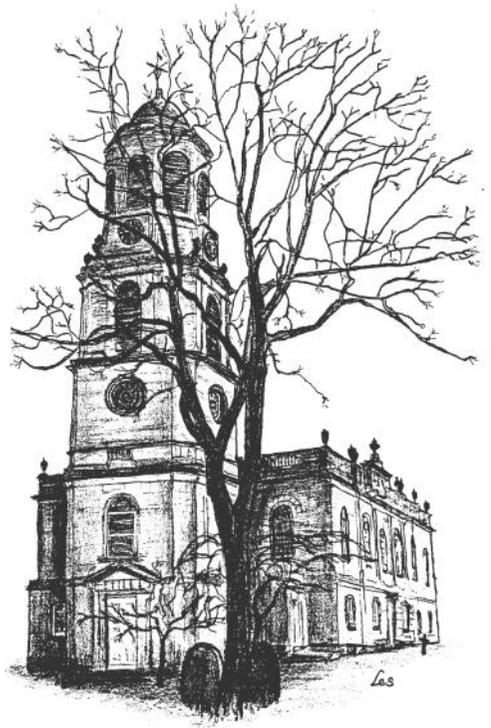


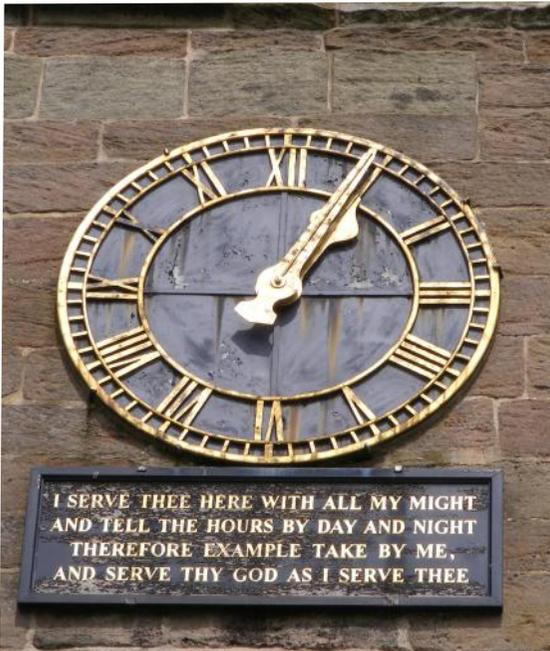
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## The New Normal



I wonder how many 'new' words or expressions you have learnt over the last few months. The compilers of the Oxford Dictionary keep a constant, rolling record of new words, phrases and additions to our language. This keeps the dictionary and other reference materials up to date with the

way that the English Language changes as it absorbs new idioms and words. Recent additions have (of course) been words like 'Corona' and 'Covid'. But older words such as 'furlough', 'lockdown' and 'shielding' have seen a resurgence in use and taken on a new sense or meaning.

The expression 'the new normal' has become part of our language since we started the Covid19 lock-down in March. I don't recall hearing it before then, although I gather it is over 50 years old and was originally used in a 1966 novel by Robert Heinlein called 'The Moon is a Harsh Mistress'. Like many newer expressions now in common usage in the UK, it is a North American import. I've heard it used almost daily in the last few months: I've even used it myself on occasions.

As a phrase, it seems to sum up our situation since March. What was commonplace or normal before the pandemic struck has often been replaced by new, restrictive, controls on our behaviour and way of life. The new normal is usually less permissive than the old; these greater restrictions on our freedoms and behaviour have been imposed by government, acting on scientific advice, but also by our own diocese. Our church has not been exempt. We had to close our Church doors for worship until recently. Even now that we are

open, the 'new normal' procedures we have had to introduce for public worship are a long way away from our pre-COVID Church use and service patterns.

Open - but  
only for ...



All of this can be disconcerting and upsetting. As Stephanie said in her August editorial, we should not underestimate the negative impact this has had on many people and the desire of many to return to the familiar ways of worshipping and serving God. We always have some apprehension when faced with the 'new'. Old familiar ways seem more comfortable and comforting. Human nature commonly prefers to hold on to things that we know well and have loved for a long time. The new can be an uncomfortable and often scary place and not at all 'normal' for many people. It's almost as if 'new' and 'normal' are, in our minds at least, incompatible with each other: they seem diametrically opposed to each other, as if they don't belong in the same sentence. Things that are new to us are not normal and things that are normal are not usually new.

I am reminded of a song written by Edith McNeill, which we sometimes sing in Church. It seems to reconcile the idea of the 'new' with the 'normal'. Every day we receive God's mercies anew, without fail.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is your faithfulness.

*This song also echoes John Keble's familiar hymn, the first two verses of which are:*

*New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.*

*New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.*

*In God's love we can rely on the newness of His love every day as part of our normal life. That sounds to me like a new normal that we could all enjoy.*

**Martyn**

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'For the foreseeable future there will be one Sunday service at St John's at 10am. This will be a said Communion Service. The Family Service on the second Sunday of the month will also be a communion service. All are welcome. It would be a great help in our planning if you could let Susan Lawson (01924 378101 or shlawson0@gmail.com) know if you are intending to come to the 10am service.

The 10am service will be recorded as it happens in church. A link to the video will be sent out on Sunday afternoon or evening by email. If you are on email and would like to receive the weekly newsletter and link to the video of the service, please let Stephanie know.

If you have no email account but can access the internet, you will find a link to the video on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/wakefieldstjohns>) & on A Church Near You (<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365>)

## **Is there anybody there?**

Last month, on page 6, I asked what you had really missed during lockdown, and what you had appreciated NOT having.

In July, on page 7, I asked for any thoughts or experiences you might have had during these past months of lockdown.

From the total lack of response to both invitations I wonder if anyone actually reads this magazine! It is YOUR magazine (I just pull it together). We could use it as part of how we keep in touch as a congregation, but only if you join in.

I'd love to include lots of items from the parish - but if no-one sends me anything I have nothing local to include. What have you done these past months? What have you missed? Has anything funny, or sad, or unusual happened? How have you filled your time? Let's keep connected in print if we can't do it in person. The article below might give you ideas, as might my offering on the page opposite.

***Deidre Morris (editor)***

## **Music and Memory**

Have you ever heard a certain song or tune that immediately takes you back to your youth? It can be a very poignant moment.

When researchers at the University of Westminster examined the choices of 80 different guests on the BBC radio show *Desert Island Discs*, they found that most guests had chosen music which dated back to when they had been between 10 and 30 years old. This time span was identified as a 'self-defining period' in their lives.

The research concluded: "The music we know and love between the ages of 10 to 30 will play a significant role throughout our lives, connecting us as individuals to other people, places and times that become central to our identity."

What songs trigger the big memories for you?

## **My Musical Memory**

Eleanor Rigby is not my favourite 'Beatles' song, but whenever I hear it I am aged 21 and back in Pembrokeshire for the first time. My future parents-in-law were holidaying in a cottage at Dale, and they invited me to join them. It was my first time in that beautiful county, and I never thought I would actually live there for 5 years later in life.

Besides Brian and myself and his parents, there were his 15 year old brother and his 10 year old sister. On fine days we would walk across the fields, past the churchyard, to our favourite beach, and always David would be loudly singing Eleanor Rigby in his not-so-tuneful voice. The pathos of the song was quite at odds with our holiday happiness. When I hear it I am back, walking across the fields towards the sea.

## **My Lockdown Activity**

During lockdown I, like many people, did some sorting out. I was rather horrified to find how many 'spare' balls of wool I had accumulated and told myself I had to use all (or very nearly all) of them up before I could buy any new wool. So over the past 5 months I have knitted a mermaid-tail blanket for my younger granddaughter; 3 hats; 11 scarves; and 35 blanket squares - and I still have some wool left to use up! At least I am well provided for the Christmas shoe boxes.

***Deidre Morris***

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Those who have found God in a digital church may want to keep God there, rather than discover transforming participation in the Body of Christ....

We need to find creative new ways of combining physical gathering with the virtual.

*Canon Mark Collinson, Principal of the School of Mission  
Winchester Diocese.*

## Notes from the PCC Meeting held via Zoom 14 July 2020

Stephanie welcomed Rob Harper, who is officially our new Curate, though his ordination has had to be postponed until the autumn

**Cath Fox** gave a presentation (she has to do this as part of her Reader training) of the Mission and Ministry opportunities and challenges she sees facing St John's at this time.

Her headings were:

**Mission** is our task: to tell our message of the Good News

**Ministry** is the way we carry out this task of mission.

**Build**: Where are we starting from, our context?

**Be Bold**: How brave are we? Can we dream dreams?

**Blossom**: In discipleship and sharing Christ in the community.

She concluded by saying that every one of us at St John's has their own special role to play in this. We may link in with other groups and organisations but we must seek God's guidance for what he is calling us to do in *our* situation, both personally and as a church.

**Stephanie** updated everyone on how St John's has been dealing with life in lockdown: providing Sunday services online; e-mailing the expanded weekly news-sheet; e-mailing the parish magazine, and posting hard copies to those not on e-mail; providing pastoral support.

The PCC supported opening the church for suitably distanced worship, which would start soon.

Stephanie emphasised that we cannot go back – we must go ON. We may find some things we used to do are no longer needed, or need to be done differently. We have had to find new ways to do things during lockdown, and some of these may need to continue in a suitable way. Transition is always messy – we just have to go with the flow.

Cath Fox presented the very detailed **Fire Risk Assessment** which we are required to have. Many thanks for all the work various people have put in to this.

**The treasurer** reported that, due to the congregation's great generosity, our financial position was not as serious as he had feared it might be.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** must be held by the end of October. Stephanie suggested it be held on 27 September by recording the 10.00am service as usual, and then holding the AGM at 11.00am.

**Sophie Jones** was elected as a Foundation Governor at St John's School, replacing Kay Short, who has moved away.

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### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020, at 11.00am in Church

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place at **11.00am** on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020** after the 10.00am Communion Service.

In preparation for the Annual Meeting, nomination forms will be available at the back of church. We have vacancies for

two Churchwardens (1 year term),

four Deanery Synod Members (3 year term),

three vacancies for PCC (Parochial Church Council)

elected members (1 year term)

four vacancies for PCC elected members (3 year term).

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll (the list of members of St John's) and would like your name added, application forms will be available at the back of church.

Nomination forms and electoral roll forms can also be sent to you by post or email.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

***Stephanie***

# Betty Wrigley

Sometimes in our lives, things happen that make our lives more full, more enjoyable and more meaningful.

When I first joined St. John's, over 40 years ago, I sang in the robed choir next to a bass singer, Colin Lockwood. Colin and his lovely wife Bessie were the cause of my meeting Betty Wrigley.

Betty lived next door to the Lockwoods for many years. Though I didn't have any contact with her when I visited Colin, I was aware of her existence as we spoke about life in general.

When Colin and Bessie needed extra care, and went into Snapethorpe Hall, Lorraine Hanson and I were responsible for taking communion to them there. This gave Betty the opportunity to come and join with us, so that she could also take communion. It was my privilege to pick her up, and privilege it was.



## Her story

Betty became a great friend. I began to do some shopping for her, as did others, and I learned, over many cups of tea, her amazing history. She was born in 1922, and was in the army by the time she was 20 years old. I know she knew her future husband then: Joe was widowed with two young children. When they married, Betty took on this little family. They were extremely happy. Betty was interested in archaeology and she and Joe went on digs together. They both liked photography. Joe was a great cricket fan, hence a picture of a cricket match is over the fireplace in the room.

## My friend

But what did Betty mean to me? She became a dear friend, and she made a mean chocolate cake, every week normally, even when reaching 98. I loved to take her to the



Wednesday lunches, which were a real highlight for her. Everyone made a big fuss, especially the men. Sam and Phillip made her feel like a Queen. I so looked forward to seeing her each week, she was so interesting, never moaning about anything and always grateful for what was done for her.

### **Lockdown**

Then came Covid 19 and our time together had to stop. Phone calls were the only times that we could share, and I longed for the lockdown to end. Then things were eased and I could visit her whilst keeping at a distance, which I did. We had a cup of tea, across a table, and that was the last time that we met. I can see her now. She would insist on seeing me to the door and her last words were "I can't wait for us to hug again".



### **Final days**

Betty had a fall two days later and broke her arm. She ended up in hospital and on her release she went back into Ashgrove House for two weeks quarantine. On Thursday 6 August I telephoned Liz, her daughter, to ask how she was, only to be told that she had passed away that very afternoon, suddenly, whilst the carer was getting her tea and toast. That was it. My tea and cake and chat, with one of the nicest people that I could have known, was over

But what memories I have. I'll never forget her, because now I use Pears soap to remind me of a special lady, Betty Wrigley.

p.s. Betty always used Pears soap. That is why she looked so young to the end of her days.

***Michael Slack***

The person who thinks only about number one  
should remember it is next to nothing.

## DIARY DATES for SEPTEMBER 2020

### Sunday 6

### TRINITY 13

10.00am Holy Communion, said, distanced

*Readings:*

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Matthew 18:15-20

Tues 8 7.45pm PCC Meeting

### Sunday 13

### TRINITY 14

10.00am Family Communion, said, distanced

*Readings:*

Genesis 50:15-21

Matthew 18:21-35

### Sunday 20

### TRINITY 15

10.00am Holy Communion, said, distanced

*Readings:*

Philippians 1:21-end

Matthew 20:1-16

### Sunday 27

### TRINITY 16

10.00am Holy Communion, said, distanced

*Readings:*

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

11.00am ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
held in church

### Sunday 4 October

### TRINITY 17

10.00am Holy Communion, said, distanced

*Readings:*

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-end

10.00am in Bradford Cathedral ORDINATIONS  
Rob Harper will be ordained Deacon at this service

Parish Morning Prayer - 9.30am Mondays - is now happening by Zoom. Please contact Stephanie if you would like an invitation to join in.

# **Sunday Services at St John's are very limited due to the COVID19 restrictions**

EVERY SUNDAY

**8.00am Holy Communion**

*This is currently NOT happening*

1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th SUNDAY EACH MONTH

**10.00am Parish Communion**

This is now a said service.

There are no hymns, prayer stations etc.

Chairs are arranged for social distancing,  
so numbers are slightly limited.

2nd SUNDAY EACH MONTH

**10.00am Family Service**

This is now a said communion service

as on other Sundays,

and all family members are welcome.

*It would be a great help in our planning  
if you could let Susan Lawson know  
(01924 378101 or shlawson0@gmail.com)  
if you are intending to come to the 10am service.*

The entrance door to the church is on the city centre / High School side of St John's Square. There is a ramp access for wheelchairs and pushchairs up to this door.

There is a fully accessible toilet at the church, and a baby-change facility.

There is an induction loop for those who use a hearing aid.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES / ORGANISATIONS

**Parish Morning Prayer** 9.30am Mondays - is happening by Zoom. Please contact Stephanie if you would like an invitation to join in.

*A short service of readings and prayer to start the week*

**SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS:**

**Toddler & Baby Playgroup** 9.15-11.30am Friday in church (during term time)

*A time for babies, toddlers and their carers to play and share.*

**Lunches (Weekly)** Wednesdays Noon to 1.00pm  
Lunches served. See overleaf

*A chance to meet friends and chat.*

**Julian Meeting** Fourth Tuesday each month  
7.45pm in Church

*All are welcome to share in Christian contemplative prayer.*

**Taizé Service** Last Friday in the month. (usually)  
7.00-8.00pm + coffee / tea

*A reflective ecumenical service*

**Church Choir** Practice after the 10.00am  
service on Sunday

*Join us in helping to lead Sunday worship*

**Conversation Café** 10.00am - Monday  
*Non-English speakers can develop their language skills in a relaxed environment*

*You could remove these centre pages to keep for reference, or give to someone who might be interested.*

## UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

*Purposeful activity in a structured, fun environment.*

**25<sup>th</sup> Wakefield Scout Group** For boys and girls, held in the Scout Hut by St. John's Parish Centre at the following times.

**Beaver Scouts** (6-8 years) Tues & Thurs 5.45 - 6.45pm

**Cub Scouts** (8-11years) Mon.& Tues 7.00pm-8.15pm

**Scouts** (11-14 years) Wednesday 7.30pm-9.00pm

Details: Group Scout Leader Laura Stephenson 07772869561

**Girl Guiding UK** [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

**Rainbows** (Girls aged 5-7) Thursdays 6.00-7.00pm in church

Contact: Ann Coulson [a.coulson@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:a.coulson@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)

**Brownies** (Girls aged 7-10) Tuesdays 6.15-7.30pm in church

Contact: [www.girlguiding.org.uk/registeryourinterest](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/registeryourinterest)

**Girl Guides** (Girls 10 – 14 years) Thursday 7.15-8.45pm in school

Contact: Rachel Gibbs [www.girlguiding.org.uk/registeryourinterest](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/registeryourinterest)

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We take bookings for the Church, the café area, the Samaritan Room, or the whole building.

Please contact Lorraine Hanson on 01924 257376 for details of prices etc. See page 26 for photos

### **Mission Statement**

St John's is here to be a living, loving and serving witness to Christ; worshipping, learning and growing in our faith together, reaching out to share God's love in the community and bringing His Word to all

God of mission,  
You give fresh life to St John's.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
to give vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our activities,  
and power to our witness,  
that we may grow  
in love and commitment to you  
in number of disciples  
and in loving service to our neighbours  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## The story behind ‘Abide with Me’

This famous hymn came from Brixham, near Torbay, Devon, in 1847. It was then a poor, obscure fishing village, whose vicar was the Rev Henry Francis Lyte, who felt God wanted him there. So he stayed, though it was lonely work, and he suffered constant ill health.

When Henry reached the age of 54 he had tuberculosis and asthma, and knew he was dying. He could have looked back on his life and felt a complete failure - what success had he had? Yet Henry knew it is not worldly success that matters but our response to Jesus, and how much we follow Him.

In September 1847 Henry was preparing to go to the south of France, as people with TB often did at that time. On the day before he left, he read Luke’s account of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Met by Jesus on the day he rose from the dead, they asked Him to stay with them as it was getting late. “Abide with us”, they said “for it is towards evening.”

“Abide with us – for it is toward evening.” These words struck a chord with Henry, who knew he was ‘towards evening’ in his life. So he sat down and wrote this hymn as a prayer to God – *(the following are just some of the verses)*

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;  
Earth’s joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

A few weeks later Henry died in France. So he never knew that his hymn would go on to be greatly loved the world over.



## Gorse – cheerful and perfumed, but prickly!

The old saying ‘Kissing is out of season when the gorse is not in bloom’ is based on the fact that it is a rare time of year when a flower or two cannot be found. The bush itself, growing on heaths and moors is well-known for its vicious spikes. This is its answer to the problem of producing leaves that will withstand wind, rain and hungry animals.

The golden yellow flowers are at their absolute best in spring, when the bushes, growing often to a height of seven to ten feet, seem to glow in the countryside. They attract bees and other pollen-seeking insects and many of us enjoy the rich coconut-like perfume as well as the joyful colour. The sharp foliage gives protection to several species of bird as they nest deep in these bulging bushes, and larger animals such as sheep and cows, if grazing nearby, will take advantage of gorse as a very effective windbreak.

In the past, gorse, also known as ‘furze’ or ‘whin’, was used as fuel as it burns very readily when dry. This has caused many serious moorland fires in recent years, but gorse is fortunately a resilient species and quickly sends up new shoots from the burnt stumps that remain. It is also apparently somewhat susceptible to frost, but will recover quickly with new growth.

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**Teacher:** We borrowed our numerals from the Arabs, our calendar from the Romans, and our banking from the Italians. Can anyone think of other examples?

**Student:** Well, we borrowed our lawnmower from the Smiths, our ladder from the Browns, and our hose from the Jones....

## What's in Your Hand?

September is usually the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. With the current coronavirus pandemic, it's very different this year! However, it is still a good time to consider how God can use us to make a real difference in our workplace, school, family, friends and community. He equips us with everything we need to make His love known.

When God gave Moses the job of bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, He asked the question, *'What is in your hand?'* (Exodus 4:2). Moses was holding his staff, which represented his livelihood (what he was good at); his resources (his flock represented his wealth) and his security (which God was asking him to lay down).



God asks the same question of us: *What has God given you?* Our gifts, temperament,

experience, relationships, mind, education can be used in the work God has given us to do. How will we use them to make a difference in the places where He calls us to serve Him?

John Ortberg, in his book *It All Goes Back in the Box*, speaks of Johnny, a 19-year-old with Downs syndrome. He worked at a supermarket checkout putting people's items into bags. To encourage his customers, he decided to put a *thought for the day* into the bags. Every night his dad would help him to prepare the slips of paper and he would put the thoughts into the bags saying, *'I hope it helps you have a good day. Thanks for coming here.'* A month later the store manager noticed that Johnny's line at the checkout was three times longer than anyone else's! People wanted Johnny's thought for the day. He wasn't just filling bags with groceries, he was filling lives with hope!

What has God given *you* that will help and encourage others?

**Paul Hardingham**

## What's been happening at St Johns school?

St Johns school, like every other, closed, due to the Corona virus crisis, on 20 March. But it has never really closed – the staff have all worked extremely hard to make sure the whole school community has remained safe and the children have continued with their education in a different way .

The school was always open for children of key workers, even during holiday times. The staff came in on a rota basis to care for these children. All other children could access, on an on-line learning platform, work set by the children's class teachers. The school was in touch with each family every week to check on their well being and how they were getting on with the work.

From 1 June the school opened to children in year 6, year 1 and reception. They were taught in bubbles of no more than 15 children, each bubble kept separate from all others. There was socially distancing drop-off and pick-up, and a one way system for moving around the school. Work was still provided for all children not in school. With only 7 classrooms, all the available space was used by these bubbles so we could not open up to any more year groups. We closed at lunchtime on Fridays to make time for a deep clean



School will re-open to all children on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Findlay and the staff have followed all government guidelines for the re-opening.

There will be staggered start and end times to the school day. The class bubbles will be kept separate, with no mingling of the children, who will have separate break and lunchtimes.

Mrs Findlay and the staff are very aware of the difficulties and worries some of the children will have about the virus and returning to school, and also for those starting school for the first time. As the children return to school, more time will be given for children to talk about their feelings and worries. There will be also extra booster sessions given to children

whose learning has fallen behind.

Mrs Findlay and all the staff have worked extremely hard during the crisis and I'm sure they will face the new school year in their usual professional and positive way .

Please remember the whole school community in your prayers

**Sue Slaven** (Chair of Governors)

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### **An update from your Curate**

I know it has only been two months since I joined St John's, but because of the warm welcome you have given me it feels longer (in a good way). I have enjoyed meeting many of you and I look forward to meeting everyone else in the coming weeks.

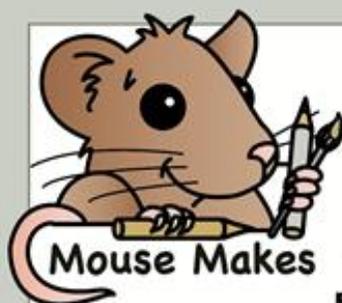
I have more details about my ordination as Deacon. Bishop Nick has confirmed that, under current plans, my ordination will be on Sunday 4 October, at 10.00am, in Bradford Cathedral. Bishop Nick has arranged to have four services, rather than the normal two, due to social distancing. Sadly, this means I can only invite eight guests (including my wife and children). It would have been wonderful to invite you all to my ordination, but that is not possible: Stephanie will be with me and she will be able to represent you all.

We hope that my ordination service will be live streamed and may be recorded. I will share further details nearer the time, when I have them.

I would be grateful for your prayers, for myself and the other 12 ordinands who will be ordained as deacons on 4 October. This year's new curates span the whole diocese. The only other new curate in the Wakefield area is Tim Carroll, at Wakefield Cathedral.

My prayers for you are that you all stay safe and are blessed by our Lord.

**Rob**



The **Bible** is a collection of **books** that took over 2,000 years to write! The books were written by many different people, all helped and inspired by God. The Bible has books about:

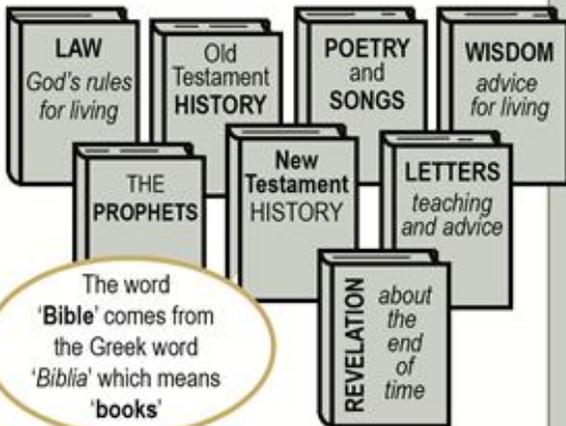
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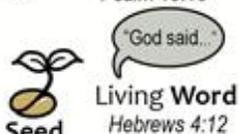
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The word '**Bible**' comes from the Greek word '*Biblia*' which means '**books**'

God speaks to us today as we read the Bible. The Bible encourages us, corrects us and shows us how to live, it also describes itself as:



...but most of all The Bible teaches us about **God** and how we can be friends with Him.

The parable  
of  
the  
Fish  
and the  
Nets



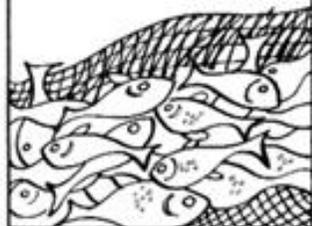
JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
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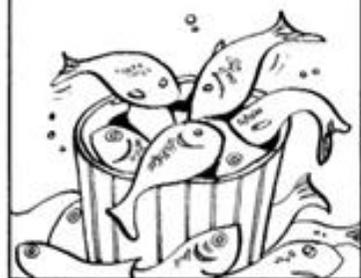
WHEN PEOPLE GO FISHING  
THEY THROW THEIR NETS  
INTO THE LAKE...



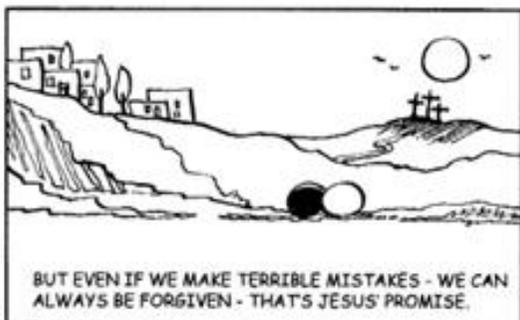
ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH  
HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.



THE GOOD FISH GO INTO BUCKETS



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE TOO WILL  
BE SORTED LIKE THE FISH. WE CAN  
CHOOSE TO DO GOOD OR BAD THINGS  
WITH OUR LIVES.





## *FUNERALS*

*We commit to the Lord's  
eternal care*

**26 August Joan Bailey**

*BURIAL OF ASHES  
in St. John's Churchyard*

**5 August Shelley Elizabeth Hayes**

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## What am I?

A teacher gave her young class a lesson on Zoom. It was about the magnet, and what it does. The next day, in a short test, she included this question:

“My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I am strong and attractive. I pick up lots of things. What am I?”

When the answers were sent in, the teacher was amazed to find that more than half her students had answered the question with the word: “Mother.”



A boy was sent by his parents to a boarding school a long distance from home. He had strict instructions to write home regularly and tell them all about himself and his new life.

At the end of the first week, his first text arrived: “There are 370 boys here. I wish there were 369.”

**Mother** to young daughter after her first day at school:

“Well, dear, what did they teach you today?”

**Daughter:**

“Not much. I’ve got to go back again tomorrow.”

A second year student explaining to a first year student how to write essays:

“When you take stuff from one writer, it’s plagiarism, but when you take it from many writers, it’s called research.”

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