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**1st November**

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**A prayer for today**

Listening God, it is your desire in us that desires.
It is your urge in us that would turn our nights,
which are yours, into days, which are yours too.
We cannot ask for anything,
for you know our needs before they are born in us.
You are our need; And in giving us more of yourself,
You give us everything. Amen.
Tom Gordon
*Swallowsnest.wordpress.com*

Adel Parish Church
St John the Baptist

**Part of Christ's family, welcoming everyone, sharing God's love and being a voice of hope**

# From the Editor

How wonderful that the Stables' new kitchen was ready in time for our Great Adel Bake-Off Competition. It certainly helped to make life easier for the enormous number of people helping to run the event, young and old alike. So much cake was eaten on that day! You can read about it on p. 8 where a couple of our young helpers describe what they did.

From a childhood in South Africa to a marriage in North America, via a stay in Switzerland, such is the life story of one of our oldest church members, described in detail on p. 14. Perhaps in reading of her experiences, we might understand the secret of how to be content even when facing adversity.

Over the last months you may have missed reading Barry Anderson's notes. I asked him to update us on what he has been doing since he retired. He most certainly has not been idle, as you will discover on p. 16. Caroline and Barry are still very much a part of our Adel community and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

Later this month we are holding our Christmas Coffee Morning, which is always a very happy occasion, with people hoping to win a Christmas hamper, a home-made Christmas cake or other festive treats. This year we are introducing a new activity, a game of 'Play your cards right'. If you don't know what that is, do come along and find out. You may be lucky and win a nice prize there too. See p. 12 for date and time. As usual all are welcome and you pay what you want!

We hope to see many of you on Sunday 8th November when we hold our annual Service of Remembrance, a chance to hear the names of those lost in the two world wars. We may also spare a thought for the many service men and women who are still to this day risking their lives to protect our country.

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# RECTOR ALISON'S LETTER

Dear Friends

This month marks a year since the retirement of the Rt Rev Nick Baines as Bishop of Leeds. This began the process of appointing the next Bishop of Leeds, which is a little different to the average job interview process.

There is a 'job advert' in the church press, but rather than applications, it invites nominations and comments about the qualities needed for the particular role. Possible candidates are discussed by a panel consisting of national and local members of the church. They are then voted on and the favoured candidate approached to see whether they are willing and able to take on the role.

The rationale is perhaps that the person who most wants a senior role like this, is not necessarily the best person for the job. In the past, this notion sometimes led to people being consecrated as bishop against their will. In 372, theologian Gregory of Nazianzus was consecrated Bishop of Sasima (in modern day Turkey), whereupon he promptly ran away! He fled back to his preferred life of solitude and study. He was eventually consecrated **with** his agreement as Bishop of Constantinople; people could obviously see in him something he didn't see in himself.

Since the modern deliberations are confidential, to protect people whilst they make their decisions, we only hear of successful appointments. Our next diocesan bishop will be Toby Howarth, who has been bishop for the Bradford area since 2014.

Because the Church of England is the established church for the country, becoming a bishop is a complicated process. On 6th November in York Minster, he legally becomes the diocesan bishop; on 18th November he has to meet the King. After a break for moving house, and some time to prepare, Toby will be installed in each of our three cathedrals on 17th, 23rd and 30th January.

We trust that bishop Toby will not run away…but the job is just as daunting as it might have been in Gregory's time. As a bishop in the established church, he is there for **all** of the approximately two and a half

million people living in Leeds Diocese. He has care and oversight of the clergy, churches and church schools; but he will also be expected to comment on local and national events which affect lives in this area. He will liaise with leaders of other faiths and local councils.

No doubt he will make mistakes. He will certainly not please all of the people within the church, let alone those outside of it. But I think we should all be grateful to Toby and all those who offer themselves in such positions of leadership.

As a church family we will be praying for bishop Toby and his family in the coming months. Thinking about his selection has reminded me how much we owe to everyone who accepts positions of responsibility, in churches and other organisations. If that is you, now or in the past – thank you! If someone has suggested it might be for you, even if you wouldn't have volunteered, at least think about it. They may see something in you, even if you aren't aware of it.

With love and prayers

**Alison**

**Memorial Service**

**1st November**

**6.30pm**

Our annual service of words and music, with the chance to remember loved ones by name and light a candle in their memory. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the Stables.

Everyone welcome

**Service of Remembrance**

**8th November**

At 10am the service starts in church. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will remember them.

At 11am we move outside, pay tribute to our local heroes and listen to the last post.
Come to one or, better still, come to both.



# Bake-off competition

You may be wondering what the cover picture is all about. In September we had a very successful bake-off competition open to all ages, which was master minded by Suzy Rowntree and her team and there were several categories of entries. It was a very joyous occasion and with people buying the cakes afterwards £503 was raised for church funds.

Edith Cheesbrough was our expert judge and the winners in each category were:
**Showstopper**: Ruth Cunliffe
**St John's Creation**: McCandlish Family
**Kids**: Gracie Maer and Louise Ashburn
**Family**: The Corcorans
**All rounder**: Karen Baylis

Here is what two of our younger entrants wrote:

The Adel St John's Bake Off was a great success! We had lots of people enter their baking. There were some amazing show stopper cakes and a tart that looked like the Church door knocker, it was brilliant! I baked some blondies and Harry Potter biscuits with my friend, we had lots of fun making them and it was lovely to see other people enjoying them at the Bake Off. It was really good fun helping to set everything up for the Bake Off and get the room ready. Suzy had got lots of decorations and we had proper china tea cups and saucers. I helped with the activity to decorate a biscuit, we had lots of icing with sweets, smarties and sprinkles to decorate them with and lots of children enjoyed making them, especially eating them! Thank you to Edith and Rev. Alison for judging the competition, to everyone who entered and Suzy and her team for organising everything.

**Lucy Clarke (age 10)**

I really enjoyed taking part in the Great Adel Bake Off. I love baking, so I was excited to enter my cake and see what other people had made too. One of the categories was to make a cake based on St John the Baptist. I made a honey and Biscoff desert sand cake. I used honey because St John ate honey in the desert, and the crushed biscoff crumbs which looked like sand represented the desert.
I enjoyed helping serve the cakes after the judging and seeing all the other entries too. Everyone had gone to a lot of effort and it was a really nice way to raise money for the church.

**Lydia Swales (age 13)**

# REV'D IAN REFLECTS

## Let's build the kingdom

How does one go about building a Kingdom? Well, throughout human history, the traditional answer to that question, or rather the traditional approach to building a kingdom or empire, is by conquest; invasion, possibly, followed by dominating the indigenous population, changing the language or in extreme cases, eliminating them or reducing their numbers so that they are no longer a threat. The system then put in place clearly distinguishes between the victors and the vanquished.

Today, war is the main mechanism for achieving this result. Sadly, throughout history, religions have not been averse to this approach to building their influence over populations around the globe. In particular, Christendom, when it became the religion of empire in the fourth century, could be said to have used the power this gave to 'vanquish' its opponents, those considered heretical, Jews, and much later, Muslims; essentially anyone who didn't accept the received truths of Christianity.

Clearly, building God's Kingdom grounded in the love of God cannot be built in this manner, although sadly, there are still those who think that coercion is a proper way forward.

Wonderfully, Jesus told us of a better way. Matthew 13. 33: "He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast [or leaven] that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'"

Unlike conquest, yeast, gives us an image of transformation through integration; it transforms the flour by being itself; it transforms all that's around it. The change is slow and organic, brought about through the relationship and influence of the yeast, finally penetrating every part of the flour.

This seems to me to be a beautiful image of how we, by being the Christians we are, through showing our love for God and one another ARE that transformative yeast in the world. We continue to encourage others to open their hearts to the Gospel, share our joy in it, tell of its transformative power. And we seek to influence public policy so that all might flourish in our society. We speak out for justice. We should not underestimate the power of the church being the yeast that transforms. Let's keep at it!

**Ian Johnston**



# IN BRIEF

## 100 Club

The winners in September were:

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|---|---|
| Mike Andrews | £80 |
| James Moxon | £40 |
| David Walton | £30 |

## Also in November

**Each Wednesday at 10am**
Prayers in church or at home for the Baptism Group, All who cover services, especially Ian Johnston, Live-streaming team and sidespeople

**Bible Study**
**10.30am** in the Old Stables
**Thursday 12th November**
**Thursday 26th November**

## A special visit was arranged

From time to time we get a request for people to visit the church on a day when it is not normally open. We are very grateful to our 'church sitters' who willingly open up and give the visitors a warm welcome. Last month John and Anne Longhorne came on the occasion of John's 90th birthday.

They married at Adel Church on Christmas Eve 1960. Anne (née Foster) lived in Alwoodley but always attended church in Adel. She was confirmed in Adel Church by the Bishop of Ripon. She and John remembered Rector Simpson interviewing them in the vestry and signing the Register there.

If anyone in Adel does remember Anne and wants to get in touch they could do so via their granddaughter Francesca whose email address we have. Please contact the editor for information.

**Hilary Swann**

**£15, pay on the door**
**More details next month**

# Letter from Lily

Hi Everyone,

I must say, I'm loving these Autumn colours. I *think* I see them a bit differently to you, but I enjoy them anyway. Colder, shorter days that can only mean one thing! Christmas is coming! We suffer the bangs and flashes of bonfire night – I do wish you humans could do things a little more quietly. I can't really understand the sense of these things.

Sense. Senses. Interesting things. You humans allegedly have five senses. I don't know about other animal species and I must ask my vet about it, but we dogs have more and better ones than you do, which I suppose gives us bragging rights.

Let's start with smelling. You may get frustrated when we dogs walk along with our noses on the ground but this is such an exciting occupation for us. It is like your reading a good book. Please remember that when we go for a walk: this is our storybook – and we like to go to sleep afterwards! Our tastes are different to yours. We need our sense of smell to enjoy our food. You have more taste buds than we do but we have more sniff-sensors.

Seeing – we don't see as much colour as you do. Our favourite colours are blue and yellow, we can see grey but red and green are just like mud! We can see better than you do in the dark, so believe us, we know what's around!

Hearing – basically we can hear four times more than you can, and if it's very quiet, that can be up to a mile, so be careful what you say!

Touching – I love snuggling and touching as it makes me feel safe and loved. I like touching other dogs just to find out more about them.

BUT I get confused sometimes when it comes to learning from the Bible. Psalm 34 v 8 says, "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good." How does that work? Then I thought back to being a puppy when I had to put everything in my mouth to make sense of it. Then the penny dropped. We need to *absorb* God's word *into* ourselves, *concentrate* on what we read, think about it, *pray* about it and then we can *see* or comprehend the wonderful messages contained in everything God is wanting to tell us. Go on, taste and see what God has planned for us – it's so exciting.

God bless your journey.
Woofs & Lix,

**Lily**

# Environmental news

**There is no plan(et) B**

Holding up an image of our blue planet on his phone, Chris Packham CBE said in his opening speech: *"That's our home. That's our one and only home. It's the only one we've got."*

Last year, that stark reminder set the tone of the National Emergency Briefing (NEB), where a panel of the UK's leading experts spoke to an invited audience of over 1200, including politicians and leaders from various organisations across the UK, about the climate crisis we find ourselves in, and urged our government to hold a live televised emergency briefing to the nation. NEB has set up a petition that ends soon to push the subject to a Parliamentary debate; the link is at the end of this article. Since then, the movement has made headlines in national press, dominated social media, and sparked crucial conversations in local communities.

The topic of climate emergency is contentious, due to a mass of misinformation and some people simply don't want to know; ignoring what's happening and burying their heads in the sand, going about their daily lives without thinking about the catastrophic events unfolding around the world. The more we ignore the subject, the worse it will get.

Last month, the conversation reached our doorstep. The Old Stables hosted a screening of The People's Emergency Briefing, a documentary film released in April this year. This 50-minute film builds upon the NEB last November in Westminster; it compiled the speakers' key points into a hard-hitting summary covering aspects of our everyday life, such as weather extremes, which this summer has seen plenty of, our health, food and national security, our economy, and energy. The film aims to brief the UK on the climate crisis and convey this complex, science-heavy message in an easy-to-understand way, featuring reactions from people, including Jennifer Saunders and Deborah Meaden, alongside everyday voices. The focus is not to spread fear, but to inform and urge the government to act now. Let us face the problem head-on and not leave it for our children to deal with. If you missed the film, other screenings are popping up around Leeds; please try to see it.

For more information about the National Emergency Briefing, where to watch the film, and to sign the petition, please visit
**nebriefing.org**
**Tang** x



# Keeping busy

One hundred and one years ago, an American woman, en route to South Africa with her husband, gave birth to a baby girl, whom she called Cathreen and whom we in Adel know as Cath Jackson. It was a privilege for me to interview her recently in her own home and learn about her long life: a life that has granted her opportunities to travel, discover the world, meet people and find satisfaction. I asked her what the secret was to her longevity and the answer came that it is important to have something to do. And having something to do or somewhere to go seems to have marked her whole life.

## Establishing good family relationships

Her early years spent in South Africa have left her with fond memories of the place and the people. Her earliest memory is of running wild with bare feet in Cape Town. They made friends with the South African people and their cook was a skilled cake maker. I wonder if this was what inspired Cath to make wonderful cakes for our church coffee mornings until a few years ago. But, more importantly, those four years were a time to establish good family relationships.

## Climbing onto the roof

Cath's school years were in England and she was sent to school in Cheltenham, but the Second World war intervened and meant that their school had to be evacuated and the pupils were found accommodation in modest stately homes, being taken by bus to have their lessons. That might sound very glamorous to us, but Cath assured me it was rather less so. Cath particularly remembers climbing up through the attic and onto the roof of the house to watch the fires burning over London. But

on a more social level she remembers learning to ride a horse which she very much enjoyed. Being active and involved was clearly important to her in those early days too.

Perhaps Cath's love of travel, developed first of all in South Africa, caused her to study Geography at university which then resulted in a job with the Royal Geographic Society, but her knowledge of French, learned when she had a six month stay in Switzerland, brought her to the attention of the Foreign Office and she was offered a job with them. This meant leaving home and learning how to live independently, how to cook meals on two little gas rings and . . . . how not to speak to anyone about her work, while working with about a billion maps in a room on her own!

Later she was to travel to Canada and at a party over there she caught sight of a man across a crowded room and thought "**Who's** that?" He came across to her as a 'gorgeous, god-like figure' whom she eventually married in New York, before they settled down together in Canada and had four children. She had originally gone to Canada for six weeks, but stayed there for 15 years.

It was in Canada that she learned to ski. She also played golf, something that both her husband and father played. She remembers feeling mortified when she was taking part in a golf competition and doing rather well, so much so that everyone left the clubhouse to come and watch the last moments and to her horror she was beaten on the tenth hole and feels to this day that it was the biggest disaster of her life.

Sadly, although their marriage lasted over twenty years, it had its challenging moments and after coming to live in England, her husband left to be near his parents in Northumberland, leaving Cath to fend for herself and her four children. Interestingly, Cath still talks of her husband as a wonderful man, even though he left her to sort out the chaos involved with selling homes and moving to a different country. When she was left on her own, she needed to find something to do and it was getting involved in art that helped her sort her life out and make new friends.

When I asked Cath about any particularly happy moments in her life, it was of her parents that she spoke because they were so thoughtful and loving. Her father was the master in control and her mother was the 'sweetie pie', caring and helping. Modestly, Cath looked back over her life and felt she had done nothing outstanding, that she had been somewhat nomadic and yet she

**P.T.O.**



has brought up a lovely, caring family, who all came together last year to celebrate her 100th birthday, even though it had to happen close to the airport to allow her son David who owns a ranch in France to get back to his horses, something I am sure Cath must have approved of.

Cath still keeps busy, doing complex jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles and misses most of all gardening which she loved. She is a happy person and we at Adel Church are better off for knowing her and admiring what she has achieved.

**Marjorie Cole**

# New beginnings

## Still playing a part in Adel life

Life After Leeds City Council - as you may know, I decided to hang up my metaphorical boots and retire as a Councillor back in May. What to do now – new beginnings, finding my feet as a retiree, what will I do with myself?

Part of it was easy – more golf, more time for a proper holiday, watching Yorkshire at cricket and joining the bowls club. Caroline and I also continue to quiz twice a week at the AWMA. This has filled my days so far. It doesn't sound a lot, but when you add in domestic commitments time flies.

I do though, miss the cut and thrust of politics, and most of all I miss helping people. I miss being involved in the scrutiny aspect of Council, particularly my last role as Scrutiny Chair of the Combined Authority who are being handed more powers by the Government, so exciting times lie ahead for them. I am, however, very frustrated that projects that were promised to be delivered by the Council when I was a Councillor have still not been completed. I am still involved to an extent in politics, providing advice, where requested, locally and in a wider sphere through mentoring and delivering training courses. I am still being contacted by residents seeking help, but unfortunately, I cannot always provide the help I used to.

I have also continued as a school Governor at Holy Trinity C of E in Cookridge where I have been for over 25 years. I wanted to remain connected with OPAL, an organisation that many of you will be familiar with, and was invited to become a Trustee, which I've happily accepted. I have worked with them in an advisory capacity since my first term as a Councillor, when OPAL was first set up.

Adel Artists asked me to stay on as chairman of their group which is a privilege and I am happy to be continuing my work with them. I'm not an artist myself but I enjoy what others create and the talent we have locally is significant.

I have made one enormous leap forward – flying. Until this August I hadn't been in a plane for over 20 years and I wasn't keen to go in one again as I have a fear of flying. However, Caroline has always wanted to go to Canada and there is only one way to get there quickly – in a plane - she persuaded me we should do it, so we did. We had an amazing 3 week holiday; the flights were fine although I can't say I enjoyed the take off and landing but once we were up there it was not as bad as I had feared. Things have moved on a lot since 2005. Canada is absolutely vast; every province is like a different country with different landscapes and laws and wildlife and language (Quebec is French first, English second). The people are very friendly and everyone wants you to enjoy their country. We are planning to take more holidays and although bowls and cricket are finished for the season, if the weather stays reasonable golf is still in my plans, and maybe some indoor bowls, and quizzing of course. Retiring takes practice and adjustment but I'm getting there.

**Barry Anderson**

*Barry and Caroline are great supporters of the quizzes we hold in the Stables and it is always a pleasure to welcome them there.*

# Words from Joyce Hill

## Miles Coverdale and the English Bible

Last month I wrote about William Tyndale who, in 1526, published the first ever translation of the New Testament into English directly from Greek, the language in which it was written, rather than from the Latin of St Jerome's Vulgate (Latin) translation, as previous translators had done. Tyndale's intention was to produce an English translation of the whole Bible, (working of course from Hebrew for the Old Testament). But his project was cut short in 1535 when he was arrested in exile and then, in 1536, burnt at the stake. His legacy was his New Testament and published translations of the books of the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy), and Jonah, with a small amount of further work in manuscript. Eventually, in 1611, King James sponsored the production of an English Bible that became the definitive English Bible until modern times, a Bible often known as the Authorised Version. Scholars were organised into groups to undertake this work, and although, like Tyndale, they went back to the Hebrew (OT) and the Greek (NT), they made extensive use of Tyndale's work. But they also used other translations that had been published in the intervening years, resources to which Miles Coverdale had made a major contribution.

Coverdale, born 1488, began life as a priest and Augustinian friar in Cambridge, where he quickly came under the influence of his prior, the outspoken early reformer Robert Barnes. As a committed reformer himself, Coverdale was forced to go abroad. There he worked with Tyndale and, in 1535, the year of Tyndale's arrest, he published a complete Bible in English. Coverdale used Tyndale's translations where available; for the rest, since he did not know Hebrew, he worked from the reformist translations into German by Luther and Zwingli. The following year a revised English Bible was published which bore the authorisation of Henry VIII — the first English Bible to do so. It was inscribed to 'Thomas Matthew' and so is known as the Matthew Bible, although its real editor was John Rogers, who had edited and adapted the preceding Tyndale/Coverdale translation.

Further revisions of the whole Bible followed: the 'Great Bible' of 1539,

issued under the patronage of Thomas Cromwell; and a 1540 revision issued with a preface by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. Both versions were actually by Coverdale, although neither bears his name. It was the 'Great Bible' that was set up in all churches, by order of the King.

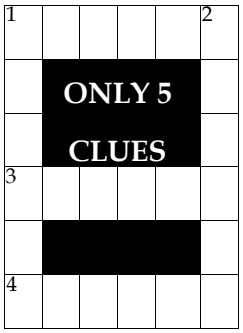
In 1551 Coverdale became Bishop of Exeter, but he had to go into exile again in Mary's reign (1553-58), when she reimposed Catholicism. He returned in 1559, but he was not reinstated to Exeter partly because, by now an extreme reformer, he had radical views about church vestments. He held livings in London until 1566, when he resigned, probably because of his advanced age. He became popular in early Puritan circles because of his firm stance against church ceremonial and elaborate robes but died in poverty on 20 January 1569.

Coverdale deserves to be better known as an important figure in the history of the Church of England, not least because it is his translation of the Psalms that is in the Book of Common Prayer. This is a survival from Cranmer's original BCP. When the BCP was revised in 1662, giving us the version we use today, the translation of the Psalms was not replaced by that found in the more recent and authorised King James Bible, so the wording of the two sets of Psalms is not identical.

## Saturday 14th November at 9.30am

# PUZZLES

## General Knowledge Clues



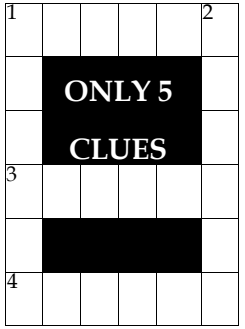

**Across**
1. Colourless part of blood
3. Indian city
4. Soup dish

**Down**
1. Arriving on time
2. Literary name for Britain

## Cryptic Clues

**Across**
1. Disregard poor region
3. A second-class thoroughfare overseas
4. Endless dust on old, old book of the Bible

**Down**
1. Popular ship's officer– one serving porridge perhaps?
2. Avoids fighting duels with earl




**In which of Charles Dickens's novels would you find the following characters?**

1. Jack Dawkins
2. John Jarndyce
3. Sydney Carton
4. Miss Havisham
5. Mr Micawber

**Puzzles compiled by Marjorie Cole, solutions p. 35**

# A GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

**In which English county are the following places/landmarks situated?**

1. Stonehenge
2. The Angel of the North
3. The site of the Battle of Hastings
4. The Minack Theatre
5. Leeds Castle
6. Glyndebourne Opera House
7. The Liver Buildings
8. The National Railway Museum
9. Sherwood Forest
10. The Potteries
11. Clifton Suspension Bridge
12. Sandringham House
13. Chatsworth House
14. Windsor Castle
15. Silverstone

**Answers on p. 35**



# A BIG THANK YOU!

Our new kitchen is installed and those of us who use it on a regular basis are absolutely thrilled with it: all that space and all those cupboards!

My thank you comes to everyone who comes down for coffee/tea/ juice/hot water/biscuits on a Sunday. Your contributions mean that not only do you provide the where-with-all by which I can purchase the necessary for your refreshment, but by doing a bit of 'squirrelling' over many years we can also contribute to other things as and when the need arises. In these days or rising costs it means that everyone is contributing and whereas finding a lump sum may be difficult for some to donate to, by joining together we can donate a lump sum and make a difference. I will give you some examples of what we have achieved:

- Contribution to our Rector's Robes
- £500 to Lighthouse Trust
- Mugs to support Paul's super initiative to provide coffee on Wednesdays in church
- Our new dishwasher (£3,750 inc. 3 years extra warranty)
- Mugs for outside lets/back-up for church events

So, after my 'thank you' I would now add a 'please' to go with it. As we all are aware, things ain't getting any cheaper! Biscuits are rocketing – and I do believe that our Junior Church deserve a nice selection after their hard work and presentations to us! Warning: our lovely shortbreads are in short supply so I apologise to those who enjoy their weekly 'fix' but I will seek alternatives to chocolate.

WARNING: until we can sort the door from the main room into the kitchen, can I ask that if this door is SHUT you please **do not attempt access to the kitchen from this point.** If the door is shut, it may be concealing a cupboard door and a person using the cupboard. There is , therefore, risk of accident, since both doors open onto each other.
PCC is aware of this issue and it will be rectified in due course.

Donations to the refreshments are separate from regular church funds so please also keep on giving to those! There's a lot to be said for keeping some cash around but if you find it difficult on a weekly basis, some people now put a note in to cover several weeks at a time – just a thought. God bless, thank you and see you in the Stables for refreshments.

**Chris Madeley & the Coffee Team**

# In your garden

"*November comes*
*And November goes,*
*With the last red berries*
*And the first white snows.*
*With night coming early,*
*And dawn coming late,*
*And ice in the bucket*
*And frost by the gate.*
*The fires burn*
*And the kettles sing,*
*And earth sinks to rest*
*Until next spring*.
– **Elizabeth Coatsworth**

Around this time of year I am wont to reflect on the weather we have had from a gardener's perspective rather than an outdoor swimming pool attendant or a busy restaurant chef who would have wildly differing views! We have forgotten how wet the spring was and the summer will long be remembered as the first seriously hot summer since the mythologised summer of 1976. My memory of this is sketchy being a teenager on a bicycle in the north east at the time but I vividly remember swarms of ladybirds, and an electrical storm crackling one evening over the sea – on a cloudless evening. Very strange. But this summer the prolonged heat did cause some damage in gardens, especially to crops, to grass and to many trees who shed leaves early to preserve moisture. And yet, in the space of just a few weeks since some proper rains and more typical temperatures, most of our gardens have returned to near normality with little evidence left of any earlier stress. This immediately offers up two thoughts to me. The first is a much deeper appreciation of the feelings of relief and joy experienced in parts of Africa and the sub continent at the end of the dry season when the rains finally arrive heralding the exuberant return of life. The second is a note to self to remember that most plants are much more tolerant and resilient in the face of adversity than we think. Every year there are winners and losers, whatever the weather.

If you have roses, November is a good time to prune them right back, once they have finished flowering. Don't be timid when it comes to pruning. Back to around 18 inches or 45cm is a reasonable target. Cut out dead wood, any crossing or weak stems and cut back strong stems to just above the lowest buds.

And remember, it is a generally accepted wisdom that gardeners should all go on holiday during November, presumably not together! All the jobs that need doing can generally wait a few weeks!

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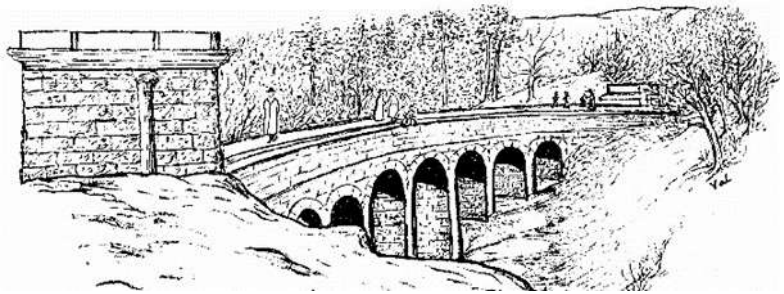
# Adel seven arches aqueduct



**Seven Arches** span the Meanwood Valley where early morning walkers can sometimes spot Roe Deer still grazing here in Adel Woods.

Back in eighteen-forty-two, this Aqueduct first began to carry water from the dam, in Eccup.

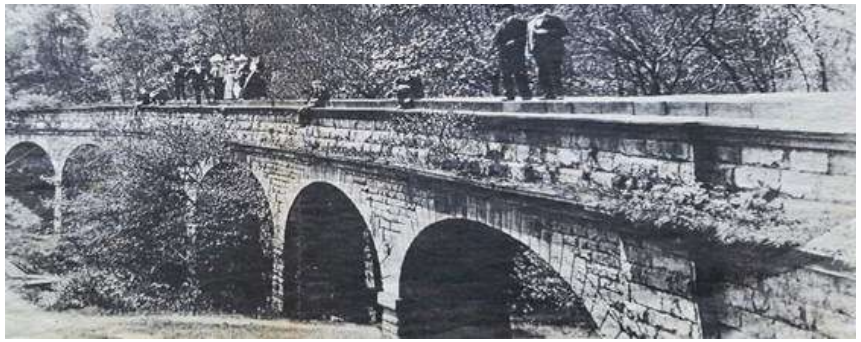
Water flowed on through Weetwood, then down to Headingley.

For twenty-four years, we saw clear water flowing by gravity, through pipes to meet Leeds' water needs - to homes, shops and factories.

While I - and other older folk, remember times before *'Health & Safety'* and the excitement and delight of walking/cycling across the dry aqueduct, high above the beck, in bright sunlight.

***Val Crompton***

*Adel Seven Arches 1900, YEP Archives*



# OPAL ACTIVITIES

## Setting our sights on Christmas

November sees OPAL even busier than normal, as we gear up for the festive season and all the extra activities we put on, such as our annual Ralph Thoresby Christmas banquet on **4th December** and our Christmas Fayre on **5th December**.

### A wonderful three course meal

The Christmas banquet is the highlight of the festive period for many of our members. This evening event is a free event which provides a full evening of entertainment and a wonderful three course meal all put on by Ralph Thoresby School. It is particularly nice to see so many members of the school community come together to put on this amazing event. If any of our members would like to attend this event please contact OPAL to book a place.

Throughout the Winter months (4th Wednesday of each month 4.30-6.30pm excluding December) we will be holding a Teatime Together event to provide a hot meal to members of the community. Not only will people be able to dine together but there will be free activities for the children as well as a fun game of bingo. Information and details about how to book will be on our social media or you can contact OPAL to find out more details.

OPAL runs the majority of our activities at our community centre although a few are held at other sites. We love to see new faces as well as our established members who come in for a chat or a cup of tea. Please feel free to contact us if you would **like to** come in and see what OPAL can offer you.

If you would like any further information about any of our activities or the services we can provide please contact us:
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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

# FROM THE PCC

The PCC met on 10th September, in the Old Stables. The meeting opened with prayer.

We discussed the Stewardship campaign, which is currently happening in church. Leaflets have now been distributed to all attendees at church, with a request to think about how people can help towards the running costs of our beautiful church and its mission.

The Fabric Committee reported on the tree proposal, which was approved. This will help maintain the churchyard environment going forwards. Also discussed was the window in the west wall, which has seen better days. It is now in the process of being restored. This helps to maintain our church, and leave it in a good condition for future generations.

The west wall is currently being repointed, and scaffolding is in place to facilitate this. Luckily the removal and replacement of the window can use the scaffolding already in place, which is fortunate, as this helps to keep the costs down.

In addition, the boiler in the Old Stables had failed! As a priority, this was replaced, as a working boiler is essential both for church use, and also for any bookings of the hall.

We discussed the People's Emergency Briefing and the PCC was strongly in favour of highlighting this film. So in October this film was to be shown in the Old Stables, as a free event, in order for as many people as possible to watch it.

We still have a vacancy for a member of Deanery Synod, who will automatically also be a PCC member, so if anyone is interested please just get in touch with Alison.

At the end of the meeting we all said the Grace together.

The PCC will meet again in November.

**Leanne Winfield**

# York gate update

Winter is approaching and as the temperatures drop and the nights stretch longer, we find ourselves spending more time tucked away at home, snuggled under a blanket.

I was recently reading about a five-acre garden in the north of France known as The Dawn of Flowers which has been evolving for nearly 20 years. Created by palaeobotanist Mark Brown, this extraordinary and fantastic project was inspired by and tells the story of the evolution of plants since the dawn of time. Many millions of years ago, long before dinosaurs roamed the earth, prehistoric plants were growing – first came ancient species of mosses, liverworts and horsetails, then ferns and tree ferns, later conifers including redwoods, pines, and monkey puzzles, until finally flowering plants took the stage.

At York Gate, which has been evolving for a mere 75 years, there are many plants with these ancient roots: ferns, epimediums and arums, a Wollemi pine and several wonderful trees. On entering the garden, you cannot fail to notice the "monster" redwood *Sequoiadendron giganteum pendulum*, further down the path is a beautiful magnolia, and in the pinetum amongst the many pine trees you will find the aforementioned Wollemi pine. Then crossing the bridge which leads into The Dell, look up and seek out the now towering swamp cypress *Taxodium distichum,* planted by Mrs Spencer, and a quite rare Chinese Fir *Cunninghamia lanceolata*. Living fossils these species may be, but they tell the story of those ancient plants. Life on earth is so complex these days but it is so very simple to contribute to that web of life with a garden.

The garden is now closed to visitors for the winter, allowing the garden team the opportunity to undertake new projects as well as routine maintenance.

While there is often a desire to hibernate on the colder, wet days of winter, and there is indeed joy in home comforts at this time of year, it is also good to get out and about on a crisp and sunny day, meet up with friends and enjoy a warming drink and slice of cake. And, if you are coming to the Café, why not also start your Christmas shopping? The Shop is full of gift ideas for all ages and in Plant Sales you will find some "Winter Wonders" of cyclamen and spring bulbs in terracotta pots, all ideal Christmas presents? Please see the website for  opening times.

**Gillian Smith**
Heritage Volunteer.




# Seasonal Events

## Food Fayre

Discover delicious local produce, handmade treats and unique artisan goodies at our food fayre, with something tasty for everyone to enjoy.
(No booking required)

Dates:
06/11/2026

## Late Night Opening

Enjoy an evening of shopping, good food and a welcoming atmosphere with our special late-night opening.
(No booking required)

Dates:
26/11/2026 • 03/12/2026
5pm-8pm

## Wreath Making

Get creative this Christmas and join us for a fun, festive wreath-making workshop!
(Please book online)

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## Calligraphy & Cream Tea

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of beautiful calligraphy, delicious treats and a traditional cream tea in good company.
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13/11/2026
09/12/2026

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# What's on

**Bramhope Flower Club**
**Wednesday 4th November**
**Workshop**
7.30pm Guests are welcome at all meetings. A guest fee will be charged.
Bramhope Village Hall,
Old Lane, Bramhope. LS16 9AZ
Contact Mrs Jean Money
Tel 01924 468714

**Adel Gardeners' Club**
**Monday 9th November**
'Sybil's Garden'
Jack Ogg
**7.30pm**
Adel Methodist Church
https://adelhort.chessck.co.uk

**Leeds & District Association of the National Trust**
**Tuesday 10th November**
**"Secret Wartime Britain"**
Colin Philpott

All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, 10 for 10.30am in St. Chad's Parish Centre, Far Headingley. Easily accessible by Otley Road (A660) buses - nos. 23-28. There is a car park.
Guests welcome - entrance fee £7.00. Refreshments before the meeting by donation.
Further information:
c.lightman@sky.com (Ann Lightman)

# Pondering the past

## Put Down

Back then
before the swinging sixties set in
and my 'zeal' would be sorely tested
by growing girls in mini-skirts
lining up at the communion rail
following on stiff words
from the pulpit
about the enticements of 'the flesh'
and unworthy thoughts
by 'Moriarty, Molloy or McSweeney'
M'Lord Bishop
made his annual visit
to check on our readiness
as seven-year olds
to receive the 'first' sacraments
in our modest church
in the lee of the Wilsons Arms
on the impoverished Seacroft estate
a world away
from Diocesan real estate
in Menston, Yeadon, Adel
and Alwoodley.

Families gathered in behind
while Bishop Dwyer
attended by a squad of spotty altar boys
sat in front
high up on the sanctuary
with his mitre and crosier aside
a Penny Catechism to hand
leading us on briskly without ceremony
to 'What must we do
to receive Communion worthily?'
and keen as mustard and uninhibited
my hand shot up
to tackle each question
until he waved me down dismissively
with *'You put your hand down now and let somebody else have a go'*
at which point, smitten
I slumped back
into the hard pew
as if I'd been cuffed
and though the unfairness of it
stayed with me long afterwards
eventually seeing it more clearly
with hindsight
I let it go, recalling it warmly now
with a chuckle
favourably endeared
to the child I was then
who soon raised himself up again
after the little, local put down!

**Richard O'Donnell**

*It is some time since we included one of Richard;s poems. He keeps on writing them, so thank you, Richard for sharing them with us.*

# QE CORNER

Marie Curie's notebooks are still so radioactive that they must be kept in lead-lined boxes and will not be safe to handle for 1500 years.

Nobody knows who invented the fire hydrant. The patent records were destroyed in a fire.

In 1900, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle caught fire during a cricket match at Lord's. The ball hit a box of matches in his pocket.

Elizabethan ladies kept apple slices under their armpits to absorb sweat, before passing them to potential suitors as keepsakes.

According to Noël Coward: A perfect martini should be made by filling a glass with gin, then waving it in the general direction of Italy.

In 1887, Susanna M. Salter's name was put on the Kansas mayoral election ballot by a group of men hoping to humiliate her and discourage women from entering politics. She won two thirds of the vote and became the US's first female mayor.

No one knows who named Earth, Earth, or why it's the only planet in our solar system not to be named after a Greek or Roman deity.

Where the English might say 'It's the bee's knees', the French say 'C'est le petit Jésus en culotte de velours' (It's the baby Jesus in velvet shorts).

From the time it was discovered, to when it was demoted as a planet, Pluto had only completed a third of an orbit of the Sun.

The medieval Venetian version of the phrase 'I am your obedient servant' was 'sono vostro schiavo', 'I am your slave', which with time was shortened to 'schiavo', then to 's-ciavo', to 's-ciao', and finally to 'ciao'.

Having a younger brother or sister can increase your blood pressure by more than 5%.

A darts player can walk up to fifteen miles in the course of a tournament – this allows it to be classified as a sport rather than a game.

In 1990, the satirical magazine, SPY, sent cheques for 13 cents to some of the world's richest people. Only two cashed them, the Saudi Arabian arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi, and Donald Trump.

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

**Trevor Cole**



# FROM OUR COUNCILLORS

**Remembrance**

In October I visited several First World War battlefield sites and cemeteries. Seeing the scale of the memorials across the Ypres Salient and the Somme was humbling. Hundreds of thousands of British and Commonwealth troops fell in these areas, and more than a third of a million First World War servicemen have no known grave. The experience felt especially poignant when, after returning home, I learned that apparently, no wreath had been laid last year at the Leeds Pals memorial in Lawnswood Cemetery. Our party had visited the site where the Leeds Pals suffered around 500 casualties on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916. A well-known Adel resident and former Lord Mayor has asked whether a wreath can be laid this year and, if possible, a bugler found to sound the Last Post. I will arrange the wreath and do my best to recruit a bugler.

**Autumn leaves**

The recent windy weather has accelerated the autumn leaf fall. Council clearing teams will operate throughout October, beginning with major routes such as the A660 and the ring road before moving to less heavily used streets. Significant accumulations are already visible in areas with extensive tree cover. Wet leaves are a serious nuisance and often cause accidents, so the teams will continue working until the New Year. Please let me know about any problem in your area and I will ask for a team to attend.

**Talking of leaves…..when is the last garden refuse collection?**

The final brown-bin collection round runs from 16 to 26 November. As collections are fortnightly, your own last collection may be earlier, so if in doubt, check the Leeds City Council website, where you can find the next 13 collection dates for your specific address. Please let me know if you would like me to send the link.

**E-bikes in pedestrian areas**

The Briggate Action Plan, designed to make some of the city centre's busiest spaces safer, received overwhelming support in last year's public consultation. Council officers have since been preparing the necessary regulations and signage, and the new rules are expected to come into force over the next few months. Once implemented, cyclists and e-bike riders will be required to dismount and walk through the pedestrianised shopping area between 10.30am and 8pm each day. An estimated 1,100 bicycles travel

along Briggate daily. This action is overdue: I regularly receive reports of near misses involving e-bikes, including a recent incident in the churchyard.

**The never-ending sequence of roadworks in Pool area**

Anyone travelling through Bramhope, Pool or Arthington towards Harrogate will have encountered repeated roadworks affecting Main Street and Arthington Lane. As recently as mid-October, Creskeld Lane was closed at both ends and Arthington Lane was temporarily blocked near Tower Drive. Highways is often blamed for disruption that can appear without warning, but most incidents arise from failures in electricity, gas or water services and require emergency repairs. Ageing infrastructure is a major factor, while substantial housebuilding in recent years may also be placing additional pressure on local services. Although these emergency works are unavoidable, better coordination and clearer advance information are needed wherever possible to reduce disruption for residents and commuters. We are working with the various suppliers to ensure better and quicker coordination of communications and diversion routes

**Christmas is coming to Leeds city centre this year**

The Christmas Market will run from 19 November to 23 December. The wider Christmas experience will span Millennium Square, Victoria Gardens and Cookridge Street, featuring a 400-square-metre ice rink and fairground attractions. City Square will also be decorated with 200 Christmas trees, helping to create a festive route through the heart of Leeds. Whether you are visiting the market, skating or simply enjoying the displays, there should be plenty for families and visitors to enjoy in the city centre this year.

**Speed Indication Devices – SIDs**

I have asked highways to carry out a survey of the SIDs across the ward to check viability. For example, the one on Church Lane adjacent to the Memorial Club is virtually redundant because of the nearby Himalayan sized road humps.
Best wishes
**Cllr Billy Flynn**

If you would like further information on the items above or have questions about anything else in the ward, please do contact any of the ward councillors. Group email
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# LOCAL HISTORY

**1152 Club**

**At Kirkstall abbey**

**TUESDAY 3rd Nov**

Commonwealth war graves commission: architecture & renovations,

with **Brian Joyce**.

**TUESDAY 1st Dec**

'Yorkshire Trams –
a forgotten era',
with **Bill Jagger**.

A look at historic photographs of the street tramways of the towns and cities of Yorkshire from the 19th century to 1960.

The talk shows images of horse, steam and electric trams and looks at their surroundings and background.

Message from **Patrick Bourne**

Please refer to the Abbey website for **1152 Clubs Nov – Dec.**

Note the **new start time** of **10.30am** to allow for beverages to be purchased before and after the talk.

We should be back in the Gatehouse come the New Year.

The ***1152 Club*** meets once a month during term-time.

***Contact Patrick Bourne***

kirkstall.abbey@leeds.gov.uk

or **0113 378 4079**

# Solutions page

## Geography Quiz

1. Wiltshire
2. Tyne and Wear
3. East Sussex
4. Cornwall
5. Kent
6. Suffolk
7. Merseyside
8. West Yorkshire
9. Nottinghamshire
10. Staffordshire
11. Somerset
12. Norfolk
13. Derbyshire
14. Berkshire
15. Northamptonshire

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**General Knowledge**
**Across**
1 PLASMA
3. MUMBAI
4. TUREEN
**Down**
1. PROMPT
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**Down**
1. INMATE
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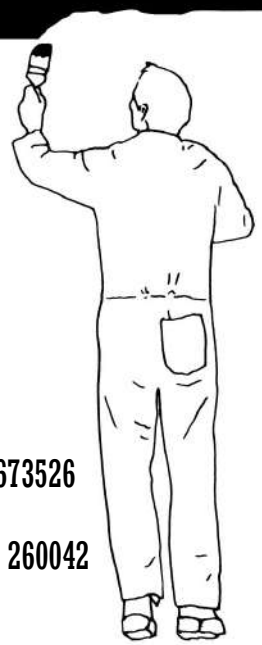

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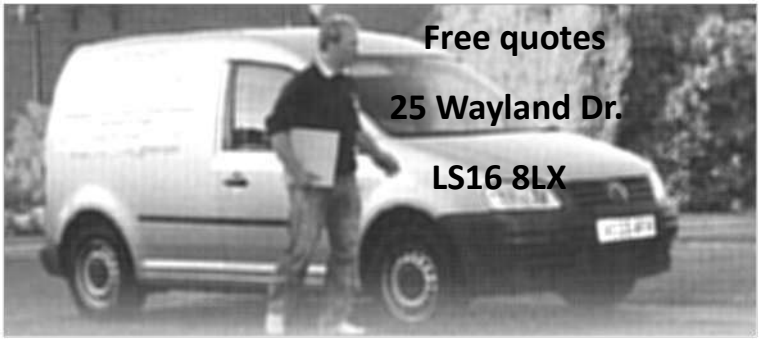

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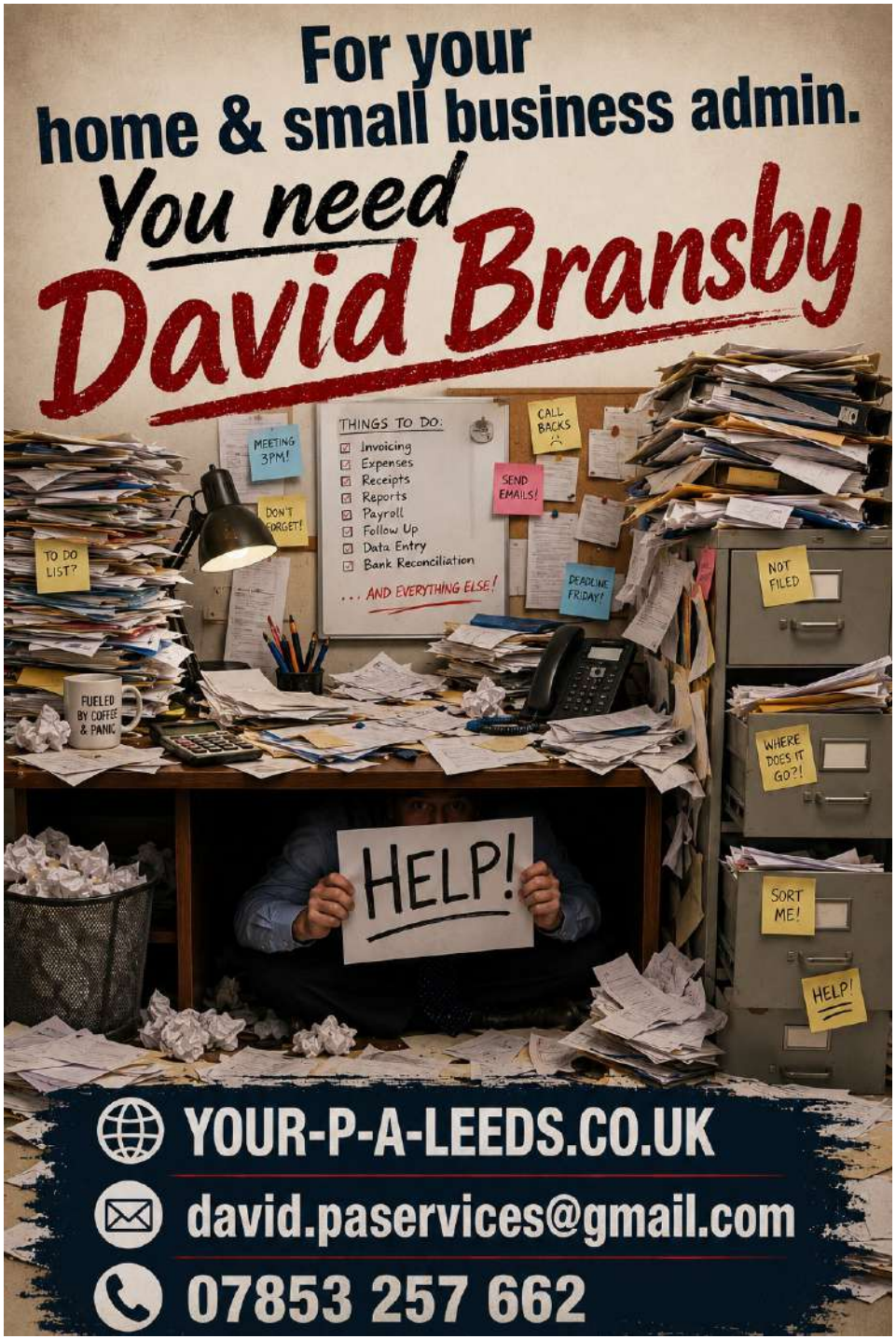

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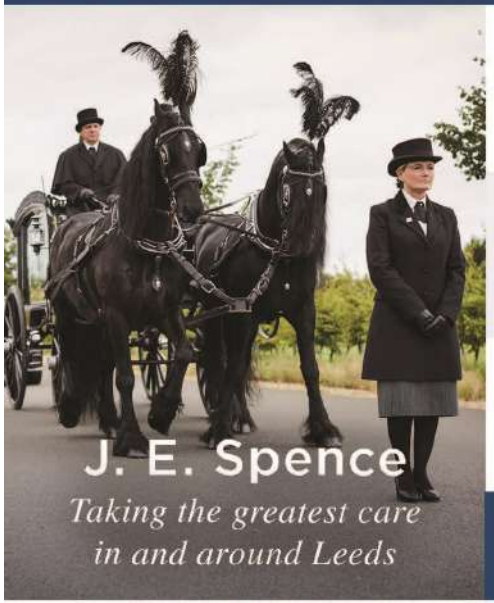


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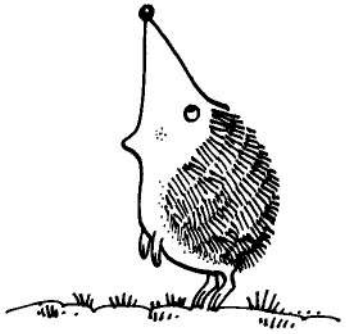

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# Church Services in November

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| **Sunday 1st** | **All Saints' Day** | |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | Parish Communion |
| | 6.30pm | Memorial Service |
| **Wed 4th** | 11am | Holy Communion followed by coffee & biscuits |
| **Friday 6th** | 1.30pm | JJs (for the under sixes) |
| **Sunday 8th** | **Remembrance Sunday** | |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | Parish Communion |
| | 5pm | ACE meeting in the Stables |
| **Wed 11th** | 11am | Holy Communion |
| **Sunday 15th** | **Second Sunday before Advent** | |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | All Age Service with Communion |
| | 6.30pm | Choral Evensong followed by refreshments |
| **Wed 18th** | 11am | Holy Communion |
| **Thurs 19th** | 3.15pm | Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee |
| **Sunday 22nd** | **Christ the King** | |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | Parish Communion |
| **Wed 25th** | 11am | Holy Communion |
| **Sunday 29th** | **First Sunday of Advent** | |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | Parish Communion |
| | 6.30pm | Advent Praise |

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