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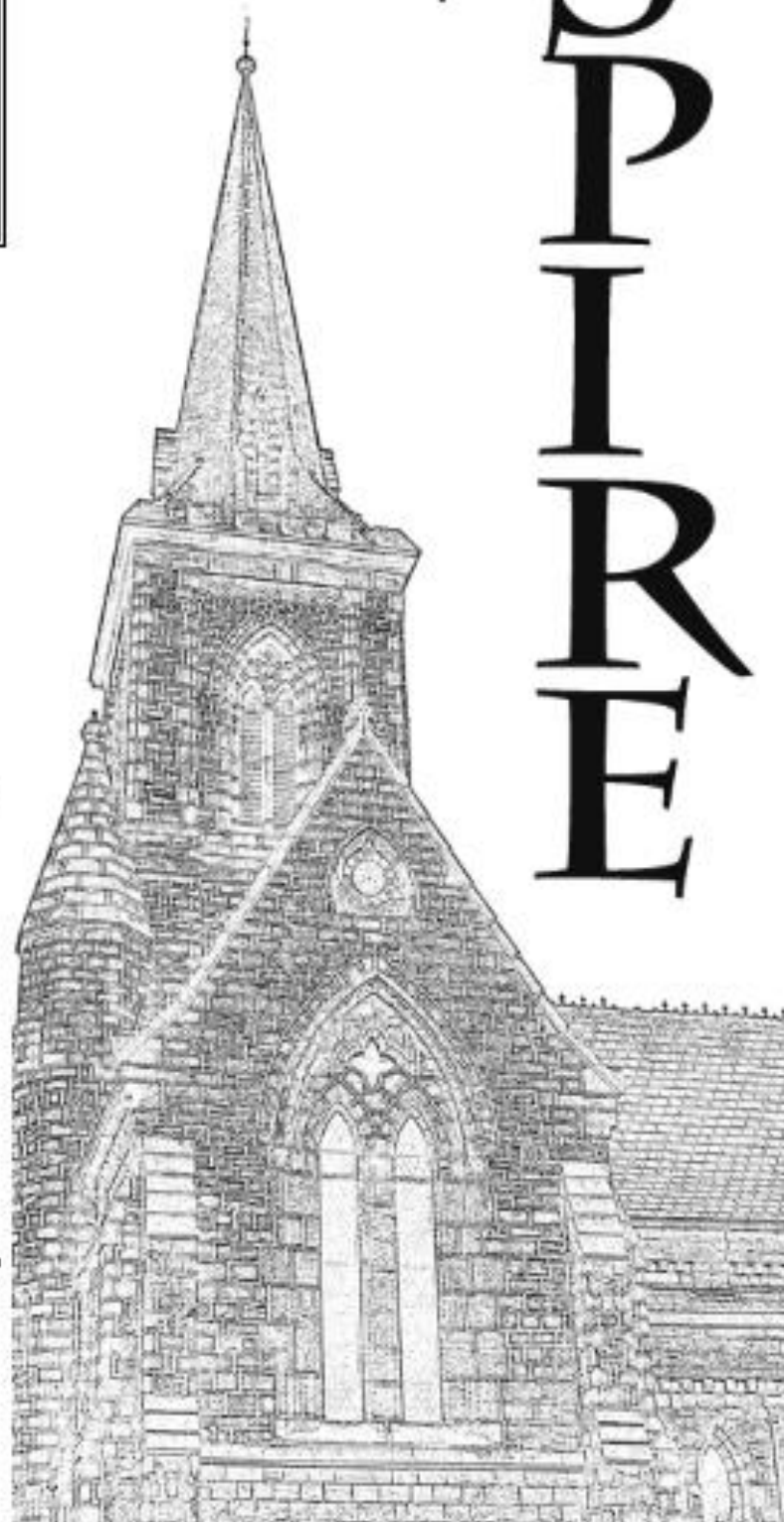
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Weddings

A marriage service, wherever it is held, is a public declaration of love and commitment. If you choose to get married in church there is an added dimension – the assurance that God cares about your relationship. Including God in your marriage doesn't mean you will avoid all the usual ups and downs, but you will know that you can look to God for help and guidance and that His love will sustain you. The Church of England thoroughly believes in marriage for the wellbeing of individuals and society. We, the Christian Church family at St Mary's, would be happy to be part of that adventure too.



Baptisms (Christening)

Most parents feel the need to say "thank you" to someone for the wonderful gift of their child. That someone is, of course, God who gives life to us all. Jesus told his disciples to baptise people who wanted to become Christians and join His church. It makes sense to give your child the very best start in life and what could be better than to encourage them from the very earliest days to be open to God and to know of His love for them. Whatever your age it is never too late to be baptised. Adults can get baptised too!

Who's Who at St. Mary's

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Regular weekly services are held: Sunday at 8.00am & 10.00am; and Wednesday 9.30am. Large Print service sheets & hymn books available. The Church is open most days for private reflection and prayer. There is a LOOP system installed in church to aid the hard of hearing.

Autumn – a season for church and community to come together

What do you associate with autumn? Golden colours, bright crisp mornings, warming drinks, leaves trampled underfoot, firing up the heating, comfort food....



If we are alive to the rhythms of nature, autumn has a peculiar personality of its own. It's a time of great beauty, but also a time of decay, of nights that are closing in. For many that means a withdrawal into more solitude. Yet, autumn is a season that abounds with opportunities for communities to unite in celebration, or indeed commemoration.

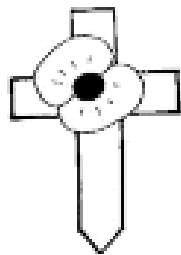


It is also a season of new starts for many – children start new classes or schools, students new courses and many, like myself, start new jobs or take on new responsibilities. Despite the decay in the natural world (which will of course lead to new life in Spring) both society and church fill this time of year with festivals.

So, what an ideal point in the year to begin my role as Rector of Garforth! There are so many opportunities for me to meet you over the next few weeks, as I begin my journey of discovery, finding out about St Mary's and the community and the people we serve. I am giving you a head start in getting to know me, and my husband, Paul in the article on pages 10 and 11. But I will need your help to get to know you!

In these next few months, these shared church and community events and festivals provide a great chance to try church out if you haven't been for a while (or ever). **Join us:**

In the fun and thankfulness of Harvest, as we acknowledge the abundance and diversity of God's creation, at **Harvest** – a time of plenty for many, but a time we also stand alongside those who lack food and basic provisions.



<p>As we commemorate those who have died or suffered as a result of war, on Remembrance Sunday – a time of solemn recognition of their sacrifice but also of looking forward to and praying for peace in our world. A particularly important occasion in this the centenary of the end of WW1.</p>	
<p>In waiting and anticipating the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ, during Advent – a time of welcome space and stillness, amongst the busyness of Christmas preparations.</p>	
<p>As autumn turns to winter and we go all out in joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus, at Christmas – a time filled with giving, receiving and, of course, lots and lots of singing!</p>	

We are certainly not short of things to look forward to in these coming weeks and months. You'll find more details in the rest of this magazine.

St Mary's is a church serving anyone and everyone in Garforth, so do make it yours....

As a Church of England church, we are here not just for our members but for the community as a whole. Here to walk with you through the good times and the difficult times. Here to help you mark the important points in your life.....baptism (Christening), weddings and funerals, as well as the seasons of life....parenthood, work, ageing....

You will always be welcome – without judgement, pressure or obligation.

And, as I get out and about in Garforth, do say hello....

Rev'd Jane

Remembrance Sunday - Community Act of Remembrance

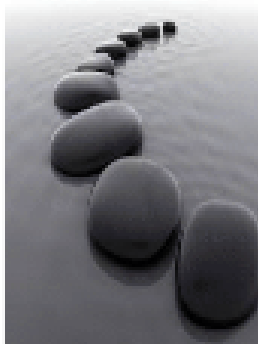
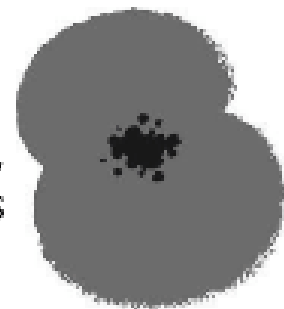
To mark the centenary of the end of World War One, this year's Community Act of Remembrance will be held at:

**10:45am on Sunday 11th November
at the new War Memorial
in Garforth Cemetery**

Services in St Mary's Church on that day will be:

**9:30am - Holy Communion Service
10:30am - Procession to the new War Memorial
10:45am - Act of Remembrance in Church, for those
who are unable to go to the new War
Memorial**

Following the Act of Remembrance, refreshments will be served in St Mary's Parish Centre.



Café Church @ St Mary's

Sundays at 3.00pm

21 October

25 November

This is Café Style worship for anyone who wants something a little bit different.

Everyone is welcome, whatever their age.

Come along and join us in a new act of worship.

Two Minutes' Silence **By Maurice Norman**

Every year, on Remembrance Day, as the 'Last Post' sounds, and I stand with everyone else, silent and motionless, I see a young man, with red hair, smiling - always smiling. Naturally, he was called 'Ginger' - Ginger Kent.

I first met him at Barnard Castle, where we joined the Royal Armoured Corps. From that time on, we were always together; through our training, then in the South of England, in Belgium and, in March 1945, when we were both posted to the 44th. Royal Tank Regiment, near Kleine Meerles in Limburg.

On our first day, when we were lined up on parade, the Squadron Sergeant-Major pointed with his finger and said to Ginger, "There's your tank. Go!" He waved his finger again and gave me the order, "You! Over there! Go!" The regiment was equipped with amphibious tanks and we had to make them ready for an attack.

I was very disappointed with my crew. The corporal was a surly individual who did not know how to smile or be friendly. The gunner, who was nick-named 'Rommel', was simply crazy. The driver was called Maurice, like me. He sported a thin moustache, thought he was Casanova and had only one thought in his head. The radio operator was so non-descript I can neither remember his face nor his name. When I saw Ginger at mealtime, I asked him how things went. "Good", he said. "Everybody was friendly and they told me and showed me everything. We had a laugh and they even let me drive the tank on the water." For him things had gone well and I thought, "Lucky him!" I was quite envious.

At this time, the Allied advance had been halted by the Rhine since all the bridges across the river had been destroyed. The plan was for our regiment to move across the river with its tanks and support an attack to establish a bridgehead on the other side. Then a new bridge would be built and everything would go forward again. For about 7 days, we practiced on the River Maas,



entering, leaving and manoeuvring in the current, and then came the day - or rather the night.

In the dark, we made our way to the Rhine and hid in the forest amongst the trees. All the next day, behind a screen of smoke, we waited and, around mid-night, we were each given a shot of rum. I had a sip but did not like it, so gave it to one of the others.

We drove out of the forest and, one after another, our tanks entered the water. We had to travel up-stream, against the current, to our exit point, arriving as the sun began to rise and it slowly became light. Whilst we were on the water, resistance was slight. Our secrecy had been successful, thank God! When we left the river, the sun was shining brightly and a lot of 'planes, mostly Dakotas, flew over us.

Now the work began. We had to drive, first along the bank of the river, then over the fields and through the villages, seeking out the enemy. For the whole day, we fought without a let-up and, about 4 o'clock, Ginger's tank received a hit. We fought

on and, as usual, when it got dark our tanks all gathered together to form a 'laager'.

As we replenished our ammunition and fuel, I learned that Ginger and all of his crew had been killed. This was his first day in battle. He was only 19, the same age as me. As I stand there, I think of this and always wonder: what would have happened if, that day when we were on parade, he had been on my other side when the Sergeant-Major picked us out? I feel ashamed that I was envious of him. I was really the lucky one. So, there I stand until the 'Reveille' sounds. I don't hear his voice but I see his face clearly, smiling - always smiling.

Maurice with Tich, a fellow trooper. The tank in the background is their Sherman



Garforth Roll of Honour – Stories behind the Names

The Garforth Roll of Honour is a list of 88 names of soldiers who gave their lives in two World Wars and the Korean War. Each of their backgrounds has been researched to reveal something of their lives. We now know about their families, where they lived and worked, when and where they died and the location of their resting places or commemoration plaques.

As well as the Roll of Honour, there are two other commemorative items in St Mary's Church. The first is a plaque erected in memory of Major Reginald Dobson. Reginald actually came through WW1 unscathed but died of pneumonia in hospital in Egypt. His father was colliery manager and lived in The Elms, a large house which still exists near to the site of the Sisters Pit off Barwick Road. The other is the stained glass window provided by the relatives of the fallen in WW1.

All deaths in war are tragic but some have a particular poignancy and this research revealed some of these cases.

The Prentis family lost two of five brothers in the Second World War. George Prentis came home on leave on a September Friday in 1943: he married Hilda Jackson the following Tuesday; returned to duty the following Friday; and never came back. He was 20 years old and is buried in Salerno. His elder brother John Robert had been killed exactly one year earlier and is buried in El Alamein.

In World War One, the Sissons family lost two of three sons. They were from a particularly wealthy family who lived in Waterloo Manor. Lieutenant Roland Sissons was killed on 2nd June 1916 aged 25. He is buried on The Somme. His younger brother George was killed on 27th June 1918 and was also 25 years old. He has no known grave.

There is a Commonwealth Graves headstone in Garforth Cemetery with two names on it, Ernest Lincoln and Kenneth Lincoln. In April 1918, Ernest married Nellie Gibbon. Eight months later, at just 22 years of age, he died in hospital in England. Seven years later in 1925, Nellie had a son, Kenneth, to an unknown father. Kenneth was just two weeks into his naval training in WW2 when his accommodation building was bombed, killing 33 young sailors aged 17 and 18. Fearing a PR coup for the enemy, the authorities told the families that it had been a munitions accident. The truth was not revealed until 1958, too late for Kenneth to be on the Roll in the Church. His name has been added to the new War Memorial. Nellie must have been devastated to have lost her new husband in WW1 and a young son in WW2.

The research did highlight just how young some of these servicemen were and also how close some came to surviving the war. Sidney

Backhouse was killed 12 days before Armistice Day; he has no known grave. Ernest Glover died just 7 days short of the end and Henry Smithson only 4 days. Henry is buried in Garforth Cemetery. The investigation into the names on the tablets provides a timely check for the information on the new War Memorial in the cemetery. This new structure acts as an exterior addition to the tablets in St Mary's.

All the information gathered so far has been uploaded to a website www.garforthrollofhonour.org.uk. This shows details of family histories, cemeteries, employment etc. as well as a section on Garforth history, mining and agriculture. If anyone has information on a relative mentioned on the Roll then please get in touch.

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John Robert Prentis



Stanley Naylor



George Sissons



George Prentis



George Dacro



Harry Fryer



Roland Edward Sissons



John Breed

Who is our new Rector?



The wheels of change move slowly, and it seems an age since my appointment was announced, but I am here at last! I look forward to getting to know you in time, but this is your chance to find out a bit about me. I was York born and bred and, although I have lived away at times, my permanent home has never been outside of Yorkshire! Growing up, however, it was a different story. My mother was from 'the other side of the Pennines' and my father was Irish. Both my older sister and brother were born in Ireland. Yorkshire became the family home, when my parents moved to York, in the 1960s, for the opening of the University, where my father was to work.

As a child, I attended church and was educated in the faith, but it was not until many years later that I really began to believe all I had been taught. Just over 27 years ago, in the midst of complex family difficulties and loss, I found myself turning to God with lots of awkward questions. My personal circumstances had jolted me into really thinking about life. There were times I was angry with him. Indeed, I wanted to keep being angry with him, but all I kept coming back to was a sense of his love for me.

As my husband, Paul, came to faith a short while later, we found becoming a Christian family had a huge impact on our lives, our sense of purpose and our contentment. We have had three children. Our firstborn, a son, died of cancer aged 8, and our second, a baby daughter, also died. We are blessed, however, to have a surviving daughter, Beth, who is married to Henry and is due to make us grandparents in Spring!

My journey into full-time ministry was not something I anticipated. I had a successful career in a wide range of public services and did not expect to leave that until retirement, but God had other plans. I had always felt it important for Christians to be in senior positions outside the church and had

expected that my career was my calling. Over a period of a few years, however, I became aware that there was something else I was meant to be doing.

I did not for a moment imagine it was being a priest, but as the journey unfolded each step seemed to make sense. It was my husband, Paul, who first suggested that I would end up being ordained. I told him not to be so silly....! It was only as others began to express the same thought that the penny finally dropped with me.

It might have been unexpected but I would not swap it for the world. I have found, like so many others, that when we are following the path that God has set for us, it just feels right and it is more fulfilling than anything else can ever be.

I have spent a wonderful 3 years serving as Curate in the Benefice of Bramham (Boston Spa, Bramham, Thorp Arch and Walton) – not far from here, though in the Diocese of York. It has been a joy to see God at work in those communities...and I can't wait to see what he has planned for Garforth. I believe passionately that the Church is not there just for itself and its own members but for the wider community.

In many ways, the calling is shared by my husband, in that he is alongside me and looking forward to being part of the Garforth community, both within and beyond the Church. He retired recently from his career as a paramedic in the Ambulance Service, where he had served in most roles, with his last being in resilience and special operations.

Do say hello to both, or either, of us if you see us around. Bear with us – neither of us are gifted in the remembering names department!

So, as Paul and I establish our new lives here - meeting new people, encountering new situations and experiences – we are blessed to have the support and love of an ever-faithful God. We know he is always there for us, just as he is for anyone who calls on his name.

Rev'd Jane

Revd Jane's Licensing

On Thursday 20th September, we officially welcomed the Revd Jane Brown as our new Rector. The service was led by the Rt Revd Nicholas Baines, Bishop of Leeds, who also inaugurated Revd Jane's ministry. The Revd Canon Paul Ayers, Archdeacon of Leeds, then formally inducted her as Rector of St Mary's, Garforth.





Jane with Bishop Nick and Archdeacon Paul



Alyson & Avis: Our Church Wardens who took on the running of the St Mary's for the last year.

Eco Tips from the Church of England

September – Lighting your home

Light bulbs! If the average household replaced all of their bulbs with LEDs, it would cost about £100 and save about £35 a year on bills.

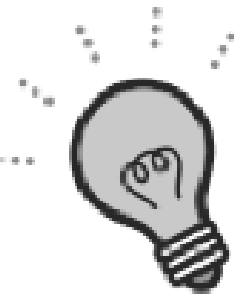
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Use natural light when you can to save energy. Sit by the window. Decorate your home in light colours to maximise natural light.

Turn your lights off when you're not using them. If you switch a light off for just a few seconds, you will save more energy than it takes for the light to start up again, regardless of the type of light.

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If you have lights in your garden use solar powered lights that charge during the day and don't require electricity.



October – Keeping Warm

Make sure you close your curtains when it gets dark to stop heat escaping.

Get draft-proof to stop losing heat. Professional draught-proofing of windows and doors and blocking cracks in floors and skirting boards can cost around £200, but can save around £25 a year on energy bills. DIY draught proofing can be much cheaper. Installing a chimney draught excluder could save around £15 a year as well.

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Make sure your hot water tank is insulated with a thick jacket. It will save you lots of money not to mention reducing your carbon emissions.

Has your loft got loads of insulation? It's one of the cheapest and easiest ways to save energy and will pay for itself in hardly any time.

November – Recycling

Check you know what can be recycled in your area: if you're not sure, check the council website.

Set up simple systems in your home to make it easy to recycle. Where do you need a paper and card recycling bin, what about a compost bucket?

All your plastic bottles can be recycled, from mouthwash to salad dressing – so put them all in your recycling bin! In most boroughs, you can recycle all your plastic bottles, tubs and pots, and their tops and lids too.



Be pedantic about your recycling! Think about every item you put in the bin; should it go to landfill? Loo rolls come on card tubes, sweets come in foil or paper wrappers, apple cores can be composted and most packaging can be recycled now.

December – Eco Christmas ideas

Be creative in the gifts you give this Christmas; make sure your desire to be loving is not damaging the environment.



When getting ready for the festivities of Christmas, buy as much locally-produced, in-season food, particularly veg, as you can. Try not to over cater and waste food.

Wrap and rewrap. Why not reuse your wrapping paper? Take a bit of care unwrapping your presents (it adds to the gift experience), save the paper and reuse next year.

Enjoy the feast of Christmas! Don't forget to recycle your rubbish. Don't waste unwanted presents; find new homes for them through the charity shop or on eBay.

Get ready with your environmental New Year's Resolution. How will you care for creation in the coming year?

ADVENT

Advent Sunday

2nd December

Communion Services
8.00am & 10.00am

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GARFORTH ADVENT SERVICE

3:00pm



2nd Sunday of Advent

9th December

Communion Services
8.00am & 10.00am

MESSY CHURCH CHRISTMAS

3:00pm at Garforth
Evangelical Church



3rd Sunday of Advent

16th December

Communion Services
8.00am & 10.00am

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

3.00pm



KIPPAX BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

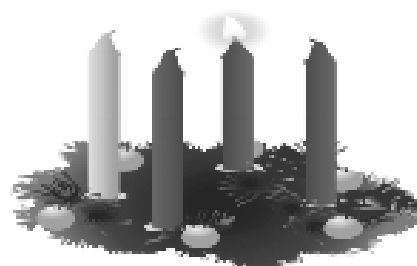
(Ticket entry) 7.00pm



4th Sunday of Advent

23rd December

Communion Services
8.00am & 10.00am



CHRISTMAS

Christmas Day

**HOLY COMMUNION
WITH
CAROLS**
8.00am

**FAMILY COMMUNION
SERVICE**
10.00am



Christmas Eve

CRIB SERVICE

4.00pm

*Children can come dressed as
Mary, Joseph, Shepherds,
Kings or Animals*



MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

11.15pm



First Sunday of Christmas

30th December

Communion Services
8.00am & 10.00am

Epiphany
5th January

Communion Services
8.00am & 10.00am





Charlie the Church Mouse

Charlie has heard people in church talking about preparations for Christmas, and about the 4 weeks before called Advent. Charlie remembers seeing Advent calendars with 24 numbers on little doors that opened, and there were chocolates inside each one!

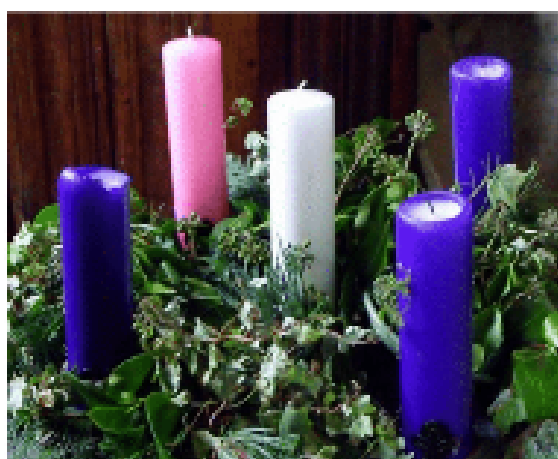
But in church it is all to do with preparing for Jesus's birthday, and Advent is a time for Christians to remember about the story of His birth, and believing that He will come again.

Charlie knows there will be an Advent wreath in church, with 5 candles on it.

The first candle will be lit on the Sunday 4 weeks before Christmas. This candle is to remember God's people and is a symbol of **hope**.

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second (and first) candles are lit. This one is to remember the prophets who foretold Jesus's birth, and is a symbol of **peace**.

The third candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, and is to remember John the Baptist. This one is a symbol of **love**.



On the fourth Sunday, the last candle in the ring is lit. This reminds us of Mary, Jesus's mother, and is a symbol of **joy**.

And on Christmas Day, the candle in the middle is lit for the coming of Jesus.

Murder Mystery Evening

The Whodunwot Players
a.k.a. KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY

HOLIDAY
to
MURDER

A Murder Mystery Evening

Saturday 3rd November 2018
7:00 pm for 7:30 start
St Mary's Church Hall, Garforth

£10 incl. Supper : Bring your own drink
Tel: 0113 2863293

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY
www.kippaxdramaticsociety.co.uk

Time to pack your bags – not forgetting the sun cream – and take a Holiday to Murder.

A few members of the Stillingford Ghost Hunting Team are holidaying on a supposedly haunted Spanish island. They are in search of sun, sea, sand - and spooks: and of course, this being a murder mystery, it is inevitable that we will be saying 'Adios' to one or more of the party before the evening is over.

As always, this will be a fun evening for everyone; will yours be the table that picks up on the clues and unmasks the villain?

We look forward to seeing you there.

St Mary's Church, Garforth Christmas Cards



This year, we will be selling Christmas cards with a picture of our church. Only a limited number will be available, priced at £5 for 5 cards. Early ordering is recommended!

**For telephone orders—speak to Judith on
0113 2648103**

ST MARY'S CHURCH, GARFORTH Junior Choir



WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

(during Term Time)

Refreshments 3.30pm to 4pm

Sing-a-long 4pm to 4.45pm

Please come along and enjoy singing
with other children.

(Aimed at aged 6 years and over)

CONTACT : GILLIAN HAINSWORTH

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Mothers' Union News

January At our Evening event, Jane Harrison came to talk about Garforth in Bloom, giving us an insight into just how much hard work goes into keeping

Garforth looking good.

March In our afternoon meeting there was a good turnout for a talk by Canon Ann Hemsworth about the life and work of Beatrix Potter. We learned a great deal about her and especially about her role in preserving farmland and small holdings in the Lake District which later became the National Park.

The evening meeting watched the film Victoria and Abdul which we all enjoyed. We felt that it gave us much food for thought about attitudes towards people from different ethnic backgrounds.

April In the afternoon Sarah told us about the Dogs Trust and some of their projects, with slides to show us where the dogs are housed and exercised. They try to rehome all the dogs or keep them in special homes if they are too old or ill to go and live somewhere new.

For the evening members Georgina gave a talk on wild flowers in the British Isles, illustrated with a wonderful PowerPoint presentation.

May This month involved a steep learning curve for the new committee when we had our fundraising event: a Cake and Card sale in the Church Hall. Not many attended for various reasons but after donations we made £100 for the Overseas Fund. We hope to do much better next year!

We had good weather for our evening walk around Temple Newsam Park which made a pleasant outing.

June Ali Luke and her husband Paul came to tell us about the work of the Divya Shanthi charity in Bangalore, Southern India. They have both been to visit the orphanage and school, which have been built by the charity and which it runs to help poor families and communities with special focus on women and children.

The evening group was treated to a talk by Margaret Mainds, one of our older members, on specific items she treasures and

special memories, such as her story of camping out on the Mall for the Queen's Coronation. Although some of us had heard it before at an afternoon meeting, we still found it just as interesting, if not more so.

July The afternoon ladies lunched at the Rothwell Carvery and the evening ladies dined out at the Crooked Billet.

We start again in September with an afternoon meeting on following in the footsteps of Mary Sumner, our founder; a fun way of thinking about how we will take MU into the 21st Century. The rest of the programme for 2018 can be found elsewhere in this magazine. You are welcome to come along

Shoebox Appeal

This year at St Mary's, like many other churches, schools and groups, we will be collecting and filling shoeboxes to send to different countries around the world where there is great poverty. You can find more details and watch a video on the Samaritan's Purse website: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

We will have the labels, which show if the box is for a boy or girl and the appropriate age group. These need to be stuck on the boxes once they have been packed. Boxes should also be sent with £5 to cover postage.

Because not everyone can afford to complete a box on their own, St Mary's Mothers' Union will be spending some of our meeting times assembling boxes from donated items.

If you would like to contribute, we will need a range of simple things like: toiletries - soap bars (no liquids) face cloths, suitable toothbrushes and toothpastes; crayons and colouring books; cuddly toys for young children; games; hats, gloves and scarves; sweets; and shoeboxes covered in Christmas wrapping paper.

We will be filling shoeboxes on October 23rd at 7:30 pm and November 6th at 1:30pm. If you would like to come along and help, you would be very welcome.

On 7th October after the Harvest Festival Service, at coffee we are having a stall with craft items in aid of Church Funds and one with Mothers' Union Cards including Christmas cards. We will also be raffling a Christmas Food hamper. Do come and have a browse.

St Mary's Mothers' Union Programme 2018/2019



2018

Oct 2	Suzanne Wainwright – Youth of today	1.30pm
Oct 23	Covering Samaritan's Christmas Boxes	7.30pm
Nov 5	Filling Samaritan's Christmas Boxes	1.30pm
Nov 27	Meal out TBA	7.30pm
Dec 4	Advent Service followed by Tea and Cakes	2.00pm

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Jan 8	AGM followed by a Quiz	1.30pm
Jan 22	Lots of chat repairing hymn books	7.30pm
Feb 5	Treasures	1.30pm
Feb 26	Angels at the Leeds Festival*	7.30pm

*Subject to change

Leader: Margaret Bentley – margaret.bentley.1947@gmail.com

Meetings: 1.30pm – 1st Tuesday of each month & 7.30pm – 4th Tuesday of each month (Guests are welcome to come to either – or both!) You don't have to have children to join...you don't even need to be a woman! You do need to have been baptised as a Christian, and to sign up to the aims and objectives of the Mothers' Union. Some people just come to meetings as guests though and never join – that's fine too.

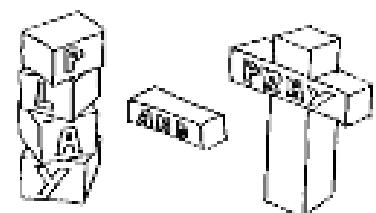
PLAY AND PRAY

A short service in church for young children and their carers followed by a chance to play or chat over a drink of juice or a cuppa.

ALL WELCOME

We meet Thursday, twice a month at 1.30pm.

October	4th & 18th
November	1st & 15th & 29th
December	13th





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Quiz

Answers to the quiz from last issue, set by Liz Ness

1. The Galapagos Islands were important to Charles Darwin because he wrote his 'On the Origin of Species' based on his studies of the animals and plants on the islands.
2. Joseph Haydn composed 106 symphonies, of which 104 were included in the chronological numbering system created by Eusebius Mandyczewski in 1908.
3. A collection of starlings is called a chattering or a murmuration.
4. The shortest verse in the King James Bible is John 11 v 35: "Jesus wept".
5. "Amen" literally means "so be it".
6. Professor Stephen Hawking is buried in Westminster Abbey.
7. Many creatures live and hunt at high altitudes. Examples include the jumping spider, the alpine ibex and the mountain goat.
8. "Petrified" literally means turned to stone.
9. F.A.S.T. stands for checking Face, Arms, Speech and Time for symptoms of a stroke.
10. A spiderling is a baby spider.
11. Donald Trump's wife is called Melania.
12. Simon Iscariot was Judas' father.
13. The American Redwood is the tallest tree in the world.
14. The Himalayas is the youngest mountain range in the world.
15. 19 and 23 are the next two prime numbers after 17.
16. 'My Very Elderly Mother Just Sat Upon Neptune' is a mnemonic helping us remember the order of the planets from the sun.
17. "Myth and hymn" are examples of words without any vowels.
18. You would find coins in a Numismatic Museum.
19. The largest organ of the body is the skin.
20. Next year's date in Roman Numerals is MMXIX.

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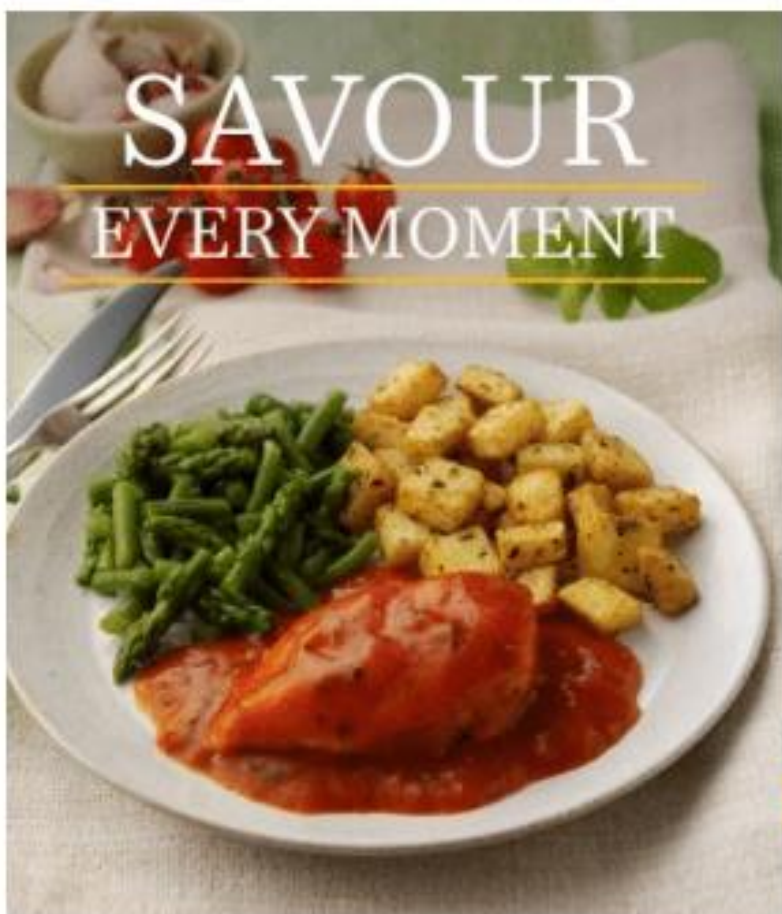
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October

4th	1:30pm	Play and Pray
6th	7:00pm	Harvest Supper
7th	10:00am	Family Service
14th	3:00pm	Messy Church - Evangelical Church
16th	7:15pm	CTIG AGM - St Benedict's
18th	1:30pm	Play and Pray
21st	3:00pm	Café Church
25th	12:00pm	CTIG Faith Lunch - St Benedict's

November

1st	1:30pm	Play and Pray
3rd	7:00pm	Murder Mystery Evening
11th	9:30am	Communion Service
	10:45am	Act of Remembrance - Cemetery War Memorial
15th	1:30pm	Play and Pray
18th	3:00pm	Messy Church - Methodist Church
25th	3:00pm	Café Church
29th	1:30pm	Play and Pray

December

2nd	3:00pm	CTIG Advent Service
9th	3:00pm	Messy Church Christmas - Evangelical Church
13th	1:30pm	Play and Pray
16th	3:00pm	Christingle Service
	7:30pm	Kippax Brass Band
23rd	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight
24th	4:00pm	Crib Service
	11:15pm	Midnight Communion
25th	8:00am	Holy Communion with Carols
	10:00am	Family Communion

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