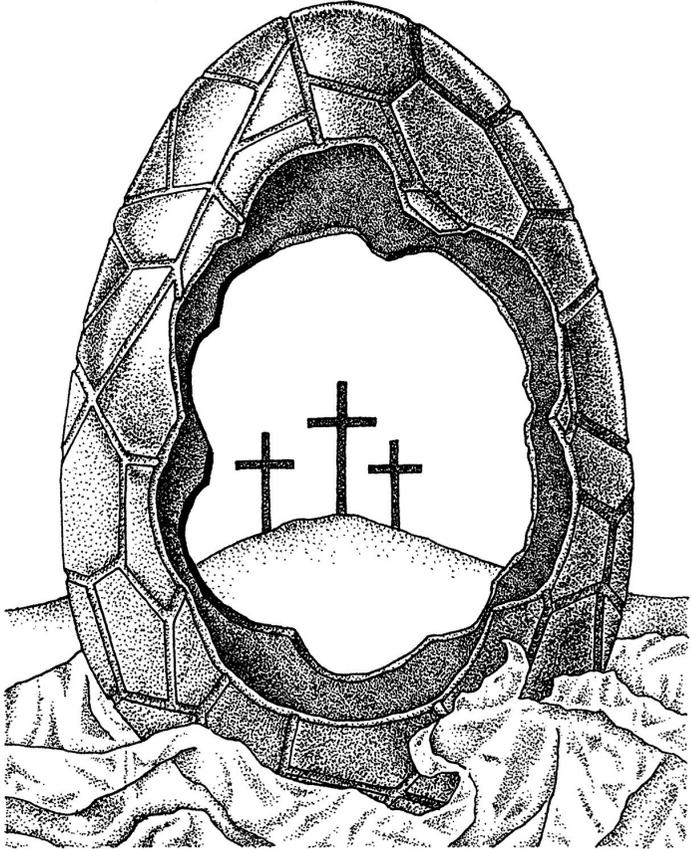


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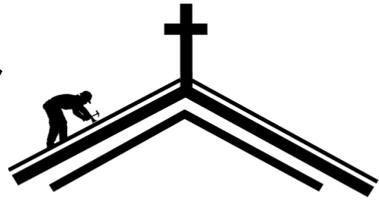
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# Roof Appeal



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## The Vicarage

### Dear Friends

There's some funny stuff in the Bible.

Did you know that there are three stories of some of the heroes of the Old Testament pretending that their wife is their sister for fear of being killed? It sounds like something straight out of a Shakespearean comedy! But there they are: in Genesis 12, Abraham pretends to Pharaoh that his wife is his sister, and then he carries off the same ruse in Genesis 20 to Abimelech – Sarah, his wife, is clearly a lucky lady to have such a courageous husband! Then, like-father-like-son, in Genesis 26 Isaac also pretends that his wife is his sister when he meets Abimelech! (Hopefully not the same Abimelech – it could have been a title rather than a name).

It's a tale of human failing and God's mercy and unfailing care for his people that carries on in different ways throughout the Bible. It struck me, though, that this wife-sister thing could be a really useful challenge for us too in our faith.

I have both a wife and a little sister. My sister is very nice and I love her, but I didn't get to choose her (in fact one of my earliest memories was telling my parents that if she was born a girl, I'd put her in the bin!). My wife, on the other hand, I totally chose – I practically begged her to marry me! (and, for the record, I'd do so again).

When they felt threatened, Abraham and Isaac both moved

from being open about their companion of choice, suggesting instead that they were born this way. Their companion became expendable and replaceable for them as both wives were taken off into the household of others. Wives become sisters as husbands become chickens. Not great! Certainly not romantic or heroic!

I suppose my question is for us to ponder, taking this as a picture of our faith: All of us have chosen our faith; none of us was born with it as an add-on. Our faith is therefore more like a spouse than a sister. But the question is, when we feel under pressure, or when challenged about why we go to church, or when something 'better' comes up that Sunday, does our faith-wife become downgraded to a faith-sister? Do we heroically cling proudly to our choice to follow Jesus to the end, or do we suggest that this is really a cultural thing we were born with that can be set aside for a time when it seems convenient?

We know from the rest of the Bible, that Jesus regards the Church as his bride: God chose us and will never set us aside. The question is, for each of us, do we live out that faithful matrimony, or do we act like Abraham and Isaac, downplaying our choices whenever we feel there's an advantage to be gained? Let's follow the example of our faithful saviour, Jesus.

*Steve*



## **A View from The Pews by Dominic Hall**

On a wet and windy evening, I like little better than to make a brew and snuggle down to watch a good TV drama. Lately, however, this pleasure has been slightly dulled by the inevitable voice crashing over the credits, 'If you can't wait to find out what happens next then all episodes are streaming right now.' I remember one of the joys of watching programmes like 'Return Of The Saint' in the 1970s was that you had to wait for the next instalment. The anticipation built to fever pitch during the week so that 7:15pm on a Sunday evening couldn't come soon enough.

Last year the 'streaming' mania was brought home to me during Russell T Davies' remarkable AIDS drama 'It's A Sin'. I know people who 'binge watched' the whole series in one evening. That's their prerogative but I felt they missed out on the impact of the drama; the increasing fear, anger and frustration of the characters as they buried friends and lovers while the authorities did little to help. You needed a week to process what had happened and to ready yourself for the next assault on your heart.

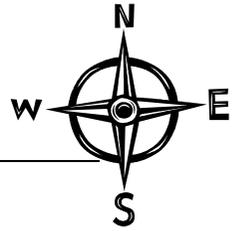
It seems that this might be indicative of a wider trend. People are too concerned with packing in as many experiences as possible, they don't take the time to pause and reflect on the value of each one. I like to go to London a couple of times a year. When I go, I choose a play to watch or a museum to visit and that provides a focal point. Taking the time to reflect on what I have seen or experienced helps to place in a broader context that which mankind has created, developed or discovered. It also allows me the space to try to understand the impact this has on my life and on the lives of others.

In the 1980s movie, 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off' the main character captures this when he tells us, 'Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.'

Instead of trying to pack as much into our lives as possible, I wonder whether it would be better for us both mentally and physically to choose one or two things to cherish and absorb. Quality not quantity and all that.

Oh and one last thing, if you liked this edition of A View From The Pews there is no streaming service so you are going to have to wait until May for the next instalment; but then, patience is a virtue!

# Prayer Points



O, to be in England  
Now that April's there,  
And whoever wakes in England  
Sees, some morning, unaware,  
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
Round the elm tree bole are in tiny leaf.  
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough  
In England - now !

*Home Thoughts, from Abroad: Robert Browning*

The annual awakening in nature is echoed in our spiritual lives now. Our Lenten rededication to God's service, Holy Week, and Jesus' celebratory welcome into Jerusalem, followed by betrayal, rejection, denial, crucifixion: then Eastertide and resurrection offering us redemption and new life.

My life is like a frozen thing,  
No bud nor greenness can I see:  
Yet rise it shall - the sap of Spring,  
O Jesus, rise in me.

*From A Better Resurrection: Christina Rossetti*

We pray for new beginnings for ourselves, our church, our world.

- We hold up to God our work with young families and young people: Zest, The Junction and The Den.
- The urgent requirement for a new church roof.
- At this dark time on the world stage we pray for all whose lives are devastated by war, and for courage and wisdom for all who strive for peace.

O gracious and Holy Father  
Give us wisdom to perceive you  
Diligence to seek you  
Patience to wait for you  
Eyes to behold you  
And a life to proclaim you  
Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*St Benedict*

*With thanks to Sallie Finch for this month's Prayer Points*

## **The Tale of a Book: Two Pioneer Editors of Julian of Norwich: Grace Warrack and Sister Anna Maria Reynolds CP: Biographical Studies by Joyce R Simpson.**

In 2019 I opened an email and found an entirely unexpected invitation. The editor of the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* wanted a biography of Grace Warrack, the first twentieth century editor of the writings of Julian of Norwich. To me Grace Warrack was just a name; I knew nothing about her and thought the task proposed was beyond my scope and possibly the request was a mistake. But a friend intervened. The friend was Rosemary Mitchell, distinguished historian, and former colleague, then in training at St Hild's, Mirfield for ministry in the Church of England. She insisted that this assignment rightly fell to me, and so reluctantly I agreed to try. I began to explore who this Victorian woman from Edinburgh was, what she achieved for readers of Julian of Norwich and more broadly to assess Warrack's contribution to the revival of interest in mystical writing in the early part of the twentieth century. As the investigation developed, I discovered a woman whose interest in European culture also led to publications, and who became a generous patron to Scottish artists and writers. By February 2020 the deadline was close, but the task was nearly done.

On 18 February I went to an Opera North production of *The Turn of the Screw*, and late that evening walked home from the station. To my horror I found the back door smashed and swinging open. The burglar had stolen, amongst other items, my laptop on which was stored both my notes and the latest draft of the Grace Warrack biography. The shock left me feeling I had to abandon the project. Rosemary was sympathetic but assured me that after a few days I would feel differently, and that once I had a replacement laptop, I could re-write the whole 15,000 words. I was not convinced, but hesitantly agreed to try. After three weeks' intense effort the re-write was complete, and the deadline met.

By then the Covid pandemic had begun, thrusting on everyone anxiety, deprivation, and a more restricted way of life. I saw in the blank space an opportunity to write as best I could the story of Sister Anna Maria Reynolds, the Irish Roman Catholic nun who shortly after World War II had transcribed Julian's *Revelations of Divine Love* from all the known manuscripts. Her work is the foundation of Julian studies in the second half of the twentieth century and was undertaken whilst she

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also worked as a teacher in Bradford. In the mid-Sixties Sr. Anna Maria became a founding Vice- Principal at Trinity and All Saints College, where we met in 1973 when I took up a post in the English department. Her work, I believe, deserves greater recognition. Might it be a good idea to combine in a slender book the stories of these two editors?

The text for *Two Pioneer Editors* is greatly enhanced by an initiative undertaken with generous kindness by Cllr Dale Smith. Dale believed in the project and unbeknown to me, as an alumnus of St Andrews University he sought permission for the book to be enhanced by a glorious photograph of the Grace Warrack memorial window in Martyrs' Kirk, now the Richardson Research Library. Dale had been a prime mover of the St John's publication: *Echoes of War: Menston Reflects on the Great War*, and as the village knows, he is a great encourager.

On 5 July 2021, my dear friend, Professor Rosemary Mitchell, the inspirer of this research, was ordained deacon in Ripon Cathedral and became curate at Holy Trinity Skipton. To the great dismay of many, Rosemary soon became exceedingly ill and died of cancer less than three months after her Ordination. She was a distinguished cultural historian who shared my love for Parcevall Hall. During lockdown as a way of raising much-needed funds for Parcevall Hall Rosemary had contributed A Spring Reflection, taking a painting as the focus for her sensitive meditation. The image she invites the viewer to ponder depicts a hillside with sheep and lambs; 'A Study in March' is by the Yorkshire artist, John William Inchbold (1830-1888). I had hoped that Rosemary would contribute many study days to the Parcevall Hall programme as her ministry developed; sadly, that was not to be. I have dedicated this little book to Rosemary; without her it would not exist. Parcevall Hall had to close for most of two years during the pandemic and has suffered significant financial loss. We are fortunate to have in Wharfedale a diocesan retreat house, known for welcome and hospitality, and surrounded by beautiful gardens; other dioceses lack such a special place. All proceeds from the sale of the book are donated to Parcevall Hall.

The book costs £12 (p&p £2). Copies available from J Simpson:  
[djsimp@btinternet.com](mailto:djsimp@btinternet.com)

## Event at Parcevall Hall

### Julian of Norwich: 'within listening distance of the silence we call God'

Tuesday 3 May 10.00am – 8.30pm

A Study Day with Joyce Simpson, retired Head of Humanities at Leeds Trinity University.

*'What seek ye?', or 'What do you want?'* are the first words Jesus utters in St John's Gospel. Julian's reply is direct and firm: *'God of your goodness give me yourself'*. How does Julian, an anchorite in 14<sup>th</sup> century Norwich, challenge and support pilgrims in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Just as from the window of her cell Julian gave comfort and counsel to the burdened and perplexed, so many have found that to spend time in the company of her book, *The Revelations of Divine Love*, is to find strength for the journey through life. Julian of Norwich lived through 'an age of adversity', characterised by epidemic, war, civic conflict, and harsh struggles for social justice. The day is a quest to discover for ourselves the truth of her insight that *'Love was his meaning'*. Along the way we will ponder 'Julian and Desire', 'Julian and Fear', 'Julian and Trust', and consider the encounter between Julian and that flamboyant pilgrim, Margery Kempe.

Arrival at 10am for Holy Communion at 10.15am. The price includes coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and evening meal. There is the option to stay overnight on Tuesday 3 May. Price £50.

## Revision of the Electoral Roll 2022

The Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM) will be held on *Sunday 8 May*.

I'm certain just about everyone who wants to be, is already on the Roll ..... in which case, you are excused reading any further; please go on to the next article!

However, if you have joined our church family recently, do consider going onto the Roll. It means you can vote at the APCM meeting to elect PCC members and Deanery representatives; you can also raise matters of parochial or general church interest, and you can stand for election. To be on the Roll, you must be baptised and 16 years old, either live in the parish, or have worshipped here regularly for at least 6 months.

The revision of the Roll is a rather drawn out process, but it is a legal requirement. The existing Roll will be placed on view at the back of church from Sunday 3 April for 3 Sundays, and application forms will be in the same red folder. Completed forms should be handed to me, or handed in to the Office, preferably in an envelope marked with my name by **Sunday 17 April** at the latest.

The revised Roll then will be on view for 3 Sundays – from Sunday 24 April. If you have moved during the last year, please check that I have the correct address. No new names can be added to the Roll during this interim period.

If you have any queries, please get in touch.

*Elizabeth Leopold*  
*Electoral Roll Officer*

# ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

## Sunday 8 May ~ 11am

To be held in church within a Service of the Word  
with additional seating in the Parish Room.

### AGENDA

- Election of 2 Churchwardens
- Election of PCC members:
  - 4 to serve for 3 years*
  - 1 to serve for 2 years*
  - 1 to serve for 1 year*
- Treasurer's Report

Please think and pray about nominations and whether you are prepared to stand for any of the vacancies.

**Please notify the Vicar by 1 May, by email or in writing, of any questions you may wish to raise at the meeting.**

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts will be available on **Sunday 1 May**. Please take one per household and bring with you to the meeting.



St John the Divine,  
Menston Parish Church



# EASTER

**Stations of the Cross** - Wednesday 13 April at 7pm

**Maundy Thursday Communion** - 14 April at 7pm

**Seven Last Words** - Good Friday, 15 April at 2-4pm

**Easter Day Zest** - Sunday 17 April at 9.30am

**Easter Day Holy Communion** - Sunday 17 April at 11am

*Please note: The Junction and The Den will not take place on Easter Day. The morning Midweek Communion will not take place on Maundy Thursday.*



Plus, join our Zoom Compline  
on Tuesday evenings in Lent.  
See our website for more details!

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# Worship this month

**3 Apr    The Fifth Sunday of LENT**  
**Readings: Isaiah 43: 16-21; John 12: 1-8**  
*Reader: Jenny Steele*

9.30am    Zest  
11.00am    Parish Eucharist  
6.00pm    The Junction followed by the Den

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**10 Apr    PALM SUNDAY**  
**Readings: Psalm 118: 1-2,19-end; Luke 19: 28-40**  
*Reader: David Mercer*

9.30am    Zest  
11.00am    Parish Eucharist  
6.00pm    The Junction followed by the Den

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**17 Apr    EASTER DAY**  
**Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18**  
*Reader: Ros Wilkinson*

9.30am    Zest  
11.00am    Parish Eucharist

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**24 Apr    The Second Sunday of EASTER**  
**Readings: Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19-31**  
*Reader: Colin Alexander*

9.30am    Zest  
11.00am    Parish Eucharist  
6.00pm    The Junction followed by the Den

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**1 May    The Third Sunday of EASTER**  
**Readings: Acts 9: 1-6; John 21: 1-19**  
**Reader: Pat Machin**

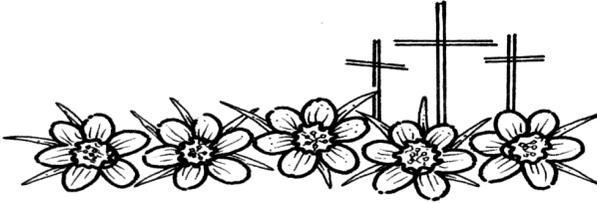
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11.00am    Parish Eucharist  
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**MID-WEEK SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*9.30am    Thursdays: 7 / 21 / 28 April NB no 9.30am service  
              on 14 April (Maundy Thursday)*

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**ALTAR FLOWERS - NEW ROTA**

The new rota for altar flowers is now in the church porch. Please sign up for your preferred date(s).

**EASTER LILIES**

If you wish to contribute to the lilies which will decorate St John's at Eastertide you can put your donation through the **Parish Office** letter box or pass it to a warden on Sunday mornings. Please put the money in a sealed envelope clearly marked **'for Easter Lilies'**.



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**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**FUNERAL SERVICES** *We commend into the hands of Almighty God:*

15 March            Peter Finlay R.I.P.

## **How to have some happiness this April...**

‘April is the cruellest month,’ wrote TS Eliot at the beginning of his magisterial poem, *The Wasteland*. And it is a good description of what April may bring us, between the war in Ukraine and soaring energy prices.

But apparently, major problems do not mean that we can’t enjoy anything. According to the ‘science of happiness,’ fuelled by advances in brain-scanning technology and a cultural shift towards seeing happiness as a key index in human development, there is a way through the deep gloom that hangs over this month.

Neuroscientists suggest that even while we are dealing with the big problems of life, we can also make room for ‘small, fleeting moments of fulfilment’. These can range from holding the hand of a loved one, to appreciating the daffodils in your garden, to enjoying a cup of tea with a good friend. Such moments of quiet contentment are ‘joyful vignettes’ which can be the bread and butter of our daily human happiness. As one writer has said: ‘Hold on to the small moments and the bigger picture of gloom doesn’t have to be as overwhelming as it first seems.’

## **...and get going this Spring!**

One thing you need to put at the top of your list this Spring is to simply MOVE. Whether you like gardening, cycling, jogging, walking or any other activity, make certain that you do some of it every day.

As Prof James Goodwin, of the Brain Health Network in London explains, ‘Only 25 per cent of our ageing – both physical and mental – is determined by our DNA. The other 75 per cent is lifestyle and our environment, over which we have a lot of choice.’

He goes on to explain that aerobic exercise indirectly stimulates the brain, and thus rejuvenates it. ‘Prolonged daily sitting down is the enemy of brain health.’ He also advises people to develop a healthy routine and stick to it.

*Parish Pump News Service*

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St John's Parish Church, Menston

# "IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING"

A fundraising concert with The Fairfax Singers and guest performances from the Choristers of Bradford Cathedral

**FRIDAY 6 MAY, 7.00PM**

From 'Popular Favourites' to 'Sacred Classics'  
and 'All That Jazz'

All proceeds to St John's Roof Appeal

Accompanist:  
Martin Baker

Conductor:  
Anthony Gray



**Tickets £10**

Tickets available to purchase on the door or in advance from Sallie & Gordon Finch (01943 875073), Hilary Feathers (01943 872548), or the Parish Office (open Wednesdays 10am-12pm)

## **ECO CHURCH**

### **‘Churches Count on Nature’ project from 4-12 June.**

It was run last year and about 500 churches took part? There is little detail yet, but if this whets your appetite, please get in touch.

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### **The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**

The most stark warnings yet about the need for action to tackle the climate emergency have been issued. We may not have been directly affected by flooding but we may know people who have been; we are told that air pollution is impacting our grand/children's health and development; we see on the news that people and habitats are being destroyed and the world is less stable.

**So what matters to you?** Is it the health and well being of your grandchildren?

**The awareness that the seasons are affecting how you garden and food supplies feel less secure?**

**Do you feel that as a country we need to be better prepared for violent weather/storms ?**

**How does this play out in your Christian faith?**

**Do you want to do something but feel powerless?**

If so, let's have the conversation. Please get in touch and we can start talking!

*Marilyn Banister*

# The BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

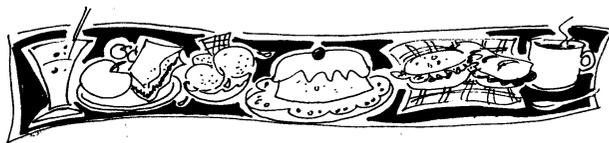
One of the Eco church goals is for churches to be out in their communities encouraging care for our world. One way to do this is to get to know your neighbours and find out what they think. The Big Lunch was started about 9 years ago as a way to do this and the Queen is encouraging these get together as part of her Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Here is a bit more information:

**Sunday 5 June 2022** is the day on which the Queen is encouraging us to hold street parties to get to know our neighbours. If you are a bit daunted - don't be! The Eden Project can post out or you can ask them to send you a downloadable pack - go to <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch>

Here is a brief outline of what to do!

- If you like the idea of doing this but need someone to help - ask a neighbour or two if they are interested - then you have a team!
- Pick a date and time - if you can't do 5 June, pick a day you can. But it could be anytime of the day!
- Choose a location - do you live in a cul de sac or quiet street - could you agree to hold it there? Front garden, driveway?
- Spread the word! (There are lots of resources in the pack.)
- Can people offer tables, chairs, bunting, ideas for children's games?
- Suggest that people bring their own plates, cups, cutlery - it is World Environment day, so try to cut down on waste and recycle if you can.
- Suggest that people bring food they would like to share and that is easy to eat with fingers! Bring enough for you and some to share - that includes drink too!
- Keep it informal - this is a chance to get to know people in your community.

*Marilyn Banister*



## PCC Notes

A good majority of the PCC came together on Zoom to continue the work of St John's. We started with a time of prayer.

Our financial position is not entirely clear at this point, but the treasurer's working assumption is that we will have a deficit of about £15,000 this year. This is due at least in part to the further increase in our Parish Share and the fact that income from activities has not picked up to pre-COVID levels.

The church roof project was discussed. We have ordered the slate needed, but given the volatile nature of the building trade, the price will not be known until delivery, which may still be a few months off. The treasurer has recently updated donors in the Menston News. The gate lanterns refurbishment work is still ongoing.

A fundraising team has been established for St John's. A programme of events for the year is being developed, including a cake sale and high-quality gift/craft stall on the first Sunday of each month between services, and several concerts.

The fire safety and lone worker policies were renewed and adopted by the PCC.

PCC considered the COVID protocols currently in place and voted for a relaxation of some of the restrictions. The north aisle will remain a distanced space, with windows open. Masks will now be an individual choice, noting that they are still recommended. Gloves will no longer be worn when distributing communion, although alcohol gel will still be used. Finally, wine will start to be offered at the Thursday service only.

The Ordinand-in-Training on placement with us, Doug, is looking to set up an area of prayer in the church. This will be discussed further at the next PCC meeting.

We also had some exciting news about a couple of members of our PCC. Firstly, our associate vicar, Andrew, has been asked by Bishop Toby to establish a place of worship and welcome for people from the LGBTQIA+ community in Bradford. The aim is to meet once a month, from April, on a Sunday evening. Secondly, Marilyn Banister has been given the rare honour of being made an Honorary Lay Canon in the diocese of Leeds.

The meeting ended with prayer.

*Hannah Needle*



**This month:**

Tuesday 5 April 2.15pm 'My time as a chorister at Ely Cathedral' *Speaker: Doug Rice-Bowen*  
(Non-members welcome)

At our AGM last month there was an attendance of 15 members which was very encouraging.

The situation we were in during the last 2 years because of the Covid-19 pandemic was documented, and discussions held regarding forward planning.

At our meeting on 3 May we plan our usual Project Lunch in aid of MU charities and on 7 June we will book lunch out if there is enough interest. Dorothy Slater will take names nearer the time.

We are also trying to arrange a meeting this summer with our new Leeds Diocesan link branch of Upper Cumberworth which is near Huddersfield. They are quite keen to visit us as they know where Menston is situated – near to Guiseley and the previous, famous, Harry Ramsden's!

We had a previous link for many years with Lothersdale and exchanged visits with each other annually until they sadly closed. Then Bradford MU Diocese also came to an end, and we were linked with Upper Cumberworth, but have only exchanged cards and telephone calls at Christmas and Easter up to now.

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**ADVANCE NOTICE  
BRADFORD MU CELEBRATION SERVICE**

This will be for the Queen's Jubilee and will be held in Bradford Cathedral on 9 July 2002 during the afternoon (the time has not yet been agreed but will be announced later).

*Marjorie Boddy & Ann Dixon*

# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18

Jesus' tomb had been sealed with a large stone.  
Very early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends went to put spices on his body.

How will we move the stone from the entrance?



But when they got there...

the stone had been moved and the tomb was empty... except for an angel.



Don't be afraid! God raised Jesus to life and he isn't here. Go and tell the disciples.



They fled to tell the others...



but they didn't believe them.

Peter and John ran to the tomb to look.



They saw the tomb was empty and only the cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in lying there. So they went back to tell the others.

Mary Magdalene stayed by the tomb, crying. She didn't understand that Jesus was no longer dead. When she looked in the tomb there were 2 angels.

Why are you crying?



I don't know where his body is!

Someone behind her asked  
Who are you looking for?



Have you taken his body?

Mary



Then she recognised Jesus!

Teacher!



Don't cling on to me - I can't stay now. Go and tell my disciples I am alive.

So Mary went back and told the others the amazing news!



# NOTICE BOARD

## CLIMATE ACTION

**MENSTON** Our next meeting is on Wednesday 27 April at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. Do come along to work out what we are doing locally and how you can get involved.

***Energy bills are a big issue*** - if you are worried there is a new phone and digital advice service for households in West Yorkshire. It is funded by Northern Powergrid and run by Citizens Advice. The contact number is 0800 448 0721 or go to [citizensadviceleeds.org.uk/energy-bills/](http://citizensadviceleeds.org.uk/energy-bills/) Contact:874220 or [marilyn@banisters.org.uk](mailto:marilyn@banisters.org.uk)

## CONGRATULATIONS

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## THANK YOU

Jenny Steele and Julia would like to thank everyone at St John's for their love and kindness during this difficult time of losing Kathleen.

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