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**FEBRUARY
2026**

Prebendary Canon Fr Ian writes
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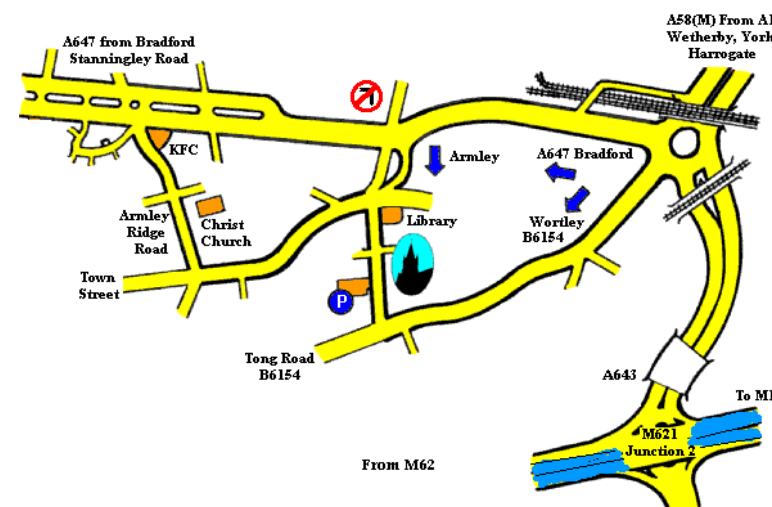
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THURSDAY: 10:00 SAID MASS in the Centenary Chapel

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PREBENDARY CANON FR IAN WRITES – SUCCESSION

In the seventies, after a very happy time working as a full-time parish priest in the sixties, I worked for a master's degree in business administration and then worked as a lecturer in a large college and university. During that time the archdeacon asked me to give a dying parish some love prior to its closure. That was like a red rag to a bull, but it gave me the opportunity to run a parish with the aid of management science. It was a great time and a great experience.

The Church is like any other organisation and subject to the same pressures and opportunities. So, if you want to grow a church see how a business uses skills and resources to achieve its objectives. There are lots of areas of commonality. Just a few examples come to mind. Firstly, maximise the contributions of the human resource. We have a substantial human resource but need to release its power.

A Presbyterian minister in Scotland many years ago wrote a splendid book entitled 'God's Frozen People' in which he raises the question of how to release the gifts and powers of all our people moving from a sedentary group to an active force. Usually this will require substantial lay training. And believe me that can be great fun. Perhaps one of the immediate needs at St. Bart's is a succession plan. That is a serious attempt to have people enabled to undertake the roles and responsibilities of a living church. That again requires lay training. Some dioceses have lay training advisors. Some parishes have experienced lay training priests.

Thaw 'God's Frozen People', yes, even at Armley.

Prebendary Ian B Cook

ASH WEDNESDAY at St. Bartholomew's



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The **Crib scene** this year was located for the first time under the nave altar. Many thanks to Sheila and Noreen for setting the scene, to Sheila's son-in-law, Rob for making the wooden backing and to Fr. Ian (Cook) for the foliage.

The photo above was taken at the feast of the Epiphany and so the Wise Men are in attendance bearing their gifts.

Jim and Brian have now made the backing more secure and less of a trip hazard. Thanks to them also.

Puzzle corner

As professional sports people become more and more skilful, the number of occasions when 9-dart 501 finishes and 147 maximum snooker breaks (15 reds, 15 blacks and the six colours) happen seems to rise and rise.

So it's time for you to put your brains into gear by considering the following puzzles.

1. **What is the minimum number of darts required to score 501, finishing on a double or the bull (50 points) without hitting treble 20 (60 points)?**
2. **What would be the maximum snooker break if the only time the black (7 points) was potted was the final ball of the frame?**

Have a go at the following as well.

3. **170 is the highest possible three-dart finish (2 x 60 followed by a bull) but what are the only three scores between 160 and 170 that it is possible to finish from in three darts?**
4. **What is the minimum number of points that can be scored to win a completed frame of snooker?**

(Answers elsewhere in this magazine)

Jon Hays (PCC Treasurer)



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Puzzle corner answers

1. 10 darts – 8 x 57 (456), 13, double 16. Other combinations are possible (e.g. 8 x 54 (432), 57, double 6).
2. 132: 15 reds + 15 pinks (105), yellow (2), green (3), brown (4), blue (5), pink (6) and the final black (7).
3. 161 (60,51,50), 164 (60,54,50) and 167 (60,57,50).
4. 22. There is a minimum of 42 points available (15 reds + the 6 colours), so 22 is the smallest winning score.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

GENERAL FUND – Jan to Dec 2025

Receipts

Parish Giving Scheme	£6,381.89
Tax recovered	£3,613.50
Collections at services	£3,594.23
Tax eff. planned giving	£3,528.70
One Lottery	£2,391.78
MWA admin. contribut	£2,000.00
PCC fees	£1,959.00

Payments

Insurance	£12,721.06
Gas	£7,149.68
Parish Share	£5,000.00
Upkeep of services	£2,399.23
Electricity	£1,456.42
Photocopier	£1,325.21

2025

Receipts	£28,137.87
Payments	£31,670.93
Deficit	£3,533.06

Owed by the PCC

2025 Parish Share:	£13,138.00
Historical Parish Share	£215,423.00

J.R. Kaye
31/12/25

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