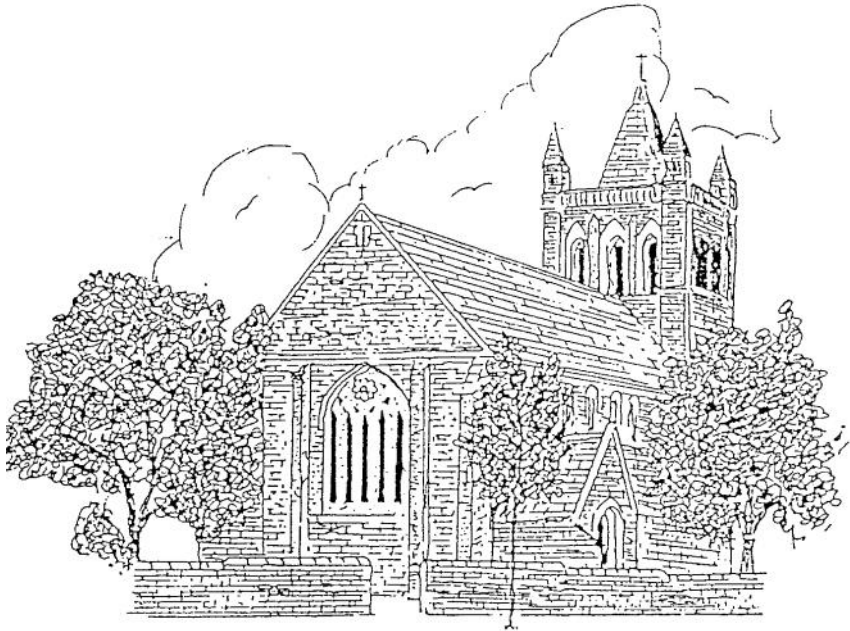


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Editorial

Dear Readers,

We had to have a full colour centrefold in this edition because of the stunning photo sent to us by Ken Burton. We've also included a couple of pictures from Skipton when we enjoyed a happy and sunny day out— many thanks again to Brenda Darren for all her hard work organising it.

A big thank you too to all our contributors and happy holidays to you all.

The Editorial Team

Don't forget our Heritage Open Day on Saturday 10th September.

P.S. It costs about 35p to produce each copy of Parish News, including the cost of paper, printing and our subscription to Parish Pump. We are suggesting a donation of 50p per magazine, with any profit going into Church funds. Please put any money in the blue tin marked "Parish News" at the back of the church.

Vicar's Letter



On Trinity Sunday morning I was talking with Revd Jean at St Edward's when we both commented that Trinity Sunday marks the beginning of 'Ordinary Time' in the church calendar. We both immediately added that its actually far from 'ordinary' time! When is there ever 'ordinary' time in the church? If we truly hold onto the gift that we have received from God in Jesus Christ our Lord, then no time is 'ordinary' but 'abundant'. We have that treasure that no one else can give, a treasure that transforms the 'ordinary' into the 'abundant'. Having said that by the time we get to Proper 24, we may feel the 'abundance' has somewhat waned!

During 'Ordinary Time' we focus a little less on Jesus' saving acts and more on his teaching – on the bits in-between his birth and Passion. It's a time for us to really focus on the principles of our Christian faith and to learn more about the God who loves us. It's a time for cementing our faith on the foundations of Christ's saving acts, and sometimes working at those 'difficult' bits. So we learn of his love – that love for all people that reveals the Father's love for us all. Jesus broke down the accepted norms of his society to reach out to the lost, the lonely, the hurting and the diseased, from both genders and all ages. We learn that God's love for humanity is a love that encompasses all people regardless of background or gender. Jesus truly valued all people and I think one of the assets that we are losing in our society is that sense of value for one another which is an appreciation of who we are and our contribution to the life of community.

Value I believe, has its root in trust. A person's 'value' is strengthened when we trust that person to behave responsibly and to contribute to

community. Sadly we live in a society where ‘trust’ has been pushed to one side by legislation. The law is a very blunt instrument and as important in principle are laws protecting people’s equality and human rights; they create an environment in which some individuals and groups can claim to be ‘victims’ of prejudice. This can become problematic for example when the law upholds the ‘rights’ of some groups against their own. A prime example of this being the private hotelier couple upholding their ‘right’ to express their religious convictions who are then taken to court and fined for not allowing a homosexual couple to stay at their hotel. Now I’m not advocating ‘right-wing’ tendencies, but what I am saying is that the law is a blunt instrument and can turn responsible citizens into victims themselves, who then lose trust in the legislative process and in society itself. They become de-valued and demeaned by laws that are supposedly there to protect their rights, as much as any one else’s. The law can create mistrust and rather than enhancing society, can act to undermine it.

Jesus did not come to save us by law. He came to save us through a saving act of grace. He showed us how we as individuals and as society should behave. We as Christians should display a grace of equality, in which we recognise that both genders are equal and can contribute different gifts to society; and a grace of hospitality in which we recognise the rights of different groups to live their lives their way whilst contributing to the wider society. In this way we value one another rather than creating ‘victims’ and the ‘disenchanted’.

Jesus revealed to us a way of living that was not enforced by law, but revealed by grace. We share in that grace, the gift of God, through faith in him. It is our prerogative as Christians to reveal that grace in our lives, to value one another and all peoples’ contribution to society and to show that there is another way, the way that leads to an enriched society and everlasting life.

God bless you all

Revd Mark

PCC News

Treasurer's Report

Church finances currently look good on the surface, but we have some major expenditure coming up. In addition to electrical checks and lightning conductor checks costing over £1000, our insurance premium is set to rise dramatically. After a recent visit by our insurers the valuation of the church has jumped from £4.1m to £8+m. This may mean an increase in our insurance premium of about £2000 unless the PCC decide to reduce our cover. This potential rise will more than wipe out the current healthy balance which has been achieved by the fund raising efforts of many members of the congregation and an increase in the number of weddings held in church.

John Gostelow (Treasurer)

PCC News

The PCC has met on two occasions since the last Parish News was published. We have agreed to talk to Mark Harvey about a simpler design for the new window in the Lady Chapel as his existing design has not been accepted by the DAC.

Wakefield Diocesan Synod has agreed in principle to the proposal to create one large diocese with four new area bishops but voted against the plan that the new Diocesan bishop be the Bishop of Wakefield and against it being centred in Wakefield. In a lively debate Synod members shared their concerns that the draft plan was finance driven rather than mission driven and asked where the mission strategy was in the plan.

We have been alerted to the fact that our organ is likely to need repairs, and these repairs are likely to be very expensive. Grants should be available as our organ is unique. There will be more news on this through the summer.

Information about progress on the Parish Plan is on page 10.

Margaret Gostelow

Guild News

Hello, once again time has rushed by and as I write for the summer edition the gift of the Holy Spirit will be with us at the Feast of Pentecost. When I was growing up this great festival was celebrated as Whitsuntide, when new clothes made it a very important occasion. I remember one time having a new dress made by my mother (a tailoress) and a pair of black shoes (Kiltie patent, wow!). These were only worn on Sunday for church for a long time. Probably others of you will have the same type of memory. The gift of sharing memories is to be treasured and was revealed when our speaker at our May meeting, Revd Canon Martyn Crompton, Wakefield Diocesan Prayer and Healing Fellowship, fed us with his loving and spiritual feelings, sharing memories of some wonderful people he had met on his journey of life.

It has certainly become a talking point, revising old times for many, and definitely one for the 'memory bank'. A few 'tearful' eyes showed the emotion felt.

He was happy to walk round the church buildings admiring the elegance and well-being of the maintenance and the pristine condition of the linen and Sacred Vessels.

Hopefully he will visit again along with his wife, who will be very welcome. For myself, it was lovely meeting at last, as I feel it was like meeting an old friend through the Fellowship bimonthly information/prayer list which I had the privilege to be enclosed in for many years.

Our June meeting-what an afternoon! Our speaker Maureen Browell, a most welcome return visitor, arrived with her usual vital feeling of energy and two very essential shopping bags containing her usual amount of 'treasures'. The subject of her talk was 'Favourite Things'-delightful thought-very reminiscent of days gone by, especially the Sound of Music. Everyone was asked for one favourite thing and the variety was amazing. Maureen's was Marks and Spencer and, for fifteen years, a 'skeleton' printed in detail on a plain block of thick plastic (could have been a fine specimen in the flesh). The next treasures were stoles, two pieces of material worn round the neck by priests during services. These were very beautiful, the colours vibrant,

but the love they came with from various people made them extra special. They depicted the seasons of the Church year: Advent (purple), repentance and hope of the coming Messiah (Christmas) and Lent, repentance and assurance of the Resurrection (Easter), green (Trinity, Father Son and Holy Spirit) representing the many stories given about Jesus in the New Testament, red (Martyrs) energy of spirit, white (special occasions such as Christmas, Easter) commemoration of church naming day celebrations. These stoles gave the details of a journey beginning to end, the ups and downs, the knots and hurdles, the brightness and love of God in becoming a priest (thanks be to God).

A selection of boxes produced further treasures, one a beautiful container for Home Communion in which a consecrated wafer could be taken to someone unable to attend church services. Stones picked up on a beach for meditation on 'quiet times and days' and a white stone from Croatia, in the form of a Crucifix which fitted comfortably in a hand. Finally we were treated to three songs, sung with appropriate vigour, which were great fun: Diet Ditty, Hairdressers and Pastoral Fare. There was also a piece that Julie Andrews sang to commemorate her 69th birthday.

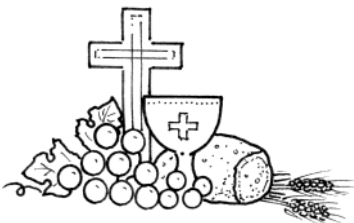
An important point for concern is the changes in the movement of the diocese and parishes. In her own situation one priest is retiring, a curate is moving on and another priest is taking a sabbatical, leaving Maureen to cover all parishes in her ministry.

She sent us an email thanking the Guild for the hospitality given and how much she had enjoyed coming. She added that priests and congregations should by the grace of God work together in these difficult times.

Enjoy the remainder of this summer!!

Love in Christ to everyone

Jean Jagger, President.



From the Parish Register

Baptisms

3rd April	Lukasz Joseph Kosaelny William Albie Conway
24th April	Myles Alexander Sutton
1st May	Ruby Louise Nicklin Tilly Batty Phoebe Batty
5th June	Evie Dyson Finley Wragg Macey Eve Hirst
3rd July	Sophia Sexton Darcey Parker

Weddings

14th May	David Turner Archer & Tonia Roome
4th June	Brett Skelly & Kelly Anne Corby
11th June	Luke Oliver & Ann Marie Hepworth
2nd July	Adam Penty & Naomi Rushforth

Funerals

13th April	Alice Roberts
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Parish Plan Update

In January we presented to you our Parish Plan report with the following recommendations :

1. The PCC to approach our architect with a view to exploring the possibilities for refurbishment of the vestry room with possible extension, better disabled facilities, and ideas for creating space in the nave.
2. To try a once per month 'family' oriented service on either a weekday evening or Saturday evening.
3. To purchase notice-boards and improve our localised publicity
4. To review our website and possibly establish a Facebook page.
5. To establish a midweek evening discussion group fortnightly or monthly
6. To make approaches to possible partners in the community

As an update on this the PCC have been considering options for (1) and in particular ideas for creating a useable space in the nave whilst maintaining the character and atmosphere of the building. We intend to approach our architect to initially discuss ideas to create a level space at the west-end of the church from the final columns to the west wall. We would not want to obscure in any way the west window but want to have a good quality folding screen of approx 2 metres height to separate this area from the worship space, and which could be opened out to allow extra seating when necessary. In the north porch we would intend to have a disabled toilet fitted and on the inner south wall a serving bar for coffee/tea etc. This idea, although perhaps sounding radical is what many other churches have or are looking into to make the building more versatile. We will obviously keep you up to date with any ideas from the architect.

Although there is an idea for the refurbishment of the vestry rooms we feel at present that the nave reordering would be a simpler, cheaper and

more effective way of developing St Edward's in the near future.

As for (2) we feel that at present we need to focus on the Second Sunday service and 'Messy Church'. Also the Butterflies 'pram service' on the first Wednesday morning of the month.

Before the Report we had already purchased extra notice boards etc for localised publicity (3). There are still some enhancements we can make and will continue to improve our publicity.

The website (4) does a very good job at present; it is linked to 'A church near you' from which we receive a number of enquiries regarding baptism and weddings. We're not pursuing a Facebook page at present.

(5) is something that we must get started in the autumn period.

(6) Forming partnerships with other local organisations is very much on-going and linked to ideas for the vestry rooms refurbishment. This will be more long-term.

I hope this gives you some update and insight to how we are approaching these recommendations and I hope we can give you regular updates in the future months.

Revd Mark



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Our Lord

What a beautiful world you created,
With land and small islands and seas.
Deep oceans and ice caps and rivers,
Grass, bushes and flowers and trees.

With bird life too numerous to mention,
And animal species galore,
We've sun, wind and rain, often welcome,
Each following some complex law.

But why Lord, create human beings,
Who argue and fight and then kill.
Who covet their neighbours' possessions,
And slaughter all species at will.

We've piranha and sharks in the ocean,
We've animals powerful and strong,
But most vicious of all is the human,
How is it WE'VE got it so wrong.

What a beautiful world you created,
Our planet outshines all the rest.
One day, WE are sure to destroy it.
Yet we know YOU created the best.

Reg Weaver (with thanks to Brenda Darren)

Recording the Service

If anyone would like a recording of the Parish Communion Service and other occasional services, please let John Thompson know. The services are put onto cassette tapes, so those who wish to have them need to have a cassette tape player. If you wish to purchase a tape they cost £1.50 each.

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11am Parish Eucharist

6pm Evensong

First Sunday in the month 11am Sunday Fun Morning (for children)

Action Committee News

Mon 3rd October at 7pm: Harvest Auction, followed by Pie & Pea
Supper

Tues 11th October from 10am to 12 noon: Coffee morning in the CC

Sat 22nd October: The Academy Singers concert

Sat 26th November: Christmas Fair

**Visit the St. Edwards website for up to date
information on forthcoming events**

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	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Collections</u>
April (4 weeks) (includes Easter)	302	£1407
May (5 weeks)	306	£1431
June (4 weeks)	258	£1255
<p>Note: Includes cash collections, weekly envelopes and Gift Aided envelopes at regular services. Excludes Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals</p>		

Pictures from a day out in Skipton



Enjoying the trip on the canal



Waiting for the Canal trip



A view of the Canal in Skipton



This is the sunset at the North Pole with the moon at its closest point, a scene you will probably never get to see in person, so take a moment and enjoy God's at work at the North Pole.

And, you also see the sun below the moon, an amazing photo and not one easily duplicated.

Gardening

Columbine - *Aquilegia vulgaris* - is also known as 'dove flower'. The dove is a symbol for new creation and baptism and carvings of the flower are often found in cathedrals and churches.

Sorrel - *Rumex acetosa* - was one of the bitter herbs that Hebrew people ate with Passover lamb and so possibly part of the Last Supper.

Moschatel - *Adoxa moschatellina* - also known as the Good Friday flower. There is no other flower like it with its five petals facing north, south, east and west and a fifth facing the sky and a scent of musk. It is the only species in its genus and the only genus in its family in the world.

Wild Pansy - *Viola tricolor* - a member of the violet family, and also known as 'heartsease' and 'Trinity Violets' because they are yellow, white and purple.

Cow Parsley - *Anthriscus sylvestris* - also sometimes known as 'Our Lady's Lace'.

Pasque Flower - *Pulsatilla vulgaris* - thought to be the lilies of the field Jesus pointed to in his Sermon on the Mount.

Solomon's Seal - *Polygonatum multiflorum* - grows in the wild now only in a few places. King Solomon was renowned for his wisdom, composed 3000 proverbs and 1005 songs and built the first temple.

Speedwell - *Veronica*. When Jesus carried his cross, legend has it that Veronica was the girl in the crowd who offered him her handkerchief. When Jesus handed it back his face was imprinted on the cloth. An old country name for speedwell is 'God's Eye'.

Lady's Smock - *Cardamine pratensis*. In the cloisters of Lincoln Cathedral which is dedicated to Mary there is a garden full of her flowers.

Lords and Ladies - *Arum maculatum* - has also been known as 'Parson in the pulpit' and 'Parson in his smock'.

We could grow a Bible Garden in our churchyard-let us know what you think.



It's easy to be the perfect minister

A recent survey has compiled all the qualities that people expect from the perfect young minister. They are easy to follow:

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He/she frequently condemns sin but never upsets anyone.

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He/she makes £200 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car, and gives about £100 a week to the poor.

He/she is 28 years of age, but he's been preaching for 30 years.

He/she is wonderfully gentle with everyone and always gives people in the church their way, but the church is run supremely efficiently.

He/she is amazingly good-looking and eligible, but too committed to your church to want a private life.

He/she gives of themselves completely, but never gets too close to anyone to avoid criticism.

He/she speaks boldly on social issues, but never becomes politically involved.

He/she has an outstanding 'street cred' with the teenagers, spends many happy hours each week lighting up the lives of your church's senior citizens, and is very popular with all the mums and tots.

He/she makes 15 daily calls to church families, visits the housebound and the hospitalised, spends all his time evangelising the un-churched, is something of a notable scholar (writing an authoritative book on Hebrews), and is always in the office when needed.

Told you—it's easy!



Forthcoming Events

Songs of Praise - Sunday 17th July, 4pm.

This is an opportunity for us to gather together and share some of our favourite hymns, scriptural readings and poems. Ideally we need at least 10 suggestions. I will put a Suggestions Box at the back of church for you.

Revd Mark

In a slight change to the Events programme, on Sunday 24th July Fred's Illustrated Talk on the King James Bible at 2.30pm will be followed by Evening Prayer, not Evensong.

Sponsored Reading of King James Bible - Sat 30th July.

Revd Mark, Fred and others are planning to read all 4 Gospels from the King James Bible throughout the day. We will be asking you to sponsor us in this in aid of Church Funds. You can sponsor by Chapter (x 89 in total); by Gospel (x4) or overall. Please be generous in your support. You can also come and listen to the reading at any time during the day. We plan to start at 9am, and estimate we will complete the reading by 6pm



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Rest Benediction

Bless to me, O God, the moon above my head.
Bless to me, O God, the earth on which I tread,
Bless to me, O God, my wife and children all,
Bless, O God, myself to whom their care doth fall;
 Bless to me my wife and children all,
Bless, O God, myself to whom their care doth fall.
Bless, O God, the thing on which mine eye doth rest,
Bless, O God, the thing to which my hope doth quest,
Bless, O God, my reason and what I desire,
Bless, thou God of life, O bless myself entire;
 Bless my reason and what I desire,
Bless, thou God of life, O bless myself entire.

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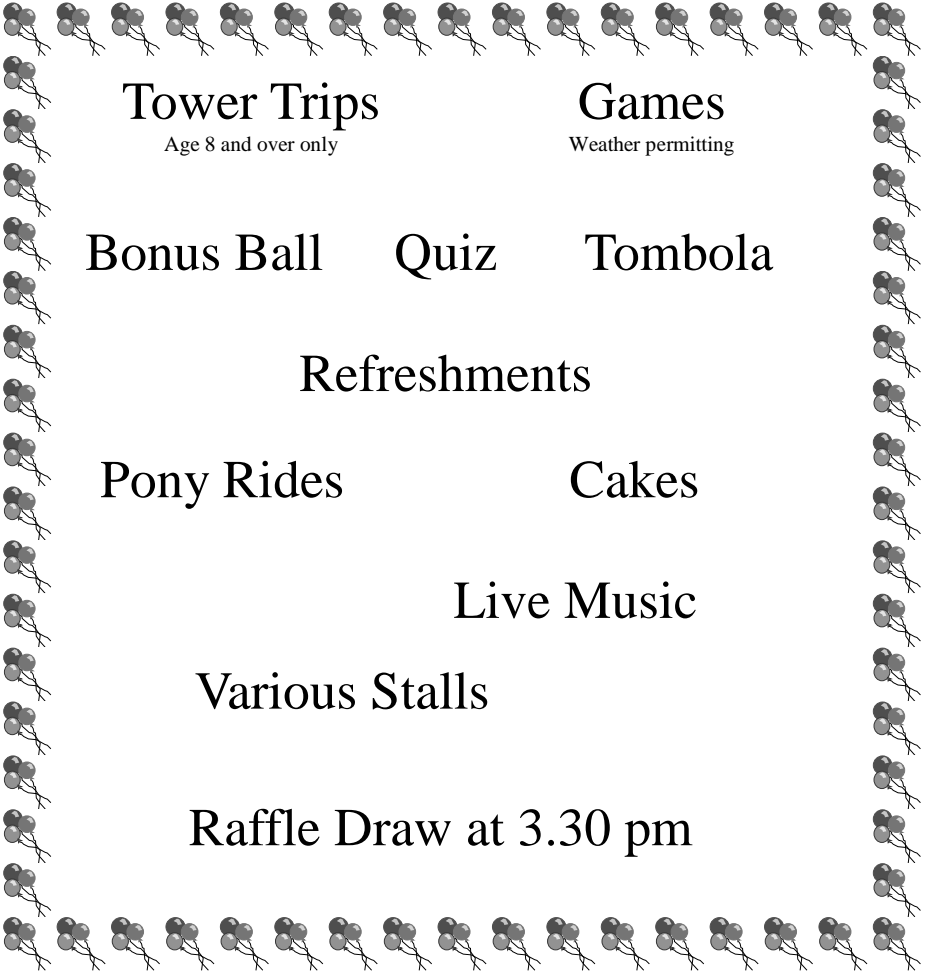
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Summer Fair



Saturday 16th July 2011
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Tower Trips

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Games

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Bonus Ball

Quiz

Tombola

Refreshments

Pony Rides

Cakes

Live Music

Various Stalls

Raffle Draw at 3.30 pm

Rhythm

Rocking, rushing rhythmic movement
As creation comes to birth
Surging, swaying sweeping forward
From the womb of darkest earth.
Tides go on in endless pattern, sun
And moon will keep their course.
As the rivers make their journey,
Moving further from their source.
Green and gold of varied season
Skies shot through with scarlet glow,
As the primeval rhythm
Throws her shuttle to and fro.
Man is caught a willing prisoner,
It is not a thing of chance
That he moves with measured rhythm,
Like an expert in the dance.
Was it just the rocking cradle, when
The mother crooned her song,
Giving to the babe a rhythm
That will carry him along,
To that swaying dancing movement,
Like the sunlight on the trees,
Till his life is one with nature
Pulsing, pounding like the seas,
Makes him feel a vital kinship
With the towering mountain peaks
Makes him find creation's music
Even in the words he speaks.
Was it just the mourners keening,
As she rocks beside the bed,
And unconsciously takes comfort
In her rocking for the dead.
She is also one with nature,
As the nest within the trees

Sways and rocks with measured
Rhythm in the movement of the breeze.
Can it be that the Creator
Did not leave it just to chance,
But within us placed his rhythm
Placed the rhythm of the dance.

Jean Naylor, written in 1966.



"We seem to get a much bigger turnout
whenever the Bishop visits."

Bible Cake

1. ½lb Judges 5 v 25 (last clause)
2. ½lb Jeremiah 6 v 20
3. 1 tablespoon 1 Samuel 14 v 25
4. 3 of Jeremiah 17 v 11
5. ½lb 1 Samuel 30 v 12
6. ½lb Nahum 3 v 12 (chopped)
7. 2 oz Numbers 17 v 8 (blanched and chopped)
8. 1lb Kings 4 v 22
9. Season with 11 Chronicles 9 v 9
10. Pinch of Leviticus 2 v 13
11. 1 teaspoon Amos 4 v 5
12. 3 tablespoons Judges 4 v 19

Beat 1, 2 and 3 to a cream. Add 4, one at a time, still beating. Then add 5,6 and 7, still beating. Add 8,9,10 and 11 (having previously mixed them) and, lastly, 12. Bake in a slow oven for 1½ hours.

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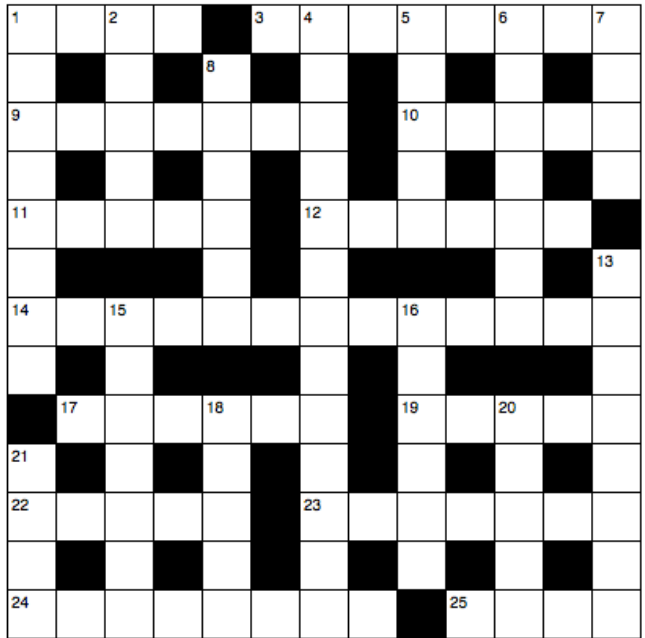


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Crossword

Answers on page 31



Across

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8–12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

Down

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in —' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day —' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

Christian Aid Week at St Edward's

A total of £493.88 was raised at St Edward's for CAW 2011. In detail this was £182.38 House to House; £220.50 donations at Parish Eucharist, and £91.00 at the Launch Service.

We were fortunate to have in attendance Laura Cooke, a young Christian Aid volunteer speaker, who spoke to us about her experiences of working with Christian Aid. In her talk she told us about three communities.

Two whom Christian Aid supports and Laura had visited, were Los Alpes, a coffee growing community in Nicaragua, the poorest country in Latin America after Haiti. 80% of the population live on less than a £1 a day, a quarter are undernourished and more than a fifth still have no access to clean water. The other community Laura told us about was in Cambodia who are still suffering the effects of the country's dreadful history under Pol Pot and his regime that wiped out a whole generation of the population. 80% are under 30 and land mines still cover 20% of the country.

The third community Laura spoke about was the early Christian community in Acts. Laura told us:

'It is hard to feel like a global community, to remember that people all over the world are our neighbours too. But we believe in a God of community, and the way Jesus lived his life is a shining example and something to get excited and joyful about. God has called us to look after the poor and the oppressed to be the good news to the poor, and isn't this good news. We can be used to create and inspire change in the world that will transform and make the 'miracle of many different communities'. We are able to be part of these communities all over the world during Christian Aid Week and I know this can be proved sometimes difficult and humbling but by doing our bit by maybe going door to door in our own communities, and praying for the work of Christian Aid we are all part of the transformation that takes place.

'The gospel reading for Christian Aid Week Sunday ends with John 10.10 'I came so the people might have life, and in abundance.'

‘Having life abundantly’ suggests a new community where life is affirmed, not denied; where people flourish.’ And isn’t this amazing news that these people are able to have life to the full. We should look at it as exciting that we can get to play a part in changing these peoples’ lives for the better. Throughout Jesus’ life he spent it with the poor and helping them and that is a shining example God calls us to be the people who will help the oppressed.’

We are all able to help make a difference in the world we share. A sincere thank you to all who donated to St Edward’s CAW total which will go to work with the poorest of the world’s poor.

Fred Thompson

Finding Jesus (a very old joke)

A baptismal service was being held outside on a Sunday afternoon down by a river in a rural southern state of America. The keen young minister noticed that a very drunken local man was blearily watching proceedings. He called out: “What about you? Are you ready to find Jesus?”

The drunk looked startled, but responded: "Yes sir, I am." And so the minister decided to baptize him, there and then. He led him into the river, and dunked him under the water, and pulled him to his feet. “Well, have you found Jesus?”

"No, I didn't!" said the drunk.

The minister then dunked him again. "Now brother, have you found Jesus?"

"No, I did not!" protested the drunk.

Disgusted, the young minister held the man under for at least 30 seconds and demanded again: “For goodness sake, why haven’t you found Jesus yet?!”

The old drunk wiped his eyes and gasped: "Well, are you sure this is where he fell in?"

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Bible cake key (according to the King James Bible):

1. butter, 2. sugar, 3. honey, 4. eggs, 5. raisins, 6. figs, 7. almonds, 8. flour, 9. spices, 10. salt, 11. leaven (baking powder), 12. water.

I looked first in the Good News Bible, but the ingredients as translated would have made a very strange cake indeed!

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Dove, 3, Offender, 9, Alcohol, 10, Loses, 11, Horam, 12, Oprah, 14, Archbishopric, 17, Samuel, 19, Dwarf, 22, Lacks, 23, Imagine, 24, Military, 25, Revd. DOWN: 1, Drachmas, 2, Vicar, 4, Fellow-soldier, 5, Eglah, 6, Despair, 7, Rust, 8, The mob, 13, Scofield, 15, Chancel, 16, Ordeal, 18, Upset, 20, Alike, 21, Elim.

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Services

Sundays (except 2nd)	9:15	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	10:00	Holy Communion & Sunday School
1st Sunday only	13:00	Baptism
Wednesday	10:00	Holy Communion (1692)
1st Wednesday	10:45	Butterflies (Service for Toddlers)
Last Friday	12:00	Time and Space

Regular Events

Monday	1900	Keep Fit
3rd Tuesday	1400	Guild Meeting
1st Saturday	1000	Coffee Morning

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