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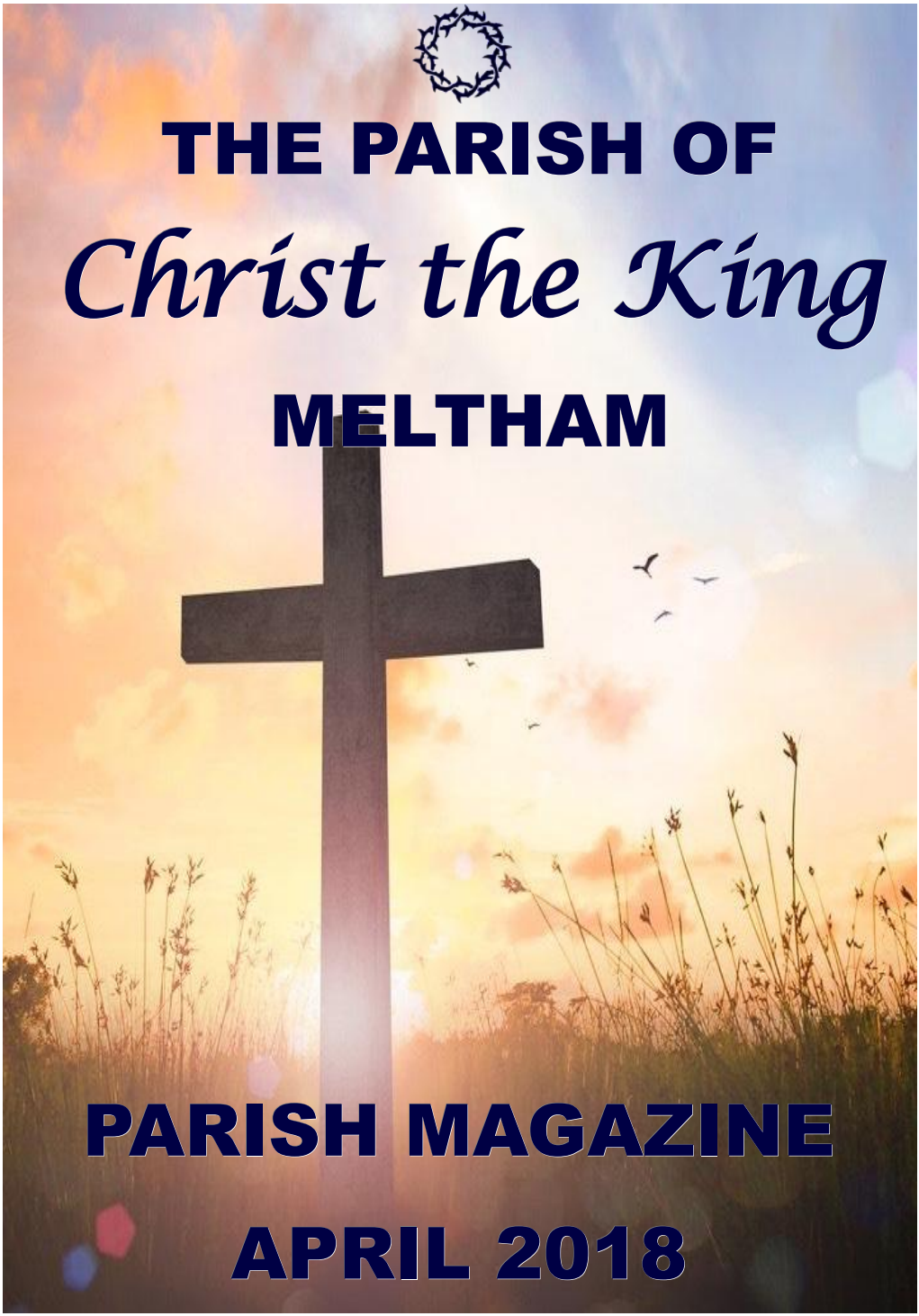

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A Letter from your Clergy

As I sit to write this letter we are still in March and surrounded by beautiful glowing white snow, lit up from the rays of sunshine coming across the landscape and in through the windows. It is quiet, apart from the squawking and distant singing of birds. As you read this it will be April, and I can hear the words in all our churches and across the world proclaiming with joy:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The victory over death is won in the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! Happy Easter!

On a number of occasions during Lent we found Jesus trying to break through His disciples' denial and misunderstanding about His death, in order to prepare them (and us) for the event and what it would mean.

In John 12.20-33, Jesus turns to nature for a metaphor to try to help them understand, and speaks of 'a single grain'. If it is put into the ground, it will break down, as if dead. From that death, life grows and we see a plant with many grains that can be used for food. Jesus is saying that His life may have a small effect while He is alive but from His death will come new life - enough for the entire world. That is why He will not try to avoid his death. He knows that true life, for Him and for those who come after Him, only comes on the other side of death– which is now so gloriously demonstrated and fulfilled in His triumphant resurrection. Jesus turned the cross 'of crucifixion' into one 'of victory and abundant life'.

Jesus tells those present (and us) that those who are anxious to save their temporal or earthly life, comfort and security, shall lose eternal or heavenly existence. But those who are willing to risk, or lose, their comfort and life here, for Christ's sake, shall find life everlasting (v25). He then goes on to say:

> "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour" (v26)

So what does all this mean for us today? Jesus was not just speaking of Himself but also about all His followers (including you and me) needing to face up to the inevitability of death. This isn't easy. It's hard to face up to death, both our own and that of those we love. We mostly want to take the road of avoidance, to forget about death until we can no longer ignore it, to cling on to youth and beauty and hope that cures will be found for
everything that might harm us. Being afraid of death, trying to delay it at all costs and trying to defeat the signs of ageing are all still with us today. The obsession with preserving our lives as they are prevents us from attending to the kind of life that really matters, i.e. a life that is full and generous, truthful and fruitful.

Jesus' message is that death leads to real life, in which we know our limitations and can be honest about them, and not be afraid to take risks and speak out for love and truth. The result is of course worth it, as it brings eternal, heavenly life for us all who follow Him – and what's more, it begins right now!

The way of faith is not one of fear, pride, defensiveness and worry but (Matthew 6.25 -34; Luke 12.22-34) requires us to try to follow Christ's example of righteousness and courage, guided by the Holy Spirit and trusting in God - for Jesus 'is the way, the truth and the life' (John 14:6).

To conclude, let us turn to Richard Holloway (1997) who, using metaphors of music and dancing, insists that:

> "The very last word should be about joy and exhilaration, about dancing on the edge … go with the music right to the edge, and over it if necessary because we follow one *(Jesus Christ of Nazareth)* who told us not to be afraid, since he was already away ahead of us."

I hope you have found this letter helpful, as it is intended to be. It includes words and ideas from: *Lost for Words? A sermon resource for the three-year Anglican cycle,* pages 164-165, compiled and edited by Jane Williams (2009); *Dancing on the edge,* page 200, written by Richard Holloway (1997).

On behalf of Judy, John, Peter and me, I have great pleasure in offering you our love and best wishes for Easter 2018.

Yours in Christ, Dennis x

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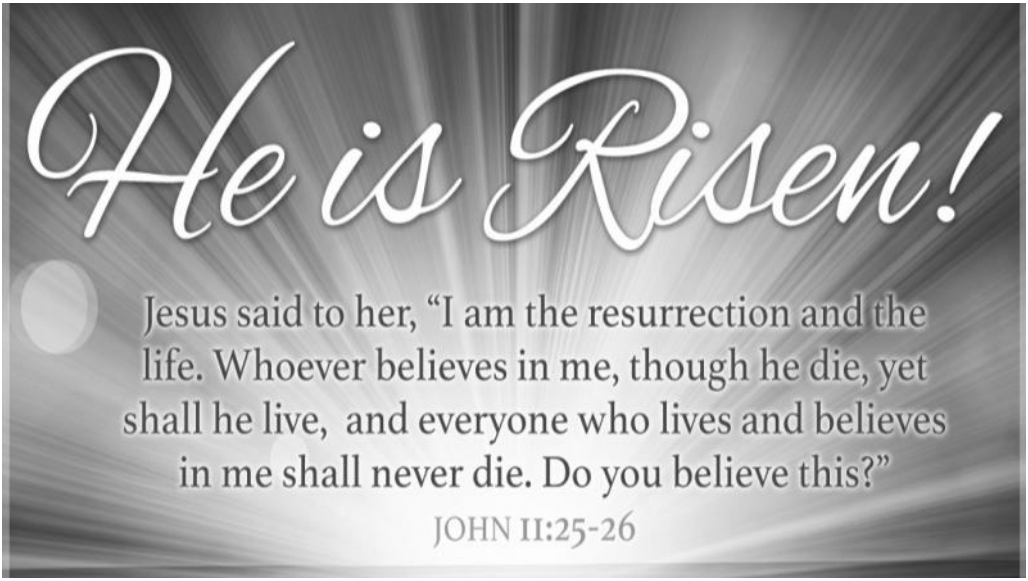
The words in italics and brackets have been inserted by me but taken from Richard Holloway's writing.



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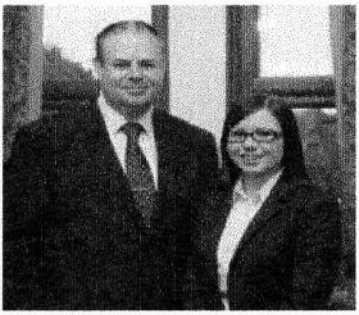

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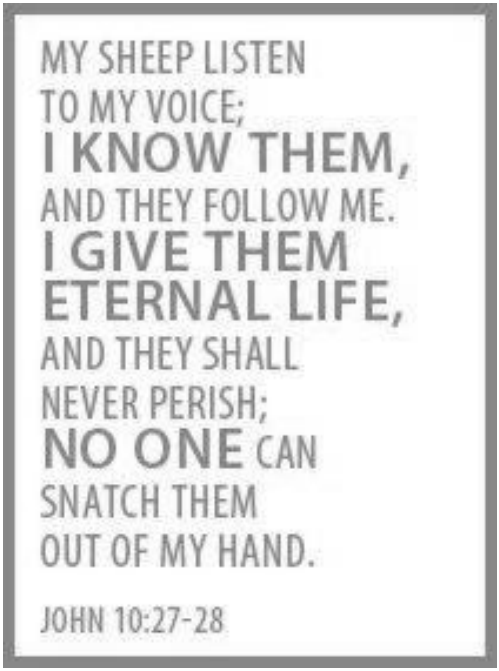
Testimony Time…

When I began to write about my faith journey I wasn't sure where to start. The idea of people across the parish reading this was daunting, so, I decided to imagine writing to just one person.

Now, I could have chosen anyone from Dolly Parton to my daughter, Isobel, but I settled on Hester Deacon. I expect there are now murmurs of approval drifting across the parish.

I had taken myself to Sainsbury's cafe to avoid distractions (and housework) and no sooner had Hester's name popped into my head than the lift pinged, the doors slid open, and out she walked. Now that's funny, but it's not surprising. I have lost count of the number of times, over the years, something similar has happened. And it's an example of how my faith has taken shape.

I have never experienced an epiphany. No flashes of light, startling revelations or miraculous happenings. Just a steady stream of messages which have given me what I needed, as long as I was prepared to listen. I confess, I have not always wanted to listen, but God has been persistent.



As I once described to Revd. Maureen - He just wouldn't shut up and go away. Sometimes when I have tried to listen it was difficult to follow, either because I didn't understand or because it seemed too hard. So my faith journey has been about learning to listen, to reflect and to let in His voice above the clamour of everyday life and when it gets too difficult – I'll go and speak to Hester.

- Kirstin Crossley

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St Bartholomew's Women's Fellowship

The April meeting of the Women's Fellowship will take place on Tuesday 24th April at 2pm in the Church, when the speaker will be Mrs Hilary Livingstone.

The Tea Ladies will be Jenny Hilton and Jean Collison.

The annual coffee morning will be held on Saturday 14th April in the Church Hall when cakes, tombola prizes, and most importantly, help would be much appreciated! - Catherine Moulson

A few from Fred:

Facts - The most memorable people in life will be the friends who loved you, even when you weren't lovable.

- Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die

- All of us could take a lesson from the weather… It pays no attention to criticism.

Did you know - Atheism is a non *PROPHET* organisation.

On a remote island in the Pacific, cannibals ate a missionary - they got a taste of religion.

And finally - life is short… smile while you still have teeth!

(Denis A)

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

To make an appointment please contact Amelia on 01484 850050 or email parishofchristtheking@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you!

Dorothy May Lodge

Remembering a dear wife & Mum on her birthday 25th April 2018,
who sadly passed away on November 1st 2016.
Sadly missed but never forgotten.
Love Arnold & family

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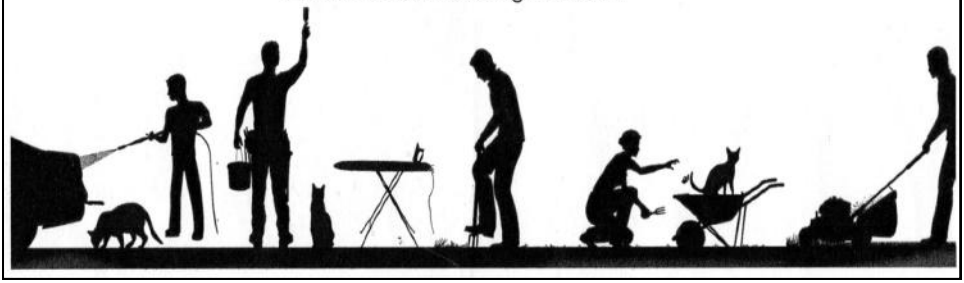

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ST MARY'S REPORT

There was a service of Morning Worship at St Mary's on Sunday 18th February. Jacqueline France led the service and took for her theme "LOVE". Rev Judy Kenworthy read the lessons, Elizabeth Pearson was the organist, Kim Howe led the intercessions and Peter Pearson was sidesperson.

On Thursday 22nd February, we said farewell to Keith Day at his funeral. Keith attended St Mary's occasionally until his health deteriorated. The service and burial was taken by Rev Judy, the verger was Peter Pearson and Elizabeth was organist. Refreshments were served in the Sunday School following the service and we extend our deepest sympathy to Keith's family.

A "Bulgarian Evening" took place, in the Sunday School on Saturday 24th February. Churchwarden Kim Howe arranged this with the help of Jacqueline, Judith, Ian, Judy and Peter, and was a time of fun, friendship and food. Twenty eight guests enjoyed a three course meal of 'Bob Chorb' (bean soup) followed by 'Kyufte' (meatballs) 'Kebapche' (sausage) and 'Shopski Salad' with sheeps cheese. Pudding was 'Baclava' with ice cream—delicious. Entertainment included Bulgarian music, 'Call my Bluff' a fun quiz and a display of Bulgarian crockery and pictures. Our thanks go to Atlas Building Services who sponsored the event and to Morrison's Supermarket for their generous donation towards the meal.

The following day we welcomed Lay Reader Nigel Priestly to lead our morning service. Nigel had just returned from Msindi in Uganda so he was feeling the cold. He told us of a trip to seek out chimpanzees, in the jungle, that he took while he was there. He compared this journey, with a guide, to the journey we as Christians take in the world as we seek out our Lord Jesus. He reminded us that sometimes we have to go a different way than the one we had planned, as our guide takes us a better way.

On Sunday 4th March, we had to change our plans slightly due to the snow, and had Morning Prayer led by Kim, Liz did the readings and Peter was sidesperson.

On Mothering Sunday, 11th March, we welcomed Rev Steve Dixon to lead our worship. We thought about our Mother Church and about our own mothers and carers and all the ladies in the congregation received a little posey of daffodils. It was good to see Rev Steve again as he was curate in this Parish from 1999—2002. Our thanks go to all our readers, musicians, prayer leaders, sidespeople and those who are leading our worship during the interregnum.

We are now looking forward to Bishop Jonathan's visit on 25th March at St Mary's.

BELL HOUSE REPORT

Unfortunately the service at Bell house, due to take place on Wednesday 28th February, had to be cancelled because of heavy snow.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms - We welcome you into the Lord's Family

Meadow Irving

Funerals - May they rest in peace

Bessie Farrell

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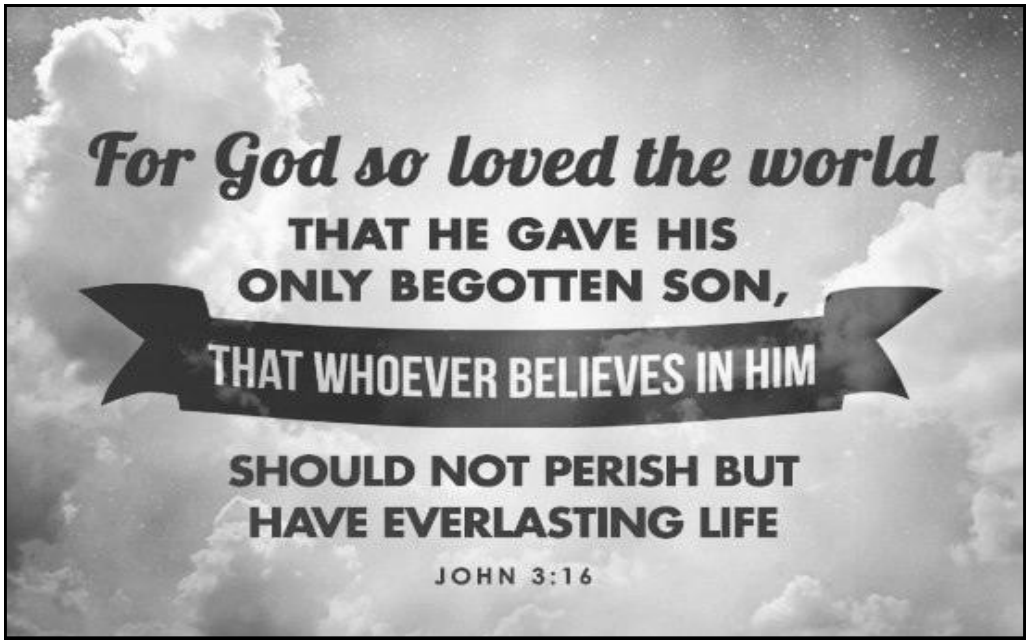

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Church Growth

Rehearsals have been going really well for our performance of Stainer's Crucifixion. The choir will be augmented to the tune of 30+ voices and will be singing in the Nave. Our soloists, Paul Holroyd and Raymond Ellis are also in good voice.

Please do join us and bring your friends for this truly moving rendition of the Easter story, up to our Lord dying on the Cross on that darkest of days.

Not to be missed!

St Bartholomew's Church, 30th March at 7pm.

- Simon Ball

The joint 'Meltham Churches Together' Good Friday service will commence as usual at 10.45am at Meltham Methodist Church, and will be followed by a frugal lunch (soup, bread and cheese) to be held in the Methodist Church Hall (the annex) at noon.
Please note we will not be using Meltham Church Hall this year.

Meltham Churches Together
'Praying with and for our community'

In April we will be praying in St Bartholomew's, 10 - 10.30am, Wednesday:

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HELME LADIES

One of the highlights from our February programme is to journey over to Marsden's Parochial Hall and see the pantomime by the almost all-male cast The Avalanche Dodgers. The title of this years panto was Alice in Blunderland, again written by Marsden's Peter Armitage MBE. Clearly this is a twist on Lewis Carrol's, Alice in Wonderland but with a difference. Rumour has it that Lewis Carrol was high on Opium when he wrote Alice in Wonderland and we are led to wonder whether Peter Armitage was well under the affluence of incohol on his recent Spanish holiday where he wrote 'Blunderland'. It is nevertheless a work of true genius!

In the opening scene Alice, a couple of fields away from home, drinks a couple of cans of Special Brew goes all dizzy and meets with a white rabbit who befriends her. As part of the conversation Alice is told never to say the words Abracadabra, Geronimo, Arsenal and Edelweiss unless she is only stood on one leg. Well of course she doesn't and is transported through time and special effects to lots of fairy tale locations. Firstly to the Mad Hatters Tea Party, then to The Sound of Music and the confrontation of Count Von-Trapp by the Gruppa Fuhrer and his soldiers and the escape to Switzerland. Another magic word without precaution and Alice is whisked away to a scene in Treasure Island with Short John Silver and a gun fight from which she escapes only to be transported to a scene in Calamity Jane where she meets Wild Bill Hicock to whom she is supposed to wed. Another transportation to a scene from Oliver Twist in Dickensian London and finally a transportation back to Marsden where Alices's mother calls her because tea is ready. Alice leaves the stage vowing never again to drink Special Brew.

It was an incredible performance creating so much laughter and cheering by the audience. A mix of singing and dancing added to the superb acting and the irreplaceable Herald with his post horn who kept coming on stage to tell us about the plot but who himself admitted that he hadn't a clue.

Some 30 of our members and friends left the Parochial Hall still laughing as they made their journey homeward after another memorable evening of entertainment by the The Avalanche Dodgers.

A few days later we were warned by the Meteorolgical Office that 'The Beast from the East' was on its way to the UK. A polar vortex and bitterly cold winds from Siberia no less. This was on Monday and our next meeting was in Helme Church on Tuesday evening. Fearing for the safety and wellbeing of our members we decided to call off the evening and meet on Tuesday morning 10.00am on the 6th March. Our members unanimously supported the decision with comments such as 'Oh! Thank goodness for that!' 'I am glad!' and 'I thought it would be!' Right on cue the weather deteriorated at tea time on Tuesday and on the following days we experienced a Siberian winter in the first week of March. Bitter cold, deep snow and high winds. A weather event the whole of the British Isles will not forget in a hurry!

Thank you to everyone for their good wishes, cards and flowers following my recent operation. Special, belated, thanks to the carol singers for singing 'Salvation', it was lovely!
I continue to make good progress and I'm looking forward to some better weather! - Beverley Hirst

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In our Gospel today we hear……beginning to sink Peter cried out, "Lord, save me.""

If he had prayed a longer prayer, he would have been twenty-nine feet under water before he would have gotten to his request. Peter got right down to business, and you and I need to pray like that.

'Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him!'

We have to remember that in our dark moments because this incident happened during the fourth watch of the night, between 3 AM and 6 AM.

Factories with night shifts have higher rates of accidents in these early hours. We don't think as clearly in these early hours. These are hours of testing or trial.

A lesson for us is that God will come and help us but not when we want him to come. He comes to us in his time. It might be during the fourth watch.

The message is not to let our experiences of life overwhelm our experiences of faith.

Peter could walk on water when he looked at Jesus— Our energy is the fundamental currency of high performance. Every thought, feeling, and action has an energy consequence. Some say that managing energy, not time, is the key to high performance.

When walking on water, don't look down at your feet because this represents yourself without God in our life, and your past limitations.

Someone said, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in rain."

Peter got out of the boat. If you want to walk on water, you got to get out of the boat. Your boat could be your house, your car, your job, your relationships—do something for God with them that you have not done before.

Jesus doesn't censure feelings. He did not say, "Do not be afraid, it is I". He said, "Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid". We add to our fear by attempting to maintain an appearance of strength and then worrying that how we really feel will be found out. Or, we may simply retreat in our own world. When we stop denying our fear or fighting it, we can accept it. We no longer fear our fear. Trouble is a tunnel which we pass through and not a brick wall against which we must break our head.

We learn that fear can be replaced with faith. We can begin to let down our guard and then realize that we had only the illusion of control.
We learn to let go of our fear, and when we do, God gives us the strength needed to meet the situation at hand.

Fear and discouragement can make the greatest person ineffective. It can choke all growth. It brings progress to a standstill. It can render a Christian, a leadership, a congregation useless more easily than anything. For when we are discouraged we don't pray like we should; we don't read our Bibles as we should; we don't step out in faith; we don't trust God. In discouragement we stumble back into old sins and destructive habits.

This is why we are told so many times in the New Testament to encourage one another. In our reading tonight: Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

It's not just on Sundays we need encouragement. It could be any day, and every day we need to be prepared to encourage one another. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that one of the core purposes of the church, especially the church meeting together is mutual encouragement, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

So let me issue the challenge in the same way that Paul does: "encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." I like to imagine a church where everyone there is your greatest supporter. They all believe you can do it. They're all ready to help you make it happen. They're all there to help you back up when you stumble. And they're all thrilled when you do succeed. That's the kind of church we are called to be.

The New Testament word for encourage is such a beautiful picture in itself. The Greek word the Bible uses means to "come alongside of, to stand with." You encourage someone when you come alongside someone and help carry the load, you help them keep going. You guide them in which way to go.

Jesus uses this very same word in the gospel of John to describe the Holy Spirit. When Jesus called the Spirit the Comforter, He is saying that the Holy Spirit is the one who comes alongside us, and stands with us, and helps us to move on. That's what encouragement does.

My prayer is that together great things will happen and more people will come to know and join this Christian community.

- Bishop Tony Robinson

Women's World Day of Prayer 2018 - A new date for your diaries!

The "Beast from the East" may have caused us to postpone our service but we have rearranged it for the end of April, so as not to clash with Easter celebrations or school holiday childcare.

We do hope you will be able to join with us then, when we will be following the service prepared by the women of Surinam entitled "All God's Creation is Very Good".

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2. Flora & fauna of Meltham
3. Events in Meltham 2016/17/18

Entries will be on display in St Bartholomew's Church on 28th / 29th July.

The entered photos may be black & white or colour, no larger than A5 (15x20cms).

Please write your name & contact number on the back of each entry.

There is a cost of £1.00 per entry

The winners will be announced at the 'Yorkshire Day Celebrations' on Saturday 28th July.

The closing date to enter is Saturday 21st July 2018.

Please hand entries & monies in at the Crossroads Shop or St Bartholomew's Church on Fridays 10.30am - 12.00pm, to a parishioner or at a Sunday service.

Good luck and we look forward to seeing some spectacular photographs!

Scarecrow Festival

By Pam Murgatroyd

If you've never made a scarecrow,
Then come to the workshop and see
How easy it is to make your own
And the session in April is free.

It takes place from seven til nine
On April the fifth in the hall,
And everyone will be welcome,
Even if you know nothing at all.

Spring Bank hols is the 7th May,
When the scarecrows are out in the street
Or sit in shop windows or gardens too,
There are dozens or more, it's a treat.

Refreshments for sale in the church hall
Or if, by chance, there's some sun,
There's a hog roast and bar near the doctor's,
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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S - APRIL 2018 ROTA

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	SIDESPERSONS	COFFEE
1st April	Easter Flowers	Mr J Mitchell Mrs C Mitchell	Mrs C Moulson Mrs M Ball
8th April	Mrs J Belch	Mrs C Ward Mrs E Radcliffe	Mrs C Mitchell Mrs V Poole
15th April	Mrs B Furniss	Mrs P Murgatroyd Mrs C Woodroffe	Mrs B Jennings Mrs V Armitage
22nd April	Mr & Mrs G Crowther	Mr R Styan Mrs P Maffin	Mrs E Radcliffe Mrs G Gilleard
29th April	Women's Fellowship	Parish Communion	Meltham Mills

ST MARY'S - APRIL 2018 ROTA

Date	Service	Readings	Prayers
31st March	Blessing of Light 7.00pm	John	Kim
1st April	Holy Communion 11.15am	Angela	Kim
8th April	Holy Communion 11.15am	John	Jacqueline
15th April	Holy Communion 11.15am	Judy	Kim
22nd April	Morning Worship 11.15am	John	Jacqueline
29th April	Parish Communion at St James, 9.30am		

ST JAMES' ROTA - APRIL 2018

Date	Service	Preacher/ Leader	Celebrant	Reader	Side Person	Coffee
1st April 9.30am	HC	P Rolls	P Rolls	C Woods	J&C Burhouse	C&T Bleasdale
8th April 5.00pm	5 Alive			Team		J&C Burhouse
15th April 9.30am	MW & Meditation	C Rolls		A Whiteley	D Green S Glover	R&A Whiteley
22nd April 9.30am	HC	N Priestley	D Shields	R Whiteley	M Still A Pearson	J Burhouse D Leach
29th April 9.30am	PC	H Deacon	P Rolls	R Walker	A Whiteley D Leach	R&A Whiteley

CHRIST CHURCH ROTA - APRIL 2018

Date	Flowers	Intercessions	Side Person	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
1st April	Easter Flowers	Clergy	Kevin	Janet	Moyra	Janet
8th April	Easter Flowers	Clergy	Kevin	Christine	Janet	Jenny H
15th April	Christine B	Clergy	Kevin	Jenny B	Eileen & Sheila	Pat
22nd April	Christine B	Clergy	Kevin	Janet	Christine	Irene
29th April	Pat R	Clergy	Kevin	Christine	Moyra	Eileen

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 Tunnaclife on **850724**

READINGS IN THE PARISH - APRIL 2018

Date	Theme	1st Reading	Gospel
1st April	The Resurrection of Jesus	Acts 10.34-43	John 20.1-18
8th April	Jesus Appears to His Disciples	Acts 4.32-35	John 20.19-end
15th April	Jesus Appears to His Disciples	Acts 3.12-19	Luke 24.36b-48
22nd April	Jesus the Good Shepherd	Acts 4.5-12	John 10.11-18
29th April	Jesus the True Vine	Acts 8.26-end	John 15.1-8

Please note: 'Acclamation of the Dawn Service at the Cock Crowing Stone, Sunday 1st April at 6.35am

SERVICES IN THE PARISH - APRIL 2018

Date	St Bartholomew's	St James	St Mary's	Christ Church
1st April	HC 9.30am	HC 5.00pm	HC 11.15am	HC 11.15am
8th April	HC 9.30am	5 Alive 5.00pm	HC 11.15am	HC 11.15
15th April	HC 9.30am	MW / Med 9.30am	HC 11.15am	MW 11.15am
22nd April	HC 9.30am	HC 9.30am	MW 11.15am	HC 11.15am
29th April	Parish Communion at St James, 9.30am			

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FOR FUNERALS AND ALL URGENT ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL:

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--- THANK YOU ---

CHURCH HALL DIARY FOR APRIL 2018

WEEKLY BOOKINGS:

Every Monday	**G & S Rehearsal**	**7.45pm**
Every Tuesday	Pilates (not on 3rd)	10.00am
	'Good as Gold' -	
	With Pam Cox	2.00pm
	Slimming World	5.30 and 7.30pm
Every Wednesday	Zumba Gold (not on 4th)	10.00am
Every Friday	Baby Sensory	10.00am
	(Not on over Easter - 30th March or 6th April)	

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

31st March	Christian Aid
7th April	G&S Society
14th	Women's Fellowship
21st	St Mary's
28th	Pre-School

OTHER BOOKINGS:

Thursday 5th	Scarecrow Workshop	7.00pm - 9.00pm
Saturday 21st	Musical Evening	G&S
Thursday 3rd May	Elections	
Sunday 6th May	Scarecrow Registration	1.30pm - 4.00pm

***Please note: All bookings for the Church Hall should now be made with Beverley Hirst on 07804 674759 / bhirst530@btinternet.com**

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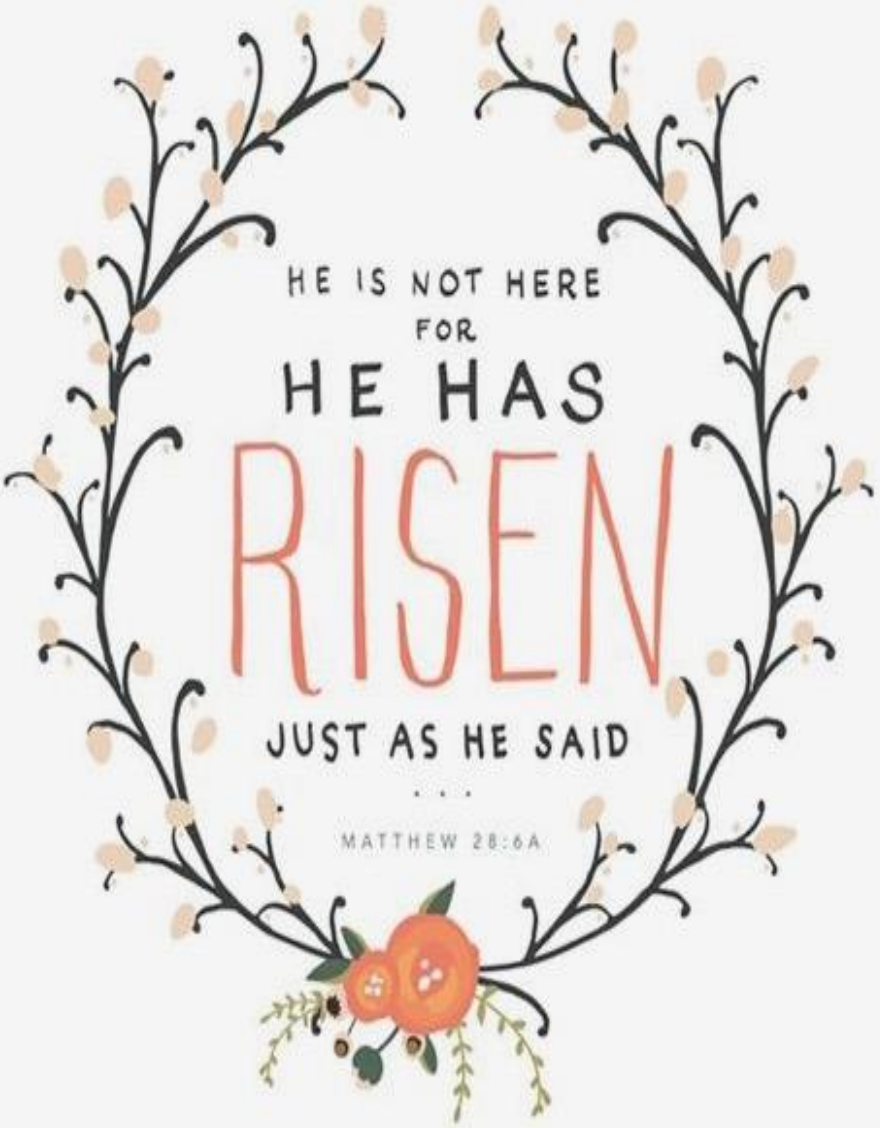
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