

# Parish News

The Benefice Magazine for  
St Oswald's, Warton  
and St Mary's, Borwick  
with St John's, Yealand



January & February  
2025

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## DEAR READER .....

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Kind regards, Kate

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## Welcome

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What is real? Over the last few years that has become an urgent question with the rise of AI and also scams, which most of us will have experienced, perhaps even fallen for. It is a dilemma.

It is also a dilemma for people of faith. How do we know what is real? My Christian journey has always involved a mix of faith and questions. Anything else for me would be unreal. It dismays me when people outside church see Christians as people who are simplistic and gullible. Nothing could be further from the truth. We find reality in our lived experience. What does our life teach us? Church is not a place for pretending but being real.

One particular technique for avoiding a certain kind of scam is to give our friends and family a secret word they must use. Similarly, in these dark months I suggest the secret word for our faith should be “light”. If our faith does not make reference to light it is false. We have three examples: those mysterious figures, The Magi (January 6th) – followed the light of a star to Jesus; that great writer and leader St Paul talks about his conversion (January 25th) as a great light and finally the elderly Simeon when he meets the infant Jesus calls him the light for the nations. (February 2nd) They all know the reality of light in their own lives but in their own ways.

I like to pay for things with my phone. Every so often at the checkout a message comes up - “Verify who you are”. How do we do that? With a fingerprint, our unique identity mark. We are all individuals with different life experiences. We cannot live other people’s lives, just our own. Who are we? What is our faith? We will only know by asking questions, not pretending. Whatever we discover, we know it is true if it contains “light” because, as John says, Jesus is the light that the darkness has not overcome. Have we found light in our lives? Where do we want light to shine in our lives?

“Authentic” is a much-overused word, particularly in adverts for restaurants, but authenticity is a beautiful idea; something we know when we see it. Church is a place to find our own authenticity and see the light in our own way. That certainly is not a scam. It is reality.

**Peter Mann**

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## Services

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### The regular pattern of services on Sundays is:

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Oswald's  
(according to the Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Oswald's  
9.15am Eucharist at St Mary's  
(on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month).
- 11.00am Parish Eucharist at St John's.  
This service will be livestreamed on the Benefice  
YouTube channel.

### The regular pattern of midweek services is:

- Wednesdays Eucharist at St John's at 9.15am  
Thursdays Eucharist at St Oswald's at 11.00am

### Night Prayer

A recording of Night Prayer (Compline) is available via the link on the home page of our website; the form of service is also available to download.

### The pattern of midweek activities in our churches includes:

- Tuesdays Coffee Stop at St Oswald's from 9.00am until 11.00am  
Wednesdays Knit & Natter at St John's at 2.00pm on the 2nd  
Wednesday of the month  
Thursdays Breaking Bread Lunch at St Oswald's at 11.45am  
Fridays Coffee @ St John's from 10.30am until 12 noon,  
with lunch on the 2nd Friday of the month.

**Please check the Weekly Sheet, Benefice website or Facebook page for any changes to the above information.**

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## Being Real

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### Excerpt from *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams

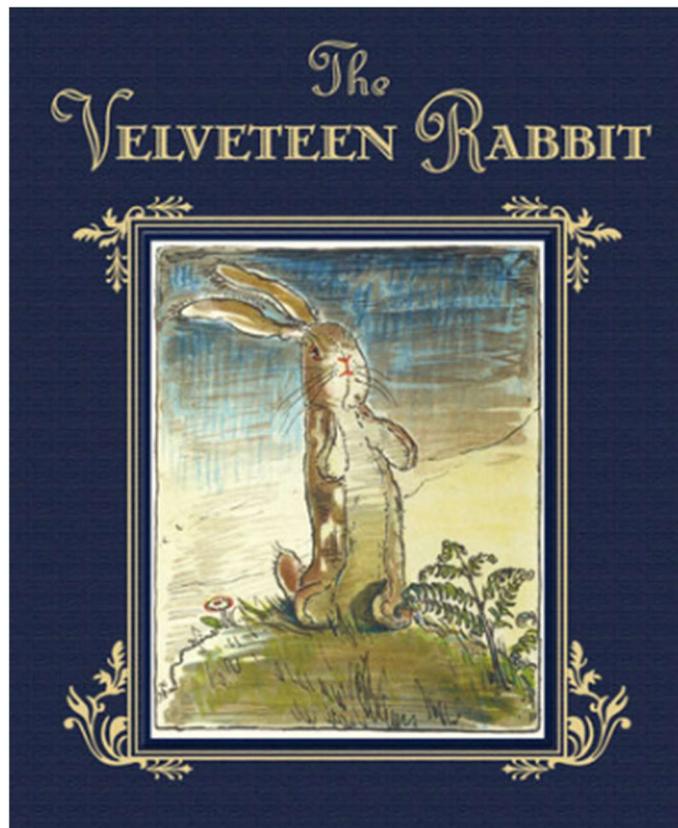
"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."



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## From our churches

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### Jam Jars

The Sisters at Hying are extremely grateful to the local community for their numerous donations of jam jars over the last few years. They have been used for jams, marmalade and pickles made by the Community for their guests and for sale.

The sister responsible for most of the preserving is about to embark on a PhD so they have decided to stop producing preserves for the time being and will no longer be needing the jam jars.

As a result, we will no longer be collecting jam jars at St Oswald's.

If anyone knows of another organisation or person who would like jam jars, please let us know and we will restart the collection.

Similarly, if anyone knows of other things that can be reused rather than recycled and which we could collect as a community, please contact Jodie Kilty on 07999 793324.

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<p><i>Jan</i></p> <p>ST OSWALD'S CHURCH HALL</p>	<p><i>Feb</i></p> 	<p><i>March</i></p> 
<p><i>April</i></p> 	<p><i>May</i></p> <p><b>St Oswald's Spring Fayre</b></p>	<p><i>June</i></p> 

**Contact Vanessa Alpin 07746 790979 to discuss hosting for your charity.**



# FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

As I am sure you already know, putting the Parish News Magazine can take many hours. I find myself struggling .... My workload has increased ( I am a self-employed carer) as has my role as a primary carer within my own family. I would be very grateful if someone could step forward to help me with this task.

All that you need is some spare time once a month and a working knowledge of Microsoft software (Word, Publisher & Outlook email).

If you aren't familiar with Publisher I am happy to help you learn what you need to know.

If you able to offer much needed and valued support then please email me:

[katewaddington@outlook.com](mailto:katewaddington@outlook.com)



Thank you in advance,  
Kate



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## From our churches

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### Coffee Stop at St Oswald's

Tuesdays 9.00am to 11.00am.

A warm place to meet for a drink, cake and a chat!

Toys are available for young children.

All are welcome.



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### Join us for Lunch!

On Thursdays at St Oswald's we offer a lunch, usually soup, sandwiches and cakes. We have a quiet Eucharist in church at 11.00am followed by lunch at about 11.45am.

Join us for either, or both! Carers are welcome too.

If you need transport we will try to help.

A donation of around £3 is invited.



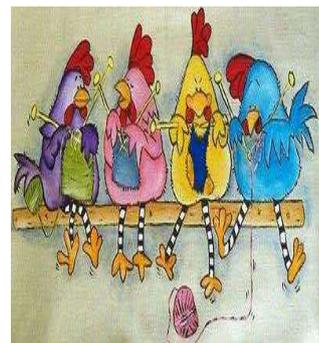
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### Knit and Natter at St John's

If you like to knit, crochet, sew or any other "crafty" sort of work, why not come to Knit and Natter. Everyone is welcome —just bring something to work on while you sit, chat and have a cup of tea. The group meets in the upper room at St John's, 2—4.PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.  
Sally-Ann Rothwell (734585, sally-ann@thebower.co.uk)



### Prayer Works



### Prayer Meeting at St. John's.

Fourth Wednesday of each month, 2pm at St. John's.

### Bible Study Group – daytime

A monthly bible study group meets on the **2nd Monday of each month from 10am until 12 noon** at Fernlands, Tewitfield. Contact Noeline Clarke on 01524 732825 for more details. All are welcome.



### Lunch @ St John's

Join us for a delicious homemade lunch on the second Friday of the month.  
All welcome



### Coffee @ St John's

**Fridays 10:30am till 12noon.**

Please join us for coffee, tea and cake. Book and jigsaw swap.  
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### St John's Yealand

With our hearts and minds full of happy times spent with loved ones at Christmas, we now embrace the New Year which is traditionally a time for resolutions. Maybe, this year we could consider our planet and resolve to think how our actions effect global warming and the environment. St Johns is aiming to achieve an Eco Church Gold Award. Wherever possible we use Eco Friendly and Fair-Trade products; recycling and composting waste to avoid landfill. The Church Yard is managed to encourage wildflowers, and wildlife with the provision of boxes for bats and birds. A rowan tree and cotoneaster provide berries for hungry overwintering thrushes and blackbirds.

More Eco information can be found at St Johns.

**Sue Daunter**

# BUBBLE CHURCH

It is hard to believe that Bubble Church has now been running for a full year at St Oswald's!

The concept for Bubble Church was developed in a church in London during lockdown when families had to stay in "bubbles" and were given well-spaced circles of carpet to sit on (hence the name).

The service contains all the features of any service – praise, confession, intercession, a bible reading and exploration all presented in a way that is completely accessible and meaningful to very young children.

The services were such a success that the Church of England has funded a pilot study in which churches all over the country are setting up Bubble Churches to see how well they work in different settings.

We were in the first cohort of churches to be selected and trained and are the only one in this diocese to run Bubble Church. The services are held on the second Sunday of each month. Initially they were held at 9.30am in St Oswald's Church and were preceded by croissant and fruit. Due to the time of the main service at St Oswald's changing, they have now moved to 11.30am in the Church Hall followed by a light lunch.

Over the year, 19 different families with 33 children between them, have experienced Bubble Church at St Oswald's. It is wonderful to get to know the families and to see the children enjoying the services so much.

We are blessed with a fantastic Bubble Church team who range in age from 8 to over 70. Each person has a specific role during a service such as serving refreshments, welcoming, puppeteering, doing the audio visuals or leading and they are all very committed and enthusiastic.

Everyone is welcome to services. You can sign up in advance through the Bubble Church website [www.bubblechurch.org](http://www.bubblechurch.org) or just turn up on the day. Please do encourage friends and neighbours with young families to come and give it a try. It is a joy!

The Bubble Church dates: for the next few months are:-  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

If you would like more information about Bubble Church or would like to be involved, do get in touch with Vanessa Alpin on 07746 790979

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# BUBBLE CHURCH



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## Junior Church

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Junior Church meets at 9.30am every Sunday during term time. Most Sundays we meet in the St Oswald's Church Hall and on the second Sunday of each month we join the congregation for an All-Together service. We cater for children up to 11 years old (or a bit older if they want to keep coming), with under 3's accompanied by an adult.

The sessions in the hall start with a song and lighting candles. We share a joint activity to introduce a topic before splitting into three different age groups to explore the topic at an appropriate level through activities, games, crafts, songs and drama.

We come back together for a time of prayer before joining the congregation in church for Communion and telling everyone what we have been doing.

We focus on exploring what it means to be a Christian personally as we move through the church year and in the wider context of social justice. For example, during Lent we learn about a local charity that supports those who are struggling in some way and lead a Benefice wide collection to support them and each autumn we focus on how we can be better stewards of the amazing world God has given us.

It is wonderful to see the children build relationships and grow in confidence. The older children are all keen to be involved in the All-Together services, reading, leading prayers and helping with the welcome, collection, offertory or anything else that needs doing in a particular service. They are also keen to be involved in other aspects of the church such as the choir, joining the reading rota, helping with Bubble Church and with fundraising.

If you are interested in your child joining Junior Church, would be interested in helping or would just like to know more, do get in touch with Vanessa Alpin on 07746 790979.

**Visiting children are always welcome.**



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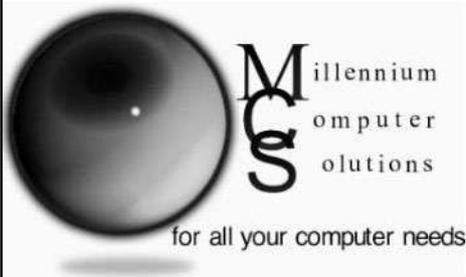
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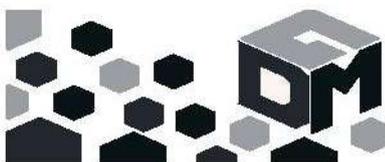
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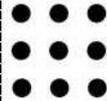
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# Gardening

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**The Darkling Thrush, Thomas Hardy, 1840-1928, Dorchester**

**“I leant upon a coppice gate, when Frost was spectre-grey and Winter's dregs made desolate, the weakening eye of day”**

There is something very special about a coppice gate, cleaved from the woodland; sustainable and long lasting. We are very fortunate that these skills still exist in the cooperatives, close by and handed down from generation to generation, over the centuries. Thomas Hardy paints a beautiful image, capturing the moment, slowing the pace and appreciating the low mid-Winter light. There is no better time to study the garden laid bare, the silhouettes of trees and the structure of your garden. Just when you think that “armchair” gardening is the order of the day, muscle up the energy to make a few small changes to your plot! This might just mean adding curves to borders, introducing some punctuations in the form of evergreen shrubs or creating some raised beds as a cutting garden or to grow vegetables.

We have a few tasks for you to undertake which we promise will be gentle on the body and mind; time well spent. In the garden, tidy and prune shrubs such as Buddleia, Cornus, Climbing Roses and clip evergreen hedges to crisp up their profile, before our feathered friends begin to nest. Cut Wisteria back to the 2nd node in February, to ensure a wonderful floriferous display in late May. Hellebores give such lasting joy in the Winter months; their subtle pinks, whites and lime greens are magical and cutting off their leaves enhances their beauty.

This more dormant period is also a good time to divide and curate perennials, mulch and add compost to flowerbeds and sprinkle a balanced, slow-release fertiliser such as bone meal at the base of hedges. If you are growing soft fruit bushes and fruit trees, then the fertiliser should be high in potash (seaweed or wood ash is ideal). Finally, once primroses and snowdrops have finished flowering, take a few minutes to divide clumps and re-plant in pots or into the ground, to increase your own stock and to give to friends.

Back indoors, sort through your seed packets, discarding old seeds and make a resolution to grow something new. As February draws to a close, consider summer bulbs, ordering some to give colour and joy to the months ahead. Gladioli, Eucomis, Galtonia Candicans and Acidanthera are some of our favourites. Bring in your garden tools to clean, oil and sharpen for the season ahead and don't forget to book the mower in for servicing! Please join us at the NGS Charity Coffee Morning on the 1st February at St Oswald's where you will find cakes, seasonal pots of bulbs, books, tombola and much more, to raise money for the wonderful charities ([ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)).

With thanks for contributions from garden owners who open for the  
Warton Village NGS Group.

This years' dates for your diary are 21st & 22nd June 2025 when 5 gardens will be open.

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## SUPPORT IN DIFFICULT TIMES

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### Music & Memories at Carnforth Free Methodist Community Centre

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Meeting weekly on Wednesdays from October 25th until February 7th, 2pm - 3.30pm at CF Community Centre, LA5 9LR (next to the High School).

See more details on the GriefShare website: <https://www.griefshare.org>

You can register for the group on the website, type Carnforth in the find a group search box, or contact [carnforthgriefshare@gmail.com](mailto:carnforthgriefshare@gmail.com) or ring Elspeth: 01524 702966

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### Carers Support Group

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Lord, For those who are caregivers to friends and family, may they feel your love and your sustaining power. May they feel less frustrated and experience less guilt for very human feelings they may have about wanting to escape their tasks. May they find us eager to support them during their difficult tasks. Help us to be conscious of their feelings of pain and isolation so that we may not ignore our friends. Amen

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For our younger readers

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## Events



Warton NGS Group

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## Being Kind

Kindness doesn't mean ignoring people when they do things that are unkind, wrong, ignorant, racist, or discriminatory. It doesn't mean keeping quiet when you disagree with someone about a moral issue. But it does mean treating people with respect.

Sometimes the kindest, bravest thing we can do is stand up to someone who is being unkind. Doing so causes conflict. It will upset the person we are confronting. A nice person would see the potential for conflict and stay quiet. A nice person never wants to rock the boat. A kind person knows conflict is possible and acts anyway. A kind person knows they might create waves, and they are OK with that.

Sometimes kindness is really easy. It's sharing an unexpected compliment with someone. It's taking the time to remember someone's name and then using it the next time you see them. It's saying, "Thank you," "I appreciate you," "You are valued!" or "Are you OK?" It's letting people know that they are noticed, valued, and important. It's going a little bit (or a lot) out of your way to make someone's day better. Kindness is caring. It is love. It is understanding.

Whether it is easy or hard, kindness is something we can (and should) do every day. It is what we should value above all else as we raise our children. Kindness should be one of the highest standards by which we measure our leaders, our teachers, our politicians, our police officers...anyone! As adults, we must set the example for younger generations. We must show them by our actions, our words, and our choices, what it means to be kind. For it is only by watching good examples that children will learn what kindness really looks like. Whether you are a parent or not, children are watching you. They are watching how you interact with others. They are watching to see what you do when you witness something unkind. They are looking to you to set the tone. They want to see who you really are.

Kindness is that little voice in your head saying, "That's not right! You should do/say something!" when you witness unkindness, discrimination, bias, or ignorance. A kind person listens to that voice and finds the words to step in and stand up. Is that who you really are? If it is, in standing up, we must keep in mind Mahatma Ghandi, when he said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." We won't see change and inspire people to think twice about their words and actions by using disrespectful, condescending, or hateful words to confront wrongdoing. If we are to inspire change, we must be the change. We must demonstrate how to respond to unkind behaviour by ourselves being kind. Standing up with kindness can be firm. It can sometimes be loud. And it can even be hard to hear...because sometimes the truth hurts. But kindness is always respectful.

Kindness is a high moral standard. It is living a life that strives to always do what is right. It is understanding the impact our words and actions have on others (regardless of our intent). Kindness is a constant goal. It is not something to be conquered. Instead it is a life's work. It is apologizing when we fail and it is committing to do better. Kindness is understanding that we are all human, and thus kindness is also forgiving others when they fail at being kind, but also being clear that forgiveness comes with an expectation to do better next time.

Kindness isn't always easy. Sometimes it can be messy. Sometimes it can be scary. But it is always the right thing to do. ©Kristen Caminiti, 2019

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*'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith.'*

**1 Timothy 4:12**

### **Welcome to the New Year at Yealand Church of England Primary School.**

The diary for 2025 is looking very exciting and full of opportunities for our children to flourish and grow.

This half term, Robin and Little Owl's are looking at the theme 'Two Extremes,' they will be looking at the hottest, coldest, highest and lowest places on our planet and finding out about explorers who travel to these extreme places and what they need to survive there. Swallow class are considering 'That's Not Fair!' as their theme. They will look at justice, equity and equality, as well as learn about Lancaster's involvement in the slave trade and the impact this had on people and places. They will be visiting the Maritime museum as part of their learning.

Our Year 4 and 5 children have been chosen to be part of a Story-telling competition in April and will perform at a theatre in Chorley alongside 5 others schools. They start their creating work in the next few weeks and we will keep everyone updated on their progress.

We are delighted that both Katie Berry and Emma Marshall have completed their Forest School Qualifications. This is fantastic news as it means that we can add even further provision to our weekly sessions.

From Friday 10th January for 5 weeks, we are working alongside Miss Helen to provide a drop-in toddler/ pre-school dance session at Yealand Village Hall for an hour from 10:45am. Booking is not necessary and there will be no charge- just come with your little ones and have some fun! If you want further information about this session, then please call us 01524 781360.

**Warmest Wishes, Kathryn Brown**



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As I write this in the middle of December, it is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another year. What will the New Year bring to us as a village, as a church, as individuals, as a community?

The turning of the year offers us a chance to reflect on the blessings and challenges of the past, whilst placing our hope in God for what lies ahead. As we step into 2025, we are reminded of the gift of new beginnings. The words of Isaiah 43:19 encourage us: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Just as the snowdrops begin to bloom in the cold of winter, God's work in our lives continues, even in seasons that feel quiet or uncertain.

Looking back to 2024 our Little Stars Babies and toddlers' group which meets every Thursday from 9 -11 am during school terms ended a successful year with their Christmas Party and a visit from Father Christmas. Another popular event in December was our Messy Christmas when as well as exploring about the angels visiting the shepherds in Bethlehem on that first Christmas night, we also had lots of fun doing a variety of pre-Christmas crafts. This included making marshmallow angels, creating stained glass candles, making bun case shepherds, and handprint angels. During the afternoon everyone also made a Christingle. We ended the session by lighting our Christingles and then singing 'This little light of mine' holding our lighted Christingles in the air. This was to remind all of us that we are to shine our light for Jesus sharing His love with everybody we meet.

Our next Messy Church is Messy Valentine which will be held on Sunday 9th February from 4 -6pm Do come along to this event bringing your children for some fun activities. Don't forget to look out for posters in school and around the village. All of our Sunday morning services continue to be held at 10.00 a.m. and everyone is very welcome to come to any of them. This includes our annual Covenant Service on Sunday January 5th. It is at this service we renew our pledge to serve God more closely and re-dedicate our lives to Jesus

If you require any further information, about any of these events please contact our minister, Rev Emma Holroyd on 01524 941266( [emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk](mailto:emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk) ) or Rosie Marsh on 07710916091





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**Amen**

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### **A prayer for those who mourn**

May you be held by the God of compassion as you remember your loved ones today. May God be with you in your sorrow, and comfort you in your loss. May your God, your family and your friends, give you strength and confidence. May your spirit be lifted, may your heart be filled with peace, and may the light of God's promise fill you with joy and hope. **Amen.**



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