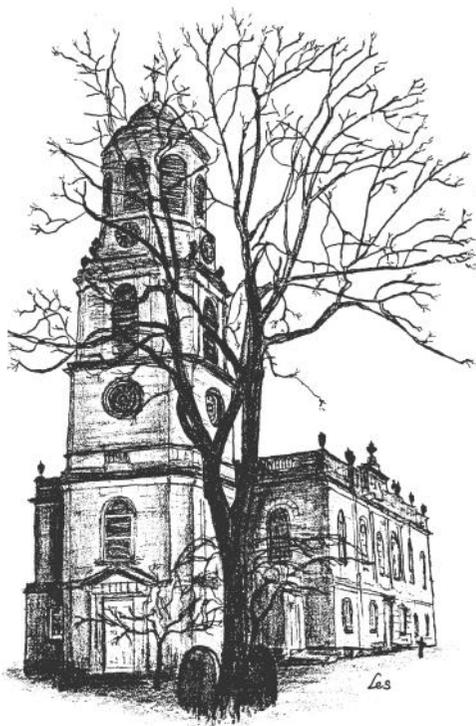


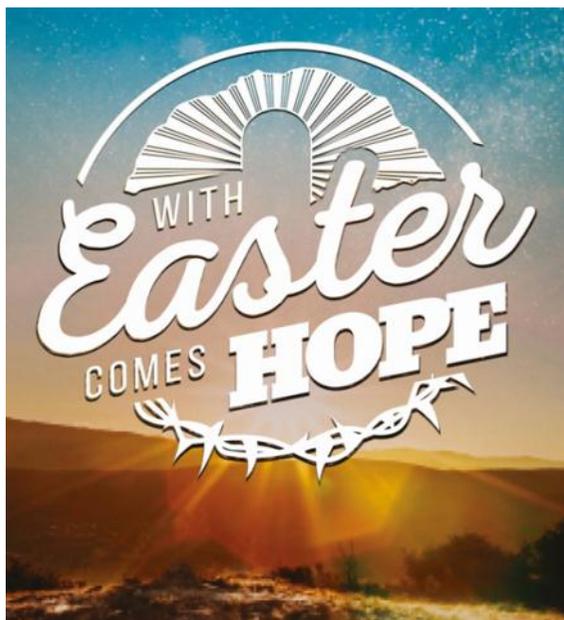
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## People of Hope

At long last spring is in the air!

Even though it is still cold, the unmistakable signs of new life are there in nature. The blossom, the daffodils, and the sound of birdsong. This year, perhaps

more than ever, I am reminded of some words from the Song of Solomon, '... for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come ...' (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)



The flowers may be here, but we are still waiting for our own 'time of singing' to come! When it does, I am sure that we will raise the roof of St John's Church! However, we already rejoice in the signs of hope we see in our national life. Many of us have had our first vaccine; children have gone back to school and we know the dates when restrictions are due to be lifted. We have reason to hope for better days. And yet, how easy it is to get our hopes up only for them to be dashed again. We know there may be fresh outbreaks of the virus and fresh disappointments and our hopes may easily be crushed. It can feel a bit risky to be too hopeful!

Even so, Christians are unashamedly people of hope. Our hope anchors us, irrespective of what is going on in our lives, in our nation and in the wider world. Hope does not disappoint us because it does not depend on us, but on God who raises the dead.

*This verse from the first letter of Peter puts it well:*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ... *(1 Peter 1:3)*

*The resurrection of Jesus, which we will celebrate on Easter Sunday, is the basis of Christian hope. It is a living hope because Jesus is alive! Jesus was raised from the dead in this world and so this world has become a place where death does not have the last word; a place where love is stronger than death and a place where new life can spring up out of death and catch us by surprise.*

*I find it a huge comfort to know that the risen Jesus bears the wounds of Good Friday in his hands and side. Easter comes **through** Good Friday - not independently of it. So, this Easter, whether we are shouting, 'Alleluia', or whether we are crying out, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' may we be met by the risen Jesus. Jesus, our wounded healer, comes to meet us where we are and to be with us whatever we are going through. May we be bearers of this hope to those around us.*

*Wishing you God's blessing this Easter.*

*Stephanie*



For the foreseeable future there will be NO services at St John's, due to lockdown. (see page 12 for Easter week)  
A service will be recorded in church before Sunday, using the minimum of participants, and a link to this will be sent out with the Sunday news sheet, by e-mail.

If you are on email you can receive the weekly newsletter and link to the service: please let Stephanie know.

If you have no email account but can access the internet, you will find a link to the recording of the service on our Facebook page

[\(<https://www.facebook.com/wakefieldstjohns>\)](https://www.facebook.com/wakefieldstjohns)

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## **APCM 2021**

This year's APCM – Annual Parochial Church Meeting – will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. This may be a live or an online event: the details will be confirmed in the May magazine.

At the meeting there are elections for churchwardens (two vacancies) and PCC members (four vacancies for a 3-year term of office and two vacancies for a 1-year term of office). It would be great if some new people could join the PCC this year. If you are interested in standing for the PCC, do contact Stephanie and she can send you a nomination form. (If you are on email, nomination forms will be sent out with the weekly newsletter). If you'd like to nominate someone else, please speak to them first to make sure s/he is willing to stand!

Our Electoral Roll Officer, Claire McKinlay is revising the Electoral Roll (list of St John's congregation members). If you are already on the electoral roll, you need do nothing. If you would like your name to be included on the electoral roll, please ask Stephanie for an application form. This form will be sent out to those on email soon.

## Praying for the Parish

We are planning a prayer walk around the boundary of the parish when we can do this safely. Details will be in the magazine in due course. In the meantime, as you walk around the streets of the parish (with or without a dog!), please pray for the people who live and work here.



For those of us who would like to pray for the parish from home, Martyn has created a DVD of a walk around the parish boundary. It includes prayers at various places along the way which we can join in with as we watch. We hope the DVD will help us all to feel more connected to the congregation and to the parish.

The DVD can be ordered from Susan Lawson (01924 378101 or [shlawson0@gmail.com](mailto:shlawson0@gmail.com)). it will also be on YouTube, details to be confirmed in the weekly newsletter. There will also be a link from Facebook.

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

## **A Huge 'Thank You' to Brian Morris**

Brian Morris has served as treasurer of St John's for many years, and I would like to say a huge thank you to him on behalf of us all. Brian has just stepped down from the role and we owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his dedication and unstinting hard work throughout his time as treasurer of St John's.

We have been blessed in Brian to have a treasurer with a vast range of experience as a Diocesan Stewardship Officer (and Diocesan Missioner) in various dioceses in England and Wales. He has brought vision and a wealth of experience to bear in his role at St John's which has been invaluable. Brian's deep faith and trust in God have been evident in the way in which he has approached the finances of St John's. He knows that the way we approach money is an integral part of our discipleship and he has modelled this for us in inspiring ways.

Whenever there has been a need to step out in faith on a new venture, Brian has been the first to propose that we resource the mission properly. He has encouraged us to be generous as well as wise, and to have faith in God. At the same time, he has worked tirelessly to reduce our outgoings by making sure that our utility providers have offered us the best value for money.

Brian's reports to the PCC about the finances are legendary! His reputation for saying, 'We are all doomed!' is not really deserved! He has been realistic when we have faced challenges, but he has also been able to encourage us when there has been good news! Brian's care for people has been evident throughout, in the way he has managed the finances of St John's.

So, thank you, Brian, for your faithful service in your ministry as treasurer. We continue to be grateful, too, for all the other ways in which you continue to exercise your ministry at St John's, both 'up front' and behind the scenes.  
Stephanie

## **Science and Society: How Can We Approach New Ethical Issues?**

Science tells us how the world works, and technology offers applications of that knowledge, but neither can tell us what we *ought* to do. All scientific discoveries or new technologies can be used either to help or to harm others. For example, a smartphone can be used to stay in touch with people but also enables bullying.

It is important to get past our initial reactions: the 'yuk!' or 'wow!' These feelings may well change once we learn more about the science and other factors that may be behind a new development.

Ethical thinking can be divided into three main categories. The **consequentialist** approach is demonstrated in Proverbs, when Wisdom calls young men to consider the outcome of their actions. Utilitarianism is a form of consequentialist ethic that tries to maximise the greatest good for the largest number of people affected. However, if it is unchecked it leaves minorities out in the cold.

**Duty or law-based ethics** start with intrinsic values, asking what is the correct course of action, or our duty? These values might be God-given, such as the ten commandments, or worked out by human reason. It is possible, however, to do harm while obeying the law, especially if someone asks 'What can I get away with?' Also, what happens when rules collide? For example, who should be treated first when resources are limited?

**Virtue ethics** are about building character, growing in wisdom and the fruit of the Spirit. There are plenty of biblical principles to guide virtuous living. The idea that we are 'made in the image of God' supports the value of every human life (e.g., Genesis 1:26–27, Genesis 9:6, James 3:9–10), but the right decision can vary depending on circumstances

So how can we make ethical decisions about new or

developing technologies? **The five Cs** bring together a number of different types of ethical thinking into a helpful framework for decision-making.

**Clarify** the facts and key questions.

**Consider** our choices: what could we achieve?

**Constraints:** External – what must we do? Internal – how should we behave?

**Compare** the pros and cons of each approach.

**Choose** what is best, with all parties in mind.

Finally, we have to recognise that the information available to us will change over time. Our knowledge of God and His word will keep growing, and we cannot avoid making mistakes – so our ethical decisions will need to be revisited and revised from time to time.

*Dr Ruth M Bancewicz*

Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute  
for Science and Religion in Cambridge.

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## Advance Dates for Your Diary

We will hope we are able to meet in groups indoors by June!

Sunday 6 June Lindsey's farewell service at St John's

Sunday 20 June St John's Day

Saturday 26 June Rob's ordination as a priest

Sunday 27 June Rob's first celebration of the Eucharist

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Brian has passed the treasurer's baton on to Geoff Lockyer who is now treasurer. Geoff continues to be responsible for the Envelope Scheme and for Gift Aid. If you have any questions about finance, do contact Geoff on 01924 368972 or [geoff@geofflockyer.co.uk](mailto:geoff@geofflockyer.co.uk) Please pray for Geoff as he serves St John's in this vital and demanding role.

# St George's Day

The film *How to Train your Dragon* is set in a Viking village under attack by dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture them. But when he catches the most dangerous one, Night Fury, he cannot kill it. This is because when he looks into the dragon's eyes, he sees that he is just as frightened as himself. Through their friendship, the people and dragons eventually come to live in harmony.

## St George

It's appropriate to think about dragons this month, when we remember St. George, England's patron saint, famed for slaying a dragon. Whether he actually killed a dragon is open to question! We do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, so was put to death on 23 April 303 AD.

## Hiccup and St George

So, we have here St George who slayed a dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. They seem like opposites: one a brave soldier and the other a weak boy! However, both acted according to their conscience, going against what people expected and not worrying about the cost to themselves. St George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and fellow villagers because of his compassion.

## Our challenge

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in a daily life, despite the personal cost. We need to look into the eyes of apparent enemies and meet their hostility with love and compassion. And for all of us the most important place where we need to slay evil is in our own hearts. Don't forget that we have the power of the Resurrection at our disposal!

*Paul Hardingham*



## *FUNERALS*

*We commit to the Lord's  
eternal care*

**17 March      Sydney Bosah**

(service held at Howarth's Funeral Home Function Room, followed by committal at the crematorium)

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

**18 March      Alan Tomlinson**

*The views expressed in this Magazine  
are those of each writer and are not necessarily held  
by the Editor, Vicar or PCC.*

## **Magazine Contributions**

The Editor is always pleased to receive news of events, to come or which have taken place; reports of church activities; original articles, stories, etc. We cannot guarantee that they will be included, and they may be edited before inclusion.

**Please send contributions for the  
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## DIARY DATES for APRIL 2021

*We are planning to record a short reflective service for each day (Mon - Fri) in Holy Week, which will be available online.*

Tuesday 30	1.30-3.00pm	Lent Group via zoom
Wed. 31	1.30-3.00pm	Lent Group via zoom
	7.30-9.00pm	Lent Group via zoom

### **Thurs 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*Readings:* Exodus 12:1-14 John 13:1-7, 31b-35

### **Friday 2 GOOD FRIDAY**

*Readings:* Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 John 18:1 - 19:42

There will be an on-line service by Churches Together in Wakefield, in place of the usual Procession of Witness.



### **Sunday 4 EASTER DAY**

*Readings:* Acts 10: 34-43 John 20:1-18

10.00am There will be a socially distanced Eucharist in church. Please tell Susan if you plan to come.

E-mail: [shlawson0@gmail.com](mailto:shlawson0@gmail.com) Tel: 01924 378101

Monday 5 Bank Holiday, so no Morning Prayer

### **Sunday 11 Easter 2**

*Readings:* Acts 4: 32-35 John 20:19-end

### **Sunday 18 Easter 3**

*Readings:* Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24: 36b-48

### **Sunday 25 Easter 4**

*Readings:* Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18

### **Sunday 2 May Easter 5**

*Readings:* Acts 8:26-end John 15:1-8

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

# **NO Sunday Services at St John's due to the COVID19 restrictions**

Our normal pattern of worship, when allowed under the covid restrictions, would be:

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.

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.

## 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

## 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*

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### 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)

## Walking and Talking

During the pandemic, I have enjoyed walking. In many ways, getting out daily for a good walk has not only helped me physically, but also bolstered my mental well-being. Often, I have arranged to walk with a friend, and we have enjoyed good conversation and fellowship.

Today I was walking alone, and I noticed it seemed further and to take longer. When you are walking and talking, you hardly notice the distance or the time. I am not usually able to think much when I am walking alone, but today the reminder came into my head of a saying: 'If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.'

It made me thankful for all the friends who have encouraged me this year and helped me to keep going. We can walk alone, and sometimes that's a good thing; but it is easier to be able to walk through life with others.

Who has walked with you this year? Do they know that you appreciate their companionship on the journey?

*Tony Horsfall*

"Over the years I have always enjoyed the Lent courses held before Easter each year. The exchange of ideas with other people can really make a big difference to the way one views things yourself.

Also it was a joy to meet people face to face again even if it was only on a screen.

*Joyce*



An English sage goes to God and says, 'Lord, we need to learn the meaning of patience, the totality of eternity and how to sit for hours and not feel guilty.'

God replies, 'Certainly my son, here you are, the rules for cricket.'

**In May, at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, anyone on the Church Electoral Roll will be able to vote for members of the PCC, or to stand as a member themselves. So please make sure, if you are a 'regular' at St John's, that your name is on the electoral roll.

**Please think about it!**

There are several vacancies on the PCC, and it would be good to have new people join the Council. If you are not sure what the PCC is, or what being on it entails, the following two articles explain how and why PCCs came into existence. On page 19 is a digest of the PCC meeting held on 9 March, which indicates some of what the PCC deals with. You are also very welcome to speak to Stephanie, or Martyn, or any members of the current PCC, to find out what it involves.

*John Barton and Peter Crumpler enlighten us about the PCC*

## **100 years of the PCC**

It's 100 years since parish churches gained the power to run their own affairs, separately from what we now regard as local government.

**In the old days ....**

The religious affairs of a parish, and its secular business, had been controlled by a single committee, which met in the church and was known as the 'Vestry'. In 1894 Parish Councils were set up to deal with secular matters; the Vestry continued to oversee church affairs until, in 1921, Parochial Church Councils (PCC) were established. People still get confused by the two.

**Churchwardens**

Churchwardens have been around since the 13th Century and legally 'own' the movable contents of the church. Their role is to maintain order in the church and churchyard, with the assistance of their staves, if necessary. Today a mobile phone might be more useful! Churchwardens are chosen by

parishioners, with the Vicar having a limited right of veto.

### **Who is eligible?**

Anyone on the Church Electoral Roll (the secular Electoral Roll is entirely separate) can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which elects the PCC. The Incumbent is an *ex officio* member, as are other licensed clergy, Churchwardens, and members of Deanery, Diocesan and General Synod who are on the Roll. The Incumbent chairs the PCC, which elects a Vice-Chair and also appoints a Standing Committee to transact business between meetings.

### **What does a PCC do?**

The purpose of a PCC, which must meet at least four times a year, is to consult together with the Incumbent “on matters of general concern and importance to the parish”, and that includes the “whole mission of the Church”. Changes to the forms of service, or the vesture, or the minister, can only happen after consultation.

Money and building maintenance take up a lot of PCC time, though we all know they are less important than mission. It’s a real challenge for every PCC member to pray for non-churchgoing parishioners and to find imaginative ways of introducing them to Christ and His Church.

## **The History of the PCC**

*‘We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.’*

It is 100 years since The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1921 was enacted, enabling the birth of PCCs.

### **Time for a change**

During the First World War army chaplains found that many men who regarded themselves as church goers were ignorant of the basics of religion. This led to a new interest in mission for the church. After 1918 there was a desire for change in the national church and its links with the state.

People felt that Parliament was slow to enact laws for the

church and that the church should have more authority to govern itself. Setting up Parochial Church Councils was part of this process. In the past much local secular administration had been the responsibility of churchwardens in the vestry meetings. Gradually secular functions were passed to local councils, their remaining powers being transferred to PCCs by The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1921.

### **Why have a PCC?**

The purpose of these new councils was to give the laity a more prominent role in parish life, to go alongside the deanery, diocesan and national councils which became the synods and have an important role in church life. Some conservative clerics were concerned that congregations would pick and choose clergy or object to a new incumbent chosen by a patron. Having PCCs share in decision making in parishes became widely accepted, except by some older, or rural, incumbents.

One difficult issue was how committed to church life a person should be to be eligible to serve on a church council. It was decided that anyone on the electoral roll, whether they attended services or communion regularly, could participate. The then Bishop of Oxford resigned because he thought that council members must be committed regular communicants.

The next Bishop of Oxford endorsed the principle of democracy and reassured people that it was not a negative step nor would it limit the powers of clergy or wardens. He encouraged congregations to consider how to use each other's gifts. In Aylesbury the idea of the new PCCs had been discussed as early as 1918. It was felt that they would support the clergy particularly with financial issues.

We may be surprised that proposing clergy and congregation work together for the benefit of the church could be seen as controversial. The birth of PCCs was a major step in the life of the church. I wonder what the next one hundred years will bring?

## **Digest of PCC 9 March via zoom**

### **Fabric update**

We are still waiting for progress on an internet connection. The work on the roof was delayed due to the weather, so will now not be completed until after Easter. The electrical work has been done, and cupboards for the folding tables and the toddler equipment have been built in the Samaritan Room.

### **Worship**

When the church might re-open for covid-safe worship was discussed. It was agreed that, if possible, we open for a 10.00am distanced Holy Communion service on Easter Day. Other services during Holy Week will be recorded and be provided on-line. When we re-open again after Easter will depend on when the roof repairs are completed.

### **Parish Centre**

There has been discussion on the future of the site and the building. At some point we will need to have a professional valuation of the site and the building, which will cost c.£1,000. It was agreed to extend current parking permits until the end of June.

### **School Governor**

Sophie Jones has had to resign as a Foundation Governor due to work commitments. John Hanson was elected as her replacement, and in September he will become Chair of Governors when Sue Slaven's term of office ends.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

It was agreed that this will provisionally take place during the 10.00am service on Sunday 9 May (see page ??). Martyn and Susan displayed the church log book, inventory and other legally required documentation. These are kept in the church safe but available to be viewed when church is open again.

### **Projector and Screen**

The PCC discussed applying to the Bishop's Development Fund for money for a better screen and projector. It was agreed that more research needs to be done on this.

# Thy Kingdom Come – A Global Wave of Prayer

## Ascension to Pentecost

### 13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021



Once again, all Christians are asked to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

Emma Buchan, Thy Kingdom Come Project Director, says:

“I am so excited about Thy Kingdom Come this year as we have been so intentional in our planning and thinking to produce resources that help the Church at this time.

Where it has been such a challenging year for everyone, we really want Thy Kingdom Come to inspire people in their relationship with Christ, to gather those who have found online Church challenging and to resource children and young people in fun, spiritually nourishing ways.

We hope and pray Pentecost is a time of great joy after what has been such a challenging season.”

This year’s **Prayer Journal** has been written by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell- crafted with the express intention of inspiring readers to re-encounter the love and joy found in Jesus Christ.

If you would like a free printed copy of the Prayer Journal, please let Susan Lawson know – 01924 378101.

The churches in Wakefield have committed to pray through-out Thy Kingdom Come this year. More details of how to sign up to pray at a specific time will be included in the May magazine. There will also be details of any other live and/or online resources from St John’s.



## ANZAC Biscuits

*On 25 April 1915, the Australian & New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in Ottoman Turkey and open the Dardanelles to the allied navies.*

*It soon became the day for New Zealanders and*

*Australians to remember the sacrifice of all who died in the war. On 25 April 1916 the first commemoration service, attended by King George V and Queen Mary, was held in Westminster Abbey, as it has been ever since.*

*ANZAC biscuits are thought to date to the Ottoman Turkey war, when mothers made them for their boys going to war.*

*This recipe was from the Royal British Legion website in 2014.*

### Ingredients

- 4 oz plain flour
- 4 oz light brown sugar
- 4 oz desiccated coconut
- 5 oz rolled oats (not jumbo oats or oatmeal)
- 4 oz butter
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tablespoons boiling water

### Method

Mix the flour, sugar, coconut and oats together in a large bowl.

Melt together the butter and syrup.

Dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in the boiling water and add to the butter and syrup, then add these to the flour mixture.

Place teaspoon-sized mounds of the mixture on a greased baking tray, leaving space for them to spread.

Bake at 180C Gas Mark 4 for 15 - 20 minutes, and transfer to a cooling rack as soon as cooked.

## St John's School Page

Class 1 have been learning about creation. They drew pictures and wrote these poems as they reflected on the wonderful world we live in.

God the creator is an artist and a builder - *Juliette*

God is mighty  
and powerful,  
also strong  
and helpful  
and kind  
*Zahra*



Swishy sea swaying  
See the flappy birds  
Smell the flowers  
They are lovely flowers  
*Oliver*

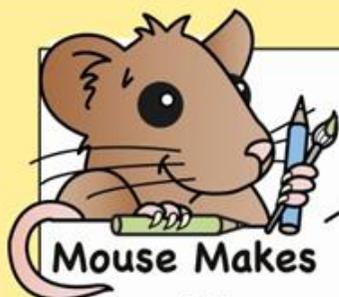
The sun shining  
Smell salty water flowing  
Humans laughing loud  
Flowers have delicate  
petals

*Maya*

Flowers blooming on the  
ground  
Everybody watching all  
around  
Children playing in the trees  
While wind blows its breeze  
*Safaa*

Beautiful monkeys  
swinging  
Hear the kind chimps  
The fresh sky  
Salty sea is good

*Stanley*



## Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of Jesus in the word search?

### SON OF GOD

Matthew 3:16-17



### KING OF KINGS

Revelation 17:14

### PROPHET

Luke 24:19



### PRIEST

1 Timothy 2:5

### ROCK

1 Corinthians 10: 4

### LORD

1 Corinthians 1:9

### AMEN

Revelation 3:14

### LIFE

John 11:25-27

### MESSIAH

John 1:41

### SHEPHERD

John 10:11

### LIGHT

John 8:12



### WORD

John 1:1-50



### BREAD

John 6:35

### CREATOR

1 John 1:3



### CHRIST

Matthew 16:16

### SAVIOUR

John 3:16-17

### HOLY ONE

Mark 1:24

### VINE

John 15:5



### DOOR

John 10:9



### WAY

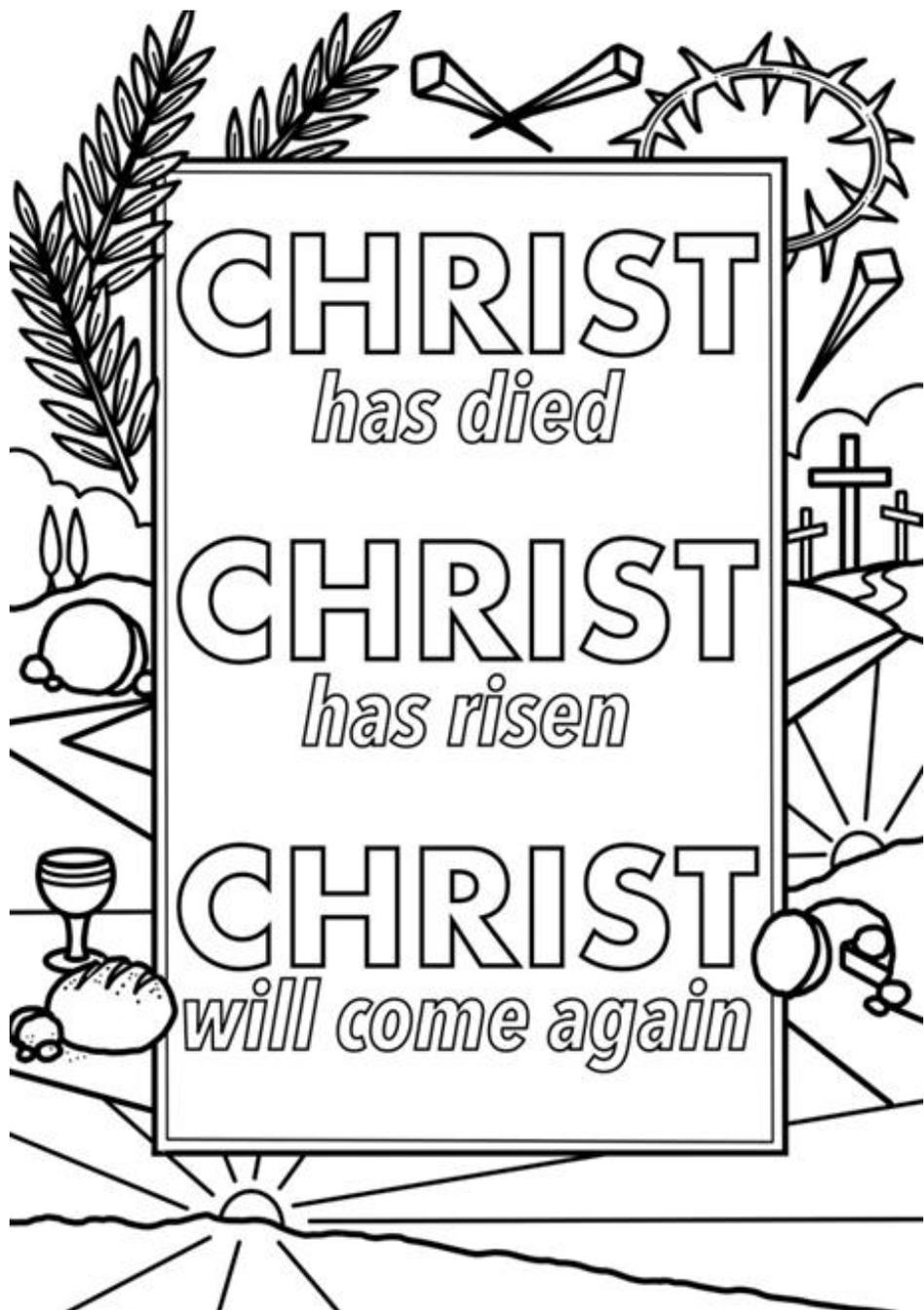
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John 1:29

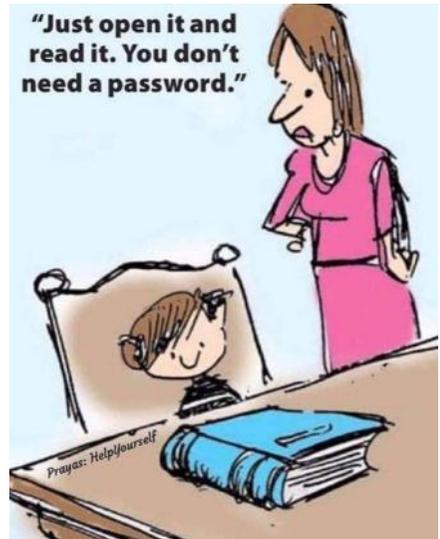


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## Time for a Smile

A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when she found it would cost her £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. She protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. 'That might be true,' replied the travel agent, 'but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked.' 'Well, at £50 an hour for a boat,' she replied, 'I am not surprised!'



A woman was found guilty in a traffic court and when asked for her occupation she said she was a schoolteacher. The judge rose from the bench. 'Madam, I have waited years for a schoolteacher to appear before this court.' He then smiled with delight. 'Now sit down at that table and write "I will not run a red light" one hundred times.'

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.

The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog to worship them and a cat to ignore them.



One nice thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

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