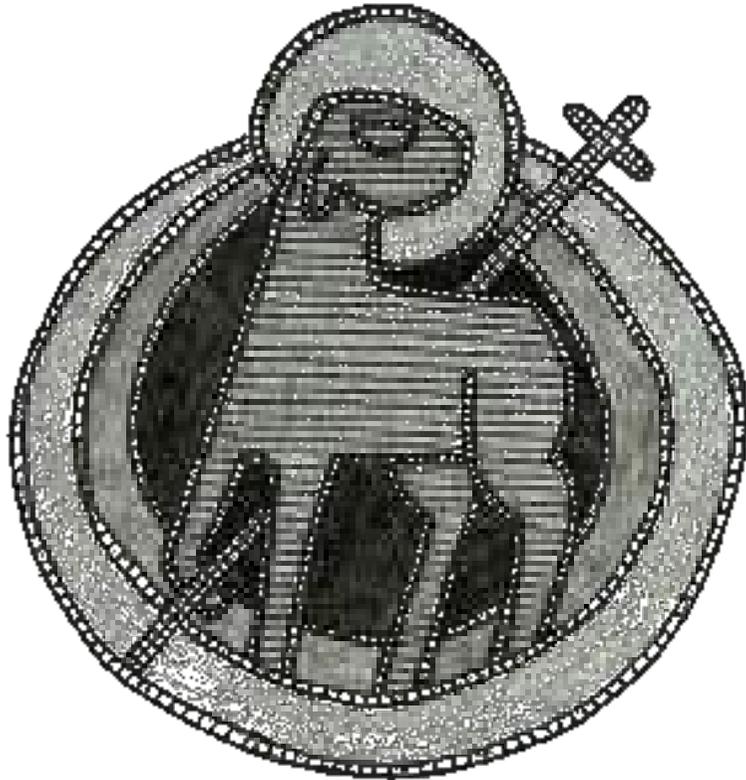




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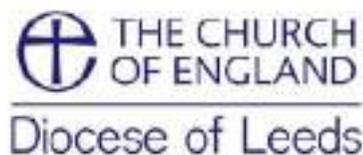
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### 31st March

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Be still and know that I am God  
 As we sat and listened, nothing could I  
 hear.

O God open my ears.

As we sat and looked around, nothing  
 could I see.

O God open my eyes.

As we sat to read, no book could be  
 found.

O God give me your word.

As we sat to be in your presence,  
 nothing could I feel.

As we sat my senses awoke,  
 My ears could hear, my eyes could  
 see.

As we sat the peace came,  
 I was filled with the Holy Spirit  
 Thank you God. Amen  
 Mary Judd

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## From the Editor

Thank you to all who have supported the church by subscribing once again to this magazine. I'd like to offer a big thank you to the many who have given more than the asking price. But, if you have not already renewed, may I gently remind you to pay for your year's subscription as soon as possible. The information was in last month's edition, but give me a ring if you don't have it.

This year the whole of Holy Week is in the last week of March, incredibly early! Please come and join us as we walk through this week together, from the dramatic story of Palm Sunday through to the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. There is something for everyone. Details are on page 9.

One of the most difficult problems facing all of us just now is climate

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change. As individuals, is there anything we can do about it? Thang has shared a few thoughts on page 13. One suggestion, taking part in the big plastic count, is something I will do, as I did last time. It was surprising how much plastic we had to dispose of when we actually thought we were doing quite well at avoiding it. We did learn lessons and so can you! Sign up and you will get a free pack in the post with everything needed to take part. The evidence collected will help to change world leaders' actions.

### Marjorie Cole

#### January 100 Club Draw

1st	Mrs V S Brook	£80
2nd	David Walton	£40
3rd	Betty Pearson	£30

## Rector Alison's Letter

### Lessons from the sea

Dear Friends,

I have been lucky for the last three years to spend a post-Christmas break on the North Yorkshire coast. I know the area well but the joy of the coast is that it is constantly changing. Every twelve hours or so, the tide removes children's sandcastles and other creations. The sea erases all sign of the many travellers who walk the beach, leaving a pristine new canvas for the next visitors.

The tide delivers as well as removing. Sadly, today it often brings much plastic but also wood and pebbles smoothed and carved by the action of the waves. Beachcombing can furnish unexpected treasures as well as rubbish.

Sometimes a storm brings more radical changes. When I was a child, Saltburn beach was mainly pebbles. Ten minutes there would furnish a handful of 'devil's toenails' – properly known as Gryphaea – so that my coat pockets usually held at least one of these fossils. Today though, the beach is transformed into miles of sand with just a few patches of pebbles.

At the seaside, every day brings something new, and yet the sound of the waves has been heard for millennia.

A week with this daily rhythm of tides is a wonderful restoration after the busyness of Advent and Christmas. But even if we live miles from the sea – the pattern of day and night offers something similar.

My day usually begins with morning prayer, and the words, 'The night has passed and the day lies open before us'. This wonderful phrase reminds me that each day is a new day, lying open with new possibilities. I may have messed up yesterday, or wasted the day, but here is a chance to start afresh.

Just like the sea, each new day brings unexpected and unpredictable things into our lives. There may be rubbish we would prefer to avoid, but some will prove to be treasures.

Occasionally life brings such storms that afterwards we barely recognise the landscape; sometimes for better, sometimes for worse.

This picture of life is particularly meaningful to me as a Christian, because each day, whatever I have done, God offers me a new start. From God's point of view, the mess I make is smoothed away like the daily sandcastles on a beach. I may have work to do to put things right with humans, but feeling God's forgiveness helps me with that.

And if, some day, the shape of my life is completely changed, I draw comfort from the presence of God as certain as the sea on the shore.

At the end of this month, we will be marking Holy Week and Easter. Here we travel from Palm Sunday, through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the event which changed all of our lives by bringing hope. Do come and join us and see what treasures it might bring to your life.

With love and prayers  
**Alison**

### Lent Discussion Course

This began last month, but you are still welcome to join us for as many sessions as you wish. "We believe . . . an exploration of our creeds", either in person in the Stables or on Zoom. Please let Alison know if you would like to take part.

#### Monday

7.30pm - 9pm on Zoom  
4th, 11th, 18th March

#### Wednesday

6th, 13th, 20th March  
1.30pm - 3pm in the Stables

Session 3 - What are the creeds?

Session 4- Crucified, risen and ascended

Session 5- I believe in the Holy Spirit

### Sylvia's prayer for difficult times

Dear Lord

As we face unknown and frightening times we ask you to guard us and bless us. You are our rock and we know we can always turn to You when we are in need, even though sadly we sometimes forget to thank You when things are going well. You are a forgiving Lord and so we know You will listen to us as we pray for guidance through these difficult times. Help us to remember the bereaved and all those who have lost their lives or who are sick at home or in hospital, and those who care for them. Help us to put aside our own wants and desires if we can help others. For some it will be physical help, for others it will be just prayer, and for those of us who can only pray, let us do so regularly and fervently. We pray that this crisis\* will soon be over and that soon we shall be able to go into our churches to pray and sing praises again together.

Amen.

\* Written in Covid times



### Also in March . . .

**Holy Week & Easter**  
From Palm Sunday on 24th  
March to Easter Sunday  
on 31st March  
See opposite for details

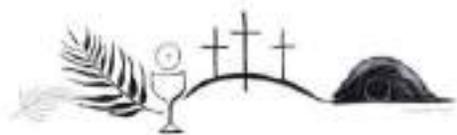
**Bible Study**  
10 am in the Stables  
Thursday 14th March

**Soup & Sandwich Lunch**  
Saturday 16th March  
12.30pm  
£8 per person  
See page 18

**Prayer Meetings**  
10am every Wednesday  
In church or at home

Praying this month for:  
JJs—toddlers' group  
Stables management team  
Readings & Intercessions Team

## Holy Week & Easter



### Palm Sunday, 24th March

8.30am Holy communion with Blessing of palms

10am Parish Communion with Blessing of Palms and Procession from the Stables

### Monday 25th March

7.30pm Communion

### Tuesday 26th March

7.30pm Compline

### Wednesday 27th March

7.30pm The Seven Last words - A Meditation with words and Choral music, based on Jesus' words from the cross and led by the Heritage Singers

### Maundy Thursday, 28th March

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

### Good Friday, 29th March

10am - 12 noon family activities in the Stables

2pm Good Friday Liturgy

### Easter Day, 31st March

6am – Dawn Communion with new fire of Easter, vigil and renewal of Baptismal vows  
(followed by breakfast in the Stables)

8.30am – Said Communion

10am Parish Communion with augmented choir and Easter Egg hunt for the children

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## Always a Warm Welcome

As we said our sad goodbyes to Sylvia Halliday, we had time to reflect on the many roles she filled, not just in our church but also in the wider community of Adel. Here are a few of the comments made.

Not long after my arrival in Adel, I went into church on a Thursday afternoon, to be greeted by a diminutive lady with a warm welcome and a contagious laugh...Sylvia! Over the next months I met Sylvia again, at our morning service; in school hearing children read; hosting worship committee meetings where she provided an array of home-made cakes; reading at Evensong; selling raffle tickets for her simnel cake... I was to hear more of that laugh too.

Visits to her home were punctuated by it, and she herself was usually the subject of her jokes or funny stories. She also often bewailed the fact that she could no longer do as much as she wished.

Three things though were undiminished: her sense of humour, her ability to read scripture and her faith. I have two special memories from covid times. One is of joining her in her garden, handing her that Sunday's reading and recording her reading. She only ever needed 'one take'.



The other is from the very beginning of lockdown, when we were confused and fearful. I turned to Sylvia, who had weathered many storms, to write a prayer for our parish. I think it speaks into any time of difficulty. So as we face the loss of Sylvia, and others from our church family, I would like to share it again (see page 7).

**Alison Battye**

A lovely and very encouraging lady. She was a warden when I was Rector. I will pray for her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Tim Gill**

Sylvia **was** Adel Church...it ran in her veins. Anything that needed organising, Sylvia was there leading us. Social Committee meetings were always held at Sylvia's, with a freshly made cake and abundant quantities of

wine and coffee, whilst her little dog Sam dashed around emptying our handbags. Happy memories of an irreplaceable lady. x

**Jenny Jones**

I remember the hospitality when I took the “money bag” round to her house at the end of July in readiness for her banking month of August.

**Gerald Gaunt**

Sylvia anchored me to Adel Parish Church. She was one of the greatest sales women of all time, provided that she was collecting for Church which she loved.

**Siân Batchelder**

Dear, lovely Sylvia was also a leading light at Adel Gardeners' Club, where she led the running of Adel Show for many years. She was accorded the honour of Vice President, which she and I chatted about happily not long ago. Despite her voice having quite recently become a whisper, she sang the hymns at Adel Manor services with great gusto and knew every word. Loved always.

**Barbara Hodkinson**

I have fond memories of Sylvia and her hospitality when hosting Junior Church meetings way back when it first started - she was a great friend of Adel Church in so many ways.

**Ruth Cunliffe**

I first met Sylvia (& her little grandson, Oliver) in the early 1990s,

at the 11.30am Sunday Family Service, then held at Adel St John's Primary School. Sylvia welcomed me to Evensong (at Adel Church), on that 1st Sunday, after we had moved to Adel. I remember hearing her clear voice doing the readings

Later, Sylvia, her little dog Sam, David Douglas and I, enjoyed welcoming visitors to Adel Church on Thursday afternoons.

**Val Crompton**

For at least the last 50 yrs, Sylvia was an active, much loved and hard working member of Girlguiding and the Trefoil Guild in Adel, Bramhope and Cookridge. A lovely lady who will be sadly missed.

'Day is done, gone the sun, from the sea, from the hills, from the sky. All is well, safely rest, God is Nigh'

**Beryl Mayhew**

My wife Jane loved Sylvia's weekly visits to Adel St John's Primary School. She remembers her presenting a trophy each year to a Yr 6 child at the leavers' assembly, a trophy which she had had engraved with their name. Thoughts and prayers from the Hainsworth family.

**Dennis Hainsworth**

Sylvia was a very special friend to Jimmy and me over a long number of years and is sadly missed. In her heyday she was the backbone of Adel Church. RIP

**Beryl Thompson**

## In Brief

### Cookridge and Horsforth U3A visit to Kynren 2024

The local U3A have organised a 4 day visit to the Durham area specifically to see 'Kynren'.

This is a spectacular outdoor pageant lasting approximately 90 minutes, telling the history of the North East and also other aspects of English history.

The visit starts on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August** until **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August** and will also include visits to Richmond, Durham, Alnwick, coastal drive and Helmsley. We are staying at a four-star hotel, Redworth Hall outside Durham, with breakfast and dinner included. There will be opportunity to visit different venues in the towns at own choice and a separate cost.

Seawards of Harrogate are the coach firm which will be operating this visit for us and all bookings and payments will be through them. The cost is £450.00 but an additional £100 for a single room is required; deposit is £50.00 payable by cheque or BACS. You do not need to be a member of the U3A to take part in this visit. Full details can be found on our website [cookridgeandhorsforthu3a.wildapricot.org](http://cookridgeandhorsforthu3a.wildapricot.org) plus a downloadable booking form or have a word with me at church.

**Betty Pearson**

### Was it really a python?

I displayed my ignorance of snakes last month, when I included a photo of Val Crompton holding a snake and foolishly called it a cobra. It was in fact a python and Val explained clearly that a licence is needed for people to have a cobra and that was something they never had. I am sorry for that error.

**Marjorie Cole**

### Adel Boundary Walk 2024

The ancient tradition of **Beating the Bounds** of Adel Parish will take place on

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**8.30am start at the Stables**



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

**Booking essential.**  
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# Environmental News



This year, March marks the first days of spring and

also Easter. After all the storms, I'm looking forward to it, especially because Spring also brings my favourite flower: the daffodil.

Sue has joined me to help achieve an Eco Church bronze award for Adel. One of the areas is raising awareness, so each month, I'm going focus on what we can do to be more mindful of our environment.

## Earth Hour, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Let us start with Earth Hour, which is held on the last Saturday of March and is organised by the WWF. I first came across this at its inception when I was living in Australia in 2007. This grassroots movement, organised in Sydney, encouraged people to turn off non-essential lights for *one hour from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm*, giving the planet 60 minutes back & giving us time to think and pray for our planet's future.

## The Big Plastic Count, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

The last Big Plastic Count was done in 2022; The Big Plastic Count found that over 100 billion pieces of plastic are thrown away in the UK, and only 12% are recycled. The aim is not to make you feel guilty but to build up evidence and data as 175 nations gather to

negotiate a deal on The Global Plastic Treaty. To take part, please register, using the link at the end.

## International Day of Forests, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

21<sup>st</sup> March marks the UN's annual International Day of Forests. Still, we are seeing our forest disappear. The world's forests are vital for our planet. They help soak up CO2, prevent erosion and are habitat for half of our planet's land-based animals. The deforestation of our planet has caused devastating and lasting damage. Swathes of forest have been cleared for farming. Dams are being built for what is seen as green energy, but not revealing the costs, such as flooding huge areas to make artificial lakes and displacing many families. Please take a moment and pray that the world's governments think twice before granting land to be cleared.

For more info on the above dates, please visit the link or Google the subject

**Earth Hour** [earthhour.org](http://earthhour.org)

**The Big Plastic Count** [thebigplasticcount.com](http://thebigplasticcount.com)

**International Day of Forest** [un.org/en/observances/forests-and-trees-day](http://un.org/en/observances/forests-and-trees-day)

Bonus link, [plasticseurope.org/changingplasticsforgood/global-plastics-treaty](http://plasticseurope.org/changingplasticsforgood/global-plastics-treaty) has lots of information

**Thang Tang**

# Pondering Penny

## Goodbye, Penny



She was determined to be first

Penny always had to walk in front – none of this walking at the side or behind. She didn't pull on her lead, but was just determined to be first.

Unfortunately, when there were crowds of people around, this wasn't easy but she ploughed ahead anyway, carving a path for us to follow until she ran out of crowds!

So, we've had to say a very sad and final 'goodbye' to lovely Penny. She entered into everything with great enthusiasm and the 'of course I can do that' attitude, including hotels, a great variety of environments and people.

She enjoyed visiting our son's church in Uphill for a social evening with a 'fish & chip' supper, coffee mornings at Adel Church, trains of all kinds, boats, buses, cars (the only transport she didn't go on was a plane) embracing all with inquisitiveness and enthusiasm.

Penny was very much an 'Alpha female' and liked to be in charge. She would not be trained with treats, and various commands had to be modified to make sure she complied! For example, she refused to sit at the kerb side to wait to cross the road, so we changed this to 'Penny wait,' and this was acceptable and, as it turned out, came in useful in other scenarios!

Pets are not everyone's cup of tea, but we all know the loss of someone we love hurts. We enjoyed and had the privilege of her company for very nearly 14 years and she will always be in our hearts.

Soon, little Lily will try to contribute to Adel Bells; I just need to teach her a bit more English and her keyboard skills and she will be away!

Keith and I thank you for your love and kind messages. It turns out Penny became a Parish dog and was frequently stopped in the street, petted and thanked for her Penny's Ponders.

**Chris Madeley**

## My Day in Cups of Tea

I met up with Adel Bells reader Nancy Aydon to chat about feeling thankful and being independent.



### Morning, Nancy, how do you like to start your day?

I'm an early riser and there is nothing better to set me up for the day than a cup of tea. I drink it here in my armchair as I look out on to the garden. I will soon have my daily boiled egg followed by a second cuppa.

### And where are you waking up?

I have spent many a happy year in this apartment. I was brought up on a farm, so when I came to Leeds and settled in Adel, it was a gentle introduction to life in the city. I have always felt thankful that God brought me to this place.

### At the age of 96, you must rely a lot on people helping you.

I am lucky that I can cook good, fresh meals for myself. I have a good appetite. But I couldn't do that without the help of a lovely young

lady who shops for me once a fortnight and makes sure my freezer is well-stocked.

### Kettle's on, what do you fancy?

Always Yorkshire tea, with milk, but no sugar.

### Do you drink anything else?

My young friend brings me a bottle of sherry every now and then and I might have a small glass on a Saturday.

### Do you get out much?

I have a walk each afternoon if the weather's fine. I walk to the hairdresser on The Crescent once a fortnight. Last week it was so icy and I would have struggled to cross the road when I left the hairdresser's. The Lord above saw I needed help and sent me a young woman pushing a pram and she let me hold on to the pram and then carried on until she had got me back home.

### Is there anyone you'd like to share a cuppa with?

Without a doubt, the Queen! I had a cousin who was a fighter pilot and he and his crew perished when their plane crashed near Dieppe in 1944. Many years later they held a Memorial Service in Dieppe Cathedral and I wrote to the Queen about that and received kind replies. My cousin had such a short life and I feel blessed to have got to this age and remain still in good health.

## Letter from America

### Adel to Virginia

I was born in London in 1939 and was brought to Adel in late 1940, where the family grew and lived until 1959. My whole happy childhood was spent in Adel. I have memories of walks to feed the ducks on the church pond; through the woods to the Beck; along Long Causeway; down Stairfoot Lane to the bridge, where we picked bluebells.

Around 1950 my father became organist and choirmaster at Adel Church so I was in the choir. I was confirmed there by the Bishop of Knaresborough (no longer a bishopric I understand) and briefly taught Sunday School there until the family moved to Huby in 1959. In 1963 I married and left England, moving to the United States in 1965. I have lived in Virginia since marrying my present husband (a Leeds University graduate!) in 1974.

My husband and I were both lapsed Anglicans until my 11-year-old son ran into the house one day (after riding his bike around all afternoon with his friend (a fervent Baptist) - calling out to me, "Mom, Mom, I wanna get saved!". The next Sunday we got up earlier and all went to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We've been members of the Episcopal Church ever since!

For the past 20 years we have lived on The Eastern Shore of Virginia - a peninsula between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, which was settled by the English from the Jamestown colony founded in 1607, (thirteen years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock). We are members of the second-oldest Parish in the U.S. - Hungars Parish - founded in about 1620 by Jamestown citizens who had settled on the Eastern Shore after exploring for a source of salt (for food preservation). This they found on the ocean-side of the peninsula, along with exceedingly fertile soils and friendly natives, the Accawmacke Tribe, who helped them with farming techniques.

The Church of England became the Episcopal Church after the American Revolution, but in our Church archives (presently in the County museum) we have an original Prayer Book in which there are prayers for ".....our King". and ".....our Two Universities". Both churches in the Parish have English silver Eucharist sets, each consisting of a 16"-tall silver flagon, chalice, and coin-silver paten, presented by Virginia's English Governor, Sir Francis Nicholson (a Yorkshireman!). As altar guild director, I have had the privilege of caring for these artefacts, still in regular weekly use, as well as the historic linens used at our services.

Our community consisting of two counties now - Northampton and Accomac - is fiercely proud of its English heritage. The two counties remain dependent on agriculture and more recently, aquaculture, as source-income. The Chesapeake Bay blue crabs are much sought-after and its oysters and clams are being farmed very successfully to satisfy the changing trends in today's diet. Life here is good. This part of Virginia is very much a continuation of English history, of which the local population is extremely proud. There are many

families who have lived here for generations. One of the oldest families was originally from Yorkshire, though the family name changed a couple of times when the estate passed through a female heir. But the present owner - 12th generation - loves reading my copy of Dalesman! The past is always present here in Virginia!

### **Jennifer (Newman) Ashe**

*Jennifer also loves reading an electronic copy of Adel Bells which I send to her every month. If you live far away you too can pay the usual price of £6 and have it sent to you by email.*

## **Electoral Roll**

### **Revision of Church's Electoral Roll 2024**

The existing Church's Electoral Roll is due for revision in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to be held on 21 April 2024. If you are already on the Roll you do not need to take any action unless you have moved house in the last twelve months, in which case please let me have your new address.

If you are not already on the Roll but would like to attend and take part in the APCM then you must complete an application form, available at the back of the Church or from me from 3 March, and return it either to me or by placing it in the red box available near the forms at the back of the Church. All forms must be returned by the deadline of 24 March. The revised

role will commence on 24 March; after this date no new names can be added until after the APCM. Please read the Application Form and attached notes carefully to ensure you are eligible to be on the Roll.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with me, Reverend Alison or one of our Churchwardens, Anne or Alison.

Details of our privacy policy relating to the Electoral Roll are available on the Church website or from me if you require a paper copy.

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## **Saturday 16th March**

12.30 to 2.00pm

In the Old Stables



A variety of soups and sandwiches  
will be on offer

£8 per person

Booking essential

Closing date: 10th March

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# Words from Joyce Hill

## The Historical Context of the Crucifixion

On Good Friday we focus on Jesus' suffering on the cross: the crucifixion as the supreme sacrifice and means of redemption. The gospels also tell us of his capture, his appearance before the Jewish Sanhedrin, and the appeal to Roman authority for the death penalty. If we set these events in the context of the history of the region, occupation politics are revealed.

Occupied Judaea, part of the Roman province of Syria, was administered by middle-ranking Pontius Pilate, under the Governor of Syria. The Romans often tolerated local customs. In Judaea they allowed the Jews to practise their religion and to keep their own religious court, reserving for themselves the right of capital punishment, also making use of carefully chosen collaborators: the Herods were put on the throne by the Romans. The Jewish High Priests were also Roman appointees.

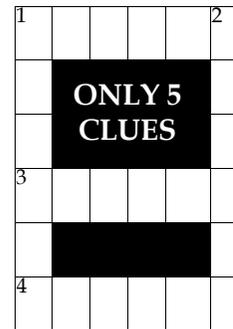
We can see clearly how things played out. The Sanhedrin, headed by the High Priest, had religious objections to Jesus' teaching, especially his claim to be the Messiah. In order to have him killed, they needed the Romans consent. Recognising that an argument about Messiahship would have been dismissed as an entirely Jewish matter, the case they

presented to Pilate was that Jesus claimed to be King of the Jews. As collaborators both sides needed each other. They shared an awareness that a claim to kingship was a potential threat to the structures of occupation that the Romans had put in place and also a rallying point for rebellion.

Pilate, unconvinced of Jesus' guilt, would have seen him as an improbable candidate for crucifixion: a means of death reserved for common criminals and slaves, but sometimes used for traitors. When Pilate agreed, for self-preservation, he insisted that a board describing Jesus as King of the Jews be fixed to the cross. Someone of his middling rank had to justify his actions to his superiors. We should also remember that this was a volatile situation. Pilate was only in Jerusalem to see that things did not get out of hand during the Passover, when feelings ran high and the Romans feared riots. Yet, as a mere procurator, he had no significant body of soldiers under his command. Exposed as he was, and faced with a crowd demanding crucifixion, fear must have been a considerable factor.

Events were driven by self-interest and political manoeuvring, thus undermining justice and morality. Such are the human failings at the heart of the crucifixion narrative.

# Puzzles



## ACROSS

- Album distributed around one Californian resort
- Take for granted fool's picked up Oz bird
- Come along with fancy corset

## DOWN

- Cheeky child, English, she's married in France
- Out of bed, terribly tired and optimistic

## Do you need help?

Cryptic clues are full of hints which suggest a way of finding an answer. The more you do, the more you learn how to read these clues. If you want to do this month's puzzle, read through the following explanations and have a go. Good luck!

**1 Across** - The word 'distributed' suggests that the previous word is an anagram. The word one hints that you need to add I as an extra letter. If you solve the anagram of ALBUMI you will find the answer, whose definition is 'Californian resort'

**3 Across** - the word 'fool' can be represented as 'ass' as part of the answer. Think of an Australian bird of 3 letters. 'Picked up' in the clue suggests you add those 3 letters

backwards to the first part. The definition of the answer is 'take for granted'.

**4 Across** - The word 'fancy' suggests that corset is an anagram and the definition of the answer is 'come along'

**1 Down** - Think of a word for a 'cheeky child'. Using the word 'English' suggests you simply add the letter E to what you've got and 'she's married in France' is the definition of the answer.

**2 Down** - Think of a short 2 letter word suggesting you are no longer in bed. Then find a word of 4 letters that means 'terribly tired' and add it to the other two letters. "optimistic" is the definition of the answer

Solution on page 31

## Time for a Quiz

1. Name a carnivorous marsupial with a ferociously powerful bite.
2. In which country was the author Khaled Hosseini born?
3. Name the speech made in Washington DC on 28th August 1963.
4. What is the name of the veteran rock band fronted by Francis Rossi?
5. What do you call the large tubes of pasta often filled with meat or cheese?
6. Name a fruit with Marjorie's seedling and Victoria varieties.
7. Which Bavarian village is famous for its Passion plays?
8. Name a North Sea port associated with smoked haddock.
9. What type of animal was Richard Parker in the novel *Life of Pi*?
10. Which actress starred opposite Billy Crystal in *When Harry met Sally*?
11. Which word can be added to the name of a town to indicate a royal association?
12. Which French words are used to describe the Shrove Tuesday festival?
13. What is the name of the gauge attached to an upturned bottle of spirits?
14. What is the surname of the 41st and 43rd Presidents of the USA?
15. Which classic sitcom was set in Oil Drum Lane, Shepherd's Bush, London?
16. Name the palace on the River Thames that was originally built for Cardinal Wolsey.
17. What is the world's longest continental mountain range?
18. Name the Biblical kingdom whose queen visited Solomon.
19. In which sport has Laura Kenny won Olympic golds?
20. Which author created Veruca Salt and Agatha Trunchbull?

**Answers on page 31**

## Adel Players Review

### Party Piece, by Richard Harris

A play about a BBQ, a garden fence, and a Zimmer frame ...what could go wrong?

It was the end of a very icy week when our party of six went gingerly across the car park at AWMH. The bar was full, and the hall was filled to capacity.

The play was set on the day of a housewarming party; a long list of friends invited later that evening to a "Reverse fancy dress", men dressed as women, women as men.

The set was simple but effective: adjoining gardens of terrace houses, one belonging to the snippy Mrs. Hinson, the other the home of Michael Smethurst, and his long-suffering wife Roma. The difference between the houses was obvious, the old lady's showing signs of disrepair, and next door's newly refurbished.

Mickey, as his wife called him, was a "skip rat", proudly showing off his finds from neighbours' skips. Played by Robert Colbeck, Mickey had obsessive personality traits. He did everything at top speed, whilst Roma answered the phone, as guests cancelled. Meanwhile, in the next garden, Mrs. Hinson's son David turns up, and tries to persuade her to move to a smaller place, nearer to him and his wife, Jennifer. It's obvious there's

no love lost between the two women, and in an act of sheer frustration, Jennifer tosses the Zimmer frame over the fence into the next-door garden.

Party time brought the biggest laugh with Michael dressed in a strapless dress, as Ginger Rogers, Roma, looking immaculate in top hat and tails, as Fred Astaire. As expected, tempers rise with the heat of the BBQ, the smoke drifts over Mrs. Hinson's washing...large knickers and a pinny..., the music is deemed far too loud, and the Hinsons all arrive, together with only two guests, who are determined to drink the bar dry. This was pure farce from start to finish, entrances and exits executed at speed and misunderstandings of names. There were also moments of pure slapstick: think Ginger Rogers' wig, some water, and a barbecue.

The audience was appreciative and laughed out loud. A person near me said, "It takes a lot to make me laugh nowadays, but I've laughed all the way through, I have enjoyed it so much."

Adel Players, you never disappoint, thank you for entertaining us in whatever you perform. Party Piece was food for the soul, and definitely the best antidote to freezing weather.

**Jenny Jones**

# In Your Garden

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."

Lewis Grizzard

As some daylight returns to the early evening there is ever more opportunity and incentive to get out into your garden and revel in the emerging signs of spring. You will find buds emerging on trees and shrubs, a few insects out basking in any early sunshine seeking sustenance after winter hibernation, bulbs poking out of the still cold soil and the early flowers of hellebores and hamamelis. So much potential being unleashed and plenty to look forward to.



The joyous sound of birds singing will return and increase in volume as breeding territories are sought, explored, fought over and defended. Many of our resident species will start nesting by the end of the month, particularly blackbirds, blue tits and robins, but also the less conspicuous dunnocks and wrens. With favourable winds some of our earliest migrants should also start reappearing. I quite regularly hear my first Chiffchaffs singing by the middle of the month

whilst most of our winter visitors (like geese, ducks, fieldfares and redwings) will all be heading off to their breeding grounds in northern climes. It won't be long before we will welcome willow warblers, swallows and house martins in their stead.

As the weather allows, there are winter shrubs that can be cut back. Plants such as Cornus (Dogwood) and Salix (Willow), grown mainly for their colourful winter stems, are normally thinned now. That will give them a whole season to put on fresh new growth, for vibrant winter colour at the end of the year. Summer flowering shrubs such as Buddleia can now be harshly pruned back to a pair of buds. They will grow away vigorously and flower on this new growth. The same applies to many but not all types of clematis. There will be jobs that didn't quite get done over the winter so it's now a good time to catch up on any of these. For me this year it's clearing and cleaning the greenhouse! You can happily remove any dead stems, leaves and flowerheads left from the autumn, clear paths and driveways of the detritus that accumulates, especially moss and leaves and, if you are so minded, start planting up some seeds. A little bit at a time works for me!

**George Turnbull**

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# A Stained Glass Window

Many would argue that ours is an image-centered culture. Words are secondary, at best. Here is evidence, reluctantly offered, in support of that view.

**Primary Colors :**

I saw it every Sunday morning,  
Rain or shine, that image of the Shepherd,  
As kindly-looking as our family doctor,  
Tending his sheep. Its meaning didn't matter.  
What caught my eye and held it were the colors  
Brightening and darkening

According to the weather. Here  
Was a warm tableau of equanimity,  
A scene of unperturbed tranquility,  
Words not yet in my vocabulary,  
Noble ideas yet to be discovered.  
But Truth, that imp, was secondary

To what I witnessed, year upon year:  
Blue sky, green hills, an auburn shepherd's crook,  
And in the distance, white, unthreatening clouds.  
How quickly and inevitably colors fade  
But not these long-remembered, primary colors,  
Preserved intact as in a book.

**Ben Howard**

*(Writing from New York USA, on FaceBook. Ben read English at Leeds University and lived in the now-demolished Sadler Hall. In 1964, he played Renaissance Italian lute pieces transcribed for classical guitar, at a concert in Adel Church. Ben is now Professor Emeritus of English, at Alfred University, New York.)*



At Adel, we do not have a 'Good Shepherd' window but we do have St George with Spring flowers, plus a mole, frog, bird and bright butterfly - at his feet. (In memory of Colonel George Bray 1888-1952)

**Val Crompton**

# OPAL Activities

Our very exciting news here at OPAL is we have now got our own wheelchair accessible transport. We have a minibus with a lift and a wheelchair accessible car; these will be used to benefit our members by transporting them to activities and on trips. We will also be hiring out both vehicles to local groups to allow other users to benefit from this. The official launch was a fantastic event and you may have even seen us in the local papers, if you didn't see us in print you may well see the minibus out and about as it picks up members for our activities. If you would like to speak to someone about hiring either of the vehicles please call us on 0113 2619103 and ask to speak to Andy (transport coordinator).

The next hearing aid clinic is on **26<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon-2pm**; this drop-in session is for replacement batteries, tubing replacement and other minor hearing aid repairs. Please bring along your NHS card and we will be happy to help (please note this is on a first come, first served basis).

Our trips continue to be very popular with our members and on **19<sup>th</sup> March** we will be going to Murgatroyds in Yeadon for some of their award-winning fish and chips. We have trips planned every month and are always looking for new places to visit, so if you have any ideas of where you think our members

would enjoy visiting, please tell us.

Our Wellbeing Walks (Thursdays) have been running for a whole year and have been to some fantastic places in Leeds, such as Adel Dam and even an afternoon walk before Christmas to view the Christmas illuminations in Leeds city centre and then on to the Christmas market for a delicious hot chocolate. The walks are **every Thursday** (weather permitting) starting at **10 am** from the Welcome In and are approximately 90 minutes or 1.5 miles in length with refreshment break halfway through. We use the local bus service to get to the start of the walks and to get home afterwards and some of the walks we are planning for this year are Kirkstall Abbey, Leeds Dock, Otley and Leeds Liverpool canal. If you want more details please call and ask for Ellen or email her at [ellen@opal-project.org.uk](mailto:ellen@opal-project.org.uk)

If you are interested in any of the activities OPAL offers or if you would like more information, please contact us on 0113 2619103, email [admin@opal-project.org.uk](mailto:admin@opal-project.org.uk) or call in to speak to us at the Welcome In Community Centre ( 55 Bedford Drive, LS16 6DJ).

**Shelley Clark**



## Family Event Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am to noon in The Stables

This event is aimed at children aged 0 to 8 years accompanied by parents.

We will be sharing the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday through crafts, storytelling and song.

We will begin in The Stables, then have a short service in church and end with refreshments in the Stables.

Please contact [karen\\_baylis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karen_baylis@hotmail.co.uk) should you require any more information.

We look forward to seeing all.

# York Gate Update

Art and gardening are two of my passions and I try as often as possible to combine them both. For centuries gardens have provided artists with a source of creative inspiration. For me, Claude Monet is one of the most important painters in the history of art. In his early paintings he was exploring radical ideas and forging a new modernist art. He was an advocate of painting outdoors, one of the *plein air artistes* who became known as Impressionists.

Last summer local artists from the Redbrick Artists group, spent a few days painting and sketching at York Gate. Their visits were to be the inspiration for a series of paintings which are now on display in the Café. All the paintings are for sale with a donation to be given to Perennial, the only UK charity dedicated to people from the horticultural industry.

Their visit also provided the inspiration for some of our York Gate volunteers to form Drawn Together, a group which now meets regularly to draw and paint together, to relax and enjoy the Garden, and capture some of its magic on paper or canvas.

Artists have featured throughout York Gate's history. The Archive contains early sketches and design ideas by Robin Spencer, as well as various artists' prints and paintings, including a wonderful portrait of Sybil Spencer,



**Portrait of Sybil Spencer** painted from life, by French Canadian artist Nicole Milette. Nicole, who was studying at York University, visited York Gate and became friends with Sybil during sittings for the portrait, which now hangs in the shop, originally the family sitting room.

The Redbrick Artists are excited to be sharing their work at York Gate for the next six months and the garden team would love for you to see this special exhibition of paintings. The Café is open this month Wednesday to Sunday from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm but please note, the Garden will not be open.

York Gate Garden opens for the new season on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and we are looking forward to a great summer full of floral splendour and, perhaps, some beautiful paintings!

*Nature is painting for us  
day after day  
pictures of infinite beauty*  
John Ruskin

**Gillian Smith**, Heritage Volunteer

# 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(?)”

The Korean equivalent of ‘once upon a time’ is ‘in the old days, when tigers used to smoke’.

The second largest natural lake in Massachusetts is Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggcha ubunagungamaugg.

American heir Tommy Manville (1884-1967) was promised \$250,000 from a trust fund whenever he married. He married 13 times.

Dubai imports sand.

On the Moscow metro, trains going towards the centre have the stops announced by a male voice and away from the centre by a female voice. This is designed to make navigation easier for the blind.

Before deciding on the term ‘World Wide Web’, Tim Berners-Lee considered ‘The Information Mine’, but decided it might look egocentric as the acronym is ‘TIM’.

Greenland is losing 30 million tonnes of ice every hour.

It’s illegal to stop walking on some bridges in Las Vegas. Stoppers can be fined up to \$1,000.

Decaffeinated coffee was discovered accidentally in 1903 after a batch of beans was drenched with seawater which washed away the caffeine but not the flavour.

Mice don’t particularly like cheese.

The first time a hovercraft crossed the English Channel was on the 50th anniversary of the first aeroplane flight over the same stretch of water.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, up to 1 maggot per 250ml of citrus juice is deemed safe for consumption.

The most common surname in Slovakia is ‘Horváth’ which means ‘Croatian’ in Hungarian.

In Northern Scandinavia, it’s common to add cheese to your coffee.

The longest maritime border France shares with any country is with Australia, due to France’s overseas territories.

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

**Trevor Cole**

# What's On

**1152 Club**  
**Tuesday 5th March**  
**10am**

**'Adverts from Leeds Trade Directories from the past'**

Kitty Ross  
 The Club now meets in the Gate House at Abbey House Museum  
 Contact Patrick Bourne  
 Kirkstall.abbey@leeds.gov.uk  
 0113 3784079  
 Or ring Val Crompton  
 0113 225 9142

**Adel Gardeners' Club**  
**Monday 11th March**

**'Woodland plants for connoisseurs'**  
 Michael Myers in person  
 7.30pm at Adel Methodist Church  
<https://adelhort.chessck.co.uk/>

**Leeds & District Association of the National Trust**

**Tuesday 12th March**  
**"The Studley Revealed Project" - Justin Scully,**  
 General Manager, Fountains and Brimham Rocks. He will explain how the National Trust is making the abbey and Studley Royal fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This is followed by the Association's **Annual General Meeting.**

St Chad's Parish Centre,  
 Far Headingley  
 Talks begin at **10.30** am with coffee etc. served from **10.00** am.

Association members £4.00,  
 guests £5,  
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**Adel Players**  
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**17th to 20th April, 7.30pm**  
**"Two"**

by Jim Cartwright  
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More details next month



**Suggested solution**  
**on page 31**

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# Quotes about Mothers

*God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.*

Rudyard Kipling

*A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's.*

Princess Diana

*Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face.*

George Eliot

*All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.*

Abraham Lincoln

*Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother.*

Unknown

*Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.*

Robert Browning

## DON'T FORGET—Mothering Sunday 10th March

### Only 5 Clues

#### Across

1. MALIBU

3. ASSUME

4. ESCORT

#### Down

1. MADAME

2. UPBEAT

Turn SICK into HEAL

SICK

SILK

SILL

SELL

SEAL

HEAL

1. Tasmanian Devil
2. Afghanistan
3. I have a dream
4. Status Quo
5. Cannelloni
6. Plum
7. Oberammergau
8. Arbroath
9. Tiger
10. Meg Ryan
11. Regis
12. Mardi Gras
13. Optic
14. Bush
15. Steptoe and Son
16. Hampton Court
17. Andes
18. Sheba
19. Cycling
20. Roald Dahl

# Barry Anderson

## Outline Planning Application – at bottom of Long Causeway

The planning application for a dwelling on the piece of land at the bottom of Adel Lane/Long Causeway has been refused by the Council. The reasons cited for refusal were: it is a protected green space; the urbanisation of this piece of land will harm the existing positive character of the site; no demonstration that it will not be harmful to the biodiversity of the site; risk of flooding through surface water on the site given its proximity to Adel Beck. The applicant will have the right of appeal.

## Farrar Lane/Church Lane Lights

I have received lots of requests for some formal pedestrian crossing time at this crossroads. The latest response I received is:

*“We are not in a position to introduce formal facilities in its current layout, as the required 'all-red' phase on the traffic lights to allow pedestrians to cross would create significant capacity loss through the junction and render the improvements gained by buses from the recent Holt Lane signalisation scheme, null and void.*

*The junction would require remodelling to allow pedestrians to, what is known as, 'walk with traffic'. In practice this means*

*that a number of carriageway islands would need to be introduced. However, such an undertaking here would be expensive as we would need to expand the junction into the grass verges, not all of which belong to the Highways department either.*

*I have liaised with colleagues in Urban Traffic Management Control regarding the possibility of extending the 'inter-green time', which is the time between one set of signals turning red and the next turning green, with a view to giving pedestrians that little bit more time as required. They are reluctant to do so, however, as it would require the introduction of additional pedestrian detection infrastructure. When that infrastructure notes a pedestrian standing within the detection area, it would extend the inter-green time by a specified amount to allow that pedestrian the time to cross. There are funding implications, of approximately £15,000. Neither Traffic Engineering nor UTMC have funding we could identify towards this.”*

## Speed Indicator Device - Otley Road

I received a request to have the Speed Indicator Device on Otley Road relocated to make it more visible to drivers and have now received confirmation from Highways – *“Following investigation, I will relocate this device 2 lighting columns south to ensure*

that the new bus stop sign is not obstructing motorists travelling along Otley Road.”

### **Pedestrian Crossing – New Adel Lane/St. Helens Lane**

I have also received requests for a formal pedestrian crossing at the above crossroads. I took this up with Highways who advised as follows:

*“It is my finding that no further action is taken at the junction at this time. Our Pedestrian Crossing Assessment showed that we could not justify the introduction of a formal crossing facility on any arm. This was mainly focussed on the fact that the traffic island on Otley Road caters for pedestrians and it is not considered difficult to cross New Adel Lane nor St. Helen’s Lane due to their relatively light traffic levels.*

*The introduction of a crossing here would need to be in a signal-controlled format. I am mindful that there are already a number of signal-controlled junctions and crossings within Adel and that Lawnswood Roundabout is due to be*

## **Billy Flynn**

Hello everyone. As I am writing this I am looking at an inch of snow lying in my road, will Spring be delayed!

### **Policing**

We are relatively fortunate in the ward with little serious crime although there

*signalised. With such a high level of signalisation there is concern regarding the overall congestion that might be expected along the A660 should yet another set of signals be introduced. With no collisions involving pedestrians in the last five-year period, it is difficult to recommend at this time a major intervention such as this that would have a detrimental impact on the local network, with no statistical benefit.”*

### **Greenway, Holt Lane**

You may remember a few years ago about the proposal for a “Greenway” on part of Holt Lane. The latest update from Highways in this respect is: *“With respect to the Greenway proposal and the linked 30mph speed limit, subject to approval this will form part of our programme of work for the 24/25 financial year. I will be able to definitely confirm this around April and then follow this up with formal consultation before moving forward.”*

### **Cllr. Barry Anderson**

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have been a number of escalating issues in Holt Park and the area around Asda and Ralph Thorseby School over the last year or so. You will recall that the police together with the council’s anti-social behaviour (ASB) team and housing department mounted an

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operation in the area some months ago to address the problem. I thought I would give you an update on the operation.

It has achieved significant success in terms of reduction in calls relating to anti-social behaviour. Four Urgent Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions have been granted, 42 young people risk assessed and action taken, two warrants executed for addresses identified as being involved in drugs supply and two off road bikes, a car and van seized by the Off Road Bike Team. In addition, tenancy action has been taken against those living in council tenancies who have been involved in serious ASB. I was able to fund some of the operation and it is very pleasing that residents living in the area who have suffered the consequences of ASB have commented on how improved the local atmosphere has been during the operation. Needless to say, the police and council partners are keeping up the pressure by maintaining their presence in the area and the off-road bike team are continuing to operate in the ward.

The police have asked me to publicise the next PACT (Police & Communities Together) meeting which is attended by officers of the neighbourhood policing team. It provides the opportunity to talk face to face with the police about issues where they live. It will be held on **5 March** between **7pm-8pm** at the Quaker Meeting House in New Adel Lane. All are welcome.

### **Road maintenance – or lack of it**

The road planned maintenance programme for the ward the next couple of years is available. Many of the roads in Adel will be repaired but please note that the remedial work will be surface dressing or similar rather than more substantive maintenance. If you would like to know exactly which roads are on the list, please get in touch with me.

### **New bench off Sir George Martin Drive**

I have been approached to see if funding can be found for a bench adjacent to the new footpath planned on St George Martin Drive between the housing development off East Moor Lane and the Mulberrys - if the council highways department ever get round to completing the path of course. I am working on this at present and subject to insurance and ongoing maintenance issues being resolved, it might be possible. Nothing is easy!

If you would like further information on the issues above or anything else in the ward, please do get in touch.

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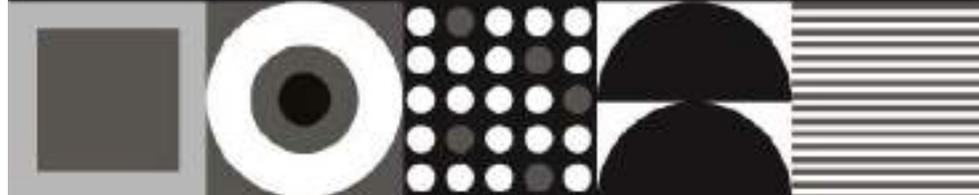
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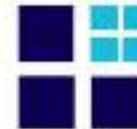
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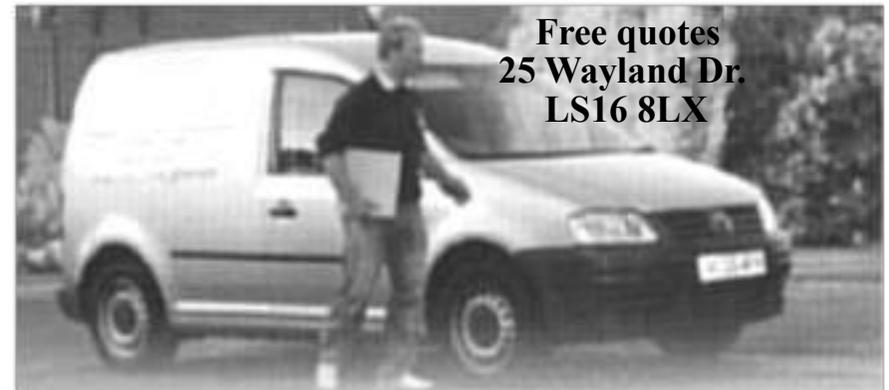
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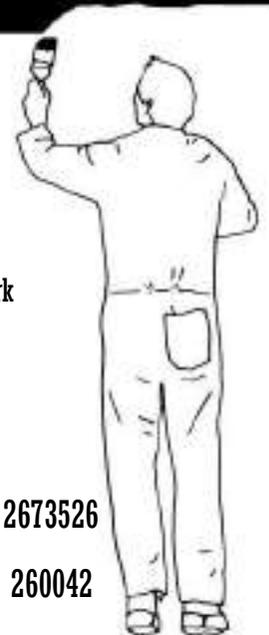
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	6.30pm Evensong
<b>Wed 6th</b>	11am Holy Communion
<b>Fri 8th</b>	1.30pm J Js (for the under sixes)
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
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	10am Parish Communion
	5pm ACE meeting in the Stables
<b>Wed 13th</b>	11am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
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	10am All Age Service with Communion
	6.30pm Choral Evensong followed by light refreshments
<b>Wed 20th</b>	11am Holy Communion
<b>Thurs 21st</b>	3.15pm Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee
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