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"Winter" by the children of year 5-6 at
Asquith Primary School.
See pages 27 - 28 for more of the
children's work.



Church Services January 2022



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

2nd January 9.30am. Leathley		The Epiphany Holy Communion (Benefice Service)
5th January 10.30am.	Denton	Holy Communion (BCP)
9th January 9.30am. 9.30am. 11am.	Weston Farnley Fewston	The Baptism of Christ Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Morning Worship
12th January 10.30am.	Denton	Holy Communion
16th January 9.30am. 11am. 11am.	Leathley Blubberhouses Denton	Second Sunday of Epiphany Holy Communion Morning Worship Morning Worship
19th January 10.30am.	Denton	Holy Communion (BCP)
23rd January 9.30am. 9.30am. 11am.	Weston Farnley Fewston	Third Sunday of Epiphany Mattins (BCP) Holy Communion Holy Communion
26th January 10.30am.	Denton	Holy Communion
30th January 9.30am. 11am.	Leathley Denton	The Presentation Morning Worship Holy Communion



January Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel

Sunday 9th January at 2:30pm

Sunday 23rd January at 2:30pm

The View from the Vicarage

'Daddy, I'm the gift that keeps on giving.' These are words that my daughter, Becky, has been using for most of her life to justify the lack of presents on my birthday which takes place 'sometime' this month. Becky was born on my birthday twenty four years ago. I had planned to spend that day taking an exam on St. John's Gospel. I was all ready to 'ace' the exam, instead I spent the afternoon holding Charlotte's hand as she had an emergency caesarean section and Becky was born at 5pm. After leaving them both at the hospital, in those pre-paternity leave days, I was told by my theological college principal that there was no need for me to get up for prayers at 6.30am. he would see me for breakfast at 8!

To be honest Becky **has** been a gift that keeps on giving. It is wonderful being her father; we are blessed being her parents, and in recent years she has even started buying me the odd gift on my birthdays. Like all parents I can get a little bit carried away talking about my daughter and how lucky we are. But not everyone has children, and not everyone has a good relationship with them. My professional life before ordination was spent working with damaged families and especially with damaged children. So, I really do know how blessed we are as a family.

But I believe that each of us has so much to be grateful for in our lives. Some of us can count our blessings very easily. Others have to search more deeply, but all of us have something that makes our lives special.

January can be a dark miserable month. The joys of Christmas can seem to fade away very quickly, but on the first Sunday of this January, in church, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. It's the time when we remember the Wise Men who visited Mary, Joseph and Jesus bringing gifts for the child. In many countries this is the day when children received their presents, not Christmas. As we think about the gifts that these travellers from the East brought for the baby Jesus, we are asked to think about the gifts that we have been given in our lives.

Some of these are gifts and talents which are part of us, but many are gifts given to us by others. I'm not really thinking about presents, though these are nice, but the blessings that we share with each other. Blessings that show how much we love others, blessings that show how much others love us.

In the beginning of what looks like yet another uncertain year for our country let's give thanks for the blessings in our lives and let's try to be a blessing to others. In the darkness of this month let's spread some light.

Many of you will have heard that I am moving on from the Benefice in the next few months. I have had a number of different health problems during this past year and the simple truth is that I am unable to continue to work full time. So, I am moving to a part time post elsewhere in the Diocese which will allow me to, hopefully, regain my health.

In the meantime, I pray that you all have a very happy and blessed New Year.
Stephen

News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! 2022 is now here! Will it be a better year than last year? We can hope and pray, can't we? Many would say that 2021 was a better and brighter year than 2020, pandemic-wise. With continuing advances with the vaccines and boosters that were made last year, it would make sense to think 2022 will be better than 2021. We shall have to wait and see. That is only looking at the New Year from one particular angle, isn't? Our lives are bigger and more complicated than this. However, the pandemic has impacted nearly every aspect of our lives: physical, mental, relational, and spiritual. So we can't separate ourselves from it.

But for the moment, what if we reflect on this upcoming New Year by using a different question: "What do you hope for in 2022?" Hope is fundamental in the Christian faith. Christ came to earth and gave the people hope: hope in a God who loved them; hope in a God who forgave them; hope for new life by living in countercultural ways. Christ's death and resurrection brings hope that death does not have the final word. God's love has the final word. Knowing we are not alone can bring us comfort and hope. Trusting that God's mercies are new every morning can bring us hope. For these reasons and many more, we can be hope-filled. But what do we hope *for* in 2022? I'll start a list and I hope you will add to it!

I hope for . . .

More scientific advances to be made so that the corona virus is no longer a threat to human life.

More people to put their hope and faith in Christ.

Peace to prevail in war-torn countries, areas of conflict, hearts, and homes.

Children and their families to learn and practice the Christian faith.

Eyes to see and ears to hear God's word and will for our churches.

More time spent with family.

More leisure time spent with friends.

Awareness of God's presence in my daily life.

I have started a list. I encourage you to ponder what you may hope for. No matter what it is, may our hope be grounded in the One who is hope itself, our Alpha and Omega, our Beginning and our End.

May we all have a hope-filled 2022!

With Christ's love,

~ Rev. Shannon



Magazine Subscriptions

Happy New Year

to all our readers, subscribers, advertisers
and all the contributors to the magazine

The magazine team have sadly had to agree to an increase in the price of the magazine, due to increase costs of printing, postage and bank charges
This is the first price rise for many years

New prices
delivered magazines £6.00
posted magazines £14.00

Advertising

Rates: half page £80 pa,
quarter page £40pa.

The magazine is happy to take adverts for business' who provide a service to our community. If you own a business or know someone who does please contact Ann (ann@apmj.co.uk) to discuss your requirements

We hope you all continue to enjoy reading the
magazine



Washburn Heritage Centre

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Our **Tea Room** is open Sundays only during winter from **11am to 4pm** until the end of March 2022. Please drop in and sample our new menu with home-made food, using local suppliers and of course our legendary cakes, all prepared and served by our team of enthusiastic volunteers.

At this end of this month we will finish the current programme of Law Makers & Law Breakers. From 1 February the next programme "Our Natural Health Service" begins and will run until the end of May. Watch out for details.

We welcome new members and new volunteers. If you would like to join our friendly team of volunteers please contact Jenny at 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. And you get to sample lovely cakes!

Events in January

SUPPER – Tuesday 14 January 7.00-10pm -Whodunnit? A Murder Mystery Evening ...

Come to this cheering post Christmas supper and also solve a murder crime with the help of the Washburn Players. Between courses they will reveal to you the characters involved and some clues as to the perpetrator of our dastardly crime. No need to dress up – unless you want to! Welcome drink and cash bar. Cost £20 non-member and £16 member.

TALK – Tuesday 18 January 7.30-9pm

This talk was planned some time ago and the speaker now cannot attend. Please contact the Centre or check our

website to find out the replacement event.

WALK – Saturday 22 January 9.30am – Dickinson's Duties

We meet at the Centre for a 5-mile circular walk including a two-course lunch. Although not a lawmaker, John Dickinson, the noted Timble Man, had many roles which involved the upholding of legal processes. We walk to Timble and its environs with interesting facts along the way about Dickinson's Duties, and some observations from his diaries. £12.50 non-member, £10 member.

TALK – Saturday 29 January 2-4pm – Bodies of Evidence

We welcome back Professor Becky Gowland of Durham University and Professor Tim Thompson of Teesside University to the Heritage Centre. Tim and Becky work with national police forces, international non-governmental organisations, and human rights lawyers to provide expert advice in forensic archaeology and anthropology. Here they will discuss some of the work that they have been involved with, including the location and identification of 'the missing' during periods of conflict, for example the Balkans. They will outline the importance of anthropological and archaeological skills for evidence gathering and establishing the identity of the deceased. Tea and cake will be served. £10 non-member and £8 member.

Please contact the Centre for further information on 01943 880794 or email us at centre@washburnvalley.org

A very happy and peaceful New Year to you all. We look forward to seeing you at the Heritage Centre very soon.

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Community Notice Board



Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota

2nd & 9th January Mrs A Ainley

16th & 23rd January Mrs J Cowgill

30th January & 6th February Tom & Ruth Raper



T&T



Meeting on 11th January (the second Tuesday, just for January) at 2pm we're going to have plenty of tea, yummy biscuits and chat before our prize winning domino drive commences. Do join us at Norwood Social Hall - big welcome awaits!

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!



Fewston Foxy Ladies



We're meeting at 2.30pm on Tuesday 18th January at Fewston Parochial Hall - do come along because we're going to sample cakes with our tea and do a bit of domino driving too.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Shirley 01423 770281; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789; Margaret (new number soon!) or Ann on 01423 771393

See you there!

Fewston Parochial Hall

Happy New Year.

There next charity teas are on 29th and 30th January
Charity to be confirmed

Askwith Ladies Social

Following on from the success of the last meeting a request has been made for monthly ASKWITH LADIES SOCIAL.

Venue: Askwith Arms
Date: Tuesday January 11th
Time: 7pm

If you indicate your intention to come light refreshments have been very kindly offered by Jane and John

Thanks Anne - (Tel: 07713884328 Email: laatham@gmail.com)

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Nidderdale Society Talk and Walk January 2022

Monday 17th January

The Nidderdale Way. Our January talk is being given by Dr Elizabeth Rimmer, a retired GP, who decided to write a guidebook as a retirement project.

The talks are held in the Village Hall at Dacre Banks. They start at 7.30 pm and everyone is welcome. Membership of the society is £10 per annum which includes both talks and walks. Non-members are charged £4 per talk.

Tuesday, 25th January

Our January walk is the Crimple Valley. Would walkers please meet at 10.30 am at the side of the road just beyond Fodder, the Farm Shop, on Railway Road, Harrogate. The walk is approximately 4.5 miles and for those wishing to join us will be followed by a pub lunch. Everyone is welcome, there is a nominal charge of £2 for non-members.

For more information on the Nidderdale Society please go to
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YOUR LOCAL VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU



NORWOOD SOCIAL HALL IS LOOKING FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED PLEASE CONTACT HAZEL 07891 254 233 HELEN 07977 450 375

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Introducing Terry Drummond to the Benefice

I'm writing this short article as a way of introducing myself has a distinctive deacon who moved into the Benefice just over a year ago.

Having been given Permission to Officiate by the diocese I look forward to being able to be of assistance in the future. Being a distinctive deacon means that I was ordained into a permanent role rather than what is more usual that of a transitional Deacon which is normally served for a year prior to ordination to the priesthood, my ordination in December 2016 was for me a fulfilment of over 40 years as a Licensed Lay Evangelist.

Lynda (my wife) and I moved to Otley in October 2020 to live in a clergy retirement house. We moved from

Croydon in South London where we had lived and worked in the diocese of Southwark for 25 years, my final ten years my employment being in the bishop of Southwark's office.

My ministry of 45 years has a special interest in theological reflection on urban issues and policy. The move was for me a return to the county of my birth, the first 19 years of my life being in Scarborough, Lynda was born over the county boundary in Worksop.

To move into a largely rural benefice is a change that was unexpected and I must add an opportunity for new experience's. I look forward to be able to assist Stephen wherever possible and meeting and getting to know people throughout the Benefice.



Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club

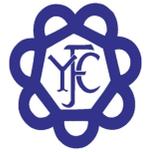


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Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club

Reporter Emma Goulding.



On 17th November we had a public speaking and frisbee practise at Almscliffe Village Hall. This was a good night where the people who were competing in the public speaking competition could practise in front of our club and we also had a few frisbee games and went over the rules ready for the district frisbee competition in a couple of weeks.

On 20th & 21st November 5 of our members went to Staffordshire to compete in the English Winter Fair for the national live and carcass finals. Well done to those who competed as they all did really well and we had some great results: James Driffield came 6th in overall lambs and 3rd as part of Yorkshire A lambs, Eleanor Ashby came 10th overall in intermediate beef, 3rd as part of Yorkshire C intermediates and 3rd as part of Yorkshire C overall, Charlie Ryder came 5th overall with intermediate lambs and 3rd as part of Yorkshire A lambs (with James), Jacob Ryder came 2nd overall with intermediate lambs and Becky Ryder came 2nd with lamb carcasses and 20th overall in lambs. Well done to all of them.

On 22nd November it was the district public speaking competition at Askwith Primary School. Thank you very much to everyone who helped to organise this and was helping on the night. Thank you to Askwith Primary School for letting us use the venue and to all the judges who gave up their time on the night and gave us some good feedback. The results were: Junior readers - 1st Izzy Bush, Eleanor



Ashby and Lily Hughes and 2nd Alice Goulding, George Ashby and Becky Ryder. Junior public speaking: Chairman - 1st Jacob Ryder and 2nd Emma Goulding, Speaker - 1st Alice Goulding and 3rd Izzy Bush, Vote of thanks - 1st Eleanor Ashby and 2nd Kirsten Kitson. Brainstrust: Chairman - 1st James Driffield, Panel - 2nd Jacob Ryder, Charlie Ryder and Kirsten Kitson. 10 minute speech - 1st Izzy Bush and 2nd James Driffield. Farnley Estate also won the junior and overall trophies so well done to everyone who competed.

On 24th November we had another frisbee practise at Almscliffe Village Hall on the AstroTurf and we had some fun games again.

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On 27th November it was our club's Christmas market at Almscliffe Village Hall. This was a huge success and we raised over £1000 to split between the club and the Stroke Association (our charity this year). Thank you to everyone who came and helped to make this a success and particularly to Caroline Liddle who organised it. Also thank you to the stall holders who came and everyone who donated baking and raffle prizes.

On 1st December we went to the Groves' farm to judge beef cattle. Thank you to the Groves' for hosting us and providing supper and to our judge George Thornton for coming on the night to giving us some helpful feedback. The results were: Juniors - 1st Eleanor Ashby, 2nd Izzy Bush and Jacob Ryder, 3rd Ralph Shaw, 4th Alice Goulding, 5th Charlie Ryder and 6th Ellie Inman and George Ashby. Inter-mediate: 1st James Driffield, 2nd Daisy Roberts and 3rd Ana Bunton. Seniors: 1st Billie Towers and 2nd Emily Bradley. Well done to everyone who placed and came and had a go.

On 9th December we went to Almscliffe Village Hall to make

Christmas wreaths. This was a fun night so thank you to James and Daisy Roberts for providing the greenery and Daphne Wilson and helpers who oversaw the proceedings.

As always if you would like to join and are aged 10-28 please call Ana Bunton on 07783 836081. You don't need to be a farmer to join! Thank you.



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Do you have a few hours to spare at the Weekend?

Why not join our Friendly Team of Volunteers who run the Tea Room at the Heritage Centre?

You will Meet lovely people and get to sample delicious cake, whilst helping a good Cause!

Give Jenny a ring on 01943 880794

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An Ordinary meeting of MWPC was held at Askwith Village Hall on 18th November. Weston, Askwith, Denton, and Nesfield with Langbar were represented along with Councillor Lumley of NYCC and Councillor Oldham from Harrogate Borough Council and the Clerk.

Items carried over from the previous meeting included confirmation that the supporting posts to the footpath hand rail at Nesfield had been replaced. Askwith village seat was still requiring painting.

Under Highway issues it was confirmed that new road reflectors had been installed on Hardings Lane Langbar but they had not been located where the parish council requested. This to be followed up by the Clerk along with various pot holes and the increased cracks on Askwith Bridge on West Lane.

The Clerk had prepared a budget for the 2022/2023 precept from budgets from the previous years and next year's costing. After a discussion it was resolved that the precept should remain as per the 2021/22 precept. The appointment of the internal auditor was discussed. It was resolved that Yorkshire Internal Audit Services should be appointed for the 2021/22 year.

MWPC policies had been updated and it was resolved that the following policies should be adopted en-bloc. Standing Orders, Procedures & Policies, Financial Regulations, Financial Risk Assessment, Code of Practice for Handling Complaints, Freedom of Information Publication Scheme, Freedom of Information cost, Code of Conduct. Zoom policy.

Councillor Lumley and Councillor Oldham

gave lengthy and detailed reports on the current situation on the forth coming NYCC Unitary Authority.

The last three months invoices were presented, resolved and cheques signed. Planning items were discussed and recorded. The web site was up to date with minutes and agenda added. Under Members Points of Information the Clerk informed the meeting that he wished to tender his resignation but would undertake the February meeting and all the year-end requirements but would not be available for the May meeting. This was discussed with the position to be advertised on the Parish Notice Boards, in the Washburn and Mid Wharfe Churches magazine and in local papers.

The next two meetings are 17th February and 19th May 2022,

Nick Pullan Clerk to MWPC

Situation Vacant

Parish Clerk to cover
Weston, Askwith, Denton,
Middleton, Nesfield with Langbar

Duties to include working with parish councillors, dealing with Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council, organising meetings and agendas, being responsible for financial matters etc. Flexible 4hr per week, pay rate dependent on experience (previous experience not essential). Working from home expenses and lap top provided. 5 month transition period.

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Lower Washburn Parish Council Report.

The Parish Council in conjunction with Otley Town Council jointly funded the installation of a Speed Indication Device on Farnley Lane and early indications are that there is a reduction in speeding traffic.

Parish members are concerned about the traffic problems at the junction of the A658, Leathley Lane and Castley Lane with delays at peak times and feel that this is a high-risk area. Our concerns have been relayed to North Yorkshire Highways who acknowledge the problems but as everywhere tell us that there is no finance available to deal with this problem. A further area of concern on the roads in the parish is the erosion of road markings and this has been repeatedly reported to the Highways Department but so far with no success.

Everyone is concerned about environmental issues and you can view the environmental policies of North Yorkshire County council, Harrogate Borough Council and Yorkshire Water by visiting their websites. The Parish will do what they can locally particularly with planning issues by

urging the authorities to apply environmental guidance to their decisions.

As a parish we are aware of the need to reduce speeding traffic and will pursue a 30mph speed limit for Farnley Lane and Leathley Lane. In rural parishes the use of long articulated vehicles can be dangerous as for example the damage caused to Leathley Lodge by long vehicles crossing the bridge and the dangers to traffic from long vehicles reversing into the Farnley business park. Please be aware of these dangers when driving through the parish.

An issue that may affect more of our residents is the change of use of building in the parish for example short term lets of the Airbnb type. Please remember that in most cases the change of use requires planning permission. The parish council will be asked for their opinion but ours is just one voice and is no more important than your own objections so if you feel strongly about a planning application make sure you and your neighbours let Harrogate Borough council know.

M. Elam - Clerk to the parish



Farnley Estate Womens Institute

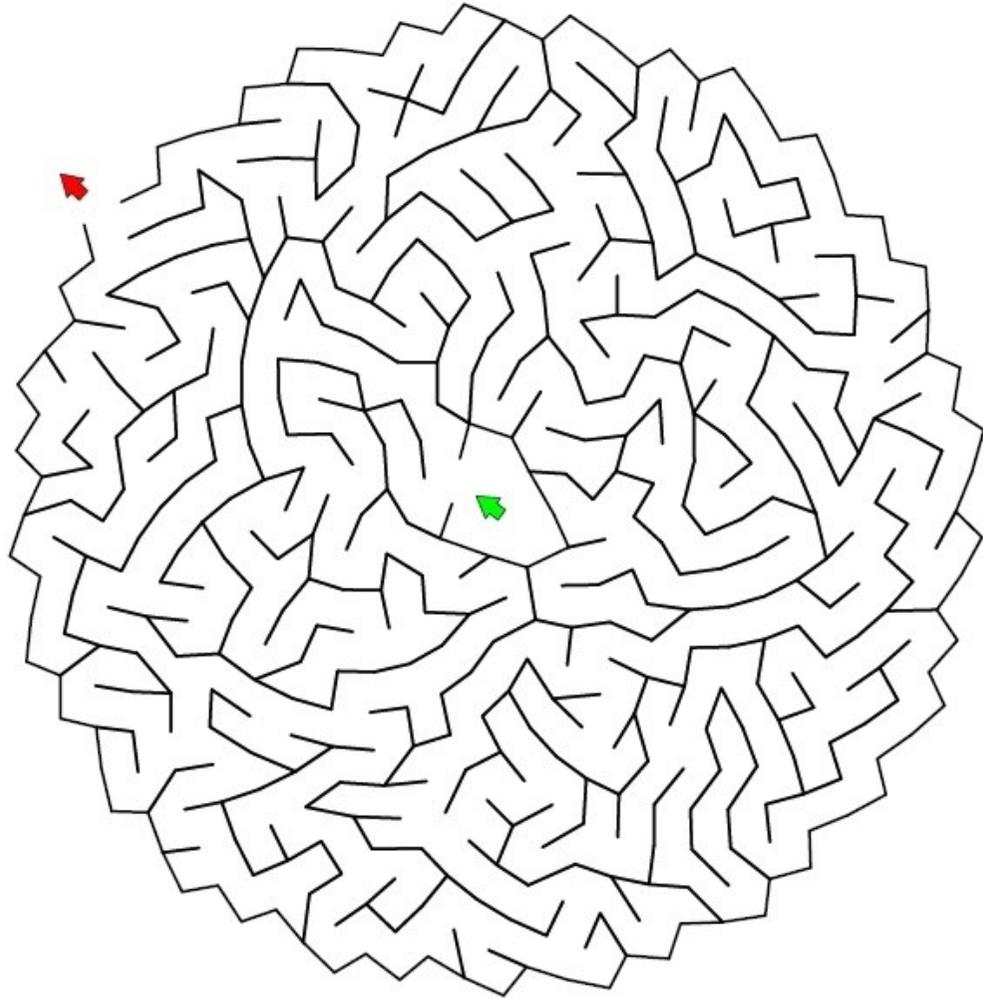


We were busy last year during lockdown honing our crafting skills in online Zoom sessions and when lockdown eased we bloomed into life again in July with a talk from Andrew Willcocks, a gardener at Harlow Carr. Looking forward to 2022 we have a full programme including dancing with the Buttercross Belles women's NW Morris side and hearing about the work of the Otley Food Bank.

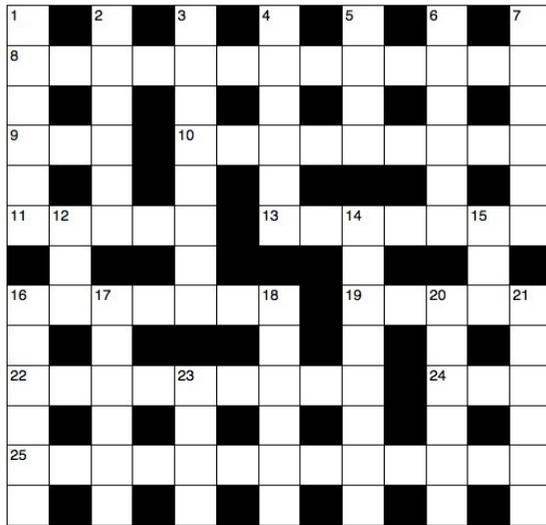
We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30 at Leathley Village Hall and our first meeting of the New year is on 12th January when we will be given some basic first aid training including CPR and using a defibrillator. We will give a friendly welcome to new members and also any visitors who wish to give us a try. For more information contact Lesley Fidler on 07393 540014 or Paula Scriven on 07773 141421.

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Maze, Story, Puzzles and colouring-in



Crossword Puzzle



- 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (6)
- 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy — doings heard on high' (8)
- 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their — at night' (Luke 2:8) (6)
- 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1)
- 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would — or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5)

Across

- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
- 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
- 10 The Ten Commandments (9)
- 11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
- 13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
- 16 'Though [your sins] are red as —, they shall be like wool' (Isaiah 1:18) (7)
- 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5)
- 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9)
- 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3)
- 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)

Down

- 1 Father of Ahi, a Gadite (1 Chronicles 5:15) (6)

- 7 Where Paul was taken when things became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6)
- 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1)
- 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new —; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8)
- 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3)
- 16 Vat car (anagram.) (6)
- 17 'Be joyful —, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6)
- 18 'The parts that are unrepresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts — special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2)
- 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6)
- 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6)
- 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)

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Three Wise Men Word Search



- Magi
- East
- Religious
- Caste
- Astrology
- Divination
- Dreams
- Scholars
- Southern
- Arabia
- Queen
- Sheba
- Messiah
- Solomon
- Herod
- King
- Star
- Worship
- Palestine
- Caravan



Sudoku

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Epiphany

SIGNS, VISITORS, GIFTS AND KINGS



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 2: 1-10

Around the time of Jesus' birth, in a land far to the east of Israel, there were men who studied the stars...

When they saw a new star they believed it showed a special King had been born.



They set off to see that King.



They reached Jerusalem, the home of King Herod.



The Romans had made Herod king of the Jews about 30 years earlier. He was ruthless.



The Jews hated him and he was always worried that people were plotting against him.



He had them killed even if they were his wife or children...



So what the wise men said about a new King upset Herod



Herod got the teachers and priests together and asked about the king's birthplace.



That would be Little Bethlehem



Herod secretly met the wise men and asked when they had first seen the star.

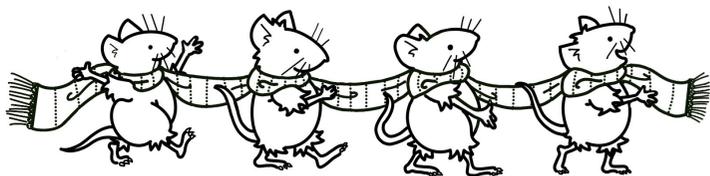


Go to Bethlehem and look for the child. When you find him let me know so I can come and worship him.

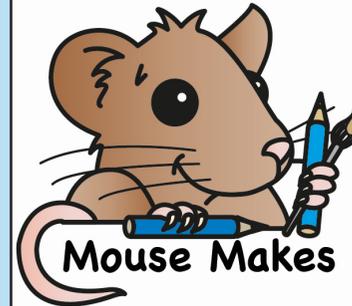


As they left Jerusalem the wise men were elated to see the guiding star again.





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When I am afraid
I will **trust** you,
I praise God for
His word,
I **trust** God, so
I am *not* afraid.



Psalm 56:3-4

But I trust
in you,
O Lord;
I say,
"You are
my God."

Psalm 31:14



*The Lord is good,
a refuge in times
of trouble.
He cares for those
who **trust** in Him.*

Nahum 1:7

"May the God of hope fill you
with joy and peace as you
trust in Him." *Romans 3:13*



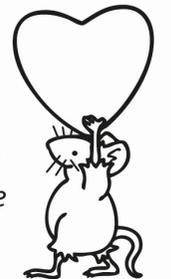
Jesus said:
"Do not be troubled.
Trust in God and
trust in me."

John 14:1

Cut out and colour these cards to
help you to **thank** and **praise** God.

Trust in the Lord with
all your heart and
lean not on your own
understanding.
In all your ways **submit**
to Him and He will make
your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



All in the month of January

It was:

150 years ago, on 14th Jan 1872 that Greyfriars Bobby, a Scottish Skye terrier dog died. He was famous for having guarded his master's grave in Edinburgh for 14 years.

100 years ago, on 5th Jan 1922 that Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Irish-born British Antarctic explorer, died in South Georgia. He had led three British expeditions to the Antarctic.

Also 100 years ago, 16th Jan 1922, that Ralph Vaughan Williams' *A Pastoral Symphony* was performed for the first time, in London.

80 years ago, on 8th Jan 1942 that Stephen Hawking, theoretical physicist and cosmologist was born. Author of *A Brief History of Time*, he suffered from motor neurone disease for more than 50 years and communicated from his wheelchair via a speech synthesizer. (Died 2018.)

Also 80 years ago, on 17th Jan 1942 that Muhammad Ali (previously Cassius Clay), American heavyweight boxing champion, was born. One of the most significant sports figures of the 20th century.

Also 80 years ago, on 26th Jan 1942 that the first US troops arrived in Europe. 4,508 soldiers from the 34th Infantry Regiment docked in Belfast.

Also 80 years ago, on 29th Jan 1942 that the BBC Radio Show Desert Island Discs was first broadcast. It is Britain's longest running radio show, and the world's longest running weekly factual radio programme.

75 years ago, on 1st Jan 1947 that the UK's coal industry was nationalised when the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act 1946 came into effect. The industry was run by the National Coal Board. It was renamed the British Coal Corporation in 1987 and was subsequently privatised.
Also 75 years ago, on 8th Jan 1947 that

David Bowie, pop/glam rock singer, songwriter, and actor, was born. He became one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century. (Died 2016.)

70 years ago, on 1st Jan 1952 that the nuclear reactors at Windscale (now Sellafield) in Cumbria began producing enriched plutonium for use in Britain's first atomic bomb.

50 years ago, from 9th Jan to 28th Feb 1972 that British miners staged a major strike over pay. This led to power shortages, and a state of emergency was declared on 9th Feb. The miners returned to work when the National Union of Mineworkers accepted an improved pay offer.

Also 50 years ago, on 20th Jan 1972 that the number of unemployed people in the UK passed one million for the first time.

Also 50 years ago, on 30th Jan 1972 that Bloody Sunday occurred in Northern Ireland. British paratroopers opened fire on civil rights demonstrators in Londonderry, killing 13 people (plus another who died later) and injuring many others.

40 years ago, on 14th Jan 1982 that Mark Thatcher, son of the British Prime Minister, was found safe and well after going missing in the Sahara Desert for six days while competing in the Paris-Dakar rally.

25 years ago, on 15th Jan 1997 that Princess Diana walked through a minefield in Angola, visited victims, and called for an international ban on landmines.

20 years ago, on 11th Jan 2002 that the first prisoners arrived at the USA's military detention camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They were members of al-Qaeda who were captured in Afghanistan during the War on Terror.

Also 20 years ago, on 31st Jan 2002, that the Larsen B Ice Shelf in Antarctica began to collapse. The whole 3,265 sq. km structure disintegrated over the next 35 days.

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Christmas at Saint Helen's Denton



Despite the havoc wreaked by Storm Arwen, we went ahead with our Mini Christmas Fair at St Helen's Denton on 27th November, even though we had an electricity cut so no light or heating. We rigged up a camping stove and were able to provide welcome mince pies and hot drinks to our customers.

Due to their generosity we raised £500 for



Askwith with Weston Womens Institute

As it was approaching Christmas our December meeting was an opportunity to taste gin! Of course both alcoholic and non alcoholic gin was available and we were led through a selection of Yorkshire distilled gins in a variety of flavours by Mark from Rumagin who was a most entertaining host. Our very enjoyable evening was rounded off with gin-inspired bingo, supper, and Christmas carols.

During the winter months we meet at Kirklands Community Centre in Menston but from April to October we're back at our usual meeting place, Askwith Village Hall. This is a new departure for us but as our members come from all around the area ranging from Guiseley to Otley to Addingham and of course Askwith and Weston it made sense to trial meeting up in Menston in winter when the weather's often unpredictable.

church funds and everyone enjoyed the community spirit of the occasion.

As you can see Revd Stephen was pleased with his "reindeer" purchase! Many thanks to all who baked, helped and supported the event.

Kicking off 2022 our speaker in January is Hannah, a student at St Mary's in Menston who has been selected to participate in their June 2022 Sports Leadership programme which will take her to Mnyakanya High School in South Africa through the Bambisanini Partnership. The project uses sport to develop international understanding, education, leadership, and health.

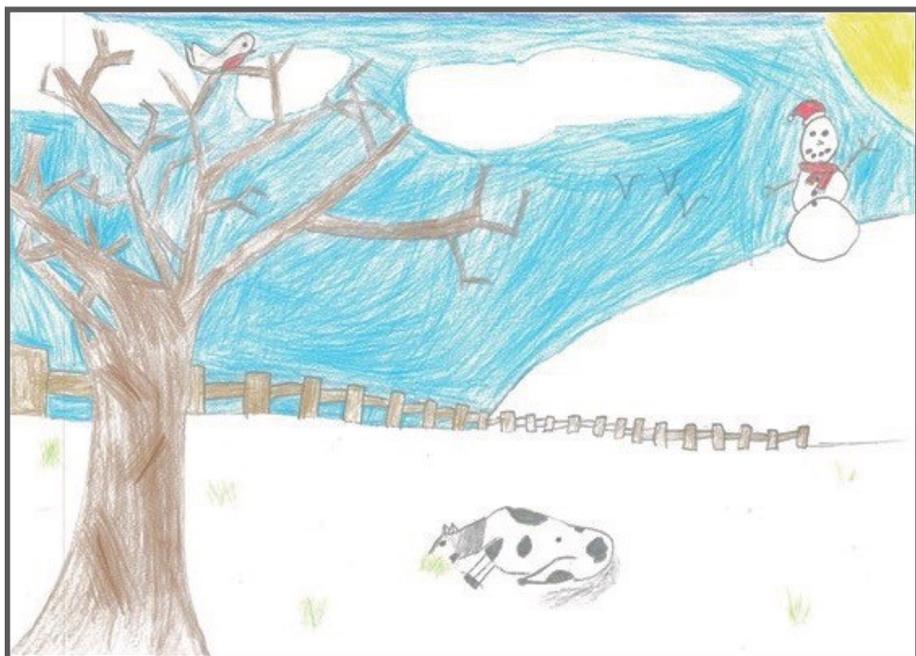
We're a very friendly group of women from wide-ranging backgrounds who meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm and we welcome visitors and potential new members from all around the local area. So if you're curious why not come along to Kirklands at Menston on Thursday 13th January to hear an inspiring talk and find out all about us. Or you could phone Andrea on 01943 462163 or Sue on 01943 839292 if you'd like more information.

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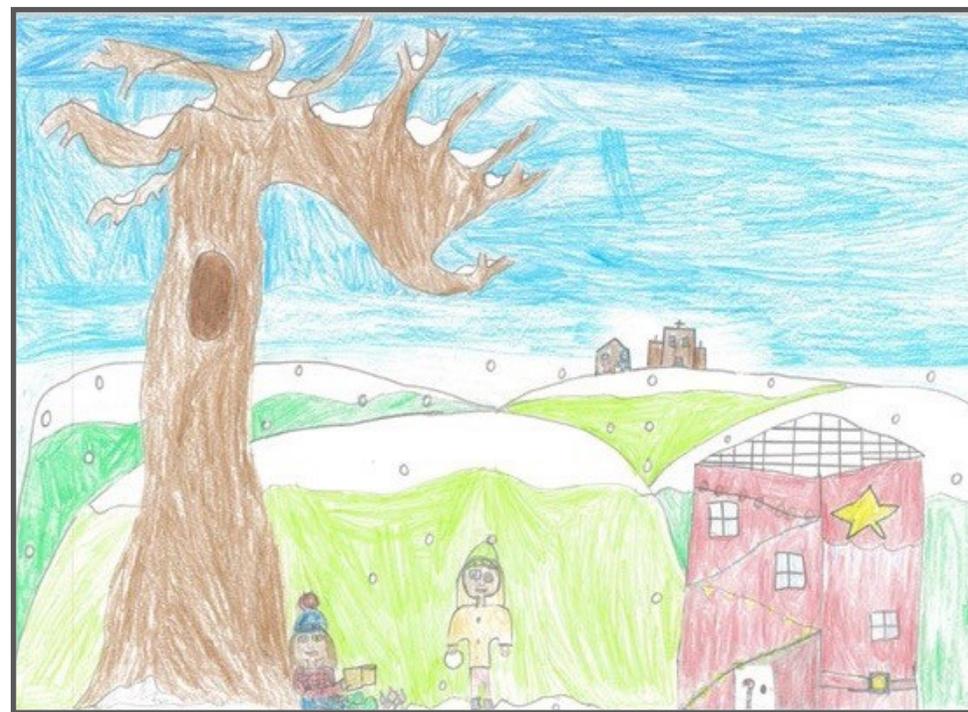


Thank you to the pupils of year 5-6 of Askwith Primary School for the beautiful Christmas Art with the theme, Winter

Thank you to the teachers for sending in their work.



Look out next month for more work from the children of Asquith School.



Leathley winter fair held 27th November was a great success



We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who braved the weather to come to the Leathley Winter Fair on the 27th November.

It was a big success.



Thanks to all helpers too !!



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Not really a garden bird you may think, but increasingly Reed Buntings are being seen in gardens in mid-winter when food is short elsewhere, particularly those in less urban areas or near rivers and lakes. They are predominantly a wetland bird, typically found in wet vegetation but they have more recently spread onto farmland and, in winter, into gardens.

Reed Bunting abundance has fluctuated without a clear trend since the 1980s with British Trust for Ornithology results showing a population increase in north-eastern England since 1995. An initial decline in the 80s pushed the species onto the red list but latterly, with evidence of some recovery in numbers, it was moved from red to amber.

The Reed Bunting is a medium-sized member of the bunting family, with a large-headed, thick-necked appearance. Although the male is unmistakable in its breeding season plumage of black head with broad white collar and white moustachial stripe, they are most commonly seen in gardens outside the breeding season, when identification becomes more difficult(!) They are camouflaged by fresh warm-buff feather tips that will gradually be worn away to reveal their distinctive black plumage in time for spring and the breeding season. The buff stripe above the eye, known as the supercilium, and the grey-brown crown and cheeks are still useful in identification though, as is the boldly marked back. If you only get a quick glance, they can easily be confused with a sparrow, which is much the same size, but a second look will tell you that

you've seen something a bit different. The longer tail and rather brighter colours are the give-away.

Despite its name, the Reed Bunting breeds across a range of habitats from reedbeds and conifer plantations to hedgerows and arable crops. They particularly like oil seed rape for finding food and nesting. During the non-breeding season, they are dependent upon weed seeds, and as such used to join other species in winter flocks on farmland stubbles, when they still existed. Their decline, due to mainly changes in farming practices, matches that of other farmland species such as Tree Sparrows and Linnets, and their increasing winter use of gardens almost certainly is a result of the decrease in availability of winter food. In the breeding season they are mainly insectivorous, and like many other species rely upon the ever-decreasing number of insects to provide high protein food for their young.

During the winter months, large flocks of Reed Buntings may gather to roost. These flocks prefer wet or marshy areas and often roost communally in reedbeds, where they are at less risk from predators – whether these flocks roam around and might end up in someone's garden I don't know – but we can always hope.

Male Reed Buntings usually establish breeding territories in the same area as the year before, with nest building left to the female. The nests tend to be low down in the vegetation, and eggs can be laid from early May onwards. If a predator appears near the nest,

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adults may feign injury in an attempt to draw them away from where it is hidden.

Eyes peeled then! The photo is of a Reed Bunting in my garden this time last year, was taken through a double-glazed window, so it may not be the best!

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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On Friday 26th November we opened our Washburn Christmas Market at 11am with the sound of the Fewston Musick singing Christmas carols and Sally Robinson welcomed visitors to the beautifully decorated church with stalls groaning with baking, preserves, decorations, gifts and bottles of fizz, gin, vinegar and oil. There was a raffle, a Guess the Weight of the Cake and our range of books also for sale, including the Washburn Recipe Book, Life & Death in the Washburn Valley, Abbeys Amble, Anvil to Pulpit, the Strange Woman and Swan Landings. The Tea Room offered home roasted turkey rolls with cranberry sauce and a range of other goodies to tempt our visitors.

On Saturday 26th November, the second day of the Market, we got a huge shock when we arrived at the Centre in the snow and the cold. Very unfortunately, due to the snow, a power cut and a huge fallen tree which closed the road and the car park, we had to close the doors. It seemed as if everything was conspiring against us! We were very disappointed after weeks of hard work and large quantities of beautiful gifts remaining. A few hardy souls battled their way through, but we couldn't even make them a cup of tea, let alone the full festive menu we had planned!

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Title: Sue Goodall at the Market (page 46)



However, we set up an enticing Christmas Market stall in the Tea Room, where visitors will be able to purchase our full range of hand-made merchandise every Sunday leading up to Christmas. All funds raised go back into the Heritage Centre and the support of our extensive archive which preserves the history of the Washburn Valley.



Or Storm Arwen!



Poetry Request

Thank you to Mrs Jefferson for sharing her lovely poem

MARTY THE CHRISTMAS MOUSE

"Many years ago, late on Christmas Eve, I was busy putting the finishing touches to a bridal dress for the teenage doll of a special little girl, when a little mouse ran across the floor. This is not unusual in old farm houses, so I didn't scream, just finished what I was doing, then wrote this poem.

Thank you. Joan Jefferson.

Marty the mouse crept out of his hole
On the night before Christmas Day
He was feeling very hungry
As he scampered on his way.

His little nose was twitching
As he sniffed round here and there
I wonder what's on the table, he
thought
And climbed the leg of a chair.

There on a plate before him
What do you think he found?
Two mince pies and a piece of cheese
And then he heard a sound.

It was a sort of rumbling
And it came from the fireside
So he scrambled down from the table
To find a place to hide.

Then who appeared but Santa
With his sack piled high with toys
And started filling stockings
For the little girls and boys.

Then Santa sat at the table
And ate one of the mince pies
But he was feeling rather tired
And for a moment, closed his eyes.

Now Marty thought, I'll have some fun
I'll hide in Santa's pocket
Then Santa woke up with a start
And shot up like a rocket.

Dear me, he said, this just won't do
I have to go so far
I'll take this other pie and cheese
Home with me for Ma.

So he popped them in his pocket
And trundled on his way
With the pie and cheese on top of him,
Thought Marty 'I'm here to stay!'

When hunger got the better of him
He nibbled away at the food
And when he'd eaten everything
He thought 'my that was good'.

Then he curled up and went to sleep
In that warm and cosy place
And didn't wake till Santa
Was looking into his face.

Mother Santa gave a scream
Which frightened Marty Mouse
So he scurried off to find a hole
In Santa Clause's house.

So now there's mice in Lapland
And they got there would you believe?
Because Marty went on an adventure
With Santa on Christmas Eve.



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If you feel inspired please send in your own poem or request share your favourite poem, a seasonal recipe, write an articles or or anything you wish to share. All items for the magazine are always welcome. Please email your items to:

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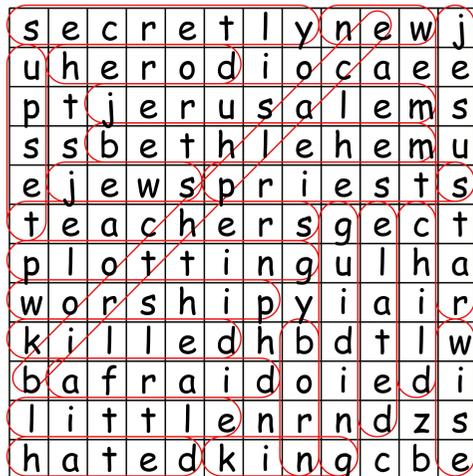
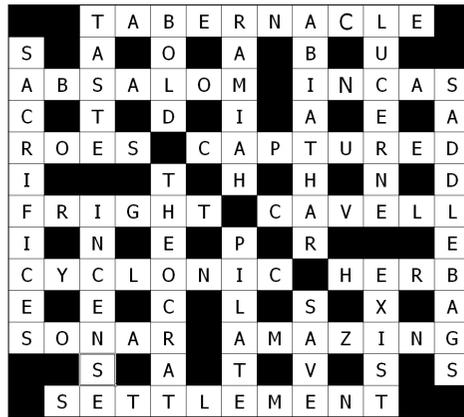
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