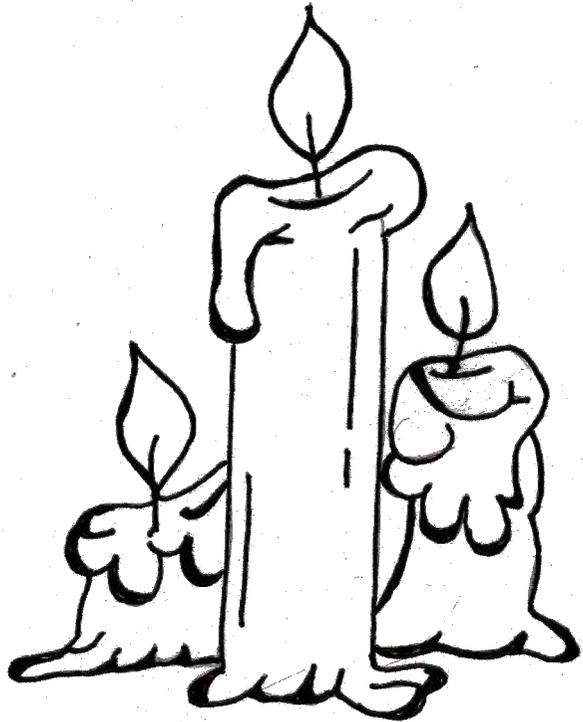




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### The Candlemas Prayer

Lord God, you are the source of  
 everlasting light.  
 Your son, our beloved Lord Jesus  
 was presented in the temple 40  
 days after his birth.  
 He was recognised by Simeon and  
 Anna,  
 and welcomed as the promised  
 Messiah.  
 May we like them, behold the glory  
 of the Lord Jesus.  
 Grant that we may stand before  
 you  
 with hearts cleansed by your  
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 So may we come by your grace  
 to eternal life .  
 Amen.

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## From the Editor

I hope you were all able to enjoy a better Christmas than in 2020. It is a sad fact in these times that we always seem to be hoping for better days ahead, as indeed we at Adel Church were doing before Omicron struck. And so, we had to make last-minute changes to plans, deciding to hold the 3pm Christmas Eve Crib service outside for the safety of all concerned, the 5pm Crib Service with Carols by Candlelight having been planned for outdoors from the start. What a brilliant decision that was! Sharing the joy of Christmas with so many people from our community, singing carols whilst looking at the beautiful wooden crib scene; all contributed to feeling fully part of the story. You can read more details on page 10. It was such a heart-warming experience that we may well do an outside service next Christmas, even if life has returned to normal.

Some things did happen that could not take place in 2020, singing being one of them. The joy of singing Christmas Carols with a crowd of people was denied us. So on 19th December we

had a proper Carol Service, with an augmented choir and congregation participation. The event was well attended and not being overcrowded we all felt safe. The choir too enjoyed their opportunity to sing together again, as Mark Baylis writes on page 8. And for those who could not attend the service, there was the opportunity to watch it being live-streamed.



You must all be aware that, as a nation, we are planning to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, but did you know that her accession to the throne actually took place on 6th February 1952? We thought it would be nice to mark the occasion, but given the risky times we are living through, we are planning a short, online event. You can find information about this on page 18. Hopefully, by the time June arrives we might be able to meet in person, even if it is still outdoors.

**Marjorie Cole**

## Rector Alison's Letter

### Remembering Tutu

Dear Friends

There are two images from the end of 2021 that will stay in my memory. The first, our crib services, forced outside by Covid. It was damp and muddy, but perhaps even more joyful than when we squashed into church.



The sight of so many people with candles, hearing the ancient story and singing carols together at the 5pm service really did underline the truth that 'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.' The meaning of Christmas was somehow enlarged by taking it outside.

Then in contrast, on Boxing Day came the news that Desmond Tutu had died, and as the Archbishop of York said, 'the world itself feels a little smaller without him.'



Archbishop Tutu was a fearless fighter against Apartheid. He became a priest after resigning his teaching post in protest against laws restricting the education of blacks to the basics needed for a life of servitude. He used his life in so many ways to enlarge the lives of others.

Tutu is remembered for defying apartheid laws, for protesting in the streets and from the pulpit; and when this brought armed police into his church...for dancing down the aisle and inviting them to join him!

He is also remembered for his insistence that progress could only come in South Africa with forgiveness for those whose actions led to misery and oppression. But this forgiveness was never an easy path. The truth and reconciliation commission, chaired by Tutu, required perpetrators to face and own what they had done; and it asked their victims to try to let go of past wrongs and look to the future. From the tributes of those who met him, it seems it was hard not to love

this bundle of energy with his infectious laugh. It would be easy to remember him and feel inadequate, knowing we will never enlarge the world as he did.

But I am reminded of a story Tutu told. As a child he was amazed when a white priest stepped off the pavement to let them pass, and raised his hat to Tutu's mother. From this tiny action began Tutu's realisation that he need not accept discrimination, and that religion could be a powerful tool in the fight.

That simple act of respect and kindness is something we could all aspire to; and we never know where such acts might lead...how they might enlarge someone's life.

There are many inspiring quotes from Desmond Tutu being shared at the moment. One of my favourites is, 'Do a little bit of good wherever you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.'

As we face the uncertainty of 2022, I pray that as we defied the problems of covid and gathered with our candles at our outdoor crib, we will continue to keep the light shining in the darkness, doing our little bits of good.

With love and prayers

**Alison**

### **Booking information**

**A**t the moment, only Junior church needs to be booked. Details of how to book are on the back cover.

### **Live-streaming of services**

As you may be aware, we aim to live-stream our 10am services every Sunday on our YouTube channel. If you are not able to watch them live, they are still available to watch at your leisure.

To access the YouTube channel you can follow links on the website, search for Adel Parish Church on YouTube or type into your browser

[www.tinyurl.com/adeltube](http://www.tinyurl.com/adeltube)

Please note that if you wish to watch the services at your leisure, they may take a few hours before they appear on the channel.

### **Social Events**

Given the uncertainty of the covid situation at present, we feel it will be wiser to organise social events over Zoom, at least over the next few weeks. We are planning some interesting activities (see page 22) but also keep an eye on our Facebook page and website, and email

[adelparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:adelparishchurch@gmail.com)

if you would like further information or to register an interest in an event.

# **Christmas 2021**

## **Community Carol Service**

I have been a member of the church's augmented choir for quite a number of years now – I would guess somewhere in the region of 10 to 15 years - and sing in the tenor section. The last couple of years or so have, of course, been very challenging for everyone due to the pandemic. Indeed, due to the ever-changing situation, we didn't know if we could go actually go ahead with the carol service until very close to the day itself.

With Chris Cunliffe, Choirmaster, leading the way, we had been rehearsing over a number of weeks in what can only be described as rather surreal circumstances, trying to ensure that all members of the choir were as safe as possible. For example, wearing masks when not singing - and remembering to do this!

We had fewer singers than usual this year for various reasons, particularly in the tenor and bass sections. Sadly, as many of you will know, long-standing choir members John Pitts and Stephen Till have both passed away since the start of the pandemic, and their presence and contributions are greatly missed.

On to the day itself, a dozen or so members of the choir were able to sing – with Rector Alison & Chris

Cunliffe 'multi-tasking' and joining in with us where possible. The service was beamed live on You Tube for those unable to attend the service. The choir and congregation sang 14 carols altogether, either side of the readings/blessing, some of which were 'easier' than others! I am a big fan of John Rutter, so I was pleased that we sang a couple of his well-known pieces, the 'Nativity Carol' and 'Star Carol'. 'Masters In This Hall', which dates back to circa 1860, was also enjoyable and possibly the most challenging in terms of attentiveness, navigation, and timings!

The service started with 'Once in Royal David's City, with James Moxon admirably singing solo for the first verse, with the congregation joining in later on in verse 3. The choir then sang 'Adam Lay Y Bounden', which was followed by the choir and congregation singing 'See Amid the Winter's Snow'.

After this, we sang Rutter's 'Star Carol', with the congregation joining us in 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'. Next was the choir's rendition of 'Angelus ad Virginem', where we had to really focus on the Latin words and pronunciations - the rehearsals we'd had certainly helping us along the way! Then all joined in for 'Unto us is Born a Son', followed by the choir singing the 'Nativity Carol and an alternative version/arrangement of 'Away in a

Manger’.

Choir and congregation then continued to alternate and after the rather fast-paced ‘Masters in this Hall’ I’d just about caught my breath again by the time we’d all started to sing the classic ‘In the Bleak Midwinter’!

The penultimate, traditional, ‘O Come All Ye Faithful’ was sung by everyone as too the final, and uplifting, ‘Hark! The Herald Angels Sing’.

The service lasted approximately 1 ¼ hours in total and seemed to pass in a flash, leaving everyone with that nice ‘Christmassy’ feeling!

The mulled wine, kindly provided for the choir afterwards in the Stables, was much appreciated and helped to sooth some rather sore throats!

Let’s hope next year’s carol service is held in much better circumstances for us all. And, if you are interested in joining the choir in 2022, please do get in touch with Chris Cunliffe (we are particularly short of tenors and basses) - I personally find it a very enjoyable, and therapeutic, experience!

### Mark Baylis

*Although we are no longer in the carol season, the recording of this service is still available on the church’s YouTube channel.*

### TCD

If you chanced to come past the Stables on Christmas Day, you might

have seen a Christmas Dinner in full swing. We had been approached in November with a request by an organisation called TCD for the Stables to be used for the purpose of providing a Christmas Day experience, with dinner and presents, to young people who had been in care. It was a wonderful opportunity for us as a church to do what we could to help those in need.

TCD stands for The Christmas Dinner and it is an annual project founded by the poet Lemn Sissay OBE for communities to provide an amazing Christmas Day for care leavers aged between 18 and 25 – one they’ll never forget. Each Dinner is organised locally by a steering group of people who come together to make the Christmas Day magic happen. And in 2021 it did happen, right here in the Stables, a fitting name for a place holding an event on Christmas Day.

An organisation was set up by friends of Lemn Sissay, The Gold from the Stone Foundation, to raise and give money to the local teams. Its goal is to spread the message about the Dinners and to encourage people to come together to stage Dinners in their own community. Leeds has been hosting such dinners since 2016, but this was the first time for Adel; we were very happy to give them the opportunity to use our premises.

### Marjorie Cole

### Who was missing?

Every year we try to come up with fresh ideas to help us share the Good News of Jesus’ birth with our community. In Covid times we have been especially focusing on things that can take place outdoors, and this year I got involved with staging our new wooden outdoor nativity scene.

Our idea was to create simple figures to be placed in a tableau by the church porch. We decided it would be fun to add the figures one at a time through Advent, building towards the completed scene just in time for our Crib Services on Christmas Eve. This had the benefit that we didn’t have to get the pieces finished all at once!

First up were the angel and star. Together they told us to look out for something special to happen, announcing good news in difficult times, and pointed us towards the events to come. Then in the second week came the shepherd and his sheep; reminders that the good news was (and is) for ordinary folk, not those who are whiter than white and never put a foot wrong.

In week 3 we added some figures from the stable itself: the donkey with his manger of hay, and a shepherd lad. They were there to show that there **was** welcome given to the Hoiy Family, even in a time of hardship and anxiety - an era maybe not so different from our own

circumstances. And perhaps too to help us reflect on our own welcome to strangers in need.

Finally on Christmas Eve came Mary & Joseph - and the manger now complete with Jesus. Just a tiny baby, born in difficult circumstances to a teenage mum . . . or also the Son of God, as the angel declared, and millions of Christians still believe?

Many of us gathered in the drizzly darkness of Christmas Eve afternoon to pay homage to the child Jesus at our Crib Services. We had decorated the scene with tiny fairy lights to illuminate it, and as we sang *Away in a Manger* together, we turned to focus on the nativity tableau and its story of God’s ultimate love for us. It was wonderful to feel part of this.

Rector Alison asked us all if there was anyone missing. Answers included the innkeeper; three wise men; and more animals. What do you think? We are intending to add more figures for next year so do drop a line with your ideas to [adelbellscm@gmail.com](mailto:adelbellscm@gmail.com)

Huge thanks to our talented team for their time and creativity, including Anna who drew the wonderful artwork, Matthew who spent hours in a cold garage making superb woodwork, and skilful painting from Lucy adding the finishing touches.

### Sarah Turnbull

# In February

## Candlemas

2nd February every year is Candlemas Day, also known as the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. But why is it called Candlemas? It was the day of the year when all candles that were to be used in church during the coming year were brought into church and a blessing was said over them. Candles were important in those days, but as well as giving light, some people thought they gave protection against plague, illness and famine.



For Christians they were (and still are) a reminder of something even more important. Before Jesus came to earth, it was as if everyone was 'in the dark'. People often felt afraid and had no one to help them. Then came Jesus with his message that he is with his followers, always ready to help and comfort them. We too have had our share of feeling afraid and in need of comfort, so let us not forget that Jesus is the light of the world and is there for us, and candles are lit during services to remind us of this.

However, here in Adel, we are celebrating Candlemas on the nearest Sunday to 2nd February, which is 30th January. We look forward to seeing you there if you get this

magazine in time.

Lent comes hard upon the heels of February this year, so watch out for news about how we are going to mark Lent. Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March and the 11 O'clock service will be an ashing service and in the evening of the same day there will be a communion service with ashing. Please make a note of these dates in your diary.

## Marjorie Cole

## Adel Gardeners

In December I asked readers to let me know if there were any local groups who used to advertise their events on our What's On page and who would like to do so again. I heard from only one such group, Adel Gardeners, so rather than being on a dedicated page with other groups, they may appear on any page in the magazine that has space for them.

## February 14<sup>th</sup> 2022, 7.30pm

Sarah Hopps – one of our regular speakers - talking about **“A Garden for all Seasons”**

This talk is via Zoom. If you would like to take part, please request a link by emailing:

adelhort@btinternet.com

# A Churchyard Through time, Part 3



There is a simple arched gravestone on the north side of the main path from Church Lane.

It was designed by Patrick Gordon's only sibling, Annie. It reads:

## Patrick Francis Congreve Gordon

1st June 1949- 26th March 2007

Actor and Gardener

**'the silent force of Love  
knows no barriers'**

**RIP**

This quote is from Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's **'Love and God'**. (1918 – 2008)

Patrick Gordon was an actor who loved gardening. He had several small parts in big films inc. *The Ten Commandments* (2006).

In between acting jobs, Patrick worked enthusiastically at Harewood House,

on the restoration of the Walled Kitchen Garden. Patrick lived at **Cedar House** in Adel. When Patrick died, the team at **Harewood** planted a young **Deodar Cedar tree** in the Himalayan Garden, near the walled garden, in his memory.

The Adel Deodar Cedar tree was much smaller when I first saw it in the 1950s—while walking from Church Lane along the Adel Smithy footpath leading to the Bedquilts. I was surprised then by Cedar House! It looked as if it belonged in Norway or Canada. The tall wooden house loomed dark in a low, grey stone-walled garden, next to Smithy Cottage.

Across the unmade narrow road was **Glebe Cottage**, one of the few buildings marked on the 1847 OS map. It is also marked on the **1743** Church Terrier.



Since 2009, this part of Adel, bounded by Church Lane up to Back Church Lane, including the Church Buildings, Golf Club, York Gate &



Stairfoot Bridge, Dinah's Cottage, Long Causeway, and the footpath that runs from the old stile

by the school, across to **Adel Old Smithy**, forms the Extended **Adel St John's Conservation Area**.

On the 2021 **Conservation Area Walk**, I was asked about the history of **Cedar House**. This house is marked in blue, in the LCC booklet, as a building that makes a '**positive contribution to the character of the area**.' When I made enquiries, I found out that Cedar House had been owned by the **Gordon family since 1971**.

Annie Gordon told me that Cedar House had been built in Cedar wood by **Samuel Ingham in 1940**, to a Canadian design. The carved oak doorway features oak leaves and acorns, **an owl and a squirrel**. Samuel Ingham had bought Smithy Cottage and the land, on which Cedar House now stands, from the church. He lived at Smithy Cottage while building Cedar House on the land adjoining Smithy Cottage garden. Samuel moved into Cedar House on completion in 1940.

In Adel Churchyard you will find many **Ingham**

gravestones, some in the South section A, near the main door. See if you can find this grave of Charles Ingham (and read his poem)?



I had first met **Con Gordon** (father of Patrick & Annie Gordon) in **1980** when my family were living on Stonegate Road. Con was a YEP reporter and he came to visit us and photograph some of the snakes and lizards kept by my late husband, John. Sadly, I met Con Gordon's daughter, Annie, in **2007**, in the churchyard, at the burial of her brother, Patrick. I was standing in as Funeral Verger.

Through Ian Bond, of Adel Residents' Association, I was able to meet up with **Annie Gordon**, in December 2021. Annie has been helping me find out more about Cedar House. Take a walk through Adel Churchyard and across the Bedquilts path and see the height of the Cedar tree in 2022!



**Val Crompton**

## Penny's Ponders

**S**orry, I'm a bit late but I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. I, for one, am very pleased indeed to see the days getting longer, slowly but surely. I am not a great fan of the dark – probably because my eyes are not quite as sharp as they were, and you never know what is lurking in the undergrowth! I don't like surprises, unless they are of the treat variety and also, having an aversion to mud, I don't like not knowing where I'm putting my feet. Street lights help a bit, but I suspect they help you humans more than us dogs.

Light! So important to everything and everyone. Now, I have quite an ongoing interest in your human words and am always keen to increase my knowledge of your vocabulary, so that I can reduce the chance of you getting one over on me!

It does seem to me that there is a 'correlation' (good word!) sometimes between lightness and warmth, not always I grant you, particularly when that white stuff has come down or the puddles are frozen – then it is cold as well as light.

I have made an interesting discovery, perhaps this is another correlation, as it is getting lighter, things on the ground are growing: where I walk it is slowly getting greener, there are

some interesting shoots coming through, although please do be careful not to sit on any daffodil blades which are now appearing, they are quite painful – I have learnt this by experience. Some of the shoots I recognise as my favourite grass, which means soon I won't have to eat the fuzzy-wuzzy greeny things which grow much too quickly and end up with white flowers, not at all nice to eat.

I know that you humans have a great affinity to light, not only to daylight, but to spiritual light – the Light of Christ. Looking back to Christmas, several times I heard 'Alexa' sing a lovely carol :

"The race that long in darkness sat  
Has seen a glorious light."

(I do understand that by 'race' this means people. To make your poetry work, I know you have to use different words sometimes.) What a wonderful analogy! We are coming out of the darkness of winter now into longer and warmer days and those who are seeking faith and truth have just experienced the celebration of the birth of Christ – the glorious light which gives faith and hope to all who will hear the good news.

I do hope that you will enjoy discovering the wonders of the gospel of Christ as we see more light in our world, in every sense.  
Woofs and licks, **Penny**

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# A Tea Merchant

Many readers will have enjoyed a cup of tea at **The**



**Stables.** The man who looked ahead and saw the growth of tea-drinking was **James Stables**. He was born in **1814**, the **son of James Stables** of Horsforth, and **Jane**, née **Kettlewell**. James became a **Tea Merchant—through his mother's family of grocers, the Kettlewells.**



James went into partnership with William Titterington and the tea business boomed. William left to set up a business in Newcastle and became **Rington's Tea**. James stayed in Leeds, He was a very successful Tea Merchant and married **Mary Ann Dey**. James became a magistrate and was generous with his wealth, supporting many good causes, including giving £30,000 to build a Nurses Home at LGI.

James purchased land in Horsforth. At **Four Lane Ends**, he built a home for his growing family. The house still stands but the grounds are now built over by the **Southway** estate. When **Krystyna Novak**, \* who has a property in Horsforth, found out that the land used to belong to James Stables, she decided to research his family.

There are five **Kettlewell** graves and **four Stables** graves in **Adel Churchyard**. Two tall Stables graves are in the North section.

Grave 128D lists **five sons of James & Mary Ann** who died under the age of 16: Charles 5, Alfred 10 months, Sidney 4, Rodney 15, Ebenezer 14.

Grave 127D lists **James Stables** who died in 1901 aged 87, his wife **Mary Ann** who died in 1908 aged 89, and **Hannah, elder daughter** who died Feb 17th **1926**, aged 82.

Daughter **Lucy** became President of the Horsforth District Nursing Association. **'She often went about her work on horseback. She was an excellent horsewoman and cut a striking figure riding a good horse.'** (Dr Henry Bailey).

Lucy Stables married John Peers Boyd **Carpenter**, son of the Bishop of Ripon.

James & Mary Ann's youngest child, **Walter Howard Stables**, born in **1862**, became Vicar of St Chad's, Headingley. He died aged 44 and is buried at St Chad's. He left a widow & four children. The organ at St Chad's was a gift in Walter Howard's memory - as was the 1913 pulpit at Ripon Cathedral.

\*Many thanks to Krystyna for sending us her research notes & photos for the Adel Archives,  
**Val Crompton**

# Nature Notes

## Swans, a familiar sight

Probably the most easily identified British birds, swans are a familiar sight on rivers and streams, ponds and lakes. The very large white bird, its stately progress and its elegant long neck is unmistakable. This is the Mute Swan, so called because it is supposed not to make any kind of call, but when they fly their wings make quite a loud noise since they are very big wings beating against the air.

Mute Swans seem to have an unusual relationship with Man. They are wild birds, but they do not usually show alarm when approached, perhaps gliding smoothly away, but a rapid take-off is rather difficult as it requires a very long scamper along the surface of the water until a high enough speed is reached for take-off. I once watched one at Adel Dam trying to get out. It set off from one end of the lake and began racing towards the other end; feet paddling madly, wings beating strongly, but it couldn't get enough height to clear the trees. Four or five times it tried – and failed. However it did get out eventually. Since then I have seen one or two others which presumably also got out. They are probably close to the limit of weight for a flying bird. If they got any heavier they would need bigger wings and more muscle: yet more weight.

Although Mute Swans are wild birds,

some of those on the Thames are caught at the annual “Swan Upping” so that they can be marked as belonging to the Queen by cutting a couple of “nicks across their beaks”. Numbers appear to have increased since anglers stopped using poisonous lead weights which some birds ingested along with the vegetation they were eating.

The Mute Swan is the only swan that breeds regularly in Britain but there are two other swans that spend the winter months here: the Whooper Swan and Bewick's Swan. The Whooper Swans that winter in the UK nest in Iceland and the Bewick's nest in Russia's high arctic tundra - spending winter on their breeding grounds is not really an option. My impression is that many of these visitors nowadays spend the winter on reserves where they are fed.

Whooper Swans are about the same size as the Mute Swan with a much straighter neck and a black bill which has a long yellow section. They make loud trumpeting calls. Bewick's are smaller with less yellow and more black on the bill. Both have long journeys to and from the UK every year, and every year the migrating flocks will contain young birds that, 12 weeks before setting off on this epic journey were eggs. Remarkable..

**Peter Larner**

# Our Queen



From this . . .

. . . to this

A matter of 70 years!



On Sunday 6th February Queen Elizabeth II will have reigned for 70 years. National celebrations of this outstanding achievement will not take place until June. When that time comes, it would be good to have some thoughts and memories about her reign to put in our June magazine. So please get your thinking caps on and send me notes about your experiences to [adelbellscm@gmail.com](mailto:adelbellscm@gmail.com)

Here is a suggestion of questions to get you going. Anything you write will be welcome, however long or short.

- A meeting with, or seeing the Queen or other members of the Royal Family (especially at local events)
- The death of King George VI
- The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth
- Celebrating previous Royal Jubilees
- Locally taken photographs of the Queen/Royal Family members, or of previous Jubilee/Coronation celebrations.

**Let's raise a glass to the Queen!**

We intend holding an informal event on Zoom at **3.30pm on Sunday 6th February**. There will be no charge for this event. We shall give a short presentation with photos of the Queen and hopefully this will encourage the participants to share their thoughts and memories of a much-loved Queen, who for many of you has been on the throne your entire lives. And perhaps we can raise a glass in honour to a lady who has devoted her life to serving us.

Please send an email to [adelparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:adelparishchurch@gmail.com) if you would like to take part in this event.

**More events planned—see page 22.**

# Words from Joyce Hill

## The Childhood of Jesus

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February we celebrate a scene from early in Jesus's life, when he was presented in the Temple and was prophetically greeted by Anna and Simeon. This feast-day has several different names: the Purification of the Blessed Virgin; the Presentation of Christ in the Temple; and Candlemas. Everyone came to the church with a lighted candle, the light-filled nave dramatically enacting Simeon's words that the child would be 'a light to lighten the gentiles'. It was only at the Mass of Candles that ordinary people would see an enclosed space so wonderfully illuminated.

The other story about Jesus's childhood is the account of his visit to the Temple in Jerusalem with Mary and Joseph when he was twelve years old. He was so absorbed in debating with the teachers, he was left behind when the family's travelling group set off on the journey back to Nazareth. The purpose of the story is to show that Jesus had an extraordinary familiarity with and curiosity about his faith to a level way beyond his years and, significantly, it is in his reply to Mary that he first claims God as his Father and looks forward to a divine ministry.

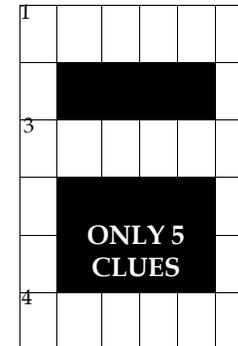
It is only Luke's gospel that has these two childhood stories, and both relate to Jewish religious practice. The author, with gentile Christians in

mind, wished to emphasise that Jesus had been brought up in the great Jewish faith, out of which the new message grows. Tellingly, it is Luke, in his account of the Presentation, who foretells the outreach to the gentiles through the words of Simeon.

At twelve years old Jesus was at the point of accepting his responsibilities as an adult in the Jewish faith, marked by a ceremony in the local synagogue. Preparation for it involved studying, as it still does for the bar-mitzvah. Perhaps the visit to Jerusalem for Passover was a further marker of this stage in Jesus's life making a long and potentially dangerous journey south from Galilee. It would be a special event for a family of modest means with children to consider. Their primary destination, the Temple, was the grandiose renovation and enlargement recently carried out by Herod the Great in a bid for popularity. The learned teachers were probably in an outer courtyard where, following the Passover, they made themselves available for public discourse and teaching.

Luke's account, full of human touches, attracted the great Cistercian abbot, Ailred of Rievaulx. In the early 1160s he wrote an engaging spiritual treatise entitled *Jesus as a Boy of Twelve* written in Latin and is available in translation.

# Puzzles



### Across

1. Young cow unhappy here, if kept inside
3. Fish beginning to reek – one on ice?
4. Score four times

### Down

1. Nuisance interrupting Martha's sleep
2. Beam crossing room in tavern, Initially a curiosity

### Sudoku - Hard

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

Solution on page 28

## Word Square

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.

**T S L B R A E R**

			<b>E</b>
<b>U</b>		<b>E</b>	<b>A</b>
		<b>N</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>		

## Which Bird am I?



1. I am a wise old bird who went to sea in a pea green boat.  
a) starling b) owl c) blackbird d) blue tit
2. My red breast puffs up with pride when I'm "bob, bob, bobbing along".  
a) duck b) magpie c) robin d) pigeon
3. I am a black and white bird who waddles around the snow like a man wearing a suit.  
a) chicken b) penguin c) stork d) lark
4. As soon as I met my lifelong partner, I knew we were committed to be together "until death us do part".  
a) sparrow b) lovebird c) kiwi d) turkey
5. My strong legs make me the fastest bird on earth.  
a) ostrich b) kiwi c) cassowary d) ptarmigan
6. I have a sturdy little body which is always puffing away looking for fish to carry in my beak.  
a) grouse b) puffin c) quail d) albatross
7. I soar high in the sky as befits a bird of prey, my eyes always on the lookout for danger.  
a) bittern b) goose c) eagle d) flamingo
8. Whoopee! I am a bird that can fly backwards.  
a) kingfisher b) pelican c) egret d) hummingbird
9. I strut around with my plumage spread open like a fan.  
a) vulture b) peacock c) plover d) dove
10. My old friend Long John Silver was always calling me a pretty boy.  
a) cuckoo b) parrot c) swift d) woodpecker

**Solution on page 28**

## In Brief

### 100 Club Draw

#### November winners

First : Chris Madeley	£77
Second: Lucy Best-Shaw	£30.70
Third : Mrs B M White	£30.70

#### December winners

Kath Farquharson-Welsh	£77
Mary Hunt	£30.70
James Moss	£30.70

### Postage Stamps

I am still collecting used postage stamps so please let me have them. If you do not see me about in church you can leave them at the back and I will pick them up. Thank you to all those who have already left them for me.

They are so expensive now so it is good to know that money can be made for good causes by recycling them.

### Adel Bells Adverts

When you read the magazine please have a look at the advertising pages; we have two new advertisers this month. The revenue from the advertisers helps to pay towards the cost of the magazine.

When you need something doing please try and use someone who has advertised. Do let them know that

you read their advert in Adel Bells and it helps when I ask them to renew for another year.

**Beryl Thompson**

### Social events

We have three events planned over the next two months and hope that at least one of them will be to your liking. They will be on Zoom.

#### Sunday 6th February at 3.30pm

We are calling this "Let's raise a glass to the Queen". It will just be for fun - more information on page 18.

#### Saturday 19th February 7.30pm

We are holding a Pub Quiz and providing those taking part with a supper of a good quality pork pie and mushy peas (or alternatives if you don't like those and give us plenty of notice). The cost for this event is £5 per person and we would appreciate you registering your interest by **Sunday 13th February.**

#### A Saturday in March

A "Call my wine Bluff" event. 6 wines will be delivered to your house, but you will be asked to provide your own food. More details in next month's magazine.

**Please** send an email to [adelparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:adelparishchurch@gmail.com) If you would like to take part in any of the above.

# Library Writers' Group

## A Hard Day's Night

Inspired by **Peter Sellers** and his rendition of this **1964 song**, (by *John Lennon & Paul Mc Cartney*), dressed up and performing as **Hamlet**.



**Fab 4 = the Beatles**

**Q = the Questioner**

**Q** - You guys look a bit tired, why's that?

**Fab4** - *It's been a hard day's night I've been working like a dog.*

**Q** - I'm sorry to hear that - I'm not surprised you're tired, haven't you been working the night shift?

**Fab4** - *It's been a hard day's night I should be sleeping like a log.*

**Q** - Poor you, what can I do to help?

**Fab4** - *But when I get home I find the things that you do, will make me feel OK.*

**Q** - I'm pleased to hear that I make you feel better.

**Fab4** - *You know I give you money to buy you things*

**Q** - Yes I really appreciate you paying me the housekeeping money.

**Fab4** - *It's worth it just hear you say you're going to give me everything.*

**Q** - Hang about, I don't want any romantic involvement.

**Fab4** - *So why on earth should I moan? Cause when I get you alone, I feel OK*

**Q** - I'm going stop you right now, before things get out of hand.

**Fab4** - *When I'm home, everything seems to be right, when I'm home feeling you and holding you tight.*

**Q** - No, no, no! More of that kind of nonsense and I'm leaving this second.

**Fab4** - *But it's been a hard days night I've been working like a dog. It's been a hard days night and I should be sleeping like a log.*

**Q** - Look, I know you're all tired. I'll put the kettle on and make a nice cup of tea – and maybe a slice of cake.

**Fab4** - *It will make me feel alright, you know I feel alright, you know I feel alright.*

**Q** - Brilliant, here's your tea and cake. See you tomorrow - but no more funny business.

**David Blakeley**

*Some of the group found time to write during the Xmas break - although we weren't given any homework.*

**Val Crompton**

**Anxiety is an attempt to carry the burden of the future oneself; prayer is leaving it safely in the hands of God.**

# QE Corner

Here it is again..... QE (Quite Enlightening) Corner. You all know that I like trivial information, so for your enlightenment I am presenting you this month with another miscellany of "facts(?)"

Signing books before publication is not a new practice. In the 1760s Laurence Sterne personally signed over twelve thousand copies of *Tristram Shandy* to protect it from piracy.

Axolotls, the Mexican salamanders famous for being able to regenerate whole limbs, spinal cords, eyes and parts of their brains, have a genome ten times bigger than that of humans.

Snake charming is illegal in India.

Alaskan wood frogs can survive up to seven months in a frozen state – their hearts stop beating, their blood stops flowing and two thirds of the water in their body turns to ice.

One horse produces 15 horsepower. A human produces one horsepower.

The first ever speeding ticket was issued in a 1896 to a driver in Kent for going four times the legal speed limit. The driver was going the breakneck pace of 8 mph. The speed limit was 2 mph.

Saudi Arabia imports both sand and camels from Australia.

The Scottish Highlands, the Appalachian Mountains in the USA, and the Atlas Mountains in North Africa were once all part of the same mountain range.

In 2010, a debate between the two candidates for prime minister of Australia had to be rescheduled because it conflicted with the final of *Masterchef*.

In 1795, a French cavalry regiment won a battle against a Dutch naval fleet. The fleet had frozen in ice, so the cavalry just rode up and surrounded them.

According to addiction researchers, it is extremely difficult to get hamsters drunk.

After the French Revolution, the French government introduced a new calendar. To replace saint's days, every day was renamed in honour of something important to rural French life. In this calendar, 28 December was the day of manure.

Cowboys in the Old West were more likely to wear bowler hats than cowboy hats.

*Please note these "Facts(?)" are all from the internet, so don't blame me if they are not correct!*

**Trevor Cole**

# York Gate Update

## Two trees lost

After Storm Arwen, we all half expected some major damage in the garden but we mostly escaped unscathed. A large branch of a Picea fell onto Back Church Lane in the middle of the night and had to be cleared away by emergency Council tree surgeons. But the saddest loss we sustained was the fantastic Tim Burton style weeping beech at the head of the car park. The tree had a twin trunk halfway up and one of these trunks had torn away leaving massive damage. The tree saw team arrived a few days later to dismantle what remained of the stricken beech. It will be missed (especially by me as it was my favourite tree on site) but, as is always the case in gardens, a loss of a tree leaves us with a big planting space for something new. Watch this space!

**Jack Ogg,**  
Senior Gardener

## Snowdrop Week

The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that we are opening the garden, shop, plant sales and café for our traditional Snowdrop Week. Although traditional, due to the redevelopment that was ongoing at York Gate (2020) and Covid restrictions (2021), it has been three years now since we have had one!



Details and bookings are through our website [www.yorkgate.org.uk](http://www.yorkgate.org.uk) but the dates are Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Although the shop will open for Snowdrop week, I am afraid that it will be closed for the rest of the winter, reopening on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. Should you want to buy anything when we are closed, please go to our website <https://shop.perennial.org.uk/> where a full range of items are available and will be sent out from Leatherhead Office to you at home. You can still purchase memberships for £30 or afternoon tea vouchers at £28.13 for two (at least 24 hours needed for booking) either at the café or by calling the office on 0113 267 8240 option 4

As always, if you would like to volunteer at York Gate, then Zoe is still busy recruiting volunteers so please do contact her

[zparker@perennial.org.uk](mailto:zparker@perennial.org.uk)

## Sally Latchford

Finance & Administration Co-ordinator

# Barry Anderson

## Roadworks – Otley Road Adel

The roadworks on the A660, Otley Road, to connect the new gas installation and footway improvements and entrance for the new care home are due to complete on 28<sup>th</sup> January with traffic lights put in place, which will remain after this date to allow traffic to pass the site safely. Likewise, work will start on 31<sup>st</sup> January for approximately 22 weeks for road and footway improvements relating to the new Barratts housing development scheme on the Kingsley drive junction.

## Delivery & Construction Hours

The Head of Development Management in the Council's Planning Department has apologised for the unwanted disruption and advises that Planning Enforcement will not enforce any planning misdemeanours in terms of the supply of goods and services unless they are extreme.

## Pedestrian Crossing outside Cooplands Bakery

A number of residents have contacted me to advise that the wait time for the pedestrian crossing lights outside Cooplands is unusually long. I took this up with Traffic Control who have now sent this response: "We had a piece of hardware that's responsible for signal optimisation fail; it has

subsequently been replaced. The users of the facilities should now experience a more acceptable wait time.

## Free Solar Panels/Home Insulation

The Council has secured £5.6m through the Local Authority Delivery Scheme to offer low-income homeowners in Leeds free solar panels or home insulation. The eligibility criteria is quite strict. To apply, residents must own their home and have a combined household income of less than £30,000 or receive certain benefits. Before work can be installed, Better Homes Yorkshire will also need to confirm that the property is eligible to receive funded upgrades (EPC D-G) and is of suitable construction for solar panels and/or insulation to be installed. The scheme is designed to upgrade some of the coldest and most expensive to heat privately owned properties. If you would like further information I would urge you to call 0800 597 1500 or 0333 121 0073 to find out if you are eligible.

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# Billy Flynn

## Happy New Year

I hope you had a lovely Christmas with all your family this year. My very best wishes for a very happy and healthy 2022.

## Defibrillators

I am delighted to inform you that three more defibrillators have been installed locally over the last few weeks, at Adel Wood Store, the BP garage (incorporating M&S) on Otley Rd and at Holt Park Active gym. The defibrillators are sourced via a charity, Public Access Defibrillators UK. I was able to cover the cost of two of the devices with funding I receive from Leeds City Council for local initiatives which in turn allowed the charity to source other devices. I have to say that this kind of project is exactly what we should be spending public money on locally. I would like to thank Katon at Adel Wood Store, Cllr. Simon Seary who manages the BP garage and Mark Robinson, manager of Holt Park Active, for generously agreeing to the devices being attached to their buildings. Let's hope we never have to use the devices but, at least, we now have good coverage throughout Adel. The defibrillators are bang up to date models, very easy to access and use.

## Police

Please be aware that Adel has been targeted recently for burglaries, many aimed at finding cars keys to steal vehicles. One attempt was in my own road. Do ensure you keep windows and doors locked even when you are in the house. It's very unlikely you will be a victim of crime but better not to take any chances. Similarly, the latest, recommended Covid restrictions mean more people are staying at, or working from, home. Scammers are at work again so please beware of anyone ringing you asking for financial information, no matter what the reason. It is extremely unlikely that your bank or building society would do this. **If you are in any doubt do not give callers any information** and, if you are concerned, ring the police, they won't mind at all, or contact your bank to check if the call is genuine.

If you have any queries regarding the above or anything else in the ward for that matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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# In Your Garden

*“On the wind in February, snowflakes float still. Half inclined to turn to rain, Nipping, dripping, chill.” — Christina Georgina Rossetti*

**U**nless, like York Gate, you have invested years of time and expertise in cultivating a dazzling display of snowdrops, it will be a challenge to find too much to dazzle in the gardens of most people during February. With the weather unreliable at best, why not seek and secure the warmth and comfort of your armchair and engage in some proper garden planning.

## Planning

February is the perfect time for some proper garden planning. If you don't already have the garden you desire then it will require a plan and then some action in order to get it. If you are considering significant changes, it is well worth getting input from local professional garden designers. Their input, local knowledge and advice will help you to get the best out of your plot, as near to what you want as your individual site, location and budget will allow. I find it is always good to have a master plan, allowing the actions to be identified, roughly scheduled, then picked off over a much longer period. Smaller scale planning can take many forms. If whilst out and about you find yourself admiring camelias in bloom, or the colourful flowers from an ever-growing range of hellebores, then

these could easily grow in your garden. But you will need to source, order and plant them at some point in the following months if you want to be enjoying your own next February. It is the same for all the bulbs that are now just showing themselves. Bulbs are typically ordered around August time and planted in the autumn. Deciding what you want to grow and where needs mulling over now ready for actions to follow.

And if you do get a nice day, then why not go and visit the snowdrops at York Gate. They look fantastic because a series of people planned it over the years and then acted on those plans!

## Wildlife

I am always keen to provide help and encouragement to the wild visitors to my garden. As well as all the feeders that I keep topped up and the fresh water that is available, there are many plants growing that will help sustain birds and encourage them to linger a little longer. Berry-rich shrubs such as cotoneaster and pyracantha and trees like rowan, hawthorn and holly provide food and shelter. Even the humble ivy, when allowed to mature and flower will provide nectar for early and late insects, fruit for birds and then shelter and nesting sites.

## George Turnbull

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[www.adelgardencare.co.uk](http://www.adelgardencare.co.uk)

We may choose to ignore the facts, but that doesn't change them

# History Groups

**The 1152 Club meets every other Tuesday at 10am at Kirkstall Abbey Visitor Centre.**



Free parking near the Abbey House. This a free, friendly **local history group** for adults aged 55+ interested in learning more about the local area.

**1st Feb A History of Sheepscar**  
*Chris Nickson (author)*

**15th Feb Curious Creatures:**  
*a talk by Kitty Ross about Abbey House Museum's new 2022 Exhibition.*

All talks take place in the Rose Room, Kirkstall Abbey Visitor Centre. Talks are limited to a **max. attendance of 24**. You must book a place to attend. Please ring or email me to book.  
**contact**

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**Monday: closed**  
**Tuesday – Friday: 10am – 5pm**  
**Sat. & Sunday: 11am – 5pm**

**We apologise that Leeds City Museum Café is closed** for a little while. The Museum remains open during normal opening hours.  
Phone:  
**0113 378 5001** (10am – 4pm)

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# OPAL Activities

2022 marks the 20th anniversary of the formation of OPAL and it is a good time to look at what we do at OPAL. OPAL was established with the aim of reducing loneliness and isolation in older people living in Leeds 16, and improving the quality of their lives by enabling them to live independently, safely and healthily.

We give direct support to our 700 members and we are always happy to welcome new members and volunteers. We offer practical support such as shopping trips using a wheelchair accessible minibus and volunteers to give assistance. We have a volunteer transport scheme to enable members to access social activities and appointments. We also offer computer lessons on a one-to-one basis; this proved invaluable during the pandemic and allowed our members to stay in touch with their extended families and friends.

We offer emotional support for members with memory problems, through peer and trained staff support. We also offer a befriending scheme; this could be a face-to-face chat or a phone call regularly.

We have three luncheon clubs which run on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We also offer Tai Chi, yoga, gentle exercise, table tennis and chair-based exercise; there really is something for everyone.

We run social activities, such as day trips (wheelchair accessible minibus used). We recently went to Murgatroyds for a fantastic fish and chip meal. There are many more trips planned; they are advertised in our bimonthly newsletter.

We run a fun, friendly Friday coffee afternoon where we have speakers, quizzes, silent discos and even the odd game of bingo. We also have a drop-in centre, where members can come in for support. This is available Monday-Friday 10-1pm at the Welcome In Community Centre. We also have a fantastic community cafe which is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9-4pm. It is open to all and serves a delicious array of homemade meals and cakes.

We also hold one off events; for example on the 9th February we are holding a Life Choices, Dying Matters afternoon 1-4pm. At this event subjects such as will writing, power of attorney, end of life care, funeral planning and bereavement will be covered.

If you are interested in any of the activities we offer, please call us on **0113 261 9103**, visit us at the Welcome In Community Centre or email us at [admin@opal-project.org.uk](mailto:admin@opal-project.org.uk) for more details.

**Shelley Clark**

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3. penguin
4. lovebird
5. ostrich
6. puffin
7. eagle
8. hummingbird
9. peacock
10. parrot

### Only 5 Clues

#### Across

1. HEIFER
3. SKATER
4. EIGHTY

#### Down

1. HASSLE
2. RARITY

### Word Square

BALE  
UREA  
RENT  
PATS

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

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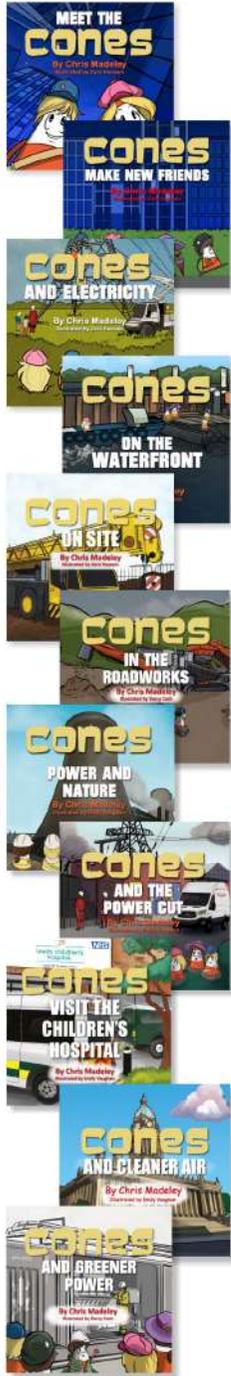
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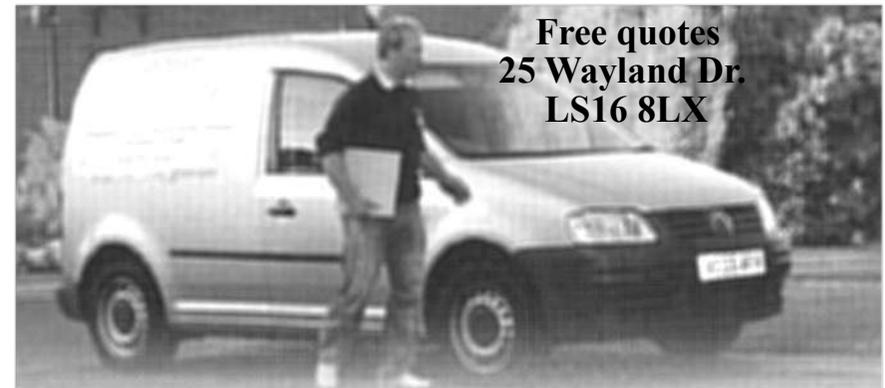
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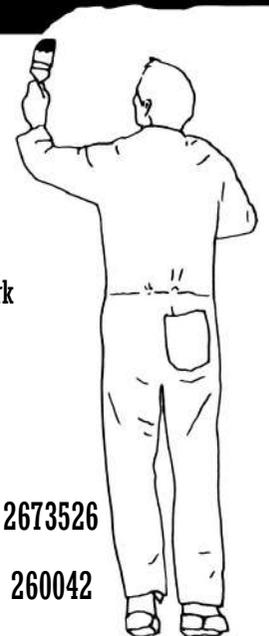
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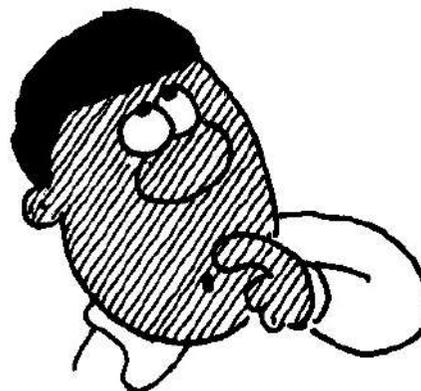
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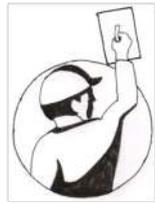
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<b>Fri 4th</b>	1.30pm	J Js (for the under sixes)
<b>Sunday 6th</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday before Lent</b>
	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Parish Communion with Junior Church
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
<b>Wed 9th</b>	11am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 13th</b>		<b>Third Sunday before Lent</b>
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	10am	Parish Communion with Junior Church
<b>Wed 16th</b>	11am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 20th</b>		<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>
	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	All Age Service with Communion
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<b>Wed 23rd</b>	11am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 27th</b>		<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>
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