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time, see page 2 and the events notices
for all the Harvest celebrations.

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Village Church Services September



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

7th September **The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity**
9.30am Weston Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
11.00 am Fewston Morning Prayer (TMc)
9.30 am Leathley Morning Prayer (PMc)

14th September **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
11.15am Denton Morning Prayer (PMc)
11am Fewston Holy Communion (TMc)
9.30am Farnley All age Service (FD)

21st September **The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Weston Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) ()
9.30am Leathley Holy Communion (TMc)

Friday 26 September **HARVEST SERVICE**
7pm Blubberhouses .All Welcome

28th September **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Farnley Holy Communion (TMc)
11.15am Denton Holy Communion (TMc)

5th October **The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am Weston Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (BEC)
9.30 am Leathley **Harvest Service** (TD)
11.00 am Fewston Morning Prayer ()

Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel September

Sunday 31st August 6.00pm at Yeadon – Circuit Service to welcome new staff

Sunday 14th September 2.30pm – Afternoon worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Michael Faulkner & Elizabeth Hall

Sunday 28th September 2.30pm – Harvest Sunday led by Rev. Cameron Stirk

Sunday 12th October 2.30pm – Afternoon service led by Lindsey Hurst

Do come along and join us!

The Vicar's Monthly Message



By the time you read this you may be about to have your Harvest celebration at your church or it may well be taking place quite soon. Harvest is such a special time of year, a time to give thanks to God for all that he provides for us.

Those who are part of our farming community, work exceptionally hard to provide the food we often take for granted from milk to meat for the Sunday Roast (providing we are not vegetarians of course), wheat and barley and so much more. We are truly blessed in this country with all that is available.

It is heart wrenching when we see the children in Gaza who are suffering due solely to a lack of any food and water. We often feel we should be doing something about it but often feel helpless. Please let me encourage you, if you feel able to give, to donate even a little to one of the many charities who are trying to help. I am reminded of the words of Jesus in Matthew's gospel Chapter 25

“³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

In a different way there are also those in this country that need help with feeding their families which we can perhaps help in a different way by offering a couple of tins of something we can spare or even buying some dry goods such as pasta or rice and donating to the local food bank. A small gesture of kindness that could mean a great deal to another family.

Please keep those in need in all your prayers and if you can help in a practical way that would be a wonderful way to celebrate Harvest time here in the Washburn and Mid-Wharfe Benefice.

Blessings - Teresa

News from Norwood Chapel

Hello, my name is Cameron Stirk and I am the new Methodist Minister at Norwood Methodist Church, replacing the Rev. Shannon DeLaureal who has been Minister there over the last few years.

I am currently Minister of Otley, Menston and Pool Methodist Churches, but from September will also pick up being the Methodist Minister at Norwood. I am very excited about this role and look forward to leading services regularly at the chapel as well as discovering more opportunities to use the chapel as a quiet space and retreat centre. I have already led a number of quiet days at Norwood with Rev. Shannon and my wife, Lucy, and believe it is a 'thin space' between heaven and earth,

Let me share something about myself. I am married to Lucy and we have three adult sons (Aidan, Callum & Ronan). I was brought up in a Christian home in the North West (Warrington) though am a Yorkshire man by birth – being born in the Aire valley! I studied Chemistry to degree level at Bradford University before working at Christchurch, Ilkley for four years as their Youth & Community Worker). It was from there I received my call to full-time ministry and candidate and was accepted for training. I trained for the Methodist ministry at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester in an ecumenical setting. My first appointment was in Liverpool (North) at Old Roan (really Aintree!) and Fazakerley Methodist Churches. From there I moved to the York (North) Circuit where I was principally Minister at Haxby & Wigginton Methodist Church and Shipton Methodist Church. From there we moved within God's own country to Barnsley (South Yorkshire) where I served Emmanuel Methodist Church along with Higham & Barugh Methodist Churches. Then in 2022 we came to the Wharfedale & Aireborough Circuit where we have been for the past three years. So, I have been in ministry 30 years – so I'm getting on a bit!!

I have an interest in music – playing (piano), singing and listening to it. I love reading, walking and eating, and enjoy time at the theatre, as well as gigs and time with friends. We love being in Otley and enjoy discovering some of the delights of the surrounding area.

In terms of Church life – I have a passion for working with churches to flourish and grow, and enjoy leading worship that is thought provoking, relevant and yet blessed by the best of our traditions. I enjoy working in multi-generational settings and feel that the church needs to adapt to embrace modern requirements and needs. I believe fervently in the power of prayer and find reading the Bible is important to guide me into God's ways. I enjoy working in partnership with others' and enjoy making the Christian faith relevant to the present generation. I value quiet spaces and retreats, and find great solace in visiting holy places like Iona and Lindisfarne.

I am excited about working at Norwood chapel and in the Washburn valley and look forward to meeting you and sharing with you.

Grace and peace, - Cameron
(Rev. Cameron Stirk – Norwood Methodist Church)

Community Notice Board



Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota

September & October

7th & 14th September Julie Crowther
21st & 28th September

Ann Chadwick
5th & 12th October Tom & Ruth Raper
19th & 26th October Sally Stanley

Weston Flower and Cleaning September & October

7th & 14th September Mr & Mrs Senior
21st & 28th September Mrs J Cowgill
5th and 12th October Helen Cobley
19th and 26th October Karen Boothman



From the Registers

Burial of Ashes

4th August Fewston Christine Edwina Gregory

Funerals

7th August Farnley Mrs Pamela Hebditch

22nd August Leathley Mr Joseph Harry Fuller

Thank you

With the sale of books and a few other items we have raised £237.50 (with gift aid) so far. All the money is for Cure Parkinsons UK. The charity funds vital research into finding a cure.

There are still lots of books to buy.

Thank you for your support.
Anna Bowman

Forest Church

We are meeting at 3.00pm on Saturday 13th September at the White House on Otley Chevin. Forest Church is an outdoors expression of worship, community, exploration and learning. It's suitable particularly for families and there is always an element of discovery in the natural world. With delicious refreshments! Our theme this session is 'Wow! what an amazing world!' For more information contact Cameron on: 01943 463258, 07981 072277 or thestirks@tiscali.co.uk

It's all free Do dress for the weather

Community Notice Board



We're going to be Spellbound
on Tuesday 16th September
at 7.30pm!
Come and join us for Spellbound Film
Productions at Fewston Parochial Hall,
see you there!

We meet at 7.30pm at
Fewston Parochial Hall
All are welcome!

If you would like more information
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or Margaret 01423 806151



T&T

Dominoes.

We're back!

Tuesday 2nd September at 2pm
Norwood Social Hall for tea, chat and
prize winning dominoes.
All welcome!

See you then, if not before!

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!



Fewston Parochial Hall

Charity teas

Teas, lunches and homemade cakes
Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September
10.30am till 4.00pm.

All proceeds to the Friends of Dacre Braithwaite School.

Askwith Ladies Social

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

11th September at 7pm at
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Jane on 07590355953

or Gillian on 07795 464042

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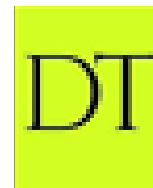
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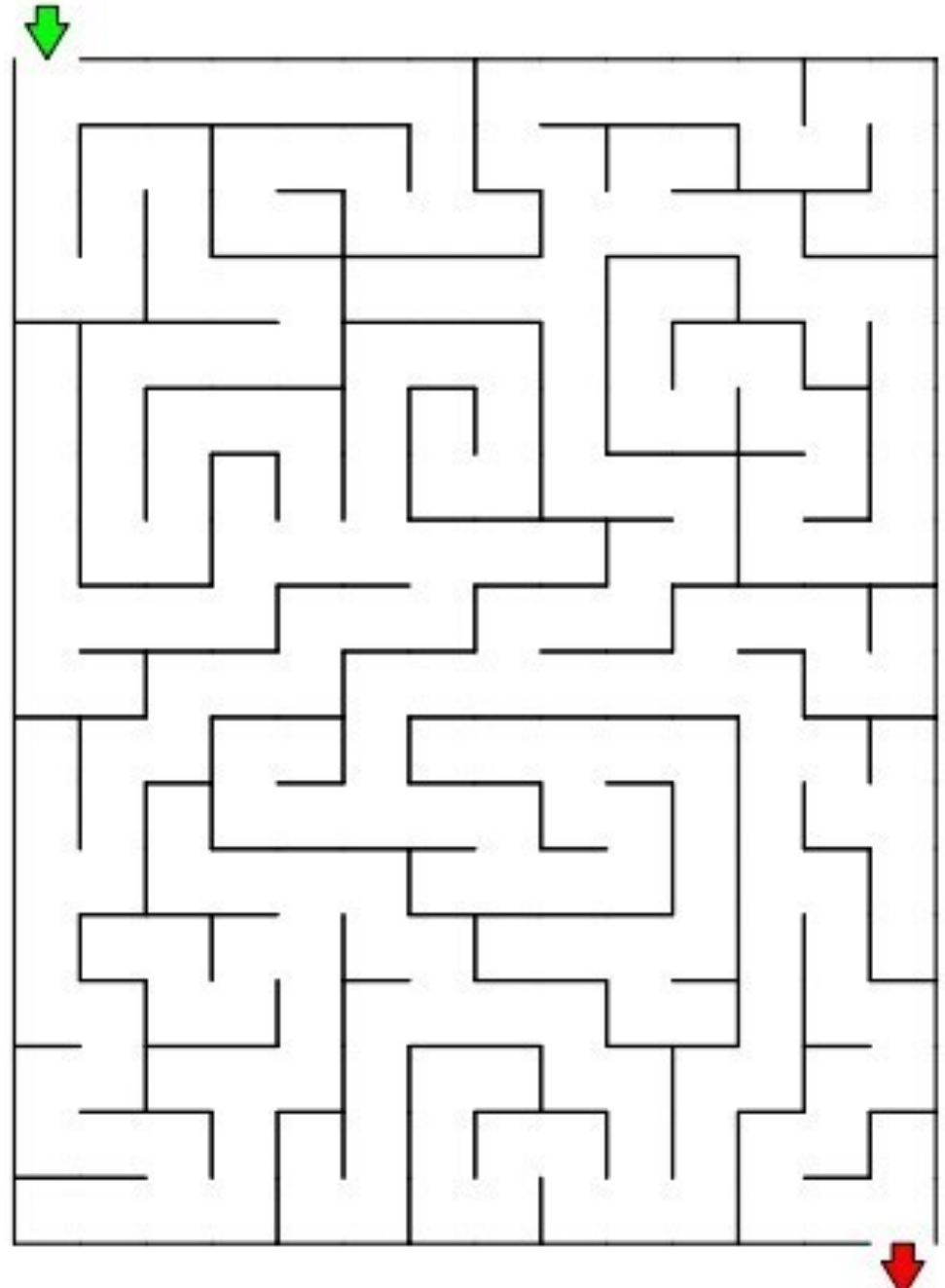
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:1-7, 11-16, 25-35

Once the Israelites had moved into their promised land, they obeyed God, but not for long, so God let other countries invade.

The Midianites invaded every year, and stole all the food the Israelites had grown.



The Israelites had to hide in the hills.



Gideon was secretly threshing wheat when an angel arrived.



The Lord is helping you, mighty warrior.



God said

I will give you the power.



I'll be helping you. Start by pulling down the altar built for Baal and build one for Me.



Gideon did as he was told (but he waited and did it at night).



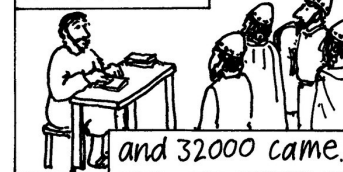
In the morning, people came to complain to Gideon's father.



If Baal is upset, he can take his own revenge, can't he?



Gideon sent out messages to call men to fight the Midianites..



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Mouse Makes

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God. He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains at the right time. He makes sure that we have the harvest at just the right **time**."

- from Jeremiah 5:24

"God... gives you **rain** from heaven and good harvests at the right times. He gives you plenty of **food** and fills your hearts with **joy**."

- from Acts 14:16-17

"May the people **praise** you **God**... The **land yields** its harvest, God, our God **blesses** us."

- from Psalm 67:5-6

"**Honour** the **Lord** with your wealth and the first part of your **harvest**."

- Proverbs 3:9

"So the one who **plants** is not important, and the one who **waters** is not important. Only **GOD** is important because He is the one who makes things **grow**."

- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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All in the month of September

It was:

1,100 years ago, on 4th Sept 925 that England gained her first ever king. He was Aethelstan, King of the Anglo-Saxons (924-927) and then King of England (927-939). Aethelstan was grandson of Alfred the Great, and 30th great-grand uncle to Queen Elizabeth II.

300 years ago, on 29th Sept 1725 that Robert Clive, 1st Baron Clive (Clive of India) was born. This British general helped to found the British Empire in India.

200 years ago, on 27th Sept 1825 that the world's first public railway opened. It was the Stockton and Darlington Railway in north-east England.

175 years ago, on 9th Sept 1850 that California was admitted as the 31st state of the USA.

150 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1875 that Ferdinand Porsche, Austrian-born German automotive engineer was born. He designed the Volkswagen Beetle and Tiger tank, and founded the Porsche sports car company.

100 years ago, on 7th Sept 1925 that Laura Ashley was born. The Welsh designer and businesswoman was known for her traditional printed fabrics, soft furnishing and women's clothing. Co-founder (along with her husband) of the Laura Ashley textile company and chain of shops. (Died in 1985 when she fell downstairs, aged 60.)

100 years ago, on 8th Sept that Peter Sellers, actor and comedian was born. Best known for the Goon Show, and as

Inspector Clouseau in the Pink Panther film series. (Died 1980.)

90 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1935 that British driver Malcolm Campbell set a new world land speed record of 301.13 mph in *Bluebird* at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. First person to break the 300mph barrier.

90 years ago, on 15th Sept 1935 that the Nuremberg Laws were passed in Germany. Jews were no longer classed as German citizens, and the Nazi flag was adopted as the national flag.

80 years ago, on 2nd Sept 1945 that V-J Day (victory over Japan Day) took place. Representatives from Japan signed the formal instrument of surrender on board the US battleship *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

Also 80 years ago, on 5th Sept 1945 that Iva Toguri (Tokyo Rose), an American-born Japanese radio propaganda broadcaster during WWII was arrested by US forces in Yokohama.

Also 80 years ago, on 19th Sept 1945 that the Nazi propaganda broadcaster William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw) was sentenced to death by a British court after being convicted of treason. He was executed on 3rd January 1946.

75 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1950 that Italian racing driver Giuseppe (Nino) Farina became the first-ever Formula One World Champion after winning the 1950 Italian Grand Prix.

70 years ago, on 4th Sept 1955 that Kenneth Kendall became the first newsreader to appear on screen in the UK, reading the *BBC Television News*.

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Tickets £15

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30 pm start.

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Ticket includes our usual plated supper,
with home-made dessert, followed by tea or coffee.

Raffle

Cash Bar

Please contact Hazel on 07891 254233
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Norwood Social Hall Dominoes

Friday October 17th

Domino dates 2025 for your diaries

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

Whist Drive
 Friday 10th October - at 7:00 pm

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 evening of the Wednesday before to make sure we order enough pies & pizzas!

Over 16 to 90 - £5.00
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14 November 2025,
Fewston Parochial Hall

7.00 pm for 7.30pm

SPANISH MEAL, MUSIC & QUIZ

Tickets £20

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Proceeds for disabled access at Blubberhouses Church

Denton, Weston and Askwith BBQ

Fortunately the day dawned a bit cooler for the summer BBQ in the church car park at St Helen's on Saturday, 16th August. Lots of friends, families and supporters gathered for a fun afternoon, with games, tombola,

bar, auction and of course Chris Monkman's splendid barbecue. It was a great community effort, which everyone enjoyed. Sincere thanks to all who supported and helped, making the event a great success.



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Washburn Heritage Centre

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SATURDAYS** and **SUNDAYS** during the winter, from April onwards 11am until 4pm. Our Saturday menu has changed slightly, to offer toasted crumpets, toasted fruit loaf, cakes and drinks only. On Sundays we offer our full lunch menu. 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 new programme **BIRDS, BEASTS AND BLOOMS** continues through the summer and into autumn. During August we enjoyed a music recital in Fewston Church, a super walk following the Darley Heritage Trail and talks about The Persian Garden and the Darley Beck Curlew Project. There are more exciting events in September.

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 SEPTEMBER as follows:

An evening of musical fun, Nicky Bray
Wednesday 3rd September, 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Join us for one of our famous suppers while feasting your ears on a selection of songs by humorous storyteller Nicky Bray, who specialises in writing on weird and wonderful subject matter while being playful with language, rhythm and rhyme. Bar available.

Cost £22.50 member, £27.50 non-member.

William Mompesson, Son of
Collingham and Vicar of Eyam
"Plague Village", Dr John Turney
Wednesday 17th September, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Mompesson was Rector of Eyam throughout its well-known self-imposed quarantine during the outbreak of plague in 1665/6. A later clergyman inadvertently ensured that the detailed Parish records were preserved. Eyam subsequently became the most studied plague community, allowing modern understanding of bubonic plague ("The Black Death") and its transmission. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

The miracle of migration, Linda
Jenkinson Wednesday 24th September,
7.30pm – 9.00pm

Have you ever wondered why birds migrate and how they navigate while making their incredible and perilous journeys across our planet in spring and autumn? And all without Satnav technology! Join us and learn about the methods birds use to get from A to B and the difficulties they encounter en-route. Find out which birds are leaving the region and where they are heading to, and what you can expect to see arriving this season. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.



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Art workshop, with James Owen
Thomas Saturday 27th September
1.30pm – 4.00pm

James highlights environmental issues in his collages, all made from items which most would discard. His work is beautiful, interesting and absorbing.

You will leave the workshop with a lovely piece of art and a feeling of relaxed well-being. "Art is not what it is made from, but what it has become". Materials and lunch provided. Cost £28 member, £33 non-member.



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The Birds in Your Garden



Where have all the birds gone?

At this time of year, I'm often asked why gardens are suddenly empty. From the hustle and bustle, and the regular need to top-up feeders, to the strange lack of movement in the shrubbery.

Well, it's perfectly normal.....

So where are all they all? As always with bird behaviour there are several reasons.

Firstly, they can't all stay close by - there just isn't enough room - or food. As with most species, not just birds, their parents will be encouraging them to find their own territories and set up home in another corner of the world.

Secondly, the end of the breeding season means that males no longer need to attract a mate, or defend a territory, so they don't need to sing anymore. That Blackbird sitting at the top of the tree outside your bedroom window at 3am every morning no longer has a reason to waste energy by singing his head off, though a few still do! Once breeding finishes, most birds go their separate ways, and with the exception of species which continue to hold territories, such as Robins and Wrens, songs fall silent.

Thirdly, as they get into the end of the breeding season, a lot of garden regulars will enter the moult. This is the time of year when many birds lose their feathers worn by incessant dashing about feeding young, and

replace them with new ones. Many juvenile birds will also lose their first plumage, ready to emerge as adults. The energy cost of growing a new set of feathers is high, and losing a primary wing feather or two can really make a difference when trying to evade a predator. For this reason, a lot of the birds will lay low, skulking in bushes and hiding in hedges. This is particularly noticeable with Blackbirds which otherwise seem to be around most of the year.

About half of UK species are migratory, either in the winter or summer, so many will start to head back to their long-term homes in August, too. This includes birds which we have been sharing spaces with, such as Swifts. Swallows and House Martins will stay around until September or October.

There's a chance that birds can disappear from your garden because a predator has moved into the vicinity. A Sparrowhawk may have taken up residence nearby, or a cat may have arrived in the neighbourhood. Birds need to feel safe, so if they think that they will be attacked in your garden they will move away.

Possibly the most important reason for the lack of birds during the summer months though, is that they simply don't need your garden at this time of year. There is an abundance of berries and seeds in the wider countryside during the autumn, which provide the nutrients that birds need. Lots of garden birds will head out into the wider countryside to fill up on these

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widely available calorific treats. House Sparrows, Starlings and many finches like to feed on grain spilt after the harvest too, so if you're near farmland, they're likely to be out feasting in the fields.

When this annual abundance runs out, usually as November approaches, 'your' birds will be back!

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). If you know of an organisation no more than 30 miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via gbwmike@gmail.com.



Titles: Blackbird with an apple (top)
Titles: Blackbird
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St Gregory the Great

On 3rd September, we remember St Gregory the Great (540 – 604AD), one of the most important popes and influential writers of the Middle Ages. He is well worth remembering, because he also changed the course of history in the British Isles. The son of a very rich Roman senator, Gregory converted as a young man, and then sold his vast estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome. He gave generously to the poor and became a monk.

Christians in England owe him a great

deal. When Gregory came across some English slaves for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, "They are Angles." Moved with compassion for these despised men, he replied, "They are not Angles, but angels!" He planned to go to England to evangelize the Angles, but plague broke out in Italy about 590, and during this time he was elected Pope. But Gregory did not forget the Angles. In 596 He sent Augustine to England, and so indirectly became the apostle of the English.

See the word search on page 19



Farnley Estate Womens Institute



This month the members of Farnley Estate have a meeting and a visit to Farnley Hall to look forward to. Our monthly meeting is a talk given by Dr. Ann Buxton when we will be hearing about her trip to Antarctica.

Our WI's inaugural meeting in 1937 was attended by ladies who lived or worked on or around the Farnley Estate. In the early days of our WI meetings were held alternatively at the Farnley Entertainment Room which is part of the Estate Office Buildings at the Square in Farnley and Leathley Parish Room.

Nowadays we continue to use the excellent facilities of Leathley Parish Room and enjoy the beautiful scenery

of the Washburn Valley.

To view our programme for 2025 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 (unless otherwise stated. In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for walks locally with either a coffee or 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.

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Recipe ~ Easy Tea Dish



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

Serves 1

Ingredients

Tomatoes depending on how hungry you are
Small amount of butter
1 pinch of salt
1 pinch of pepper
1 eggs
1 slice of buttered toast

Method

- Stew gently some tomatoes with a little butter
- Add salt and pepper to taste
- When soft mash with a fork and add a well beaten egg
- Stir until it thickens
- Serve on hot buttered toast.

Mrs C.P. Wilkinson

... All in the month of September ~ continued from page 23

70 years ago, on 21st Sep 1955 that Britain annexed Rockall, an uninhabited granite islet in the North Atlantic, to prevent the Soviet Union from placing surveillance equipment there to spy on Britain's secret nuclear missile tests.

70 years ago, on 22nd Sept 1955 that Britain's first independent TV channel was launched. ITV.

70 years ago, 26th Sept 1955 that Bird's Eye frozen fish fingers went on sale in the UK.

60 years ago, on 4th Sept 1965 that Albert Schweitzer, German-born French theologian, philosopher, organist, physician and missionary doctor to Africa, died. Winner of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize.

50 years ago, on 24th Sept 1975 that Dougal Haston and Doug Scott became the first Britons to reach the summit of Mount Everest. They were also the first climbers from any nation to conquer the south-west face.

30 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1995 that the online auction site eBay was founded (as AuctionWeb). The first item sold was a broken laser pointer.

20 years ago, on 12th Sept 2005 that the evacuation of all Israeli security forces and Israeli civilian settlements from the Gaza Strip was completed. Israel had occupied the Gaza Strip for 38 years.

15 years ago, on 19th Sept 2010 that the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was finally sealed after gushing oil for almost five months. It was the biggest marine oil spill in history. In 2016 BP agreed to pay fines of \$20.8 billion – the largest corporate settlement in US history. BP also paid more than \$65 billion in clean-up costs.

10 years ago, on 24th Sept 2015 that the Mina stampede took place. More than 2,000 people were killed in a crush and stampede during the annual Hajj pilgrimage in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

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Gardeners Corner



It was a bit of a shock to have stormy weather at the beginning of August. Let us hope for a quiet September which is usually a gentle month; it is a good time to look back over the summer and see what worked well in the garden. As it has been such a dry summer you may want to change a few things and be prepared to mulch everything really well to condition the soil and retain as much moisture as possible. If you don't already have one, it's a good idea to install a water butt to collect and store rainwater.

Remember to bring houseplants back indoors and don't over water them as they need much less as light levels diminish. If you intend to keep tender pelargoniums, bring them indoors before there is any risk of frost. Give them a bit of a trim and they should reward you next year. Tomatoes in the greenhouse will still be cropping so will need water and a feed. Potatoes

can be lifted for storing; choose a dry day and leave them on the soil to dry off before placing them in a dark frost free place. The apple harvest will be in full swing, pick the fruit carefully to avoid bruising and store individually, so that they don't touch one another, in boxes. Check regularly for any damaged/rotting ones and remove straight away.

Time now to get the birdfeeders back up, but do keep cleaning them to avoid spreading disease. The birds will also enjoy any fallen fruit and the seeds from perennial plants, so don't be too tidy!

Finally look ahead to the coming seasons and think about colourful bulbs to plant ready for spring displays. Prepared hyacinths can be planted this month for Christmas fragrance. Most of all, enjoy the change that September brings.



Poetry Request By Margaret Bending



Final Flight

With wings out-spread I soar on
currents high,
Rejoicing in the freedom there I find,
Not bound to solid Earth below. I spy
So many people: rooted, held, confined
By flightless life. Yet here I soar alone,
And head flung back I give a mighty
call,
Then turn and dive to cross the sky:
unknown,

Unseen, yet joyous in that lonely fall
Towards the shore, the sea, the setting
sun.
I ride the wind, then let it take me
home,
My heart ablaze with love of life hard
won
As o'er this world I let my spirit roam.
Abed, and on my face a smile is
seen,
As to my grave these final thoughts
I dream.

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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:
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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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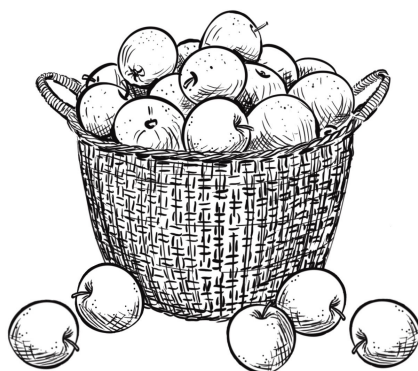
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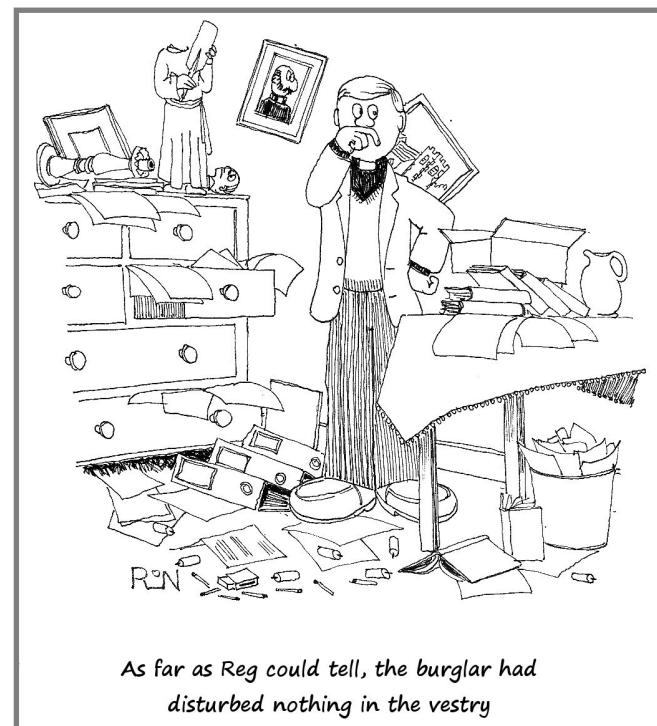
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