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Village Church Services January 2024



Please check on www.achurchnearyou.com for up to date information.

7th January

The Baptism of Christ

9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMC)
9.30am	Leathley	Holy Communion (SH)

14th January

Second Sunday of Epiphany (White)

11 am	Denton	Holy Communion (TMC)
11 am	Fewston	Family service - (PMc)
9.30am	Farnley	Morning Prayer (FD)

21st January

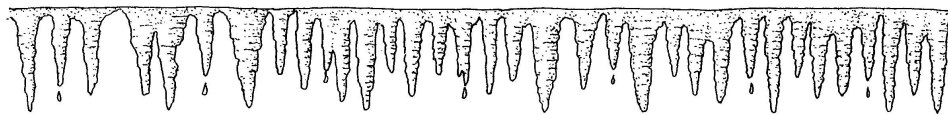
Third Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) TMC)
11am	Blubberhouses	Family Service (FS)
9.30 am	Leathley	Morning Prayer CW (PMc)

28th January

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9.30 am	Farnley	Holy Communion (TMC)
11am	Denton	Family service - (PMc)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel 2024

Sunday 14th January at 2:30pm – Covenant & Communion Service
with Rev. Shannon DeLaureal

Sunday 28th January at 2:30pm – with Rev. Roberta Topham

11th February Rev Cameron Stirk

25th February Mrs Viv Pitts



Message from Our Vicar

New Year



When I was a child, I used to love buying notebooks, with decorative covers, lots of blank pages that needed to be filled in. New thoughts and ideas ready to populate a page, anticipation at the ready. So many new things that could be put on each new pristine page. For me the blank page has never lost its appeal apart from when I am up against a deadline of course!

The wonderful thing is that with the New Year there is a blank page that awaits us all, wondering what may be in store for us. The one thing that is certain is that when we make mistakes, which we always will, God offers each one of us a fresh start, and if we accept his offer we can start anew and try again. 2023 brought with it many changes for all of us, not least for Paul and myself. We have had a new County to explore and a new house to live in, and new people to get to know. We stepped out in faith and the Lord has been indeed been gracious to us.

The New Year of course may bring challenges in many different guises, I pray that The Lord may give strength and perseverance through faith in him. I pray also that the New Year may bring us personal blessings but also blessings as a Benefice, blessings that will enrich our life and the life of all those around us.

Peace and Blessings for 2024
Teresa

From the Registers

Baptism

26th November Ralh John Hardcastle at St Oswald Church
Leathley

News from Norwood Chapel ~ January 2024

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! 2024 is now here! I hope your Christmas celebrations were filled with laughter and love, and quality time with friends and family. When folks speak about the New Year, we often hear of New Year Resolutions. . . setting goals for improving our lives, physically, mentally or even financially. However, the downside I have found to New Year resolutions is that so often we are unable to keep them as hard as we try. We can easily become discouraged and give up, feeling like a failure with such things.

In the Benedictine monastic tradition, there is a mindset inherent in their Rule of Life that emphasizes each day is a new day and a day in which we can begin again. So if one does not succeed in attaining a certain goal, then tomorrow is a another day to begin anew. The goals set aren't like the goals we have in our secular, business-model thinking. The goals are more of an attitude or a certain way of viewing the world rather than something that is fully acquired, accomplished or attained. Perhaps that is why they are called "Rules" rather than "goals" for living.

In his book, *Always We Begin Again*, John McQuiston II rewrites in contemporary language Benedictine's Rule of Life. The First Rule begins with a simple statement: "Live this life and do whatever is done in a spirit of loving kindness . .

And each day "We must resolve to treat each hour as the rarest of gifts and be grateful for the consciousness that allows us to experience it, recalling in thanks that our awareness is a present from we know not where, or how, or why . . . life will always provide matters for concern. Yet each day will bring with it reasons for joy. Each day carries the potential to bring the experience of heaven; have the courage to expect good from it. Be gentle with this life and use the light of life to live fully in your time."

What do these words mean to you? As I think about world events over the past few years, I long for peace to be established between Ukraine and Russia, in the Middle East and in other places of conflict. I pray for a way forward that honours a sense of identity, diversity, shared humanity and a hopeful future grounded in respect, kindness and the sharing of resources and power. Even though I may pray for this, peace must begin with me . . . in my heart and in how I interact with others in my home, churches, community and beyond. I believe the same is true for you. I know I must rest in God's loving embrace and be aware of the heavenly gifts that are right before my very eyes in order to live in such a way. Without my awareness of God's presence and divine nudges, my strength and hope would simply run out.

For the Benedictines, each new day is an opportunity to see heaven and peace here on earth. In this New Year, my prayer is that we all find ways to be inspired to live graciously and gently, cultivating a spirit of loving kindness so everyone may come to experience the joys of heaven and the peace of God that passes all understanding.

With hope for a more peace-filled year, ~ Rev. Shannon

Community Notice Board

Happy New Year to all our Readers
From the Magazine Team

Leathley Parish Room Domino

Friday 9th February

All welcome, whether a seasoned pro or never picked up a domino before, any age that can stay awake until about 9:30.

Please let us know by the Thursday before so we can be sure to have enough pies!

Over 16 to 90 - £5.00

Under 16 - £2.50

90 and over – free, wonderful to see you

Tickets;

Ann, John or Anne (Booking Secretaries) on 07802212111
Or leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com



Fewston Parochial Hall
Happy New Year



The next charity teas are
10.30 am to 4pm
Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th January 2024.

All proceeds Fewston Parochial Hall

Community Notice Board



Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota

7th January 2024 - Hilary Crawford

Thank you to everyone for there hard work in 2023. The Rota will be updated in the next issue.



T&T

Prize Dominoes

Prize winning dominoes starts off 2024 and we're meeting on Tuesday 9th January at 2pm at Norwood Social Hall See you there!

T&T meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s.

It is only £2 per person.

If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362

I have always got time for T&T!



Fewston Foxy Ladies

Children's Favourites



Join us on Tuesday 16th January at 2pm when we're going to enjoy Children's Favourites from the 1950s with Malcolm Johnson.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423 806151 See you there!,

Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota

For January and February

7th January

Stephen & Marlene Turnbull

14th & 21st January Mr & Mrs Senior

28th January & 4th February

Mrs J Cowgill

11th & 18th February

Mrs H Pullan



New Year

New Opportunities

New Year gives us a chance to do something we may have always wanted to do. Is there anyone that would like to do a reading in their local Church at a Sunday Service? If you think this is something you might enjoy or feel you could help in this way why not let me know either via email or a telephone call.

Maybe reading in church is not for you but there may be something else you would like to be involved within the life of this Benefice, if so, I would love to hear from you!

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Snowdrop Festival Morning

Come and enjoy the snowdrops at
Saint Helen's Denton

Saturday 10th February 2024

Refreshments from 10am -12noon

All Welcome



Book Shop

(or until all the book and a few quality items are all sold)

In aid of **Cure Parkinson's**

A wide variety of second hand books and magazines in good condition available both none fiction and fiction.

Most books are £1 unless priced otherwise.
The shop is always open with an honesty box or gift aid envelope available.

Location: Redshaw Hall, Hall Lane/West End Lane West End near Thruscross Reservoir. Please email Anna Bowman on magazine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk if you would like directions or more information on the range of books available.

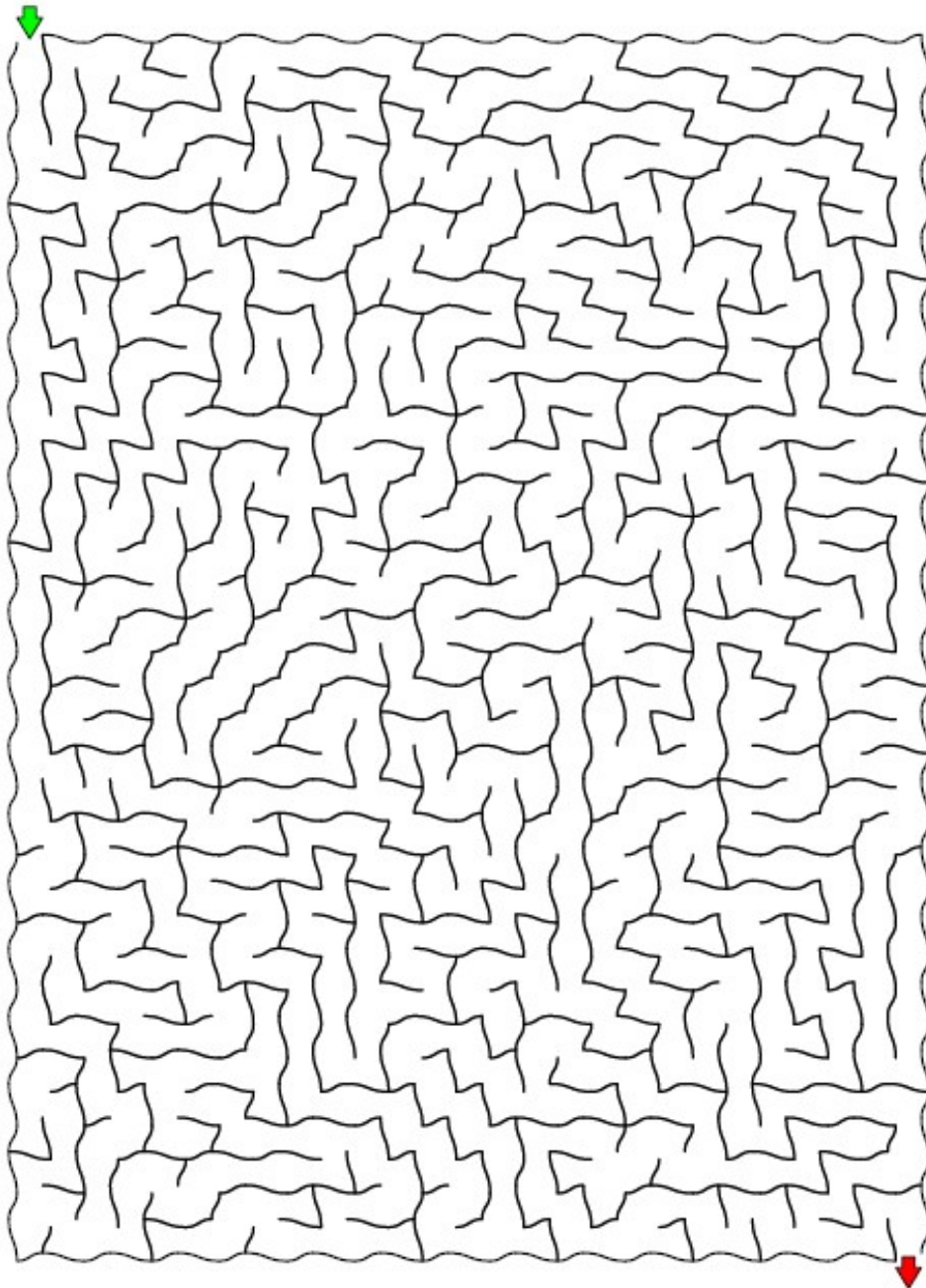


Please open the gate and turn in the front yard. The shop is in the porch is located through the double front doors.



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Story, puzzles and colouring-in



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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Exodus chapter 2 verses 1 to 12

In Egypt the Hebrew people flourished so well that the new Pharaoh grew scared and ordered all their new-born boys to be killed.

Moses' mother hid him when he was born, but he grew too big.



sssh! Waaaa!

She made a basket from reeds for him and put it in the grass by the river Nile.



She told Moses' sister Miriam to keep watch.



Pharaoh's daughter found Moses.



Waaa!

Shall I get someone to look after the baby?



Yes!

So Miriam got her mother.



Look after him for me.

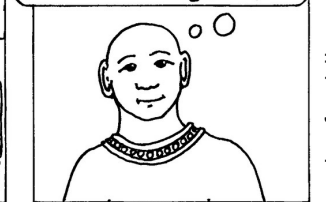
The princess adopted Moses as her son.



When Moses was grown up he went to see where his people worked as slaves.



Perhaps I will be the one to save my people.



Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave.



Work harder!

Moses checked no-one was looking and...



..killed the Egyptian.

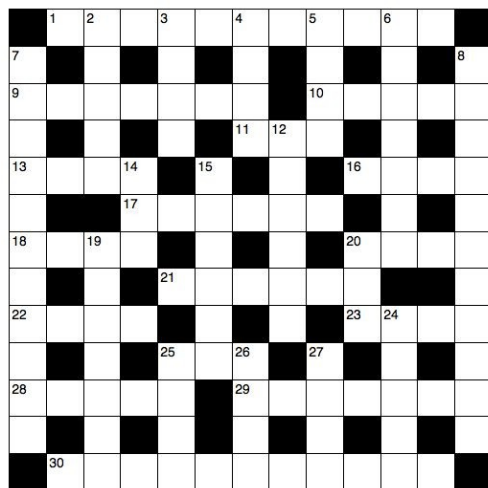
He hid the body in the sand.



No-one will know it was me!

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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Paul said the wrath of God 'is being revealed from heaven' against this (Romans 1:18) (11)
9. Go smite (anagram) (7)
- 10'But — I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee' (Matthew 26:32) (5)
- 11 'Take and —; this is my body' (Matthew 26:26) (3)
13. Type (2 Thessalonians 2:10) (4)
- 16 'Woe to those who - iniquity' (Micah 2:1) (4)
- 17 'How shall we — if we ignore such a great salvation?' (Hebrews 2:3) (6)
- 18 Opposite of evens (4)
- 20 Previously cited (Latin) (4)
- 21 'There is surely — — of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife' (Genesis 20:11) (2,4)
- 22 The Thessalonians were warned to keep away from every brother who was this (2 Thessalonians 3:6) (4)

- 23 Beat (anagram.) (4)
- 25 To trouble or afflict (Job 16:3) (3)
- 28 Part of a roof (1 Kings 7:9) (5)
- 29 Attain (Job 5:12) (7)
- 30 Insect noted for its gymnastic ability (Psalm 78:46) (11)

Down

- 2 Smell (John 11:39) (5)
- 3 Lion's home (Jeremiah 25:38) (4)
- 4 'Jesus Christ is the — yesterday and today and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8) (4)
- 5 Tidy (4)
- 6 Made their home (Genesis 47:27) (7)
- 7 Their task was to carry the curtains of the tabernacle (Numbers 4:25–26) (11)
- 8 Timothy's was called Lois (2 Timothy 1:5) (11)
- 12 The Lover likened the fragrance of the Beloved's breath to these (Song of Songs 7:8) (6)
- 14 Times Educational Supplement (1,1,1)
- 15 Eight-tentacled sea creatures (6)
- 19 'And lead us not into temptation, but — us from the evil one' (Matthew 6:13) (7)
- 20 D.L. Moody's legendary song leader, — D. Sankey (3)
- 24 Rarely used musical note (5)
- 25 'Your will be done on earth — it — in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,2)
- 26 and 27 'The Lord Almighty will — them with a —, as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb' (Isaiah 10:26) (4,4)
- 27 See 26 Down

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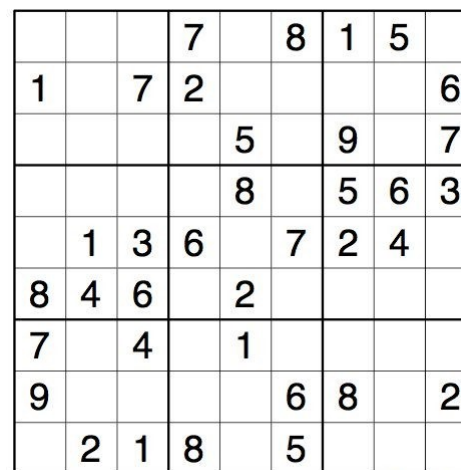
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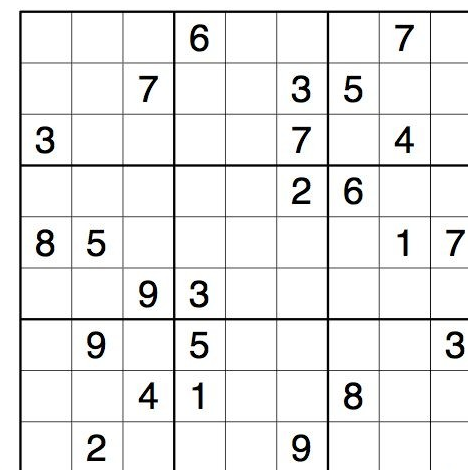
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Paul
Encounter
Jesus
Different
Epiphany
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Bethlehem
Conversion
Seeking
Kill
Baby
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Gold
Proud
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Road
Suffering
Apostle



Sudoku



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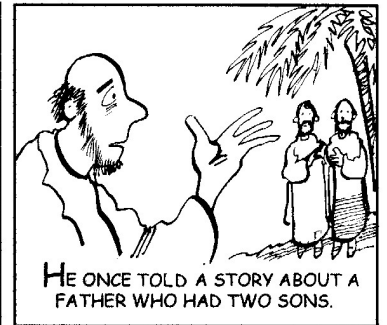
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The tale of the Two Sons

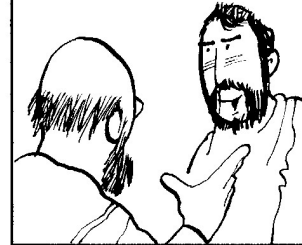


JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



HE ONCE TOLD A STORY ABOUT A FATHER WHO HAD TWO SONS.

THE FATHER WENT TO HIS OLDER SON AND ASKED HIM TO WORK IN THE VINEYARD



'NO I WON'T!' SAID THE OLDER SON...



...BUT THEN HE CHANGED HIS MIND AND WENT AND HELPED.

THE FATHER THEN WENT TO HIS YOUNGER SON AND ASKED HIM TO HELP IN THE VINEYARD TOO.

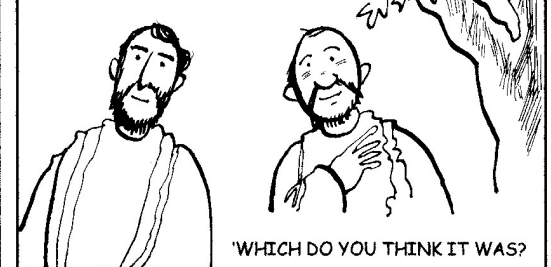


'OF COURSE I WILL!' SAID THE YOUNGER SON. BUT HE PROMPTLY FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT....

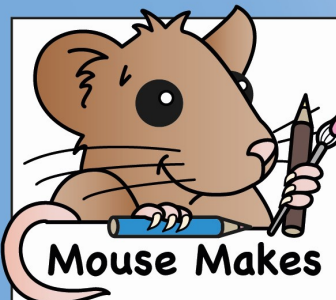
...AND DIDN'T DO A STROKE OF WORK!



'WHICH ONE DID WHAT HIS FATHER WANTED?' ASKED JESUS...



'WHICH DO YOU THINK IT WAS?'



EPIPHANY is the time in the Church year that we remember when the 'wise men' or 'Magi' followed a star that led them to the Christ child Jesus. They bowed down, worshipped him and left *three* special gifts.

Mouse Makes

Where was Jesus born?
_____ Luke 2:1

Who was the king?
_____ Luke 2:1

Where did the wise men come from?
the _____ Luke 2:1

What had the wise men seen?
a _____ Luke 2:2

What three gifts did the wise men give Jesus?
_____ Luke 2:11

How were the wise men warned not to return to Herod?
In a _____ Luke 2:12

Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks, find them in the word search then look for the words opposite.

How many other words can you make from the letters in EPIPHANY?

Word search grid:

C	H	I	L	D	S	T	A	R	J	D	K
J	E	S	U	S	W	A	E	B	O	B	I
E	S	R	E	J	O	I	C	E	Y	O	N
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G	H	I	S	S	I	T	H	E	R	O	D
I	E	M	T	E	P	I	P	H	A	N	Y
F	R	A	N	K	I	N	C	E	N	S	E
T	D	R	S	W	I	S	E	M	E	N	E
S	M	Y	R	R	H	D	R	E	A	M	I

Words to find:

- JESUS
- WISEMEN
- WORSHIP
- SHEPHERD
- KING
- JEWS
- CHRIST
- CHILD
- BORN
- RULER
- ISRAEL
- REJOICE
- JOY
- HOUSE
- MARY
- GIFTS
- EPIPHANY

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All in the month of January

It was:
700 years ago, on 8th Jan 1324 that Marco Polo died. This Venetian/Italian merchant, explorer and writer is best known for his book *The Travels of Marco Polo*, which detailed his travels along the Silk Road in Asia.

200 years ago, on 8th Jan 1824 that Wilkie Collins, British novelist and playwright was born. Best known for *The Woman in White* and *The Moonstone*, which is regarded as the first modern British detective novel.

175 years ago, on 13 Jan 1849 that the Colony of Vancouver Island was established. It became part of Canada in 1871.

150 years ago, on 25th Jan 1874 that Somerset Maugham, British playwright, novelist and short story writer, was born. One of the most popular writers of his era.

125 years ago, on 20th Jan 1899 that the world famous British ceramic artist Clarice Cliff was born.

100 years ago, on 10th Jan 1924 that Columbia Pictures, the American film studio and production company, was established.

Also 100 years ago, on 21st Jan 1924 that Vladimir Lenin, Russian Communist leader, died. He was the architect and first head of the Soviet Union.

Also 100 years ago, on 22nd Jan 1924 that Ramsay MacDonald became Britain's first Labour Prime Minister.

Also 100 years ago, on 26th Jan 1924 that the Russian city of St Petersburg

was renamed Leningrad. Its name was changed back in 1991.

80 years ago, on 17th Jan to 18th May 1944 that the WW2 Battle of Monte Cassino, Italy, took place. This Allied victory is regarded as the hardest-fought and bloodiest battle of the war, with around 250,000 casualties.

Also 80 years ago, on 23rd Jan 1944 that Edvard Munch, Norwegian artist, died. Best known for *The Scream*.

75 years ago, on 10th Jan 1949 that RCA launched the 7-inch 45-rpm vinyl record, commonly known as the single.

Also 75 years ago, on 26th Jan 1949 that the 200-inch (five metre) Hale Telescope at the Palomar Observatory in California was used for the first time. It was the world's largest optical telescope until 1976, and it is still in active use.

65 years ago, on 12th Jan 1959 that the Motown record label was founded in Detroit, Michigan by Berry Gordy.

60 years ago, on 11th Jan 1964 that the US Surgeon General published a report which concluded that cigarette smoking caused lung cancer and chronic bronchitis. This was the first official US government report on the health issues of smoking.

Also 60 years ago, on 13th Jan 1964 that Bob Dylan's album *The Times They Are A-Changin'* was released.

50 years ago, from 1st Jan to 6th Mar, 1974, a three-day working week was introduced in the UK, in order to conserve coal supplies (used by power stations) during a miners' strike.

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Blackcaps

Do you feed the birds in your garden? I certainly do, and according to the BTO, so do around two thirds of us. But have you ever wondered what long term effect all this feeding might have? For the first time, thanks to data collected by Garden BirdWatch members, we have robust proof that it can make a significant change in a bird population's behaviour.

Since the 1950s, Blackcaps breeding in southern Germany and Austria have increasingly migrated towards Britain for the winter rather than taking their traditional route to southern Spain. Research has shown that this new migration strategy is genetic, not learned, being confined to this specific population, with birds from other European countries still heading south. For birds wintering in the UK it means less distance to travel with added advantage that they can get back to their breeding grounds earlier.

Early observations of wintering Blackcaps in British gardens coincided with the wider availability of commercial wild bird foods. However, it is unlikely that this will have been the only factor driving the change as at the same time winter conditions in Britain have become milder. But which is the more important?

Unravelling this conundrum required the long-term collection of data over a wide area of the UK, allowing statisticians to work out which factor has had the most effect. If garden feeding had influenced Blackcap migration, you'd expect Blackcaps to be seen more frequently where there

was a long term reliable source of garden bird food. If climate changes had limited the Blackcap's winter range, you'd expect Blackcaps to be seen more often at sites where the winter was warmer.

So the BTO had to look at temperature changes over several years, at urban heat effects (towns are warmer than the countryside due to waste heat etc.), at local habitat variations and at a whole host of other factors.

What came out of all this is that whilst wintering Blackcaps do prefer the warmer south and west, they are most widely found where garden food has been put out regularly for a significant period of time, and that this is particularly so during colder winters. For the first time we have solid evidence that our feeding of garden birds can modify the behaviour of a large population even more than climate change; showing just how valuable the reports sent in by Garden BirdWatch can be.

As an interesting adjunct, close examination has shown that the beak shape of the UK wintering population has changed, becoming longer and narrower, adapting them to a more generalised diet!

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: **Mike Gray 07596 366342** or mikegbw@btinternet.com.

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Leathley Parish Room – Not the War yet

The last instalment of the tale of Leathley Parish Room finished as electricity was brought to the hall. Whist drives and dancing continued, supplemented by demonstrations on upholstery, first aid and sick nursing. Considerable problems had to be overcome in February 1934, when an offer of an entertainment was received from a concert party in Farnley. The Committee Chairman, Reverend Rogers, was not prepared to countenance an entertainment during lent. The committee therefore decided to hold the entertainment on Shrove Tuesday, but obtaining the necessary licence was troublesome, and special representation had to be made to the magistrate's clerk. About this time a familiar name first appears, as "Mrs Ryott" is asked to present the prizes at a whist drive. The following year Major Ryott stood in as Chairman of the Committee following the demise of Reverend Rogers.

In 1935 the minutes record that the old coke stove was unsatisfactory, and a decision was made to install electric tubular heaters. The cost of heating the hall by electricity at that time was estimated to be eleven (old) pence per hour, just over 4p. It was also suggested at this time that a wooden extension be planned, to house a kitchen and toilets. A subcommittee was formed in 1936. Step one was to establish the boundaries of the land owned by the village hall, a step that had to be repeated in 2021 to obtain planning permission for our new accessible toilet! A detailed plan was drawn up by Mr Johnson, submitted to Wharfedale District Council and accepted. Fund raising began in earnest. Mr Wrangham, of Leathley

Hall, hosted fundraising meetings. Major Ryott, Mr Wrangham, Mr Dawson and Mr Armitage all made donations to start the fund. Work commenced in June 1937 and was completed by the end of August. A grand opening was planned with, surprise surprise, a whist drive and a dance. The grand opening on September 24th 1937 was reported in the local papers. The headline reads "New £240 extensions opened". It was reported to be the result of 14 years hard work. One line in the newspaper article made me smile in agreement. "Leathley, much smaller place than Leeds, but very much more desirable in every other way". How true.

The committee discussed the best place to keep the Deeds of the Parish Room. It was decided they should reside in an iron chest in the Church Vestry, as the rector of the Parish is the permanent chairman. Hire fees were discussed. Interestingly, hire of the rooms cost 50% more in winter than in summer, a variation the current committee has been discussing. At the annual meeting in 1938, the funds in hand were four pounds, two shillings and four pence. Whist drives and dances continued, partly to fund the hall but also supporting charitable ventures such as the Institute for the Blind and The Infirmary at Leeds. Care was taken not to clash with other local social events.

Now war looms. In February 1939, the committee voted to make the Parish Room available as a temporary school in the event of children having to be evacuated from the large towns. I cannot find any record of that ever happening, but clearly the world was about to change.

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Washburn Heritage Centre

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SUNDAYS** only during the winter, from 11am until 4pm. We welcome **NEW VOLUNTEERS**. If you can spare a few hours at the weekend once a month we would love to see you in the Tea Room. It's a busy environment, warm and friendly, but you are rewarded with cake!

The last weekend of each month is usually given over to "drinks and biscuits only" while the Parochial Church Hall offers a full lunch menu. From January the Heritage Centre will no longer open on "biscuit" weekends but instead will be hosting (on some of the Sundays) a social lunch for 12 members.

Continuing with our current programme "More than a woman", events in January are as follows:

Thornthwaite Church and looking towards Menwith Hill

Thursday 4th January, 9.30am

A distant view of the "golf balls" gives an opportunity to briefly consider the role of the Women's Peace Camp (please see our temporary exhibition in the Centre). We then take a walk via quiet lanes, fields, stiles, woods and include a visit to Thornthwaite Church which has, over the course of its history, celebrated the lives of five interesting women. About 5.5 miles. Lunch served back at the Centre. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

Film "On Clogger Lane", Andrew Black Friday 5th January, 7pm

Andrew Black, who studied at Glasgow School of Art and winner of the 2021

Margaret Tait Award returns to the Heritage Centre for the screening of his film On Clogger Lane. This experimental documentary explores the people and places of the Washburn Valley and the connections between them. Andrew will explain the background to the film and the messages it contains before we view the film. Light refreshments served. Cost £8 member, £10 non-member.

Adapting novels for the stage, Deborah McAndrew

Thursday 11th January, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Yorkshire woman Deborah McAndrew, playwright, actor and Chancellor of Leeds Trinity University from 2018 to 2023, offers an insight into the writing process when dramatising a work of literature for the theatre. Deborah is co-founder and Joint Artistic Director of the Claybody Theatre Company. Join this interactive session by thinking of your favourite novel and how it would make the transition onto the stage? If time allows, a Q&A about her wider work and career will follow. Light refreshments served. Cost £8 member, £10 non-member.

Joyful January, music with the Fairfax Singers

Saturday 13th January, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Brighten a January afternoon by listening to a performance of popular songs "with women in mind" from a range of artists, led by Martin Baker their Musical Director. Afternoon tea will be served. Cost £15 member, £18 non-member.



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Where women toiled, Salt's Mill, Saltaire

Thursday 18th January, 10.15am – 2.00pm

The mills of the Washburn Valley have almost disappeared leaving little trace. The huge mill complex at Salts Mill may have echoes of West House Mill at Blubberhouses. Join our guided walk (Washburn guide) around Saltaire, a World Heritage Site to see the mill workers' village and imagine the streets full of women heading to work in the mill. We then join a Salt's Mill guide on a curated hour long art tour of the 1853 Gallery where you will see the world's largest permanent collection of work by Bradford born David Hockney. You might choose to eat at Salt's Diner (own cost) or perhaps take a walk and a picnic to nearby Roberts Park. Accessible by train or car. Parking available nearby. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

Hello my name is ... Chris Pointon

Friday 26th January, 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Four simple words which would have made a huge difference to how the late Dr Kate Granger MBE received her diagnosis of terminal cancer. From then on, she spearheaded a drive for more compassionate care which starts with a simple introduction. Now there is a worldwide campaign with celebrity backers including among others, Kylie Minogue and Sir Steve Redgrave. Kate's widower, Chris Pointon will explain how the story unfolded. Light refreshments served. Cost £8 member, £10 non-member.

Advance notice of the next programme:



Our spring programme takes us on a whistle-stop tour of the Washburn Valley from the laying down of primeval rocks to the building of the Heritage Centre. The shaping of the landscape by glaciers, the evidence of Bronze and Iron Age settlements and remains of Roman occupation come under our spotlight. Saxons, Vikings and Normans have all influenced the area we see today. Agriculture, industrialisation and the building of the reservoirs bring us up to date with what Washburn means now.

There is something for everyone in what we hope is an exciting programme and the Preview Evening for Members takes place on THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY at 6pm. Our first event is as follows:

The best start in life, Anne Longfield CBE

Saturday 3rd February 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Anne, an Ilkley resident and former pupil of Prince Henry's in Otley, is the Chair of the Commission on Young Lives and a former Children's Commissioner for England and is now able to give the talk which had to be postponed from the "Best Days of our Lives?" theme. Anne will talk to us about how childhood lays the foundation for life and what we can do to make it a good one. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Please contact Jenny at the Centre to book any of these events. Telephone 01943 880794 or email centre@washburnvalley.org

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Saint Helen's ready for the Christmas Fair

St Helen's Church all ready for the Christmas Fair. Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported this annual event.



Gardeners Corner



What a wet autumn it has been, but when the sun has shone the colours have been spectacular! The weather has been a bit of a hindrance so now is the time to catch up on those jobs that were put off earlier. Do clear up the last of the fallen leaves from lawns, paths and flowerbeds, storing them separately to rot into wonderful leaf mould which will be a real tonic for your plants in future. Keep brushing paths to prevent algae from making them slippery and dangerous. Removing autumn leaves at the edges will also reduce hideouts for slugs!

It is a good idea to remove yellowing foliage from brassicas – sprouts, kale, purple sprouting etc – and remember that taller plants may need staking to combat wind rock and damage. Blackcurrants fruit best on newer wood so prune now by cutting out some of the oldest woodiest stems. At the beginning of the month and when conditions allow, new blackcurrant

bushes and raspberry canes can still be planted. Pear and Apple trees can be pruned now. Plum trees should not be pruned until midsummer, as they may be susceptible to silver leaf fungus at this time of year.

Hellebores are among my favourite winter plants with so many varieties to choose from. December is a time to buy new ones which will reward you with a range of colours lasting right through to mid spring. Remember to remove old leaves on existing plants to help control the spread of disease. Don't overwater houseplants. Indoor azaleas, cyclamen and forced bulbs giving festive colour will last longer in a cool spot, but poinsettias, hate the cold and draughts, so keep them in a warm cosy room.

Finally if you have a potted Christmas tree do keep it well watered. Mist growing and cut trees to keep them happy. Enjoy the festive season!



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40 years ago, on 22nd Jan 1984 that the first Apple Mackintosh computer went on sale

25 years ago, on 1st Jan 1999 that the euro officially became the new currency in 11 European countries.

15 years ago, on 3rd Jan 2009 that the cryptocurrency Bitcoin was launched.

Also 15 years ago, on 20th Jan 2009 that Barack Obama was inaugurated as the 44th President of the USA.

10 years ago, on 27th Jan 2014 that Peter Seeger, American folk/protest singer died. Best known for *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?* and *If I Had a Hammer*.



Have you ever wondered how Leeds City Council came to own one of the biggest city parks in Europe. Roundhay Park was given to the Council by Sir John Barran who is the great great grandfather of one of our members. On January 10th she will tell us about this amazing gift to the citizens of Leeds. Following this our monthly walk will be around Roundhay to observe the main features of the park.

In February we'll be considering whether we need an air fryer in our kitchen or perhaps a Remoska oven, a 1950's Czech invention which one of our members swears by.

Later in the year we'll be investigating the art of basketry, playing croquet

and much more.

To view our programme for 2024 please visit <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate>.

All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7.30pm. In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for leisurely strolls followed by a coffee stop on one month followed the next month by a longer hike and picnic stop.

If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI please contact Diane Hanline our President by email to farnleyestatewi@gmail.com



Recipe ~ Apricot Jam



This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1st December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend Marlene Wilkinson in her mothers possessions and reprinted again. She dedicated it to "Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions"

67 years later we are sharing the recipes again but this time in the magazine. Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

Ingredients

2lbs Dried Apricots cut up small
6 pints of water.
6lbs of sugar

- Soak for eight hours in 6 pints of water.
- Add 6lbs of sugar
- Boil for 1 hour
- Place in clean jars

Method

- Cut up the apricots into small pieces

Mrs Hill



WASHBURN & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES MAGAZINE

Feeling inspired?

The magazine is created by compiling contributions from readers, the many people associated with running the churches, societies, clubs and event holders. Thank you to everyone for sending in items each month.

If you feel inspired please send in your own poem or request share your favourite poem, a seasonal recipe, write an articles or anything you wish to share. All Items for the magazine are always welcome. Please email your items to: magazine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk

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Our magazine

The magazine was created to link the communities of the Anglican and Methodist churches in the Mid-Wharfe and lower Washburn Valley. The Anglican churches of the United Benefice are All Saints Weston, St Helen Denton, St Michael and St Laurence Fewston, St Andrew Blubberhouses, All Saints Farnley and St Oswald Leathley. Norwood chapel is in the Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist circuit

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