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# Village Church Services

## March



Please check on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)  
for up to date information.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### Sunday Next Before Lent

9.30am	Weston Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)TMc)
9.30am	Leathley Morning Prayer (FD)
11am	Fewston Morning Prayer (PMc)

### 5<sup>th</sup> March

### Ash Wednesday

11 am	Farnley Service of Holy Communion with Ashling
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### 9<sup>th</sup> March

### Lent 1

11.15am	Denton Morning Prayer (PMc)
11am	Fewston Holy Communion (TMc)
9.30am	Farnley All age Worship (TMc)

### 16<sup>th</sup> March

### Lent 2

9.30am	Leathley Holy Communion (TMc)
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### 23<sup>rd</sup> March

### Lent 3

11.15am	Denton Holy Communion (TMc )
9.30am	Farnley Holy Communion (TMc )

### 30<sup>th</sup> March

### Lent 4

### Mothering Sunday

11am	Fewston United Benefice Service, Holy Communion (TMc)
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### 6<sup>th</sup> April

### Lent 5

9.30 am	Weston Holy Communion BCP (TMc)
9.30 am	Leathley Morning Prayer (PMc)
11.00 am	Fewston Morning Prayer (TMc)



For Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel

Please see page 5

# The Vicar's Monthly Message



**Do  
everything  
in love**

There seems to be so much disunity in the World, and it would be good to think that when one looked at the Church we would find peace and understanding amongst God's people. Yet sadly this is not always the case, especially in the Church of England at present; often we bring our feelings of discord with us when we come to worship which can only act in a negative way, as a barrier to us reaching out to others, and to The Lord.

Psalm 133 reminds us how good it is when all is well with the world.

"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes"

Our World is certainly a different place at the moment, one that is still fearful and unsure in so many ways, not least because of what the future may hold for us. When we act in unloving ways to one another, then all we do is reflect the world about us, but when we follow Christ with our hearts and minds there is also love, and that should be the driving force. The same love that St Paul wrote about:

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful."  
1 Corinthians 13:4-5

It is that precise love that acts as a catalyst, that draws others who may not have experienced that love to come and find out more. May we show love and kindness to one another and seek to live in unity as God's people here in the Washburn and Mid-Wharfe area.

Every Blessing  
Teresa

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# Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel

## March, April and May

9 <sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm	DeLaureal	Holy Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30pm	Faulkner/Hall	
13 <sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm	Smith	Palm Sunday
27 <sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm	Topham	
11 <sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm	Stirk	Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm	Pitts	

### From the Registers

#### Funerals

3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	Edmund Peter Lowe	at Saint Oswald's. Leathley
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Minister Susan Shann	at All Saints Weston
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Christine Edwina Gregory	at Saint Oswald's. Leathley
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Shelagh Minnie Harrison	at Saint Michaels and Saint Lawrence, Fewston
6 <sup>th</sup> February	George Alfred Moore	at All Saints Weston

### Mothering Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

There is an old Jewish saying: *God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.*

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mother's Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.

# Times of Prayer in Lent

## Prayer is the Key that unlocks all doors

10 March	12 noon	St Oswald	Leathley
11 March	12 noon	All Saints	Farnley
12 March	12 noon	St Michael & St Lawrence	Fewston
13 March	12 noon	St Andrew	Blubberhouses
17 March	12 noon	St Helen	Denton
18 March	12 noon	St Oswald	Leathley
19 March	12 noon	All Saints	Weston
20 March	12 noon	All Saints	Farnley
24 March	12 noon	St Andrew	Blubberhouses
25 March	12 noon	St Helen	Denton
26 March	12 noon	All Saints	Weston
27 March	12 noon	St Michael & St Lawrence	Fewston
31 March	12 noon	St Oswald	Leathley
1 April	12 noon	All Saints	Farnley
2 April	12 noon	St Andrew	Blubberhouses
3 April	12 noon	St Helen	Denton
7 April	12 noon	St Oswald	Leathley
8 April	12 noon	All Saints	Weston
9 April	12 noon	St Michael & St Lawrence	Fewston
10 April	12 noon	All Saints	Farnley
14 April	12 noon	St Andrew	Blubberhouses
15 April	12 noon	St Helen	Denton
16 April	12 noon	St Oswald	Leathley
17 April	12 noon	All Saints	Weston

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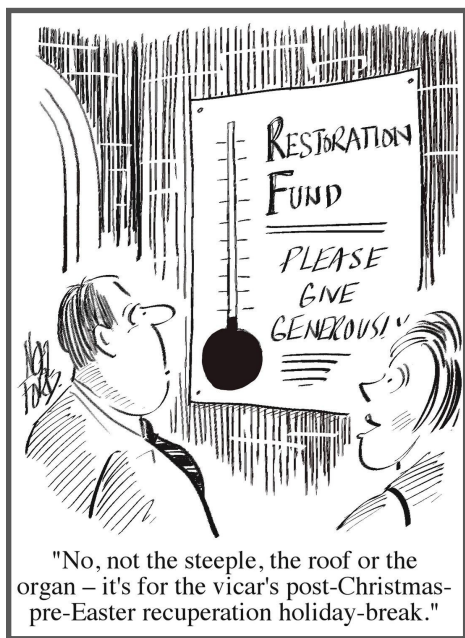
## Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota for February & March

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Karen Boothman
9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Sue Wood
23 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Julie Crowther
9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> March	

	Stephen & Marlene Turnbull
23 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr & Mrs Senior
6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Mrs J Cowgill
20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Tom & Ruth Raper
4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs H Pullan
18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Sally Stanley

## Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for March & April

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Sally Stanley
9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> March	
	Stephen & Marlene Turnbull
23 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr & Mrs Senior
6 & 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Sue Wood
20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Julie Crowther
4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Ann Chadwick



Farnley Church APCM,  
notice from the PCC

## The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for All Saints' Farnley

is to be held on  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
at 2.30pm  
in the church.

All welcome

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## Fewston Foxy Ladies



All invited! Well know local valuer and auctioneer Charlie Hartley from Hartley's Antiques of Ilkley is coming to Fewston Parochial! Charlie is giving a talk about Antiques on Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm at Fewston Parochial Hall. £3 for non members.

If you would like more information please contact

Gillian a ring on 01943 880362;  
Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741;  
Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423 806151

Looking forward to welcoming you all



## T&T Dominoes



Join us for prize winning dominoes on Tuesday 4th March 2pm tea, chat and dominoes, see you there!

See you then!

T&T normally 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 Parochial Hall Charity teas

Teas, lunches and homemade cakes

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 10am till 4pm.

## Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month,  
the next meeting is the

14<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at

The Penny Bun  
(formerly the Askwith Arms).

Contact Anne for more information - Tel: 07713884328

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Weston and Denton  
**Easter Walk and Egg Hunt**  
 On Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Start at 2pm from Askwith Village Hall for a 3.5mile (5.5km) walk  
 round Askwith with an Easter Egg Hunt on the way

All Welcome

**Events in Denton and Weston.**  
**Dates for your diary.**  
**Look out for further information!**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

– Coffee & Cake and some thing for  
 Mum. St Helen's 10am – 1pm

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

– Easter Walk and Egg Hunt. Meet at  
 Askwith Village Hall at 2pm

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August

– Parish BBQ. Denton Church car park  
 from 2pm. Tickets in advance

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

– Heritage Open Day. Weston  
 & Denton churches; Teas at the Hall

September or October  
 date tbc

– Harvest Supper

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November

– Christmas Fair, Denton  
 Church 10am to 1pm

December date tbc

– Annual Nativity walk with Mary &  
 Joseph

Denton and Weston PCC has considered the Christian com-  
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# A Treat before Mother's Day

Come and join us at St Helen's Denton  
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from 10am – 12 noon for coffee, cakes and  
something for Mum!

All Welcome



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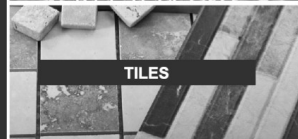
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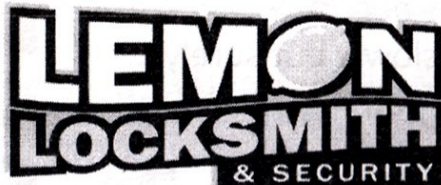
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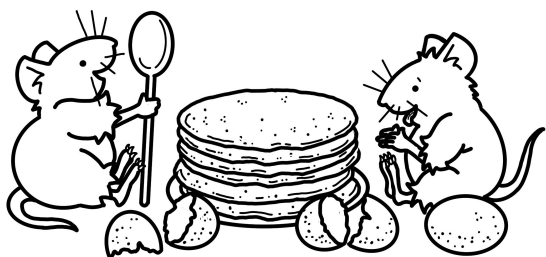
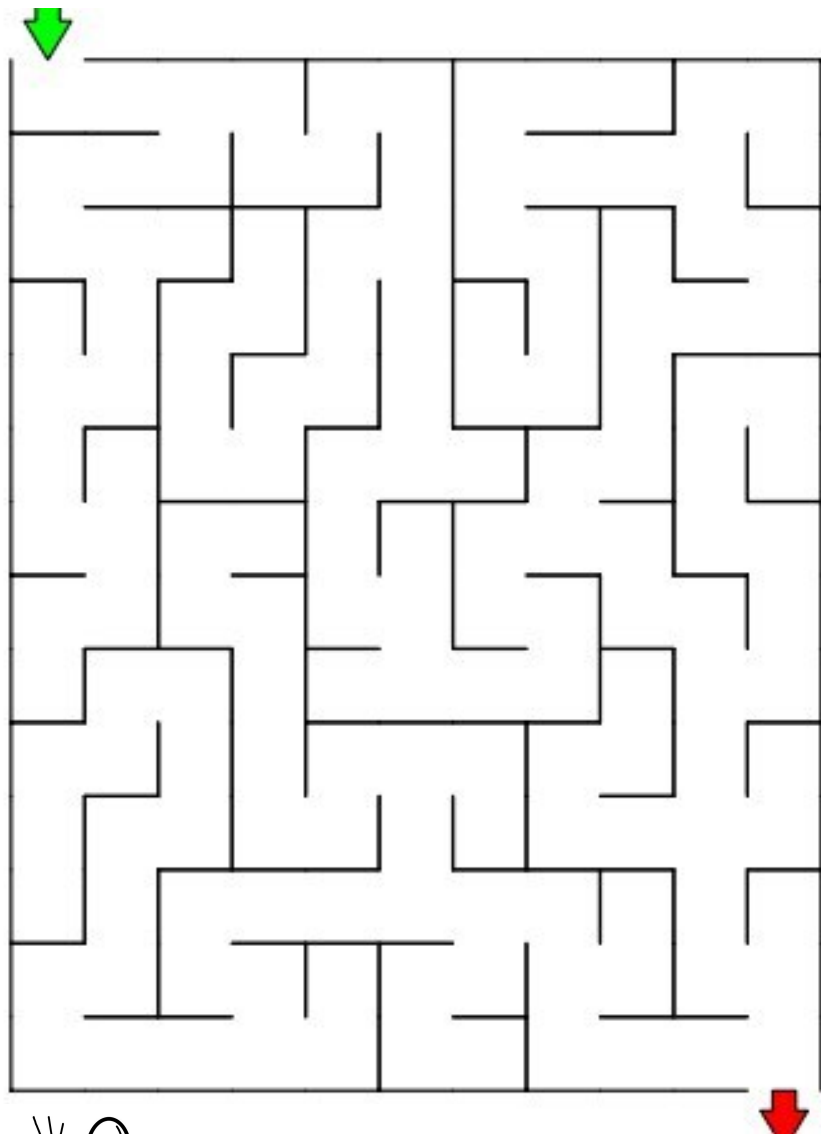
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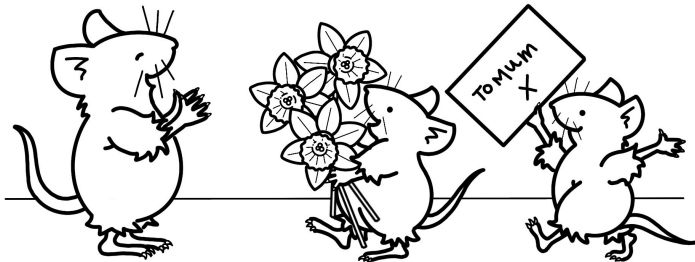
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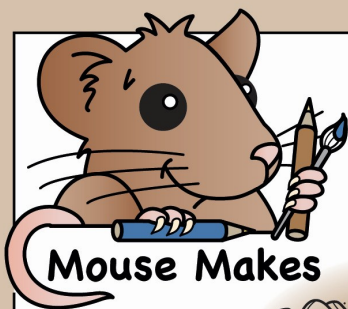
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## THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?

\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 4:1

For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 4:2

Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 4:8



### READ

the story in  
**Luke 4:1-13**



Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 4:12

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 4:3

What happened after the temptation of Jesus?  
see Luke 4:14-15

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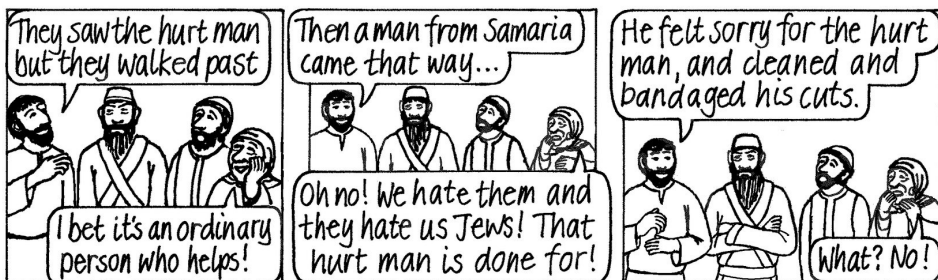
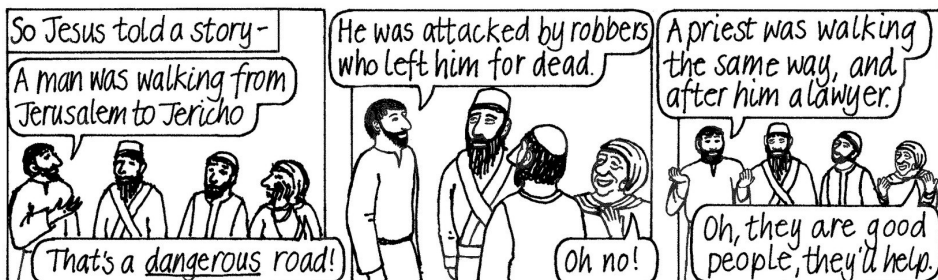
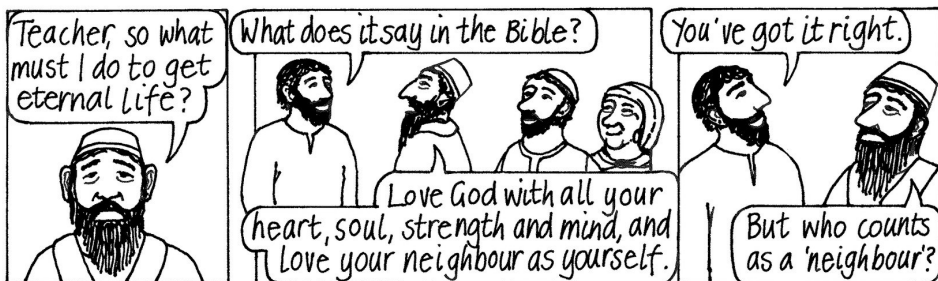


# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

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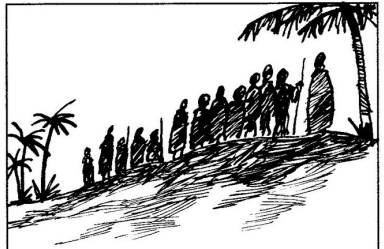
An expert in the Law of Moses wanted to test Jesus' knowledge of the laws in the Bible, so he asked Jesus a question.



# The Doctor and the Patient



JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS



BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.

JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM



YES!



MATTHEW AGREED TO FOLLOW JESUS

JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE

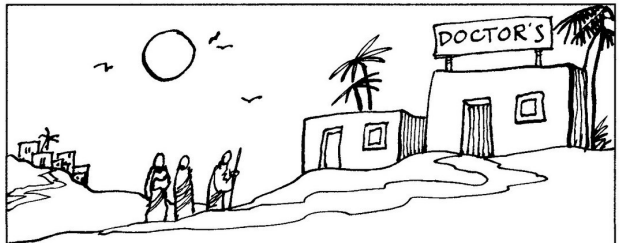


BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.



JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM,



"IT'S NOT THE WELL THAT NEED A DOCTOR - BUT THE SICK!"  
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# All in the month of March

It was:

170 years ago, on the 31st March 1855, Charlotte Bronte, the reclusive Yorkshire novelist and author of *Jane Eyre*, died on this day.

175 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1850 that the Britannia Bridge linking Anglesey and mainland Wales across the Menai Strait was officially opened. Designed and built by railway engineer Robert Stephenson, it had to be replaced after a disastrous fire in 1970.

150 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1875 that the French composer Maurice Ravel was born. Best known for *Bolero*, which Torvel and Dean used for to win Olympic gold.

125 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1900 that the British archaeologist Arthur Evans began excavating the ancient city of Knossos, capital of the Minoan civilisation, in Heraklion, Crete. Knossos is regarded as the oldest city in Europe. It was abandoned (unknown reasons) more than 3,000 years ago.

100 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1925 that Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh was officially opened.

90 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1935 that driving tests were first introduced in Britain. Three days later, on 19<sup>th</sup> March, a speed limit of 30 mph in built-up areas was also introduced, under the Road Traffic Act of 1934.

85 years ago in 1940 the English actress Vivien Leigh won an Oscar for her performance as Scarlett O'Hara in the film *Gone with the Wind*.

80 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1945 that Operation Varsity took place in Wesel, Germany. The USA, Britain and Canada carried out the largest single-day airborne landing operation in history, involving more than 16,000 paratroopers and thousands of aircraft. Allied victory.

70 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1955 that Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish bacteriologist died. Joint winner of the 1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering penicillin

60 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1965 that the first US troops arrived in Vietnam. This marked the beginning of the USA's main involvement in the war.

Also 60 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1965 that Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov became the first person ever to make a spacewalk.

50 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1975 that the Biological Weapons Convention came into effect. This multilateral disarmament treaty banned the development, production and stockpiling of all biological and toxin weapons.

40 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1985 that British miners voted to return to work after a year-long strike over pit closures and job losses.

30 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1995 that the 'rogue trader' Nick Leeson was arrested for his role in the collapse of Barings, Britain's oldest merchant bank. Four days later, on 6<sup>th</sup> March, the Dutch bank ING purchased Barings, for the nominal price of £1.

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Whist Drive

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Our new programme **Visitors to the Valley** began in February and the exhibition is available to view inside the Heritage Centre. Do come and see us and pick up a leaflet.

To book a place at any of our events please contact Jenny at the office on **01943 880794** or email [centre@washburnvalley.org](mailto:centre@washburnvalley.org)

## Events in March as follows:

Why Ruskin matters, Suzanne Fagence Cooper **\*\* SOLD OUT \*\***

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

During the first decades of the nineteenth century Ruskin was a regular visitor to Farnley Hall. Suzanne Fagence Cooper, a popular speaker at Markenfield Hall and well published author, was a curator and research fellow at the V&A Museum for 12 years and has written extensively on Victorian women and the Pre-Raphaelites. She will enlighten us as to why John Ruskin is such an important influence on Art during his lifetime and beyond. Undoubtedly, she will touch on his strange relationship with his wife and muse Effie Gray! Light refreshments served, cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Book group taster: Effie Gray by Suzanne Fagence Cooper

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Come and join our friendly book group to discuss this fascinating biography which explores the passionate lives of Effie Gray,

John Ruskin and John Everett Millais. Suzanne is our guest speaker on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March giving us an insight into John Ruskin, so this is an excellent chance to know more and enjoy tea and cake. Cost £3 member, £4 non-member.

Anyone for cricket?

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am

A chance to visit the picturesque cricket field at Blubberhouses, scene of many matches over the last 100 years, followed by a walk beside the River Washburn to Thruscross Dam and returning via Scaife Hall Farm. There will be an opportunity to tour this model farm built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Approximately 4.5 miles on well-trodden paths. Lunch served at the Heritage Centre, cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

Film matinee

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

An afternoon of films made for the Washburn Heritage Centre which form part of our Film Archive. We will see a film on leisure which was directed and produced by the students of Leeds Trinity University with contributions from people who frequent the Valley to indulge in their favourite sports. After an interval for refreshments we will be served another film about the experiences of people in the Valley during the Second World War, first screened in 2014 to great applause to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. It is particularly poignant now as we are about to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and a number of people in the film have passed away. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Mock trial **\*\* SOLD OUT \*\***

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm – 9.00pm

One dark winter's night gamekeeper Tom York was found injured in the woods.



Sweet Molly Forest is accused of the crime. Judge Andrew Campbell will preside over her trial with the help of visiting barristers. Is she guilty or not guilty? You, the jury, will listen to the evidence and decide. The evening will be fortified with a full supper.

Cost £19.50 member, £24.50 non-member.

Cash bar.

John of Gaunt and Kathryn Swynford, the original Charles and Camilla?

Gillian Waters \*\* SOLD OUT \*\*

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Gillian, our archivist for 11 years, returns to tell us about a medieval love affair. John of Gaunt was a military leader, powerful politician, and patron of Geoffrey Chaucer, but he is perhaps best known for his twenty-five-year long relationship with his mistress Kathryn Swynford. This talk examines the career of John of Gaunt, his connections with Knaresborough Forest,

and his relationship with Kathryn. Was this relationship “one of the greatest and most remarkable love stories”? Or did they eventually marry for the sake of their four illegitimate children? Light refreshments served, cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

The Cliffords of Skipton from the Shepherd Lord to the Lusty Brandons

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm – 4.00 pm

His grandfather was a shepherd: his father was an outlaw. And now he’s about to marry the niece of that musician, tyrant and psychopath King Henry VIII. How does this come about? The Leeds Waits concerts are a painless history lesson (mostly accurate and definitely no scandal left unturned) fused with music appropriate to the tale, played in costume and on modern copies of period instruments. Afternoon tea and scones served. Cost £15 member, £18 non-member.



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## Collective Nouns

Watching a flock of Blue Tits whizzing around my garden led me to wonder what the collective noun for such a flock might be – it seems that it is a dissimulation. Could that be because they don't really stay as a close flock, but shoot off in all directions? It took a bit of finding, and whilst wandering through several lists of collective nouns I came across quite a few I did not know, many which I did, and a few totally contrived ones, of which a Reliant of Robins was the worst!

The reasoning behind some of the names was fairly obvious – a charm of Goldfinches, a clattering of jackdaws, a mischief of Magpies, an exaltation of larks, and a parliament of owls for example, but others rather less so. You could probably add a host or a quarrel of sparrows to this list.

Why a murder of crows, though? There seem to be several sinister sounding nouns for crows, such as murder, mob and horde, probably originating from medieval peasants' fears that these black corvids had been sent by the Devil or were witches in disguise.

Similarly, an unkindness of ravens could stem from the misguided 19<sup>th</sup> century belief that they were not the most caring of parents, sometimes expelling their young from their nests to fend for themselves, way before they were ready. I did see one reference to a constable of ravens too,

maybe because they resemble policemen looking for miscreants?

Perhaps not surprisingly, Blackbird flocks have several names too, all of which were new to me: - a cloud, a grackle, or a merle (which is French for a Blackbird.)

The origins of many of these collective nouns are lost in history, dating from medieval times, when there was a tradition of assigning descriptive and sometimes whimsical terms to groups of animals and birds. These terms were popularised through texts like *The Book of Saint Albans*, published in 1486. Some are named after particular habits, such as 'a descent of woodpeckers', possibly due to their penchant for dropping down from great heights on ants. 'A bellowing of bullfinches' is thought to come from the unusual thickness of their necks, and a "deceit" of lapwings because they pretend to be injured to divert predators away from their young.

And what about the best known collective noun, a murmuration? It is thought to have come from the Latin word 'murmurāre', to mutter or murmur. It is onomatopoeic, sounding like the noise it describes – in this case that created by the flutter of thousands of pairs of wings.

Finally, one of our smallest but noisiest garden birds is the Wren, whose (rare in my experience) flocks attract a couple of common nouns. The more descriptive is a chime of Wrens, which also celebrates their most charming

attribute – their song. So, the next time you hear their lively chirps and melodious tunes in your garden, remember, you are listening to a chime of Wrens! The other, which I can't think of a reason for, is a herd of Wrens....Why?

Be that as it may, I hope you enjoyed this bit of whimsy!

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 visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)). If you know of an organisation no more than 30 miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com).

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## Snowdrop Festival St Helen's Denton

Despite a bitterly cold and dull February morning a warm welcome and delicious home-made refreshments were appreciated by everyone who came to enjoy the beautiful snowdrops which carpet the churchyard and verges.

Many thanks to all for their help and support and especially to the gorgeous snowdrops which bravely pop up and bring such pleasure and hope for the year ahead!



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In January we enjoyed an excellent talk from Sally Hatton who lives on a remote farm with her family in Middlesmoor in Nidderdale and hand makes a cheese called Stonebeck from her herd of Northern Dairy Shorthorn using a traditional recipe. Samples were passed round of the spreadable, but firm, cheese that is unlike mass-produced Wensleydale. Sally described their daily, weekly and annual cheesemaking cycle that fits round other aspects of farm and family life.

On March 12th we will be hosting Emma Ryott who is an internationally acclaimed designer of stage costumes. She will give us an insight into her colourful world. Following this in April we have a talk from Jayne Whitaker entitled "From factory to

hips!" Coming from the family producing Whatakers chocolates she will entertain us on a chocolate theme.

To view our programme for 2025 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 (unless otherwise stated). In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for walks locally with either a coffee or 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](mailto:farnleyestatewi@gmail.com).







# Recipe ~ Parkin



This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1<sup>st</sup> 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"

68 years later we are sharing the recipes again.  
Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

## Ingredients

1lb flour  
1/2 lb Medium Oatmeal  
1/2 lb butter  
1/2lb sugar  
1/4 lb Syrup (mix of treacle and golden syrup as an alternative)  
2 teaspoons of ground ginger  
2 teaspoons bi carbonate of soda  
1teaspoon cream of tartar (mixed with 1/2 pint of milk)  
1 egg

## Method

- Prepare a deep 8" baking tin
- Gently melt the butter, syrup

and sugar together until dissolved

- Add the flour, ginger, baking powder, cream of tartar and the oatmeal into the mixture
- Add the beaten egg

Bake in a moderate oven (160 / 140 fan) for 50 minutes to an hour when the cake has a firm and slightly crusty top.

Cool in the tin and then wrap in more parchment, the cake will become stickier and softer the longer you leave it (up to two weeks)

Miss Davey



## ... All in the month of March~ continued from page 28

Also 30 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1995 that the Schengen Treaty came into effect in the European Union. Seven nations (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain) eliminated their internal border controls and tightened their external borders.

20 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005 that Dave Allen, Irish comedian, died.

10 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 that Terry Pratchett, British fantasy novelist best known for his Discworld series,

died of Alzheimer's, aged 66.

Also 10 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 that the Germanwings Flight 9525 crashed in the French alps, killing all 150 people on board. An investigation found that the co-pilot had deliberately caused the crash. His doctor had declared him unfit to fly due to suicidal tendencies, but he had reported for work anyway.



## Gardeners Corner



I hope the weather will have warmed up a bit by the time you read this. February has been so cold and gloomy, only relieved by the snowdrops which have been gorgeous again this year! Not too late to split them up and replant – the best way to increase them.

If you are pruning dogwoods and willows, save some of the stems for supports around the garden and in pots, where they can be woven into decorative shapes. As spring advances, it is time to prune hydrangeas, but different cultivars need treating differently. The pointed paniculata and blowsy arborescens such as “Annabelle” need early spring pruning, as the plants produce flowers on this year’s growth; cut right back to two buds. However, lacecaps and mopheads should be pruned a little later as new buds emerge, cutting back

to the first pair of healthy buds down below last year’s flowers. Buddleias can be cut right back now and will benefit from a tonic of iron.

Watch out for slugs and snails – an evening slug hunt with a torch and sharp knife works wonders, as recommended by Nick Bailey from Gardeners’ World!

If your sweet peas are now three or four inches tall, pinch out the tips as this will encourage the plants to grow side shoots to make more flowers. Later in the month, tomatoes can be sown in a warm place before putting them in the greenhouse. It’s probably still too early in the north to sow veg outdoors, but again you can get ahead by sowing some in the greenhouse. Be patient, April will be a really busy time.



## Poetry Request



Is there for Honest Poverty

With the world events at the moment I was reminded of this poem by Robert Burns. The last two verses make me wonder where the world going and when will Burns’ vision become reality?

Verse 1

Is there for honest poverty  
That hings his head, an’ a’ that?  
The coward slave, we pass him by -  
We dare be poor for a’ that!  
For a’ that, an a’ that,  
Our toils obscure, an a’ that,  
The rank is but the guinea’s stamp  
The man’s the gowd for a’ that.

Verse 4

A Prince can make a belted knight,  
A marquis, duke an’ a’ that!  
But an honest man’s aboon his might -

Guid faith he mauna fa’ that!

For a’ that, an a’ that,  
The pith o’ sense an’ pride o’ worth  
Are higher rank than a’ that.

Verse 5 (the last one)

Then let us pray that come it may  
(As come it will for a’ that)  
That sense and Worth o’er a’ the earth  
Shall bear the gree an’ a’ that!  
For a’ that, an a’ that,  
It’s comin yet for a’ that,  
That man to man the world o’er  
Shall brithers be for a’ that.

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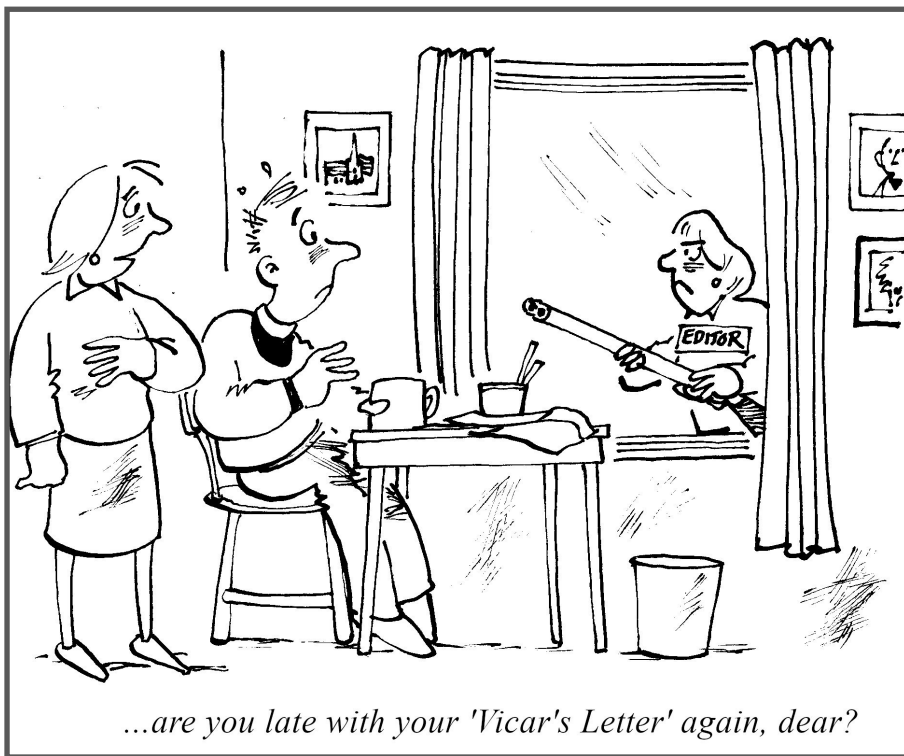
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