



<https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

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Our new exhibition and programme of events: ‘

Lays and Leaves of the Forest – The Ancient Royal Hunting Forest of Knaresborough, is now underway and the exhibition is well worth a look. Our **Tea Room** is open on Sundays from **11-4pm** until the end of March. Please drop in, read and enjoy our exhibition, sample our homemade food and legendary cakes, all prepared and served by our team of enthusiastic volunteers.

Event leaflets are available in the Centre and in Fewston Church. The events running in February are:

‘
Medieval Supper and Music’ – Friday 6 March 7-9.30pm. Henry Parker is a progressive-folk artist from Bingley who performs self-penned compositions alongside a mix of traditional English folk songs and tunes. His debut album *Silent Spring* has earned high praise from the folk press. With medieval fayre and cash bar. Cost **£12.50 or £10 for members.**

‘
Perambulation of the Boundary - Padside’ – WALK – Saturday 14 March at 9.30am. Meet at the Centre to car share to the start. A walk across fields and paths criss-crossing the boundary and along Padside Beck, the northern boundary of the Forest. Many stiles on the 4.5 mile route. Tasty lunch served back at the Centre. Cost **£12.50 or £10 for members.**

‘
The Bayeux Tapestry’ – TALK – Thursday 19 March at 7.30pm. Cristina Figueredo received her MA in Medieval Literatures from the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of York and proceeded to complete her PhD on the subject at the Universities of Leeds and York. A pictorial narration of the conquest of England by William of Normandy, yet also a remarkable

source for understanding the political and cultural backdrop against which the Battle of Hastings was fought: Cristina will introduce the idea of ‘reading’ and interpreting the tapestry, highlighting its peculiarities and mysteries. Light refreshments will be served. **Cost £7.50 or £6 for members.**

‘
Markenfield Hall’ – VISIT – Thursday 26 March 1.30-4pm. Visit the most complete surviving medium sized 14th Century house in England. Largely unchanged since the 1569 rebellion against Elizabeth I when the Markenfield family were forced to leave. Restored in the late 20th Century. Guided tour by our very own Kate Mainprize. Three miles from Ripon. HG4 3AD. **Cost £19 or £15 for members and includes tea and cake.**

ADVANCE NOTICE OF TWO WORKSHOPS:
Wire Sculpture with Chris Moss Wednesday 8 April 10-4pm and China Painting with Barbara Wilkinson Tuesday 12 May 10-3pm.

If you would like to book a place at any of the events, please contact the Centre, email: centre@washburnvalley.org or call: **01943 880794** (please leave a message if the office is closed). Bookings must be paid for within five days.

As always, we welcome new members and new volunteers. If you would like to join our friendly team of volunteers please contact the Centre. We offer a variety of roles, whether you would like to serve in our Tea Room or help at our many events, you will be given a warm welcome and an opportunity to meet new people.

www.washburnvalley.org
Follow us on Twitter and Facebook

Spring is almost sprung, and my grass is definitely riz! It'll soon be the beginning of the nesting season when building and rebuilding begin again. Birds will be looking for nesting sites and then searching for building materials. Mind you, some of the UK's bird species get started even before springtime, or, in the case of Wood Pigeons, probably never stopped.

The 'Bird Nesting Season' is officially from February until August, according to Natural England, and it is recommended that any hedge or tree work is done outside this period. Nesting may start before and extend beyond this period, but the busiest time for most nesting birds is from early March until the end of July.

Generally, birds which nest early in the season are in a stronger position to take advantage of the early resources - the early bird catches the worm. However, data from a national study conducted by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) shows that many species are now breeding up to a month earlier than they were in the 1960s in response to climate change.

Climate change affects different species in different ways, some coping better than others, causing the ecosystem to become unbalanced. This can lead to chicks needing to be fed before the insects they eat emerge, particularly in years when the weather changes rapidly for the worse, as it can in early spring. The result is a low survival rate of chicks which can be catastrophic for single brood species.

Early breeders in a species tend to be at least a year old, and probably more. Their previous experience of life and of breeding gives them an advantage in the season to come. Last year's hatchlings have much still to learn. As well as breeding earlier, older birds generally have larger territories with more consistent boundaries and acquire a mate more quickly

than their youthful counterparts. I guess there have to be some positives to getting older!

Now that winter is fading (I hope I don't regret this statement) we notice birds more as individuals. Blue Tits explore our garden nestboxes and become adopted as our 'own'. A Blackbird brings a stick to our hedge, and overnight, it becomes a neighbour. Birds become more recognisable once the breeding season arrives, as well as more obvious, and they begin to act in distinctive ways.

If you have a nest box, it's fascinating watching birds examining them and their surroundings in detail. Each species has its own preferences; some, like a straight flightpath in (tits) some like to be hidden away (Blackbirds and Robins). Yet others you really have to seek out (Wrens).

Robins are pretty much the only birds singing in winter: this morning I heard two singing against each other in my garden; but when precisely does a Robin's winter defence of its food territory become the spring defence of its breeding territory?

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website www.bto.org/gbw.



Mike Gray (gbwmike@gmail.com)

All in the month of MARCH

It was:

200 years ago, on 10th March 1820 that the Royal Astronomical Society was founded in Britain.

175 years ago, on 17th March 1845 that one Henry Jones, a baker from Bristol, was granted a patent for his invention of self-raising flour.

90 years ago, on 12th March 1930 that Indian political spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi led 78 activists and followers on a 23-day 'salt march' to protest against a British tax on salt and British rule in India. On 5th April he reached the sea and made salt, breaking British law. On 4th May he was arrested and imprisoned.

80 years ago, on 18th March 1940 that Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at Brenner Pass in the Alps. The Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

75 years ago, on 22nd March 1945 that the Arab League was founded (as the League of Arab States).

70 years ago, on 8th March 1950 that Volkswagen launched the Type 2/ Transporter van – also known as the Camper, Bus, microbus or Kombi. It became the best-selling van in history, and early versions remain much-loved icons of the counterculture/hippie movement.

40 years ago, on 21st March 1980 that in the TV soap opera Dallas, the character J R Ewing was shot by an unseen assailant. This led to the famous catchphrase 'Who shot J.R.?' The answer (Kristin Shepard) was revealed that November.

Also 40 years ago, on 24^h March 1980 that Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of San Salvador, was shot dead by a lone gunman as he celebrated Mass.

15 years ago, on 11th March 2005 that the Nintendo DS portable video games console was released in Europe.

Also

on 26th March 2005 that the science fiction TV series *Doctor Who* returned after a 16-year break.

Prime ...

is an interesting word. It may mean first, or best, or getting going - as with giving a pump some liquid to enable it to start working. So here am I offering my first note this year about Christian Aid Week. The funds we raise are a vital contribution to Christian Aid's work among really needy people around the world.

I invite you to be aware of the week beginning 10th May 2020 when Christian Aid Week begins.. We shall be holding our House-to-house collection as usual. If you would be willing to help, please see me in church or give me a call on 01943 851234. Thank you.
 Michael Cleverley
Voluntary Local Organiser



Answers

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March 2020

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17	Anne Lister of Shibden Hall	P8			
19	The Bayeux Tapestry' – TALK (WHC)	P20	Every 2nd Wed	Farnley Estate WI Meeting	
25	Community Lunch	p9			
26	Markenfield Hall' – VISIT (WHC)	P20	Every 2nd Thurs	Askwith With Weston WI	p11
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28	Roadside Litter Pick	p12	Every 2nd Fri	Teddy Church	p9
20th	Mothering Sunday				
28 & 29	Leathley Community Litter Pick	p18	Last Saturday	Timble Library Crafters Group	P9
28 & 29	Fewston Teas (FPH)	P8			
April 4th	Leathley Plant Exchange	p18	Every Sunday	Washburn Heritage Centre Café (WHC)	p20
April 8th	Wire Sculpture workshop (WHC)	p20			
April 13th	Easter Monday Walk and Easter Egg Hunt	p17			
April 18th	Litter picking day	p7			

FPH = Fewston Parochial Hall - WHC = Washburn Heritage Centre - NSH = Norwood Social Hall.

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