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St Chad's Church Diary – May 2023

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Please note new start time for Evensong is 6.30pm from April 2023 to end of October 2023.

| Date | Time | Services & Events |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| Weds 3 rd May | 12-1.30pm | Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall |
| Thursday 4 th May | 10.30am | Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion |
| Friday 5 th May | 7.30-9pm | Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre |
| Sunday 7 th May | 8am 9.30am 6.30pm | Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion with children's groups Evensong |
| Monday 8 th May | 1-4pm | St Chad's Church Coronation Party in the Parish Centre and grounds ALL WELCOME! |
| Weds 10 th May | 12-1.30pm | Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall |
| Thursday 11 th May | 10.30am | Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion |
| Friday 12 th May | 7.30-9pm | Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre |
| Sunday 14 th May | 8am 9.30am 6.30pm | **NB - Otley Road closed both ways for Leeds Marathon** Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion All-Age service— perfect for the whole family Evensong |
| Wed 17 th May | 12-1.30pm | Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall |
| Thursday 18 th May Ascension Day | 10.30am 7.30pm | Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Team Ministry Ascension Day Service at St Michael's |
| Fri 19 th May | 7.30-9pm | Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre |
| Sunday 21 st May | 8am 9.30am 6.30pm | Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion with children's groups and Annual Church Meeting after the service – All welcome Evensong |
| Wed 24 th May | 12-1.30pm | Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall |
| Thurs 25 th May | 10.30am | Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion |
| Sunday 28 th May Pentecost | 8am 9.30am 6.30pm | Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Morning Worship Evensong |
| Weds 31 st May | 12-1.30pm | Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall |

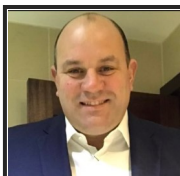
St Michael and All Angels' Services May 2023

| Date | Time | Services |
|--|---------|--|
| 7 th May The Fifth Sunday of Easter | 10.00am | Service of Holy Communion Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong with Prayer for Healing |
| 14 th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter | 10am | The Parish Eucharist |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong |
| Thursday 18 th May Ascension Day | 7.30pm | The Eucharist for Ascension Day |
| 21 st May The Seventh Sunday of Easter | 10am | All-Age Eucharist for Christian Aid Week |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong |
| 28 th May The Feast of Pentecost | 10am | The Parish Eucharist for Pentecost |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong |
| Tuesday May 9 th (2 nd Tuesday in the month) | 8pm | Compline |
| Wednesdays in May 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , & 31 st . | 10.30am | Holy Communion (said) in the Lady Chapel |

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The Power of Pentecost

On Sunday 28th May we'll be celebrating that dramatic moment in history when the Holy Spirit was poured out on Jesus' disciples, to the sound of a violent wind and the vision of tongues of fire reaching down upon the disciples: the day of Pentecost. Dip into your bible and read Acts chapter 2 to get the full impact.

Whilst this was one event in history, the power of Pentecost is promised to all Jesus's disciples throughout all ages. So,

How can we experience the full effect of Pentecost in our lives and churches today?

1. Being in the right place and company to receive.

'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.' Acts 2:1

If we are to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives it means being in the right place and company to receive. The disciples followed Jesus' instructions as they gathered together in the upper room:

"Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father has promised, which you have heard me speak about." Acts 1:4

When we gather every Sunday at Church to share communion with one another we are also sharing communion with God in the very presence of his Holy Spirit. Those opening words of the celebration remind us each week, 'The Lord is here, His Spirit is with us.'

A feature of the early church was its regular and intentional gathering together to worship and pray:

'They all joined together constantly.' Acts 1:14. *'they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.'* Acts 2:42.

2. Having a ready expectation.

The disciples were waiting expectantly for Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit to be fulfilled, but they had no idea when it would happen.

'Jesus said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."' Acts 1:7-8.

We are promised the first instalment of the Holy Spirit in baptism, and a strengthening of the Holy Spirit within us in confirmation, but experience teaches us that the Spirit can move powerfully among us and within us at any time. When it happens, it can change the course of our lives or the lives of others through us. Sometimes this happens in a big rush, like a violent wind that turns life upside down. Sometimes, it's more like the gentle flickering of a flame that warms us from within.

3. Giving ourselves and our story in the service of God.

The disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit for a purpose.

'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there we're staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven when they heard this sound crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one had heard their own language being spoken.' Acts 2:4-6

We all have a story to tell of what God means to us, and we shouldn't be afraid to tell it, because it's the Spirit who translates what we share and do, so those around us can understand. At Pentecost, 3000 people were added to the church in one day! What are our expectations of what the Spirit can do today?

- Let's be devoted to coming all together every Sunday so we don't miss out on what the Spirit wants to do through us and our churches.
- Let's come in ready expectation for a strengthening of the Spirit within and amongst us.
- Let's give ourselves over, in the power of the Spirit, to serve God's purposes in this place.

Rev'd Hannah Lievesley

Church Mice



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Weddings

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Funerals

'May they rest in peace and rise in glory.'

3 April - Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Martin Moore Aged 64 – St Michael's

4 April - Eileen Mary Baker – Aged 95 - St Michael's

4 April - Mark Watson - Aged 60 – St Chad's

20 April - Joyce Facer - Aged 91 – St Chad's

26 April - Darran Robinson - Aged 57 – St Chad's

Interment of Ashes:

3 April - John & Valerie Varker - Both Aged 82 – St Chad's

11 April - William Irwin - Aged 91 – St Chad's

Baptisms

19 March Kaleb-Cove Brian Carding - St Michael's

St Chad's Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023

I hereby give notice that the
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Meeting will be held on

**Sunday 21 May in Church after
the 9.30am service**

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Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III

People can have very different feelings about the monarchy. Whatever our personal views, the office is a huge responsibility and has significant influence, and we are called to pray for the person who holds it.

The Church of England have published a booklet of 28 daily prayers and reflections which can be used in the run up to the Coronation of King Charles III, and is also available on YouTube. Here is an extract from Day 2 followed by a prayer you might like to use yourself.

Called to Service

'Jesus said to his disciples, the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.' Luke 22:25-27

The call to service is central to our understanding of the monarchy. King Charles has already pledged himself to that vocation. Speaking just after the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II, he made a commitment to follow the pattern of loving service that she demonstrated, a service of 'loyalty, respect, and love'.

As The King prepares for this lifelong task, we reflect on the example of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve. Jesus shows us what we might all aspire to: the possibility of living for others, of seeking the well-being of the whole community, of moving beyond self-interest to self-sacrifice.

A Prayer for the King

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign, King Charles,
and all who are in authority under him;
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Diary of a Church Dog

By the time you read this Easter will be gone but I wanted to share a few of my doggy musings on my mumma's favourite season. Christmas is wonderful and sparkly with joy and giving but Easter is the reason we are! Mumma of course will always put on her Easter bonnet, no matter the weather. She of course did so this year, for her it is not just dressing up but a chance to walk out proud and say with joy "He is Risen!" In fact, as she walked to church this year a man stopped her in the street and asked her to say a prayer for him. He obviously recognised that she was on her way to church. This pleased her greatly that her Easter joy was evident. A prayer was indeed said!

However, our Easter was a tad waylaid by my emergency operation for a spinal issue thereafter needing complete crate rest for 4 to 6 weeks so without meaning to I became a bit of a nuisance over the next few weeks. My brother got married the week after easter (yes mumma's hat was enormous, St Michaels folk knew it would be!) I had to stop at home, but neighbours came in to water me. I was struck how, in a world where only bad news makes news, how willing people are to help and share God's love even when they don't realise, they are doing so.

As for me, my operation went well, and I am making a good recovery mumma says it's as if I didn't know I'd been ill. She has borrowed a doggy buggy from a nice lady in the Dachshund group and I have been wheeled around like the little Lord Fauntleroy I am, my staff are learning to attend to my every whim!

I wish you all the continued joy of Easter. He Is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Hallelujah.



Much love TJ



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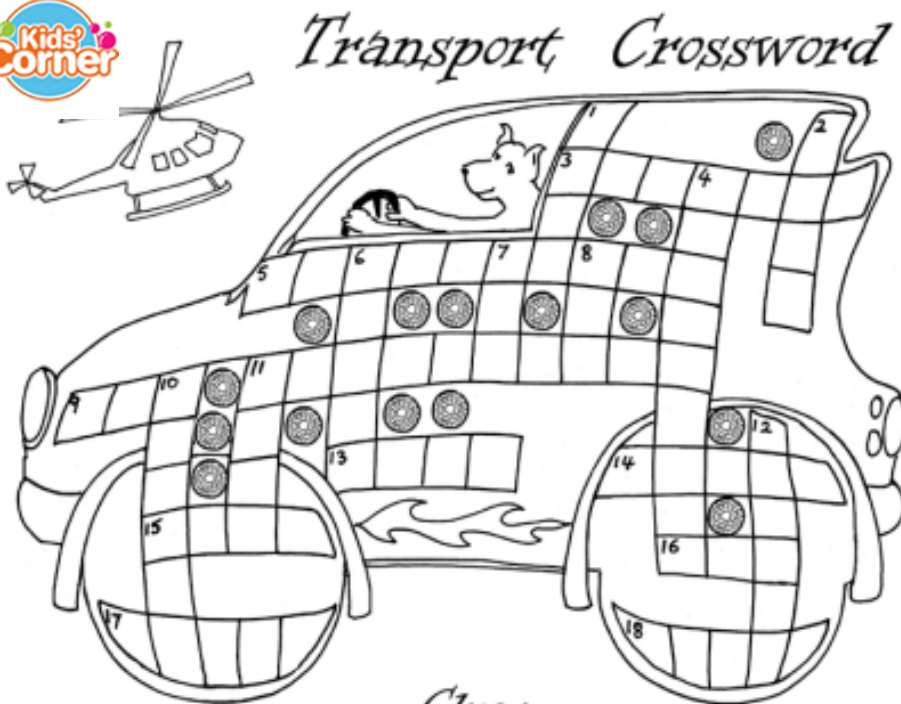
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| 13. 80 million cars are made each ____ | 7. It keeps the engine running smoothly |
| 14. Keep to the speed ____! | 8. Bicycle means ____ wheels |
| 15. And fasten your seat ____! | 10. It's used to make tyres |
| 16. Another word for petrol | 11. A car won't go without it! |
| 17. It runs on rails | 12. Lorries and trains use this fuel |
| 18. ____-Royce make engines | |



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Remembering Maureen Ross

For those who knew Maureen but were unable to make it to her funeral here are some extracts from the tribute to remember her by.

Maureen joined the staff of the University of Leeds in the mid 1960's. She was appointed as Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, then Lord Boyle.

Prior to her appointment in Leeds, she had spent some time living and working in Geneva as a Secretary at the World Health Organisation.

All in all, she acted as PA to three Vice-Chancellors, Lord Boyle until his death in 1981, followed by the Acting Vice Chancellor, William Walsh, and finally his successor Sir Edward Parkes. She was a quiet, most discreet PA, very protective of the Vice-Chancellor and his office and an incredibly able administrator. Always Miss Ross, and never Maureen, to the majority of the clerical and administrative staff, she was, nevertheless, held in the greatest affection and respect by all the University staff with whom she came into contact. So much so that on the day of her funeral, as a sign of that respect, the flag over the University of Leeds was flown at half mast. What a beautiful tribute to the exemplary service she gave there.



The Franciscan Orders lived, preached and cared in the community, rather than from the “contemplative” monastic orders, which must have been quite novel at the time. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and folklore accounts for him speaking to the birds, who interpreted his prayers to bystanders into different languages. The prayer contains messages from the old and new testaments, for me especially the messages in the gospels, for example the beatitudes in Matthew 5 and the transition from darkness to light in John 1.

The church of St. Mary's at Masham contains a stained glass window commissioned in the 1950's depicting St. Francis and the birds. The prayer has also figured in politics. After winning the 1979 United Kingdom general election, Margaret Thatcher paraphrased the prayer on the doorstep of 10 Downing Street.

John Cowling, St' Michael's and All Angels.

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My Favourite Hymn, John Cowling

I guess, like most members of our churches, having a go at choosing to share with us their favourite hymn has not been easy! Hymns stir our emotions in different ways, from gentle and contemplative lyrics and tunes to those that make us want to sing out loud, like many written by the fairly prolific Timothy Dudley-Smith or the not so prolific Michael Saward with his “Christ Triumphant”.

I admit defeat! I do not have *a* favourite hymn, but have chosen *one* of them; hymn 519 in the BCP, Channel of Peace. Based on a prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi, with words at the heart and root of Christianity, the most well known hymn version was adapted and set to a chant-like melody in 1967 by South African songwriter Sebastian Temple (1928–1997). The hymn is also an anthem of the Royal British Legion.

The hymn was a favourite of my father’s family who were all brought up the Methodist church. Another reason for my choosing this hymn is that it has a special, personal significance to me. As most of the St’ Michael’s clergy and congregation will know, I only returned to church life in 2019. This hymn was sung at the confirmation service in March 2020 when Aminata, Bernice, Bolaji and I were confirmed by the Rt. Revd. Paul Slater, Bishop of Kirkstall. Whether this was coincidence, or a “sign from Head Office” I do not know, but it was very fitting.

Although attributed to St. Francis (1181-1226), the anonymous text that is usually called the Prayer of Saint Francis (or Peace Prayer, or Simple Prayer for Peace, is a widely known Christian prayer for peace. This is most likely because it reflects his style of life following his hearing of a voice seemingly from a crucifix in the church of San Damiano telling him to “Go and repair my house which is falling down”. Following this he started a new life to the service of Christ with the message of peace, love and care for the sick and needy and founded the “active” Franciscan Orders.

Outside of work, and following her retirement, Maureen joined a number of organisations within the city. She became a much loved and valued member of the University of Leeds Ladies’ Club, acting at times as Secretary and President and contributor. Also of the Yorkshire Ladies Council for Education for over 30 years. The council was set up by a group of prominent Yorkshire women who wanted to help other women living in overcrowded and unhealthy conditions in the industrialised areas of Yorkshire, and to provide better educational opportunities for girls. Maureen served on the Board of both the Council and of its housing association at Forest Hill in Roundhay.

A very capable person right into her old age, one friend can recall what a jolly good job she made of executing parallel parking outside Devonshire Hall when she must have been turned 90! And a family member remembered a group trip to London and how, as they navigated the London underground, Maureen led the way ahead of them, instructing them all to, ‘follow her hat’!

Described by those who knew her as quiet, charming, never intrusive, always smiling and cheerful. A woman who had immense good sense and gave very valuable advice when asked but was never intrusive. My own experience was that when you were with Maureen you always knew you were in the company of a Lady. Someone whose Christian faith was the foundation of her life. Someone who knew the right way to do things but would never make you feel judged if you got something wrong. She was always interested, always supportive, always kind. She will be missed by all who knew her.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Revd. Hannah Lievesley

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Our Brother Gestas

By Robin Fishwick

This Easter I have been thinking about Gestas.

“Gestas” is the name given by some Christian traditions to the Bad Thief, as opposed to

Dismas, the name given to the Repentant Thief

who is crucified on the other side of Jesus. All four Gospels mention the two thieves, but it’s only in Luke’s account that we get this difference between them.

Luke introduces to the man known by other traditions as Dismas. Dismas accepts his punishment as a just punishment for his crimes. He implores Gestas to do likewise and simply asks Jesus to remember him – not to forgive him, not to save him in this world or the next, just to remember him. Jesus’s reply is scandalously forgiving, promising him, “This very day you will be with me in Paradise”. For many Christians this act of forgiveness is just a bit too much. Some even make a distinction between the “Paradise” promised Dismas and the Heaven promised Jesus’s true disciples. But for the most part, Christians see this promise as a reward for Dismas’s repentance.

There is no account of Jesus saying anything to Gestas. In all probability, poor Gestas was not in a fit state to listen. Crucifixion is a dreadful death where it must be hard to think of anything but the pain. Static crucifixes or paintings do not do justice to the sheer torture of crucifixion.

And yet we find ourselves booing and hissing poor Gestas, for wanting Jesus to save his life and end his pain. We like to think we would be like Dismas and not like Gestas - but having not been crucified myself, I have no idea which one I would have been.

The accepted moral of the comparison of Dismas and Gestas can lapse into one of Dismas deserving forgiveness because he was repentant, with the implication that there is no hope for Gestas, who is just a Bad Person. I, however, cannot believe that Gestas is not to be forgiven. I cannot because I find

Jesus nowhere saying that forgiveness is to be earned. Jesus asks God to forgive all his persecutors, citing not their repentance but their ignorance. In the Lord’s Prayer, which surely is Jesus’s template for all prayer, the one thing we offer God is not repentance for our sins but the unqualified forgiveness of others. Of course, repentance is crucial. It’s an ongoing process of drawing closer to God, truth and each other. The repentance of Dismas is an amazing feat, and Jesus, typically, recognises and celebrates it, as he often celebrates simple acts of small people. But forgiving the repentant is an act of recognition, recognising change, while forgiving the unrepentant is a pure act of love. Please have a prayer for the Gestases of the world, those too caught up in their own troubles to see their errors and find repentance. For in truth, we all can be such people.

