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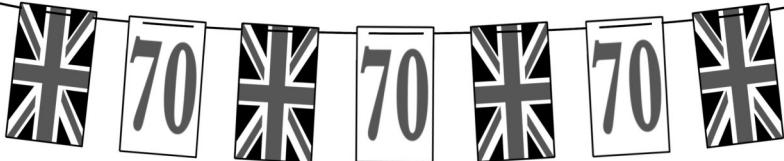
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This month we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history. Up until recently she attended church every week and still did a full week's work at the age of 96!

We join with millions across Britain and the Commonwealth who thank God for Queen Elizabeth's dedication, wisdom, and steadfastness over the past seven decades.

The world has changed so much since 1952. But through it all, the Queen has kept her long-ago promise to the British people, to serve them with all her heart and might. Truly, God has blessed Queen Elizabeth II, and we thank Him for her.

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A Reflection

Dear Friends

As I come to the end of my ordinand placement at St John's Steve asked me to write some reflections on my time.

Firstly, I must say a thank you to everyone here in Menston. You have embraced me and my family and made us feel so welcome over the past year, it has been a true joy.

Approaching ordination allows you to reflect a great deal on your Christian journey and begin to envisage what sort of priest you may become or want to be. As this time is also the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee, I thought it worth reflecting of the way the Queen, as the head of the Church of England, can be a role model to me in my ministry and to us as Christians out and about in the world.

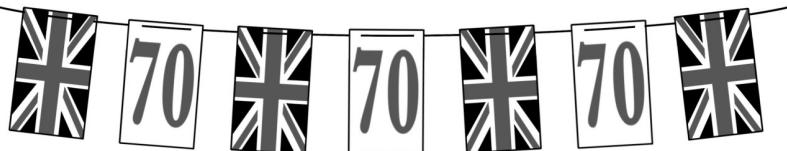
When I see Her Majesty performing her civic duty with humility and dignity the phrase that leaps to mind is that of the 'servant leader'. I think most would agree that the Queen is a person who has, time and again, demonstrated an unwavering sense of duty and servanthood to her country. I believe that this is deeply rooted in her faith. As we come to the end of the Easter period, we can look back at the stories of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples on Maundy Thursday. We also remember the sacrifice of the cross. This is leadership rooted in service. This is a leadership that put others first and in Jesus' case He paid the ultimate sacrifice.

This may all seem like a lot to live up to, even an unrealistic hope. However, as Her Majesty has demonstrated, it matters not whether you are a Queen or a pauper we all need to remember that as Christians we are all called to lead and proclaim the gospel of good news to the world. At the same time, we must do it with love, humility, and Kindness.

And so, as I depart Menston and begin my ministry in Skipton please pray for me that I remember to be a servant leader. I hope and pray to be worthy of the trust that you and the Church has put in me and in all humility and gratefulness once again, Thank you for your support and love over the last year.

May God bless us all.

Doug



FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM
8 May

We welcome into the Lord's family:
Wilson Yale

18 May
20 June

SERVICE of THANKSGIVING
for the life of Yvonne Todd
for the life of Iris Nerurkar see p19

A View from The Pews by Dominic Hall

If you were to jump into the time machine under your stairs (go and check when you have finished reading!) and travel back to 1952, things would look very different. For a start, St John's would only be eighty years old. A pint of milk would cost 6½d, a loaf of bread was 4d and 1cwt of coal, essential in many homes, was 5s 2½d. I couldn't tell you what was in the pop charts (or hit parade) because they weren't invented until November of that year! Perhaps the biggest change for Britain was getting used to having a Queen on the throne again after fifty years.

Talking to people about the Diamond Jubilee, the abiding feeling is that, in all the change of the last seventy years, Her Majesty has remained a constant. Governments are replaced, fashions change, pop stars fade and the world turns. Through all this, for most of us, Elizabeth has been on the throne.

Having a constant in your life is, to use the modern parlance, grounding. Change can be both exciting and challenging so it is reassuring that there is something in our lives that does not appear to change.

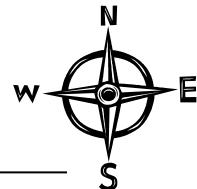
However, even with a constant Queen, change is taking place all the time. In recent years she has

ceased to go on big tours of the Commonwealth, indeed she has scaled back many public engagements. She has, of course, suffered the loss of her husband – sharing the pain and showing the fortitude that many who have lost a loved one know every day. In May she missed the State Opening of Parliament for only the third time in her reign.

Subtly and carefully, throughout her reign, Queen Elizabeth has embraced change whilst giving the appearance of staying exactly the same. She was the first monarch to address her people through television. She was the first monarch to go on a walkabout. She is the first monarch to visit the Republic of Ireland (wowing people by making remarks in Gaelic) and communist China, she has opened Olympic Games in Montreal and London and is the titular head of the Commonwealth, successor to the British Empire.

In all this change, Queen Elizabeth's constant has been a life of devoted service. She remains the most remarkable role model not just for her subjects but for all people. It seems fitting to close this month in Elizabeth's own words, "It is worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change."

Prayer Points



As we head into the summer months, let's take some time think about national and international issues that need prayer....

Prayers for Peace and Justice

We pray for leaders around the world, that they may be guided by wisdom and integrity to bring about peace.

We particularly pray for the people of Ukraine and all those caught up in violence, that they may know God's peace and presence in these dark times.

We pray for all those who are suffering because of conflict and injustice in their countries, such as those in Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Syria and Ethiopia.

Lord, fill us with your compassion and love, that we may be moved to help and reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

Prayers for our Nation

Turning now to the needs of our own country:

We pray for our government and for those recently elected to serve more locally, that they would make good and just decisions and seek to right injustice and support those who are poor, disadvantaged or forgotten.

We pray particularly for Christians in public office, that their faith will grow and that they will be salt and light to those around them.

Finally, we pray for the Queen as she celebrates her Platinum Jubilee:

*Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.*

*Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Church of England Collect)

With thanks to Elaine Proudlove for this month's Prayer Points

The story behind the HYMN: ‘Lord, for the years’

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.*

*Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.*

**Lord, for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim;
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name. ...*

Timothy Dudley Smith

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Revd Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: “I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I’m thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn’t find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!”

Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children’s Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul’s Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius’s *Finlandia*, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with

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this tune in their repertoire. And so – ‘Lord for the years’ was written.

Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time – his lyrics were a ‘hit’ in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, or his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen’s Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn are true for the Queen herself, as she celebrates her Platinum Jubilee this month. She does indeed thank God ‘for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way’...

And so indeed the ‘extra’ verse added for the Queen has also held true:

*Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim,
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.*



PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND 2 - 5 June



The village looks to unite again after the hardship of the last two years and as you might expect, as the village Parish Church, we are playing our part in these celebrations.

If you travel to church by car on Sundays, you might like to make a note in your diary that the roads around the lane-ends cross-roads will be officially closed off from 10am on Saturday 4 June until 10pm on the Sunday. This means that there will be very little vehicular access to St John's unless via Burley Lane or Fairfax Road. The junctions of Fairfax Road, Stocks Hill, Dicks Garth, Main Street and Derry Hill will all be closed. This is to enable the area around Parmley Graham, The Pantry, and the two pubs to be the centre of the celebrations. There will be live music on the BIG STAGE from 2pm until 11pm on Saturday, and again on Sunday.

Talking of Sunday, we will be holding Zest on the BIG STAGE live at 9.30am with songs, activities, stories and possibly even outdoor crafts. The emphasis will be on Celebration as it is also Pentecost. *If you are coming along bring any bells that you might have because at one point in the service we will ring out our bells to congratulate her Majesty!*

The 11am service will be back in church where we will celebrate the Jubilee appropriately for the Head of the Church of England. This will be a joint service with our friends from the Methodist Church. As at Zest, *if you have any bells of any description please bring them along to the 11am service.* We are then hosting a catered Jubilee Lunch in the Parish Room straight after the service. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of bubbly. Please give your names in advance to Hilary or add your name to the sign up sheet in church. If you don't have a Street Party to dash off to, stay and join in with us. Pray for glorious weather and then it might even give us the option of dining outside for some 'picnic style'.

This will be a moment in History that our whole village are celebrating. The more we put into making it a success, the more of a success it will be!

God save our gracious Queen!



MENSTON'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Thursday 2 June

Fun Day at Menston Cricket Club: car show, terrier racing, five inflatables, entertainment, food and drink.

Open Afternoon at Menston Bowling Club.

Friday 3 June

Platinum Jubilee Boundary Walk: set off from the Malt Shovel between 9 and 11 to collect the walk booklet.

Methodist Church Tennis Club: open morning 10 - 12noon.

Afternoon Pimms, Strawberries and Cream at the Menstone Club (ticket only).

Saturday 4 June

Nature Treasure Hunt round the village (see page 19).

The Big Platinum Jubilee Event at Lane Ends: children's activities, music, food and drink. 2pm until late.

Sunday 5 June

Joint Churches Together Family Service at Lane Ends event area 9.30 - 10.15am.

The Big Platinum Jubilee Event continues at Lane Ends: more entertainment, food & drink - 2pm until late.

More information on the village notice board at Kirklands or the village Facebook page @lightupmenston

Worship this month

5 June PENTECOST

Readings: Acts 2: 1-21; John 14: 8-17

Reader: Elizabeth Leopold

- 9.30am Zest on the Big Stage!
11.00am Parish Eucharist joined by Menston Methodists
6.00pm The Junction: Ruth 1 followed by the Den
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12 June TRINITY SUNDAY

Readings: Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15

Reader: Heather Greig

- 9.30am Zest
11.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm The Junction: Ruth 2 followed by the Den
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19 June The First Sunday after TRINITY

Readings: Psalm 136; Luke 8: 26-39

Reader: David Machin

- 9.30am Zest
11.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm The Junction: Ruth 3 followed by the Den
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26 June The Second Sunday after TRINITY

Readings: Exodus 35: 4-29; Mark 12: 41-44

Reader: Joyce Simpson

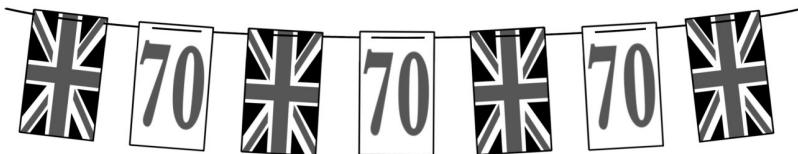
- 9.30am Zest
11.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm The Junction: Ruth 4 followed by the Den
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3 July The Third Sunday after TRINITY
Readings: 2 Corinthians 9: 1-15; Luke 10: 1-20
Reader: Dorothy Slater

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

MID-WEEK SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

9.30am Thursdays: 2 / 9 / 16 / 23 / 30 June



WORSHIP NOTES

SUNDAY 12 JUNE

We welcome a speaker from USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel), our international charity for 2022. This will be a good opportunity to learn about their work reaching out to Christians in many parts of the world on our behalf.

SERMON SERIES

A new four week sermon series on *Giving and Stewardship* begins on Sunday 19 June looking at:

- ✖ God's generosity to us
- ✖ Our generosity to God
- ✖ Our generosity to others
- ✖ Our generosity to the future

Sermons will be based on the first reading for that Sunday.

PCC Notes

The PCC discussions this month centred mainly around the upcoming APCM, for which all the relevant documents were approved, and moving to the next phase of our church roof replacement project. With the slates due to arrive imminently the time had come to decide the more detailed specification for the project. PCC were all in agreement to accept the architect and contractor recommendations for guttering, flashing and soak aways.

The more difficult decision to determine how much of the project was financially viable at this time was discussed and then carried over to an extraordinary PCC meeting a few days later to give PCC members time to read and digest the different options.

The outcome was that the full roof replacement will be going ahead as soon as practically possible with any deficit in fundraising being covered by a deferment of share payments for this year..

The PCC are excited to move into this next phase of the

project and to see some fruits borne of the whole church community's fundraising efforts.

In relation to this the PCC also the continued fundraising being facilitated by the relevant sub-committee.

Catherine Meakin

APCM ELECTION RESULTS

Churchwardens:

Hilary Feathers and
David Mercer

Deanery Synod:

2 vacancies until May 2023

PCC: to serve for 3 years

Julie Marston
Catherine Meakin
Sallie Smith

1 vacancy until 2025

1 vacancy until 2023



This month:

Tuesday 7 June Lunch outing

For our summer outing this year we have booked lunch for 1pm at the Wetherby Whaler, which is convenient and reasonably priced, and a favourite venue for many. We have already taken names of those wishing to go, but if you need transport please ring Dorothy Slater on 879536. Please gather together in front of The Whaler, near the outside tables, then we can all go inside together as a group.

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Our May meeting was a fundraising lunch which raised £147 and will be donated to the MU Overseas Relief Fund. Many thanks to all those who attended and supported this event, which included 2 visitors – a good time was had by all!

SUMMER CELEBRATION FAMILY SERVICE

This will be for the Queen's Jubilee and will be held in Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, 9 July 2002, commencing at 1.30pm.

Members are encouraged to bring their families and grandchildren, and children's activities will take place in the cathedral grounds from 12 noon. All welcome!

Mothers' Union is grateful for the support and encouragement of Her Majesty the Queen, our dedicated Patron for the last 70 years. Her dedication and resilience through the decades has cemented her image as a strong and inspiring female role model.

In honour of this, MU are focusing the Jubilee Summer of Hope Appeal on supporting the next generation of female leaders from the grassroots up: supporting women with skills, knowledge and confidence to shape the future and transform communities and families for the better.

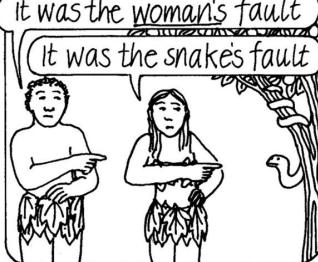
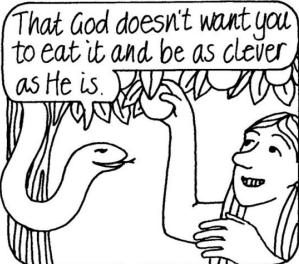
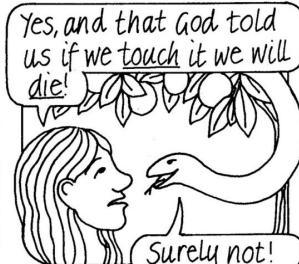
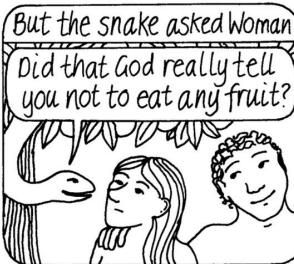
Marjorie Boddy & Ann Dixon

Bible Bite

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 2:4-9, 15-25 and ch. 3

A short story from the Bible

This story is about the wonderful start to the world, and the first mistake...



'LITTLE SILVER'

The editor of the Parish Pump News Service, the Revd Richard Higginbottom looks at the meaning of 'platinum'.

If you have ever had chemotherapy, or a heart pacemaker installed, you will be particularly grateful for the properties of platinum.

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The word 'Platinum' comes from the Spanish for 'little silver' ('plata' meaning silver, as in the River Plate in Argentina.) Platinum is very much rarer than gold. It is therefore very precious and has generally been more expensive than gold.

Platinum is used to make the International Standard Weights and Measures. The International Standard Kilogram is made from platinum alloys which can be relied upon not to vary over time. It is a very dense metal and is denser than pure gold. It carries a great deal of 'gravitas.' Platinum is what scientists call a 'Noble Metal' – because it can withstand almost any chemical attack. It is the least reactive of all metals.

All these characteristics apply well to our much-loved Queen. She is 'petite and silver', she has 'gravitas', and she has remained untarnished over a very long period of time, despite having been in constant contact with all manner of people.

The Queen is a very rare person indeed, and very precious to our nation, setting the highest reliable standards of public service and carrying with her immense gravitas and unquestionable nobility. The Queen's Imperial State Crown is made of gold, silver and, appropriately enough, platinum, and decorated with many precious stones. As the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, she wears it well.

We thank God for her, and for her qualities that have made her so special. God Save our Noble Queen!

There, but for the grace of God, go I

This saying is attributed to John Bradford (1510-1555), who was one of the Protestant Reformers. When he saw criminals on their way to execution, Bradford would utter, 'But for the grace of God, there goes John Bradford.' It was his way of acknowledging that he depended every day on the mercy of God, despite his sins, which he considered were on a par with those of rogues.

Sadly, Bradford's freedom was to last only a short time, for he was convicted as a heretic, incarcerated, and finally burned at the stake, during the reign of Queen Mary.

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Climate Action Menston

Climate Action Menston will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 22 June in the Parish Room at 7.30-9pm. Do come along and hear about the last year and what we plan to do next. We are looking for people to join the planning team/exec. So if you want to be involved do get in touch/come along. *More info from Marilyn 874220.*

Jubilee Treasure Trail - Saturday 4 June from

10am - 12noon As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Climate Action Menston and St John's are organising a Jubilee Treasure Trail round the village.

All are welcome, especially families. The trail starts from the stall at the bottom of the sloping church path so do come along between 10 and 12 on Saturday 4 June to collect your clues! Small prizes for completing the trail!

Altar Flowers

Thank you to those who have signed the new flower rota. Plenty of dates are still free. It's a lovely way to remember a special anniversary or a loved one. Flowers in a vase are always excellent. Have a look next time you are passing through the church porch.

5 June Jan Alexander
19/26 June Fiona Johnson

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