

St John the Divine Rastrick

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*Himalayan Garden
& Sculpture Park
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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

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Monday Meet - 50 Archbell Avenue *(from May 12th)*

7:00 p.m. Beer & Banter Men's Group (Various Mondays, monthly
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

Time Wednesday Nighters (1st Wednesday in the month)

Varies in the Sturrock Room.

Fridays

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

Rev'd Michelle writes



Welcome to the July edition of the magazine, and welcome to summer. I don't know about you, but I have really enjoyed the recent sunny weather. It has given me the opportunity to sit outside and enjoy the garden. It's so green and lush at the moment, and the array of colours and smells from the flowers is amazing. As a result, my heart is overflowing with wonder and praise to God who provides us with such beauty all around us. We are indeed very fortunate and have much to give thanks for at this time.

During this month we have our Benefice Open Gardens, on Saturday 19th July. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beauty of eight gardens belonging to various parishioners from both of our churches. There is the added bonus of being able to also enjoy fun, food and fellowship together along the way. The day will end with refreshments and fellowship in the Vicarage Garden from 4.30pm. Please see the poster elsewhere in this magazine for more details. You are warmly invited and encouraged to join us.

As we enjoy this warmer weather and the opportunities it brings for us to be outside, let's not forget to pause and give thanks to our creator God, for the beauty of his amazing creation.

With my prayers and very best wishes.

Michelle

SERVICES AND CHURCH INFORMATION

SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - JULY

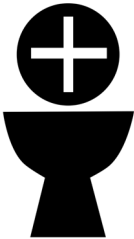
Sunday 6th - 11:00 - Trinity 3 - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 13th. - 11:00 - Trinity 4 - Morning Worship

Sunday 20th. - 11:00 - Trinity 5 - Holy Communion

Sunday 27th - 11:00 - Trinity 6 - Holy Communion

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - MAY



Wednesday 2nd - 10:30 - No service this week.

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 (*5th Wednesday*)

FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

- ◇ Sunday June 29th - Holy Communion - 10:30 - St. John's
- ◇ Sunday August 31st - Holy Communion - 10:30 - St. Matthew's
- ◇ Sunday November 9th - Eucharist for Peace - 7:00 - St John's

NEXT SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S WITH PRAYER MINISTRY

Sunday 20th July - 11:00



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 PAGE

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

Rev'd Michelle has chosen this month's prayer
which comes from the MU Prayer Diary.

Summer Prayer

As we move towards the months when many of us
take a break from the regular routine of life,
we pray that we will find sacred moments of rest
and reflection, of refreshment for our weary souls.

Thank you for the opportunity to pause, to breathe
and to be rejuvenated in your presence.

As we journey through these days of respite, may our
spirits be enriched by the beauty of your creation,
the warmth of fellowship and the joy of your love.

Guide us to use this time wisely, to grow closer to you
and to one another.

In your Holy Name.

Amen

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.

♦ Sunday 20th July

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



Monday Meet 2pm – 4pm

At the home of Shirley Stow, 50 Archbell Avenue HD6 3SU

An informal gathering with the opportunity to unpack the bible readings from the previous day, talk current issues and tackle everyday dilemmas, drink coffee and eat cake

Faith, fun and fellowship

For further information or to confirm location call Shirley (01484-714209) or Alan (07756035591)

All welcome

From 14th July
(Nicea 1700 till July 7th)

Daily Lectionary Readings July 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30-Jun	01-Jul	02-Jul	03-Jul	04-Jul	05-Jul
Psalms 44 Job 19 Romans 9.1-18	Psalms 48 Job 21 Romans 9.19-end	Psalms 119.57-80 Job 22 Romans 10.1-10	Thomas Apostle Ephesians 2.19-end John 20.24-29	Psalms 51 Job 24 Romans 11.1-12	Psalms 68 Job 25 - 26 Romans 11.13-24
07-Jul	08-Jul	09-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul
Psalms 71 Job 27 Romans 11.25-end	Psalms 73 Job 28 Romans 12.1-8	Psalms 77 Job 29 Romans 12.9-end	Psalms 78.1-39 Job 30 Romans 13.1-7	Psalms 55 Job 31 Romans 13.8-end	Psalms 76 Job 32 Romans 14.1-12
14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul
Psalms 80 Job 33 Romans 14.13-end	Psalms 87 Job 38 Romans 15.1-13	Psalms 119.105-128 Job 39 Romans 15.14-21	Psalms 90 Job 40 Romans 15.22-end	Psalms 88 Job 41 Romans 16.1-16	Psalms 96 Job 42 Romans 16.17-end
21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul
Psalms 98 Ezekiel 1.1-14 2 Corinthians 1.1-14	Mary Magdalene 2 Corinthians 5.14-17 John 20.1-2	Psalms 110 Ezekiel 2.3 - 3.11 2 Corinthians 2.5-end	Psalms 113 Ezekiel 3.12-end 2 Corinthians 3	James the Apostle Acts 11.27 - 12.2 Matthew 20.20-28	Psalms 120 Ezekiel 9 2 Corinthians 5
28-Jul	29-Jul	30-Jul	31-Jul	01-Aug	02-Aug
Psalms 123 Ezekiel 10.1-19 2 Corinthians 6.1-7.1	Psalms 132 Ezekiel 11.14-end 2 Corinthians 7.2-end	Psalms 119.153-end Ezekiel 12.1-16 2 Corinthians 8.1-15	Psalms 143 Ezekiel 12.17-end 2 Corinthians 8.16 - 9.5	Psalms 142 Ezekiel 13.1-16 2 Corinthians 9.6-end	Psalms 147 Ezekiel 14.1-11 2 Corinthians 10

Join Michelle on line Tuesday - Saturday: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthedivinerastrick>

Google search: 'Everday Faith' or search 'Daily Prayer'

Everyday Faith

Daily Prayer

The United Benefice of Rastrick

St John the Divine,
The Anglican & Methodist Church of St Matthew.



Rastrick Open Gardens

July 19th 2025

10:00 - 4:00

Eight gardens for you to visit

Inclusive entrance to all of the gardens:

£5.00

Children and students free

Refreshments available

**Food & Fellowship
in the Vicarage Garden
from 4:30**

Bring your own drinks

**Tickets available from participating church members,
...or on the day from any participating garden.**



MU MATTERS

Mothers' Union Matters, Join us, join in.....we are changing lives.

What an amazing month we have had and the next few months promise to deliver more of the same. We have been so busy with a great choice of activities to join in with, or just to be able to sit and relax in our gardens and in the sunshine. Unfortunately, our regular visit to Railway Bridge View which should have been on Thursday 5 June had to be cancelled due to the establishment having building works. There are small groups of us who still go into New Hall Prison to either service the tea bar, be in the mothers and baby unit or to facilitate a cooking session. We went into the prison the other week to celebrate one of the women who had successfully completed a two-year programme and who will soon be transferred to Askham Grange near York which is an Open Prison. We went in to congratulate her and to wish her the very best in her future. In our cooking sessions banana cake was the item to be made and those were very successful! Making Tiffin is next for me!

At the beginning of June, 9 of us went over to Skipton for the Diocesan Gathering which was being held in the beautiful church of Christ Church.

We all had different experiences of traffic hold ups but the journey was worth it and we all enjoyed being with 65 other MU Members.



What a wonderful turn out. We spoke about the importance of Prayer; Profile and Participation for the MU and many wonderful ideas were born from the discussions.

The following day 15 of us went in the evening to see The Salt Path at the Rex in Elland.... a great atmospheric story with wonderful scenery, and yet a disturbing film about love and homelessness and penniless. I returned home and immediately bought the second book in the series for my Kindle! We had arrived early for the showing and had the opportunity to chat, eat popcorn and sweets and drink coffee out of real mugs!!!

Next week we will be attending the first Area Gathering being held by Hilary Pollard at Almondbury. We wish her well and there will be a good contingent of us going from Rastrick to wish her well and to provide support. The following weekend I am going to a weekend MU Conference in Liverpool. Watch out I may return with renewed vigour and ideas for our future! I am also attending other Branch events across the Diocese and I will be offering spaces in my car to be filled with any member who happens to want to come along with me! Strawberries and cream anyone in Headingley?! At the start of July, it is the Great Yorkshire Show and the MU has been given 2 free tickets for each day of the Show in order to support the Church Stand in the pavilion and to promote the work of the MU. I'm still looking for volunteers !

At the end of July we have the MU Provincial Commissioning Service in York Minster. We are anticipating going by train from Brighouse, and I have 7 names down already!

On Friday 8 August we celebrate Mary Sumner who founded the MU movement. This is always a stirring and uplifting occasion.

Although there are other events happening before Tuesday 16 Sept., I will just mention that we are planning a trip to Rochdale Town Hall.... a beautiful looking building on their website and strongly recommended by Cherry as a place to visit. Join us in the minibus for our trip there, fun all the way, and a lovely day out together.

With love, Julia

Nicaea 1700: A Celebration of Churches Old and New!

There are not many 1,700-year-old documents that are read out loud every week and known by heart by millions of people across the world. The Nicene Creed is one of them.



In AD325 Roman emperor Constantine's empire was fractured and divided. To show up his empire, he called church leaders together at Nicaea in Turkey to discuss what the Church should believe about Jesus. While Constantine was keen to shore up his empire, church leaders were focused on preserving the truth about Jesus Christ.

After weeks of deliberation, between May and July AD325, the Council came up with a statement which we now know as the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed is the most widely accepted Creed in the Christian faith, used by many denominations including the Anglican Communion. It is a reminder of the common faith we share – both with Christians around the world today and throughout history with all those who have affirmed these words over the last seventeen centuries.

So, how well do we understand this statement of faith that is used by all the Christian denominations across the world and that we recite at many of our services? Why not join this 5-week course and join with others to explore what the creed is all about?

Final session w/c 7 July.

Monday at 50 Archbell Avenue. 2 pm – 3.30 pm.

(Details from Shirley 01484-714209)

Thursday in St John's Conference suite, 7 pm – 8:30 pm.

(Details from Alan 07756035591)



Hand to Mouth 25th Year Celebration

Saturday 27th September 2025
7-10pm at
The North Light Gallery
Armitage Bridge HD4 7NP



We hope that you will join us for this evening of celebration and fun!

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

**£17 per person including welcome drink, hot meal and tea and coffee plus
auction of promises and entertainment!**

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QNRAW3N7>

**Purchase tickets by scanning the QR code or contact
office@handtomouth.org.uk**

The fundraising element of the evening will be an auction of promises. This could be anything from offering to make a cake or do some gardening! If you could support us by donating something for the auction, or want more information please email Ruth Coates htm ruth@gmail.com

www.handtomouth.org.uk

www.brookesmill.co.uk

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE



Thank you to
Margaret Hitchcock
Anne Beaumont
for donating monies
to the Flower Fund in June
It is much appreciated

Recital by Concert Organist

DAVID PRICE - CONCERT ORGANIST

SUMMER UK TOUR 2025



WEDNESDAY
2ND JULY
7:30 PM



The Conacher Organ at St John's

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK

ENTRANCE TO RECITAL FREE (RETIING COLLECTION)

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM 7:00

INCLUDING CHEESE & WINE FOLLOWING THE RECITAL,

St John the Divine, Gooder Lane, Rastrick, HD6 1HN

Don't miss this!

DAVID PRICE – CONCERT ORGANIST

David Price FRCO (CHM) was educated at Stockport School and then full-time at The Royal School of Church Music, studying the organ with Martindale Sidwell. At just 20 he was awarded the 'Limpus' Prize in the examination for Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists.

The majority of David's career has been in Music education. In Stockport he was Head of Music at Peel Moat School, Director of the Maia Boys' Choir and Assistant Organist at St. George's Church under Arthur Rooke. In 1969 he moved to East Anglia, where he was Director of Music of Taverham Hall Preparatory School, Norwich, and for a time, Master of the Music at the Priory Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth – the largest Parish Church in England. In 1993 he took early retirement. In 1994 he was invited to become Master of Music at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Norwich. For the first five years of its existence, he was an Assistant Director of the I.A.P.S. Choral Course under Ralph Allwood.

An examiner for the Associated Board for 43 years, David has undertaken overseas tours in Eire, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Singapore whilst examining extensively throughout the UK.

A wholly unexpected, life-changing experience led to ordination to the priesthood in November 2017 – six years after most clergy have 'sailed off into the sunset', surely worthy of an entry in the Guinness Book of Records! Fr. David is Anglican Chaplain to the St. George's congregation in Pattaya.

Since moving to Thailand, David became acutely aware of the need to maintain both his playing capabilities and contact with the UK, so the idea of the UK Summer Recital Tour came into being.

Away from music, David's interests include Crossword Puzzles, Contract Bridge, Foreign Travel and Cats!

Retreat Day at Himalayan Gardens



Rev. Michelle, Pam, Margaret Brown and I recently enjoyed a retreat day at the award-winning Himalayan Gardens and Sculpture Park set in beautiful countryside between Masham and Ripon in North Yorkshire.

It was led by Rev. Andrew Cromarty, an Associate Priest and Henriette Howarth, an Anglican priest and spiritual director within the diocese. It was attended by over 20 people from across the diocese. We began with a plenary session with spiritual input with plenty of time to explore the gardens and view the sculptures. We explored in our group and after lunch we continued individually. It was an opportunity to reflect on the beauty of the creation within 45 acres of stunning woodland and gardens. There are large collections of rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias with planting for all seasons.



The terrain undulates with steep paths meandering through woodland and gardens, an arboretum and alongside tranquil lakes with a multitude of wildlife.

In addition to its botanical attractions, the garden boasts an impressive array of 90 contemporary sculptures by both local and international artists. These sculptures are seamlessly integrated throughout, blending harmoniously with the natural environment, encouraging reflection and inspiration.

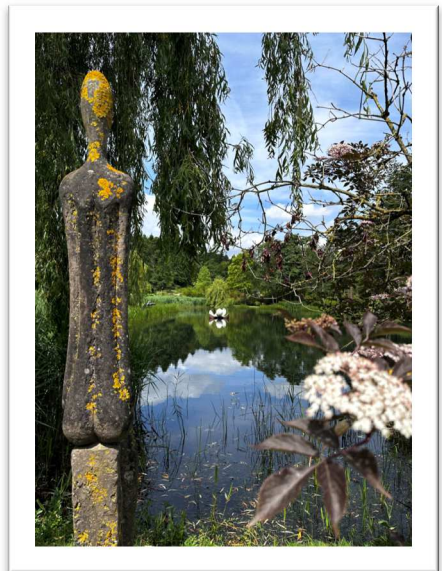


We discovered the rare Meconopsis blue poppy in its fertile grounds as well as an impressive display of ceramic blue poppies. I purchased one of these from the shop, as a reminder of a reflective time immersed in nature. One of my favourites includes the Kintsugi trees *(illustrated with an explanation and a poem on pages 26 & 27)*

A new exhibition features sculptures from artists across the UK, exploring the intersection of art and nature.

It was an opportunity to spend quiet time in this wonderful space tucked away in the countryside. We enjoyed lunch together in a delightful tearoom serving freshly prepared food. I strongly recommended a visit.

Margaret Ellis



What the Vicar has been doing

Just a selection...



Pentecost Praise



Christian Aid fundraising lunch



Assembly at
Carr Green School



Delivered 'It's Your Move'
booklets to Woodhouse Yr. 6



Talked to Woodhouse Year 1
about Baptism



Rastrick Big Local presentation
at the Community Lunch.



Coffee & Conversation



Led worship at the
MU Area Gathering



Retreat for Spiritual Advisers
(and others)
At the Himalayan Garden
& Sculpture Park, Ripon



Overgate Hospice Big Brew
Coffee Morning at St. M's

Missions and Charities

Nyakiswa News

Nyakiswa parish has a new vicar.

He is the Rev Boniface Awit.

More details later.

Oriel

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK


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

- Tins of carrots
- Tins of potatoes
- Tins of chopped tomatoes
- Tins of fruit



Thank you so much for your support.

Rosemary & Norman



Bountiful God, give me the peace to share generously, trusting in your abundant blessings to meet all of my needs.

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

Letter from CICS to St. John's



14.06.2025

Dear Michelle and friends at St John's

Thank you for your donation of £120 for 'It's Your Move' books to take into your local school... and thank you for doing so.



We believe that the impact of these books is huge as it goes into homes and is read by families as well as the Y6.

A couple of days ago I had pupils from one of the schools I visit call out to me as I drove past. The girl in my car wondered how they knew me and I mentioned the reasons that I go into the school. Lexii took her copy of IYM out of her bag – she still carries it round with her as she enters her last term in Y7 at Ryburn!! She

won't possess many books and this is obviously precious to her.

As you know, we are not the only group going into schools and it is encouraging to see chaplains and representatives from specific churches sharing the Christian message. God is certainly working in our borough and it was good to celebrate this at our recent Vision Event at Heath URC.

We shall pray for you as you seek openings amongst the young people in your parish and look forward to hearing how you are getting on.

Thank you, and God Bless

(Rosemary Wright –administrator and assistant treasurer)

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Scripture Union

website: www.cicscalderdale.org.uk



ECO CHURCH

Where the wild things are

June has seen our Church participating in the annual Count for Nature. This has meant that we have been recording all the plants, insects, birds and other animals that we have in the Church Garden. We have been particularly pleased to see that our bird boxes have been used by pairs of robins and blue tits. Close examination of the bug hotel shows that it is a home for a variety of insects including leaf cutter bees. We have a number of bird feeders which have drawn in blackbirds, blue and great tits, robins, sparrows, wrens and wood pigeons (and possibly the odd squirrel). Whilst carrying out the survey we saw house martins and swifts flying overhead.



The plant survey has shown that the mini-meadow on the grass verge adjoining the car park continues to develop with bird's foot trefoil, purple vetch, ox-eye daisies, buttercups and plantain as well as a variety of different grasses recorded. Ivy and nettles are being left to grow undisturbed where possible. Nettles leaves are food for caterpillars and ivy flowers are an important source of nectar for bees. Gardening to benefit wildlife isn't particularly difficult as it involves doing less rather than more, but certainly doesn't mean allowing a garden to become a

wilderness. Any garden can be made wonderful place for people AND wildlife. Rosemary and I have been following the advice of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust on how to make our own garden a haven for wildlife and we have been delighted to receive their Wildlife Gardening Gold Award this June for having a wildlife friendly garden. We have recorded hedgehogs, foxes, wood mice, ladybirds and their larvae, tadpoles and frogs, and many different butterflies and birds recently proving the adage "If we build it they will come" (Kevin Costner in a rather different context!)

Norman Lake

Invitation

We would like to start a church-based group for children aged 7-11, meeting weekly for about an hour between 7 and 8 pm.

The Activities will include educational games, aimed to inspire their imagination and creativity whilst having fun. We hope to include crafts, music, storytelling and drama, through which some members of the group may eventually contribute to our all-age services. We already have some good plans and we know there's a lot of talent within our congregation and rich experience through parenting, grandparenting or teaching.

We need some adult back up to help it run safely. If you would you like to be a part of this venture, why not question us about becoming a member of the team, ***you can commit occasionally or regularly. We plan to have a group meeting with all those expressing an interest.***

Tel: 01484 714209 or 07907 396082 to have a word with Shirley, or contact John Hearson or Gillian Clough so we can proceed with confidence

Thank you!"



Music News

On 8th June, the St. John's Music Group, along with its equipment and instruments, migrated to St. Matthew's for our wonderfully relaxed, uplifting **Benefice Pentecost Praise!** We had been hoping to be on the lawn in front of the church, but the weather decided otherwise. It meant that we were able to 'raise the rafters' in the church, singing some favourite Holy Spirit songs, interspersed with various language versions of the Lord's Prayer, to echo that first day of Pentecost.



On a musical note; Jane ambitiously tried adding a drum track to a couple of the hymns - which we're pleased to say was successful, and perfect for a service full of joy and praise!



On Wednesday 2nd July, our lovely refurbished organ is being played by David Price as part of his UK tour. We're hoping for a full church for this.

The recital will be followed by cheese & wine. What's not to like? Entry free - retiring collection. Please join us.

(Further details on pages 14-15)

Pam

St. JOHN'S RUCKSACK CLUB

Sunday 6th July

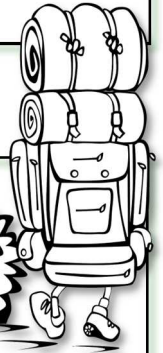
HALF DAY WALK

Walk Leaders : Jenny Rawson, John Martin, Mike Hollingdrake

Walk Description: Half Dam Walk ; Around the village of Wainstalls, Halifax (about 3.5 to 4 miles / 2 Hours)

Leave Church: 1:15

Drive through Halifax via Hipperholme then up Pellon Lane to Wainstalls, Parking on the street or near the school (Postcode HX2 7TE)



Saturday 26th July

FULL DAY WALK

Walk Leader : Alan Howarth

Contact: 01484 961561

Walk Description: A 7.5 mile walk taking in parts of the Ryburn and Calder valleys.

The route is along the Ryburn valley to Triangle and then over to the Calder valley via Hubberton and Steep Lane towards Luddenden Foot and returning to Sowerby Bridge along the canal bank.

Leave Church: 9:30 to drive to the starting point behind Sowerby Bridge Station

Kintsugi Trees

Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the cracks with lacquer dusted with gold, silver, or platinum.

Instead of disguising the damage, kintsugi highlights it, celebrating the object's history and imperfections.

This technique is rooted in the Japanese philosophy of **wabi-sabi**, which finds beauty in imperfection and impermanence.

Traditional Kyoto



*The Kintsugi Trees
at the Himalayan Garden & Sculpture Park*

Embracing Wabi-Sabi

I cradle the gnarled, twisted, ridged tree trunk of an ancient oak tree, roots spreading like enlarged feet in undergrowth.
 I absorb exquisite, patterned patches of lichen covering dry stone walls in the pastoral, pollution-free countryside.
 I feel textured driftwood battered across the vast oceans, sand dunes shored up by dense, spiky tufts of marram grass.

I touch the solid, hand-crafted, oak door, bearing an antique Victorian cast iron knocker, weathered patina intact.
 I saunter on packhorse bridges, unfolding stories of hand-woven cloth hauled by horses, laden with saddlebags and panniers.
 I hear artisans divulge their grief from the battlefield with artefacts from spent ammunition, found in trenches.

I welcome naturally wonky fruit and vegetables with wobbles, lumps and bumps, delicious flavours and freshness inside.
 I trace elegant, paper-thin, vintage porcelain teacups and saucers, embellished by skilful, hand-painted designs.
 I treasure the abandoned tractor, discarded in the field, overgrown with grasses, nettles, with memories to share.

Margaret Ellis

Wabi-Sabi: *a way of seeing the world that finds beauty and harmony in what is simple, imperfect, natural, modest and mysterious.*

Cambridge dictionary



Caption that!



Can you think of a suitable caption for this photo?

The winning caption will be printed with the photo in the next magazine.

Have a go!

Send your suggestions to:
stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com
 with the heading, 'Caption'.

Last month's winning caption was
 chosen by Alan, from all of your
(anonymous) replies.

Is this in my Job description?

Suggested by Philip Brough
(an on-line reader of the mag.)



Eco Church - Swap Stall

The next
Eco Church
Swap Stall will be
Saturday 12th July
& **Sunday 13th July.**



COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch
will be on Tuesday 1st July, 12:00
Followed by the Reminiscent Cinema, 1:30



COFFEE & CAKE

The next Coffee & Cake in Church
will be on Saturday 12 th July, 10:00 - 12:00
Hosted by the Brownies



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

No coffee & Conversation during July & August,
due to building work (alterations) at the café,
and as we're in the holiday season.



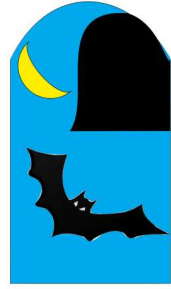
AFTERNOON TEA

The next Afternoon Tea
will be on Saturday 18th Oct, in church. 2:00 - 4:30
Tickets available nearer the date.



PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Belfry

July and summer should be in full swing. Try these two if you have a minute to relax.



25 – 13 Mind Games

Can you solve the following mental problems?

1) Dee Septor, the famous magician, was standing in an empty room in which two very thin ropes were hanging from the ceiling. These two ropes were just far enough apart from each other that if Dee held one of them by its end and reached for the other it would still be a half metre beyond his reach. Using only a knife, Dee Septor was able to tie the ends of the two ropes together and still leave them attached to the ceiling. How?



2) “That Abdullah is one rich Arab,” muttered Ali Buba. “As a matter of fact, he owns 100 or more camels.” “Not a chance,” replied Ishmael. “I know for certain he owns fewer than a hundred camels.” Farouk joined in, “Well, let us put it this way; he owns at least one camel.” If only one of their statements

is true, how many camels does Abdullah own?

3) “Therein lies the secret,” said Scheming Suzie. “For you see, there is a seven-letter word in the English language that contains ten words without rearranging any of its letters.” What is the word?

25 – 14 OWZTHAT!

On the following page are twenty six terms that are associated with cricket. Can you locate them all in the wordsearch? Words can be read in a straight line in any direction.

Agricultural shot, All rounder, Boundary,
 Chinaman, Cow corner, Daisy cutter, Dismissal,
 Doosra, Drive, Golden Duck, Googly, Gully, Jaffa,
 Keeper, Leg break, Maiden over, Nightwatchman,
 Paddle sweep, Pavilion, Seamer, Short stop,
 Silly mid on, Square cut, Stumped, Swing, Yorker,



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Last month's answers

25 – 11 Cloudbusting 1

- 1) Cirrus 2) Cirrocumulus 3) Cirrostratus 4) Cumulonimbus
5) Altocumulus 6) Altostratus 7) Nimbostratus 8) Cumulus
9) Stratocumulus 10) Stratus

25 – 12 Cloudbusting 2

- 1) Altocumulus-Castellanus-Clouds (jellyfish clouds)
2) Cirrus-Kelvin-Helmholtz 3) Mammatus Clouds 4) Roll Clouds
5) Noctilucent Clouds 6) Nacreous (mother of pearl)
7) Shelf Clouds 8) Mushroom Clouds 9) Lenticular
10) Undulus-Asperatus

MORE NEXT MONTH

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

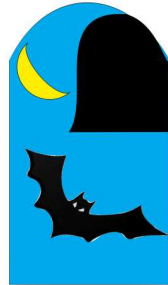
With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

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Also sent in by
the Bat in the Belfry...

Tenth Rastrick St. John's Beer Festival



**Friday 19th September
3:00pm - 10:30pm**

**Saturday 20th September
1:00pm - 10:30pm**

**REAL ALE, CIDER & LAGER
FOOD AVAILABLE**

Entry £7

**Includes souvenir glass,
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**Community Hall
St John the Divine
Gooder Lane
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Station**

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SHIRLEY...

VE Celebrations and Fathers' Day celebrated in June reminded me.....

I was four when my father was recruited into the West Yorkshire Regiment at the beginning of WW11. He was 'demobbed' when I was ten. On his return home we were like strangers but gradually I realised how much he loved me, even though he was quite strict! My daughters' father died when they were six and nine respectively which resulted in them only having my, and my parents', influence as they matured. However, I like to think they know they were loved as we are a close knit, family.

What makes a good father I wonder? Some **work** long hours to provide for their family, sometimes having to work away all week and have little time for their children when they arrive home. Some **don't work**, either because they don't have a work ethic, have been made redundant or they cannot work because they are disabled. Maybe some are irresponsible, drink heavily or gamble. Other fathers maybe high achievers and expect the same from their children, making them feel insecure if they have poor grades. I would like to think all these examples are very rare and that most fathers have the best interest of their children at heart. But children don't always confide to parents how they are feeling, particularly if things aren't going well for them at school, with their friends or at home.

At what point does an innocent child become vindictive? Greedy? Controlling and powerful? Why do they wish to destroy rather than create? Why are so many young lives lost in warfare on both sides? I am not sure if we will ever find the answers.

A good father loves his children and listens to them. Encourages their trust and abilities. They know he has their best interest at heart. Our Heavenly Father has these qualities, and more! When we read our Bible, we realise this, more and more, enabling us to identify them in our lives every day.

We can only do our best by teaching our children right from wrong, as outlined in the Ten Commandments, and to love their neighbour as themselves as Jesus taught us. As adults, we also find some of these lessons difficult to adopt! But it is worth keeping on trying, so preserving Peace wherever possible. Have you thought about supporting our new club for seven to eleven-year-olds? We will meet one evening per week for about one hour. You could help regularly or occasionally and your help would be valued in any capacity. Read our invitation to join The Equals in the magazine.

Zechariah 8:5 (in one Translation)

5 And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls at play

Extended Explanation of the Verse:

“This verse offers a beautiful and hopeful picture of life restored to normalcy and joy. The imagery of boys and girls playing in the streets reflects a community at peace, free from fear and conflict.”

Shirley

AND FINALLY



In the school dining room one of the nuns had placed a big bowl of beautiful red apples. Beside the bowl, she placed a note which read ‘Take only one. Remember Jesus is watching’.

At the other end of the table was another bowl of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Beside this bowl was a little note scrawled in a child’s handwriting which read ‘Take all you want. Jesus is watching the apples!’

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - July

Tuesday 1st July

Community Lunch 12:00

Reminiscent Cinema 1:30

Wednesday 2nd July

David Price Organ Concert 7:30

Thursday 3rd July

Nicaea 1700 - St. John's Conference Centre 7:00 - 8:30

Sunday 6th July

Rucksack Club half day walk 1:15

Monday 7th July

Nicaea 1700 (Nicene Creed) - Shirley's 2:00 - 3:30

Thursday 10th July

Nicaea 1700 - St. John's Conference Centre 7:00 - 8:30

Saturday 12th July

Coffee & Cake (hosted by the Brownies) 10:00 - 12:00

Eco Church Swap Stall

Sunday 13th July

Eco Church Swap Stall

Monday 14th July *(and all other Mondays in July)*

Monday Meet - Shirley's 2:00 - 4:00

Saturday 19th July

Rastrick Open Gardens.

Sunday 20th July

Prayer Ministry available during the service today.

Thursday 24th July

MU Craft session at Railway Bridge View 2:00

Saturday 26th July

Rucksack Club Full Day Walk 9:30



All items for the August magazine to: stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com
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