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It does not matter how much or how little we have to offer; God can bless it!



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Revd Jeanette writes

Dear Friends

Summer is upon us as I write. The hot sunny days are here, (punctuated by the rain as usual) and the weather is warmer. Music festivals are in full swing, cricket is being played and Wimbledon is about to start. We can look forward to a time when all that makes for the quintessential English summer is here. We have moved into 'Ordinary Time' in the church's year. Some people think this is a 'boring' period, where all the major feast days etc have come and gone, and we hang on and wait for the likes of Harvest and Christ the King to start our flurry of activity again.

In fact, this period of summer is when we look at ourselves as disciples of Christ, who have been commissioned and sent out by Jesus to do his work. It is a time of growth and learning, a time of deepening our relationship with God and with each other. This is necessary on a communal and global scale, if we are to help the Kingdom of God here on earth. It can be a time of change and upheaval as we try and listen to God and follow what he would have us do.

We have had the joy of the ordinations around Petertide (29th June), where women and men are ordained to offer themselves in the service of God and his church, being ordained deacons and priests. These are all signs of hope, which for us, as the world is at the moment, are so desperately needed.

It is also a time for 'Goodbyes', as Revd Lesley retires from active ministry in the Ryburn Benefice. She has certainly been a 'good and faithful servant', not only to the Lord, but to all the people she has served over the years. As priests, that is ultimately what we are....servants to all!

She has been an ever present force in the parish and the Benefice; steadfast and wise, comforting and full of grace. It has been a privilege to work alongside her for these past four and a half years and I want to thank her from the bottom of my heart for her ministry with us here in this place.

I'm sure, with me, we would all wish her a happy retirement. May it be long and joy filled. May you finally have time to do all those things you long to do...more time for family, gardening, walking....!! All of which are things that are life giving and honour God just the same. May God's love and light surround you as you enter this next phase of your life with him. YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED X

Revd Jeanette

Extract from 'Penmarric' by Susan Howatch

'Everything in the world is part of a design. Everything has meaning and purpose and a place in the pattern of existence. Only it's not always possible to understand what that design is.

Only God can understand the Design, because He invented it. It's like a magic puzzle. We can't expect to understand everything. Some things are beyond the bounds of human understanding, but if we trust in God & believe in HIM, no harm can come to us.

We must have faith in our part of the design – in the part HE has given us to play, and if it appears dissatisfying to us we must always realise that HE knows best & that everything is part of a pattern more perfect than anything any mortal can ever visualise.'



Cottonstones Preschool Holiday Club

A Holiday Club is being run at St Mary's Preschool, Cottonstones,
at St Mary's Church.

It will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30am – 5.30pm

It will cost from £21, with breakfast and teatime snacks provided.

There's lots of plans for activities, trips, water play, sand play and much more.

Please phone 01422 823403 or email cottonstones@hotmail.co.uk
to book or for more information

Hello God....

Prayer along the Way

Father,

We have so many questions. Life is sometimes difficult and we can't see our way. Thank you for Jesus who told us He is the Way. It doesn't matter if we don't always understand as long as we are on your special Way – in relationship with you through your precious Son, who died on the cross to make that possible. Help us to join the Way by putting our trust in what Jesus has done.

Help us to make it easy for others to find the Way – to find Jesus. Please give us revelation to know the right words to use and the right actions to take to draw people to you.

We ask in Jesus name and for your glory alone,
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Prayer of a hard-pressed woman

Dear Lord,

I pray for Wisdom to understand my man;

Love to forgive him;

And Patience to cope with his moods.

Because Lord, if I pray for Strength,

I'll beat him to death.

Amen

Finding Jesus

A baptismal service was being held by a river in a rural southern state of America. The keen young minister noticed that a very drunken local man was blearily watching proceedings. He called

out: "What about you? Are you ready to find Jesus?"

The drunk looked startled, but responded: "Yes sir, I am." And so the young minister decided to baptise him, there and then. He led the man into the river, and dunked him under the water, and pulled him to his feet. "Well, have you found Jesus?"

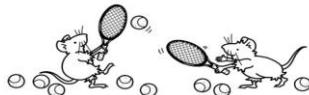
"No, I didn't!" said the drunk.

The minister then dunked him again. "Now brother, have you found Jesus?"

"No, I did not!" protested the drunk.

Disgusted, the young minister held the man under for at least 30 seconds and demanded again: "For goodness sake, why haven't you found Jesus yet?!"

The old drunk wiped his eyes and gasped: "Well, are you sure this is where He fell in?"



St Paul's Church, Sowerby Bridge

Memory Lane Café

HELP!

Volunteer drivers are needed for Memory Lane Café

Lack of transport is stopping people attending Memory Lane Cafe. Attending the Cafe maybe the only time the person gets out of the house. Drivers will change lives.

Drivers required for Sowerby Bridge, Sowerby, Ripponden and surrounding areas. Could you or someone you know spare a few hours fortnightly or monthly to help someone attend Memory Lane Cafe?

Drivers will be paid mileage and all training will be provided.

Thank you for your support in helping us find some drivers.

The Regular Church Calendar

Sunday

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| 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

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

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

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

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

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

July

1st	St Peter's Day Service	10am St Peter's
1 st	Sowerby Village School Summer Fair	11am-3pm
2nd	Celebration of Lesley's ministry	4pm St Peter's followed by Afternoon tea at St Peter's Centre
4th	Events group	7.30pm St Luke's
18 th	Joint Core group	St Peter's Centre
20th	Christian's Together	7.30pm St Patrick's
25th	Schools Break up	
Tues & Thurs	Cottonstones Preschool Summer Holiday Club	7.30am – 5.30pm St Mary's Tel 01422 823403 cottonstones@hotmail.co.uk

The Sowerby Scorcher 2017 10K

£1565 raised for St Peter's Church on Sat 20th May, 2017.

A BIG THANK YOU To everyone who contributed to make this our most successful Scorcher ever!

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.

From the Registers

There are no baptisms this month



Congratulations on your Wedding go to.....

At St Peter's Church:

Jack Austin & Maria Kenny (Sat 8th July at 4.15pm).

David Christopher Hall & Emily Clare Bodin (Sat 29th July at 11am)

Wayne Lee Cartlidge & Zoe Kimberly Ambler (Sat 5th Aug 1pm)

Philip Mark Wood & Gemma Claire Mitchel (Sat 12th Aug 2pm)

Ryan Mark Bateman & Sarah Elizabeth Giles (Sat 19th Aug 2pm)

At St Luke's Church :

Daniel John Seabourne & Kit Anderson Hayfield

(22nd July 2017 at 2pm)

At St Mary's Church :

Jabe Darren Dennis & Jennifer Amelia Stott-

Wrathall (Sunday 27th Aug 1pm)



Gone but not...

People go on holiday to forget things. Then they open their bags, and find that they did

Lift up your eyes

'Are we there yet?' This is a familiar cry from a child frustrated by a long journey, impatient to be at the destination. With the **school holidays soon upon us, it's good to be reminded of Psalm 121**. This is one of those psalms (Ps 120-134) used by the Jewish pilgrims journeying to Jerusalem for the great festivals.

There were real dangers for these Jewish pilgrims on their journey. They could slip on the road, there was the threat of wild animals and they had to suffer hot days and cold nights. On the **Christian journey we are tempted by 'the world, the flesh and the devil'**, as well as dealing with those who mess up our lives and our questions about God's goodness or existence.

So where do we look for help? 'I lift up my eyes to the hills – **where does my help come from?**' (Psalm 121:1). Ironically, the Jews would look to the hills, where pagan worship was practiced. Even today, we can go to the wrong places for help eg. horoscopes rather than the Scriptures; work colleagues or friends, rather than fellow Christians. We can also miss where to **look for help: 'My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth'** (2).

Like the Jewish pilgrims, we need to recognise that only God has the power to keep us on the road. Even when God seems silent in our suffering, He is 'watching over us' (5). On our journey He 'will keep us from harm' (7) and 'watch over our coming and going' (8).

'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace.' (Numbers 6: 24-6)

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/activity 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.

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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if you are interested in coming to any of these groups, just turn up on the day to get more details.



St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31st July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad majorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. ashjou
2. imyhot
3. hurt
4. kuel
5. brosprev
6. tonslaminate
7. chaimal
8. theres
9. chainstroin
10. himereaj



What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

Ruthless.

Which Bible character had no parents?

Joshua, son of Nun.

Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations
7.Malachi 8.Ester 9.Corinthians
10.Jeremiah

Who tore down the walls of Jericho?!

The new minister decided to visit the Sunday school in his new church, to see what the children were like. The teacher explained that that morning they were looking at the book of Joshua. ‘That’s wonderful,’ said the new minister, ‘let’s see what you’re learning. So tell me, who tore down the walls of Jericho?’

After a short silence, one small lad, Billy, shyly raised his hand. ‘Please sir, it wasn’t me.’

Taken aback, the minister said. ‘That’s silly, and you know it. Come on, now, who tore down the walls of Jericho?’

The teacher interrupted firmly: ‘Vicar, Billy’s basically a good boy. If he says he didn’t do it, then I believe he didn’t do it.’

Flustered, the minister went to the churchwarden and related the story to him. ‘That child won’t tell me who tore down the walls of Jericho!’

The church warden looked concerned. ‘Oh dear. We’ve had some problems with Billy before. But a wall! Let me talk to him and see what we can do.’

Really bothered now by the lack of biblical knowledge in his new church, the new minister brought up the subject with his curate the next morning. ‘I was shocked to learn that neither Billy, the teacher, nor the church warden can tell me who tore down the walls of Jericho!’

The curate, a peace-loving young woman, tried to calm the situation. ‘Well, vicar, these things happen. I think we just take the money from the general fund and offer to pay for the walls, and leave it at that.’

They may look like just weeds to you....

Where would you think to look for some of the UK's rarest plants? Well, you could be forgiven for ignoring the roadside verges, but that is where they are.

The myriad of weeds and grasses that grow wild along our roads each summer are also home to such rarities as fen ragwort, sulphur clover, crested cow-wheat and wood bitter-vetch. In fact, fen ragwort is now reduced to living in a single drainage ditch beside the A142.



In total, Britain's verges are home to more than 700 species of wild plants, one in eight of which is threatened with extinction. The research was done by the charity Plantlife.

Some verges are leftover fragments of wildflower-rich ancient hay meadows and grasslands, while coastal plants thrive beside motorways and A-roads because they are salted in winter. No wonder the charity is pleading for better verge management, in order to give the plants to flower and grow each year.



Be kind to newts

July is a perilous time for newts. They leave their breeding grounds in your local pond or ditch and head for land, where they live until next Spring. Male palmate newts absorb their crests and tail filaments and all three species (great crested, smooth and palmate) become drab in appearance ('good looks' are no longer needed to impress the girls). Instead, camouflage is now key.

You will be fortunate to see one, as they are nocturnal and spend the day hiding under stones, in wall crevices or compost heaps. In winter they hibernate in those places, or simply dig a hole in the ground. While on land, newts must change their diet from shrimp, water lice, larvae , water snails and tadpoles to insects, worms and slugs.

So – how can you help them? They are a natural pest control and well worth helping. Leave the vegetation around your pond long, and include piles of logs, leaves and compost heaps, as shelter.



smooth newt

Front Cover Picture Puzzle

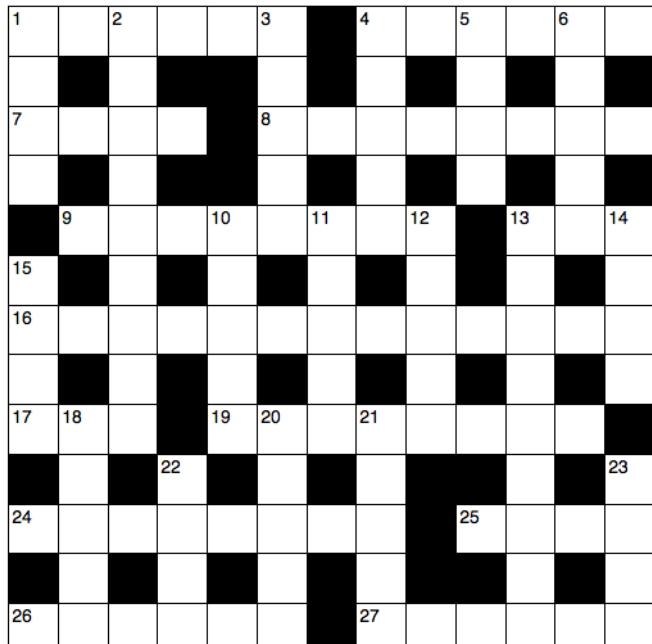
Editor : The June cover picture is of Laneside Farm, Kennel Lane, Mill Bank .(The name was a bit of a give away. However, it did help if you managed to receive a copy of the magazine in the first place! Apologies for the delay in getting the June edition printed and circulated) See how you get on with the next photo, and again, the first person to tell the editor where it is wins a bar of chocolate.

July 2017 Crossword

Crossword Clues and Answers

Across

1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)



4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)

7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)

8 See 5 Down

9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)

13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)

16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)

17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)

19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)

24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)

25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)

26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)

27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

June 2017 solution





HIDDEN FIGURES

MOVIE MOMENTS

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

Getting there together

Hidden Figures is the true story of how men and women, black and white, worked together to put a man in space. The film recounts the largely unknown contribution of three black women, whose gifts were crucial to the success of the space program. Kevin Costner describes it as '*a story of three women whose God-given abilities were allowed to flourish and make a difference*'.

In particular, the film highlights the role of Katherine Johnson (played by Taraji P Henson), whose remarkable ability in mathematics is recognised by the project director Al Harrison (played by Kevin Costner). Initially, Katherine was not welcomed into Al's team. Indeed, when she entered their room, one white male mathematician assumed that this black woman must be a cleaner, and rudely handed her a waste bin, complaining that she didn't empty it properly the previous night.



As well as being black, and a woman, Katherine was also a widow bringing up three young daughters. But she did not let any obstacle hold her back from utilising her prodigious ability at mathematics for the good of others. As Taraji Henson, who plays Katherine Johnson, says: '*if God has something for you, no-one can take it from you.*'

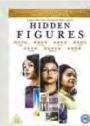
Although set in the 1960s, a particular time of racial and sexual discrimination, this film has much to say to all of us today, about how we can work together to use the gifts that God has given to each of us, for the benefit of all people.

As the character Al Harrison says to his team: '*We all get there together or we don't get there at all.*'

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Hidden Figures is released on 4K Ultra HD, Blu-ray™ and DVD on 3rd July 2017.





For the last time! - Which member of the Junior Choir put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?!

Cricket

"Well, well," said the old vicar to some boys who were playing cricket. "I wish I could join your game, but I'm too old."

"You CAN join in," said the 'captain'. "Our ball has just gone through that window. You can go ask for it back, and also ask for forgiveness for us."

And Finally...

Medical knowledge?

If you have never worried about the NHS before, perhaps it is time to begin now... here are ten actual sentences written in patient's notes

- The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
- Discharge status: Alive but without my permission.
- Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
- Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40-pound weight gain in the past three days.
- Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities
- On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.
- I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
- Skin: somewhat pale but present.
- The patient was to have a bowel resection. However, he took a job as a stockbroker instead.

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