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**OCTOBER
2026**

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His love to all those with
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Sports and pastimes crossword
Friendship Group bookcase
'Facts and Figures'
'Gathering Winter Fuel'
The Messenger
WHAve!/Heritage Open Days/Creative Frame

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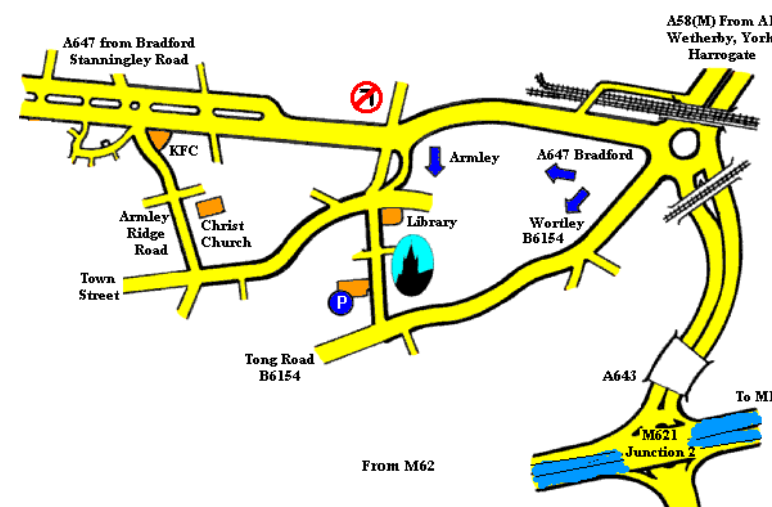
PARISH WORSHIP

SUNDAY: 10:00 SUNG MASS AND ADDRESS

Church Parade, as announced

THURSDAY: 10:00 SAID MASS in the Centenary Chapel

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PREBENDARY IAN COOK WRITES –

Our brother in Christ, James Potter, very kindly took me to Lichfield for Bishop Michael's retirement Mass. You can see it for yourselves on YouTube. It was a splendid occasion. The Mass was very similar to ours with a few bits added for the occasion. I do recommend watching it. If you look very carefully you can see my back and also Jim's.

The Mass was that prescribed for Saint Michael and All Angels. As is customary in many cathedrals, incense was used both during the Mass at the proper times and also for the solemn Te Deum after the Mass was completed.

At coffee afterwards we talked with the kind lady who gives me bed and breakfast when I go down South. I shall feel bereft now that Bishop Michael has retired and gone to Leicester to live. He was a brilliant bishop and kept in contact after I moved up here. He often reminded me that most of Yorkshire and even further north was once in the then archdiocese of Lichfield. Chad the then archbishop cared for vast areas of what is now called England and he did not have assistant bishops to help. !!!!!

History over. Now the present.

Sunday 11th October is Harvest Festival and we shall have the scouts, cubs etc. joining us for the Mass. I ask for your forbearance as we shall have a much simpler form of the Mass in the hope that young people may understand something of what is going on. I may give a commentary

to help young people know what is going on. You may learn something too

Next month, I want to share something of the vision I have for St Barts. The good Rose gave us all an opportunity to share our thoughts about the future of Armley and the place which St Barts might have in the future as a resource for the people of Armley.

Prayers and blessings

Fr Ian.

Editor's note: Unfortunately, there is a clash of dates and all sections of the Scouts are involved in a scouting event on the weekend of the Harvest Festival and will therefore be unable to attend. We look forward to welcoming them to our Remembrance Sunday church parade.

Sunday themes

Sunday 4th October: 27th Sunday and Week of the Year

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Sunday 11th October: Harvest Thanksgiving (Trinity 19)

Do Not Worry

Sunday 18th October: 29th Sunday and Week of the Year

The Question about Paying Taxes

Sunday 25th October: 30th Sunday and Week of the Year

The Greatest Commandment



The **Friendship Group** has recently come up with a great idea – a **Leave A Book and Take A Book** bookcase.

Anyone can pick up the book of his or her choice from the bookcase and swap it for one of his or her own – it's as simple as that!

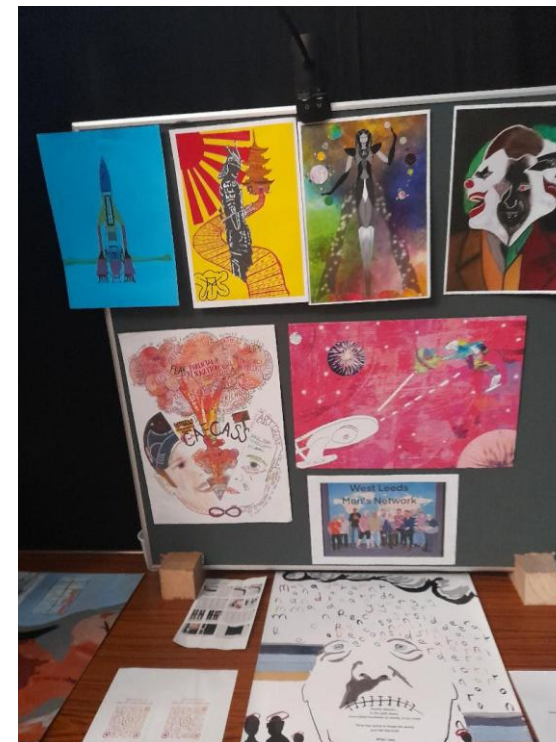
Please take advantage of this splendid initiative. You can find the bookcase by the main church entrance.

Parish Registers

We welcome into God's family.
Recently baptised: Finlay Oliver Sanderson

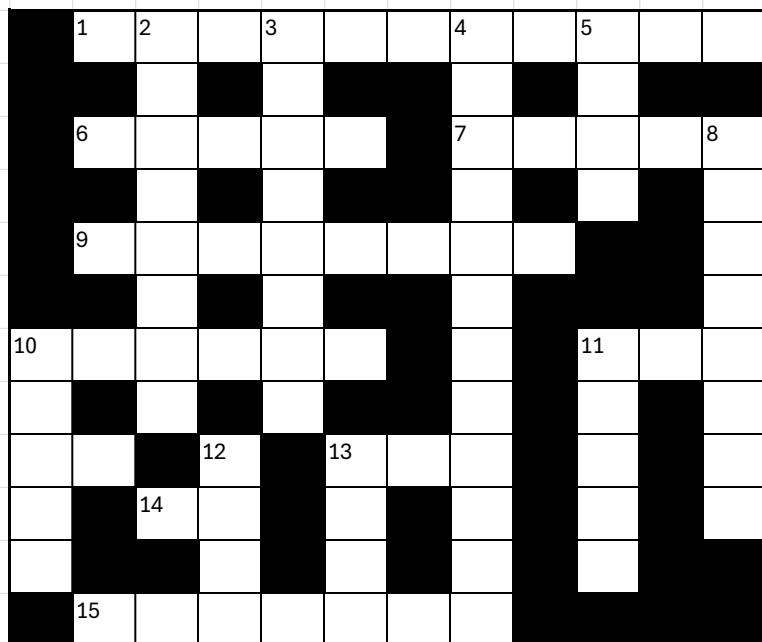
Recently departed: Thomas William (Bill) Akroyd

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord
And may light perpetual shine upon him
May he rest in peace and rise in glory †



A selection of some of the impressive artwork produced by New Wortley Community Centre arts groups on display at the recent Heritage Open Days.

Sports and pastimes crossword



Across

- 1 Primary scorer in netball (4,7)
 6 Volleyball played outdoors (5)
 7 Football team from Milan or Miami (5)
 9 One of the events of the modern pentathlon (8)
 10 Bank often found around a green in golf (6)
 11 One complete round of play in lawn bowls (3)
 13 Indy or Nas (3)
 14 Football Association (abbrev.) (2)
 15 Fielding position in cricket (4,3)

Down

- 2 Position from which a smash in tennis is usually performed (8)
 3 Game usually played with a stick with a triangular head, strung with loose netting (8)
 4 This sport uses a map and compass to move between checkpoints (12)
 5 Betting company (4)
 8 Bat and ball game between two teams (8)
 10 ____-Roman wrestling (5)
 11 Two under par in golf (5)
 12 Least valuable chess piece (4)
 13 Any bid, pass, double or redouble in the bidding stage of contract bridge

(Answer elsewhere in this magazine)

Jon Kaye (PCC Treasurer)

“Gathering Winter Fuel”

It was the winter of 1947 and was very bad, lasting from January 23rd until March. To make matters worse there was a catastrophic shortage of coal because of low pre-winter stockpiles, frozen transport lines and increasing demand for the fuel. The shortage was severe, so much so that the factories were forced to close and daily power cuts had to be introduced resulting in over a million workers being temporarily unemployed. The shortage of coal affected ordinary households as well, causing great hardship and in some cases the deaths of elderly and more vulnerable people. I was 12 years old at that time and I can remember borrowing our local grocer's wooden sack barrow and going with my mother on the No.14 tram down to New Wortley Gas Works (which was situated where the present day Armley Gyrotory road system now covers that area) to collect a sack of coke, which burned quite well once you managed to get the fire lit with screwed up newspaper (or fire lighters) and wood chips. The coke then gave a good hot glow. Scores of housewives, children and even grandparents from all over the south-west of Leeds were seen wheeling away sacks of coke in prams, pushchairs, kids' wooden bogies and even on bicycle crossbars. It was awkward wheeling the barrow, but we eventually made it to the No.14 tram stop some distance away in Armley Road and were allowed to put the barrow and its load on the platform for the journey to Bramley where we alighted opposite 'The Daisy' pub.

I've just had a thought:- I wouldn't be at all surprised if Alan Bennett and his mum had undertaken a similar excursion to New Wortley Gas Works gathering winter fuel!

Brian Gaunt.

Upcoming services



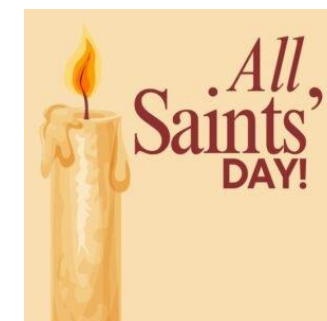
Harvest Thanksgiving (Festival) Parish Mass and Church Parade

Sunday, 11th. October 2026
at 10:00am

A simple Mass for all the family
Donations of food and money to
St. George's Crypt

All Saints' Day Parish Mass

Sunday, 1st. November 2026
at 10:00am



Scouts



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Ages 4 to 6
Mondays 5:30pm – 6pm

Ages 6 to 8
Fridays 6pm – 7:30pm

Ages 8 to 10½
Mondays 7pm – 8.30pm

Ages 14 to 18
Thursdays 7:15pm - 8:45pm

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A very busy September

September was a very busy month in church. It was open for the national network of **Heritage Open Days** on Saturdays 12th and 19th September and for a **Pride in Place Conversation** with lunch on Tuesday 15th.

On 12th September '**Creative Frame**' a West Leeds Men's group that meets in Armley played acoustic instruments and sang at intervals throughout the day, with Graham interspersing with organ pieces. There were also readings by local poets.



Creative Frame men's group performing at St. Bart's



There was a continual stream of visitors coming in and out of church on a pleasant, sunny day.



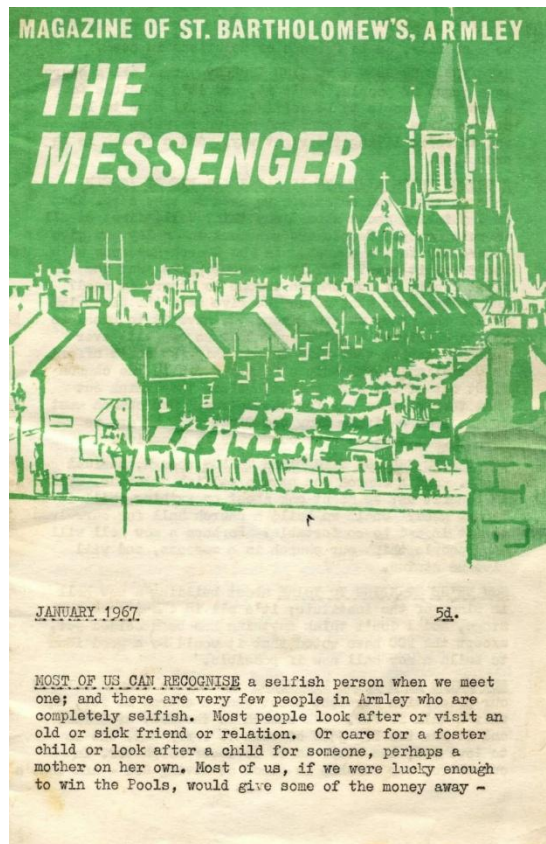
Hannah Dilworth, who co-led the WHAVE! (With Heart and Voice) project with Graham

The following week on Saturday 19th September, the choral project '**With Heart and Voice**' which has been rehearsing throughout the summer at St. Bart's reached its climax with a morning performance, and an afternoon Workshop with internationally-famous Bob Chilcott. Again, this was enjoyed by a stream of visitors to the church.

The WHAVE! choir rehearsing with Thanda Gumede in June



Benita has recently drawn my attention to this image showing the front cover of 'The Messenger', the parish magazine for St. Bartholomew's Church, dated January 1967.



It was posted by Leo L Clough on Facebook on 'Wellington estate, Wortley and Armley Memories' page.

You can see that the cost was 5d (about 2p).

Thank goodness that we no longer have to use a typewriter to produce the magazine!



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Receipts

Tax recovered	£1,025.55
Parish Giving Scheme	£485.80
Fundraising	£402.00
Gift Aided bankers orders	£327.00
Collections	£228.34
One Lottery	£209.00

Payments

Insurance	£1,176.15
Upkeep of services	£112.25
Pest control	£72.79
Electricity	£56.32
Photocopier	£34.12
Office	£14.46

2026 to date

Receipts	£31,286.97
Payments	£25,605.65
Surplus	£5,681.32

Owed to the PCC

HMRC tax reclaimed	£220.54
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Owed by the PCC

Historical Parish Share	£228,561.00
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J.R. Kaye 30/09/26

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Answer to Sports and pastimes crossword

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