

A photograph of a garden path. The path is made of wooden logs and is flanked by lush greenery. On the left, there is a tall green hedge and several large pink azalea bushes. On the right, there are more green bushes. In the background, a stone wall is visible. The text "THE PARISH OF MELTHAM" is overlaid at the top in white, and "CHRIST THE KING" is overlaid below it. The price "50p" is in the top left. At the bottom, "July & August 2021" is overlaid in white, and the website "www.melthamparish.co.uk" is at the very bottom.

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## Coronavirus Outbreak Prayer.

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of  
your mercy in this time  
of uncertainty and  
distress.

Sustain and support  
the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are  
brought low;  
that we may rejoice in  
your comfort knowing  
that nothing can  
separate us from your  
love  
in Christ Jesus our  
Lord.  
**Amen.**

## A note from the editor ...

Hello! Summer has finally arrived,  
can you tell by the lovely colourful  
front cover we have this month?!

Firstly I would like to say a big  
Thank You to the PCC and all you  
lovely people who support me in  
this magazine. I was surprised by a lovely bouquet of  
flowers on behalf of you all from the PCC (pictured).



So I feel I can now get away with an apology for any  
confusion I may have caused last month, May was  
printed on the front instead of June. Sorry!

This month there is lots to update you all on like the  
Foodbank (pg10) and St Mary's Church (pg21)

I really hope you continue to enjoy your parish  
magazine. The next issue will be in September, so lots  
of time to think about what you would like to include.

Due to Summer holidays the next deadline will be:

### **Monday 16th August**

Please send your submissions via:

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God Bless, Fiona.

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## Letter from your Vicar.

*The Vicar was preoccupied with thoughts of how, after the service, he was going to have to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for the repairs to the Church. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick, and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.*

*The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service" the Vicar said, "but you'll have to think of something to play after I make an announcement about the finances".*

*During the service, the Vicar paused and said, "brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost much more than expected. Any of you who can pledge £100 or more, please stand up".*

*At that moment, the substitute organist began playing the national anthem, and that is how the substitute organist became the new regular organist.*

In May, I remember saying to Simon, one of our parish's organist's "things will probably be much clearer in a couple of weeks" of course this was in May last year and I found myself saying the same thing many times since then.

This May, we managed to hold our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Parish AGM). I remember trying to list all the people that I needed to say thank you too. This is always going to be an interesting exercise for any Vicar, it is a moment in which you are reminded just how many people are active in any Church. As the Vicar of Meltham with four Churches the challenge is, well, four times as wonderful. However, the challenges that we have all faced over the last year or so and the number of people who have responded with kindness and generosity, has made the challenge of remembering to thank everyone impossible.

At the risk of making him blush, Simon has worked quietly, behind the scenes, in an often-unnoticed manner, to enable Church to appear on you tube and to help with so many other, often technology related things. To work with a Vicar like me and technology demonstrates a patience that must be considered quite saint like.

Of course, my intension is not to pick out Simon individually however much he deserves to be thanked. The truth is that many people have worked in this way, quietly and without looking for praise. Whether you are part of a Church, our council, a community group, an individual caring for those around you, or someone who has found a fun and creative way to help.

The words "ThankYou" will never seem an adequate way to express the gratitude that I and many others feel for all that has been done. But, in the absence of anything better:

I hope you will accept my saying "**Thank You**" to you all.

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Reverend John (Vicar)



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## MY BIBLE

Although I am sure I will have been gifted different children's versions of the bible before I was 12 years old, the one I remember most, is when I was given my very own little version of the New Testament at High School. I remember each child in my year was given one by The Gideons International in the British Isles. The date was 30th September 1976 (so now you all know many years young I am!!!) I don't know about the other children in my year but I was 'chuffed to bits' and I could write my own name and the date inside. (The Gideon Bible was also the bible you used to find in every hotel in the country – do you remember?)

The thing about this little version of the bible is that it has been at my bedside in my dressing table for most of my adult life. At the front of it there are useful prompts to find help when you need it and it has brought comfort to me on many occasions. I still use it as a kind of quick reference if something is troubling me and I have a few favourite passages that echo through my life.

Mathew: Chapter 12: v 25-30

Mark; Chapter 10; v 13-16

Corinthians: Chapter 13: v 1-13

When I was thinking about this little story I noticed as a 12 year old child that I had noted down some readings here they are:-

Acts: Chapter 20: v 20-21

Acts: Chapter 20: v 20-23

Romans: Chapter 8: v 28-39

<sup>31</sup> *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?* <sup>32</sup> *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

As they say "Out of the mouth of Babes"!!!

## What are your favourite Bible passages and why?

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## Food Bank News

### Morrisons are still supporting Crossroads Meltham Food Bank, but the way they are supporting us has changed.

We would like to say a special thank you to our local Morrisons for the way they have supported us over the last 5 years. Many of you will have made good use of our red Food Bank bin to deposit your gifts of food to us, and for this we are very grateful. Please note however that in line with their national policy, Morrisons support to us as now changed.

Based on these changes, our red bin has gone, and the Scheme that has replaced it is the *"Food Bank Donation Bag Scheme"*.

How does this work? We along with other organisations that they choose to support let Morrisons know the items needed. The shop staff then make up these items into different value bags, which customers can buy and leave in the donation point at the front of the shop. The Items are then passed on to us.

Like all changes there are advantages and disadvantages. The big advantage for us as a Food Bank is we will receive more targeted specific donations. The disadvantage is you can no longer donate to the Crossroads Food Bank at Morrisons and know your valued donation is going to us. Also unfortunately that single tin which may be all somebody can reasonably afford can not be donated at the Morrisons store.

We really are very grateful to our local Morrisons for their Loyal support over the years and we look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

## Other News

### Thank You Co Op Food Meltham and Netherton

### We are thrilled to have been appointed the Co Op's Food Bank of choice from the Meltham and Netherton Stores.

You can donate directly to us using our Red Bin at the exit of Co Op Food Meltham and in store at Co Op Food Netherton.

We look forward to working more closely with our local Co Op staff. We are currently preparing a presentation on our work for the wider Co Op Management group to show what we do at the Meltham Food Bank. The Co Op also faithfully provide us with all of their fresh close to sale by date food, that would otherwise go to waste. Thank you again so much!

## **We are working more closely with the Welcome Centre Foodbank.**

As many of you know, The Welcome Centre is the largest and main Food Bank in Huddersfield and has supported our growth and development for a long time. The Welcome Centre along with Crossroads are part of the local Food Bank Network group. This is where all the Food Banks meet and share their skills and advice to help better serve our communities.

Due to our rapid growth over the pandemic period, our facilities, volunteer numbers and support has increased significantly and we are now better equipped to serve Meltham and local community . As a result, this has been recognised by the Welcome Centre and we are now receiving all of their referrals received for our area including those from the statutory government agencies.

## **Proud to be part of the Crossroads Project “Caring for the Whole Person”**

Being the Crossroads Meltham Food Bank means we can do far more for our clients than just provide food relief. We offer Debt and Benefits Advice and Money Management advice from Chris our Advisor. We offer Legal Advice in partnership with Ridley and Hall from Nigel Priestley. We are also on a more regular basis supporting people in contact with the local government and health services.

We know we are on a Journey together and there is much we need to continue to develop so we can learn and grow. We work in an often challenging and stressful environment, but to put some perspective on it in November 2019, just 18 months ago we were providing an average of 4 food parcels a week, it is now between 20 and 25.

It goes without saying that we are so very grateful for all our volunteers at the Crossroads Meltham Food Bank and all of the many local businesses and people that support us to support the community. Without you all the lives we people we feed and lives we change would not be possible. Thanks you so much!!!

## **WAYS TO SUPPORT US .**



Direct donation of Food to Meltham and Netherton Co Op, The Crossroads shop, The Crossroads Centre or any of our Churches.

Supporting the Morrisons “Food Donation Scheme” although your donation may not come directly to us. Financially supporting the Crossroads Project, either by regular standing order or one off donations. If you want your donation to be specifically for the Food Bank or any particular service within the project please clearly indicate this.

**Debbie Still**

**Food Bank Manager**





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## Crossroads Centre Update

As we approach the end of restrictions, hopefully this month, the Crossroads Project, (Centre, Shop and Foodbank) have been reflecting on our past as we celebrated 25 years since the Shop opened and then the following year the Centre. Several key figures have retired from active service and new volunteers have joined us.

At a recent Zoom meeting to celebrate the Meltham Community spirit and the volunteers who had worked so hard to support others during the pandemic. Cllr Paul White commented that 'we were fortunate to have Crossroads which was able to respond so quickly and in such a well organised way'. Thanks to all those who were and continue to be involved with us.

In the Centre we seek to lend a helping hand to those who call, not just for food but for a chat or help with our qualified advisors. We are now looking forward and developing plans. We are looking for creative ways of bringing people together and supporting people to develop self-confidence, make new friends and gain new skills.



We would value your prayers for a clear vision to know how best to serve the community in which we live. We are trusting not in our own wisdom and strength - a quote from Isaiah says it all.

**'For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you.'**

Isaiah 41,13 (NIV)

With thanks  
Sue Priestley.



## What hymn or song sums up your Faith?

Thank you for all your contributions to our feature, we are looking at what songs or hymns help to share our faith or what words mean the most to us in our faith. I know I have loved reading about how they have influenced your faith and learning something new. It's not too late to contribute and this time you have the whole of the summer to think!



### **When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound.**

Most people who have been brought up in the Christian faith I think will have one or more favourite hymns, which may change from time to time. Today mine are “Great is thy faithfulness”, “There is a Redeemer”, and one from the Sankeys scared songs and solos “When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound”, with the rousing chorus, When the roll is called up yonder.

For all of us who trust in God and his hon Jesus Christ, we know his faithfulness and his redeeming love. Whoever we are we have that blessed assurance that when the roll is called up yonder, by his grace we'll be there.

*When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.*

*When the roll...is called up yon...der,  
When the roll...is called up yon...der,  
When the roll...is called up yon...der,  
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.*

*On that bright and cloudless morning, when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share:  
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

*Let us labour for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care,  
Then, when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

**Jesus saves to the uttermost and to the guttermost.**

George Mellor.



## Holy, Holy, Holy!

"Dad, when was the first Trinity Sunday?" not quite as easily answered as when was the first Christmas or Easter. Trinity Sunday is a fact - the truth about the nature of God himself.

The tune NICAEA, used for this hymn is named after the council of Nicaea (A.D.325) at which church leaders began to formulate the doctrine of the Trinity, this became the basis of the Nicene Creed, a document passed on through the ages as one of the pillars of church doctrine. The prime function of this creed was to establish a firm belief in the Trinity. The words evoke a sense of awe at the majesty of God, and call on creation - humans, saints, angels, and all living things to praise the Godhead three in one. Reginald Heber wrote the words of this hymn and of many missionary hymns. When Heber was forty, he became Bishop of Calcutta but after three years of travel and responsibility for the whole of India his health broke, many of his stirring hymns were published after his death.

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky and sea  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

Jean Collison



# Daily Prayer

## Ordinary Time

### Opening Prayer of thanksgiving

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.  
Bless the Lord you heavens, sing his praise and exalt him forever.  
Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.  
Bless the Lord all people on earth, sing his praise and exalt him forever.  
O people of God bless the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.  
Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.  
Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.  
Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit,  
Bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart. **Amen.**

The readings for the day may be found on page 17 & 19

### Prayers of intercession are offered

- ¶ for the day and its tasks
- ¶ for the world and its needs
- ¶ for the Church and her life

### The Collect

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
Fill your Church with faith and hope;  
For a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open  
In our saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father , who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. **Amen.**

### Closing prayers

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**  
Let us bless the Lord, thanks be to God, **Amen.**

## Daily Bible Readings for the month of July

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Job 40	Romans 15:22-end
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Job 41	Romans 16:1-16
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Job 42	Romans 16:17-end
4 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	2 Samuel 5:1-5	Mark 6:1-13
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 1:1-14	2 Corinthians 1:1-14
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 1:15-22	2 Corinthians 1:15-24
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 2:3-3,11	2 Corinthians 2:5-end
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 3:12-end	2 Corinthians 3
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 8	2 Corinthians 4
10 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 9	2 Corinthians 5
11 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Mark 6:14-29
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 10:1-19	2 Corinthians 6:1-7,1
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 11:14-end	2 Corinthians 7:2-end
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 12:1-16	2 Corinthians 8:1-15
15 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 12:17-end	2 Corinthians 8:16-9,5
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 13:1-16	2 Corinthians 9:6-end
17 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 14:1-11	2 Corinthians 10
18 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Mark 6:30-34, 53-end
19 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 14:12-end	2 Corinthians 11:1-15
20 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 18:1-20	2 Corinthians 11:16-end
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ezekiel 18:21-32	2 Corinthians 12
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ezekiel 20:1-20	2 Corinthians 13
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ezekiel 20:21-38	James 1:1-11
24 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 24:15-end	James 1:12-end
25 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	Acts 11:27-12,2	Matthew 20:20-28
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 28:1-19	James 2:1-13
27 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 33:1-20	James 2:14-end
28 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 33:21-end	James 3
29 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 34;1-16	James 4:1-12
30 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 34:17-end	James 4:13-5:6
31 <sup>st</sup>	Ezekiel 36:16-36	James 5:7-end



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1 <sup>st</sup> (Sun)	2 Samuel 11:26-12:12,13a	John 6:24-35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Mark 1:1-13
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ezekiel 37:15-end	Mark 1:14-20
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 39: 21-end	Mark 1:21-28
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 43:1-12	Mark 1:29-end
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 44:4-16	Mark 2:1-12
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 47:1-12	Mark 2:13-22
8 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	2 Samuel 18:5-11, 15, 31-33	John 6:35, 41-51
9 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 1:1-19	Mark 2:23-3,6
10 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 1:20-end	Mark 3:7-19a
11 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 2	Mark 3:19b-end
12 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 3:1-26	Mark 4:1-20
13 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 3:27-4,19	Mark 4:21-34
14 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 6:1-19	Mark 4:35-end
15 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	John 6:51-58
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17 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 8:22-end	Mark 5:21-34
18 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 9	Mark 5:35-end
19 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 10:1-12	Mark 6:1-13
20 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 11:1-12	Mark 6:14-29
21 <sup>st</sup>	Proverbs 12:10-end	Mark 6:30-44
22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sun)	1 Kings 8:1-11	John 6:56-69
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Proverbs 14:31-15,17	Mark 6:45-end
24 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 15:18-end	Mark 7:1-13
25 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 18:10-end	Mark 7:14-23
26 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 20:1-22	Mark 7:24-30
27 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 22:1-16	Mark 7:31-end
28 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 24:23-end	Mark 8:1-10
29 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	Song of Songs 2:8-13	Mark 7:1-15
30 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 25:1-14	Mark 8:11-21
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## St Mary's Report

I think we have been truly blessed this last few weeks because summer has finally arrived - the sun is shining, the flowers show in their wonderful colours and diversity what an amazing and creative God we worship and the sky is the most glorious shade of blue. We have remembered Jesus' Ascension, we have celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which marks the birthday of the Christian Church and we have learned more about the Holy Trinity.

Our thanks go to Rev John Dracup for leading a Services of the Word on May 16th and on Trinity Sunday and a service of Holy Communion on June 13th. Rev Judy Kenworthy was celebrant on May 23rd and Lay Reader Jacqueline France gave the talk on 30th May as well as leading our worship on June 6th. As usual we have some of the congregation in church and some on zoom and one member Sheryl, in Australia. Continuing with the international theme we included prayers for Carol and Aron who are friends of Sheryl and who have been caught up in the recent terrible violence in Israel.

We have had some interesting talks which have reminded us that God loves us completely not just the spiritual part of us but the physical and the mental as well - the whole person. We have learnt that the Holy Spirit can transform us from frightened and disillusioned people to people full of hope and faith just as he did to those first disciples. We watched a video of a ballet and discovered that the Trinity is a bit like a dance - one dance - with three dancers - Father Son and Holy Spirit in perfect harmony with one another - and that amazingly we are invited to join in that dance. We heard that if we love God and live in His way we will become more like Him and finally we discovered that with just a tiny bit of Jesus' love planted in the heart of each believer that love will grow and grow just like the tiny mustard seed did. Sometimes we forget how much time and prayer goes into the talks we hear on a Sunday morning and how often God speaks to us through them so a big thankyou to our preachers and to God for those messages. Thanks also to Kim Howe, John Andrews, Shirley Langrick, Jacqueline, Judy and Elizabeth for leading prayers, providing music, reading lessons and preparing the powerpoint presentations.

After the services we have a time to share news and we were thrilled to see Sheryl on a local TV channel in Australia. This was to mark the opening of a new community centre in the town "The Marolyn Dunn Centre" named after Sheryl's late mum who was a well loved lady who had worked tirelessly for that community for many years. We also shared some pictures of Monteena's Big Birthday Surprise - postponed from last year due to covid. It was a day trip on a steam train to Edinburgh and back with a few hours in the Scottish capital and this treat was shared by her husband John, Elizabeth and Peter.

As well as our services the steering group met on Monday 17th May, in church and on Sunday 30th May, following the service thankyou gifts and cards were presented to Kim Howe who has retired as churchwarden after four years, to Elizabeth and Peter and to Jaqueline our lovely Lay Reader. We wanted to acknowledge all their hard work - in leading worship, for working the technology and for providing the music and powerpoint presentations over this last difficult year. We would also like to welcome Peter Pearson as our new churchwarden and to thank Clive as he continues in that role.

We hope you all have some sort of break over summer and possibly a few days away relaxing and hopefully re-charging your batteries. Stay safe, stay well and may God go with you.

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It is hard to believe but Rev John Radcliffe and Rev Judy Kenworthy were ordained Deacons 20 years ago. The service took place in Wakefield Cathedral at 11am on Sunday 1st July 2001. There were eleven people ordained by Bishop David James the Bishop of Pontefract at that time and the cathedral was full. Many people from the parish went along to support them and following their return from Wakefield a delicious buffet lunch was enjoyed in Meltham church hall.

*Congratulations*

In the evening there was a united service of celebration and welcome at St Bartholomew's Church, Meltham. This was a Holy Communion service and Rev John was celebrant for the first time with Rev Judy assisting at the altar. We would like to extend our congratulations to them both on this special anniversary and to thank them for their ministry among us.

### **4 Hours there, 10 Hours back**

By Pam Murgatroyd

Our car is an automatic, which means we don't need a clutch,  
It's really very easy to drive and we like it very much.

We drove to Dorset on a Saturday, our son was getting wed.  
The journey took us four hours, at least that's what Satnav said.

The wedding on the Sunday went well and we had fun,  
Then the couple went off on honeymoon and we spent four days in the sun.  
On the Tuesday we went out to eat, with Sue, our son's ex wife,  
Who is now with a new man called Brian, but she'll always be part of our life.

On the Thursday we went to Boscombe to spend some time by the sea,  
But the gears on the car were erratic worrying Peter and me.  
The man in the garage checked it with a meter on the gears.  
He said we could drive home safely, putting an end to our fears.

On the Friday after breakfast, we set off for home at ten,  
We'd had a super time in Dorset, but would be glad to get home again.  
We'd been on the road for an hour when the car stuck in gear number two,  
But we managed to get to a car park and waited until Breakdown was due.

We weren't back on the road until three, in the breakdown courtesy car,  
With our Skoda on the flatbed, to drive it was much too far.  
It was the May Bank Holiday weekend and the weather forecast was good,  
So the traffic was horrendous, but we got home as soon as we could.

The journey down took four hours, with not much traffic all the way.  
The journey home took a total of ten, which was almost all of the day.  
There's no moral to my story, our journey was not in vain  
And without any gearbox problems, we'd soon go back again.



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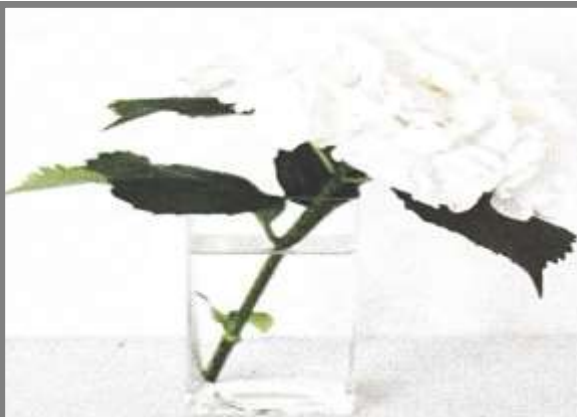
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To contact our vicar Rev John Dracup: 07983 937132 parishofchristtheking@gmail.com

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We hope that the residents and carers are keeping safe and well and that being able to have a visitor has cheered them up. We hope it won't be long before we can come and see them again but until then we keep them in our thoughts and prayers

Thank you very much to St Bartholomew's Church Fellowship for the lovely card and flowers we received when we celebrated our Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 3rd June. It was a lovely surprise and we appreciated your good wishes.



May God bless each of you,  
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# Meltham Family Page

**HD9 Club** The young folk have taken a break this month as there seems to have been many demands on their time and quite a few were away at Spring Bank. We keep in touch with our own WhatsApp group. We have lots of plans for outside meetings in the near future including cricket and a treasure hunt.

This group is for young people aged 11+ yrs. If you would like further information on how to join in please contact Kim on: 852811

## Care and Share

The Care and Share group took a week off for the Spring Bank holiday and on the 8th June there was an interesting talk about Meningitis given by a lady who lost her dad to this awful disease. We now know what the early signs to look out for are and what we need to do to get help quickly. Following the talk we had the chance to have a chat with one another in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

These meetings are held on zoom on Tuesday evenings between 8pm-9pm so you can join in from your home.

For information on how to join in please contact Kim on 852811

## JUST FOR FUN!

Pub Sign - Ladies are requested not to have children in the Bar.

Fred looked into a mirror, then turned round to his wife and said, "I feel really old, fat and ugly, I need you to pay me a compliment". Without hesitation his wife replied, "Don't worry love, your eyesight's nearly perfect".

Fred & his missus decided to get divorced. The divorce court judge said to Fred "I have reviewed this case very carefully and decided to give your wife £250 a week". "That's very fair your honour" said Fred, "and every now and then I'll try and send her a few quid myself".

I went to the graveyard to have a natter with a deceased old mate, as you do. On arriving, I saw a man kneeling at a graveside talking out loud. He was saying "oh why did you die?" "Life was perfect before you died. There were smiles every day, I was so happy, then all went back". I asked who he was talking to, "My wife's first husband he relied.

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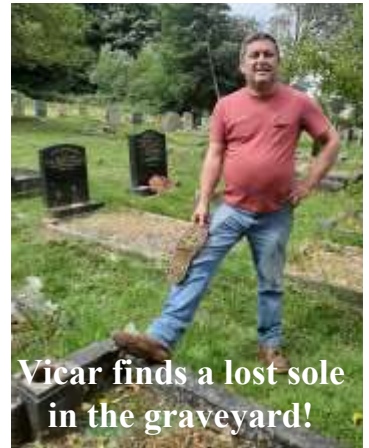


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10th July & 26th July**

Please look out on the church website or facebook page for locations.



Feel free just to turn up, for all or a part of the session. We have a good chat and a laugh as well as work. As we are outside, it is always weather dependant,

Many thanks to Irene Harrop who is the administrator for this group. If you want to be included in up to date emails etc please contact her at:  
[irene.harrop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:irene.harrop@hotmail.co.uk) or 01484 664163.

*Thank you to all those who have already helped. -See below some pictures from recent sessions.*





# Photos of around the Parish



These photos were taken in Jean Burhouse's garden and around Meltham. Meltham certainly is a very colourful town.

