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Church Services May 2021



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2nd May

9.30 am. Farnley
11 am. Weston

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion
Holy communion (BCP)

9th May

9.30 am. Fewston
11 am. Leathley
2.30 pm. Denton

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Evensong (BCP)

13th May

TBC Please see the weekly bulletin

Ascension Day

16th May

9.30 am. Farnley
11 am. Blubberhouses

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion
Morning Praise

23rd May

9.30 am. Weston
11 am. Leathley
2.30 pm. Farnley

Day of Pentecost

Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion
Evensong (BCP)

30th May

9.30 am. Leathley
11 am. Denton
2.30 pm. Fewston

Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion
Evensong (BCP)



Services at Norwood Chapel

9th May at 2:30pm

23rd May at 2:30pm



The View from the Vicarage

'The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the birds for mirth, one is nearer God's Heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.' These words by Dorothy Frances Gurney were the first lines of poetry that I ever learned. They were, and I believe still are, on a plaque in a public garden in my hometown of Stranraer. The 'Gardens of Friendship' as they are called, officially, were developed by my local town council in the 1920's. They get their official name because of the number of 'friends of the garden' who supplied plants and shrubs to the council to get the garden going. The flower beds are all bordered with granite rocks which give the garden the name that it is known by in the town; 'the rock gardens.'

Whatever their name it was here that I first read Dorothy Gurney's words about gardens. You may or may not agree with them. I am not sure that I do, at least not all of the time. As you may have noticed, I have a bit of a love hate relationship with gardens, certainly with my own garden. Just now it seems more like a sentence of hard labour, trying to get it under control, rather than a place where I might encounter God. Though God is certainly to be found in places of suffering. And there are times when looking at the delicate beauty of a flower that a glimpse of the vastness of God's glory can be seen.

If I am honest, I prefer to search for my closeness with God in the Bible, in Prayer, in the Sacraments, but that is just me. I know that many of you will feel close to God in the beauty of nature either in your own garden or in the countryside. And we are so blessed with wonderful countryside in this place. I know that many of you feel close to God in the Churchyards of our Benefice. Many, many of you have told me so and they are such beautiful places, each very different. They are places where even I can see beauty and enjoy it, especially as I don't have to do any gardening there.

Yes, we can be close to God in a garden, and meet with him in the beauty of nature. We are closer still to him when we are in love and fellowship with each other. If we can see God's glory in a spring flower, how much more can we see it in each other; his greatest creation.

So, I hope that you can enjoy the beauty of creation all around you as we continue to move out of Lockdown and find joy in God's love shown to us in so many ways.

With my love and prayers
Stephen



News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

This year in the month of May, the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (also known as Whitsun). There are several scriptures that reference the Holy Spirit. The most popular one speaks of the Spirit descending upon the disciples, like tongues of fire (Acts 2:1-4). This occurred after Jesus was resurrected and then ascended into the heavens. Therefore, one of the symbols for the Holy Spirit is fire and the colour for Pentecost season is red. Fire also represents the passion within ourselves that the Spirit gives us . . . to seek and do God's will and to share God's love with others.

There's another significant date in May for us Methodists . . . Aldersgate Day, 24th May. This date in 1738 is when John Wesley's heart "was strangely warmed," during a Bible study in a friend's home on Aldersgate Street in London. He had a personal conversion experience where he felt assurance that God in Christ had taken away his own sins and saved him from "the law of sin and death." This assurance felt like peace from God. This conversion experience happened after John was an ordained Anglican priest! So there's hope for us, clergy!

This year Pentecost and Aldersgate Sunday are on the same day, 23rd May. How appropriate that is! The Spirit was highly involved in John's experience of his warmed heart. This spiritual encounter spurred him in his theological development on grace and in his personal faith journey. This experience became a pivotal point for him which filled him with more fervour for seeking and preaching God's will and grace. And we are still talking about it 283 years later!

Several years ago I participated in a Rural Ministry retreat led by the Arthur Rank Centre. It was there that I learned about BEN and ANN. These 2 names aren't real people! They describe two different authentic spiritual journeys of Christians and these names are really acronyms.

Here is what they stand for:

B = Before the spiritual encounter happened, this is what life was like.

E = the Encounter: think of the Apostle Paul who was blinded by the light of Christ on his way to Damascus. A spiritual experience doesn't have to be this dramatic, but a person can usually identify that an event or encounter has happened.

N = Now: how life is lived differently after the encounter

A = Always have known God: Someone who has possibly grown up in a Christian family going to church and praying on a regular basis.

N = Need to develop an owned faith: a person will need to make a personal commitment to believe in and follow Christ.

N = Now: how life is lived differently because of this commitment

I believe the Holy Spirit is involved in both types of faith journeys. One is not

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more real than the other; in both people seek to listen to and do God's will. In both, people receive many blessings along the way. The fruit of the Spirit can be seen; there's the presence of love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

As restrictions of Lockdown continue to ease, may we, as Christ's Church, seek to offer an effective Christian presence to our communities, promoting fellowship, well-being, comfort, hope and justice. And as a sign of the active presence of the Spirit in our churches and communities, maybe we could wear the colour red on 23rd May in worship and beyond!

Spirit-filled blessings,
~ Rev. Shannon



Change + No Change

I'm looking forward to a haircut - at the time of writing in Easter week, that is! Just a first small easing of coronavirus restrictions announced in March should make it possible to keep my appointment. Hopefully by the time you are reading this there will be more good news.

Rose and her community are hoping for good news. About water. Water on tap near home. And the means to conserve enough of what falls on the fields to grow and mature vital crops to feed their families. Such good news starts here, with people like us. Rose lives in Kenya and is caught in a cycle of climate chaos. From severe drought to flooding, extreme weather robs her of what she needs to survive: **a reliable source of water.**

When Rose was a child, there was plenty of rain that fell at the right times. It provided ample nutritious food to eat. Now, Rose's community lives with drought and hunger for months at a time. When the rains do come, they can be too heavy and lead to flooding. This has been an issue across Kenya in the last year, damaging

crops that had struggled to grow. There is an earth dam just minutes away from Rose's home which collects rainwater. It should be a lifeline, but it runs out of water too quickly. Then, Rose has to walk long and exhausting journeys to fetch water for her grandchildren. The coronavirus pandemic has made this lack of water more critical for Rose's family. As we know, handwashing is one vital aspect to staying safe against the virus.

With a reliable source of water, Rose could grow fresh vegetables to eat, improve her livelihood and protect better her family from coronavirus. Christian Aid wants to help. Christian Aid Week 2021 is 10-16 May. As Covid-19 has not gone away we plan our collection to be mostly by distributing the familiar red envelopes and asking householders to return them locally instead of having them called-for at the door.

Thank you for your help in the past. Let's do it again - the need continues. With all good wishes,

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Volunteering Opportunities

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

Stephen

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Yes folks, it is that time again. Each of our parishes will be holding its Annual Meeting in the weeks ahead.

All the meetings need to be held this year by the end of May. Keep an eye out for the dates of the meetings and for information about Electoral Roll Revision.

Stephen

Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota

2nd & 9th May
16th & 23rd May
30th May & 6th June

Mrs J Cowgill
Hazel Pullan
Sally Stanley



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News from St Andrew's Blubberhouses

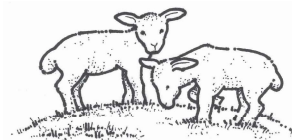
Contractor has been appointed to carry out kitchen/bathroom facilities. Second phase of the improvements will be the disabled access to the south west corner of the church. Fund raising will continue with grant applications etc.

Thanksgiving for Lambing Service

Sunday, 16 May 2021

11.00 am with Fiona Schneider

Children, bring your own lamb – real or favourite toy



Marquee for Hire

Want to host a local event or family party outside, need some protection from weather!

Hire sizeable marquee, with walls and windows – length of two trestle tables, £50 for 48 hours, with £100 deposit on safe return. Contact Pat on 01943 880284 for booking and collection.

Events for your diary

aren't we all longing to get together again!

2 July	Local Social	The Hopper Lane
21 & 22 August	Nidd Art Trail	Blubberhouses Church
28 - 30 August	Nidd Art Trail	Blubberhouses Church
4 September	Ceilidh	
4 & 5 December	Christmas Tree Festival	Blubberhouses Church
11 & 12 December	Christmas Tree Festival	Blubberhouses Church

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Fewston Foxy Ladies

~ we're nearly back!



There are no roadblocks on the roadmap, so we **will** be back. Do join us at **the Sun Inn** – Mama Mia is on the screen! Open Bar! Chips and dips! No charge – all funded by Fewston Foxy Ladies Fun Fund.

Tuesday May 18th 7.30pm at **The Sun Inn** for a Sing-a-long, Drink-a-long, Dip-a-long evening of fun. All our fingers are crossed for this! Also, Margaret is rebooking an amazing trip for September, the one postponed from last year.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362 or Shirley on 01423770281,

T&T

Still restarting in July!!



There are scones, jam, cream, cups of tea and a heap load of chat waiting for you.

See you 2pm Tuesday 6th July Get that date in your diary! For certain!

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!

WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Council Meeting of Washburn Parish Council will be held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at no earlier than 7.15pm. This meeting will be preceded at 7.00pm by the Annual Parish Meeting of the electors of the parish. Members of the public are invited to attend both meetings.

Zoom access details will be available on the published agendas, on the Council website www.washburnparishcouncil.co.uk or from the Parish Clerk - email washburnpc@gmail.com

NB please note that it is a change of date



"Valley Bible Study Group

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



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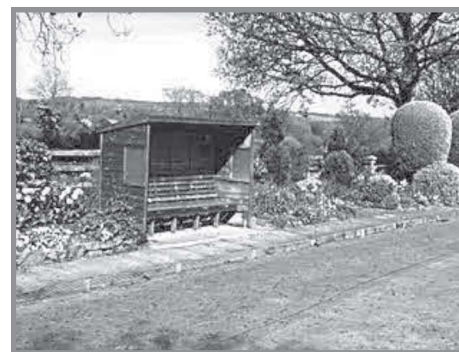


Almscliffe Tennis & Bowling Club

Time to *Spring* into action! *Anyone for tennis or bowls?*



Spring has arrived: the crocuses have appeared on the Stray, the daffodils are in bloom, the vaccine roll-out is a success, lockdown is being eased, and we are ready to go! We are keen to welcome new tennis and bowling members.



The Green Team have remained hard at work, so we have one of the best maintained and landscaped greens in the district, in the most idyllic setting – come and see for yourselves!

We offer scope for a wide range of bowling abilities, including those new to Crown Green Bowls as well as those wishing to compete in the leagues. **Free taster sessions are available.** Contact Adam Briggs on **07736 375179** or consult the website for more information.

Tennis players have had enough of honing their skills at home, counting the days until 29th March and the opportunity to get back on our new synthetic grass courts, where we are lucky to have Jamie Walters, head coach at Kinetic Tennis putting us through our paces.

Jamie delivers our tennis coaching programme (**open to members and non-members**) for children age 3+, juniors and all adult abilities (sessions Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday). Great fun as well as excellent tips on technique!

Play is re-launched with an **evening programme for adults from 30th March**, and **Easter holiday camps for juniors starting Monday 29th March** and continuing **the Tuesday after Easter**. Contact Jamie on **07938 850558** for information. Our full social tennis programme will start at the same time.

The Club is looking forward to demonstrating what a hospitable crowd we are as soon as we can get back to our usual Saturday afternoon tea and cakes and the summer BBQ! Watch this space!!



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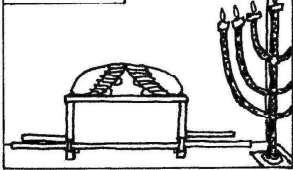
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

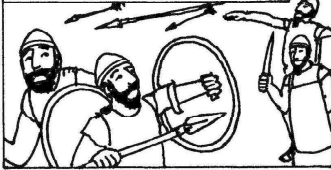
It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 4:1-10, 5:1-7:1

God gave Moses two stone slabs with His laws for the Jews on them. They were kept in a special chest, the Ark, and carried with them.

When the Jews got to Israel, the Ark was kept at Shiloh.



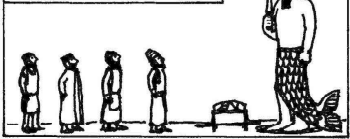
The Jews did not keep God's laws so the Philistines attack and defeat them.



The Jews took the Ark into battle with them to make God help them win.



But the Philistines won. They took the Ark to their city of Ashdod and put it in the temple of their god Dagon.



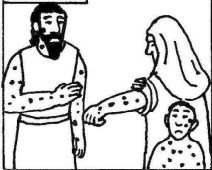
The next day they found Dagon's statue face down.



The next day it was over again and its head and hands had broken off.



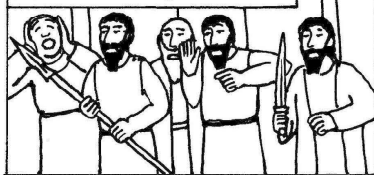
Then the people became covered in sores.



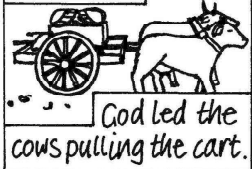
They moved the Ark to the city of Gath.



They were going to move the Ark to Ekron, but the people there wouldn't let them.



So they put the Ark on a new cart with a gift of gold.



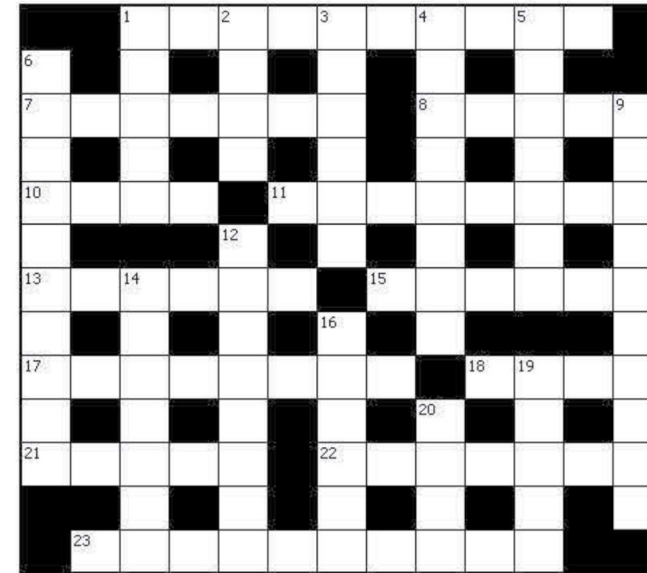
At Bethshemesh, people harvesting saw the Ark.



But some treated it without respect and died.



Crossword Puzzle



23 Imposing (1 Samuel 9:2) (10)

Down

1 Healed (Luke 7:21) (5)

2 Central space in a church (4)

3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983-97, Clive — (6)

4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (Exodus 2:12) (8)

5 Bravery (Acts 4:13) (7)

Across

1 Sense of right and wrong (1 Corinthians 8:7) (10)

7 Coming (John 11:17) (7)

8 'All I have is — , and all you have is mine' (John 17:10) (5)

10 Smarten (Acts 9:34) (4)

11 Hold back (Job 9:13) (8)

13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)

15 At a (anagram.) (6)

17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)

18 So be it (Galatians 6:18) (4)

21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote Murder in the Cathedral, T.S. — (5)

22 Empowers (Philippians 3:21) (7)

6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (Acts 16:26) (10)

9 Transgression (Psalm 36:1) (10)

12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)

14 Same hit (anagram.) (7)

16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over the — ' (Genesis 1:2) (6)

19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)

20 Cab (4)



Word Search

w	c	k	p	e	o	p	l	e	l	a	l
g	d	e	u	w	h	a	n	d	s	e	h
m	g	e	l	o	t	e	m	p	l	e	e
c	a	p	l	e	s	a	f	e	u	k	a
h	t	i	i	j	b	c	a	t	r	r	d
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Shiloh
Israel
God
sores
Gath
safe
hands
Ashdod
Moses
Philistines
temple
keeping
head
Dagon
cart
chest
Ekron
pulling
Ark
cows
statue
celebrated



Sudoku

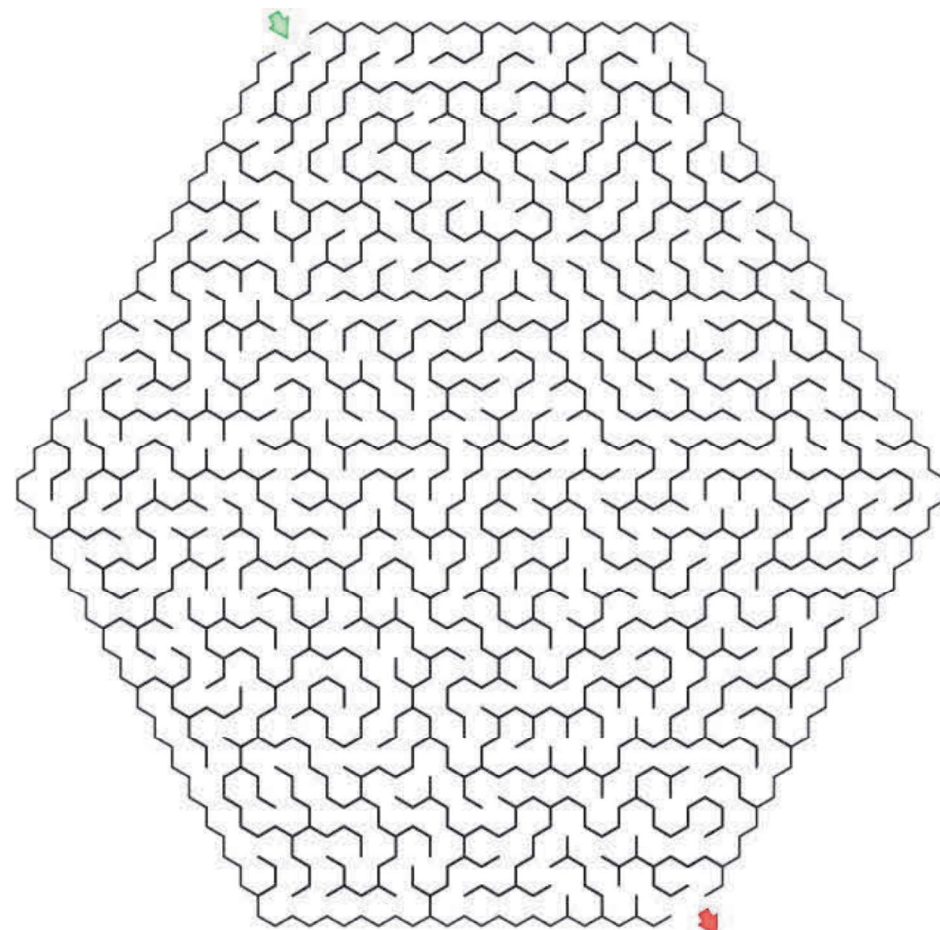
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The Tale of the TWO BUILDERS

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES

THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.

AT LONG, LONG LAST HE FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.

SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.

THE OTHER BUILDER DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE BUILT HIS HOUSE

HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.

BUT ONE DAY THE STORM CAME....

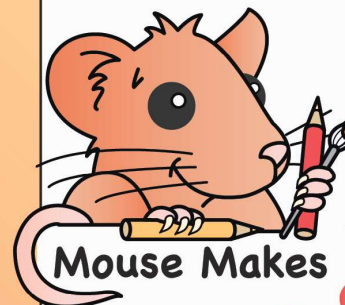
...AND THE WIND BLEW....AND THE RAIN FELL....

...AND THE HOUSE ON THE SAND COLLAPSED!

BUT THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK STOOD FIRM.

JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE A FIRM FOUNDATION.

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Re arrange the scrambled letters to find the missing words.

The Holy Spirit
V S E I L
with us and in us.

The Holy Spirit
helps us to
W K N O
we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit
H C T S E E A
us about God.

The Holy Spirit
K P E S S A
God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit
P H L S E
us to tell others
about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit
helps us when we
A Y P R

On the day of PENTECOST the disciples were gathered together in one place...

What sound did they hear?
Acts 2:2

What did they see?
Acts 2:3

What filled them?
Acts 2:4

How did they speak?
Acts 2:4

What did the crowd hear?
Acts 2:6

Which countries
had they come from?
Acts 2:9

What was
their reaction?
Acts 2:12-13

Who explained
what was
happening?
What did he say?
Acts 2:14-36

How many
people were
baptised
that day?
Acts 2:41

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet and see what the Holy Spirit produces in us:

KPZ
IVNJMJUZ
TFMG DPOUSPM
GBJUIGVMOFTT
LJOEOFTT
QBUJFODF
QFBDF
MPWF
HPPEOFTT

Galatians 5:22

What is the work of the Holy Spirit? What does He do?
Fill in the missing letters.

TEAC_ES
COMF_RTS
REVEA_S

IN_OU
TRAN_FORMS
HEL_S

GU_DES
GENEWS
CONV_CTS
SANC_IFIES

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FEWSTON CHURCH
Saturday, 26 June
3.30 pm
SERENDIPITY
present
'WARTIME MEMORIES'
1939 - 1945
a costumed programme with the words and
music which kept the spirit of Britain alive in
WW2

To mark the 100th Anniversary of the
Royal British Legion

Proceeds divided between the British Legion and
Fewston and Blubberhouses Churches

Tickets £10
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Feeding Garden Birds during the Breeding Season

A question I am often asked is whether or not you should feed garden birds during the breeding season. Could it result in some sort of dependency on supplementary food - could it reduce the rate of growth of the young birds? The high protein content of invertebrates is vital in promoting the rapid increase in body mass of chicks, and supplementary foods rarely matches this.

Tim Harrison, when at the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), examined this issue during his PhD and commented:

"Several studies have looked into the effects of providing extra food for birds during the breeding season, and the vast majority of these have found positive effects - for example, more young successfully reared. There remains a shortage of direct evidence from garden habitats, but the consensus indicates that spring and summer feeding will help birds as they nest."

Food shortages can occur at any time of year, and the extra food we provide via our feeders can make a big difference to the survival of many garden birds, as long as we provide the sort of high energy food that is most likely to help. Initially, most birds with young to feed will use it to sustain themselves, but if their preferred food is in short supply, they will probably take it to the nest.

Last year was a good example. Breeding is timed to exploit the availability of natural foods: earthworms for Blackbirds and Song Thrushes, and caterpillars for

tits and most finches for example, so a successful outcome does require a helping hand from the weather, but not too much so! The early warm weather last year resulted in caterpillars and many other bugs emerging early in response, but birds can't change their egg laying as quickly. Egg laying dates have moved forwards by several days over the last couple of decades, but this is a slow process.

The result was a poor breeding season, certainly for most tits, and probably for other species reliant on a plentiful supply of invertebrates, and I'm sure it would have been worse had the parents not been able to top-up on the supplementary food we all put out.

Which foods are best, though? A high energy content is vital, and that means avoiding starchy foods such as bread, and instead choosing sunflower seeds, sultanas, raisins and currants soaked in water, mild grated cheese, mealworms, good seed mixtures, preferably without peanuts, soft apples and pears cut in half, bananas and grapes. These are all foods that could give nesting birds a boost. If you do put out peanuts, make sure that they are fresh and dry, and are in mesh feeders that will not allow sizeable pieces to be taken away.

So, eyes open and good luck in identifying the various scruffy individuals you will see out there before they develop their characteristic pattern of feathers! It's not always easy to identify juveniles unless mum or dad are there to help.

One final thought: if you do have cats, it's a very good idea to keep them in overnight when there are fledglings around. Much of the mayhem takes place in the early hours when adult birds

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are urgently trying to fill hungry young stomachs that have had no food since the previous evening, and can be too busy to see danger lurking.

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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

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All in the month of May

It was:
200 years ago, on 5th May 1821 that Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France (1804 – 1815) died of stomach cancer. He was in exile on the island of Saint Helena in the South Atlantic, aged 51.

175 years ago, on 30th May 1846 that Peter Carl Fabergé was born. This Russian goldsmith and jeweller was best known for his fabulously decorated Fabergé eggs.

150 years ago, on 11th May 1871 that John Herschel, British astronomer, mathematician, chemist and pioneering photographer died. Amongst other things, he named seven of Saturn's moons and investigated colour blindness. He was also President of the Royal Astronomical Society three times.

100 years ago, on 3rd May 1921 that Ireland was divided into Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland (now known as the Republic of Ireland).

Also 100 years ago, on 15th May, that the Royal British Legion was founded.

90 years ago, on 1st May 1931 that the Empire State Building in New York City was officially opened.

80 years ago, on 1st–7th May 1941 that the German Blitz on Liverpool left nearly 3,000 dead and 70,000 homeless. Liverpool was the second most heavily targeted British city, after London.

Also 80 years ago, on 10th May 1941 that the last major attack on London during the Blitz caused heavy damage to many important buildings,

including the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, St James Palace and Lambeth Palace, several railway stations and hospitals, the British Museum and the Old Bailey. More than 1,300 people were killed on one night. At one point during the Blitz, London was bombed for 57 nights in a row.

75 years ago, on 11th May 1946 that the first CARE packages for Europe arrived in Le Havre to help people who were starving after WWII. The first CARE packages were actually surplus US Army rations.

70 years ago, on 3rd May 1951 that the Festival of Britain and the Royal Festival Hall in London were opened. The aim of the Festival was to lift the nation's spirits by celebrating British industry, arts and science.

Also 70 years ago, on 9th May 1951 that the Lake District National Park was established. It was Britain's second national park.

Also 70 years ago, on 25th May 1951 that the British spies Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean fled to Moscow. They were members of the infamous Cambridge spy ring, and their whereabouts remained unknown until 1956.

65 years ago, on 24th May 1956 that the first Eurovision Song Contest was held in Lugano, Switzerland. It was won by Switzerland.

60 years ago, on 1st May 1961 that betting away from racecourses was legalised in the UK and the first betting shops opened.

All in the month of May continued

Also 60 years ago, on 28th May 1961 that Amnesty International was founded in London.

40 years ago, on 13th May 1981 that Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded by a Turkish gunman in an assassination attempt in St Peter's Square, Vatican City.

30 years ago, on 16th May 1991 that Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the US Congress.

25 years ago, on 30th May 1996 that Prince Andrew, Duke of York, and his wife Sarah, Duchess of York, were divorced.

20 years ago, on 7th May 2001 that Great Train Robber Ronnie Biggs returned to the UK from Brazil where he had lived as a fugitive for 36 years. He was immediately arrested and sent to prison to complete his sentence. Released on compassionate grounds in 2009, he died in 2013.

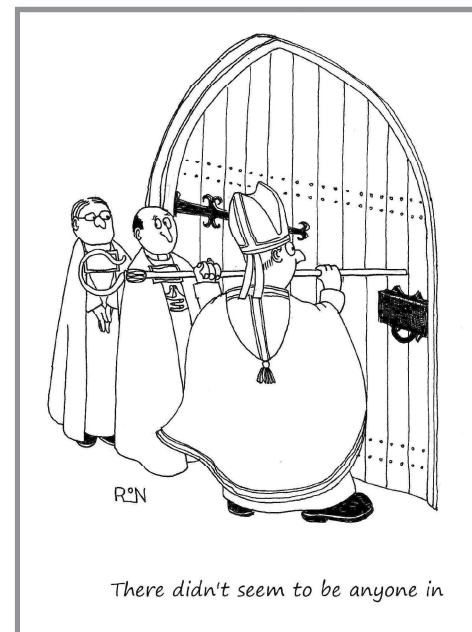
10 years ago, on 2nd May 2011 that Osama bin Laden, Saudi Arabian-born terrorist, died. Founder of al-Qaeda, he was thought to have masterminded the 9/11 attacks on the USA. Shot dead by US forces in Pakistan.



A cautionary note to May gardeners!

Like me, many of you will have been caught out by the severe frosts in early April, which even set back the hardy perennials that had been encouraged to put on new growth. They will recover!

However please do take care with those tender annuals that we are all so keen to grow for summer colour. It is best not to plant them outside until the end of the month when all risk of frost should have ended.



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The Tea Room

reopened in April for outside seated service and offering our full lunch menu. We are hopeful that the 17 May next step to lifting restrictions will mean that the Tea Room can open its doors for inside seating. The usual safety guidelines still apply and as always, check our website for the most up to date details at www.washburnvalley.org or give Jenny a ring at the office on 01943 880794. Our email address is centre@washburnvalley.org.

Walks programme

In late April we were able to relaunch our walks programme and the walk planned for last November finally took place on 22 April and walkers enjoyed a walk and picnic lunch round Grimwith Reservoir, heading to Stump Cross Cavern and then onward to Trollers Gill. Walks will be a core element of our 2021 event programmes.

Events in May

Friday 21 May – Annual Meeting for Members – to take place at the Parochial Church Hall where socially distanced seating can be arranged for Members. Starting at 4pm and welcoming our speaker Mr Terry Bramall. Booking is essential and this event is for Members only.

Friday 28 May – TALK – “Name Dropping” - there is undoubtedly an art to name dropping and after more than 30 years at Leeds Grand Theatre, Warren Smith, the former General Manager, has some experience of showbusiness people. Listen to tales of the stars who have passed and those whose stardom has past. Hear about acts that have really captured Warren’s interest over the years. The event will take place in Fewston Church so that we can ensure social distancing for the seating. Refreshments will be served. Cost to members is £6 and non-members £7.50. Please contact the Centre to book.

10 Year Anniversary Celebration

We are looking forward to our June celebrations with enthusiasm and joy. The Heritage Centre will turn 10 years old! Please watch out for further events information.

Volunteers and Membership

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

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Title Swinsty Reservoir circular footpath may be closed but the tea room is open with an outdoor menu

LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL.

Last year North Yorkshire County Council carried out remedial works in Castley to curb the bank erosion. This has unfortunately continued but in a different part of the bank. Parish representatives have met with staff from North Yorkshire to determine what further remedial measures need to be taken. The situation is being monitored regularly and updates will be published when more information is available.

The Parish Council in conjunction with Otley Town Council are to jointly fund the installation of a Speed Indication Device on Farnley lane in an attempt to reduce speeding traffic.

Members of the public have expressed concern over the parking of vehicle at Leathley in the vicinity of the Green. Some vehicles are parked on the triangle and on occasions have blocked access. Suggestions have been put forward for example to place double lines on the roadside to prevent parking and to call the police if vehicles are obstructing access. The parish would be interested to hear your views on what action should be taken. If you wish to pass on your thoughts please send an e-mail to lowerwashburnnpc@hotmail.co.uk.

The Parish wish to thank everyone who has taken part in litter picking in the parish.

The next meeting of the parish will be on Thursday 13 May 2021 commencing at 8.00pm. At the present time it is likely that the meeting will be held in Leathley village hall but if there is a change in the covid situation the meeting may have to revert to being held via ZOOM.

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Can you take on Yorkshire's iconic Three Peak challenge and raise funds for local hospice care?



Looking for something to look forward to? Join Saint Michael's Hospice for a Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge on **Saturday 18th September 2021.**

Test your stamina and take on the peaks of Pen-y-Ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough, in under 12 hours, while supporting your local hospice care charity.

A challenge for individuals, groups of friends, work colleagues or family, it's a great way to get together and meet new people whilst you take in the stunning scenery and iconic Three Peaks.

You will be supported every step of the way by expert guides from Large Outdoors, who will keep you motivated throughout. And staff and volunteers from Saint Michael's will be there alongside you from the moment you sign up, with a fundraising pack, personal stewardship, advice and tips

on everything from how to set up a fundraising page, to what you'll need on the day, and how to prepare.

This event is now bookable with a registration fee of just £40, or £20 each for groups of 10, and we ask that each person aims to raise a minimum of £100 in sponsorship.

Sign up here: <https://smhyorkshirethree-peaks.eventbrite.co.uk>, Email: ltur-ner@saintmichaelsospice.org or visit www.saintmichaelsospice.org for more information.

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Poetry Request

This months poetry is actually by one of our readers

This is the poem I wrote for Julie to read at the Sunday School Anniversary in the early 60's I think it is relevant today

This is what spring means to me

Spring is the sight of
something new
The young lambs, skipping
round the ewe
The busy birds in every tree
This is what spring means to
me.

The daylight getting a little
longer
The weak sun getting a little
stronger
Daffodils, crocuses peeping
through
Is this what spring means to
you?

Mother taking the curtains
down
Looking at them with a frown
Wanting to buy some new, you
see!
This is what spring means to
me

The cleaning out of cupboard
and drawer
There's more there now than
ever before
A bedroom newly painted blue
Is this what spring means to
you?

The shed no longer full of hay
Where all through winter we
could play
The cows turned out, now they
are free

This is what spring means to
me

New brown furrows turned by
the plough
Now green shoots on every
bough
Day old chicks so soft and wee
This is what spring means to
me

Spring is the smell of clean
fresh air
And a sense of awakening eve-
rywhere
Fresh faith, fresh hope, to start
anew
Is this what spring means to
you?

Joan Jefferson of Norwood



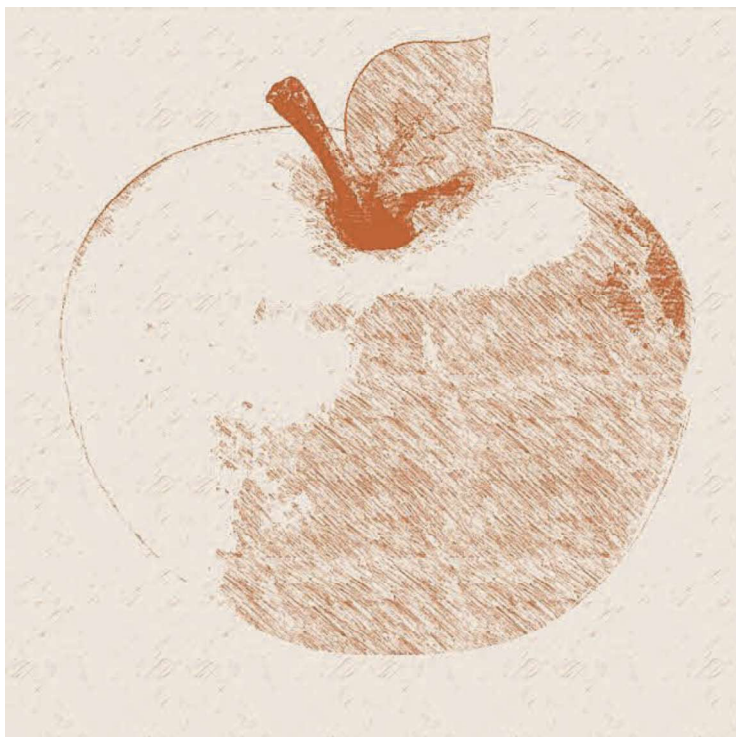
Double daffodil in Fewston Church Yard
Credit—Anna Bowman

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Recipe

Apple Brulee



An easy, light pudding to prepare in advance and serve cold.

Serves 4 - 6

Ingredients

900g cooking apples, peeled, quartered, cored and sliced

2 level tsp ground cinnamon

4 tbs water

75g castor sugar

150ml soured cream

Demerara sugar

Method

Put apples, cinnamon, water and castor sugar in a large saucepan, cover and stew gently until just soft.

Divide between 4 – 6 soufflé dishes (depending on size) and chill One hour before serving stir soured cream in carton and spoon over the apple.

Sprinkle generously with demerara sugar and flash under a very hot grill until sugar melts

Chill and serve



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Date for your Diary



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