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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 to write an article for the magazine. Share some news, a poem or a seasonal recipe, please send them to the editor.

Email your items to: 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, Saint Helen Denton, Saint Michael and Saint Laurence Fewston, St Andrew Blubberhouses, All Saints Farnley and Saint Oswald Leathley. Norwood chapel is in the Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist circuit

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Please check on www.achurchnearyou.com for up to date information.

4 th May	Third	Sunday of Easter
9.30 am	Weston 1	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
9.30 am	Leathley	Morning Prayer - Banns (PMc)
11.00 am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (TD)
11 th May	Fourth Sund	ay of Easter
11.15am	Denton	Morning Prayer (PMc)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMc)
9.30am	Farnley	All age Worship (TMc)
18 th May	Fifth Sunday	of Easter
9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (JC)
9.30am	Leathley	Holy Communion (BM)
11am	Blubberhouse	es Lambing Service (FS)
25th May Si	xth Sunday of E	aster
9.30am	Farnley	Holy Communion (TMc)
11.15am	Denton	Holy Communion (TMc)

1st June The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30 am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
9.30 am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (common worship) (JC)
11.00 am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (PMc)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel Mau

Sunday 11th May at 2:30pm – Rev. Cameron Stirk Holy Communion

Sunday 25th May at 2:30pm - Local Preacher Viv Pitts

The Vicar's Monthly Message Comfort

April had very special weather, very warm days, more like summer than Spring, not too hot and very little rainfall, it seemed almost perfect. The farmers enjoyed the good weather for lambing, though of course, they still needed rain especially for those who are growing crops. Not everyone is happy of course, a little like church sometimes.

We all like the things that we personally enjoy and sometimes we just put up with those things that are not quite "our cup of tea". Sometimes it is good for us to move out of our comfort zone and be challenged. The prophets in the Old Testament were always trying to get people to change their ways. One definition of a prophet is someone who "Comforts the disturbed, and disturbs the comfortable". There is something in the familiar that makes us feel comfortable, yet I am reminded that Jesus comforted those who were on the margins and disturbed those who felt comfortable, and would challenge those who failed to see God's vision.

It can be frightening and even radical to try new things but it is the only way we grow. Grow as a person, through new experiences or as a church. God calls us to place our hand in his and to follow his lead; yes things may be out of our own control but if we place them into God's hands, there is nothing to be fearful of. We only have to look at how many times in the Bible God tell us, "Do not be afraid".

We only have to took at now many times in the Bible God tell us, "Do not be afraid".
When sorting through some papers, I came across a small folded piece of paper among some old photos that my mother had kept. When I opened it up, I found a piece of prose that she had written down, obviously a very long time ago, I would like to share it with you.
WAIT BEFORE YOU...
Wait before you wonder what tomorrow may unfold
Wait before you worry what the future days may hold, Do not look in fear along the road that lies ahead.
Many things may happen to prevent the thing you dread.
Do you really think that only evil things can be?
Do you not believe in God?
Then trust him utterly.
Live in hope and confidence, by nothing be depressed
Then you will draw unto yourself the good things and the best!



Gardeners Corner

After such a dry cold start to spring in April, gardeners will have been hoping for some rain and warmer nights to kickstart the garden. The lawns are growing apace, but instead of mowing, why not leave some areas uncut during May to allow daisies and clover to flourish and attract bees and other insects and pollinators.

Cut back winter flowering shrubs, such as Forsythia and Ribes (flowering currant) to shoots lower down. Also Kerria Japonica and Spirea can be pruned by about a third. Hardy fuschias will need a tidy up too by cutting back to new shoots.

Having planted your potatoes last month, do make sure you continue to earth them up as the leaves appear. This not only protects them from late frosts but also ensures that the light is excluded from the growing tubers; green potatoes are poisonous so it is important to keep them covered. As the soil warms up, keep sowing vegetable seeds, little and often for succession. If you plant in rows it is easier to see the seedlings so that you can easily hoe out any weeds. If there are no frosts plant out veg that has been brought on in the greenhouse, but remember to harden plants off first. This means acclimatising them to the outdoor world by placing them outside during the day and bringing them in at night for a week or so. Remember that runner beans need warmth so be patient before planning them out. "4th May for a dainty, 12th May for a plenty" is the old saying! There can still be destructive frosts during May.

Watch out for pests and slugs especially on warm wet evenings. Pick off lily beetles, which are bright red, before they can do damage. Similarly, check gooseberry bushes for gooseberry sawfly caterpillars and pick them off too. Cover soft fruit - currant and raspberry - with netting to protect them from birds.

Email : magazine@washburnwharfemidbenefice.org.uk Finally, as the daffodils finish flowering, remember to dead head them but leave the foliage to die down naturally as this will feed the bulbs for next year's show. Give the foliage a water and feed too.



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Recipe ~ Diggers

This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1st 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"

> 68 years later we are sharing the recipes again. Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

Ingredients 2 cups (6oz) of rolled Oates 1/4 (1oz) cup of flour 1 cup of (3 oz) sugar 4 oz melted butter 1 pinch of salt 1 teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda dissolved in boiling water 1 tablespoon of syrup

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Method

- Mix all the ingredients together
- Place in small heaps on a greased baking sheet and bake in a moderate oven [170C/325F/ Gas 3] for 20 minutes

Mrs M Hartley

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News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

My family and I will reach a large life milestone in the coming months. Our teenage son will learn how to drive a car! This fills with me with excitement and terror simultaneously. I am excited because this is a skill that we as parents think is important for his future and it will help us when he shares some of the responsibility for driving.

On the other hand, it terrifies me because I can think of multiple horrific outcomes of letting him loose on his own or in the driver's seat in a car. (Ok, yes, this is mostly a maternal habit of thinking of the worst-case scenarios!) I suppose a more accurate way of describing this is that I am relinquishing control and can no longer protect him like I feel that I do when I am driving the car we are in. Obviously, he has to study for a theory exam and take driving lessons in order to pass both exams. So, there will be knowledge acquired and skills honed before he's set loose on the road. That does offer some comfort but I suppose what I desire greatly is a guarantee . . . that nothing adverse will happen to him or to others because of him. And that's not a guarantee anyone can make! No one did that for me nor could they. That's not even possible after decades of driving, is it? Nope, it sure isn't. In some ways, I'm still learning how to be a better/safer driver than I was yesterday. Every time I get behind the wheel, I must put into practice these skills.

I think to be a lifelong learner in anything, one has to have a bit of humility . . . acknowledging that we don't know it all and that we have made a mistake here and there and hopefully are striving not to repeat it so that it won't become a bad habit. I think the same is true with a life of faith. Even though I am an Ordained Presbyter, I definitely do not know all things or have faith totally figured out. In fact, this journey is full of adventure and mystery as well as new learning and making a few backward steps.

Being a Christian is counter-cultural and doesn't come naturally. Our faith advocates that the first is last and the last is first; the weak can be strong in Christ; and the poor in spirit will inherit the kingdom of heaven. Jesus lived out the greatest commandment: loving God with all his heart, mind and soul and loving his neighbour as himself. One of the big questions in theological training was "Is it faith *in Jesus* or the faith *of Jesus* that offers salvation?" Can you see the subtle difference? Simply put, having faith in Jesus means that you believe in him. The faith of Jesus shows us how he lived and what he did ... in other words to follow his example. What do you think the answer might be?

For me, it's not an "either/or" answer ... it's a "both/and" scenario. Doing both, believing in and following his example, bring about the greatest transformation. And it's the kind of answer that takes a lifetime to practice and hone these skills npassion for our ourselves and our g we never outgrow the need for. along with developing a greater sense of compassion for our ourselves and our neighbours. Perhaps it's the kind of learning we never outgrow the need for.

Remembering Dr. Simon Lindley

(10 October 1948 – 25 February 2025)

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Dr. Simon Lindley. Simon was a towering figure in the church music scene across Yorkshire, particularly in Leeds, through his long-standing roles as Director of Music at Leeds Minster and City Organist.

Simon's passion for music extended far and wide, supporting churches both great and small. He generously shared his talents with communities, offering memorable recitals at St. Oswald's Leathley and Fewston in recent years. The breadth of his involvement in church music is almost impossible to capture in words - it was truly vast.

More than a musical genius, Simon was a generous mentor and educator, always willing to offer advice and encouragement. His dedication to nurturing young talent was evident in the countless musicians he inspired. As a choir director, he brought a unique blend of humour and authority to his rehearsals. As a boy chorister at Leeds

Parish Church from 1995 to 2000. I was incredibly fortunate to have been guided by Simon. Many of my fellow choristers went on to accomplish remarkable things, a testament to Simon's influence and unwavering support.

Outside of music. Simon was a cherished presence in his community. In recent years, he found joy and companionship at his local pub in Fulneck, regaling friends with his rich repertoire of stories. In a particularly memorable moment, he even performed an organ recital from the pub itself – an event made possible when an organ company lent him an electronic instrument - Bach and Beer!

Simon Lindley was truly one of a kind, and his loss will be deeply felt by all y lives on in y lives on in ves he rought to so d rise in glory. Jamie Hudson who knew him. His legacy lives on in the music he made, the lives he touched, and the joy he brought to so many.

Rest in peace, Simon, and rise in glory.

: magazine@washburnw From the Registers Funerals 28th March Mrs Janet Firmin at Saint Michaels and Saint Lawrence, Fewston 30th April Paula Margaret at All Saints Church. Middlemiss Weston mail

looking closely without interfering, especially if the nest is in dense or thorny undergrowth. Following the Code of Conduct will protect the nest and the birds you are monitoring from harm.

Handling eggs or chicks is illegal without a special licence in the UK, so please just look and don't touch the nest contents.

Scientific studies have shown that, as long as observers are careful and follow BTO guidance, visiting a nest several times to record its contents does not increase the probability of the nest failing. Unlike mammals, the majority of birds have a relatively poor sense of smell, so there is no need to worry about leaving your scent around the nest box.

It's not only an interesting project, it is one that can help provide information of use in understanding how our feather friends are getting on.

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). Mike Gray





The Birds in Your Garden

There's been a lot of discussion in the media of late about the decline of so many of our wildlife species, but have you ever wondered where the data behind these statements comes from? Whilst some of it is from professional surveys by universities or environmental bodies, a significant proportion comes from citizen scientists, members of the public who look at what is going on around them in a systematic way and report their findings to professionals in the field for analysis. In short, from us!

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) is one of the primary organisers and collectors of such citizen science data in the UK and they have two studies which might interest you and which you may well like to take part in. The first, which has been running for many years is Nesting Neighbours, and the second is their Blackbirds in Gardens survey which started last year - more about that next month.

The breeding season has started for many of our resident birds, and it's likely that you've noticed signs of nesting activity. You can provide valuable information on birds' nests by taking part in Nesting Neighbours, which will help the BTO understand how nesting success affects bird populations. Participants follow the progress of individual bird nests through the spring and summer. They send their records to the BTO online, contributing vital information to help understand birds' breeding success.

Anyone can take part in Nesting

Neighbours, and it's easy to get started.

- Find a nest either in your garden or somewhere local which you easily visit.
- Check the nest or nest box once • a week over the spring and summer to record nest building, eggs or chicks.
- Send in your records using the • BTO online form.

Monitoring nests is a great way to learn about and understand birds. Seeing the process from nest build to successful fledging is fantastic. It's amazing how dedicated and hard-working the adult pairs are in their roles.

Nesting Neighbours offers you an opportunity to enjoy the birds on your doorstep in a unique way. You will learn a great deal about the lives of the birds around you, from the courtship behaviour and signs of nest-building to identifying baby birds and their parents. It's a great project to get children involved in so that they can learn about birds, too. There is of necessity a strict protocol to be followed when taking part, one which will minimise the chances of harming the nests and their contents. Where possible, Nesting Neighbours participants are asked to look inside their nest to note what stage it and its contents are at. Minimising disturbance to the breeding birds is obviously of utmost importance, and using a mirror is often a good way of opportunity to enjoy the birds on your $\frac{1}{2}$

Simon with Jamie Hudson in Fewston Church



Community Notice Board Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota May & June

4th & 11th May 18th & 25th May 1st & 8th June 15th & 22th June 29th June & 6 July

Ann Chadwick Helen Cobley Karen Boothman Sue Wood **Iulie** Crowther

Storage Space Required!

Jamie Hudson (organist at St Oswald's, Leathley) is currently seeking storage space for a collection of unique items including a large outdoor stage, a circus big top, costumes, props, and vehicles.

He's ideally looking for a barn or parcel of land with good access, located within a reasonable distance, and approximately 3,000 sq ft in size.

If you have a suitable space available — or know someone who might — Jamie would love to hear from you. jamie@yeadontownhall.co.uk Call or Text: 07584 063912



Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for May

Mrs H Pullan

4th & 11th Mav



The Annual Parochial **Church Meeting** for Saint Oswald's Leathley is to be held on Sunday 4th May at 9.30pm in the church. All welcome

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Washburn Heritage Centre

Our spring programme Visitors to the Valley draws to a close at the end of May and our next programme Birds, Beasts and Blooms begins on 1 June. We are excited to bring you this extended programme which runs until the end of October. The temporary



... All in the month of May- continued from page 23

... She died later that year, in August, in a storm, while attempting to climb K2.

25 years ago, on 4th May 2000 that Ken Livingstone became the first Mayor of London.

25 years ago, on 7th May 2000 that Vladimir Putin was inaugurated as President of Russia.

15 years ago, on 2nd May 2010 that during the Greek debt crisis, the European Union, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund authorised a three-year 110 billion Euro bailout loan to Greece.

Also 15 years ago, on 6th May 2010 that the British General Election resulted in a hung parliament. A coalition government was formed on 11th May by the Conservative Party leader. David Cameron, and the Liberal Democrat party leader, Nick Clegg.

10 years ago, on 22nd May 2015, that the Republic of Ireland became the first country to hold a referendum on whether same-sex marriage should be legalised. It voted to approve, and same-sex marriage became legal in Ireland from that November.

Events in Denton and Weston. Dates for your diary.

Saturday 16th August

Saturday 13th September

September or October date tbc

Saturday 29th November

December date tbc

- Parish BBQ. Denton Church car park from 2pm. Tickets in advance
- Heritage Open Day. Weston & Denton churches: Teas at the Hall
- Harvest Supper
- Christmas Fair, Denton Church 10am to 1pm
- Annual Nativity walk with Mary & Joseph

Denton and Weston PCC has considered the Christian commitment of helpina those less fortunate than ourselves and agreed to make a donation to a charity this year. The charity chosen is St George's Crypt in Leeds which reaches out to the homeless, the vulnerable and those suffering from addiction.



Washburn Heritage Centre

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Our current programme Visitors to the Valley draws to a close at the end of May. More details about the next programme can be found at the end of this bulletin.

To book a place at any of our events please contact Jenny at the office on 01943 880794 or email centre@washburnvalley.org

Events in MAY as follows:

WALK: Ancient routes and byways Tuesday 6th May, 09.30

Starting at Timble cross-roads we follow the old road along Timble Ridge and onto Dunkirk before returning over Denton Moor via High Badger Gate. We will be walking into the footsteps of our ancestors as the area is criss-crossed with ancient routes and byways. A moderate walk of 6 miles on well-defined tracks and footpaths; it may be boggy on the moor. Lunch served back at the Heritage Centre. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

SUPPER: 80th VE Day celebration Thursday 8th May, 6.30pm – 9.00pm Let us join in the nationwide celebrations with one of our threecourse suppers, but not spam nor, indeed, boiled beef and carrots! There will be entertainment of a musical variety and 40's attire is encouraged, though optional. Cost £19.50 member, £24.50 non-member. Cash bar.

WALK: Spotting feathered visitors Monday 19th May, 7.00am

Paul Wheatley, our wonderful bird expert will lead this early morning walk to alert us to the summer visitors to the Valley. Meeting at the Centre at 7am, Paul will remind us of the possible sightings before car sharing to a secret location. About 2-3 miles, the terrain may be muddy in parts so suitable footwear is essential. Breakorg.uk fast buns shall be ready at the Centre on our return and we can discuss our experiences. Please book early for this walk as the maximum number we can take is 12. Cost £12 member, £15 nonmember.

Tour de France Grande Depart 2014, Keith Wakefield

: magazine@washburnwharfemidbenefice Thursday 22nd May, 2.30pm - 4.00pm Keith Wakefield was Leader of Leeds City Council at this time and worked closely with Gary Verity to bring the Tour to Leeds and North Yorkshire. He will share his memories of the triumphs and tribulations involved in creating that glorious weekend when Yorkshire appeared on the world stage and hosted over a million visitors. Email Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.



Community Notice Board



Trip

Setting off at 9.30am on our annual

outing, we are heading to Leyburn for

coffee and biscuits at Tennants and

then Bolton Castle.

Should be fun!

If you would like more information

please contact

Gillian a ring on 01943 880362;

Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741;

Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423

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Looking forward to welcoming you all





Members are off on the joint trip with Fewston Foxy Ladies on May 20th, visiting Tennants at Leyburn and Bolton Castle

After that, we will be back in September! Enjoy your summer!

All welcome! 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!

9999999999999999999999999 Fewston Parochial Hall Charity teas <u>B</u>BBBBBB Teas, lunches and homemade cakes Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th and Bank holiday Monday 26th May 10.30am till 4.30pm. All proceeds to; Saturday and Sunday -Yorkshire Air Ambulance Bank holiday Monday - Birstwith School. Askwith L:adies Social The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the next meeting is the

8th May at 7pm at The Penny Bun

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

Norwood Social Hall Dominoes Friday May 16th

Domino dates 2025 for your diaries

Friday July 4th Friday September 19th Friday October 17th Friday November 21st Christmas Dominoes Friday December 12th 2025

Hope you can join us. Pea and Pie Supper 7pm for a 7.15pm start.

Leathley Parish Room Domino and Whist Drives 2025

Starting at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise stated)

Friday 13th June

Friday 15th August Friday 10th October - Whist Drive **Saturday** 8th November – Family Domino Drive, 4:00pm start

Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included (Vegetarian Option/Pizza 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 <u>evening of the Wednesday before</u> to make sure we order enough pies & pizzas!

> Over 16 to 90 - £5.00 Under 16 - £2.50

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It was:

1700 years ago, 20th May to August 325 that the First Council of Nicaea was held in what is now Iznik, Turkey. It was the first ecumenical council of the Christian Church.

1300 years ago, on 26th May 725 that the Venerable Bede died. This English Benedictine monk, historian, linguist, translator and teacher is known as 'the father of English history'. He helped to popularise the idea of dating years from the birth of Christ (*Anno Domini* – AD)

200 years ago, on 7th May 1825, that Antonio Salieri died. An Italian composer, he helped to develop operas and taught composers including Liszt, Schubert, Beethoven and Mozart. He was rumoured to have poisoned Mozart, but this was later proven to be false.

150 years ago, on 1st May 1875 that Alexandra Palace in London was officially opened. It became the home of BBC television in 1935.

125 years ago, on 17th May 1900 that during the Second Boer War, the 217day Siege of Mafeking was relieved by 2000 British forces and South African volunteers. Colonel Robert Baden-Powell, who led the forces defending Mafeking during the siege, became a national hero, and later founded the Scouting movement.

90 years ago, on 19th May 1935 that T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) died in a motorcycle accident, aged 46. A British Army officer, military strategist, archaeologist and writer, he is best known for his activities in the Middle East during WW1.

90 years ago, on 25th May 1935 that Sir Frank Watson Dyson, British Astronomer Royal (1910-33) died. He introduced the Greenwich time signal (the 'pips') and also, helped to prove Einstein's theory of general relativity.

 $80\ years$ ago, on $1^{st}\ May$ 1945 that German radio announced the death of

Adolf Hitler. It was reported he had died a hero's death fighting, but in fact he had committed suicide.

80 years ago, on 8th May 1945 that VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of WW2. It was celebrated as a public holiday.

75 years ago, on 13th May 1950 that the first Formula One World Championship race was held, at Silverstone. (Also known as the 1950 British Grand Prix.)

75 years ago, on 23rd May 1950 that Martin McGuinness, Irish republican politician, was born. A prominent member of Sinn Fein and a former leader of the IRA, he became Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland until his death in office (2007-17).

60 years ago, on 21st May 1965 that Sir Geoffrey de Haviland, British aircraft designer and engineer, died.

50 years ago, on 12th May 1975 that Jonah Lomu, New Zealand rugby player was born. Widely regarded as one of the greatest players in the sport. Died 2015.

50 years ago, on 27th May 1975 that Dibble's Bridge Coach Crash in Hebden, North Yorkshire took place. 32 people were killed and 13 injured when the coach's brakes failed on a steep hill. It remains the worst road accident in the UK, by fatalities.

40 years ago, on 13th May 1985 that the pop album *Brothers in Arms* by Dire Straits was released. It became the world's most successful album released on compact disc, and the first CD album to sell over a million copies.

30 years ago, on 1st May 1995 that the World Health Organisation (WHO) published its first annual survey of global health.

30 years ago, on 13th May 1995 that British mountaineer Alison Hargreaves became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest unaided (without bottled oxygen or Sherpas.) ...





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