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## Church Services March 2021



All our services will be subject to Government guidelines please check on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) for updates or see the weekly bulletin.

### 7<sup>th</sup> March

### Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am.	Fewston	Holy Communion
11am.	Farnley	Holy Communion
2.30pm.	Denton	Evensong (BCP)

### 14<sup>th</sup> March

### Mothering Sunday

9.30am.	Weston	Holy Communion (BCP)
11am.	Leathley	Holy Communion

### 21<sup>st</sup> March

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am.	Denton	Holy Communion
11am.	Fewston	Holy Communion
2.30pm.	Farnley	Evensong (BCP)

### 28<sup>th</sup> March

### Palm Sunday

9.30am.	Weston	Holy Communion (BCP)
11am.	Leathley	Holy Communion
2.30pm.	Fewston	Evensong (BCP)

Holy Week and Easter Services are in the process of being arranged. They will be published on a Church near you and the weekly bulletin.



## Services at Norwood Chapel

Our Methodist Circuit staff team made the decision to pause in-person worship for all our churches on the Wharfedale & Aireborough Circuit. We plan to review the situation on a regular basis. Once we resume in-person worship, we will communicate that with you.

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## The View from the Vicarage

Just after this year's Calcutta Cup (in case you can't recall, Scotland won) a photo of Princess Anne and her husband did the rounds on social media. It showed the couple in their sitting room watching the match. The great thing, for me, was that their room was a bit cluttered and untidy. As my daughter Becky pointed out the photo made our sitting room 'look not too bad.'

At various points over the past year, I have tidied stuff up, I have cleared out the garage, I have even re-organized the bookshelves in my study. Things stay tidy for a few days, everything is in the right place, then life takes over and the clutter develops again.

Becky is a big fan of Marie Kondo, the home tidying guru, and keeps trying to get me to tidy my belongings, and my life, according to Marie Kondo's principles. I have given it a bit of a try and my sock drawer is now better organised than it ever has been. That may well be as far as I can go.

The Kondo principles seem to be based on getting rid of vast amounts of stuff. I don't have too much of a problem with that except that she has suggested that a home doesn't need more than 30 books. I've been known to have more than that on my bedside table. One day, when I retire, I know I am going to have to say goodbye to some of my books, but not yet.

Apart from getting rid of clutter the key to the Marie Kondo method is about 'Joy'. And that is really interesting. Does something bring joy into your life? Then keep it. If it doesn't, then let it go.

We are well into Lent just now, the time of year when we prepare for the great feast of Easter. Easter is the most joyful day in the Christian year, and it does seem strange that we get ready for this great day by giving things up. Not eating chocolate or drinking alcohol or something like that. In recent years people have taken to doing something extra for Lent, maybe giving to charity or volunteering their time. But all in all, Lent is still a pretty mournful time.

We have all given up so much over this past year, haven't we? So, I hope that you haven't cut out too much from your life over the last few weeks. Whatever you have done, or are doing, could I suggest this? Over the next few weeks have a bit of a declutter of your life. You don't have to throw anything away (unless you really want to) but focus on what gives you joy. Joy is at the heart of the Christian message. God wants you to be happy and fulfilled in your life and to do that you have to experience joy.

What gives you Joy? What makes your life complete? All of us will have different answers to this question. But it is a question that we all need to ask.

As we make our way through Lent to the great Joy that is Easter may you find joy in all aspects of your life.

God bless you all.  
Stephen

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## News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

I hope you are finding ways to keep your spirits lifted and to stay connected with family and friends. As I write this article, we're still in Lockdown. However, when you read this our nation may be coming out of this time of great restriction . . . or not! It depends on the data that Science provides as well as the discernment of the government for what is the next best step for our nation. So in the meantime, we plod along doing our utmost to keep ourselves and others safe.

As I think about plodding along, I'm reminded that I am not a marathon runner by any stretch of the imagination! However, one of my colleagues over in Ireland decided to put himself to the test and run a marathon. He will admit he wasn't the most disciplined in his training. The day came for the big run . . . and he started out well. But by the halfway mark, he was ready to give up. He was in pain and out of breath. An experienced runner saw how he was ready to quit the race. He gave him words of encouragement. He told him to take it one mile at a time by running to the next telegraph pole. Once he reached it, he was to walk to the next telegraph pole. Then alternate that until he finished the race. That's what he did and he's very proud to have finished it!

I feel as though we're running a marathon as we continue into this 12<sup>th</sup> month of living with restrictions in this pandemic. I am not sure where the finish line is though. Are we halfway there? Or more? Oh I hope so! Even though we can't see the finish line yet, we must trust it is there. And in the meantime, perhaps we should focus on the 'telegraph poles' that will help us to continue putting one foot in front of the other. What might they be? What are the things that lift our spirits? Are there indoor activities that can help us mark and pass the time during this cold winter? Are there ways that we regularly and safely connect with those who mean the most to us? Can we commit ourselves to study and worship during this Lenten season perhaps in ways we hadn't considered before?

A few of my own telegraph poles are weekly Zoom calls with our family in the US, online worship on Sundays, weekly Zoom Lenten study sessions on prayer, small group meetings over Zoom, daily walks, and board-game night here at the Manse. I'm sure you can make a list of your own.

I know we long for a sense of normality to return and to be together again in church and other places, face-to-face. Until that day comes, may we be open to the Spirit of God nudging us to open our eyes to the new possibilities that are before us. Even though we are headed towards Good Friday during this Lenten season, it's not the final destination. Easter is!

Plodding along with hope,  
~ Rev. Shannon



## Askwith Primary School

### Learning in Lockdown



During this lockdown, we have been doing school lessons on Zoom. At first, it felt very different, but it is actually quite similar to a normal school day. We start school at 09:00, then read until 09:30. At 9:30, we log on to our first Zoom lesson, which is English. We learn for an hour, and then we have a break from 10:30 until 11:00. We do maths from 11:00 until 12:00 on Zoom, then we have a break until 13:00 for us to eat lunch. After lunch, we do non-core subjects. We have just finished learning about The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in history, and have moved on to geography. We finish this at 14:00, and have a half-hour break until 14:30, which is when we do spelling and French. After we finish that at 15:00, we have the class story. That is my favourite part of the day because we can move to a more comfortable place, like the sofa, and then we listen to the story for half an hour.

We hand our books in to the school on Thursday for them to be marked, and are able to pick them up from 4p.m. on Friday until 8:30a.m. on Monday. Since we don't have our books on Fridays, we do an arithmetic, a

reading comprehension and a grammar, punctuation and spelling test. These are given to us in our learning packs, which we collect with our books. Every week, we get a daily checklist for our Everything Book, and for our Maths Book. We stick these in and complete them each day. We also get spellings each week, which we practise every day. We get tested on these every Monday.

Lockdown has been very different, and I especially miss being able to see my friends. I miss being able to go out and do things, like go to the shops or restaurants. It has felt very strange not being able to go out, but I have become quite used to it. I hope lockdown will be over soon, because otherwise I will not be able to celebrate my birthday properly. I think that the Coronavirus has also brought a lot of people together because everybody in communities are helping each other, with things like shopping for people who are more at risk, or just checking to see if people are alright.

By Isabel  
(Askwith Primary School Year 6)

Askwith Primary School is the only school remaining in the Benefice. The Headmistress asked if the children could contribute to the magazine. We are delighted to have our first article which we hope will be the first of many.

# Community Notice Board

Please check Government guidance before attending events as rules may change after publication.

## "Valley Bible Study Group

AKA pre Lockdown "Discussion Group"

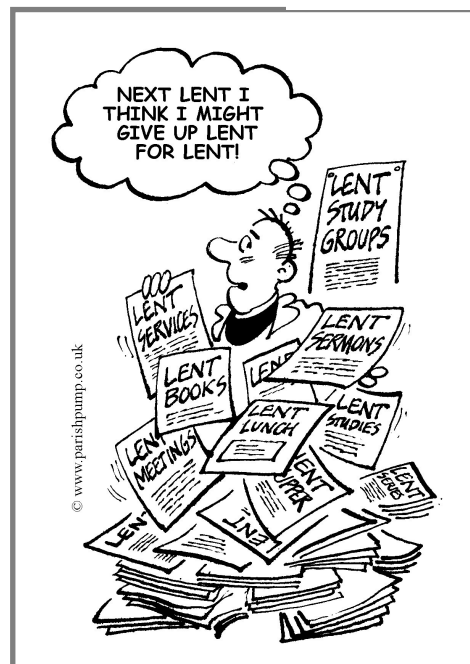
The Valley Bible Study Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. At present, we are meeting via Zoom at 2.30pm.



Contact Peter Wood for details on [peterwood1951@gmail.com](mailto:peterwood1951@gmail.com).

## Washburn Valley Choir

Hopes to get going again as soon as this blessed pandemic allows us to!



## Fewston Foxy Ladies (Vaccinations and Boris permitting!)

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 April 20<sup>th</sup> 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! Also, Margaret is rebooking the amazing trip for May, the one postponed from last year.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Margaret 01943 462261; Shirley 01423 770281; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789 or Ann on 01423 771393 See you there!

## T&T –

April! We are ready to re-start. Are you jabbed up? Get that arm armed against covid! There are scones, jam, cream, cups of tea and a heap load of chat waiting for you.



See you 2pm Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> Get that date in 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!

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## To raise a smile!

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM – prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours."

Alistair Wood  
Washburn Valley Choir

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At the time of writing this article in February, the Centre and Tea Room remain closed. We are hopeful for better news at the Government review and the possibility of limited opening some time in March. As always, check our website for the most up to date details at [www.washburnvalley.org](http://www.washburnvalley.org) or give Jenny a ring at the office on 01943 880794. Our email address is [centre@washburnvalley.org](mailto:centre@washburnvalley.org).

### Washburn Flycatcher project

In February we enjoyed a Zoom presentation about the Washburn Flycatcher project. Paul Wheatley, the Leeds Birder, talked to us about our

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 nest-boxes 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, so Paul also talked about what we can do to re-wild our gardens for our nature, and particularly, our Spotted Flycatchers. The Flycatcher project began in earnest last year with work to establish a



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wildflower meadow in Fewston Churchyard. Despite the challenges of pandemic times, a small number of volunteers were able to prepare and sow an area of the churchyard with wildflower seed. Some hard graft was required to rake away the thick thatch made up of grass cuttings from previous years, exposing the soil so that wildflower seeds can germinate and hopefully flourish. A new management regime will now delay grass cutting until September, allowing wildflowers to grow through the summer and drop their seed before being cut. Grass clippings will then be removed to prevent enrichment of the soil and allow the wildflowers, which thrive in nutrient-poor soils, to grow without being out-competed by the grass. It will be exciting to see the meadow develop in the spring and summer and our fingers are crossed for the success of this first step in the project.

If you are interested in learning more about the Spotted Flycatcher project or you would like to get involved, please get in touch with Jenny at the Centre.

### In other news,

the Centre turns 10 years old this February! We had planned all sorts of events, a party and other activities to celebrate the milestone but of course this was not to be. However, we have turned our thoughts to a month of celebration in June and have pencilled dates in the diary for a party (combined with the Annual Meeting for Members), a range of talks, a supper and a repeat of the first ever walk hosted by the Centre. Please watch out for further information. As well as our Annual Report, we will be publishing an Anniversary Report

which will be an evaluation of our first ten successful years.

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



### Friends of Blubberhouses Update

The Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrews Church, Blubberhouses was a great success, thank you to all of you who supported us in one way or another; the delicious mince pies made, those who decorated trees, those who visited and those who spread the word round too. We made £391 - thank you!

The under pew heating has now been installed - choose your pew carefully and you will be as warm as toast!

A flushing toilet is being added to church - this may not quite be on your next visit as we are waiting for tenders at the moment - early stages but we're on the way.

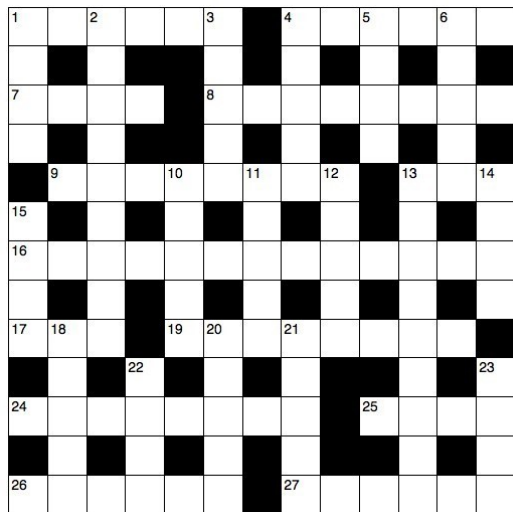
We've got a few exciting events up our sleeves for the current year but due to the current climate they are still on the back burner but we will certainly keep you posted when we know more.

Many thanks once again - take care and stay safe.



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## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

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 Jar-row 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)
5. Tugs (anagram.) (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 Ara-means 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 (anagram.) (4)
23. The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

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## Word Search

This months wordsearch words are taken from the story of Jesus in the desert being tempted by the devil.



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|-------------|------------|
| Holy Spirit | Serve      |
| Jordan      | Jerusalem  |
| Wilderness  | Pinnacle   |
| Tempted     | Temple     |
| Devil       | Stone      |
| Fasted      | Foot       |
| Hungry      | Angels     |
| If          | Bear       |
| Bread       | Strike     |
| Alone       | Test       |
| Kingdom     | temptation |
| World       |            |
| Authority   |            |
| Glory       |            |
| Worship     |            |
| Me          |            |



## Sudoku

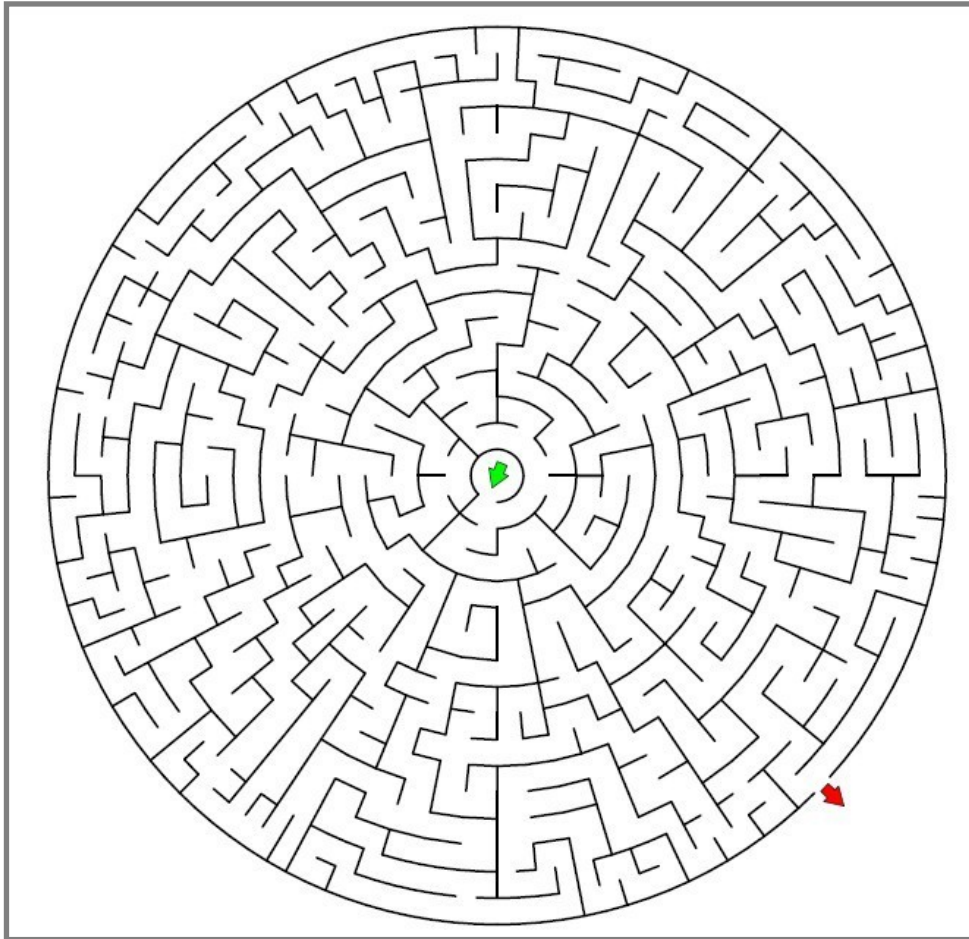
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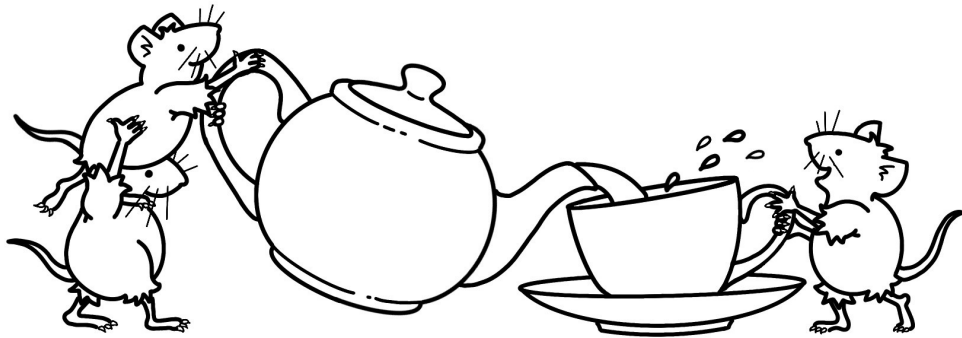
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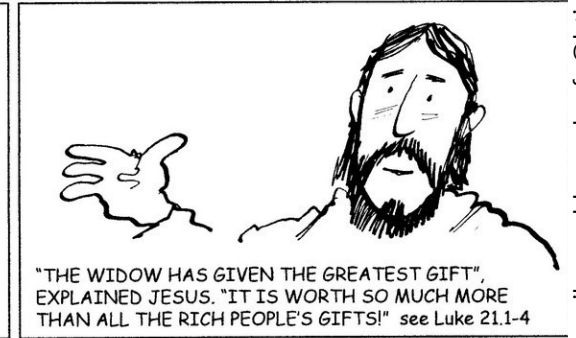
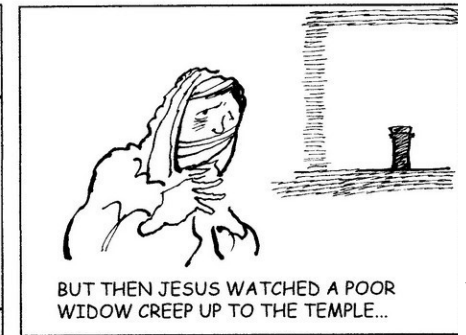
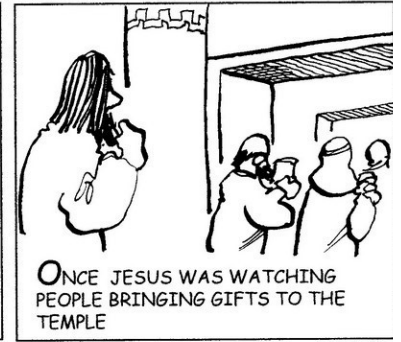
# March Maze, Story, Puzzles and colouring-in



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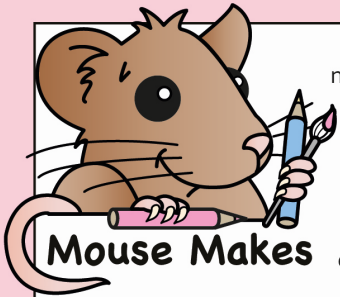


## The Widow's little coins



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## Mouse Makes

**Who is my mother?**  
Look up the Bible verses  
then find the mother's  
names in the word search

**CAIN and ABEL**  
*Genesis 4:1-2*

**JOSEPH**  
*Genesis 30:22-24*

**ISHMAEL**  
*Genesis 16:15*

**TIMOTHY**  
*2 Timothy 1:5*

**RUBEN**  
*Genesis 29:32*

**GAD**  
*Genesis 35:26*

**SAMUEL**  
*1 Samuel 1:20*

**OBED**  
*Matthew 1:5*

**ISAAC**  
*Genesis 21:3*

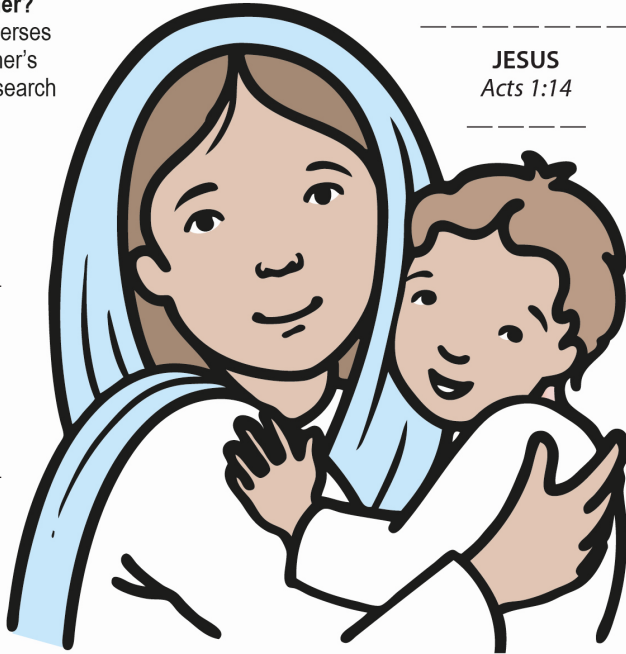
Jesus was **loved** by his  
mother Mary, she looked  
after him, worried  
about him and prayed  
for him. She **cuddled**  
Jesus when he was  
born, **cried** when he  
died and **rejoiced** when  
he rose from the dead.

**SOLOMON**  
*1 Chronicles 3:5*

**JOHN**  
*Luke 1:57-60*

**ESAU and JACOB**  
*Genesis 25:24-26*

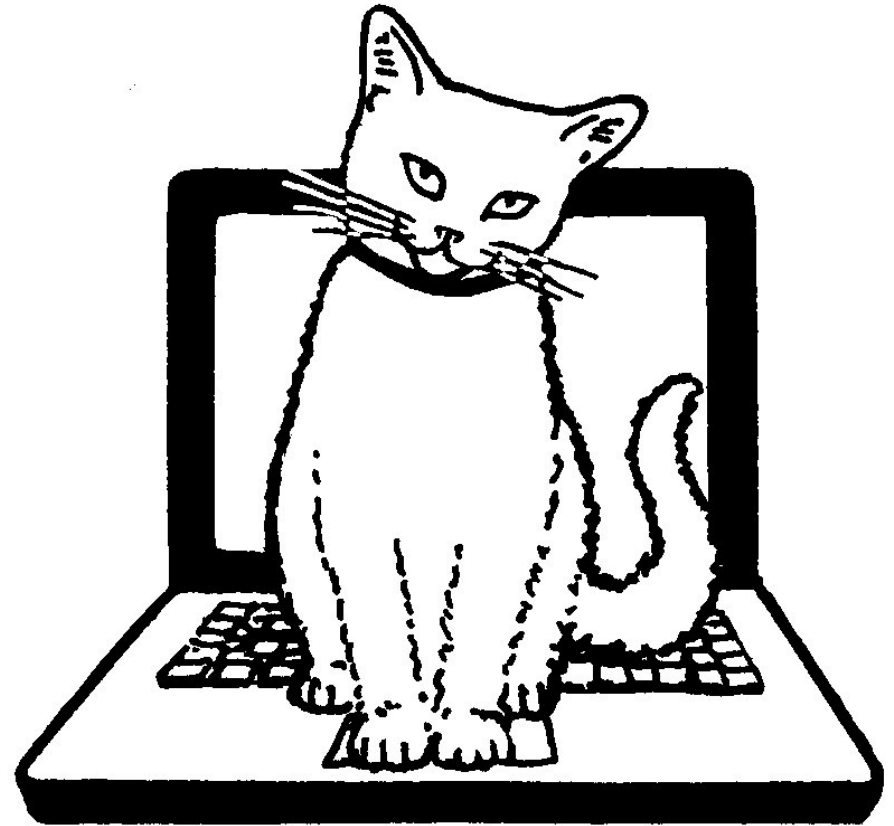
**JESUS**  
*Acts 1:14*



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B	Z	D	R	E	B	V	S	U	A	U	O	L
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There are two other words in the word search, can you find them?

## "I am not a Cat" and greedy mice colouring-in



## All in the month of March

It was:

1700 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> March 321, that the Roman Emperor Constantine 1 (Constantine the Great) decreed that Sunday should be a day of rest throughout the Empire.

1600 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> March 421, that the city of Venice was officially founded when its first church was dedicated at noon.

300 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1721, that Johann Sebastian Bach dedicated six of his concertos to Christian Ludwig Margrave of Brandenburg-Schwedt. They are now commonly known as the Brandenburg Concertos.

200 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1821, that Sir Richard Burton, British explorer, writer and translator, was born. He was noted for his translations of *The Arabian Nights* and the *Kama Sutra*.

150 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1871, that the first international rugby union football match was held in Edinburgh. Scotland beat England 1 – 0.

Also 150 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1871, that the Royal Albert Hall in London was officially opened by Queen Victoria.

80 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1941, that Virginia Woolf committed suicide, aged 59. Author of *To The Lighthouse*, *Mrs Dalloway*, *Orlando*, and *A Room of One's Own*, among others, she was one of the leading modernist writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

75 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1946, that Winston Churchill gave his famous

'Iron Curtain' speech in Fulton, Missouri. He used the term to describe the separation between Soviet and Western countries.

Also 75 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1946, that London's Heathrow Airport was opened, as London Airport. It was renamed Heathrow in 1966.

65 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1956, that Pakistan became the world's first Islamic Republic.

60 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1961, that George Formby, the 'ukulele king' died. A British comedian, singer and actor, he was best known for his comic songs, including 'When I'm Cleaning Windows'.

Also 60 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1961, that Sir Thomas Beecham, British conductor and impresario died. He founded several major orchestras and transformed the operatic and orchestral scene in Britain.

50 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1971, that the 'Fight of the Century' took place at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Two undefeated heavyweight boxers fought each other for the world title, with Joe Frazier defeating Muhammed Ali.

40 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1981, that IRA member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at Maze Prison, Northern Ireland. He was elected as an MP to the British parliament on 10<sup>th</sup> April, and died on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Also 40 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1981, that the first London Marathon was held.

30 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1991, that American construction worker Rodney King was beaten by officers from the Los Angeles Police Department following a car chase. The beating was captured on amateur video. When the four officers were later acquitted in April 1992, it triggered the Los Angeles riots in which 53 people died and around \$1billion worth of damage was caused.

Also 30 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1991, that the convictions of the Birmingham Six were quashed by Britain's Court of Appeal and they were released from prison after 16 years. They had been convicted of carrying out pub bombings in Birmingham in 1974.

Also 30 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1991, that the British Government announced that the controversial poll tax (officially called the community charge), which had sparked riots, was to be scrapped and replaced by a new property tax (council tax) from April 1993.

25 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1996, that the Dunblane Massacre took place in Scotland. A gunman killed 16 children and a teacher at a primary school and wounded several others before taking his own life.

Also 25 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1996, that the British Government reported that Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in humans was linked to BSE (mad cow disease) and could be transmitted to humans who ate infected beef. On 25<sup>th</sup> March the European Union banned the export of British beef (until 2006).

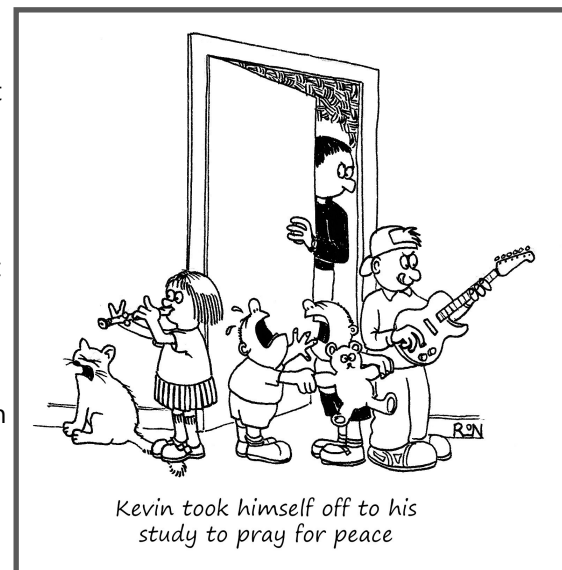
20 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2001,

that British racing driver Donald Campbell's speedboat Bluebird was recovered from the bottom of Coniston Water in Cumbria. (It had crashed and sank during a record attempt in January 1967 in which he was killed.)

15 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006, that the Senedd, the National Assembly for Wales's debating chamber, was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II in Cardiff.

10 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011, that the great Tohoku earthquake and tsunami of Japan took place. It shifted Japan's main island, Honshu, 2.4 metres to the east. 15,897 people were killed, 2,533 went missing, and nearly a quarter of a million were made homeless. Three reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant went into meltdown, leading to the second-largest nuclear accident in history.

Also 10 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011, the Syrian Civil War began. It still continues today.



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## "LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL.

The Government has pledged £56m to build a new route for the Kex Gill section of the A59 and the Department of Transport has reported that construction could begin by the autumn. North Yorkshire Country Council will oversee the new road and provide about £4m towards the £60m project.

In Castley the River Wharfe constantly erodes the river bank and the Parish Council have regularly reported their concerns about the possible damage to the road to North Yorkshire County Council. During 2020 the damage to the bank became so great that emergency action had to be taken by NYCC. Tons of stone were placed at the most vulnerable part of the riverbank. Since this remedial action the erosion has continued on other parts of the banking but also some of the stone has been moved by the river flow. Further urgent meetings with parish representatives and North Yorkshire officials are due to take place to review what needs to be done.

Whenever there are items of concern

such as potholes, faded white lining, blocked drains water flooding onto the highway etc the appropriate authorities are informed.

The Parish Council employ a parish caretaker who will undertake tasks which NYCC or Harrogate DC may not have the time or resources to undertake. These may include the cutting back of overgrowth at junctions or roadside verges to improve safety. In addition, he will clear ditches and drains to prevent local flooding. Each year the parish will arrange for verges to be cut and hedges trimmed where needed and contribute financially to the maintenance of the green at Leathley.

The Parish have again agreed that the precept for 2021/2022 should remain at its current level of £7750. Currently parish meetings are being held by ZOOM and the next meeting will be at 8.00pm on the 11 March 2021. A link to the meeting may be found on the parish website.

M. Elam. Parish Clerk.

### Farnley All Saints Church - Cultural Heritage Project

Daniel Brown works in Augmented Reality for retail and cultural heritage. In 2019 he held an open exhibition at St Johns church in Leeds, using four digital activities for the public to interact with. These included projected video, an interactive map history of Leeds and interactive digital reconstructions of buildings.

Mr Brown has now created a film of Farnley Church, with a reconstruction and its history. Its available on line to view on the following link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rflXVdtw\\_Ho](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rflXVdtw_Ho)

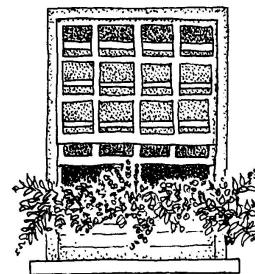
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## Poetry Request

### I remember, I remember



I remember, I remember,  
The house where I was born,  
The little window where the sun  
Came peeping in at morn;  
He never came a wink too soon,  
Nor brought too long a day,  
But now, I often wish the night  
Had borne my breath away!

I remember, I remember,  
The roses, red and white,  
The vi'lets, and the lily-cups,  
Those flowers made of light!  
The lilacs where the robin built,  
And where my brother set



This poem was requested by a reader who thinks of this poem every morning when the light creeps threw their small window.

They look forward to the lilac trees coming into flower as they are one of their favourite trees. This poem has a lot of meaning for them.



If you have a favourite poem you would like to request to see in the magazine please write in with the first line or title and the author.

The laburnum on his birthday,—  
The tree is living yet!

I remember, I remember,  
Where I was used to swing,  
And thought the air must rush as fresh  
To swallows on the wing;  
My spirit flew in feathers then,  
That is so heavy now,  
And summer pools could hardly cool  
The fever on my brow!

I remember, I remember,  
The fir trees dark and high;  
I used to think their slender tops  
Were close against the sky:  
It was a childish ignorance,  
But now 'tis little joy  
To know I'm farther off from heav'n  
Than when I was a boy.

By Thomas Hood  
(1799 - 1845)



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With lockdown three still in place and not likely to be relaxed for a few months, I won't be the only one watching garden birds more closely than in previous years, and what better way to see more of them and help them at the same time than putting up some nest-boxes? With birds actively seeking nesting places, it's still not too late to get them up.

The first thing to think about is what you hope to attract, since different species have different requirements. There are plenty of sources of help, and the BTO is a good place to start.

Most boxes are not used every year, so you may need to persevere, and may move them from one year to the next to find the best place. Oh, and it's not just birds that use them, for example, some bees do and they are worth watching too.

Some things to think about when putting up your nest box:

If nest boxes of the same type are too close together it may promote

aggressive behaviour between neighbours. Keep them away from bird feeders too, to avoid disturbance.

Shelter your box from the weather - the front should be slightly angled downwards to prevent rain from entering, and not facing the prevailing wind and rain or strong sunlight.

Ideally, they should be 1-3m above the ground and fixed to tree trunks, fence posts or similar. If your box has a hole for its entrance, avoid obscuring it with foliage - a clear flight path is important. Make sure it isn't easily accessible to cats and think about adding a metal plate around the hole to deter squirrels. Conversely, open-fronted nest boxes should be hidden from view - attached to a shrub or creeper covered wall or fence.

A box with a 32mm entrance hole fixed on the wall of a house might attract House Sparrows, and you could try a terrace, as they like nesting communally. For Starlings try a box with a 45mm hole.



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Making your own nest box is fun and not difficult. Have a look at "Nest boxes: Your Complete Guide", available from the BTO shop to find out more.

Wood is the best material and should be at least 15 mm thick to provide insulation. Pine is easy to cut and its natural resins ensure a reasonable life, whilst hard woods such as oak are more weather resistant, but harder to cut, and can warp. Use a water-based preservative on the outside and leave the inside bare; there is no need to add any lining.

If you decide to buy one, you have a massive choice, so look around. Good nest boxes will use natural materials that provide plenty of insulation and are easily cleaned. Avoid bright colours, whacky designs, and those incorporated with a bird table! Avoid too, boxes that have a perch on the front: they just make life easier for predators.

Wherever your nest-box comes from, it must have a roof that can be opened easily for cleaning at the end of the season (a vital task come October, to eliminate parasites) and for visits to monitor progress. You can also get boxes that contain a camera.



To maximise the effect of your acquisition why not join the BTO's Nesting Neighbours scheme and record your success (or lack of it!). All the information gathered helps build their knowledge base and allows them to monitor our garden birds' breeding success.

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](http://www.bto.org/gbw)

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Titles: Terrace nest box (left), Blue Tit making its home in a nest box (above)

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## Let Us Dream,

### The Path to a Better Future

The Rev'd Barry Miller explains why he found Pope Francis' book a most refreshing read.

This book is the result of conversations between Pope Francis and Austin Ivereigh a British writer, journalist and academic who is the author of two biographies of Pope Francis. The conversations began early in the first lockdown and the book was published just before Christmas.

Pope Francis reflects on the effect of the pandemic and looks ahead to the way in which this may shape the future. It really is a message of hope even though he recognises the crisis we are all facing. He reminds us that it is not the only crisis facing us although it may seem particularly so because it affects most of humankind. But it is only special in how visible it is. There are thousands of other crises around the world, wars, famine, poverty, refugees and climate change. And he feels that because this particular one affects us all we may eventually be in a better position to face this and the other troubles of the world. As he puts it, 'In a crisis there's always the temptation to retreat. But there are situations when it is neither right nor human to do so.'

His thoughts are set out in three parts: A Time to See, A Time to Choose and A Time to Act. The first part is particularly poignant. In *A Time to See* he does just that: he suggests he's challenged to look at the world – almost from a different perspective - and the effect of the pandemic upon a whole range of aspects of life. He notes that during lockdown the news and social media became the chief way in which we learned about what was happening. In this respect he is

quite critical of the role that some elements of the media have played in the negative, pessimistic and divisive attitudes they have fostered. He understands the necessity for social distancing and wearing masks and recognises that although these are necessary they also rob us of the contact with one another we crave. (I think of the number of our parishioners who have said they have felt isolated from family members.)

Parts Two and Three are very positive and develop his dream for a better future. First by choosing how we might want 'the new normal' to look like and then to act and help to make it happen. In the former he explores particularly the concept of 'discernment' as a way of helping us move from our rigid ways of thinking – moving out of our fixed views and comfort zones.

Throughout the book there are frequent references to Biblical material in what I think is a most creative way. They are all apt illustrations of his analysis of the world and of the way we choose to live our lives for better or worse.

While from time to time, and unsurprisingly, he makes reference to the Catholic Church, he is clear this book is for anyone and everyone. And indeed I found it so. His references are chiefly to provide clear illustrations of the points he is making. Many are drawn from his own personal, and moving, experiences of his life in Argentina. In his Epilogue he reiterates his hope for a better world and ends with a challenge: 'We might wonder: And now what must I do? What could my place in this future be, and what can I do to make it possible? Let us dare to dream.'

*Let us Dream* is published by Simon & Schuster in hardback £10.99

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## Upside-down apple sponge

Quantities for a shallow 8 inch square tin or equivalent

### Topping ingredients

25g butter  
3 cooking apples – peeled, cored and cut into 8 slices  
Demerara sugar  
Ground cinnamon

### Sponge ingredients

150g self-raising flour (sieved)  
Pinch salt  
3 eggs  
150g caster sugar  
2 tbs milk  
75g soft margarine

### Method

Melt butter in cake tin to cover base, sprinkle thickly with

demerara sugar and pinch of cinnamon

Arrange apple slices in rows  
Put all sponge ingredients in a bowl and mix until smooth  
Spread sponge mixture evenly over the apples

Bake for 35-40 minutes at 190 degrees C (also works on the bottom shelf of the Aga roasting oven with the cold sheet above)  
Slide a knife round the sides and turn out onto flat dish/baking tray lined with greaseproof paper

Serve hot with cream, custard or ice cream, or cold as a lovely moist cake

Any fruit, fresh or tinned, can be substituted for the apples and cinnamon

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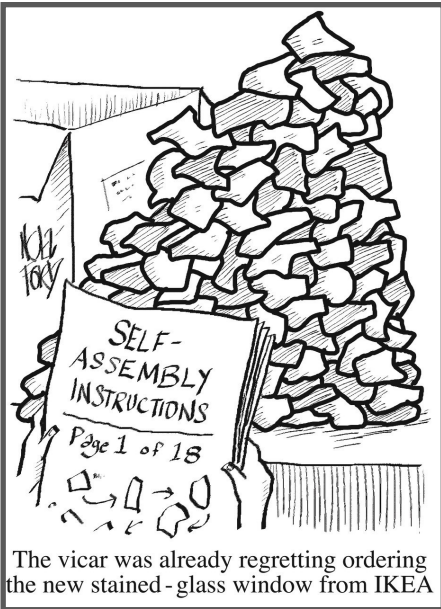
### Monthly Events

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

### Future dates

T&T 2pm Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup>  
For scones, jam, cream, cups of tea and a chat

Fewston Foxy Ladies Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
Mama Mia on the screen at The Sun Inn T



**Puzzles and colouring in pull  
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