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Birth of John the Baptist



#### Prayer

Almighty and everlasting Father  
we thank You that You have  
brought us safely  
to the beginning of this day.  
Keep us from falling into sin  
or running into danger:  
order us in all our doings  
and guide us to do always what is  
right in Your eyes:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

*Collect for Morning Prayer on  
Wednesdays, Common Worship*



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# From the Editor

How awesome it was last month to see the true community spirit of Adel folk when we came out in great numbers to cheer on the brave runners taking part in the Rob Burrow Marathon. It really was a lovely atmosphere, whether you were on Church Lane or Otley Road. Excitement and encouragement were the order of the day and local businesses were quick to take advantage of the opportunity to provide food and drink for the crowds. And the runners were not forgotten when the Adel War Memorial team provided them with slices of orange. Volunteers lent a hand and much money was raised for a whole host of charities. Congratulations to all!

And thinking of volunteering for the good of charitable causes, we have a brilliant example in this month's magazine. A local artist Clive Rand has shared with us his love of art and

his readiness to donate all his profits from his paintings to the RNLI, an organisation close to his heart. You can read all about him on page 19.

I wonder if you have ever considered coming to Evensong. We have two per month and on the third Sunday of every month there is a Choral Evensong, followed by light refreshments. This month it is extra special as we are celebrating the birth of our Patron Saint, John the Baptist. Our choir will be in full force. Read what others have to say about Choral Evensong on page 8. Come and see for yourself!

At Adel Church this June we are not holding a fair, but we encourage you to support the fête organised by the Adel War Memorial Association. There is always lots going on with opportunities to learn about the sports on offer, have a go at some of them, visit the stalls and generally have fun. More details about this can be found on page 29. Let's hope the sun honours us with its presence!

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## RECTOR ALISON'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Before her installation as the first female archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally undertook a pilgrimage from St Paul's Cathedral to Canterbury Cathedral. This reflected her move from London to Canterbury, but was also part of her spiritual preparation for this significant and demanding role.

Pilgrimages have been made for thousands of years. Long before package holidays, cruises, satnavs, people set out on journeys seeking peace, purpose, healing, or simply time away from their everyday lives. The word 'pilgrimage' itself comes from the idea of being a traveller in a foreign land.

For many, a pilgrimage has a spiritual connection, but today they attract people from every background and belief. Some walk for faith, others walk for fitness or personal challenge. Some go in memory of loved ones, while others simply want time to think and breathe. Whatever the reason, there is something very special about travelling slowly through landscapes, villages, ancient pathways, and places that generations before us have walked.

Pilgrimages are usually done on foot, and although they have a special

destination, the journey itself often matters more. Walking for hours and days alters the pace of life and people become more attuned to their surroundings, natural and man-made. Since pilgrimages follow ancient pathways, there are often fellow pilgrims to share conversation and quiet companionship.

Perhaps the best-known pilgrimage route is the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Thousands travel it every year walking ancient paths across Europe to the cathedral city of Santiago de Compostella. But there are many other ancient routes and holy places closer to home: Whitby Abbey, Lindisfarne, Durham Cathedral are just a few here in the north.

One definition of pilgrimage says, 'A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place, which can lead to a personal transformation, after which the pilgrim returns to their daily life'. Being a pilgrim isn't about escaping our lives, but taking space to find a new perspective. It gives time to think, possibly to pray, and to see beyond our own personal challenges.

If you are lucky enough to have a holiday this summer, there will almost certainly be an ancient, holy site somewhere near. This may be a recognised pilgrimage destination, or

just somewhere people have long found peace and time to think and pray. You might like to make your own pilgrimage, even if it is only a few hours long. We don't all have the chance to hike along a famous trail, but we can perhaps step out of the rush of life long enough to notice something within ourselves, and see the world slightly differently when we return.

Nearer to home there is chance to visit our own 'holy place', Adel Parish church. For our Patronal Festival it will be decorated with flowers and open on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Everyone is welcome. Do make your own pilgrimage, sit a while to pray, think, or just take in the beauty and rest a while from the busy world.

With love and prayers  
Alison



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**Patronal Festival**  
**The Joy of Flowers**  
**Sat 20th and Sunday 21st June**  
**1.30pm to 4pm**  
 Come and see:  
 Displays of flowers  
 Demonstration of button-hole flower making  
 Light refreshments  
 Guided tours of the church  
 Picture quiz for our younger visitors  
 A chance to sit, admire and reflect  
 Music  
**A Taste of Summer**  
**Sunday 28th June**  
**12.30pm**  
 Let's get together and enjoy a delicious summer buffet lunch in the Old Stables.  
 More details of this event on page 12  
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## Festal Evensong

**Sunday 21st June at 6.30pm**

*I enjoy the anthem sung by the choir at the end of the service.  
Bruce Buchan*



*And when it is all over we like to stay behind and talk to people over a drink.  
Joan Cunliffe*

*There is a simplicity in the age old prayers and the anthem sung by the choir is sometimes something new which is good.  
Jimmy Moss*



*Evensongs here in Adel are quiet services comprising all the elements of prayer and praise (with music) that we value and in which we can all take part.  
Gillian Batcup*

*Evensong at Adel is always a calming and reflective service, marking the end of a busy weekend and is a chance to recharge batteries before the start of another week.  
Paul Bradbury*

The Festal Evensong, accompanied by our augmented choir, is a special one as it is part of our annual Festival celebrations to mark the birthday of John the Baptist. There is a Choral Evensong on the 3rd Sunday of every month which is usually followed by refreshments. A more simple Evensong takes place on the 1st Sunday of every month. Do come and see.

# REV'D IAN REFLECTS

## God's invitation in difficult times

Recently, I read an article by Enuma Okoro, a cultural commentator, that made me reflect on how we respond when bad stuff happens to us - when we suffer, physically, or emotionally; when we are going through what she called 'harder seasons' or 'seasons of deep difficulty'. Experiences and seasons that most, if not all, of us have known.

St Paul teaches us that that we are to "boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us." (Romans 5: 3-5) We can do this through God's grace, assured of his love. Yet endurance need not be a passive response to our harder seasons.

Enuma suggests that there is potential for learning, growth and new perspectives in such circumstances: "My genuine consideration is if in these circumstances the primary idea is simply to imagine that such conditions can hold invitations for us. Once we can entertain the possibilities, and maybe it becomes a matter of gently starting with the question, what is being asked of me in this context? What am I being

invited to make space for in this situation, but feels mostly limiting, possibly painful and restrictive?"

As Christians we see life as a gift from God - all of what is given to us, the good and the bad, the welcome and the unwelcome. The question we are faced with is how to respond to this gift; how especially do we respond to times of suffering, harder seasons? Can we accept the invitation from God to answer the question, what is God asking of me here, what am I being asked to see differently?

All of life has been redeemed. God is inviting us, in prayerful company of the risen Christ, to imagine what God is asking of us, to recognise new ways that God is opening up for us, unexpected ways, challenging ways. Or new insights into relationships, or attitudes.

As far as I know, Enuma is not a Christian. Yet, here's something comforting that can help us to grow, even in these hard seasons of our lives; help us to be able to say 'yes' to what God has given us; 'yes' to what God is inviting us to find. Accept God's invitation to deepen our faith, deepen our living to God's glory even in the most challenging of times.

**Ian Johnston**

# IN BRIEF

## Good Friday Family Event

We had a wonderful morning at this year's Good Friday family event. There were lots of families with young children who came along and there were lots of craft activities for them to try out, to learn about the main events in Holy Week.

My mum and I managed the Palm Sunday table, which was fun as it was painting with handprints to make palm leaves. There was a lot of green paint! Most stayed off everyone's clothes. Some of the other activities were: making small wooden crosses, making donkeys using clothes clips and making the Last Supper using playdough.

We then had a walk up to church singing Palm Sunday Songs then came back to the Stables for nice refreshments. It was a really fun morning and it was nice to meet lots of new people.

## Sienna Clayton

### April Draw

1. Siobhan Barney £80
2. Sue Allerton £40
3. Trevor Cole £30

## Also in June

### Every Wednesday at 10am

In church or at home, prayers for Junior Church and Church School, Fabric & Health & Safety committees and Bible Study Group.

### Bible Study

**11th & 25th June, 10,30am** in the Old Stables

### Rake, Cake and Chat

**13th June, 9.30am**, followed by cake and chat in the Stables

### Patronal Festival 2026

It was decided earlier this year at a PCC meeting that we would keep our Patronal Festival simpler this time, having had such a busy and demanding Green Fair last year. We chose the weekend of 20th/21st June. There is a possibility that we may hold a more ambitious event in September. Watch here for information about that.

Unfortunately because of clashes with bookings for the Stables, one of our events, the 'Taste of Summer' lunch, has to be held on the following weekend. Details of our events can be found on p. 7. Please join us if you can.

**Marjorie Cole**

## LETTER FROM LILY

Hi Everyone,

Here we are with summer fast approaching – I say fast, but at the moment it is a bit chilly! If I correctly remember this time last year, we were embarking on weeks and weeks of hot! Not my idea of a good time, wrapped in this woolly coat of mine!

Being intelligent, as I undoubtedly am, I have been employing my talents by putting metaphorical cats amongst some hypothetical pigeons just for a bit of fun and to see what I can achieve to further my own ends. I will elaborate: you may, or may not know that from being a puppy I have been taught to ring my bells (hanging from the door handle in the lounge) to let my Mum and Dad know when I want to go to the toilet. This has been very successful and I get lots of praise and treats every time.

So to experiment, I thought to myself, “I wonder what happens if I ring my bell when I want *other* things.” Woohoo! Cat and pigeons come together! A bit of effort is required on my part: while my Mum goes for my two small treats, puts her shoes on, gets my lead and harness ready, I shoot off and get one of my fluffy toys and adopt the stance for playtime. Result! She gets very exasperated!

I’ve also tried ringing my bells when I decide it’s dinner time, but that has proved unproductive too. Why is it ok for my Mum to say when things happen and not me? Sundays work in my favour. I get three meals instead of two! They get up early, I get a walk, my breakfast then they go to church. Because I have my breakfast earlier than the other six days, I get a mid afternoon one *and* dinner early evening. No problem with that one! Actually, I’m not getting three meals, I get two halves and a proper one. She thinks she is getting one over on me! Think again!

Mum tries hard to explain to me that in life I can’t always do as I want to. She tells me that, just as she tries to help me to be a good dog, so Jesus helps humans to live better lives. He came to teach humans to love one another as He loves them and to love God. His followers wrote about what he said so everyone can learn to behave in a way which pleases God. Thinking about it, my life is so much more pleasant when I’m not trying to get my own way. I think Jesus was correct when he said, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

God bless and see you soon.  
Woofs & Lix  
Lily xxx

## A Taste of Summer

Join us for a buffet lunch to  
celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist

**Sunday 28th June**  
**12.30pm in the Old Stables**



You will be offered

A welcome glass of Pimms or fruit juice on arrival  
A selection of cold foods to tempt your taste buds

Summer fruits

Wine and soft drinks for a donation

**£12.50 per person**

Booking is essential, either in church  
Or by email to [adelparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:adelparishchurch@gmail.com)

All Welcome

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

### All used up

Since February, and still ongoing as I write this, the Strait of Hormuz has dominated headlines. Before the current conflict, I knew nothing about this narrow stretch of water or how crucial it is to the world's oil supply.

Oil, along with other fossil fuels, is burned in enormous quantities to power industries, transport goods, and heat or cool our homes. It's a finite resource, and eventually, it will run out. This isn't a new concern. Growing up in the 1990s during the first Gulf War, I remember the news discussing the Peak Oil theory—the idea that global oil production would reach a maximum point and then decline as demand continued to rise. Some predictions suggested we could face shortages by the early 21st century. Thankfully, that timeline hasn't come to pass, but the underlying issue hasn't disappeared.

When a new oil field is tapped, the natural pressure forces oil to the surface, making extraction relatively easy. But as more wells are drilled and more oil is removed, that pressure drops. Extraction becomes slower, more difficult, and more expensive. Once production peaks,

the field inevitably declines. Advances in drilling technology, haven't eliminated the problem. We've seen this in the North Sea, where production peaked in 1999 and has been declining ever since.

Despite all the talk about "running out," fossil fuels won't vanish overnight. If they did, we'd be in serious trouble. The good news is that the last decade has seen rapid growth in renewable energy. Last year, I noted that renewables generated over 30% of the world's electricity. Today, that figure has climbed above 40%. That's real progress, but global emissions are still rising, and in my view, we're not moving fast enough.

A recent trip to France in our EV reminded me how frustrating the lack of a universal payment system was, just ask Julia! Every charging point seemed to have an app or required you to go online to pay. Why can't I simply tap my bank card like I can in the UK? That said, the cost of charging in France was almost half of what we pay here, which shows how much variation there is across Europe. More on this next month..

**Tang x**

## MISUNDERSTANDINGS

### Musings on Shakespeare

At school we all usually studied Shakespeare plays. One that I studied was *The Winter's Tale*. Because we were young there were lots of things we did not understand. As it turns out, our teachers did not understand some things either...

Back in the 1990s Red Kites were re-introduced in several places in Britain including Harewood House in Yorkshire. It was in the 2000s that the line in *The Winter's Tale* that had been miss-understood became clear.

"When the kite builds look to lesser linen". For lesser linen think "smalls – underwear". In Shakespeare's time washing was dried over bushes – lavender being a favourite – as they did not have washing lines or clothes pegs. So Kites used to take these items to line their nests. When the birds went extinct we forgot all about this.

An article in Waitrose magazine (2015) highlighted the problem with a story headline "Kites nick knickers to leave skinny dippers red-faced". "Stolen knickers and socks have been found lining a nest housing two young red kites" This was besides a Loch in Scotland and the items were found by an RSPB worker.

Last year I was walking in the meadow at York Gate in June. This is the best time to see the wild flowers, the pignut especially. Pignut is a small white flower – like a miniature version of cow parsley (Lancashire name) or Queen Anne's Lace (Yorkshire name). It is prolific in our church yard as well as York Gate. There is a day flying moth called the "chimney-sweeper" which lives on pignut plants. It is small, black and common in June.

Now in the play "Cymbeline, King of Britain", by Shakespeare there is a poem with the couplet "Golden lads and girls all must As chimney-sweepers, come to dust" So is this a reference to actual chimney sweepers? Were there any in Shakespeare's time? Someone once said it was a reference to dandelion seeds which looked like chimney sweepers brushes.

Having watched the film "Hamnet" and seen how close to nature people lived then I am inclined to think it is a reference to that day flying moth. You could go to the wild flower meadow at York Gate this month and see if you can see them, then check out our own church yard and see if they are here too.

**Hilary Taylor**

## LOCAL WALKS

### 2026 sees two brand new tours in Lawnswood Cemetery!

These walks, the **Engineers Walk** and the **Kindness Remembered Walk**, feature graves around the chapels - so walking is kept to a minimum. The walk looking at engineers gives some idea of how important an industry it was in Leeds. Not all are famous names - some are, and some of those will be visited in another new walk in 2027. The aim is to make this a walk of interest to both engineers and people, like myself, who are not engineers.

On 2026's walk learn a little about the difference between mechanical and civil engineering - both are represented in the cemetery. Learn about how in some cases, evidence of the money generated is still with us.

Learn about Leeds' link to the Fox acting dynasty. Meet the founder of the firm that supplied 75 Leeds built cranes for loading/unloading ships at the newly built 300-acre Tilbury docks and also supplied the lining for the new Blackwell tunnel (as well as loads of other engineering feats). Knowstrop sewage treatment works and Eccup reservoir is a legacy of another we meet!

The **Kindness Remembered Walk** features a wide variety of professions - from a doctor who spent his retirement devoted to improving the diet of poor children, to a Mayoress who became known as "the tireless mother of 10,000 children" (the true figure many times that!) and another, who spent his life as clerk/administrator of the Leeds Workhouse who, with a Dr James Allen, saw it transform into St. James's hospital. It was named after them!

The grave of a vicar of Leeds is visited - who was so respected that the Edward Jackson wing of Cookridge hospital was built in his memory. In passing we recall someone who donated a public clock to his neighbourhood - so useful in the days before mobile phones when watches were far from universal.

A suitable walk perhaps to celebrate 400 years since the granting of the Leeds charter by Charles I, which kick-started the growth of Leeds town / city from 1897.

Please look at p.29 to find out how you can register for these walks.

**Ann Lightman**

## ADEL PLAYERS' LATEST

### The importance of friendship

I went expecting laughs, but I got smiles imbued with sadness instead. The latest play, A Month of Sundays, put on by our talented local amateur dramatics group, dealt with some serious issues that many of us will have had experience with. Behind the jokes there was real fear, a fear of what the future might hold.

Music welcomed us to the first scene as we listened to the well-known song "You've got a friend in me" which just about sums up the way the characters supported each other. The setting for the play was in a retirement home where the only guests we met or heard about were men. Two men in particular had become friends and had worked out a way to deal with how, physically and mentally, they were changing; it was to see the funny side of their predicament.

Cooper, in whose room the play was set, had a military background so it came as no surprise that he and his friend Aylott had formed an escape group to work on getting out of what they saw as a prisoner-of-war camp in Nazi times. Seeing their world in those terms helped Cooper deal with his worsening physical health and Aylott come to terms with his

memory problems. It was clear, however, that they both knew their problems would only get worse. As Aylott was about to go for a walk, Cooper, who was a well-read man, reminded him of Captain Lawrence Oates, whose walk did not end well and in fact it later turned out that Aylott did in fact get lost.

The staff at the home were women and we met Nurse Wilson, whom Cooper always addressed by her surname in true military fashion. She was beautifully played by débutante Rose McMahan, as she joked and flirted with Cooper, as he with her, whilst at the same time exhibiting real concern for his welfare. The cleaner Mrs Baker was skilfully played by Ann Bush, who gave as good as she got and was even prepared to sing and dance with Cooper. These two women were also proving that the men had friends in them.

The title of the play is intriguing and is perhaps connected to the fact that Cooper's daughter is a reluctant, once a month visitor, but they eventually talk properly with each other and realise that family is still important.

It was brave of Adel Players to take this play on. David Pritchard gave a very convincing portrayal of Aylott

who over the course of a month had clearly become more aware of his own forgetfulness. Gary Jarvis as Cooper was on stage throughout and never faltered in his delivery. He took on the role of this larger than life character, had a wide variety of facial expressions and his timing was impeccable as he addressed the audience directly with his witty comments. He had the ability to play a curmudgeonly fellow and yet make us warm to him.

Together with Alan Foale, Gary directed the play and succeeded in putting across the gentle comedy of a situation that also had a bitter-sweet element to it. He was supported as ever by an enthusiastic band of back-

stage helpers who ensured that everything ran smoothly.

### **Marjorie Cole**

#### **P.S.**

A few personal reflections. The issues raised in this play must have touched a few raw nerves and could have upset some of the audience. There cannot be many of us who have not come face to face with the dreadful illnesses that can beset our loved ones, forcing us to find a way of dealing with the heart-breaking reality of being human. Adel Players were very brave to tackle this sensitive issue, but the audience may have appreciated knowing in advance that some of the subjects dealt with could be upsetting.

*Adel Players' Next Production*

## *Dead Reckoning* *by Eric Chappell*

*We are offering you a thriller, with a murder and a nightmare from which there seems no escape.*

*Wednesday 21st to Saturday 24th October*

*More details later*

## **WORDS FROM JOYCE HILL**

### **Irenaeus**

**T**here is an entry in the Common Worship Calendar for 28 June which reads 'Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon, Teacher of the Faith, c.200'. The date of c.200 shows that this feast-day honours one of the very early bishops of the church.

We don't know the exact dates of Irenaeus's life and we have very few biographical details, but his surviving writings justify the description of him as 'the first great Catholic theologian' (*Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*). It's important to remember that he was active at a time when Christianity was still not a publicly practised religion: it did not – and could not – go public until the Roman Emperor Constantine made space for it by his Edict of Milan in 312, which allowed all religions to be openly practised alongside the long-established Roman cults. Constantine tended to favour Christianity, but it was not until the end of the fourth century, under the Emperor Theodosius, that Christianity became the state religion of the Roman Empire. Furthermore, Irenaeus was thinking, teaching and writing at a time when the doctrines of Christianity, the understanding of the

nature of Jesus, the concept of the Trinity, and ideas of what was orthodox and what was not, were still being worked out. And in those very early centuries there was not even a fixed Christian Bible, or even an agreed group of texts that would go on to become the books of the New Testament. Although all four gospels existed, other texts were also in circulation, some of which were not, in the end, included in the New Testament; and even the gospels were often not considered together as complementary texts, as we do today. Different groups fastened on one gospel as the definitive text and downplayed the others, and while some groups paid close attention to written texts (not always just one ones we use today), others paid scant attention to what was written. There were also various sects and philosophical systems which had some points of similarity with Christianity, so much so that some of these groups claimed to be Christians – although many Christians (Irenaeus among them) thought they were not. This was the difficult context in which Irenaeus provided formative leadership, helping to lay important foundations for future theologians.

In a world that predated the formation of the Bible, Irenaeus nevertheless argued for the primacy

of the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as texts of complementary importance; and in his writings he also made extensive use of the Jewish Scriptures (which became our Old Testament), showing how they related to the new world of Christianity. So he was a major contributor to the development of the Bible as we know it. He also contributed to the challenging debates on the nature of Jesus, insisting on the unity of God the Father and God the Son, whilst at the same time giving positive value to Jesus's human nature on earth.

It is thought that Irenaeus was born in Smyrna (modern Izmir) in Asia Minor and so was a native Greek speaker, the language in which his works were originally written. But he studied in Rome and then became a presbyter in Lyon, one of the great Roman cities. He was in Rome on ecclesiastical business c.177, when there was a local persecution of Christians, in which Bishop Pothinus was martyred. Irenaeus succeeded him as bishop on his return in 178, We do not know how he died, or precisely when, but his dates are usually given as c.130-c. 200.

## AN ADEL ARTIST

### Painting to Save Lives

I was born and bred in Suffolk, and ever since I could first hold a crayon I have loved sketching and painting. From Primary School to A Levels, art was always on the agenda. When in 1964 I came to choose a higher education option my art teacher recommended a degree-level course in art and design at Leeds College of Art. Leeds was one of the few colleges that would take students directly from A Level to a degree course without doing a foundation year.

It was a great choice because I've been here ever since: marrying,

raising a family and helping to build and run an advertising and marketing business as well as enjoying painting in my spare time.

### I helped to start a new kind of fund-raising branch

Being raised near the coast, another passion in my life is the sea. In the late 1990s my wife (who is also from East Anglia) and I learned to sail. With that came a great admiration of the brave RNLI volunteers who put their lives on the line to save others at sea – maybe even us one day! I thus became a member of the RNLI,

and in 1999 at a fund-raising event I was asked whether I would be interested in helping to start a new kind of fund-raising branch in Leeds: a business branch. The answer was yes, and after a year I was elected as the branch chairman. We have now raised over £650,000 for the charity.

When I eventually retired in 2006, fundraising and painting became important parts of my life. So I simply put these two interests together to use any money from sales of my art to help fund the RNLI life-savers. I paint landscapes, seascapes, wildlife pictures and portraits, using pastels, watercolours and more recently the iPad.

I exhibit every year with 20 or so other amazingly talented artists at the **Adel Artists Open Garden Show** which you can visit on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 17 Whinfield LS16 6AB. I also exhibit at The Vine Restaurant on Grove Promenade in Ilkley.

But of all the subjects I paint, there is one I keep coming back to. An 870 year-old building that Nicolas Pevsner, the renowned architectural historian, famously describes as **'one of the best and most complete Norman churches in Yorkshire'**.



Yes, our very own Adel Parish Church.

The picture illustrated on the front cover is from an iPad painting of the church in an autumnal setting.

### Clive Rand

To see more of my work please visit [www.cliverand.co.uk](http://www.cliverand.co.uk)

We are very grateful to Clive for his support of the church: selling his paintings at our Green Fair last year and allowing us to use his paintings in our publications.

You can support him by going to the Art Show in September. More information in the August/September issue.  
Editor



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in this **green heart** of  
Adel.

These birds are heard  
but seldom seen.  
Today they high-fly  
between tall trees  
feeding fledglings,  
in our six-acre, green  
and gated churchyard.



Tread with care, avoid a fall -  
close to the low stone  
Boundary Wall,  
where rabbits dig holes -  
while dark, mole hills line  
the grey stone path.

I walk on safe. green ways -  
a Robin follows me.  
Maybe, if I stop and **listen ...**  
**I will hear** and maybe see -  
a Woodpecker tap-tapping  
on a tall oak tree?



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## IN YOUR GARDEN

“Now summer is in flower and nature’s hum is never silent round her sultry bloom”

**-John Clare**

The keener gardeners will have been engaged with the annual spectacle of the Chelsea Flower Show. The breadth of possibility for what they can do with an outdoor space is always inspirational. Most of these complete gardens are unattainable in a domestic setting but most of the very high cost of them is tied up in the extreme, time-constrained installation. It is the designs themselves that explore the potential for creating, atmosphere and interest, whilst pushing the boundaries of what can be achieved with plant combinations. It is always a joy to see the very best of anything; Chelsea gardens offer an annual fix!

At this time of year especially, you do need to be attuned to your plants’ need for water. During intense growing times, with an ever-changing climate it is increasingly difficult to predict the volume and frequency of any rain. During the spring and summer months trees, shrubs and plants draw a large amount of water out of the ground and this transpiration, together with evaporation on dry sunny days can quickly render some soils very dry indeed. Equally, it seems, it might rain

every day for a month! Always ensure there is some moisture around your plants. Using a mulch is effective and suppresses the weeds.

June is the time for the perennials in your garden to take centre stage. Whatever your chosen palette and plants, whether it is roses or clematis, aquilegia or lupins, delphiniums or foxgloves, you can colour your garden in limitless combinations during June and the rest of the summer. They will all thank you for a helping hand and should reward you with fantastic displays. This might be by hoeing the weeds from around them to eliminate competition for water and nutrients, or it could be to provide stakes for taller plants.

It is now a good time to prune your spring-flowering shrubs. If it has already flowered then it can be safely pruned at this time of year. Shrubs such as Forsythia, Camelia and Viburnum will all benefit from a tidy up. Tie in climbing roses, clematis and other climbers. If you deadhead roses as they finish blooming you will certainly extend the flowering season and will often get a second flush in September.

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## OPAL ACTIVITIES

OPAL is always looking at ways to expand our offers to our members and so this year we have introduced "hands off" trips. These trips are either further away than our regular trips or are not deemed as fully accessible, for example we have visited the Leeds Recycling Centre which had over 100 steps to climb and we are visiting the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in June.

The idea behind the "hands off" trips is to encourage members who would like to explore further and with less structure than a regular OPAL trip; if this is something you may be interested in please contact us and ask to speak to Hattie.

Please make a note  
of this date.  
It is for  
the whole community

A date for your diaries is **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**, when the Welcome In Community centre throws open its doors for our annual Community day. This is a fantastic day for the whole community as we invite everyone along to join us and take part in celebrating the work we do.

There will be a BBQ and refreshments as well as entertainment and lots of fun activities to have a go at. If you have ever wondered what the Welcome In looks like or want to find out about what we do, please come along **11am-2pm** and have a look. You may even get lucky on our always amazing tombola and win something. This event is open to the whole community and we would love to see you all.

As always OPAL is here to support our members all year round and if you think we may be able to help you please contact us and we will do our best to help.

If you would like further information about OPAL or any of the activities or services we offer please contact us on 0113 2619103, email [admin@opal-project.org.uk](mailto:admin@opal-project.org.uk) or call in to see us at the Welcome In Community Centre 55 Bedford Drive, Leeds, LS16 6DJ

**Shelley Clark** (she/her)  
Project Worker

## Q E CORNER

Here it is again..... QE (Quite Enlightening) Corner. For your enlightenment I am presenting you this month with another miscellany of "facts(?)"

The word Supercilious comes from the Latin word supercilium which, as well as meaning 'pride' and 'haughtiness', means 'eyebrow.'

Queen Elizabeth II had a body double to attend event rehearsals. Despite being in the role for 30 years, she was never allowed to sit on the throne.

The earliest known automatic doors were powered by a heated mechanism under the floor of an Ancient Greek temple.

Beavers can be allergic to trees.

Dragonflies catch 95% of the prey they target, as they can calculate their trajectory within 50 milliseconds and intercept it in midair. Military scientists have been looking into the dragonfly brain in order to improve missile defence systems.

Before he started his work with television, John Logie Baird invented dry undersocks to prevent WWI soldiers from developing trench foot. He advertised them by pushing a fake wooden tank around Glasgow.

Nobody knows how tickling works.

Bumblebees can learn simple Morse code.

There are more possible chess game variations than there are atoms in the observable universe.

Clabbers is a version of Scrabble where instead of playing standard words, you can play anagrams of them.

Beethoven moved house between 70 and 80 times in 35 years. This was partly because landlords hated his habit of bellowing musical scales while pouring jugs of water over himself.

In 1933, an American politician tried to amend the Constitution to make having over a million dollars illegal.

In the 1600s, going out without a hat on as a man was seen as a sign of insanity.

In 1976, a Durham farmer left money in his will to buy every child under five in his village a chocolate bar every week, for a year.

**Trevor Cole**

## YORK GATE UPDATE

Walking along the footpath on Back Church Lane on a lovely summer's day last year, looking across the old stone wall into York Gate, I glimpsed a splash of pink glowing among the greenery. It was the massed planting of phlox in the Canal Garden. Located at the side of The Canal, this broadly triangular bed of bulbs and perennials provides a stunning floral display throughout the season.

Visiting this corner of the garden last month, I marvelled at the soft yellow shades of daffodils combined with the fresh white flowers of honesty plants, a cool, refreshing contrast to the vivid red and yellow tulips in Sybil's Garden. Summer's arrival will herald a new floral vista to enjoy.

Emerging from the shady, winding paths of The Dell, a series of features immediately catches the eye: first, there's The Folly, then to the right the Nut Walk and the path leading up to Sybil's Garden, next into view comes the Carpet Path, edged with the dramatic black lily turf *Ophiopogon*. Glancing to the left, you will see the raised pond or Canal but look straight ahead and there before you stand the iconic topiary yew pyramids which tower above the sea of flowers, now known as The Canal Garden, although it was originally named the Paeony Border.

Inspired by a photograph on the cover of a gardening magazine showing the red new shoots of paeonies contrasting with pale yellow and white daffodils and narcissi, Robin Spencer first planted this bed with paeonies and daffodils together with yellow and orange crown imperials *Fritillaria imperialis* for the springtime, then later as the paeonies came into full flower, roses, delphiniums and phlox provided a succession of blooms for the summer.

Delphiniums are a favourite of mine but that they are to be found in this part of the garden is particularly apt. The name delphinium derives from the Ancient Greek for dolphin and the plant was so named because the shape of the flower's bud was thought to resemble a dolphin's nose and, of course, situated right next to the delphiniums is the stone dolphin fountain at the head of The Canal.

If on a visit to the garden this month you come upon the Canal Garden, stop a while and enjoy the flowers in all their glory. For me this is the epitome of an English cottage garden – a garden full of blooms juggling for your attention.

**Gillian Smith**  
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Contact Mrs Jean Money  
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### **Guided Walks in Lawnswood Cemetery Sunday 14th June Engineers Walk, 2pm**

A free themed walk by Ann Lightman focusing on some of the many famous engineers in the Victorian section of Lawnswood Cemetery, showing the variety and world-wide importance of this Leeds industry.  
Meet in front of the Chapels at 2.00pm. It could involve being on your feet for about 90 minutes.... though drop out when you need to. Park in the car park opposite the main entrance off the A660 Otley Road or use buses nos 24 or X84. Please book with [c.lightman@sky.com](mailto:c.lightman@sky.com), as the walk will not go ahead in high winds, heavy rains or if the leader is unwell



### **Adel War Memorial Association Sunday 14th June, 12noon – 5pm**

This is **Adel's Annual Community Event** for the whole family to enjoy. We are proud to showcase such sports as Archery, Bowls, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Lacrosse, Snooker, Softball, Squash and Tennis. Many of them offer the opportunity **'to have a go'** or coaching sessions.

The theme this year is the **'Football World Cup'** which will form the basis of **the children's treasure hunt** whereby they visit the Sports Sections' Stalls to have their card stamped to win prizes. Children can also enjoy the Bouncy Castle, Slide, Assault Course and Mini Sports Day.

Families may like to **browse the Stalls** offering gifts, crafts, face painting, jewellery and others. There will be a **BBQ with burgers, sausages and veggie options and a New Food Shack** with other food offerings. Of course Ice cream is also available.

A warm welcome awaits all visitors to the Fête at our fully licensed **Bar and Lounge**.

Please note that the Car Park will be closed to accommodate the stalls.



## BILLY FLYNN

Hi everyone. I am writing this on 10th May, the same day as the Rob Burrow marathon and half marathon but more on that later. Summer is almost here although judging by the lovely weather we have had recently you might think it has arrived early.

### **Adel & Wharfedale, new ward councillors**

As you know, Barry and Caroline Anderson decided to stand down from council this year after a combined total of almost 40 years dedicated service. This meant two new councillors had to be voted in at the recent local election and I am delighted to announce that our two new councillors are Lee Farmer and David Stoddart-Scott. I am looking forward to working with both and keeping up the tradition of serving the residents of Adel & Wharfedale. I thought it might be provide some background on Lee and David.

#### **Lee Farmer**

Lee was born in Leeds and has lived in the city for the majority of his life. He has previously stood for council and fought the 2024 General Election in Leeds West & Pudsey constituency. Lee works as an

Account Manager for American Express helping card members with complex travel and lifestyle enquiries, so is well versed in dealing with challenging situations. In his "spare" time, Lee is a Magistrate, a role he finds very stimulating. Needless to say, he has a strong interest in law and order. I suspect that Lee's current roles will be excellent preparation for council work!

#### **David Stoddart-Scott**

David is a lifelong resident of Adel and Wharfedale, having lived in the area for over three decades and attended Bramhope Primary School, where his daughter is now a pupil. He works in renewable energy and subsea technology, leading engineering and innovation projects within regulated infrastructure environments. He currently serves on Arthington Parish Council and has long taken an active interest in local planning, infrastructure and community matters.

With his deep roots in the ward David has a strong belief in responsible government and sound finances. Our readers of more mature years like me may well recognise the Stoddart-Scott name. David's grandfather was Sir

Malcolm Stoddart-Scott OBE MC TD, and a member of the Church Assembly now known as the General Synod. After WW2, Sir Malcolm served for a combined total of almost 30 years as MP for Pudsey and Otley and then Ripon when the former constituency was abolished.

A clear case of keeping it in the family, eventually!

### The Rob Burrow Marathon

I am sure that nobody would object to the marathon, which wends its way through the ward, but it does tend to bring traffic chaos and problem parking with it. I understand that Stair Foot Lane was almost impassable at some stages because two-way traffic was allowed and some larger vehicles struggled to get through. There will be a review of the race from a lessons learnt perspective. The diversions through Adel are not set in stone so if you have any suggestions for changes in future please let me know and I will pass them on.

### Pothole alert

You will recall I have made several reports on the appalling state of many of the roads in the city. To be fair, the number of pothole repairs across Leeds almost tripled in early 2026 rising to over 1100 in March but of course this was a reflection of the huge number of

potholes in evidence this year. In total, more than 5,200 potholes have been repaired across the city so far. Hopefully the new repair technologies now in use will lead to more long-lasting fixes but I suspect that the drivers among us will reserve judgement until next winter.

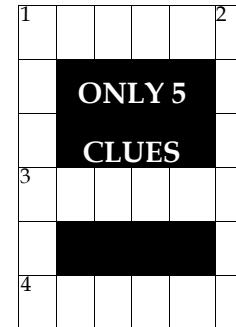
### Road safety

The University of Leeds is currently recruiting volunteers to take part in a study to help understand how autistic and typically developing children make road-crossing decisions. The study is looking for children aged 11–13 years with and without a diagnosis of autism. The study will use a Highly Immersive Kinematic Experimental Research lab simulator to look at how pedestrian crossing designs affect children's visual attention and behaviour, and how carers influence their decision-making. The aim is to improve road safety infrastructure, especially for neurodivergent children. Each pair of participants will receive £60 in cash in recognition of their time and travel. If any family is interested in taking part in the research project, please let me know.

If you have questions about anything in the ward, please do contact me.  
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## PUZZLES

### General Knowledge Clues



#### Across

- List of topics for meeting
- Go too far, exaggerate
- Securely moor at sea

#### Down

- Cat, goat or rabbit
- Soldier's protection

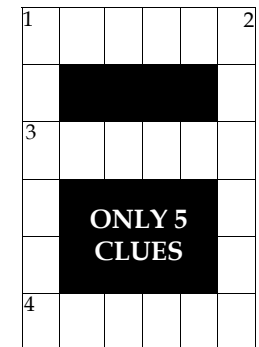
### Cryptic Clues

#### Across

- Groans frightfully, finding skirt like garment
- Tory's sick eating European shellfish
- Pass first of exams, then blunder

#### Downgame

- Street loves extremely game fall guy
- Dance, finding last of money in jar



# RECIPES PAGE

## A taste of America

Some years ago Trevor and I had a holiday in New England in the Autumn. We travelled around to see “the fall” and on the recommendation of a university friend of Trevor’s who lived in New Hampshire we stayed a few days in Rockport on the Atlantic coast.

We had found a bed and breakfast place and were delighted not only with the accommodation but also with the breakfasts offered each morning by a hostess who clearly liked to cook. Guests from many countries would gather round her huge dining table and enjoy the food and the conversation. It made a good start to the day.



Eggs Benedict

The breakfast was different every day, freshly cooked and imaginative, from Eggs Benedict to a light and fluffy apple cake. I asked the hostess for the apple cake recipe and she gave me one, telling me it was from a



website called ‘Once Upon A Chef’.

On returning home I investigated the website and have since made several of her dishes. Her name is Jennifer Segal and before starting a family she had been a restaurant chef. She then concentrated on home cooking and her website is the result of her creating delicious family meals. You can choose to sign up to receive regular emails, each highlighting a selection of tasty recipes, which is what I have done. [onceuponachef.com](http://onceuponachef.com)

The downside of the recipes is the use of measuring in cupfuls rather than actual weight. I am planning to share some recipes with you over the next few months and I will have converted the cupfuls into grams to make it easier for you.

So watch this space for the first recipe probably in August/September.  
**Marjorie Cole**

### Only 5 Clues General Knowledge

#### Across

- 1. AGENDA
- 3. OVERDO
- 4. ANCHOR

#### Down

- 1. ANGORA
- 2. ARMOUR

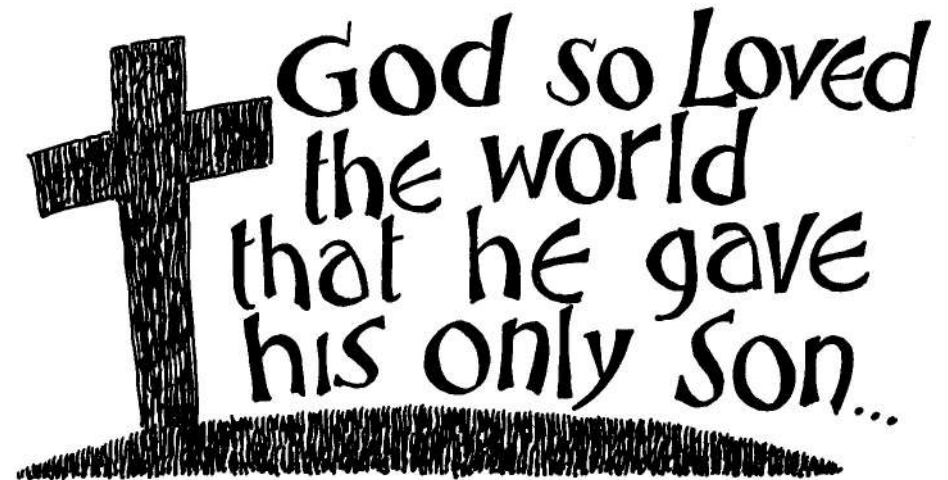
### Only 5 Clues Cryptic

#### Across

- 1. SARONG
- 3. OYSTER
- 4. ELAPSE

#### Down

- 1. STOOGE
- 2. GYRATE



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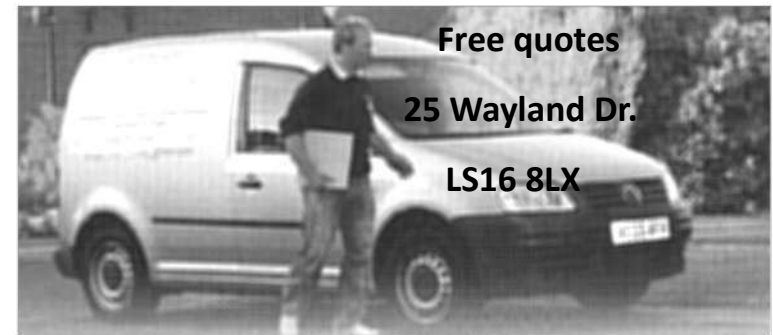
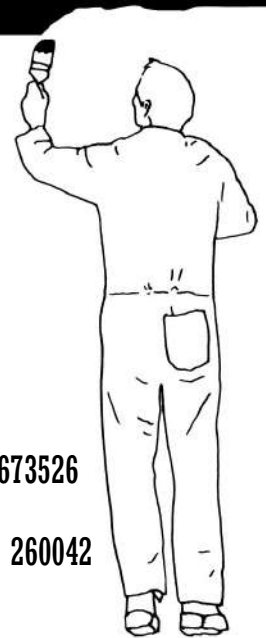
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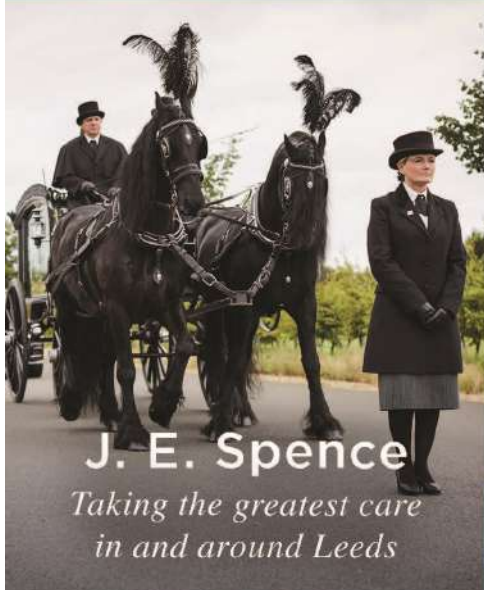
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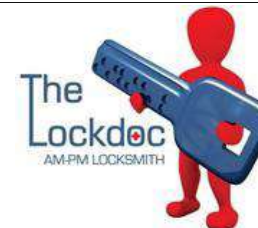
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<b>Fri 5th</b>	1.30pm	J Js (for the under sixes)
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>First Sunday after Trinity</b>	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evensong
<b>Wed 10th</b>	11am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b>	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion
<b>Wed 17th</b>	11am	Holy Communion
<b>Thurs 18th</b>	3.15pm	Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b>	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am All Age Service with Communion 6.30pm Choral Evensong followed by refreshments
<b>Wed 24th</b>	11am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion

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