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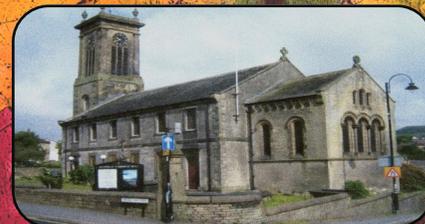
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10th Dec, 4pm—Christingle, Christ Church Helme.

17th Dec, 6pm—Carol Service, St Mary's Church Wilshaw.



The HELP Prayer

Lord, whether we are in a big congregation, a small group or on our own, we ask for your HELP when we pray.

The **H** in help is for **HEAR**
Help us to hear what you are telling us or asking us to do.

E is for **EMBRACE**
Help us to embrace your love and teachings.

L is for **LISTEN**
Help us to listen to your answers, even if we don't really want to do what you ask or understand at that time. It will become clear.

P is for **PRACTICE**
Help us to put into practice what you want us to do and sometimes we know that this can be difficult.

HELP us Lord in our prayers,
Amen.



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All Saints and All Souls

"Everyone who believes in him will be raised up at the last day"

The Lord loves me just the way I am. Today, we are reminded that He loves us even more than that.

Billions of people have lived on the earth. Our history books include a tiny fraction of them. But God includes all of them. He knows all of them. If our Heavenly Father has the time and ability to count the hair on our head, then He can *make count* all the lives that were lived.

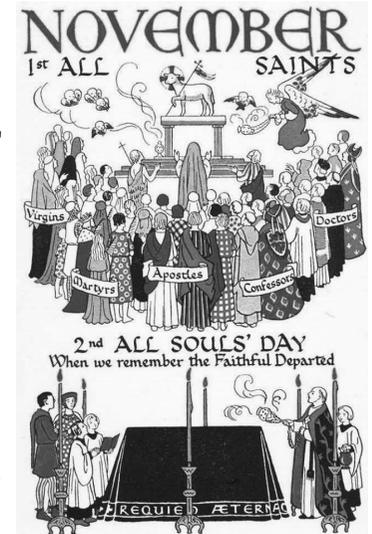
Billions of people have been baptized. Only a fraction of them have been declared saints. But for every known saint, we know there are millions that are unknown. For this reason, every November 1st is a day of celebration, a day for us to celebrate the lives of all the saints in heaven.

But like every celebration, once it is over, the very next day we must get back to work. And on November 2nd, we must pray. We must pray for all the faithful departed. This is how Christ showed His love. This is how we can show our love. We are a family forever. Heaven may dissolve marriages on earth but only because heaven unites us as brothers and sisters in the one love that is of God our Father and our brother Jesus Christ.

Meditation: Is your hope in this present life only? What about the life to come after our physical death? God puts in the heart of every living person the desire for unending life and happiness. While physical death claims each of us at the appointed time, God gives us something which death cannot touch - his own divine life and sustaining power.

"Lord Jesus Christ, your death and resurrection brought life and hope where there was once only despair and defeat. Give me unwavering faith, unshakeable hope, and the fire of your unquenchable love that I may serve you joyfully now and for ever in your everlasting kingdom."

*May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.
 Amen.*



- Revd Charlene Smith

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NOVEMBER 2017 ROTA

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	SIDESPERSIONS	COFFEE	CHURCH OPEN
5th November	Mr & Mrs J Mitchell	4.30pm Mr R Styan Mrs P Maffin	No Coffee 9.30am service at St James	4th Nov Mrs V White
12th November	Mrs E Shaw	Mr C Lockwood Mrs R Lockwood	Mrs E Radcliffe Mrs J Gilleard	11th Nov Mrs G Taylor
19th November	Vacant	Mrs M Hardy Mrs S Wood	Mrs C Moulson Mrs M Ball	18th Nov Mr N Webb
26th November	Vacant	Parish Communion	Helme 11.15am	25th Nov Mrs B Furness
3rd December	Advent No Flowers	Mrs J Swallow Mrs A Woodings	Mrs C Mitchell Mrs V Poole	2nd Nov Mrs S Gregory

ST MARY'S NOVEMBER 2017 ROTA

Date	Service	Readings	Prayers
5th November	11.15am HC	Angela	Kim
12th November	2pm Remembrance Sunday	John	Judith
19th November	11.15am Morning Worship	Peter	Kim
26th November	11.15am Parish HC at Helme	N/A	N/A
3rd December	11.15am Morning Worship	Angela	Kim

The moral of the story is...



One Sunday the Sunday School Teacher asked the children to ask their parents if they could tell them a story with a moral at the end of it.

The next week a little girl said "My Dad is a farmer and we have chickens. One day we had a basket full of eggs and we were taking them to market, when we hit a big bump in the road, the eggs all fell to the floor and broke.

The moral of this story is "*don't put all your eggs in one basket!*"

A little boy then told his story, he said "We also have a farm, we had 20 eggs and we were waiting for them to hatch... only 10 hatched.

The moral of this story is "*don't count your chickens before they've hatched!*"

By Denis Armitage

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Date	Service	Preacher	Leader	Celebrant	Reader
5th November	9.30am HC	D Shields		D Shields	R Whiteley
12th November	10.30/45am Remembrance Service St. Bartholomew's / 5.00pm '5 Alive'				N/A Team
19th November	9.30am MW / Med		C Rolls / C Ryan		J Mathers
26th November	11.15am Christ Church Helme	H Deacon		P Rolls	
3rd December	9.30am HC / 4pm Carols in the Park	C Ryan		P Rolls	D Leach

CHRIST CHURCH ROTA - NOVEMBER 2017

Date	Flowers	Inter-cessions	Side Person	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
5th November	Vacant	Clergy	Kevin	Janet	Monica	Jenny H
12th November	Vacant	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ST BARTHOLOMEW'S at 10.30am				
19th November	Pat R	Clergy	Kevin	Christine	Eileen & Sheila	Irene
26th November	Pat R	PARISH PATRONAL SERVICE CHRIST CHURCH at 11.15am			Janet	Pat
3rd December 4pm	Monica (CAROLS	Clergy IN THE	Kevin PARK)	Jenny B	Moyra	Janet

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 2017

Date/Day	Theme	1st Reading	Gospel
5th November	The Word of Life	Revelation 7.9-end	1 John 3.1-13
12th November		Wisdom 6.12-16	Matthew 25.1-13
19th November	The Parable of the Talents	Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18	Matthew 25.14-30
26th November	The Judgement of the Nations	Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24	Matthew 25.31-end

SERVICES IN THE PARISH NOVEMBER 2017

Date	St Bartholomew	St James	St Mary's	Christ Church
5th November	4.30pm Memorial Service	9.30am HC	11.15am HC	11.15am HC
12th November Remembrance Sunday	9.00am Said HC	5.00pm 5Alive	2.00pm Remembrance	10.30/45am Remembrance
19th November	9.30am HC	9.30am MW / Med	11.15am MW	11.15am HC
26th November	11.15am Parish Patronal Communion—Christ Church Helme			



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The Funeral of William the Conqueror

Usually when a King dies, we imagine the splendour, pomp and ceremony that occurs with a state funeral, with soldiers on horseback, carriages and dignitaries in attendance from other countries. However, when William the Conqueror died it was far from dignified and certainly not what we would have expected for a King!



William died early on the morning of September 9th 1087 AD at the age of 59 years. He had been attempting to capture the French town of Mantes when he was struck down with fatigue, and due to his rather large stature, he fell forwards over his saddle rupturing his internal organs. He then retreated to Rouen to recover but never did.

Bishops, Abbots, Monks and Physicians and two of his sons were at his side, but when the death occurred all the wealthy left to protect their own properties due to looters having free reign as there was now no King to rule. One son left immediately to claim the throne of England and the other insisted his £5000 of inheritance was weighed out to make certain it was all there before he too departed. The people who were left stripped the house of all its furnishings leaving the King's body alone on the floor (as they had taken his bed) almost naked.

As all the Royal dependents had departed, it fell to a common Knight to make the funeral arrangements for the King to be taken to Caen. As the body of the King arrived at the church, a fire broke out in the town, all the mourners vanished to put out the fire leaving only the Monks to carry out the service. Someone attempted to stop the funeral claiming the church had been built on land forcibly acquired from their father, the man was compensated 60 shillings and the funeral carried on. Just when you think nothing else could go wrong, as they tried to place the rather large King into a stone Sarcophagus (coffin), it had been made too small, so they tried to squeeze him in. Unfortunately his bowels burst and a terrible stench filled the air which not even the Frankincense and spices could mask the smell. The funeral rights were hurriedly carried out so the King could be laid to rest.

All his treasures which had been gained through evil deeds were given for the holy uses of good men and the church.

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FOR FUNERALS AND ALL URGENT ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL:

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14th “Season” of “Last Night of the Proms”

The annual Proms Concert in St. Bartholomew’s Church attracted an audience of 120 people. Once again Meltham and MM Band under their Musical Director Tim Sidwell provided the music with guest vocalist, tenor Paul Holroyd and Accompanist Jean Collison.

The band played excerpts from popular classical works by Rossini, Bizet, Shostakovich and Wagner. The finale included Fantasia on British Sea Songs by Henry Wood, Pomp and Circumstance March No.1 and Jerusalem. For these stirring pieces of music Paul was the vocalist, assisted by the audience. The band included in their music 3 wartime songs, Keep Smiling Through, Lili Marlene, White Cliffs of Dover and We’ll Meet Again. For those in the audience who didn’t know the words, (and there wouldn’t be many) a song sheet was provided and all joined in.

Paul chose songs from his wide repertoire, songs composed by Stephen Foster, songs from My Fair Lady, Les Miserables and classical pieces. On the latter, the audience, even though they didn’t know the words, knew the music. His fine tenor voice was well received by an audience in a relaxed mood, so typical of the last night at the Albert Hall.

The Band organised the raffle and the church ladies the refreshments of wine and soft drinks in the Church Hall.

The concert commenced at 7.30pm and concluded just before 10pm, with the band doing encores. In the words of the song “We’ll Meet Again”, that is just what will happen.

The next concert by the band is their Christmas concert in the church on Friday 15th December. Another one not to be missed.

John Mitchell



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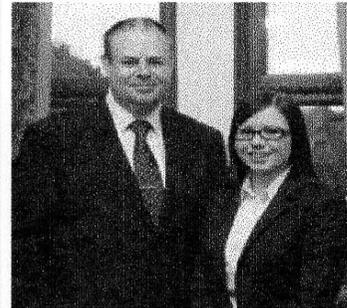
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PRAYING DURING THE INTERREGNUM

It is really important that, during our time of interregnum, we pray regularly for our Church and for the appointment of our next Vicar. You may wish to use this prayer:

**God our Father,
you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus
and called us to be his body in this place.
Send us your Holy Spirit,
at this time of uncertainty and change,
to fill us with vision and energy;
make us faithful in prayer and worship,
that we may be true to our calling
to bring new life to our community.
Guide with your heavenly wisdom
those who are to choose a new Incumbent for this parish,
that the one whom we receive
may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:
ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith,
and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

St Bartholomew's Women's Fellowship

The November meeting will be on Tuesday 28th at 7.30pm in Church.
The speaker will be Mrs Renee Lavin who will speak on her life as an Artist and a Headmistress.
The tea ladies are Christine Ward and Jean Collison.
On 2nd December the Church are holding a Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall from 10am—4pm (for more details see feature in this magazine).
Contributions of Cakes and Tombola items would be much appreciated.

Catherine Moulson

From the wider world...

I catch the train at last least once each week from Wakefield Westgate railway station. Those of you who know it, will know that there is a good view of HM Prison, Wakefield from the bridge or from parts of platforms 1 and 2.

Over the years, week by week, I have found myself thinking about and praying for the people within those walls and I was inspired to find out about 'Prison Hope'. Prison Hope is an organisation that exists to help churches to support prison chaplains and organisations working with prisoner and their families, both in prison and when they leave. Believing in the power of prayer – Prison Hope asks for our prayers for those who have sinned, made mistakes, and are doing their time – and for their families – in the sure belief that Jesus died to save our sins and we are called to forgive and help people to sin no more.

If you have the internet you might want to find out more on www.prisonhope.org.uk

But I wanted to share this passage from scripture and prayer for us all to reflect upon and pray this month.

So the scripture – from Philippians 3:12 (Living Bible)

¹² I don't mean to say I am perfect. I haven't

learned all I should, but I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ saved me for and wants me to be.

God of hope, teach us to be good neighbours, your Spirit enabling all those who work to build community, make connections, develop networks and include the other. We remember those who struggle for inclusion and long for acceptance and affirmation. Teach us to be gentle with one another, to press on recognising our brothers and sisters in all their diversity as fellow members of your family, made in your image and worthy of all reverence and respect. Lord, in hope we turn to you. Amen.

Ruth Murray-Webster



A PEACEFUL INTERREGNUM

by Pam Murgatroyd

We're so lucky to have 4 churches
In the Parish of Christ the King
And we would all be very lucky
If we all wanted the same, that's the thing.

St. Barts in the centre of Meltham,
With St. James along Huddersfield Road.
Christchurch is at Helme, the
rainbow church
And St. Mary's on Wilshaw Road

Now during the interregnum
The times of some services change
This is until our new vicar
Will come and then re-arrange.

It's not that we haven't the clergy,
As we are lucky to have our four.
To fit into each church, each Sunday,
We really don't need any more.

Reverend Maureen brought us
together
And that took her some time, it is true.
She just wanted the best for the
Parish
And surely that's me and you.

So let's all try to pull together
We can do things the Reverend Read way.
Then if things don't turn out as we want
them,
We can all get together and pray.

CHURCH HALL DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2017

WEEKLY BOOKINGS

Every Tuesday	Pilates	10.00am
	'Good as Gold'	
	With Pam Cox	2.00pm
	Slimming World	5.30 and 7.30pm
Every Wednesday	Zumba Gold	10.00am
Every Friday	Baby Sensory	10.00am
	G & S Rehearsal	7.45pm

MONTHLY BOOKINGS

1st Tuesday	Women's Institute	7.30pm
2nd Wednesday	Flower Club	7.00pm
1st & 3rd Thursdays	Cloverleaf Club	1.00pm - 3.00pm
2nd Thursday	Over 60's Club	2.00pm
Last Tuesday (Church)	Women's Fellowship	7.30pm

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS - Doors open 9.30am

4th November	Helme Church
11th	Cricket Club
18th	Save HRI
25th	No Coffee—G&S Show / Crisis Coffee Morning, St James' Church, 10am

OTHER BOOKINGS

18th November	Hospice Support Group "Xmas Shopping" - 2pm Oxfam Quiz—7pm
2nd December	CHRISTMAS FAYRE—10am—4pm CHRISTMAS CONCERT—7.30pm (see feature)

Please note that all bookings for the Church Hall should be made with Pam Murgatroyd to avoid disappointment or duplication.
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Conscience and Conviction in Equal Measure

Born 1883, died 1962. His name is unimportant. He was one of millions, largely unknown, except to his family and friends back home. He was in the 1st World War, serving not as a soldier but as a non combatant; volunteering as a stretcher bearer. I knew him well, having lived very happily with him and his wife for 18 months in Nottingham in the early part of my career.

What caused me to want to relate this story? We had 3 days touring the battlefields round Ypres and the Somme at the end of August and his service and that of the millions came in to sharp focus. 11th November will soon be here and now is the time to relate some of his story. All those years ago he would only share with me the basic details. Too horrible to relate.

He joined in 1915, had a strong faith and conscience that he wished to serve his country but would not take up arms. As a stretcher bearer, as we subsequently learned, and he confirmed to me, it was very hazardous with constant danger.

When the fighting ceased for the day or night, he had to go and bring in the dead, the dying and the wounded to a dressing station. Soggy, uneven ground riddled with shells (some unexploded), craters, barbed wire and the odd sniper fire from soldiers of both sides who were delirious and crying out for help or to join their maker were ever present. The smell of gunfire, smoke and smog and the ever changing weather all added to the difficulties. Fright, fear and the high risk of death were the constant companions. A task, probably worse than bearing arms. Once you went over the top to assist you were on your own. Probably the worst "job" in any war. He miraculously came out of it unscathed. The only meagre measure of comfort was that from your companions and the days of rest and recuperation and days when there was a lull in the fighting. Little did he know, or anyone else, that the war would drag on till the end of 1918.

I mentioned this virtue and another one that is worth noting is that he was a strict follower of "6 days shalt thou labour and the Sabbath is a day of rest."

Sunday was just that. Whatever job, however urgent it may seem, would have to wait. He contented himself with rest and the only work he would engage in was to help his wife prepare the food for the Sunday meals. He would not have a Sunday paper, but listen to the radio if a programme appealed to him. They had no TV and even if they had it would have been a step too far. In the evening he would catch the trolley bus up to his church, Derby Road Baptist Church, Nottingham and attend Sunday evening worship. Sadly DRBC is no longer there.

In 1964 whilst working in the West Midlands I called at a small terrace house and eventually an old man with breathing difficulties answered the door. After getting his breath back, he ushered me in, and between gasps for air told me he was gassed in the 1st World War. His wife was serving the lunch of mashed potatoes and cabbage and I innocently asked what meat they were having to go with the veg. The reply was "No meat, we can only afford meat twice a week." It stunned me. Lloyd George promised him and millions like him "A Land Fit for Heroes."

In the 55 years that have elapsed the world has changed immensely and so has attitudes and Sunday is just another weekday. There must still be the odd person (and to most people they would be "odd") who have such strong convictions, but I know of none.

John Mitchell





The coffee morning held in the Church Hall on Saturday 30th September raised £503.47! (This included a donation)

Many thanks to everyone who helped, donated and provided goods for the stalls.

CHURCH DROP IN HOUR

Church Drop In Hour takes place at **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH**, which is the large Church in the centre on Meltham on Green End Road HD9 5NW.

Church Drop In Hour runs weekly between **6.00PM AND 7.00PM ON THURSDAYS.**

Arrangements for Banns, Marriage, Baptism or any other non-urgent matter may be made between these hours.

When you arrive you will be greeted by a member of our congregation, there will be tea or coffee available and if you bring your children with you, we can direct them to the toy box while you make your arrangements/enquiries.

Please note that when making arrangements for a Wedding, it is important that we meet both you and your partner.

We look forward to meeting you!



Operation Christmas Child

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The Meltham St. James Church Operation Christmas Child warehouse will open on Monday the 6th November 9.30am - 6.00pm. And close on the 1 December.

If you would like an empty wrapped shoe box to fill with gifts please come down to St. James Church any Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm.

We would welcome gifts of 'fillers', in particular soap, flannels, toothbrushes and soft sweets for the 2 -4 year old children.

I have not been told the destination of the Meltham boxes but it is likely to be somewhere in Eastern Europe or Africa!!

We welcome old and new volunteers to join us to check the donated gift filled shoeboxes.

Full training will be given to all who generously give their time.

Looking forward to seeing you in November!

Judith Powell

Operation Christmas Child Area Coordinator

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HELME LADIES

Our own long standing member, Margaret Tiffany, took centre stage at our meeting on Tuesday 26th September when she gave us an excellent talk on her life as a District Nurse in Meltham.

As a three year old she announced to her family that she was going to be 'a baby's nurse'. Much later when she left school she began nurses training in Oldham. Back then it was 'on the job' training – no university, just the amazing experience of working on the ward. Margaret reflected on one disaster where, along with a colleague, she was tasked with collecting and cleaning all the thermometers on the ward. In order to ensure they were scrupulously clean they put them in boiling water. All 37 thermometers ended up with the glass smashed and loose mercury swirling in the water. Not surprisingly they were reprimanded by Matron. She met her husband Neil at a dance in Oldham and when they were married she had to make the sacrifice of moving into Yorkshire and Huddersfield in particular. Her first job was that of being the district nurse in Moldgreen. No car in those days and she did her rounds with the aid of the local buses.

Then to satisfy her childhood dream she trained as a mid-wife and worked at the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital.

After a break to bring up her own family she returned to work and became a district nurse here in Meltham. This was an eye opener for Margaret and she gave lots of hilarious examples of experiences she had at the homes she visited. She was very popular and knew almost everyone in the village at that time.

In interesting experience in recent times when she was with her son John at a film premier of one of the Harry Potter films which had been directed by him. J. K. Rowling came up to Margaret on the red carpet, curtseyed to her and thanked her for giving the world – John. She has had an amazing life and it was a delight to all of us to listen to Margaret's talk.

Quirky II in Meltham on Tuesday 10th October was the venue for our next get together for Afternoon Tea. This was to be the third occasion we have had this event here but it is for all the right reasons not least first class food and excellent service. Not surprising though is it that Quirky II has just won the 'Best Yorkshire Restaurant' award and for that we gave our congratulations to the owner upon our arrival.

Sadly, because of various reasons, including holidays, we did not have a full turnout but those of us who went enjoyed super food. There were sandwiches containing roast beef, smoked salmon, tomato with cheese and chutney all created with bread made on the premises. To follow there were small pasties containing shredded duck, cheese tartlets and small jacket potatoes with cheese. Naturally there was copious quantities of tea to drink and then the taste buds were excited by the cakes which were to follow. A mouth watering selection indeed of scones with jam and cream, moist chocolate brownies, light and fluffy lemon drizzle cake and a shortbread crumble.

The food, together with the excellent rapport of our members enjoying themselves made for another highly successful event and an afternoon spent in a land of dreams.

Hazel Gibson Contact telephone 01484 852711

Helme Hall
have their service of
Holy Communion
on
Thursday
30th November 2017
2.00pm
in the lounge.



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Tuesday 28th November 2017
at 1.30 pm



All are welcome

Bell House



have their
Holy Communion service on
Wednesday
1st November at 10.30am in the
Lounge
All are welcome

There are no longer mid week visits at Scarr Green, instead the residents will be joining our Sunday morning services.

Also, please note that Helme Hall's service, has now moved to a Thursday.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms - We welcome you into the Lord's Family
Jenson Frank Michael Pogson, Rachel Louise Bedford,
Noah George Martin Barber

Marriage, a Gift of God in creation and a means of His grace
Louise Michelle Warner & Michael Andrew Brown

Anyone wishing to have their loved ones names included in the book of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's please contact Jean Collison : Telephone 851816 (there is a small fee of £5 for church expenses)

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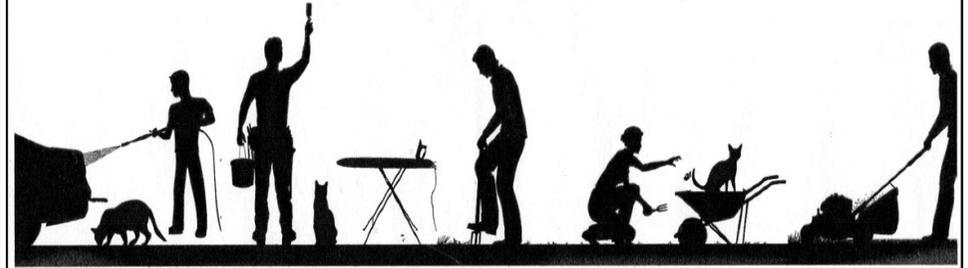
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ST MARY'S REPORT

Rev Dennis Shields led a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 17th September at St Mary's. Elizabeth Pearson was organist and read the lessons and Kim Howe led the intercessions. Rev Dennis spoke about the importance of forgiveness and Peter Pearson was sidesman. There was no service at St Mary's the following Sunday as it was the Archdeacon's Visitation. We attended the United Parish Communion at St James' Church, Meltham Mills at 10am, along with people from Christ Church and St Bartholomew's and it was good to come together as a parish to worship God. The Archdeacon, The Ven Dr Ann Dawtry, was the celebrant and preached the sermon. Following the service she met with the clergy, readers and churchwardens and then we shared lunch together. Our thanks to St James' for hosting this and for providing refreshments. The Archdeacon then checked the registers and log books from all four churches and thanked us for attending.

The 1st October saw the Harvest Festival held at our new time of 11.15am. The theme of the service was "Harvest Chains" and Rev Judy reminded us that there are many links between every loaf of bread and wheat seed in the food chain. However many people are involved, whatever machines they use, whatever natural things are involved they all lead back to God who is our Creator. As well as bread we thought about fruit, water, vegetables, wood, minerals, packets and tins. Kara and Harriet read the lessons and led our thank you prayers, Kim lead the intercessions and Peter Pearson was sidesman. Harriet, Holly, Kara, Jonah and Gwynn heled Rev Judy with the talk and joined the music group for one of our hymns. Our thanks go to all those who gave so generously to the harvest display and decorated the church so beautifully. Harvest gifts were taken to those who are ill and the rest went to the Meltham Food Bank.

There was no service at St Mary's on 8th October but we were able to attend services at either Christ Church or St James'.

Rev Judy led a Baptism Service on Sunday 15th October when we welcomes Isabella Bobbi into God's family. Here parents are Colin and Judy and her godparents are Michael McManamin, Claire & Damian Hambleton and Joanne McCrystal. Michael lit the Paschal candle and Damian presented the Baptism candle. Elliot, Martha and Betsy heled Rev Judy as we thought about the symbols of baptism, Kim led the prayers and Clive Pearson read the lessons. Isabella's family chose the hymns, Elizabeth played the organ and keyboard and Clive played double-bass. What a joy it was to share this special time with Isabella and her family and to share in the party, held at Wilshaw Village Hall following the service.

Bell House Report

A Harvest Festival took place at Bell House, Wilshaw on Wednesday 4th October. Rev Judy Kenworthy took the service and spoke about how much we owe our farmers, fishermen, bakers, shopkeepers and delivery men who provide us with our food and especially how much we owe God. A display of fruit, veg and flowers, donated by St Mary's, was given to the residents with our love.