

# WASHBURN & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES MAGAZINE

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# Village Church Services

## May



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

<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>The Sixth Sunday Of Easter</b>
9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMc) <b>Banns</b>
9.30am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (PMc)
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>The Seventh Sunday Of Easter</b>
11 am	Denton	Holy Communion (TMc)
11am	Fewston	Family Service (PMc) <b>Banns</b>
9.30am	Farnley	Family service (PMc)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Pentecost</b>
9.30 am	Leathley	United Benefice Service with Bishop Anna (TMc)
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
9.30 am	Farnley	Holy Communion (TMc)
11am	Denton	Family service (TD)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		<b>The First Sunday After Trinity</b>
9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (SH)
9.30am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (Common Worship) (JC)



# Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel

## May

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm	– with Local Preacher Lynda Duttine
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm	-- with Rev. Roger Smith + Holy Communion

# The Vicar's Monthly Message

*Are you feeling the Love?*

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Easter Communion Celebration. The joy we all shared on Easter Sunday is there for us on each day of the year, if we chose to accept and reflect on it. This Easter Sunday we also had our "Bring and Share lunch" which 25+ people enjoyed, it was so good just to listen to everyone chatting away over lunch.

It was good to get together and share in worship and to share laughter, love and fellowship. In our world today people often perceive Christians as being all doom and gloom, who are no fun. I wonder, do you remember Private Fraser from Dad's Army and his catch phrase (said in his Scottish accent), "we are all doomed", but the reality is far from it. We may give the impression (sometimes) that we are very dour people, and we may keep our joy well hidden, but sometimes we need to let others see it and let it overflow, so much so that it spills over.

There is nothing more infectious than someone who is truly passionate about their faith. People we meet may feel intrigued and attracted to find out more about our faith and that being a Christian is not a series of dos and don'ts. It is something that changes the way we live. At our Benefice Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> March at Fewston Parochial Hall, there was the one major reoccurring "Hope and Dream" and that was to see our congregations grow, which is brilliant!

Love is the key ingredient; loving all, even those who may irritate us or criticise us is difficult, but it can be done with God's help. Loving all, despite colour, class or orientation is of primary importance. Joy comes out of knowing the one we follow and not being afraid to share our passion for Christ and to follow his way rather than our own way.

Ours is not a lukewarm faith, but a vibrant faith in Christ risen, whose power can change and transform any situation.

Blessings  
Teresa



## News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

During the month of May, the Church all around the world will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, which is also known as Whit Sunday around here. This is the day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples and early followers of Jesus nearly 2000 years ago (Acts 2:1-4). We also consider this day to be the birthday of the Church. This special day always occurs on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter. This year the 19<sup>th</sup> May will be Pentecost.

Our Methodist Circuit is inviting everyone to a special afternoon circuit service at Christchurch in Ilkley. Our "Faith Fest" will begin at 3:30pm and our special guest preacher will be our District Chair, Rev. Kerry Tankard. The theme will highlight the call upon us to be a Justice-seeking Church. It has been written that 'justice enables everyone, and all creation, to flourish. Justice removes everything that diminishes people, that oppresses or exploits them. Justice enables us all to grow in relationship with each other and with God.' If you would like to learn more, please see [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk).

There will be a variety of activities at Faith Fest that will help us to engage this theme in different ways. It should be a wonderful event and we invite you to come along. Together, and with the Spirit's help, we can bring about a more just-filled experience for all.

With every blessing,  
~ Rev. Shannon

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### From the Registers

#### Funeral

30 <sup>th</sup> February	Reverend Michael Cleverley at Saint Oswald's Church Leathley
11th April	Mr Jurgen Kaiser at Saint Oswald's Church Leathley

## Community Notice Board



We're off on a trip to Shibden Hall, followed by the Piece Hall in Halifax on Tuesday 21st May! For further information please contact Gillian Knox, details below

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423 806151

See you there!



T&T

### Day Trip

We are going on a joint trip to Shibden Hall with Fewston Foxy Ladies on Tuesday 21st May. For further information please contact Gillian Knox on 07795464042

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 full refreshments  
10.30 am to 4.30pm  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024.  
All proceeds to Yorkshire Air Ambulance

#### Can you help?

Fewston Hall Committee are assisting with this charity tea! If you can help with either baking or your willing to spend a few hours serving, please contact Jane on 07590355953. Thank you

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### Late Spring Supper

This will be held on Friday 10th May from 7.00pm. In Leathley village Hall.  
The cost of a two course meal is £15, please bring your own drinks.  
If you intend being there please let me know by Tuesday 7th May. If you have any food allergies or special dietary requirements, please inform me.

Paul Howarth [pandshowarthotley@gmail.com](mailto:pandshowarthotley@gmail.com) 01943 465076

# Community Notice Board



## Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota for May

5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May Sally Stanley  
19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May Mrs H Pullan  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June Stephen & Marlene Turnbull

## Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for May

5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May Karen Boothman  
19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May Sue Wood  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June Julie Crowther



## Fewston Parochial Hall Bank holiday charity teas

Teas, lunches and full refreshments  
10.30 am to 4.30pm  
On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
All proceeds to Farnley Church



## Police Notices



Suspected dog poisonings in Lindley – can you help?

We are appealing for information after two dogs sadly died after eating something that is believed to be toxic on a walk at Lindley Wood Reservoir around three weeks ago.

We were made aware of what happened at around 4pm on Tuesday 16 April 2024. We're carrying out enquiries to find out more about what happened.

If you have any information that can help us with our investigation, please get in touch. We would also like to hear from any other dog owners who believe their dog may have been affected in similar circumstances after visiting the location in recent weeks.

You can email [pierre.olesqui@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:pierre.olesqui@northyorkshire.police.uk)  
Or you can call us on 101 quoting job number NYP-16042024-0344.

If you have information but you would like to stay anonymous you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their website

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All Saints' Church Farnley invites you to join us for



## FAMILY SERVICES

To be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9.30am

May - 12<sup>th</sup>  
June - 23<sup>rd</sup> (4th Sunday)  
July - 14<sup>th</sup>

SONGS FUN BIBLE STORY  
Refreshments after the service  
**ALL WELCOME**

For more details please contact Rev'd T McLaughlin  
[rev.McLaughlinT@outlook.com](mailto:rev.McLaughlinT@outlook.com)

## GAZEBO AND YARDS OF BUNTING AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR YOUR NEXT PARTY/SUNNY GET-TOGETHER

Looking on the bright side there will be some summer weather ahead!  
£75 a session

Our Gazebo accommodates two trestle tables, and has sides with windows.  
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BANK HOLIDAY REFRESHMENTS  
will be served at



NORWOOD CHAPEL,  
Lower Norwood Road, Norwood,  
Otley LS21 1RA  
by  
Otley Methodist Church  
on  
**MONDAY, 6 MAY 2024**  
From 12.30 to 5.00pm

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The Badapple theatre presents

## THE REGALETTE

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with songs by Jez Lowe

At Fewston Parochial Hall  
You will be taken back to the 1930's  
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at the tiny Regal Cinema In Bottledale.  
Celebrity and rural life clash head on as the  
Regalettes find themselves at the  
heart of a very silly mystery.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
at 7.30pm

Ticket Prices £10 Adults,  
£8 for under 16's

Box office number 07795 454042  
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**DATES:**  
**Sat 18th May 2-5 pm**  
**Mon 20th May 5pm - dusk**

All welcome!

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Dacre Tennis Club is volunteer-run for both friendly social tennis and match tennis. New members are always welcome with great value options.

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## Leathley Parish Room Domino and Whist Drive Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June



Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included  
(Vegetarian Option on request)  
Cash Bar- Raffle - Prizes



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 evening of the Wednesday before so we can be sure to order 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](mailto:leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com)

## THE CHIPPENDALE SINGERS

Otley Chamber Choir

at

Fewston Church  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm

Tickets £10, under 16s free

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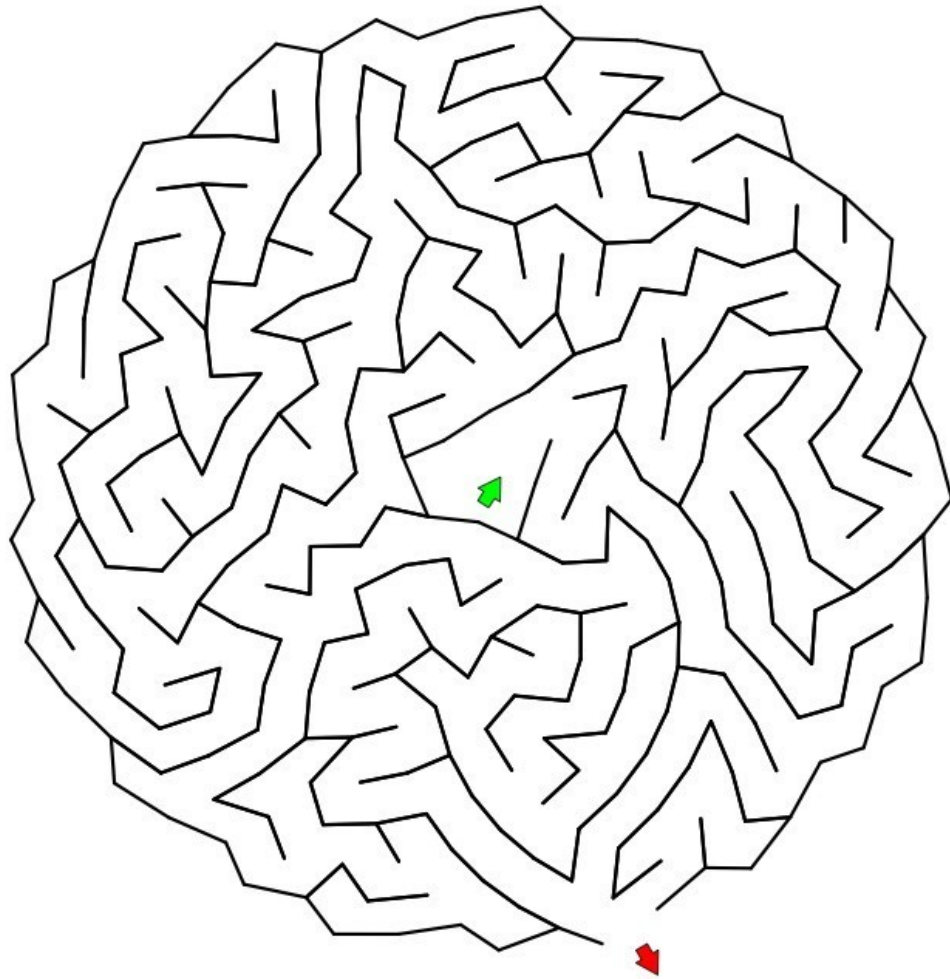
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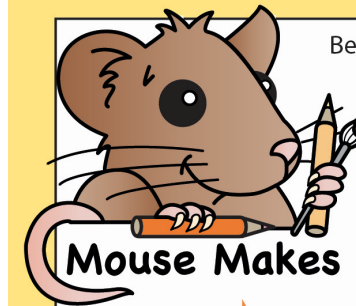
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# Story, puzzles and colouring-in



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Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"...  
...When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."



READ the story of Pentecost in Acts 1-2  
Look up the Bible verses to find the answers to the crossword clues.

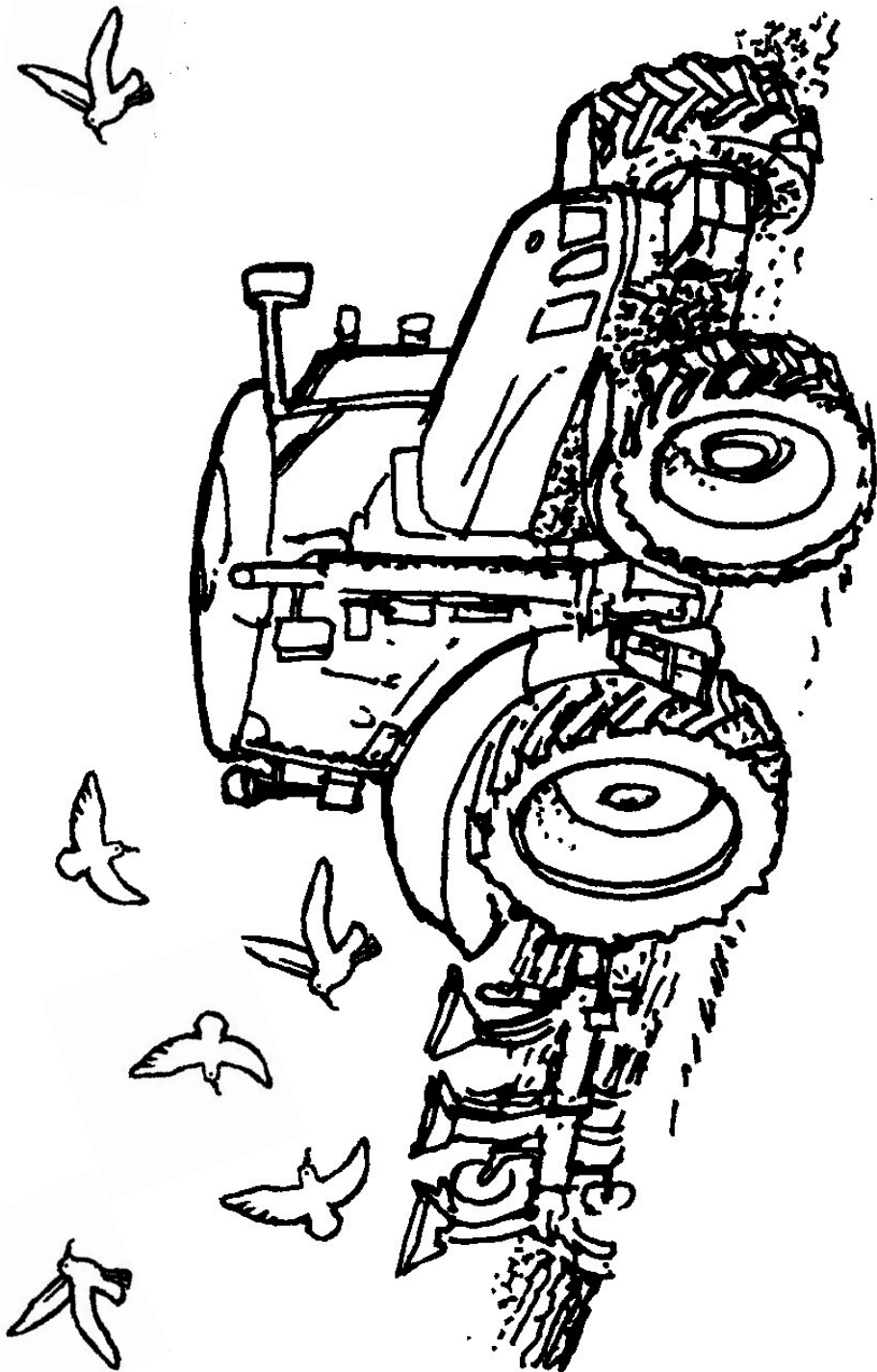
How many words can you make from the letters of:  
DAY OF PENTECOST



- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? <i>Acts 1:12</i> | 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? <i>Acts 2:2</i>          |
| 2 What appeared? <i>Tongues of ...? Acts 2:3</i>  | 9 What did they start speaking in? <i>Acts 2:4</i>              |
| 3 Who spoke to the crowd? <i>Acts 2:14</i>  | 4 What were the disciples filled with? <i>Acts 2:4</i>          |
| 4 What were the disciples filled with? <i>Acts 2:4</i>                                      | 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? <i>Acts 1:14</i> |
| 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? <i>Acts 1:14</i>                             | 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? <i>Acts 1:26</i>             |
| 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? <i>Acts 1:26</i>   | 7 Who had prophesied this? <i>Acts 2:16</i>                     |
| 7 Who had prophesied this? <i>Acts 2:16</i>   | 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? <i>Acts 2:2</i>          |

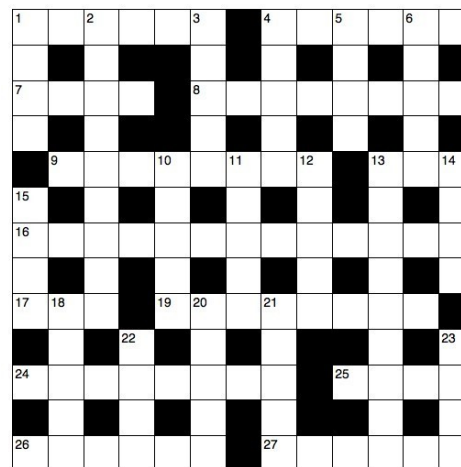
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## Crossword Puzzle

27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)



### Down

1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)

2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)

3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)

4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)

5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)

6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)

10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)

11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)

12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)

13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)

14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)

15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)

18 Cares (anagram) (5)

20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)

21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)

22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)

23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

### Across

1. One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)

4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)

7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)

8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)

9 'But take heart! I have — the world (John 16:33) (8)

13 And the rest (abbreviation) (3)

16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)

17 Rap (anagram) (3)

19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)

24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)

25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)

26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)



# Rogation Sunday Word Search

H E M S S P S K I D R A  
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 Y E P A S K I N G S R P  
 K C R O G A T I O N R R  
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 Storm  
 Prayer  
 Cross  
 Boundaries  
 Crops  
 Harvest  
 maps



## Sudoku

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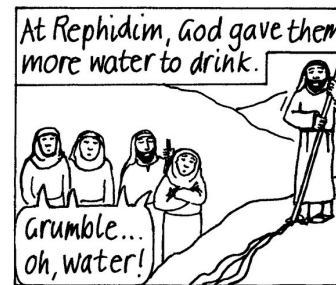
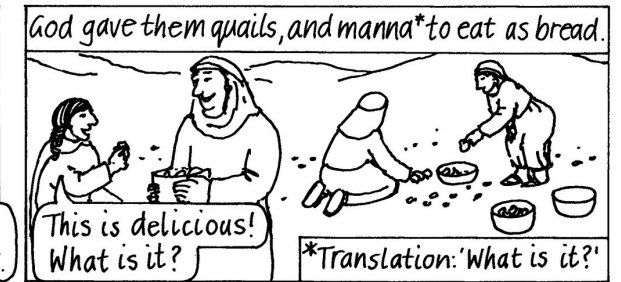
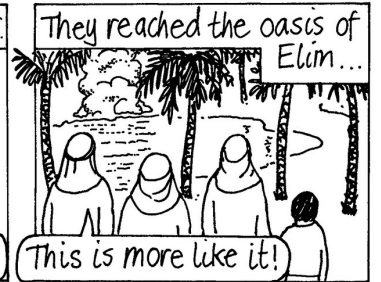
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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

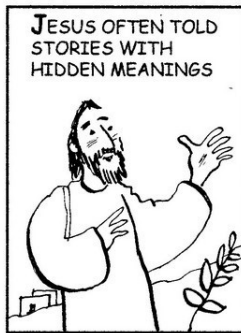
It can be read in the Bible in Exodus chapters 15: 22 to 19: 2

God had rescued the Hebrews from Egypt, and was leading them to their new Land. But after 3 days ...



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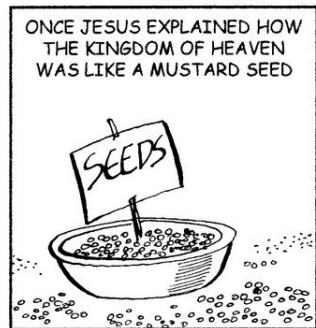
# The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT A GREAT DEAL



ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED



IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST OF SEEDS...



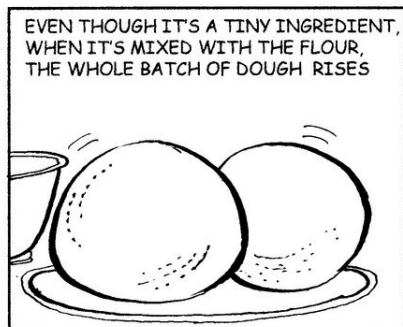
BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS



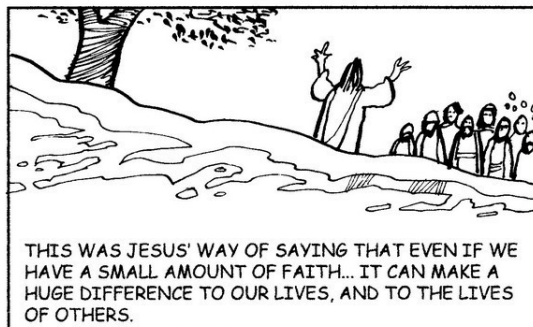
IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES



JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.



EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT, WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR, THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

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## All in the month of May

It was:

200 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1824 that the first performance of Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 took place in Vienna. It is regarded as Beethoven's greatest work and is one of the most-performed symphonies in the world.

150 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1874 that Howard Carter, British archaeologist and Egyptologist, was born. He discovered the tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun in 1922.

Also 150 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1874 that the British writer G. K. Chesterton was born. A novelist, short story writer, philosopher and critic, he was best known for his Father Brown stories.

100 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1924 that the British children's writer E. Nesbit (Edith Nesbit) died. Best known for *The Railway Children*.

90 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1934 that the British composer, Gustav Holst, died. Best known for *The Planets*.

Also 90 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1934 that the first Glyndebourne opera festival was held, in East Sussex.

75 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1949 that the Soviet Union lifted its blockade of Berlin. The blockade had led to the Berlin Airlift, in which British and American planes had delivered millions of tons of food, coal and medical supplies to the isolated people of West Berlin.

70 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1954 that Roger Bannister became the first person to run a mile in under four

minutes (3 minutes, 59.4 seconds), in Oxford.

Also 70 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1954 that Bill Haley & His Comets released the song *Rock Around the Clock*. It brought rock and roll into the mainstream and is regarded as one of the most important records in music history.

Also 70 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1954 that Diane Leather became the first woman to run a mile in under five minutes (4 minutes, 59.6 seconds), in Birmingham.

60 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1964 that Nancy Astor, American-born British politician died. She was the first female Member of Parliament (MP) to take her seat in the House of Commons.

50 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1974 that Duke Ellington, American jazz pianist, composer, and big-band leader, died. Regarded as the greatest jazz composer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

40 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1984 that Prince Charles described a proposed extension to the National Gallery in London as a 'monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved and elegant friend'

Also 40 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1984 that John Betjeman, British poet, writer, and broadcaster died. He was Poet Laureate 1972-1984.

30 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1994 that the Channel Tunnel linking England and France was officially opened.

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It's that time of year again, with garden birds whizzing around full of energy, looking to pair up and produce the next generation. As with everything in nature though, the more you find out about how apparently simple things happen, the more you realise that they are not simple at all.

To produce this next generation the female bird must first lay eggs, a process which requires a lot of energy. Taking a Blue Tit as an example, the female, typically weighing around 20g, will lay about 10 eggs, each weighing a gram or so. That's half her body weight in eggs over a period of a few days. She must be in top condition and find enough food to provide the energy for this process.

Protecting the egg is about half a gram of shell, for which the calcium must also come from her food. Laying females are known to stop their normal feeding bouts to find a calcium resource just prior to roosting as they cannot store calcium. This will often be snail shells, though some invertebrates do contain more calcium than others.

The female Blue Tit does most, if not all the incubation, which takes about a fortnight. So, whilst energy consumption might be lower, feeding opportunities are fewer, and if it is cold or wet, the amount of energy consumed keeping herself and her brood warm will be significant.

The next stage is also energy demanding, this time for both parents. Growing chicks can eat as many as 100 caterpillars a day which, for a brood of ten, approaches 1,000 caterpillars, almost one a minute during much of a

16-hour day. This continues for around three weeks. If one parent is lost, maybe due to a cat or a Sparrowhawk, the chances of survival for the brood are very low – even in good times only about a third of chicks will survive their first year.

Dietary requirements are paramount: nestlings need a high protein diet if they are to grow quickly enough to fledge within three weeks, and this comes mainly from caterpillars, which contain about 50% protein on a dry weight basis. Supplementary food can be very useful at this point, as it helps sustain the adults during their frantic search for food more suitable for their ever-hungry young.

Another consequence of all this hard work is feather damage. Blue Tits like to nest in cavities, hence their liking for the bird boxes we provide. Just think of the wear and tear of going in and out of a 25mm hole several hundred times a day. This is why, once the young have fledged, the adults will moult, replacing pretty much all their feathers over a period of 4-5 weeks. Growing feathers also requires a lot of energy, and whilst sedentary birds such as our Blue Tits have plenty of time before cold weather arrives, migratory species don't have this luxury, and must replace at least their flight feathers before setting off for Africa.

For 'our' Blue Tits, it's then time to recover from this vital and energy rich period, and prepare for the onset of winter.

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).

**Titles:** Blue Tit  
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## Poetry Request Busky Dike Lane

From snowdrop moated old Crag Hall  
The dog-legged lane with dry stone  
wall

And from rowan, oak, birch and ash  
The songs of thrush, chiffchaff and  
wren

Wends its way to the Old School  
House  
Past rabbit, deer, squirrel and mouse  
Midst blue bell haze with stitchwort  
splash.

Happily cascade. So then,  
How can it be that a lane so fair  
Once was feared as a barguest's lair?

By Tim Bending

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## St Oswald's Clock Tower

Passers-by may have wondered why there has been scaffolding on the side of the church tower of St Oswald's, Leathley, for some time. For many years it has been necessary for a succession of volunteers to brave the steps up the tower to wind the clock by hand. Or rather, two people to wind it by arm! If the winding was overlooked, the keen gardeners of Leathley were caught unawares, as waiting for the clock chimes to signal tea time, they

continued weeding away long past time for tea. Thanks to a kind gift, the clock has now been automated. A few adjustments have been necessary, but the clock now chimes at just the right time, so the author of this piece lies in bed until the seven chimes of the church bell indicate time to get up! The scaffolding has remained, as the clock face is being repainted and will do justice to the wonderful new timekeeping.



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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SATURDAYS** and **SUNDAYS** during the summer, 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! Our Charity of the Year for 2024 was chosen by our bakers and we are pleased to be supporting **HORTICAP** which is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Our next exciting programme **A Journey through time** draws to a close at the end of May and it has been a varied, interesting programme. From June we begin **Inspired by our landscape**, the first event being a visit to Weston Stone Garden on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. This is a unique opportunity to see a unique stone sculpture garden, and hopefully the weather will be kind! If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Jenny at the office on 01943 880794 or email [centre@washburnvalley.org](mailto:centre@washburnvalley.org)

Some of our May events are sold out, but there is availability as follows:

### **Aeroplanes on the Stray, Peter Rix, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

The use of the Harrogate Stray is strictly regulated. However, in the past it has been used as a landing ground for aircraft offering joy flights, taking aerial photographs and for specific occasions such as a check point for air races. Its use by aircraft was contentious. Fortunately, many local photographers produced pictures and postcards of some of these events and

these form the basis of this presentation. Peter, an aviation historian, has a fine collection of photographs and cards to share with us. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

### **Words through the centuries, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

Enjoy a journey through time as Alex Rosser introduces some poems from our Yorkshire heritage and share your favourites while feasting on our famous Washburn cake accompanied by tea/ coffee. Cost £8.00 member, £10.00 non-member.

### **Yorkshire Air Museum - Elvington Tuesday 21st May 11.30am - 2.30pm**

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You will need to book early to secure a place on this limited number, guided tour of over 40 iconic planes including a Blackburn Mercury, a Halifax bomber, prototype helicopters and much more. We will meet at 11.30am in the old NAAFI building, where we can purchase a hot or cold lunch and drinks. The guided tour starts at 1pm and is generally accessible except for the upper floor of the Control Tower. On the outskirts of York at Elvington YO41 4AU. Cost £18.00 member, £22.50 non-member.

### **Dry-stone walling, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am – 4.00pm**

Join a one-day workshop to understand the basics of dry-stone walling. Hosted by the Otley and Yorkshire Dales Branch of the Dry-Stone Walling Association at their training site on Otley Chevin, you will partly deconstruct a wall and rebuild it. A light picnic lunch with a cold drink



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will be provided. Stout footwear, preferably safety footwear, required. Cost £40.00 member, £50.00 non-member.

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## Lower Washburn Parish Council (LWPC)

The last parish meeting was held at 8pm on 14 March in Leathley Village Hall.

In addition to the parish councillors, Councillor Nathan Hull from North Yorkshire Combined Authority (NYCA) attended.

Funding has been received for the defibrillator at Castley and a potential site for installation is agreed. The notice board by Leathley Village Hall needs considerable refurbishment and LWPC has agreed to fund this. The parish caretaker will complete the work and glazed doors will be added to protect the notices. These will not be locked so parishioners can post notices without the need to obtain a key.

Once again there was considerable discussion about the state of the road surfaces in the parish as well as speed limits and the problem of traffic queues and the accident risk at the junction of Leathley Lane with the A658 Harrogate Road. Prior to formation of NYCA, LWPC members

had met a highways engineer to explore the possibility of a mini roundabout to ease the congestion and accident risk at this junction and Councillor Hull agreed to facilitate a further meeting in the hope that some progress can be made on the matter as well as the other identified road issues. Once again, we encourage you to make personal representation to Councillor Hull and NYCA in favour of reduced speed limits in our parish and other road safety issues; we need to keep up the pressure on NYCA. It would help us immensely if you could copy LWPC into your correspondence.

Finally, the next meeting of LWPC will be at 8pm on 9 May 2024 at Leathley Village Hall. It is an open meeting so please feel free to attend and or submit items for the agenda.

Contact LWPC by email to [lowerwashburnnpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lowerwashburnnpc@hotmail.co.uk) or by post to LWPC Clerk, 10 Hawthorne Grove, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley, LS29 7RF.

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Besides our monthly meeting in Leathley Village Hall we also organise a walk on the 4th Wednesday morning of the month. So far this year we have walked around Roundhay Park, a 61/2 mile walk in upper Nidderdale with a local guide and did the "Harewood Round" on a glorious day in March. The photo shows three of our walkers, Kay Sprenger, Diane Hanline and Sarah Green with the Wharfe valley in the background. After the walk we had a coffee and lively chat at the Muddy Boots Cafe.

At our meeting in March we listened to Jo Lyons of Like Nana Did, a zero-waste and reduced packaging shop in Otley. She had opened a month before the first lock down in 2020. Because her shop sold food, it was allowed to stay open and had access to bread flour when supermarkets' suppliers had run out of bags (not flour as was generally thought). With her family's help several tons of it were supplied to customers who would even cycle from Leeds for it.

Members sampled unpackaged sweet snacks whilst Jo talked and were given 10% discount vouchers for their next visit to the shop.

On Wednesday May 8th we will be visiting Appletrees Flock to appreciate the work of a diverse smallholding and see some new lambs and spring flowers. Other activities during the year will include a croquet evening in a member's garden and a visit to Weston Hall.

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

All our meetings, except outside activities, take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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)



## The Song of Three Cross Wives

Turning up outside our houses  
With no shoes and socks, no trousers,  
Nothing on! Three shameful strippers!  
Smelling like a crate of kippers,  
Singed from head to toe quite hairless.  
How could you have been so careless?  
Is there nothing that abashes  
You three more-than-naked flashers?  
"We were roasted in the furnace  
And, although it didn't burn us,  
All our clothes went up like tinder,  
Leaving not a single cinder."  
Yet another likely story  
Made up in pursuit of glory!  
We know you three ne'er-do-wellers,  
All accomplished porkey-tellers.  
This is just to boost your ego,  
Shadrach. Meshach? Abednego!<sup>1</sup>

P N Judson March 2013

Revised March 2024

<sup>1</sup> My school teacher told us the popular way of stressing the syllables in "Abēdnego" was wrong and that it should be "Ābednēgo". I hope he was right but, whether he was or not, that is the way I have assumed them to be stressed in this poem.

## ... All in the month of April - continued from page 26

Also 30 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1994 that Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as South Africa's first black president, after more than 300 years of white rule.

25 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1999 that the body of mountaineer George Mallory was found on Mount Everest. He had been missing since 1924.

Also 25 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1999, that the first general elections for the

Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales, took place. Donald Dewar became First Minister for Scotland and Alun Michael became First Secretary for Wales.

20 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2004 that the world's first stem cell bank opened at the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control in Potter's Bar, Hertfordshire.



On the 10th March we had County Stockman where Jack K placed 4th in beef and 5th overall. What an achievement! Well done to those who competed and represented the club.

We held beef judging on the 13<sup>th</sup> March and thank you to David Groves for hosting us and also Ben Winn for taking the time to judge.

Results:  
Juniors - 1st Jack K, 2nd Annabelle, 3rd Lucy, 4th Nichola

Intermediates - 1st Daisy

Seniors - 1st James D, 2nd Billie, 3rd Charlotte and Holly

We had a very engaging talk from PC Dave McKay on the 20th March where he talked to us about rural crime and our members had the chance to ask any questions. Overall, it was a very informative night and thank you to PC Dave McKay!

The 24th March was County Shooting which was a very good day for our

members and well done to those who competed. Well done to Daisy who placed 3rd in the female category!

Rally forms was on the 27th March where all of our members decided which competitions they would like to participate in for both the district and county rallies.

As part of the 'Next Generation Day' organised by CCM back in February which a few of our members took part in, we are pleased to announce that the club received some funding of £225. This money, which is greatly appreciated, will go towards Almscliffe Hall hire which is a vital part of the club especially when holding meetings, club nights social or fundraising events.

You don't have to be a farmer to be a part of Young Farmer's so if you're aged between 10 and 28 and are interested in joining, please contact Christine Morphet on 07851 658245.

Lily Hughes

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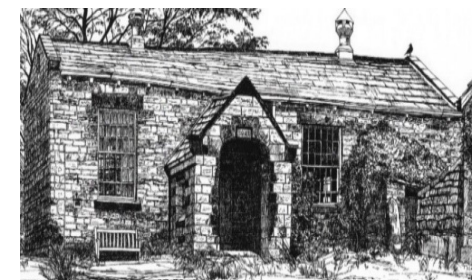
## Leathley Parish Room – The Second World War

This is going to be a somewhat brief history of the impact of the Second World War on the life of Leathley Parish Room. Reading through the minutes, the war is almost, but not quite, ignored. The offer was made to house a city school in the Parish Room for a weekly rent of eleven shillings and sixpence, but this was never taken up. The fortnightly suppers and whist drives continued through the winter months. At the beginning of autumn of 1940, blackout material was purchased so that evening events could continue after "blackout". In 1940, two pages have mysteriously been cut from the minute book. I have been unable to find any clue as to why! A whist drive and supper was arranged to raise funds for Leeds Infirmary. Supper was priced at 1 shilling 3 pence, with "rationed refreshments", one of very few references to the rationing which was felt by so many. In 1942 it was agreed to arrange a whist drive to raise money for comforts for "our boys in the forces".

Mrs Williams had worked as caretaker for the hall for some years. She must have been a generous soul. The AGM of 1943 included a motion that she was not sufficiently paid for all the work she did. It was agreed to offer her the option of a payment of 3 guineas a year or payment each time the room was cleaned, but it was noted "she must always take the payment, and not forgo it when the event was for charity".

Cookery classes, dancing classes, a Girls Camp and whist drives continued. The population of Leathley has

decreased gradually since the turn of the century but was quite high in the late nineteen thirties, with 245 persons recorded as resident in Leathley alone. Despite the austerity of the war years, there was still a Christmas Tree and celebrations for the village children. However, rationing must have been felt as in 1943 everyone coming to the celebrations was asked to bring their own supper. In 1945 there was a prolonged discussion over the merits of buying an electric fire to avoid raking the coals out of the hearth before each meeting, but no mention is made of the war. Somewhat surprisingly, there is no record of any celebration to mark the end of the war. It is however notable that although the death toll for the parish was lower than in the First World War, the same names re-appear. 14 died in the First World War, when the population of Leathley was but 125. 4 died in the Second World War, but the familiar names Dawson, Ryott and Trotter are inscribed on the memorial cross in St Oswald's Church Yard. Hopefully I will find something more cheerful and interesting than whist drives to write about for the next 30 years!



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## Gardeners Corner



May is such a busy month in the garden as the days lengthen and the sun spreads its warmth to encourage all that new growth. Weeds will also be germinating so keep on top of them with regular hoeing and watch out for pests which will also be multiplying! Pick off Lily beetles which are easily spotted with their bright red wings and look out for vine weevils too and their white larvae which will make a tasty snack for a friendly robin. Watch out for gooseberry sawfly and pick off any offending caterpillars.

The camellias have been stunning this year – do give them a reward with some ericaceous compost and remember to keep them watered during (hopefully) dry summer months when the buds form for next year's show. Now is also the time to prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and ornamental currants (ribes). Cut them back to shoots lower down the stems to reshape and promote growth.

Hardy annuals such as sunflowers and nasturtiums can be sown direct into the ground later in the month or brought on in the greenhouse, but remember to harden them off before planting outside. The same goes for tender beans such as climbing French and runner beans.

The old saying in my native Westcountry was "4<sup>th</sup> May for a dainty, 12<sup>th</sup> May for a plenty", so give it a couple of weeks longer in Yorkshire before sowing outside!

Those potatoes planted earlier will need earthing up by adding more compost if grown in containers or drawing the soil up over the stems if growing in the ground. This will protect the plants from any late frosts and also ensure that the growing tubers are not exposed to the light, otherwise they will go green and are not to be eaten.

Still plenty of time to sow more vegetables, such as beetroot, carrots, lettuce, spinach etc, which can be sown for succession so that you don't have a large crop maturing all at once.

Early in the month herbs can be given a bit of a prune – cut back rosemary and sage to new growth (but not into the old bare wood) which will keep them productive and shapely.

There is so much to do in May as everything grows apace. Don't be daunted by it but just enjoy seeing your garden grow and catch up with jobs when you can – they don't need to be done all at once!



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## Weston, Askwith and Denton Open Gardens

will take place on  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>  
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Plus Art Exhibitions in  
Denton and Weston Churches

**All Welcome**



## Recipe - Potato Croquettes



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"

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

cold potatoes  
pinch of salt  
a pinch of pepper  
1 tablespoon of melted butter to every cupful of potatoes  
2 or 3 eggs as appropriate to the quantity of potato

- Mash the potatoes to a cream with the melted butter
- Bind with 2 or 3 eggs.
- Roll into oval balls
- Dip in beaten eggs then the bread-crumbs and fry carefully in a pan with oil in it or a deep fat fryer or air fryer as appropriate
- Pile into a pyramid on a flat dish and serve.

### Method

- Season cold potatoes with pepper and salt.

Mrs Feather

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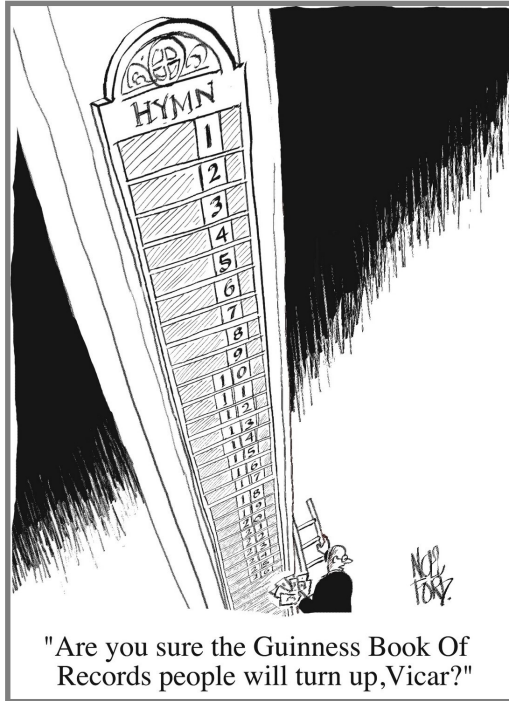




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