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MARCH 2026

Our Mission is:
To extend the kingdom of Christ, by showing His love to all those with whom we come into contact.

Prebendary Canon Fr Ian writes ….
The Church – Photograph 1877-1904
Crossword
'Facts and Figures'

At present, we have no resident priest.

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St. Bartholomew's Church, Armley, Leeds LS12 1SR

PARISH WORSHIP

SUNDAY: 10:00 SUNG MASS AND ADDRESS
Church Parade, as announced

THURSDAY: 10:00 SAID MASS in the Centenary Chapel

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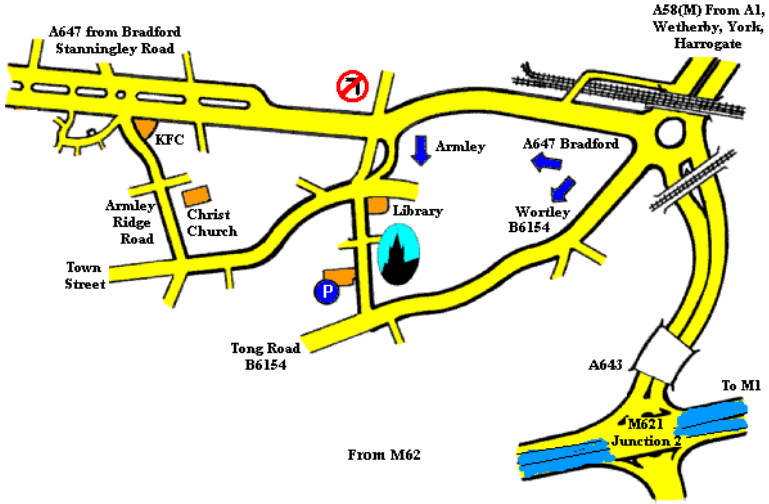

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PREBENDARY CANON FR IAN WRITES –

WHITER THAN THE SNOW

A long time ago there was a man who had a factory which was well known in the area as a Soap Factory. He made lots of soap but had some difficulty selling it all. Then a friend of his said to him, 'Tell your would-be customers that sadly they stink. When you have convinced them of the truth of their condition you can tell them that you are selling soap as the solution to their problem'. Of course, his sales soared.

The nineteenth century evangelical preachers were aware of this technique.
They convinced their listeners that they were sinners and doomed to everlasting pain. Ah! but they also offered a solution - they taught their listeners to give their lives to Jesus and all would be well.

Today we can see all sorts of ills in society and in the world as a whole. But we are those with a solution. We need to give our lives to Jesus and encourage others to do likewise. Opening our lives to Jesus and encouraging others to do the same brings peace and harmony in our lives and those of others too. In a wider context, we can recall that Jesus was in the world reconciling the world to Himself and He has entrusted each one of us with the ministry of reconciliation.
The world at so many levels is broken, stinky and needs the sweet balm of peace found in the Mass where the Prince of Peace makes Himself one with each one of us and enables us to be His instruments in the broken world of which all of us are part.

Prebendary Ian B Cook

Sunday readings

Sunday 1st March: The Second Sunday of Lent
OT: Gen 12:1-4a Ps 33 NT: 2 Tim 1:8b-10
Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Sunday 8th March: The Third Sunday of Lent
OT: Exod 17: 3-7 Ps 95 NT: Rom 5: 1-2 & 5-8
Gospel: Jn 4:5-42 (or 4:5-15 & 19b-26 & 39a & 40-42)

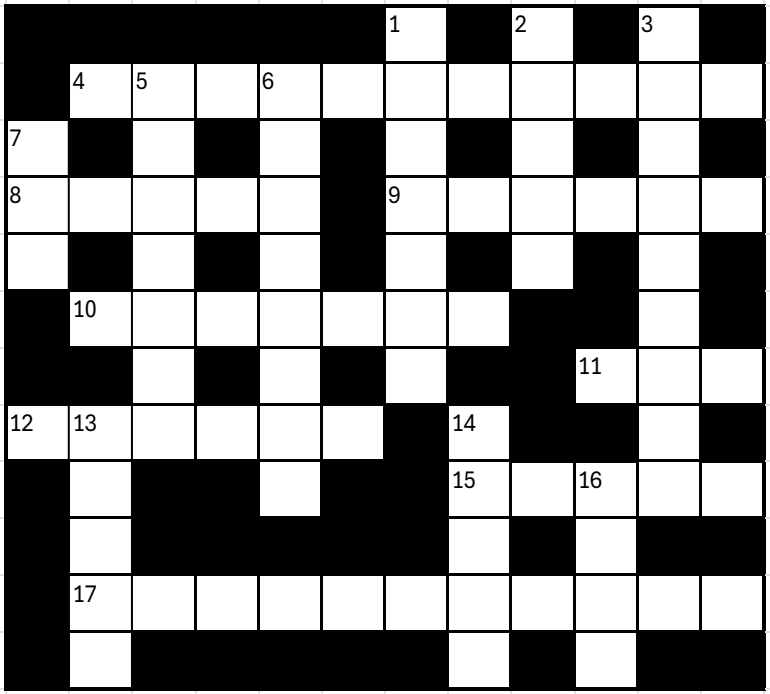
Sunday 15th March: The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday) – Parade Sunday
OT: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23 NT: Eph 5:8-14
Gospel: Jn 9:1-41 (or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

Sunday 22nd March: The Fifth Sunday of Lent
OT: Ezek 37: 12-14 Ps 130 NT: Rom 8:8-11
Gospel: Jn 11:1-45 (or 11:3-7 & 17 & 20-27 & 33b-45)

Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
OT: Isa 50:4-7 Ps 22 NT: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Matt 26:14-27:66 (or 27:11-54)

Crossword

by Jon Kaye (PCC Treasurer)



Across

4 World's tallest building (4,7)
8 Step (5)
9 The ----- , ITV adventure show hosted by Ben Shephard (6)
10 Game where small metal balls are shot across a sloping board and score points by striking various targets (7)
11 Mature female egg cells (3)

Across (continued)

12 Relating to the lower part of the back (6)
15 Impaired by lack of practice (5)
17 Substitute, locum (11)

Down

1 Spooky (7)
2 Unpleasant thick and slippery liquid substance (5)
3 Written statement for use as evidence in court (9)
5 Radioactive element, atomic number 92 (7)
6 Bottle size equivalent to four standard bottles (8)
7 Twenty-third letter of the Greek alphabet (3)
13 Dark inner part of a shadow in which all light is blocked (5)
14 One of the seven deadly sins (5)
16 Main body or stalk of a plant (4)

(Answer elsewhere in this magazine)

This photograph of the church was taken before the erection of the porches, turrets and tower. Next year marks the 150th anniversary of St. Bartholomew's consecration but the tower was not dedicated until 1904, so the photograph was taken some time between 1877 and 1904.

The Old Chapel can be seen to the right of the photograph. It was demolished in 1909.

Many thanks to Benita for sharing the photo from Wellington estate, Wortley and Armley Memories Facebook group and to Leo L Clough for the original post.

The housing development opposite the church on the site of the old church hall and vicarage is now just about complete. One of the main points of interest is the name of the access road to the new housing.

Pilkington Grove!

I'd like to think that the road was named in tribute to Ron and Pat Pilkington as a recognition of their tremendous work for the church, the church hall and the Scouts. Let's hope so!

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Have you considered leaving a gift to St. Bart's in your Will? It's never too early to start making your Will, so pop along to your solicitor and make a start right now.

We have recently received substantial amounts from the estates of Caroline Gott (a relative of Benjamin Gott) - £7,500 and from Jean Pratt (a lifelong member of the church) - £1,500

FACTS AND FIGURES

GENERAL FUND – January 2026

Receipts

Legacy - Caroline Gott RIP	£7,500.00
M. Walker Alms contribution	£2,000.00
Parish Giving Scheme	£477.97
PCC fees	£248.00
Tax recovered	£238.99
Gift aided bankers' orders	£227.00

Payments

Gas	£1,320.38
Insurance	£1,119.61
Electricity	£319.69
Photocopier	£256.60
Upkeep of services	£75.86
Flowers	£7.95

2026 to date

Receipts	£11,262.46
Payments	£3,174.64
Surplus	£8,087.82

Owed to the PCC

HMRC tax reclaimed	£250.53

Owed by the PCC

2026 Parish Share	£2,738.08
Historical Parish Share	£228,561.00

J.R. Kaye
31/01/26

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Contact Mrs. E. Handley

See above

Answer to Crossword

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