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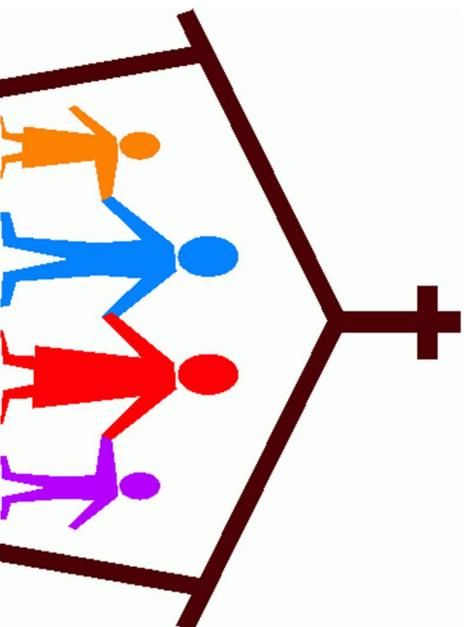
After an absence of about 12 months we are pleased to issue our new Look Church Magazine which will be issued bimonthly. As with the previous format we have endeavoured to bring you all the information you need outside of our weekly news sheets along with interesting articles, details of group events, recipes, experiences and much more. This first issue is to 'test the water'... which articles are popular? What would you like to see that we may not have included? This is our magazine and for it to be successful we need your help/opinions.

If you have something you would like to contribute, please let us know. If you are not confident in your creative writing but have some good ideas or a story you really want to tell then speak to Pete or myself and we will work together.

We would like to have a core of regular items such as recipes, gardening tips, upcoming events both within the church and further afield. So in the words of Worzel Gummidge 'get your thinking heads on'! We hope you enjoy our first issue.

Vicky Ormrod

Please contact Peter p.gorman4@ntlworld.com & Vicky vxormrod@hotmail.com with any information or feedback.



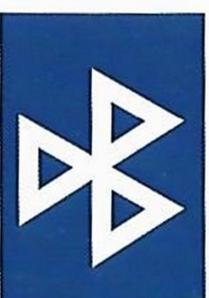
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Journey into the Unknown

I have called this piece Journey into the unknown, because that was exactly what it was. For Pauline and I, were dipping our toes for the first time into the world of coach tour holidays.

It started innocently enough, when I spied an advertisement in the local paper for weekends in Scotland and a conversation with our very own congregation members Dorothy and Ken. They told me about coach trip to Scotland they had taken on an extremely good value 5-day holiday. I thought to myself mmm, I'll have some of that.

Anyway, we didn't go on the holiday I saw in the paper, I looked on line to see what Shearing's had to offer and I booked a weekend away to Braemar at a very reasonable price for 3 night's dinner bed and breakfast and a coach tour on the Saturday.

So, there we were on the chosen day April 13th, it didn't enter my head that it was Friday 13th. We duly arrived at Bolton bus station 8.20 in the morning to pick up our coach for departure at 8.40. When it arrived we duly got on, with one other passenger, who was travelling to Oban.

Now, one thing you have to know is I don't travel very well, in fact I can't put my head down when traveling in a coach or car without feeling very nauseous or as my mother used to write when giving my reasons for not attending school bilious. To this day I don't where she pulled that word from, I suppose she must have read it somewhere and thought that's a good word, and I'll use that whenever appropriate.

Anyway, suffice to say I didn't have a very good journey. First, we went all round the houses, picking up one couple here, one couple there, Wigan, Chorley, Preston, Penrith, without touching a motorway. We ended up with 5 couples and one single man and I thought to myself, how can this company afford this.

Some 4 hours after leaving Bolton, we crossed the Scottish border, I didn't see one sign saying no English allowed, and so that was a good start. I don't know whether you know anything about coach tours but they all go to what's called an interchange. Ours was Gretha Green and when we got there it was heaving with people and they were all going south. I thought to myself, I didn't think it was that bad in Scotland according to the SNP it's a land of milk and honey. It turns out there were a lot of stag and hen party's going to Blackpool and others on route to the Grand National and they were all getting into the party spirit.

I don't know whether you know what an interchange is but I'll tell you anyway. It's where a load of people gets off a bus going to somewhere and swap with a load of people on a bus coming from somewhere and the seats don't have time to get cold.

In a very short time with a full coach this time, we were on our way again, driven by a very nice English lady from Morecambe who now lives in Scotland

I suppose they must have thought her worthy of a residency permit. She must have told them she would vote for an independent Scotland. This time we went on the motorway until we got to just before Perth, where our driver left the motorway to avoid heavy traffic. That's were my problems really started.

We went down these little country lanes, I thought to myself, this hasn't been too bad so far apart from Shap it's been quite flat and relatively smooth going. If I had actually spoken the words instead of thinking them, you could say I spoke to soon. As we got higher and higher the bends got sharper and sharper, I kid you not, and she was throwing that coach round those bends like she was driving around Silverstone. I was waiting for the oxygen masks to fall down. To make matters worse, the mist had come down and visibility was down to a few feet, so there was no chance of looking to the horizon like you can do on a ship. My stomach was doing cartwheels; I could feel myself going green and not a carrier bag in sight. We reached the top and what a relief, the road down the other side was relatively easy and 30 minutes later about 6pm, we arrived at our destination our hotel in Braemar, which incidentally was where our lady driver now lived. I don't know what I expected but it was very, very small, if you blinked when you drove through it, you would have missed it.

A journey into the unknown is not strictly true; I had previously been to Scotland in my early teens. Once camping with the Boy's Brigade and when I was what is now known as an anorak, that is like many of my generation I collected train numbers and went on an organised trip over one Easter weekend with a rail enthusiasts club. Still, this was my first trip as an adult some 50+ years later.

To continue, we arrived at our hotel on the Friday night, numb bummed after a total of 8 hours on a coach. The hotel was called the Invercauld Hotel, which is leased by Shearing's from its owner an American billionaire, more about him later. The hotel was built as a coaching inn in 1645, its main claim to fame is that on the site in 1715, the Standard for the Jacobite rebellion was raised by 6th Earl of Mar, the Laird of Braemar Castle. After a very nice 3 course meal and a leisurely drink in the bar afterwards, we retired to our comfortable but small room, to get a good night's sleep in readiness for the following day's excursion to Aberdeen.

About 9.30 am the following morning, on a brilliantly sunny day, the coach arrived outside the hotel. We were soon on our way, with a commentary on interesting sites from our knowledgeable lady driver. First off was a few hundred yards from the hotel, Braemar Castle, followed a few miles away Balmoral, did you know that if you visit you are only allowed in one room, the ballroom, which holds some exhibits, all other rooms are off limits as Balmoral is a royal residence.

Our journey continued to the little town of Ballater a few miles from Balmoral, the High Street boasts many shops which have Royal warrants, due to the Royal family shopping their when in residence.

The cobbled old city is worth visiting, especially St Machar's Cathedral, a site of worship since 580 AD. It is best visiting on foot because parking space is more than a little sparse.

Duthie Park, designated a world heritage site in 2006 is also worth a visit. Visit the sea front, the beach, yes, the beach it's not that far away, look out into the bay and you may see the resident pod of dolphins frolicking with each other on the horizon, then again you mightn't, we didn't.

The shopping is very good, quite a large shopping centre, there are also quite a few museums and of course Pitodrie, the home of Aberdeen FC to visit.

Back at the hotel it was time to have a bit of a rest, before dinner. This time though we visited a local hostelry, where the alcohol was cheaper, always keen to save a few bob.

Sunday we were left to our own devices, as our driver had the day off.

After reading the Sunday Mail, do you know up there, they only have Scottish news, what happened to news from south of the border. They didn't even have premiership match reports, Philistines.

Anyway, we decided to visit Braemar Castle, thankfully within walking distance.

It was built in 1628 by the 2nd Earl of Mar as a hunting lodge. In the 17th and 18th centuries, the rebel Jacobites, attempted to overthrow the British crown with 4 uprisings. After the first rebellion in 1689 the castle was torched. After the rebellion of 1715, the 6th Earl of Mar fled and his estate was confiscated by the Crown and used by the army to enforce the law. In 1732 the castle was acquired by the Chief of the Clan Farquharson, who transformed it into a family home. They have subsequently played hosts to an array of dazzling guests including Queen Victoria.

Today, Braemar Castle has been run by the local community, who took over the running of the castle in 2007, restored the crumbling castle and brought it back to life. They have restored and refurnished 12 rooms, accessed by a spiral staircase, with original furniture loaned by the owner, who bought the furniture when it was auctioned off. Every day throughout the summer there are two re-enactments of a fight between the redcoats and clansmen for the entertainment of visitors. It is well worth a visit to see what is, in effect a 1950's time capsule, with rooms furnished as it used to be when the family last used it to entertain their guests.

Braemar itself, I am sure you all know is famous for the Braemar Games which take place on the first Saturday in September and is often attended by her majesty the Queen and the Royal family. It is here that you will be able to see such sports as tossing the caber, throwing the hammer and putting the stone, together with pipe bands, tug of war and hill running.

Braemar itself, though not very big, is still very quaint, with quite a few gift shops to look around, a shop selling Scottish tartan, a very nice bistro and a café overlooking the fast flowing River Don. It also boasts a railway station, which has never seen a train.

Apparently, it was built in anticipation of the railway being extended from Ballater to Braemar. However, Queen Victoria, who had a great distaste for the railways, decreed that the line should stop at Ballater, so it was never used. There are numerous hotels and guest houses in the area, for those who would like to use Braemar as a base for touring the Highlands

Now returning to that American billionaire, apparently he was visiting the area and took a shine to Braemar. He went into the Fife Arms Hotel in the centre of town, went up to the owner and said I want to buy your hotel. The owner said you have it wrong, it's the Invercauld Hotel that for sale. The billionaire said no it's you that's got it wrong. I want to buy your hotel. Suffice to say, he finally got his way and his now converting it into a luxury 5 star hotel, to accommodate his rich friends. Not content with that, he has now bought up a great many buildings in Braemar including the Invercauld Hotel, the Railway Station and is busy creating luxury apartments in other buildings he now owns. It seems us poor visitors will only have a fleeting glimpse of somewhere where once we could stay for a few days.

On Monday morning, we were up at the crack of dawn; I say that because I was up at 6am to take some travel sickness tablets 2hrs before departure. After an early breakfast at 8am we started our journey back home to Bolton. I'm not sure my bottom will ever recover from the experience.

By Peter Gorman

GARDENING TIP



As soon as flowers fade and drop their petals, cut off their heads. Regular dead-heading will encourage the plants to keep flowering.



Alzheimer's Cupcake Day

On Sunday 10th of August our WAG's group organised a cupcake sale in aid of the Alzheimer's Society to coincide with their national Cupcake Day on the 14th June. It was a great success and together with online donations we raised a wonderful **£215.75**. On behalf of all the WAGs ladies I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported this event in any way.

As most members of the congregation know, this is a cause very close to my heart, having lost both my grandma & my dad to this dreadfully cruel disease, within a month of one another earlier this year. I think most of us can say that they care for or know of someone who has been affected by Alzheimer's or Dementia in some way.

Fundraising such as this helps support local services and research. The Alzheimer's Society fights for the rights of everyone affected by dementia, raising awareness, keeping it at the top of the political agenda & pushing for a more dementia friendly society so that people with the condition can live without fear and prejudice and their carers get the help and support they need.

If you have concerns or need advice please contact the Alzheimer's Society's National Dementia Helpline On **0300 222 1122** or visit www.alzheimers.org.uk for more information.

Our local Clinic is The Ribchester Centre, Parsons Lane, Bury (the old Bardoc) [Tel: 0161 763 990](tel:0161763990)

Vicky Ormrod

Dangerous times for Pakistani Christians.

Christians are a minority in Pakistan, because Pakistan is a Muslim country. The Pakistani Christian is often discriminated against because of their faith. I have personally experienced discrimination in Pakistan.

Religious discrimination is a serious issue in modern day Pakistan. Pakistani Christians are routinely discriminated against. They are at times refused jobs, loans, housing and other similar things simply because of their choice of religious faith. Pakistani Christian churches and their worshippers are often attacked and they are discriminated against by their neighbours and by their fellow workers in the work place. Lots of Pakistani Christians no matter how well educated are forced to take menial jobs, because they are refused the jobs for which their education would ordinarily make them suited.

Many Pakistani Christians are placed under great pressure convert to Islam, but the stigma of once being a Christian remains with them and the discrimination continues.

In May, the Pakistani Government passed a bill that made it mandatory for Qur'anic teachings to be taught in all schools and colleges. This will promote bigotry and hatred against non-muslims in Pakistani Society, something which is already on the rise.

Below are just two instances, which highlight the danger and threat that Pakistani Christians face in following their religion in Pakistan.

Asia Bibi is suffering in Pakistan, just because she drank some water out of a cup, which had been used by a Muslim lady. This itself is not a crime in Pakistan. However, the Muslim lady because of a family feud, told the police that Asia Bibi had said bad things about the prophet Mohammed.

The police believed her and arrested Asia for blasphemy. At her trial in a local court in 2010, a judge, sentenced her to death by hanging and she was imprisoned. Despite numerous appeals, she is still in prison to this day.

Two politicians who advocated her release were assassinated for their views.

The second instance, which involved Shama Bibi and her husband Shanzad Masih, is a more extreme example of the fate which can befall Christians at the hands of the majority Muslim population.

Shama, who was four months pregnant and her husband, were accused of blasphemy. The crowd accused them of burning pages of the Quran. They were attacked, badly beaten and their bodies incinerated in a brick kiln. After there deaths it emerged they had been falsely accused.

Five people have since been tried and sentenced to hang for their murder, eight others were sentenced to 2 years imprisonment. Over 90 people were acquitted by the court.

This is how badly Christians are treated in Pakistan. I dearly wish, that I could do something to help them.

God created Man, so that all nations, could love, not kill one another, so that all religions could live side by side in peace and harmony.

Sadly, this is not the case.

Mewish Naskir.

Postscript:

How many of us, who live in the United Kingdom, which is a Christian country, would be prepared to sacrifice their well being or their lives for their faith.

At a time when church congregations are decreasing and the general population, no longer sees the church as a necessary or even minor part of their lives.

How many of us, could hand on heart say that this is what they would be prepared to do?

I am not sure I could, but then again, I don't have to make that decision because I live in a tolerant country, where all faiths are welcome.

May be, we as Christians, need to exam what our faith means to us and what we would be prepared to suffer for that faith.

Is it, that many of us, now live in our own little comfort zones, no longer suffering the hardships that our parents and grandparents did. For whom the community of the church was a comfort and support.

Do we live in a society that feels that it no longer needs the church to provide these things?

Have we now become immune to those unfortunates, who still need that comfort and support, to make their daily lives bearable?

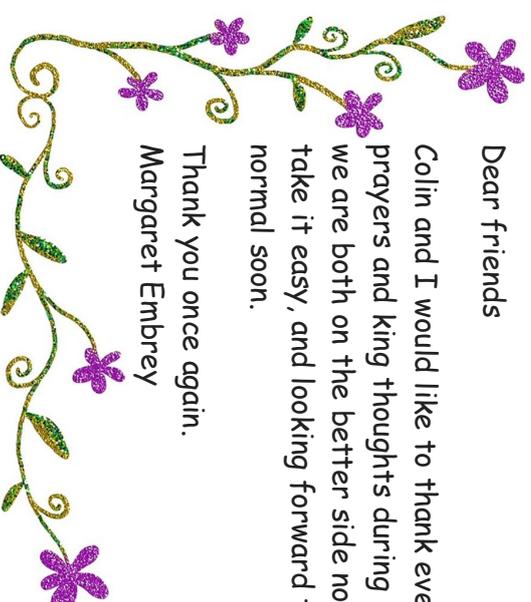
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Dear friends

Colin and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind thoughts during the last 12 months, we are both on the better side now and trying to take it easy, and looking forward to being back to normal soon.

Thank you once again.

Margaret Embrey



Parish Register

July-August

Holy Baptism

Florence Jones
Ella Rose Eckersley

Wedding

John Williamson & Gemma Watts

Funeral

n/a



What's Happening.....

Dates for your diary

July	August
1 st 9.30am Sunday Communion. 1pm Baptism Florence Jones	1 st 10am Wednesday Communion at St Mary's
3 rd 7.30pm Healing Service at St TJ's.	3 rd Strawberry Fayre at St Mary's tbc
4 th 10am Wednesday Communion at St Mary's.	5 th 9.30am Sunday Communion
6 th 2-4pm Garden Party, 32 Wilton Gardens.	7 th 7.30pm Healing Service at St TJ's
8 th 9.30am Sunday Communion.	8 th 10am Wednesday Communion at St TJ's
11 th 10am Wednesday Communion at St TJ's	9 th 6.30pm Pilgrim Course at St TJ's
13 th 6.30pm Pilgrim Course at St TJ's	11 th 11am-1pm Saturday Café at St Mary's
14 th 11am-1pm Saturday Café at St Mary's	12 th 9.30am Sunday communion at St TJ's
15 th 9.30am Sunday Communion	15 th 10am Wednesday Communion at St Mary's
18 th 10am Wednesday Communion at St Mary's	18 th 2pm Wedding. John Willianson/Gemma Watts
22 nd 9.30pm Sunday Communion	19 th 9.30am Sunday Eucharist at St Mary's
25 th 10am Wednesday Communion at St TJ's	22 nd 10am Wednesday Communion at St Mary's
27 th 7pm Mother's Union meeting at St Mary's	24 th 6.30pm Pilgrim Course at St TJ's
29 th 9.30am Sunday Communion at St Mary's	26 th 9.30am Sunday Communion at St Mary's Baptism, Ella Rose Eckerlesley 10am Wednesday Communion at St TJ's

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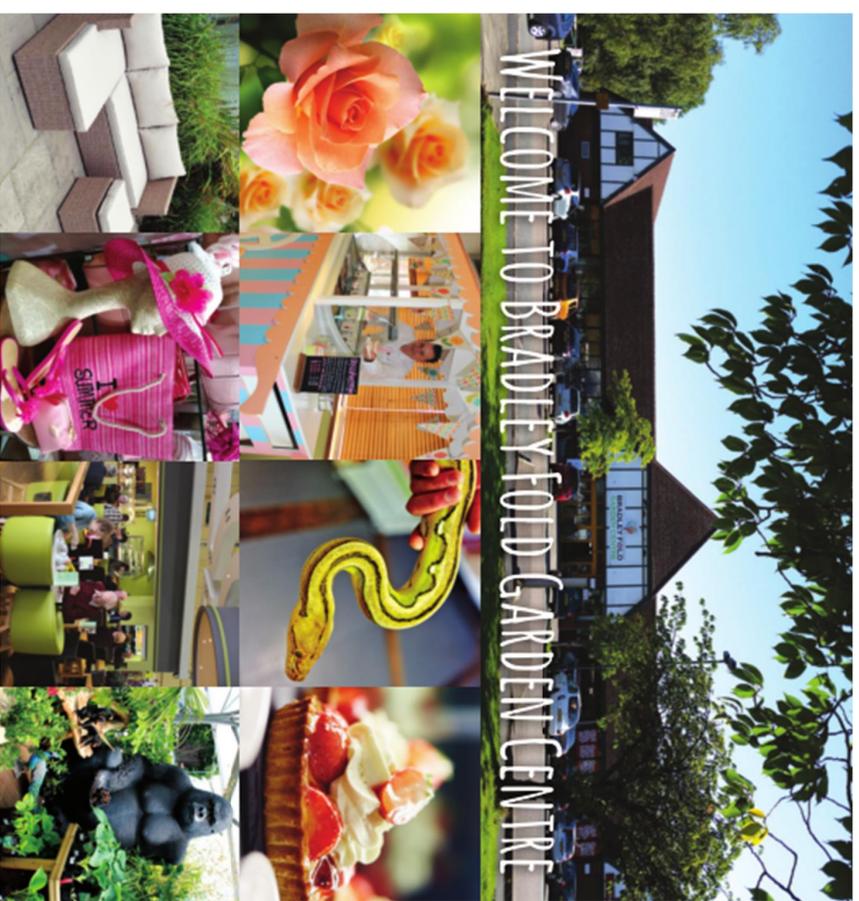
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St Mary's is blessed to have both an excellently trained flower arranger and trained florist in Barbara and Pat, who create the wonderful flower arrangements, which adorn our church throughout the year.

Floral arrangements are displayed in church, in memory of loved ones, who have passed away. A rota can be found in church on the large table next to the entrance to the kitchen, on which congregation members and the public, can place their names against the dates upon which they would like their loved ones remembered.

Anyone interested, should contact either Barbara or Pat either at church on a Sunday morning or on the telephone numbers provided below, to arrange for payment and the preferred colour scheme, prior to their chosen dates. Every endeavour will be made meet your requests. The current cost to use this service is £25, this payment is used to purchase the flowers used in the displays.

Barbara and Pat, recently produced a floral display in St Stephen's Church, Elton, at their recent Flower Festival to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the installation of their church organ. It was one of many beautiful flower arrangements created in St Stephen's to mark the occasion.

A picture of their display can be seen below.

They have also in the past, created displays at other flower festivals at our own St Mary's, Manchester Cathedral, St Matthew's Church, Little Lever, All Saints Church, Stand and St Thomas and St John, Radcliffe, to name but a few. We at St Mary's are very fortunate to have such talented, creative and imaginative members of our church community.

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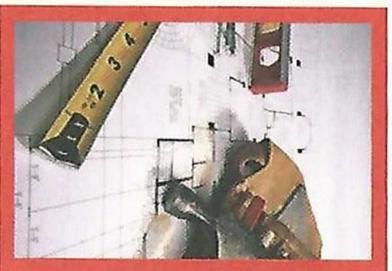
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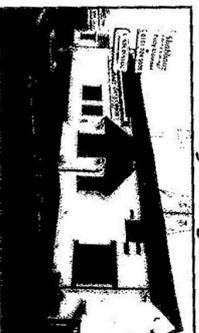
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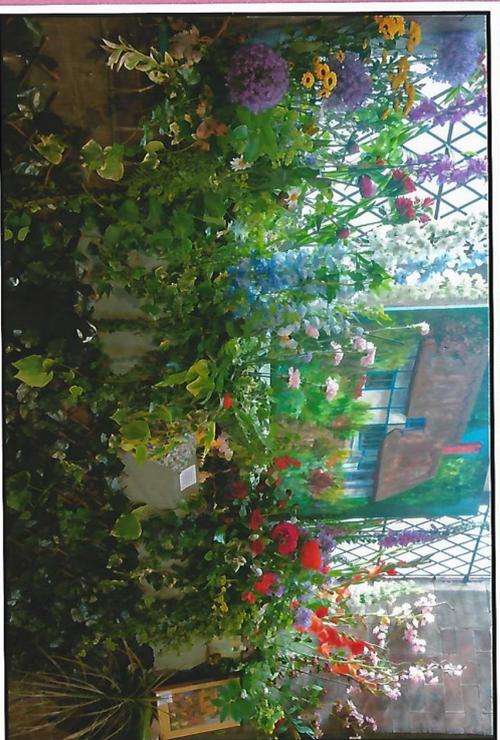
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St Stephen's Flower Festival
Music in Bloom

The display shown was requested by Lorraine Higham in memory of her Mother and Father in-laws wedding anniversary.

Should you wish to have your loved one remembered in church, please enter your names alongside your preferred dates on the rota and contact either Barbara or Pat, on the following numbers:

Barbara:- 0161 723 2546.

Pat:- mobile number, 07876 702 305.



Summer Fayre -16th June 2018

Thank you to everyone who ventured out in the rain to come to our Summer Fayre. We had a great time and it was fantastic to see so many old and new faces at St Mary's.

The smartly dressed Town Crier made sure everyone knew that the Fayre was open with the ringing of his bell and town cry.

Tutti Fluti & Bury Grammer Flute group came to support us and they enchanted us with the beautiful music they played during the Fayre.

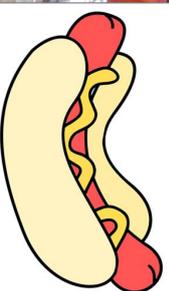
We had 5 gorgeous cakes entered into our cake competition and Marion and Olivia took 1st prizes, well done to both.

We ate some lovely food, with cakes, biryani rice, hot dogs and black peas all on sale. There was fun to be had on the 3 different Tombolas and we took a chance on the £1 bags and raffle. We picked up a bargain or two from our Grammes Attic, Toy and book stalls but we also raised funds for the church – over £1335 which was £250 more than last year.

Thanks must go not only to those that came and supported us but also for all the time and hard work put in by those running the stalls. Without all this help and support we just couldn't put on these events.



Just for fun



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8)

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The rest they say is history - The late Earl of Derby, on behalf of his late Majesty King George V, made the presentation on "Charter Day" Saturday 21st September 1935. Along with the conferment of the Charter were gifts to the town: insignia of office, stained glass window in the Town Hall, freehold land to extend Close Park, a public shelter, flags for public buildings, furnishing & decorating of the Mayor's Parlour and some chased Corporation Plate.

The next major change in the constitution was with the National "Local Government Re-organisation" of 1974, when Radcliffe became part of the new "Metropolitan Borough of Bury" - Six Towns merged: Radcliffe, Bury, Ramsbottom, Tottington, Prestwich and Whitefield. At the same time it was decided that Radcliffe was no longer in Lancashire but in the new "County of Greater Manchester".

I went to the dedication service, conducted by Revd Elizabeth Binns & The Right Revd Mark Ashworth - Bishop of Bolton, of the Old Civic Window on Sunday June 17th 2018 at St Thomas & St John. Originally installed in the Town Hall in 1935 to commemorate Radcliffe becoming a Borough - Walker Allen was the benefactor - taken out when the Town Hall was sold and sent to Bury museum (in a very bad condition). Having been lovingly restored it now is installed on the west side of the church. The Borough Arms was granted by the College of Arms in 1935 and bears all the features of local significance

Carol Kemp





Radcliffe Team Ministry
Parish Church of St. Mary, Radcliffe

Parochial Church Council Minutes (Abridged) 22nd May 2018, 7.30pm

Brought forward from previous meetings.

An updated repair report on the Alabaster stone is to be obtained- covered in Wardens Report.

Verbal contact has now been made with Father Simpson, regarding an itinerary of documents sent after the flood for archiving. We are now awaiting his document.

Matters arising:

Ecclesiastical Insurance have extended the insurance offer, for families, to the end of the year, information on the notice board.

Financial :

Copies of the current finances to date were issued. Talking through the PCC, Insurance, Building Fund, Parish share, Fundraising accounts and the costings for the Gas and Electric. We are managing by manipulating the money.

Costs of advertising in the magazine was raised, after discussion it was decided to stay with the current charges and review once the magazine is up and running again.

Wardens Report:

The wilderness garden in the church yard was discussed. It was agreed to give it chance to become established, before making a decision about its site.

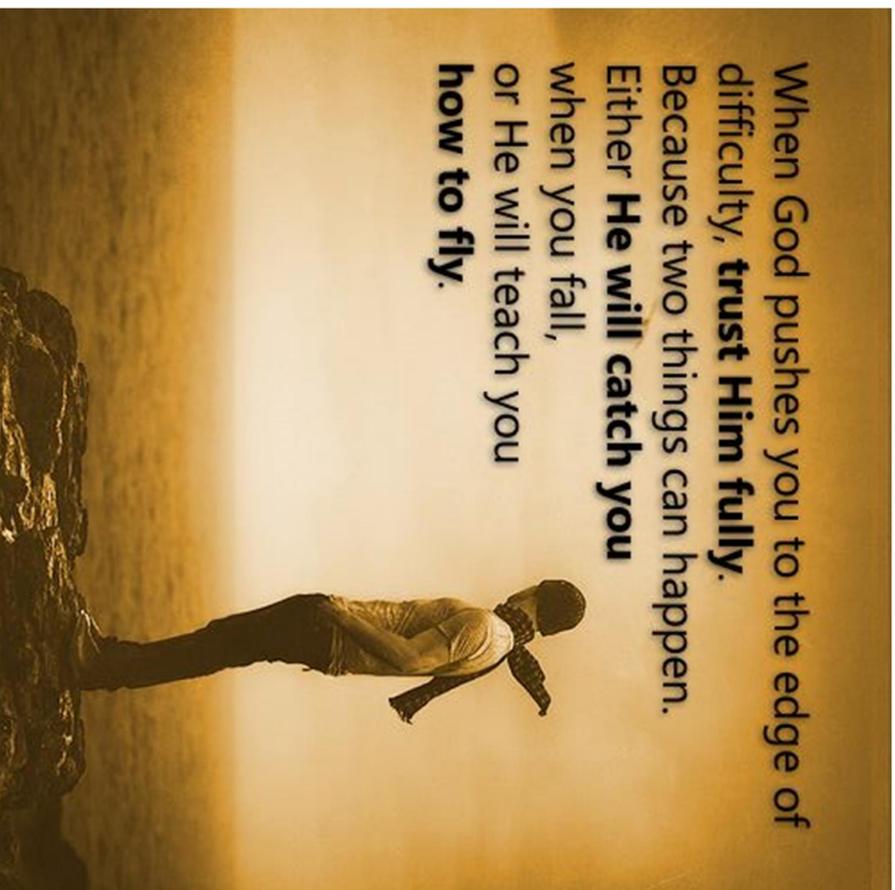
Bin Cover : the costing and positioning of a possible cover for the bins was discussed.

The cost of making one will be investigated. Further discussions will take place at the next PCC meeting

Sound System: The PCC discussed and agreed the positioning for the additional speaker and box.

Facebook: Mehwish will be the editor and Kristen administrator.

Stewardship: It was decided to set a separate date for James Emmerson to come and discuss this with the PCC.



When God pushes you to the edge of difficulty, **trust Him fully.**
Because two things can happen.
Either **He will catch you** when you fall,
or He will teach you **how to fly.**



8. Funerals:

Ancillary Fees for funerals: The PCC discussed whether to implement the Diocesan charges. The decision was made to introduce the charges.

Funeral Leaflet: An example of a leaflet for one's funeral wishes was passed to all present. It was decided, they should be printed and made available in church.

Fees for Book of Remembrance: it was agreed that the fee was to actually have the name/names written in the book and that it stays at £5 or a higher donation. Christine currently writes the names in the book and donates her fee to St Mary'

9. Rotary: Mike Edwards from the Rotary club asked for 2 volunteers to walk in the Radcliffe Carnival with collection tins for St Marys, with agreement from the PCC. This taking place on 2nd June Lorraine volunteered and possible Deborah, dependant on work commitments.

10. Jobs for PCC Members: It was proposed that the church jobs should have section leaders from the PCC. People would then know who to approach.

11. Parish Profile: covered in Wardens Report. A joint copy was passed to all present, it was not accepted as a move forward, but a step back and was discussed at length. Most members thought it was unacceptable with too much information and lack of legible photographs. Kirsten and Deborah are to meet to try and update it before another meeting with St Thomas' next week.

12. Kirsten MacArthur currently ALM for Children to ALM Administration:

Kirsten's ALM for children finishes in September she asked for approval of PCC to change to ALM Administration – **all agreed.**

13. Written Reports for circulation.

Deanery Synod- **Copy filed with minutes**

AOB

Heritage Weekend : Peter asked the PCC for permission for a member(s) of the British Legion to be present during the course of the weekend – **all agreed.** He also enquired about insurance for costumes that might be on display.

PCC dates: July 24th, Sept 25th, Nov 20th, Jan 22nd.

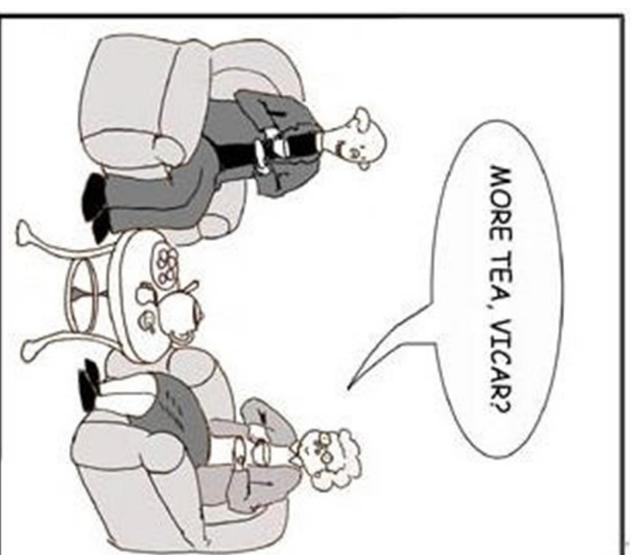
Just for laughs

A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks.

"No, not at all!" the woman replied.

They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few."

"Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."



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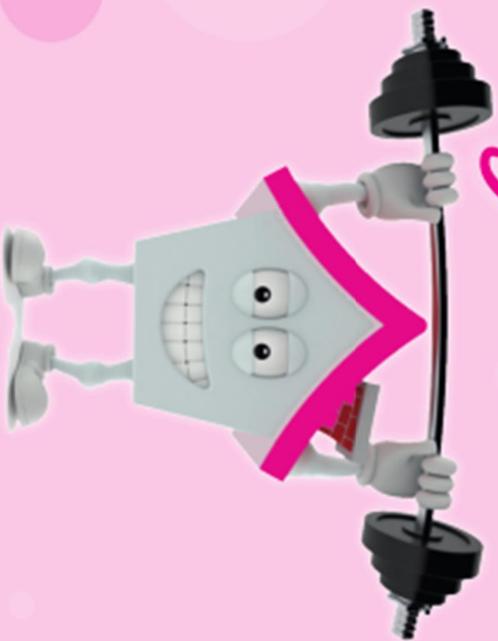
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I am the lucky one,
Though I have lost my sight,
So many of my comrades,
Have perished in the fight.

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Though I have lost my legs,
So many of my comrades,
Now walk the Elysian Fields.

I am the lucky one,
Though I have lost my arms,
So many of my comrades,
Can't feel a loved one's warmth.

I am the lucky one,
For I am of sound mind,
So many of my comrades,
Can't leave torment behind.

I am the lucky one,
I have survived, where some have not,
can feel the sun upon my back,
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Please let any Mother's Union member know if you would like to go.

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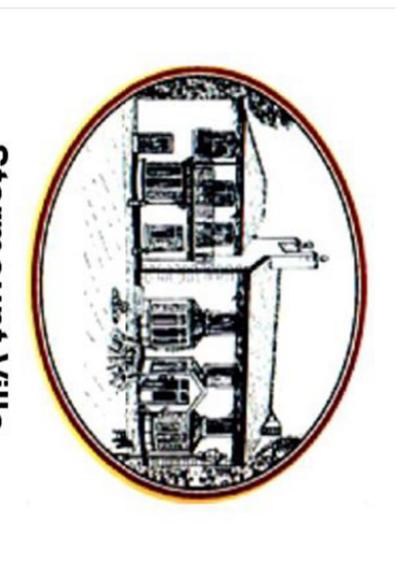


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WAG's Noticeboard

WAG's are a group of women who meet once a month either for a social event or for some kind of activity to help the community e.g. sponsored walk, gardening for the elderly, card making for terminally ill children etc. It is a very relaxed, fun group who are always looking for new members. There is no age limit.

Our next event:-

Film night Friday 29th July 2018
'Book Club'



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MY GET UP AND GO HAS WENT

*How do I know my youth is all spent?
Well my get up and go has got up and went!
But in spite of it all I'm able to grin
When I think of where my get up has been*

*Old age is golden, so I've heard said,
But sometimes I wonder when I get into bed,
With my ear in a drawer and my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up*

*As sleep dims my eyes I say to myself
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
But I'm happy to say as I close the door,
My friends are the same, perhaps even more.*

*When I was young my slippers were red,
I could kick my heels over my head.
When I grew older my slippers were blue
But I could still dance the whole night through.*

*Now I am old, my slippers are black.
I walk to the shops and puff my way back.
The reason I know my youth is all spent
Is my get up and go has got up and went.*

*But I don't mind when I think with a grin,
Of all the grand places my get up had been,
And since I've retired from life's competition
My schedules all scheduled (with complete repetition)*

*I get up each morning and dust off my wits,
Pick up the paper and read the 'obits'
If I see my name missing, I know I'm not dead
So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed*

HOME COOKING

Alison's Scone Pizza

Ingredients:

- Scone base
 - 6 oz. Self raising flour
 - 1 oz. Margarine
 - ¼ pint of milk
- Filling
- 1 medium onion
 - 1 large tin of tomatoes
 - 1 oz. margarine
 - 3 rashers of bacon
 - 4 to 5 oz. of cheese
 - Salt, pepper & mixed herbs to taste

Method:

- Pre-heat oven to 425 F (220 C, 200Fan) Gas Mark 7
- Grease baking tray
- Prepare pastry and roll out to cover baking tray, turning up the edges
- Peel and chop the onion and fry lightly in 1 oz. of margarine, add tomatoes, herbs, salt & pepper, simmer gently for 5 minutes
- Grate the cheese and cut bacon into small pieces.
- Pour the tomato mix over the dough and top with cheese & bacon
- Bake for 15 minutes in the oven

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Radcliffe Hall & St. Mary's Ladies Group

On Saturday 9th June, 21 members and friends left Radcliffe Hall at 9.30am by coach for a day in Skipton. We had a very good day, the weather was lovely and there is always plenty for everyone in Skipton especially on this particular day in June when they hold their annual carnival.

There is the choice of visiting the Castle and the Church, having a boat ride on the canal or just look around the market or the many nice and different shops and there are plenty of very nice cafes for morning coffee and lunch, some of the party had a very nice lunch in the Church.

On our days out we usually spend the day in small parties and meet up together for a meal at the end of the day, and on the this day we met at 5pm in Dales Cottage Cafe, arriving home just after 8pm.

The Ladies group is run by Margaret Embrey. Any questions then please speak to her, in church or on 07989 395297

Upcoming events

Date	Event
September 27 th -29 th 2018	Weekend away to South East England
October 10 th 2018	AGM meeting with buffet supper
November 14 th 2018	Our Mission to Cambodia by members of St Andrews Church, Radcliffe.
December 5 th 2018	Christmas Meal at Stand Golf Club
January 9 th 2019	To be announced
February 13 th 2019	To be announced
March 13 th 2019	To be announced
April 10 th 2019	Veronica and Gordon Walker members of the Dickens Fellowship will give a talk 'Humour of Dickens' in full costume



prayer

It can be a struggle sometimes to think about who or what you can pray about. Below is a suggested list for the month. It includes those from our Book of Remembrance & the saints for the month.

Book of Remembrance

July	August
8 th Albert Atherton	5 th Edgar Senior
11 th Peter Bowker	16 th Brenda Blackshaw
16 th Harry Pickles	22 nd Marion Senior
20 th Ruth Brenda Edgerton	Rod Ramey
23 rd Agnes Kirwin	Dorothy Pickles
27 th Julie Ann Stanbank	Joyce Jones
31 st Maureen Bowcott	Gerald Cooper

Saints etc

July	August
3 rd Thomas the Apostle	4 th Jean Baptiste Vianney 1859
6 th Thomas More (scholar)	6 th Transfiguration of our Lord
John Fisher (Bishop of Rochester)	7 th John Mason Neale, Hymn writer 1866
Reformation Martyr, 1535	8 th Dominic, Priest, founder of Order of Preachers 1221
11 th Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c550	9 th Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union
14 th John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet 1886	10 th Laurence, Deacon of Roma, 258AD
16 th Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099	11 th Clare of Assisi, Founder of Poor Clares 1253
18 th Elizabeth Ferard, 1 st Deaconess of Church of England	13 th Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down & Connor 1667
19 th Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c394	14 th The Blessed Virgin Mary
His sister Macrina, Deaconess c379	20 th Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux 1153
20 th Margaret of Antioch, Martyr 4 th Century	24 th Bartholomew the Apostle
22 nd Mary Magdalene	27 th Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo 387AD
23 rd Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena 1373	28 th Augustine, Bishop of Hippo 430 AD
25 th James the Apostle	29 th The beheading of John the Baptist
26 th Anne & Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	30 th John Bunyan, Spiritual writer 1688
27 th Brooke Fosse Westcott, Bishop of Durham 1901	31 st Aiden, Bishop of Lindisfarne 651AD
30 th William Wilberforce, 1833, Olaudah Equino, 1797, Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners	

July Readings

1st July

The fifth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading: *Wisdom of Solomon 1: 1-13, 2: 23-24.*

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 8: 7-9.*

Gospel: *Mark 5: 21-29.*

8th July

The sixth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading: *Ezekiel 2: 1-5.*

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 12: 2-10.*

Gospel: *Mark 6: 1-13.*

15th July

The seventh Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading: *Amos 7: 7-15.*

2nd Reading: *Eph 1: 3-14.*

Gospel: *Mark 6: 14-29.*

22nd July

The eighth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading: *Jer 23: 1-6.*

2nd Reading: *Eph 2: 11-19.*

Gospel: *Mark 6: 30-34, 53-59.*

29th July

The ninth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading: *2 Kings 4: 42 to end.*

2nd Reading: *Eph 3: 14-21.*

Gospel: *John 6: 1-21.*

August Readings

5th August *The tenth Sunday after Trinity*

1st Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4,9-15.
2nd Reading: Eph. 4: 1-16.
Gospel: John 6: 24-35.

12th August *The eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 4-8.
2nd Reading: Eph. 4: 25-5: 2.
Gospel: John 6: 35, 41-51.

19th August *The twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

1st Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6.
2nd Reading: Eph. 5: 15-20
Gospel: John 6: 51-58.

26th August *The thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

1st Reading: Joshua 24: 1-24, 14-18.
2nd Reading: Eph. 6: 10-20.
Gospel: John 6:56-69.

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