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Sunday 3rd November 2019 at 4:00pm

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I am at peace, my soul's at rest
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For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years.



Carols in the Park

4pm

Sunday 1st December

If the weather isn't kind the event will be held in St James'. Mulled wine will be served. And afterwards there will be a very special visitor at St James'.



Congratulations!
**Patrice is now a licensed
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***Thank
You!***

Thank you very much indeed
for the beautiful flowers, cards,
gifts and phone calls during my
last fall.

God Bless you all.

Joan Belch

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A letter from your vicar...

On Sunday the 10th of November we will have our remembrance service. Last year was the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day and it was good to see so many people at the service. In the Church of England we always count how many people are at each of our services, but on this occasion I must admit that we had to make an estimate. Having so many people at a remembrance service that there were too many people to count is a good problem to have. We believe that there were over 450 people in Church, and I'm told that a few found they couldn't get in at all.

Having so many people did cause some confusion and perhaps a little chaos but, that was the centenary year. I have had a number of people tell me that there are not usually so many and that there won't be so many this year. I hope they are wrong.

Each year for the last 100 years a great many people have gathered in different places around the country to mark the armistice and Remembrance Sunday.

We gather to remember:

We remember those who lost their lives in the first world war, and all those who have lost their lives serving our country in conflicts since then. We remember that war is a terrible thing but, that courage in standing against wrong ideologies is a good thing. We remember that too often those who have given their lives were far too young.

For many of us we gather for another reason as well, we gather to pray. Some of us who will gather on Remembrance Sunday pray often and some less often, some perhaps hardly at all. But as we gather, we pray with whatever faith we have, great or small, and we pray for peace. Not just peace for ourselves, but peace for all.

I know that world peace may seem a distant dream, and that praying for it may even be naive foolishness. However, my prayer is that as we gather and pray. We can all continue to share in hope; hope for a better and more peaceful future.

I believe hope should always be one of the reasons that we continue to remember.

Revd John



Remembrance Sunday 10th November

The parade with Meltham and Meltham Mills Band leaves the Carlile Institute at 10.30am.

All those not joining the parade should be in St Bartholomew's at 10.30am.

Prayer for Growth

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Amen.

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A note from the magazine team ...

Hi folks!

There are some wonderful photos in this month's issue, I hope you enjoy spotting your friends and yourselves. Our cover model is Sue Priestley. I snapped her having a well earned slice of cake during the wonderful grand opening of the Crossroads Centre in its new home. She and the amazing team have worked so hard and the results are beautiful. P.15 has details of how you can continue to support them. If you're attending anything or everything this coming month I'd love to see your snaps. Perhaps your group could feature on our covers, it's a great way to give recognition and say thank you to all the amazing volunteers we have in the parish.

There are plans afoot for something 'a bit different' at this year's Remembrance Service, turn to P.7 to find out how you can get involved.

Is Brexit getting you down? The weather making you fed up? Let the Helme Ladies cheer you up, ably assisted by Slaithwaite Sam, P.27&28

Please note: the strict deadline (yes Rev John, I'm talking to you) for submissions for the December issue is **Monday 25th November**. We need to be printed in plenty of time for Carols in the Park, so get your content to us as soon as you can.

Contact us using: kxly95@gmail.com or 07976767296 and also via the vicarage letterbox.

God bless, Fiona and Kirstin.



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Meltham Prayer Chain

Meltham Prayer chain has representatives from every church in Meltham and serves to pray for any need or difficulty.

Confidentiality is always respected.

If you would like to ask for prayers to be said, please contact

Rev Peter Rolls 340342

Lay reader Hester Deacon 657069

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10th NOV ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

This year we are doing something a bit different and need some more poppies, so if you could knit, crochet, or make some out of other materials we would be very grateful. Please let Gwynneth (07860636931) have them by **Friday 8th Nov.**



If you have any problems with any of the techniques in the poppy patterns - and you have access to the internet - you will find lots of tutorial videos on youtube.

1. Easy garter/knit stitch pattern for beginners

Colour A Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies!)

Colour B Scrap of Black or a black button

Body of Poppy

Using Col A cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1-4 Knit

Row 5 Knit 3 stitches together across the row(40 stitches)

Rows 6-9 Knit

Row 10 Knit 2 stitches together across the row(20 stitches)

Rows 11-14 Knit

Row 15 Knit 2 stitches together across the row(10 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm

Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.

Centre of Poppy

Using B, cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre.

Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy. Add pin.

2. Two petal crochet poppy

Rnd 1: With 3mm hook and wool, ch2. Make 10dc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with a slst in 1st dc. (10sts)

Rnd 2: *ch1 dc ch1 2tr in next st, 3tr in next st, 2tr ch1 dc in next st, slst in next 2sts. rep from * once again.

Rnd 3: *ch1 3dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next 5sts, 3dc in next 2 sts, slst in next 2sts. rep from * once again. Fasten off.

Attach button in the centre. Add pin.

Stitch explanation

ch = chain

dc = double crochet

htr = half treble crochet

r = row

st(s) = stitch (es)

rep=repeat

rnd=round

slst = slip stitch

tr = treble crochet

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The MSBP has supported the children's project Operation Christmas Child for the past 16 years. We have received and checked 200,000 gift filled shoe boxes which have travelled to many countries including Liberia, Belarus, Albania and Swaziland. We are a group of volunteers dedicated to the pastoral care of those involved and reaching children we will never meet, in countries we may never visit. We meet on Fridays at St James', Meltham Mills, from April until the end of October. We open the Processing Centre in November to process the donated boxes. We have around 200 volunteers who come and donate their valuable time. **In 2020 we will begin to meet Friday 17 April.**

We open for the delivery of filled shoe boxes from the 11th - 29th November, 10am - 5pm, Monday to Friday at St. James' Church, Huddersfield Road, Meltham Mills, HD9 4AL. There is a large car park adjacent to the church.

We welcome volunteers to help check donated boxes, pack the sealed boxes into cartons and load the vans. Everyone receives an induction when they arrive. Refreshments and a light Lunch available.

What to put in a shoe Box for Operation Christmas Child.

You can pick up a leaflet which gives lots of information from the Crossroads Shop Meltham. Alternatively, you can go online at Samaritanspurse.org.uk and click on Operation Christmas Child. Decide what sex and age you wish to give your box to. Boy or Girl ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. Find a shoe box – cover it in Christmas wrapping paper. No sweets or toothpaste please.

1. Choose a toy, something to play with e.g. a ball, skipping rope, a doll or small car.
2. Something for school e.g. pencil case, notebook, calculator
3. Something warm e.g. hat, scarf, gloves
4. Toothbrush. Soap and flannel
5. A small cuddly toy.

Fill your box and fix a label to the top. Place a rubber band around the box. Make a donation towards the cost of transporting the box (suggestion £5) and place it in an envelope in the box. You can make your donation online and you will be sent a bar code to print and place in the box, see the Samaritans purse web site. **Take your box to The Crossroads Shop in Meltham or bring it to St. James' Church, Meltham Mills.**

We are always in need of items to fill up the boxes we receive and you can leave these at the Crossroads shop in Meltham or bring them to St. James' Church. A financial contribution in place of a box will help us to get the boxes to their destination.

Support for the project comes from a variety of places. Individuals give their time to fill the boxes. Many schools, churches and businesses are involved. Schools take the opportunity to teach the children about sharing and giving to those less fortunate. Banks and building societies give staff a paid day away from work to come and help in the processing centre. Churches take the opportunity to share God's love by filling the boxes and informing their congregations about all aspects of Samaritans Purse and Operation Christmas Child. In Meltham we have tremendous support from the Crossroads Roads Shop and the grants committee. Tay Trans at Meltham Mills help with storing our filled cartons prior to export. Arrow van and car hire loan us a van at a very reasonable rate!! This is a community based project giving pleasure to all who donate, help and receive the boxes.



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SIDE BY SIDE is a small group run by volunteers who meet to offer friendship and support to people who are beginning to have memory problems or have recently been diagnosed with dementia.

It meets every Monday morning from 10 - 12 at the Methodist Church, Meltham.

The group aims to provide a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities to chat, share memories, enjoy a range of activities which all encourage conversation and generally to have a bit of fun on a Monday morning.

If you would like to find out more, please contact:

Judith Powell 859460



Growth & Development Evening

There is a meeting for prayer and sharing ideas on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Wednesday 27th November

7.30 - 9pm

At The Vicarage.

Everyone is welcome!



200 CLUB

OCTOBER winners:

194 £50 Mrs J Horsman

893 £10 Mrs C Bolland

983 £10 vacant number

247 £10 Mr M Farrell

343 £10 Mrs G Taylor

There are still several vacancies in the 200 Club. If you would like to become a member & support the Church Hall, please contact Michael farrel 07768258257 m.farrellphd@btinternet.com

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I Can Do
ALL THINGS
through
Christ
who
Strengthens Me
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The November meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be held on

Tuesday 26th November at MELTHAM GOLF CLUB

Arrival at 12.30 for 1.00pm for our Christmas Lunch.

Please give names to Christine (850366) and money to Celia prior to the day. Cost - £18 per person.

On **Saturday 30th November** St Bartholomew's are holding a Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning in the Church Hall from 9.30am until 2.00pm.

Contributions of Cakes and Tombola (bottles if possible) would be greatly appreciated.

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Once again, Meltham Methodist Church will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival at the end of November. This has proved to be a huge success in the past few of years, involving the Meltham Community. This year to mark the start of advent we plan to host a Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 23rd November and Sunday 24th November. On Saturday we will be holding a Coffee Morning with mince pies to encourage the local community to come along and enjoy the display. On Sunday there will be worship at 10.30 am and the church will be open that afternoon too.

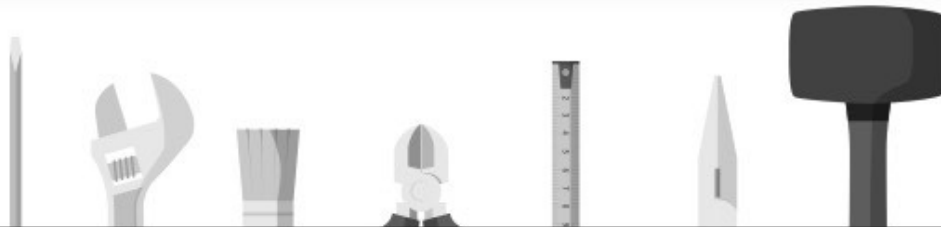


Dear All, We thought we'd give you an update on the lower graveyard.

The border with donated flowers is now well established. There is one border planted with teezels and bulbs and wildflower seeds, and another planted with teezels and bulbs which will be planted with pollinators next year. There is a small wildlife area where the nettles and brambles will be kept and a log pile is being built for bugs. A clover lawn will be planted next year. There is a new path and the gaps in the Berberis have been filled. Thank you to everyone who has supported the work in the lower graveyard. We were recently given lots of tulip bulbs by Martin Warriner who works with OCC. We have planted a large number in the graveyard and the rest are helping us to raise funds for 'Crisis'.

We hoped to maintain the graveyard without having to spray it all with weedkiller and we are delighted to say that this has been achieved. This is obviously better for the plants, the wildlife and also church finances. Lots of Buddleia have made a reappearance and with careful management they should encourage lots of butterflies. There have been times when we have wondered if we're a bit mad, but the more we read about creating a haven for wildlife (as well as making sure the graveyard looks cared for) the more it has felt to be a worthwhile project. A robin visits every time we're working and he always makes us smile. We will probably need help again next year and we hope you will take a little time to have a look and see what is growing or visiting.

Thanks, Alison and Richard



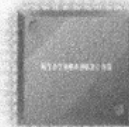
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Meltham Foodbank News.

**The Foodbank now has its own dedicated phone number
07564764137.**

Meltham foodbank has now moved into the Crossroads Centre. We also have our own donation bins in both Morrisons and the COOP. Sadly demand is increasing and likely to continue to do so.

If you can donate to Meltham Food Bank we would be very grateful. We need donations of toiletries including toilet paper, dried and tinned goods as long as they are unopened and in date. Financial donations are also very welcome, monies go to providing fresh fruit and veg.



We thank Roger Furminger for starting and running the foodbank faithfully for the last 6 years.

We are in desperate need for more volunteers to continue the service. There are numerous job roles and skills needed. From collecting food, processing parcels and administration.

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St Mary's Report

On Sunday 22nd September a service of Holy Communion was led by Rev Judy Kenworthy. Elizabeth Pearson was organist, Shirley Langrick read the lessons and Peter Pearson assisted at the altar. Rev Judy offered prayers and reminded us that we cannot serve two masters. Arrangements for the united service the following week were made over coffee.

It was a joy to welcome so many friends from across the parish as St Mary's hosted the United Parish Communion the following Sunday. Rev John Dracup was the celebrant assisted by Kim Howe and he gave a talk on "Helping one another". Elizabeth was organist, Lynda Dunn played violin and Jacqueline France led the prayers. The lessons were read by Shirley and Elizabeth. It was good to share this time of worship together, to share fellowship over coffee and cake in the Sunday School, following the service.

On 6th October the worship team led the Harvest Festival at St Mary's. Rev Judy and Kim shared in the leading of the service and John Andrews read the lessons. Elizabeth, Lynda and Monique provided the music with the assistance of the children in the percussion section! Peter Pearson volunteered to play the part of Zacheus who was overloaded with too many things – so overloaded that he couldn't see the needs of others. Jesus helped him to give his "things" away, to share his wealth and to thank God for His generosity and forgiveness. Jonah, Gwynn and Dillon helped with the talk. Lots of gifts of dried and tinned goods were donated and were given to Meltham Food Bank. We sang "Happy Birthday" for Peter and John and we enjoyed a piece of birthday cake with our coffee.

Sunday 13th October was a special day for St Mary's as we welcomed Jacqueline France as a newly licensed Lay Reader for the Parish of Meltham Christ the King. This took place in a service of Holy Communion. Rev John was celebrant and Jacqueline preached the sermon and assisted with the chalice. Jacqueline's admission and licensing is the culmination of three years hard study and we are very proud of her! We look forward to her ministry among us and to her leading us in worship and prayer. We enjoyed coffee and yet more cake following the service!!



Luke 19:1-10 English Standard Version (ESV)

He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Nov 19 th	Flower Arrangement Competition
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Photo by Linda Sasse



To find the church by road, turn off Slades Lane at the telephone box in the centre of Helme and venture down between the houses, where it surprisingly widens out into the church car park.

Perched on the hillside touching the Pennines and looking over the town of Meltham, it is surrounded by farmland and lies close to the 'Catch Water' and Blackmoorfoot Reservoir.

The Church itself is beautiful inside and out – and **a popular pick for weddings and baptisms and even TV film crews!** What's that all about? And why is it called '**The Rainbow Church**'? Why not come and find out for yourselves? There is a lot to the 160 year history of this church.

As with the other three Anglican churches in our parish of Meltham, Christ the King, at Christ Church you can be guaranteed of **a very warm welcome.**

Our Sunday services are at 11.15 a.m. (apart from Christmas Day: 10.00 a.m.) and are followed by refreshments – tea and coffee or a soft drink, with biscuits and quite often cake too! Helme Church is well known for its baking and catering, through laying on **occasional events and meal invitations** to raise much needed funds for the upkeep of this beautiful village church. The church is also helped in its fund raising by the academy, as well as through the loyal and much appreciated support of Helme Ladies – a voluntary social group who meet here fortnightly on Tuesdays, from 7.30 – 9.30 pm.

The church is also used for **occasional services and events by local schools and Helme Hall.** This includes supporting Hand to Mouth Ministries in their work with school children, providing creative and innovative learning opportunities to look at morality, spiritual growth and the teachings of Jesus.

There is a reception, kitchen and children's area on entry at the back of the church. **Children, families, senior citizens and people of all-ages are all very welcome here,** so please do come and join us.

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, to serve, share and enjoy His Good News, in love and fellowship with all. As Jesus said to his disciples, "Come and see." (John 1:39), so we very warmly invite you to also, **"Come and see"!**

Don't miss out on our special:

Christingle Service at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday 20th December, and

Christmas Day Holy Communion Service at 10.00 a.m. (No refreshments)



“Crisis” Coffee Morning

Saturday 23rd November

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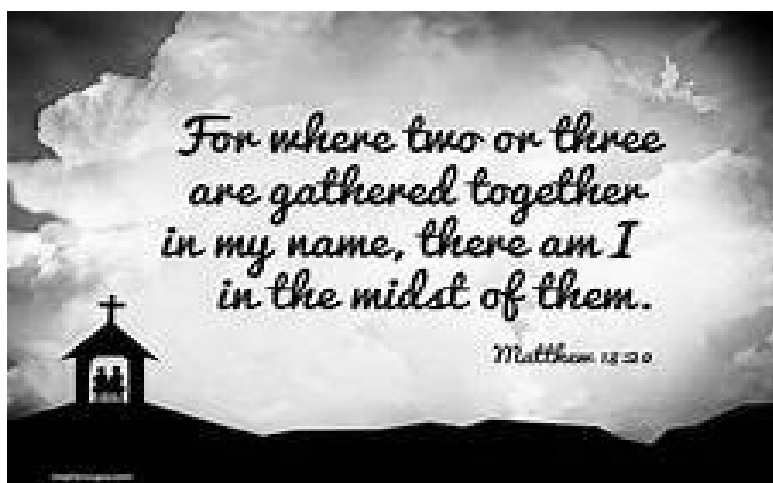
Please support this event raising money for the “Crisis” charity which helps the homeless throughout the year.

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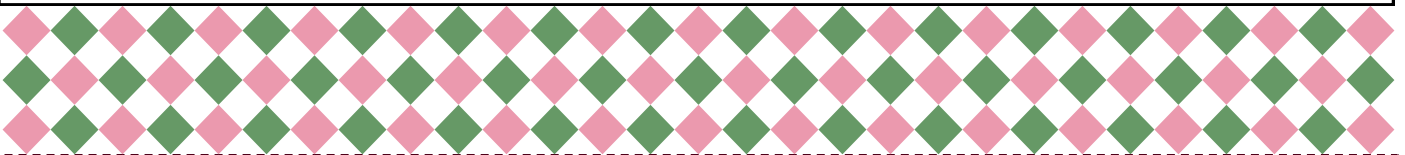
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Peter Conway and Joan Bulless

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)

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



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and a time to die;
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a time to pluck up
that which is planted;**

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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Monday's 9.30am -
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Tuesday's 9.30am - St Mary's

Wednesday's 9.00am - BCP
10.00am - MCT

Prayer at St Bartholomew's



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at 1.30pm

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BELL HOUSE REPORT

There were two service at Bell House during September. On the first Wednesday a service of Holy Communion was held and on the 25th Rev Judy Kenworthy led a Harvest Festival assisted by Patrice. We were reminded the thank God for the amazing environment that He has created and to thank the many people who care for it and those who bring in the harvest year on year. The harvest display of fruit, veg and flowers was donated to the home as a gift from the parish.

Bell House

have their Holy Communion
service with Rev Judy, on
Wednesday 6th November
at 10.30am
In the Lounge

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Helme Ladies Report September/ October 2019

Helme Ladies were in a happy mood when they met on Tuesday September 10th for their annual 'Afternoon Tea'. Once again, we were going to Quirky II where the chef had agreed to feed us. We were chatting while we waited to be served and one of the ladies came up with a bright idea – the lottery was a rollover of £133M, wouldn't it be great if we could win it! All it took was a donation of 20p each and a ticket was purchased. Just think of the good we could do if we won!!!

We sat down to enjoy our tea and weren't disappointed, dainty sandwiches of ham, cheese and prawns all in homemade bread (delicious), small quiches, duck rolls and potato skins with cheese in. We all thought we were in heaven, and we knew we were when the cakes came. Lemon squares, chocolate torte, cheese cake, strawberry and cream sponge all finished off with strawberries dipped in chocolate and handmade truffles.

We had a wonderful afternoon once again and I left thinking about ideas of what we could do if we won the lottery. Well guess what, we didn't win!

On Tuesday September 24th it was the dreaded quiz. The first question of the evening, do we take part individually or in teams? Teams was the unanimous decision as it would be much more fun. So, who invented the vacuum cleaner? Who was the first to fly across the channel? Blank looks changed to joy as the answers popped into our minds. Alright then, what is the name of former Byzantia or Constantinople and which King ordered the Domesday book to be written? These are just some of the questions and when the answers were given out the scores were very close. The winning team decided that the first prize of shortbread biscuits would go very well with the cups of tea.

Helme Ladies usually have a weekend away, this year it was to Hereford and the Wye Valley. So, on October 5th we were in Huddersfield Bus Station at 8.00am ready for the coach to pick us up at 8.15am. We weren't sure what sort of weekend we would have as the weather forecast was grim, to put it mildly. The coach had already picked up passengers in Bradford and Halifax and after us it was off to Barnsley and Rotherham for more people. We hadn't travelled far down the M1 before we were pulling in for a break, the driver, Peter, has to stop for a break by law after so many hours. The next stop was Ross on Wye and by now the sun was shining, we found a nice café for some lunch and then explored the town. Off to the next stop, Hay on Wye where we explored again. Hay on Wye has a castle, but it was closed for restoration, do you think they are going to finish it? After all the rain we had had, fields were flooded and the rivers were very high and fast flowing. Off again to our hotel in Llandrindod Wells where we received a lovely welcome, the staff and the food were excellent and there was a disco in the evening.



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Sunday morning and we were off again to Hereford. After overnight rain it turned into a lovely sunny day. He had about 3 ½ hours here so we had time for a good explore, have lunch and visit the cathedral. Hereford is a quaint city with old and new buildings mixed together, we had enjoyed our brief visit and boarded our coach for the long journey home.

On Tuesday 8th October we welcomed the return of Susan Whitwam, volunteer at Colne Valley Museum, to give a talk about Yorkshire Dialect poems. Susan is a person who can talk hens and chickens to death but is very interesting with it. She is also very good at reading dialect poems, these can be different from valley to valley or towns and villages. South Yorkshire dialect is different to West Yorkshire and North Yorkshire is different again. We had a lovely poem about an Angel making the first Yorkshire Pudding, a few about how we used to celebrate Christmas, some recipes for ancient medicines and a tale about Slaithwaite Sam, who locals thought was not a full shilling. After watching the first tram arrive in Marsden, he told the driver he could beat him to Slaithwaite. The driver poo-pooed his boast but was talked around to take on the bet. Sam just wanted 2 yards start so set off and the tram set off with all the bells ringing. Sam of course won because he walked on the track in front of the tram. We had enjoyed a wonderful evening, we could have gone on listening to Susan, but her voice was beginning to fail.

Just a reminder that Helme Ladies are holding their annual carol service and lunch on Tuesday 3rd December at 11.30am, tickets will be £3.50.



Fiona's Family Pages

Children's and Young People's Church Services and Groups



Wilshaw Youth Group

7pm—8.30pm

St Mary's Church Room, 30 Wilshaw Rd,
Wilshaw, Meltham, HD9 4DZ

Please call or text Kim 07512 290110 or
email kimandmarkhowe@btinternet.com

November: Friday 1st, 15th & 29th

December: Friday 13th (Christmas party)

We will close for Christmas and the next meeting will be *Friday 10th January 2020!*
We had a fun and games night at the youth group where we played Jumanji, UNO and the Yes/No game and had snacks and drinks. We are going to have a think tank where we decide what the group is going to be called and design a logo, plus ideas for future meetings. Watch this space! This group is for young people aged 11yrs – 17yrs and is a great place to make new friends.



SMART BARTS

Our Smart Barts meet every Sunday at 9.30am at St Bartholomew's alongside the usual service. The children range in age from 2yrs - 11yrs and we run a range of activities to involve everyone.

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One For All Service

Led by Rev John
1st Sunday of the month
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9.30am

Everyone welcome!

Wonderful music and hymns selected by our
brilliant and talented Christine Rolls.

Fiona's Family Pages

Fiona's Quiz Answers on p.37, no peeking!

1. "Hallowed be thy name" is a line from the Lord's prayer. True/False?
2. When Jesus was a boy, Mary and Joseph once lost him. True/False?
3. Jesus came back to life on the fifth day. True/False?
4. Jesus was friendly with unpopular people, like tax collectors. True/False?
5. Jesus often taught people about God through songs.
6. in the story that Jesus told 'The Prodigal Son', when the son returned his father gave him a gold chain. True/False?



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ROTA

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	SIDESPERSIONS	COFFEE
3rd Nov	Mr & Mrs J Mitchell	Mrs M Thorley Mrs J Hilton	Mrs J Gilleard Mrs N Wilkinson
	Mrs C. Moulson	Mrs B Jennings Mrs F Whittaker	Mrs C Moulson Mrs M Ball
17th Nov	Vacant	Mrs C Ward Mrs N Wilkinson	Mrs M Hardy Mrs S Wood
24th Nov	Mr & Mrs P Murgatroyd	Mr R Styan Mrs P Maffin	Mrs C Ward Mrs J Collison
1st Dec	Advent	Mrs M Hardy Mrs S Wood	Mrs M Thorley Mr B Wadsworth

ST MARY'S ROTA

Date	Service	Reader	Prayers
3rd Nov	Service of the Word	Shirley	Kim
	Remembrance Day, 2pm	John A.	Jacqueline
17th Nov	Service of the Word	Shirley	Kim
24th Nov	Holy Communion	John A.	Jacqueline
1st Dec	Service of the Word	Shirley	Kim

ST JAMES' ROTA

Date	Service	Sides-people	Coffee
3rd Nov	Service of the Word	Sue/Nigel Priestley Margaret Lucas	Tim & Christine Bleasdale
10th Nov	Service of Remembrance St Bart's		
	5Alive	Team	Jean Burhouse
17th Nov	Service of the Word	Richard Walker	Alison & Richard Whiteley
24th Nov	Holy Communion	Daphne Green Alison Whiteley	Jean & Clinton Burhouse
1st Dec	Service of the Word	Margaret Lucas Sarah Glover	Debbie Still Sue Priestley

CHRIST CHURCH ROTA

Date	Flowers	Welcome	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
3rd Nov	Anne Flanagan	Jennie H.	Jenny B.	Eileen & Sheila	Pat
10th Nov	Vacant	Moyra	Janet	Rita	Eileen
17th Nov	Pat	Eileen	Christine	Janet	Moyra
24th Nov	Vacant	Christine	Jenny B.	Pat	Janet
1st Dec	Monica	Sheila	Janet	Christine	Irene

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

READINGS IN THE PARISH

Date	1st Reading	Gospel
3rd Nov	Isaiah 1:10-18	Luke 19:1-10
10th Nov	Job 19:23-27a	Luke 20:27-38
17th Nov	Malachi 4:1-2	Luke 21:5-19
24th Nov	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43

SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Date	St Bart's 9.30am	St James' 9.30am	Christ Church 11.15am	St Mary's 11.15am
3rd Nov	Holy Communion	Family Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word
10th Nov	Parish Remembrance Service 10.30am	_____ 5Alive (4.30pm)		_____ Remembrance Service 2pm
17th Oct	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word
27th Oct	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word (with Baptism)	Holy Communion

Meltham Christmas Lights Switch-on

A joint event with St Bartholomew's Church & The Meltham Business Association (MBA)

Meltham Parish Church Hall

On SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

From 10am until 7pm

10am - 2pm - Tea/coffee & cakes - St Bart's Ladies

Stalls in the hall: Tombola, Christmas Gifts, Jewellery, Preserves.

Craft stalls: Quilts, Xmas Wreaths, Jewellery & gift making.

12 - 7pm Mulled wine & mince pies inside - Mince pies supplied by Morrisons

12 - 7pm Pulled Pork & Pizzas: Helen & Kristi, Manns Wharf & Woodfires Pizzas

Alcoholic Beverages - Three Fiends Brewhouse

On Sale in the Car Park to eat in or out.

ENTERTAINMENT in the HALL

11.30am - HONLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR Singing Christmas songs

2.30pm - MELTHAM SCHOOL CHILDREN SINGING

3pm - Other TBA

IN ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

4.15pm - CAROLS inside the church

4.45pm - Outside for COUNTDOWN to SWITCH-ON

5pm - LIGHTS SWITCH ON, BELLS RING & FIREWORKS

BACK INTO THE HALL

5.30pm - 7pm - HOT FOOD & DRINKS ON SALE IN THE CAR PARK

(Can be consumed inside or outside)

Entertainment inside with "WHISPERING JIM" - A Local Band

MELTHAM PARISH CHURCH HALL DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

WEEKLY BOOKINGS:

Every Monday	Gilbert & Sullivan rehearsals	7.30 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Pilates	10 a.m.
	Good as Gold	2 p.m.
	Slimming World	5.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
	Please note: meeting on 19 th at the Carlile Institute	
Every Wednesday	Zumba Gold	10 a.m.
	Chair Exercises	1 p.m.
Every Friday	Gilbert & Sullivan Rehearsal	7.30 p.m.

MONTHLY BOOKINGS

1 st Tuesday	Women's Institute	7.30 p.m.
2 nd Wednesday	Pennine Borders Flower Club	7.15 p.m.
2nd Thursday	Over 60's Club	2 p.m.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Doors open 9.30 a.m.

2 nd November	Christ Church, Helme
9 th November	Meltham CofE School PTA
16 th November	Meltham Library
23 rd November	no coffee morning
30 th November	Christmas Craft Fair
7 th December	Meltham Scouts

OTHER BOOKINGS

2 nd November	Alzheimer's Society Concert	7 p.m.
16 th November	Oxfam Quiz	7 p.m.
30 th November	Christmas Lights Switch on Event	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
2 nd December	Crossroads Christmas Party	6.30 p.m.
5 th December	Kirkwood Hospice Christmas Lunch	12.30 p.m.

**The Church Hall is for the use of the whole community.
Please contact Beverly for details and rates: 07518 920214
bhist530@btinternet.com**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2019 ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

This year we are doing something a bit different and need some more poppies, so if you could knit, crochet, or make some out of other materials we would be very grateful.

If you could let Gwynneth (07860636931) have them by Friday 8th November.



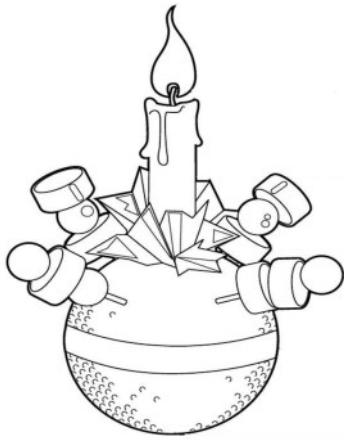
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December

CHRISTINGLE



Christ Church, Helme

21st December

4pm

In aid of the Children's Society

Seasonal Holy Communion Service

With lunch

St Bartholomew's Church

Wednesday 4th December

11am

These are always very happy occasions with an excellent light lunch provided and served by the Parish Pastoral Team.

The service and lunch is for everyone but is particularly appreciated by our more senior or housebound friends. If you would like a lift, please contact

Val White: 850496



Oasis Quiet Day.

At St James'

Wednesday 11th December

'From Darkness into Light'

Come and pause for a while, rest and relax in the Peace of God.

Coffee will be available from 10am and the day will end at 3pm with a short service of Holy communion in the Celtic tradition.

Please remember your packed lunch if staying all day. More information from Jenny 01484 850839

Christmas Concert

St Bartholomew's Church

Friday 13th December

with

Meltham and Meltham Mills Band



Answers for Fiona's Quiz p.31

1.True 2.True 3.False (3rd day) 4.True 5. False (stories) 6.False (it was a ring)

Christmas services in the Parish of Christ the King.

1st December, Carols in the park, at 4:00pm (with special guest)

14th December, Carols in the pub, at 7:30pm the Wagon and Horses.

15th December, Carol service, at 6:00pm St Mary's Wilshaw.

21st December, Christingle, at 4:00pm Christ Church, Helme.

22nd December, Nativity and Carol service, at 4:00pm

St Bartholomew's.

22nd December, Carol service, at 6:30pm St James Meltham Mills.

24th December, crib service, at 4:00pm St James Meltham Mills.

24th December, Mid-night communion, at 11:30 St Bartholomew's.

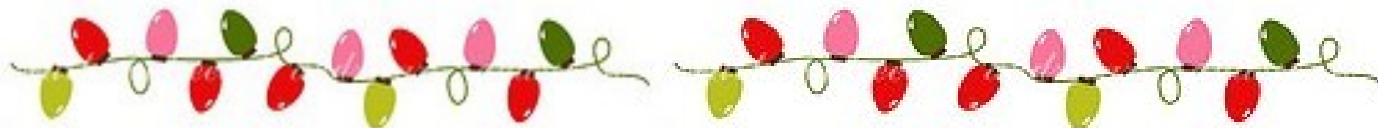
Christmas day,

9:30am St Bartholomew's.

9:30am St James Meltham Mills.

10:00am Christ Church Helme.

11:15am St Marys Wilshaw.



‘A Christmas Journey’

Meltham Churches Together are planning to hold “A Christmas Journey”, an interactive /multi sensory experience for classes from the 3 Meltham schools in December (9th to 13th) at the Methodist Church. All the schools have responded enthusiastically to sending classes to this event, and we need around 8 volunteers each day. If you can help for a session, a day or more we would be very grateful.

Volunteers will help to erect the gazebos on the Monday, and then on Tuesday they will welcome the children and staff and help supervise each experience as the children go on the journey. There will be a card making activity and drinks and biscuits to serve.

If you would like to help in any way you are welcome to come to the first planning meeting at **11am, Wednesday 23rd October, Meltham Methodist Church (lounge)**. Let me know if you would like to help but can't make this meeting.

Jean Burhouse (852018).



Harvest Auction and Supper for Shoeboxes



Harvest in the Pub



Nigel's run!
Royal Parks Half Marathon
in aid of Family Rights Group



Honley Ladies Choir with Collabro

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACQUELINE



On Saturday 12th October was the Admission and Licensing of Readers at St John's Church, Cleckheaton. What a joy it was to share this special time with Jacqueline France as she was licensed along with others from other parts of the Diocese. They were presented to the Bishop of Huddersfield, the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Gibbs by the Archdeacon of Halifax, the Ven Dr Anne Dawtry. The blue Readers scarf was put in place by Rev Judy Kenworthy after promising to support and encourage Jacqueline and to commend her to those amongst whom she will serve. During the service the new Readers were presented with a Bible and their licenses and everyone joined in a prayer of re-dedication. Our congratulations and love go to Jacqueline and we pray that God will continue to bless her in her new role.

Rev Judy Kenworthy.