

Dearest Friends

As I am sitting down to write this in the middle of April, we have just celebrated Easter. It has been a joy to see so many of you at the various services during Holy Week and on Easter Day itself. Palm Sunday marked my second anniversary in the Knaresborough Team and it has been a lovely year getting to know you all, and I look forward to experiencing much more of the life of the parish now that I will be working full time.



Now that we are settled into Easter season the next big event on the horizon is the Coronation of King Charles III. At St John's we will be hosting an ecumenical service shared between the various different denominations in Knaresborough. It is always a great reminder that we are connected to so many other Christians, and that there is much more that we have in common than that which divides us. It will be wonderful to worship and celebrate together, and to remember that we are part of a great cloud of witnesses, stretching around the world and back through history. We are all part of the same family, with all the difficulties that can sometimes bring, but much more significantly with love, joy and hope between us.

One of the things which has struck my family and I since moving to Knaresborough has been the strong sense of community and the many opportunities to come together. We've never lived anywhere with quite so much going on, or quite so many quirky events (bed race anyone?) Our

street is planning a street party for the Coronation weekend, and I am sure that many of you have similar events planned.

One important role that we have as members of the Church of England is to pray regularly for King Charles, as we did for his mother. There is no doubt that Charles has huge shoes to fill. Our late Queen did an amazing job, living out her calling for 70 years on the throne and she was known for her strong Christian faith. Her Christmas messages in recent years preached a far better sermon than I could often manage.

As someone ordained into the Church of England I am used to the language of vocation and calling. There is no doubt that following a call to serve God can seem like a sacrifice at times, going where God wants and doing his will, but I do still have choices and do still manage a private life. The calling which our Royal family has on their lives to serve their country though seems all consuming. So as we celebrate the Coronation together let's remember to pray for our new King and for his family as they live with a level of responsibility and scrutiny that none of us can really appreciate, and which I for one would not wish to have, for all the corgis in the commonwealth!

Blessings

Lisa



From the Parish Registers

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

Barney Vollans
Esther Barnes
Irene Hall
Peter Child



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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Online Compline (Night Prayer)

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. If there is an address, or business to be done, it should come first. If the service is in church, those present depart in silence; if at home, they go quietly to bed.

Do please join us at 9pm on Sundays for a quiet 15 minute service of prayer at the end of the day. You can take part or just watch the service led by KTM Readers and friends.

The details are on www.niddchurch.info/compline but all you really need is the Zoom link:-

Click this (unchanging) Zoom link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72674436320?pwd=EuOaQzdbMjWBh1JKQXt8a8HEoB2WFz.1>

Meeting ID: 726 7443 6320 Passcode: dUCV81



A new initiative for this spring is 'The Fellowship Dram Club'.

This is for those who like whisky, and who would like to deepen their knowledge or experience of whisky, whiskeys or whiskies.

The bi-monthly evenings, held in The HUB, will be no longer than 2 hours in duration, be properly managed and will consist of the tasting of 3 drams – 2 that will be suggested by the membership and another that will be a guest.

To keep the costs down no whisky purchased will be over £40 a bottle in price. There will be tasting notes and discussions about the whisky which will then be accompanied by cheese and biscuits.

The cost per session will be £20 per person and is open to all.

To make the proposition viable we would need a semi-regular commitment of a minimum of 10 members per session with booking and payment in advance - I have created a website which will allow payment to facilitate this. This still needs a little work but here it is for interest – <https://studio342.uk/dramclub>.

At the end of the evening the remaining contents of the bottles will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Date of the first meeting: Monday 22nd May – for more information or expressions of interest please email me on the address below.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Nigel Holland (nigel@studio342.uk)



Confirmation 2023

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is a safe space for our youth (year 5 and up) to ask tough questions, to wrestle with their faith and to have fun learning about God together.

It's a step in a life-long journey of pursuing the heights, depths, and breadth of God's love!

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

You should expect to have fun while growing in faith. We will cover a wide variety of topics including:

- My story and why am I here.
- Where is God in the world? Questions I've always wanted to ask.
- How to pray.

In preparation for the confirmation, the clergy will be holding 3 preparation meetings: Wednesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th May – 7-8.30pm.

**Confirmation Date - Sunday 21st May @ 3.30pm
@ St Robert's Church, Pannal**

(Due to the diocese being two bishops down at this time, they are unable to offer us our own confirmation service – that being said I am delighted that we will be joining Pannal church for theirs).

Due to good practice and safeguarding there will always be two DBS checked church leaders present.

If any adults wish to be confirmed please speak to a member of the clergy directly as soon as possible.

For all expressions of interest please contact:

Garry.Hinchcliffe@leeds.anglican.org



Café church @ the HUB

Friday 5th May 2023

10.30am till 12 noon

All are welcome to this informal gathering for coffee, cake, chit-chat and prayer.

Come on your own or bring your friends along too.



Parish Curry Nights

Gentlemen, please put into your diaries the next **Parish Men's Curry Night**, which will be Thursday June 1st @ Zolsha's, 7pm.

If you wish to go and for booking reasons, then please let Revd Garry know.

Garry.Hinchcliffe@leeds.anglican.org

Not to be outdone I am pleased to announce the inaugural date for a **Parish Women's Curry Night** arranged by Sue Hinchcliffe to be held on Thursday April 27th @ Zolsha's, 7pm.

Again, if you wish to go for booking reasons, then please let Sue know using the same email as above.

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

..... From St John's Flower Guild.



I confess to the sin of taking pride in our group this year especially as Garry our rector said at the Easter morning service that the guild had surpassed itself. Even more pleasing was news that a couple had come into church specifically to see our arrangements.

The congregation raised an amazing £150 pounds towards Easter flowers which included money specifically for 18 lilies in remembrance of loved ones. 11 canna lilies are below the cross and 2 longiform lilies in the arrangement above. The other 5 lilies form Ann's lovely pedestal. The 11 canna lilies depict the eleven disciples of Jesus, the 12th betrayer Judas Iscariot is banned. My eternal problem is that lilies such as canna or arum with fat stems love to be in water. Due to pollution from oasis which holds the flowers so well we are facing a challenge to use much less. You may see fewer of those large traditional pedestal arrangements such as Ann's and Hilary's lovely spring arrangement in the porch in future



Flower arranging is not always a gentle past time!! ... Beryl grappled to secure her lilies high on a wobbly cross and Carole balanced precariously on a pew as she hooked her spring tulip arrangements onto nave pillars. The flowers on those ancient stone walls bring them to life and the arrangements outside on the south and north doors I hope beckon visitors in.

We welcome Julie another new member to our group which I believe is now thriving and ready for new challenges.

Contacts for enquiries or requests are Bernice 866539. Antje 860463

Pat

.....From the Bell Tower

The big ringing event this year is coming up. It is, of course, the Coronation of King Charles III. It is frustrating that the powers that be have been a little reticent in publishing details of the timing of the Coronation service. We now know the starting time of the service in Westminster Abbey, but little else in terms of timing. We will ring before the service and after it to make sure all members of the tower can participate. There is a Civic Ecumenical Service in St John's on the Sunday, so we'll ring for that and probably do something later in the day as well. A band will be ringing a full peal in celebration of the Coronation on the Monday morning, so listen out for that.



It is becoming a busy time for beekeepers now that the weather is warming up. Beekeepers rely on nature to tell them when to start checking up on their bees. Traditionally, our first hive inspection is triggered when the flowering blackcurrant comes into bloom. My bees seem to have survived the winter and are now busy collecting blackthorn and dandelion pollen to feed the new hatched larvae. I've united two colonies together to make a stronger and bigger colony so I now have three colonies ready to start collecting nectar and pollen from the oil seed rape that is just beginning to come into flower in the next field.

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, or visit our website. 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 Social/Fundraising group**

Autumn Produce Sale - 23rd September 2023

In last month's Accord we promised more information about the Autumn produce sale.

The potatoes have been sold and hopefully you have planted them in your 18" bucket. The judging of the potato growing competition will take place on 23rd September and we will be holding a produce sale at the same time. We hope to have a cake and baking stall with donated produce.

We also hope to have a stall selling donated spare and excess jams, marmalades, jellies, pickles and chutneys and any other preserves you may have.

Excess garden vegetables will be welcome, including all those green un-ripened or even ripe tomatoes. It is our intention to offer green (and red) tomatoes for sale together with a recipe for green tomato chutney. Your chutney will be ready for Christmas, plus you will have some produce for the 2024 sale!

So, it is time to plan ahead:

- Make a few extra jars of jam, chutney or pickles.
- Grow an extra tomato plant.
- Make extra preserves.
- Remember to label your jars properly and clearly.



.....**From the Choir Stalls**

A big thank you to everyone involved in our music making for Holy Week, particularly the happy few who sang at all five services/events from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Special thanks to our talented soloists and of course to our visiting organists: David Austin (Good Friday), Peter Condry (Easter Sunday) and last, but by no means least, James Lonsdale (Holy Saturday). I was delighted to receive numerous favourable

comments regarding the music from our church wardens and members of the congregation, so thank you to all those who took the time and trouble to express your appreciation, either verbally or in writing. It is always gratefully received and it makes a real difference to know that our efforts are recognised and valued.



Ascension Day

There will be a service of Choral Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension of **Thursday 18th May 2023 at 7.30pm.**

Choral Evensong

Our remaining two services of Choral Evensong for this term are at 4pm on **Sunday 28th May 2023** and **Sunday 25 June 2023** and will celebrate the Feasts of Pentecost and St John the Baptist respectively. Our congregation for Choral Evensong has grown slowly but surely since the pandemic and if you have never experienced this moving and uplifting service before we would be delighted to have you with us. All are welcome!

FEVA

Our FEVA events this year will be as follows:

Saturday 12th August 2023 at 7.30pm - FEVA Concert by St John's Choir and friends.

Sunday 13th August 2023 at 10.30am - FEVA Celebration Service.

Forthcoming Choir Tours

We are looking forward to singing the services at Salisbury Cathedral over the weekend Friday 18th to Sunday 20th August 2023 and very excited to be singing at St George's Chapel Windsor and Westminster Abbey on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August 2024 respectively. Members of the congregation are always very welcome to join us on tour, so please get in touch if you are interested and would like further details.

Best wishes.

Mark Hunter

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TEAS ON THE TERRACE

THE HUB@ ST JOHN'S

EACH SUNDAY 28 May to 27 AUGUST

2-4.30PM

Homemade cakes, scones, hot and cold
drinks



Enjoy the best view in Knaresborough





Holy Trinity

MESSY VINTAGE

Our March meeting focused on Lent and we focused on the words of St Matthew: "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4) Anne had kindly made a batch of bread dough in her bread making machine and everyone was given a lump of dough to shape as they wished. There were some very interesting shapes. These were all baked during our time of worship and ready in time to take home. Our messy conversations centred around the painting of Christ in the Desert by Ivan Kramskoi reflecting the temptations that Jesus experienced in the wilderness.

Our April meeting will be on Tuesday 25th April at 11am when our theme will be " God remembers". All are welcome

Messy Vintage is our way of doing church differently. It is fun, informal, friendly, and you will be assured of a warm welcome. Coffee and home made biscuits on arrival, and plenty of opportunity to socialise. We have small group discussions on the theme and there is a simple craft activity to join in if you wish. A short service of celebration follows before finishing with a simple lunch.

Creativity- Celebration—Christ-centredness—Mission—Hospitality



Messy Vintage

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

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

A WORD OF THANKS



.....to everyone who supported our Simnel cake fundraiser this Easter, those who donated ingredients, those who baked them, and of course those who bought them. An amazing £435 was raised.

And if you have finished munching your way through a total of 286 marzipan balls then do come along on **the first Sunday of every month** when you can sample a much wider variety of our delicious cakes.

Trinity Treats have been operating for over 50 years, initially on every Sunday from Easter day until the end of September 2 till 4, under the watchful eye of our dear friends Doris and Albert Humphries. And woe betide anyone who opened the doors before 2pm despite there being a long queue outside the hall. The concept changed when we moved to opening only on the first Sunday of the month from 12 noon, but throughout the whole year, and offering a wider range of goodies which meant people came more for lunch than afternoon tea. We became known throughout the cycling fraternity and in February every year we now feed up to 100 hungry cyclists after their exhausting reliability run.

Of course none of this could happen without the stalwart support of our dedicated helpers (bakers, soup makers, furniture shifters, servers, waiters and washer uppers) and for all those I am truly thankful.

Denise Cullingworth



It's coffee time!

You are invited to come along and join us for coffee and scones



Saturday 20th May
10am till 12noon

At the home of Dot and Brian
Wylam Lodge, 1 Lands Lane, HG5 9DE

Cake stall



Raffle

Proceeds in aid
of Holy Trinity
Church

Tombola



Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May 2023



Soaring costs are affecting people here and around the world.

Families in Malawi are paying the price of this global crisis.

Food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months. And hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather.

Malawi Cyclone Update

The impact of the recent Cyclone Freddy in Malawi has been devastating. Floods have washed away crops, over 500,000 people have been displaced and hundreds have lost their lives.

Christian Aid Week is at its most powerful when a disaster happens. Through you, we will be there long after the flood waters recede, helping families build back. Your gifts this May will continue to support the pigeon pea project and other vital work around the world.

Holy Trinity will have envelopes available at the 10:30 service for your kind donation on Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st May.

See page 33 for details of St John's Big Brekkie.

Or you can donate online at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

Ghana Trip June 2024

Friends, as you know the team ministry - especially St John's during the Christmas Tree Festival - supports the work of New Life Ghana in Ghana.



I visited Ghana as part of my sabbatical back in 2018 and was blown away by the beauty of the country, the friendliness of the people, but also saddened by the poverty I saw.

As already mentioned, we have been supporting NLG, especially the village of Honi, which sits some distance away from the capital Accra. We will continue to support the village, its residents, their school and church but there is an exciting opportunity now for a small group from the team ministry to visit for 5 or 6 days next summer (2024).



The leaders for the group will be Liz Foster from New Life Baptist Church in Northallerton (Liz is a seasoned visitor to Ghana and took Annie my daughter and myself out there in 2018), I shall act as deputy leader.

If you are interested at this early stage, then please have a look at the details below. We will be going for 5-6 days, depending on flights and the group will number 12 in total, of which Liz and I shall be two, in other words if you are at

all interested then please get back to me to register that interest – positions will be allocated on a first come first booked basis.

Information sheet for people interested in joining a team visit to Ghana

Purpose of visit

- See the project at first hand
- Experience Ghanaian culture
- Help and encourage Pastor Osmond and his team

What will we do?

This depends on what Osmond has asked us to do and/or the skills, strengths and interests of the team; activities have included:

- Helping in classrooms
- Visiting Honi village
- Practical support e.g. painting classrooms
- Praying with people
- Encouraging church groups – men/women/children

Time to relax and enjoy time with the team
Visits to places of interest
Joining a church service Ghana style!

How do we get there?

Usually, a flight from a nearby airport via Amsterdam/Paris airports to Accra
Osmond provides transport to and from the airport and transport while we are there – each team member will contribute to transport costs.

Where will we stay?

A comfortable hotel providing bed and breakfast in air conditioned private rooms.

What will we eat?

Breakfast at the hotel
Lunch of fresh fruit
Evening meal at the hotel organised by Osmond and a cook who is used to our tummies.
We recommend that you take snacks with you although most things can be bought locally.
We drink bottled water that is readily available.

What are the health requirements?

Yellow fever
Malaria
Other vaccines can be discussed with travel nurse/clinic and info is available on gov website.

Are there any other requirements?

Visa
Passport with 6 months validity
Covid passport
DBS

How much will it cost?

Budget for £800-£1000 per person to include: flights - £5/600; accommodation - £22 per night; visa -£70; yellow fever and malaria £100; transport £60

If you are interested, the first step will be a meeting with the leader for the trip and this will be followed by support every step of the way to make sure that you have an unforgettable and probably life changing experience!



Culinary and cropping curiosities

By Sophy Potager

At last this cold winter is beginning to relent and life in the outdoors is beginning to flourish – a heaving mass of newly hatched tadpoles in the pond, birds looking for nest sites and orange tip and peacock butterflies on the wing - but pickings from the garden are still rather sparse. You may have some leeks left and these need to be lifted and either eaten or frozen promptly before they bolt. Last year's leaf beet is plentiful, of course, and greenhouse salad is still cropping. However there is one source of bountiful and nutritious soups that is rarely used - the stinging nettle.

STINGING NETTLE SOUP

Using gloves, of course, fill a large basin with the fresh tops from your local patch of nettles, preferably a patch that is not on the route of the local dog-walkers. Wash carefully.

In 2 tablespoons of oil, gently sauté chopped onion, garlic and celery in a large pan for five minutes.

Put in all the nettles and keep turning them while they wilt.

Pour on boiling chicken or vegetable stock and cook for ten minutes. Liquidise if so wished. Serve.



You can bulk up the soup for a more hearty meal by adding diced potato with the stock. If you prefer cream soups just swirl in some single cream or some sour cream as you serve, or for an interesting oriental flavour use coconut milk and a little Chinese five spice.

I have for a long time tried to eat seasonally and reasonably meat free and so am very interested in a diet recently devised by Friends of the Earth called the **planetary health diet**. Based on addressing the inequality of foods, both type of food and quantity, available to the wealthy First World population compared with the majority of the world's population. It is very low on meat, fish, cheese and eggs and substitutes these with protein from pulses, nuts, grains and vegetables. Those of us who remember Mahatma Gandhi's plea to the West "Eat simply that others may simply live" might be interested in Googling the planetary health diet. A soup that I make fits well with this ethos.

GARDEN RUBBISH SOUP

Make a normal soup base by simmering onion, garlic and celery in a small amount of oil for five minutes. Add garden rubbish - the stems of chard or leaf beet, bolted lettuces, beetroot leaves, carrot top and any other leafy material in the fridge = and some boiling vegetable stock with a can of coconut milk or powdered coconut milk. Simmer for 15 minutes, liquidise, and season to taste. Serve with crusty bread

And in the veg patch...

Now is the time to plant courgettes, marrows, pumpkins, cucumber and squash in the greenhouse, cold frame or on the window sill. 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.



You can start looking at plum and cherry trees in order to lightly prune them. Unlike apples and pears, these should only be pruned when the sap is running to avoid the infestation of silver leaf. And they should be pruned very lightly. Remove any damaged or cross-over branches and twigs and take out branches that are too high to pick from. Do remember that the weight of fruit, assuming a good harvest, will bend down branches. Give the tree plenty of nourishment afterwards – the last of the woodash from a wood burning stove is excellent.

Taking a picking of last year's leaf beet is the signal that the ground has warmed up enough to plant the leaf beet to ensure a continuous supply throughout summer and autumn. Leaf beet and chard are not plants that prosper with transplanting, in my experience, so they have to be planted directly into the ground in a shallow trench. The seeds are quite large and easy to handle, dig your trench, line it with rotted organic material, cover with a layer of sieved soil and plant your seeds about four inches apart. The rows should be about nine inches apart.

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

Green beans, both French and runner, can now be started in the greenhouse. I use the insides of toilet rolls to provide a cheap and useful plant pot. Fill the tubes with a good peat free compost, pop a seed in each one and cover with a bit more compost. Pack the filled tubes into a container which will support them, water and cover. Make sure they don't dry out and once the seeds have germinated let them develop in sunlight. Once there is no further risk of frost and the seedlings are about six inches tall they can be transplanted into the garden without disturbing the already well-developed root system

Herb of the month Parsley

Again this is a herb that originated in the Mediterranean area, so like Rosemary and the aqueducts, we need to thank the Romans. There are many varieties and it belongs to the carrot family. (Cow parsley used to be called "Poor man's carrot" and was indeed eaten at this time of the year by peasants. The cows, of course, ate the tops and so produced that medieval delicacy, carrot flavoured milk shake) The Romans used it as a breath deodorizer after eating garlic and believed it could allay intoxication if worn in the hair when out on a bender. It can be used to control headlice and also to alleviate stomach cramps. It is full of vitamins so add liberally to salads.



The Knaresborough Alpha course ran on Monday evenings from 20th February until 17th April with a Holy Spirit away day on Saturday 1st April. These are the comments from the participants when they were asked

“What has Alpha meant to you?”

Fellowship; listening to experiences of other people; gaining a greater understanding of the Holy Spirit

The opportunity to discuss important questions with others in a friendly setting. Answers to questions.....and more questions!

The opportunity to explore religion, but most of all make new friends. See you in church occasionally.

Discovery. Fellowship. Discussion. Revelation. It's been a whirlwind of an experience, and it will keep me unpacking it for a time to come. Even though I came in thinking I knew quite a bit, I came away surprised, enthused, and humbled by the experience. Thank you my Brothers and Sisters and Praise the Lord.

An opportunity to think, reflect, and encounter the Lord Jesus—a place that is safe and secure to learn together.

To see, hear, feel how the Spirit is at work in people is one of the most powerful experiences of my life. Alpha makes this happen.

It's so wonderful feeling the warmth and love through our discussions and meals together. Alpha is a great place to learn, live and love.

Alpha has introduced me to lots of new friends and has made me interact with others who I recognised but didn't really know,

Alpha has allowed me to think about what faith (and my faith) means to me and how it can inspire the way I live my life.


Alpha has certainly reaffirmed and strengthened both my faith and belief in both God and our church community. Well done Alpha!


Alpha has reinvigorated me. Filled me with the Holy Spirit and been wonderful fellowship.

All the Alpha meetings began with a delicious meal cooked for us by members of the clergy and members of our church families and served every week by the wonderful Frances Downes so **A great big thank you to you all**, and of course many thanks to Revd Garry and Revd Stroma for your leadership.

Hopefully this has given you a flavour of what to expect and inspired you to join the next course.

Denise

	<p><u>St John</u> <u>the Baptist</u> <u>Knaresborough</u></p>	<p><u>Holy Trinity</u> <u>Knaresborough</u></p>
<p>Sunday 7th May</p> <p>Easter 5</p>	<p>8am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Ecumenical Civic service for the Coronation of King Charles III</p>	<p>10:30am</p> <p>Team service at St John's</p>
<p>Sunday 14th May</p> <p>Easter 6</p>	<p>8am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Thanksgiving Service with Baptisms</p> <p>11:45am CW Holy Communion</p>	<p>10:30am</p> <p>The Eucharist</p>
<p>Thursday 18th May</p> <p>The Ascension</p>	<p>7:30pm</p> <p>Holy Communion</p>	
<p>Sunday 21st May</p> <p>Easter 7</p>	<p>8am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Choral Eucharist</p>	<p>10:30am</p> <p>Communion by Extension</p>
<p>Sunday 28th May</p> <p>Pentecost</p>	<p>8am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>4pm BCP Choral Evensong</p>	<p>10:30am</p> <p>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 7th May Easter 5	10:30am Service for the Coronation of King Charles III	10:30am BCP Holy Communion	
Sunday 14th May Easter 6	9am Holy Communion	10:30am BCP Mattins	
Sunday 21st May Easter 7	9am Holy Communion	10:30am BCP Holy Communion	
Sunday 28th May Pentecost	9am Holy Communion	10:30am BCP Mattins	

**Holy Communion Services will usually be held
every Wednesday in Knaresborough**

**Holy Trinity at 10am
St John the Baptist at 11am**



EXCITING NEWS

Dear all,

Now I am back in Guatemala, after a wonderful few months in the UK visiting Link churches and connecting with supporters and also seeing family and friends, I just wanted to take a moment to write and share our **exciting news** with you all in case anyone missed it . . .

. . . David and I are engaged!!!

David proposed when we were in Ushuaia, Argentina, at 'the end of the world' (as far south as one can go in the world before reaching the Antarctic). We were there for a CMS Latin America conference.

It was a very special day for us, and we are very excited to be starting this new chapter of life and ministry together.

David will start the CMS Mission Partner selection process soon with a view of hopefully joining me as a full-time mission partner once we are married. Our hope is to get married towards the end of the year here in Guatemala and then have a church blessing in the UK at some point early next year.

In other news many of you will already know that **I will be starting my new role with a new local partnership organisation** very soon which I am also very excited about. My focus will still be discipleship with groups of vulnerable young people and supporting/training others in this area too. If you would like to hear more please follow the link below to see one of my talks from one of my recent Link Church visits. Or email and I will happily share more.

Prayer points :

- Please do be praying for David and I as we plan for our future together and all the different elements involved in planning a wedding across two cultures (the financial side, the legal elements and logistics), the blessing, David's selection process with CMS and discernment for our future ministry together.
- Please also be praying for me as I start my new role in the coming weeks and start to settle into life again in Guatemala. Join me in giving thanks for a wonderful time in the UK especially for all the encouragement and support I received from Link Churches and supporters. It was great to see so many of you in person and I saw God working and His hand in many things.

<https://youtu.be/zkklMeEDE4Q>

Also, If you would like to bless David and I financially towards our wedding/blessing please do send me an email or message.

Many thanks
Love and Blessings

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St Mary the Virgin
Goldsborough
The Chorus Crew



Present an evening of
Folk Songs and Sea Shanties

at **St. Mary's Church, Goldsborough**
on **Saturday 13th May, at 7.30pm**

Tickets £10 on the door,
includes interval refreshments; under 18s free

*Audience participation and wearing of
stripey T-shirts encouraged!*

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A most lady-like protest

How do you react to news of a protest or a strike? Many people experience “fight fatigue” – “Oh no, not again! Why don’t they all come out and have done with it?” One of the problems is that there is rarely just one, clear issue involved. For example, nurses can belong to several unions and each union will want to look like the “hard man” because membership depends partly on success in disputes. Newspapers compete with each other for readership so the juicier the sound-bite, the greater the circulation. Objectivity is the casualty. The same happens in broadcasting. You would think that a cookery programme would be safe from hype wouldn’t you? But how often do you hear something like “With only ten minutes to go, will his soufflé rise or will he be walking home with a pancake instead?” Subtle ways of ratcheting up the tension to make the programme seem more important than it really is.

Let me tell you of a delightfully gentle protest made by schoolgirls years ago. I was teaching in a local boarding school and the end of the school year was approaching. There was a tradition that for the final Evensong of the school year, leavers could choose their favourite hymns and an anthem. “I vow to thee, my country” was on the list submitted to the headmistress for her approval, but she said no. I knew she did not like this hymn because the words were not obviously religious. The girls were disappointed but appeared to accept the ruling.

At the end of the service, the final blessing was sung and eyes dabbed. The headmistress and staff walked out first, followed by parents and visitors, and after that, the rows of girls would leave in silence whilst the organ played triumphantly. When I finished, I got off the organ bench and walked out into an empty chapel. But it wasn’t empty at all: every girl was still seated in her place. Then quietly, very quietly, it started. A hum from one girl was joined by another, and another. Soon the whole chapel vibrated with the “banned” tune. So very sweet and gentle, no words, lips closed. No blame for anyone, no one moved a muscle until they had finished. Then each row stood and left the chapel in complete silence, leaving just the echo of the protest in my memory. No girl ever spoke of it. The headmistress did not mention it, though I’m sure she knew. The offending words were never voiced yet the girls had their moment.

Would that all protests ended thus.

David Andrews
Reader, organist and treasurer at Nidd

Spotlight on Tom Gibson, longest serving chorister at Holy Trinity



Tell us a little about yourself.....

I was born in the Lancashire mill town of Ashton under Lyne in May 1933, went to school at 3 years of age and was evacuated to the Isle of Man in September 1939, aged 6. I returned to Ashton in 1943 and went to the local grammar school. In 1950 I started work as an indentured apprentice draughtsman in a fabricating steelwork factory in Trafford Park, cycling the 22 miles to and from work daily and a round trip of 30 miles on the three nights I went to night school. In 1955 I did my two years National Service in the Royal Artillery during which time I married my wife, Barbara in May 1956, and when demobbed lived for three years in the local church rectory in Newton Heath during which time Christine and Nigel were born, then moving to Timperley in 1960. In 1963 I gained my professional qualifications, Claire was born and in 1964 came to live in Knaresborough working as Chief Draughtsman at Octavius Atkinson & Sons when Philip was born. I was awarded a directorship in 1970, ran the works for four years and finished as Technical Director before moving to the new factory at Flaxby. I took early retirement in 1991.

In September this year I will be celebrating 80 years as a chorister. In that time I have sung at Christ Church, Ashton under Lyne, All Saints Church, Newton Heath, St John's and Holy Trinity, Knaresborough

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?.....

My family and my career

How would you describe yourself in one sentence?....

Conscientious, hard working and logical.

What is your motto?....

Don't put it down, put it away.

What is your food heaven?...

Biscuits and soup (though not at the same time)

And food hell?....

Tripe

Who is your greatest inspiration?...

Historically—Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Personally—Revd Ronnie McFadden

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

A bed

What is your favourite hymn?....

Brightest and Best

What are you most thankful to God for?...

My family





Thinking caps on for our May quiz

May means flowers!! Flower festivals and shows all over the place – Chelsea, Malvern, Manchester. Maypole dancing and the Queen of the May. Well Dressing in Staffordshire and Derbyshire. Blossom blossoming everywhere (let's hope we don't get any late frosts!). And the mayflower itself. Knotty isn't much of a

horticulturist and certainly wouldn't dare steal any of Sophy Potager's thunder, but flowers and plants seems as good a theme as any for this month's questions. However, you shouldn't need Sophy's expert knowledge to answer the following.

Knotty.

1. The first record played by Tony Blackburn when BBC Radio 1 was launched on September 30th 1967 was 'Flowers in the Rain'. Which group was responsible for that song?
2. Which flower is mentioned in the twenty-eighth verse of the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew in the New Testament?
3. Which island hosts an annual 'Battle of Flowers'?
4. Which flower is known in Welsh as 'Cenhinen Bedr'?
5. The Essex market town Saffron Walden derives part of its name from a flower that was widely grown around the town and provided a significant source of prosperity in the 16th and 17th centuries. What's the name of the flower?
6. What is the name of the song, written in the mid 1960s by Roy Williamson, which refers to a 14th Century battle? It has been adopted by a country's national sports teams as their national anthem.
7. The actress Lily James' television credits include the role of Rose Aldrige. In which series did this character feature?
8. What is the floral name of the heritage railway line that runs between Sheffield Park in East Sussex and East Grinstead in West Sussex?
9. Which character in a Shakespeare play can be found sleeping on a "... bank where the wild thyme blows, Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows"?

10. What is the Japanese art of 'Ikebana'?
11. Who is the author of the novel 'The Name of the Rose'?
12. What is the name of the character in Greek mythology, known for his beauty, who rejected all romantic advances and eventually fell in love with his own reflection in a pool of water? After he died, in his place sprouted a flower bearing his name.
13. Which Englishman won the United States Open Golf Championship in 2013 and an Olympic Gold Medal in 2016?
14. 'The Herbs' was a television series for children created in 1968. The character of Parsley was a lion! What creatures represented the herbs Dill and Tarragon? Which herb was represented by an owl?
15. What is the common name for the flower 'Hyacinthoides non-scripta'? There should be a few around in May.
16. Which plant was adopted by Spanish Christian missionaries in the 15th and 16th centuries as a symbol of the last days of Jesus? They used the unique physical structures of the plant, especially the numbers of various parts of its flower, to represent aspects of Holy Week and the crucifixion.
17. How are the following horticulturally connected: CM3; EX38; HG3; GU23; M28?
18. What is the name of the 1986 American film musical set in a New York City flower shop? It's directed by Frank Oz and adapted from a 1982 stage musical by composer Alan Menken and writer Howard Ashman.
19. Demand for which flower caused a bubble of speculation in Holland during the 17th Century?
20. Which ballet includes 'The Waltz of the Flowers'?



No cheating but here are the answers to this month's quiz.

1. The Move.
2. Lilies. ('Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin').
3. Jersey.
4. Daffodil. (It translates as 'St Peter's Leek').
5. Saffron crocus (*Crocus sativus*).
6. Flower of Scotland.
7. Downton Abbey.
8. The Bluebell Line (or Bluebell Railway).
9. Titania (in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream').
10. Flower arranging.
11. Umberto Eco.
12. Narcissus.
13. Justin Rose.
14. Dill the Dog, Tarragon the Dragon. Sage the Owl.
15. Bluebell.
16. Passion flower.
17. Postcode areas of the five Royal Horticultural Society Gardens in England – Hyde Hall, Rosemoor, Harlow Carr, Wisley, Bridgewater.
18. Little Shop of Horrors.
19. Tulip.
20. Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker'.





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A heart ‘strangely warmed’

If the question ‘Who was John Wesley?’ came up in a pub quiz anyone knowing an answer might say something like, ‘He was the founder of the Methodist Church’. This answer is satisfactory as far as it goes in that the evangelical work of John Wesley and others led eventually to the formation of the world-wide Methodist Church as we know it today. However, the truth is far more complicated than this and it was never the intention of John Wesley (1703 – 91), or his younger hymn-writing brother Charles (1707 – 1788), to found a new denomination or anything that could eventually be described as ‘the Methodist Church’. The truth is that its eventual creation happened more by avoidable blunders than by design. Both John and Charles were ordained priests in the Church of England and both lived and died as priests in the Church of England.

In the list of ‘Holy Days’ in *Common Worship*, for May 24th is to be found ‘*John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788*’. It is appropriate that we should honour their memory because of their considerable contributions to the Christian Church as a whole. Sadly, the spiritual revival that resulted from the preaching and organizational abilities of John Wesley could not be contained within the ‘old wineskins’ of the structures of the Church of England as it then existed and it was the unwillingness of the ecclesiastical hierarchy to support and accommodate Wesley’s mission that led to the gradual separation of the Methodist movement after his death. It was especially sad because Wesley and those who assisted in his mission were reaching out to those many people - the poor, the unchurched, the socially excluded, who had little to do with Christianity and its teachings. When people responded to his preaching, as many did, he encouraged them to attend their local churches and long after his death many ‘Church Methodists’ continued to attend their parish churches as well as the Methodist Society meetings. These meetings were generally timed not to clash with divine worship in their parish churches so that people could take communion there.

It is not possible in a short article to say more than a very few things about the Wesley brothers and the Methodist movement or the ‘Methodist Connexion’ as it was originally known. The Methodist movement in the eighteenth century was an initiative for spiritual renewal, a ‘fresh expression’, within the Church of England which at the time was generally at a spiritually low ebb. The theological ‘big idea’ at this time, known as

Deism, was a belief in a rather remote God who had created the universe and then more or less left it to its own devices. The 'long eighteenth century' (1688 – 1832), known as 'the Age of Reason', was an era of scientific exploration and discovery and as in all ages the ambient culture provided models for thinking about God. This led to the idea of a mechanical universe which could be compared to a mechanism such as a clock, with God as the divine clockmaker.

Methodism had its origins in a group known as the 'Holy Club' at Oxford University and its members were jokingly given the nickname 'Methodists' because of their methodical approach to spirituality and practical Christian living, for instance giving assistance to the poor and visiting prisoners in Oxford jail. The Wesley brothers became leaders of this group and their ministry eventually took them as far afield as America. Despite their conscientious service it was not until 1738 that both John and Charles had an experience of an awakening of faith, sometimes called 'conversion'. John had rather reluctantly attended a meeting at Aldersgate Street in London and, as he later wrote, on hearing the words of Martin Luther being read, 'I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, in Christ alone for salvation'. This led to a life of itinerant open-air preaching to large crowds, some who came to mock, but many who went away transformed. As he declared, 'the whole world is my parish', a view not appreciated by many of his fellow clergy. Often there was noisy and sometimes violent opposition and on one occasion in Whitby the church bells were rung to try and drown out his voice. His younger brother, Charles, is best known for his much-loved hymns and it is often said that Methodism was born in song. John's six visits to Knaresborough are represented in the delightful *trompe-l'oeil* at the 'Waterloo building' of the Centre on Gracious Street (COGS), which includes his horse. On one visit here he was confronted by a noisy mob but in his Journal he recorded, 'Many of the people looked wild enough when they came in, but they were tame before they went out'.

There was increasing tension with hierarchy of the Church of England towards the end of Wesley's life which came to a head over the need for ministers in the newly independent America. The church would not support Wesley's mission by ordaining them so he did it himself, contrary to church rules which allow only bishops to ordain. Despite his loyalty to the Church of England Wesley was a pragmatist and for him the imperative of spreading the Gospel and providing pastoral care for the people was his first priority. His view was that Gospel and its needs should determine church order and not the other way around, perhaps a message for the churches to reflect upon today?

After his death there was a gradual transition away from the Church of England and there were soon splits and secessions within Methodism itself leading to the setting up of new branches of the movement. These were mostly the consequence of disagreements over the balance of power between ministers and lay members and over centralized as opposed to local control of Circuits and Societies. By the end of the nineteenth century there were seven branches of the Methodist family tree, ranging from the 'high' Wesleyan tradition to the 'low' Primitive Methodist ('Ranter') tradition. These were reduced to three by a union of 1907 and then one by the Methodist Union of 1932 although as I well remember people retained loyalty to their former traditions and chapels for many years afterwards. An unwillingness to take advantage of the opportunities of union at local level, including closing duplicating chapels (characterized as 'a worship of bricks and mortar') prevented in many cases the release of resources and personnel for outreach and evangelism which was a principal objective of the union.

In the late nineteen-sixties and into the early 'seventies attempts were made to unite with the Church of England. Although, after much soul-searching, Methodists agreed to the Scheme for Union it was rejected by the Church of England in both 1969 and 1972 led by an unlikely alliance of Anglican evangelicals who thought Methodists were too influenced by liberal theology and Anglo-Catholics who did not believe that Methodist ministers could be accepted unless they were 'properly ordained' by a bishop. Otherwise, in their opinion, the status of Methodist ministers was no greater than that of Anglican (lay) Readers. Also, Methodists were wanting to ordain women, which the Anglo-Catholics regarded as unacceptable and felt would prevent eventual reunion with Rome. After so much discussion and compromise Methodists felt rebuffed and rejected rather than welcomed and affirmed. I was personally very disappointed about this failure, loving both interlinked traditions, and believe that the majority of people in both churches would have accepted and benefitted from coming together in faith. In 2018 a *Mission and Ministry in Covenant* was drawn up but the nature and status of ordained ministry still remains the neuralgic point in relations between Anglicans and Methodists despite Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) and much friendly co-operation and mutual respect at local level. Even though they share the same spiritual DNA and close family ties, early organic union between the two churches is unlikely although financial pressures and current demographic trends may concentrate minds on new and more creative ways of thinking.

Methodists and Anglicans are united in their belief that Jesus Christ showed by his teaching and example and by his death and Resurrection that God's love is available for everyone. Both share the conviction that God can transform the whole person and that faith is expressed in care for the needy and in working for peace and justice in God's world. Following Wesley, Methodists stress the importance of a personal assurance of God's salvation and to strive after what he referred to as 'scriptural holiness'. Methodists have a strong sense of being a priestly people of God resulting in the importance of the ministry of all Christians. Local Preachers, not ordained ministers, take most of the services in the Methodist Church as well as fulfilling broader roles. Ministry, whether 'lay' or 'ordained' is always grounded in the servant ministry of Jesus Christ himself, whatever the particular form of Church organization, and nobody should discount or devalue the legitimacy of the ministry of others. To conclude, some words of John Wesley with which I trust everyone can agree:

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can.



Dr Chris Metcalfe

PENTECOST

Junior

28th MAY 2023

**In the New Testament in
your bible read Acts
Chapter 2 verses 1 to 21**

Prayer for a Pentecost Tongue

Holy Spirit of life,
enflame me with passion
for the Good News.

Let my voice ring with
the hope and promise of
Christ.

Holy Spirit of love,
immerse me in
compassion and kindness.

May my words bring
comfort to those in need
of consolation and
assurance.

Holy Spirit of grace, enlighten
my mind and heart.

Fill my speech with expressions
of peace and understanding.

Amen

Jesus had promised his followers that his father, God, would send them the Holy Spirit to help them in their work of bringing people to God. This had also been prophesied in the Old Testament (Joel 2:28-29) Jesus' followers were surely upset that Jesus had ascended into heaven and left them, but the coming of the Holy Spirit filled their hearts with joy and focus. Sometimes, even when we are feeling sad, we can see good things happening. On Sunday 28th May we think of Pentecost as 'The birthday of the Church' because, helped by the Holy Spirit, this is the day that the disciples started

preaching to other people about Jesus. That is why we are celebrate Pentecost

Accord

Filled With The Holy Spirit

Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the "Final Answer."



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Puzzle Clues

Check your answers by looking them up in the Bible.
(Clues are from the NIV)

1. A sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from heaven. (Acts 2:2)
 2. They saw what seemed to be tongues of _____. (Acts 2:3)
 3. All of them were filled with the Holy _____. (Acts 2:4)
 4. They began to _____ in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)
 5. Peter stood up and spoke to the _____ of people. (Acts 2:14)
- FINAL ANSWER: All of these events took place on the day of _____.
(Acts 2:1)



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