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Front cover

Cover image: The War Memorial in the
Church yard of Saint Oswald's Church,
Leathley

Credit: Anna Bowman



Village Church Services November and early December 2023



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

5th November

9.30am Weston
11am Fewston
9.30am Leathley
3pm Farnley

All Saints Day (White)

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (SH)
Holy Communion (TMc)
Holy Communion (TMc)
All Souls Service (TMc)

12th November

10.45 am Denton
10.45 am Fewston
10.45 am Farnley
10.45 am Leathley

Remembrance Sunday (Red)

Remembrance Service (TD)
Remembrance Service (JC)
Remembrance Service (FD)
Remembrance Service (PMc)

19th November

9.30am Weston
11am Blubberhouses

Second Sunday Before Advent (Green)

Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
Family Communion Service (TMc)

26th November

11am Denton
3pm Fewston
9.30 am Farnley

Christ The King (White)

Holy Communion (TMc)
Forest Church (TMc)
Holy Communion (TMc)

3rd December

9.30am Weston
11am Fewston
9.30am Leathley

Advent Sunday

Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (JC)
Holy Communion (TMc)
Holy Communion (SH)

10th December Advent 2

11 am Denton
3pm Fewston
3pm Farnley

Holy Communion (TMc)
Advent service - TBC
Christingle Service (FD)

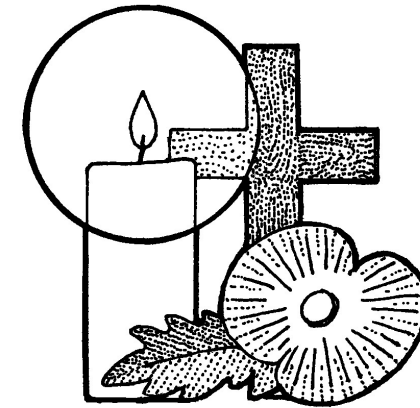


Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel 2023

12th November at 2:30pm Roland Henney

26th November at 2:30pm with Holy Communion
Rev Roger Smith

The View from the Vicarage



Remembrance

November is the month we associate most of all with remembrance. From our childhood I am sure most of us will recall the bonfire night saying "Remember, remember, the 5th of November, Gunpowder treason and plot". We of course know that remembrance is so much more than the plot against Parliament.

We remember those we have loved who are no longer with us when we light candles at *All Souls*. We remember all the saints on *All Saints Day*, and of course we remember those who have given their lives fighting in the 1st and 2nd world wars, and in recent conflicts, on Remembrance Sunday.

All of them, equally moving and important occasions in our churches calendar. Days not to wallow in gloom and despondency, but days to give thanks to God for those we may have known, who have left our lives richer for knowing them. Thanking the Lord for all the saints who have lived, both known and unknown. The 1662 Prayer Book describes Saints as "the unity of Christians of all ages, countries, and races in Christ, and the perfection of that unity in heaven." Saints are not just those who have lived and "gone to glory"; If we place our trust in Christ then we too are saints, which is an incredible fact.

Lest we forget of course, November holds a special place in all our hearts as it is the month in which Remembrance Sunday takes place. We gather together to Thank God for those who, during World Wars and recent conflicts, were brave enough to fight for our way of life, and for our freedom

Whether we are in church lighting a candle, or giving thanks for those we miss, or when we stand in silence wearing a poppy, may we remember that as followers of Jesus we are called to be bearers of his love and peace, into our world.

Blessings
Teresa

News from Norwood Chapel

Dear friends,

This is the month of Remembrance. On the 2nd Sunday of every November, the nation "remembers" those who have served in the armed forces and sacrificed their lives . . . their today, for our tomorrow. We call to mind their service, their bravery and their sacrifice. As we do so, we also give thanks. We offer our gratitude to God for their costly gift as we enjoy the liberty that comes with democracy and the peace our nation experiences on the global front. May we continue to remember the high cost of peace.

As I pen this piece in mid-October, war between Israel and Hamas has broken out. The news media is reporting horrific violence costing thousands of innocent civilians' lives on both sides. A humanitarian catastrophe is in the making with the Palestinians trapped in Gaza. Sadly, the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians is many decades old. There are no simple answers that can resolve the complexities that have brought them to this point. What can we do? Many of us might feel helpless.

I encourage us to pray . . . to pray for a cease-fire, for negotiations to be made at the table with words rather than with weapons, for humanitarian aid to be allowed into places where it is so greatly needed, for terrorist groups to be dismantled/disarmed and for trust to be established.

All around the world there is heightened sensitivity and even acts of violence being committed against Jews and Palestinians. We can be advocates for these groups who might receive harsh treatment from others based on their ethnicity or religious practices. Let us speak up and speak out in challenging others who offer harsh words and actions. Let us stand up against hate speech and be non-violent in the resistance we offer. If Jesus lived on earth today, what would he do? How would he get involved? Would his words of 'loving your enemy' be heard today, I wonder. Would his words that those without sin 'could cast the first stone' be heeded? His message of non-violent resistance ('turning the other cheek' and 'going the extra mile') challenged the mindset that violence could be redemptive.

On the other hand, I don't think Jesus would have said, "Don't defend yourselves," either. The question that comes next to my mind is 'When is violence justified?' The nations around the world have different answers to that question. Perhaps the same is true for people of faith. Jesus bore this world's fear, hatred and brutality in his own death. Has his death made a difference in how we live and treat others? Was his death in vain for this time and this generation? I wonder would we crucify him . . . again . . . if he were here today?

Sufism, a mystical form of Islam, teaches that when the power of love overcomes the love of power, there will be true peace in the world. Jesus said, "Love each other as I have loved you . . . by this, others will know you are my disciples, that you love one another." Jesus's love embodied forgiveness. I think the power of love enables us to offer forgiveness and mercy which helps bring about peace.

May our broken world be healed and transformed by the love and peace we offer to each other. Peace begins with you and me in our hearts, homes, churches, synagogues, mosques and communities. Let us be the peace for which we deeply long.

A prayer from Roots for Remembrance Day:

Dear God, we remember all those who have given their lives in the service of their country and for their sisters' and brothers' freedom. We pray for all who have lost their lives in conflict in the two world wars and also in operations up to this present day. We thank you for their example of selflessness in laying down their lives for our freedom.

We pray, too, for those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: for those who have been widowed and orphaned; for those who are heartbroken at the death of their daughter or son; and for grandparents, whose loss of their grandchildren as victims of war still troubles and pains them. May the generosity of all who have laid down their lives inspire us to work tirelessly for harmony and goodwill amongst all peoples and may we never forget the sacrifice they have offered for our peace.

Amen.

Grace and peace, ~ Rev. Shannon

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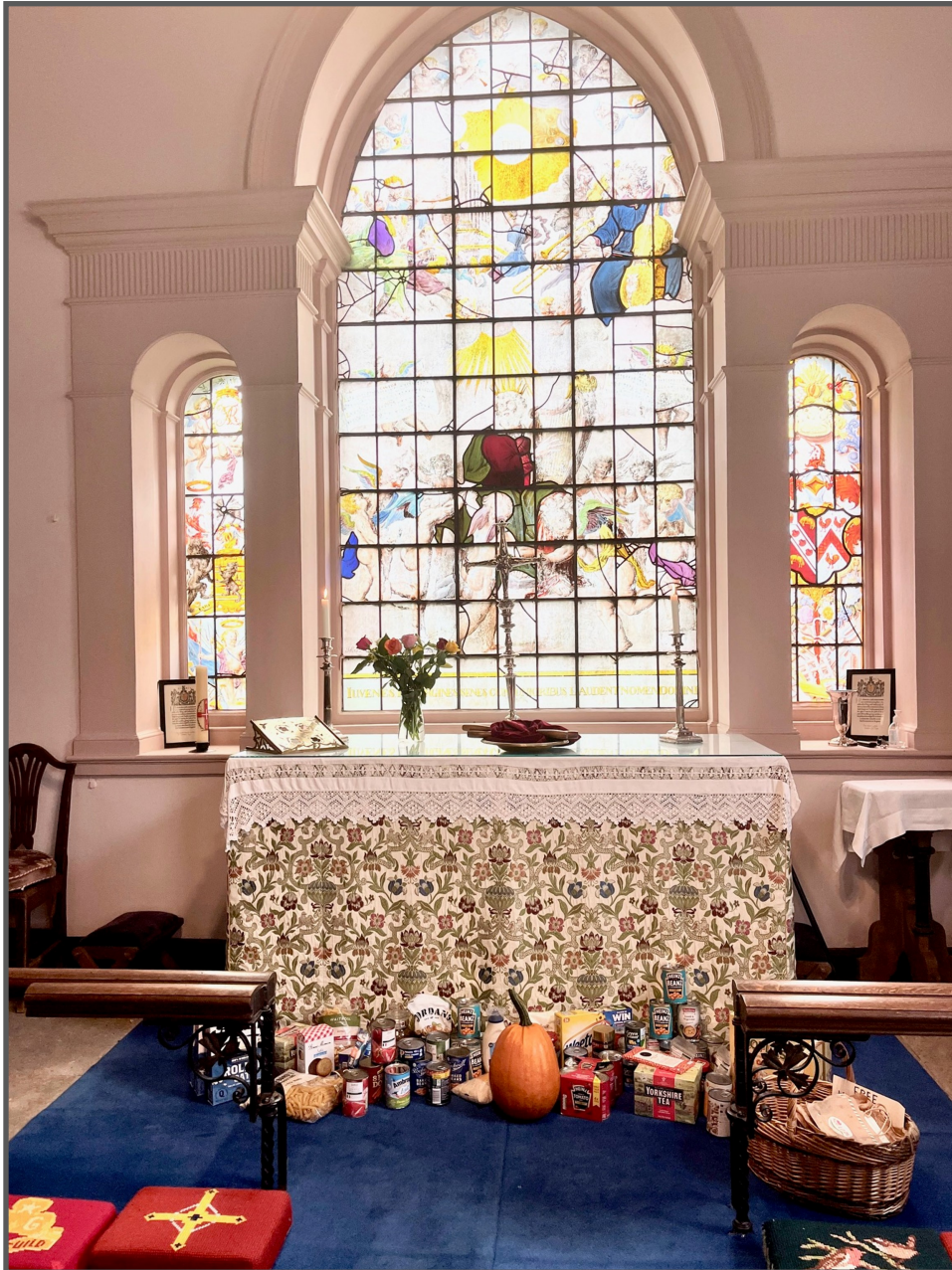
Baptism

18th October

Olivia Sophia Mercer and
Harry Oscar William Mercer
at Saint Michaels and Saint Lawrence Church
Fewston

Denton harvest festival 2023

The altar at St Helen's Denton, with the produce donated by the congregation for the local food bank at Harvest Festival. Many thanks to all for their generosity.



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Community Notice Board



Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota For November & December

5th & 12th November - Julie Crowther
19th & 26th November - Ann Chadwick
3rd & 10th December - Helen Cobley
17th & 24th December - Karen Boothman
31st December & 7th January 2024
- Hilary Crawford

Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for November & December

5th & 12th November Mrs H Pullan
19th & 26th November Mrs J Cowgill
3rd & 10th December Tom & Ruth Raper
17th & 24th December Sally Stanley,
Hazel Pullan and **any volunteers**
31st December & 7th January
Stephen & Marlene Turnbull

Appeal for volunteers successful.
Many thanks for the kind people who
have accepted to help care for
Weston church.



Christmas 2022 magazine!

Do you have a copy last years
Christmas issue?

We have had a request from a
collector called Jeff. He collects all
things related to post-boxes. He
would like to have a printed copy of
last December's issue of the maga-
zine as show in the picture.

If you do have a copy and you are
happy to part with it please contact
the Editor - Anna Bowman
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Community Notice Board

Askwith Village Hall

Friday 24th November

Domino Drive with a Pie and Pea Supper.

For further details contact
Carol 07889 891086
or
Helen 07841 097101

Fewston Parochial Hall



The Teas, lunches and homemade cakes will be served
on Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th November
from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm.



All proceeds to be shared between MND disease and St Michaels Hospice.

No teas in December. They will start again
27th and 28th January 2024.

Fewston Foxy Ladies Back Stage

We're going back stage for a tour
around Harrogate Theatre in
November. Please note the date -
Tuesday 28th November - which is a
week later than our normal meeting
date. We will be meeting in the foyer
of the theatre at 2.15 ready for the tour
to start at 2.30pm
It Should be really interesting!

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!;



T&T

Dominoes

Come and join us on Tuesday 7th
November 2pm for tea, chat and
prize winning dominoes.
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!

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The Yorkshire Flower Club Open Meeting

“Made for Christmas” with Lee Berrill

Friday 17th November
2:00 pm

Almscliffe Village Hall, Huby
LS17 0EG

Tickets £10 members, £12 non members
(non-refundable)

Available from Gerry Sayers
Tel - 01943 464068; Email - Gsayers12@gmail.com

Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December
10am – 1pm

St Helen's Church, Denton

Books, Cakes, Gifts and Plants
Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate and
Mince Pies
All welcome

A Washburn Christmas

At the Washburn Heritage Center

Saturday 2nd December And Sunday 3rd December From 11am Until 4pm Free admission

Pop along to our Christmas Kitchen!

Don't miss out on our delicious homemade goodies, all prepared by our volunteers. The treats on sale will include seasonal spirits, liqueurs, cakes and bakes, Christmas jams and chutneys and, of course, our famous mince pies. Start the seasonal festivities with a glass of mulled wine while you listen to our very own carol singers, The Fewston Musick.

The Tea Room will be serving seasonal sandwiches and mince pies, so bring along your friends and family and enjoy the atmosphere. Stalls will be located in the lobby and in the Centre. .

ST ANDREW'S, BLUBBERHOUSES
LS21 2NU

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday 2ND & Sunday 3RD DECEMBER
Saturday 9TH & Sunday 10TH DECEMBER

11.00 TO 4.00 EACH DAY

FREE ENTRANCE

REFRESHMENTS

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MINCE PIES AND CAKE

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FEWSTON AND BLUBBERHOUSES CHURCHES CAROL SINGING 2023

It's that time again and we would love you to join us carol singing around the valley, whether you're a regular or first timer – you are all very welcome. Here are the dates and areas where we will be singing:

Monday 4th December - Timble

Wednesday 6th December – Norwood

Monday 11th December – Blubberhouses

Wednesday 13th December - Fewston

Each evening we will meet at 6.30pm at Fewston Parochial Hall and car share from there, bring a torch and hi-viz if possible. Thank you

Contact Alison Bowers for further details or your intention to join us.
Mob 07752431886 or alibowers5@yahoo.co.uk

Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall

Christmas Shopping

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Thursday 7th December 6 - 9pm.

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Tickets available from Sophie's Corner shop in Hampsthwaite

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Norwood Social Hall

Christmas Jumper Domino Drive

Friday 8th December

7pm for a 7.15 start

Pie & Pea supper

15 & under £3

16 & over £6

Come & join the fun!

Leathley Village Hall and St Oswald's Church

Christmas Fair

Saturday 9th December 2023

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Treat yourself to a glass of mulled wine!
Wide range of stalls in the Village Hall and Church.

**A Raffle! and Home-made Refreshments
In aid of
Leathley Parish Rooms.**

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Leathley Parish Room Festive Friday Supper

Friday 15th December
7:00 pm

Glass of fizz and canapes on arrival
2 course meal (not a turkey dinner)
followed by tea or coffee (no mince pies)
£15 each

If you wish to join us, please let me know by
Monday 11th December

Please inform me if you have any food allergies or would like a vegetari-
an meal

Paul Howarth: pandsandrahowarthotley@gmail.com
01943465076

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Askwith, Denton and Weston Harvest Supper

Askwith village Hall was full to capacity with 70 guests for the Harvest Supper this year and the auction table was heaving with gifts. Chris Monkman provided another delicious meal and Jeff Crabtree conducted the auction ably assisted by Jenny Cowgill. Mike and Jane MacDonald manned the bar and Pam Parrington

persuaded us all to buy raffle tickets. A jolly evening was had by everyone.

Very many thanks to the ladies who served, to Chris, Jeff and Mike and especially to all our guests for their donations and for supporting this successful event.



Norwood Social Hall

Children's Christmas Disco

Friday 29th December

Dancing to Party Mania

£8 per child includes Pizza and drink

Tuck shop (cash only)

For more information see our Facebook page.
To book tickets email norwoodshow@hotmail.com
or text Laura 07534 801225
or Helen 07807 483690

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Askwiths Mary & Joseph Annual Walk with a Real donkey

Wednesday 20th December 7pm



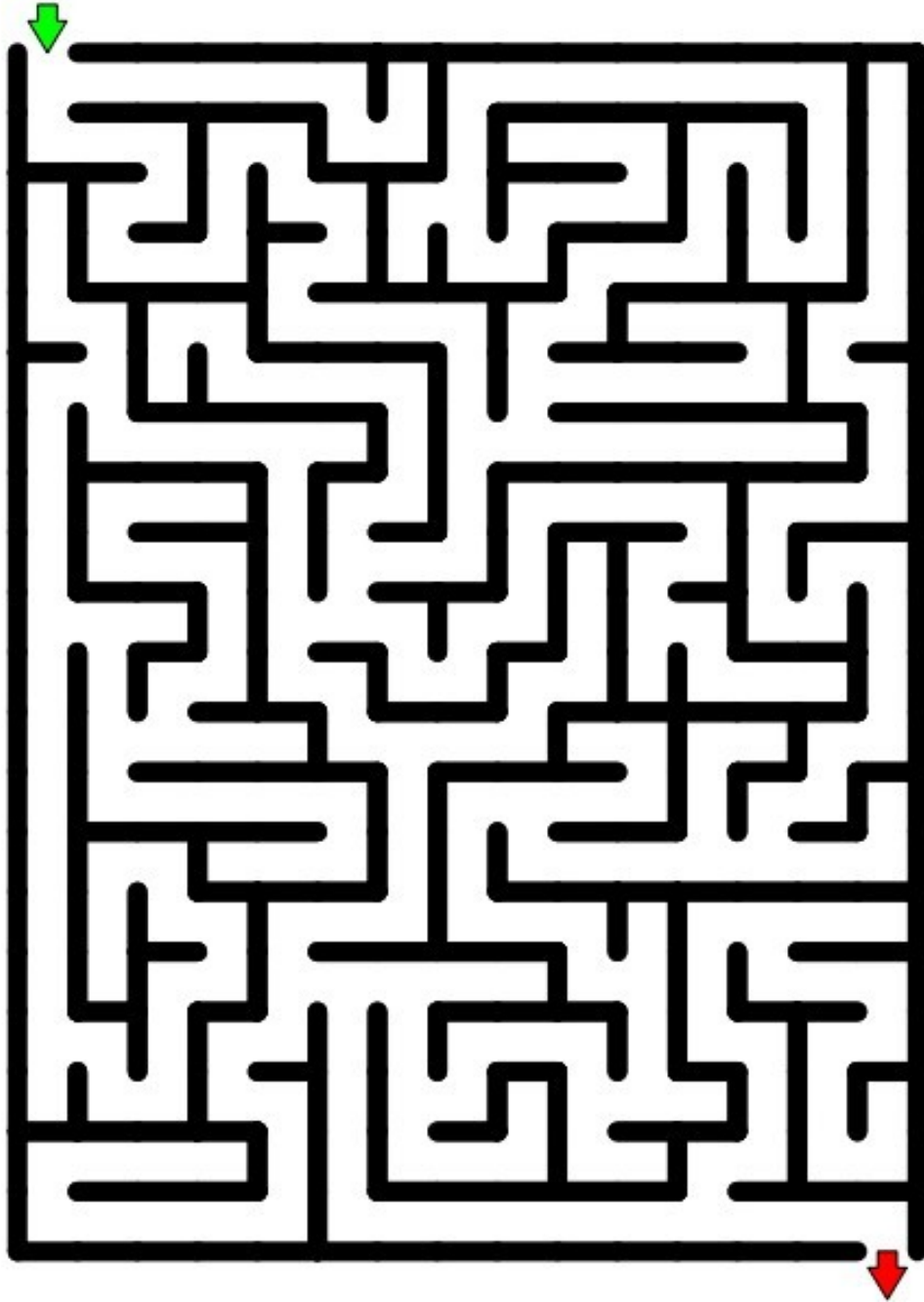
Meet at Askwith Village Hall

Please dress as a Shepherd or an Angel,
bring a torch and wear something 'Hi-Viz'

For more information ring either
Revd Teresa 01943 818113
or Ann Chadwick
07986 454 433

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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
Genesis chapters 41:46 - 45:28

Joseph: sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt,
now in charge of the stored food as famine
spreads through Egypt, and beyond...

Joseph's father sent 10 of Joseph's
brothers to Egypt to buy food.



To prove you are
not spies, you must
bring your other
brother to me...



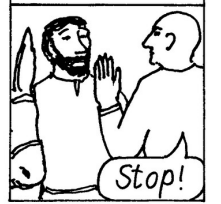
They needed more
food so they had
to take Benjamin
to Egypt.



Joseph gave them food...



Then as they
went home...



You have stolen my
master's special cup.



The servant
took them back
to Joseph.



You are a thief and
must stay as a
slave.



But Judah said



Joseph saw that his brothers had
changed.



I can look after you.
Come and live with me.

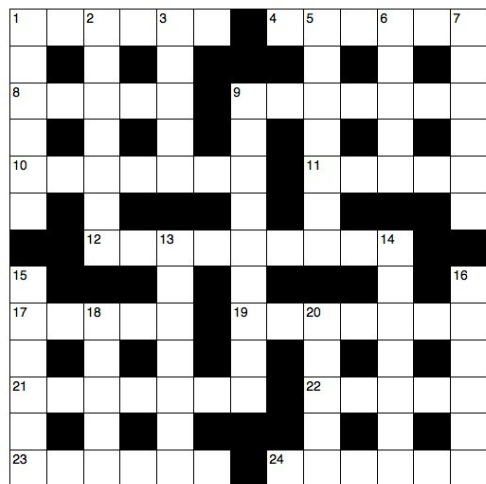


So all of Joseph's
family moved
to Egypt.



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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)

4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)

8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)

9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)

10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)

11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)

12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)

17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)

19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)

21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)

22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)

23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)

24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)

2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)

3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)

5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)

6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)

7 A three (anagram.) (6)

9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)

13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)

14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)

15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)

16 See 6 Down (6)

18 Paste (anagram) (5)

20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

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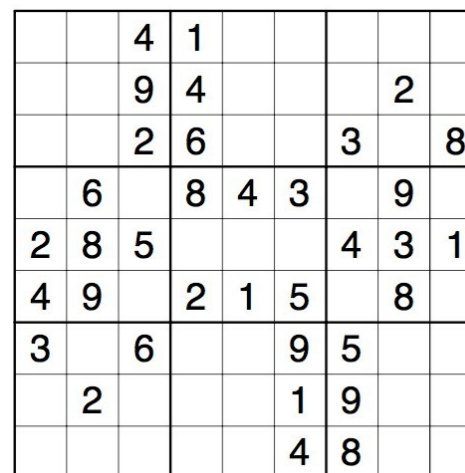
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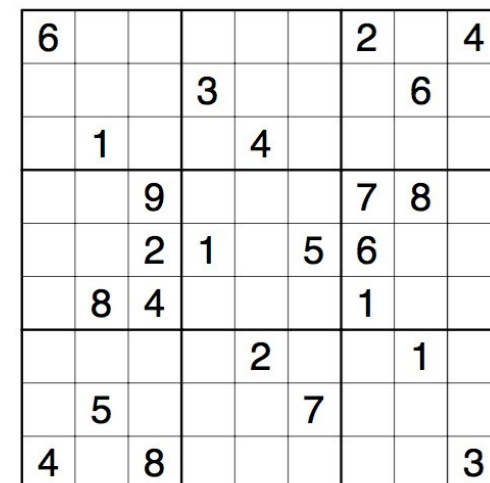
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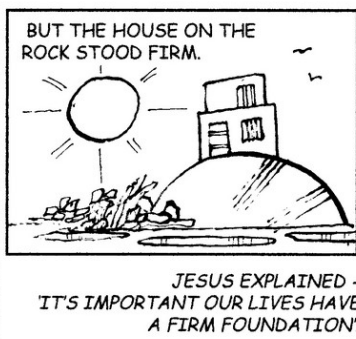
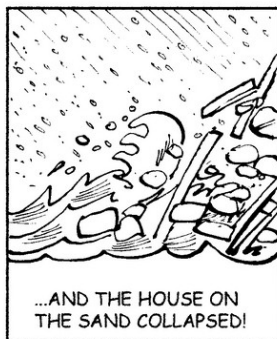
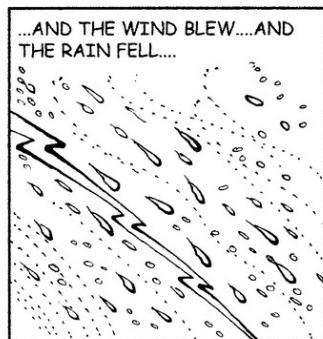
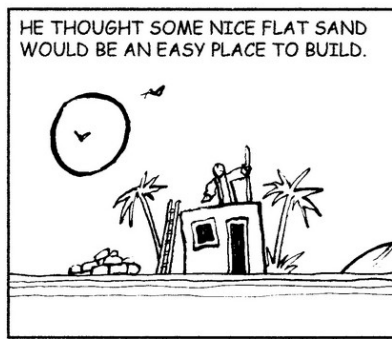
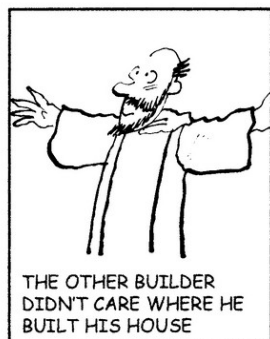
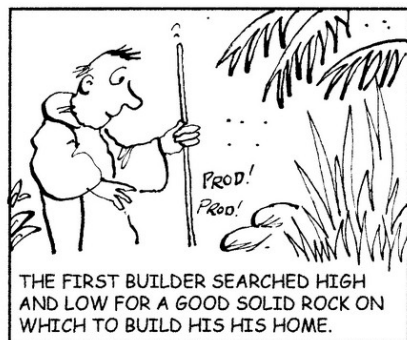
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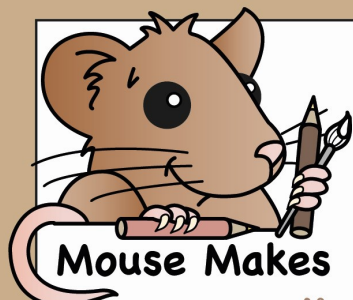



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Mouse Makes

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by _____ and _____ with thanksgiving, present your _____ to God." *Philippians 4:6-7 NIV*

"The _____ is _____ to all who _____ on him in _____." *Psalm 145:18*

"For where two or three _____ in my name, there I am with them." *Matthew 18:20*

SAV SORRY
PRAY FOR OTHERS
PRAY FOR YOURSELF
THANK GOD
FOR MY FAMILY
PRAY FOR FRIENDS
PRAY FOR THE NEEDY
PRAY FOR THE SICK
PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

Word Search:

Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks then find them in the word search

NIV

Find these words too:
APPROACH
MEDITATE
HEAR • LISTEN
BLESS • PRAISE
FORGIVE • NAME
CRY OUT • AMEN

"_____ always, _____ continually, _____ in all circumstances." *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

"Therefore, _____ your sins to one another and _____ for one another, that you may be healed." *James 5:16*

"_____ yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." *Colossians 4:2*

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All in the month of November

It was:

100 years ago: on 8th Nov 1923 that Christian Barnard, South African cardiac surgeon was born. He carried out the first successful human heart transplant in 1967. (Died 2001.)

Also 100 years ago, on 11th Nov 1923 that the eternal flame at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris was lit. It was the first modern-day eternal flame in Europe.

80 years ago, from 28th November to 1st December 1943 that the Tehran Conference in Iran was held. US President Franklin D Roosevelt, British Prime minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin met to discuss plans for a second front against Nazi Germany. This led to the D-Day assault on Normandy and the Allied invasion of occupied Europe, starting in June 1944.

75 years ago, on 4th Nov 1948 that American-born British poet and playwright T S Eliot won the 1948 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Also 75 years ago, on 14th Nov 1948 that Charles, King of England, was born.

60 years ago, on 22nd November 1963 that United States of America's President John F Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas by suspected gunman Lee Harvey Oswald.

Also 60 years ago, on 22nd Nov 1963 that CS Lewis, Irish-born British novelist, literary critic and academic, and friend of JRR Tolkien died. He is best known for this book on Christian

apologetics, and the 7 books that comprise the Chronicles of Narnia.

Also 60 years ago, on 23rd November 1963 that the first episode of the science fiction television series Doctor Who was broadcast in the UK. It is the longest-running and most successful science fiction TV series in the world.

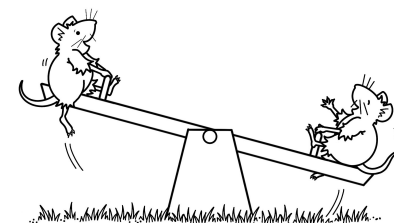
50 years ago, on 13th Nov 1973 that Britain declared a state of emergency as a strike by coal miners caused supplies to dwindle. A 3-Day Week was introduced to conserve supplies.

40 years ago, on 14th Nov 1983 that British Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine announced that the first American Cruise missiles had arrived at Greenham Common airbase.

30 years ago, on 1st November 1993 that the Maastricht Treaty came into effect, establishing the European Union. (EU).

20 years ago, on 22nd Nov 2003 that England won the Rugby World Cup for the first time.

15 years ago, on 14th – 15th November 2008 that the first G20 Summit was held in Washington DC. It was established as a result of the 2008 financial crisis.





Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club



And just like that we're back at it again...

Our first meeting of the year was the mini rally which was kindly hosted by the Lishman Family at Castley.

Junior trophy – Harry Ellis
Intermediate/Senior – Daisy Roberts

It was a great night and everyone enjoyed it.

Summer returned so we had a slip n slide with a BBQ and ice cream. It was a lovely night and everyone had lots of fun.

On the 10th September we held our AGM and some new officers were elected.

On the 24th September our members competed at Nidderdale show judging and we had some amazing results with Isabella Owers coming 2nd in junior dairy, Isabelle Bush came 5th in junior lambs and Daisy Roberts came 5th in intermediate dairy.

Well done to everyone who competed.

Lily Hughes and Ana Bunton attend the National finals of floral art. Lily placed 20th in Junior and Ana placed 22nd in Intermediate.

Very well-done girls, you should be proud of yourselves.

On the 27th September, we held a domino drive at Almscliffe Hall. It was a great Icebreaker with some new potential members taking part. The overall winner was Harry Pickin.

As always if you are aged between 10-28 and are interested in joining us, please contact Christine Morphet on 07851 658245.

Lily Hughes



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The Birds in Your Garden



Sparrowhawk

The otherwise secretive Sparrowhawk is a fairly regular sight in our gardens, where they are often seen hunting our favourite birds. Watching a Sparrowhawk is truly captivating. Their woodland heritage gifts them superb abilities in flight. Relying on surprise, they'll weave with precision through all manner of obstacles, darting between washing lines and diving over hedges, sticking close to cover in order to avoid detection, striking prey before it's even seen it coming. Their rather short, rounded wings and long square-ended tail both add to their manoeuvrability. Dense hedgerows won't always offer salvation to passerine birds either, as a Sparrowhawk may simply dive straight in and emerge victorious.

In the past, they suffered tremendously at the hands of man and were pushed to the brink of extinction in the UK due to the catastrophic ecological effects of organochlorine pesticides, typified by DDT, which accumulated and lingered in the food chain, thinning eggshells and increasing overall mortality. They were also (and still can be) in conflict with those rearing gamebirds for subsequent release, and so were "controlled" by gamekeepers. Once organochlorines were banned, and the law enforced, there was a strong recovery, with numbers peaking in the early 2000s, making it Britain's third most numerous raptor. More recently numbers have slowly declined for no obvious reason, though loss of habitat is high on the list of suspects.

They have a scowling look that's enough to provoke fear in any small bird unfortunate enough to be in their

vicinity. It may seem logical to think that Sparrowhawks regulate the population of their prey species, but counter-intuitively, it is the availability of their favoured prey that regulates Sparrowhawk numbers. Witness falls in Sparrowhawk reports after tit numbers dropped due to a poor breeding season in 2016 and 2021.

They display some of the greatest sexual dimorphism amongst birds, the female being around 25% larger and sometimes double the weight of the male. They predate many bird species and contrary to their name, show no preference for sparrows. The female's larger size allows her to tackle larger prey, such as pigeons (yes!) and doves. The female has brown-grey upper parts, a white stripe above and below the eye, and fine barring underneath. The smaller male is more colourful, being slate grey above with fine barring with a striking reddish brown wash across the breast.

Should you disturb a Sparrowhawk on its prey, you may well see it 'mantling', which is when it shields the prey with its wings, behaviour which is intended to conceal it from being stolen by larger predators, to which it is vulnerable, indeed, sometimes being prey itself for larger predators.

Though we're used to watching predator and prey on television, seeing it live with 'our garden birds' being predated creates a division of opposing public opinion like no other raptor. Ultimately, long-term research collated from many thousands of records of breeding songbirds suggests no link between their declining numbers and

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Sparrowhawk populations. The natural balance indicates that songbird numbers are similar both where Hawks are present and where they aren't.

Love them or hate them, they are efficient predators and marvellous to watch as they zoom through the garden!

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).

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.

Title: Sparrowhawk
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Leathley Parish Room – The Early Years

The building that is Leathley Parish Room started life early in the 19th century as a coach house. The Rector of Leathley at that time lived in Arthington, and the building was used to house his coach and horses whilst conducting Sunday services at Saint Oswalds's Church. Later, the building became the village school and continued until there were so few pupils in Leathley that it was decided to send the children to Stainburn. The building then stood empty for some time until 1921, when Major F. H Fawkes made the room available to the people of Leathley and people of the Farnley Hall estate. The rules at that time were quite strict. The room was not for the use of "outside people". Each parishioner was allowed to invite one outside friend to events at Leathley Parish Room, but only one, and that person must be of good character.

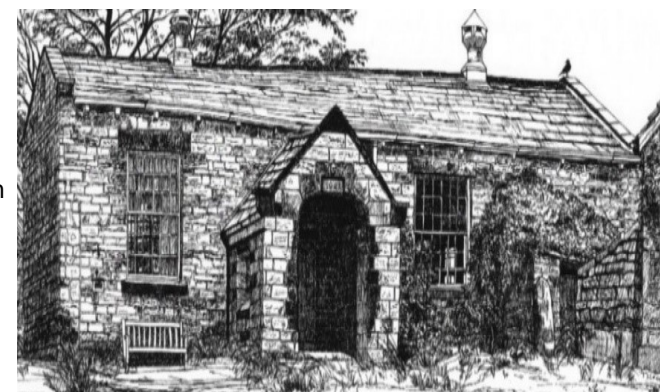
A committee was formed to manage the Room. Major Fawkes was the president and the Rector (Reverend Hubbard) the Chairman, with 5 Leathley residents making up the committee. Only one concert, entertainment or dance was to be held in any one week (!!). The Parish Room joined the Yorkshire Union of Village Libraries and the room was open as a "reading room" three nights per week. Major Fawkes purchased 60 chairs to enable the Room to function. Later in the year it was agreed to start whist drives on a Friday evening. Meanwhile, a notice was erected in the Room to say that

"Gambling, bad language and intoxicating drinks are not allowed".

Whist drives played an important part in the social life of the village. In 1922, the whist drives funded Christmas festivities for adults on one day and children on another, plus the erection of a Christmas tree. In April 1925 Major Fawkes indicated his desire to hand over the Parish Room to the people of the Parish. Control was handed over in 1927, but Major Fawkes continued to play a large part in the management of the hall.

Just to show that nothing is ever new, in October 1929 the committee decided to hold a supper once a month, the proceeds to go to the Parish Room extension fund. The charge in 1929 was 6d each. Miss Greenwood, the secretary at the time, also proposed starting a Women's Institute for the whole of the Farnley Estate. In December of that year, Miss Greenwood asked whether a raffle would be allowed. The committee decreed that a raffle was gambling, and could not therefore be permitted.

The story to be continued next month!



Lower Washburn Parish Council (LWPC)

The parish council met on 14th September at Leathley Village Hall.

We discussed the somewhat dilapidated telephone box at Braythorne, which is owned by LWPC. A Braythorne resident attended for this discussion and confirmed that the community are keen to keep it. It was agreed that residents put together a proposal for renovation with the possibility of a one-off financial contribution from LWPC.

The residents of Castley wish to have a defibrillator in the village. LWPC supports this and has agreed to part fund the initiative.

Illegal use of motorised off-road vehicles on public footpaths is a hazard to those walking and causes significant damage to footpaths. A representative from Farnley Estate attended to explain the recent installation of a gate on a public footpath at Lindley to ensure only walkers can use the path. LWPC gave it's support.

The 20's Plenty Campaign is a particular concern for LWPC. We believe that our lanes and villages have vehicles travelling at excessive speed especially in areas where there is no footpath. Residents feel vulnerable and are at risk. There is a perception that North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), unlike adjacent councils, is reluctant to roll out reductions in speed limits on our lanes and in villages. We have registered our desire to reduce speed limits in the parish to our NYCC representative, Councillor Nathan Hull, but we need your help to demonstrate the

depth of concern amongst residents. We encourage you to make personal representation to Councillor Hull and NYCC in favour of reduced speed limits. 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 November 2023 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 lowerwashburnpc@hotmail.co.uk or by post to LWPC Clerk, 10 Hawthorne Grove, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley, LS29 7RF.



The vicar got a little carried away with the church's new state-of-the-art PA system

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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!

Our new programme "**More than a Woman**" launched in October at our Preview Evening for Members and we welcomed guest speaker Clare Granger, the new High Sheriff of North Yorkshire. Programme planners spoke about the exciting upcoming events and Clare talked to us about her year so far in office as High Sheriff. Here is a great photograph (opposite) taken during the evening of Clare with our "special guest" Leonora Cohen, the Leeds Suffragette. Programme leaflets are available to collect from the Heritage Centre and local public places, for example libraries and tourist information outlets.

Events in November:

Washburn Book Group taster
Thursday 2nd November 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Come and join our popular Book Group as we discuss "The Great Circle" by Maggie Shipstead, the story of a woman aviator who disappeared in 1950 whilst trying to fly round the world longitudinally. Tea/coffee and cake served. Cost £3 member, £5 non-member.

More than a Woman
Friday 3rd November 7.00pm –

10.00pm

A welcome return visit of "Hot Flush" – six women of a certain age from Leeds who will entertain us with an eclectic repertoire of songs performed in close harmonies. Kept in tune and on track by singer and conductor Sophie Thiruchelvam. Cost £19.50 member, £24.50 non-member. Bar available.

Mother's ruin – gin's fearsome reputation and 21st century revival
Thursday 16th November 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Nick Jocelyn who founded the White House Distillery in Otley will tell us about the history of gin. A 1751 etching, Gin Lane, by William Hogarth depicts the desperate situation of a woman in a London street, but by the end of that century the gin craze was over. Gin became popular again in war time. Coming right up to date, enjoy Nick's story of how he became a gin distiller in his hometown. There will be a sample of White House gin and an opportunity start your Christmas shopping! Cost £8 member, £10 non-member.

Women and words
Tuesday 21st November 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Everyone is welcome to spend an afternoon with Alex Rosser exploring poetry and prose. Much of our varied selection is written by women or illustrates the interesting ways women are presented in literature. You may like to share your own favourites along with thoughts and comments. The proceedings will be enhanced, as ever, by the sharing of tea and cake. Cost £8 member, £10 non-member.

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An afternoon with Lady Amelia Stanhope Chris Wells - Saturday 25th November 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Lady Amelia, otherwise known as Chris Wells, a member of the Sealed Knot and author of *This Realm of Hatred – Approaching Horror*, will entertain us with intimate details of what life was like for women during the English Civil War, what they wore, how they survived and how they contributed to the war. Light refreshments served. Cost £8 member, £10 non-member.

Raising a champion - Carol Armitstead Wednesday 29th November 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Amongst her many accolades, Otley woman Lizzie Deignan nee Armitstead MBE is an Olympic silver medallist and Commonwealth World Champion cyclist. Her mother, Carol, tells us about the challenges and psychology required to nurture the potential she could see in her daughter from an early age and asks "What is a champion?" Light refreshments served. Cost £8 member, £10 non-member.

To book

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



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Gardeners Corner



November is a good time to get busy with the compost heap, especially as there will be lots of garden waste to start you off. You do need to get the right mix though, usually up to half green – lawn clippings vegetable and kitchen waste (raw, never cooked as this attracts vermin). The remainder should be brown – woody pruning's, dead leaves and some cardboard. I have even put old worn out dishcloths on to compost. Do make sure you chop up any large bits and pieces as these will then compost more quickly. Autumn leaves can be added to the mix or you can create a special place for them to decompose – they make a fantastic soil conditioner once they have rotted down. Be patient, though as it can take a year or more before the compost is ready.

There is still time to plant spring bulbs if you didn't quite get round to it last month. November is the best time to plant tulips as they prefer to go into a cooler soil. Anything planted in pots outside is in danger of becoming waterlogged

so remove saucers and stand the pots on feet to keep them out of puddles.

Hopefully you managed to clean the greenhouse last month, taking care to remove any decaying leaves which may harbour mould spores and disease. Plant pots and seed trays should be thoroughly cleaned ready for planting next spring.

The leaves on house plants may start to yellow and drop. As the days become shorter they should be moved to gain more light, remembering to turn them frequently so that they grow straight. They won't need much water either. Remember to bring citrus plants inside – they still need plenty of light but don't like to be cold!

Finally, if you are having a bonfire, do check that there is no wildlife hiding inside. Enjoy the season and look out for the migratory birds that will be arriving to feast on the berries which seem to be in abundant supply this year.



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Farnley Estate WI has an exciting programme to finish off the year, On Wednesday 8 November at 7.30pm we have a special event to transport you away from the dull November weather with Jackie Goodwin's trip of a lifetime 's trip of a lifetime to the Galapagos Islands.

At our December meeting there will be a demonstration of Christmas crafts to enhance your tree & update your festive table. We hope that the seasonal craft ideas will encourage members & visitors to try them at home. There will also be the opportunity to make simple economical decorations if

people wish to participate. No charge will be made for materials.

All this will take place in a seasonal relaxed atmosphere in Leathley Parish Room on Wednesday 13 December at 7.30. Refreshments will be available..

If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI please contact Susan Kerridge our President on 07716 024650 or by email to susankerridge@btinternet.com.



Recipe ~ Mincemeat



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

This month its mincemeat to prepare for all those lovely mince pies.

Ingredients

4ozs Suet
[Vegetable Suet is also available]
4oz [Lemon or orange] Peel
1/2 lb Currents
1/2 lb Sultanas
4oz Sugar
1 teaspoon of Cinnamon
1lb of peeled and cored apples
Juice of half a lemon
125 cl of brandy

Method

- Soak the raisins and currants in the brandy and lemon juice for 1

hr until rehydrate . Drain the liquid off and set aside.

- Mix in all the other ingredients together,
- Mix thoroughly
- Then add in the brandy you drained earlier and mix again.
- Spoon and press into sterilised jars *, to exclude any air
- Cover and leave for at least a fortnight before using for Christmas treats.
- It will store well but it can be kept in the fridge.

Anonymous

*To sterilise jars, either wash and place in the oven. Alternatively wash them in the dishwasher.

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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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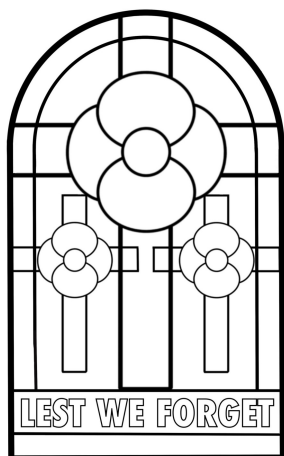
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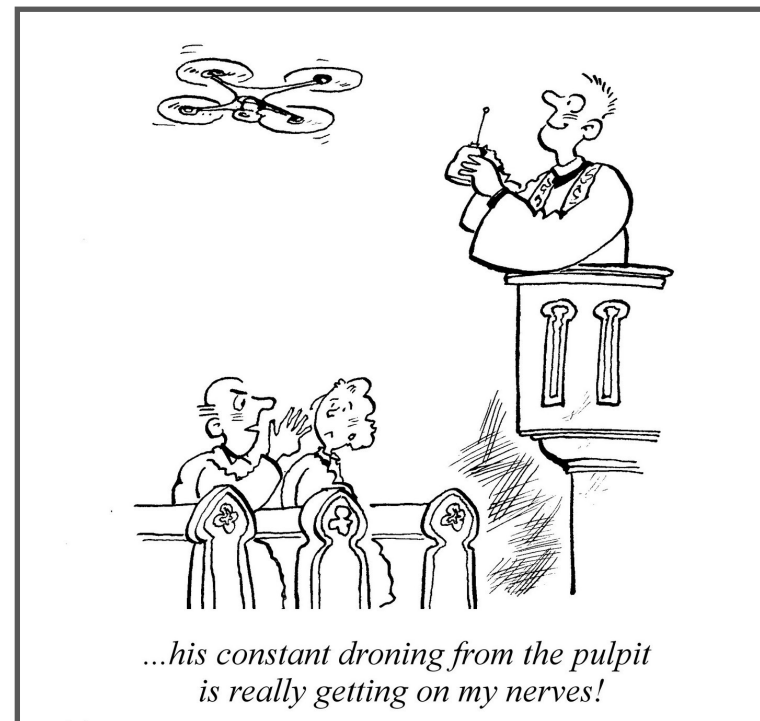
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