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Our Magazine

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Church Services April 2021



All our services will be subject to Government guidelines please check on www.achurchnearyou.com for updates or see the weekly bulletin.

2nd April 2pm.	Good Friday Weston	An Hour at the Cross
4th April 9.30am. 10am. 11am. 11am.	Easter Day Farnley Leathley Fewston Denton	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion
11th April 10am.	Second Sunday of Easter Leathley	Holy Communion
18th April 9.30am. 11am. 2.30pm.	Third Sunday of Easter Weston Blubberhouses Farnley	Holy Communion (BCP) Service of the Word Evensong (BCP)
25th April 9.30am. 11am. 2.30pm.	Fourth Sunday of Easter Denton Leathley Fewston	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong (BCP)
2nd May 9.30am. 11am.	Fifth Sunday of Easter Farnley Weston	Holy Communion Holy communion (BCP)



Services at Norwood Chapel

Easter Sunday 4th April – 2:30pm
Sunday 18th April – 2:30pm

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Christian Aid Week Love Builds Hope

As I write on 8th March we are hopeful. We hope that the bulk of children in England going back to school today will be the start of life returning to normal - new normal anyway. Freed to do what once we did without a second thought, perhaps. Or, maybe that is hoping too much in the short term.

Certainty comes only as we look back to fixed points. One certainty is that Christian Aid began 75 years ago. Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service they called it then. It aimed to help people cast adrift by World War II, people needing refuge from hunger and exposure.

Christian Aid represents help gathered for people whose lives have been uprooted by war, terrorist action or the climate change which is a focus in our day. People like Rose, for example.

Rose lives in Kenya with her grandchildren. She is caught in a cycle of climate chaos. From severe drought to flooding, extreme weather robs her of what she needs to survive: **a reliable source of water.**

More about Rose next month.

Christian Aid Week 2021 is 10-16 May.

Hopefully, we can make a house-to-house collection in our "Washburn

Valley" area. Covid-19 will not have gone away completely, so we plan our collection to be - or mostly be - by distributing the familiar red envelopes and asking householders to return them locally instead of having them called for at the door.

Thank you for your help in the past. Let's try to make a good 75th anniversary - and build hope with our love.

With all good wishes,
Michael Cleverley



Thank you to the Magazine Distribution Team

I would like to thank my eight foot soldiers for delivering the magazine in difficult times to Otley, Farnley, Leathley, Stainburn and Castley. They are Nora Hawkins, Sandra Howarth, Philip Herbert, Mrs Keighley, Molly Laxton, Gillian Lishman, John Smith and Sarah West.

Thanks also to the subscribers who continue to support the magazine and those who give very generously.

Paul Howarth
Distributor.



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The View from the Vicarage

Well, I can report that a month on from tidying it my sock drawer it is still neat and tidy! Well done me!

Spring is a great time for tidying up, for cleaning the house, for doing all those jobs that have been lingering at the bottom of the 'to do' list for too long. Although I said last month that culling my books would be a pre-retirement job, I have decided to start going through them now. I just have too many, (not a phrase that Charlotte ever thought she would hear me say about books). Charlotte and I are also looking at all the other 'stuff' we have in the Vicarage and giving it all a long hard look.

We all have too much stuff in our lives. Possessions are the obvious things that we hold on to. I try from time to time to have a clear out; I gave my 300 plus vinyl albums away decades ago; I've been regretting it ever since! But we hold on to so much more in our lives, thoughts, feelings, memories, attitudes. And like our possessions they too can hold us back.

As a small boy I was taught by nuns. This has given me a healthy respect for strong wise women. A nun I know, who is a very wise woman, was talking recently about how to declutter your life from all the things that keep you prisoner. A prisoner of the past. What she was talking about were things like grudges, resentments, quarrels, prejudices, misunderstandings, estrangements. All the things that we hold on to which damage our relationships with others. She suggested that especially as we get into the later part of our lives it would be good to free ourselves from all of this mess that we all carry around inside of us. She called it her 'Chuck-it' list. All the things she needed to get rid of to make following Jesus and living her life easier.

Just think how tidy, how clear, how simple your life would be without all that clutter to deal with. Charles Wesley's great hymn 'and can it be' puts it far better and far simpler than I can; 'my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.'

Having a tidy sock drawer has made my day to day life so much better. I can hardly imagine how much better my life would be without all that other stuff being carried around inside of me.

This Easter along with all your other Spring cleaning think about an internal declutter. What would be on your "Chuck-it' list? How much better would your life be without all that stuff?

May you have a very Happy Easter
God bless you all.
Stephen

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News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,
Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Easter to you and those you love! As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, we are celebrating God's victory over evil and death. We celebrate that God's goodness, power and love have the final word. We rejoice that God's plan of salvation and redemption is unfolding in the resurrected Christ and can be seen in the newness of life.

I've recently come across another definition of Easter by Pastor Pete Greig who is the founder of the 24-7 International Prayer Movement. In his book on unanswered prayer entitled *God on Mute*, Pete describes Easter as the moment "when every prayer is answered." What joy that would bring! I trust that all of us have experienced in one way or another our prayers going unanswered by God. So imagine all the requests offered up to God are answered – meaning they come to pass in the ways imagined. What would you pray for first? Something for yourself . . . something for your family or friends? What about strangers?

Maybe the truth is we see glimpses of Easter when our prayers are answered . . . when a person is comforted in their suffering, when the sick are healed, when broken-hearts are mended, and when peoples' lives are restored and renewed. Maybe we see Easter when spirits are lifted, joy is shared, tears are dried, and hugs are given. Maybe we see Easter when a new job is attained, families and friends are reunited in gardens (Rule of 6!), and pupils' well-being improve with the return to school. Even though we celebrate Easter only once a year, it might be prudent to look for glimpses of Easter each and every day. I believe they are there.

It does seem that new life is on its way, doesn't it? Spring has sprung! This time of year is so special to me because of the beauty of the flowers, the blossoming of the trees and the arrival of lambs, calves and other animals to the fields. New life isn't only outside in nature but also inside buildings. I am delighted to announce that we are reopening our Methodist Chapel in Norwood on Easter Sunday now that coronavirus restrictions are slowly being lifted. We are overjoyed to meet again in this beautiful place to worship our risen Lord.

As more restrictions are lifted in the month to come and newness of life is experienced, may we give thanks to God, whose Spirit lives within us, whose grace transforms us and whose love surrounds us.

Celebrating hope,
~ Rev. Shannon

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Welcome to our WI report. Things are improving with covid and the way forward is looking brighter.

We are still unable to have face to face meetings but modern technology has meant we can have meetings of a sort. Zoom was something new to me but I have now had several meetings using it for both the WI and other clubs.

10th February – AGM – this was the postponed AGM from 2020 – Susan Kerridge agreed to continue as President. The accounts were agreed. The speaker for the meeting was one of our own members Kay Sprenger - 'A tour of Cambodia' – which her and her husband have visited several times helping with the local churches and with groups for women.

10th March – 'The Accidental fundraiser' – Krystyna Gadd no report on this as deadline loomed for the village news.

A new addition to our programme this year is a Craft Group on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month again by zoom.

27th January Craft meeting – led by one of our member Lesley Fidler - paper strip weaving to make a cup/vase resulting in varying successes.

24th February – Craft – led by Lesley – Kumihomi or Japanese Braiding. A craft which I found does not need a great outlay – a piece of

card and some yarn is all that is needed to get started. After a couple of hours in front of the TV I have completed the braiding started at the session and also made 2 bracelets for my granddaughter using yarn I had and card from a shoebox. I also made a keyring for myself. (Photograph below)

Next craft is 24 March when Kay will be showing us how to make a decorative wreath with strips of fabric.

The Book Group has continued throughout lockdown with each member choosing a book the each sending in comments via email to the 'leader' which is then discussed on zoom. This has been a way of socialising during lockdown.

March – The Mysterious Affair at Styles by Agatha Christie
April – The Nightingale by Hannah Kristin
May – Thursday Murders Club by Richard Osman

Anyone joining the WI and interested in books are welcome to join the book group.



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An Ordinary meeting of Mid-Wharfe Parish Council (MWPC) was held via Zoom on 18th February 2021 with all councillors attending along with Councillor Oldham from HBC the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

Items carried over from the previous meeting included confirmation that MWPC had adopted the Nesfield and Askwith phone Kiosks. HBC Street cleansing team was investigating the possibility of locating a litter bin in the lay-by at Denton. North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) had cleared the gully at Cherry Trees Askwith.

Under highway matters and after various discussions the Clerk was asked to write to NYCC in respect of replenishing salt bins in the parish especially the top part of Denton Road, potholes on Weston Flats, flooding on a bend West Lane Askwith, damaged stone work to the bridge on Low Park Road Denton, broken dyke causing flooding on Moor Lane Weston and pot holes on Moor Lane Weston, Missing road reflectors Hardings Lane Langbar Moor, Blocked dyke Dob Park Road Clifton.

Councillor Broderick asked if MWPC could investigate getting more footpath signs leading onto and around Denton Moor as the recent increase in walkers was causing problems with many people not following the correct paths. Clerk to write to NYCC.

Parking problems in Langbar were discussed at length but it was felt that MWPC could not resolve these as the land is under NYCC or private ownership. The meeting was reminded that if any car is blocking access to drives, gates or is parked dangerously then this is a civil matter and the police could be contacted.

It was resolved to purchase a new notice board for Weston as the current notice

board at the junction of Throstle Nest Close is rotten and in poor condition.

Councillor Bush referred the meeting to the lighting situation on the triangle in Denton. The N.G. Bailey organisation had paid for lighting this for a number of years, but after having sold School House to a private owner the electrical supply was disconnected. The reinstatement and updating of this light was further discussed but as this light is on NYCC land it was felt that until the ownership of this light is established then no further action could be taken. Clerk to write to NYCC for clarification of ownership.

Planning matters were discussed including some discussion taking place in respect of Leeds and Bradford Airport expansion plans and it was confirmed that planning approval for the new terminal was granted on the 7th February 2021. MWPC have joined the GALBA (Group for Action on Leeds Bradford Airport) this will be monitored by the Clerk to provide information as appropriate. Councillor Bush also commented that Bradford Metropolitan Council had put out for public consultation a Local Development Plan which shows more than 150 houses on a brown field site just off Wheatley Lane Ben Rhydding, this may well have an effect on traffic, cyclists etc on the roads in our area. The progress of this Local Development plan will be monitored. Councillor Chivers asked if the footpath sign on Nesfield Green could be reinstated as it had rotted and fallen over. Clerk to contact NYCC.

The next meeting is 20th May 2021, and it is hoped this can be held at Askwith Village Hall.

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Volunteering Opportunities

Although we are one Benefice, we are four separate parishes. So, we have four Parochial Church councils. We have a few vacancies for Parish Officers in posts such as Treasurer and Parish Secretary. If you are interested in helping your Parish and the Benefice out, please give me a call or email me to talk about what the jobs entail.

Stephen

T&T

July restart!!

There are scones, jam, cream, cups of tea and a heap load of chat waiting for you. See you 2pm Tuesday 6th July a date for your diary!

T&T meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s. It is only £2 per person. If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362 or Gladys on 880604



We've always got time for T&T!

“Valley Bible Study Group

The Valley Bible Study Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. At present, we are meeting via Zoom at 2.30pm.



Contact Peter Wood for details on peterwood1951@gmail.com.”

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Yes folks, it is that time again. Each of our parishes will be holding its Annual Meeting in the weeks ahead. All the meetings need to be held this year by the end of May. Keep an eye out for the dates of the meetings and for information about Electoral Roll Revision.

Stephen

Weston Cleaning and Flower

Rota

4th & 11th April
- Stephen & Marlene Turnbull

18th & 25th April- Mrs A Ainley

2nd & 9th May- Mrs J Cowgill



Thank you

The Fewston and Blubberhouses PCC wish to thank those people who very kindly contributed to our 'non singing' carol singing fund! We have, by kind donations raised £515.00.

Considering all the problems surrounding the Pandemic, I think this is a pretty remarkable result. So, again, thank you so much.

Cheri Beaumont.

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Fewston Foxy Ladies Relaunch of the Relaunch of the Relaunch...!

(this is going to happen!!)

Fewston Foxy Ladies, we are firmly on Boris's Roadmap so get into your car, onto the road and pass the finishing line - lockdown is being unlocked.

Join us at the Sun Inn – Mama Mia on the screen! Open Bar! Chips and dips! No charge – all funded by Fewston Foxy Ladies Fun Fund. Tuesday May 18th 7.30pm at The Sun Inn for a Sing-a-long, Drink-a-long, Dip-a-long evening

of fun. All our fingers are crossed for this! See our planned events timetable below.

If you want any more information please ring; Gillian on 01943 880362, Shirley 01423 770281, Mary 01943 464507, Sheila 01943 468741, Joan 01943 466789 or Ann on 01423 771393

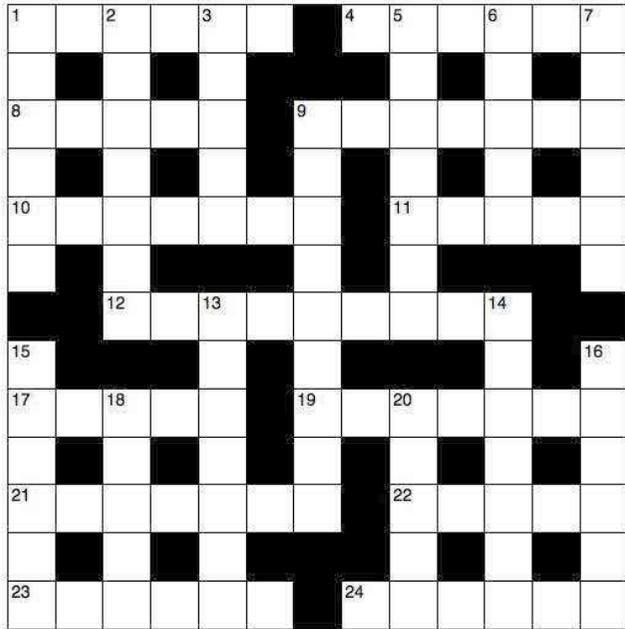
See you there!



18th May	A re-opening Mama Mia evening	Sun Inn, Timble
15th June	Great American Song Book Open Evening Guests £3 Inc. raffle	Roger Browne On his electric piano
20th July	'IT'S ME' - BY Gillian Knox	Gillian
17th August	Pottery Painting In Otley + optional fish and chip supper	Puffin Pottery, Otley
August (TBC)	Entertaining members Horticap, walk and tea	
21st September	Day trip Shibden Hall & Piece Hall	COACH TRIP
19th October	Bad Apple Company . Behind the scenes	Kate Bramley
16th November	Charting The 60's	Malcolm Johnson
14th December	Christmas Lunch	Sun Inn, Timble

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Easter Crossword Puzzle



- (Ex 34:29) (7)
21. Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
22. Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
23. 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
24. 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

1. Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
2. Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
3. Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)

Across

1. Relating to the whole universe (6)
4. The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
8. 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
9. He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
10. Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
11. 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
12. Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
17. Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
19. 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord'
5. For example, the Crusades (4,3)
6. 11 Across is certainly this (5)
7. He reps (anagram.) (6)
9. Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
13. Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
14. They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
15. The human mind or soul (6)
16. 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
18. 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
20. Bared (anagram.) (5)

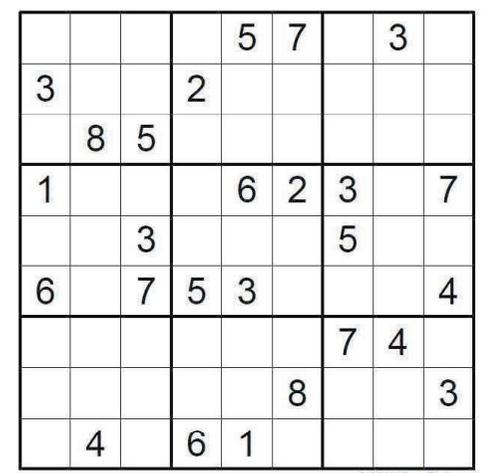
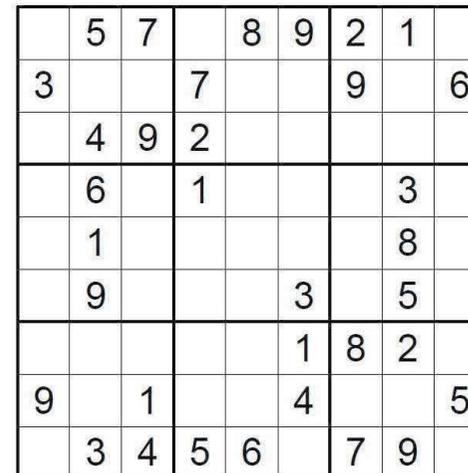
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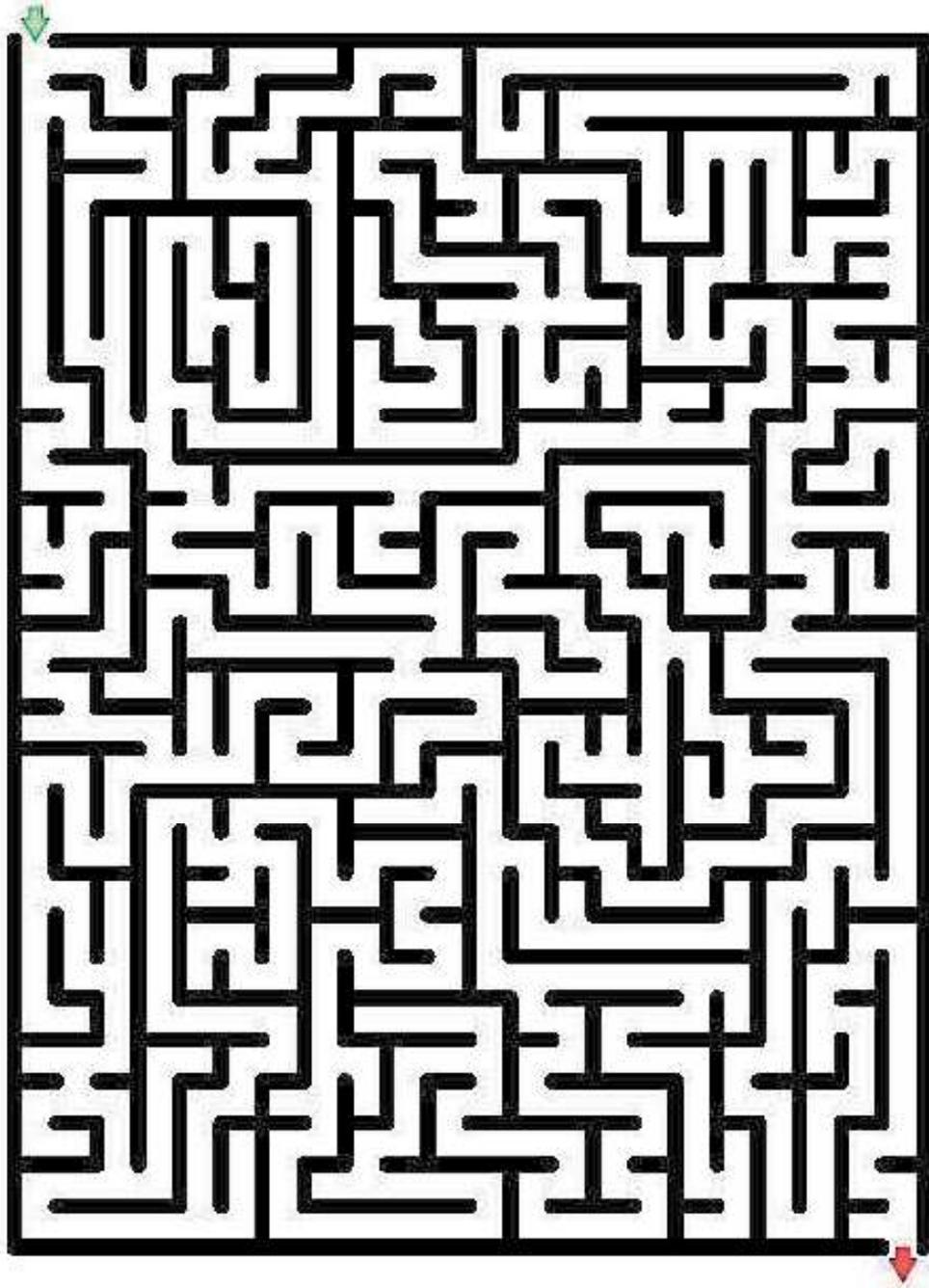


Sudoku



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The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

OH! NO!!

BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT

ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR

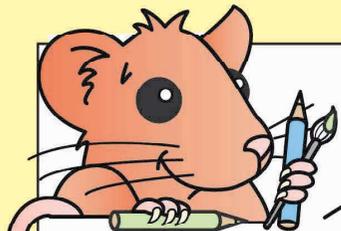
ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.

YES - I CAN COME TO YOUR PARTY

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

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Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

SON OF GOD

Matthew 3:16-17

KING OF KINGS

Revelation 17:14

PROPHET

Luke 24:19

PRIEST

1 Timothy 2:5

ROCK

1 Corinthians 10: 4

LORD

1 Corinthians 1:9

AMEN

Revelation 3:14

LIFE

John 11:25-27

MESSIAH

John 1:41

SHEPHERD

John 10:11

LIGHT

John 8:12

WORD

John 1:1-50

BREAD

John 6:35

CREATOR

1 John 1:3



CHRIST
Matthew 16:16

SAVIOUR
John 3:16-17

HOLY ONE
Mark 1:24

VINE
John 15:5

DOOR
John 10:9

THE WAY

WAY
John 14:6

LAMB
John 1:29

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All in the month of April

It was:

1900 years ago, on 26th April 121 that Marcus Aurelius, Emperor of Rome (161-180AD) and Stoic philosopher (whose works are still read today), was born. He was the last of the rulers known as the Five Good Emperors, and the last emperor of the Pax Romana, an age of relative peace and stability for the Roman Empire.

500 years ago, on 27th April 1521 that Ferdinand Magellan, Portuguese explorer who led the first expedition to circumnavigate the earth, died at the hands of natives in the Philippines. He was aged 41.

300 years ago, on 3rd April 1721 that Robert Walpole became the first British Prime Minister.

250 years ago, on 13th April 1771 that Richard Trevithick, British mining engineer and inventor of the first steam locomotive, was born.

125 years ago, from 6th to 15th April 1896 that the first modern Summer Olympic Games were held in Athens. The original Olympics were banned by the Roman Emperor Theodosius (I or II) in either 393 or 426 AD.

95 years ago, on 21st April 1926 that Queen Elizabeth II was born in Mayfair, London. Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York. Her father became King on the abdication of his brother King Edward VIII in 1936, from which time Elizabeth was the heir presumptive.

90 years ago, on 14th April 1931 that the first edition of the Highway Code was published in the UK.

80 years ago, on 12th April 1941 that Bobby Moore, British footballer, was

born. He was Captain of the English team that won the 1966 World Cup and died in 1993.

75 years ago, on 21st April 1946 that John Maynard Keynes, British economist, died. He was the most influential economist of the 20th century, whose ideas formed the basis of Keynesian economics.

70 years ago, on 17th April 1951 that the Peak District National Park was established. It was Britain's first national park.

60 years ago, on 11th April 1961 that Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann went on trial in Jerusalem. He was convicted on 12th September and executed in June 1962.

50 years ago, on 6th April 1971 that Igor Stravinsky, Russian composer, died. He was one of the most important and influential composers of the 20th century.

30 years ago, on 3rd April 1991 that Graham Greene, novelist, short story writer, playwright and journalist died. Author of *Brighton Rock*, *Our Man in Havana* and many more.

20 years ago, on 7th April 2001 that NASA launched its Mars Odyssey spacecraft to search for evidence of life and volcanic activity on Mars. It went into orbit around Mars and remains operational (though it will run out of propellant in 2025). It is the longest surviving continually active spacecraft orbiting another planet. (It has successfully mapped the distribution of water below the surface and discovered a vast amount of ice below the equatorial regions.)

10 years ago, on 29th April 2011 that the wedding of Prince William and Catherine (Kate) Middleton took place at Westminster Abbey in London. They were given the titles the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

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FEWSTON CHURCH
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Goldfinches

Goldfinch numbers in our gardens have increased some 60-fold over the last 30 or so years, most likely due to our spending a small fortune putting out oil-rich seeds such as nyger and sunflower. At this time of year there are flocks of anything up to a few dozen roaming around looking for food, and if you cock an ear, they make a lovely twittering sound as they chat to each other.

I intended penning (typing?) a general article about them but became side-tracked when I came across so many names for them, as well as several collective nouns for flocks: so, I decided that I'd share my findings!

The best-known collective noun for flocks of Goldfinches is 'charm'. The

first article I read suggested that this may be linked to the use of the term for the blended voices of a choir – perhaps alluding to the gentle jingling calls and Goldfinches' constant 'tswitt-witt-witt' -ing. The second suggested that it is related to the Latin word 'carmen' meaning 'magic song or spell'. Yet another suggested that charm derives from the old English *c'irm*, describing the birds' twittering song' or 'mingled tinkling', which certainly captures the aural effect created by a flock of Goldfinches - though most certainly not their personalities. If you've watched them on a feeder for a while, you'll have seen how aggressive they can be to each other, as well as to other species

I then came across a couple more collective nouns: "a drum of Goldfinches", and "a troubling of



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Goldfinches". The latter I can well understand!

The Anglo Saxon name for the Goldfinch was 'thistle-tweaker', underlining their liking of teasel and thistle seeds. The male is the only UK bird able to extract teasel seeds from their narrow seed heads: females find this difficult because their bills, while narrow, are not quite as long so they favour thistle seeds.

The next name to come up was Redcap.

The redcap is a painted bird and beautiful its feathers are;

In early spring its voice is heard

While searching thistles brown and bare...

(From 'Redcap', by John Clare)

At first glance, this name might arise simply from the bird's tell-tale red mask, but a Redcap is also a malevolent, murderous goblin found in Border folklore. He is said to inhabit ruined castles, especially those that were the scenes of tyranny or wicked deeds and is known for soaking his cap in the blood of his victim

Other names too, arise from this red mask: the Irish name for the Goldfinch is *lasair choille*, which translates as 'bright flame of the forest'. Elsewhere, it was known as the 'proud tailor', "because his plumage is varied like a suit of clothes made out of remnants of different colours, such as a tailor might be supposed to wear". Similarly, "tailor-birds" because the white tips to their feathers look like stitches. Add on "seven-coloured Linnet"



Goldfinches were for many years valued too for their song, as well as their colourful plumage, and were caught and caged by 19th century bird trappers until they were almost extinct. Indeed, the French name for a bird-trap, *chardonneret*, now used instead to catch birds for ringing, comes from the French word for thistle, chardon.

By any name, they are a delight to have around, both visually and aurally.

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

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Photograph credit: Mike Grey
Titles: Juvenile Goldfinch (left)
Adult Goldfinch (above)

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A Walk around Denton & Clifton

Hazel Pullan

Photographs taken by Hazel on her walks around her home, she often meets local farmers who she went to school with.

Calf near Cromwell's Trench

The calf (below) was a surprise Christmas present for John Preston (left) as he was unaware that the cow was even in calf.

Cromwell's Trench, according to local legend is the site of a camp for Cromwell's Army, on their way to fight at Marsden moor. They also drank a pub dry in Otley.



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New Gate sign in Denton

The farmers have been busy with the January snow.

There has been an increased number of local walkers due to travel restrictions



Poetry Request

This months poetry Request is from Portia Bell Ryott, from Leathley. This was a poem I remember learning by heart when I was at school – fortunately it is nice and short!

Loveliest of Trees

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.



From *A Shropshire Lad* which was first published in 1896.
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Barn owl at Weston church Photography by Tom Raper



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Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club



It's been a while.... Not much has been happening in the world of Young Farmers. In fact, not very much at all really.

Apart from the annual public speaking competition. This was held in our homes via Zoom, which was different!! I'm Lily and my team mates are Izzy and Eleanor, and we represented Farnley Estate Young Farmers, along with 7 other clubs from Yorkshire.

We each have to read a passage from "Goodnight Mr Tom" and so get points for diction, clarity and Expression. With no technical issues we managed to get 3rd place and qualify for Northern Area. Northern Area is basically the North of England (Yorkshire, Cumbria, Northumberland, East Riding and Lancashire).

Again via Zoom (in my spare room), we read from "Gangster Granny" by David Walliams. We did our very best against 8 other clubs and waited patiently for the results to be announced live on Facebook that evening.

3rd place again and only 2 points from going to National Finals. I'm so proud of myself and especially of us as a team. Doing this virtually was so challenging but there's always next year. Fingers crossed.

It looks like we'll be having a virtual county rally in June, so that should be interesting.

Farnley Estate young farmers are always looking for new members and you don't have to be a farmer to be a member.
Lily Hughes (Treasurer)

NHS texts for Covid Vaccination

The NHS has begun texting people to inviting them to book their life saving Covid vaccination, making it quicker and more convenient to get an appointment. As part of the latest development in the NHS vaccination programme, the biggest in NHS history.

The messages will include a web link for those eligible to click and reserve an appointment.

Reminders will be sent 2-3 weeks after the original text to encourage people to get their vaccine if they have not taken up the offer. Texts will arrive in advance of the standard letter, meaning if the trial is successful the solution could enable the NHS to react faster to changing vaccine supplies and fill appointments quickly.

People will continue to receive letters inviting them to book an appointment as well as a text alert, to ensure that people

who don't have a number registered or need information in different languages or formats don't miss out.

People should not receive a text message or a letter from the NHS if they have already been vaccinated and this has been recorded. If people cannot or would prefer not to travel to a Vaccination Centre or pharmacy-led site, they can choose to wait to be invited by a local GP-led service.

In some cases text messages have been used by scammers to try to collect personal details from people, get them to ring premium rate numbers or enter their banking details.

The text message will be sent using the Government's secure Notify service and will show as being sent from 'NHSvaccine'.

The NHS will never ask for payment or banking details.

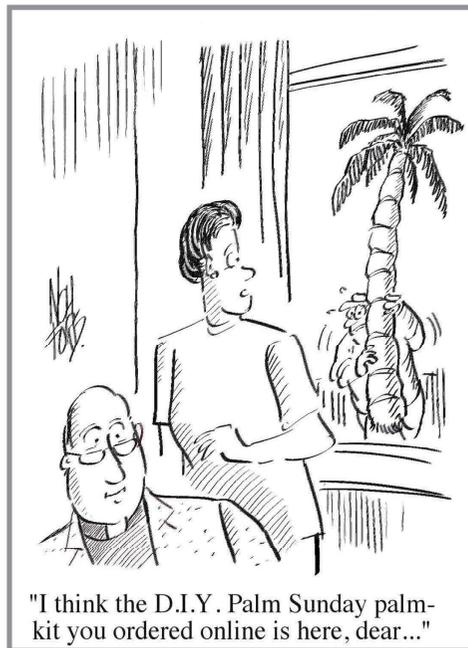
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Good news at last! We are hopeful that the Tea Room will reopen for outside seated service on **Saturday and Sunday 17/18 April from 11am until 4pm**, offering our full lunch menu. The usual safety guidelines will apply and as always, check our website for the most up to date details at www.washburnvalley.org or give Jenny a ring at the office on 01943 880794. Our email address is centre@washburnvalley.org.

At the end of February the Leeds Birder, Paul Wheatley talked to us over Zoom about our shared aim to help what was once a common bird in the UK - the Spotted Flycatcher. This species has declined by a staggering 87% since the 1970s and has become a scarce bird in Yorkshire. The project aims to provide nestboxes for these birds, monitor their numbers and breeding success, and enhance habitat and biodiversity through the creation of ponds and wildflower meadows. Gardens often make great habitat for Spotted Flycatchers and Paul talked to us about what we can do to re-wild our gardens for nature, and particularly, our Spotted Flycatchers. If you are interested in watching the excellent Zoom presentation, you can do so using this link: <https://vimeo.com/516001111/e9a8999da4>. As spring approaches, we will keep you informed about the progress of the wildflower patch at the Centre and the nest boxes going up in our area.

If all goes well with the four steps along the Government's roadmap, we hope to offer inside seated service in the Tea Room from late May. And perhaps, fingers crossed, one or two walks with a picnic. And of course, we are working towards our June celebrations with renewed optimism – there is much for our Volunteers, Members and friends to be positive about - the Queen's Award for Service to Volunteering and the Centre's 10th Birthday. **Please watch out for further information.**

Stay safe everyone, take care of yourselves and we hope to see you very soon.



"I think the D.I.Y. Palm Sunday palm-kit you ordered online is here, dear..."

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Gardeners Corner

Good Friday is traditionally the day to plant your potatoes. If you don't have much space it is easy to plant them in containers. You can use potato sacks or even a large bucket as long as it has drainage holes.

Fill the container to a depth of about 3" or 10cm. Space three seed potatoes (which you will have been 'chitting' indoors for a good few weeks) on the surface. Cover completely with more compost. Keep adding more compost regularly as the shoots emerge and grow – this is the equivalent of 'earthing up' – until the compost comes right up to the top of the container.

The most important thing is to keep the container well watered to allow the potatoes to develop. Once the potatoes are ready to harvest, which will depend on the variety planted, simply tip them out of the bag – easy!



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.

At the meeting of Council in early March the Council discussed current issues in the parish with the new Neighbourhood Police Team officer PC Helen Barrett, listened to plans for the new road at Kex Gill and were updated on the timescales for the white lining of roads around the reservoirs. In addition, the Council considered highways, planning and maintenance issues and actions needed following an inspection of Council owned assets.

It was agreed that the Council will undertake a **litter picking** day in the parish on **Saturday 17 April**. Equipment

will be provided for participants although you are encouraged 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. Anyone who needs further details please contact Councillor Andrew Campbell.

The next meeting of Washburn Parish Council will be held on Monday 10 May 2021, commencing at 7.15pm. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors commencing at 7.00pm.

Should you wish to contact any of your councillors please email washburnpc@gmail.com or for more information about your council please visit www.washburnparishcouncil.co.uk

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Readers Recipe



Malteser Traybake



We would like to thank our reader for this lovely recipe which was sent in by post anonymously. Thank you and please send more in when you feel inspired.

Ingredients

- 110/4oz margarine
- 1 tablespoon syrup
- 170/6oz chocolate
- 285/10oz crushed digestive biscuits
- 170/6oz Maltesers
- 170/6oz chocolate for topping

Method

Crush biscuits, melt the syrup, one lot of chocolate and margarine. Fold in biscuits, mix and add Maltesers. Spread mixture evenly in a 11x7" tray.

Melt the other lot of chocolate and spread on top of the mixture. Leave to cool then cut into squares.

Photo Credit Jenny the Washburn Heritage Centre Manger.

Her family enjoyed the recipe so much that she is on her second batch.

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Recipe



Slow cooked shoulder of lamb with boulangère potatoes



This recipe is from our regular contributor. Lamb was traditionally served in the authors family on Easter Sunday.

"here is an easy and tasty way to cook it"

This recipe serves 4-6 people

Ingredients

- 3 medium onions, thinly sliced
- 6 large potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 bunch thyme, leaves picked
- Salt and pepper
- 1 whole shoulder of lamb, approx. 3kg
- 1 head of garlic, separated into cloves and peeled
- 570ml chicken stock

Method

- Heat oven to 130C (150C non-fan) – or bottom oven of an Aga
- Combine sliced potatoes and

onions and thyme leaves in a bowl, season well and stir to mix well

- Spread the potato and onion mixture in a roasting tin and place the lamb on top
- With a knife, cut holes in the meat and stick a clove of garlic in each hole
- Pour over the chicken stock
- Cook for 4 to 5 hours

Leave the lamb to rest for 10-15 minutes loosely covered with foil on a board.

Meanwhile Drain the potato and onion mixture and put in a very hot oven to crisp up

Make a gravy with the juices with your preferred flavours (red wine, red currant jelly and rosemary is good)

Serve with green vegetables

Happy Easter

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Contact information for all the churches is on page 2 of the

magazine. The magazine is managed by our Treasurer Ann, Distributers Cheri and Paul, and our Rector Stephen McCaulay.

Articles or other contributions

Contributions to the magazine needed. Please send in articles, recipes, jokes, cartoon, paintings photograph, , story or even a messages of thangs or a notable date like an anniversary. All are welcome. The Deadline for the next issues are on the back cover. Please email your contribution to: magzine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk

Or send in by post to:
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Thank all the contributors please keep sending pieces in.

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Front cover the story behind the Daffodil window

This beautiful design has not been made into a stained-glass window (yet). The design was created by Francesca Ross a botanic artist who is a member of the Royal Horticultural

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Society of Botanical Artists, "and draws accurate and extremely detailed botanical flowers and fruits for their annual shows. Her work for them is phenomenal we are so blessed to have her as a contributor"

Said Anne Coomes Editor of the Parish Pump

Francesca Ross said

"I created the 'window' design. I didn't base it on any window; I just worked out a design then added the glass effect using Photoshop".

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Date for your Diary

See the Community Notice Board on page 9 - 10 for more information, or events later this year.



Monthly Events

Valley Bible Study Group - 3rd Wednesdays of the month, at 2.30pm

April Events

17th April - Washburn Valley Litter pick, see page 26

17 and 18th April from 11am until 4pm, Heritage Centre café re-opening see page 25



...rumours that we would be giving out easter eggs are unfounded - er, there aren't any left!

**Puzzles and colouring in pull out section
in the centre**

Next Contribution Deadline 9th April

2021 Deadlines;
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