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Prayer for those effected by the coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of
your mercy.
Sustain and support
the anxious,
be with those who care
for the sick,
and lift up all who are
brought low;
that we may find
comfort knowing that
nothing can separate
us from your love
in Christ Jesus our
Lord.
Amen.

A note from the editor ...

Hello!

Welcome to the May edition , I hope and pray that you are all keeping well. Speaking of which, this month, lets put a #melthamprays in your window or on social media of who you would like to pray for this month (see page 15) Lets not forget VE day (pg 9) and find out how our Crossroads Centre and Foodbank has been getting on in these difficult times.

As 'social distancing' continues, we are still unable to get this edition in hard copy so please feel free to share/forward this around to those who (under the current circumstances) may not receive this, obviously keeping to social distancing guidelines .

If you would like to be included in the mailing list please do let me know on the email address below.

Hope you enjoy this edition, this is very much your magazine please check out the back page on how you can contribute, next month.

The deadline for submissions for the next magazine is:
Monday 18th May

You can send in your contributions via:

melthamparishmagazine@gmail.com or via the vicarage letterbox. (150 Huddersfield Rd, HD9 4AL)

God bless, Fiona.

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

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Letter from your Vicar.

It is hard to believe that it has been a whole month since we were last able to meet together in our Churches. Then again, April does seem to have been a long month. Perhaps the sunshine has been a blessing but, if you have not been able to get out much to enjoy it, perhaps it has been more of a tease.

I do hope and pray that you are all staying well and not getting too stir crazy. I have managed to speak to quite a lot of people (though not everyone) over the last few weeks. If I haven't managed to speak to you and you would like to have a quick chat for any reason, even if it is just to say hello and catch up, please feel free to call me. I know you all think I'm too busy, and it is true that I am still finding more than enough to do but the truth is that I actually quite enjoy a friendly chat and if I'm unable to answer then just leave me a message and I'll be happy to call you back. Among those people I have been able to speak to there seems to be at least one common theme, most of us are doing alright except in the moments that we're not.

Social distancing, shielding the vulnerable, or lockdown, whatever we choose to call it, it's not easy and it's certainly not the way we would choose to live. In our current circumstances we Christians naturally turn to prayer and there is evidence that many people who might not be likely to come to Church on a Sunday morning feel that they would like to pray as well.

Alongside of others I have been thinking about how we might be able to pray together in a way that enables as many people as possible to join in. Because we are separated from many of the people that we love at the moment, I feel that the focus of our prayers should be those people that we care about, love, and miss. For this reason, I am offering this simple prayer.

*Father God,
help me to remember that everyone is someone's
brother or sister, mother or father, son or daughter.
I ask you to bless ...(Add a name of the person if you know it)....
Who ...(add anything else that you wish to).... Amen.*

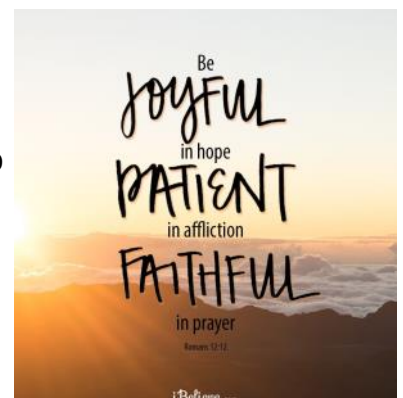
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There is no need for there to be any kind of time limit, but it can be helpful to have a day to focus on. Across our diocese each parish is prayed for in turn and our parish will be prayed for on **Saturday 16th May**. I will ask that the whole diocese joins in praying for our loved ones on that day.

I hope and pray that this will be of some help and comfort to you.

God bless

Rev'd John



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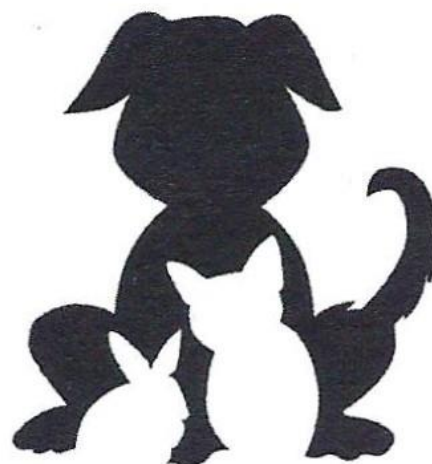
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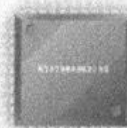
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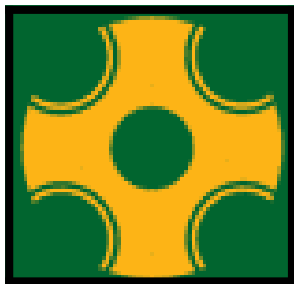


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Crossroads Update

First we want to thank you for your support, your prayers, good wishes and financial support you have given to the small team managing the Food bank and food distribution at the Crossroads Centre. It is true we do drink lots of tea but hopefully at the same time provide a welcome service to the many people who require food parcels, or emergency food when people find themselves in difficult situations, furloughed or without work due to the current situation.

Fortunately we have been able to continue to give benefit and debt advice as Chris has been working from home but is always available to his clients and keeps in contact with them. Nigel continues to give legal advice over the phone.

The food bank has a small but very committed group of people working to maintain order in the basement and ensure that food parcels for individuals and families are ready for delivery. We have been fortunate to have a contact who works in Sainsburys and can get us the food that we run short of. As we have said before Morrisons generously donates food and local people are being brilliant dropping off food and giving generously.

Working closely with the Meltham.org helpline we have been made aware of many more families who are struggling and we have been able to meet those needs. We also now have our in-house Chef (well actually Chef in her own home) who is providing nourishing soups and puddings for some of our older generation who are not able to have the same access to family members and friends to support them. We have been pleased to distribute meals and deserts kindly donated by the public through Manns Wheels a new takeaway business run by the former owners of the Fox hole restaurant to many people who are not able to go out.

We continue our normal service of providing bespoke food parcels for individuals and families and provide a warm welcome to those who call to collect their food. They may not have seen anyone all week as face to face contact has been changed to telephone calls. Breakfast sandwiches are available providing the people sit outside!

We do have concerns at times whether we will run out of food and money, but up to now all we have needed has been provided. This morning our food manager was expressing her concern that we had run out of tinned potatoes, several of us had tried to buy them yesterday. As we were discussing this problem a Food Bank volunteer stopped at Reception to say he was now leaving and Morison's donated food had arrived. 26 tins of tinned potatoes! Another four tins then arrived and we thanked God for giving so abundantly just when we needed them.

To those of you work in the Shop and in the Centre, we miss you and look forward to the time when we can all be back together again

Keep safe
Sue, Chris and the Food bank team



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VE DAY 75

Friday 8th May 2020

Friday 8th May 2020 will be the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and was planned to be celebrated worldwide. Meltham was to be no different and a group of enthusiastic volunteers had been meeting to arrange Meltham VE Day 75 supported by the town council and sponsored by several local businesses. There was to be a parade, a church service, lunch for the elderly, a street party for the kids and an auction at the Libs to end the day.

Although this event has had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus, no matter how bad things are, Friday 8th May 2020 cannot pass without reflecting on the enormous sacrifice & courage of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark period and to give some recognition to that tremendous day 75 years ago when victory was gained, the war in Europe ended and the brave men who had fought and survived came home and families were reunited for the first time in nearly 6 years.

To celebrate this anniversary, there are flags and banners on display around the town to honour those memories. Peace was announced at 3pm on Tuesday 8th May 1945 and at 2.55pm on that day this year, the Last Post will be played by as many as Meltham Band can muster.

At 3pm people are encouraged to step outside their doors to clap, shout, hit drums, pans, just make a loud noise in recognition of this great anniversary.

Perhaps when the present chaos has passed we could celebrate properly with another VE Day - Virus Ends Day.

God bless us all,

Pam Murgatroyd



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Moving over 200 miles to the south and zooming in on a small town, (others might say large village) is Meltham with a population of about 4000 in 1859. A local benefactor accomplished a more modest scheme to enhance the well being of citizens. Charles Brook, the youngest of the philanthropic Brook dynasty created a public garden for the inhabitants of Meltham Mills and the neighbourhood- The Pleasure Grounds, linking Holmfirth Road with Meltham Mills Road. An ideal location with stream and waterfall running through, Bank Buildings on one side and an escarpment and Acre Lane on the other side. Needless to say no Royal personage was present on this occasion.

Joseph Hughes book of 1866 "History of Meltham," reads as follows

"These were laid out by Mr. Major, the celebrated landscape gardener, at the sole expense of Mr. Charles Brook Junior, and are not only picturesque to the eye, but beneficial to the health of those who from time to time resort to them for the enjoyment of innocent recreation and social intercourse. Eventually when the wood on the slopes has attained a certain amount of growth, these grounds will form a still more marked feature in the landscape and afford shelter while they also add beauty to it."

Fast forward 161 years and The Pleasure Grounds, a meandering path of about a third of a mile are as popular as ever and a delight. Mr. Major was obviously very capable and with a wide selection of trees well placed and mature, the grounds create their own arboretum.

Walking through, the stream burbles along, clear water, cascading waterfall, litter free and always somebody to say hello to. If you are lucky you might spot a heron walking in the stream.

Friends of Meltham Pleasure Grounds are doing a fantastic job in maintaining and enhancing the grounds and Meltham Walkers are Welcome are also involved. A seating and picnic area now exists and for some time there has been a children's play area. The group continue planting new trees and perennial flowers and it is a joy to see progress by volunteers, and of course more can join the ranks of willing helpers.

Last October lights were strung on most of the pathway which added to the charm and atmosphere at the time of year. The Community Choir also sang to a good attendance.

Let us hope illumination and song can be arranged this year.

Royd Edge

On the theme of the delights of footpaths by streams, a walk of about half a mile from the bottom of Hebble Lane will lead you to Royd Edge Clough and a walk on the path is popular. Great for picnics, paddling and some pools where total immersion and a few strokes swimming is possible.

Folly Dolly Falls

Every Saturday in the Yorkshire Post Magazine they feature "My Yorkshire" and a person gives their opinion on many aspects of the county. A standard paragraph is "If you had to name your Yorkshire hidden gem, what would it be?" In the 11 April 2020 edition, the contributor was Mr. Moin Valli, optician. He commented as follows "The so called Folly Dolly Falls in Meltham is a lovely spot and great for trips out with the kids when it is sunny. As a family we have spent many happy days there splashing around in the water and then eating a picnic while enjoying the surroundings of the rolling countryside above Meltham."

All three beautiful "free" water attractions.

By John and Celia Mitchell

Easter look back

A lesson from a seven year old child.

Rev. Dennis Shields

When I first got a fleeting view of this picture on my rather old phone, before it erratically whizzed on to something else! – I thought it was a child's picture of an Easter Egg. On a second – and more static – viewing, it was of clearly a wonderful and telling picture by Rebekah – not only for our April 2020 Parish Magazine but also as inspiration for an Easter Morning Message.



What do you notice when you look at it?

Here are some of my first thoughts:

Firstly, “How could I initially mistake it for an Easter egg design?!!!”

Well – I was relieved to see that the hill of Golgotha or Calvary (which means “the skull”) is rightly rather rounded in the picture (which understandably would be a bit “egg-like” in shape wouldn't it? – and I'm leaving it at that before I dig an even bigger hole for myself.

Secondly, the cross is empty – Jesus is not there – this is not a crucifixion but a resurrection scene. Thirdly, the cross is surrounded by a rainbow – shaped and coloured almost like the empty cave that Mary Magdalene peeped into on the first Easter morning.

Was the rainbow to show that God – who keeps his promises – is there at the resurrection too?

I also wondered if Rebekah or any other primary school child realised the connection between light, and the colours of the rainbow? It wasn't until I was in secondary school physics that I saw a single ray of white light pass through a prism and split into all the colours of the rainbow. This reminds me that **Christ is the light of the world – thanks be to God.**

I then realised that I'd been seeing a lot of children's pictures of rainbows lately, and remembered they are linked to the coronavirus pandemic with messages of hope, such as: **'Everything will be all right'.**

There is so much that we can learn from children.

Waiting

Judith Powell

It's Good Friday!

I am sitting at my laptop and waiting. Waiting to see if the Help Line has folk who might need that bit of shopping, a listening ear or prescription collecting. I also have my Holy Week meditation to read as I wait and I was thinking of those folk who will be waiting to hear news of someone they love or know who are really poorly at this time.

The waiting game is very lonely. As Jesus' mother, Mary and his friend John stood there waiting, longing for it to be over for him, to have peace that death brings I am struck by the relevance that Good Friday will have for many in this pandemic today. Waiting the peace but not really wanting to let go!.

Easter Morning

Fiona Dracup

Being dragged out of bed at 5.30am on an average morning would be not as easy as it was on Easter Day. Jack (1 yr) appeared so excited he was already awake and had been since 3.30am as like any other baby he can't tell the time!. John had the idea that we would all go to the Cock crowing stone for the Sunrise service and light the four 'Jesus' candles or otherwise known as the Paschal candles for each of the four churches as we couldn't do it in the actual churches. Normally I would miss out on this but as I was already up with Jack I dutifully agreed.

I was so glad I did, the sunrise was so beautiful, God really did put his full Glory on show for all (who were awake) to see!

Our children read part of the service between them and Jack cried because of the cold wind but this did not take away the beauty of the early morning.

However if you were to ask the Children what they enjoyed about Easter morning, it would be the croissants and the Egg hunt in the back garden afterwards!



Spring Harvest Home 2020

Sue Priestly

Alerted by Fiona that this years Spring Harvest, that usually takes place at Easter, would not be happening but instead would be Spring Harvest at home and available on line I thought I would give it a try.

'Gathered or Scattered' we are still the kingdom of God'

It turned out to be a real blessing. I particularly found Pete Grieg devotions each morning with titles like 'Love in a time of fear' or 'Courage in a time of Containment' really helpful in these strange times. These sessions always ended with a song sung by Cathy Burton, well worth checking out. My favourite was a song titled 'Build my life'.

Daytime viewing was watching family worship, children dancing and puppets singing, lots to keep us cheerful. At the final Celebration the Archbishop of York John Sentamu spoke saying 'Wherever the Lord has put you in your vineyard, work together for the kingdom of God, this is the Lords longing.

Later on during Night time prayers with Malcolm Duncan, a pastor from Belfast we were encouraged to 'Rise up and be the church that God has called us to be in this day

May you remember that you may be refined by your circumstances, But you do not need to be defined by them. Whatever you are facing, may you remember that you are part of a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. May you play your part in the Great Story of hope, wherever God has placed you. and may you live a life liberated by Love for the glory of God.

Amen

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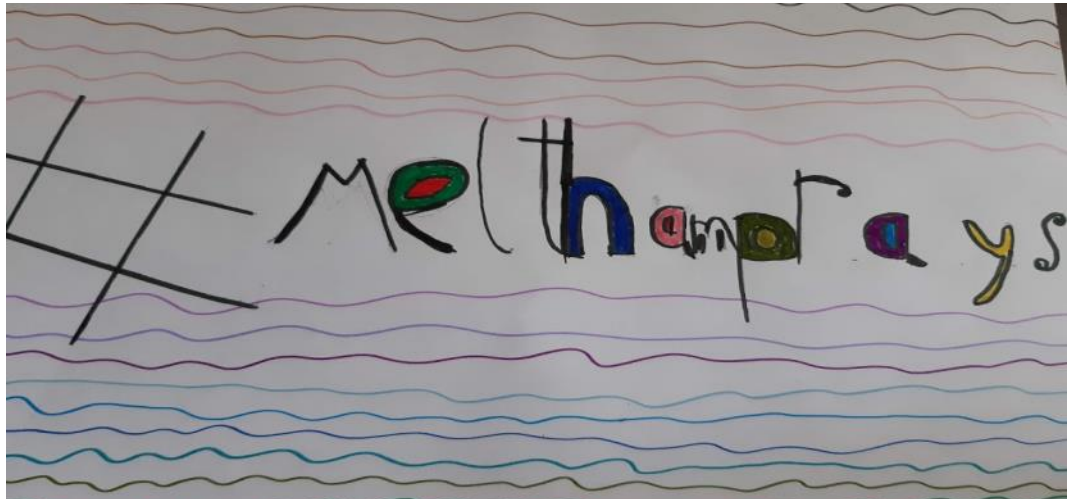
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Daily Bible Readings for the month of May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
1 st	Proverbs 4:10-18	James 1:1-12
2 nd	Exodus 29:1-9	Luke 2:21-40
3 rd (Sun)	Isaiah 57:15-end	Mark 5:21-end
4 th	Exodus 32:1-14	Luke 2:41-end
5 th	Exodus 32:15-34	Luke 3:1-14
6 th	Exodus 33	Luke 3:15-22
7 th	Exodus 34:1-10, 27-end	Luke 4:1-13
8 th	Exodus 35:20-36:7	Luke 4:14-30
9 th	Exodus 40:17-end	Luke 4:31-37
10 th (Sun)	Deuteronomy 4:1-24	Luke 16:19-end
11 th	Numbers 9:15-end	Luke 4:38-end
12 th	Numbers 11:1-33	Luke 5:1-11
13 th	Numbers 12	Luke 5:12-26
14 th	Numbers 13:1-3, 17-end	Luke 5:27-end
15 th	Numbers 14:1-25	Luke 6:1-11
16 th	Numbers 14:26-end	Luke 6:12-26
17 th (Sun)	Deuteronomy 6	Luke 20:27-21,4
18 th	Numbers 16:1-35	Luke 6:27-38
19 th	Numbers 16:36-end	Luke 6:39-end
20 th	Numbers 17:1-10	Luke 7:1-10
21 st	2 Kings 2:1-15	Ephesians 4:1-16
22 nd	Numbers 20:1-13	Luke 7:11-17
23 rd	Numbers 21:4-9	Luke 7:18-35
24 th (Sun)	Deuteronomy 26	John 14:1-14
25 th	Numbers 22:1-35	Luke 7:36-end
26 th	Numbers 22:36-23,12	Luke 8:1-15
27 th	Numbers 23:13-end	Luke 8:16-25
28 th	Numbers 24	Luke 8:26-39
29 th	Numbers 27:12-end	Luke 8:40-end
30 th	Numbers 32:1-27	Luke 9:1-7
31 st (Sun)	Joel 2:28-end	Romans 8:1-17

DAILY PRAYER

(After Easter until 20th May)

Opening prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made, and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever. **Amen.**

The readings for the day can be found on page 17

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

The Collect

God of life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory,

Forever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing prayer

May Christ,

who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve him with joy. **Amen.**

DAILY PRAYER

(Ascension to Pentecost from 21st –31st May)

Opening prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, creator God, to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters bringing light and life to your creation, pour out your Spirit on us today that we may walk as children of light and by your grace reveal your presence.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

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O God the King of Glory,

You have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

With great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

We beseech you, leave us not comfortless, But send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our saviour Christ is gone before,
Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. **Amen**

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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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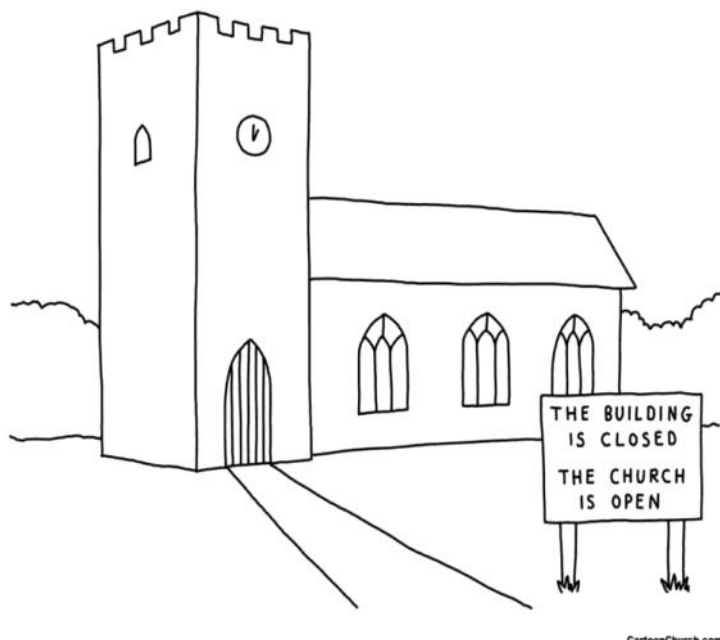
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6 th May	St Mary's
13 th May	Quaker
20 th May	Christ Church
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Helme Hall

Usually have their service of

Holy Communion

On the forth Thursday of the month,
at 2.00pm in the lounge.



Once this is resumed,
all will be welcome

We are thinking of you.

Unfortunately we are unable to take services at the care homes at the moment as all care homes are in lock down due to the coronavirus. Please keep all the residents and carers in Bell House, Helme Hall and Green Acres in your prayers that they will keep safe and well. We send them all our love and wonder if some of you would like to send them a letter or card so they know we are thinking about them.

Greenacres

The following services are
currently paused.

Songs of Praise

Usually takes place on the second
Tuesday in the month at 1.30pm

Holy Communion

Usually take place on the forth
Tuesday in the month at 1.30pm
Once resumed all will be welcome

Bell House

Holy Communion service has
been paused, this usually takes
place on the first Wednesday of
the month at 10.30am, in the
Lounge.

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St Mary's Report

Who could possibly have predicted how much has changed over the last few weeks? There are some sad and worrying aspects to these changes but today I'd like to focus on the positives:

In many ways we are now closer to our congregation and community than we've ever been. Rev Judy and her helpers, Mary and Monteena, have set up a 'buddy' list and are keeping in contact with people who can't make it to the zoom online church services. Regular phone calls are a life line to some people, and even though these people might not have been regular attendants at church they are grateful and in some case reliant on our support. Kim, Liz & Judith are supporting people in the community by keeping in touch and delivering food to doorsteps. Our little church has always seen itself as a church with the mission for outreach, and now it is achieving that mission.

Zoom church services have been a great success. We have more people coming to church now than we did when we met in church. It's so special being able to share worship, see people and to have a natter at the end of the service. Doing services this way we can still share the different aspects of worship, with Liz playing the keyboard, someone doing the prayers and another person doing the Bible reading. Our services have been led by Rev Judy (via phone since Judy has no internet connection), Rev Dennis, Kim and myself. We have done a service of the word, Holy Communion, Taize and evening services. **On the 3rd May** we are planning our first all age worship with lots of activities! I have a feeling that when our churches re-open some form of zoom service may continue.

These are the services for May:

3rd May 11.15am – All Age Worship

10th May 11.15am – Holy Communion

17th May 6pm – Evening Service

24th May 11.15am – Service of the Word

31st May 11.15am – Service of the Word

If you would like to go on the mailing list to get the zoom link for our services please contact me on Jacqueline.france@interface.com or phone 01484 663867.

*Gracious God, we are not people of fear;
We are people of courage.*

*We are not people who protect our own
safety;*

*We are people who protect our
neighbours' safety.*

We are not people of greed:

We are people of generosity.

*We are your people God, giving and
loving, wherever we are, whatever it
costs. For as long as it takes, wherever
you call us. Amen*



Much love to all, Jacqueline xx



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www.melthamparish.co.uk find where you can enter your email address and click 'subscribe' it will send you an email immediately with a link for you to confirm. You will then start to receive all the latest news & updates (You can unsubscribe at any time) check your spam or junk folder if you don't receive the email.

Meltham.org

A collaboration of people from, local organisations, the Church and Town Council, coordinated through the Crossroads Centre.

It offers advice, help and support for people in isolation. For more

info go to **meltham.org**

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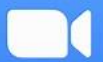
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The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

"Meltham Church at Home!" is a WhatsApp group for people to share thoughts, encouragement and prayer or even photos to brighten up your day. You won't feel alone with over 60 others in the group! (You don't have to be a member of a church to join) To gain access download the app and contact the group admin Nigel Priestly on: **07885 430085** to be included.



'Zoom' is a video conferencing app been used by St Mary's, Wilshaw for weekly **Sunday morning services at 11.15**. To gain access download the app onto a device that has a microphone and a camera, such as a tablet or mobile.

If you would like to go on the mailing list to get the zoom link for our services please contact Jacqueline on 01484 663867 or email Jacqueline.france@interface.com

Note: This is video so make sure you've brushed your hair! Also everyone can also hear what you are doing or saying too. So be aware!



Have a facebook account? Follow or 'like' us to get notifications. Share posts on your own timeline or invite other people you know to follow us too.

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Helme Church, St Bartholomew's Church, St Mary's Church- Wilshaw
St James' Church- Meltham Mills, Meltham 5 Alive

MELTHAM PARISH CHURCH HALL DIARY

2020

WEEKLY BOOKINGS:

Every Monday	Gilbert & Sullivan rehearsal	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.
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 (Not see below)	7.30p.m.
2 nd Wednesday	Pennine Borders Flower Club	7.15 p.m.
2 nd Thursday	Over 60's Club	2 p.m.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Doors open 9.30 a.m.

OTHER BOOKINGS

The Church Hall is for the use of the whole community.

Please contact the Booking Secretary on the number below for details and rates.

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Christian Aid Week

10th - 16th May

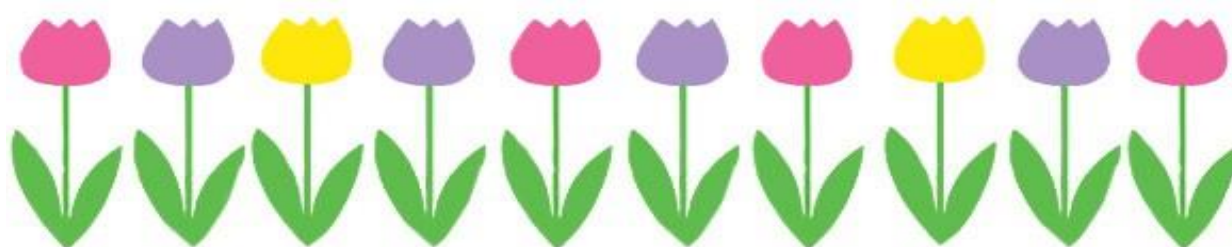
Your love protects. From storms, from drought, and now from coronavirus. Your love protects our global neighbours battling the spread of this illness. Your love protects. With soap, clean water and medical supplies.

By supporting us this Christian Aid Week, you can reach out and protect more of your neighbours today.

As a parish, Meltham Christ the King, has supported Christian Aid week for a number of years, please do not let the Coronavirus stop you this year.

To donate online please go to:

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Join in prayer at 11am each day

Many across Meltham at 11am are being encouraged to pray, knowing that at this time others will be praying too. Why not join in and...

Pray for the world, the people and their needs.

Pray for our work force, our NHS, Police, Fire Service and Armed Forces.

Pray for our government and the Advisors.

Pray for encouragement and ask for guidance in all we do.

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Just For Fun

Anyone for a Riddle?

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2) If I turn around once, what is out will not get in. If I turn around again, what is in will not get out. What am I?

3) What will you find in the middle of a pie that isn't used in a cake, turnover or tart?



4) Let us find the hidden vegetable. Speak aloud to figure it out. When we've found the hidden vegetable. Let us give a happy shout.

5) Which fruit's name describes it?

- Answers on the next page, no peeking!

When is a coat no use to keep out the cold?
When it is a coat of paint!

While I was in the pharmacy, a display of omega 3 supplements fell on me.
It's OK though, my injuries are only superfishoil.

What do you call a man who stands outside the front door all day?

Matt

What advice do you get from your hands?
Finger Tips

I'm giving up drinking for a month!
(Sorry I'm bad at punctuation)

I'm giving up. Drinking for a month

I heard a doctor on T.V say that to get through the boredom of self isolation we should finish things we started, so I looked around to find the things in the house we started and hadn't finished.... So I finished a bottle of prosecco, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Jack Daniels, a bottle of rum and the remainder of a box of chocolates.

You have no idea how fabulous I feel right now!

It's 8pm and I just popped outside to put the bin out for tomorrow and everyone up the Avenue gave me a round of applause. People really are bored aren't they!!

Breaking News! A man has fell off the platform onto the rail track, that was hard lines.

Before this Coronavirus outbreak I bought a Rail ticket for France. The man about to issue the ticket said "Eurostar"? I said, "I know, I've done over 50 years of G&S operas, but I'm no Alec Guinness.

*Stay Well, Stay apart (to avoid injury) See you very soon, hopefully,
God Bless, Denis A*

Fiona's Family Pages

HD9

Wilshaw Youth Group 7pm—8.30pm

The next meetings are taking place virtually on “Zoom”

The group meets online via zoom (using any type of device with internet connection). The youth group continue to welcome new members (age 11-17) and is a great place to make new friends. We have evenings of fun & friendship, playing various games, doing crafts, and lots of chatter.

The youth group have written & drawn pictures for the people at Bell House Care Home during the lockdown.

Quiz Night Friday 1st May 7pm

If you are interested in joining in please contact Jacqueline on the details below.

Dates of the next meetings for May are: 1st, 15th, & 29th

Contact Kim 07512 290110 or Jacqueline.france@interface.com to join in



5 ALIVE

As 5 Alive are unable to meet at the moment, a number of packs have been put together to look at as a family until we are able to meet again.

It includes a story, an image, a prayer activity and some prayers to use with children.

If and your family are interested in a pack, please contact:

Nigel Priestly on 07885 430085

All Age Worship

Led by the team at St Mary's, Wilshaw

Sunday 3rd May @ 11.15

Lots of activities for all ages included.

Via Zoom—If you like to join, then contact Jacqueline on the details below for a zoom link to join in.

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Debbie at Meltham Foodbank.

A big thank you to all you faithful people who have generously given money and food donations. So far this month we have done 50 parcels, March was 30.

As you can appreciate in these troubled times demand has risen significantly., due to people losing jobs and income.

My thanks also go to the team that have kept working to meet demand.

I can't thank all of our supporters and volunteers enough on behalf of the foodbank clients.

I have taken the liberty below of repeating a few of the recent comments.

'Thank you so much for the food. I'm overwhelmed. Honestly I can't thank you enough'.

'Saved me and my Kids'. 'overwhelmed by your generosity' 'Ace'

Meltham really is a special community that works together.

Want to contribute? We especially need:

Tinned potatoes/ instant mash, long life milk, tinned veg, tinned fruit, soup, rice, pasta, noodles, pasta sauce, tinned tomato's, cereals, tinned meat, baked beans, tinned pasta meals ie spaghetti, ravioli , Jams,. Shampoo, shower gel.

Drop into the bins at Morrisons or the Coop. Fresh & frozen vegetables, welcome but these must be delivered to the centre only.

Financial donations are also welcome. These can be posted through the centre door. If you want your financial donation it to be specifically for the foodbank please label it clearly.

Centre opening hours: **Mon - Fri 10.00 to 12.30.**



Answers to Riddles

1) Noise of the cars engine. 2) A Key 3) The letter 'I' 4) Lettuce 5) An Orange

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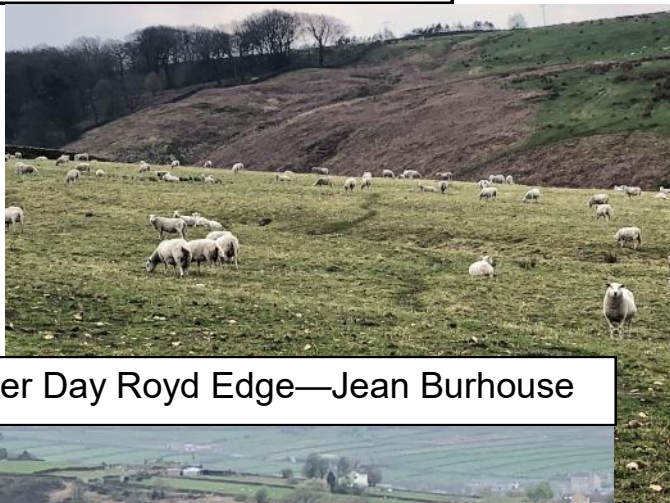
Photos around the Parish



Clap for carers by Swooshed—Nigel Priestly



Sunrise over Meltham—Liz Ryan



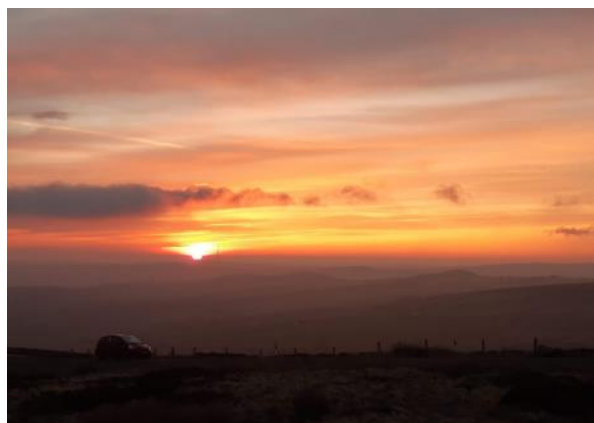
Easter Day Royd Edge—Jean Burhouse



Royd Edge—Val White



Sunrise at Cock crowing stone on Easter Day—Fiona Dracup



Next Month magazine is a...

Lockdown Special

Lockdown Special

**Has lockdown unlocked your creative side?
Maybe you have written a poem, short story
or done something with the kids.**

**Have you managed to complete a project you
never thought you would have chance to
finish?**

**If so, then we would like you to share it in
next months Lockdown special edition.**

**Please email any pictures or copies of work
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