

# THE PARISH OF MELTHAM CHRIST THE KING

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Above: **Photos taken from the Churches Together Covenant Service.**

Below: **Photos taken from around the Parish**



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The future lies before us, like a sheet of driven snow.  
Be careful how you tread it, for every step will show.

(Author unknown.)

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in numbers,

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to you,

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local community,

Through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

Amen.

### A note from the editor ...

Hello!

Welcome to the February edition, I couldn't resist putting the photo that Grace Dronsfield took on our front cover, it gives hope that Spring is in the air and on its way!

There are lovely reflections from the popular, Churches Together Covenant Service (pg's 13 & 19). Also Nigel gives his thoughts on hospitality (pg 15). Finally I have to mention, you may like it or you may not but Denis A has been busy this month tried to put a smile on your face and he has a whole page to himself! (pg 20). - Don't expect it every month Denis!

Thank you so much to those who have contributed this month. It is great to see and read so many thoughts and reflections from different people. As Lent is on the horizon this month there is space to add yours too.

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God Bless,  
Fiona.

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## Letter from your Vicar.

*Plan ahead, it wasn't raining when Noah started building the ark.*

No one would argue that this is anything but good advice. The problem is that life isn't always that straight forward. Sometimes unexpected things come along and spoil all your good plans but even when you know what is coming it can be hard to fit in time for planning ahead.

At this time each year we repeat a familiar conversation at clergy chapter. Who's got their Lent courses ready? How is your planning for Easter going? And each year there are those who look slightly smug and others who seem somewhat surprised that it is all happening so soon after Christmas.

Personally, I am grateful for having colleagues to work with within our Parish and this year I'm particularly grateful to my Baptist colleague Tim who has prepared a lent course for Churches Together. There will be several opportunities each week for people to join in with this and the details are available on page 16. The start of Lent this year will be marked with a service of Holy Communion with Ashes at **St Bartholomew's Church at 7:30pm** on Ash Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February (all welcome).

Elsewhere in the east of our deanery there are a number of Churches involved in a more challenging planning process known as a pastoral reorganisation. The parishes involved are Skelmanthorpe, Clayton West with High Hoyland and Scissett, Lepton, Emley and Flockton, Cumberworth, Denby and Demby Dale, Kirkburton, Shelly, and Shepley. A public consultation meeting is being held on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February which I will attend. The result of this process may see changes to parishes and benefices, and will determine the allocation of clergy. The overall aim is to ensure both the provision of ministry and sustainability.

You may or may not have already been aware of this, but I am aware that the idea of such substantial change can be very disturbing. At this time I am not aware of any thoughts or plans for our parish to become involved in any such reorganisation process. I hope that the very public process in the south of our deanery will help reassure anyone who is concerned that these things are not done in secret.

Please pray for the people of those Churches that are involved, that a plan can be found which will enable ministry in all these parishes to thrive.

God bless

Reverend John (Vicar)





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## **GOING GREENER -** **Moving towards an Eco Church**

**'And God saw that the world and all that was in it, was very good.' Genesis Ch 1v 31**

Goodness, it's February already! The days are definitely getting a bit longer. Snowdrops are nodding in clumps across the grass while daffodils determinedly point towards the sky. Spring must be on the way!

The season of Lent begins in February, on Ash Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lent lasts for six weeks and can be used as a time for spiritual reflection and some self discipline. I'm hoping that I will feel encouraged and inspired to take Environment, Green eco stuff more seriously again. I've not really got back into it since Christmas! One thing I am definitely going to do is eat less meat. I was shocked to discover how much Co2 is created by producing one kg of beef. It's the same as if you went on a 300 mile round trip while leaving all your lights on at home! That's awful!

I hope to be joining one of the Lent study groups in the parish organised by Meltham Churches Together. I will endeavour to use some of the time thinking about the state of the world and asking how we can work with God to live our lives more sustainably with regard to the needs of our beautiful planet.

The Diocese of Leeds has sent some good ideas to help us through a Greener Lent so I thought I would share some of them with you.

1. For each day of Lent, pray for one thing in creation that you really care about, for example, the birds and wild life you see in your garden, the food you enjoy, the car you drive. Thank God for it; lament if it is being damaged by human action or if it causing harm - ask for wisdom and Christ's renewal.
2. Set aside time each week in Lent to go for a walk (or look out of our window if you are not able) and actively appreciate God's creation, remembering that we are wholly dependent on it for our survival.
3. Pray for our local community and any local environment projects which are being undertaken.

Have a good Lent, and as always,  
God bless us in our efforts.

Jenny Mathers. -*Environment Champion*



# CROSSROADS CENTRE



*Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in? And the King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'*

*Adapted from Matthew Chapter 25*

## **The invitation to practise hospitality is the invitation, to eat with Jesus.**

Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove writes 'Jesus is coming for supper tonight' and he's not alone.....he's standing at your door with someone whose name you don't know yet

As winter approached there was a call to provide warm friendly spaces in our communities. This gave us the chance to welcome more people in to our buildings. Along with the Methodists and Baptists the Crossroads Centre took the opportunity to provide hot drinks and refreshments and create a space for our visitors to keep warm, and to enjoy fellowship and good company for a couple of hours each Wednesday morning.



The Sustainable Sewing bees made draught excluders and we were able to provide blankets kindly provided by **NB fabrics Limited** (Thank you so much) For every blanket sold to a local person they gifted one to the Crossroads Project / Foodbank. Over 70 have already been provided and are being distributed to those in need.

**Warm Spaces: The Methodist Church** 'Together Tuesday' 10am till 12 noon.  
Coffee cake, tea and biscuits

**The Baptist Church:** 12.45pm till 5pm – Refreshments served

**Crossroads Centre** - Warm and Welcoming Wednesday  
10am till 1pm. Refreshments and fun!

**All Welcome**

Thanks as always for your prayers and support

Sue Priestley



## Crossroads Foodbank News

In the last newsletter, we were coming up to Christmas and busy, busy, busy. The lovely community stepped up, and made sure we had the provisions to spread some cheer. The heads of the local schools requested special Christmas goodies bags for households who need a bit of extra cheer. We delivered these to dozens of families. It's important that we reach out to people, sometimes pride prevents those who need it most coming forward.



Although times are trying, many groups and individuals within Meltham made us a special cause before Christmas, and gave much needed funding. Holmfirth Lions and Holmfirth Rotary gave generously. I went to the Friend to Friend monthly lunch at the Methodists' and was presented with a donation they had raised. Rachael at Morrison's Meltham chose us as her cause for the Giving Tree, and it exceeded expectations. Taytrans in Meltham Mills, Kirk at the Sports and Community Centre, Andrew and Caroline Wellings with wool blankets, Huddersfield Grammar Year 7 and 8, George Haigh Butchers. Then there are all the anonymous donations. The list goes on... It's as if there's a local will to ensure that no-one in the area should go without.

Now we're into the New Year, the leaner times of winter beckon, but we're still here and it's likely that the need for us won't be going away any time soon. If you know of anyone who may benefit from what we do, please send them our way.

Bless you all

Chris Sinclair



### **Please continue to contribute to Meltham Food Bank**

#### **They especially need the following items:**

Semi Skimmed or Whole long life milk, Canned meat meals, Tuna, Eggs, Breakfast Cereal, Jam. Other helpful items include: Coffee, Sugar, washing up liquid, Toiletries e.g shampoo, shaving cream, shower gel, toothpaste, soap and feminine hygiene products.

Drop into the bins at the Coop in Meltham and Netherton. Fresh & frozen veg welcome but these must be delivered to the centre only.



**Financial donations are also welcome.**

Post through the centre door, labelled clearly 'Food bank'. **Mon - Fri 10—12.30.**

## Keswick Convention 2023? By Mike Still

Have you ever been to a Christian Convention? - There are many different ones, I know Greenbelt & Spring Harvest, are favourites.

Debbie and I have always found them inspirational. Our first was Downs in East Sussex. which partnered The Dales (yep we are that old). Each year we were camping at a Bible week with 4 young children, we know they played a part in the fact that 3 of our 4 have strong ongoing adult faiths. Downs became the famous Stoneleigh and we must be one of the few families apart from the leaders who went to every one of those.

Over the last few years we have been with Jane Collins and others to 'New Wine', and 'One Event' at Lincoln. THEN COVID STOPPED EVERYTHING.

Along with others it is our dream and vision to find an event that would best fit with people of Meltham Churches. There is something really special, strengthening and upbuilding about taking a week away together as a church/parish.

Last year we tried 'Keswick Convention' with our son and daughter in law, (Steven and Sophie). It was great we camped in the heat wave! We think Keswick may be the best fit for us as a Parish.



### Why?

1. its FREE! - all you need is your accommodation. There is opportunity to donate, with no obligation.
2. You are not all camping!! -Yep there are local campsites and we would need to book quick, but there's also a Premier Inn opposite as well as all the other Lake District accommodation. There are many options other than camping.
3. The event is in the town centre of Keswick so everyone travels in. That means there are plenty of opportunities to meet up together for coffee etc.
4. MOST important, the teaching is excellent, broad based and understandable, you can go to as much or little as you like. This years theme is being 'Human'
5. Its for the family too with a wide range of Quality youth and children events.
6. Its close enough that even if you cant mange a week you can do a few days.
7. It is not over pressured, there's plenty of time to relax and most of the sessions (although follow a theme) are stand alone sessions.

The convention runs over 3 weeks, but I suggest we go for the middle one, which is the first week of the school holidays. **22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July**

### Interested?

see <https://keswickministries.org/about-keswick-convention/2023-convention>  
Or talk to Mike and Debbie Still for more info.



## A Covenant with God - The Methodist Covenant Prayer

*'I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you, or brought low for you;  
let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things, let me have nothing:  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.'*

Did you pray this Methodist Covenant Prayer at the United Covenant service on the 3rd Sunday? If, like me, you did, what difference does it make? In one sense none at all if you regularly pray the Lord's Prayer. 'Thy will be done' sums up everything in the Covenant Prayer by inviting God to take control of every aspect of our lives. When we pray this, like the worship song I have just enjoyed listening to, we 'surrender all' to Jesus. Where the Covenant Prayer differs, and becomes even more challenging, I believe, is in inviting God to put us to suffering, or be laid aside, brought down low, or empty.

Not what we would choose or, normally what we tend to value in the church. Rather we speak of ministry, when we do things, whether it be preaching and teaching, praying or caring; using our gifts, whatever they may be, to the best of our ability in God's service.

W.H. Vanstone in his book, *The Stature of Waiting points*, put that Jesus' greatest works were not the things He did, but rather what happened because He was handed over to his enemies and horrible things, were done to Him. Our salvation comes through His suffering and death. In His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane He surrendered to God's will, knowing what it would cost and trusting in His Father's promise of resurrection.

As we get older our strength and abilities decline, slowly we pray, but surely. If we are spared the day will come when we can no longer do things for God. We will be set aside, we may suffer and we may wonder what God is doing or even where He is in our struggles. It is now we need to hold on to the promise that Jesus is with us. Nothing can separate us from His love for us, not even death. This is God's Covenant with us and it will never fail. Therefore we have hope and can encourage each other as we continue life's journey into another year whatever the circumstances.

Rev Martyn Crompton

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## Grace and Hospitality



50 years ago in 1973 plans were set in hand that would change my life. And it was all as a result of grace and hospitality.

I was studying Law at University of Warwick and it was my final year. My plan was to go to College of Law in Chester to study for Law Society exams. But I knew no-one in Chester. Where to begin? Through a friend of a friend I was put in touch with Eric and Barbara Barwick. They had a plant nursery but had never contemplated taking an unknown student in. But they did. They were gentle, kind, perceptive and they loved Jesus. They made me feel part of their family – they had a son and two daughters. Little did I know that Gill, their youngest daughter would marry Dave Cooke, the founder of Teams4U – they'd just started going out when I was living there. It was the simple acts of kindness that made the difference to me – Barbara would light a fire in the front room each morning for me to use as a study. They taught me what true hospitality meant.

But where to live after Chester? I was starting a job at Eaton Smith and Downey in Huddersfield. I didn't want to live at home again with my parents after having been at University. A friend told me that Rev Eddie Roberts and his wife were committed to building the church at St James as a community with a real commitment to one another. They believed that the Church is the body of Christ and that God gives the gifts to enable the church to grow and serve.

He recommended that I contact Ed and Pam. They didn't know me. They had two young daughters but they welcomed me into their family and even eventually allowed me to paint my bedroom wall orange! The plans were made in 1973 for me to move into the Vicarage at Meltham Mills in March 1974! It was a remarkable time at St James. The Roberts had given their cellars over to the Cellar Dwellers Youth Group where life-changingly I met Sue. Captain John Smith came to faith as did his sister Pam. She also moved into the Vicarage – as did a young man recently released from custody. This was a bold move which didn't work out – but Pam and Eddie were prepared to give it a go.

May be when I left University there may have been an element of "I know it all" about me – just may be! But living with both families taught me so much. I experienced what it was to live out faith, not simply intellectually with all the doctrinal boxes ticked, but on a day to day basis having some of my more jagged edges smoothed down a little. It gave me an example of open welcome which on occasions Sue and I have been called to follow.

In Romans 12 v13 Paul encourages the church to "contribute to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality" If 50 years ago, the Barwicks and the Roberts hadn't been obedient to this call, my life would have been very different.

Nigel Priestly

## Lent Groups

The Lent groups will begin week commencing 27th February. They will last for 5 weeks. This year the material has been prepared by Rev Tim Mountain from Meltham Baptist Church. You would be welcome to any group.



Monday 8pm - 6 Woodland Walk

Tuesday 2pm - St Bartholomew's Church

Tuesday Eve - via Zoom (details tbc)

Wednesday 11am - Meltham Methodist Church

Thursday 2pm - Meltham Baptist Church

To join any of these groups please can you indicate on the 'sign up' sheet which will be available in the Church after Sunday Services.

## Greenacres Care Home Services

1:30pm for 2pm start. Tuesday 14th February - Songs of Praise

1.30pm for 2pm start. Tuesday 28th February - Holy Communion.

These services are popular with the residents and it would be lovely to have a couple of helpers to help support these services.

Please get in touch with Rev Denis Shields if you can be of help.

## Every group needs a WhatsApp!

Thinking of Springtime means grass growing and then needs cutting. Our Loyal band of helpers have done so well over the last few years. But I am thinking it would be so much easier to keep in touch with each other if we had our own WhatsApp group.



WhatsApp

Thinking this through a bit more, there are so many jobs that we do and need doing not just for the church property, but helping each other and the Community. Therefore I am hoping to form a Church Help WhatsApp. There will be no obligation, But an opportunity to make a difference.

For example someone might be looking at one of our buildings and think that it could really do with a spring clean. If we could get 3 or 4 to help we could do it in a few hours. Simple appeal on WhatsApp, and the jobs done.

If you would be willing to be on this Group please Text Mike on 07867951512



As agreed at our Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting on the 30th November 2022. Until April, there will be a Sunday church service at 9.30am & 11.15am weekly. Normal services to resume on Easter Day.

## **Service pattern for New year 2023**

### **February**

5<sup>th</sup> St James 9:30am and St Mary's 11:15am

12<sup>th</sup> St Bartholomew's 9:30am and Christ Church 11:15am

19<sup>th</sup> St James 9:30am and St Mary's 11:15am

**22<sup>nd</sup> St Bartholomew's 7:30pm (Ash Wednesday communion)**

26<sup>th</sup> St Bartholomew's 9:30am and Christ Church 11:15am

### **March**

5<sup>th</sup> St James 9:30am and St Mary's 11:15am

12<sup>th</sup> St Bartholomew's 9:30am and Christ Church 11:15am

19<sup>th</sup> St James 9:30am and St Mary's 11:15am

26<sup>th</sup> St Bartholomew's 9:30am and Christ Church 11:15am

### **Please Note:**

- The first Sunday in the month (9.30am) will be a Family Sunday service where people of ALL ages can join in the fun.

- On Easter Day (9th April) all Parish Churches will resume their normal Sunday service pattern.



So far, there has been many who are enjoying being able to worship together. Especially when there's cake afterwards!



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## **St Mary's Report**

On New Year's Day Rev Martin Crompton led a united service of Holy Communion at 10.30am at St Bartholomew's Church. There was no service at St Mary's that day.

Due to the energy crisis our normal pattern of services has had to be changed as the cost of heating all 4 churches through the winter, every Sunday is more than we can afford. On Sunday 8th January there was a service at St James' at 9.30am and a service of Holy Communion at St Mary's at 11.15am to which members of St Bartholomew's and Christ Church were invited and welcomed. Rev John was celebrant and spoke about how the Christmas story is full of surprises not leastwise and of which is the fact that the wise men who came to the stable were gentiles coming to worship and be accepted by the Jewish Messiah. This symbolises God's acceptance of all people. St Mary's service was held in the Sunday school with people there and on zoom . Congratulations were offered to Lay Reader Jacqueline France who has gained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology. The award ceremony took place at Durham Cathedral on January 5th and we are so proud of her.

On Sunday 15th January there was no service at St Mary's to allow everyone the opportunity to attend the Covenant Service at the Methodist church.



## **United Covenant Service**

All six congregations from Meltham came together on Sunday 15th January for a United Covenant Service. Rev Andrew Marchington (Methodist minister) led the service along with Rev Tim Mountain (Baptist minister) and Rev John Dracup (Vicar of Meltham). Over 100 people shared Holy Communion and we re-dedicated ourselves to loving and serving God and each other for the coming year. As well as those in church the service was on line for people at home. Our thanks go to readers John Crosland and Judy Kenworthy, to our clergy and to those who assisted at communion. Gillian was organist and Lizanne worked the power point. Thanks also to our hosts at Meltham Methodist Church for making us so welcome and for providing refreshments following the service.

# JUST FOR FUN!

By Denis A

New Year Resolutions for 2024 (i.e if I'm still around. )

1. Not to make any resolutions. Today is the 6th January 2023 and I haven't kept any of my New Year Resolutions for this year so far.

Boxing Day 2023 The annual swim in the Channel at Dover went well. 187 went into the Channel, 857 came out!!!

New Years Eve 2023 I've found out that my relationship with whisky is on the rocks. (Virtually tea total now. Haven't even had a drop of Communion wine for about 3 years. )

Things I've found out.

- Did you know that if you have to wear a mask and goggles you may be entitled to condensation? (oh dear!)
- Did you know that water is heavier than Butane, because Butane is lighter Fuel? (oh dear, dear!!)
- Did you know that before the crowbar was invented, Crows had to drink at home in their nest? (Oh dear, dear, dear!!!)
- Did you know that kleptomaniacs always take things literally?
- Did you know that some people are wise? Some are otherwise, (I'm one of the latter) - You must be too if you keep reading Denis A's rubbish every month in the magazine.

Accidents

A man fell into an upholstery machine, but reports say he is now fully re-covered.

There was a huge fight at a Sea food restaurant, in Huddersfield, there was battered fish everywhere. They plaice was a mess.

Truisms? When I was a young boy my Mum used to send me to the Co-op to do the weekly shopping and gave me £2 for it. I used to come back with 2 loaves of bread, 3 bottles of milk, a bag of sugar, a packet of tea, bacon, 6 eggs and some sweets. You couldn't do that now, there are too many security camera's.

Outdoor Pursuits: Leader - "Armstrong, I didn't see you at the camouflage practice today". I replied "Thank you Sir". (Think about it!)

When June was in hospital a lady in the next bed asked the Doctor "How often do patients die during the procedure I'm having?" "Just once" replied the doctor.

And Finally: If you get an email in Dec with a link to Cliff Richards 'Best songs at Christmas', don't open it, 'cos it's a link to Cliff Richards 'Best songs at Christmas.'

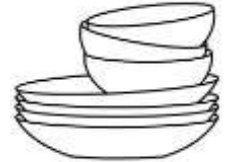
God Bless One & All, Denis A.





# MY DISHES

By Pam Murgatroyd



I have seven dishes that make up a set, with one that's bigger than the rest.  
This one is for serving, the rest eating puds, because bigger isn't always the best.

I've had my dishes for so much time that the pattern is now obsolete,  
But if any of them were to go missing, my set would be incomplete.

Well, that is just what happened at our lunch on Christmas Day,  
There were lots of people and dishes too few so I lent them some, as is my way.

After Christmas when we had cleared up, decorating in the hall had begun,  
The plastering had started to be ready for paint so some of the work had been done.

Other crockery was stored away, in the hope of keeping it clean,  
But for all we searched the whole place, my dishes could not be seen.

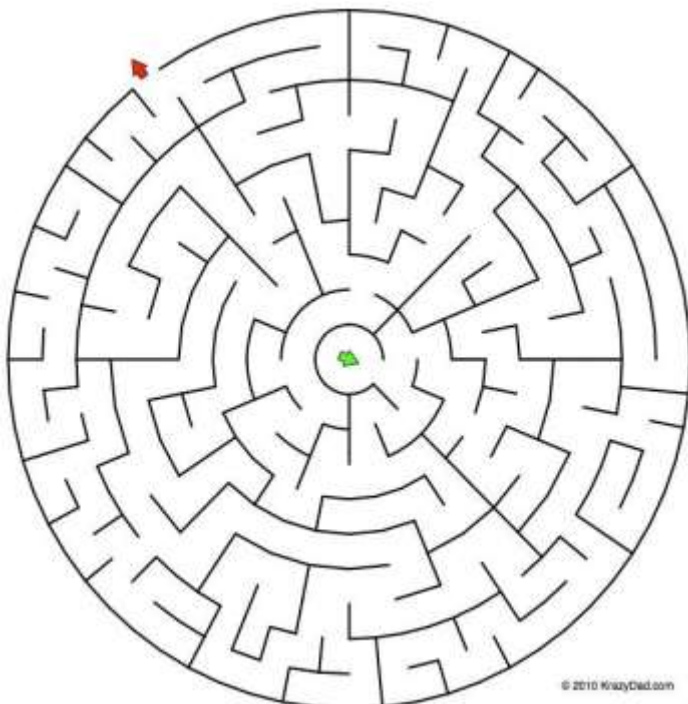
They weren't of any value, but a present to us from good friends,  
For a while I felt really sad at their loss, that's not where my story ends.

On Sunday a call came from Anne, while sorting cutlery in the church hall,  
At the back of a cupboard my dishes she'd found, now they're home safe and weren't lost at all.

THANK YOU ANNE FOR YOUR PERSEVERANCE

Can you do this Sudoku?

Answer on pg 25



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							7	2	
					9	5		3	
6	7			3	2	9			
9				1					
4	1	6					7	9	5
				6					1
		3	1	8				4	6
2		7	4						
8	4								

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**DIMPS**

*by Ville*

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## Helme Ladies Report

January 17th was our first meeting of the year, and we were back in the Church Hall. Thank goodness we were meeting in the Church Hall, everywhere was white and covered in ice so I only had a fairly short walk. When I left home you would have thought I was going on an expedition to Everest, thick coat, scarf, gloves, thick socks, hiking boots and most importantly my walking pole. I needed that pole to keep me upright on the icy pavements and paths.

We were going to play Bag Whist, we arranged ourselves around the tables and the cry was “does anyone know how to play”? Well, no-one did, most knew how to play whist, so we muddled along. There were lots of laughs as each game had silly prizes and different partners as we moved around the tables. If we play it again, I think I know how it works. We finished the morning with coffee and a right good natter.

### Upcoming Events held at Meltham Church Hall at 10am.

Jan 31 st AGM

Feb 14 th Valentines themed poetry

Feb 28 th Beetle Drive



### The Stage Company 2023 Pantomime - Snow White

Welcome to The Stage Company's 2023 Pantomime, Snow White. All the usual characters are here - Snow White, The Wicked Queen, The handsome Prince and of course seven dwarfs! There are also some others, who have managed to push themselves in... The Cook and her two useless helpers, not to mention the Queen's peevish side-kicks, Pick and Mix. Also look out for the pesky Castle Fox who leads the kitchen staff a merry dance!

The Pantomime runs from 1st to 4th March in the **Meltham Parish Hall.**

Tickets are available from : The Flower Box, Market Place, Meltham

Or by calling 01484 684998.

(See Poster on the back cover )

## **Saturday Coffee Mornings**

9.30am - 12pm at Meltham Parish Hall, hosted by local organisations.

**4th February** - West Yorkshire Dog Rescue.

**11th February** - St Bartholomew's Church

**18th February** - Stage Co.

**25th February** - Probus

**4th March** - To be held at the Methodist Hall.



## **Magazine Subscription monies are now due.**

To those whom it concerns, please can you pay your subscription of £10 to your regular distributor.

If you would like to join a subscription list then please get in contact with Catherine Moulson who will be able to help. (Tel: 850171)



Following the disappointment of 2020 and 2021 I'm going to have one last try at leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

It will be a ten-day trip departing from Manchester on 28th August 2023.

If you would like to join me you can look at the website for McCabe Pilgrimages and you can email me [maureen.read09@btinternet.com](mailto:maureen.read09@btinternet.com).

You will find a comprehensive itinerary and a booking form.

I would love for you to come with me on the trip of a lifetime.

Revd. Maureen

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# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings - A gift of God in Creation & a means of His grace

Baptisms - We welcome you into the Lord's family

Funerals - May they rest in peace

Jeffrey Bagnal,      Doreen Read,      Dominic Morris,  
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Anyone wishing to have their loved ones names included in the book of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's please contact Jean Collison : Telephone 851816  
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To contact our vicar Rev John Dracup: 07983 937132    parishofchristtheking@gmail.com

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## St Bartholomews Flowers



The following flowers have been placed on the Communion Table in St Barts church by:

5th Feb      - Mr & Mrs B Gregory  
12th Feb     - Mr & Mrs F Kaye  
19th Feb     - Vacant  
26th Feb     - Lent (No Flowers)

Flowers are a lovely way to remember loved ones or to celebrate that special occasion. If you would like to put flowers on the Communion Table in church we do have dates available.

Please contact:  
Catherine Moulson (850171)



**THE BABY JESUS STARTS TEETHING.**

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5	9	3	1	8	7	2	4	6
2	6	7	4	5	3	1	8	9
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# COMMUNITY CARDS

Community Cards is a registered charity in Huddersfield making a variety of greetings cards, tags, notebooks etc. sold in support of The Welcome Centre, Huddersfield and in doing so provides a place where people can come along, meet new friends, and be part of a team working together for a common purpose. There are various groups around the area with others working in their own homes.

## MELTHAM GROUP

This past year we have been up and running once again after the problems of Covid We meet each **Friday morning 10.30.am to 12.30am** until Easter when we will change to 10.00am to 12noon when we will then meet alongside the Shoebox project.

This past year we have sent £1,000 to the Community Cards Treasurer for the work of the Welcome Centre but we have to remember that this is not all profit as 'Community Cards' provides us with most of the resources we need to produce but we are pleased with this amount.



We want to say thanks for all the support we have been given over the year by:-

- ◆ those who let us have their used greetings cards,
- ◆ those who work in our Meltham Team
- ◆ those outlets where we are able to sell our cards
- ◆ those who buy the cards we make
- ◆ and thanks go to St James' Church who provide a warm area where we can meet and the storage space that we need.

Please continue to help by letting us have your used greetings cards and by buying our cards and also if you would like to join our Meltham Team please contact me for more details, bearing in mind that being artistic is not a criteria of joining the group, as some people think, but rather a willingness to be part of our team working together to do this work.

Christine Rolls – 01484 340342



**YOU are invited to come to the Parish of  
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