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Happy New year

First of all, Vicky and I would like to wish all our readers a very special New Year. St Mary's Parish Church, like all of us has hopes and aspirations for the coming year.

Top of our list, is the hope that following the re-advertisement of the vacancy for a new minister, we have a number of applicants, from whom we will appoint the right person, to move St Mary's forward.

Secondly, the hope that 3 years after the Boxing Day flood of 2015, the faculty for the works to renovate the damaged kitchen and toilet area and to install a ramp giving disabled wheelchair users and children in prams, access to the renovated area and rear exit, will finally be presented to and passed by the Diocesan Faculty Board and work can finally begin, on the much-needed restoration work.

Thirdly, that the congregation of St Mary's and the people of the Parish continue their wonderful support for the Parish Church Council's fund-raising efforts in the coming year.

Nationally, this last year, has proved a difficult one for the United Kingdom. No matter whether you voted to remain or leave in the 2016 referendum, I think almost everyone has become weary with the protracted negotiations and the impasse that has so far been impossible to resolve. In the early part of the New Year, let us hope that an amicable solution can be found, that is agreeable to all parties.

Globally, there continues to be conflict in the world. May I ask you to pray in the coming year, that all warring sides come to peaceful solutions. That those that suffer the most, the non-combatants, particularly those in the Yemen and other areas of the world, where the population are facing starvation, at last receive the help to enable them to survive and build their lives again.

Let us hope that everyone will in 2019, feel that their lives to some degree have been enriched and can take some positives from the next 12 months.

Peter Gorman and Vicky Ormrod,
Editors.

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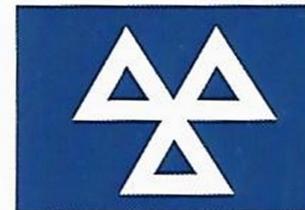
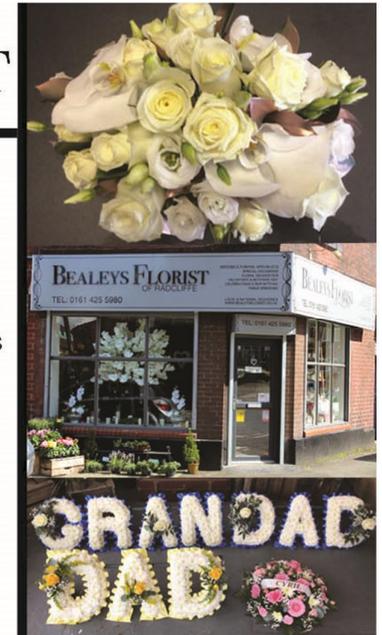
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Christmas Pantomime Sunday 9th December 2018

On Sunday 9th December, the Parish Church of St Mary, staged a free performance of the pantomime "Dick Whittington".

The pantomime was performed by the Panto Bus Company of Banbury, which is a touring stage company, which specialises in putting on performances in small spaces.

Since January 2018, St Mary's has been raising the funding for the pantomime by holding a Saturday Café and a monthly raffle, on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

The performance started at 1.30pm, with 85 adults and children, in their seats, ready for the performance to start.

The performance consisted of 2 halves each lasting 45 minutes, with a 15 minute interval in between. Refreshments were available before the performance and during the interval, a raffle was also held, which was drawn at the end of the performance. The performance was led by Dick and his trusty cat Tommy, together with the obligatory love interest and the dastardly villain in the form of King Rat.

Judging by the cheering for the heroes Dick and Tommy and the hissing and booing for King Rat, both children and adults enjoyed the performance.



For next year, St Mary's has provisionally booked the Panto Bus Company to perform their pantomime "Cinderella". As with the performance of Dick Whittington, the church will raise the necessary funds from a monthly Saturday Café and raffle.

The congregation, friends of St Mary's and the people of Radcliffe are asked to support us in our efforts to give the children of Radcliffe unable attend a pantomime at Christmas, the opportunity to enjoy one for free.

Radcliffe Hall School Carol Service

On the morning of Tuesday 18th December, the Parish Church of St Mary welcomed the staff and children of Radcliffe Hall Middle School, for their annual carol service.

The children were joined by so many parents, that additional seats had to be put out to accommodate the overflow.

The carol service was opened by the Deputy Head of the School, Mrs Hamer, who introduced Mr Martin, the music teacher who organised the choir and was also the organist for the service.

The choir consisted of about 30 children of varying ages, some of whom sang solos and played the piano.

According to Barbara Greaves and Pat Rigby, who attended the service, the choir responded wonderfully to Mr Martin's prompting, their beautiful voices filling the church with a melodious sound, with the rest of the school children joining in joyously.

Later on in the afternoon, Barbara joined The Nursery and Key Stage one children for their Nativity performances, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

It is hoped that the school continue to use St Mary's church again next Christmas and the happy voices of children singing their hearts out, will once again be heard raising the roof of our wonderful old church.



WAGs group Christmas Meal

On Friday 23rd November our WAGS ladies had our Christmas Meal at the Swan & Cemetery on Manchester Road Bury.

We enjoyed lovely food and good company and we each received a gift from our 'secret Santa'.



RADCLIFFE HALL AND ST. MARY'S LADIES GROUP

On Wednesday 5th December, 30 members and friends met at The Duckworth Arms for our annual Christmas Meal, we had the usual "Stand Up Bingo" and a free "Raffle".

The setting unfortunately didn't lend itself to our usual "Pass the Parcel" so this was held over to our February meeting, when we are having a "Quiz and Games" night.

Some of our party joined in the Quiz and Bingo which was being run by the venue and one of our lucky members won £80.

Margaret Embrey

WAG's Noticeboard

WAG's are a group of women who meet once a month either for a social event or some kind of activity to help the community. It is a very relaxed fun group who are always looking for new members, there is no age limit.

Our next events:-

January 18th – AGM (dates to be fixed for the coming year)

GARDENING TIP



Create natural food for wildlife

For wildlife, consider planting native trees and shrubs such as guelder rose, yew, holly, hawthorn or blackthorn. Berries will provide natural bird food and cover for nesting and roosting is always needed.

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The Isle of Mannanan

Part One

An island full of Celtic mysticism, legends, fairy glens, craggy coves, sandy beaches, an island rich in history, with tales of regicide and ancient battles.

Who was Mannanan; he was a popular deity in Celtic mythology, belonging to an Irish Mythical race called Tuatha De Dannan. His title was Lord of the Sea; the Isle of Man was his throne, his stronghold being at the top of Barrule, holding his court from Mannanan's Chair, in Cronk y Voddy. The Isle of Man, takes its name from him.

The Isle of Man became an island when melting glaciers caused sea levels to rise about 8,500 years ago during the Mesolithic Age, submerging a land bridge between the island and Cumbria. The earliest traces of people on the Isle of Man date to this period. These people were hunter gatherers, using small tools made of flint. The following Neolithic Period saw the change to farming and the introduction of improved tools and pottery.

The Iron Age saw the beginning of Celtic Cultural influence and the appearance of large hill forts on hill summits, smaller forts on coastal cliffs and timber framed round houses.

There is no evidence of a Roman presence on the island, although the discovery of Roman artefacts on the island suggests there may have been some trade.

It is generally understood that Irish invasion or immigration during the 5th century AD formed the basis of the modern Manx language. The change of language used in the Ogham inscriptions found on stones, suggests the transition between Manx Brythonic (a language similar to modern Welsh) and Manx Gaelic (a language similar to modern Irish and Scottish Gaelic) was a gradual process. However, it is questioned whether the present-day Manx language is more akin to that from prior to the Norse invasion or similar to the English language contains a combination of both.

In the early middle ages, the island was converted to Christianity by Irish missionaries, most notably St Maugold (pronounced Maccul). The remains of around 200 early chapels called Keeils are scattered around the island, radiocarbon dating points to many being dated from 550-600AD.

The Vikings, first appeared on the island, about 800AD, prior to this time apart from the occasional invasion by Irish kings the island remained relatively peaceful. For the following 50 years, the Vikings chiefly came to plunder and pillage, before between 850 and 990 AD settling on the island under the rule of the Scandinavian kings of Dublin. Between 990 and 1079 AD, it came under the rule of the powerful Earls of Orkney.

In 1079 AD, the island was conquered by the relatively unknown Godred Crovan. By all accounts he was a remarkable man who subdued Dublin and a great part of Leinster and subjugated the Scots. He is more than likely the King Gorse or Orry commemorated in Manx legend. In around 1079 AD he created the Kingdom of Mann and the Isles, which also included the south-western islands of Scotland, until 1164, when two separate kingdoms were created.

The islands under his rule were called the southern isles and they consisted of the Hebrides, all of the smaller western islands of Scotland and the Isle of Mann. Godrun's successors took the title King of Mann and of the Isles. The kingdom's capital was on St Patrick's Isle, where Peel Castle was built on the site of a Celtic monastery.

Olaf, Godrun's son exercised considerable power over the kingdom and maintained a close alliance with the Kings of Ireland and Scotland, with the result that no one disturbed his reign. However, when he died and his son Godred ascended the throne, he unfortunately did not inherit his father's governance or fighting skills and lost the smaller isles of the coast of Argyll. After a dispute with Somerled, the ruler of Argyll, resulting in his kingdom being split into two individual sovereignties.

During the whole time of Viking rule of the Western Isles and Mann, from the middle of the 11th century until 1217, the Kings of Norway, didn't enforce the allegiance of its subordinate kingdoms. This was essentially because, of civil unrest on homeland soil. This weakness brought into conflict with the growing ambitions and power of the Kingdom of Scotland.

Finally, in 1261, Alexander III of Scotland sent emissaries to Norway to negotiate the breakaway of the Isles from its fealty to Norway. This was rebuffed, resulting in a war between the two kingdoms. After an indecisive sea encounter, the Battle of Largs, the Norwegian King Haakon Haakonsson died, allowing King Alexander to bring the war to a successful conclusion. Magnus Olafsson, having fought on the side of King of Norway had to surrender all the isles of which he had dominion, with the exception of Mann for which he did homage. When 2 years later Magnus Olafsson died, the King of Norway ceded the Isles to Scotland in the Treaty of Perth.

However, Scotland's rule over the Isle of Mann did not become total until 1275, when the Manx people were defeated at the battle of Ronaldsway, near Castletown.

Norse Rule, which had started two centuries earlier and had given rise to great wealth, power and prestige due to its central position in the north/south trade routes, had come to an end. Heralding the start of conflict between the English and Scottish kings, resulting in total English dominance of the Isle of Mann, after the Battle of Neville's Cross in 1346

PG.

To be continued....

When to the temple Mary went

When to the temple Mary went,
And brought the Holy Child,
Him did the aged Simeon see,
As it had been revealed.
He took up Jesus in his arms
And blessing God he said:
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.
Help now thy servants, gracious Lord,
That we may ever be
As once the faithful Simeon was,
Rejoicing but in Thee;
And when we must from earth departure take,
May gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.

by Johannes Eccard



Parish Register *November & December*

Holy Baptism

January 26th - Lois Margaret Mihalyi
- Edward John Melia
- Robert Yi Melia

Wedding

n/a

Funeral

January 4th - David Taylor

What's Happening.....

Dates for your diary

January

- 2nd 10am Wednesday Communion at St Mary's
- 4th 10am Bible Study Group at 146 Bury Rd
12pm Team intercessions at St TJ's followed by lunch
- 5th 9.30pm Morning Prayers at St TJ's followed by coffee morning
- 6th 10.30am Family Friendly Sunday Eucharist St. Mary's followed by coffee
11.30 – 12.30 Vestry Hour
- 8th 7pm Healing service at St TJ's followed by coffee
- 9th 10am Wednesday Communion at St TJ's
- 11th 10am Bible Study Group at 146 Bury Rd
12pm Team intercessions at St TJ's followed by lunch
6.30pm Pilgrims course at St TJ's
- 12th 9.30pm Morning Prayers at St TJ's followed by coffee morning
11am-1pm Saturday café at St Mary's
- 13th 9.30am Sunday Eucharist at St Mary's followed by coffee
10.30 – 11.30 Vestry Hour
- 16th 10am Wednesday Eucharist at St Mary's followed by coffee
- 18th 10am Bible Study Group at 146 Bury Rd
12pm Team intercessions at St TJ's followed by lunch
- 19th 9.30am Morning Prayers at St TJ's followed by coffee morning
- 20th 9.30am Sunday Eucharist at St Mary's followed by coffee
- 23rd 10am Wednesday Communion at St TJ's
- 25th 10am Bible Study Group at 146 Bury Rd
12pm Team intercessions at St TJ's followed by lunch
6.30pm Pilgrims course at St TJ's
- 26th 9.30am Morning Prayers at St TJ's followed by coffee morning
- 27th 9.30am Sunday Eucharist at St Mary's followed by coffee
10.30 – 11.30 Vestry Hour
- 30th 10am Wednesday Communion at St TJ's followed by coffee

February

- 1st 10am Bible Study Group at 146 Bury Rd
12pm Team intercessions at St TJ's followed by lunch
- 2nd 9.30am Morning Prayers at St TJ's followed by coffee
- 3rd 10.30am Family Friendly Sunday Eucharist
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My uncle was an army driver in World War II. When I was young, I studied his old books on army lorries because of this, from an early age I had some concept of how engines worked and the necessary mechanisms in vehicle transmission.

The Technical School (2nd level), which I attended was reached via a low railway underpass, meaning that I saw many locomotives on the low bridge and hearing their movement overhead.

Aged fourteen, using my observations of both, I designed a steam engine in the style of an internal combustion engine. The school allowed me to make this as a project entering it and related drawings, into an exhibition. It was never returned and with final exams pending, I didn't have time to think more about it.

At Christmas time a hardware shop in the middle of town, used to display an oval model railway track in the window. I used to watch it, but felt that my parents couldn't afford to buy me one, so I never asked them for a model railway set.

The railway closed while I was in technical school, the possibility of working on the railway receding, I served an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic, my interest in railways, no longer uppermost in my mind.

My apprenticeship complete, I went off to Bible College in Hertfordshire, where once again my interest in trains (diesel) was triggered, whilst travelling to and from London.

Several years later, when married, one child just born, my interest in model railways sprang into life again, when undertaking a Teacher Training Course in Dublin. I saw this large model railway set being sold off (after Christmas?) and while it took every penny I had, I bought it, although I didn't really have anywhere to set it up, as we moved around from rooms to rooms on a student grant.

There are many aspects to model railways and any thrill of seeing a model train completing circuits of an oval, can soon diminish. One needs a layout, complex enough to require "thinking" to control it. To have that, one needs a designer with reasonable knowledge of the workings of the models. This is the bit that has captured my imagination the most. That is designing the layout, working out the track configuration and electrical circuits to a complex level, to make the operation interesting.

Recently, I did a talk/demonstration, “The Development of Technologies in Model Railways”, for the final year at a primary school, which my grand-children attended. This was about a two-hour talk, with all aspects illustrated, concluding with a demonstration of a model railway, controlled from a computer. While appreciating the computer control, I find the older method of electrical circuits etc., to be more captivating, because it fulfils my interest in the internal mechanical and electrical circuits that seems to have been with me, from my teenage years.

You may be wondering what, if any connection there is with the above and a church magazine?

The design, even in model railways, affirms to me that there is a designer for our universe, there is intelligent design behind it and it is not just random chance. This means, we have to consider God in our lives.

The Bible tells us that “God gives us all, good things to enjoy” hence we can legitimately enjoy railways and model railways but I still think that the “things” God gives us shouldn’t displace God and God’s claim on our lives. The Sunday School I attended when I was a child, ran an annual excursion, by train, to the seaside. Close to the end of my primary school days, I came to understand the need for salvation and trusted Jesus for my salvation. This gave me an assurance for the future and hence, contentment in the present, to enjoy the good things that God gives.

www.rte.ie/news/player/nationwide/2013/1218, contains a recording of the model railway exhibition, I organised to raise funds for the National Council for the Blind in Ireland. The programme starts with a few seconds of each item, then the model railway is the first item in the second half of the programme. To skip the other items and the mid-break adverts, slide forward to 12:48 where the presenter is just announcing the model railway item.

Sean O’Claude.

COMFORT

I haven’t known you long,
In terms of time,
The blink of an eye.
I have found comfort
in your words.
The peace given to me,
Easing my troubled mind,
Leading to a new resolve,
To carry on in a world
passing me by.
I see a light
at the end of the tunnel.
I stride forward,
my faith restored,
Reaching out,
with renewed confidence.
To grasp
the opportunities afforded me.

Peter Gorman

1st February 2018

New Year

Across the world, at different times,
Exploding missiles, light the skies.
Different races laugh and sing,
Strangers hug, in tight embrace.
Smiling faces, stare up high,
As multi-coloured patterns, light the sky.
Throng of thousands, in the night,
Delighting in the wondrous sight.
Accompanying music, playing loud,
Entertaining the happy crowd,
An artistic tribute, to the year now past,
A welcome to the one approaching fast.
Church bells ringing, their metallic chime,
As people sing a traditional rhyme.
Linking arms, they sing along,
To the familiar strains, of Robbie Burns' song.

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Fountains Abbey

On a hot sunny day in July, a couple of stamina challenged old codgers presented themselves at the west gate of Fountains Abbey, a few miles from Ripon in Yorkshire. After fishing out their National Trust membership cards to show the kiosk attendant, they set off hand in hand down the wide path to explore.

After a few hundred yards, the end of the path opened out into a narrow valley and there stretched out before them was the majestic remains of the Abbey.

Fountains Abbey was founded by Benedictine monks, who arrived in the valley on December 27th 1132. A group of thirteen monks wanted to return to the simple teachings of St Benedict, written down in the 6th century. The monks suffered severe hardship that winter, nearly giving up in despair. Eventually, with the help of Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux in France, a nearby Cistercian Abbey and Hugh, a wealthy former Dean of York Minster, Fountains Abbey was secured within the Cistercian family in 1135.



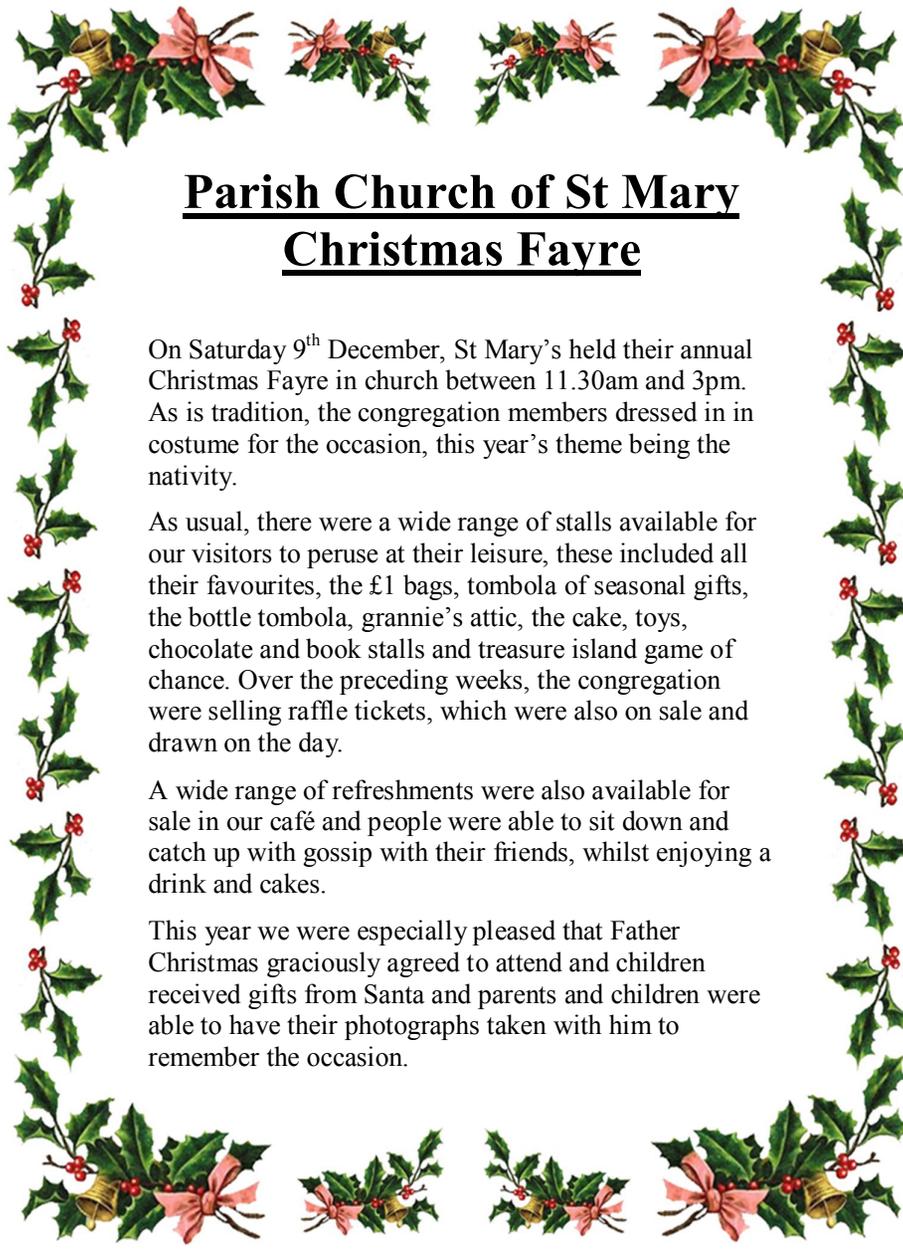
By the mid-1200's, Fountains Abbey had become one of the richest and most powerful in the country, their main source of wealth being from the sale of wool. Standing there, looking down at the expansive surrounding area, you could almost imagine the lay brothers tending their flocks of sheep and cultivating their vegetables for their daily needs.

Over the years, from its early founding the Abbey was expanded into the large concentration of buildings suggested by the ruins evident today. However, moving into the next century its influence and power began to wane due to mismanagement, failing harvests, sheep disease and colder climate. Famine in Scotland meant that the Abbey was regularly raided by ravenous Scots, then between 1349 and 1350 the Black Death killed about one third of the population including monks. This meant that there were fewer lay brothers and land had to be rented out to raise income.

There was a later revival in the 1400's with another rebuilding programme, but following Henry VIII's disagreement with the Pope over his divorce from Catherine of Aragon and his need for funds, Henry closed one abbey after another seizing their wealth. The Deed of Surrender of Fountains Abbey was signed in November 1539, ending 400 years of worship and the dispersion of the monks.

The buildings and land were sold to an absentee landowner, a condition of sale being that the abbey buildings were to be made unsuitable for worship. This led to the asset stripping of the lead from the roofs and glass from the windows and the systematic removal of ready cut stone for anyone who wanted to buy it and carry it away. Many local buildings, still boast a piece of abbey stone.

The ruins were to remain silent and forlorn for two centuries, until the land was bought by William Aislabie in the 1760's.



Parish Church of St Mary Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 9th December, St Mary's held their annual Christmas Fayre in church between 11.30am and 3pm. As is tradition, the congregation members dressed in costume for the occasion, this year's theme being the nativity.

As usual, there were a wide range of stalls available for our visitors to peruse at their leisure, these included all their favourites, the £1 bags, tombola of seasonal gifts, the bottle tombola, grannie's attic, the cake, toys, chocolate and book stalls and treasure island game of chance. Over the preceding weeks, the congregation were selling raffle tickets, which were also on sale and drawn on the day.

A wide range of refreshments were also available for sale in our café and people were able to sit down and catch up with gossip with their friends, whilst enjoying a drink and cakes.

This year we were especially pleased that Father Christmas graciously agreed to attend and children received gifts from Santa and parents and children were able to have their photographs taken with him to remember the occasion.

Radcliffe Team Ministry Parish Church of St. Mary, Radcliffe

Parochial Church Council Minutes (abridged) 13th November 2018, 7.30pm

Once again, we had a very successful day, raising a wonderful total of £1,590 for the church.



Presentation re Deanery MAP by the Area Dean Deborah Sandercock Pickles.

Elizabeth suggested that 10% of the Parish Share should be returned to the churches for projects which would benefit the Deanery in the long term. All present thought this was a good idea and Deborah said she would put this forward.

AP2 Carol Kemp requested a description defining her role as Parish Church of St Mary Historian- this has now been created and given to Carol for her approval, to be agreed at the next PCC meeting in January.

Financial : Jean gave a brief overview of the current financial status PCC, Gas, Electric, Building Fund and Restricted / Designated funds/ fundraising accounts, Parish share and the magazine. Jean again endorsed all going steady, but we have to remain sensible. Jean will be looking into available grants for the drain repairs.

Wardens Report:(all costs are excluding VAT)

- **Alabaster Stone:** We have not applied for a faculty and probably needs a full faculty - unless this is a routine maintenance/ repair under B1 - needing archdeacon to approval. The above was discussed and it was decided by **all present** to apply for a full faculty.
- **Drains :** This is with the Diocese for approval of the extension of the emergency faulty.
- **Reorder:** Faculty almost complete. A statement and the financial info Jean has provided needs adding to it.
- **Painting :** Dave Greenwood has accepted that this work is relating to the flood and therefore will be covered by the insurance. Bagnells asked to provide a full quote , also Lloyd and Smith.
- **Heating Grid:**The company can do a pattern from the one sent as per the diocese faculty request and it will cost in the region of £1,800. We will then have a pattern should anything else happen to any of the others. It was decided to get the written quote and Jean will look into if a grant may be available.
- **Gardening:**An event / newspaper article needs to be looked at to drum up funds in the new year. A possible solution would be for the gardener to have 2 days in March £400 , he cuts the grass then puts weed killer down. This will stop the growth, will look brown and dead but will then come back to being green towards autumn when it stops growing again- **no decision made left for the PCC to consider.**
- **Sound System:**extra speaker is up now - insurance are yet to pay the extra. They queried the extra expense with Dave Greenwood, he's ok with going back to them to ask that it is paid now but did ask if we can hang fire until the other works are going through.
- **Tower floor:** This work has now been done and signed off, inspected by Dave Greenwood and he's going to ask the insurance company to pay for the works. There was no reason for the uplift that they could find as such.
- **Facebook:** sorted with Claire but still unable to amend.
- **Fire marshals:** Some people are doing these checks but not everyone. Sides people **need** to do these checks and to record it.

- The FRA was on Sat and initially he wasn't impressed. We still haven't installed a fire alarm system or emergency lights yet. Once shown everything that had been put in place, he said that we have made significant improvements. He still said that he was very strongly suggesting a fire alarm system, emergency lights and the porch doors are made fire proof. This would allow us to have a higher number of people in church without any further extra people doing a fire watch. We need to however consider our maximum numbers in the church whilst we do not have these things - 100 people Max. This includes things like funerals, baptisms, weddings. If we have trained fire marshals on site to monitor the main and rear doors (at all time during the event) who could extinguish a fire quickly and raise the alarm and therefore enable both exits to still be used and we have others in church who are able to assist people with an evacuation - up to 300 people could be allowed if we put these things in place and wrote a risk assessment for the event. (although our insurance may be just 250). Therefore for any event where more than 100 are expected or close to that number, we need a Risk Assessment to be done and volunteers from our sides people who are fire trained to attend the event. Otherwise we will have to say **No** to the booking. Our thoughts on Fire Alarm / Emergency lights / porch door - unsure of costs and/or if grant is available.
 - Funeral Plan leaflet available: There is a master copy in the **How to file** - should any more need photocopying.
 - Stewardship: Further to our James Emmerson meeting and saying we never get any help, we still need to put our Vision together. **Date set for Tuesday January 15th 7.00pm**
 - Stone plaque: Awaiting a quote from Lloyd and Smith to put a new bracket up once it's been developed - tape up now to stop people going into this area.
 - Alan Simpson: has now given us a list of the items taken for archive-this included the current grave books.
 - Carol Kemp: St Bartholomew document in memory of Geoffrey Howard. Still no feedback on this, needs circulating.
 - Mayor joint concert - 16th March 2019 - Half the money to go to Mayor's charity which is Gracie's place - half to Church. - No further update currently.
 - Collection Box - initially you buy or rent and then they take 2.95% of the fee plus either 10p per transaction or you can pay £9.95 a month. Replacement machine would be a lot less as you don't have to pay for the wooden box. There is free support, websites, reports. You get at least 1 year warranty and for some this appear to be on-going. Information from Liberty Pay - they seem the biggest but others offer similar facility for similar costs. £3 donation - we'd get £2.81 £10 donation - we'd get £9.60. This was discussed and seemed to be quite popular. It was decided that the Standing Committee would look further into this and make the decision to go for it or not.
- AOB**
- The old Font:** Barbara would like this refurbished, cost £180, to be used as a flower stand in the porch. This was discussed, it being part of the church's history with the possibility of donations from the congregation to pay for it. A decision was made that it be refurbished to be used in church, as a functional item.

Next Meeting Jan 22nd.

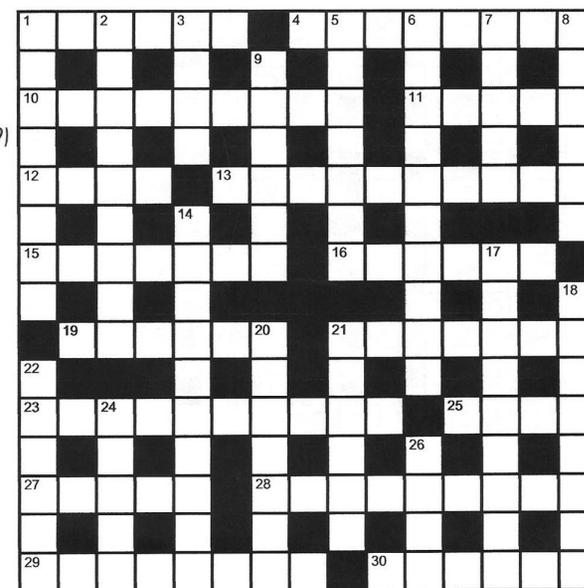
CROSSWORD

Across

- An ancient weight (6)
- Seemed (8)
- New Testament book (9)
- Unit of length (5)
- '...it is a ____ thing the king requireth' (Dan 2:11) (4)
- Contemplation (10)
- Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these (7)
- A son of King David (6)
- Concurred (6)
- Light sources (7)
- Propitiations (10)
- A false god (4)
- Gather (5)
- Abimelech was hit by this (9)
- Instructors (8)
- Hastily (6)

Down

- Skilled animal workers (8)
- Inspiring (9)
- Compass point (4)
- Intense emotion (7)



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- The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these (10)
- Jewish leader (5)
- 'He is proud, knowing nothing, but _____ about questions and strifes of words...' (1 Tim 6:4) (6)
- Bread makers (6)
- In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem (10)
- Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan (9)
- Stringed instrument (8)
- Joseph, perhaps? (7)
- Tiny amount (6)
- Jesus did this with authority (6)
- Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- Province of the Roman Empire (4)

For crossword solution see page 35

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Unusual World New Year Traditions.

In Denmark, they save all of their unused dishes and plates until the 31st of December, when they affectionately shatter them against the doors of all their friends and family. They also climb on top of chairs and literally “jump” into the New Year to bring good luck.

In Ecuador, they celebrate the New Year by burning paper filled scarecrows at midnight. They also burn photographs from the last year, all in the name of good fortune.

In Spain, the New Year’s tradition for good luck revolves around grapes. If you can manage to stuff 12 grapes in your mouth at midnight, you’ve achieved good luck for the next year.

In the Philippines, it’s all about the cash. They believe that everything should be round, so as to represent coins and bring wealth. Round food, round clothes, anything as long as it’s round.

In some **South American** countries, wearing coloured underwear will determine your fate for the New Year. Red underwear means you’ll find love. Gold means wealth and white signifies peace.

In Japan, they ring all of their bells 108 times in alignment with the Buddhist belief that this brings cleanliness. It’s also considered good to be smiling going into the New Year, as it supposedly brings good luck.

Every year at the end of December people in a small **Peruvian** village, fist fight to settle their differences. They then start the year off on a clean slate.

In Switzerland, they celebrate the New Year by dropping ice cream on the floor.

In Romania they throw their spare coins into the river to get good luck.

In some parts of **Puerto Rico**, they throw pails of water out of their windows to drive away evil spirits.

In Bolivia coins are baked into sweets and whoever finds the coins has good luck for the next year.

The French like to keep things simple and delicious. Every New Year they consume a stack of pancakes.

In Colombia they carry their suitcases around with them all day, in hopes of having a travel filled year.

Besides throwing buckets of water on each other in **Thailand**, they also go around smearing each other with grey talc.

In Chile, families spend the night in the company of their deceased loved ones by sleeping at the cemetery.

In Ireland, they hit the walls with bread to get rid of evil spirits

In some parts of **South Africa**, they throw old furniture out the window.

Just as you might expect in **Siberia**, they jump into frozen lakes carrying tree trunks.

In Finland, people predict the coming year by casting molten tin into a bucket of water and interpreting the resulting shape.

In Panama, the New Year’s tradition for good luck is burning effigies of everyone and anyone famous.

In Estonia is all about eating the New Year’s traditional food. People eat seven times on New Year’s Day to ensure abundance in the New Year.

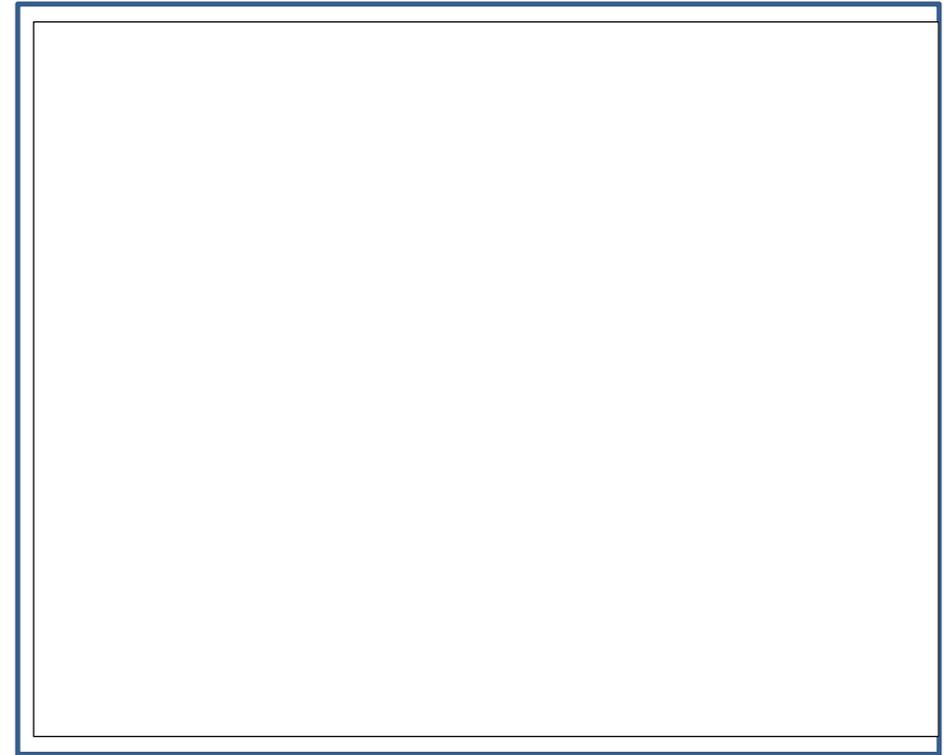
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"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked."

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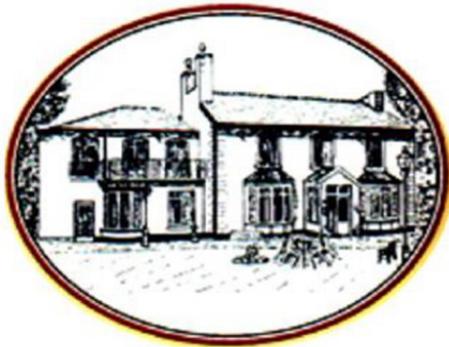


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Crossword solution

Across

- 1 Shekel
- 4 Appeared
- 10 Ephesians
- 11 Cubit
- 12 Rare
- 13 Meditation
- 15 Raisins
- 16 Nathan
- 19 Agreed
- 21 Torches
- 23 Atonements
- 25 Baal
- 27 Glean
- 28 Millstone
- 29 Teachers
- 30 Rashly

Down

- 1 Shearers
- 2 Exhorting
- 3 East
- 5 Passion
- 6 Enchanters
- 7 Rabbi
- 8 Doting
- 9 Bakers
- 14 Nineteenth
- 17 Ashtaroth
- 18 Psalterly
- 20 Dreamer
- 21 Tittle
- 22 Taught
- 24 Omega
- 26 Asia

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proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not
easily angered, it keeps no record of
wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices
with the truth. It always protects, always
trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7



HOME COOKING

Spicy Chicken & Bean Top Pot

Ingredients

| | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 4-6 Chicken joints (legs or thighs) | Salt & pepper |
| 15oz can of red kidney beans drained | 1 large onion |
| 10z butter or margarine | 15oz can of tomatoes |
| 2 tablespoons of cooking oil | ¾ pint of hot water |
| 4 level tablespoons of cornflour | 1 chicken stock cube |
| 2 teaspoons of Worcester sauce | 1 teaspoon of sugar |
| 1 level tablespoon of chilli seasoning | 1 tablespoon of tomato puree |
| 1 large bay leaf (optional) | |

Method:

Skim the chicken joints and season well with salt and pepper. Heat the butter and oil in large frying pan and fry the chicken joints and onions until they start to brown - this will take about five minutes. Drain a little of the tomato juice from the can, blend with the cornflour and leave to one side.

Add the tomatoes, water, stock cube, Worcester sauce, chilli seasoning, Sugar, bay leaf, tomato puree and drained kidney beans to the chicken and onions and simmer with a lid on for 30 minutes

Remove the joints, add the blended cornflour, then stirring all the time, bring back to the boil and simmer for 1 minute. Replace the joints, cover and cook for a further 10 minutes. Taste the sauce and adjust seasoning if necessary, before serving.

Bon Appetit

A bowl with a whisk and a spoon.

Carol Singing at Bealeys Hospital

On Saturday 15th December, members of the choir and congregation of the church attended Bealeys Hospital on Dumers Lane, to entertain the patients and staff, singing carols. They were accompanied on the organ by Mr Paul Brown.

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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

January

3rd Harry Jackson
Jennifer Parton
6th Robin Rintoul
7th Geoffrey Howard
10th Rober Clegg
12th Robert Cordner
17th Ivy Finnans
Janette Gartside
Clifford James Heaton
18th Harold Beal
27th Ronald Jenkins
Dennis Ashworth

Saints Days

January

1st Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
2nd Basil the Great, 379 AD
Gregory of Nazianzus, 389 AD
12th Aeldred of Hexham, 1167
17th Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, 356 AD
19th Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1905
21st Agnes, Child Martyr of Rome, 304AD
24th Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva,
1622
25th The Conversion of Paul
26th Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul
28th Thomas Aquinas, Priest 1274
His sister Macrina, Deaconess, c379
30th Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

December

2nd Norman Morris
12th James Howarth
13th Albert Boote
14th Ivy Bolton
25th John Sharpe
27th Hugh Smith

February

1st Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c525
2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas)
6th The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
14th Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries 869
23rd Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, c155AD
27th George Herbert, Priest/Poet, 1633

January Readings

6th January
The Epiphany

1st Reading: *Isaiah 60: 1-6*
2nd Reading: *Eph 3: 1-12*
Gospel: *Matthew 2: 1-12*

13th January
Baptism of Christ,
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

1st Reading: *Isaiah 43: 1-7*
2nd Reading: *Acts 8: 14-17*
Gospel: *Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22*

20th January
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

1st Reading: *Isaiah 62: 1-5*
2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 12: 1-11*
Gospel: *John 2: 1-11*

27th January
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

1st Reading: *Neh 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10*
2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a*
Gospel: *Luke 4: 14-21*

February Readings

3rd February

*Presentation of Christ in the Temple
The Fifth Sunday before Lent*

1st Reading: Ezekial 43: 27-44

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 13

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

10th February

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

1st Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8 (9 to end)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Gospel: Luke 5 : 1-11

17th February

The Third Sunday before Lent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Gospel: Luke 6: 17-26

24th February

The Second Sunday before Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end

2nd Reading: Revelations 4

Gospel: Luke 8 : 22-25

The Parish Directory

Who's who at the Parish Church of St Mary, Radcliffe.

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