

# St John the Divine Rastrick

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**PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH**

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.  
Help our churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment  
to you, and in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

Here is a list of regular activities which occur in our church.

Please contact Group Leaders for details of their activities.

### Sunday Services in Church

- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion or Morning Worship (2nd Sunday)
- 10:30 a.m. Joint Benefice Service (5th Sunday as announced)

### Mondays in the Community Hall

- 6:00 p.m. Rainbows and Brownies
- 7:30 p.m. Guides
- 7:00 p.m. Beer & Banter Men's Group (1st Monday in the month  
at The Four Sons, Clough Lane) - Alan: 07756 035591

### Tuesdays in the Community Hall

- 12:00 noon Community Lunch (1st Tuesday in the month)
- 1:30 p.m. Reminiscent Cinema (1st Tuesday in the month)
- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Tai-Chi
- 6:30 p.m. Cubs
- 7:30 p.m. Mothers' Union (3rd Tuesday in the month)
- 8:00 p.m. Scouts

### Wednesday Service in Church

- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th weeks in month)

### Wednesdays in the Community Hall

- 6:15 p.m. Beavers
- 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Nighters (1st Wednesday in the month)  
in the Conference Suite.

### Thursdays in the Community Hall

- Brighthouse Community Cinema (3rd Thursday in the month).
- See press for times and film showing.

### Fridays

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (by Zoom). Alan:07756 035591

*Rev'd Michelle writes .....*



I am delighted to welcome you to our new monthly magazine. I hope you will enjoy reading the articles and useful information that it contains. There is lots going on, and it is good to share this with those in the parish and beyond.

This is your magazine, so please do contact the editor with your pictures, stories, and other articles for future editions. In particular submissions of your favourite prayers would be most welcome for the new prayer page feature. If you can also say something about why you've chosen the prayer or what it means to you, then all the better.

We begin October with our Harvest Festival service. A time to focus on giving thanks to God for all His good gifts to us. And there is so much to give thanks for. Not only in terms of all His good gifts in creation, but to celebrate the fact that the organ refurbishment is underway and that we have enough money to complete the whole project. The growing links with the care homes and schools, the continued success of the community lunches and reminiscent cinema. Our recently completed servery and toilet project, which has been praised highly by a number of people since its completion in July, is another thing to be thankful for, and there are many other things besides.

As the well-known harvest hymn reminds us:

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

With my prayers and every blessing.

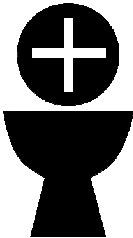
*Michelle*



## Special services & church information - October

### REMAINING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES FOR 2023

- ◇ Sunday 29th October 10.30am St Matthew's
- ◇ Sunday 24th December 10:30 St Matthew's
- ◇ Sunday 31st December 10.30am St John's



### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Wed 4th October - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wed 11th October - 10:30 - St John's

Wed 18th October - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wed 25th October - 10:30 - St John's

### Please note:

The Vicar will not be available or contactable for the following dates:

- Monday 2nd - Saturday 7th Oct. (inclusive)
- Monday 23rd - Friday 27th Oct. (inclusive) - on Retreat.

Please contact a Churchwarden for anything urgent.

There will also be no live morning prayer (Facebook) on:

- Tuesday 26th Sept - Saturday 7th Oct. (inclusive)
- Tuesday 24th - Saturday 28th Oct. (inclusive)

Please join Rev'd Michelle live on St John's Facebook page for Morning Prayer at 8.30am every morning Tuesday to Saturday



or you can catch up later in the day on Facebook or via the link on the home page of our Website.

## Prayer Ministry



Prayer Ministry is offered monthly during the 11am Parish Communion Service.

An opportunity to bring concerns, people and situations before God in prayer alongside someone else.

Please come to the main door of the Lady Chapel after receiving communion if you would like to take part.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Phil 4:6)*

## Daily Lectionary Readings October 2023

<u>Monday</u> <b>02-Oct</b>	<u>Tuesday</u> <b>03-Oct</b>	<u>Wednesday</u> <b>04-Oct</b>	<u>Thursday</u> <b>05-Oct</b>	<u>Friday</u> <b>06-Oct</b>	<u>Saturday</u> <b>07-Oct</b>
Psalm 71 Ezekiel 10.1-19 Mark 14.1-11	Psalm 73 Ezekiel 11.14-end Mark 14.12-25	Psalm 77 Ezekiel 12.1-16 Mark 14.26-42	Psalm 78.1-39* Ezekiel 12.17-end Mark 14.43-52	Psalm 55 Ezekiel 13.1-16 Mark 14.53-65	Psalms 76, 79 Ezekiel 14.1-11 Mark 14.66-end
<b>09-Oct</b>	<b>10-Oct</b>	<b>11-Oct</b>	<b>12-Oct</b>	<b>13-Oct</b>	<b>14-Oct</b>
Psalms 80, 82 Ezekiel 14.12-end Mark 15.1-15	Psalms 87, 89.1-18 Ezekiel 18.1-20 Mark 15.16-32	Psalm 119.105-128 Ezekiel 18.21-32 Mark 15.33-41	Psalms 90, 92 Ezekiel 20.1-20 Mark 15.42-end	Psalms 88, (95) Ezekiel 20.21-38 Mark 16.1-8	Psalms 96, 97, 100 Ezekiel 24.15-end Mark 16.9-end
<b>16-Oct</b>	<b>17-Oct</b>	<b>18-Oct</b>	<b>19-Oct</b>	<b>20-Oct</b>	<b>21-Oct</b>
Psalms 98, 99, 101 Ezekiel 28.1-19 John 13.1-11	Psalm 106* (or 103) Ezekiel 33.1-20 John 13.12-20	Psalm 147.1-7 2 Timothy 4.5-17 Luke 10.1-9	Psalms 113, 115 Ezekiel 34.1-16 John 13.31-end	Psalm 139 Ezekiel 34.17-end John 14.1-14	Psalms 120 - 122 Ezekiel 36.16-36 John 14.15-end
<b>23-Oct</b>	<b>24-Oct</b>	<b>25-Oct</b>	<b>26-Oct</b>	<b>27-Oct</b>	<b>28-Oct</b>
Psalms 123 - 126 Ezekiel 37.1-14 John 15.1-11	Psalms 132, 133 Ezekiel 37.15-end John 15.12-17	Psalm 119.153-end Ezekiel 39.21-end John 15.18-end	Psalms 143, 146 Ezekiel 43.1-12 John 16.1-15	Psalms 142, 144 Ezekiel 44.4-16 John 16.16-22	Psalm 119.89-96 Ephesians 2.19-22 John 15.17-27
<b>30-Oct</b>	<b>31-Oct</b>	<b>01-Nov</b>	<b>02-Nov</b>	<b>03-Nov</b>	<b>04-Nov</b>
Psalms 1, 2, 3 Ecclesiastes 1 John 17.1-5	Psalms 5, 6, (8) Ecclesiastes 2 John 17.6-19	Psalm 119.1-32 Ecclesiastes 3.1-15 John 17.20-end	Psalms 14, 15, 16 Ecclesiastes 3.16-4-end John 18.1-11	Psalms 17, 19 Ecclesiastes 5 John 18.12-27	Psalms 20, 21, 23 Ecclesiastes 6 John 18.28-end

Join Michelle on line Tuesday - Saturday:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthedivinerastrick>

Or use the Church of England Daily Pray:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

All readings in full can be found by downloading the 'Lectionary: from the CofE' App on your phone or PC

## Notes from a churchwarden 11 – A Sunday morning in Grasmere

I have recently returned from my annual trip to Grasmere in the Lake District. Whilst there, I was able to visit St. Oswald's Church which lies next to the River Rothay, which runs through the village. I entered by the lych-gate, next to the well-known 'Sarah Nelsons Grasmere Gingerbread Shop' (which, when open, always has a queue outside it) and followed the path round the churchyard to the main entrance



St Oswald was a Northumbrian king, who was initially in exile with the monks on Iona. When he returned and established his kingdom, he built churches and helped establish Christianity in the region, including arranging for help from Iona in the form of St Aidan, to whom he gave the island of Lindisfarne to establish his cathedral.

The interior of St Oswald's church is plastered white and the building itself dates from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. As I entered the church, a sidesman greeted me and asked if I was staying for the service, which I confirmed. He handed me the 'order of service' and I took my place in one of the pews near a statuette of the 'madonna and child' attached to a substantial pillar. As I sat there others came in and the sidesman greeted them in a similar manner, but sadly many said 'Oh no, we were just coming to look around' and promptly left. I thought that was sad. People are happy to enter, to admire the static interior, but when offered the dynamic of a service in the same place, decline.





The service was, as might be expected, similar to ours. The 'Gloria' however was said and in the seated or kneeling position, and the music during the Eucharistic prayer for the responses, was also unfamiliar to me. Apart from one or two other minor differences, it was in essence the same.

Interestingly, after the service I was able to have a word with the vicar and they too have had to raise a considerable amount of money to have their organ refurbished, in a similar fashion to ours. It took them seven years to achieve their target of £150000, but the organ is now back in place. This organ, supplied by Binns of Leeds, was installed in the church in March 1923 and so is only two years younger than ours. Apparently they had to send it to a firm in Worcestershire for the work to be done.

I enjoyed the service, although not well attended this particular Sunday. Apparently the week before the church had been nearly full, but as it presumably relies a lot on tourist traffic, I imagine congregations will ebb and flow from Sunday to Sunday.

After leaving the church, I returned to the hotel, by the route I had come, passing the Gingerbread shop with its inevitable queue. Pity, I thought, people will queue 15 to 20 minutes sometimes, to buy gingerbread, but not walk another 50 yards to take part in a service in a very picturesque church. I collected my dog, Cadbury, from the hotel room and took him on a walk by the riverside, pausing awhile to have my packed lunch, looking across open fields to the fells beyond. The dear old former Hollens hotel, where I spent many a happy Easter, stood majestically on the hillside beyond, whilst Cadbury had a swim in the river.

**David Marshall**

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**Turning Point Counselling Service - AGM**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10am @ 16 church lane Brighouse HD6 1AT  
All invited to come along and find out more about this service.

Further information [www.turningpoint-brighouse.org.uk](http://www.turningpoint-brighouse.org.uk)  
or contact Alan Hoggard 07756035591

## PRAYER PAGE

Do you have a favourite prayer, or have you come across a special prayer recently which you'd like to share?

This 'Prayer Page' will be a regular feature of the new magazine and contributions are welcome.

The October contribution is from Rev'd Michelle:

As many of you will know, I say Morning Prayer on Facebook Tuesdays to Saturdays, and I know that several of you join me for that.

What you may not know, as I don't often include them, is that each psalm has its own prayer to follow it related to the theme of the psalm.

My favourite psalm is psalm 139. It begins, 'O Lord you have searched me out and know me, you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar'.

It's a beautiful psalm that speaks about how God is always with us, from the moment of conception in the womb, right thorough to the time when the grave becomes our bed.

The prayer to accompany this psalm is wonderful and one of my favourites.

*Creator God, may every breath we take be for your glory,  
may every footstep show you as our way,  
that trusting in your presence in this world,  
we may, beyond this life, still be with you  
where you are alive and reign  
for ever and ever. Amen*





SCAN ME

For those who have not signed up for the parish giving scheme please consider doing so. By giving in this way it saves a lot of admin time and also means that gift aid is claimed immediately. For further information speak to Cherry Fancourt or Alan Hoggard

## Regular Giving by Direct Debit

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to Rastrick St John the Divine on a regular monthly basis (or quarterly or annually if you prefer). It works by making a Direct Debit from your bank account on the 1st of the month, which is credited to our parish bank account by the 10th of the month. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it back to Rastrick St John the Divine which benefits our cash flow.

## One-Off Giving

It is also possible to make a one-off gift online and add Gift Aid if you are eligible. Instead of setting up a new Direct Debit, you use a debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Scan the QR code to get started.

## Three ways you can set up a regular gift with PGS

- The simplest way is online. Visit

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/rastrick-st-john-the-divine-brighthouse/> or scan the QR code above

- By phone: 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

You will need your bank details to set up the Direct Debit and, for phone or postal applications, Rastrick St John the Divine's unique parish code 460646486.

**Thank you for considering this option in your support of Rastrick St John the Divine.**

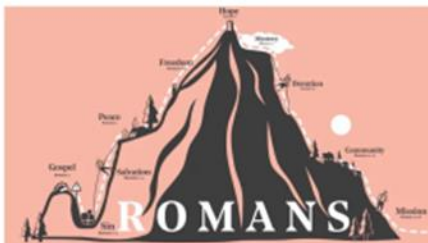


Paul's letter to the Romans is the most influential letter ever written. It is a letter that has transformed many lives. The Romans Course is for everyone for mature Christians and those newer to faith.

Thursdays, 7 p.m - 9 p.m.

Remaining weeks:

October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, November 9th, 16th, 23rd.



*Finding out why the gospel is still good news and relevant today?*

## Rucksack Club

**AFTERNOON WALK** : Sun. 15th Oct. '23.( Rucksack Club Corporate Communion in morning)

A 4/5 mile walk looping to & from round Hipperholme, Coley, & (upper) Norwood Green.

Contact Anne ASPINALL :

01484 718969/ 07931947609 [anne@aspinall160.plus.com](mailto:anne@aspinall160.plus.com)

if you can come.

**MEET AT CHURCH AT 1-15 pm.**

START WALKING APPROX 1-40- from On-road Parking by the houses towards the end of NORTHEDGE LANE HIPPERHOLME .

(Full details on the day) Mainly flat- Lanes, Fields, Woodland paths, some residential / busy roads."

## OCTOBER FULL DAY WALK - 28th October

**Leaders** - Jennifer Guy and Sophie Weller

**Contact** - 07807946396

**The Railway Children Walk .**

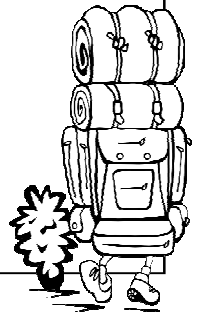
**Depart Church** - 9.30

**Details** -A very pleasant 6 easy mile undulating walk in and around Haworth taking in film locations from the film. The walk begins from Oxenhope station.



## RUCKSACK CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

The Rucksack Club Annual Dinner will be on Sunday 22nd October at Briar Court, Birchencliffe at 1.30pm. members of St John's are cordially invited to attend. Menu details are available from Roger Ellis which include the option of 2 or 3 courses. The closing date for menu choice and payment is the 4th October.



## What the Vicar got up to last month

Just a selection...



The St John's contingent at the welcome service for Bishop Smitha in Halifax Minster.



Friday Lunch Club With Joanna and Canon Michael at The Space @ Field Lane



Receiving a beautiful hand-dyed cloth from Melina at the MU organised event where Melina talked about the Safe Houses.



Coffee and bacon butties at Oriel & Graham's Nyakiswa fundraiser.



Relaxing in the café with two of the ladies from the Harvest Festival service at Railway Bridge View.



Tilly-Mae (3rd grandchild) makes an entrance!



Annual Gathering of Spiritual Directors. The Community of the Resurrection Mirfield. (There as Co-ordinator of the Huddersfield episcopal area.)



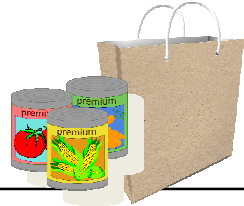
A bit of acting for the first 'Open the Book' visits of the year: Carr Green & Field Lane. The story of Adam & Eve

## BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOOD BANK

Thank you for all your support over the summer holidays. Over the next few weeks the foodbank are collecting long life semi skimmed milk, jam, tins of ham and anything to make a meal. Your gifts of food and toiletries are always so gratefully received. Any donations to the basket at the back of church are very welcome. Plastic carrier bags are always needed to distribute the food from the foodbank.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Missions and Charities Committee



## COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch is on Tuesday October 3rd.  
All welcome. (No charge - donations much appreciated)



## RASTRICK VOICES - Rehearsals

Although it seems a long way off, we have four possible Sunday rehearsals before our special Carol Service on 17th December. *(More info about that next month)*

Voices; please keep these dates free if possible.

All rehearsals are after the morning service in Church.

- ◆ Sunday 15th October
- ◆ Sunday 5th November
- ◆ Sunday 26th November
- ◆ Sunday 10th December

We can always try to find an extra rehearsal at an alternative time nearer to the service on 17th if we think we need it.



## **Contemplative Church in St Paul's, Shepley. HD8 8AE**

Have you ever thought 'there must be more to life than this?' or 'I would just like to stop the stress/noise/busyness of my life and find something peaceful and calm.' Or you may want to rediscover or grow spiritually. Come and discover more about yourself and the world we live in through contemplation and stillness.

There has been an interest in contemplation in Shepley for many years with a monthly Contemplative Prayer Group and more recently a monthly Contemplative Service on a Sunday evening.

We are now extending into Tuesdays with a chance for people to come to a whole morning each week, or just part of it, to explore contemplation and stillness together in friendship. Come and go as you feel is right for you.

The monthly programme will start on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 as follows:

### **'Here I Am' contemplative services**

First Sunday of the month at 6.00pm – Contemplative Communion Service

Third Sunday of the month at 6.00pm – Contemplative Service

### **Still Tuesday**

Every Tuesday

10.00 – 10.30am Celtic Morning Prayer

10.30 – 11.30am A time of discovery which will be different each week. Sometimes more hands on reflective craft, sometimes a discussion or a talk. Always aimed at deeper understanding of ourselves and our relationship with God.

11.30 – 12.00am Coffee and Chat

12.00 – 12.30pm Silent Meditation

If you would like to stay on after the meditation for a time of quiet or to talk then you are welcome to bring your sandwiches.

Please contact me if you would like to know more

Rev Sue Clarke - [Sueclarke538@gmail.com](mailto:Sueclarke538@gmail.com) or Mobile 07896464417

'As Prayer and Spirituality Co-ordinator for the Huddersfield Episcopal Area I have been asked to commend this to you. It is an area of spirituality that I am personally drawn to, and I will be going along to Contemplative Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.

Please let me know if you would like to join me'. Rev'd Michelle

## MOTHERS' UNION MATTERS



**On Tuesday 19 September** our MU Branch meeting was at 7.00pm in the Church following a Eucharist led by Revd. Michelle. We were very surprised when we entered the church since the organ builders had turned the Church into a building site, and so we quickly rearranged ourselves and had a very quiet and thoughtful service in the Lady Chapel. We then went to the back of the church for a welcome cup of tea or coffee and some scrummy biscuits. We briefly looked at how we can stretch our bodies whilst interpreting some verses from Psalm 62 which Jennifer had read during the Service. Thank you, Jennifer, for interpreting it and analysing what it could mean for us today.

After this date our Branch meetings will be held at **2.00pm on the third Tuesday each month**. Our next meeting is therefore on Tuesday 17 October at 2.00 pm. At the moment it is planned to take place in The Conference Suite and one of the activities is to fill Emergency Bags for the Hospitals.

Prior to that date on **Thursday 12 October**, we have organised a visit to Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve starting at 1.30 pm. There will be a

variety of walks and talks offered by Simon Day, and his colleagues, so that everyone can enjoy the visit .... some may choose to

remain at the Reserve, having parked very close by and hearing about all that the centre is doing, or some may have a gentle stroll around the paths and to areas not usually open to the public. Everyone welcome.



Remember if any of you wish to know a little more about volunteering in New Hall Prison to get in touch with myself, Ann J or Margaret France. There are a range of activities which can be undertaken, all of which are really appreciated by the women in New Hall and the Officers.

Please keep **Saturday 25 November** free in order that we can focus particularly on the plight of those who suffer from domestic abuse. This is the first day of the 16 Days of Activism which are set aside by the MU. There will be much more said about this date, but for now please keep the late morning and lunch time free.

We do think about those Members who are not able to be with us due to illness or not being able to come in the evenings. Can we hold each of these Members in our prayers and pray that each in their own way may be able to join in the activities of the MU more fully and be alongside their friends and share in common worship.

We remember Janet who has recently died. I have received many comments about the love that people had for her, and the joy of shared memories.....some from long ago and all of them being cherished moments.

Her funeral is on **Wednesday 18 October at 11.30 am** at St John's.

*With love to you all,*

*Julia*

## **PLATFORM CAFÉ @ RAILWAY BRIDGE VIEW**

This has now reopened after a refurbishment. I will be having lunch there to try out the new menu and facilities with a view to setting up a regular monthly 'Coffee and Conversation' slot. You are welcome to join me on Friday 13th October 12 noon to 1:30pm.

Rev'd Michelle



## Helpers needed for concerts and events in Church

Starting in October Arts for Brighthouse are holding a series of concerts and events in our church. Now we have excellent catering and toilet facilities we are a number 1 venue in Brighthouse. At the forthcoming events the church has offered to provide refreshments in the servery and set up a wine stall. Now we need volunteers to assist in serving teas, coffee



and wine. All profits from the drinks will go to church funds as well as their hire fee. Please consider seriously if you can be a helper. We need four helpers at each concert. All helpers will have free entry to the events.

Brighthouse Arts are finalising their programme and at the moment I don't know any other dates when our church will be required to hold an event. However, please contact me if you are willing to be on a rota for future events helping in the servery or on the wine stall.

David James



### APPLES

Apple appeal. It is that time of year again. If anyone has a glut of apples could I appeal for some donating to making crumbles for the homeless and community lunches. I will not be in church for another two weeks but these could be given to M Hitchcock who will pass them on to me. Many thanks in advance. God Bless, Ann Johnson



## BEER AND BANTER

Every 1st Monday, November to June.  
The Four Sons, Clough Lane  
Contact Alan on: 07756 035591



## THE LADYKILLERS

Brighthouse Theatre Productions are performing  
The Ladykillers by Graham Linehan :  
1 – 3 November nightly at 7.15 pm at St John's Church Hall, Rastrick.  
Tickets are £10.00 and are available from [www.brighthouse theatre.co.uk](http://www.brighthouse theatre.co.uk)  
or Fawcetts Gifts and Cards, Brighthouse

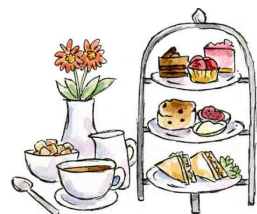
*The Ladykillers* is a classic black comedy; a sweet little old lady, alone in her house, is pitted against a gang of criminal misfits who will stop at nothing.

Posing as amateur musicians, Professor Marcus and his gang rent rooms in the lopsided house of sweet but strict Mrs Wilberforce. The villains plot to involve her, unwittingly, in Marcus' brilliantly conceived heist job. The police are left stumped but Mrs Wilberforce becomes wise to their ruse and Marcus concludes that there is only one way to keep the old lady quiet. With only her parrot, General Gordon, to help her, Mrs Wilberforce is alone with five desperate men. But who will be forced to face the music?

We look forward to seeing you again at what I am sure will be another sell out performance

## AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 14th October in Church: 2:00- 4:00.  
In aid of the Church Garden  
£7.50 - Tickets available soon.



## ECO CHURCH



Through the summer we have seen an increasing amount of wildlife as we have worked in the Church Garden. Despite the rather varied weather this has been a good year for butterflies and we have spotted Cabbage Whites, Hedge Keepers, Tortoiseshells, a Red Admiral and a Speckled Wood.



A lot of birds have passed overhead as we've gardened and, alerted by their screaming calls, we have watched the squadrons of swifts passing overhead. At twilight there have been bats and there have been some unmistakable signs of foxes on a few occasions. Lots of garden birds have visited the bird feeders and we have seen great tits, blue tits, coal tits, sparrows, robins and a greater spotted woodpecker. So far none of these have made use of our nest boxes, but perhaps next year.



### *Bird's-foot Trefoil*

We have planted lots of insect-attracting plants in the garden and thank you to all those people who have so kindly donated plants. Spring bulbs, which provide a valuable source of early nectar for bumble bees, have gone in during the last few weeks. Our wildflower verge will have set seed now and will be cut shortly.

We are hoping that the wild flower plugs we put in will have established and will bloom next year.

With the help of the Hall Improvement Committee, we are intending to attach some wall planters containing herbs up by the Brownies mural. They will have to contain hardy herbs like rosemary for the winter, but come the spring we can put in chives and oregano (bees etc. love the flowers!), parsley and basil.

For more suggestions about what we can all do in our own gardens and how we can encourage the young people in our lives to value nature and wildlife, please look at the Church Garden display in Church.



## Music News

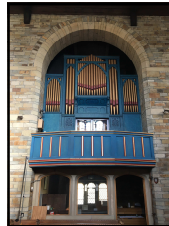
I thought I'd search the files on my computer to find the very first October 'Music News', and it was in 2006! The opening sentence was:

*"October, and we're already into the swing of rehearsals for our seasonal music between now and Christmas." ...which has given me the shove*

required to get rehearsals organised for this coming Christmas!

Rastrick Voices members; please look out for the rehearsal schedule elsewhere in the magazine! In 2006 we were expecting the arrival of our upright piano, saying "Goodbye" to Stueee (clarinet/music group) who was starting at Uni., and looking forward to celebrating the organ's 50th anniversary at St. Johns with an organ recital by Philip Tordoff!

Talking of the organ, it was interesting to see the now empty room which usually holds all the pipes, bellows and everything else which is part and parcel of our amazing instrument. Those members of the MU who were in church as it was in the process of being removed, know just how amazing our instrument really is, when they saw it all packed in boxes!



I'm reminded of Graham K's comments:

*"I think it's important to remember that what we're going to hear, if you are able to carry this work out, is an absolute transformation, and it's going to thrill you, and it's going to exhilarate you when you're singing with it. It's a very weak impression now, and it's got huge potential, I know it's got a huge bill as well, but it will be transformative, not just for the organists who play it, but it will be transformative for you who sing with it."*

As I said before; who knows what plans God has for the future which we've helped to enable? We don't see the big picture but God does!

*Pam*

## ***PUZZLE PAGE** by the Bat in the Belfry*

Well it looks like the mini – mag was well received, so I appear to be back in my usual belfry, working on some more puzzles/ quizzes etc. Try these two for October.



### **Number 23-2 Flutterbies**

Can you unscramble the following anagrams to find ten British Butterflies?

- 1) QUIPS PERK CHEERED
- 2) TILL VILER GARY FALL IN
- 3) WOODY DELL CLUE
- 4) SHRUG CAST CO
- 5) A TRUE RIPPLE SHARK
- 6) BINS ROT ME
- 7) O TIN GRAPE
- 8) EG PEAT REEK
- 9) ORANGE UNTIL MINT
- 10) LAWS LIT A LOW

### **Number 23-3 Harvest**

Can you answer the following relating to Harvest?

- 1) On which day of creation did God create fruit bearing trees?  
a) Third, b) Fourth, c) Fifth, d) Sixth
- 2) Who said "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few"?  
a) Jesus, b) Paul, c) Peter, d) Boaz
- 3) What sort of tree did Jesus curse for bearing no fruit?  
a) Pomegranate, b) Almond, c) Olive, d) Fig
- 4) In the parable of the tares in the field, the harvest is the end of the world, but who are the reapers?



**a) God and Jesus, b) The Levites, c) The Angels, d) The Saints**

5) Who during the wheat harvest found mandrakes in the field and gave them to Leah?

**a) Judah, b) Simeon, c) Benjamin, d) Reuben**

6) At the beginning of which harvest did Naomi and Ruth go to Bethlehem?

**a) Wheat, b) Grape, c) Barley, d) Rye**

7) In Revelation, how many harvests of fruit does the tree of life produce each year?

**a) One, b) Two, c) Six, d) Twelve**

8) Who caused great fear by calling on God to send rain and thunder during the wheat harvest?

**a) Samuel, b) Aaron, c) David, d) Joshua**

9) Where was Jesus when he said "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest"?

**a) Decapolis, b) Jordan, c) Samaria, d) Galilee**

10) For how many successive years did the crops fail during the time when Joseph reigned in Egypt?

**a) Two, b) Seven, c) Ten, d) Twelve**

**ANSWERS NEXT MONTH**

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Without God, nothing is significant.

With Him, nothing is insignificant.

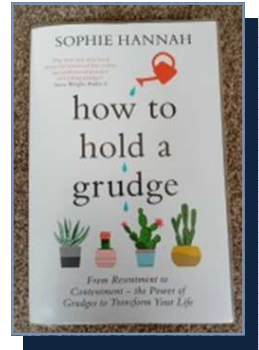
*Grantley Morris (Net-Burst)*

## SHIRLEY...

### How to hold on to a Grudge

Having seen the title of a book, “How to hold on to a Grudge” I was very curious to read more. I was of the mindset that grudges are all about bitterness and negativity but I started reading anyway.

Sophie Hannah does not advocate any bitterness or negativity in any way! In a nutshell she advises that when someone acts badly towards us, we should:



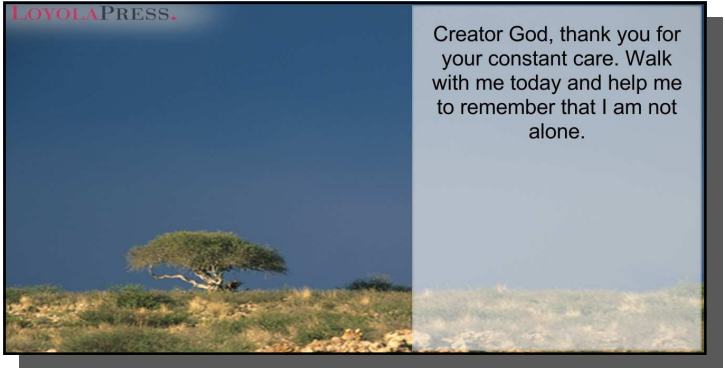
- Recognise that a wrong has been done to us
- Acknowledge that we feel angry and/or upset and that it's OK to feel like this
- Do not try to immediately forgive, forget and move on
- Record the grudge and learn from it. Simplistic examples of this are: accept that Fred is always late when you arrange to meet and therefore turn up a few minutes late yourself instead of waiting angrily, or learn to stop lending books to Jane because it upsets you when they come back damaged.
- This learning protects us from future hurt by these people.
- Having taken the above steps, we will find that the anger, bitterness, and upset we feel towards that person will diminish.

Although these are not my words, I agree with them. I have felt annoyance at someone's lack of consideration to my feelings and sometimes decided they are not worth 'bothering' with again. Then I remembered Jesus's teaching, put simply in the NTL version of John Ch 8 v 7

‘They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, 'All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!’ ‘

I will try and keep this in mind from now on!

Shirley Stow



From the mobile  
phone app:  
'3-minute retreat'

## SHOE BOX APPEAL



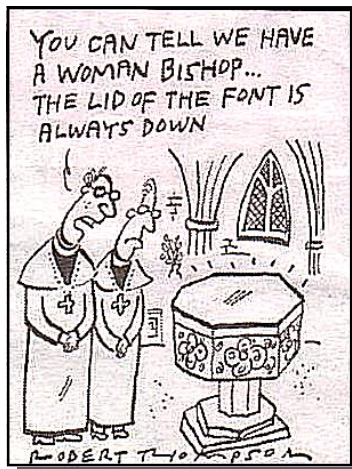
Once again we will be supporting the Samaritan's Purse Shoe box appeal. Leaflets are on the notice board at the back of church. Help yourself to a shoe box if required. I am making up shoe boxes if anyone would like one already done, please let me know.

Deadline SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER.

Thankyou. Gill

## AND FINALLY....

With thanks to  
St. Faith's, Gt. Crosby:



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Sunday 1st October

Parish Lunch

## Tuesday 3rd October

Community Lunch

## Thursday 5th October (& following weeks)

Romans course 7:00

## Thursday 12th October

M.U. visit to Cromwell Bottom

## Saturday 14th October

Afternoon Tea in church 2:00-4:00

## Sunday 15th October

Rucksack Club afternoon walk

## Thursday 19th October

M.U. at Railway Bridge View

## Sunday 22nd October

Rucksack Club annual dinner

## Saturday 28th October

Rucksack Club full day walk

## 1st - 3rd November

Brighthouse Theatre Productions - The Ladykillers

## Saturday 11th November

Autumn Craft Fair

## Sunday 12th November

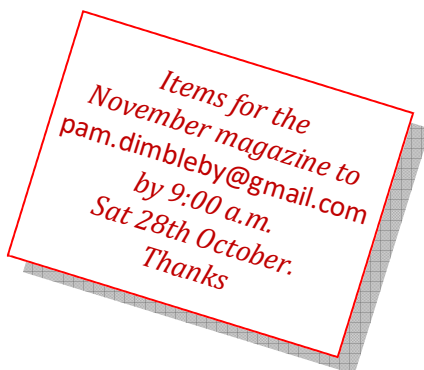
Deadline for the Shoebox Appeal

## 5th - 9th December

St John's Pantomime Society - Snow White

## Tuesday 12th December

Annual Christmas Dinner



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Parish Calendar : <http://tinyurl.com/jcjrehp>



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### Wi-Fi

Network : everywhere

Password : anywhere