

**St John the Divine
Rastrick
Your Parish Magazine**



October 2024

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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 Church

- 2:00 p.m. Mothers' Union (3rd Tuesday in the month)

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
- 8:00 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday Service in Church

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

Wednesdays in the Community Hall

- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Nighters (1st Wednesday in the month)
in the Conference Suite.

Fridays

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



Rev'd Michelle writes 

As October begins we find ourselves firmly in the season of autumn. A time of colour and change in the natural world, as the leaves turn from green to orange, red and yellow and begin to fall from the trees. What a feast for the eyes as we enjoy the beauty of the colours and contrasts. The days also begin to shorten, and the temperature starts to decrease.

I encourage you this month to slow down and take time to look and to give thanks to God for “the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”, as Keats described it. There is a poem to encourage you in this on p.14 of this magazine. I read it at a recent service at Railway Bridge View and was asked to share it in the magazine. On Sunday 6th October we celebrate harvest festival and will be again reminded of all God’s gifts to us, giving thanks especially for the abundance of the harvest that we enjoy.

We shall sing on that date the hymn *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*. I invite you to use the chorus as a prayer this month:

‘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



SERVICES AND CHURCH INFO

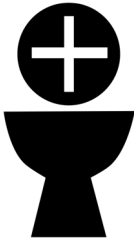
SUNDAY SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - OCTOBER

Sunday 6th October. - 11:00 - Harvest Festival - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 13th October - 11:00 - Trinity 20 - Holy Communion

Sunday 20th October. - 11:00 - Trinity 21 - Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October - 11:00 - Bible Sunday - Holy Communion



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 9th - 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 16th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 23rd - 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 30th - No service

FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

- ◇ Sunday November 10th - evening - Eucharist for Peace - St John's
- ◇ Sunday December 29th - 10:30 - Joint Benefice - St John's

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.

Daily Lectionary Readings October 2024

Monday 30-Sep	Tuesday 01-Oct	Wednesday 02-Oct	Thursday 03-Oct	Friday 04-Oct	Saturday 05-Oct
Psalms 80 2 Kings 5 Acts 26.1-23	Psalms 87 2 Kings 6.1-23 Acts 26.24-end	Psalms 119.105-128 2 Kings 9.1-16 Acts 27.1-26	Psalms 90 2 Kings 9.17-end Acts 27.27-end	Psalms 88 2 Kings 12.1-19 Acts 28.1-16	Psalms 96 2 Kings 17.1-23 Acts 28.17-end
07-Oct	08-Oct	09-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct
Psalms 98 2 Kings 17.24-end Philippians 1.1-11	Psalms 106 2 Kings 18.1-12 Philippians 1.12-end	Psalms 110 2 Kings 18.13-end Philippians 2.1-13	Psalms 113 2 Kings 19.1-19 Philippians 2.14-end	Psalms 139 2 Kings 19.20-36 Philippians 3.1-4.1	Psalms 120 2 Kings 20 Philippians 4.2-end
14-Oct	15-Oct	16-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct	19-Oct
Psalms 123 2 Kings 21.1-18 1 Timothy 1.1-17	Psalms 132 2 Kings 22.1-23.3 1 Timothy 1.18-end of 2	Psalms 119.153-end 2 Kings 23.4-25 1 Timothy 3	Psalms 143 2 Kings 23.36-24.17 1 Timothy 4	Luke the Evangelist 2 Timothy 4: 5-17 Luke 10: 1-9	Psalms 147 2 Kings 25.22-end 1 Timothy 5.17-end
21-Oct	22-Oct	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct	26-Oct
Psalms 1 Exodus 22.21-27 1 Timothy 6.1-10	Psalms 5 Exodus 29.38-30.16 1 Timothy 6.11-end	Psalms 119.1-32 Leviticus 8 2 Timothy 1.1-14	Psalms 14 Leviticus 9 2 Timothy 1.15-2.13	Psalms 17 Leviticus 16.2-24 2 Timothy 2.14-end	Psalms 20 Leviticus 17 2 Timothy 3
28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	01-Nov	02-Nov
Simon and Jude Ephesians 2:19-end John 15: 17-end	Psalms 32 Leviticus 23.1-22 2 Timothy 4.9-end	Psalms 34 Leviticus 23.23-end Titus 1	Psalms 37* Leviticus 24.1-9 Titus 2	Psalms 31 Leviticus 25.1-24 Titus 3	Psalms 41 Numbers 6.1-5 Philemon

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 mobile or PC



PRAYER PAGE

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

As I've not received any prayers this month, I'm including one written by English poet, orator and Church of England priest George Herbert.

After a brief time in politics, and after the death of King James, George Herbert took holy orders, and spent the rest of his life as the rector of Fugglestone St Peter, near Salisbury.

Thou who hast given so much to me,
Give me one thing more, a grateful heart....

Not thankful, when it pleases me;
As if thy blessings had spare days;
But such a heart whose very pulse
may be Thy praise.

George Herbert (1593-1633)



Coffee and Conversation

**Next Date:
Friday 25th October
12:30 -1:30**

**Come and join me each month
for lunch/coffee
in The Platform Café
Railway Bridge View**



Very informal - may include:

exchanging news

prayer

**a discussion around the Gospel reading
for the following Sunday**

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 24th November

Sunday 15th 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)



MISSIONS AND CHARITIES

At our recent meeting, we discussed the provision of a defibrillator on the church premises. A contact has been made with Heartbeat and will be followed up as to the way forward.

The numbers of people using the Foodbank are still high and will possibly continue to rise. The Knit and Natter group are still supporting milk for the children.



The Nyakiswa girls, who we are supporting on a 3 year secretarial course, are doing well as they approach the end of their first year.

From our allocation of funds, we have decided to send £250 to Headway in Huddersfield - the charity offers extensive help for people to improve their lives after brain surgery. Linked to this, it was agreed to send £250 to Experience Community. This is a not-for-profit charity, based in Slaithwaite, that helps disabled people and those with mobility needs to access the Great Outdoors.

Thank you to everyone who has put a donation into the "basket in the toilet". We have now got another £60 to send to Tear Fund for a toilet twinning in an underdeveloped country. Tear Fund will advise us which country will benefit.



HARVEST

We have decided to support Mary's Meals again at Harvest with collection jars for donations in church.

Donations of tinned and dried food given on the day (Oct 6th) will go to the Foodbank.

Thank you, *Oriel*

SHOE BOX APPEAL.

This year St Johns is once again taking part in the shoe box appeal in November. Please start collecting and buying the contents.



Leaflets are in church now.
I am happy to make up boxes
if people would prefer.
Please let me know early.
Numbers are limited.
Thankyou. *Gill Mills.*



BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

We are grateful for all your contributions to the Brighthouse Central Foodbank. In October we would particularly appreciate the following:

- Milk
- Toilet rolls
- Curry sauce
- Non-meat bolognaise sauce
- Tinned fruit



Thank you so much for your support.

Rosemary & Norman



Creator God, help me to see
others with your eyes, that I
may more profoundly reflect
your love for them in my
words and actions.

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

St. JOHN'S RUCKSACK CLUB

HALF DAY WALK

Leaders - John and Mike Contact 07989759661

Date - Sunday 20th October

Area- Wainstalls and local reservoirs

Length - 3/4 miles

Depart Church - at 1.30 pm

Parking at Wainstalls School HX2 7TE

A short walk about 2 hours, above Wainstalls and around reservoirs returning through the village, continuing down hill slightly and on to tracks, then an undulating climb up to the Crossroads Public House. At this point we can call in for a drink prior to returning on a short walk to the cars.



FULL DAY WALK

Leader- Julia Contact 07773334771

Date - Saturday 26th October

Area - Hartshead

Length - 5 Miles

Depart Church - at 9.30am

Parking at the Grey Ox Public House Car Park

This walk is a continuation of the June walk following the Luddite trails. There are no significant climb albeit there is a fair amount of undulating walking and stiles to cross.

RUCKSACK CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

This will be on the 3rd November at Briar Court Hotel near Ainley Top. It will be at 1.30p.m.. Members of the Church community are cordially invited. If you are interested please contact Roger Ellis regarding cost and choice of meal.

GRAHAM KELLY

To cut a long story short....

....was often the opening line to one of Graham Kelly's tales - of which, it has to be said, there were many. Graham was an accomplished raconteur.

I first met Graham about twenty-five years ago when I was welcomed as a new member of the Hall Improvement Committee - HIC for short. Each member of HIC brought many skills to the group. It was wonderful over the years to share those skills, and for each of us to learn from each other. Graham's particular speciality was for all things electrical, but like the rest of us, he could turn his hand to most things.

Graham was an 'in-comer' from the North East, but he fitted in well with Robert Beaumont and latterly with me - both true Yorkshiresmen! For all the years I have been involved with HIC though, Robert and Graham really were HIC. It will not be the same without them.

Of all the work Graham has done in the hall over the last forty years or so, his crowning glory has to be the many hours he spent atop a scaffold tower stripping paint off the beams and woodwork in the main hall - followed by many more hours patiently waxing and polishing it all. When you're next in the hall, do cast your eyes upwards and think of Graham!

So, whilst the long story of Graham's life may have been cut short, his memory will certainly live on, not least through all his work in the hall.

Ken Swallow

Life Is Full

Life is full of lovely things
if people could but look and see;
instead of rushing madly by
so keen to get from A to B.

If only we could pause awhile
and drink in nature's treasures,
perhaps we'd realize their worth
compared with man-made pleasures.

The majesty of full-grown trees,
the beauty of the flowers,
a dewdrop on a spider's web,
the earth refreshed by April showers.

The glorious hues of peacocks' tails,
a rainbow arch across the sky,
a golden sunset, butterflies,
the autumn leaves before they die.

The tinkling of a mountain stream,
the earthy scent of new-mown hay,
the gambolling of little lambs,
the song of birds at break of day.

The glistening snow and silver frost
that sparkle in the wintry night.
The summer sun and cloudless skies,
each season brings its own delight.

There's so much more just waiting there
to bring us joy and make us smile,
if only we would look and listen,
spare the time to stand awhile.

Noel Cobb



Introduction to Christian Meditation

4 week course

Are you searching for peace and a deeper stillness in your life?

Find out how meditation was rediscovered within the Christian tradition as a form of contemplative prayer and how it is practiced today by many Christians around the world. Each session will have a time of meditation.

Mondays 7.00 – 8.30 pm 11th November—2nd December 2024

Venue: The Blackley Centre
Prospect View
Blackley, Elland
HX5 0TD

Suggested donation £5 per session (£15 full course)
To book a place and for more information contact:
Rev Sue Clarke **Email:** sueclarke538@gmail.com
Phone 07896464417



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Quiet Day - Face to Face with Jesus

On Friday 6th September, a group of about 20 of us from around the Huddersfield episcopal area, joined Rev'd Michelle at the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield for a Quiet Day; 'Face to Face with Jesus'. Even the weather (which had been cold previously and afterwards) was glorious on the 6th!



The day began with Morning Prayer, after which we introduced ourselves and found out where we were all from, before enjoying a light-hearted quiz to see how well we observed things. There was quite a bit of competition from some areas (*Anne?*), but I'm pleased to say that I got 12/12 correct! Maybe I'm as competitive...?

We listened to the story of Bartimaeus, who through Jesus, regained his sight, then we explored and discussed the Bible passage.



Coming 'Face to Face with Jesus' was via a selection of postcard-sized pictures of various depictions of Jesus by various artists. Some were definite portraits, some more obscure, some icons, and some which depicted the role of Jesus rather than a portrait. We were asked to choose one which we felt drawn to. I found myself drawn to Jesus as the Good Shepherd, - not an oil painting, more of a lino-cut, where there was no 'realistic' interpretation of Jesus as a person, but I could picture myself as one

of the sheep, there in the fold with him. He was holding one sheep.

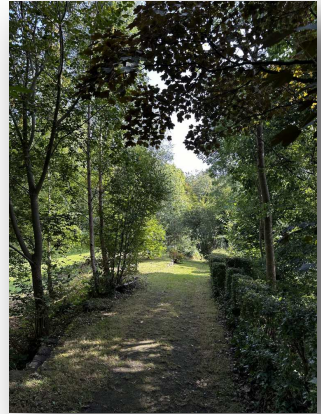
Others were looking directly up at him, others were looking around, but he was looking after them all.

We headed to the lovely church, where we joined the Brothers for Midday prayers and Eucharist. A highlight of the day.



We spent the afternoon of our Quiet Day, quietly thinking about the questions we'd been posed in the morning, and contemplating our postcard sized picture of Jesus. We could explore the grounds, reflect and pray, either on our own or with others.

The grounds are wonderful, and it was easy to find places to sit and come face to face with Jesus.



I wandered back to the chapel for a while, but later felt that 'nudge' to go back in **again** - and I was greeted by the most wonderful organ sound (the acoustic is amazing) as the organist was practising and choosing stops (pipes), presumably for Sunday. I could almost hear God saying, "Told you!" I also felt it was a lovely confirmation that what we've done at St John's with the organ is right.

We finished with Closing Prayers, and left much refreshed and uplifted from coming 'Face to Face with Jesus'.

Pam

What the Vicar got up to last month

Just a selection...



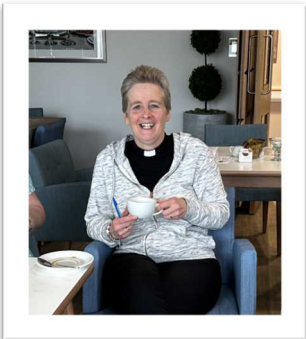
Quiet Day at The Community of the Resurrection
(As the Prayer & Spirituality Coordinator
for Huddersfield.)



Harvest Holy Communion
at Railway Bridge View



With Bishop George and his wife Janet,
MU Diocesan President of Mara



Coffee & Conversation at
Railway Bridge View



With the Rastrick Voices, and eating Cherry's 'light lunch' at the Organ Celebrations



Tickets now available for:

AFTERNOON TEA



SATURDAY

19TH OCTOBER

2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

£8.00

Cherry

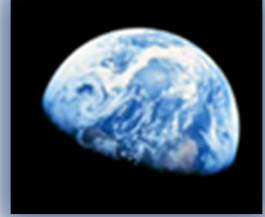




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CREATIONTIDE

In 1968 the first colour photograph of the Earth was taken from Apollo 8 as it orbited the moon. Frank Borman, Apollo 8's commander said: "The Earthrise photograph gave us all a sense that we live on a fragile planet, that we have limited resources, and we better learn to take care of it".



At our Creation-tide Service last month we celebrated the wonder of our beautiful planet. It is an astonishing place with amazing animals, plants and natural features. Humans are uniquely privileged in that we are able to appreciate our astounding world and understand that we have a duty to care for it. Here are some of the unbelievable treasures this world harbours.

A common swift, in its lifetime, flies about 1¼ million miles; enough to fly to the moon and back twice over and then once more to the moon. For at least 10 months of every year, it never ceases flying even sleeping on the wing.

The American wood frog gets through winter by allowing itself to freeze solid. Its heart slows, then stops altogether; the water around its organs turns to ice. Come Spring, it thaws and the heart kickstarts itself spontaneously into life. We still don't understand how the heart knows to start beating.

At sea, mother dolphins whistle to their young while they are still in the womb; for months before the birth, and for 2 weeks afterwards, the mother sings the same signature whistle over and over. The other dolphins are quieter than usual for those weeks, in a bid not to confuse the unborn calf as it learns its mother's call.

In 1606, as the Plague swept through London and Shakespeare was writing Macbeth, a Greenland shark who is still alive today swam through the waters of the northern seas. It was, at the time, perhaps 100 years old, still some way off being a fully-grown adult. Its great, great

grandparents would have been old enough to live alongside Julius Caesar. It is the planet's oldest vertebrate.

Swifts with everlasting flight, a frog with a self-galvanising heart, a baby who learns names in the womb, a shark that is probably the closest thing to eternal this planet has to offer sound like fables. But it is only that the real world is so full of astonishments and is so beautiful see "The Golden Mole" by Katherine Rundell.

The existence of these amazing creatures and many, many others in the world is endangered as, ultimately, is our own. It is the global West that has contributed most to the destruction of the World's ecosystems, but the impact will be felt by everything on Earth. Time is running short. What should our response be to this? Give up in despair or be blindly optimistic that things will somehow turn out alright?

Barak Obama said: "If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill yourself with hope." What we can each do individually is small perhaps, and will depend upon on our abilities and circumstances, and we are facing some difficult choices and changes ahead, but if we look to the future with hope rather than fear we can achieve so much more.

Desmond Tutu was once asked how he could remain such an optimist in the face of all that had happened and he said he was not an optimist but "a prisoner of hope".

I think we are all called to be prisoners of hope. The Eco Group

God of all creation, your goodness and glory shine forth through everything you have made. Through the light of faith, help us to see this world, our common home, not as a resource to dominate and exploit, but as a gift to be cherished by all generations

The eco church committee have decided to discontinue holding a swap stall regularly every month but rather every 3 or 4 months (to fit in with other church activities).

The next stall will be on the Saturday and Sunday
9th and 10th November

Thank you for your contributions to date.



St. JOHN'S PANTOMIME SOCIETY

Annual Panto Parish Lunch

Sunday 6th October



**Commencing with
Sherry Reception
at 12:30**

Choice of starters
Choice of mains
Choice of sweets
Tea or coffee, and mints

Full portion: £9.00 Small portion: £6.99

Tickets from:

Graham Readshaw - 07949 082402

or David Marshall - 07596 711282

The Men of the Churches of Rastrick Host

Beer and Banter 2024/25



**Mondays at
The Four Sons, Rastrick 7pm**

14th Oct – Project Colt – Jan & James

18th Nov – Yorkshire Air Ambulance – Pat Lee

19th Dec (Wednesday) – Annual Dinner @ The 4 Sons
(names to Alan by 18th November Please)

20th Jan – tba



All Men Welcome
Further Details call Alan 07756035591

A GREAT EVENING

"Just after 8pm and I have returned from a wonderful evening up at St Matthew's Church. It was a concert given by the Salvation Army Fellowship Band and it was magic. Such a varied programme inter-spersed with humour. I felt I had been to an impromptu service. Such beautiful music and individual soloists and audience participation.

Freda and I came away with a lilt in our step and smiles on our faces. God made his face to shine upon us and everyone there.

Thank you to the band and the organisers.

Shirley Stow



Eco Church - Swap Stall

The next
Eco Church
Swap Stall
will be on:

Sat. 9th. & Sun. 10th. November



Cherry



COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch
is on Tuesday 1st October 12:00



COFFEE & CAKE

The next Coffee & Cake
is on Saturday 12th October, in church. 10:00 - 12:00



AFTERNOON TEA

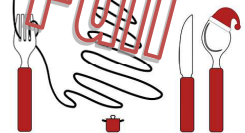
The next Afternoon Tea
is on Saturday 19th October, in church. 2:00 - 4:30



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The annual Christmas Lunch
is on Tuesday 3rd December, in the Community Hall.
Booking essential: £20

Now Full



Easy ways to make a donation to St Johns Church

Contactless Donations

Making a donation to church using our contactless payment machine at the back of church is very straight forward. Just select an amount and swipe you card. If you supply your email address the machine will automatically send you a receipt for your donation and you are able to record all your details for claiming gift aid if this is something that you are able to do.



Regular Giving by Direct Debit



PARISHGIVINGSCHEME The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to church on a regular monthly basis. It works by making a Direct Debit from your bank account on the 1st of the month, which is credited to St Johns bank account by the 10th of the month. For those who can add Gift Aid, PGS claims this on our behalf every month.

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 or pick up a leaflet from the back of church

Thank you for considering these options in your support of St John the Divine. Rastrick

PANIC

In July I visited my friend Margaret who lives in Edinburgh, has COPD, and is almost housebound, being on oxygen 24/7. However, she has sorted how she can get out of the house now and again and goes to Tai Chi in a wheelchair once a week, and can arrange trips out now and again using her walker with a net to hold her oxygen which gives her about 3 hrs. We visited Dobies one day and a retail centre another - amazing.

When it was time for my departure she arranged for her son-in-law to take me to the station. It normally takes about an hour by bus . Sean dropped off at the station, up a lift, across a bridge, down a lift, when I realised I didn't have my handbag - in it cards, cash, train ticket, phone.. everything! PANIC! Didn't know what to do but made my way to the centre of the station where there is a info box ,who sent me to the ticket office – great long queue but eventually got to no: 6. The man wasn't very helpful, but said he would put me on the next train. ...hadn't picked up that I didn't have a ticket or anything else. By this time nearly in tears. He, trying to deal with this woman in a real panic, decided to fetch the manager, a very nice lady who, when I asked for £2 to get back to Margaret's to sort things, found me the £2 but asked me for my name which I wrote down and then asked if she would also like my MOB. No: ' Lightbulb moment' you know your phone. No: she says I'll ring, Sean didn't answer so I decided to leave him a message, but he answered. He had found my bag and was on his way back to find me – what a relief! I gave the nice manager back her £2 and went to collect my bag – returned to no: 6, who put me on the next train in a very nice seat (not first class) and arrived at Allison's my next port of call just an hour late, but missed lunch out – I don't usually panic but did this day

Cherry





Music News

Well, it just HAD to be the organ this month!



As Rev'd Michelle said in her Words of Welcome at the celebratory Eucharist, "Praise the Lord, praise God in his sanctuary. Praise him with (*organ*) pipes. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" *Psalm 150*.

An awful lot of people contributed to making this happen - fundraising, grant application writing, pipe sponsoring, donating, supporting, and of course, lots of prayer! Once we believed it was the way we were supposed to go, we just went....

CELEBRATION EUCHARIST

I was deeply moved by our celebration Eucharist, and I'm sure you must have been too! It wasn't just the amazing sounds, or the singing, or the rousing hymns, it was a deep joy which seemed to fill the church.

Of course, the organ helped... Did you hear those amazing, quiet single pipe sounds Graham used during Communion? It made shivers run down

my spine. The organ couldn't have done that for a long time! ...and from where I was standing for, "All creatures that on earth do dwell" - that final verse with the Rastrick Voices giving it their all, and the trumpet fanfares from the organ, it was just immensely moving. (*There's a photo of the Voices on p. 19*) I honestly can't put into words how I felt!

Our thanks go to the organ builders, Andrew J Carter and Chris M Holford, for their skill and expertise, and to Graham Kennedy and Alan for all the liaising!



Did you see this wonderful flower arrangement of organ pipes?

After the service, we all enjoyed Cherry's Light Lunch.



CONCERT

In 2015 we kicked off our fundraising in earnest with a concert, “Organ Music for a May Evening”. Sadly, since then we’ve lost two organ friends, both Gordon Normanton and Gordon Balmforth. The five remaining organists returned to play at our celebratory concert, bringing everything full circle. They all played at least one piece which they had played in 2015. Philip Tordoff gave us some ‘Pianistic Delights’ mid way, as a contrast and as a thank-you to the Brighthouse Arts Bechstein, which has been invaluable while we were without an organ. It was a happy and joyful celebratory afternoon!



David Austin, Rob Paxman, Philip Tordoff, Granville Brook, Graham Kennedy

What next?

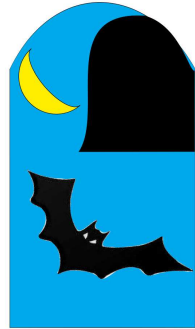
In his talk during the concert, Graham Kennedy commended the St John’s community for taking the step to preserve this wonderful instrument for future generations. Thanks Graham.

For THIS generation we now have a wonderful facility which we offer to the wider community, for organ scholars, for links with education (*in particular at KS2*), for concerts and recitals in our popular venue... and all in addition to its main role; to aid and enrich our worship here at St John’s. As we lifted our voices to sing a hymn, led by the stirring sound from organ, I felt it definitely would!

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PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Belfry

October and Autumn is upon us. Trees are turning and it's getting colder. Try these two if there's a nip in the air.



24 – 17 Dickensian

Below are anagrams of ten characters from Charles Dickens novels. Can you unscramble them? To help I've put the relevant novel title opposite the anagram.

- 1) GROUT FED LARD (Oliver Twist)
- 2) CRASH LANE YARD (A Tale of Two Cities)
- 3) CRAB CHIT BOT (A Christmas Carol)
- 4) IDOL DO RECKON HAD LAY (Bleak House)
- 5) MEN DULY TREMBLE (Great Expectations)
- 6) KEL FANCIED SWIG (David Copperfield)
- 7) FORD SCREW SQUEAK (Nicholas Nickleby)
- 8) MERE WALLS (Pickwick Papers)
- 9) NIL QUID PALE (The Old Curiosity Shop)
- 10) PAY IF FRENCH STICK (Martin Chuzzlewit)



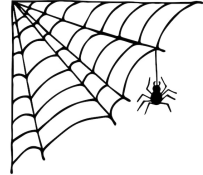
24 – 18 Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en is with us again at the end of the month. See if you can answer these questions about it.

- 1) What does the name Dracula literally mean?
- 2) Which poet wrote the poem "Halloween", which starts with the line "Upon that night when fairies light on Cassilis Downans dance,"?
- 3) According to legend, what do spinsters see in a mirror on Halloween night?
- 4) Which creature was said to bring good luck if seen on Halloween?
- 5) What phobia is said to be the fear of Halloween?



- 6) In which of Shakespeare's plays is there a reference to Halloween?
- 7) From what vegetable were the original Jack O'Lanterns made?
- 8) Which fruit do you traditionally "bob" for at Halloween?
- 9) What is the name of the Irish yeasted bread often served at Halloween?
- 10) According to superstition what special powers does someone born on Halloween possess?



Last month's answers

24 – 15 Word Church Search

The words appear in red in last months wordsearch

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24 – 16 The Barrel

What you need to do is to tip it on its side just far enough that the water touches the lip of the barrel. Then look inside. If any of the bottom of the barrel is visible, then it is more than half empty. If any of the side wall is obscured, it is more than half full. If the water is exactly at the join, then it is in the precise half way state.

MORE NEXT MONTH



**ALL SOULS'
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presents

Accent on Song 2024
@ 2.30 pm



Saturday 12th October
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EVENTS IN ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY HALL

On this page and the previous one - events in the Hall during October...

BRIGHOUSE THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Brighouse Theatre Productions will be performing

'The Ghost Train'

..a comedy/thriller written by Arnold Ridley (of Dad's Army' fame)

Performances are on 30, 31 October and 1, 2 November
nightly at 7.30 pm

at
St John's
Community Hall,
St John Street,
Rastrick, HD6



Tickets are £12
and can be booked at www.brighousetheatre.co.uk
or by telephone on 01484 719689

For those of you who do not know the play, the story centres on six passengers who find themselves stranded late at night in the waiting-room of an isolated Cornish railway station. Ignoring the ghostly tales and dire warnings of the stationmaster, they decide to stay where they are until morning – with terrifying consequences. Finally, all is revealed and the details of a fiendish plot are laid bare.

SHIRLEY...

Are You Listening

(Taken from Parish newspaper in Mullingar Parish Cathedral)

An old man is talking to the family doctor, "Doctor, I think my wife's going deaf." The doctor answers, "Well, here's something you can try on her to test her hearing. Stand some distance away from her without facing her and ask her a question. If she doesn't answer, move a little closer and ask again. Keep repeating this until she answers. Then you'll be able to tell just how hard of hearing she really is." The man goes home and tries it out. He walks in the door and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" He doesn't hear an answer, so he moves closer to her. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Still doesn't hear an answer, so he repeats this several times until he's standing just one foot away from her. Finally, she answers, "For the eleventh time, I said we're having meatloaf!"

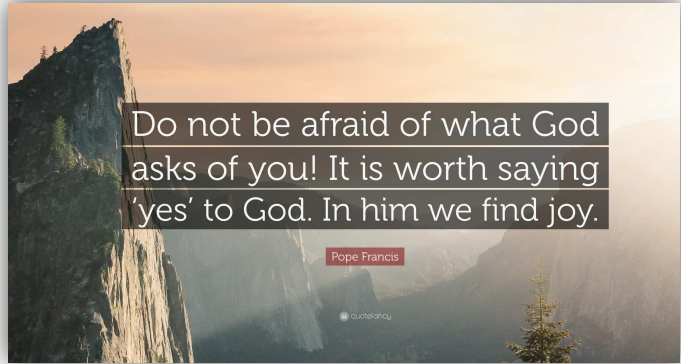
Is this true of ourselves? Do we misinterpret what someone is saying to us by the tone of their voice? And what about God? Do we always listen to what He might be saying to us? Being deaf myself for a number of years I think about this handicap. Before we went on holiday to Ireland, and with a guilty conscience, I decided not to wear my crucifix. I thought of the troubles between north and south and foolishly decided not to incite provocation. How foolish is that!!

On the ferry Cherry and I sat and chatted with a lovely young lady and whilst Cherry went for our coffee, I noticed the lady writing in a note book. She looked up and told me she had marked off her daily readings. We all then shared our faith thoughts. This happened a number of times during the holiday with other people. It was then I realised God had pricked my conscience as I removed my cross and I had ignored Him. I should have listened to Him and felt proud to wear it. I wonder if I would have been like Peter and denied God if I had been challenged and threatened as Peter was? I hope not.

We had a lovely holiday and whilst visiting Mullingar we went into the Parish Cathedral. It was eerily quiet as only Cherry and I were in there. It was huge, able to seat 1,800 people in two straight lines of pews. There were several very ornate side chapels to different Saints at the front. But it was the tranquil silence and stillness which really moved both of us.

Are we all
sometimes deaf
to God's voice?
Or are we ready
to be still, listen
and respond?

Shirley



AND FINALLY



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October



Tuesday 1st October

Community Lunch 12:00

Sunday 6th October

Harvest Festival

Annual Panto Parish Lunch 12:30

Saturday 12th October

Coffee & Cake 10:00 - 12:00

All Souls Amateur Operatic Soc., Accent on Song 2:30

Monday 14th October

Beer & Banter - Project Colt 7:00 (*The Four Sons*)

Sunday 15th September

Rucksack Club Half Day Walk 1:30

Saturday 19th October

Afternoon Tea 2:00-4:30

Sunday 20th October

Rucksack Club Half Day Walk

Friday 25th October

Coffee & Conversation - Railway Bridge View 12:30

Saturday 26th October

Rucksack Club Full Day Walk 9:30

Wednesday 30th Oct. - Saturday 2nd Nov.

Brighthouse Theatre Productions - The Ghost Train 7:30

Items for the November magazine

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