

St John the Divine Rastrick Your Parish Magazine



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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)
- 1:00 p.m. BSL (*British Sign Language*) Service (2nd Sunday)

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
- 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

- 8:00 a.m. Prayers for our parish & people (by Zoom).
Alan: 07756 035591

Rev'd Michelle writes



Welcome to July 2026. There seemed to be a lot going on last month and there is lots coming up, so I do hope you enjoy reading about it all in the pages of this magazine. A highlight for me was meeting Archbishop Sarah Mullally in St Paul's Cathedral as part of the MU 150th celebrations. Couldn't resist the photo being on the front cover of this magazine.

#friendsinhighplaces 😊

Two other things which seem to have been prominent recently are the heatwave and record-breaking temperatures and the World Cup. I wondered as I sat down to write this which to focus on. And, although not a favourite topic of mine, or indeed something which I know a lot about, I did settle on the football. There is something about how the players pull together as a team during a football match that relates to how we work together as a team in church. There are so many people who do their bit week in week out to ensure the smooth running of our services and our buildings. A big thank you to you all.

I was also struck by something Archbishop Stephen Cottrell wrote in a recent newspaper article. He noted how, at its best, the World Cup draws communities together. He says, "It reminds us that, despite our differences, we can still come together..... We sing together; we embrace the stranger next to us when a goal is scored. It is as if football speaks a universal language."

In the same way I am sure we all long for our communities and indeed the nations of the world to be more cohesive, to be drawn together and more united despite all that divides us. The World Cup reminds us that this is possible, and I'm certain it is something God wishes for us. Maybe take some time this month to consider how you can help to be part of our church team or build bridges within our community or the wider world, whether the World Cup is your thing or not.

With my prayers and every blessing

Michelle

SERVICES AND CHURCH INFORMATION

SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - JULY

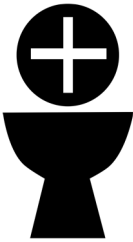
Sunday 5th - 11:00 - 5th Sunday after Trinity - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 12th - 11:00 - 6th Sunday after Trinity - Holy Communion

1:00pm - BSL (British Sign Language) Service

Sunday 19th - 11:00 - 7th Sunday after Trinity - Holy Communion

Sunday 26th - 11:00 - 8th Sunday after Trinity - Holy Communion



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - JULY

Wednesday 1st - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 8th - 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 15th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 22nd - 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 29th - No service 5th Wednesday

NEXT UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE

◇ Sunday August 30th - 10:30 - Joint Benefice Service (St J's)

NEXT SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S WITH PRAYER MINISTRY

* Sunday 19th July (11:00)

NEXT HEALING & WHOLENESS SERVICE

* Sunday 27th September (4:00)



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?

This prayer
was posted on a German Facebook page.
It struck a chord with me, so I've translated it here.

Pam

Lord, I know that I'm not perfect.
I make mistakes.
I fall into sin.
Sometimes I forget to pray or to thank you.
Sometimes I lose my patience.

Even then you give me a second chance.

Thank you for your love and patience in this July.
Please stay close to me.
Forgive my faults and fill my heart with peace.

God, you are my everything.

Ewiges Licht

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.

Next services with Prayer Ministry

- ◆ 19th July
- ◆ 16th August

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



A service of prayer and thanksgiving for

Healing and Wholeness 2026

Sundays @ 4 pm

Feb 15th, April 26th, June 28th, Sep 27th, Nov 22nd

An informal gathering with music and videos to reflect, to pray and receive prayer for our Community, Our World, Others, and Ourselves.

For further information, contact Alan 07756035591

All welcome

Daily Lectionary Readings - July 26

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>29-Jun</u>	<u>30-Jun</u>	<u>01-Jul</u>	<u>02-Jul</u>	<u>03-Jul</u>	<u>04-Jul</u>
Peter and Paul Galatians 3.23-end Luke 1.57-66, 80	Psalms 87 Judges 14 Luke 18.1-14	Psalms 119.105-128 Judges 15.1 – 16.3 Luke 18.15-30	Psalms 90 Judges 16.4-end Luke 18.31-end	Thomas the Apostle Ephesians 2.19-end John 20.24-29	Psalms 96 Judges 18.1-20 Luke 19.11-27
<u>06-Jul</u>	<u>07-Jul</u>	<u>08-Jul</u>	<u>09-Jul</u>	<u>10-Jul</u>	<u>11-Jul</u>
Psalms 98 1 Samuel 1.1-20 Luke 19.28-40	Psalms 106* (or 103) 1 Samuel 1.21 – 2.11 Luke 19.41-end	Psalms 110 1 Samuel 2.12-26 Luke 20.1-8	Psalms 113 1 Samuel 2.27-end Luke 20.9-19	Psalms 139 1 Samuel 3.1 – 4.1a Luke 20.20-26	Psalms 120 1 Samuel 4.1b-end Luke 20.27-40
<u>13-Jul</u>	<u>14-Jul</u>	<u>15-Jul</u>	<u>16-Jul</u>	<u>17-Jul</u>	<u>18-Jul</u>
Psalms 123 1 Samuel 5 Luke 20.41 – 21.4	Psalms 132 1 Samuel 6.1-16 Luke 21.5-19	Psalms 119.153-end 1 Samuel 7 Luke 21.20-28	Psalms 143 1 Samuel 8 Luke 21.29-end	Psalms 142 1 Samuel 9.1-14 Luke 22.1-13	Psalms 147 1 Samuel 9.15 – 10.1 Luke 22.14-23
<u>20-Jul</u>	<u>21-Jul</u>	<u>22-Jul</u>	<u>23-Jul</u>	<u>24-Jul</u>	<u>25-Jul</u>
Psalms 1 1 Samuel 10.1-16 Luke 22.24-30	Psalms 5 1 Samuel 10.17-end Luke 22.31-38	Mary Magdalene 2 Corinthians 5.14-17 John 20.1-2, 11-18	Psalms 14 1 Samuel 12 Luke 22.47-62	Psalms 17 1 Samuel 13.5-18 Luke 22.63-end	James the Apostle Acts 11.27 – 12.2 Matthew 20.20-28
<u>27-Jul</u>	<u>28-Jul</u>	<u>29-Jul</u>	<u>30-Jul</u>	<u>31-Jul</u>	<u>01-Aug</u>
Psalms 27 1 Samuel 14.24-46 Luke 23.13-25	Psalms 32 1 Samuel 15.1-23 Luke 23.26-43	Psalms 34 1 Samuel 16 Luke 23.44-56a	Psalms 37* 1 Samuel 17.1-30 Luke 23.56b – 24.12	Psalms 31 1 Samuel 17.31-54 Luke 24.13-35	Psalms 41 1 Samuel 17.55 – 18.16 Luke 24.36-end

Other Apps and websites that are worth exploring: 'Everyday Faith' , 'Our Daily Bread' 'Lectio 365' , 'Daily Prayer' , 'Word for Today'

Google search or find them on play store or Join Michelle online Tuesday - Saturday on Facebook: slightntheivinerastrick

See Page 11 for info regarding
July 20th onwards...

Monday Meet 2 pm – 4 pm

All Welcome

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, 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 (07756 035591)

St John the Divine - Rastrick Coffee & Cake

Hosted by
the Brownies
on the morning of



Saturday 11th July
From 10:00 - 12:00



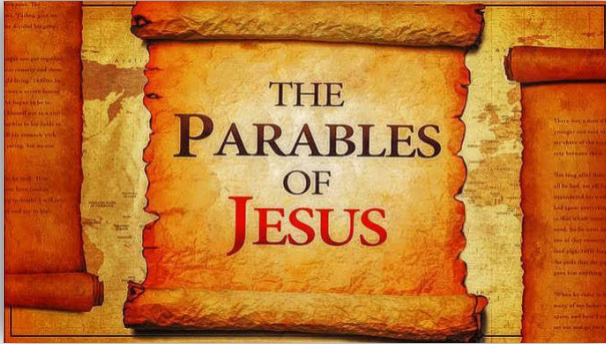
Go on a complaining fast

“Do not complain.” James 5:9 NCV

Whatever you keep doing becomes a habit. That’s why James says, ‘do not complain’. Author Jon Gordon says, ‘A complaining fast won’t just make everyone around you happier...you’ll experience more joy, peace, success and positive relationships.’ So instead of complaining when things go wrong: 1) Practise gratitude. Giving thanks for three blessings every day energises you and makes you feel happier. It’s impossible to be grateful and negative at the same time. 2) Encourage others. Instead of complaining about what people do wrong, focus on what they’re doing right. ‘Encourage the people who are afraid. Help those who are weak. Be patient with everyone’ (1 Thessalonians 5:14 NCV). It’s okay to criticise people’s weaknesses as long as you balance it with three times more praise. 3) Focus on your success. Start a success journal. Every night before you go to bed, write down something great about your day. It could be an uplifting conversation...or an accomplishment you’re proud of. There’s truth to the old saying, ‘Nothing succeeds like success.’ When you focus on success you set the stage for more to follow. 4) Learn to let go. Instead of obsessing about what you can’t change, focus on what you can influence. When you stop trying to control everything and place your life in God’s hands, things have a way of working out. 5) Use the power of prayer. Paul says, ‘Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.’ (Ephesians 6:18 NIV). Prayer reduces stress, boosts positive energy, and promotes health. When you’re under pressure, instead of complaining, plug in to God’s power and recharge your batteries.

Copies of Word for Today are available online or at the back of the church

Rastrick Benefice - Summer groups



Groups at home are a great way to get together informally and to have fellowship with friends we often only see on a Sunday morning. For 6 weeks during the summer, there will be two groups meeting, and both will explore what Jesus was really getting at when he told a parable.

Some of the parables have intricate characters and storylines, while others are moments of imagery. They contain a mix of encouragement, warnings and revelations—and all of them display the heart of God. Jesus told the parables to give us little windows through which to glimpse who God is and what His kingdom is like. And as such, Jesus had a specific meaning to convey in the stories He told. Each one enables us to reflect more deeply on individual aspects of God's character and ways. But that doesn't stop them from being tricky to get our heads around sometimes!

Starting:

Thursday, 16th July 10:30 am – 12:00 @ 7 Oaks Green Mount HD6 3LS
(Cherry Fancourt)

Monday, 20th July, 2 pm – 3:30 pm @ 50 Archbell Avenue, HD6 3SU
(Shirley Stow)

Each week we will look at different parables, drink tea or coffee, and eat cake, so if you are around all or part of the summer, why not come along and enjoy some faith, fun and fellowship in an informal (no expectations!) setting

For further information, get a lift or to confirm the location,
call Julia (07773334771) or Alan (07756035591)



MU MATTERS

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

This has been an amazing year for Mothers' Union. **It has been in existence for 150 years.** There are so many different celebrations taking place all over the world to mark this important milestone. We cannot attend everyone of them, but I pray that non-members must be aware of something in their area.

Membership is open to men and women, young and old, single or married. Only last week we enrolled a new Member and she is 100 years old! There are instances where MU works in partnership with other charities and organisations. This is due to our reputation as being reliable and having the ability to bring new skills and opportunities to different campaigns and fundraising events,



The movement began in 1876. Mary Sumner, the wife of a rector in Hampshire, formed a group to support mothers from all backgrounds in bringing up their children. After delivering a speech in 1885 in Portsmouth, she inspired many women present to go back to their parishes and set up similar groups.

Over time, the groups that met forged strong links with local people. They worked to support one another and give voice to disadvantaged women while addressing wider societal issues. Driven by Mary Sumner's passion the groups proved very popular.

From that single spark of an idea, a global movement was born – and MU has grown to 4 million members across 84 countries. Members continue working to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities around the world. At the heart of everything we do will remain our unwavering belief that faith and compassion can transform lives.

One of the many initiatives which has taken place is the existence of a Prayer Capsule which has moved around the Province of York and each

Diocese has added prayers. It is finally being taken by bicycle from York Minster to St Paul's Cathedral in London. Many Members are going to St Paul's in London to be part of this extraordinary journey and to witness its arrival in London.

We give thanks for all that MU has accomplished over the last 150 years, the work and dedication of all of its many volunteers and we pray that this endeavour will have assisted many people in their diverse struggles.

Supporting those in hospital...providing emergency essentials and knitting for prem babies. Wool and small items always welcome!

Gathering together donations for vulnerable men, women and children in refuges.

Prison visiting; cookery classes, mother and baby unit, supporting those who leave the prison; and providing cups of tea for visitors.

Fundraising and maintaining two caravans on the east coast for those who can't afford a break.

Sending clothes to orphanages, and wax candles for the soldiers in Ukraine in the trenches.

Many other initiatives which inspire and encourage others.

We invite you to be part of it. Whether you're passionate about justice, prayer, community outreach, or simply want to connect with people who care, then join us and join in.

I read this short reflection the other day..."you cannot see shadows unless there is a light." I pray that MU will lighten the shadows for the next 150 years.

Julia

First published in the Echo and Courier on Thursday 11 June.

Photos of the Province of York Prayer Capsule's journey overleaf.



**Service to receive
the Province of York Prayer Capsule
Dewsbury Minster - 27th May**



Cake!



*Bishop Smitha, MU Diocesan Chaplain
with Revd. Michelle Petch,
Huddersfield Episcopal Area Chaplain.*

The capsule reaches St Paul's



*Inside Emmanuel Centre in
Westminster at the start of the
150th Anniversary Gathering*



...and during



No comment!



MU Retreat at The Briery

24 members of the MU from branches right across the diocese of Leeds enjoyed the annual Quiet Days led by Rev'd Michelle, the MU Huddersfield Area Chaplain. The theme this year was 'Lighting the Way for Generations to Come'.



There was time for Bible study, prayer, worship in the chapel and a whole afternoon off to explore Ilkley or enjoy the gardens.

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and fun in lovely surroundings.

Rastrick Benefice Quiet Day

Friday 9th October

10 am. - 4:00 pm.

at:

**The Community of the Resurrection
Stocksbank Road
Mirfield
WF14 0BN**

**Lighting the way
for generations
to come**



Organised and led by Rev'd Michelle Petch

The cost this year will be £12.

Bring a packed lunch.

Numbers limited to 20, so book your place early

Further info and bookings contact admin@rastrickbenefice.org.uk

Missions & Charities

The May and June Coffee and Cake mornings raised £376-50 for Christian Aid and £246 for Turning Point. At our recent meeting, we agreed to make the donation to Christian Aid up to £500.

Christians in Calderdale Schools (CICS) volunteers work mainly in secondary schools across Calderdale including Brighouse. We agreed to send £500 to support the work.

Medecins sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) is an independent, international, medical, humanitarian organisation working in conflict areas across the world. Our £500 donation will help the work in Sudan, Lebanon, Gaza, Ukraine and other countries.

Thank you for your continued support. *Missions and Charities*

Coffee & Cake



Grateful thanks to all those who attended the coffee and cake morning on Saturday, 13th February, and to those who made donations on the Sunday morning. In total, £246 was raised for the work of The Turning Point Counselling Service in Brighouse. Most of the teams were taken in the World Cup sweep – the £20 prize for the World Cup winner will be presented at a special ceremony on Sunday, 26th July !!

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

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

- Custard
- Packets of mashed potato
- Tins of minced beef
- Cup-a-soups

Thank you so much for your support.

Rosemary & Norman



St. John's Rucksack Club

Sunday 5th July - HALF DAY WALK

Walk Leaders: June Bell and Lyn Nutton

Contact Details: 07519948033

Depart:

Meeting at St John's Church at 1.30 drive to Norwood Road Birkby

Distance: 3 miles

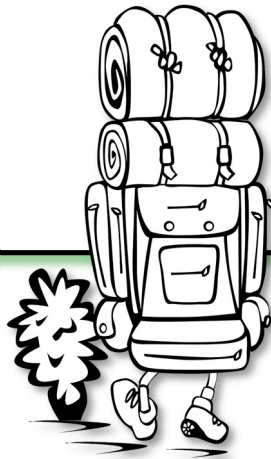
Details:

At the bottom of the Road is Birkby Health Centre HD2 2YD we will park at the top of this road near the wood.

We will proceed up Grimscar Valley with great views of surrounding area it is a steady incline but very good underfoot

At the top we will reach Birchencliffe where we will cross the main road to visit Birchencliffe Garden centre for toilet stop and a cuppa

Then proceed back down to the traffic lights at Birchencliffe to some road walking taking us back in to Grimscar valley where we will finish our circular walk



Saturday 25th July - FULL DAY WALK

Walk Leaders : Roger & Margaret Ellis - contact 07551 914243

Dales Walk Area: Littondale - Leaving the Queen's Pub in the direction of Spittle Croft, we follow a track which steadily ascends and contours around the slopes of Cow Close Fell towards Dawson Fell. We will have excellent views of Pen Y Ghent, eventually returning along the northern side of Pen-y-ghent Gill and dropping down to Nether Hesleden and following the river back 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 by 10th July to secure a booking at the pub.



What the Vicar has been doing

Just a selection...



Archdeacon's visitation
at Halifax Minster



MU Coffee Morning
at Margaret's



RBV craft session
Making fans



Missions & Charities
Meeting
at Cherry's house



Holiday in Scotland
(Ben Nevis in the
background)

Leading the START
course at St Matthew's

Start!



Service to receive
the Province of York
Prayer Capsule
Dewsbury Minster

Celebration 150 Years
of the MU
St Paul's Cathedral



Retreat Day
Himalayan Gardens



Led the MU Retreat at the Briery, Ilkley

A Quiet Day at the Himalayan Gardens

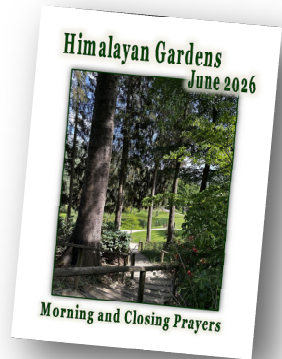


What do you do when the wonderful retreat at the Himalayan Gardens and Sculpture Park (*led by the Diocesan Spiritual Directors*) in 2025 is not open for general church members in 2026? You organise your own! Having gained so much from our retreat day in 2025, Rev'd Michelle took Margaret (Ellis),

Margaret (Brown) and myself, along with Gail from the Dales, back to these amazing gardens near Ripon where she lead her own retreat day.

Although the weather on the days either side was anything but good, God blessed us with sunshine on our special day, and we were able to enjoy his wonderful creation in these beautiful surroundings.

Starting and ending the day with prayers (and with a bit of 'homework' for us during the afternoon) we spent our time totally immersed in the beauty, grandeur and solace found at this wonderful location.



Before lunch we wandered as a group, enjoying as much as we could of the 45 acres of stunning woodland and gardens, and where a fair amount of consulting plant identification apps took place!

Meconopsis Poppy



The Himalayan Gardens are also home to a variety of permanent and temporary sculptures, some quite thought-provoking, such as at the 'Logs of Dialogue' which inspired a Sunday sermon from Michelle last year.



After a lovely lunch together in the cafe (*I can recommend!*) the afternoon was spent in individual thought, contemplation and prayer as we wandered on our own or found a particular spot or bench from which to look and think.

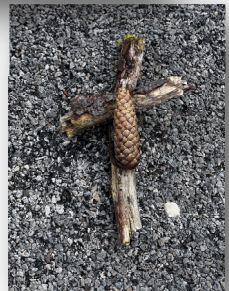
Finally we met again for Closing Prayers and to share our thoughts from our 'homework', before leaving for Rastrick.

Thank you Michelle for arranging and leading this wonderful opportunity for both spiritual and physical refreshment.

Pam



*Margaret B's cross -
made from broken
twigs and a pine cone.*



See also Margaret E's article on page 24

Self-Made Man by William Harding

Rev. Michelle, Pam, Margaret Brown and I recently returned to the award-winning Himalayan Gardens and Sculpture Park set in beautiful countryside between Masham and Ripon in North Yorkshire. There are many new temporary sculptures on display as well as many permanent ones. The picture below shows one of them which made me consider the meanings of a 'self-made man'.

The 'self-made man' is a cultural idea that individuals can achieve financial, political or professional success entirely through their own grit, talent and hard work without external assistance or inherited privilege. Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Carnegie, Alan Sugar and Richard Branson are some of many famous individuals who played major roles in shaping the success ideal or were associated with it in the public mind.



There is no such thing as a self-made man. There are those who are successful, those who work hard. There are those who overcome enormous odds, but nobody does it alone. Nobody makes him or herself. We are made by one another. Whatever success we find in life, we are called to be grateful and generous to all those around us who made it possible. We don't have to walk alone or pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps. We were born for community, to lean on one another and care for all those around us.

The sculpture represents the ongoing process of self-creation and personal development. The empty space down the middle suggests the raw, unfinished and uncarved potential that remains to be shaped.

It symbolizes that our future, values and character are works in progress, constantly being whittled away and moulded over time by our own choices and actions.

Above all in the words of Psalm 100 verse 3, 'Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of the pasture.'

John 15:5 states: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Margaret Ellis

**FLOWERS
FOR A SPECIAL MEMORY**

Thank you to

**Anne Beaumont
Margaret Hitchcock**

for donating monies
to the Flower Fund in June
It is much appreciated

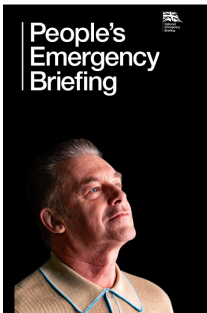




ECO Group

People's Emergency Briefing Film on the Climate and Nature Crisis – Saturday 6 June

A total of about 35 people attended this event held in St John's Community Hall. This 50-minute film consists of a series of brief extracts taken from the Parliamentary Emergency Briefing for our politicians that was held in Autumn 2025 in Westminster Hall. A range of experts in their fields spoke at that event and that range was reflected in the short film we saw. It included climate scientists, economists, an emergency doctor and a military specialist. The aim of the original event was to bring to the notice of our politicians the true scale of what we are now facing with climate breakdown. Chris Packham introduced the original Parliamentary Briefing and he did the same for the film we saw.



Between the talks Chris had a discussion with guests (celebrities and members of the public) about the points made. This film has been designed to be watched by the general population of the UK. The UK has some specific challenges to face, but we are also well-placed to do something about them. The message overall was sobering, but offered some hope if we take action.

Amongst the many points that gave the audience particular cause for thought was what would happen in the UK if the Atlantic Gulf Stream "turns off". There are credible climate change models that predict that happening as a result of climate change. This would result in VERY cold winters, yet hot summers, making it impossible to grow crops here. There would be insufficient rainfall to sustain our population's water needs.

Other points made included

There are claims that in the UK we cannot afford net zero. In fact, it is very affordable. It would cost £4 billion per year (0.2% of GDP) and if we had decarbonised more quickly, we would have already saved much more than this.

We have a 5th of the world's wind generating capacity.

Polls show that 83% of us want more climate action. MPs underestimate this desire.

At the end of the showing, after a brief discussion, we all had the opportunity to sign a letter to our MP calling for a National Televised Public Emergency Briefing on Climate and Nature (essentially making this film available to all on terrestrial TV). If people wanted to write their own personal letter instead, we were encouraged to do this. Copies of the proforma letters from the film showing will be available at the back of church should you wish to pick one up, sign it and send it to your MP (for most of us that will be Josh Fenton- Glynn). If you would prefer to send your own letter please do. Keep it brief, but personal. Use your own words to say why you are concerned about what the climate and nature crisis means for the UK, but also perhaps for you or your young relatives. Ask Josh to join Parliament's call for the Government to stage a televised emergency briefing which might just help combat some of the misinformation out there. You must include your name, address and postcode. **His contact details are: Josh Fenton-Glynn, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Email: josh.fentonglynn.mp@parliament.uk**

Rosemary & Norman Lake on behalf of Eco-group

STOP PRESS! New total



Thank you for the donations to Christian Aid.

£600.00 has been sent to the charity. *Christine Whitaker*



HUDDERSFIELD MEN'S VOICES

present

SUMMER SERENADE

With their Guest

SARAH OGDEN

(Mezzo Soprano)

Musical Director: James W Morgan

Accompanist: Jane Robertson

Saturday 11th July at St. John the Divine, St John's Street
HD6 1HT. Commencing 7:15 pm, Doors open 6:30 pm.

Refreshments available

Tickets £12 Children free, available from:

Ryecorn Wholefoods, 33 Bethel Street, Brighouse

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Church Coffee Mornings

Coffee & Cake!

Held on the second Saturday each month. 10:00 - 12:00

Here's the complete list for the year.

January 10th:	Hosted by the Wednesday Nighters ✓
February 14th:	Hosted by the Church Musicians ✓
March 14th:	Hosted by Missions & Charities ✓
April 11th:	Hosted by Wednesday Nighters ✓
May 9th:	Christian Aid ✓
June 13th:	Turning Point ✓
July 11th:	Hosted by the Brownies
August 8th:	Hosted by the Mothers' Union
September 12th:	Hosted by the Mara Group
October 10th:	Hosted by the Rucksack Club
November 14th:	Hosted by the ECO Group
December 12th:	Hosted by the Mothers' Union



Here we go again



Another Prime Minister after so short a time in office. If we were interviewing for a prestigious job in Industry or a Financial business, whether NHS or Bank of England, I would like to think that the most qualified and capable person, with good references to back them, would be chosen. What qualifications does a Prime Minister have to have? Perhaps leadership and organisation skills and the ability to choose the best people for the posts in handling Balance Sheets, Health Care, Education, Defence, etc. People who are competent and experienced for the important Ministerial roles they are given. I do not think their political opinions should be a major priority, although I appreciate this could be a benefit. Handling the country's affairs in all categories is essential. When running a successful business of any kind it is important to balance the books; how much things cost to supply, how the money is raised, the selling price and resulting profit. External competition is another threat.

I would like to think that we are a democratic country; allowing people with enterprise and ability to make a profit and less able people to give practical help according to their skills. We need each other - those who can provide work for those who can provide skills and labour in varying degrees. No job should be looked down on or looked up to and envied. We need each other. I can remember after each year of service we would be considered for a rise and more often than not a certain amount would be granted. Later things went haywire when we were given percentage rises on our salaries, which meant the more you earned the larger your rise. Now we have Strikes to obtain increased salary. Where does this money come from? In private enterprise the selling price is increased, in public ownership the taxes are increased. There is always cause and affect. Even with household accounts, if we don't budget and prioritise, we soon come into debt. We are not all equally supported from birth but many of our most wealthy people have risen above poor, challenging backgrounds and achieved success through hard work and being entrepreneurs.

Back to the forthcoming new Prime Minister and his/her Government Ministers, I pray each of them has the highest skill for their particular role, and sensitivity on how to apply it so that they encourage us all to work together, even those with limited abilities or language difficulties. It is not going to be easy but with the right motives I like to think it can be achieved. We have to look on the Bright Side.....

Shirley

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'. Deadline: Saturday 25th July.

Thank you for all of your suggestions.

The winning caption for last month's photo was sent in by

Gail Crisp

and was chosen by Rev'd Michelle.



**"Hello little friend! Are you lost?
Well now you're found!"**

Eco Church - Swap Stall

The next
Eco Church
Swap Stall
is on:

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th July



COFFEE & CAKE

The next Coffee & Cake in Church
will be on **Saturday 11th July** 10.00-12.00.
Hosted by **The Brownies**



COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch
will be on **Tuesday 7th July**, 12:00
Followed by the Reminiscent Cinema, 1:30



Music News

Just a snippet this month...

Thank you to everyone who came to our 'Gloria' Concert.
We raised £390 for Church, which included the hire fee
and after sharing the profits with the WAM Choir and the
Gerrard Sinfonia. Well done Everyone!

Sam



Beer Festival



We are now preparing for this year's Beer Festival, which will take place on 18th and 19th September 2026. As you know, the festival plays an important role in supporting the work of St John's and a chosen local charity, which in 2026 will be the Cromwell Bottom Local Nature Reserve. The festival is also a great way to bring our community together by creating a welcoming space where people can enjoy time together.

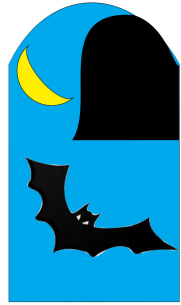
There are several ways you can support:

- Tell your family and friends to put the date in their diaries and plan to spend time with them over the weekend.
- Take posters (available in church) to local shops, cafes, and places where people gather.
- Take a pile of fliers from church to hand out to friends, family, and neighbours.
- Follow and share us on Facebook: search for 'St. John's Beer Festival'.
- Offer to help over the weekend – we need lots of volunteers – details later.
- Consider sponsoring the festival. (details in church)

Alan

PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Beltry

Summer's in full swing. Holidays abound.
Try these two in a quiet moment whilst sunning
yourselves



26 – 13 Ditloids

Can you work out the phrases from the following
expressions.

1) 2 = OEPN 2) 4 = H of the A 3) 7 = H of R 4) 12 = A at
the LS 5) 15 = M on a DMC 6) 20 = Q in a R 7) 66 = B of
the B 8) 118 = E in the PT 9) 8 = N in an O 10) 3 = T a L

26 – 14 Sudoku

Can you solve the following. The rules to play Sudoku are quite
simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and
each of the nine 3x3 grids contain ONE instance of each of the
numbers 1 to 9.

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			1					8
				2			1	7
1								4
	9			3	7	5		
		6	2				9	
6		8		5		9		2
					3			
	3	4	8	6				

Last month's answers

26 – 11 Endangered

The answers are highlighted in red

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A	T	E	K	C	I	R	C	R	E	T	I	B	T	R	A	W	L	A	R
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S	B	O	L	E	R	R	I	U	Q	S	D	E	R	S	R	T	E	T	M

The twenty second creature was – Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly
(which was the butterfly illustrated on the page)

26 – 12 MMM...Thinks

1) Answer: “I will be killed by trampling of wild buffalo.” This stumped the king because if it’s true, he’ll be killed by lions, which would render the statement not true. If it’s a lie, he’d be killed by wild buffalo, which would make it a truth. Since the king had no solution, he had to let the man go.

2) Answer: Black. The man in front knew he and the middle man aren’t both wearing white hats or the man in the back would have known he had a black hat (since there are only two white hats). The man in front also knows the middle man didn’t see him with a white hat because if he did, based on the tallest man’s answer, the middle man would have known he himself was wearing a black hat. So, the man in front knows his hat must be black.

3) Answer: There may be a couple of variations that will work, but here’s one way: Chris and Dusty row across (combined 100kg), and Dusty returns. Alex rows over, and Chris returns. Chris and Dusty row across again, and Dusty returns. Brook rows across with the supplies (combined 100kg), and Chris returns. Chris and Dusty row across again.

MORE NEXT MONTH

Just a reminder...

I’m very careful that all the images I use myself in the magazine are with permission or copyright free. If you send me items with images, I’m leaving that responsibility to you. Pam

SHIRLEY....

We Can – We Will

This was our school motto. How very true it is, if we try and feel positive.

Recently I had made an appointment for some physiotherapy for my back, which was causing pain. As the physiotherapist was recommended by a friend, they suggested they took me the first visit and actually took me a second time too. On my third appointment they were unable to take me. As a passenger in the past, I hadn't taken a great deal of notice of the route, which was via Ainley Top, then at the first exit turn left and straight down. At some point I remembered they took a left turn, then another turn and from there I was not too sure, as the road seemed to double back somehow!



I wondered what to do, Should I order a taxi, ask another friend or drive myself? I checked on line the RAC/AA route to the address, which I didn't know previously was a Huddersfield postcode! Why go to Ainley Top, I wondered? Although my car is old, it does have a sat nav, so I put in the Post Code and realised the route was less complicated towards the end compared to the other one. Although I was nervous, and the Post Code covered a large area in the town centre, I decided I would trust the route. I could always ask directions if I was reasonably near.

As I haven't been to Huddersfield for a long time, I set off earlier than necessary, just to make sure. Lucky I did because of the roadworks being carried out. Carefully, I negotiated the single line traffic barriers, traffic lights and all instructions from sat nav and arrived early for my appointment. I am glad I did. I had time to read my Kindle and relax ready for the therapy.

It was easier on my return to find my way and I felt very proud of myself for overcoming my fear. It would have been so easy to give in and take an alternative solution. I realise now, ***I could and I did.*** Just like our school motto declared!

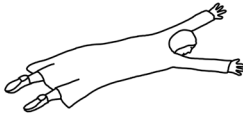
Shirley

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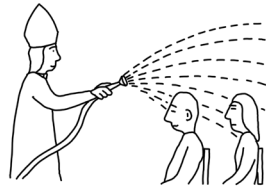
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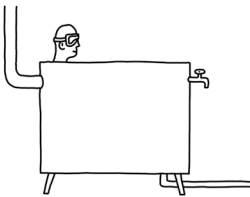
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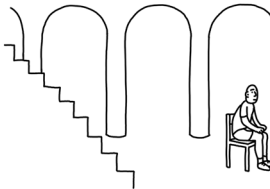
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COLD WATER TANK
BY FULL IMMERSION



MENTATION IN
THE CRYPT



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JULY



Thursday 2nd

David Price FRCO (CHM) Organ Concert 7:30

Saturday 4th

START- St Matthew's 10:00

Sunday 5th

Rucksack Club Half Day Walk: Depart Church 1:30

Monday 6th *(and every Monday till 20th)*

Monday Meet. 50 Archbell Ave. 2:00-4:00

Tuesday 7th

Community Lunch & Reminiscent Cinema 12:00

Saturday 11th

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

Swap Stall

START- St Matthew's 10:00

Huddersfield Men's Voices - Summer Serenade 7:15

Sunday 12th

BSL Service 12:15

Swap Stall

Thursday 16th *(and next 5 Thursdays)*

Home Group - The Parables of Jesus (See p.11) 10:30-12:00

Saturday 18th

START- St. Matthew's 10:00

Sunday 19th

Prayer Ministry during the service

Monday 20th *(and next 5 Mondays)*

Home Group - The Parables of Jesus (See p.11) 2:00-3:30

Saturday 25th

Rucksack Club Full Day Walk: Depart Church 9:00

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