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Usual work afternoon - Wednesday

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more photographs of the Christmas
events.

News from Norwood Chapel

Dear friends

February may be a short month but it has a big message. February certainly doesn't lack character.

For Christians, it's a bit like a spiritual buffet where you get all those platters of different foods: love, pancakes, repentance, and hope - sometimes all in the same week!

First comes Valentine's Day, when hearts, flowers, and chocolates remind us that love is worth celebrating. While the world focuses on romance (and the price of roses), Christians are invited to remember that love starts with God.

As St Paul reminds us, love is patient, kind, and thankfully does not insist on eating the entire box of chocolates in one sitting!

Try to express love daily – not just on Valentines Day – and love can be expressed not only to your beloved, but also to your enemies too!

Then we flip the frying pan for Shrove Tuesday - a day traditionally about confession and preparation for Lent, but now widely known as Pancake Day. This is the one day of the year when it is perfectly acceptable to eat pancakes for breakfast, lunch, and tea "for spiritual reasons."

It's a joyful reminder that faith includes celebration as well as discipline. I don't know what your favourite pancake toppings are, but always looking for things to give thanks for as we begin Lent is a daily discipline that's worth trying!

The very next day, the mood shifts with Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. The ashes remind us of our humanity and our need for God's grace. It's a quieter, more reflective moment - but one filled with hope, pointing us toward renewal and Easter joy.

We are all flawed individuals – on Ash Wednesday it's good to remind ourselves that we are far from perfect, but also that our lives will not last for ever, yet God's love will.

So, February matters.

It teaches us that Christian life holds love and laughter, feasting and fasting, joy and reflection - sometimes all at once!

And if that's not realistic faith for real people, nothing is.

God Bless you and your loved ones this coming month.
Cameron

Rev. Cameron Stirk (Norwood Methodist Church)

Obituary

Jeffrey Alan Hollings. (Jeff) 4th March 1952 – 3rd December 2025. - aged 73 years.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Jeff took place at Fewston Parish Church of St Michael and St Lawrence on Friday 2nd January 2026

Relatives, friends and neighbours gathered to remember Jeff who was known too so many.

Jeff was born in Ilkley , then moved to Clifton Near Otley with his parents, Norman and Jean Hollings who then moved to Shaws Hall Farm, Snowden where Jeff also lived up to his marriage in 1974.

Always keen to work he started aged 12 , growing and selling cabbages after a local farmer did a joint venture with him ,allowing him the profit from any cabbages he could sell ,as long as Jeff helped him with the preparation of the land and the sowing of the plants. This was the start he needed and the profit helped him to buy some cattle. A potato round followed as did selling logs. Plus with his siblings helping his father on his milk round – up at 4am with a bowl of porridge and then to their grandad's house in Otley to get ready for school at 8am (Different times then !)

At 17 years old he was put into the butchers shop on Brook Street, Ilkley , which his parents part owned. He made a great success of the shop

and after his marriage managed to buy the shop from his parents and auntie. He could never understand why the 2 sons of Craven Calverts who collected the waste offal from the shop both had Porsche cars , whilst he was driving a van but selling the high quality meat. He was determined to have a Porsche car like them before he was 30 , and achieved this at 29 years of age.

Always looking for the next challenge , he then got premises and after working a day in the shop, started mixing a dog food, then progressed onto rabbit and hamster food.

There was great excitement when the first tonne of Tyke dog food sold , and was listed in wholesalers around the UK. But it wasn't enough for the entrepreneurial Jeff and he went back to his shop experience and decided to dry pig ears as treats for dogs. New premises were required and so the last plot of land on Snaygill Industrial Estate, Skipton was purchased and a building was erected to house the ever increasing sales. The Hollings brand was born, and continued as a family business ,with wife Celia running the financial side , and daughter Emma the sales side, until it was sold in 2020.

Retirement meant Jeff could spend more time watching his son Charles in his motor racing career, spending time on the family boat in Mallorca, enjoying life at his home in

Norwood, and his 6 grandchildren.

Sadly a very aggressive cancer was diagnosed in June 2025, but he was determined to outlive the prognosis, which he did for 6 months and he filled those months, with his many hobbies and his family.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Celia, daughter Emma, son Charles and grandchildren Thomas, Ralph, Archie, Mirella, Sofia, and Raffaella.- but he will never be forgotten – a true gentleman, who always had a story to tell, with a smile on his face.



Snowdrop Festival Morning

Come and enjoy the snowdrops at
St Helen's Denton

Saturday 7th February 2026
Refreshments from 10am – 12 noon
All Very welcome



Community Notice Board



Weston Flower and Cleaning February & March

1 st & 8 th February	Ruth & Tom Raper
15 th & 22 nd February	Sally Stanley
1 st & 8 th March	Mrs H Pullan
15 th & 22 nd March	Mr & Mrs Senior
29 th March & 5 th April	Mrs J Cowgill

Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota February & March

1 st February	Julie Crowther
8 th and 15 th February	Ann Chadwick
22 nd February and 1 st March	Helen Coble
8 th & 15 th March	Karen Boothman
22 nd & 29 th March	Sue Wood
5 th & 12 th March	Julie Crowther



Fewston Parochial Hall

Charity teas

Teas, lunches and homemade cakes



Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd



February

10.30am till 4.00pm.

All proceeds to Alzheimer's Uk

Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month,
the next meeting is the

12th February at 7pm at
The Penny Bun

Contact Anne for more information - Tel: 07713884328
Email: laeatham@gmail.com

Community Notice Board

Fewston Foxy Ladies Bee-Keeping.

We'll be learning all about the beekeeping year with Sarah Wood on Tuesday 17th February at 2pm! Do buzz along and join us at Fewston Parochial Hall!

Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741; or Margaret 01423 806151

T&T Dominoes

Prize winning dominoes with tea and chat on Tuesday 3rd February at 2pm Norwood Social Hall. Come along and enjoy!

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!

Short Mat Carpet bowls

Bowling
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Leathley Parish Room Domino Drives 2026 – 7:00 pm Friday 27th February

Friday 24th April

Friday 5th June

Friday 10th July

Friday 28th August

Friday 2nd October

Raffle and Cash Bar. Supper included:

Pork Pie, mushy peas, tea or coffee - £5

Pizza and drink - £2.50

Vegetarians option available – please tell us when booking

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 (using contact details below) by the evening of the Wednesday before so we can be sure to order enough pies

Booking; Booking Secretaries on 07802212111
or leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com

**Norwood Social Hall
Dominoes**

Friday 20th March
Raffle & Pie and Pea supper
7pm for a 7.15pm start.

2026 Domino dates for your diaries

Friday 15th May
Friday 18th September
Friday 16th October
Friday 20th November
Friday 11th December Christmas Dominoes

Hope you can join us.

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Planning is now underway for this year's this year's

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Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June**

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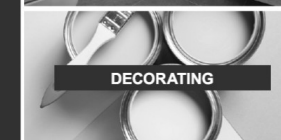
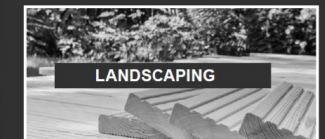
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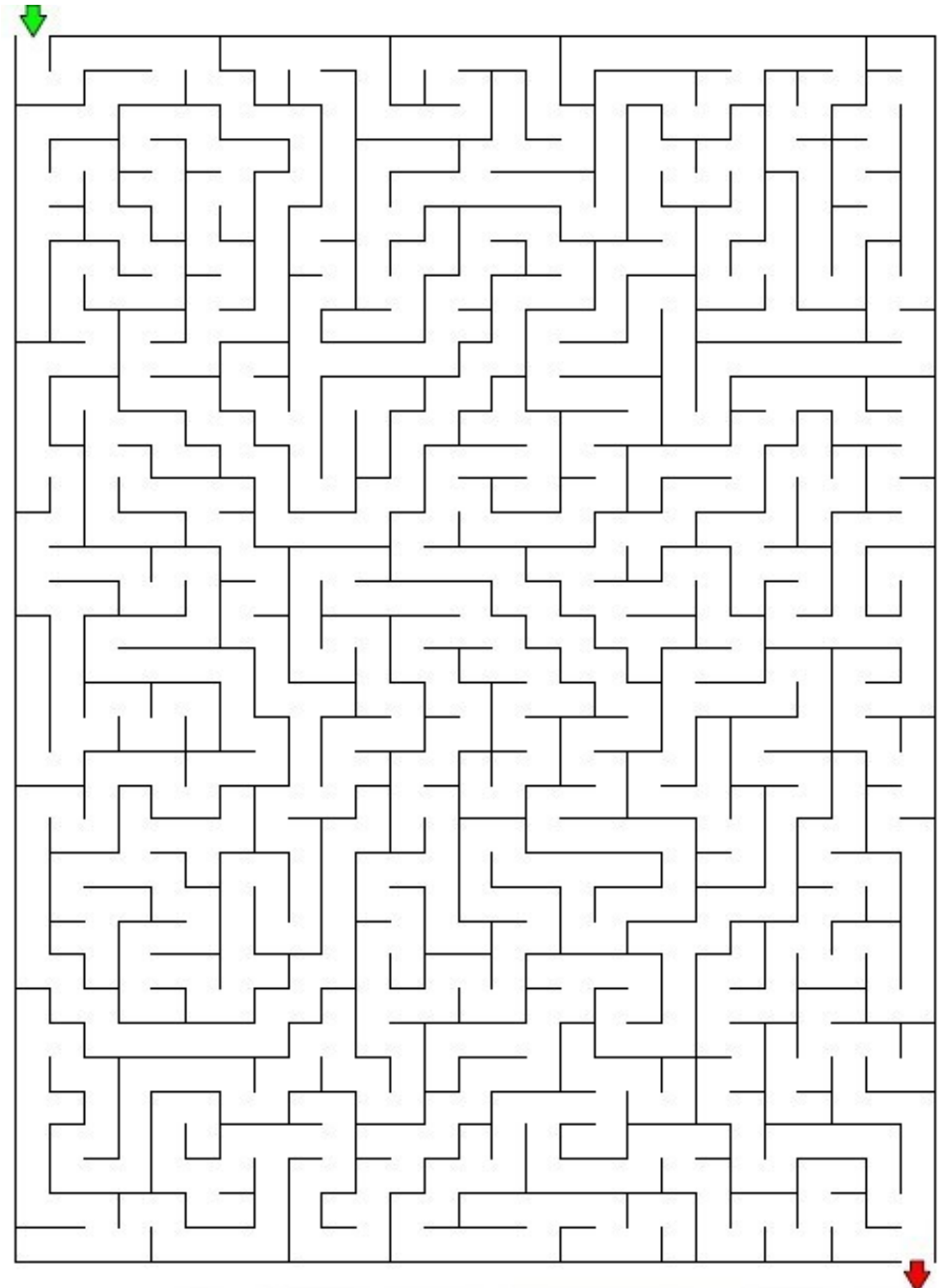
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
 1 Samuel 2:11-17, 22-25, 3:1-21

As soon as he was old enough to leave his parents, Samuel went to live at God's temple in Shiloh, with the priest, Eli..

Eli's sons were also priests, but they helped themselves to what people had brought to give to God.

Eli talked to them about it. They ignored him.

But Samuel did all the work he was given well.

One night, after everyone had gone to bed, Samuel heard someone calling him.

He thought it was Eli, so he ran to him.

No, I didn't call you

It happened again.

I didn't call. Go back to bed.

The third time, Eli knew it must be God calling Samuel.

You must say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!'

God called Samuel again, and Samuel answered as he had been told.

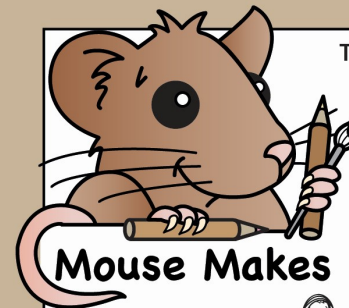
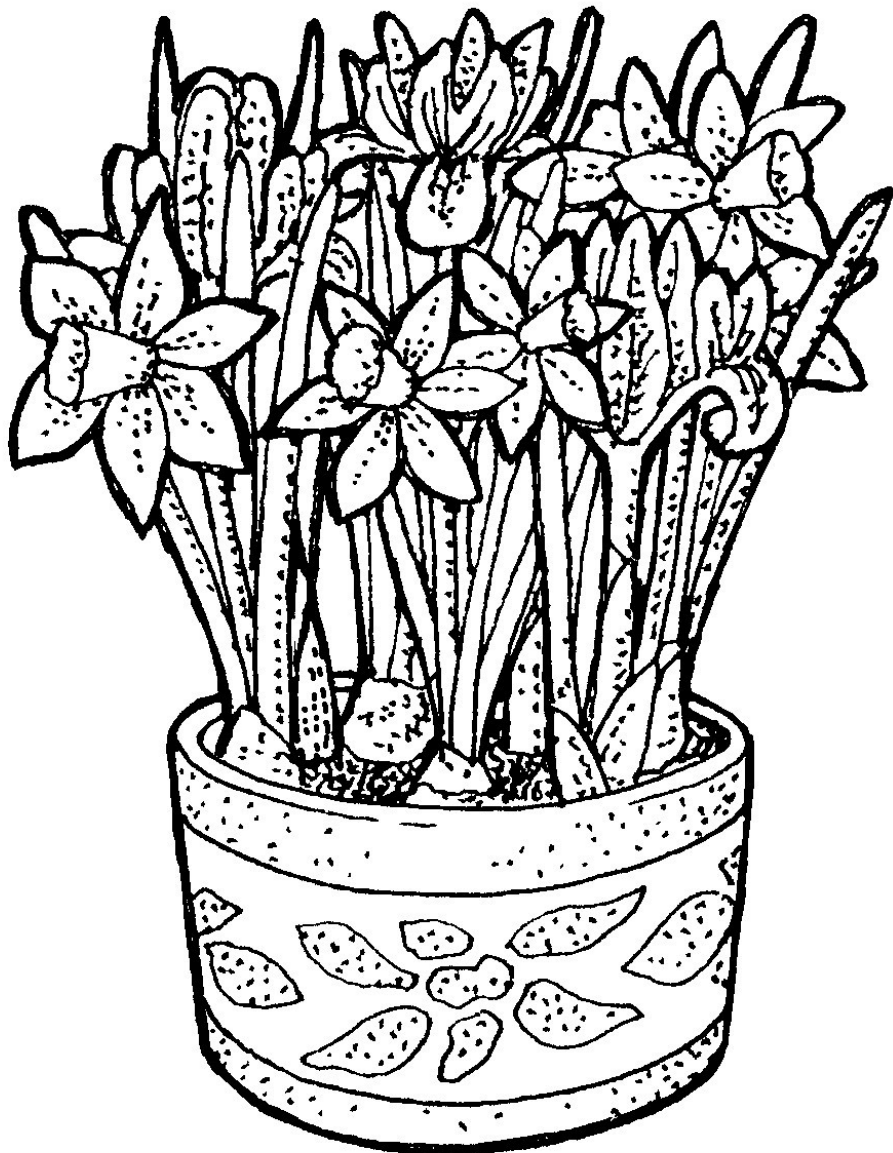
I told Eli his sons had done bad things, but he has not stopped them. Now, even being sorry will not make up for what has happened.

The next morning, Eli demanded to be told what God had said.

Samuel was afraid, but he told him.

He is God. He will deal with us as is right.

God continued to talk to Samuel. He became known throughout Israel.



Mouse Makes

Read the story in
Luke 4:1-13



SECOND TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:
"I will give you power
and wealth if you worship me."

JESUS REPLIED:
"Worship the Lord your God
and serve only Him."

Read Deuteronomy 6:13

WE LEARN:
Put God first
Worship only Him.



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan where did the Holy Spirit lead him to? v1

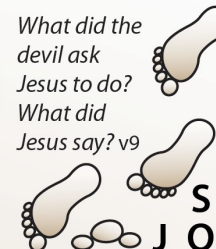
How many days was Jesus being tempted by the devil? v2

What did Jesus eat? v2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into? What did Jesus say? v3-4

What did the devil offer Jesus if He worshipped him? What did Jesus say? v7-8

What did the devil ask Jesus to do? What did Jesus say? v9



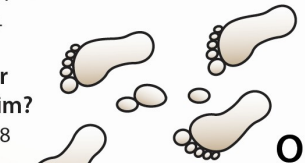
FIRST TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:
"If you are God's Son order this stone to turn into bread."

JESUS REPLIED:
"Man shall not live on bread alone."

Read Deuteronomy 8:3

WE LEARN:
Read the Bible
Learn God's word.



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THIRD TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:
"If you are God's Son throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take care of you."

JESUS REPLIED:
"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Read Deuteronomy 6:16

WE LEARN:
God cares, trust
Him do not test Him.

