

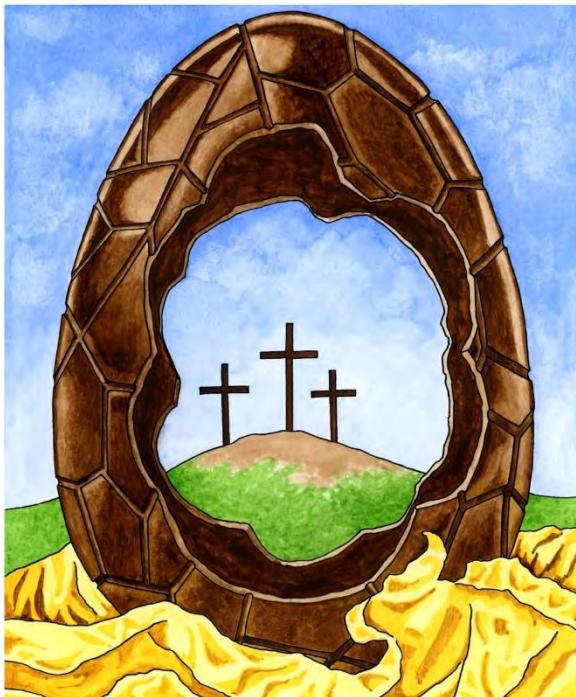


Ryburn
BENEFICE

Connected

The Ryburn Benefice Magazine

April 2018



The Ryburn Benefice Churches:
St Luke's Norland, St Mary's Cottonstones, St Peter's Sowerby

Church Contacts

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Vicar	Revd Jeanette Roberts	01422 646 371	revdjeanetteroberts@gmail.com
Retired Priest &	Revd Lesley Ennis		lesleyennis@hotmail.co.uk
Magazine Editor			
Associate Priest	Revd Ian Sparks	01422 884421	priest@luddendenchurch.org.uk
<u>St Mary's, Cottonstones</u>			
Churchwardens	Jim Skelsey	01422822936	skelseyfamily@aol.com
	Miriam Asquith	01422 822534	miriam.asquith@hotmail.com
Verger	Contact Jim Skelsey		
Organist	Bill Ellis		
<u>St Mary's Community Centre</u>			
Bookings	Jim Skelsey	01422822936	skelseyfamily@aol.com
<u>St Luke's,Norland</u>			
Churchwardens	Jen Hallos	01422 832700	jen@prospectplace.freeserve.co.uk
	Lynne Wheale	01422 823683	lynnewheale@hotmail.co.uk
Verger	Eleanor Mitchell	01422832560	
Organist	John Naylor	07977846285	john.r.naylor@live.com
<u>St Peter 's Sowerby</u>			
Churchwarden	Ken Cuttle	01422 836487	kencuttle@aol.com
Verger	Contact Ken Cuttle		
Organist	Richard Barnes	01422 346215	
<u>St Peter's Community Centre, Sowerby HX6 1HB</u>			
Centre Manager	Fiona Butterworth	01422 836448	dfbutterworth@hotmail.com

Reverend Lesley writes ...

There are plenty of people who think that the Christian faith is overly dominated by images of Jesus on the cross.

We have crosses on our buildings, and churches; we have tons of crosses in our 3 local Churches – it might be a magazine challenge to find out exactly how many crosses people can find in St Peter's, St Luke's and St Mary's, if anyone is up for it.

We wear crosses around our necks or in our ears (well some of us do); we wear cross tattoos (well some of us do); we have crosses in the most unlikely places in our towns, out on the moors, in our graveyards, in our art galleries and museums and in our cemeteries. The list is endless. The cross is central to our Christian faith, and is there in the background everywhere in our culture, and in our lives, for good or for bad, but it is not all of the story by any means.

The cross makes no sense at all to be at the heart of a religion unless it means something more than it first appears.

The cross means death. How could anyone celebrate that?

It only makes sense when you think of the one who died on it, Jesus – and the fact that he didn't stay dead!

Easter is the time we give a big cheer of happiness about that, not just about chocolate and baby lambs.

There are people who say that love is at the heart of our faith – and it is. There are people who say that Jesus loves us – and he does. There are people who say that to worship a baby born at Christmas, baby Jesus, is wonderful – and it is.

There are also people who cannot get their heads around the fact that 'baby Jesus' was crucified! – and he was. Horrific! Gruesome! Ugh!

There are people who say, how can you sing and dance about love, as you look at 'baby Jesus' crucified on the cross. – and yet they do!

How can people be glad and overjoyed at Jesus dying on a cross? How can anyone sing love songs about him dying and being buried stone cold dead in a tomb? Well of course it is because he didn't stay stone cold dead in the tomb.

3 days or so later Jesus rose from the dead.

That is the joy. That is the love we sing and rejoice and go crazy about. That is what makes us start clapping and singing and dancing about. (Well some of us do.)

It's not a soppy love, the love of Jesus that we celebrate. It is a courageous love. It's the sort of love that we most admire and glimpse in the best of our heroes; the sort of heroes who place their own lives on the line for the sake of someone else. In Jesus case, for the sake of everyone else.

Jesus was the ultimate example of that kind of hero. He healed the grief of his disciples who thought him gone – but he came back. He still heals, and comforts, and brings hope and peace out of the deepest tragedies, because people are still finding his healing works in their own lives.

The stories of hope from the book '**40 stories of Hope – How faith has changed people's lives**' (by Catherine Butcher, in partnership with Prison Hope CWR.) gives plenty of evidence of that.

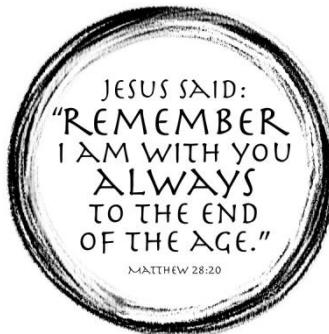
'There is no one, no life, no story, that is beyond God's power to love and transform' says the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby commenting on this extraordinary book of stories. He should know, having undergone his own deep personal tragedy in the loss of his child, and having discovered the power of God in Jesus carrying him through. In 1983, their seven-month-old daughter, Johanna, died in a car crash in France. Referring to the tragedy, Welby explained, "It was a very dark time for my wife Caroline and myself, but in a strange way it actually brought us closer to God. (BBC News Nov.2012)

Easter means that Jesus is alive! Not just then, over 2000 years ago, but even alive now, seen in the way he still reaches out and blesses people and transforms them and brings them peace: peace with themselves; peace with God.

May you find that peace as you move on from your own personal trials and tragedies. May you find the strength to let go of the hurt of them, and to find the healing release and hope of that Easter joy.

Rev Lesley

Happy Easter everyone!



Hello God....

Prayer for faith and freedom

Almighty God,

Lord of life, we thank you for the life and death of Jesus. Most of all we thank you for His resurrection which changed the world and made it possible for us to know you as our loving, gracious Father.

Lord, when we feel locked in, imprisoned by fears and circumstances, help us to remember that locked doors mean nothing to you. You can set us free. You can help us. You give strength for today and tomorrow. You give us new life as your children, through faith in Jesus.

May we open our hearts to your help today; to receive from you the peace and power that we need - and then to share it.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Tim Lenton muses on the Annunciation, the coming of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, and for her to expect to bear God's Son.

A quiet life

I had a quiet life
until the angel interrupted me:
everything going along smoothly
in the normal way.

Suddenly I was full of grace
(Had I been full of grace before?)
and God was with me,
and my quiet life was over.

It was like going through a sudden door
in a wall that had not been there:
a door into a different kind of life,
beyond imagination.

I was disturbed, of course, and afraid:
something impossible
was going to happen.

Something that didn't happen
in a quiet life:
something noisy.

I could see that I was going to have to think about it:
to ponder it in my heart -
but I had already said yes by then.

If an angel calls
into your quiet life
you have to say yes

Don't you?



GOD AND THE ARTS

'He gave us eyes to see them' - the Chi-Rho

The art we see in churches on banners, carvings and windows is often full of monograms. It may be IHS: the Latin words for Jesus, Saviour of Mankind; or INRI: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews above the figure of our Lord on the cross. And this month, the Chi-Rho: the first two letters of Christ in Greek with the X superimposed on the P. Placed inside a wreath it is a symbol of the Resurrection.

This month we celebrate that victory and proclaim that we are an Easter people. That good news shines out to the world, just as the Paschal Candle fills the darkened church

with its light at the Easter Vigil. And just as this month's art shows the Chi-Rho filling a page from the Book of Kells – that amazing creation of the scribes and artists in the monastery of Iona in the 8th century.

This Gospel book was taken to Kells in Ireland to escape invaders ravaging the island in a later century, and is now in Trinity College, Dublin. The Chi-Rho begins the Latin text of Matthew chapter 1, verse 18: 'Christi autem generatio.' The letter X dominates the page and P lies beneath with I rising through it. The opening letters of the name of our Saviour have inspired the artist to create intricate patterns that weave in and out. We see wheels within wheels, like Ezekiel's chariot, spirals and discs. The page seems alive with colour and tracery threading its way through and around the letters.

When we were younger we might have enjoyed doodling – perhaps embellishing the letters of our own name or of someone special with decorations and so making that name precious. Here in this page of the Book of Kells is embellishment of a greater order, but with the same aim. For the monastic artist, the Chi-Rho announces the name of Christ as the name above all other names: the only name under heaven given for our health and salvation.

Rev Michael Burgess



What is God like?

Christians believe that the planet on which we live is not here by accident. The progress of the universe from a particle of matter to a human being living in the vast expanses of space was brought about by the plan of God.

The Bible describes God as:

Everywhere

God doesn't live in a particular place, separate from his creation, but is everywhere in it.

Absolutely powerful

Even though the world has evil things in it, God can and will bring about justice.

Knowing everything

When you pray, it is to a God who understands every thought.

Beyond space and time

God is eternal and doesn't rely on anything else in order to exist.

Good

Even when circumstances look terrible, goodness will have the upper hand.

Holy

God is set apart in awesome perfection, but He is also utterly loving.

Utterly loving

Although you would expect God to be unapproachable because of His holiness, He is immensely tender toward human beings.

Knowing Him is an entirely wonderful experience, bringing a sense of being loved, blessed and sustained through life.

Way above gender and language

However you try to describe God (including using the words he or she), the truth is even greater.

One

There is only one God, although He can be encountered in three different ways - Father, Son and Spirit.

You can find answers to questions like this about Christianity at www.christianity.org.uk. Christianity.org.uk is the website of the Christian Enquiry Agency, an agency of Churches Together in England.

How passion flowers got their name

Why is the passion flower known as the passion flower?

This beautiful climbing plant that grows in many of our gardens is not native to the UK, but comes from South America. It was first discovered Spanish missionaries working there, centuries ago. Drawings were sent back to Europe, and in 1609 an Italian priest interpreted the flower to represent the crucifixion, otherwise known as the Passion.



He decided that the five petals and five sepals could represent the ten disciples who remained steadfast (Judas and Peter both abandoned Jesus). The corona could be seen as Jesus' crown of thorns. The stigma could be seen as the cross or nails, and the five stamens could be seen as the number of wounds Jesus received.

The Regular Church Calendar

Sunday

- | | |
|---------|---|
| 10.00am | Holy Communion St Peter's |
| | In It Together Worship 2 nd Sunday in the month |
| 11.30am | Holy Communion St Mary's (1 st and 3 rd Sundays of the month only) |
| 3.30pm | Holy Communion St Luke's |
| | In It Together Worship 4 th Sunday in the month |

Monday

- | | |
|--------|--------------------------|
| 9.15am | Morning Prayer St Luke's |
|--------|--------------------------|

Tuesday

- | | |
|---------|--|
| 12 noon | Lunch Club St Luke's, 1 st Tuesday in the month |
|---------|--|

Wednesday

- | | |
|--------|--------------------------|
| 9.15am | Morning Prayer St Mary's |
|--------|--------------------------|

Thursday

- | | |
|---------|--|
| 9.15am | Morning Prayer St Peter's |
| 10.15am | Holy Communion White Windows, 2 nd Thursday in the month |
| 12 noon | Lunch Club St Peter's Centre 1 st & 3 rd Thursday in the month |

Saturday

- | | |
|--------|--|
| 9.30am | Prayer Breakfast St Peter's, 1 st Saturday in the month |
|--------|--|

Don't forget to look us up on the web:

www.ryburnbenefice.org



SaintPeter's Church Sowerby

For details of Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Home Communion, Holy Unction, and Confession, please contact the Vicar:

Revd Jeanette Roberts tel 01422 646 371
revdjeanetteroberts@gmail.com

Particular event to note in April

Sun 1st **Easter Day Services** Services in all three churches at the usual times.

•

From the Registers

Baptism

St. Peter's – Chester Billy-Lewis Lahmann on Sunday, 8th April, 2018 during the service at 10.00 a.m.

Congratulations, Chester!



The open baptism policy worked, up to a point...

Weekly Groups at St Peter's Community Centre which is just across the road from St. Peter's Church. Formerly the village school, therefore the entrance is via the old school yard.....

Community Café

Monday – 9.15am-noon. Term time. Join us for inexpensive bacon butties, omelettes, home made cakes, treats, children's play table. Free housing benefit advice available.

Facebook: The Cafe St Peter's Community Centre Sowerby

Tai Chi

Monday – 1pm-2pm

2.15pm – 3.15pm Beginners Class. Weekly

Ryburn Art Club

Tuesday - 10am-12.30pm. Term time.

Brownies and Guides

Tuesday - 6.30pm-9pm - for girls aged between 7 and 14 years. Term time.

Lunch Club

Thursday – Noon-1.30pm - first and third Thursday of each month.

Slimming World

Thursday evenings from 7.30pm. Tracey is your Slimming World representative.

Stay and Play

Friday – 9am-10.30am - a free, (although donations appreciated),messy play group for parents and toddlers. Sensible parenting advice given if asked for.



Artsbarre

Friday – from 4.45pm. Term time.

Community Café

Saturday – 9am-1pm. Join us for inexpensive bacon butties, soup, home made cakes, treats, children's play table. Free housing benefit advice available.

Facebook: The Cafe St Peter's Community Centre Sowerby

JESUS IS ALIVE!

After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

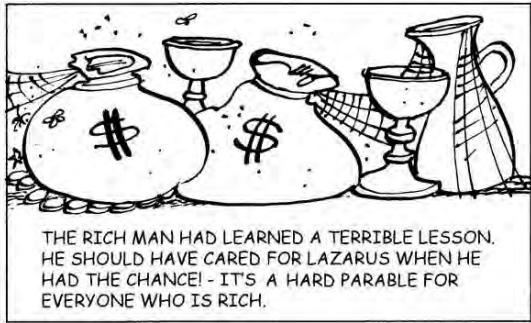
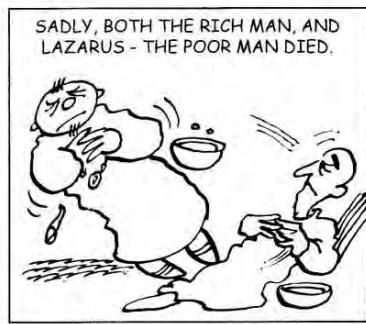
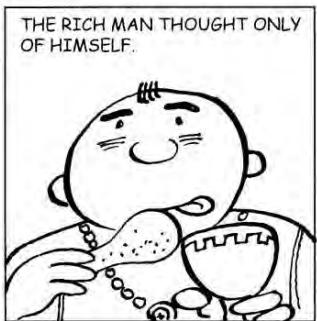
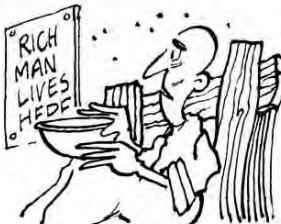
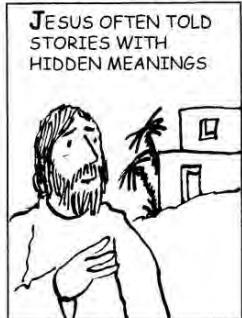
When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."

EASTER
ANGEL TELL
MRDRAISEDGJ
BAFHEAVENAEEG
AKELEVENOYSSA
PEARLTHQUAKEUL
TSRDISCIPLESI
IMOUNTAINOJTL
SQLJGUARDSOOE
EALLSGOMARYNE
TEACHHAWAGE
DTOMBQNNNS
WORSHIP

Can you find these words from the story in the word search above?

EASTER • DAWN
DAY • MARY • TOMB • EARTHQUAKE • ANGEL • HEAVEN • ROLLED • STONE • GUARDS
JESUS • RAISED • FEAR • JOY • RAN • GREETINGS • TELL • DISCIPLES • SEE • ELEVEN
GALILEE • MOUNTAIN • WORSHIP • ALL • GO • MAKE • BAPTISE • TEACH • END • AGE

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus



Norland Church News

'Dates for diaries'



St. Luke's Church



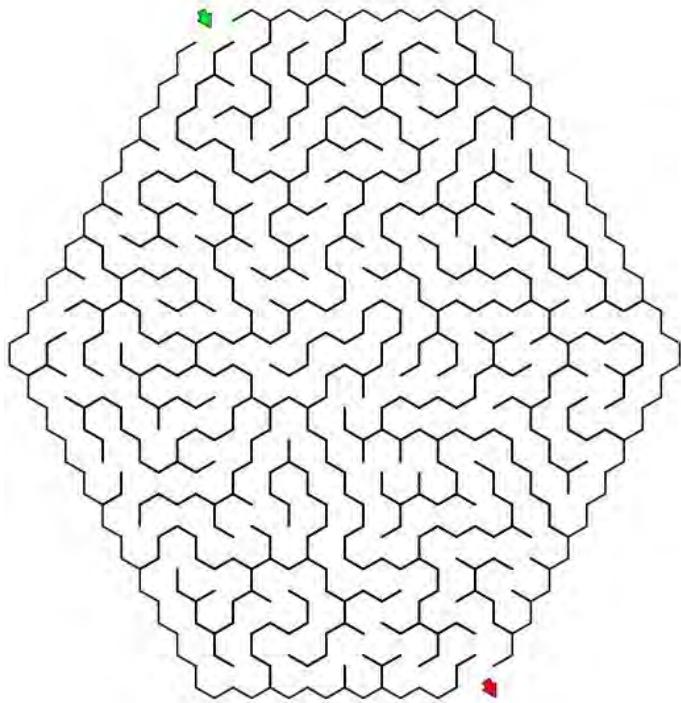
Upcoming events at St. Luke's

Saturday 21st April 7pm The Melody Belles will return to sing in St. Luke's church. Adults £5, children £2.50 including refreshments, wine and cheese.

Saturday 19th May 'The Royal Wedding'. You are invited to watch the wedding of Harry and Meghan on the BIG SCREEN in St. Luke's. Be our guest. Details to follow. Watch this space.

Saturday 9th June 7pm Clifton Bell Ringers musical evening in Norland school. Adults £5, children £2.50 including refreshments

**April
2018
Maze**



March Sudoku solution

3	8	2	5	6	7	1	9	4
5	4	6	8	9	1	2	3	7
1	9	7	4	2	3	5	8	6
2	3	8	1	5	6	4	7	9
4	5	9	3	7	2	8	6	1
6	7	1	9	4	8	3	5	2
8	2	3	7	1	9	6	4	5
7	1	4	6	3	5	9	2	8
9	6	5	2	8	4	7	1	3

When you mix children and religion...

You get some unexpected gems. The following are extracts from religious exam papers...

In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark, because Noah built an ark. The animals came on in pears.

The Jews are God's chosen people, but throughout history they've had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.

Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Seventh Commandment is: Thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

The people who followed the Lord were called the twelve decibels.

St Paul cavorted to Christianity down the Damascus Road. There he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

April 2018 Crossword

Across

1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)

4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)

8 “They — — , you will say, “but I’m not hurt!” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)

9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)

10 Jewish (7)

11 Dirge (anag.) (5)

12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)

17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)

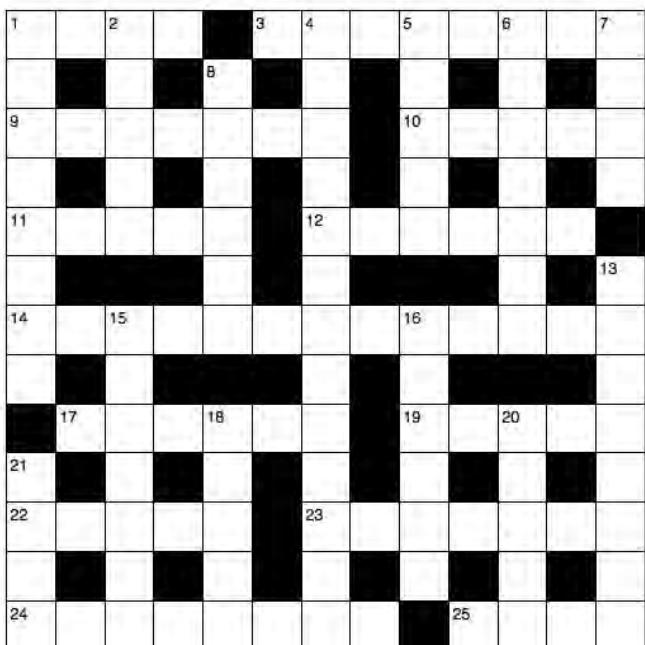
19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)

21 ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — death’ (Luke 23:15) (7)

22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)

23 ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (Judges 20:8) (4,2)

24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham’s side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)



Down

1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)

- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

Answers :

March 2018 Crossword

A	W	A	K	E	N		Q	U	E	N	C	H
G		T		J			N		O			A
H	I	T	M	E		S	A	D	N	E	S	S
A	E		C	A		E		N				T
S	E	M	I	T	I	C		R	I	D	G	E
T		P			R		G					N
			T	E	S	T	I	M	O	N	Y	
S			A		F				E		D	
P	S	A	L	M		I	N	D	U	L	G	E
I		S	A	C		R		L			A	
D	E	S	E	R	V	E		A	R	I	E	L
E		E		I		K		N			E	
R	O	S	E	A	S		B	E	G	G	A	R

And Finally.....

Some hymns for people over 50

Give Me the Old Timers' Religion
Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up
Just a Slower Walk with Thee
Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up
Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten Where I've
Parked the Car
Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One
Blessed Insurance
It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt
Leave us, Heavenly Father, leave us

Sidesman

Sidesman to newcomer at church door: Good morning. How far down do you wish to sit?

Baffled newcomer: 'Well, all the way, of course.'

If you have enjoyed reading our magazine, and would like to advertise the activities of your group or business in our next edition, please contact the editor, Revd Lesley Ennis tel 01422 832747, or email your request to lesleyennis@hotmail.co.uk

For voluntary organizations there will be no charge. For commercial organizations, £2 per issue or £10 per year, for a quarter page insert. All articles are accepted subject to Sowerby PCC editorial policy. Cut off date for items for the following month's edition is 15th of the preceding month.

If you would like to receive future editions (in PDF format) direct to your email box, please email the editor with your details, which will be used solely for this purpose only.

Grateful acknowledgement is given to all our magazine contributors, and also to the contributors of the website Parishpump.co.uk, for kindly allowing us to use some of their material.