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# Christ Church Mount Pellon



May



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*a loving, nurturing fellowship which,  
in the power of the Spirit,  
awakens all people to the love of Jesus  
and spreads the Gospel through words and actions.*



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Church Address: Church Lane, Mount Pellon, Halifax, HX2 0EF

# Christ Church

## Regular events

### Sunday Club

**Children are welcome at all our services!** There is always a crèche available for younger children at every 10.45 service, and age-appropriate groups at all 10.45 services except Parade Sundays and holiday times. Just turn up for a fun morning discovering more about God's love for you. For more details contact Liz Dingsdale (**834439**).

### House Groups

*Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7.30 p.m. alternate weeks*

Get together with others to explore fellowship, faith and prayer to help you in your daily discipleship. For more details and dates contact Karen Hellewell (**365027**)

### Uniformed Groups

*Mondays 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Rainbows* (for ages 5 - 7)

Contact: Jane Webster **885878**

*Mondays 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. Brownies* (for ages 7 - 10)

Contact: Tracey Jagger **248365**

*Mondays 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Guides* (for ages 10 - 15)

Contact: Ann Cockerill **363892**

*Wednesdays 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Rangers* (for ages 14+)

*(alternate)* Contact: Pam Robinson **345258**

### Lunchbox

A monthly chance to worship together, followed by a chance to chat over lunch. Mondays, 11.45 a.m. For dates and more details contact Pam Higgs (**320554**)

### Chatterbox

Our parent & toddler group meets every **Monday, 1.00 – 3.00 p.m.** – all are welcome! Just turn up for a chance to have a coffee and a chat while the children play, do craft, sing and have a story and lots of fun! For more details, contact John (**365027**).

# From the Vicar

## Deep roots

Dear Reader,

As I write this there are some workmen in the back garden at the vicarage. They have taken down the fence and dug a great trench down towards the house below us, and are at this very moment moving large amounts of cement with a small digger from the drive down to the trench they've created.

The reason for all this effort is that the wall between the vicarage and the house below was beginning to collapse. Apparently, over the years, the rubble and soil that made up the back garden have slowly increased and the pressure on the wall at the bottom eventually has become too great and it began to give under the weight of all this pressing on it.

The diocese had a look at what was there and decided that the wall wasn't really up to the job it was supposed to be doing, and that it should have been a proper retaining wall, so what was needed was to dig this great trench behind the wall, fill it with concrete and then rebuild the wall, fill in the hole they've made in the garden and eventually re-seed it all, so no-one will be any the wiser.

That at least is the plan. In order to do all this work it means about a month of disruptions while they do all the work, and then no doubt a lot longer as the grass grows again and the back garden is usable (well, as usable as it ever is with the great big slope on it!).

And when it's finished, all their hard work will be invisible to those who don't know what's gone on. Except that the wall won't fall down now!

My guess is that many of us sometimes feel a bit like that wall. There are all the pressures of life in general, and our bit of it in particular, that weigh down on us. There's the pressure of paid work - if we're fortunate enough to have it - with the increasing demands on our time and energy, wanting us to give just a little more, and a little more, and a little more... The stress of shifts meaning we don't see as much of the family as we might like, which puts extra pressure on our relationships, which in turn makes us more worried about things. Then there's the concern about interest rates, and what that might do to our mortgage, or our savings, or our pension or whatever. There's all the pressure our children face over continual exams and the demands for ever-increasing success, and our own

worries over which school they might go to, or are at, etc.

And we daren't let them play outside and roam around like we did as children – we know from the TV that the world is not a safe place any more.

But it's not just our children that are not safe any more. There's plenty of conflict around the world, and terrorism nearer home to be frightened of. There's super-bugs invading our hospitals, and global warming changing our climate.

And then there are all our personal worries – about our appearance, our weight, our health, whether people really like us or not...

I could go on and on.

Of course, we often get many of these pressures out of all proportion, and worry unnecessarily, but at different times different ones of these will be very real concerns for us, and we feel like my wall – ready for collapsing.

Maybe what we need is the sort of work that's going on in my garden at the moment – something to act as a firm foundation for life, that will provide a buttress and absorb the pressures.

That's where faith comes in. It's so much more than attending church on a Sunday. In fact, that's only one small outward sign of faith and not the heart of it at all.

Rather, true faith is a living relationship with the living God – the One who created all that exists, all we see and all that we call 'spiritual'. A living relationship in which this Creator God chooses to make his dwelling place not heaven, but right here in my heart if only we will accept his presence.

It's not that he isn't present everywhere – he is, in every blade of grass, in every sunset sky, and every laugh and every cry – but that when we consciously invite him in, then his presence begins to make a difference to things.

No, it doesn't mean that the pressures don't come, that we don't face difficult decisions, or that unfair and unjust things don't happen, but it does mean that somehow we are able to cope, to find some wisdom to steer through life, to find some strength to hang on in there, to find some love and acceptance no matter what those around us do or say.

The Bible puts it this way, "you're like a tree planted by streams of water" – whose roots go deep and find nourishment and support even when all around is barren and dry.

Doesn't that sound worthwhile? Why not come along and explore this with us some time?

**John Hellewell**

# Parish Noticeboard for May

10.30 a.m.

6.30 p.m.



## May 6th THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts 11.1 – 18; John 13.31 – 35**

**Mark 15.46 – 16.8**

*Preacher* John Hellewell

John Hellewell

*Reader* Karen Hellewell

Dave Fawcett

*Prayer* Caroline Spencer

David Ramanauskas

*Sidespeople* Paul Newman

*Coffee* Margaret, Eddie & Grace

*Bread* Ann & Michael Cockerill

*Chalice* Graeme & David

## May 13th THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Matthew 28.1–10,16–end**

**Revelation 21.10,22-22.5; John 14.23–29**

*Preacher* David Ramanauskas

Sue Heptinstall

*Reader* Ann Gardner

Rosemary Power-O'Mahony

*Prayer* Ann Cockerill

Ann Cockerill

*Sidespeople* Valerie Schofield

*Coffee* Fran & Susan

## May 20th THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Luke 7.36 – 50**

**n/a**

*Preacher* Missions Group

n/a

*Reader* Missions Group

Sue Heptinstall

*Prayer* Missions Group

Sue Heptinstall

*Sidespeople* Trevor Greenwood

*Coffee* Rosemary & Jean

*Bread* Derrick & Kathleen Lee

*Chalice* David & Christine

**10.30 a.m.**

**6.30 p.m.**

**May 27th PENTECOST**

**Acts 2.1 – 8, 12 – 13**

*Preacher* John Hellewell

*Reader* Rainbows

*Prayer* Rainbows

*Sidespeople* Eddie Beaton

*Coffee* Joyce, Margaret & Trevor

**John 20.19 – 23**

Karen Hellewell

Paul Newman

John Hellewell

**June 3rd TRINITY SUNDAY**

**Romans 5.1 – 5; John 16.12 – 15**

*Preacher* John Hellewell

*Reader* Paul Newman

*Prayer* Iain Lawson

*Sidespeople* Margaret Beaton

*Coffee* Patricia & Paul

*Bread* John Rawson

*Chalice* Christine & Rosemary

**John 3.1 – 17**

John Hellewell

John White

John White

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***The Water of the Spirit***

*O may the Spirit satisfy,  
His water poured on thee to lie,  
Water of grace may he distil,  
Salvation water for thy fill.*

(From Poems of the Western Highlanders)



*George always came prepared for long sermons*

## **BUSY?**

‘If you are too busy to spend a little time with God each day in personal prayer and the reading of his Word, then you are busier than God intends you to be.’

*Billy Graham*

## **Archbishop of Canterbury’s Trident speech**



The Archbishop sent a powerful message to the government during an intervention in the Trident debate, describing nuclear weapons as “a category of weapons that are never morally permissible because they are intrinsically indiscriminate ... one of the facts about nuclear weaponry is its incalculable environmental effect as well as its destructive scope”

# PARISH CALENDAR

## MAY 2007

### **SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
at Asquith Court

### **SUNDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>: THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### **SUNDAY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION (CHRISTIAN AID SUNDAY)**

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise

**Monday May 21<sup>st</sup>**

11.45 a.m. Lunchbox and Communion

## **SUNDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>: PENTECOST**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Pentecost Celebration

## **JUNE 2007**

### **SUNDAY JUNE 3RD: TRINITY SUNDAY**

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

**Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
at Asquith Court

### **Shrinking the Footprint - update**

The Church of England Shrinking the Footprint campaign has been boosted by the positive reception in parishes of the dedicated campaign website (<http://www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org/>) which offers easy to follow advice about reducing carbon emissions and promoting green alternatives to provide energy needs.



## Persevere...

To the end? Absolutely right. “To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God,” said the Lord to John on Patmos as he was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day.

John could have spent his time feeling bitter about his cruel exile. But he didn’t. Quieted under the hand of God, he received the most fabulous revelation of Jesus Christ and his future that any man has ever received, and as a result, wrote the Spirit-breathed book of Revelation. It’s no good giving up halfway.

Wilberforce didn’t. He and his friends of the Clapham Group were born into a godless, repressive, cynical and violent world. Sound familiar?

Annual consumption of gin in the mid-18th century averaged three gallons per person and stealing a handkerchief could send a child to the gallows. MPs purchased their seats.

All arguments about slavery and child labour were utterly ignored. Through ceaseless prayer and unswerving dedication, William Wilberforce and his friends set about transforming society and changing the character of Britain, in Wilberforce’s phrase, “made goodness fashionable”. After 20 years and as

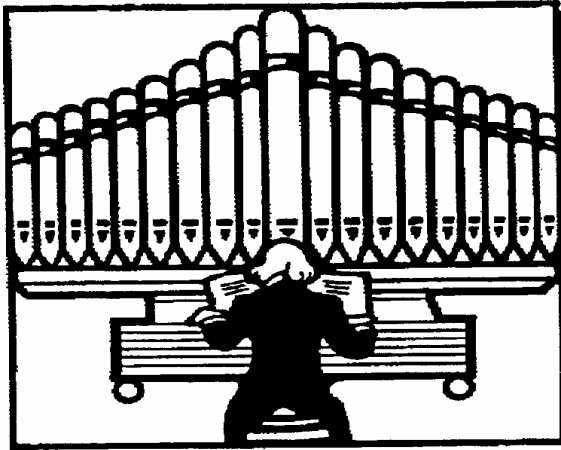


many attempts, on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1807, the Abolition of the Slave Trade Bill was passed, a depiction of which the must-see film ‘Amazing Grace’ gives a heart-stopping and graphic account. In 1833, the year of Wilberforce’s death, the Bill to end Slavery itself was passed.

In 1886 a young man, aged 22, lost his job as a store clerk and the following year became a partner in a small store, which failed. The next year he fell in love and courted a girl for four years, after which she said no. Later another sweetheart died. Aged 37, on his third try he was elected to the state legislature. But two years later he lost the re-election. Aged 40, he was rejected for a political appointment and had a nervous breakdown. Aged 41, his four-year-old son died. At 45, he was defeated for the Senate and at 47, for Vice President. Aged 49, he was again defeated for the Senate. Aged 51, he was elected president of the United States. His name was Abraham Lincoln.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”

*Olave Snelling, Chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Council.*



After a quick look to check he was alone,  
Eric launched into  
'I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside'.



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***Please bring your items to church,  
or contact Kit directly on 01274 876141***

# THE CELL PHONE v THE BIBLE

*What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phone?*

*What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?*

*What if we flipped through it several times a day?*

*What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?*

*What if we used it to receive messages from the text?*

*What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?*

*What if we gave it to our children as a gift?*

*What if we used it when we traveled?*

*What if we used it in case of emergency?*



*Unlike our mobile, we don't have to worry about our Bible being 'disconnected' because of an unpaid bill.*

*Jesus already paid the bill. In full.*

*And just think - no dropped calls! God hears them all!*

Author Unknown



God give me work  
Till my life shall end  
And life  
Till my work is done

*Winifred Holtby*



A BIG THANKYOU to all of you who have kindly contributed. Please keep up the good work! I shall be in France until the end of May, so please give all items to Steve Daveney in the meantime.

For your information:

- ◆ MOBILE PHONES are sent to 'Greener Solutions Ltd.' who give £3.50 to Christian Aid for each, regardless of condition.
- ◆ CARTRIDGES are sold to Cartridge World and are individually valued. Sorry! cannot sell EPSON and CANON look-alikes, but am trying to find a recycling option.

Money collected is sent to Medecins sans Frontieres or WaterAid, unless there is a major Disaster Appeal.

- ◆ SPECTACLES are given to my optician who sends them to Africa via the Round Table Club

See you soon and thanks. Kit.

## 24 HOUR PRAYER & FAST

**W**e are holding a 24 hour prayer and fast event at Christ Church to bring before God our church, our community and our world in serious prayer. It will begin at 7.30p.m. on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June and finish at 7.30p.m. on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. We will be in Church, and split the time up into hour sessions, so if you can't make it all, you can come for part of it. Please do try and turn up for at least one session.

If there are specific issues/concerns/worries/people you would like us to pray for then do let John or David Ramanauskas know beforehand.

If you've never done anything like this before, don't worry!



It's a fantastic experience, and God really does honour the time and commitment you put into it. If you're diabetic, or would find fasting for that length of time a problem medically, then have a word with your doctor about what might be practical and safe, and do what's possible. It won't stop you joining in the rest of the fun! Drinks will be available throughout the time, and we will focus on different things for our prayers during the time. So don't miss out! Come along and see Christ Church grow in faith.

## A Higher Power

*A Sunday school teacher said to her*



*children, " We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!"*

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**Q:** What's the definition of a holiday resort?

**A:** Somewhere where you can go when you are worn out and from where you come back a complete wreck.



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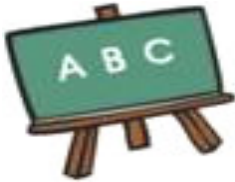
*...can you believe I've not yet seen one  
of those new £20 notes? But now's your  
chance to change all that!*

## **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**

The Parish Magazine is distributed on the last Sunday of each month. The copy deadline for the June magazine is **Sunday, 13th May 2007**

# CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL

Mrs Judith Priestley retired at Easter after 22 years as head of Christ Church School.



A celebration of her years was held in church by the whole school, who walked from school to church in appalling weather! Parents and some members of church joined the children and staff.

The theme of the morning was based on *The Sound of Music*, Mrs Priestley's favourite musical. Each class did a song and there were tributes given by staff and pupils. We would like to thank the staff for their organisation of this wonderful event. It was a very entertaining and moving morning.

Mrs Priestley has made an impact on many lives during her time at Christ Church School and everyone at church would like to offer her our best wishes for the future

*Ann Cockerill*

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**I say, I say, I say...**

*Yesterday my son came home and said, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is I got 18 out of 20 on my driver's test." I said, "Great! Now what's the bad news?" He said, "They were pedestrians."*



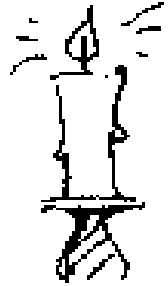
## From the Registers...

### BAPTISMS

25<sup>th</sup> March

Leo Casper Riley  
Jacob Kian Leslie

*our congratulations to their families and friends*



### WEDDINGS

*None this month*

### FUNERALS

*None this month*





# MOUSE HOLE

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, there was a sound like the blowing of a violent wind.

Make wild wind sounds: Cut a drinking straw in half, flatten at one end and cut into a ^ shape. Put this end between your lips and blow! Cut straws to different lengths and see what sounds they can make.



Jesus did not leave us on our own after he had gone to heaven to be with God his Father. He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and to help us...

The Holy Spirit helps us to know we **belong** to God

The Holy Spirit **teaches** us about God and helps us to **understand**

The Holy Spirit **lives** with us and he **lives** in us!

The Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak and gives us **words to pray**

The Holy Spirit **speaks** God's word to us

The Holy Spirit helps us to **tell others** about Jesus



Read what happened at **PENTECOST** in Acts 2: 1-41

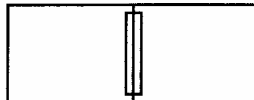
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G O D G E T W E S

The wind has jumbled the words, can you find them?

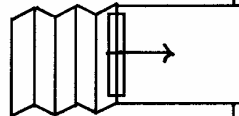
PENTECOST • HEAVEN  
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NOISE • WIND

## FAN-TASTIC!

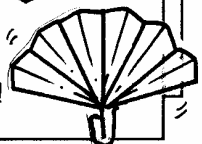
1. Tape 2 sheets of paper together, then decorate



2. Fold the paper backwards and forwards to the end. (each pleat = 2cm wide)



3. Fold the pleats up at the bottom and tape. Open out your fan and fan!



## 27 PENTECOST

**P**entecost was the old Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which took place at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion. A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told his apostles that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for his apostles - but he knew they could not do the work themselves - they would need his help.

And so the apostles and disciples waited in

Jerusalem, praying together for several days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame

flickered on their heads, and they began to praise

God in many tongues - to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning. That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the apostles and disciples of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, he could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.





## Lost in Wonder finds fans worldwide

**O**ver 5,000 people have taken a journey through an online prayer labyrinth since it was launched by The Methodist Church in October last year. Lost in Wonder offers a place for meditative prayer for anyone at their computer, and the response from visitors has been overwhelmingly positive.



The site has recently been revamped with background music and an online gallery where people can share the paintings they can create as part of their journey through the labyrinth. In response to public demand, a standalone version is being developed, so that people can use the labyrinth even when not connected to the Internet.

Some of the comments received about the labyrinth include: “I can’t believe the ... gentle peace that I am experiencing from going on the journey of your Labyrinth”; “What a wonderful discovery - the labyrinth is an excellent aid to spiritual experience on this Monday afternoon.”; “It was a fairly swift journey today to explore what was being offered. I shall encourage others to use Lost in Wonder, and I will return to have a more reflective journey.”

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**And finally...**

She: Doesn’t the bride look stunning?

He: Yes, and doesn’t the groom look stunned?

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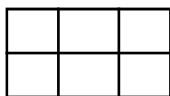
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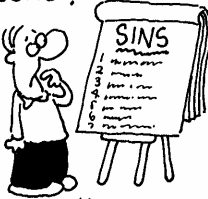
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Psalms

If you, O LORD, kept  
a record of sins,  
who could  
stand?



- but with you there  
is forgiveness...

Ps 130:3

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## **Christ Church (Pellon) C of E (VC) Primary School**

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