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Sunday Worship

10.00 am

Parish Communion

First and Third Sundays at Holy Trinity

Second and Fourth Sundays at St. John's

Fifth Sunday alternating churches

The Service can be followed on 'Zoom'

Zoom meeting code: 674 532 3083

The password is: AMCHURCH

See page 13 for details of all Services

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From the clergy....

Beyond Reasonable Doubt

I was born in 1984. I'm what some people call a Millennial. Millennials like me were promised the world but the world we were promised never quite materialised. In infant school our educators were warning of Climate Change, and when we became adults we were bemused to find that the global leaders hadn't been taught the same. The good jobs we were to get after uni weren't there. The nice house we could buy went bye bye in 2008. The joy of parenthood was somewhat complicated by us having a global pandemic, and the institutions that were too big to fail, failed "bigly" to borrow a word from a man who nobody believed could actually be elected president.

There's a spectre of confused disillusionment that hangs over my generation. The religious identity of my generation is not exempt from this. Big leaders, icons of the exciting Christian churches and youth ministries came crashing down around our heads in the *metoo* movement, in financial irregularities, or accusations of toxic workplaces. Radical theologians dug their heels in against a progressive society, or science, to the point that trusting their wisdom became untenable. Those who had been taught to trust blindly the words of the bible, discovered that there were two creation myths in Genesis, or that the 10 commandments are written twice in the bible and differ significantly.



What this led to was many people going through what they called deconstruction. They were stepping away from their faith and reassessing it, pulling out the bits that made no sense or were incompatible with their lives. For many, "deconstruction" has become synonymous with losing their faith altogether.

But not for me. There are reasonable criticisms of the church and reasonable doubts surrounding some of the claims of Christian belief. But is that where our curiosity ends? Aren't we going to dig deeper and ask the wise what they think or believe? I want to encourage us to go beyond these reasonable doubts.

Deconstruction is necessary when a building is unfit for purpose, unpleasant, or in the way of something better. It is usually the first part of a refurbishment, improvement or a grand reconstruction. I am glad that people who read the bible without much critical thinking are applying critical thinking now. I just hope that they are asking sensible questions and finding sensible answers. I think there is a lot more wealth and interest in the complexity of how the bible came to be, the multitude of cultures, eras, languages, and political and theological environments which formed it. Reading the bible with historical and textual critical analysis breathes fresh life and insight into it. Some churches don't support asking difficult questions of the text. This alienates those who are paying attention.



Cultural practice surrounding the Gospel is also a moveable feast.



We know that even within the first few decades that different churches in their respective contexts had differing cultures, sometimes leading to conflict. We know this because the epistles in the bible address this often.

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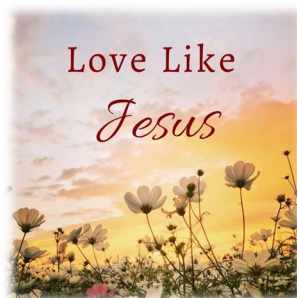
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I believe in the timeless truth of God's word. I don't believe in the timeless expression of God's church. We are living with the Holy Spirit who is moving and active. We are children of our time interpreting what the Gospel's message is to us in our time. A few centuries back the Gospel compelled abolitionists to fight against the slave trade. Later it compelled reformers to fight for worker's well being and rights. Now the gospel compels me to care for the marginalised and the climate. In every case the Gospel compels those reading it, yet the church has been divided in its response. Some church members opposed the reformation, the abolitionist movement, just as some churches today demonise environmentalists. We needn't feel like there's no place for us in church just because we hear loud voices from some churches with which we disagree. There's been disagreements over how we live with the Gospel in our context since the beginning of the church

Jesus Christ is the Beginning and the End. The problems we may or may not have with church are not problems we need to have with Jesus.



Peace is not when everyone agrees. It is when we can respect our disagreements and still play in the sandbox together.



Jesus didn't mean just love those who fit into our idea of lovable -- He meant those who are broken; those who are scarred; those who no one else will touch. Jesus meant love them all. We don't get to pick and choose.

So this is a call to all "deconstruction workers". Come, and rebuild!

We're starting a new service called the **Rehearsal Dinner** for people just like you. The name reflects a lot of different values attached to the service and the culture we're trying to build with it. A Rehearsal Dinner is the gathering of the close families of the betrothed before the wedding day.



Theologically we speak of the church being Christ's Bride, so the name reflects us gathering ahead of the divine marriage. Rehearsal is synonymous with practice. Christian practice is something we want to emphasise in this service, where we focus more on doing the things Jesus tells us to do, than thinking big and clever thoughts about Jesus and not putting it into action. Rehearsal also describes the intention of doing things well, with the understanding that things aren't perfect and neither will our service be. Lastly Dinner because we want to eat together to start things off. So many of the great stories with Jesus involve eating together, and we believe in that spiritual importance. We welcome the gift of hospitality into the formal act of corporate worship.

So come and join us to practise, rediscover, reconstruct and reaffirm your faith journey.

4pm Sunday 1st September at Holy Trinity Millhouses.

Yours in doubt and faith,

Rev Nicholas Noble



Water for Life

Water Locally

We could, in some ways, say that “**Water is Life**” because it is so critical and necessary for us to survive. Humans are composed of approximately 60% water and this molecule is utilized as the main component of our blood, to remove waste, protect the brain, and control temperature.

Here in the UK we often take a safe, wholesome water supply for granted, as it comes through our taps safe and ready to drink – generally as much as we need. We have an abundance of rainwater, even if it is not necessarily in the areas of major use, and as the population of the British Isles increases, more must be done to store and transport it to where it is needed, either through construction of new reservoirs or transfer pipelines.



Ladybower Reservoir

is a large Y-shaped, artificial reservoir, the lowest of three in the Upper Derwent Valley in Derbyshire. It is fed by the River Derwent which flows through Howden Reservoir, then Derwent Reservoir and finally through Ladybower Reservoir.

The drinking water is treated at Bamford water treatment works by Severn Trent Water and then flows south down the 28 mile long Derwent Valley Aqueduct to supply clean water to the cities of Leicester, Derby, and Nottingham.

Safe and readily available water is important for public health, whether it is used for drinking, domestic use, food production or recreational purposes. Improved water supply and sanitation, and better management of water resources, can boost countries’ economic growth and can contribute greatly to poverty reduction.

The World of Water

In 2010, the UN General Assembly explicitly recognized the human right to water and sanitation. Everyone has the right to sufficient, continuous, safe, acceptable, physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic use.

When water comes from improved and more accessible sources, people spend less time and effort physically collecting it, meaning they can be productive in other ways.

Our own Harvest Festival celebrations highlight the importance of providing secure water supplies across the world for food production.

Better water sources also mean less expenditure on health, as people are less likely to fall ill and incur medical costs and are better able to remain economically productive.



Children are particularly at risk from water-related diseases, and access to improved sources of water results in better health, and therefore better school attendance, with positive longer-term consequences for their lives.

World Statistics

5.5 billion people out of a population of 7.8 billion in 186 countries face water insecurity today. Of these, 1.3 billion are Africans, accounting for more than 90% of the continent’s population.

Fetching water is a demanding task, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa where it is common for people to spend over 30 minutes for a single water fetching trip. This task falls mostly on women and girls, who, in nearly 80% of households lacking direct water access, bear the primary responsibility for water collection **and can spend most of the day doing this chore.**

The Spiritual Power of Water

Cultures around the world equate water with healing and energy. People travel great distances to drink or bathe in water from mountains, wells and springs that are imbued with special energy. Local examples are the spa towns of Buxton and Harrogate, and further afield at places of pilgrimage like Lourdes.

Water has significant spiritual meaning in various cultures and religions. It is often seen as a symbol of purity, renewal, and cleansing. In many faiths, water is used in rituals and ceremonies to represent spiritual purification and baptism. It is associated with the flow of energy, emotion, and consciousness.

Water is believed to have the power to heal and transform, and its use in spiritual practices is intended to bring balance and harmony to the body, mind, and soul.

The most apparent example of this is drinking water. It heals you, quenches your thirst, and what can be better than a good gulp of water on a hot sunny day?

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Just stand quietly beside the stream at Burbage Brook and listen to the gentle splashing of the water over the rocks. Suddenly we are *“at one with nature”*.



Clean Water In a Crisis

Aquabox

Is a local charity which provides safe drinking water, through the use of filtration units, and humanitarian aid to crisis zones around the world. Originally established in 1992 by the Wirksworth Rotary Club, it is a registered charity managed and run by the Aquabox Trustees.

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For more information, and how to donate go to:

Aquabox.org

Andrew Horsfield

There will be a demonstration of an 'Aqua-pump', (the water filter), at 'Christmas is Coming' our annual family event held at Holy Trinity, Sat. 30th November. More details on p12.

WHEAT → BREAD → LIFE



Wheat is a staple commodity in many countries and one of the most extensively traded crops world-wide.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 caused an immediate disruption in the global wheat market, with serious implications for food prices and global food security. Now market prices have adjusted and prices levelled out. Wheat is grown in at least 97 countries around the world, according to Ridley, assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, part of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) at University of Illinois.

Some of the major producers, including China and India, primarily grow for domestic consumption and only a handful of countries supply most of the global market. Ukraine is the world's ninth-largest wheat producer and fifth-largest exporter, with the majority of exports going to Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

The invasion caused disruptions in Ukraine's wheat production as wheat-producing regions in the south and east of the country were under attack. The war has also damaged infrastructure and disrupted transportation, which affected Ukraine's ability to export to foreign markets.

Ukraine's exports to major markets, including Egypt, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Lebanon, fell dramatically following the invasion. These countries are large wheat importers because of their own limited supply, and they typically received 25% to 50% of their wheat from Ukraine prior to the conflict.

Russia has exploited the perilous situation to export more wheat at the expense of Ukraine.

"Multilateral policies ensuring a stable supply of food and removing Russia's ability to exploit hunger and food insecurity as a geopolitical tool could be an effective means to combat their war effort," Ridley said.

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Harvest is still Life

The latest edition of the Arts Society magazine has inspired some provoking thoughts on the art of still life.

There is a suggestion that still life painting was thought not worthy of consideration as art at all for hundreds of years. Exponents were considered by many as 'copyists'. But still life paintings remained widely admired and valued by powerful patrons..



As an example, Caravaggio's painting is described by one enthusiastic commentator as a **'....veritable smorgasbord of earthly delights. All the produce seems to scream at the viewer 'EAT ME!'**

I too, have enjoyed exploring the delights of harvest fruits in my water colours. It is exciting and satisfying to depict the various shapes, colours and textures. Here the earthen bowl fails to contain all of creation's rich abundance.



David Crosby


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St John's Lunch (*munch munch*) Club

"It's lovely, being able to sit down with friends every week and enjoy a meal that you haven't had to cook yourself"

In November 1985, nearly 40 years ago, the vicar, the Rev Trevor Hudson, held a meeting in the Hall of St John's, which was attended by Rev Duncan Wilson, the pastor of the United Reform Church, Social Workers and a Home Help Supervisor, plus some members of St John's congregation.

The meeting heard how the URC had been running a lunch club for 17 years, with Transport 17 bringing people to and fro from their homes, (plus a few private cars). Those catered for were mostly housebound with limitations both physically and socially. The comfortable informal atmosphere is much appreciated while seating and heating were very important. The normal attendance was 18-20 people, plus 15-20 volunteer helpers preparing, cooking, serving and clearing up. This number meant not all had to attend every week.

The purpose of this meeting, as the Social Workers said, was to welcome the setting up of a similar facility at St John's, as the URC club had a long list of people waiting for a place.

Discussion followed that confirmed that the St John's hall met the needs, including access. The only slight hiccup was that the Council grant for the hire of the hall, (£10 per week), would not be available the first year.

The Home Help Supervisor, Mrs Hogg, said she had a list of those waiting to attend and would contact them, while the vicar Rev Hudson said he would also like to visit to invite them personally



And so, at a further meeting held in December '85, the date was fixed for the Club to begin on Thursday 9th January, with coffee preparers arriving first at 10.00 am and tables, ready for arrivals from 11.0 am.



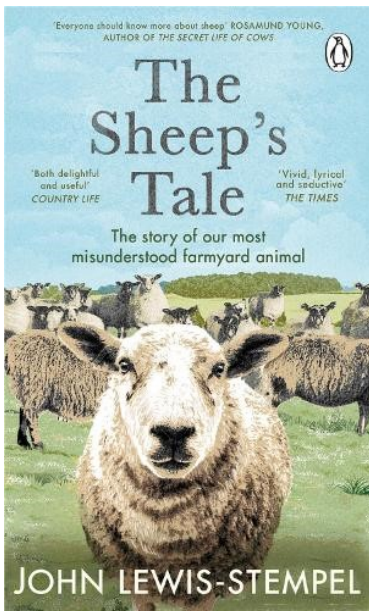
An indication of how seriously the organisers were taking this is reflected by the fact that the minutes record the importance of providing such things as flowers on the tables, plus playing cards or bingo etc. for those who wanted them. The charge for each person would be £1 for a two course meal, plus tea and coffee and including transport. Helpers could also have a meal if they wished - and paid! And so the Club has continued to the present with some 20 catered for each week. The only serious break came about with the Covid lockdown. People really felt the gap in their lives.

"I don't know how they do it at £4 each for a main course, pudding, tea and coffee and a glass of sherry to start with!"

Obviously, prices have had to go up since 1986 but these prices, plus £1 for transport collection from your door and delivering home afterwards, are clearly still a bargain. Plus, as the photos show, we have parties for Christmas and special occasions. But the important aspect is the social facility and many new friendships have come about, not only among those normally housebound but among the cheerful helpers. So your help will be welcome too!

The only Council subsidy now is £1200 for a year, which does not cover the cost of transport. A survey by Council two years ago showed nearly £300,000 would be needed for all lunch club volunteers to receive hourly minimum wages.

Brian Cranwell



‘The Sheep’s Tale’ – by John Lewis-Stempel

So, Harvest Festival comes round again. Has a whole year really passed since last time? It’s hard to believe. They say time speeds up as you get older, but when you’re young it is hard to believe it.

But now we’re here again at harvest, the fulfilment of a year. You tend to think of harvesting crops: wheat; barley; rye. But other plants, too. Berries such as juicy blackberries, and we have had the Spring/Summer fruits too like apples, strawberries, peaches and grapes. However, it is not all plant-based harvest.

There are animals, too, and even us who live our cycle of life according to the seasons and come to fruition. There are many references in the Bible to the Lord, our good shepherd, such as the famous Psalm 23, verse 23: ‘The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul...’ (The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Edition). We are His flock.

I have just finished reading a wonderful book: ‘The Sheep’s Tale’ by John Lewis-Stempel, who is a farmer and a greatly acclaimed nature writer.

Like his other books, this is very interesting. There is a wealth of interesting facts about nature (sheep themselves and other animals and birds); farming; history; literature; geography; geology; folklore; all interwoven with anecdotes of his family life. For example, he tells us about place names (p.6). The Old English ‘shep’ or ‘ship’ for sheep gives us Shepperton (in Surrey), Shipton (Yorkshire) and many others. ‘Lamb has a Germanic root, meaning ‘wee sheep’; in the late Middle Ages, the plural of lamb was, as with ox and child, ‘lambren’). Sheep are present in our everyday language and folklore, in phrases such as ‘gentle as a lamb’. How many more can you think of?

Some poetry is included, such as this (on p. 142):

THE SHEPHERD

*How sweet is the shepherd’s sweet lot!
From the morn to the evening he strays;
He shall follow his sheep all the day,
And his tongue shall be filled with praise.
For he hears the lambs’ innocent call,
And he hears the ewes’ tender reply;
He is watchful while they are in peace.
For they know when their shepherd is nigh.*

WILLIAM BLAKE,
Songs of Innocence, 1789

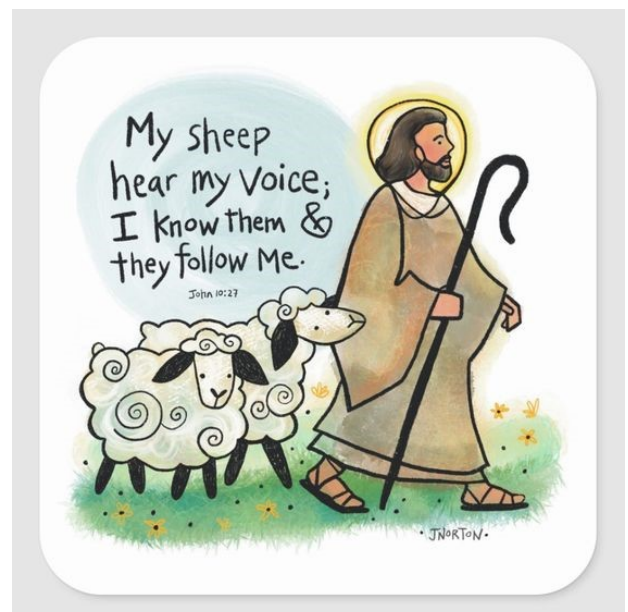
There is humour, too. ‘Sheep are capable of learning. Like dogs, sheep can learn their own name...’ (p.54). He had a naughty sheep, a ram, who escaped and got in with the pedigree ewes on a neighbouring farm. When he went to retrieve him and shouted his name, the ram came to his call, (and a bucket of enticing food), and like a dog on command, jumped up into the estate car boot.

So I do not hesitate to recommend this book. It is a gentle, informative, entertaining account of the shepherd’s life with his sheep through the seasons.

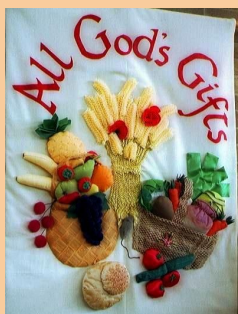
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Claire Justice



Special events in the Churches



Harvest Festival

10am Service
13th October
St. John's

Celebrating 'All Saints'

'All-age' service 10am

3rd Nov Holy Trinity



Remembrance Sunday



10am 'All-Age
Service'

10th November
St. John's

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Programme, September – December 2024

Meetings in the Lecture Room (side entrance off Millhouses Lane)

Usual starting time 2.00pm

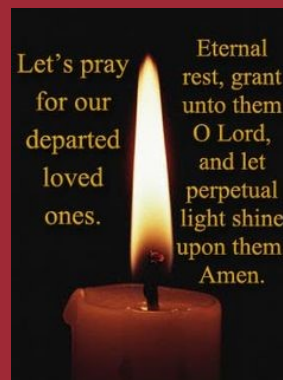
- September 3: Welcome Afternoon with Rev Nicholas Noble
September 17: Ukulele Group – Ann Beedham
October 1 -1.30pm: Bring & Share Lunch
October 15: A History Tour of Sheffield, Part 3 – Martin Naylor
November 19: The Silver Darlings - the fish that fed a nation – Margaret Fall
December 3: The Grand Tour by Lambretta – Pat Mellor
December 17: Christmas Afternoon

Advance notice

It is early to be thinking about Christmas! ...but we would like you to know that we are planning to have a CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL again, in December. Watch out for details to follow.

'All Souls'

Monday 4th
November
10am Holy Trinity
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remember all those
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30th November 10am-2pm

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2024 inclusive.**

Quiz answers from p. 22

TRIVIA: 1b, 2b, 3b, 4c, 5b, 6a, 7c, 8c, 9b, 10a

Autumn Scramble: 1 harvest. 2 leaves. 3 scarecrow. 4 yellow.
5 bonfire. 6 pear. 7 rake. 8 acorn. 9 squirrel. 10 apple.
11 orange. 12 fall.

Sunday Services

ABBEYDALE
& MILLHUOSES



Harvest 2024



BOTH CHURCHES ARE OPEN DURING THE
WEEK FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St John's Abbeydale	Date	Holy Trinity Millhouses
	1st Sept	10am All Age "School Start" Communion 4pm The Rehearsal Dinner
10 am All Age Communion 6:30pm Service of Wholeness & Healing	8th Sept	
	15th Sept	10am Communion & Sunday School
10am Communion & Sunday School	22nd Sept	
	29th Sept	10am BCP Communion & Sunday School
	6th Oct	10am All Age Communion 4pm The Rehearsal Dinner
10am Harvest All Age Communion 6:30pm Choral Evensong	13th Oct	
	20th Oct	10am Communion & Sunday School
10am Communion & Sunday School	27th Oct	
	3rd Nov	10am All Saints All Age Communion 4pm The Rehearsal Dinner
	4th Nov	10am All Souls Service
10am Remembrance Sunday All Age 6:30pm Taizé Service	10th Nov	
	17th Nov	10am Communion & Sunday School
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Celebrations...

Though tinged with sadness, Angie Lauener's 10 year ministry as Associate Priest was wonderfully celebrated during and following the 10am service on 23rd June. Angie also celebrated her 70th birthday the same week and is now enjoying her retirement and able to spend more time with the family.

It was lovely that our previous vicar, Canon Peter Ingram, (with his wife Joan), were able to join us. It was Peter who encouraged Angie to train for ordination.



Photos by Rev. Catherine Staziker



Our new Priest-in-Charge, Nicholas Noble, spoke warmly of Angie's help and support during his first six months in the Parish.



Flowers and gifts on behalf of the congregation were presented to Angie by the Church Wardens and, of course, there was cake afterwards! The decoration is a copy of the embroidery on Angie's stole.

*Also a huge **THANK YOU**, Angie, from the TRIO Committee of which she was a member for nearly 30 years, including being the previous editor. Angie's wonderful creativity will be greatly missed but, hopefully, article contributions will still be written!*



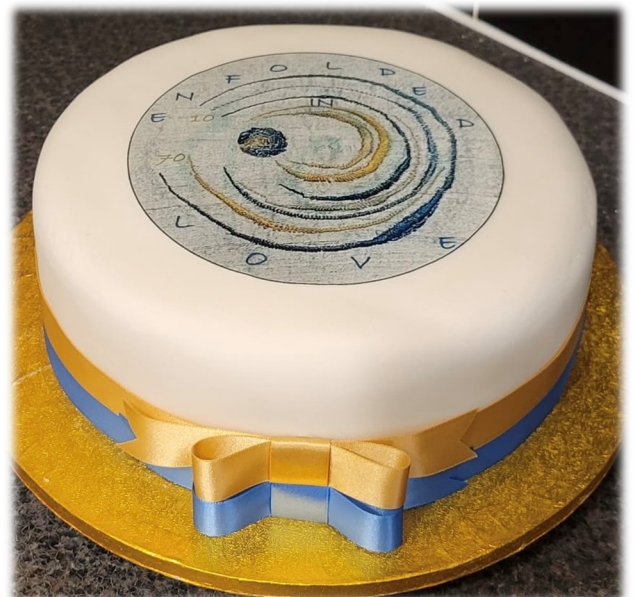
Nikki McDonald-Bell proudly carries the banner at the annual Mothers' Union Service in Sheffield Cathedral in early August.

BIG Birthdays...

Several other members of the congregation have celebrated 'BIG' birthdays during the summer—Julia Massey, Ann Smedley, Val and Roger Ledbetter all became octogenarians, (80).



As always with celebrations, cake and drinks followed the 10am service.



N.B. It is the Church of England's Policy that priests officially retire at 70, though may still officiate at services until no longer licenced.

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NEWS FROM MILLHOUSES METHODIST CHURCH



Greetings to all readers of TRIO! We hope that you have enjoyed the summer. Now we look forward to autumn services and activities as we welcome our new minister, Rev Philip Peacock, who tells us about himself below. He is also minister at Banner Cross and Bents Green Methodist Churches.

He will normally be leading services at Millhouses once a month, including our **Harvest Festival Service on Sunday October 6th at 10.30am**.

Our **Remembrance Sunday Service on November 10th at 10.30am** will be led by Dr Jenny Bywaters.

For further details of services please see our website, www.millhousesmethodistchurch.org.uk.

Our Tuesday Club will resume on September 3rd at 2.00pm (Programme details included elsewhere in TRIO) and our Thursday morning coffee worship continues weekly at 11.00am, to which all are most welcome.



One of the things that I like doing least is talking or writing about myself. However, as I have been asked to introduce myself, I offer the below. Hopefully, it will not only tell you some facts about me and my background but will also give you some insights into the ways in which I think and seek to carry out my ministry. I look forward to meeting you and sharing with you in God's mission in Millhouses and the Sheffield Circuit.

Philip

P eople	I aim to keep my ministry people-centred as well as God-centred. ('Those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen' – 1 John 4:20b.)
H alf-full	My faith helps me to see life more positively than I think I would see it otherwise. So, for me, the glass is half-full rather than half-empty.
I nterests	include watching sport, walking, films, Fairtrade and the relationship between science and faith.
L ancastrian	by birth which accounts for my football and cricket allegiances but not my accent (see below).
I nfluences	My journey of faith has been influenced by many things, including Wesleyan spirituality, Iona liturgy, liberation theology, gender studies, fresh expressions of church and climate justice.
P ro-active	Churches and ministers are often called upon to react to things that happen around them. However, it is important to shape the future by taking the initiative, which sometimes involves risk.
P artner	Andrea is a retired primary school teacher. She now works as a Christian Aid schools volunteer and a 'Read Easy' coach. We were married at the end of 1990 (Andrea retaining her maiden name 'Clark').
E mployment	Before entering the Methodist ministry, I taught chemistry and science in a comprehensive school in Wolverhampton and then worked as a lay pastoral assistant in the Harrogate Circuit. Since ministerial training, and before I came to Sheffield, I have served in the Tavistock, Orpington, Whitehaven and Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuits.
A ccent	Confused by numerous moves, but largely influenced by being brought up in the West Midlands (Dudley).
C hildren	Hannah lives in Gloucestershire and works for the NHS screening and imaging retinas (the layer at the back of eyeballs). Ben lives in London and works as a real estate lawyer for an American firm.
O pen	I long for church that is open to all, as I believe that the grace of God transcends all barriers and that Christ died for all. Everyone should be welcome irrespective of age, gender, ethnicity, ability, socio-economic group or personal worthiness.
C ommitted	to mission in Christ's name – recognising that this covers a whole variety of ways in which we can share God's love and our faith with others.
K oinonia	(a Greek word meaning 'fellowship') – I have benefited personally in my Christian experience through meeting together with others in small groups and would want to encourage such activity within the life of any church.

MILLHOUSES METHODIST TUESDAY CLUB Programme — see page 12 All welcome.

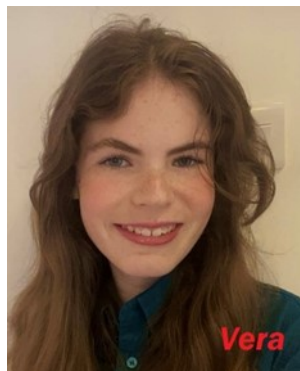
Scouting for ALL!



When Robert Baden-Powell launched his experiment in good citizenship, he did it with a book: 'Scouting for Boys'. One of the greatest best-sellers of all time, it took the country, and before long most of the world, by storm. The book was aimed at boys, but guess what: girls read it too and wanted to join in the fun. They started to form their own 'patrols' of 'Girl Scouts' or sometimes joined mixed troops with Boy Scouts. In 1909, just one year after the book's publication, a rally for thousands of Boy Scouts at Crystal Palace in London was effectively gate-crashed by several hundred girls. They introduced themselves to BP with, "We are the Girl Scouts!" He replied, "I've never heard of you. Anyway, you'd better come and join in."

Unfortunately for those early Girl Scouts, any progressive attitudes within Boy Scouting at the time (and there were some) could not overcome Edwardian social sensibilities. BP with his sister, Agnes, founded a separate movement for girls, Girl Guiding, which itself continues to be phenomenally successful. But what about those girls who wanted to be Scouts? It would be 1976 before girls were able to join Scouting's most senior section. But many people are still unaware that since 2007, (Scouting's centenary year), **ALL** sections have been equally open to girls and boys.

The 180th Sheffield (Holy Trinity Millhouses) Scout Group and our linked 'WANATO' Explorer Scout Unit are committed to providing 'Scouting for All', regardless of gender, ethnicity, religious beliefs or additional needs. **EVERYONE** is welcome! Trio asked some of our young members, Beaver Scouts **Mabel** and **Felix**, Cub Scouts **Hrishi** and **Stanley**, Scouts **Younging** and **Vera** and Explorer Scouts **Isla** and **Kiran** what it means to them to be a 'Scout', what they enjoy about it and how it is helping them learn skills for life. This is what they told us.



Hrishi feels proud and lucky to be a Cub and always looks forward to seeing his friends. He enjoys playing fun games and going on camps and has learned how to pitch a tent and build a raft.



Being a Beaver makes **Felix** feel "more connected to the outdoors". He thinks he would be "able to survive in the wild for longer." He has made new friends and enjoyed learning how to make a fire safely at camp. He thinks in the future his knowledge of knots will enable him to tie more things together in different ways.

As a Scout **Younging** feels "prepared" for the wider world because he has learned all sorts of scouting and survival skills like fire-lighting. He says the cooking skills he has learned will be essential for when he is older and has to prepare his own meals. Putting up a tent easily will also be useful if he finds himself camping in the wild!



Vera is fairly new to Scouting. Being a Scout helps her explore different skills and learn about things she wouldn't normally learn about which makes her feel more confident. She really enjoys the opportunity to speak to and question people who visit the Troop to discuss different topics. She identifies 'awareness' as a skill she has learnt from Scouts, for example from a speaker about different tools and prosthetics that disabled people use, and the difficulties they often face.

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Explorer Scout **Kiran** began his Scouting career with the 180th as a Cub. Being a wheelchair user hasn't prevented him from being a very active and successful member of our Group. He feels good about being in Explorers and the activities they do make him happy. He likes being with his friends, meeting new people (e.g. Bear Grylls and Tim Peake!) and learning new things. He particularly enjoys camping and learning to cook which, together with reading a compass, he thinks will help him in the future.



Mabel is proud and happy to be a Beaver. She likes meeting other children who are not in her school year group and loves the camps with their exciting themes and the chance to sleep in a tent. She particularly enjoys arts and crafts activities. She has learned some first aid and emergency procedures which she may have to use in the future, but she hopes not! However, as Mabel says, "There are only a few girls in my Beaver colony so I'm trying to help to get more girls involved. **It's just as much for girls as for boys!**"



Stanley is happy being a Cub because everyone is friendly and kind. He has enjoyed litter picking and tidying the woods because it was fun and helped people. He enjoys camps with his friends, sleeping in tents or bunk beds. Being a Cub has increased his self-confidence, for example when talking to people at school and working with his friends as a team.

Scouting moves with the times but remains rooted in its original values. We hope that by sowing the seeds of friendliness, self-reliance, helpfulness, love of nature and skills for life amongst our young members we are helping to raise future harvests of good citizens. But this is only possible with lots of adult volunteers. If you would like to join our great teams of section leaders and helpers, please get in touch!

Andrew Bullock

(180th Sheffield Group Scout Leader and Chair of Trustees / ajbullock@blueyonder.co.uk)

N.B. Parents of the young people have provided the photos and given permission for them to be used in this magazine.

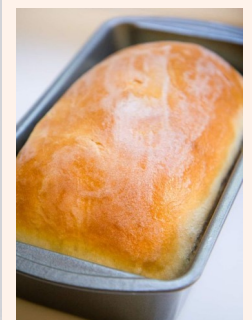
Explorer Scout **Isla** says being a Scout has given her confidence to handle difficult situations or potential accidents by teaching her life and survival skills. She enjoys doing activities that are new to her and meeting people on camps.



Some of the Scouts mention learning to cook – Harvest time is traditionally a time to make bread. Why not try this easy recipe. Use a general-purpose flour and dried yeast.

Ruth Ann Floyd
I make bread or rolls about every week. I love to share with the neighbors. My recipe is so easy and no kneading.
1 1/2 tsp yeast. 2 tbsp sugar. 1 cup flour 3/4cup warm water. Mix and let sit till bubbles a little.
Add 2 tbsp oil, 1 egg, 1/2 tsp salt and 1 1/2 cup flour stir or use mixer for 3 minutes. Dough will be sticky. Cover and let raise. Roll out for cinnamon rolls , pinch off for dinner rolls or make one loaf of bread. Let rise again.
Bake rolls 400' for 15 minutes. Bread 350' for 30 minutes. Approx baking times

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She thinks she may need many of the skills she has learned, like map reading and first aid (CPR), when travelling, and for life in general. As Isla says, "You never know when there might be a medical emergency."



St. Wilfrid's looked 'bloomin' lovely decorated with all the knitted flowers for their Fair on 6th July.

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Autumn— as we begin to spend more time indoors, enjoy trying these activities - with or without the kids!!

Many folk have apples to spare. This is an easy, delicious way to make use of them.

Easy Apple Cake

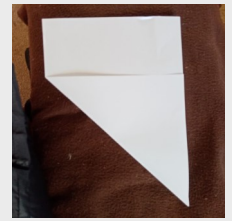
2 eggs
350gms sugar
2 hpd tsps cinnamon
120ml oil



6 medium Gala or equivalent crisp apple
250gms plain flour
2 tsps baking powder
Pre heat oven to gas 4/180c/170 fan. Grease/line a 25 x 30 cm tin or 2 round 22cms diameter tins. In a large bowl, mix eggs, sugar, cinnamon and oil. Peel, (or not!), and slice into the mixture. Stir from time to time to prevent going brown. Mix flour and BP and add spoon by spoon. Best with a large fork. Pour into tin(s). Bake approx. 55mins

Spiders Webs

Make a square by folding an A4 piece of paper diagonally and cutting off the spare piece. (You can try using a black or white serviette).



Fold the square diagonally, forming a triangle.



Keep folding, (4 times!), until there are 16 segments when opened out. Cut slits into the open edge and cut out alternate strips.



Carefully open out.

Delicate Dish!



You'll need colourful autumn leaves, a small dish and clear wall-paper paste.

Put leaves on the dish, one at a time. Pasting where the leaves overlap. Do NOT paste the dish. Leave to dry out, (it should go stiff).

Gently remove the leaf dish.



Remembrance Day

Make your own poppy to wear with pride on 11th November.

You only need a bit of green card, (or material), for the leaf and some strips of red card or ribbon.

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Autumn Trivia Quiz

- What date is the start of Autumn in the Northern Hemisphere?
a. 11th September b. 21st September c. 30th September
- What is the name of the moon during the Autumn Equinox?
a. Grain moon b. Harvest moon c. Hunter's moon
- Who is the divine personification of 'Fall' (Autumn) in Roman mythology?
a. Aestas b. Demeter c. Autumnus
- What is the zodiac sign for people born on 1st November?
a. Leo b. Virgo c. Scorpio
- Which month marks the beginning of Autumn in the Southern Hemisphere?
a. February b. March c. April
- In the Jewish tradition, what holiday occurs in the autumn and marks the new year?
a. Rosh Hashanah b. Shavuot c. Hanukkah
- Which flower, associated with Mexico's Day of the Dead, typically blooms in the autumn?
a. Aster b. Rose c. Marigold
- Name the pigment that causes leaves to turn orange and red in the autumn.
a. Chlorophyll b. Anthocyanin c. Carotenoid
- Name the Hindu Festival of Lights celebrated every autumn.
a. Holi b. Diwali c. Navaratri
- The Oktoberfest, which is held annually during autumn in Munich, (Germany), is the world's largest festival of what?
a. Beer b. Rock music c. Books

A family fun page for the darker autumn evenings!

Autumn Scramble

Can you unscramble the Autumn words below?

- vhtsear _____
- aveesl _____
- cesowrrac _____
- lowlye _____
- binrefo _____
- prae _____
- aker _____
- racon _____
- isrqeulr _____
- alppe _____
- nagreo _____
- lfal _____
- rde _____
- owbrn _____



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Answers on page 12

A FEW THINGS ABOUT...

AUTUMN

a few things AUTUMN related...

Autumn begins when the center of the sun crosses Earth's equator.

As Earth continues its path around the sun, days become shorter and nights become longer, with the change most noticeable for those at higher latitudes.

According to superstition, catching leaves in autumn brings good luck.

Every leaf means a lucky month next year.

Autumn babies, or those born between September and November, are more likely to live to 100 than those who were born in other times of the year.

Swedish researchers found that women lose more hair in the fall. The pattern is thought to be a result of evolution: women hold on to their hair during the summer to protect the scalp against the midday sun.

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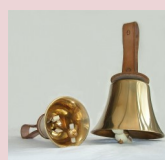
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