

# St John the Divine Rastrick Your Parish Magazine



*Open Gardens: Page 24*

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**Our Prayer For Growth**

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 Sept.)

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

### 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 .....*



This time of year, when schools, colleges and universities have broken up for the long summer holidays, is traditionally a time for families to get away on holiday, take trips to the countryside or seaside, or at least take a breather from the normal routines of life and work. Maybe you are doing the same. Or maybe you're not bound by these timings and are planning a break a little later in the year when the prices are not so inflated and the crowds are less likely.

Either way it is important to try to achieve a balance between activity and rest. In nature we see this in the seasons of the year, spring and summer bringing an abundance of growth and activity, flowering plants and bushes, our gardens and hedgerows overflowing with wildlife and insect life. While autumn and winter bring hibernation for some animals, and a fallow time for much of nature. God gives us the example of this balance of work and rest right from the beginning of creation. For six days he worked creating the earth and on the seventh day he rested.

If you're not planning a trip away you might take some time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Maybe you were inspired in this by the recent very successful Benefice Open Gardens event. I certainly was. Whether you were able to join us on the day or not, I'm sure you will enjoy the pictures from the event in the pages of this magazine. As I wandered round the gardens I was reminded of the hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*, with its wonderful chorus:

*Lord of all to thee we raise, this our grateful hymn of praise.*

With my prayers and every blessing

*Michelle*



## SERVICES AND CHURCH INFORMATION

### SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - AUGUST

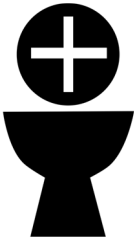
Sunday 3rd - 11:00 - Trinity 7 - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 10th. - 11:00 - Trinity 8 - Holy Communion

Sunday 17th. - 11:00 - Trinity 9 - Holy Communion

Sunday 24th - 11:00 - Trinity 10 - Holy Communion

Sunday 31st - 10:30 - BENEFICE Holy Communion - St. Matthew's



### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - AUGUST

Wednesday 6th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 13th - 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 20th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 27th - 10:30 - St John's

### FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

- ◇ 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 24th August



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?

This month's prayer comes from the mobile app.  
"Sacred Space - your daily prayer online"  
(A ministry of the Irish Jesuits)

*God is Immanuel,  
God-with-me.*

*His presence enfolds me in His radiant love.  
He knows precisely what I need from moment to moment.  
I place all my trust in Him.*

**Dear Jesus,  
I can open up my heart to You.  
I can tell you everything that troubles me.  
I know You care about all the concerns in my life.  
Teach me to live  
in the knowledge that You who care for me today,  
will care for me tomorrow  
and all the days of my life.**

**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 24th August
- ◆ Sunday 21st September
- ◆ Sunday 19th October



*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 Aug 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28-Jul</b>	<b>29-Jul</b>	<b>30-Jul</b>	<b>31-Jul</b>	<b>01-Aug</b>	<b>02-Aug</b>
Psalms 123 Ezekiel 10.1-19 2Corinthians6.1-7.1	Psalms 132 Ezekiel 11.14-end 2Corinthians 7.2-end	Psalms 119.153-end Ezekiel 12.1-16 2Corinthians8.1-15	Psalms 143 Ezekiel 12.17-end 2Corinthians8.16 – 9.5	Psalms 142 Ezekiel 13.1-16 2Corinthians 9.6-end	Psalms 147 Ezekiel 14.1-11 2 Corinthians 10
<b>04-Aug</b>	<b>05-Aug</b>	<b>06-Aug</b>	<b>07-Aug</b>	<b>08-Aug</b>	<b>09-Aug</b>
Psalms 1 Ezekiel 14.12-end 2 Corinth. 11.1-15	Psalms 5 Ezekiel 18.1-20 2 Corinth 11.16-end	Transfiguration 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9.28-36	Psalms 14 Ezekiel 20.1-20 2 Corinthians 13	Psalms 17 Ezekiel 20.21-38 James 1.1-11	Psalms 20 Ezekiel 24.15-end James 1.12-end
<b>11-Aug</b>	<b>12-Aug</b>	<b>13-Aug</b>	<b>14-Aug</b>	<b>15-Aug</b>	<b>16-Aug</b>
Psalms 27 Ezekiel 28.1-19 James 2.1-13	Psalms 32 Ezekiel 33.1-20 James 2.14-end	Psalms 34 Ezekiel 33.21-end James 3	Psalms 37 Ezekiel 34.1-16 James 4.1-12	Blessed Virgin Mary Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 1.46-55	Psalms 41 Ezekiel 36.16-36 James 5.7-end
<b>18-Aug</b>	<b>19-Aug</b>	<b>20-Aug</b>	<b>21-Aug</b>	<b>22-Aug</b>	<b>23-Aug</b>
Psalms 44 Ezekiel 37.1-14 Mark 1.1-13	Psalms 48 Ezekiel 37. 15-end Mark 1.14-20	Psalms 119.57-80 Ezekiel 39.21-end Mark 1.21-28	Psalms 56 Ezekiel 43.1-12 Mark 1.29-end	Psalms 51 Ezekiel 44.4-16 Mark 2.1-12	Psalms 68 Ezekiel 47.1-12 Mark 2.13-22
<b>25-Aug</b>	<b>26-Aug</b>	<b>27-Aug</b>	<b>28-Aug</b>	<b>29-Aug</b>	<b>30-Aug</b>
Psalms 71 Proverbs 1.1-19 Mark 2.23 – 3.6	Psalms 73 Proverbs 1.20-end Mark 3.7-19a	Psalms 77 Proverbs 2 Mark 3.19b-end	Psalms 78.1-39* Proverbs 3.1-26 Mark 4.1-20	Psalms 55 Proverbs 3.27-4.19 Mark 4.21-34	Psalms 76 Proverbs 6.1-19 Mark 4.35-end

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

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

**Everyday Faith**

**Daily Prayer**

**Save the Date!**

**Rastrick Benefice**  
**Quiet Day**

**Building on Solid Foundations**

**Thursday**  
**4th Sept. 2025**

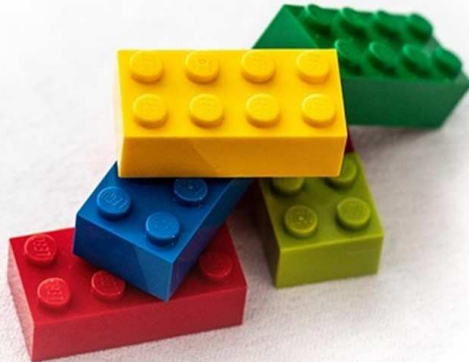
**10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

at:  
The Community of the Resurrection  
Stocksbank Road  
Mirfield  
WF14 0BN

Organised and led by Rev'd Michelle Petch

£10 cost to cover  
room hire  
and refreshments.

Please bring  
a packed lunch.



More information to follow...

## Have your say

The Diocese of Leeds is in the process of discerning who will be called to serve as the next Bishop of Leeds, due to the retirement of Bishop Nick Baines at the end of November 2025.

### The Diocese of Leeds would really like to know what you think.

There are postcards at the back of church which you can fill in and send to Church House.

Your answers to the three questions on the postcard really will go towards shaping the profile of Leeds as a diocese, our mission and ministry, and hopes for the future.



- What are your three hopes for the future of the church in your community?
- What three words describe the main skills and qualities the next Bishop of Leeds needs to have, to help us grow in confidence as a diocese?
- What is the one thing you want to say to the next Bishop of Leeds?

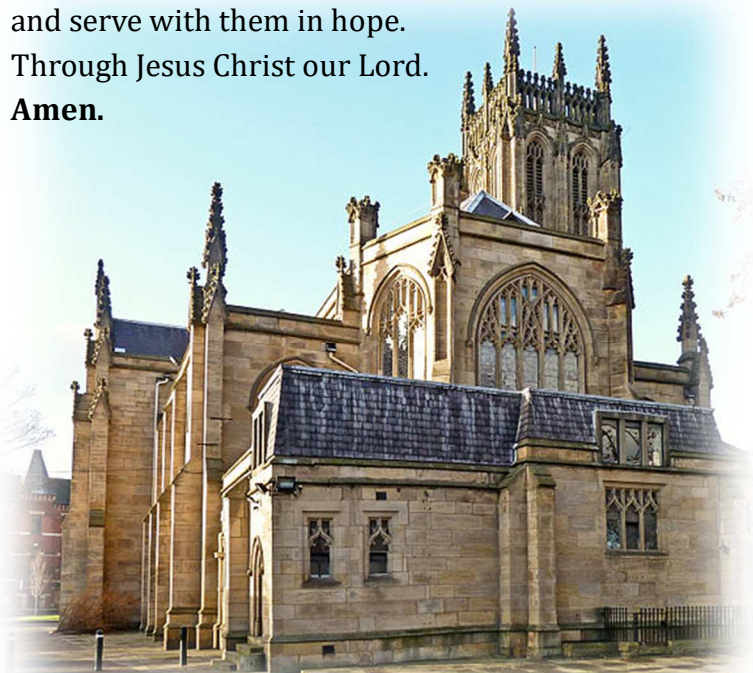


Alternatively, if you're 'savvy' with your smartphone, you can simply scan the QR code to reply!

## A prayer

### For discernment in the appointing of a new bishop

Almighty God,  
you give us bishops to be shepherds of Christ's flock  
and guardians of the faith;  
to celebrate the sacraments, proclaim the Gospel,  
and lead your people in mission.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon this Diocese of Leeds  
to guide us in this season of loving, living and learning.  
By your grace, may your choice for our new bishop be  
discerned,  
that we may receive them with joy;  
walk with them in faith;  
and serve with them in hope.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**





## MU MATTERS

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

Another amazing month has passed us by, but it leaves in its wake another MU filled month yet to come. A good number of us attended Hilary Pollard's first Area Gathering at All Hallows, Almondbury. This was a very informative gathering and gave us an opportunity to meet others from different branches and to sit and chat at the start and end of the meeting. I was able to take Cherry and Ann D to a Strawberries and



Cream, MU event in Headingley! At the start of July, it was the Great Yorkshire Show and from across the Diocese, including many Rastrick volunteers, we had 4 MU Members volunteering on the "Church on Show" on each of the 4 days. A great achievement and should bode well to our having a designated space in the room, next year.

At the end of July there was a Eucharist and Service at York Minster to commission Christine Sharp as our new Mothers' Union York Provincial President and also the Right Reverend Dr John Thomson as Mothers' Union York Provincial Chaplain.



There were six of us who were able to attend from Rastrick for this great event. I don't think anyone present could have failed to have been



stirred by the majesty of the Minster and the occasion, and the prayers which over thousands of years have seeped into those great walls. The Archbishop of York gave an inspiring sermon which I doubt will be forgotten by anyone who was there. The final hymn will continue to ring in the ears of the MU Members there “Lord, for the years Your love has kept us guided us, urged and inspired us, and cheered us on our way.”



On Saturday 9 August we celebrate the life and courage of Mary Sumner who founded the MU movement. Within the Huddersfield Episcopal Area this will be held at St Mary's Church in Gomersal at 2.00 pm. As our only August meeting I urge all Members to attend and share this day with others. Take a friend!

On Tuesday 16 September, we have planned a trip to Rochdale Town Hall .... a beautiful looking building on their website and strongly recommended by Cherry as a place to visit. The minibus is now full and there will be fun all the way, and a lovely day out together.

*With love, Julia*

*Harveys of Halifax donated hundreds of bras to the MU. 190 were given to Pennine Domestic Abuse Partnership and another 170 were sent to Uganda via Anon Lingerie in Elland. It is thought that those women who wear bras are less likely to be raped.*



## St. John's Rucksack Club

**Sunday 3rd August**

### HALF DAY WALK

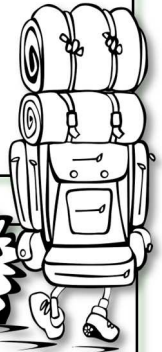
**Walk Planner :** Helen Wilson

**Walk Leaders :** Roger & Margaret Ellis - contact 07551 914243

**Area:** Walk around Stainland - Walk starts from car park next to 1885 public house (HX4 9HF) taking in Carr Hall Lane, crossing to The Hamme and then towards Fall Spring Well via Eaves Top Wood back to the car park.

**Distance:** approximately 3 miles

**Leave Church:** 1:45



**Saturday 16th August**

### FULL DAY WALK

**Walk Leaders :** Roger & Margaret Ellis - contact 07551 914243

### Dales Walk

**Area:** Littondale - Leaving Litton towards Halton Gill, taking the path towards Nether Hesleden. We follow the path towards Upper Hesleden overlooking a valley. We join a road leading to a bridleway on a ridge, dropping towards Foxup and then walking along pleasant fields next to the river Skirfare to Litton.

**Distance:** 7.5 miles

**Leave Church:** 9 a.m.

**It is planned that we stay in Litton for a meal at the Queen's Arms - therefore anyone wishing to join the walk please contact the walk leaders prior to the day for further instructions.**

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Derek Davis

I will be 90 years old on

Sunday 3rd August



and invite you to share  
my birthday  
with a glass of wine  
after the morning service.

**FLOWERS  
IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE**



Thank you to  
**Pam Dimbleby**  
for donating monies  
to the Flower Fund in July  
It is much appreciated

## Missions and Charities



**A big thank you** to all who supported the Brownie group's Coffee & Cake morning. They raised, with some sales on Monday evening's meeting, £78 towards the Brownie Christmas party – It was so good to see so many St Johners. *Cherry*



### BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

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

- Tins of chicken in sauce
- Tins of stewing steak in gravy
- Packets of pasta in sauce
- Suntan lotion

Thank you so much for your support.

*Rosemary & Norman*



## Rastrick Open Gardens

The final amount raised is:

**£1282.94**

Well done to everyone!

See photos on page 24

## The Reverend John Penny 1943-2025

John came to live in John Street, opposite the vicarage, in 1982 and left in 1984. He came here as he was in poor health, needing time out of full time Ministry. While living here he was Chaplain to Overgate Hopsice.

He was a longterm friend of mine - from his days @ CR Mirfield 1964 -1966, where he used his musical skills. In 1982 we had Jill Ramsden as organist but no Choirmaster. John came across to the vicarage one day - volunteered - and got the job. Those were happy years, and as a longterm bonus, we learned a new Palm Sunday Hymn, written by John - 'Wave Your Palms, Jesus Christ is Coming' - which we have continued to sing over the succeeding years.

In recent years John's health has declined, with dementia, passing away in a Care Home on 7th July. I rang to tell Judith Readshaw; she and Graham had been very friendly, as the Readshaw girls were of a similar age to John and Diana's. Judith's response to my telling her was "What a nice chap".

Yes he was - a good musician and for me, a very dear friend of longstanding.

May he rest in peace and rise in Glory

*Canon Michael Storey*

The Rev'd John Penny  
With the choir  
in the 1980s

*The original photo  
is hanging in  
the Choir Vestry*



## Hand to Mouth News

### Summer Term 2025

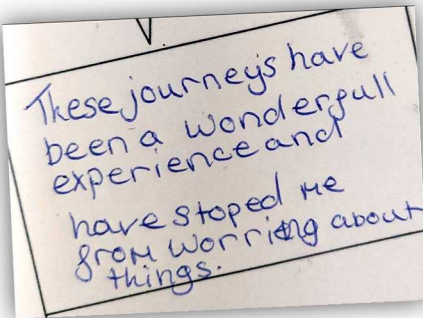


As we head towards the summer holiday, we're excited to share the latest news from Hand to Mouth.

We've enjoyed **two successful school partnership days** with the Lindley day and the Shelley Pyramid day, bringing schools together through activities,

Amazing Journeys and Godly Play. We also had the privilege of providing activities at a **spirituality day at St. Peter's school** in Leeds, engaging pupils in creative and reflective ways.

Whether through assemblies, lessons, Amazing Journey spaces, or special events, we've continued to see God at work in over 50 school visits this term across Huddersfield and beyond.



During the Summer term we have delivered over 35 'Moving On' Amazing Journeys to Year 6 students. These reflective spaces have provided the students time and space to celebrate their primary school years and prepare for moving up to high school.

We would like to express our thanks to all who have supported us throughout this year. A special mention goes to our regular supporters, including **St. John the Divine Rastrick, Holy Trinity Huddersfield, St. Thomas' Bradley, our friends at The North Light Gallery, Kirkheaton Parish Church**, and the many individuals who have given their time, energy, and financial support to help us continue our work.



Hand to Mouth are celebrating their 25th Anniversary and as part of our celebrations we are holding a special event:



**Hand to Mouth 25<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**Auction of Promises**  


**Food provided by**  
 **SONS OF THE NORTH**

**Entertainment**  


**TICKETS £17 EACH AVAILABLE NOW!**  
Scan the QR code  
Use the link: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QNRAW3N7>  
contact office@handtomouth.org.uk

### Prayer points:

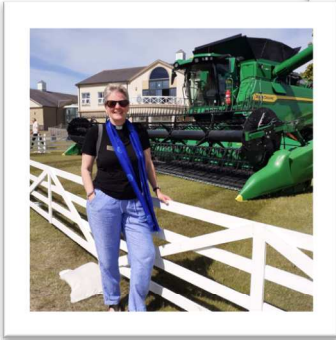
- Thank God for another year of provision for Hand to Mouth and for all the amazing opportunities which God has provided.
- Pray that we celebrate our milestone anniversary well and that the events planned are successful.
- Pray for wisdom as we look to the future and embrace where God is leading us.
- Pray for rest for the Hand to Mouth staff after a busy term.

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, we want to thank all those who have supported our work-whether through prayer, practical help, or partnership. Your encouragement makes a real difference. As schools prepare for a well-earned summer break, we're already looking ahead with hope and anticipation for the new opportunities the autumn will bring. We hope you have a restful and refreshing summer, from all of us at Hand to Mouth.



## What the Vicar has been doing

Just a selection...



With the MU,  
'Yorkshire Churches on Show'  
at the Great Yorkshire Show.



With the Churchwardens  
at the  
Archdeacon's Visitation,  
Halifax Minster



MU Provincial President's  
Commissioning service at  
York Minster.



End of Term Assembly  
at Longroyde School





Visited the Open Gardens

End of Term  
Assembly at  
Carr Green School



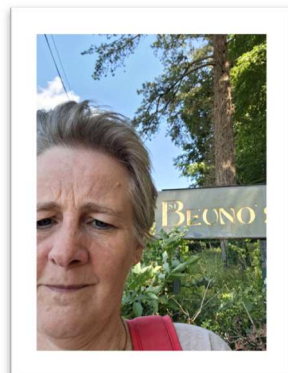
Led a Quiet Day for Spiritual  
Advisors at Heatherwood



Delivered 'It's Your Move'  
booklets to Field Lane,  
Longroyd and Carr Green  
Schools



Attended the Brownies' Coffee  
& Cake morning



Retreat at St. Beuno's

## It's how you see it...

Shirley suggested the following powerful poem by Brian Bilston for inclusion in this month's magazine.

Written in 2016, this thought-provoking poem has become a classic, and is often used in schools to promote empathy and understanding.

### Refugees

They have no need of our help  
 So do not tell me  
 These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
 Should life have dealt a different hand  
 We need to see them for who they really are  
 Chancers and scroungers  
 Layabouts and loungers  
 With bombs up their sleeves  
 Cut-throats and thieves  
 They are not  
 Welcome here  
 We should make them  
 Go back to where they came from  
 They cannot  
 Share our food  
 Share our homes  
 Share our countries  
 Instead let us  
 Build a wall to keep them out  
 It is not okay to say  
 These are people just like us  
 A place should only belong to those who are born there  
 Do not be so stupid to think that  
 The world can be looked at another way

*(Now read from bottom to top)*

Brian Bilston

*(Used with permission)*



### **PCC Snippets July 25**

- ◆ A calendar is in the process of being set up which will include all events for both churches. This should make it easier to plan events.
- ◆ Finances for both the hall and the church are in line with expectations.
- ◆ No safeguarding issues have been reported.
- ◆ Health and Safety, there have been no problems. If you could consider taking on all or some of the Health and Safety role please speak to David or Hilary.
- ◆ The Church Hall management committee meet at regular intervals to review the maintenance and bookings for the hall .Bookings are still increasing and the CCTV has been serviced ,there are no other major issues.
- ◆ We are very pleased to announce that we have been awarded grants of £20,000 , towards our porch project.
- ◆ The Beer festival planning is moving ahead spear- headed by Alan , details of how you can sponsor or help at this event will be available soon.
- ◆ The PCC were informed that the Scout Group at St John's has been closed by the Brighouse District Scouts due to the lack of leaders. Regrets were expressed at this news.

## Rastrick Open Gardens

Just a few close-ups from the increasingly damp garden views.  
Can you identify your own garden?





As the weather grew wetter, the fellowship continued in the dry!



...and on into the  
Parish Centre  
for our hot  
pulled pork  
sandwiches!



Thanks to Cherry & Margaret for all their hard work in organising this!



## ECO CHURCH

# SKIRCOAT REPAIR CAFE

BIN IT? NO WAY!

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH

a cd player that no longer opens?

a toaster that no longer works?

a jumper with moth holes?

REPAIR CAFE IS

repairing broken items together,

professional advice,

encounters and inspiration,

a place to have a cuppa, cake and catch up

COSTS?

A voluntary contribution (cash only please)

All Saints Parish Hall, Godfrey Road

skircoatrepaircafe@gmail.com

2025 dates:

Sat JUL 19<sup>th</sup> • Sat SEP 20<sup>th</sup> • Sat NOV 15<sup>th</sup>

1:30 – 4:30 PM (last entry 4pm)



CLOTHES • KNIFE SHARPENING • JEWELLERY • BIKES • FURNITURE  
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES • TOYS • ECETERA  
[repaircafe.org/en](http://repaircafe.org/en)

**Eco Church News** by John

## **Kicking the CAN bill down the road...**

What would you do if a team of experts inspected the gardens in your street and told you there was an outbreak of Japanese knotweed that needed urgent eradication? Would you join others in



‘doing your bit’ to organise the work, or would you announce that you’d other, more important priorities? That you’d carry on regardless, tackle the problem later and risk the consequences?

That’s what happened to the [Climate and Nature Bill](#), backed by a panel of expert scientists who urged that action on climate change and biodiversity loss couldn’t be delayed. It was due to be debated on 24<sup>th</sup> January, but was deferred to July. And, just as many feared, it was allowed to lapse before Parliament broke for its recess on 24<sup>th</sup> July. However, anticipating this disappointment, a coalition of charities including Christian Aid organised a mass lobby of parliament on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

As a result, the following Monday, Ed Milliband, the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, gave a ‘Climate and Nature’ statement to Parliament, affirming the Government’s intention to build a sustainable future. The campaigners welcomed his statement but, of course, it wasn’t a commitment.

‘Zero Hour’ is a campaign group set up to lobby for the CAN Bill to be reintroduced and to become law. It’s championed in Parliament by Roz Savage, Lib Dem MP for South Cotswolds. ZH is urging citizens countrywide to contact our MP’s early in September. On the evening of **5<sup>th</sup> August**, there’s a mass Zoom briefing for anyone who’d like to be a part of this. The briefing will equip all of us by explaining how to make contact with our MP’s and how to present our argument. If you want to log in and join me, please let me know on [john.hearson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:john.hearson@yahoo.co.uk)





## Music News



Lots of photos today - and all organ related! First of all, a few from Rev'd David Price's organ concert on July 3rd.

David Price FRCO (CHM) included St. John's and our lovely Conacher organ in his UK organ tour.

We enjoyed listening to a varied programme of pieces then followed it with some wonderful cheese & wine (*thank-you Cherry!*).

On his Facebook page David has since written: "...this is indeed an instrument of which all can justifiably be proud!"

He also wrote, "The outside of the building is very unprepossessing and about 120 years old, but inside it is rather attractive, not least in the modern facilities with which it is now blest. It is so good to find a church community which is thriving, and one is immediately struck by what a happy, friendly community this is..."

Thank you David, we enjoyed having you with us too!

Cheese  
& wine!





The other organ is in the magnificent Basilica at Esztergom, Hungary, one of the places Rod and I recently visited on holiday.

I was delighted to find a side chapel dedicated to Music, in which were various musical sculptures and old instruments,



but it was the organ in the main church which interested me most as it is currently away, being refurbished! The 7,000 pipes have all gone to be cleaned (*as ours did*) and they're affectionally referring to the organ as the Old Lady who has gone to the spa!



If you thought we'd left it late when we had our organ refurbished, this wonderful 'Old Lady' has not been renovated since she was played for the Consecration Mass in 1856, which had been composed by, and conducted by, Liszt!



*Pam*

# Tenth Rastrick St. John's Beer Festival

[www.stjohnsbeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsbeerfestival.org.uk)



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

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

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

**Entry £7**

**Includes souvenir glass,  
programme & half a pint**



**Supporting St. John's and  
the Overgate Big Build Project**

**Community Hall  
St John the Divine  
Gooder Lane  
Rastrick  
HD6 1HN**

**2 min walk from  
Brighouse  
Railway Station**



For further details including sponsorship opportunities to promote your business or group please email [info@stjohnsrastrick.org.uk](mailto:info@stjohnsrastrick.org.uk)

## Beer festival 19/20<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Our beer festival pre-COVID was a popular community event, attracting people from the parish and beyond. It was friendly and fun to be a part of. In the nine years that we ran the festival up to 2019, we raised over £50,000 for the church funds and local charities. The money raised for St. John's went towards the many projects we developed in those years, starting with the hall kitchen, conference suite, car park, and the church servery and toilets. Some of the money this year will go towards completing the internal church porch. The festival will also be supporting the Overgate Hospice Big Build Appeal



Organising and promoting the festival takes time, and so we are asking everyone to get involved where they can as follows:

- Flyers and posters are in church – please take what you can for posting around your neighbourhood or leaving in shops and public places (We have 2000 to distribute!)
- There is an option to 'sponsor a barrel'. This can be done either as a business, as an individual, or as a group. It is always nice to get sponsorship from people other than regular congregation members, and so please encourage others and businesses to get involved. Letters and forms are at the back of the church.
- In the next few weeks, there will be an opportunity to help out over the festival weekend. We need people to be on the door, sell vouchers, serve food, be in church, and of course, pull pints!

Finally, put the date in the diary and encourage others to come along – it is a good event for the whole community. Further details email [info@stjohnsrastrick.org.uk](mailto:info@stjohnsrastrick.org.uk) or contact Alan 07756035591

## 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](mailto:stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com) with the heading, 'Caption'. Deadline: Saturday 23rd August



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

Cherry said this was a **light** recipe!

*Suggested by Pam Dimbleby.*



# Eco Church - Swap Stall

The next  
Eco Church  
Swap Stall

**13th -14th September**



## COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch  
will be on Tuesday 5th August, 12:00  
Followed by the Reminiscent Cinema, 1:30



## COFFEE & CAKE

The next Coffee & Cake in Church  
will be on Saturday 9th August, 10:00 - 12:00



## COFFEE & CONVERSATION

No coffee & Conversation during 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.





**“Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.”**

– Psalm 126:5

**Join us this Summer to support  
women in crisis-hit communities**



## **Open House**

**Saturday 23rd August**

At Cherry's - 7 Oaks Green Mount - from 10:30

Sandwiches, cake & coffee/tea

To help these communities start their own businesses

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## **A note about next month's mag...**

My time for preparing the September mag. is extremely limited .

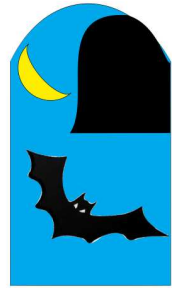
- \* Mag will be out on the first Sunday in September (7th)
- \* Anything happening between 1st & 6th I can mention in the accompanying emails.
- \* Any contributions for the magazine really do need to be waiting for me when I get back to my computer on Thurs. 28th August.

Thanks. [stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com)

*p.s. If everything is waiting for me when I get back on 28th, there's a very slim chance I might get it out for the Benefice service on 31st.*


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

Well, the holiday season is in full swing. See how you get on with these two, if you find a spare moment.



### **25 – 15 Tree Dimensional**

Each number in the grid indicates the number of trees in its adjacent squares. No tree can be horizontally, vertically or diagonally adjacent to another and no tree can appear in the same square as a number. Can you work out where all the trees are planted? One tree has been placed to help you start.

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## 25 – 16 Old Occupations

Can you identify these old occupations from the choices given?

- 1) **KISSER** – (A) An armour maker. (B) Chambermaid.  
(C) Glove maker
- 2) **SLUBBER DUFFER** – (A) Bobbin remover. (B) Walking stick maker. (C) Shoelace maker
- 3) **LOBLOLLY MAN** – (A) Casual worker. (B) Ship surgeon's assistant. (C) Animal castrator
- 4) **HANKYMAN** – (A) Printing block engraver. (B) Dog catcher. (C) Travelling magician.
- 5) **ARBALESTER** – (A) Crossbow user. (B) Barber.  
(C) Sword maker
- 6) **GRIMBRIBBER** – (A) Lawyer. (B) Gravedigger. (C) Hat salesman
- 7) **BANDSTER** – (A) Wheatsheaf maker. (B) Instrument player. (C) Gun maker.
- 8) **BOTTOM KNOCKER** – (A) Pottery maker assistant. (B) Button maker. (C) Bell ringer.
- 9) **PUREFINDER** – (A) Water diviner. (B) Collector of dog droppings. (C) Accountant.
- 10) **CORDWAINER** – (A) Shoe maker. (B) Bed frame maker.  
(C) Bookbinder.

## *Last month's answers*

### 25 – 13 Mind Games

1) Dee Septor did not use the knife in the conventional manner. He tied the knife to one end of one of the ropes and then swung it like a pendulum, by holding the other rope at its full length; he was able to grasp the two ends and tie them together.

2) Abdullah doesn't own any camels. If the first statement is true, then so is the last statement, which cannot be since there is only one true statement. Also, if the last statement is true, then so is the second statement. Since we know that two statements cannot be correct, we can disregard both the first



and the third statements. This leaves us with only the middle statement. If Abdullah owns camels at all, it will make the third statement correct, so the only number of camels that Abdullah can own is zero.

3) The word is 'Therein' which is in the question. The words are;  
- the, there, he, in, rein, her, here, ere, therein, herein.

## 25 – 14 OWZTHAT!

The answers are in red

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**MORE NEXT MONTH**

## SHIRLEY...

### A Weekend Away

Last month I spent a long weekend in Chester, which proved to be very enjoyable. We stayed in a centrally situated Travel Lodge, opposite the museum “Sick to Death”! Although the Tavel Lodge was very basic in amenities, it was clean, comfortable and reasonably priced. Meals were charged extra and in the en-suite there were none of the usual toiletries.

Chester has many interesting places to see and I recommend you use Google to give you some ideas to further investigate. There are lots of small shops plus a vast undercover shopping mall. I lost count of the number of restaurants! The architecture covers many centuries of contrasting styles so as well as watching your step on the cobbles keep looking up or you may miss some beautiful features! There is a beautiful clock tower and Cathedral. A two mile walk along the city wall footpath allows you to see lots more than at ground level and it is not as crowded!



We took advantage of the good weather and spent some time in a tiny park in which were ruins from a bygone era – Chester has been the hub of many battles – and I felt very sad realising that we have not learned from the generations before us, the futility of war. The terrible destruction of beautiful buildings, skilful carvings etc. and the hardships and cruelty caused by those in authority. We have, of course, benefitted from many things discovered and invented by past generations and we call it progress as we pull down or widen something which does not suit our modern lifestyle. However, our buildings and roads do not seem to last as long as theirs without constant attention. I think appreciation and thanks should be acknowledged to past generations as it is on a lot of

their various ideas that we have been able to further develop that knowledge to our advantage.

I hope my ramblings on the city of Chester might have whet your appetite to go there yourself. Check on line so you make the most of your visit; there is so much to see. (I assure you I am not on any commission for this advertising!).

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer

*Shirley*

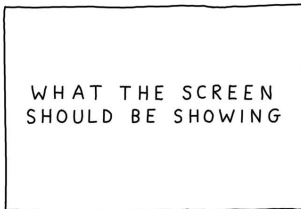
## AND FINALLY....

This cartoon was requested by David Marshall

*Can't think why!*



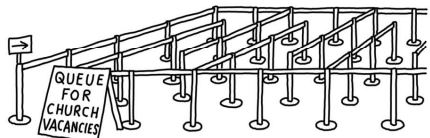
## THE SCREEN



THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE  
FOR MAKING SURE THAT THE  
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THE PEOPLE WHO ARE QUIETLY  
DISAPPOINTED WHEN THE  
SCREEN DOES NOT SHOW WHAT  
THE SCREEN SHOULD BE SHOWING



THE PLACE THESE PEOPLE COULD  
VOLUNTEER IF THEY THINK THEY  
COULD DO A BETTER JOB AT MAKING  
THE SCREEN SHOW WHAT THE  
SCREEN SHOULD BE SHOWING

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUGUST

## Sunday 3rd August

Derek's 90th Birthday celebration.  
Rucksack Club half day walk 1:45



## Tuesday 5th August

Community Lunch 12:00  
Reminiscent Cinema 1:30

## Saturday 9th August

MU celebrating Mary Sumner - (*St.Mary's Gomersal*) 2:00

## Saturday 9th August

Coffee & Cake 10:00 - 12:00

## Saturday 16th August

Rucksack Club Full Day Walk 9:00

## Sunday 23rd August

Open House (*Cherry's*) for 'Summer of Hope' from 10:30

## Sunday 24th August

Prayer Ministry available during the service today.

Not so much happening over the Summer period.

Enjoy your holiday, if you're getting away!

All items for the September magazine to: [stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com)  
**by 9:00 a.m. Wed. 27th August please.**  
Please also see page 34. Thanks.



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### Wi-Fi

Network : everywhere  
Password : anywhere