

# WASHBURN & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES MAGAZINE

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Fewston with Blubberhouses  
[www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk](http://www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk)

All Saints Church Weston  
[www.westonchurch.wordpress.com](http://www.westonchurch.wordpress.com)

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<https://washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk>

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### Front cover

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## Village Church Services February 2024



Please check on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) for up to date information.

### 4<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (SH)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMC)
9.30am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (PMc)

### 11<sup>th</sup> February

11 am	Denton	Holy Communion (TMC)
11 am	Fewston	Family service (PMc)
9.30am	Farnley	Morning Prayer (FD)

### 14<sup>th</sup> February

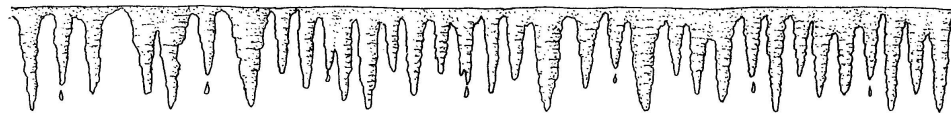
11.00 am	Fewston	Ash Wednesday Holy communion with imposition of ashes
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### 18<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am	Weston	Lent 1 (Purple) Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) TD)
11am	Blubberhouses	Family Service (FS)
9.30 am	Leathley	Holy Communion (TMC)

### 25<sup>th</sup> February

9.30 am	Farnley	Lent 2 (Purple) Holy Communion (TMC)
11am	Denton	Family service (JC)



## Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel 2024

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	at 2:30pm	with Rev Cameron Stirk
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	at 2:30pm	with Local Preacher Viv Pitts



## The Vicar's Monthly Message



Candles have become really popular in our homes, making a design statement, or if you are like me, simply just enjoy the fragrance and watch the flicker of the flame on a dark winter's night.

At Christmas there was a well-known store that produced Frankincense and Myrrh candles, and of course candles that smelt of cinnamon and spice.

There are still some of our churches in this land that still have no electricity at all, and need candles to be lit for evening services, so that the darkness is dispelled. Candles of course are not just for practical reasons they have been used in Christian worship for many centuries. The light from a candle reminds us of the *eternal* light, the light of Christ, which casts out the darkness. It may also be our tradition to light a candle as we pray for someone, or for those who are no longer with us.

In the month of February, we have the *Feast of the Presentation of Christ, or Candlemas*, when traditionally the candles for the year are blessed. An important Feast-Day marking the dedication of Jesus in the temple, as was prescribed by Jewish Law.

Just as Jesus was brought into the temple, we too could make a special place in our hearts for him, to welcome him afresh into our lives. As February also marks the start of Lent on 14 February, Ash Wednesday, why not allow his light to burn in a new way in our lives and in our churches.

As we think of being bearers of Christ's light, there will be a meeting on **16<sup>th</sup> March** (Venue to be confirmed) to which **everyone is invited** to discuss "Moving on". A chance to discuss hopes and plans for our Benefice. Looking at what we may be able to do in the life of our own particular parish and in our Benefice and in our own spiritual life.



## News from Norwood Chapel – New Years Message

Dear Friends,

*"Laissez les bons temps rouler!"* is a phrase that's often heard in my home state of Louisiana at this time of year. What does it mean? It means "Let the good times roll!" in Cajun French. In other words, it's time to live it up now (feasting and partying) before the church's season of Lent begins. *Mardi Gras* is the French word that describes the day before Ash Wednesday. It literally means "Fat Tuesday." In the days leading up to the beginning of Lent, traditionally, folks would use up the fatty food (meat, eggs, milk, lard and cheese) in their cupboards as a way of preparing for the six-week period of fasting and penance before Easter Sunday. These cultural religious traditions began centuries ago in Rome. They spread throughout Europe and into the American colonies amongst Roman Catholic communities. Today, people of all faiths and the secular culture participate in Mardi Gras. Even though Lent is a season in the church, Mardi Gras is not. Therefore, it's not considered a religious festival.



Celebrating Mardi Gras is not a private affair. It's a time to enjoy some wonderful food with friends and family. And why limit it to just one day of feasting and celebrating? In Louisiana, the Mardi Gras season begins the day after Epiphany (7<sup>th</sup> January) and ends on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (known as Shrove Tuesday here). Celebrations in the form of parties, balls and parades take place all throughout the season. A person's diary in the Mardi Gras season could be just as full as it was in the Advent/Christmas season!

One of my favourite traditions with Mardi Gras is the King Cake. It is a braided Danish pastry laced with cinnamon and iced in the Mardi Gras colours of purple (representing justice), green (representing faith), and gold (representing power). The cake is named in honour of the wise men or kings who brought gifts to baby Jesus. A small plastic baby is placed inside the cake after it is baked. The person who gets the baby in his/her cake slice, is the "King" for the day and gets to bring a King Cake to the next party!

As I reflect on these traditions and celebrations, I am grateful for how they mark time through the year's seasons. The writer of Ecclesiastes pens, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die . . . a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance . . . a time to be silent and a time to speak." (Eccl. 3:1-2, 4 & 7). Even though we may mark time differently here in Yorkshire at this time of the year, may our practices bring about reflection on the meaning of our lives, a deepening sense of community and hope for our shared future. If Jesus walked the earth today, I have a hunch that he too would enjoy getting together with the community and "letting the good times roll" . . . in moderation, of course!

Every blessing in this season,  
~ Rev. Shannon

## Community Notice Board

 Fewston Foxy Ladies  
Trip of a lifetime 

On Tuesday 20th February at 2pm we're enjoying a trip of a lifetime discovering the Galapagos and Costa Rica with Margaret Lockwood, so do join us at Fewston Parochial Hall on this exciting journey!

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423 806151 See you there!,

 T&T  
Bowl full of bulbs 

We're planting a bowl full of spring bulbs this month so do join us on Tuesday 6th February at 2pm at Norwood Social Hall for tea, talk and bulb planting with Daphne Wilson!

T&T meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s.

It is only £2 per person.  
If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362

I have always got time for T&T!

### Calling all Gardeners in Askwith, Denton and Weston

2024 is another Open Gardens Year!  
So we invite you to join in and  
showcase your garden

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

We will be in touch with you soon.  
In the Meantime, feel free to contact us  
Ann: 07986 454 433; Priscilla: 07791 836391

## Community Notice Board



### Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota For February

4<sup>th</sup> February Helen Coble  
11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February Karen Boothman  
25<sup>th</sup> February 3<sup>rd</sup> March Sue Wood  
10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March Julie Crowther  
24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March Hilary Crawford

### Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota For February and March

4<sup>th</sup> February Mrs J Cowgill  
11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February Mrs H Pullan  
25<sup>th</sup> February & 3<sup>rd</sup> March Sally Stanley  
10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March Stephen & Marlene Turnbull  
24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March Mr & Mrs Senior



### Fewston Parochial Hall ~ Charity teas

Teas, lunches and homemade cakes  
10.30 am to 4pm  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024.



All proceeds Hawksworth school

### Fewston and Blubberhouses PCC

Thank all the distributors of the Parish magazine for their constant support in delivering our magazine.

We would also like to thank all the people who supply and arrange the flowers at Fewston and Blubberhouses and help to keep the churches clean and welcoming.

### Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) Management Plan Have your say

YDNP are about to start updating their Management Plan, and want to hear from anyone who cares about the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Take this short survey and have your say on what the priorities should be for this special place over the next five years.

Find out more:  
[www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/about/national-park-management-plan](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/about/national-park-management-plan)  
Survey closes 26 February.

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## Snowdrop Festival Morning

Come and enjoy the snowdrops at  
**Saint Helen's Denton**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Refreshments from 10am -12noon  
All Welcome



## Book Shop

(or until all the book and a few quality items are all sold)

### In aid of **Cure Parkinson's**

A wide variety of second hand books and magazines in good condition available both none fiction and fiction.

Most books are £1 unless priced otherwise.  
The shop is always open with an honesty box or gift aid envelope available.

Location: Redshaw Hall, Hall Lane/West End Lane West End near Thruscross Reservoir. Please email Anna Bowman on [magazine@washburnmidwharfedebenefice.org.uk](mailto:magazine@washburnmidwharfedebenefice.org.uk) if you would like directions or more information on the range of books available.



Please open the gate and turn in the front yard. The shop is in the porch is located through the double front doors.



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## Leathely Parish Rooms

### Dominoes and Whist drive dates 2024



Friday 9th February

Friday 12th April

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – **Whist Drive**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November



Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included  
(Vegetarian Option on request)

Cash Bar- Raffle - Prizes

All welcome, whether a seasoned pro or never picked up  
a domino before, any age that can stay awake until  
about 9:30.

Please let us know by the Thursday before so we  
can be sure to have enough pies!

Over 16 to go – £5.00

Under 16 – £2.50

90 and over – free, wonderful to see you

**Tickets;**

**Ann, John or Anne**

**(Booking Secretaries) on 07802212111**

**Or leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com**

Email : magazine@washburnwharfemidbenefice.org.uk

*The Friends of Blubberhouses  
Church warmly invite you to a*



*Italian themed evening,  
served with a delicious home  
-made Italian dinner*

*£20 per head + welcome drink*

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March,*

*7pm for 7.30pm*

*Fewston Parochial Hall*

*Please let us know if you have any  
dietary requirements*

*Contact Pat 01943 880248 or*

*Alison 07752431886*

*to reserve your place by*

*Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February*

Email : magazine@washburnwharfemidbenefice.org.uk

***Norwood Social Hall***  
**DOMINO DRIVE**

*2024 Dates*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March*  
*24<sup>th</sup> May*  
*13<sup>th</sup> September*  
*18<sup>th</sup> October*  
*13<sup>th</sup> December*  
*(Christmas hats and Jumpers)*

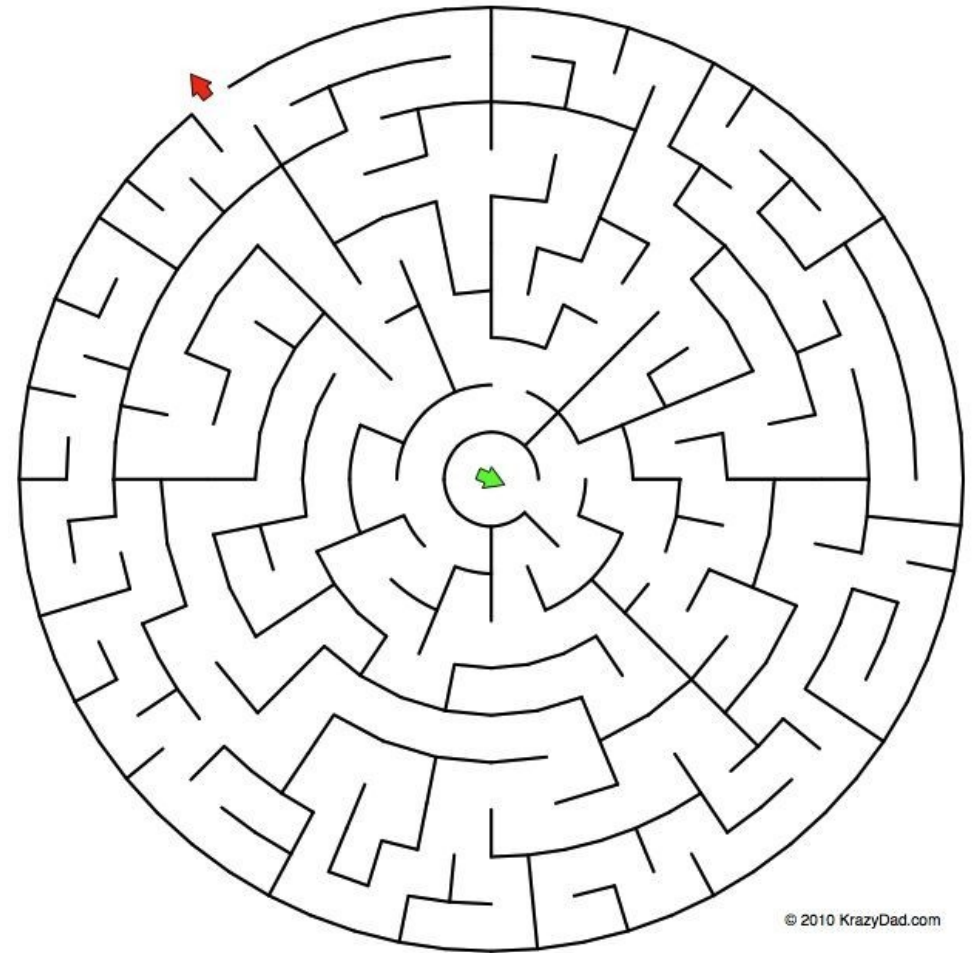
Everyone Welcome

**7pm**

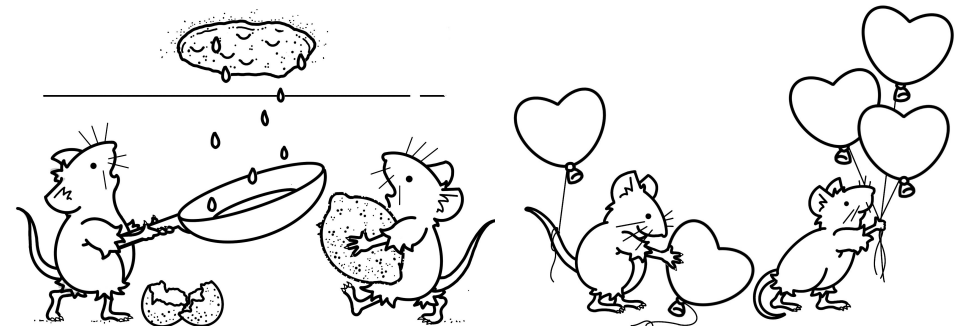
**Hot Supper and Raffle**



**Story, puzzles and colouring-in**



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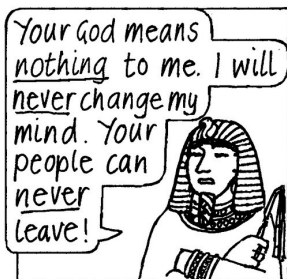
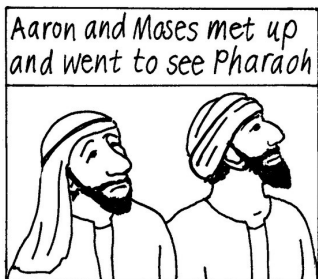
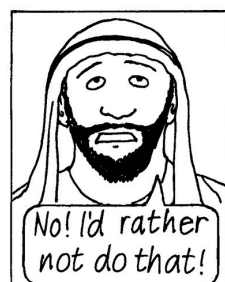
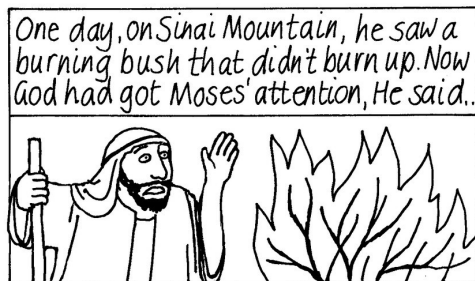
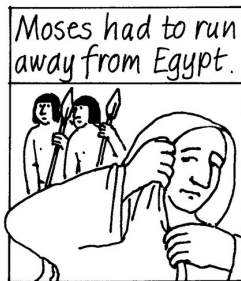
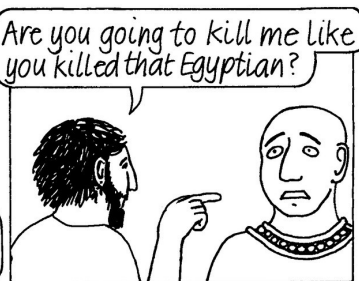


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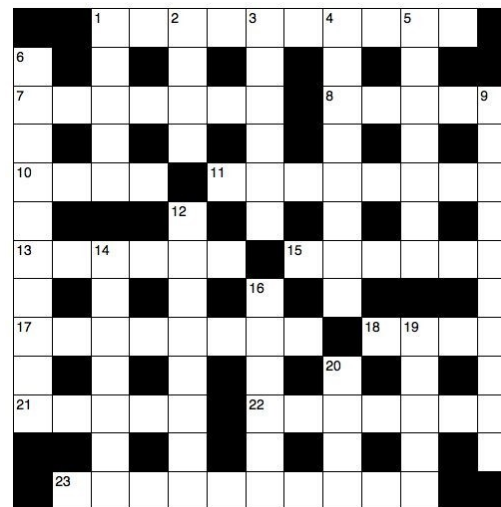
## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Exodus 2:13-4:23, 4:27-5:2

Moses: a Hebrew adopted by an Egyptian princess. He killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave, and hid the body.



## Crossword Puzzle



23. For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

### Down

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)
- 2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)
- 3 So rapt (anagram) (6)
4. Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
5. Paul's 'fellow worker', to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)

### Across

1. Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
7. Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)
8. Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
10. Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
11. Much in evidence after weddings (8)
13. Condense (Job 36:27) (6)
15. Breakwater (6)
17. Give a tan (anagram) (8)
18. More usually now called Pentecost, — Sunday (4)
21. After living for 365 years, it was said of him that 'he walked with God' (Genesis 5:23-24) (5)
22. Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
6. God's foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)
9. Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)
- 12 'The Lord... has given the — of Israel to David and his descendants for ever' (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
- 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my — ' (Luke 1:46-47) (7)
- 16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
- 19 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of — will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18) (5)
- 20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)

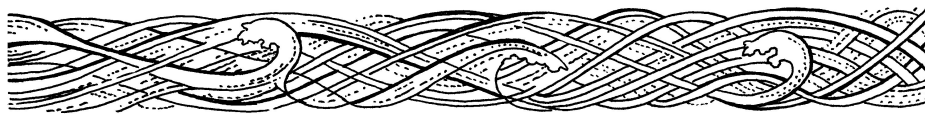




## Word Search

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## Sudoku

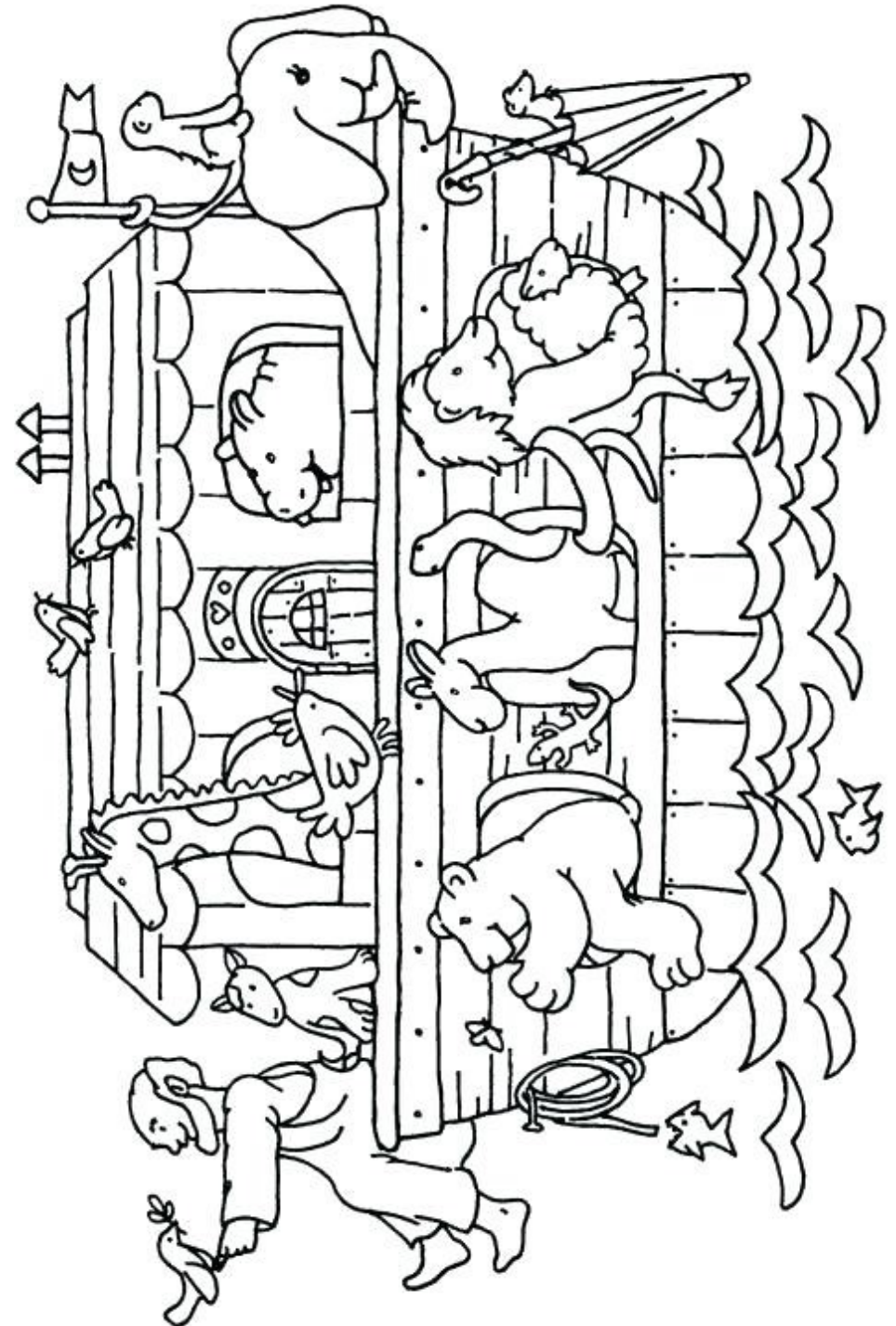
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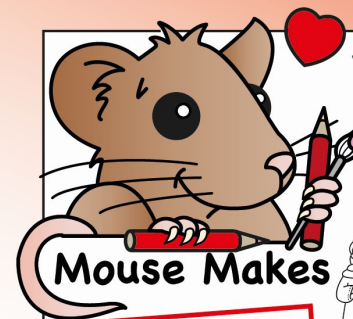
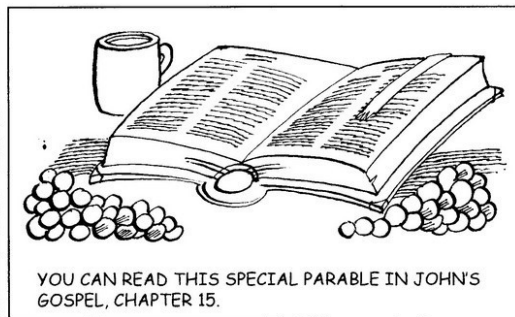
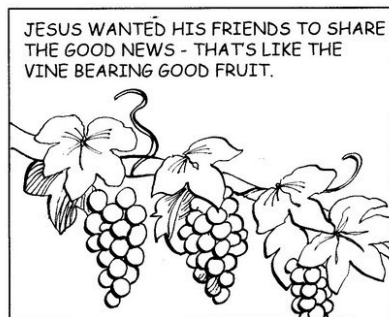
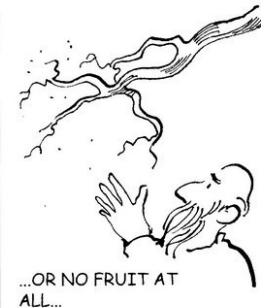
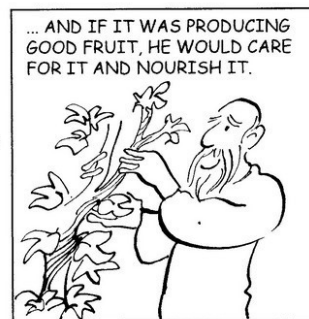
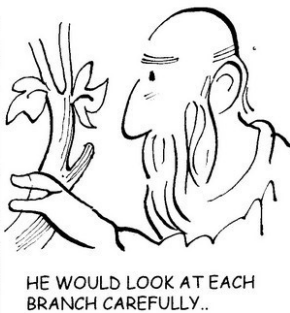
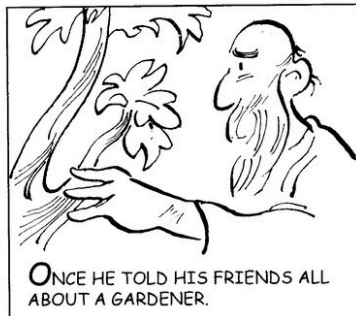
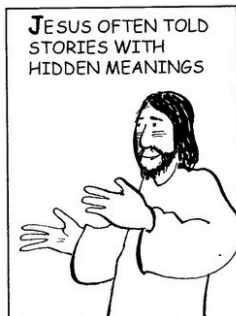
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# The gardener and the Vine



## CONNECT THE BIBLE COUPLES

ADAM	ELIZABETH
ABRAHAM	MARY
ISAAC	HANNAH
JACOB	PRISCILLA
BOAZ	EVE
ZECHARIAH	RUTH
ELKANAH	REBEKAH
AQUILA	RACHEL
JOSEPH	SARAH

Which couple helped the Apostle Paul in his ministry?

and \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 16:3

Who were the first couple?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Genesis 2:22-25

Who's wife became a pillar of salt because she disobeyed the angel's warning?

\_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 19:26

Which of Laban's daughters did Jacob love?

\_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 29:18

Who was Moses' wife?

\_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 2:21

Who married Boaz to become King David's great-grandmother and a distant relative of Jesus?

\_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 1:5

## FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

XIBU HPE IBT  
KPJOFE UPHFUIFS,  
MFU OPU NBO  
TFQBSBUF.

NBSL  
UFO WFSTF  
OJOF

## DID YOU KNOW?

King Solomon had **700** wives! They were princesses of royal birth and he loved them all, but his wives caused him to turn away from God  
See 1 Kings 11:1-3

E E Z R E E L I Z A B E T H R  
S V Q S L R Z J I B O A D A M  
R E B E K A H O J R A O Q N O  
U I S A A C A S A A Z P R N S  
T H A Q N H Z E C H A R I A H  
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ABRAHAM  
ADAM • AQUILA  
BOAZ • ELKANAH  
ELIZABETH  
EVE • HANNAH  
ISAAC • JACOB  
JOSEPH • MARY  
PRISCILLA  
RACHEL  
REBEKAH • RUTH  
SARAH  
ZECHARIAH



## Great Tits

I've been watching the rise and fall of tit numbers in my garden over the last few years with interest, so a couple of articles on Great Tits, published recently by the British Trust for Ornithology, caught my attention.

The first provides an insight into some of the challenges that city-living birds face. Plumage can provide camouflage, signal age or sex, or be an indication of fitness, with about a third of bird species having plumage colours which include carotenoid based yellow pigments. Having plumage using such pigments is a way of signalling health to other individuals, whether as prospective partner or as a rival. But carotenoids aren't only used as pigments, they are also antioxidants, involved in immune systems, so if carotenoid is in short supply, there can be competition for its use.

Birds are unable to synthesise carotenoids, and so must get them from their diet. Usually this means eating invertebrates, which in turn get their carotenoids by eating plants. Some recent research published in the Journal of Animal Ecology, examined the implications of this chain. They showed that urban and forest-living Great Tits differ in the intensity of their yellow breast colour, with urban birds feathers generally being paler than their forest counterparts.

As always, this is not a simple issue. The research does not reveal the underlying reason for the difference, which could be due to competing demands for the use of these precious antioxidants. The extent to which

carotenoids can be directed to feather pigmentation depends both on their availability in the bird's diet, and the degree to which they are being used as antioxidants to support the individual's health. A Great Tit that is facing greater exposure to pathogens or the stresses of urban living will need to direct more of its available antioxidants to addressing these issues, leaving less to use in its plumage. But as garden plants generally contain less carotenoid than woodland species, that might also be a factor.

The second article was published by a team of scientists at Aberystwyth University who recorded the songs of birds living in and around urban areas in the UK. Most man-made noise is of a fairly low frequency, the rumble of traffic, the clatter of machinery, so to be heard above the din, birds living in cities sing higher-pitched songs than their country-dwelling cousins. As a result, Great Tits living in and around these urban areas were found to be less likely to recognise the songs of their country relatives than those of their fellow urban dwellers.

Great Tits are territorial birds and sing to defend their patch against other males, and to attract mates, so they need to be heard.

The scientists speculated on whether such changes in song could mark the first step in an evolutionary process called speciation - when an organism splits into two or more species because of the differing environmental pressures facing different populations. If a city bird moves to a new area to attract mates or find food, its song may

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not be attractive to them, nor would it be a warning to local males to stay away from its territory.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)). If you know of an organisation which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com).

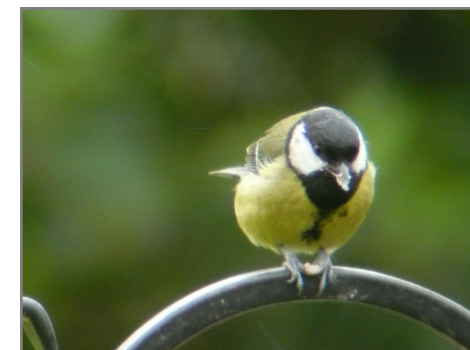


Photo credit Great Tits by Mike Gray

## Friends of Blubberhouses Church News

Fewston and Blubberhouses Churches would like to thank all who contributed generously to the carol singing around the valley.

We raised an amazing £1049.49 Thank you for making us feel so welcome when we called and we wish you a Happy New Year.

Thank you to you all who supported the Blubberhouses Christmas Tree Festival whether it was decorating the church, baking mince pies, serving refreshments and those who came to visit - thank you, I'm sure you will agree the church looked beautiful with the all the decorations. £412 was made towards the renovation of the church.



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## Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club



On November 1<sup>st</sup> we had our bonfire which was a very enjoyable night with lots of amazing fireworks and some nice food which was kindly provided by Julie.

Then on the 8<sup>th</sup> we had a Mystery Judging night where we judged cookies, shoes suitable for line dancing and spanner's to change a spark plug. Thank you to David and Delia homes for being our judges.

Juniors – 1<sup>st</sup> Lily Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Isaac Ryder, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Ellison, 4<sup>th</sup> Emily Dibb, 5<sup>th</sup> Brooke Ryder, 6<sup>th</sup> Lola Court. Intermediates – 1<sup>st</sup> Daisy Roberts Seniors – 1<sup>st</sup> James Driffield, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Bird and Charlotte Towers, 4<sup>th</sup> Sam Barker, 5<sup>th</sup> Harry Pickin, 6<sup>th</sup> Billie Towers.

We went to Simon Graeme Auto's in Hampsthwaite on the 15<sup>th</sup> November where we learned many beneficial skills including changing tires.

We had our Presentation evening on 17<sup>th</sup> November at Otley Golf Club where trophies were presented to various members. A meal was provided also which was enjoyed by all.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November there was the Live and Carcus National Finals in



Stafford where three of our members competed and did their best.

District public speaking was next where we had competitors taking part who managed to qualify for county, well done everyone.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> November was sheep kenning at Emily Bradley's where many members participated for the first time, and everyone did very well. Juniors- 1<sup>st</sup> Annabel Inman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Keighley and Kendall Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lily Hughes and Ben Ellison, 4<sup>th</sup> Bradley Airey and Isaac Ryder Seniors – 1<sup>st</sup> Billie Towers, 2<sup>nd</sup> James Driffield, 3<sup>rd</sup> Harry Pickin, 4<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Towers

We had sweet treats on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November where we made truffles, fudge and honeycomb which was very delicious and fun to make.

We held our Christmas market on December 2<sup>nd</sup> where we raised money for the club and our chosen charity.

Wreath making was a festive night where many fantastic wreaths were

made on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Two teams entered for the county ten pin bowling on the 7<sup>th</sup> December at York.

The 13<sup>th</sup> December was our Christmas party where we held many fun party games with plenty of festive music as well as food provided by our members.

20<sup>th</sup> December was the carol singing



## FEWSTON CHURCH 'JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM'



Thank you to everyone who joined in and made this special Christmas Eve service so memorable.

Rose, who was an engaging baby Jesus, and the four confident readers – Bella, Ella, Tom, Sian who read so well. Not forgetting Molly, such a friendly donkey who played her part so calmly. Many thanks to Jessica,

around Leathley and the Square and Compass which greatly helped us raise funds for the club and our charity.

You don't have to be a farmer to be a part of Young Farmer's so if you're aged between 10 and 28 and are interested in joining please contact Christine Morphet on 07851 658245.

Lily Hughes

Olivia and Sam for bringing and looking after Molly.

Sincere thanks to Revd. Teresa, Steve Harwood our organist, Sheila and Philip Herbert and Cheri Beaumont for their essential help with costumes and refreshments.

**Happy New Year to everyone**

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SUNDAYS** only during the winter, from 11am until 4pm. We welcome **NEW VOLUNTEERS**. If you can spare a few hours at the weekend once a month we would love to see you in the Tea Room. It's a busy environment, warm and friendly, but you are rewarded with cake!

Our next exciting programme **A journey through time** starts on 1 February with a Preview for Members at the Heritage Centre at 6pm. There will be an opportunity to view the exhibition accompanying the programme and find out more from the planning team about the events on offer. We will be going on a whistle-stop tour of the Washburn Valley from the laying down of primeval rocks to the building of the Heritage Centre. The shaping of the landscape by glaciers, the evidence of Bronze and Iron Age settlements and remains of Roman occupation come under our spotlight. Saxons, Vikings and Normans have all influenced the area we see today. Agriculture, industrialisation and the building of the reservoirs bring us up to date with what Washburn means now.

## Events in February as follows:

### The best start in life, Anne Longfield CBE

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2.30pm – 4.00pm  
Anne, an Ilkley resident and former pupil of Prince Henry's in Otley, is the Chair of the Commission on Young

Lives and a former Children's Commissioner for England and is now able to give the talk which had to be postponed from the "Best Days of our Lives?" theme. Anne will talk to us about how childhood lays the foundation for life and what we can do to make it a good one. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

### Pancake tea

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday - a tradition through the centuries - with an informal pancake themed 'high tea'/ early supper. We may try pancake tossing (health & safety permitting) before the strictures of Lent begin - the other Shrovetide tradition being a no-holds-barred football match! Prepare for sackcloth and ashes the next day. Cost £15 member, £18.50 non-member.

### Geology and scenery of the Washburn Valley, Bill Fraser

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Bill Fraser from Leeds Geological Association is making a return visit to remind us of the origin of the rocks which formed the Valley 300 million years ago and the subsequent events which created the scenery seen today. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

### Ancient and modern

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am – 2.00pm

A walk taking in Little Almscliff Crag with its cup and ring carvings and views over the former cosmic radiation project. Several stiles and it may be muddy so boots recommended. Returning along tracks through Norwood Forest. About 4 miles. Meet at the Centre. **Please note that dogs are welcome on this walk.** Lunch served back at the Centre. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.



## Advance notice of an event in March

### Thank you

Recently I read in this magazine how people in our village tended not to know their neighbours. I have lived in Leathley since 1955 and in that time everyone seemed to know everyone else. The village has nearly doubled in size since then but isolation has only increased, people being confined behind closed gates.

On boxing Day after delivering my

### Elizabethan embroidery

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10.00am – 4.00pm

Make your own medieval embroidery. Tanya Benthams, an expert on medieval embroidery, will assist you and provide the kit for you to make your own piece of embroidery. On booking you will be given a choice of one of three designs, one of which is illustrated below. Light lunch included. Cost £60.00 members, £72.50 non-member.



Please contact Jenny at the Centre to book any of these events. Telephone 01943 880794

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Parish Magazines I suddenly had a serious medical condition and fortunately could get urgent help from my neighbours for which I am so very grateful. But how usual would that be in our village of strangers. I should add that my subsequent treatment from our N.H.S has been first Class.

Nora Hawkins – Leathley

*Thank you to Nora for being one important volunteers team who deliver the magazine.*



## All in the month of February

It was:

150 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 1874 that Sir Ernest Shackleton was born. This Irish-born British polar explorer was one of the leading explorers during the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. He led three British expeditions to the Antarctic.

100 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1924 that BBC Radio broadcast the 'six-pips' Greenwich Time Signal for the first time.

Also 100 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 1924 that George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* was performed for the first time, in New York.

90 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1934 that Edward Elgar, the British composer, died.

75 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1949 that Niki Lauda, Austrian racing driver was born. He was Formula One World Champion in 1975, 1977 and 1984. He was severely injured and burnt in a crash at the 1976 German Grand Prix. (Died 2019.)

70 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1954 that the first field test of the polio vaccine began in Pittsburgh. It grew into a year-long national trial involving 1.8 million children.

65 years ago, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1959, became 'the day the music died', when American rock-and-roll performers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper were killed in a plane crash in Iowa.

60 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1964 that the Beatles arrived in New York for their

first US tour. They were met by thousands of screaming fans.

50 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1974 that Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath called a snap general election following the miners' strike and three-day week. It resulted in a hung parliament, and the Labour leader, Harold Wilson, became Prime Minister.

40 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1984 that figure skaters Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won the gold medal in ice-skating at the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo. They scored the first perfect 6.0 in Olympic history.

30 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1994 that serial killer Fred West was arrested in connection with the disappearance of his daughter. Police then discovered human bones buried in his garden. He was eventually charged with 11 murders, and his wife Rosemary with ten murders.

25 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 1999 that the International Maritime Organisation stopped using the Morse code 'SOS' distress call. All sea-going vessels were required to have a Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) fitted by this date.

20 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2004 that Facebook, the social media networking platform, was launched.

15 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 that the Black Saturday bushfires took place in Australia. The worst in Australia's history, they destroyed 1.1 million acres of land, killed 173 people, injured 414, and burned down more than 3,500 buildings, including 2,000 houses.

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## Gardeners Corner



As I write this in January, gardens are still waterlogged after such a wet few months and it has been impossible to get on the ground. Hopefully by the time you read this, things will have dried out a bit. Get started on the veg patch, tidying up and removing the old plants that were left and neglected over the winter. Apply a good mulch of well rotted manure, garden compost or spent mushroom compost to a depth of 4 or 5 inches and not just on the kitchen garden! Flower beds should also be mulched to provide protection and nutrients needed for all that growth that will soon begin.

Autumn fruiting raspberries should be pruned right down to ground level and if you haven't already done so, it is not too late to attend to summer raspberries by cutting out the old shoots and tying in the new ones, which can also be cut down to about 4 feet. While you are on with pruning, February is a good time to prune deciduous hedges before the birds start nesting. Late summer clematis can be cut back now to the lowest pair of buds to encourage new shoots and

flowers. Roses too need a good prune this month. Cut with sharp secateurs about ¼ inch above a bud, sloping away from it to prevent water from collecting on the bud. Remove any dead or crossing stems. Remember to feed your plants once pruned to boost healthy growth. The stems on perennials that were left through the winter can now be cut back to the base.

If you haven't already done so, seed potatoes should be chitted. Stand them in old egg boxes with the rose (eyes) end uppermost, in a light frost free position – a conservatory is ideal. They will be ready to plant out in March/April; Good Friday is the traditional planting day.

February is a time to enjoy snowdrops. They can be multiplied by dividing clumps "in the green" and extending the planted areas. Snowdrops do better by division now than by trying to plant dry bulbs in the autumn.

Hopefully spring will soon be upon us, so make sure you have all your seeds, pots and tools ready for busy times ahead!



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To start 2024 Farnley Women's Institute held an extremely interesting talk by one of our members who is the great great granddaughter of Sir John Barran. He purchased Roundhay Park and then gifted it to Leeds Council for the citizens of Leeds to enjoy.

Our next meeting is on 14th of February when we'll be considering whether we need an air fryer in our kitchen or perhaps a Remoska oven, a 1950's Czech invention which one of our members swears by.

Later in the year we'll be visiting Appletrees Flock to view the work of a diverse small holding and hopefully see some new lambs, watching a jewellery demonstra-

tion and much more.

To view our programme for 2024 please visit <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate>.

All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7.30pm. In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for leisurely strolls followed by a coffee stop on one month followed the next month by a longer hike and picnic stop.

If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI please contact Diane Hanline our President by email to [farnleyestatewi@gmail.com](mailto:farnleyestatewi@gmail.com)



## Recipe - Bakewell Tart



This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1<sup>st</sup> December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend Marlene Wilkinson in her mothers possessions and reprinted again. She dedicated it to "Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions"

67 years later we are sharing the recipes again but this time in the magazine. Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

### Ingredients

2 oz Ground Almonds  
4oz sugar  
1 egg  
1 oz butter  
Pre-cooked pastry case  
A jar of raspberry jam

### Method

- Beat the butter into a cream
- Mix in the ground almonds, sugar egg and sugar.
- Lay a thin layer of raspberry jam on the pastry case base.
- Poor the mixture on top
- Bake for 26 minutes.

Mrs Wilkinson



# WASHBURN & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES MAGAZINE

## Feeling inspired?

The magazine is created by compiling contributions from readers, the many people associated with running the churches, societies, clubs and event holders. Thank you to everyone for sending in items each month.

If you feel inspired please send in your own poem or request share your favourite poem, a seasonal recipe, write an articles or anything you wish to share. All Items for the magazine are always welcome. Please email your items to: [magazine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk](mailto:magazine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk)

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## Our magazine

The magazine was created to link the communities of the Anglican and Methodist churches in the Mid-Wharfe and lower Washburn Valley. The Anglican churches of the United Benefice are All Saints Weston, St Helen Denton, St Michael and St Laurence Fewston, St Andrew Blubberhouses, All Saints Farnley and St Oswald Leathley. Norwood chapel is in the Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist circuit

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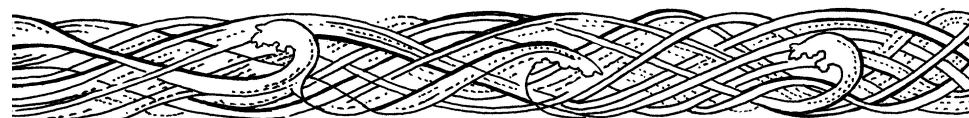
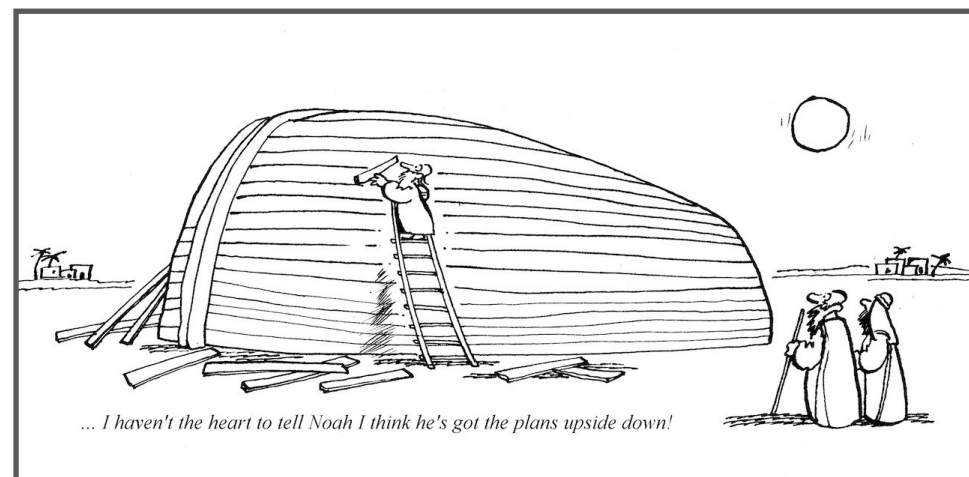
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