

Knaresborough Team Ministry

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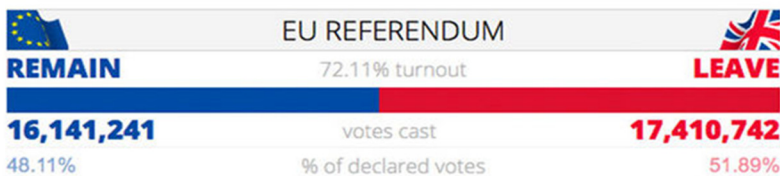
Dearest Friends

The day has finally arrived... or has it??

At the current time of writing (mid-Feb) the United Kingdom is poised to leave the European Union on Friday 29th March.



Nobody has a clear idea of what a post-Brexit Britain will look like or what it will mean for us all. At the time of the referendum on our continuing membership of the EU, back in June 2016, I made it very clear what my own personal position was on the matter, that I thought we should stay in Europe for, what to me were and still are, self-evident benefits and principles. Almost 3 years further on, I personally believe that we are in a far more perilous position as a nation than we were before. I believe that the electorate were at the very least misled and deceived into voting to leave our cousins on the mainland. However, democracy has spoken, and I pray that those who have been elected to represent us in government and parliament can sort the whole thing out.



I may not agree with the result of the

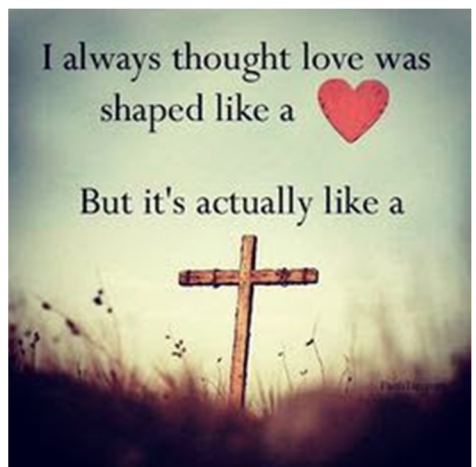
referendum, but I do support wholeheartedly the process that got us there, and that is why – although it pains me – that I cannot personally support those calling for a second referendum... the country voted, the country chose... if we all argued over the things we don't like then we wouldn't get very far.

Democracy is not the cure-all for the ills of the world but allowing the people to speak for and to the people has to be in the best interests of the people. To look at the alternatives shows a dark side to humanity – think of Isis, or unyielding communism, or dictatorship in all its foul forms. The sheer fact that I can write this editorial without the fear of being imprisoned and tortured for doing so, speaks volumes of the freedoms and liberties we enjoy... the fact that the reader can choose to agree or disagree with me privately or publicly, again speaks of the freedoms inherent in our culture. We must prepare ourselves for what the future may hold, and we should work together to do so in love.

For the Christian, Lent is again a time of preparation... it is our preparation time in hopeful expectation of Easter. We may choose to fast, we may choose to go without, or to deny ourselves, but is that really what Jesus wants from us? Instead we must prepare our hearts and make room in our spiritual souls for the coming of Christ, risen from the dead - doing without a glass of wine here or a bar of chocolate there is irrelevant.

If we truly want to make this March – this Lent – special, then I ask that you pray, that you encourage, and that you show the love of Jesus amongst all and everybody you meet.

Yours in Christ's loving
service
Garry



From the Parish Registers

We welcome into our church family....

Harriett Steele Wells

Heidi Anne Birch

Poppy Grace Birch

Lily Paige Birch



We hold in our prayers all those preparing for marriage.

We give thanks for the life of....

Terry Hewlett,

Cliff Hicks,

Jean Hicks,

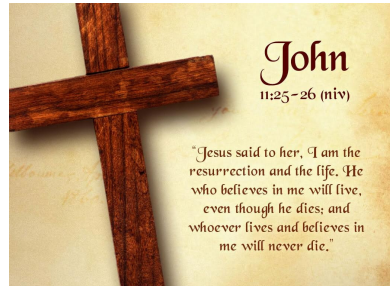
Caroline Cant,

Gladys Bass,

Jean Key

Frederick Arthur Bradley

Olive Maxine Stockburn



To book a baptism for children living in the parish or a wedding please contact the Parish Office.

email knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com

Tel. Jennifer Bradley 01423 869209



SUNDAY MORNINGS SEEKERS AT ST JOHN'S

Come and join our Sunday School Group for primary age children (4+) as we learn more about our faith, the church calendar, and the Bible through fun activities with friends (joining the congregation for the end of the service).

Contact the leaders for more information

Natalie Atkinson:

07919 927623

Carli Bean:

07855 559974

Look us up on Facebook:

Seekers at St John's

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Term dates

**No Sunday
School on 3rd
March**

**10th March
All age service
in church**

17th March

24th March

31st March

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH**

**VICARAGE LANE
KNARESBOROUGH
HG5 9AE**

**10.30—11.45
(or when the service
ends)**



**Do join us on Wednesday 27th March at 7pm in
St John the Baptist church followed by fellowship
at the Mitre**

A short contemplative and reflective service open to all. We offer you the time and space to encounter God. To find stillness, to find rest. To pause in all the busyness of life and to find the meaning of that life. To reflect and refresh. An opportunity to respond to God's love and to be renewed. To give that love back to the everyday.



PLEASE NOTE Due to the amazing generosity of so many people the foodbank is fully stocked in 2 Warehouses and not able to take any more donations at the present time.

Thank you so much to all who help to provide this much needed service. I will let you know when donations are needed again.

We will still be operating the service from Holy Trinity every Monday from 10am - 12noon.

Anthea Green

However.....Members of the congregation at St Mary's Goldsborough collect food for St Peter's Food Bank and they still need food stuffs. So please continue to place items into the box in St Mary's church porch and I will take them to St Peter's in Harrogate.

Hannah, at St Peter's is always very appreciative of the donations. Thank you.

Nicky Wynn

St Mary the Virgin

**The Church of St Mary the Virgin,
Goldsborough presents**



HARROGATE MALE VOICE CHOIR

CNG | POWER
UP

in concert

SATURDAY 30th MARCH 2019

at

7.30 pm in the Church.

**TICKETS (including refreshments)
£10 per person and £25 per
family of 2 adults and 2 children of
16 years and under,
available from
Jackie Shaw: 01423 863939**

St Mary the Virgin

Advance Notice Mothering Sunday 31st March



Please note

The joint benefice service at St Mary's at 10:30 followed by the faith lunch has been cancelled.

**The service will be at the usual time of
09:00hrs**

St Mary's Church, Goldsborough, Sunday School



All children from
5 years old are
welcome to come and
join us for fun filled
meetings.
10.30am after the
morning service

**Sunday 10th March
and every second Sunday of the month**



Harrogate CMS Support Group

invite you to a supper and talk by our own Dr Corrie Verduyn, on her final visit to us before retiring, entitled

'The challenge of having a baby in Africa'

at St Mark's Church HG2 8AY on Friday 3rd May at 7pm. Cost £10.

All welcome and please give Corrie a good send off by attending if you can - especially if you are a member of St Mary's congregation!

For tickets speak to Sue 01423 864275, or email tim.cundy@smch.org.uk

Thank you and see you there!

Knaresborough Team Ministry Pastoral Support Team



On Saturday 2nd March, St Michael's Hospice held a fundraising twilight walk around Knaresborough and the pastoral support team were asked to be present in St John's should any of the walkers wish to talk, light a candle or just spend a few moments to sit quietly and pray.

If you are aware of any members of the congregation who would value a visit, then please email the Rector, or Anthea our co-ordinator at antheajgreen@btinternet.com

**KNARESBOROUGH
MOTHERS' UNION**

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th March at 2.15pm
in the Hub at St John's

The speaker will be June Anstey with 'Sounds Familiar'.

New members always welcome

Contact Christine Cope
01423 868545



PARISH LADIES

Next meeting Wednesday 13th March 2019
7:30pm in the Hub at St John's

The speaker will be Andy Dennis who will be giving
a visual account of his experiences with Médecins
sans Frontieres. This will be a very interesting and
informative evening

Visitors always welcome

Christine Cope 01423 868545

Holy Trinity



“Fun, Food and Fellowship” – that other great Trinity!

On Saturday 23rd February, Holy Trinity hosted its annual Pancake Party in the church hall.

The evening started with a “find the missing letters” quiz based on different pancake fillings and toppings. Answers ranged from the quite straightforward S__R A_D L__N (sugar and lemon), through the yummy N____A (Nutella) to the downright bizarre T__A M____A H____S (I’ll leave that one for you to ponder...)



The Trinity Treats ladies were soon making their way around the room with piles of hot pancakes, which were quickly loaded with toppings and devoured, then it was on to the ever-popular pancake drive (for those of you who haven’t experienced a pancake drive before, think Beetle drive without all the legs).



The party continued with pancake races, the raffle was drawn and we finished off with a large circle of chairs and some more old-fashioned party games: Pass the Parcel and finally the Hokey Cokey.

It just remains for me to offer our thanks to everyone who was involved in making the party so much fun, oh and to give you that missing answer...

Anyone fancy a Tikka Masala Haggis pancake?

Hmmmmm, I think I’ll pass, thanks.

Judy Sturley

Spotlight on.....

Councillor Christine Willoughby at Holy Trinity



Tell us a little bit about yourself

Born in Manchester and brought to live in Knaresborough at the age of 6, when my dad got a job at Octavius Atkinson in Starbeck. Attended Manor Infants School, Castle Girls School and King James's School. Married Andrew, who is a true "Knaresborian" and have two children, Pam and Steve and two grandchildren, Sam and Eleanor and three step grandchildren, Megan, Thea and Elsa. Go to Holy Trinity Church where I am in the choir. I am a town and borough councillor. Fairly recently retired, I work one day a week at the Forest School in Knaresborough where I look after their computers.

Your greatest achievement?

Beside raising two wonderful, happy and well balanced children? (now adults!)? Possibly organising the 800 year Maundy Celebrations in 2008, when we held a fantastic event at the castle including a recreation of the original Maundy gifting, including Songs of Praise from Knaresborough and Knaresborough Maundy coins presented to every school child in Knaresborough. Or maybe the more recent floodlighting of the castle with innovative 21st Century LED lighting.

Describe yourself in one sentence.

That's a tough one! Stubborn, optimistic, and hard working.

What would your motto be?

Keep smiling

What is your food heaven?

Rhubarb crumble

And your food hell?

Anything with vinegar in it—ugh!!

Who has been your greatest inspiration?

Sir David Attenborough

What luxury item would you take to a desert island?

My tablet computer

Your favourite hymn(s)?

Eternal Father, strong to save

What are you most thankful to God for?

My family, they keep me sane and give me the confidence to carry on.



Holy Trinity

Briggate, Knaresborough



invite you to our

fun



Every



Sunday of each month
during the 10.45am service.





HOLY TRINITY INVITES YOU TO OUR ITALIAN EVENING

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL at 7:30pm

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL

**TICKETS £10 AVAILABLE FROM
DENISE 07739398197 or DOT
01423 862003**



HOLY TRINITY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday

29th March 2019

7.30 p.m.

**In Holy Trinity Church Hall,
Briggate**

Light refreshments provided

Admission £5.00

All are welcome



Knaresborough Anglican Team

Lent Study Course

We are planning to run two groups during lent,
following the York Course as detailed on the next page .

The Thursday Bible Study group will be leading this on Thursday
afternoons at 2:15 pm commencing on Thursday 14th March at
24 Grimbald Road, Knaresborough

The second group will be hosted and led by Denise on Wednesday
evenings at 7:30 pm at 5 March Avenue, Waterside
commencing one week later on 20th March.

There is a course booklet available at £3.75
Please contact Denise on 07739 398197 if you wish to join either
group so that we can order the booklets in good time.

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material for group use,
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ecumenical, and not tied
to a particular season"*

Church Times reviewer



During Holy Week (14th to 20th April), Christians Together in Knaresborough are planning to visit all the shops and businesses in Knaresborough and given them a white stone, decorated with a cross, a sunrise, and the word 'LOVE', along with an Easter greeting card with the message 'Love without limits'.



There will be a stone decorating morning at Knaresborough United Reformed Church on **Saturday 16th March from 10 till 12 noon** and we would like to encourage members of all the churches in our town to come along to help. It is a simple design so artistic expertise is not essential.

On Palm Sunday (14th April), the plan is to go out in pairs and deliver the stones and cards to designated shops and businesses. The aim is to give the message, in a friendly, sensitive manner, that we are Christians Together in Knaresborough wanting to share the love of Christ with them and to wish them a happy Easter.

We need volunteers to help with delivering the cards and stones so if you feel you could help please e-mail Elaine Harrison at elaine.harrison13@ntlworld.com and copy Alan Crump in at alan.g.crump139@gmail.com including your name, contact number or e-mail address, your church, and whether you have any physical restrictions on where you might be able to deliver.

KURC will allocate approximately 10 businesses to each pair depending on the amount of volunteers we have so the task should not be too onerous. Businesses and shops vary their opening times but delivery can be any time during Holy Week.

The cards and stones can be collected from Knaresborough United Reformed Church on Palm Sunday between 11:30 and 12:30.

Please pray for this visitation to share God's love in Jesus with our neighbours in Knaresborough town centre

Christians Together



Knaresborough

CHILDREN'S EASTER CLUB

Gracious St Methodist Church

**3 mornings: Wednesday 24th April- Friday
26th April**

10am—12.30pm



Imaginators

Christians Together in Knaresborough annual Easter Club is back and getting ready for 70 children to run through Gracious Street's door! We would love all ages, from all Churches, with all sorts of gifts and abilities to help us reach out to the children in our area to help them meet Jesus and see how amazing he is. We need help with craft, group leaders, creche and refreshments.

Team must have a DBS and will be needed from 9.30 on each day, followed with team lunch after.

This year we are looking at Psalm 139 and looking at the unexpected chosen characters by God in the Bible and how God loves and knows each person in the world all based around our Lego set!

To sign up to help or to sign up your children, please contact June Graham at ctikeasterclub@gmail.com



St John's News & Events

...
....**From the Choir Stalls**

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who was involved in the Holocaust Memorial Evensong at the end of January. We were delighted that our friends Cadenza and young cellist Anna Staveley were able to join us to take part in this very moving service. Thank you also to those who supported the Schubert Recital last month. The small but appreciative audience were treated to an outstanding performance of *Die Winterreise* (A Winter's Journey) by Alexander Gebhard (Tenor) and Esther Knight (Piano), to whom I am very grateful. Special thanks to Alex for stepping in to the breach at short notice when unfortunately, Guy Withers was unable to perform due to illness.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

We are delighted to welcome Imogen Lang back to the choir after her time away living in Italy.



VOCALIS CONCERT

On Saturday 16th March 2019 at 7.30pm we will be welcoming Vocalis, Harrogate's leading Chamber Choir, to St John's for their concert entitled 'Jesu, joy of man's desiring'. Alex Kyle, their Musical Director has chosen a splendid programme to illustrate the mutual influence between English and German music from the Baroque period onwards. The programme includes pieces by Purcell, Blow, Handel, Haydn, Brahms, Mendelssohn Bruckner, Parry, Elgar, Mauerberger, Maxwell Davies and two pieces by Bach (one the final movement of St Matthew Passion) which represent the continuous influence of Bach in both countries that persists to this day. Wine and soft drinks will be available in the church hub during the interval. Tickets available on line from <http://www.harrogatevocalis.org.uk/> or ring 07815 767433. Adults £12; Students £5; under 19s and carers assisting wheelchair users free.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Our next service of Choral Evensong will be on Sunday 24th March 2019 at 4.00pm. Visiting singers are always very welcome. Please contact me for details of music and rehearsal times.

FAURÉ REQUIEM

On Holy Saturday, 20th April 2019, at 6.00pm (rehearsal 4.00pm) at St John's, we will be giving a devotional performance of the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré. Admission is FREE with a retiring collection. Visiting singers are very welcome to join us for this event. Please contact me if you are interested.

FUTURE CHOIR TOURS

We are always delighted to welcome members of the congregation on our Choir Tours. Trips are planned trips for 2019 and 2020, so please let me know if you would like to receive more information at the appropriate juncture. **All are welcome!**

TRIP TO HOLY ISLAND

On Saturday 25th May 2019 the choir will be travelling to Holy Island to sing a short recital at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin. Our coach will leave Knaresborough (Fisher Street) at 8.00am and arrive on Holy Island around 11.00am. The recital will start at 12.30pm and will last approximately 45 minutes, leaving plenty of time to explore until our coach departs at 5.30pm for the homeward journey. Members of the congregations of all the team churches are invited to join us for this trip (listening to the choir sing is not compulsory!). The cost of return coach travel is £16 (adults) and £10 (children). Please contact me if you would like to join us. All are welcome!



PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Don't forget that our Head Chorister, Lauren Windsor, will be appearing in a production of 'Phantom of the Opera' at the Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds from Wednesday 5th to Saturday 8th June 2019. A group of us have already booked tickets for the Saturday Matinee, but it's not too late to make your own arrangements to go and support Lauren if you would like to. Full details are at: www.carriageworkstheatre.co.uk

For more information regarding any of the above, or music at St John's in general, please email me on: mark.hunter83@gmail.com.

Mark Hunter

.....From The Classroom

Valentine's Day Coffee Morning



On Valentine's Day, our Young Leaders organised a coffee morning as part of their Archbishop's award. The intent was to raise awareness of mental health issues and to raise funds for Orb, a local social enterprise which assists people with mental health issues through the arts and gardening. Mark Flood, founder of Orb, brought in some highly technical sound equipment which was a big hit with everybody. Needless to say, a vigilant eye was kept on the volume button!



Alongside the coffee morning, the children had organised a used book stall which proved hugely successful. As the parents and grandparents enjoyed their refreshments, the children shared with them the contents of their Young Leaders' log books and explained what they had learned as they took this journey.

A total of £464.20 was raised, all of which will be used to help fund the purchase of more equipment for Orb. This is the first year group in our school to undergo this prestigious award, and we are all very proud of their accomplishment.



.....From the Flower Guild

In January and February it is not easy to find affordable flowers to maintain the large pedestal arrangement required to make an impact in our church, however pale yellow and white tulips provided a taste of spring.

A meeting with the rector present, gave our group the opportunity to clarify a few points and set out a strategy for the coming year. Our aim is to help to make our church as welcoming and cared for as possible, a place where people wish to be. We welcome newcomers who may or not be members of the congregation, but who just wish to arrange flowers. Skill is not a priority as there is always a group member happy to share their knowledge. We continually learn from each other so do join us and bring your ideas and enthusiasm with you.

As ever we invite anyone wishing to celebrate an anniversary or having a pedestal of flowers in memory of a loved one to contact Bernice 866539 or Antje 860463. We just ask for the cost of the flowers or a contribution towards them and we will do the work. May I also remind you of the option to contribute £5 for an Easter lily.



The sunflowers you may have noticed in church recently are there to remember a young man through his favourite flower.

Pat Hewitson

Flower Stand

A new flower pedestal has been commissioned by Mrs Miranda Armitage and given by the Armitage Trust, to be used at St John's. It is a beautiful piece of furniture and comes from the workshop of Mr Ted Daniel, who created our Nave Altar as well as many other things in and around the church... it carries his distinctive Duck logo.

Our thanks to the Armitage Trust for their generosity.



Making New...

Pavement

A quick update on the situation at St John's. The lads from McDaid's are doing a great job and we are only a week or two off completion.

Our new pavement will be fit for purpose and safe to walk on. They have also started doing some work around the outside of the west end of church which needed attention. We have commissioned some new planters for the west door area also.



One bit of not so good news... Phase 2, Phase 3 and Phase 4, which are respectively, Church Lane, Vicarage Lane and the area between HUB and the South door are going to be *even more expensive* than previously thought, because there are 'sets' (cobblestones) under the existing tar, they will need to be dug up and removed. I'll keep you informed.

The Rector



Home Communion Set

A new Home Communion Set has been gifted to St John's by Dr Wilf and Mrs Doreen Mulryne. It replaces one that has been misplaced and we are very grateful to them both for their kindness and generosity. It will be greatly appreciated by those to whom the sacraments are taken.

Café Church



Coffee, Cake and Prayer @ the HUB

OPEN TO ALL ACROSS THE PARISH

All welcome to come and enjoy free tea/coffee, cake, chit-chat
and led prayer

Friday 5th April

10.30am - 12noon

**Come with friends or simply on your own
We look forward to seeing you there.**



**Find us on
Facebook**

Do you use social media?

Did you know that you can follow the Knaresborough Team CofE Churches on Facebook to keep an eye on what's going on?

Why not have a look... you'll find links to the weekly pew sheets, lots of photos of church life, information about services and forthcoming events, news from the local and wider church, things to make you smile and things to make you think.

If you have any news or photos that you'd like us to share from any of the team churches, or events you'd like to publicise, please drop us a message via the Facebook page.



**St John
the Baptist
Knaresborough**

**Holy Trinity
Knaresborough**

**Sunday
March
3rd**

8am
10:30am
Holy Communion

10:45am
Sung Eucharist

**Sunday
March
10th**

8am
10:30am
Second Sunday
Service
Baptisms

10:45am
Sung Eucharist

**Sunday
March
17th**

8am
10:30am
Choral Eucharist

10:45am
Sung Eucharist
With Sunday School

**Sunday
March
24th**

8am
10:30am
Holy Communion
4pm
Choral Evensong

10:45am
Sung Eucharist

**Sunday
March
31st**

8am
10:30am
Holy Communion

10:45am
Sung Eucharist

	<u>St Mary</u> <u>The Virgin</u> <u>Goldsborough</u>	<u>St John</u> <u>The Baptist</u> <u>Brearton</u>	<u>St Paul &</u> <u>St Margaret</u> <u>Nidd</u>
Sunday March 3rd	9am BCP Holy Communion		10:30am Mattins
Sunday March 10th	9am Holy Communion		10:30am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday March 17th	9am All age Eucharist		10:30am Mattins
Sunday March 24th	9am Holy Communion		10:30am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday March 31st	9am Holy Communion		10:30am Mattins

**Holy Communion Services are held
every Wednesday in Knaresborough
Holy Trinity at 10am and St John the Baptist at 11am**

**Morning Prayer some Thursdays in Goldsborough
at St Mary the Virgin at 10am**

Please contact Marilyn 01423 860356
for details

Knaresborough Team Ministry - Benefice Diary

Friday 1 March

2.00 pm World Day of Prayer service at Holy Trinity

Sunday 3 March

From 12 noon lunches at Holy Trinity

Wednesday 6 March **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am at Holy Trinity, 11.00 am at St John the Baptist and 7.30 pm at St Paul & St Margaret, Nidd

Sunday 10 March

3.30 pm Archdeacon's installation at Ripon Cathedral

Tuesday 12 March

2.15 pm Mothers' Union meeting at The Hub

Wednesday 13 March

7.30 pm Parish Ladies meeting at The Hub

Thursday 14 March

2.15 pm First session of Thursday Lent Study Course at 24 Grimbald Road, Knaresborough (weekly until 11 April)

Saturday 16th March

7.30pm Vocalis Concert in St John the Baptist church

Monday 18 March

7.00 pm Parochial Church Council meeting at The Hub

Wednesday 20 March

7.30 pm First session of Wednesday Lent Study Course at 5 March Avenue, Waterside, (weekly until 17 April)

Knaresborough Team Ministry - Benefice Diary

Sunday 24 March

Bishop Helen-Ann visits St Mary the Virgin, Goldsborough at 9.00 am and Holy Trinity at 10.45 am

4.00 pm Choral Evensong at St John the Baptist

Wednesday 27 March

7.00 pm Encounter service at St John the Baptist

Friday 29 March

7.30 pm Holy Trinity Quiz Night

Saturday 30th March

7:30 pm Harrogate Male Voice Choir at St Mary the Virgin, Goldsborough

Sunday 31 March **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Please note change from February Accord

Services at each church at usual times.

Sunday 7 April

12 noon lunches at Holy Trinity

Tuesday 9 April

2.15 pm Mothers' Union meeting at The Hub

Wednesday 10 April

7.30 pm Parish Ladies Group at The Hub

Thursday 11th April

2.15 pm final session of Thursday Lent Study course

Friday 12th April

7.30 pm Italian evening at Holy Trinity



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday

Services in each church at usual times

Monday 15th April

7:30pm Stations of the Cross and Compline at Holy Trinity

Tuesday 16th April,

7:30pm Stations of the Cross and Compline at Holy Trinity

Wednesday 17th April,

10:00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

11:00am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist

7:30pm Final session of Lent study course at 5 March Avenue

Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper at Holy Trinity

Good Friday

2:00pm Good Friday Liturgy at St Mary the Virgin, Goldsborough

2:00pm Good Friday Liturgy at St John the Baptist, Knaresborough

Holy Saturday

11:00am Easter Egg-Xtravaganza at Holy Trinity

6:00pm Liturgical performance of Fauré's Requiem at St John the Baptist, Knaresborough



Come and join us for our 2019 **Easter Egg-Xtravaganza** for Accompanied Primary School Children

Date – Saturday 20th April

Time – 11am to 12.30pm

Place – Holy Trinity

Church Hall,

Briggate, Knaresborough
(through the stone arch)

Cost – Nothing... its Free!



Free Crafts to make and takeaway

Free Music

Free Refreshments

... Oh, did we tell you that it's all **Free**

Why don't you come and join us?



Culinary and cropping Curiosities

By Sophy Potager

Winter is nearly over but there are still cold evenings. Thick soups are nourishing in the middle of a day's gardening (clearing out the flower beds or re-establishing the vegetable plot) or in the evening. One of our standbys at any time of the year is a southern French peasant recipe PISTOU of which the main ingredient is any kind of bean. I make it at this time of year to clear any of last year's beans from the freezer, but it works just as well using a tin of baked beans, tinned cannelloni beans, dried haricot beans which have been soaked overnight, or fresh beans of any sort.

French Pistou soup.

This is the only soup I make where I do not start off with sweated onions and celery.

Put your beans in a large saucepan. Add diced potato, carrot, celery, onions and any other vegetables you have. I tend to prefer courgette, pepper, leeks, but others prefer to use root crops. Cover with boiling stock and leave to simmer for 30 minutes. Make your pistou in a small bowl - 2 or 3 tablespoons of tomato puree, six crushed cloves of garlic and some fresh or dried chilli. Check your vegetable soup. When all the vegetables are cooked soft but still firm add the pistou mixture, stir thoroughly and serve immediately with grated cheese and crusty bread.



Now is the time of year taking stock of the freezer and store cupboard. Last year's rhubarb needs to be used as it won't be long before the new crop is being harvested. The space can be used for leeks. Potatoes and apples still in store are beginning to look a bit past it. Lots of jacket potato meals will use up the big ones. The smaller ones I peel, mash and put into margarine tubs and shove in the freezer for easy fish and shepherds' pies during the summer. Same with the apples - peel, core and stew and again freeze - easy pies and crumbles when the weather improves and you are out in the garden all day. And while the wet soil is inhibiting garden action, a useful use of time is to batch bake cakes and freeze them. Apple cakes freeze well and deal with the problem of the lurking apples in the shed. Denise Cullingworth's moist and succulent variety can be sampled at Trinity on the first Sunday of the month and perhaps she will let me publish her recipe.

March in the veg Patch



As I write in mid-February my garden is dry and there are everywhere the obvious cheerful signs of spring. The rhubarb clumps are shoving up their thumbs, buds are beginning to swell on the loganberries, blossom is on the Mirabelle plum tree and the flower garden is coming to life again. The tits, robins, wrens, dunnocks, blackbirds, thrushes and goldfinches are singing their hearts out. However there are still jobs to do. Apple and pear trees should be pruned by now, the greenhouse should be cleaned and all tools sharpened – any of these jobs that have been left unfinished thanks to grotty weather can be completed. Last years' leeks can be harvested (try to stand on planks or duck boards if the soil is still wet) and those not needed immediately can be washed and chopped and bagged in the freezer while the new baby leeks can be started from seed in the greenhouse. Sweet peas, broad beans, peas, nasturtiums, sunflowers and other large seeds can be set in the greenhouse or indoors, I find greatest success by starting the seeds individually in the tubes that form the insides of toilet rolls. Fill the tube with potting compost, put in one seed, cover with a little more compost and place upright in deep seed trays. Water gently and leave to germinate. This method can be used later for French and runner beans and parsnips. You end up planting the whole tube containing the fully rooted juvenile plant which gives it an early start.



Most of us have a grotty dank shady corner in the garden where nothing grows apart from the ubiquitous ground elder, and other pests. Ground elder was introduced to England by the Romans and grown as it was deemed to have powers to cure gout. (One other good reason for loathing the Romans.) The advice I have always seen is to plant with hellebores or Lily of the Valley. Both these suggestions are sound, but how about ramsons, the wild garlic that grows so prolifically along the Nidd. Not for those who loath the smell of garlic, but I can think of nothing better than a mini grove of ramsons spreading their aroma through my spring garden and reminding me to grub some up for soup.

The weather may yet turn nasty – remember last year with the Beast from the East in early March -but the days are getting longer and the end of winter is within sight. It will soon be warm enough to live in the garden and, despite all the problems of living in 2019, wonder at the diversity of life that shares my small garden space.

All about LENT

Lent is a 40 day journey (not counting Sundays!) to focus on God, to remember that Jesus died on the cross to save each of us and to prepare to celebrate his rising from the dead on Easter day.

Many people choose to give things up for Lent, but you can also do extra good things, just like Jesus did. Some people put aside more time to pray and read the bible so they can really let God into their lives

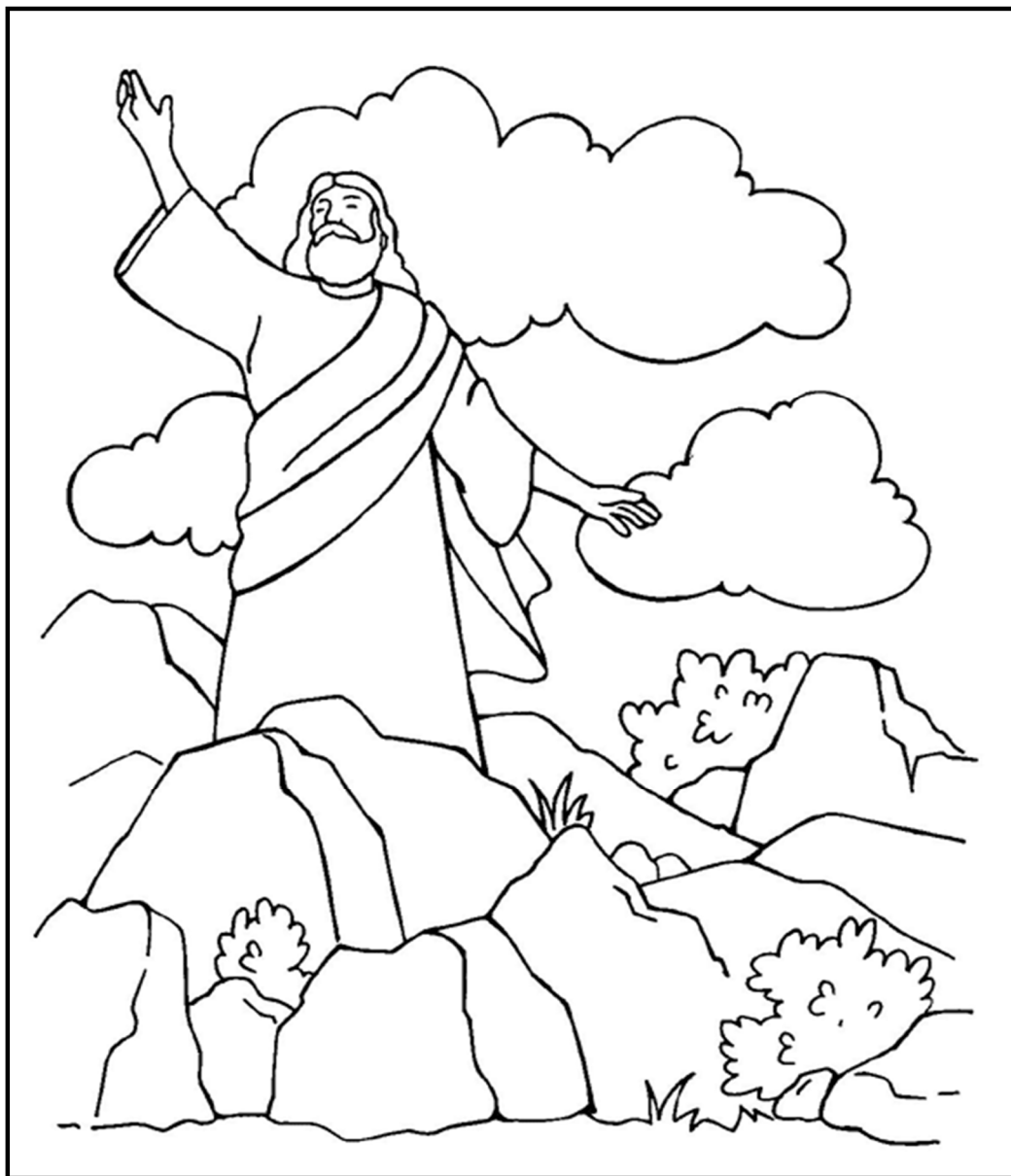
The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. To feel a need or desire for food
A. hungry B. tempt C. worship D. bread
- ___ 2. A small rock
A. hungry B. devil C. world D. stone
- ___ 3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
A. bread B. worship C. angel D. tempt
- ___ 4. To try to get someone to do wrong
A. stone B. bread C. hungry D. tempt
- ___ 5. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
A. tempt B. devil C. worship D. angel
- ___ 6. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
A. bread B. hungry C. angel D. stone
- ___ 7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God
A. worship B. world C. angel D. devil
- ___ 8. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
A. bread B. tempt C. world D. stone



Satan Tempts Jesus



As the Knaresborough team continues to support our mission partner, Azaria Spencer, in Guatemala, here is an update from her recent blog.....

My own extraordinary kind of ordinary

This morning I sat in my usual comfy spot by my bedroom window. The sun was still breaking through the clouds, grey and blue divided with rays of beaming yellow and white light. The mountains beginning to reveal their lush green beauty.

Starting my day with prayer, a devotional, and journaling, I ask God to help me find joy in both the ordinary and the extraordinary, having come to realise that it is somewhere in-between where I find myself and the life I lead.

It was only last week that I found myself sat playing a perfectly ordinary game of 'uno,' yet in rather extraordinary circumstances.



I was sitting on a pavement of a street in Guatemala City playing uno with a group of young people who call the streets their home. Playing a game of uno I will not quickly forget.

It was last Tuesday morning, the sky was a piercing clear blue, the air still had a slight chill to it, but the sun was bright and strong. When I arrived with Ben, the coordinator of the street team, Emma

and Hector (members of the street team) were already sitting talking with the small group. As we approached, I noticed one young man, Panda, lying on a mattress. He seemed to be half asleep however, in actuality he was under the influence of the dulling effects of solvents. We greeted the group members and sat with them. Ben got out a game of 'uno' and the excitement of the game brought even Panda, partly, out of his drug induced state of sluggish slumber.

It was in that moment, as we played laughing and enjoying each other's company, that I realised how sometimes I will be caught off guard in a seemingly ordinary moment and suddenly realise how my life is more extraordinary than I ever could have hoped or wished it to become. In these moments I am reminded of what a privilege it is to live where I live and do what I do.



When people ask me, 'what do you do?' it can be difficult to fully explain because of the nature of my job and the flexibility my role allows. This somewhat 'ordinary' game of uno last week is only one example of an ordinary moment reminding me of the extraordinariness that exists in my life.

I'm not sure that if you had asked me ten years ago, 'where do you see yourself in ten years?' that I would have said. "In ten years, I see myself sat in the street in Guatemala City playing uno with a group of young adults who live on the streets and suffer from solvent addictions."

I am not sure what answer I would have given, but I highly doubt that this would have been it.

Yet here I am, living my own extraordinary kind of ordinary, that involves joining our street team on some of their visits and serving people the rest of society chooses to ignore.



And I truly would not have it any other way. The lessons learned through a life like this are invaluable. I get to spend time with a street team who dedicate themselves to working alongside people living on the streets of Guatemala City, with a desire to see their lives transformed and free from addiction and the streets.

And I get to visit and spend time with people who yes, live on the streets and suffer with addictions, but who have taught me about grace, mercy, compassion, love, joy and so much more.

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23rd March 2019 9.30 am – 12.00 noon St Mark's Harrogate	Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley Bishop of Ripon	To read, mark, learn and inwardly digest: some reflections on a diet of Biblical interpretation (live lecture)
13th April 2019 9.30 am – 12.00 noon Mowbray Community Church	Andrew Emerton Dean of St Mellitus College, London	<i>Bibletrack seminar:</i> The Prophets part 2 (DVD & facilitated discussion)



A message from John and Edward Wilkinson

....Following our donor and recipient kidney transplant operation at St James's hospital, Leeds on 15th January we are both recovering well.

Initial prognosis is very good. John's donor kidney has been accepted by Edward's body and is functioning well.

We would both like to sincerely thank you for your prayers, thoughts and kind messages that we have received.

Also, but as importantly, we would like to thank you for your support and friendship which you have shown to our parents, Carole and Tony, for what has been a very difficult and emotional time for them

With our kind regards and very best wishes to you all.

John and Edward Wilkinson



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