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A Letter from your Vicar

At my installation service some of you may remember that Canon James introduced me by saying that there are three things that he had learnt from working with me, and that you should expect to learn from me, over the coming years.

One of these was that I had taught him a lot about pigs. I was amused recently to discover that some people found this rather odd because not everybody was aware that I used to be a farmer. Understandably confusing.

The other two are the importance of prayer and the need to tell people about Jesus.

These two things are not the new vicar's bright new ideas. They are quite simply the great commission to which all Christians are called in the Gospel. We are told by Jesus to wait for the Holy Spirit to come, not to try and do things in our own strength but to do things in God's strength, put simply we need to pray. The great work that we are told that we must do in God's strength is that we are to be witnesses to the good news, again put very simply, we must tell people about Jesus.

Of course, the problem is that we very often don't know where to start, after all the bible is a big book and, even if you have read it all it is problematic to decide which bit to begin with. But being a witness really is just telling people about what you yourself have seen and experienced.

For some time now there has been a testimony page in this magazine. Many of you may have read books or heard speakers at large events that give an account of some amazing testimonies. While these have their place they unfortunately can make us think that our own experiences of God working in our lives are simply not very interesting. However, for many people the truth is that God being active in the lives of ordinary people like you and I will resonate more readily than many of these stories.

I believe that we need to tell each other about how our God is active in our lives both to encourage one another and to be affective witnesses to the world. Therefore, please read this month's testimony and, think carefully about whether you may have something that you could offer for the future.

- Rev John Dracup

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Friday 16th November, at St Bartholomew's Church, Meltham

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100 Years of Armistice

A big thank you to all who have made, or are making, poppies for St Bartholomew's commemorative display this year.

They are coming on extremely well, but I still need MORE!!

I hope to install it on Sunday, 4th of November. If you could let me have completed poppies by Friday, 2nd November it would be helpful.

If you would like to help with the installation I would be delighted. Gwynneth (07860636931)



St Bartholomew's Women's Fellowship

The November meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be held on Tuesday 27th November at **Meltham Golf Club**, arrival at 12.30pm for our Christmas Lunch.

Cost - £17 per person. Please give names to Christine Ward for attendance. and money to Celia prior to the day.

On Saturday 1st December the Church are holding a Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

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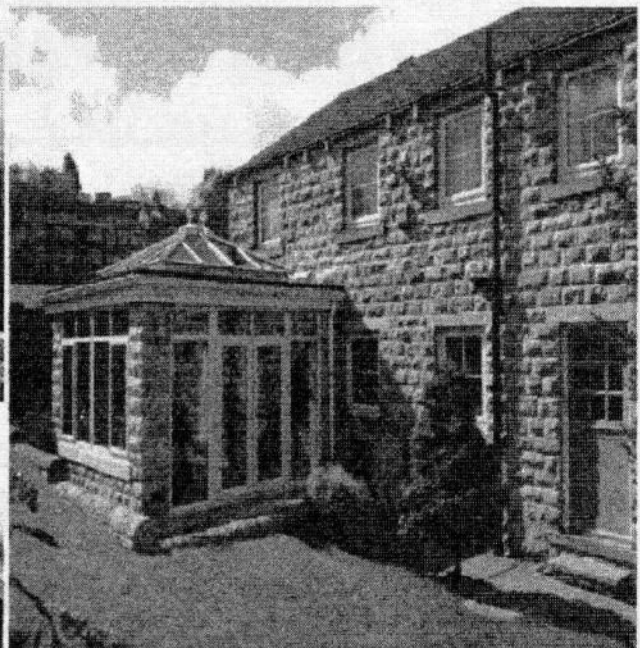
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Testimony Time...

God speaks to us in many ways. For example, through: His Holy Spirit; the written word and Holy Bible; dreams; the things we see and hear; the people we know and meet; various objects; music; time and places; everyday experiences; and what I call 'not coincidences' but 'God -incidences'. As our dear Jim Dearden always said:

“He is the God of the minutest detail.” (*He takes care of everything.*)

God has given me so much to write about here that I didn't really know where to start. For over the years I have come to realise the truth of His presence being always with me (us), even when I didn't know it, as given in Psalm 139:

¹³ For it was you (*God*) who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. . . ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

Last week, David came up to talk to me at coffee time after the service in church and as we stood there by the serving counter, “All Things Bright and Beautiful” started to be played as background music. David stopped and listened – incredulous! He then told me that he didn't know why but he'd been singing that very song at home that morning before leaving for church. He didn't know why he was singing it and there it was ... being played in church after the service. (*I got the impression that it was a double whammy for him, i.e. he didn't know why he was singing a hymn at home at all and why that one in particular! It clearly excited and amazed him.*)

I then told him how a similar thing once happened to me. We were on our holiday in Northumberland some years ago and the thought of going to church crossed my mind. (*I didn't used to go to church whilst on family holidays in those days.*) To my surprise, at that very moment, my wife Jacqui said, “Why don't you go to church this morning?” (*or words to that effect*). She then told me where she'd seen a local church and gave directions.

It was a lovely sunny day and as I started walking to church, I found myself singing, “At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow ...”. Like David, I didn't know why. This was very unusual for me.

I happily turned the corner, found the church and walked in. It was very dark and bare in the church and quite cool, especially compared to the sunshine outside. When the priest appeared, he looked like he was wearing sack-cloth. He didn't seem very happy and on reflection, he sort of mirrored the appearance of the church.

Then the music started, and everyone stood up – not that there were many of us, it was a small church and not full. But guess what? Of course, you've guessed it but I had forgotten all about it – and there it was – that happy, jaunty hymn, “At the Name of Jesus” springing into life from the organ somewhere at the front.

Then I knew why I had been singing that song on my way to church just minutes earlier. This may not be one of the most astonishing testimonies you've ever heard but for me it was very exciting and encouraging. As I left church after the service, that same song returned to my mind, so much so that at one point I found myself with one foot on the kerb and the other in the gutter, sort of 'Singing in the Rain' style hopping up the road, despite the sunshine and not a rain cloud in sight! I realised that I must have looked very odd – but hey, who cares, I was very happy!

When I got home I felt compelled to write to the priest, to tell him what had happened that morning. *(I didn't really feel that I had the chance to do this on the way out of church and there were no refreshments after the service.)* I hoped that my letter might excite and encourage him too. I don't know if it did or not – but I hope that it did some good and no harm.

Before David and I had finished speaking about these things last week, John Dracup (our new vicar) came to join us and said that 'we really needed small, everyday God-incidences like these that people can relate to in their lives, for our testimony page'.

So there it was, another answered prayer. I didn't know what to write about for this page but God took care of it ... our wonderful 'God of the minutest detail', who loves us and watches over us.

With much love, Dennis x

"Crisis" Coffee Morning

Saturday 24th November

10.00am - 12.00pm

St James' Church, Meltham Mills

Stalls for this year include:

Children's Books
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Please support this event which raises money for the "Crisis" charity, which helps the homeless throughout the year.

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Dear Friend

You are invited to a Service of Remembering and Sharing.

On: Sunday, December 9th, 2018 at: 6.30pm

It is for parents who have suffered the loss of a child of any age, from any cause, whether it was yesterday or many years ago. Siblings, grandparents, family and friends are also welcome. We welcome people from all faiths or none. The service will give you the opportunity to stand alongside other people 'who know' the pain of losing a child and want to publicly acknowledge and remember our lost children. The service will include stories and poems from people who have suffered the loss of a child and a short message of hope from clergy. Regardless of your faith or belief, we hope this will bring you some peace.

There will be an opportunity for everyone to light a candle and write a name on a star to hang on a branch in the church. Following the service there will be tea, coffee and biscuits and an opportunity to meet other families (but there is no obligation to stay).



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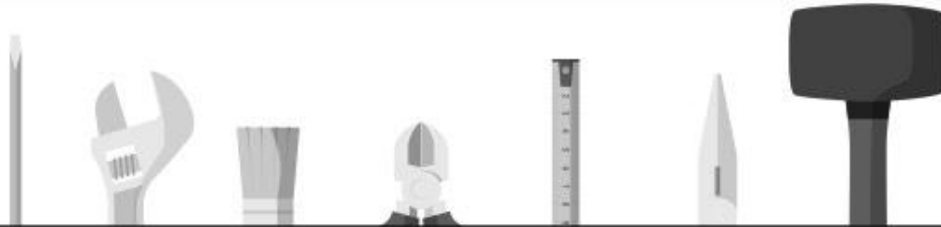
Let us remember those who have died for their country in war; those we knew, and all who have given their lives for freedom, justice and the hope of peace.

As we look forward and seek the way of peace and reconciliation, you might like to say this prayer:

Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands, and minds, to work together for peace; to see you in one another, and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be seen to be done, and your Kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings. Amen.

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ST MARY'S REPORT

Rev Dennis Shields led a service of Holy Communion at St Mary's on 16th September, assisted by Jacqueline France. Elizabeth and Clive accompanied the hymns on the organ, and it was a pleasure to welcome Rev John Dracup, his wife Fiona and their children Isaac, Rebekah and Jack to share in our worship. The following Sunday Jacqueline led Morning Worship and took as her theme "The first shall be last and the last shall be first". Members of the congregation took part in one or two competitions and in a "choosing" game which showed us how competitive we are and also how considerate we can be. Prizes were awarded but not to the winners!!

On Friday 28th September we held a social evening at Wilshaw Village Hall to raise funds for church. Kim Howe was the "Hostess with the Mostest" as she told us about several different gins, the different ways they are made and information about the origin of sayings, like "Mother's Run" and "Dutch Courage". Various types of gins were sampled (just a mouthful) and we learnt about what mixers and botanicals such as fruit, herbs and ginger to serve with them. We enjoyed a three course supper of canapes, Chicken Caccitorea or Butternut Squash Curry with potato wedges or rice, and finally ginger cake with rhubarb coolie - delicious. Elizabeth ran a short quiz and there was a well supported raffle. It was good that our new Vicar John called in briefly to introduce himself to those present, and a good time was had by all. Our thanks go to all who worked so hard to make this such a success and to Peter, who provided transport for those who needed it, whilst most walked home.

The following Sunday at St Mary's hosted the United Parish Communion, when we welcomed people from all four churches. Rev John Dracup was celebrant and used a Christmas cracker to illustrate who Jesus is. Rev Judy Kenworthy assisted with the chalice, Elizabeth was organist and was joined by Clive on the double bass, and Rebekah and Lacey helped Rev John with his talk. Rev John also led the Harvest Festival on October 7th and received the harvest gifts, brought up by the children. Jonah helped Rev John with his talk as we were reminded that God loves us all very much, forgives the mess we sometimes make and helps us to put things right in the wonderful world He created for us. Harvest gifts were donated to Meltham Food Bank.

On Monday 8th October we welcomed Tom and Anne to our little church for a blessing of their relationship. Rev John conducted this short and intimate service and we assure them of our prayers and best wishes.

Finally, Rev Judy led a service of Holy Communion last Sunday and spoke about how we need to de-clutter our spiritual lives and rely on the grace of God, not on possessions or wealth.

Our thanks go to all those who read lessons, provide music, sing and lead prayers, and to all who attend services week by week.

BELL HOUSE SERVICE

The residents at Bell House enjoyed a Harvest Festival on Wednesday 3rd October. A display of fruit, vegetables and flowers was put up and we enjoyed singing our favourite hymns. Rev Judy led the service and Patrice Storey read the parable of the sower and led the prayers. Harvest gifts were donated to the home on behalf of the Parish of Christ the King.

Meltham & Meltham Mills Band

Christmas Concert

Friday 14th December, 7.30pm

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HELME LADIES

We had arranged a speaker for the 11th September to cover the topic of domestic abuse. Unfortunately, the speaker did not turn up, so the ladies just gathered in a circle with tea and biscuits. We all discussed the forthcoming programme of events and talks for the next year. When that was exhausted we just had a good old-fashioned chin wag.

The following day, 12th September, we were at the Lawrence Batley Theatre in force to see Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. The show was performed by the Woodhouse Musical Theatre Company and in my opinion was as good as any professional company. Tom Widdop (Grandson of one of the Helme Ladies) was excellent in the title role of Joseph, and the granddaughter of another of the Helme Ladies was in the children's chorus. The musical is based on the story of Jacob and his twelve sons and how Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers because he was their fathers favourite son. It goes on to tell how Joseph escapes jail by being able to interpret dreams and eventually becomes the Pharaoh's right-hand man. It all ends happily when the family all reunited. One of the best shows to be seen and happily for the company, a sell out for every performance.

Our annual Afternoon Tea was held on September 25th, once again at Quirky II. We have come to expect a really good spread and, as of yet, have not been disappointed. We had various sandwiches, but no ham or egg mayonnaise in sight, they were delicious, along with small cheese and onion tartlets and duck pasties. Then came the cakes!! Scones with jam and cream, but do we put the jam on first or the cream?! We decided that the decision was down to personal preference. Meringues with fruit, millionaire's shortbread and ginger cake all washed down with gallons of tea.

With Helme Ladies not having a meeting before the Harvest Festival, we sent the piggy bank around the table. One of the ladies was going to go shopping for items to display and then they will be donated to the food bank.

What a wonderful afternoon we had and with remarks like 'I won't be able to eat anything else today' we made our way home.

MY GOLD CROSS

I have a cross made of gold,
Which I wear for all to see,
It's completely made from rings
Of people very close to me.

The wedding rings of my Grandmas,
I lost many years ago,
All melted down to make the cross
That I just love to show.

My dear Mother's wedding ring
And then my poor Dad passed away.
His wedding ring then joined the rest
For the jeweller to weigh.

I couldn't wear their wedding rings
All at once that's for sure,
My fingers are not long enough
Especially for four.

But I wanted to remember them
And I was at a loss,
Until a jeweller friend of ours
Said: "Why not have a cross?"

I now have this nice gold cross,
That I wear for all to see,
So I can keep the memories
Of my family close to me.

- By Pam Murgatroyd



Meltham Churches Together
'Praying with and for our
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In November we will be
praying Wednesday's,
10.00 - 10.30am:

7th - St Bartholomew's
14th - Methodist
21st - St James
28th - Catholic

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200 Club

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A few from Denis A...

Getting Old -

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write it down, I'll remember it."

These days 'on time' is whenever I get there.

Lately I noticed people 'my age' are so much older than me.

"Getting lucky" now means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there. Sometimes I forget. On other occasions I forget what I forgot in the first place!

Ageing has slowed me down... but it hasn't shut me up (as you will have realised by now).



I still haven't learnt to 'act my age' and I've been practising for 84 years.

Just thinking -

How many times is it appropriate to say "what?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said.

Why doesn't a freezer deserve a light as well?

When I was in business I could never remember the names of some of my employees, so in order to remember who they were I came up with a few nicknames... One man I called 'two soups', his real name was Campbell Baxter. Another young man I called the 'The Boomerang Kid' as whenever I asked him a question he'd reply "I'll get back to you on that". Another one I named "Rembrandt", he was a bit bossy and would always say to his colleagues "I'll put you in the picture". One more I called 'Soapy' because he would 'wash his hands' of any problems that cropped up. And another I nicknamed 'The Hostage', as whenever anyone asked for help, his response was always "sorry, my hands are tied!"

Always remember... Happiness starts with a smile. I hope I've managed to make a few of you smile today!

As ever - Denis A

Last Night of the Proms

Meltham Mills Band and their musical director Tim Sidwell, started off the concert with Cortège from Miada and ended it with Eleanor Rigby, which got the evening off to a good start.



The guest soprano, Charlotte Potter, who is studying 'voice' at Chetham's School of Music, sang Porgi Amor and My Heart is Like a Singing Bird. Charlotte has a wonderful voice and sang from the heart, her accompanist on the piano was Catherine Hall-Smith.

The Band then performed Skyfall and then Charlotte sang O Mio Babbini Caro. The Band continued with Abba Goes Brass, which got everyone's feet tapping. After this the interval was held in the Church Hall where wine and soft drinks were served. In the second half the raffle was called and we settled down again with anticipation, Union Jack flags and hats at the ready. The Band started off with the Celebration and The Day Thou Gavest. Charlotte sang You Will Never Walk Alone and Adele's Laughing Song, which was amazing!

Presentations of bouquets of flowers were given to Charlotte and Catherine. A presentation was also made to Tim who is stepping down for a short time, we offer many thanks to him for all the hard work he has put into the band.

The Band played Keep Smiling Through, which we all sang along too, the Fantasia of British Sea Songs, where many bobbed up and down, and then Pomp and Circumstance.

Charlotte returned with a Union Jack flag covering herself and sang strongly Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory. We all stood as one and sang with her waving our flags. The concert came to a close with God Save the Queen.

What a wonderful evening, the Band played so well and what a marvellous soprano. Looking forward to the next concert, which should be just before Christmas, so get your tickets!

- Elaine Crabtree

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THOSE WHO TAKE
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— NAHUM 1:7 —

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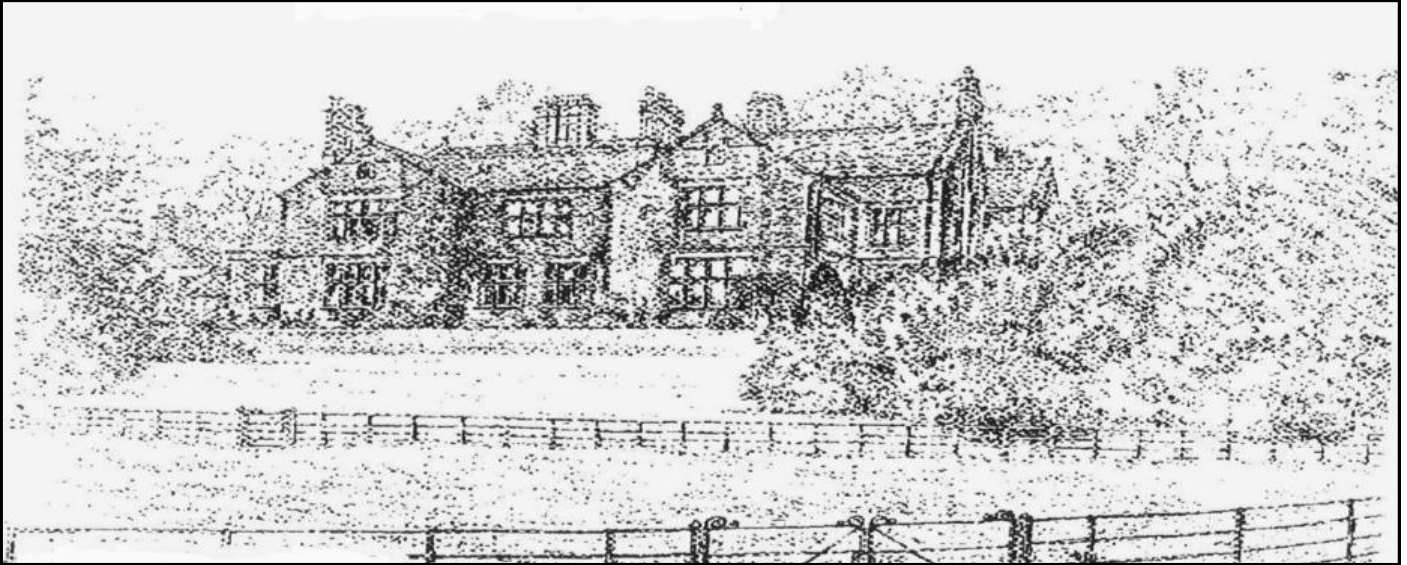
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Christmas Services in the Parish

Carols in the Park

Sunday 2nd December, 4.00pm at St James, Meltham Mills

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Candle Lighters - Bereaved Parents Service

Sunday 9th December, 6.30pm at St Mary's, Wilshaw

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Carol Service

Sunday 16th December, 6.00pm at St Mary's, Wilshaw /

Sunday 23rd December, 9.30am at St James, Meltham Mills

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Nativity & Carols

Sunday 23rd December, 4.00pm at St Bartholomew's, Meltham

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Crib Service

Christmas Eve, 4.00pm at St James, Meltham Mills

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Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve, 11.30pm at St Bartholomew's, Meltham

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We also have Christmas Day services in each of our churches,

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S - NOVEMBER 2018 ROTA

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	SIDESPERSIONS	COFFEE
4th November	Mr & Mrs J Mitchell	Mrs C Ward Mrs E Radcliffe	Mrs M Thorley Mr Ben Wadsworth
11th November	Mrs E Shaw	Mr A Ball Mrs M Ball	Mrs C Ward Mrs J Collison
18th November	(Vacant)	Mrs P Murgatroyd Mrs C Woodroffe	Mrs J Gilleard Mrs E Radcliffe
25th November	(Vacant)	Mrs J Swallow Mrs A Woodings	Mrs B Jennings Mrs V Armitage
2nd December	Advent Flowers	Mrs M Thorley Mrs J Hilton	Mrs C Moulson Mrs M Ball

ST MARY'S - NOVEMBER 2018 ROTA

Date	Service	Readings	Prayers
4th November	Holy Communion	Angela	Kim
11th November	Remembrance Service 2.00pm	Shirley	Kim
18th November	Holy Communion	John	Jacqueline
25th November	Service of the Word	John	Jacqueline

ST JAMES' ROTA - NOVEMBER 2018

Date	Service	Preacher/ Leader	Sides- people	Reader	Coffee
4th November	Holy Communion 9.30am	P Rolls	D Green & S Priestley	A Whiteley	A Whiteley & C Bleasdale
11th November	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S - 10.30AM (5 Alive - 5.00pm at St James Church)				
18th November	Service of the Word 9.30am	C Rolls	J & C Burhouse	J Wrathall	K Crossley & D Leach
25th November	Holy Communion 9.30am	J Dracup	D Leach & S Glover	J Dracup	J Burhouse & S Priestley

CHRIST CHURCH ROTA - NOVEMBER 2018

Date	Flowers	Intercessions	Side Person	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
4th November	(Vacant)	Clergy	Kevin & Jenny H	Jenny B	Eileen & Sheila	Moyra
11th November	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S - 10.30AM					
18th November	Pat R	Clergy	Kevin & Eileen	Christine	Janet	Brenda
25th November	Pat R	Clergy	Kevin & Janet	Jenny B	Christine	Janet
2nd December	Monica	Clergy	Kevin & Monica	Janet	Eileen & Sheila	Irene

PLEASE NOTE If anyone would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please call either Eileen Hague on **851164** or Margaret Tunnacliffe on **850724** **Thank you**

READINGS IN THE PARISH - NOVEMBER 2018

Date	1st Reading	Gospel
4th November	John 11:32-44	Revelation 21:1-6
11th November	Mark 1.14-20	Hebrews 9.24-28
18th November	Mark 13.1-8	Hebrews 10.11-25
25th November	John 18.33-37	Revelation 1.4-8

SERVICES IN THE PARISH - NOVEMBER 2018

Date	St Bartholomew's	St James	Christ Church	St Mary's
4th November	Holy Communion 9.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am	Holy Communion 11.15am	Holy Communion 11.15am
11th November	Remembrance Service at St Bartholomew's - 10.30am			Remembrance Service 2.00pm
18th November	Holy Communion 9.30am	Service of the Word 9.30am	Holy Communion 11.15am	Holy Communion 11.15am
25th November	Holy Communion 9.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am	Holy Communion 11.15am	Service of the Word 11.15am



Winter Morning

Cold winter comes to Meltham town,
Ploughed fields lie frozen in a frown,
while on the moors grey Pennine sheep,
their sad-faced, black-faced vigil keep.

And on the streets and in the lanes,
and all around the window panes,
lies ice on top of fallen snow,
in temperatures of five below!

Brace workers, hunched against the cold,
walk to the mills which once, we're told,
employed above three thousand men,
but this is now and that was then.

Small garden birds must feed or die,
but use reserves each time they fly.
While sated scholars sulk and stall
reluctant to leave home at all.

Commuters leading busy lives,
and prone to parking on their drives ,
put down their morning tea and paper,
and set to work with spray and scraper.

This pampered poet turns up his fires,
and self-importantly aspires,
to string two lines of verse together,
and pays no heed to winter weather.

- Jack Yates

Congratulations

to Anne & Paul Booth on
their recent marriage! And a
very big thank you to the
lovely couple, who instead of
the traditional gift list, asked
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Church, Helme, where they
were married, or the
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very generous amount that
was received, and please
rest assured, that this gift
will be put to good use.

We wish you both many
happy years of marriage
together.

God bless x



CHURCH HALL DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Please note - ALL bookings for the Church Hall MUST be made with Beverley Hirst on 07518 920214 / bhirst530@btinternet.com

WEEKLY BOOKINGS:

Every Monday	G&S Rehearsal	7.30pm
Every Tuesday	Pilates	10.00am
	'Good as Gold' with Pam Cox	2.00pm
	Slimming World	5.30 and 7.30pm
<i>(Good as Gold & Slimming World will not be meeting 6th & 20th)</i>		
Every Wednesday	Zumba Gold	10.00am
	<i>(not meeting 7th & 21st)</i>	
Every Friday	Baby Sensory	10.00am
	<i>(not meeting 9th & 23rd)</i>	
	G&S Rehearsal	7.30pm

MONTHLY BOOKINGS:

1st Tuesday	Women's Institute <i>(not on 6th)</i>	7.30pm
2nd Wednesday	Flower Club	7.00pm
1st & 3rd Thursdays	Cloverleaf Club	1.00 - 3.00pm
2nd Thursday	Over 60's Club <i>(not on 8th)</i>	2.00pm
Last Tuesday	Women's Fellowship	7.30pm

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS - Doors open 9.30am

3rd November	Christ Church, Helme	
17th	Meltham Cricket Club	
1st December	Christmas Fair	10am - 4pm

OTHER BOOKINGS:

7th - 10th	"The Trench Ghost"	7.15pm
14th	Flower Club Christmas Demonstration	7.00pm
17th	Oxfam Quiz & Supper	7.00pm
20th - 24th	"Yeoman of the Guard"	7.30pm / Saturday 2.15pm
28th	Flower Club Fashion Show	7.00pm

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Saturday 1st December

- ♦ 10.00am - 4.00pm there will be Christmas stalls and refreshments in Meltham Parish Church Hall. This will also include a visit from Honley Male Voice Choir.
- ♦ From 12.00pm there will be a showing of Laurel & Hardy, plus other old movies for kids of all ages.
 - ♦ At 4.00pm we will proceed over to St Bartholomew's Church to sing Carols, before the lights are switched on at 4.45pm, to the sound of the Church Bells.

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- ♦ 7.00 - 10.00pm there will be a 'Family Fun Night' in the Church Hall, with a professional DJ booked and plenty of games for all ages.

Tickets are on sale at The Flower Box  
£3 per person / £10 for a family of four  
(please bring your own drinks and nibbles)