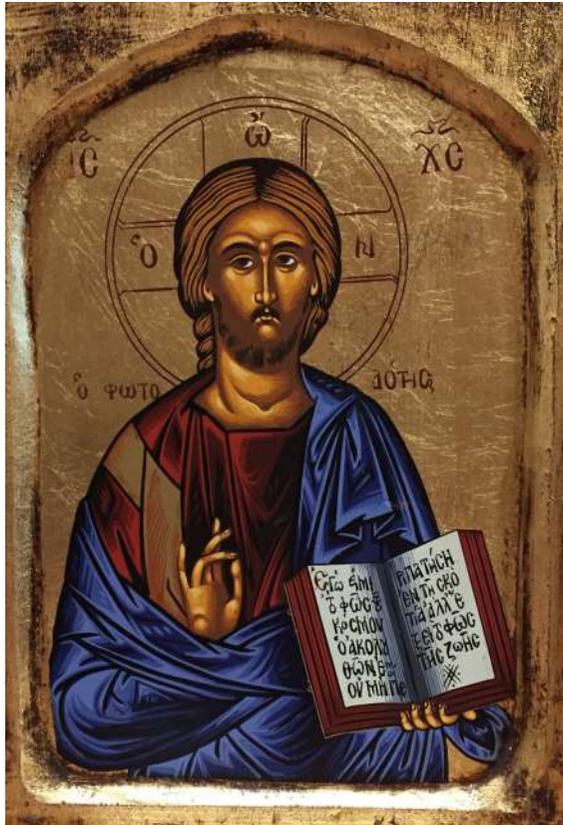




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16th February

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23rd February

Sophia Rose, daughter, and Henry
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Funerals

10th February

Robin Walford and burial of ashes
 on 29th February

13th February

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18th February

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Burial of Ashes

19th February

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27th February

Matthew Day

Festivals & Feasts

23rd April

George, Patron of England

Weddings this month

Saturday 4th April, 4pm

The top five most-viewed Bible Verses

- John 3:16:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- Jer 29:11:** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- Phil 4:13:** I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
- Ps 23:4:** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- Rom 8:28:** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.



Church Open for Visitors—Thursday 1pm to 4.30pm
 Sunday 2pm to 4.30pm



We aim through Christian worship, word and action to celebrate and share the love of God with our neighbours

From the Editor

You may be wondering about the picture I have chosen for this month's cover. You can see this icon in the vestry; it was a gift to us from Revd Darvill when he retired. In one of her sermons recently Rector Alison spoke to us about a book by Rowan Williams, which looks at Orthodox Christian icons and what they tell us about Jesus. She said that *"Icons are stylised images. They're based on the belief that the divine and the human in Jesus can't be separated. They seek to show the divine life in Jesus acting on the human nature, shining through it – transfiguring it if you like. Icons are not just paintings – they're meant to be gateways to God. We're not meant just to look and admire – they're to be used as prayers – as ways of encountering God through the picture."* Surely Easter is the best time to encounter Him.

An apology for mistakes made last month concerning the 100 Club. I gave the wrong address for Iain Farquarson-Welsh on the application form. It should have said 24 Heathfield, LS16 6AQ. So if you'd like

to join the 100 Club please send the form to Iain's new address. Also, my maths was apparently a bit wrong. The amount of money handed out in prizes should have been quoted as £2,117; the other figures were correct. Prizewinners for February were:

Cath Jackson won £77
Ursula Wilkinson won £30.80
B. White won £30.80

Marjorie Cole

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 4th April

10.30 to 12 noon

in

The Old Stables



Come and enjoy a warm welcome, washed down by tea or coffee and be tempted by an array of delicious homemade cakes and scones.

Rector Alison's Letter

The stuff we do.

Dear Friends

I am writing this in the midst of uncertainty about Corona virus and what it will mean for all our lives. My role, like many others, involves planning things in advance. It is very strange doing this with no idea whether they will be able to happen, or how they might have to be changed.

Like many organisations, the church has started to give advice about how we should alter our practices, carrying on as normally as possible whilst staying safe. This has made me think more deeply about the stuff we **do** in church as well as the words we say.

We have been advised not to shake hands as we share Christ's peace with one another, or as we enter or leave church. There has been discussion about the Eucharist – whether we should share the cup of wine as we usually do.

Someone who is not part of the church said that it would show us how all these ancient practices are really not needed, and that once we stop we will find we can manage perfectly well without actions like the peace and even the Eucharist. I think he is wrong about that.

We can find ways of sharing the peace which don't involve touch, but there is something important about the chance to focus solely on one other person for a moment. Giving them our total attention reminds them, and us, that God sees them as totally precious and so should we.

The Eucharist, sharing bread and wine, is for me something beyond words. It imparts truths in a way words cannot. We break bread and share a cup because we are all one in Christ. We come together to his table to be fed; all are invited, all are welcome. We can talk about it, but I think doing it teaches us so much more.

This month contains Holy Week and Easter, the most important weeks in our Christian calendar. As well as seasonal readings, words and music the church offers us stuff to **do** as we revisit Christ's journey to the cross and resurrection.

So we process and sing 'Hosanna' on Palm Sunday; we wash feet and share bread and wine on Maundy Thursday as we remember Jesus doing so the night before he died; then we watch in darkness as he prayed in a garden; on Good Friday we share the stories of those around Jesus, then come to the cross ourselves to kneel and wonder. After all of this, the joy of Easter morning

(at dawn for those who can manage!) means so much more than just reading about the resurrection. For me, the stuff we do makes us part of the story.

Of course we don't know the course of the virus and the effects it will have on worship in church – but we plan in hope. And if it is still possible – I invite you all to join in as much of the journey as you can, and discover the power of the stuff we do.

And if the virus has become widespread, and life is far from normal, perhaps we can remember Jesus' love by thinking carefully about how we can help those around us. Visiting may not be safe, but telephone calls could make a huge difference to those on their own. Challenging though it may be, not stockpiling food ensures that it is shared more evenly.

If we can't get to church to learn from the actions in the Holy Week services, I hope we can put our faith into action in the way we care for one another.

With love and prayers

Alison

Changes to services at St John's

I have been in Adel for 6 months now, and have really enjoyed worshipping with the various congregations. We have a variety of services offering worship in different ways and at

different times. I do not intend to make major changes to the services themselves, but partly for my own convenience would like to make some alterations to dates and times.

Firstly I would like an early, said communion service **every** Sunday. This will make it easier for us, and visitors, to remember when it is taking place. So that this is not too exhausting for me, the service will be at 8.30am instead of 8am. It will still follow the Book of Common Prayer.

Evensong will still take place alternate weeks as we are starting up a young people's group on the other Sunday evenings. However, I would like to swap the dates so that Evensong takes place on the **1st and 3rd** Sundays of the month. This is a purely selfish arrangement. I sing in a choir that meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and at present I'm always late for rehearsals! Our mid-week, café-church and main Sunday services will remain the same.

The changes will take place **after Easter**. There is no evensong on Easter Sunday, so the first change to the dates will be **evensong on April 19th**. There is an extra 8am Eucharist on Easter day, but the changes to the early morning services will start in May. **From May 3rd the early service will take place every week at 8.30am.** I do hope these changes don't cause any inconveniences.

Alison

In Our Church

A good start to our Lent Course

The first meeting was on Monday 2nd March. It was the "Turning to Christ" Pilgrim course and it took place in the Old Stables.

An eager following of folk had the chance to read, talk about and share their faith.

One of the prayers at the end sums up some of our thoughts.

Let your door stand open to receive Christ, unlock your soul to him, offer him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, and the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light that shines on everyone. This true light shines on all, but if any close their windows they will deprive themselves of eternal light. If you shut the door of your mind, you shut out Christ. Though he can enter, he does not want to force his way in rudely, or compel us to admit him against our will.

Ambrose (c.334-971)

Stella Way

Coming soon to a church near you....



Fun, faith and friendship for young people in school years 4 to 9
A chance to do silly things and talk about faith a bit...

When?

5.30pm – 6.45pm 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month

Where?

The Old Stables
Adel Parish Church

Starting?

26th April

For more information about **Ace** contact Alison
alison.battye@leeds.anglican.org

Adel Boundary Walk 2020

Sunday 17th May

9am start at the Stables

The ancient tradition of **Beating the Bounds** of Adel Parish will take place on **Rogation Sunday, May 17th 2020**

Join us for all (14/15 miles) or for part of the walk.



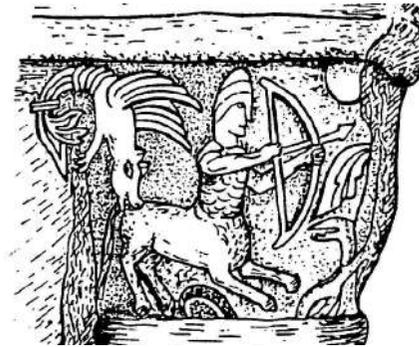
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AdelBoundaryWalk@outlook.com

Let us know if you plan to take part in the Boundary Walk.

Norman Carvings

Emails from Normandy

History and art lovers world-wide can now easily view photos of **Adel's amazing carvings** (dated from 1140-1150), via the internet, see <http://www.crsbi.ac.uk>



We are lucky to have Adel Chancel Arch and the **Adel Archer** so wonderfully preserved that some visitors assume that the stones have been re-cut. These millstone grit carvings have always been protected from the weather. Yes, they were painted and later cleaned - but not damaged and not recut!!

Recently we received an email from Normandy, through Adel Parish Church website, from **Alain Chausserie** and his daughter **Anne-Laure**:

*"My daughter and I are studying the limestone capitals in the **Abbey Church of Lonlay, in Normandy**. One of them (photo attached) has already*

*been interpreted, in spite of its poor condition, except for the **subject attacking the rear** of the quadruped.*

*On visiting greatenglishchurches website, we noticed that the chancel arch in Adel Church contains a capital showing a quadruped (here a Sagittarius) **whose rump is also attacked by a kind of flying dragon**.*

*You can imagine our surprise when we saw the capital in Adel Church, and that's why I wrote to you. Would you be kind enough to let us know whether you can think of a meaning, which could help to interpret our damaged ***Lonlay capital (1090)?***

Alain Chausserie

**At Lonlay, we had the Hundred years War (Lonlay was burnt down 3 times) and the Wars of Religion in the XVth century when capitals and statues were defaced throughout France and finally, 1944 bombing!"*

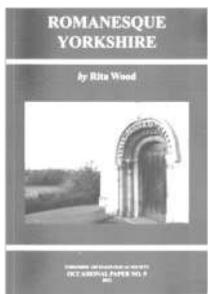


Photos: Lonlay Abbey Capital

At Adel, if you look round the corner of the capital, to the south face, you will see a fiery dragon. The purpose of the carvings was Christian teaching.

Some quotes from Rita Wood's book 'Romanesque Yorkshire' **

Rita gives this interpretation of the Adel Archer: On the left (north) at Adel: "the battle between the centaur (Christ) and a fiery dragon (Death), while a small flying dragon (Temptation) attacks the rump of the centaur."



And she describes the carvings at Lonlay Abbey:

"Samson killing the lion represents Christ fighting Death."



Val's idea of what this capital might have looked like in c. 1090.

More quotes from Alain's emails:

"Anne-Laure realized that the 'rider' was astride a lion. (And round the corner), Samson faces a huge beast. Most

medieval representations of Samson are pure inventions. You could have an overview on Wikipedia and Wikimedia Commons even though it is in French: https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abbaye_de_Lonlay

As for the huge beast facing the rider, (Samson) - there seems to be none of the kind anywhere in Norman sculpture.

Thank you Val and Rita for your prompt and extensive replies. Your symbolic interpretation of the Centaur capital sheds a new and fascinating light on Lonlay's 'rider' who seems to be facing a huge creature (picture from the north side) a bit like your centaur."

Thank you too Val for the various illustrations you sent. They are interesting and useful, including the very talented and poetic Christmas one, now my screen wallpaper."

Alain Chausserie

Rita sees only 'roughened foliage' in the Samson carving. What do you think? What can you see?

Many thanks to Alain and Anne-Laure for sharing their research. We hope they will visit Adel.

Val Crompton

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Holy Week

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, 5th April

8 am Holy Communion with blessing of palms
10 am Parish Communion with blessing of palms and procession from the Stables

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday , 6th, 7th and 8th April

7.30 pm Compline (Night Prayer)

Wednesday 8th April

11am Holy Communion (said)

Maundy Thursday, 9th April

7.30 pm Eucharist with washing of feet, stripping of the altar and watch until 10pm

Good Friday, 10th April

10am A service of hymns and reflections on the passion
2pm The Good Friday Liturgy
6.30pm 'The Last Supper', a short Cantata by Eric Thiman – sung by The Heritage Singers

Easter Day, 12th April

6am – Dawn Eucharist with new fire, vigil and renewal of baptismal vows (followed by breakfast in the Stables)
8am – Said Eucharist
10am Parish Eucharist with augmented choir and Easter Egg hunt for the children

Words from Pilgrim

Passiontide and Easter

Even people who make no claim to be Christians hear the story of Calvary and Easter with respect. They may not accord it much significance, but neither do many of them receive it with contempt.

This shows how far our culture is from that in which the Christian faith first burst upon the world. In those days most people dismissed the Christians' claims. In their eyes it claimed that a publically executed carpenter from some far-flung provincial corner of the Empire was to be trusted as God's word to men. Dazzled by the achievements of their Roman Empire they saw such a claim to be too ridiculous even to be considered blasphemous. It was to be laughed out of court and to be forgotten.

Paradoxically these outwardly shameful origins of the gospel are an evidence for its truth. Nobody looks to a fairy-tale to find their life changed from emptiness into peace with God,

so what was it that made this particular apparent fairy-tale so startlingly different in its effects on the most unlikely of men? We may add, from the vantage point of two thousand years of experience, that it can have been no false tale, for it has passed through generation after generation in one continent to the next, making the fearful brave, the indecisive burning with purpose, and morally broken men or women to be those who turn injustice aside. No false story could bring about such change as that.



So Easter is upon us once more. The familiar passages of the Bible will be read again, and the old hymns sung. A warm glow of gentle memory from Easters past will shelter the hearts of many. If this be your experience, may I ask you to make an effort to step out of it? The good news you hear this Easter-tide is not a gentle comfort, but a shocking declaration that it is the purpose of Almighty God to make men and women different. He who has ears to hear, let him dare to listen.

The lives of many well-known Christians have shown that ordinary people are capable of doing extraordinary things.

In Brief

Who is our oldest reader?

I had a lovely letter from Elsie Pearman whom I congratulated last month on reaching her 104th Birthday. She felt quite famous, although she felt sure she is not the oldest reader. And she is right. I had a phone call from the niece of Anne Clayton who celebrated her 105th Birthday on Christmas Eve last year. So, congratulations to Anne. Do let us know if anyone can beat that.

Marjorie Cole

Rise! Take Your Mat & Walk (John 5:11)

The service this year was written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and held at Headingley Methodist Church on Friday the 6th March.

We listened to some Zimbabwean music as the women came in wearing traditional dress. The leader welcomed us and explained that Zimbabwe means "House of Stones". We sang hymns, including "Jesus, we are here" and "Let us Praise God together". Prayers of praise and confession were said, followed by "For the healing of the nations".

In some of the readings the women told us about their country and asked for our prayers. There was also time for meditation. After the Benediction we sang "The day thou gavest, Lord is

ended"; it always seems special when we sing this hymn and think that women throughout the world are attending the same service on this day. It has a very special feel about it.

If you have not been to a service please make a note to keep the first Friday in March next year free. It usually lasts about three quarters of an hour and there are refreshments afterwards.

Beryl Thompson

Envelope Collection 10-16 May 'Every Drop Counts'

There are only a few weeks to go before Christian Aid's annual envelope collection. Last year we contributed £2,020.81 towards the £8m collected nationally. This money will be used to help the poor and disadvantaged around the world, regardless of their nationality or religion. At the moment millions of people in Kenya are struggling to get enough food and water. Any donation you make could help a community, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live.

Let's demonstrate how much we care by being generous. If you don't have an envelope delivered, please pick one up in church, or contact me.

Lesley Walton

lesleywalton@hotmail.com or mobile: 07834 352 782

Penny's Ponders

Things are looking up! It's warmer, it's lighter, there are Spring flowers everywhere – I know about Spring flowers because my Mum won't let me walk on them – shrubs are getting green and, most importantly as far as I'm concerned, my "digestive" grass is growing again. This is a great relief to me as I don't like having to spend precious time looking for it. My Mum says that if I had had a previous life, I would probably have been a sheep – well the wool is similar, I'll give her that! Not too sure about becoming the Sunday roast, though and I can't stand mint sauce!

Actually, I do like sheep. I would love to play with them but, unfortunately, I have to stay on my lead whenever I get near them. She obviously doesn't trust me around them, but they do look to be having fun when they run – I only want to join in. It's the lambs I like the best. They remind me of when I was a puppy, and everything was so new. They always seem to be enjoying themselves with their friends: climbing, jumping and those little wiggly tails while they enjoy their milk – so cute! The older ones don't seem to have as much fun, but then I suppose it is the same for dogs and humans too, or perhaps it is just that we have grown up and find our fun in different ways.

My Mum always says that the very, very best thing about Spring, of course, is Easter. The renewal of nature really focuses our minds on the newness of life, the greatest gift we have from God. We learn so much before, during and after Easter. Jesus teaches us by His example how important it is to be steadfast, unmovable in our faith – He did this to the point of His death on the cross. We must always remember when we are feeling down, upset or worried that Jesus knew what was coming: He would pay the price of our redemption, go to Calvary and suffer the most horrendous death. Jesus also knew that because of His obedience, dedication and love of His Heavenly Father that God would not allow Him to remain in the grave and His glorious resurrection would follow. So now everyone has the same, wonderful, God-given hope, which is resurrection to newness of life in the kingdom of God. Remember Easter isn't about chocolate – I know because I can't have any. Easter is about rejoicing together to sing, say, think, pray and tell the world.

**Alleluia, The Lord is Risen.
He is Risen Indeed
ALLELUIA!**

Woofs & licks

Penny

Gentle Reminders

Confirmation at St John's

On June 7th, Bishop Paul Slater will be at our 10am service to confirm some of our congregation.

Confirmation is an important step on the Christian journey. It takes place at a special service where people confirm the promises made for them by their parents and godparents at their baptism.

It is a chance to commit yourself to following Christ and recognise your place in the local and worldwide Anglican Church. If you have not been confirmed but worship with us regularly, it may well be something to consider. If you are not baptised, you can be baptised and confirmed within the same service.

In preparation for Confirmation there will be a chance to spend some evenings together exploring the Christian faith and to decide whether Confirmation is right for you at this time.

If you are interested in being confirmed, or would just like to know more, then contact Alison – in person, by phone or by email.

alison.battye@leeds.anglican.org

Christmas Angels 2020

Just in case you missed the piece about knitted messengers in February Adel Bells, may I remind you about how successful the angels were in 2018 and that we are going to repeat the experience this year. They brought love, hope and consolation to many people and it is certainly something worth repeating.

If you are a knitter, please consider making some for us. Each angel takes up just a small amount of wool and they are easy and quick to make. I am working on my twentieth and hope to do many more before the end of November. I can let you have a copy of the pattern or you can find it on the church website: www.adelparishchurch.org.uk



Please get in touch and let me know if you are happy to take part in this venture. Even if you only make one or two, they will be received and appreciated by someone in Adel.

**Marjorie Cole
2610069**

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Adel Neighbourhood Forum

Update on the Adel Neighbourhood Plan

The purpose of the Adel Neighbourhood Forum, which is a recognised body of local volunteers, is to give a renewed sense of ownership to the Adel Community on land development and the issues arising. Set out below is where we are in the planning process to receive full statutory recognition.

We have finalised a draft of The Neighbourhood Plan for Adel which has been informed by our "Open Days", Surveys, Focus Groups, events and publicity. The Plan is until 2028 and it covers the design, layout, character and mix of proposed housing, but also critical issues arising from developments such as education provision, traffic, heritage and green issues, community facilities and business support.

The feedback from the Community has been overwhelmingly positive, the main issues being the Leeds City Council proposals under its Site Allocations Plans which include: the land to the East of Otley Road, opposite Adel Parish Church, where there are concerns about design and layout of the proposed 100 houses and the resulting highways and traffic issues; the Green Belt land in Dunstarn Lane; the Tile Lane Site including the old Reformatory Site.

The green space, cycle ways and paths issues drew encouraging support, as did plans for a children's play area. The Draft Plan was passed to Leeds City Council (LCC) for comments. The Joint Chairmen of the Forum and Councillor Barry Anderson met with the relevant officers to assist with adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan. The feedback was generally positive with nothing of fundamental concern. There needs to be some updates resulting from the Council's Environmental and Habitat Assessments. The Forum also needs to contact landowners of land identified as green space. The updated plan will then be reviewed by Leeds City Council (LCC).

The Plan as agreed by LCC will then be submitted to an independent Inspector to review it against the legal requirements. **Once agreed by the independent inspector it will go to a Referendum where 50% support of those voting would be needed to gain approval.** If successful it would give statutory powers for the Forum to be consulted on land development issues.

**Jeremy Emmott & Clive Hudson
Joint Chairmen of the Adel
Neighbourhood Forum.**

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Adel Gardeners

New Name



In line with our fresh start for 2020 the former Adel Horticultural Society has been rebranded. Its new name, better reflects who we are: **Adel Gardeners.** We enjoy gardening, sharing experiences and practical advice as well as enjoying entertaining and informative meetings and enjoyable garden visits. So why not come along and meet us?

We meet monthly from September to May, hold an **Annual Show** each September and organise several garden visits in and around Yorkshire every summer. The next show will be on **5 Sept 2pm - 4.15pm** at Adel Methodist Church.

Unless otherwise stated all meetings start at **7.30pm** and are held at The **Friends' Meeting House**, New Adel Lane, Leeds, LS16 6AZ, usually on the **2nd Monday** of the month.



6th April 2020

"Cold and frost-free glasshouse gardening", Peter Williams

Peter is a retired plant scientist. Peter has specialist knowledge of plant ecology, physiology, and soil microbiology. He ran a small nursery before retiring.

11th May 2020

Sybil Spencer Memorial Lecture

"A trip around lesser known gardens worth a visit in the North of Britain", Judy Popley

Judy runs a company which organizes plant fairs around the country and sees many interesting but lesser known gardens.

To find out more about Adel Gardeners, contact me on 261 1769 or see adelhort.btck.co.uk

One of our members, the late James Edwards, wrote the History of Adel & District Horticultural Society—see details on our website.

Deborah Hainsworth



The Lord Steals In

Dunnock

(Gardening at Eastertide)

He can't be ushered in*
but comes without overtures
at closing down
when your stint is over
after the lifting, turning and tilling of
clods
the rending of roots and stubborn
weeds
after lopping, raking
dumping and burning
when trowel and spade are put down
alongside your empty cup
before stillness falls on twig, leaf and
blade
then he steps out warily from the
hedge
a diminutive visitor, reticent
making a haphazard crossing
nervously pricking out the lawn
with his fine beak
and if you're distracted briefly
he slips back into the hedge
to wait and watch
his leaving unmarked.

Just so I've seen Him come
from time to time
not brought in with trumpet blast
devoted pleading
or splendid on 'clouds of heaven'
but unannounced, always surprising
and still of all the claims passed down
in verse and scripture
none strike a deeper chord
are weightier or more uplifting
than when Mary, hurrying back

confided
I've seen the Master, he is risen!

Mostly the Lord steals in
on 'humble ground'
in 'lean times'
meagre or wholly bereft
at fading light or lowest ebb
when activity and 'noise' are done
effort, will and hope spent
then, there's a shaking at His rising
heaven and earth tremor
the ceiling, the walls, the floor and the
lintels
and the foundations of the dwelling
place tremble and pitch
and every stone, major and minor
resonates with the gravitas of the
Presence.

*the higher self

Richard O'Donnell

Richard is a retired primary school
headmaster, who has spent much of
his retirement time writing poetry. He
has written several hundred poems
and he feels that "*they're introspective,
expressing insight and observations of
limited value to anyone else.*" He
describes his outlook as "*that of an
affective mystic, certain that we're wholly
loved as wayward creatures.*" He has
shared some of his poems with me
and I have chosen this one as
pertinent to Eastertime. Thank you,
Richard, for sharing this with us.

Marjorie Cole

Bishop Nick's Musings

*You may have heard Bishop Nick giving
this talk on Pause for Thought on BBC
Radio 2 with Zoe Ball recently. It certainly
gives us something to think about.*

I have just returned from speaking at a
convention in the United States. Apart
from spending a couple of nights in
the Watergate Hotel in Washington –
and I didn't even need to break in – I
was in Virginia.

One of the things that strikes me
every time I am there is that we don't
speak the same language. When I first
heard someone refer to 'the recent
unpleasantness', I assumed that
something dodgy had happened which
people didn't really want to talk about
directly. Eventually I asked what had
happened and they said it referred to
the Civil War – which ended in 1865.
That's 155 years ago.

This made me listen even more
carefully to what people were saying –
because I realised that not everything I
was hearing meant what I thought it
did. "Two nations divided by a
common language," was how George
Bernard Shaw put it.

But, this repeated experience makes
real a question put in one of the
gospels when Jesus is talking in
parables – pictures, stories, images ...
you know the sort of thing. In the
middle of explaining something to his
friends he suddenly says: "Pay

attention to how you listen." I must
have read this a million times, but I
didn't notice it until very recently.
"Pay attention to how you listen."
Not what you listen to, but how you
listen.

If you're anything like me, you'll
listen to all sorts of stuff and assume
that you're hearing what is being said.
But, this can be dangerous. How we
listen isn't obvious or self-evident.
Jesus clearly got it.

What this says to me is that I have
to listen more carefully to people and
why they might be saying what they
appear to be saying. Because it might
not be obvious and I might actually be
missing the point. Like the audience at
the Sermon on the Mount in Monty
Python's 'Life of Brian', it's easy to
hear the cheesemakers being blessed
instead of the peacemakers.



Well, let them all be blessed. But, I
need to pay attention to how I listen
today.

Bishop Nick

Nature Notes

Most of the birds that are returning for the breeding season after wintering in Southern Europe or Africa will arrive here in April, the great changeover from winter to summer. A few will probably have arrived in March, and two or three species seldom arrive in north Leeds before the beginning of May, but most of this movement happens in April. Although swallows and martins can feed during the day as they are migrating, most small birds have to migrate at night, to leave the days free for feeding, so their arrival is not very noticeable until they burst into song.

These long journeys are quite dangerous as bad weather can blow birds off course and headwinds can add hours to a crossing of the Sahara or the Mediterranean, but birds that are adapted to feeding on insects have little choice as there are few insects around during winter.

Several species of warblers are amongst the migrants. The Chiffchaff is best known, because its song is a repetition of its name, and some usually get here in March. A close relative, the Willow Warbler, is very similar in appearance but fortunately has a totally different song, and so can easily be distinguished. The Willow Warbler was until recently the most abundant of our summer visitors; but numbers have decreased recently, but it is still quite common.



Chiffchaff

Another common summer visitor is the Blackcap, a small brown warbler with a black cap in the male, brown in the female. Our birds fly off in September to North Africa to escape the winter, but strangely, in the last 25 or 30 years, the same birds living in eastern Europe have started to spend their winters here.

However, migration is not just about birds coming here to breed. Thousands will be leaving Britain to nest in the Arctic where the long hours of daylight give them time to raise their young. Yet more thousands of seabirds that have spent the last six months out in the Atlantic will be heading back to Bempton Cliffs and other nest sites. And so a system that has existed for millennia continues; the world still works in spite of all we have done to it – let's hope it continues.

Peter Larner

A Lichen Walk

Many things I had walked past and not seen were revealed by the expert guidance of Mark. His knowledge is encyclopaedic.

Mark handed each of us a hand lens. We were introduced to crusty lichens, leafy lichens and bushy lichens.

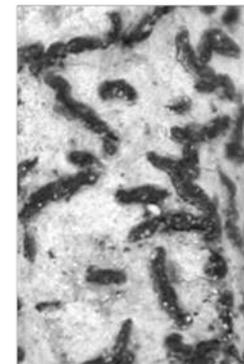
We will all remember the very, very small lichens on the old Tulip tree (Liriodendron), in the Dell. Mark was very excited. The Tulip Tree supports two graphidaceous species, *Opegrapha herbarum* and *O. varia*, neither of which have been recorded within 25 km of the centre of the West Yorkshire conurbation.



The morning was clear, cold and bright with sunshine and no rain.

A small group of us remember that morning for very different reasons from the usual flowers and cards.

We met at York Gate Garden with Professor Seaward – Mark to us at Adel Church. Mark led a lichen tour of York Gate for a small group of gardeners and others involved in the garden. What an interesting morning we all had! I have led tours of York Gate Garden for many years but had my eyes opened that morning.



These lichens were described by members of our group as looking like caraway seeds, worms and Egyptian hieroglyphs.

And the lesson we all take from this - is to look for beauty in the small and insignificant, as well as in the large and showy.

Hilary Taylor

Words from Joyce Hill

Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem

All four gospels place Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem. After questioning Jesus, the Chief Priest and other Jewish leaders were able to go and demand he pass the death sentence. Jerusalem as the great city of Judaea is strongly present throughout the gospels, so we may think that's where Pontius Pilate, the governor, would be. Not so; he was there only because it was the Passover, his presence was to enforce order. Thus, he comes across as rather suspicious of the intentions of Jewish religious leaders.

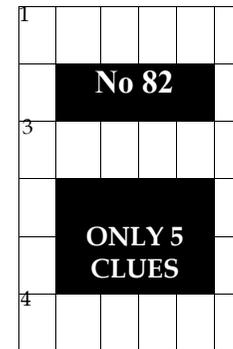
Pilgrims travelled to Jerusalem for the Passover from all over Judaea. This was threatening from the Roman perspective, as it celebrated the Israelites' divine release from slavery in Egypt. What if this crystallised into an uprising against the oppression of the Romans? The Romans kept the Jews at arms-length and installed a non-Jewish puppet dynasty (the Herodians). They controlled the appointment of the Chief Priest (Caiaphas was High Priest throughout Pontius Pilate's tenure, suggesting that this was another puppet figure). If no trouble was caused, the Jews could get on with their own religious business, and the governor, by and large, left Jerusalem to them.

Jerusalem was not the capital of the

Roman province. Their capital had been established at the port of Caesarea Maritima, about 60 miles north-west of Jerusalem. This was where the governor usually carried out his judicial and financial duties and had the headquarters of his detachment of soldiers, who could be deployed as a kind of armed police. It was only at times of high risk that the governor would be present in Jerusalem, probably accompanied by a small force to provide personal protection and to augment the garrison normally held there in the Fortress of Antonia, beside the Temple Mount. Probably this is the location of the 'common hall' (Matthew 27 v. 27, Mark 15 v. 16), 'called the Praetorium' (Mark 15 v. 16). But Roman records indicate that governors visiting Jerusalem normally stayed in Herod's palace, the site of which has been confirmed by recent excavation as lying beneath a corner of the Tower of David on the opposite side of the city from the Temple, although this was no distance in absolute terms: the old city was not large.

Undoubtedly, though, wherever he stayed in Jerusalem at this sensitive time, Pilate would have felt vulnerable, and that fed into the dynamics of his encounter with the Jews and his consequent decisions.

Puzzles



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4. Avoids fighting duels with earl

Down

1. A sweetheart accommodating Conservative for recess
2. Surrenders profits

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Insert each of the following letters into the right cell, so that when the puzzle is completed each row and each column contains a real word.

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Astronomy with Binoculars

Go stargazing at the New Inn, Eccup



The New Inn is surrounded by fields and overlooks Wharfedale. It is the meeting location for public observing sessions by Leeds Astronomical Society. See website for dates.

At the Welcome In in half-term week, OPAL member, Vad Falcone, told us how he meets up with a group of people interested in astronomy, in the field at the back of The New Inn, at dusk. One of our group had brought his telescope, others had binoculars. We could see Emley Moor Mast from the Welcome In, at Tinsill.

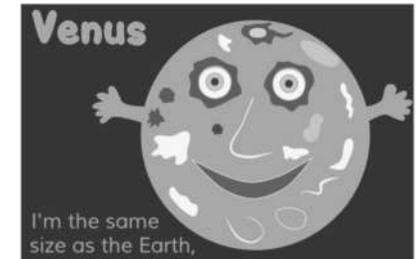
Vad put on his warm, wool hat and reminded us that stargazing is exciting but cold! We would need warm clothing as well as binoculars (or telescope), star charts and recommended a red LED torch (or red head torch) to maximize night vision, plus a flask of hot tea/coffee.

Several members in our group asked Vad about the '**lone bright**

star' that we see in the West at sunset. This is the planet **Venus** (loved by the poet Keats, '*Bright star, would I were steadfast as thou art - not in lone splendour hung aloft the night and watching...*'). Vad showed us slides and charts of the stars, planets and our moon.

Later, after refreshments, we were joined by a group of 'little stars' from the local Nursery School. They told us about the names of the planets and brought round pictures and models that they had helped to make and paint. We joined them in space age action songs with the children jumping up in turn, as we counted down.

It was lovely talking to the children on a Friday afternoon in the Sunshine Room at the Welcome In.



Many thanks to Vad and the children.

We look forward to **Astronomy with Binoculars**, part 2.

Val Crompton

In Your Garden

**A gush of bird-song, a patter of dew,
A cloud, and a rainbow's warning,
Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue;
An April day in the morning.**
Harriet Prescott Spofford

After one of the wettest winters I can remember it would be nice if the promise and anticipation of April can be turned to activity and action. British Summer Time is back with us, there is ever more daylight in the evenings, the sunshine has some warmth in it and your garden is coming to life. Buds are bursting, grass is starting to grow, early flowers are tilting towards the higher sun and the air is full of bird song. There will be nesting birds everywhere, bees and other insects will be out and about on early excursions on the warmer days and the frogspawn in your ponds will be wriggling and then dissolving as the tadpoles emerge.

So; what to be getting on with? I would always start with the weeding and hoeing. It is so much easier to deal with small emerging weeds rather than the more established ones, and it gets you close to the soil to check on its health and fertility. You will also want to resume the mowing of your lawn. Start with a relatively high cutter setting and lower it with successive cuts.

April is the time to be getting your supports in place for those perennials that benefit from them. They should be growing away and easily visible, but not yet too large. Plants such as peonies and delphiniums, penstemons and sedums, globe thistles amongst many others will flower much more attractively with a little help.

Woodland flowers take centre stage in April, together with their garden cousins. They are making the most of the spring sunshine before the canopy fills in, so enjoy the anemones,

primroses and the smell of wild garlic. By the end of the month it will be time to remove any faded daffodil flowers and some early tulip flowers, nipping off heads and the developing seed pods at the same time, but leaving the green leaves.



Wood Anemone
Anemone nemorosa

George Turnbull

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History Groups



Kirkstall Abbey and Visitor Centre is open from 10am-4pm (except Mondays)

The 1152 Club, usually meets every other **Friday**, 10 am -11.30am at **Kirkstall Abbey Visitor Centre**.
Doors Open at **10am**.

Free parking near Abbey House.

A free friendly talks series for those aged 55+. Teas and coffees are served at 10am and talks commence shortly afterwards. No booking required.

New members are welcome.

Why 1152 ?

Kirkstall Abbey was first founded by Cistercian monks in 1152.

For details, speak to Val Crompton or Ann Lightman, or contact:

Patrick Bourne
Kirkstall Abbey, Leeds LS5 3EH
Kirkstall.abbey@leeds.gov.uk
0113 378 4079

**10 April Good Friday 1pm
in the Abbey Church**

There will be **no** 1152 Club Meeting at 10am but all are welcome to join in the Abbeylands Walk and /or just come to the short **1pm Good Friday Service in Kirkstall Abbey**, led by Revd Stephen Kaye of Kirkstall St Stephens (and sing together 'There is a green hill far away...')

See message below from
Revd Stephen Kaye:

"We are planning a walk of witness starting at West Park URC, on Good Friday **12 noon** to walk past the churches along the route to the Abbey, where we will have a short service. The plan is to be there for 1pm but that is dependent on the speed people walk. We'd be more than happy for people to join us for the walk, or **just be in the Abbey Church at around 1pm.**"

24 April 'Memories of Kirkstall Forge'
Neil Armstrong

8 May Bank Holiday (BREAK)

**22 May Simon Watts (DNAire)
talking about the new fish
passes on the River Aire**

Val Crompton

OPAL Activities

(Older People's Action in the Locality)

Welcome In Community Centre, 55 Bedford Drive, LS16 6DJ Tel. 261 9103
www.opal-project.org.uk

Membership now due: £12 per year

No.6 bus stops across the road.

No.32 bus from Holt Park leaves at 10am, Noon and 3pm.

Join Ronnie the Rhino in

Cookridge 1 mile Fun Run/Walk & Community 10km, in memory of Gareth



Dunn on **Sunday 17 May**. Last year we raised £3,200 for OPAL. Money raised will go towards OPAL and Cancer Research.

Keep fit & active with OPAL!

OPAL Keep-Fit is on Wed. 11am-noon, at Adel Stables.

Chair-based Exercise Class on

Tuesdays, 2-3.15pm at Welcome In;

Tai Chi is on Thurs at Adel

Community Centre, New Adel Lane, 10am-11am, £4.

Table Tennis / Games weekly on

Thurs. 10.30am-12 noon, in the Sunshine Room at OPAL

Rhino's Active Social—Walking Sports continues once a month, on Wednesdays, 10.30-12 noon.

Next Trip: Thurs 23 April Cruise

on the Calder & Hebble Navigation, 10.30am-5pm

The **OPAL Cafe** is open to all on Wed, Thurs, & Fridays 9am-2pm.

There is a **Fri Lunch club for the over 50s, also Monday & Tues Lunch Clubs** (Booking essential). Join us for a home cooked meal.

Friday Coffee Afternoons 1-3pm at the Welcome In. Games or Talks

The **Writing Group** meet **2pm - 3pm, on the 3rd Monday** of the month. Next meeting at Holt Park Library, will be on **Mon 20 April**.

OPAL Men's Group, Wed 1 April 11am- 4.15pm Lunch & visit to Bradford Police Museum.

Tues Tea Dance Group meet 2-4pm at the Welcome In on **14 & 28 April**—you don't need a partner.

BookChat 10.30-11.30am. informal group meets at OPAL, on Mondays with Mark Connors, all welcome.

Cllr Jonathan Bentley holds a Surgery First Saturday of the month 11.30am-1pm. Tel. **0113 230 1481**
MP Surgery Alex Sobel 1st Fri of the month by appointment.

Call at the OPAL Office, at the Welcome In: **Open Mon-Fri** 10am-1pm, or phone **261 9103** for details.

Val Crompton

York Gate Update



1951 York Gate Cottage, Farmyard, Buildings & House

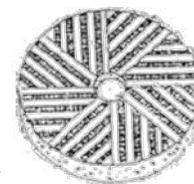
Val

Update on the Sunken Garden

This site was York Gate Farmyard until 1958 when old farm buildings were knocked down and a new large cottage built from the old stones. The farmyard became the large front garden of **York Gate Cottage**.

On 22nd April 2020, York Gate will re-open with a Mediterranean sunken garden, the new front garden of York Gate Cottage. This has been created by award-winning landscape architect, Alistair Baldwin, and YG Head Gardener, Ben Preston.

The central millstone is in and the garden is quickly coming together. We have been working on this new dry garden, placing sandstone boulders from a local quarry, exactly



the same stone that makes up the bedrock beneath our feet.

It is amazing to see how free-draining the whole garden is, even after all the rain! We have sore backs and arms but there is plenty of smiling. We're getting giddy over the planting pockets we're creating with every boulder laid!

Overlooking the new garden, the spacious front room of the cottage, becomes the **new café** with its attractive sun terrace. This will open all year round, Wednesday to Sunday, from **10am-5pm**, serving wholesome, homemade food. New staff member, Suzanne, is our Catering Manager.

Jack Ogg
Senior Gardener

Friends of York Gate



Open Morning

Thanks to those who came along to offer their help at our sunny Open Morning on 11 March. It was great to see so many potential volunteers!

On 26 March, all our current and new volunteers got the opportunity to meet Perennial's Chief Executive, **Peter Newman**. Peter spoke about the importance of the charitable work that Perennial does to help horticulturalists in need.

Our **Visitor Experience & Volunteer Co-ordinator, Zoe**, can be contacted on zparker@perennial.org.uk

Unfortunately due to the building work, we have had to delay our opening day to Wed 22 April.

From **Wed 22nd April**, the garden

will be open 5 days a week, Wed-Sunday, 11am-4.30pm, until 1st November. We will also open on **Bank Holiday Mondays**.

Garden Preview As a member of our local community, we would like to invite you to our **Friends & Locals weekend** when the garden will be open on **Sat 18 April and Sun 19 April**, exclusively for your enjoyment.

If you would like to become a **Friend of York Gate**—which means you can come as many times as you like during public opening days, bringing a guest with you, then we have increased the price to £30.

Friends only events are on

Wed 29 April 6-9pm,
Wed 20 May 6-9pm,
Thurs 18 June 6-9pm,
Wed 15 July 6-9pm,
Wed 19 Aug 6-9pm,
Tues 22 Sept 10am-12 noon
Tues 20 Oct 10am-12 noon

Contact **Sally Latchford** for further details: Tel. **267 8240**
Finance & Administration
Coordinator
yorkgate@perennial.org.uk

Ben Preston,
Head Gardener

Barry Anderson

Caroline and I would like to wish all readers of Adel Bells a very Happy Easter.

Update on Adel Co-Op and Post Office

The Plan is for the works to start in June and finish in November. A temporary store will be in place but unfortunately this won't contain a Post Office. Apologies are given for any inconvenience. Unfortunately, a PO can't be included in the temporary store due to lack of room. Unfortunately, they can't relocate the Post Office to the old NatWest site as it is not fit for Post Office purposes. Everything possible will be done to get the new store and PO open as soon as possible.

Adel Surgery Update

The consultation period has started and the following comments received: "After careful consideration of all factors we do not feel it is viable to keep the branch surgery open owing to a gradual reduction in patients visiting the surgery with more opting to visit the main surgery in Alwoodley. Trying to spread ourselves too thinly over two locations is proving difficult and impacting on the excellent care we provide to our patients. Management implications of two sites have also led us to this decision and the premises

maintenance costs are increasing on a regular basis. Patients who use Adel as their main surgery will be given the option of staying with the surgery and being seen at Alwoodley or registering at an alternative surgery. The proposal has been discussed with Highfield (Holt Park), Burton Croft, Ireland Wood and Abbey Grange surgeries who all have capacity to register new patients if they choose." Every patient of the surgery should have received a consultation letter. Consultation closes at Midnight on Sunday 5th April.

David Wilson Homes

Cllr. Caroline Anderson, two representatives from the Neighbourhood Forum and I met with the Senior Planners and raised concerns regarding outstanding environmental issues. We are fighting on to try and get the best for the community and are fully committed to trying to get a development which suits this historical site.

Grass Cutting & Tree Planting

The most recent update is that residents are keen to see more tree planting, wildflower and biodiversity areas across the Ward to encourage insects, bees etc.

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Billy Flynn

Police

Please note that there has been a significant increase in burglaries and home related crime in Adel over the last few months. This has involved sneak in and out type thefts and the removal of vehicles. I had someone trying my door, front and back, at 9am one morning when my entire family were in, and my son's house was also targeted, both unsuccessfully I hasten to add. The common denominator in many of the thefts was unlocked and/or unsecure doors and windows. While it is unlikely you will be a victim of crime, it's even more unlikely if you keep your doors and windows locked and secure. I appreciate that this is easier to do and more convenient during the winter and autumn months but less so in the spring and summer. However, simple security measures really do help prevent this nasty kind of crime if you keep the house secure even when you are at home and particularly if you are in the garden. The police are well aware of the incidents and will respond immediately if you ring 999. Don't worry if it turns out to be a false alarm, the police will not mind in the slightest and much better safe than sorry.

Adel Surgery

No apologies this time for bringing up the proposed closure of the surgery

yet again. If you wish to see the online consultation document here is the link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/adelsurgery/>,

If you get this magazine on time, you can attend the final public meeting to discuss the proposed closure as follows:

Thursday 2 April 2-3pm at The Alwoodley Room, Weetwood Hall Conference Complex

Fuller details of the consultation process are on the Adel Crag website and notice boards. I have been approached by many residents complaining about the closure and my advice has been consistent. Make your objections known to the practice by writing to the Patient Participation Group (PPG) copying in the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG.) However, out of the thousands of patients who use Adel only around 20 had formally objected to the PPG by the end of February. That level of response will not help my attempts to replace the Adel surgery with a new practice at Adel if or when it closes. This will be the final opportunity to give your views on the closure so it is essential that you take advantage of the consultation to let the practice and CCG know your views otherwise you will lose the only GP surgery we have in Adel.

Telephone 0113 2613896,
07810640282 or email
billy.flynn@leeds.gov.uk.

What's On

Adel Ladies' Luncheon Club Wednesday 1st April

'Flanders and Swann'
Mr M Cooper
Castle Grove, Headingley
Please note that all lunches are served at 12.30pm
Contact Muriel Huntley
Tel 230 1584

Headingley Flower Club at Bramhope

Friday 6th April
'Patterns of Africa'
Elaine Bedford, NE Area
Demonstrator
7.30pm Bramhope Village Hall,
Old Lane, Bramhope. LS16 9AZ
Contact Mrs Jean Money
Tel 01924 468714

Adel Gardeners Monday 6th April

'Greenhouse Gardening'
Peter Williams
7.30 Friends Meeting House
Contact D. Hainsworth 261 1769
Visit website at
adelhort.btck.co.uk

National Vegetable Society

West Yorkshire District Assn
Tuesday 9th April
'All About Seeds'
David Thornton
8pm Leeds Paxton Horticultural
Halls, Kirkstall LS5 2AB
Contact David Allison FNVS
Tel: 01943 862 106

Adel Neighbourhood Forum Thursday 16th April

Old Stables 7.30pm
Contact Caroline Anderson
Tel: 285 7562

Creative Writing Monday 20th April

The monthly Writers' Group usually meets 2pm-3pm on the 3rd Monday of the month at **Holt Park Library**. Just come along and join us. You do not need to be a member of OPAL.
Contact Val Crompton
Tel 225 9142



What's On

Adel Players

"In light of the current outbreak of Coronavirus, Adel Players has with regret decided that it is necessary to postpone their next production, "Going Straight". The performance dates were originally scheduled for 22-25 April and this could well have coincided with a peak in cases within the UK and a possible ban on non-essential gatherings.

Like most amateur drama groups, Adel Players do not have the luxury of having understudies. As a result, they felt that infection and/or the need to self-isolate in even one or two key personnel could have seriously compromised their ability to deliver this play to their usual standard.

They have agreed instead that "Going Straight" will be performed in the first slot available in their 2020-2021 season, that is from 21-24 October 2020. They apologise for the disappointment this causes but hope all concerned will understand their reasons for postponing in the current unpredictable circumstances.

Adel Players are still hoping that circumstances by June will be such that the annual murder mystery, which this year is entitled "The Final Reckoning", can still go ahead at Adel Memorial Hall on 6 June, and they look forward to welcoming their friends and loyal patrons to the production then."

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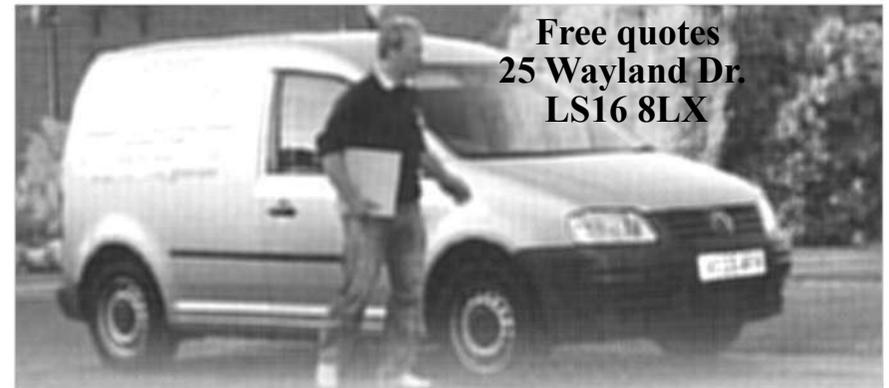
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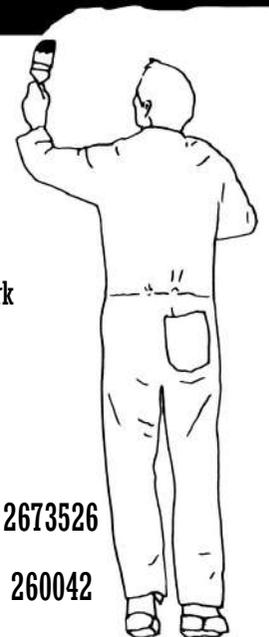
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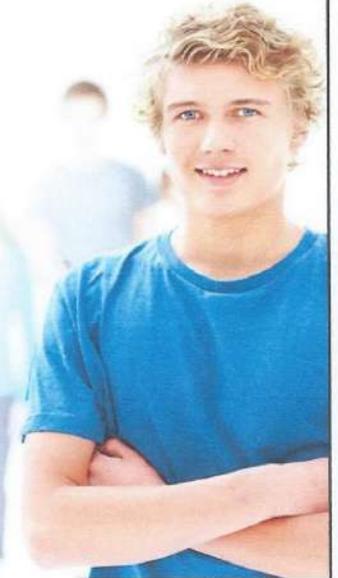


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Fri 3rd	1.30pm	J Js (for the under sixes)
Sunday 5th		Palm Sunday
	8am	Holy Communion with blessing of palms
	10am	Parish Communion with blessing of palms and procession from the Stables
Wed 8th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th		Easter Day
	6am	Dawn Eucharist with new fire, vigil and renewal of baptismal vows
	8am	Said Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist with augmented choir and Easter Egg hunt for the children
Wed 15th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th		Second Sunday of Easter
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	All Age Service with Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wed 22nd	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th		Third Sunday of Easter
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Wed 29th	11am	Holy Communion

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