

# WASHBURN & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES MAGAZINE

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## Washburn & Mid-Wharfe United Benefice

Farnley, Fewston with Blubberhouses,  
Leathley, Weston with Denton.

### Rector – Vacancy

The Benefice is currently looking for a new Rector. In the meantime, Revd Stewart Hartley is working with the churchwardens to ensure that ministry continues in the parishes.

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All Saints Church, Farnley

[www.farnleyallsaints.org](http://www.farnleyallsaints.org)

Fewston with Blubberhouses

[www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk](http://www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk)

All Saints Church Weston

[www.westonchurch.wordpress.com](http://www.westonchurch.wordpress.com)

Benefice web site

<https://washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk>

Norwood Retreat Centre

[www.yorkshirewestmethodist.org.uk/  
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please note the role is part time so I will reply to  
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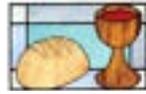
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# Village Church Services March 2023



Please check on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) for up to date information.

<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Lent 2</b>	
9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) RW
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (RW)
9.30am	Leathley	Holy Communion (MC)
<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Lent 3</b>	
11am	Denton	Holy Communion (SH)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (CL)
9.30am	Farnley	Morning Service TD
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
11am	Denton	Family Service (SH)
11am	Blubberhouses	Family Service (FS)
9.30am	Leathley	Family Service FD
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Passion Sunday</b>	
9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer ( Book of Common Prayer ) (TD)
9.30am	Farnley	Holy Communion (MC)



## Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel 2023

Service are held at 2:30pm

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Lyndsey Hurst
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Roberta Topham
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Shannon DeLaureal HC
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Cameron Stirk
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Shannon DeLaureal HC

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost Service held in Menston

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## The View from the Villages

The forty days of Lent, are associated with self-discipline and prayer. In the first instance, the tradition is that we give up something we enjoy, possibly chocolate or alcohol. I have a friend who does not eat meat in Lent and abstains from alcohol, in many ways he represents the highest ideal in maintaining a good Lent. Personally, I find this element of self-discipline, impossible to emulate.

We are also encouraged to make time for prayer and reflection, many books are written every year to encourage individuals to make time by offering simple reflections that can be used easily on a day to day basis. The national Church also produces a Lent programme that can be both used by groups and individuals.

In a Benefice like ours, bringing people together in groups is not easy, this said each of our individual churches might be able to arrange one or two sessions for shared reflection during Lent. We might also like to participate in the diocesan retreat in Ripon Cathedral on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

The importance of Lent is that each one of us makes time for sharing in the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. It is never easy to find the self-discipline that makes for a good Lent, this is in part one of the challenges that we are all called to face.

An important element of Lent is that it is a time for spiritual renewal, at a personal level, we can do this without feeling that we are metaphorically covering ourselves in sack cloth and ashes. In the gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:1:

Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in Heaven.

I hope that all of us in our own simple way will be able to find a way of keeping a Holy Lent, and in the words of one of my favourite lent books, written by a Roman Catholic priest, '*Pardon My Lenten Smile*', the message is the perfect antidote to those who spoil Lent with trying too hard for piety.

Lent well kept, is the perfect preparation for a creative Holy Week and a joyful Easter.  
- Terry Drummond



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## A Treat before Mother's Day

Come and join us at St Helen's Denton  
on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March,

the day before Mothering Sunday,  
from 10am – 12noon for coffee, cakes and  
something for Mum!

All Welcome

### FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS;

During March if you would like to make contributions to Otley Food Bank, you can leave them on the back pew of Fewston Church

Preferred items are:-

- Tinned meat -ie ham, corned beef, meat to heat up.
- Tinned vegetables including tinned potatoes - BUT NOT tinned tomatoes or pulses.
- Pasta sauces
- Cereals BUT NOT porridge
- Tinned fruit
- Puddings
- Jam
- Long-life milk
- Long-life fruit juice.

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# Community Notice Board

## Note from the Editor

If you have emailed items for the magazine in the past and has not been included I can only apologise. I have been having intermittent problems with emails even from people who have emailed me in the past.

You may not have noticed but I am now also the Administrator for the Benefice. If you receive an error message could you forward it to the admin email on page 2 as that will help

us identify the problem. If you wish to contact me by phone (or text) then please use the admin phone number. Its not always on but if you leave a message with your email address I will contact you.

Thank you once again for everyone's contributions to the magazine that would not exist without them.



### Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota For March

5 March	Andrea Ainley
12 & 19 March	Ann Chadwick
26 March & 02 April	Helen Copley

### Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for March 2023

5 <sup>th</sup> March	Sally Stanley
12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Stephen & Marlene Turnbull
26 <sup>th</sup> March & 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Mrs A Ainley



### From the Registers

**Funerals**  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023     Mrs Christine Eadon at All Saints Farnley

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## Fewston Parochial Hall



The Teas, lunches and homemade cakes will be served on Saturday and Sunday 25th - 26th March from 10.30 am till 4.00 pm.



All proceeds to Almscliffe Tennis and Bowling Club.



### Fewston Foxy Ladies



The Chorus Crew are coming to entertain us with an evening of sea shanties and folk songs! Open to everyone, tickets £5 (free to members.) So come along and join us for a fun evening on Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm at Fewston Parochial Hall

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 01423 806151 or Ann on 01423 771393  
See you there!,



### T&T



### Dominoes

Do join us on Tuesday 7th March at 2pm at Norwood Social Hall for prize winning dominoes and plenty of chances to chat to everyone!

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 I have always got time for T&T!

### Charity Teas

Fewston parochial hall still has availability for 2 weekends for the charity teas. Either 29th and 30th April or 26th and 27th August.

If anyone would be interested in doing the teas for a local charity please get in touch. It's a great fundraiser.

Contact Jane on 07590355053  
Or e mail on [jjackson840@btinternet.com](mailto:jjackson840@btinternet.com)

### Askwith Ladies Social

The Askwith Arms is currently closed for refurbishment so the social evening will restart once the pub has re-opened.

Thanks Anne - ( Tel: 07713884328 Email: [laeatham@gmail.com](mailto:laeatham@gmail.com))

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# Norwood Social Hall



## DOMINO DRIVE 2023 Dates

*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January*

*17<sup>th</sup> March*

*26<sup>th</sup> May*

*1<sup>st</sup> September*

*27<sup>th</sup> October*

*8<sup>th</sup> December*

*(Christmas hats and Jumpers)*

*Everyone Welcome*

*7pm*

*Hot Supper and Raffle*

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**TUESDAY 21st MARCH**

**FEWSTON FOXY LADIES  
PRESENTS**

**THE CHORUS CREW**

**AN ENTERTAINING EVENING OF SEA  
SHANTIES AND FOLK SONGS**

**AT FEWSTON PAROCHIAL HALL**

**Starting at 7.30pm**

**Tickets £5 (members free)**

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## Leathley Parish Room Domino Drives 2023



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April (Provisional, depending on building works)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included**

(Vegetarian Option on request)

**Cash Bar- Raffle - Prizes**

**All welcome, whether a seasoned pro or never picked up  
a domino before, any age that can stay awake until  
about 9:30. Please let us know by the Thursday before so  
we can be sure to have enough pies!**

**Over 16 to 90 - £4.00**

**Under 16 - £2.00**

**90 and over – free, wonderful to see you**

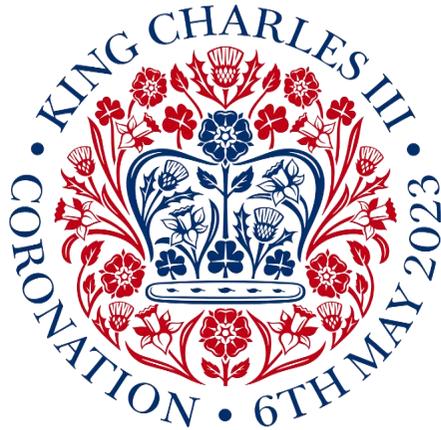
**Tickets;**

**Ann, John or Anne (Booking Secretaries) on 07802 212111**

**Or [leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com](mailto:leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com)**

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St. Michael and St Lawrence Church  
FEWSTON HG3 1SU



**OTLEY BRASS BAND**

**CORONATION  
CELEBRATION**

Sunday, 7 May 2023 2.30 pm



**Tickets £12.50  
including tea & cake**

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Cheri 01943 465977

**Proceeds for Fewston and Blubberhouses  
Churches**

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## Bell Ringers "Appeal" for St Michaels, Beckwithshaw

If you are over 14 and would like to have a go at bell ringing now is your chance! We have six tower bells to ring and would like to be able to ring them all to celebrate King Charles Coronation in May!

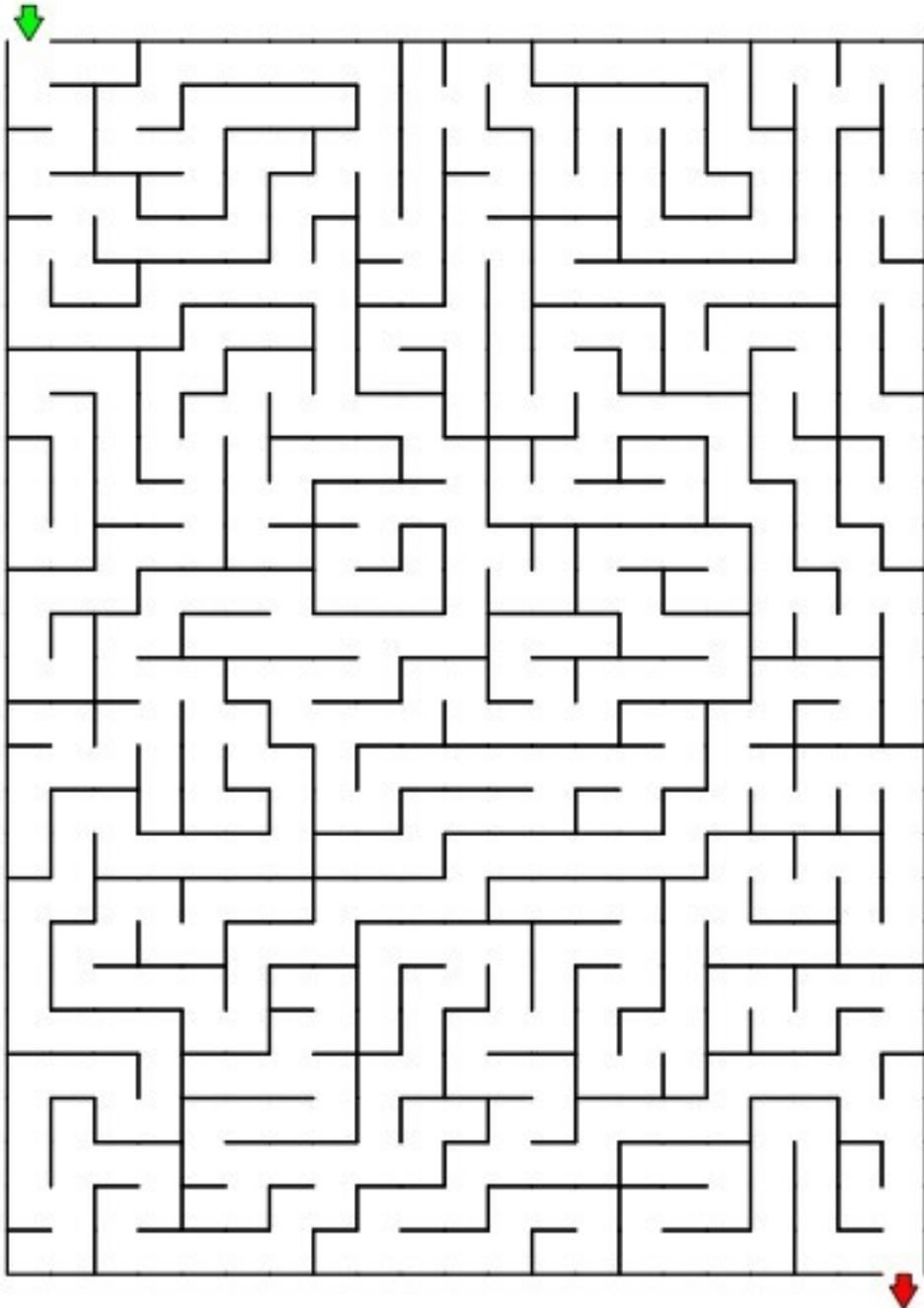
If you are interested then please contact Jon Bryant on 01423 507697 or come along on Monday evenings at 6.30pm.



"Ready when you are, George..."

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# Maze, Story, Puzzles and colouring-in

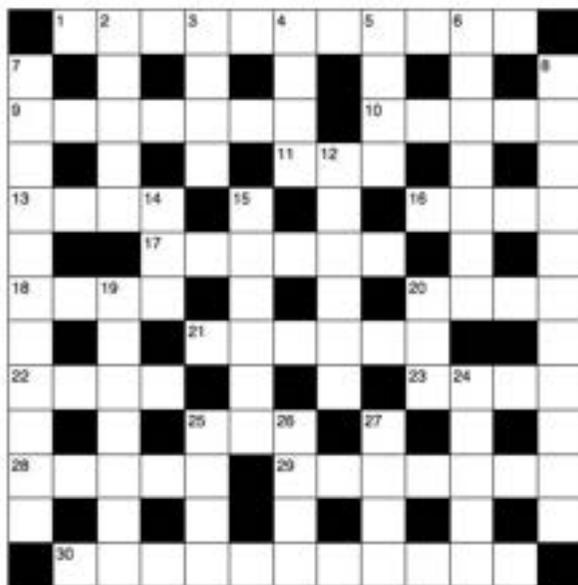


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## Crossword Puzzle



29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)  
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)  
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)

### Down

2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)  
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4  
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)  
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)  
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31)

### Across

1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)  
 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)  
 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)  
 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)  
 13 Mede (anagram.) (4)  
 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)  
 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)  
 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)  
 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)  
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)  
 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)  
 23 Edit (anagram.) (4)  
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)

(7)  
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)  
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)  
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)  
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)  
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)  
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)  
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)  
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — —' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)  
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)  
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)  
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

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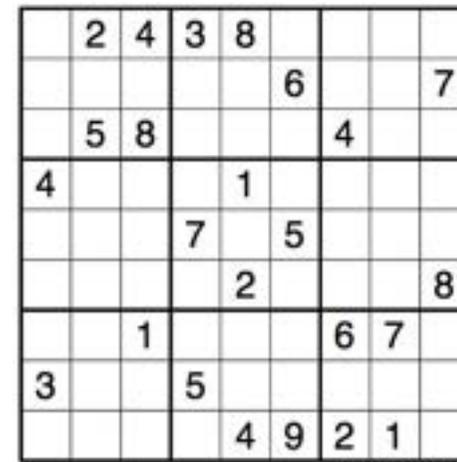
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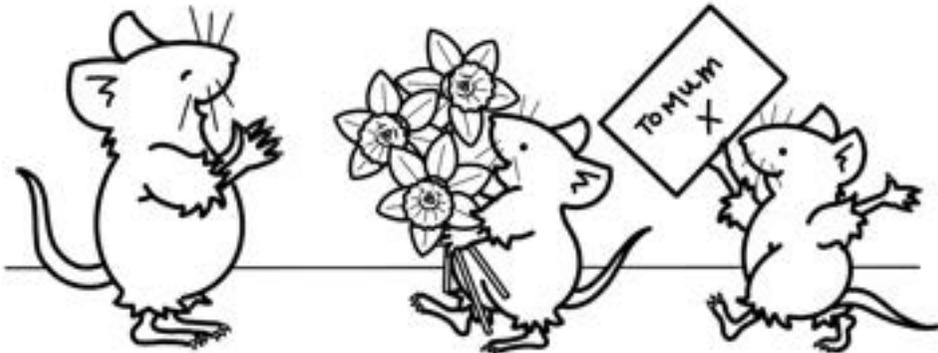
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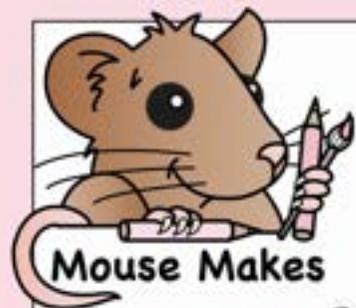


## Sudoku



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### BIBLE MOTHERS

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

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Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

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Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

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1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

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Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

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2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

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Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.

M -----  
Matt 1:16

O -----  
2 Tim 1:5

T -----  
1 Kings 1:11

H -----  
1 Sam 1:20

E -----  
Gen 34:1

R -----  
Gen 30:22

### WHO IS MY MOTHER?

CAIN	ELIZABETH
ISAAC	HANNAH
JESUS	RACHEL
JACOB	REBEKAH
TIMOTHY	EVE
JOSEPH	MARY
SAMUEL	SARAH
JOHN	EUNICE

Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search

REBEKAH  
ELIZABETH  
EUNICE  
RUTH  
MARY  
RACHEL  
LEAH  
ZIPLAH  
MOTHER  
MUM

E E L O I S Z I L A M J H  
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C I M B J H M U M A E P H  
E L I Z A B E T H H R A E  
R E B E K A H A N N A H L

How many other words can you make from:  
**MOTHERING SUNDAY**



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Jn 1:29-36, Mt 3:13-17, Lk 3:21-4:13, Mk 1:9-12

People came to John to be baptised - washed in the river Jordan - to say sorry for what they had done wrong. Then Jesus came...

## All in the month of March

It was:  
300 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1723 that Sir Christopher Wren, English architect, died. Best known for designing St Paul's Cathedral.

125 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1898 that Aubrey Beardsley, British illustrator, died. His black ink drawings, influenced by Japanese woodcuts, contributed to the development of Art Nouveau.

100 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1923 that Patrick Moore, the amateur astronomer, TV presenter, writer and musician was born. Best known for presenting the TV astronomy show *The Sky at Night* for over 50 years. (Died 2012)

80 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1943 that the final liquidation of Krakow Ghetto in Poland took place. 8,000 Jews were transported to Plaszow labour camp, 2000 more were simply killed in the streets, and the rest were sent to Auschwitz.

70 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1953 that the Academy Awards ceremony (the Oscars) were televised for the first time.

Also 70 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1953 that Dr Jonas Salk announced that he had completed the first small-scale test of a polio vaccine. Larger tests began in February 1954, and mass vaccinations began in April 1955.

65 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1958 that the first land crossing of Antarctica was completed by the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, led by Vivian Fuchs. The team of 12 men travelled 2,158 miles from Shackleton Base to Scott Base (via the South Pole) in 99 days, using six vehicles.

60 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1963 that the British Secretary of State for War, John Profumo, made a statement in the House of Commons in which he denied there was any impropriety in his relationship with Christine Keeler, a model who was also in a sexual relationship with a drug dealer and a Soviet naval attaché. (In June he admitted he had lied, and resigned.)

50 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1973 that the citizens of Northern Ireland voted in a referendum to remain within the United Kingdom. That same day the IRA carried out its first bombing in Britain since WWII, planting car bombs in London. One person died, 200 were injured.

40 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1983 that Donald Maclean, British-born Soviet spy died. He was a member of the Cambridge Spy Ring.

Also 40 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1983, that Anthony Blunt, British art historian and Soviet spy, died.

25 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1998 that Rwanda began mass trials for the country's 1994 genocide. There were 125,000 suspects for 500,000 murders.

20 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003 that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the al-Qaeda terrorist who masterminded the 9/11 attacks on the USA, was captured in Pakistan.

Also 20 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2003 that the World Health Organisation issued a global alert about a severe form of pneumonia (now known as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome – SARS) that was affecting people in China, Hong Kong and Vietnam.

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## Parcevall Hall

### Vacancy for General Assistant



**We are looking for a general assistant to work either 20hrs per week spread over 4 days, or 30hrs per week over 5 days.**

**Parcevall Hall is the retreat house for the Diocese of Leeds. We take residential and day guests all year round.**

**The Hall is a great place to work. We are a friendly and welcoming team, working in beautiful and peaceful surroundings.**

**We pay the *Real Living Wage* £10.90 p/h, with a generous holiday entitlement and a non-contributory pension scheme. Meals are also provided when on shift. Hours will include some evening and weekend work, and the use of a car is essential, as we are not on any bus routes.**

**If you would like to come and meet us and find out more, please contact**

**Jo Craven on 01756 720213,  
or by email at [admin@parcevallhall.org.uk](mailto:admin@parcevallhall.org.uk)**

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## Askwith and Weston Womens Institute



Following a very successful January meeting when we welcomed Lisa Shackleton.

Lisa's an expert in pyrography, burning a picture into wood and adding colour, and gave all of us an opportunity to have a go.

Our February speaker was Charlotte Raffo who founded her company The Monkey Puzzle Tree after developing a new way of creating highly individual luxury textiles and wallcoverings. She was a winner of 'Best in British Product Design' on the Brit List 2021 and has been awarded a Design Guild Mark for excellence and innovation in British design. She uses Yorkshire based designers and wherever possible the manufacturing is carried out in Yorkshire.

The WI's next meeting is on Thursday

9th March, 7.30pm, at Kirklands Community Centre, Menston when Tessa Blackman will be introducing us to Menna Tansey Pearl luxury soaps and moisture bars.

The WI are a very friendly group of women from wide-ranging backgrounds who meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. From November to March we meet at Kirklands and from April to October at Askwith Village Hall.

Our membership extends from Addingham to Guiseley and Otley and everywhere in between and we always welcome visitors and new members. So if you're curious why not go along to Kirklands on the 9th or you can phone Andrea on 01943 462163 or Sue on 01943 839292 if you'd like more information.



## Farnley Estate Womens Institute



Farnley Estate WI meets at Leathley Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. We are a very friendly group of women with a warm welcome ready for any new members. Why not come along and see what we get up to?

At our next meeting in March we'll learn about "Otley 2030", a vision to bring the town together to create climate friendly and sustainable communities in our area. In April we will visit the beautiful garden of one of our members.

Other activities during the year include visits to **Allerton Waste Recovery Park** and **Braythorne Community Orchard** and talks about **The Galapagos Islands** and **The Day that the Circus Elephants came to Otley.**

If you are interested in these events or if you would like to have a chat about coming to any of our WI meetings please contact Susan Kerridge, our President, on 07716 024650 or [susankerridge@btinternet.com](mailto:susankerridge@btinternet.com).

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## Lower Washburn Parish Council

Some items of interest.

Parish members have voted to increase the parish precept from £8500 to £9000 for the financial year 2023/2024 in order to continue financing the services provided by the council.

During the last 12 months there have been two occasions of dead animals in the river at Castley and considering this to be a health issue the animal carcasses were removed quickly and disposed of by an authorised contractor.

As has been mentioned previously it is important for local residents to add their concerns when there is a planning application to which they disagree. However, this doesn't always achieve the result they or the parish wish for. A recent planning application for a change of use to a holiday let was received and this had caused concern previously as the property had been used for Airbnb with some annoyance to neighbours. The parish objected strongly to this application with what was thought to be strong arguments against. Neighbours also objected but unfortunately the application was passed.

Farnley parish members are concerned that although there is a 20mph restriction in the estate on the Leeds side of Farnley Lane there isn't one on the Riverside estate. Therefore, members will be pressing North Yorkshire council to seek authority to introduce a 20mph limit.

In 2012 the parish purchased for the sum of £1 the redundant BT telephone kiosk at Stainburn but it has deteriorated over the years and steps

are now being taken to restore the kiosk.

The recent heavy rains have shown that some gulleys and culverts under the highways are blocked. Our parish caretaker usually clears small blockages but recently there have been blockages which require North Yorkshire Highways to take action and these were reported to the authority using the app "what 3 words" to pinpoint the location of the problem. May I suggest that if you are going to report a pothole, blocked gully etc you use the app to give an accurate location.

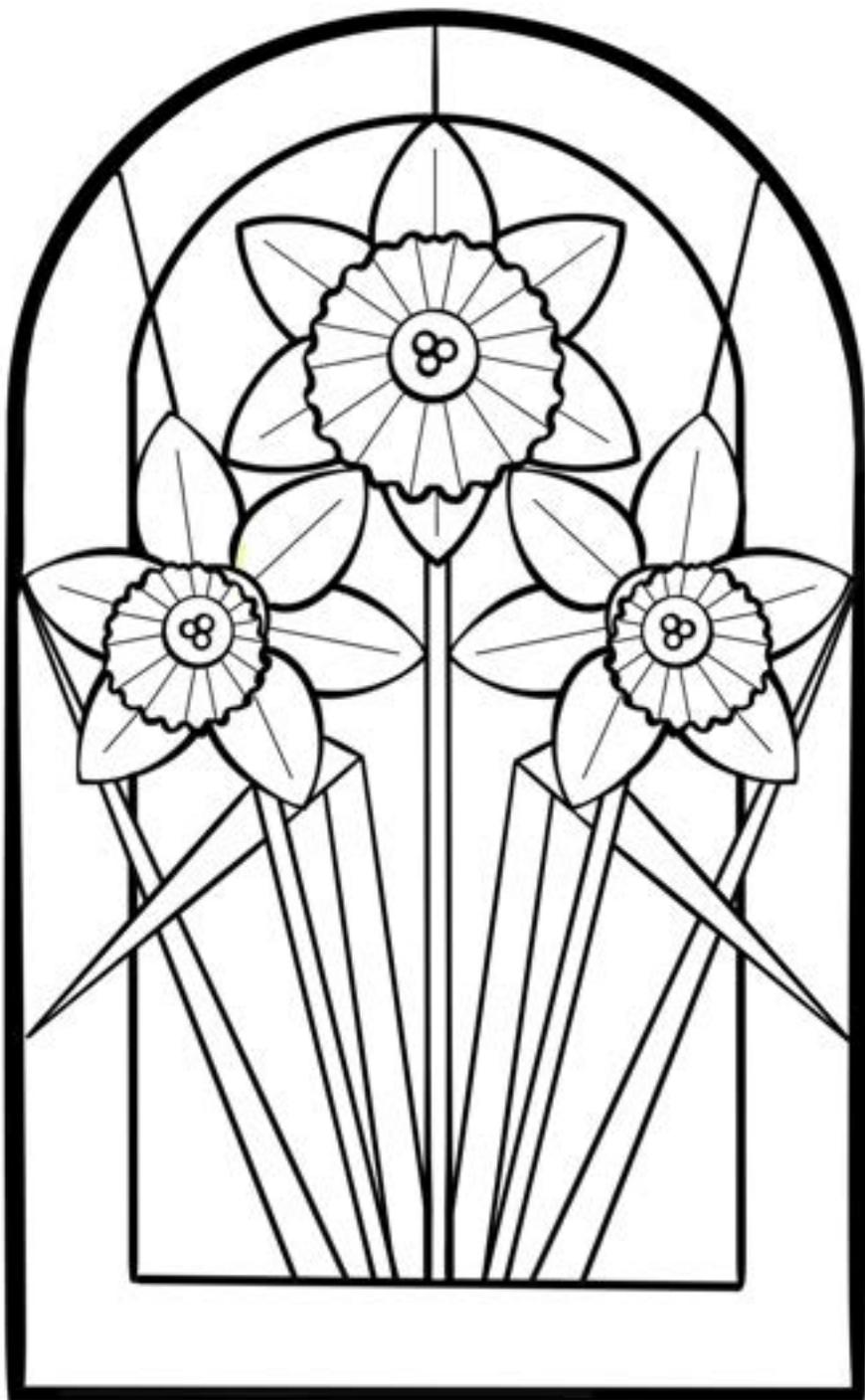
### March Parish meeting

The next parish meeting will be on Thursday 12 March 2023 commencing at 8.00pm in Leathley village hall.

M. Elam  
Clerk to the Parish "



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# Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club



To kick January off we went to the Harrogate District social meeting at Stavely, we took part in fun competitions and had a lovely supper, as well as seeing other members from clubs in the area.

On Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Christmas tree collection around the Hubby and Pool area, we collected over 250 trees, and as always this was one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> we went dairy cow judging, thank you to the Goulding family for hosting, we all had a good time despite the cold! The results were:

- Juniors
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Josh Groves 86
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – James Morphet 82
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> -Jack Keighley, Isabella Owers, Jonathan Kellet , Rebecca Ryder 80
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – George Ashby 79
  - 5<sup>th</sup>- Theo Abbey, Ellie Inman, Charlie Ryder 78
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – Alice Goulding 76

- Intermediates
- 1<sup>st</sup>-Holly Roberts 97
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> -James Driffield 96
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daisy Roberts 93

- Seniors
- 1<sup>st</sup>- Billie Towers 93
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>- Charlotte Towers 81

Well done to everyone

On the 18<sup>th</sup> we held a competitions evening at Almscliffe Hall, this was a fun evening where we tried our hand to a variety of things including blind mini tractor handling and egg whisking!

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we had a few members competing at the county public speaking competition, well done to all those that went and in particular Izzy Bush who came out with 1<sup>st</sup> place in two of the competitions.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> we went Ceilidh Dancing in Harrogate, safe to say it's not something many of us have done



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before but we had fun learning a few steps.

As always if you are aged between 10

and 28 and are interested in joining please contact our secretary Rebecca Ryder for more information.

By Ellie Inman



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## Nest boxes

I'm sure you've heard the ever increasing amount of chatter from the birds in and around your garden, as well as seeing the ever more confrontational behaviour of some of them. They will be looking for nesting opportunities too, and it's not too late to put out some nest boxes if you haven't already done so.

The loss of hedgerow trees, changes to woodland management and increasing urbanisation have all contributed to a decline in natural sites for cavity-nesting species like Blue Tit and Starling. Others, such as House Sparrow and Swift, have also lost out to changing building regulations, which have reduced the opportunities for nesting under roof tiles or in holes in bargeboards.

Well-designed nest boxes can replace these lost opportunities, increasing the numbers of nesting birds, and providing an opportunity to collect valuable data. If you've not considered the idea before, here are some suggestions for which type of box to choose, and where to put it.

Commercially available nest boxes come in many shapes and sizes: some provide a perfect breeding cavity for birds, whilst others are far from ideal.

- Boxes should be made from an insulating material such as wood (external treatment with a water based preservative is OK) or a special waterproof wood/concrete compound. Metal or ceramic walled boxes can become too hot or too cold for chicks to survive.



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- A box with a 32mm entrance hole is ideal for small birds such as sparrows and tits. One with a 28 mm hole will only be used by Blue Tits. Open fronted boxes will be used by Robins, Blackbirds and others.
- Birds may lay fewer eggs in smaller boxes, so the internal floor area should at least 130cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Avoid boxes incorporating a bird table as the nesting and feeding birds may come into conflict, or with perches which may act as a foothold for squirrels to reach into the box and grab eggs or chicks
- A good box should provide easy access for human observers to record its contents and to clean out the disused nesting material at the end of the season.

Where you put your nest box is every bit as important as what it looks like. The highest priority must be to provide a safe and comfortable environment for birds to nest successfully.

- Not too close to another nest box, and away from bird feeders nest boxes of the same type should not be sited too close together as this may promote aggressive behaviour between neighbours.
- Shelter your box from adverse weather the front should be angled slightly downwards to prevent rain from entering..
- Small-hole boxes are best placed 1 -3m above ground on tree trunks - don't let foliage obscure the entrance hole, a clear flight path is important. If there are no trees in your garden, then fasten your box to a post, a shed or a wall.

- Open-fronted nest boxes should be hidden from view, ideally by foliage.
- Make sure it is not easily accessible to predators (cats and squirrels).

For more details, have a look at the BTO website, or their booklet 'Nestboxes: your complete guide' which contains step-by-step instructions for constructing nest boxes for several species.

Having put up your box, it's well worth joining BTO's Nesting Neighbours scheme to help build a detailed picture of bird breeding success and what may be affecting it.

Remember, nest boxes are sometimes used more than once and birds like Robin, Blackbird and Collared Dove may make two or even three nesting attempts over the spring and summer.

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 visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)).

If you know of a local organisation near York which would like a talk on garden birds contact Mike Gray [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com).



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Our new programme **MADE IN THE VALLEY** got off to a great start with a bright sunny day for the first walk to Blubberhouses Quarry. We hope there is something in the programme to interest you. Events in March as follows:

### Dry stone walls, yesterday and today :

Brian Hartley

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30-9pm

Brian is a representative of the Dry-Stone Walling Association, Otley and Yorkshire Dales Branch. A craft that has little changed in centuries, discover how the iconic drystone walls of the Yorkshire Dales are built, the many different types, the history behind them and what the future holds. Light refreshments will be served. Cost £10 non-member, £8 member.

### Weaving in the Valley : Paul Myers

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm

A descendant of a number of mill workers at West End, who is himself a Master Weaver, Paul will talk to us about the history of the mills at the top of the Valley. Light refreshments will be served. Cost £10 non-member, £8 member.

### Scow Hall Farm, Jack Hill and Swinsty Reservoir

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Scow Hall Farm is one of Yorkshire Water's nine farms which are let to newly qualified young farmers for them to work in a way which is both sustainable and benefits water retention for the reservoirs. A circular walk over varied terrain with stiles. We meet at the Heritage Centre at 9.30am. 6 miles. A delicious two course lunch served back at the Centre. Cost £15 non-

member, £12 member.

### Family afternoon tea

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm -4pm

A family event to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Not just for mums but all members of your family and friends. Come for a relaxed afternoon with a delicious Heritage Centre Afternoon Tea. Cost £12.50 member and £15 non-member.

### Armley Industrial Museum

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 10.30am-3pm

Join us on a visit to the Armley Industrial Museum. As well as their mix of textile machinery, railway equipment and heavy engineering they have a special exhibition entitled 'Leeds to Innovation' celebrating inventions and innovations of Leeds including the Hammer Heart which tells when Betty Beecroft ran Kirkstall Forge in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. These industries have direct links to the Washburn Valley as the industrialisation of the city created the need for the reservoirs in the Valley. A packed lunch will be provided by the Heritage Centre which we will enjoy in the Museum's designated space. Cost £15 member and £18 non-member.

### Clog making – demonstration and talk:

Phil Howard

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm

You might think of clog wearing mill workers in the distant past but Phil Howard, clog maker and leather worker, will tell us who buys clogs and why in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Watch the fascinating steps to making a pair of clogs at this talk and demonstration, maybe you will order a pair yourself! Light refreshments will be served. Cost £10 non-member, £8 member.

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

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## Gardeners Corner



Haven't the snowdrops been magnificent this year? Now is the time to dig up some clumps, split them and replant to extend the display; they prefer being moved "in the green" rather than planted as dry bulbs in the autumn.

Willows and dogwoods have also provided wonderful winter colour, but they can be cut right back now. The pruned stems make useful plant supports. It is also still time to plant new trees and shrubs; a square hole is best to encourage the roots outwards. Do make sure they are well watered if the weather becomes really hot and dry later in the season.

Check the sweet peas sown last month and sow some more to prolong the flowering season. It's also time to sow tomatoes in the greenhouse and some tagetes too as these help keep the whitefly away. Next month will be busy with more seed sowing. Do make sure you have bought yours so that you have the varieties you want. Early in the month mature rhubarb crowns can be lifted and split with a

spade. The outer healthy sections complete with roots and the gorgeous red bud can be replanted and the woody old centres discarded. They are hungry plants so do give them a good mulch of well-rotted manure or compost. If your perennials have become overcrowded, they too can be divided now to help maintain vigorous healthy growth. Given a good mulch they will reward you with a wonderful display later on.

Continue weeding to avoid established weeds fighting for nutrition, light and water and keep a watchful eye out for slug damage. Slugs are voracious eaters and love all the new growth that spring brings. I find a torch and sharp knife at night works very well at keeping the population down.

Finally, it's a good idea to check your houseplants and repot them in a slightly larger pot in fresh compost. British Summer Time begins on 26<sup>th</sup> March, so enjoy the longer days and all the promise and joy that Spring brings..



## Recipe ~ Lemon Curd



This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1<sup>st</sup> December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend M Wilkinson in his mothers possessions and reprinted again. He dedicated it to

"Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions"

66 years later we are sharing the recipes again but this time in the magazine. Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

### Ingredients

1/2 lb Sugar  
2 oz Butter  
2 Eggs  
Juice of 2 lemons

### Method

Beat the sugar and lemon juice together, Add beaten eggs, then add the butter. Put all into a jar and stand in a pan of boiling water until it thickens. Stirring now and again.

Recipe provided by Mrs F Hill

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## Poetry Request



When Superman came to Washburn Valley:

a poem for North Yorkshire County Council

In Mid February Thruscross dam bridge was used in the filming of The Witcher starring Henry Cavill who also plays Superman.

When Superman came to Washburn Valley,  
It encouraged the locals to nosey and dally  
On Reservoir Road stood Henry Cavill  
Filming The Witcher, oh what a thrill

All round the county the film crew did go  
Ferrying our Superman to and fro  
From Fountains Abbey to Goredale Scar  
But Washburn Valley is our favourite by far

Until at last the filming days came  
And quickly we discovered much to our pain  
That the road closures meant that we'd be late for work  
And then again for dinner - oh what an irk

So to NYCC we say with earnest cries  
That next time Superman comes to Washburn valley  
Please make sure he flies!

anonymous poet



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