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The Ryburn Benefice Magazine **March 2017**



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Lent & Mothering Sunday



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St Mary's Cottonstones, St Luke's Norland, St Peter's Sowerby

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Bishop Nick writes

Our new diocese – how's it going?

So much has been achieved since the Diocese of Leeds was created just two and a half years ago. Bringing together three very different dioceses was a hugely complex procedure, but we are all now part of a large, coherent body, whose benefits are being increasingly revealed.

The bishops and archdeacons are working closely with their areas, and the combined spiritual wealth of 656 churches, over 240 church schools and three cathedrals has brought increased creative energy.

We now have a central office in Leeds (complete with a charitable coffee shop that's open to all), a new parish share system, new governance and further delegation of authority from the diocesan bishop to the area bishops.

Some of the challenges we face include: getting the right balance between one diocese and the five episcopal areas, tackling the anticipated fall in clergy numbers, growing our churches and maintaining parish share. And it remains vital to reach children and young people with the Gospel in order to build future generations of strong Christians.

At the heart of all we do are the values captured in our diocesan strap line, 'Loving, Living and Learning'. It's a useful list to check against everything we do. What does that mean for you and your church?

+Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Loving, Living, Learning

We aim to:

Love God, the world and one another.

Live in the world as it is, but, drawn by a vision of something better, we want to help individuals and communities flourish.

Learn when we get things wrong, by listening and growing together.

The Regular Church Calendar for March

Sunday

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

Monday

- 9.15am Morning Prayer St Luke's

Tuesday

- 12 noon Lunch Club St Luke's, 1st 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, 2nd Thursday in the month
- 12 noon Lunch Club St Peter's Centre 1st & 3rd Thursday in the month

Saturday

- 9.30am Prayer Breakfast St Peter's, 1st 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:
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Particular events to note in March

Wed 1st	Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of ashes	1 pm St Peter 7.30pm St Luke
Thursdays in Lent	Ecumenical Lent Course	8pm St Patrick's Church Hall
Tues 7th	Norland PCC	7.15pm St Luke
Mon 20th	Sowerby PCC	7.15pm St P's Centre
Sun 26th	Mothering Sunday Services	10am St Peter 3.30pm St Luke

WEBSITE

The website for the Ryburn Benefice is -

<http://ryburnbenefice.org>,

from where you can access the websites for each of the three churches.

Keep visiting over the coming months to stay connected with all that is happening in your local church community.

How many words does it take?

Pythagorean Theorem: 24 words.
Lord's Prayer:..... 66 words.
Archimedes' Principle: 67 words.
Ten Commandments: 179 words.
Gettysburg address: 286 words.
US Declaration of Independence : 1,300 words.
US Constitution with all 27 Amendments: ..7,818 words.
EU regulations on the sale of cabbage:.....26,911 words.

Puts things into proper perspective, doesn't it?

The History of Sowerby Congregational Church continues :



SOWERBY CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL. Built 1720.

For the next 44 years the weekly meetings were alternated between Northowram and Sowerby on alternate Sundays until in 1719, when the trustees bought a piece of land on which to build a **“Meeting House”**. **This was the Chapel that opened in 1720**; it was a very modest building with only one square pew with green cushions, occupied by a Mr. Lea. The rest of the people sat on benches with a rug or matted straw on which to place their feet.

The first settled Minister was a Mr Dodge, who was the Minister for 22 years, until his death in 1743. It was during his ministry that Joshua Horton of Sowerby donated to the chapel Red Brink farm, Hubberton, and this endowment proved to be a **great asset to the Church’s finances**.

The second minister was Mr Thorburn who was succeeded by Mr Andrews. It was during the latter ministers incumbency

that some of the members of the church became so dissatisfied with the doctrine that he preached that they left. They went to worship at Steep Lane, where a chapel was built in 1751. The Church there was an independent Church until 1779, when it became a Baptist Church.

The 9th minister was a Mr. Hatton who lived in one of the old houses near the Chapel. It was during his ministry that various alterations to the building took place. The ground floor was lowered 18 inches as the gallery was too low, and for safety the walls were underfooted, this was in 1812. In 1824 the manse was built and seven years later a schoolroom was built against the back wall of the Chapel; it was not very attractive but did much good.

Around 1830, the old chapel was unroofed. Much of the timber was in poor condition and considered unsafe, and at the same time the walls were raised so as to elevate the roof. In 1842, the school was improved by the addition of four classrooms and a people's vestry. This proved very useful for people who came from a distance and required accommodation during their stay.

At this time the hymn singing was accompanied by Violin, Cello, Clarinet and Bassoon but there was a growing desire in favour of an organ. One was located and bought from a Mr. Sykes of Triangle. This was installed but proved rather unsatisfactory, so it was removed to a Mr Pickle's house for storage.

to be completed in the next issue

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean CHANGE???

That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, vicar, you've got another think coming!

Hello God

Prayer for Family Love

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your love for us and that we are adopted into your family.

Thank you for Mary and her willingness to serve you as the mother of your Son.

Lord, it must have been so hard to see the suffering of her boy on that cross, however grown up He may have been and however much she knew He was yours as well. He was her baby! Please help those of us with children always to lift them to you in prayer whenever they have problems, remembering that when we can no longer pick them up and help them, you always can.

Thank you for our earthly families; for mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, grandmas and grand-dads, brothers and sisters - help us to lives of loving kindness. Help us to reflect your love in all our relationships.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

The Robin Based on Matthew 28 v20

I often see the robin
Hopping round my tree
And sometimes in its foraging
It takes a peep at me.

Then, bit by bit, it edges close
and peers –

'til suddenly it comes right up
To chirp quite forcefully.

Then deep within my memory
Stirs a once-heard ancient tale
Of how it got its red breast
On its tiny feathered frame.

It was on the hill called Calvary,
As Christ was crucified,
That a robin flew to sing to Him,
to ease His sorrow and His
sighs.

Then Christ, in blessing, gave it
His blood-red breast to wear.
So now, my robin redbreast
reminds me of my Lord,

I remember He is with me
As He promised by His Word.

By Sam Doubtfire

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall – how do you see yourself this Lent?

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, 'At the bakers I told God, that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He should provide a parking space in front. On the eighth time around, there it was!' Rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, let's use it intentionally for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in key three areas of His identity: social action, political power, and religious identity (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus looked into the mirror at Himself to discern what kind of Saviour He would be.

We can also think of Lent as an opportunity to hold a mirror up to ourselves and ask the question, 'who am I? It is a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and the world in which we live. How will you keep Lent period of 40 days running up to Easter? What will you see when you hold up the mirror to yourself? Alongside taking time to read Scripture, study a Christian book and pray with fasting, why not give up texting for Lent and simply talk on the phone; commit ourselves to just working 40 hours a week or spend five minutes each day in silence!

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

Present

For the elderly minister's 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. He was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, and said: 'Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit.'

**What's on in our local Churches and
Community ...**



The Calderdale Hike

The 39th Calderdale Hike will be held on
Saturday 1st April 2017

Open to all entrants of 14 years of age or
over
on the day of the Hike.

Routes of approx 37 miles and 26 miles
open to both runners and walkers.

Organised by:
24th St Paul's Scout Group
Sowerby Bridge

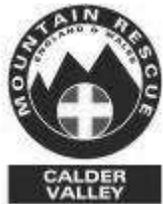
Full details at www.calderdalehike.org.uk

History of the Hike

The Calderdale Hike has been run by 24th St Paul's Scout Group since 1979 when it was the brainchild of Peter White, the Scoutmaster at the time, and the first 3 events were based upon a circuit of the Calderdale Way (50 miles) with HQ being at Brooksbank School in Elland.

After the third hike it was decided to scale down the length of the route as the manning of such a large event was proving to be increasingly difficult. Peter White devised 2 routes, one of 36 miles and one of 25 miles, for runners and walkers alike. Using his vast knowledge of the Pennine countryside he was able to devise new interesting routes that would appeal to all.

The route is changed, usually every 3 years, thereby bringing in different parts of Calderdale and the Pennine countryside which is appreciated by all the competitors. With the 2 routes there are different trophies available to be won for the Runners and Walkers events.<http://www.cvsrt.org.uk/>



The hike has grown from strength to strength over recent years, so much so, that we are now in a position to give a donation to charitable causes. We started with Breast Cancer Care and recently have been supporting the Calder Valley Search and Rescue(thankfully we have never needed them, but you never know although they are akin to our work). We shall continue to support CVSR with the 2017 hike.

The following appeared in the magazine of the Light Music Society:

Agnus Dei was a woman composer famous for her church music – schoolchild's essay.

Most composers don't live until they are dead – child's essay

Sign on door of music shop: Gone Chopin, but have Liszt, so Bach in a Minuet!

St Luke's church welcomes

**The
Melody Belles**



Vocal harmony, Gospel & Soul!

Saturday 7th June at 7pm

**Refreshments available with ticket £5
(Children £2)**

**Event
POSTPONED**



**St Peter's Church,
Sowerby**

Mothering Sunday

Service



10am Sunday 26th March

Family groups and singles and members of all ages, from babies to Great-Great -Grandparents are invited to join us to celebrate this special day at St Peter's. During the service, bunches of flowers will be given out, especially for all those who care for children to take home, as a thank you to them.



Mothering Sunday – 4th Sunday in Lent

There is an old Jewish saying: God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mothers' Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.

How God works

A grandmother was taking her young grandson for a walk in the park. The daffodils were in bloom, and it was a beautiful Spring day. Wanting to encourage her grandson's spiritual understanding of the world, she said: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God did all this?"

Her grandson replied: "Oh yes, and God did it left handed, too." In astonishment, the grandmother asked what he meant. "Well, he must have done," said her grandson, "because we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand.

Gardening tips from the Allotments website

Posted by Val Pownall , to encourage all you gardeners out there.....

February really kicks off the growing season for year round harvesting. Here are just a few of the jobs you could be getting on with:

- Sort out your seeds by sowing date, month by month. It will help you remember when things start getting really busy.
- Refrigerate your Larkspur seeds for a couple of weeks before sowing then start them off later this month in seed trays. These smaller, annual cousins of delphiniums are less prone to slug attacks.
- Sow some Kale now for seedlings to go out in March/April. Cavolo Nero (aka BlackTuscan Kale) has a great taste when eaten young and tender. Sowing a second batch in spring will give you a great over-wintering crop so long as you make sure they are firmed well in and staked.
- Prick out your onion seedlings (or get some seeds sown quickly).
- Remove dead flowers from winter pansies and hellebores to encourage new flowers
- Lift and divide snowdrops whilst they are flowering and 'in the green'.
- Mulch perennial veg, such as asparagus and artichokes with well-rotted manure. Also mulch fruit trees but not right up to the trunk.
- Visit a local Potato Day event where you will find dozens of different varieties to try. Chit your early potatoes by standing them on end in a module tray or egg box and place them in a bright, cool, frost-free place. (Wire netting over the top is advisable if you think you have mice).
- Dig in the compost that's still left on top of your veg beds and cover with plastic to warm up the spoil. Remove any weeds first.
- Cut down your autumn fruiting raspberry canes to the ground to stimulate new growth. Trim summer fruiting raspberry canes that have grown above their supports: cutting just above a bud.
- Plant raspberry canes and currant bushes.
- Soak sweet pea seeds in water overnight before sowing in a deep container (they have deep roots which do not like to be disturbed too much. Place under cloches, in a cold frame, or in a cool room in the house.

- Any sweet peas that were sown earlier in the autumn can now be potted on.
- Wash all your empty pots and tools in hot water and mild detergent to avoid transferring any diseases from last year onto this year's crops.
- Give your wooden tools a treat by rubbing them down with linseed or Danish oil; they'll last longer.
- Hang fat balls/bird feeders to encourage birds onto your plot now so they'll be around when you need them to eat the caterpillars.
- Paint your sheds and wooden structures with an organic preservative now, before any climbers start to fill out and get in the way.
- Net your over-wintering veg crops now to keep pigeons from picking the new growth before you can.
- Start your Dahlia tubers into growth. Put them in a light, warm place to sprout before planting. They will need additional misting with a spray-bottle of water, to stop them drying out.
- Check whether containers need watering. Pots that are sheltered by eaves or in rain shadows can miss out on any rainfall. Check the compost at a hand's depth to see if it feels dry. Aim to keep pots moist, not wet.
- After Valentines day, sow your spring onions, directly into the ground and label. You'll need to keep an eye on the weeds as they'll both start growing at the same time.
- At the end of the month prune back the stems of pot-grown overwintered fuchsias and place in a well-lit, warm place to encourage new growth. Fuchsia berries are edible
- Last chance to Prune/move apple and pear trees.

Enjoy your gardening -
Phew!!

Front Cover Picture Puzzle

Editor : The February cover picture was a photo taken looking down Whiteley Avenue, and the chocolate bar was won by Mr David Wade who was the first to tell me.

See how you get on with this edition's photo which is again provided courtesy of Mrs Vera Kerridge.

The first person to tell the editor where it is wins the next chocolate bar. I am still hoping for photos from other parts of the Benefice than Sowerby for all you budding photographers out there?



Thanks to King's Church for allowing CICS to use their Youth Room at the beginning of January for a Vision Day. The whole team of Workers and Trustees gathered to seek God's will for the year and be inspired by the plans and vision God has given us! We are excited at the opportunities that have opened up in both Primary and Secondary Schools and with wider youth and children's work across the Borough.

Much of the work of CICS is carried out by an amazing team of volunteers. From Open The Book to Question Point (the new name for Info Point!) to the Trustees we are grateful that people invest time to serve schools across Calderdale. CICS recently welcomed three new volunteers - Jenny Fowler, Kikelomo Erinle and Neal Deakin.

A date for your calendar:

Saturday 25th March - **Prayer Breakfast** for all the Youth work in Calderdale. Highgate Methodist Church, Stretchgate Lane, Halifax.

Join us to pray at 8.30am with breakfast served at 9.30am and a chance to network and to hear more about some of the exciting new things CICS are involved in! We will be around until 11am (if you want a Saturday lie-in!)

CICS is always seeking new opportunities to partner with the local church in order to support and resource local schools. Some of the latest initiatives include:

Journey Makers - after school clubs which provide children with a fun and safe space to explore ideas of purpose, citizenship, morals and their role within the community. We are looking at running this in 3 schools in the new school year and will be talking to churches local to these schools in the next few weeks.

Life Path Cragg Vale – a half day’s activity reenacting the work of Rev Thomas Crowther in his fight to help the children working in the mills. This is endorsed by Scripture Union as one of their 150 events for their 150th year.

Holiday Kitchen - working in partnership with the local council to offer meals for children on free school dinners during the summer holiday. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer for this please contact us.

CICS Primary Workers are also looking at **It's Your Move** and ways we can increase the offer to schools with lesson / assembly plans around this fantastic resource. Contact CICS if you would like to support this project.

Full details on their website: [www. cicscalderdale.org.uk](http://www.cicscalderdale.org.uk)



Coming and going

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from, and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

At St Peter's Community Centre.....

Weekly groups at St. Peter's Community Centre

Community Café

Monday – 8.30am-noon. Term time. Join us for inexpensive bacon butties, omelettes, home made cakes, treats, colouring table for children. 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

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.

Parent and Toddler Group led by Tabitha & Laura

Wednesday – 9.30am-11.30am parent/carer and toddler session.
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.

Let's Get Creative

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

Community Café

Saturday – 9am-1pm-join us for inexpensive bacon butties, soup, home made cakes, treats, colouring table for children. Free housing benefit advice available. Monthly surgeries with Rob Holden, your local councillor.
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VOCATIONS



It's Your Call (Leeds)

Date

9 Mar 2017

Location

The Leeds Church Institute
LEEDS
LS1 6DG (Map)

Description

'It's your call' - evening event is an opportunity to explore the what, why and how of ordination in the Church of England. Aimed at 18-30s, this free evening will include a variety of input on ordination, stories from younger Ordinands and opportunities to ask loads of questions.

This free event runs from 7pm-9.30pm with refreshments provided.

Book a place on this event

Book online: www.cpas.org.uk/itsyourcall

Bump

A man was trying to pull out of a parking place, but bashed the bumper of the parked car in front of him. Witnessed by a handful of pedestrians waiting for a bus, the driver got out, inspected the damage, and proceeded to write a note to leave on the windshield of the car he had hit. The note read: "Hello. I have just hit your car, and there are some people here watching me who think that I am writing this note to leave you my name, phone number, and driver's license number, but I am not."

Recipe to try ...Gluten free pastry

Whether you choose a gluten free diet, or follow it by necessity, this is a, nice, light, pastry, perfect for cheese and onion pie, sweet mince pies or quiche.....

Gluten Free Pastry

250g self raising gluten free flour, available in most supermarkets, I prefer the Dove Farm brand.

Pinch of salt.

100g margarine or butter.

1 egg, beaten.

A little cold water.

If you eat gluten-free food through necessity, or are baking for someone who does, it's best to ensure you use utensils that haven't been used for ordinary baking.

Method

Sprinkle the pinch of salt into the flour, and rub in the fat.

Fold in the beaten egg with a knife.

Depending on the size of egg you may need a little cold water.

The mix will be softer than ordinary pastry, but this is okay, just knead it all together.

As this pastry is very soft it is more difficult to roll out in one full piece if using a large dish.

Roll into smaller sections and mould the edges together in the dish to form the usual pie base/lid.

This pastry takes less time to cook, and doesn't brown as much as usual pastry.

Fiona Butterworth

2017 Faith Easter Egg launched

The new look Real Easter Egg 2017 range has been launched, and churches are being asked to encourage people to support this unique way of sharing the story of Easter.



This year a 24 page Easter story-activity book, illustrated by Alida Massari, is included in the Original, Egg Hunt and Dark eggs. The Special Edition has an Easter traditions booklet inside. The Sharing box, with 30 eggs, comes with 30 colour-in posters.

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and makes a donation to charity from sales.

David Marshall, creator of the Real Easter Egg, said; "With the support of churches more than one million eggs have been sold ." "The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £250,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes. Due to production restrictions, this year we have slightly few eggs available so we recommend people order as early as possible."

The whole range can be ordered online at www.realeasteregg.co.uk (with free delivery) or from Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, TLM trading.com, Embrace the Middle East. Christian bookshops and some cathedrals also have stocks. You can also buy the blue Original egg from Tesco, Waitrose and Morrisons.

Christian Aid appeals for good 'neighbours'

As Christians around the world mark Lent, Christian Aid is asking the British public to support people seeking a safe place to call home.

Based on the hymn 'When I Needed A Neighbour, Were You There', Christian Aid is asking its supporters to follow Christian Aid's Lent calendar, and reflect each day on the good things in their lives, thinking about daily opportunities to give, act and pray for communities around the world, and helping them to find a safe place to call home.

This Lent, Christian Aid is working with local partners in South Sudan, to provide much-needed food, safe water to drink and sanitation facilities to desperate communities. The charity says that £15 can provide fishing gear for a family; £8.50 could provide two cooking pots so they can eat a hot meal; and £3 could pay for two plastic jerry cans so they can store safe drinking water.

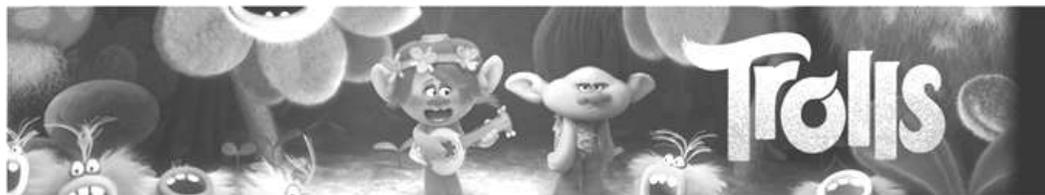
Ecumenical Lent Group

The Ecumenical Lent Group will continue to run again this year at Sacred Heart Church Centre, Bolton Brow.

The 5 sessions will be held on the Thursdays throughout Lent, from 8 - 9pm.

Everyone from our local Churches is invited to join us, at which we will be considering our Christian Faith as it encounters other faiths. This should get us talking and lead to some lively sessions!





MOVIE MOMENTS Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Trolls is a gloriously happy, family film, with a sing-along soundtrack. But there are also hidden depths to the storyline. And these can help children question the playground assumption that we make ourselves happy by pushing others down.

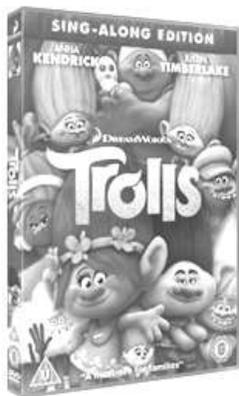


The Trolls are delightful, colourful, happy creatures. But their lives are threatened by the Bergens who believe they can absorb the Troll's happiness by eating them. In fact, the Bergens are convinced that the only way to be happy is through taking the happiness of a Troll.

The Trolls have found a safe hiding place to live, but when Poppy, the happiest Troll ever, throws an enormous fireworks party, their location is revealed, and the Bergen's Troll-catcher takes some of them prisoner. So, Poppy sets out on a

daring rescue mission, armed only with happiness and songs. Through her sacrificial actions the Bergens discover that they don't need to take another's happiness, because it is already inside all of us, we just need someone to help us find it.

This is a fun-filled family film. But it can also spark a conversation about what it means to be happy, and whether this must be at the expense of others. Is life really a 'zero-sum game' in which one person's gain depends upon another person's loss? *Trolls* provides an opportunity to help our children consider what it really means to 'find your happy place', and maybe reflect on the words of Jesus who said: 'If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.'



Trolls, certificate U
is released on DVD 13th Feb.

EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

**ETHOS
MEDIA.org**

WIN A FREE COPY
at ethosmedia.org/trolls



MAD MARCH GALES

The month of March has a reputation for a wild and blustery start but usually changes to much milder weather before it ends ... as the old saying goes 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb'.

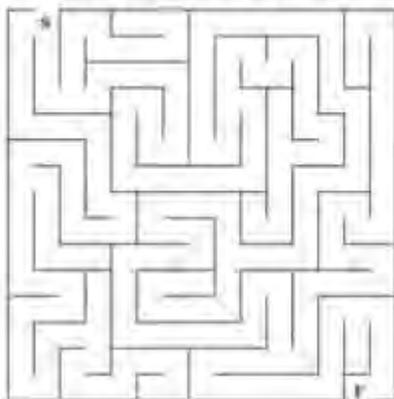
People's homes are flooded or big trees uprooted in high winds. Even if it doesn't happen to us we see the pictures of other people's suffering in the media.

There was a time when Jesus' friends were frightened because a fierce storm blew up while they were fishing. The disciples thought their boat was going to sink and they were very frightened. You can read about it in St Mark's Gospel, chapter 4, verses 35-39.

I get frightened when the wind blows so hard that the trees bend and the lights flicker but then I remember that Jesus is with us all the time. Just as He was with the disciples in the boat. He is with us when we are afraid. Jesus gives us hope, courage and strength.

SAFELY HOME

Can you find your way home through the maze of streets?



What did the north wind say to the east wind?

Let's play draughts



How easy is it for wind gusts to talk to each other?

It is a breeze.

What does a cloud wear under her raincoat?

Thunderwear!

March Crossword

Across

1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)

9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)

10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)

11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)

13 Mede (anag.) (4)

16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)

17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)

18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)

20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)

21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)

22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)

23 Edit (anag.) (4)

25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)

28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)

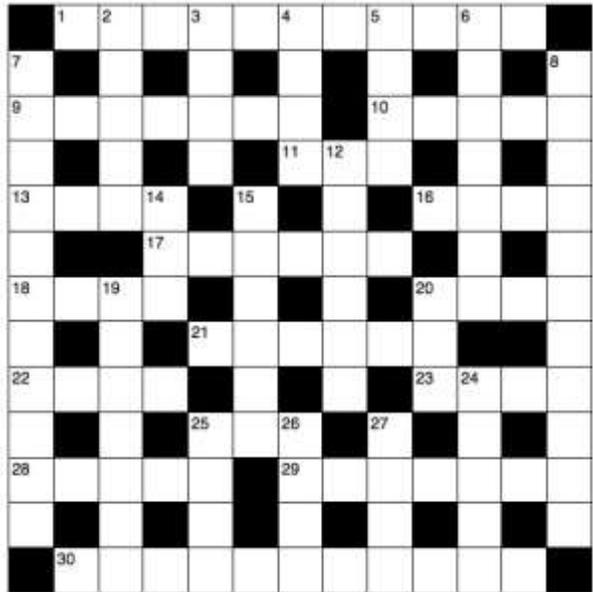
29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been —, he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)

30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)

3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4



4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)

15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

February 2017 solution



And Finally...

Still lost in translation

When it's English, but not as we know it...

(Seen in a Korean hotel in Seoul)
Measles not included in room charge.

(Qatar hotel welcome notes) Please do not use the lift when it is not working.

(French hotel in Paris) Please leave your values at the front desk.

(Indonesian hotel menu in Bali)
Toes with butter and jam.

(Street sign in Japan) Waiting will be prosecuted

(Private school in Nairobi, Kenya)
No trespassing without permission
(Road sign in Malaysia) Caution:

Water on road during rain (source: Løst in Tränslation, Charlie Croker, Michael O'Mara, 2006)

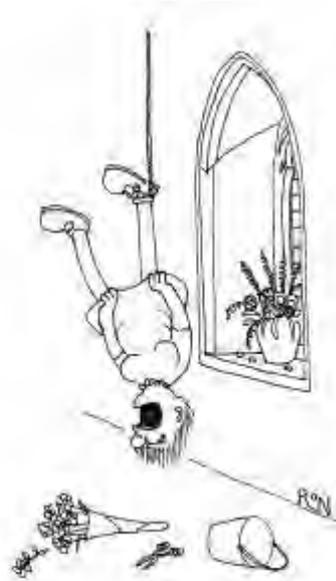
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