

Dearest friends

As I am writing this, it is the start of Holy Week and just a few days after my licensing as Associate Priest in the Knaresborough Team. Thank you to everyone who came along, and to those who sent messages or cards or cake! It was a lovely service, thank you to everyone involved.



It seems to be a very long time since I came for interview last summer. At times it felt as if we would never arrive. I suspect that most of us are familiar with the phrase 'patience is a virtue'. It sounds as though it should come from the Book of Proverbs, but actually a quick Google search reveals that it dates from a poem written sometime in the 14th century, a time when life was definitely lived at a much slower pace than today.

The Bible does say an awful lot about waiting though, with several verses which urge us to 'wait patiently for the Lord'. I must say that there have been times over the past eight or nine months when I didn't feel very patient, especially as I was driving up and down the M1 several times a week to get to work in the hospice where I am chaplain! But as Oscar Wilde, apparently, once said 'if a thing is worth having, it is worth waiting for'.

So far moving north has been one of those things worth waiting for. We have had a very warm welcome from our neighbours and from those church members that we have already met. We very much look forward to getting to know you all, and hope you will bear with us as we learn names and find our way around. We look forward to working and worshiping alongside you all as we all seek to serve God in this place that He has called us to.

Blessings

Revd Lisa

From the Parish Registers

We welcome into our church family

Edward "Ted" Corner
Sebastian Moulson
Arthur Thomas Severs



*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

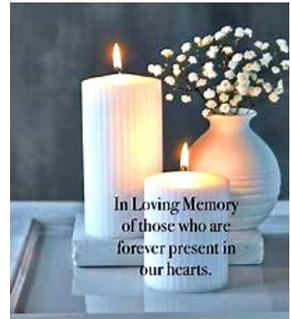
We celebrate the marriages of.....



Ian Mallard and Lucy Spencer
Richard Leech and Heather Mather

We give thanks for the life of.....

Gwyneth Swift
John Wilkinson Waind
Revd Peter Atkinson



*In Loving Memory
of those who are
forever present in
our hearts.*

May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

*For information about booking baptisms and weddings
email knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com
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CONFIRMATION 2022

We are delighted that Bishop Helen-Ann is coming to St John's to lead our Confirmation Service on Sunday 15th May at 10.30am.

There is an open invitation to adults and children (Year 6 and above) to come and be part of this exciting opportunity to learn more, grow deeper in your faith and belong to your church community.

We are planning for the adult group to meet on the Thursday evenings of 28th April, 5th May and 12th May at The Mitre. 7.30pm to 9pm.

The children's group will meet at The HUB on the same days between 4pm and 5pm.

Both groups will also need to be at a rehearsal on Sunday 5th May, 12noon at St John's for 1 hour. As the sessions are an integral part of preparing for Confirmation, we do expect full attendance at all 4 dates.

For more information, please speak to Revd Garry or Revd Stroma as soon as possible.

Café church @ the HUB



All welcome to come and enjoy free tea/coffee, cake, chit-chat and led prayer

**Friday 6th May 2022
10.30am - 12noon**

Come with friends or simply on your own

We look forward to seeing you there.

WALK OF WITNESS



An invitation appeared in April Accord for everyone, who wanted to, and could, to join in a walk of witness on Holy Saturday.

The walk began at St Mary's Goldsborough and about two dozen of we humans and at least half a dozen four legged friends, gathered at 11am.



Garry welcomed and briefed us with the only bit of housekeeping, being to take care crossing the roundabout near the St James retail park. Garry then asked us to consider all of the people over many centuries who had worshipped at St Mary's and the village community which had been mentioned in the Domesday Book. Short prayers were said and we were

off! Garry began carrying the cross and leading us through the village and out into the farmland. It was a cloudy but pleasant start and much chatter could be heard all around. We could appreciate that spring was well and truly upon us as we saw the lambs with their mothers in the fields and lots of wild flowers already blooming.

Although we tried to keep together, inevitably some arrived at the roundabout before others and, with Matt carrying the cross at this stage, the first group safely crossed the road and not long afterwards the others followed. The cross was handed to Guy Phoenix and we set off along Wetherby Road before all making our way





down to St Robert's Cave on Abbey Road and being joined by two others for the remainder of the walk.

Again, we thought about the place in

which we were gathered, some of us hearing for the first time that the cave is also known as Chapel of the Holy Cross. Further prayers were said by Garry in the sunshine and with the temperature rising.

Continuing along Abbey Road we turned onto the path leading us to the Aspin Estate and journeyed up towards Holy Trinity arriving there by the back



entrance which many of us had been unaware of, and had therefore never used. This time as the sun was shining so brightly, we prayed outside church after learning that the spire is 166' tall and had been added to the church only four or five years after it was built.

We then headed to St John's, Garry acting as cross bearer once again. The roads around the market place were crowded with trippers

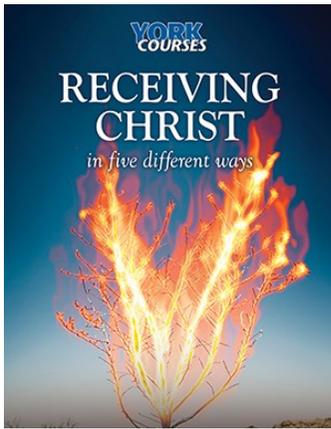
enjoying our special town and we hope they noticed our small band led by Garry and the cross he was carrying and maybe remembered what Easter is truly about.

At the bottom of Kirkgate, having waited for the York train to pass into the station, we made our way across the tracks and into church. All made it safely to the end. Together saying the Lord's Prayer and The Grace we then went our separate ways.

It was a really lovely way to spend Holy Saturday morning and I would thoroughly recommend it next year.

Lynn Curl





LENT COURSE

Five evening session Lent Course 2022 – led by Denise Cullingworth

I am relatively new to the Knaresborough parish having only moved here just over a year ago during Covid lockdowns. I saw the Lent course advertised in the February and March editions of Accord and the weekly Pew Sheets but it was only on the day of the first session that I contacted Denise to ask if I could come along. Why the hesitancy? I'm not sure but partly I believe it was the reluctance to commit to five evening sessions, perhaps a wariness on the format and concern as to what part I would be expected to play. Anyway, five sessions later, I am so very pleased I attended and could not recommend the course highly enough.

Being hosted first by Pam Thomas for three sessions, and then by Denise for the final two, into the warmth of their front rooms felt a privilege. The immediate welcoming offer of tea/coffee and a biscuit/homemade cake made the gathering very homely and relaxed. When all those expected (9) had arrived, Denise offered a short introduction and led a prayer. As an icebreaker, we were asked to chat with our neighbour and find out one new fact about them to share with the group.

The course itself followed the York Course entitled "Receiving Christ in five different ways" and we each had a booklet to work from, supported by a CD. The Group Leader chooses how to use the resources and Denise had prepared well and led us through by dipping into various sections and CD tracks, selecting questions from the booklet for us to attempt to answer. Individuals in the Group were very generous in sharing their own personal insights and life experiences in matters such as how they came to Christ, how their faith had been shaken or tested, how best to see God in the stranger and the needy and what we each take away from

communal and private worship or reflections. Others listened intently and, while initially less forthcoming, as the weeks went by, everyone seemed to feel very comfortable to contribute. Indeed, every week we found we had overrun on time as we were all so engrossed in interesting and thought-provoking discussions.

We can all agree that Christianity is essentially rooted in community and the warmth of Christian fellowship and friendship. I thoroughly enjoyed talking with others so informally about faith matters and eagerly made a note of the books and podcasts they recommended. I shall make a point of reading spiritually uplifting writings to sustain me as, like many, I often need reminding of the comfort and support of Christ through his Spirit within us.

Stephanie Blevins

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Wednesday 11th May at 2pm

In Holy Trinity Church Hall

The speaker will be David Littler from the
Knaresborough charity Orb Community Arts
(postponed from March).

ALL ARE WELCOME

Christine Cope (868545)

Anne Peppitt (864968)



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

held on the evening of Monday 4th April 2022, at St John the Baptist, Knaresborough.

Revd. Garry Hinchcliffe opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

1 Opening Prayer: Revd Garry Hinchcliffe

2 Apologies: David Andrews, Pam Child, Mervyn Darby, Martin Lightfoot, Susan Boddy, Kathy Western, Philip Skeels, Joyce Skeels, Oliver Cullingworth, Lance Ogden, Lynn Ogden, Shirley Lovell.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Monday 19th April 2021
Agreed as a true and accurate record by all who were present.

4 Confirmations of Churchwardens

3 for St John the Baptist Knaresborough – David Osborne, Pam Thomas, Lynn Curl

2 for Holy Trinity Knaresborough - Denise Cullingworth, Vacancy

2 for St Mary's Goldsborough – Carol Ballard, Paul Kerwin

2 for St Paul & St Margaret Nidd – 2 vacancies

2 for St John the Baptist Brearton – 2 vacancies

Proposed by Revd. Stroma and Carried Unanimously

Garry thanked all the churchwardens for their efforts. Garry thanked Sharon Foster who has been Churchwarden at St John's church for over 12 years and has decided to stand down from the role. Both Garry and Stroma thanked all the churchwardens for the work they have done throughout the year.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 7.12 pm.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

In the chair: Revd. Stroma McDermott

Total attendance 38

1 Opening Prayer – Revd. Stroma McDermott

2 Apologies for absence (as above)

3 Minutes of the APCM held on Monday 19th April 2021 - Agreed as above.

4 Matters arising (not included elsewhere in this agenda) - None

5 Reports

Electoral roll (see Annual report) Jack Wilson informed us that the next ER revision will be in 2025.

PCC report on activities (see Annual report)

Financial report (see annual report) – Brian referred to the Financial Report, giving an overall snapshot of the income and expenditure for the year. Brian thanked all the Treasurers from each church for their hard work and support, and Jack Wilson for his help with the APCM report. Revd Garry and Revd Stroma thanked Brian for all his hard work.

Report on the fabric, goods, ornaments of the church’s (See Annual report) - Agreed

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod - Agreed

6 Confirmations of Elections and Appointments

Confirmation of lay representatives to the Parochial Church Council - Agreed

St John’s	Holy Trinity	Goldsborough	Brearton	Nidd
Elaine Armes	Dorothy Jelbert	Shirley Lovell	Vacancy	Vacancy
Sharon Foster	Glenys Kestell	Jackie Shaw		
Jack Wilson	Anne Peppitt	Nicky Wynn		

b) Confirmation of lay representatives on Deanery Synod – Denise Cullingworth and Margaret Cowley.

c) Confirmation of Sides people Agreed

d) Confirmation of Independent Examiner.

Brian proposed the reappointment of Mitchell Wellock Accountants as our Independent Examiner for the year ending December 2022 when the accounts are submitted.

Proposed Brian Jelbert. Seconded Jack Wilson. All agreed

7 AOB and Chairman’s report

Revd Stroma read out the Team Rector’s Report.

Garry said a special thank you to Revd Stroma and everyone involved in Knaresborough Team Ministry for all their support.

Brian Jelbert thanked Garry and Stroma on behalf of all the PCC members for all their hard work.

8 Closing prayer - Revd Stroma led us in The Grace.

Meeting closed at 19.45.

Margaret Bridge PCC Secretary, Knaresborough Team Ministry

St John's News and Events.....



.....From the Belfry

Bells news is a little thin this month. I tested positive to Covid in the middle of March, so I was isolated at home for over a week, so no ringing for me. Fortunately, I suffered practically no symptoms. Mrs Curl also tested positive a week after me, which resulted in her being isolated at home for a further week.

On Palm Sunday, we travelled to Oakham in Rutland for the christening of our granddaughter, so no ringing again for me.

The bells are not rung in Holy Week, so instead of our Tuesday Practice, we hold our Tower AGM. It is a useful gathering where we can summarise our progress and make plans for the coming year. Tower officers make their reports about the previous year. This includes, the Ringing Master, The Steeple Keeper and the Tower Captain, with additional information from the Archivist and our Webmaster.

During early April, we did take the opportunity to do a fire risk assessment and to revise our existing risk assessment. The fire risk assessment resulted in the installation of fire extinguishers in the ringing room and repairing some loose floor boards. We are also considering our emergency escape facilities.

On Easter Saturday some of the ringers participated in the Walk of Witness from Goldsborough, via the Chapel of the Holy Cross (or St Robert's cave as most of us know it), Holy Trinity and finishing at St John's. It turned into a beautiful morning's walk across the fields from Goldsborough and along Abbey Road and Aspin Lane. Interestingly, I noted a number of piles of freshly excavated earth about a centimetre high and about 2.5 centimetres across with a 5 mm hole in the middle. These are mining bee nests. There are about 60 species of mining bee in the UK. These generally nest in the ground, often in paths or lawns, and some of the lawn nesting species nest communally. These bees are good pollinators of economically important plants such as fruit trees and alfalfa. I noticed them on the Crag Path and in the gardens at Holy Trinity.

If you are interested in a new hobby, try your hand at bell ringing. We will be happy



to give you a taste of the exercise. Feel free to come to practices at 7:00 pm Tuesday evenings or contact Matt Curl, Tower Captain on 868104 or matthew.curl@ntlworld.com. You don't need to be big or strong or musical. You just need to be able to count to 8. All welcome, young or old or in-between.

Matt Curl, Tower Captain

.....From the Flower Guild

Easter Flowers

Easter Sunday and the large congregation was greeted by flowers over hanging the south door at St. John's and a very beautiful arrangement of flowers in the porch.



Then into church to find the font adorned with a large arrangement, mainly white, and a pedestal to match. Colourful spring arrangements sprouted from walls and pillars as well as another on the north door. So much joy and warmth and colour.

As usual the cross was still topped by a crown of thorns as a reminder of Good Friday, while below 11 arum and calla lilies represented 11 disciples. The twelfth Judas Iscariot was omitted following his betrayal of Jesus Christ.

The Paschal Candle was ceremoniously lit and carried by the rector in procession with the choir and placed on its resting place surrounded by a ring of foliage and flowers. Both the Paschal Candle, which is renewed every Easter and the lilies signify a new beginning.

The lilies were donated in remembrance of loved ones and our Easter flowers given by Chris Metcalfe in remembrance of his wife Helen, who was a member of our group. Thank you so much.

Hidden throughout our arrangements were token flowers in blue and yellow signifying the thread of sadness as we thought of the people of the Ukraine during this beautiful and moving service led by Reverend Garry and for which we thank him.

Contacts for queries or requests Bernice 866539. Antje 860463

Pat Hewitson

.....From the Choir Stalls

As I write this, it is the afternoon of Easter Day and the choir is taking a well-earned rest following a particularly busy Holy Week where we sang five services in three churches over four days. On Maundy Thursday a small group sang at the Tenebrae Service at St John's, whilst on Good Friday we joined with our friends



at Goldsborough to sing in The Cross of Christ, a service of meditation, prayers and readings. On Holy Saturday we were joined at St John's by some of our friends from other local choirs, including the ladies of Voix Celestes, for a devotional performance of 'The Crucifixion' by Sir John Stainer. I am very grateful to all who took part in very moving performance, particularly our two fine soloists, Martin Wallace (Tenor) and Adrian Cook (Bass), and our splendid organist James Lonsdale. This morning we were delighted to be able to support our friends at Brearton in their Easter



celebrations before hotfooting it to St John's for the most important service of the year. How wonderful it was to be able to fully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with a fully sung service once again. My thanks for a job well done to all those who contributed to our music throughout Lent and Holy Week, whether singing in choirs or supporting behind the scenes.

Malta Tour

However, we cannot rest upon our laurels for long, as a group of us will be jetting off to Malta in the early hours of Tuesday morning! Hopefully all will go smoothly, so look out for a full report in the next edition of Accord.

Choral Evensong

Our next service of Choral Evensong will be at 4pm on **Sunday 22nd May 2022**. Please come along and join us if you are able. All are welcome!

Best wishes.
Mark Hunter

Pat Hewitson's History Of Malta...The Final Chapter.. Part Two

Faith, Hope and Charity were replaced with spitfires, hurricanes and Blenheim bombers and an air-vice-Marshall was charged with holding an umbrella of safety over the dockyard, while an admiral commanded the naval ships coming for shelter or waiting for repair in the dockyard as they came staggering in in droves. The governor of Malta assisted by a small diplomatic staff held the weight of the island on his shoulders.

Malta's lifeline lay in the convoys of merchant ships bringing food, oil, ammunition, aeroplanes and even the pilots to fly them. Many convoys were sunk before reaching Malta and many were bombed and sunk as they entered Grand Harbour before the precious goods could be unloaded. The courage of those merchant ships and the warships guarding them knew no bounds. Two stories among many stand out which reflect the bravery of those men and indeed the bravery and ingenuity of Malta itself

A giant aircraft -carrier limped into harbour, survivor of an epic battle .The crowds watching from the bastions of Valletta had seen swarms of enemy planes swooping down upon her and heard the thunder of bombs and guns. Emerging out of the dusk, slowly ploughing through the tossing waves, appeared this giant straggler creeping towards safety with smoke and flames pouring from her sides. She arrived to a burst of cheering as at last she came under the protection of the guns of Malta. It was difficult to believe how she had made the journey because her deck, the size of a football field was smashed and deformed by great lumps of steel and twisted aircraft. She lay deep in the water with a gaping hole in her side and guns wrenched off their moorings. She was blistered and blackened by fires which were still raging. But still visible was a burnished plate bearing the inscription "H.M.S. Illustrious".

Carrying Admiral Cunningham, commander in chief Mediterranean, she had been escorting two vast convoys comprising 4 battle ships, 9 cruisers and 23 destroyers, the entire naval strength of the Mediterranean and was the first aircraft carrier in the world with an armour plated flight deck and was capable of withstanding a bomb of 500 lbs. The convoy was attacked 85 miles west of Malta by 40 Stukas, bombing in successive waves. Illustrious the main target had suffered six direct hits by 1,000 lbs bombs within minutes. They had ripped through her deck like a knife through butter. Two platform lifts serving the flight decks each weighing 300 tons were welded

into blocks by white hot flame. Miraculously she had crawled away from the battle and as 85 miles became 40 her main engines still functioned due to the stokers in the boiler room working in temperatures of up to 130 degrees and only managing to stay on their feet for a few minutes at a time.

As soon as she was secured, glowing red in the gathering dusk, the gangways came down and streams of stretchers each bearing a blanketed burden, began a slow progress ashore. Sailors followed, clothes soaked with oil and scorched by fire, blood shot eyes showing a desperate weariness.

The carnage on board was indescribable. Steel splinters had torn through anything within their path including the men fighting fires, cooks preparing soup in the galleys, men at plotting tables trying to think and remain calm. On the flight deck desperately needed pilots had died strapped in their cockpits. Long lines of the dead, all young men lay side by side. Still in sick bay hard pressed doctors and sick berth attendants did what they could to ease the suffering. Priests from Valletta joined the naval chaplains offering each injured man a word of comfort, a smile, a touch, a prayer. When asked how the people could help Captain Boyd replied, " They are hungry, so many cooks were killed". Bowls of soup and bread were soon being prepared and by the ladies of Malta.

Within five days H.M.S. Illustrious was festooned with scaffold while pumps and fire hoses were pumping out the filthy water. The upper works were camouflaged with daubs of cream and yellow paint appearing like buildings from the air. Hundreds of dockyard workers swarmed over her like ants in a supreme effort to make her sea worthy. Three months later she proudly left the island to resume her battle to the cheering of those on Malta who had made it possible.

A terrible exhaustion began to grip the island as air raids increased and food dwindled. Many life saving convoys did not arrive at all or were bombed mercilessly in harbour before their precious cargo could be unloaded. Shelter life bred verminous children, the crashing of bombs destroyed ear-drums and often even if something was found to cook there was no kerosene. The dghajsas(pronounced dicer) carried food to workers in the harbour and corpses back to the mainland for burial. In one month 6,730 tons of bombs fell on Malta, while guns blazing away with barrels red hot, ran out of ammunition.

Almost total disaster came when out of 485 spitfires flown off an American aircraft carrier only 46 arrived safely and within 72 hours some of those had been destroyed on the ground. The few aircraft left on the island became airborne again and again in spite of

runways being repeatedly blasted with and hurriedly repaired. The prospect of invasion was real as defeat followed defeat and if the perilous gap in supplies was not plugged Malta could be lost. 18 sunken ships lay in the shambles of Grand Harbour with 27 waiting for repair with equipment in short supply.

Then on to this scene of despair and destruction sailed H.M.S. Welshman. She was a 2,600 ton mine-layer with the fastest speed in the navy of 35 knots and she happened to look like a French destroyer. Some bright spark in the admiralty had an idea. A little more bulk here and a tweak there plus an enlarged funnel and she could pass as a Vichy French warship going about her lawful business for the Germans. Add to this a large tricolour ensign, some blue and white uniforms and red Pom Pom hats and she was in business. She arrived triumphantly in Grand Harbour following a trip of a combination of courage, nerve and bluff. At one point she was visited by a patrolling German aircraft making low level passes. Sweating under the scrutiny the fancy dress crew just waved and the plane waggled it's wings in salute and went on its way. She docked spot on time and unloaded her entire cargo in seven hours in spite of a bomb attack which had cost the enemy 40 planes. Then, topped up with oil and she was off to the cheers of a singing and waving crowd. And Malta returned to the fray.

In 1942 a new governor arrived to replace the exhausted Sir William Dobbie. His title was Field Marshall John Vereker, Viscount Gort. VC (1918) D.S.O, military cross and nine mentions in despatches. Lord Gort arrived in style in a flying boat from Gibraltar. He landed during an air-raid and briefly met General Dobbie in a hut built out of old petrol cans.

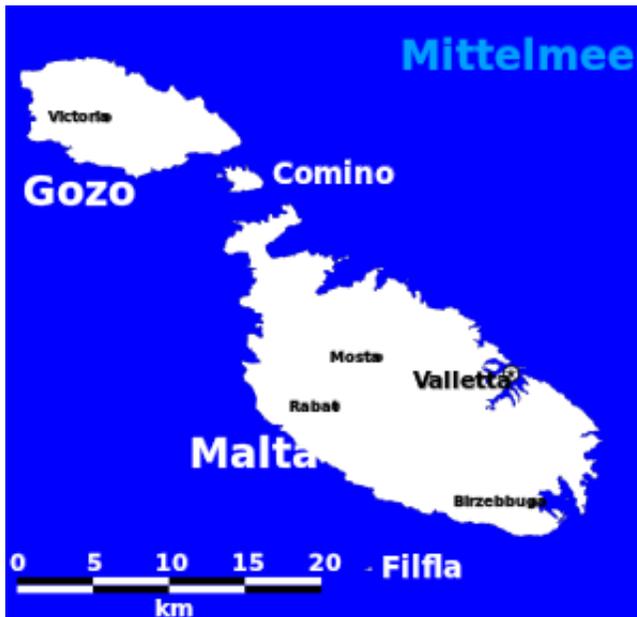
With Lord Gort had come another medal of distinction. The George Cross had been awarded to the whole of Malta by King George Sixth. "To honour her brave people I award the George Cross to the Island Fortress of Malta to bear witness to her heroism and devotion that will be long famous in history". Malta had received a great honour, but again with stocks and food dwindling to near starvation the people responded that they could not eat a George Cross.

Only one convoy had got through since The Welshman. Bread was a luxury and had been replaced with a mixture of potato peelings, tomato purée and garlic. There was no coal, no electricity since the bombing of the power station, only some wood and candles. 35,000 goats replaced the cows and soup kitchens were the norm, providing one meal a day.

It was unthinkable that the island and its inhabitants, both

British and Maltese should be left to die so an armada of fourteen ships, code named "Pedestal" was sent. Only five reached Malta, costing the navy 29 aircraft and 350 sailors lives. One of the ships H.M.S. Ohio carrying thousands of tons of aviation spirit and the prize of the fleet suffered more damage than any ship could bear. However she was taken in tow after her engine failed 150 miles from Malta and finally crept into Grand Harbour strapped between two destroyers acting as splints and a third astern serving as a rudder. As the last food supplies were unloaded and fuel pumped out Ohio settled on the sea bed and there her back was broken. The cheering never stopped for that incredible act of bravery. The people may not have eaten today, but with thanks to those who had risked everything and come face to face with hell, they would eat tomorrow. More lives would be lost, but the end was in sight.

In September 1943 a signal was received with the news that the war for Malta had ended. Sent by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean it said, "Pleased to inform their lordships that the Italian battle fleet now lies at anchor under the guns of the Fortress of Malta". The island's ordeal was over, Italy was defeated and the Germans busy elsewhere. The tide of the Second World War was turning and Malta could again safely take on its role of sanctuary and succour to any ship able to reach its shores.

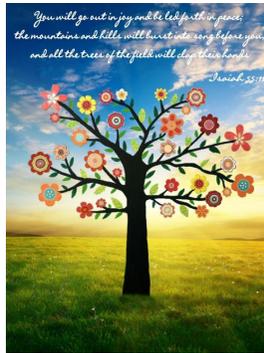




Holy Trinity

If you have not yet tried Messy Vintage do come along and join us for a morning of doing “church” differently. Fun and fellowship, good conversations and discussions in a friendly and informal setting with lovely homemade cakes, scones and a simple lunch thrown in.

After the joyous celebrations on Easter Day, our theme for the meeting on 26th April is “the joy of the Lord”, focusing on Isaiah 55:12.



Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 11am**
(and every 4th Tuesday in the month)
when the theme will be **”Rooted and grounded”**

Creativity- Celebration—Christ-centredness—Mission—Hospitality

For more information please contact **Denise Cullingworth on 07739398197**



<https://messychurch.org.uk/messy-vintage>

One World, One Flute

Holy Trinity Church, Knaresborough

Sunday 8th May 3pm - 4 pm

*To put it simply,
she communicates
magic*
MusicWeb



*"inside the gates of
Nicola's enchanted flute,
we are sheltered by
warmth and comfort"*
Concerto.net

Nicola Woodward- flutes

Bach Partita in A minor, and other beautiful pieces by Debussy, Miyagi, and Kunc. There will also be improvisations and folksongs from around the world performed on flute, alto, piccolo, folk flute & Irish Whistles

Tickets £10 on the door or 07973 796508

www.nicolawoodward.uk

'One World, One Flute'

This is a musical celebration of our multicultural world and the music that binds us as people. Nicola Woodward will play classics such as Bach's Partita in A minor alongside improvisations and folk music from around the world on flute, piccolo, alto, Folk flute and Irish whistles. She introduces her music with stories and anecdotes so that the whole performance is personal and informative. The concert will last just over an hour and is perfect for music lovers and curious minds.

"We've been taken on a journey.... a historic, technical artistic and musical journey. This hall has been filled with the most wonderful sound."

Nicola won the Eve Kisch flute prize and other prizes for all-round musicianship whilst studying at the Royal College of Music in London. She has performed at the Wigmore Hall, Live on Classic FM and radio 3 and frequently entertained guests of HRH Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace, Highgrove and Windsor Castle. Her recent CD of Koechlin's solo flute music won Guardian Classical CD of the Week.

A WORD OF THANKS

.....to **Jan, Pat, and Belinda** for the beautiful floral decorations which adorned our church this Easter, the lilies donated in memory of loved ones were amazing



.....to **all those involved in our Simnel cake venture**, donating ingredients, baking the cakes and buying them—we raised over £400.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 26th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ascension day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7:30pm Holy Communion</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 29th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday after Ascension</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8am Holy Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10:45am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Eucharist</p>

	<u>St Mary the Virgin Goldsborough</u>	<u>St Paul & St Margaret Nidd</u>	<u>St John the Baptist Brearton</u>
Sunday 1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter	9am Holy Communion	10:30am BCP Mattins	
Sunday 8th May 4th Sunday of Easter	9am Family Service	10:30am BCP Holy Communion	
Sunday 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter	10:30am Joint benefice Confirmation service at St John's	10:30am BCP Mattins	
Sunday 22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter	9am Holy Communion	10:30am BCP Holy Communion	
Sunday 29th May Sunday after Ascension	9am Holy Communion	10:30am BCP Holy Communion	

**Holy Communion Services are usually held
 every Wednesday in Knaresborough
 Holy Trinity at 10am and St John the Baptist at 11am**

Happy Easter from the residents at Thistle Hill

After many months when we were not able to visit the nursing homes due to the Covid pandemic, it was a joyous occasion to be welcomed back to Thistle Hill in time for Palm Sunday/Easter services.

A short communion service is held both downstairs and upstairs for the residents and some of the carers and they are always so pleased to see us. It is so humbling as they join in with the familiar prayers and sing along to the well known hymns.

Services are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 11am and now that restrictions have been lifted anyone is welcome to come along.

Please contact Denise for more information

07739398197





The residents with their palm crosses and below, holding the traditional Polish Palm Sunday decoration that one of the carers had brought in. (see page 37 for more about Palm Sunday in Poland)



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St Paul & St Margaret

NIDD

Perhaps it's age.....

.....but I feel increasingly fallible, even useless at times. And then I see the daffodils in Nidd churchyard. Proud and beautiful, regardless of me. This short story about an old woman walking miles every day for water might have the answer.

She had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole, carried across her neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full load of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them."

"For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."



David Andrews
Reader and Organist at Nidd

Spotlight on.....



Margaret Bridge, our PCC secretary

Tell us a bit about yourself:

I was born in Co Durham and moved to Harrogate at a young age. My father worked for the MOD which relocated from Durham to 'The Huts' in Harrogate. I attended St Peters Junior School and then on to St Aidan's. I am married to Steve and have two daughters, Helen and Lucy and a delightful granddaughter Willow, who is 2 years old. My career path has been in finance within the legal profession working in Leeds and latterly, still in finance for a lettings agency in Harrogate until retirement beckons very soon!!!

My main hobby is walking and I enjoy walking holidays.

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?

Apart from giving birth to two healthy baby girls,
Being in the role of PCC secretary in the Knaresborough Team Ministry since July 2008.

Volunteering and making a difference to people's lives

How would you describe yourself in one sentence?

Reliable, honest, conscientious, hardworking.

What is your motto?

Be kind - you never know the battles others are facing.

What is your food heaven?

Fish and Chips, but I like most food, especially chocolate.

And food hell?

Sweet corn

Who is your greatest inspiration?

I don't have one particular person. Many people have inspired me throughout my life, family, friends, work colleagues and friendship groups to name a few.

If you had to go and live on a desert island, what would be your luxury item?

My mobile phone (no signal no problem) lots of books and music to indulge in, and a lip balm if I'm allowed two items.

What is your favourite hymn?

This is difficult to answer as I have lots of favourite hymns, **Shine Jesus Shine** would be in my top ten.

What are you most thankful to God for?

My family, good health and for walking beside me in times of adversity.



Thinking caps on for our May quiz

Well, can you believe it?! It's been a whole year since the first of these Knotty quizzes sullied the saintly pages of *Accord!* Question 1 of the first quiz in the May 2021 edition was "May 1st is Staffordshire Day. What is the emblem of that Creative County?" Keen and eagle-eyed followers of these quizzes (a very small and select group, one would imagine) might have noticed that first question set a bit of a theme for many that followed.

Anyway, Knotty feels it's time to change things a little bit. In order to broaden the scope of subjects for questions Knotty has decided to follow the principle set by that fine television show 'Sesame Street' and have the questions brought to you by letters and numbers. So, this month's questions are brought to you by the letter 'M' and the number '5'. However, please do note that it's not always going to be so straightforward – there are only so many questions that can be devised using the letter 'J', for example! You might also notice that each answer in this month's quiz is linked in some vague sort of way to the following question. Or vice versa. Or something like that. Some of the links might provide clues to the answers!

Knotty

1. How are the following connected: "Material Girl"; "Masterpiece"; "Music"; "Miles Away"?
2. What is the name of the capital city of the US State of Michigan?
3. Hartford is the capital city of the 5th state to become one of the United States of America, ratifying the Articles of Confederation on January 9th 1788. What is the name of the State?
4. Hertford is the county town of Hertfordshire in England. McMullen's brewery is based in Hertford. In which town would you find the Marston's Brewery?
5. What is the brand name of a savoury food spread from the United Kingdom, based on yeast extract. It is made from by-products of beer brewing and is currently produced by British company Unilever?
6. Who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage?
7. Deuteronomy is the fifth book of the Old Testament. Its first 30 chapters consist of sermons given to the Israelites. By whom were the sermons given and where? (Clue – it was on the Plains of somewhere).
8. Which sea is on the northern shore of the Sinai Peninsula?

9. "Middle-earth" is the setting of much of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy writing, including "The Lord of the Rings". In Peter Jackson's film adaptations of the book the actor Dominic Monaghan plays one of the Hobbit characters. Which one?
10. Which cinema critic has accompanied Simon Mayo on BBC Radio 5 Live's Film Review programme for over 20 years until its final edition on April 1st this year?
11. Kermit the frog is, of course, a muppet. He starred as Captain Abraham Smollet in the fifth Muppet movie, released in 1996, "Muppet Treasure Island", based on Robert Louis Stevenson's book. The principal pirate character in "Treasure Island" is Long John Silver. Which famous fictional pirate claimed Eton College as his 'alma mater'?
12. 'Eton Fives' is a version of a ball game which originated at Eton College. There are at least seven other versions of 'Fives'. One is said to be the creation of the headmaster Thomas Arnold. What's it called?
13. Which is the largest sports stadium in Scotland (by crowd capacity)?
14. Mountains in Scotland that have a summit higher than 3,000 feet are known as what? How many of them are there (according to the Scottish Mountaineering Club) – (a) 202; (b) 214; (c) 226; (d) 282? Mountains and hills in the British Isles that have a "topographical prominence above 150 metres (490 feet), regardless of absolute height or other merits" are known as what?
15. In which French *département* would you find Mont St Michel?
16. Which actor, comedian, writer, television presenter, and traveller was born in Sheffield on May 5th 1943?
17. The actor Tom Wilkinson starred in the 1997 film 'The Full Monty'. With which cinematic hotel is he associated?
18. Dame Judi Dench has been nominated five times for "Best Actress in a Leading Role" Academy Awards ("Oscars"). Two of the titles of the films in which she's had these roles start with the honorific "Mrs" What are their full titles?
19. What position was Dame Stella Rimington the first woman to fill?
20. How are the following connected: Strensham; Gloucester; Michaelwood; Gordano?



**How many did you get right in our April quiz?
Check your answers below**

1. T.S. Eliot. (The Waste Land).
2. No. It has 5 sides – a square base and 4 triangular sides. A (regular) tetrahedron has 4 triangular sides, one of which will form its base when set on a flat surface.
3. The Who.
4. Bethphage and Bethany.
5. I'm Sorry I haven't a Clue.
6. Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello and Michelangelo.
7. 52.
8. The current age of the reigning monarch determines the number of people who receive Maundy Money. The first recorded distribution of Maundy alms was in Knaresborough in 1210 by King John.
9. Richard Dimbelby.
10. IRA bomb threats were received shortly before the race was scheduled to start on April 5th.
11. '1984' by George Orwell.
12. Canadian.
13. 'In the Bleak Midwinter' and 'Love Came Down at Christmas'. 'The Cuckoo's Calling' is the J.K. Rowling novel.
14. Peter Vaughan.
15. 'Bend it Like Beckham'.
16. Kingsley Amis.
17. 'The Girl from U.N.C.L.E.'.
18. A Passover Seder meal.
19. (a) Seve Ballesteros; (b) Nick Faldo; (b) Haggis.
20. John Craven.





Church Security and Fire-Drill:

Following a visit from Adam Thomson, who is the Deputy National Coordinator Protect and Prepare, the Churchwardens at St John's and I have decided that we need to 'up' our security

measures in church. This means that slipbolts will be added to the doors on the southside, northside and west-end of church, so that instant security can be achieved for those inside. There is to be a new lock fitted to the priest door which will come with 20 keys that cannot be copied - these keys will be allocated to those who need them. Similarly, the padlock number of the Vestry door will be changed and again only those who need to know will know the new number. Although this will cause some upheaval it is important that we make our building safe for all who use it.

In the same vein, and across all of our churches on the **1st May there will be a fire-drill** during which the buildings will be evacuated and people will be asked to gather where it is safe to do so.

It has been extremely remiss of me over the years not to have done one of these drills before but I will be speaking to all the Churchwardens in the coming weeks to put a plan in place so everybody knows what they must do and where they need to be in event of a fire or incident. Your patience is appreciated.





By Sophy Potager

Culinary and cropping curiosities

May is here and the time has come to enjoy salads fresh from the garden – but still supplemented by a bit of bought in veg. No one



does salads as well as the French – the “salade compose” of all French snack bars takes a lot of beating. A base of mixed salad leaves finely chopped and given a generous dose of a good vinaigrette, decorated with sliced cucumber, onion rings, grated carrot and sliced tomatoes.

Pile on some coleslaw, potato salad, sweetcorn, cooked green beans and anything else you can think of. Then the protein – maybe some tuna, or cheese, or ham, or salami, or egg mayonnaise. No better lunch exists on a warm day.

Towards the end of the month start looking for the new flat flowerheads of the elder bushes in the hedgerows. These are the main ingredient of elderflower cordial which will keep in the freezer and supply a family with cordial throughout the year. If you intend to make this in bulk you need to be ordering your citric acid on line now and saving small screwtop bottles.

I use the recipe given me years ago by Barbara Hoyes:

20 large freshly opened elderflower heads – they look fluffy

2 pounds of granulated sugar

2 lemons – zest grated and juiced

50 grams of citric or tartaric acid.



Put it all in a big container, stir and add 2 pints of boiling water. Stir again and cover. For the next 5 days you need to stir this morning and evening, making sure the sugar is dissolved. Then strain and bottle. Put the bottles in the freezer but don't screw down the tops until it is frozen.

This recipe can be bigged up endlessly so long as you get the proportions right. I usually do a first brew with 200 heads and then a smaller second brew.

(Traditionally, of course, the flowerheads should be collected at dawn with the dew still on them. To ensure a good brew you are advised to dance naked three times round each bush going widdershins (anticlockwise). I usually omit this step and the brews turn out okay.)

And in the veg patch....



Now is the time to plant courgettes, marrows, pumpkins, cucumber and squash. Fill pots with a good compost and place 2 or 3 seeds in each pot on their sides. Cover with compost, water and keep in the greenhouse/cold frame/warm windowsill. Keep damp and they will germinate in 2 to 3 weeks. Grow on until a good size, harden off when the danger of frost is past and plant out. I plant mine in the top of the compost heap where they will get a rich diet.

Prune forsythia once the flowers finish, cutting off all the branches that have borne flowers. This keeps the bush from becoming too straggly. Deadhead all the bulbs as the flowers finish. This will mean that the plant uses its leaves to put all its energy into building up the bulb for next year rather than making seed.

Divide snowdrops (still in the green) and primroses (still in flower) to have an even better show next year.

Keep the bare patches in the flowerbeds and the unsown parts of the veg patch clear of all weeds however small. It is much easier to hoe them now than to pull out big weeds later when other plants have grown round them.

Don't cut lawns too close until the danger of overnight frost is past. Use all grass cuttings in the compost heap as an accelerator.



26th May ASCENSION DAY

Read Acts chapter 1 verses 1 to 11 in your Bible.

Here we learn that when Jesus was ready to return to heaven, He took His disciples aside to make sure that they understood everything that had happened to Him. He explained why it was important for Him to be crucified and to be raised from the dead to fulfil what the Scriptures had said about Him. He also told them that he was going to return to His Father in heaven and that the Holy Spirit would come to be with them.

At first, the disciples were sad that Jesus would be leaving them, but then the Bible tells us that Jesus opened their minds so they would understand. And an amazing thing happened, Jesus lifted his hands and blessed His disciples. While He was blessing them, He lifted up and was taken up into heaven "up, up and away." Just like when you let go of a helium filled balloon.

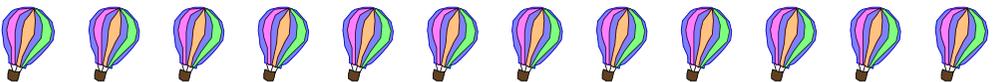
Can you imagine the disciples standing and watching as Jesus ascended higher and higher until He disappeared from view. Were the disciples sad? No way! The Bible tells us that when Jesus had gone up into heaven, the disciples worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They stayed continually in the temple, praising God.



Let us pray



Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus, Your only Son, to die for our sin. We know that He has risen from the dead and has returned to heaven. Bless us today as we worship Him with great joy! In Jesus' name, **Amen.**



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The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.
Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



X	W	V	D	J	Q	R	I	B	S	O	A	E	U	C	P	K	N	H	L	G	M	Y	Z	F	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 25-14-20-25-8-20-20-13-4 _____
- 11-16-13-18-13-4 _____
- 22-8-18-4-10 _____
- 10-15-7-8-16-26-14-7-13 _____
- 7-8-10-13 _____
- 7-13-16-13-18-26 _____
- 9-20-13-10-10-8-18-21 _____
- 26-12-17-13-18 _____
- 19-13-12-3-13-18 _____
- 2-11-7-10-19-8-16-13-4 _____

SCRIPTURE	RISE	REPENT	HEAVEN	BLESSING
MINDS	TAKEN	OPENED	WORSHIPED	FULFILLED

Poets corner...

A heartfelt poem written following the loss of a loved one



The Empty Chair

We used to sit together
Me here, and you just there.
But now I sit alone, and gaze
Upon your empty chair.

I loved you from the outset
And I know you felt it too,
Cemented in God's presence
On the day we said "I do".

We had so many good times,
Our hopes and dreams we'd share.
The family we created
With love, and joy, and care.

My love, you were my soulmate,
And we were best of friends.
We thought our happiness would be
The sort that never ends.

But nothing lasts forever
As we were soon to find...
The illness came and took you
And I was left behind.

I see you in our children -
Some of the things they say,
Or maybe an expression
Or their funny little ways.

Sometimes I catch your spirit
Just something in the air...
Until the day we meet again, I'll watch
Your empty chair.



PALM SUNDAY IN POLAND



Palm Sunday is the last Sunday before Easter and commemorates Christ's triumphal entry to Jerusalem. It marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week, during which time the faithful prepare themselves to celebrate Easter.

As Christ rode into Jerusalem, palm branches were tossed onto the ground before him. To mark Palm Sunday in Poland, the faithful bring to churches their own "palms" generally made from willow branches decorated with evergreen plants

Luckily, some unique and captivating Palm Sunday traditions were preserved and are still cultivated in Poland.

In the Łyse and Lipniki parishes in the Kurpie region, palm processions are a common sight on Palm Sunday. Some of the paraded pine branch contraptions exceed 6 meters (20 ft.) and catch the eye with colourful and vibrant crepe paper flowers and green bilberry or juniper bushes affixed to the top.

In another part of Poland, typically Polish folk custom celebrates the Palm Sunday. Every year the market square of Lipnica Murowana hosts a competition for the tallest plaited palm. These constructions can reach an astonishing height of 20 meters (65 ft.). Palms that tall are carefully lifted upright and securely tied to nearby trees and buildings. The palms of Lipnica Murowana are made of willow canes and decorated with bulrush, juniper, and lingonberry branches. The tops are crowned with a crest of colourful crepe paper flowers, ribbons, and strips.

According to tradition, it is believed that the height of the palm reflects the size and wealth of its owner's estate. A person who fails to prepare a palm is likely to suffer from bad luck and misfortune.

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