

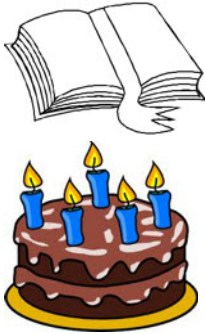


ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER

Where Church and Community meet together
Illingworth Moor, St Mary's, & St Malachy's



Happy 400th Birthday, King James Bible!



On 2 May it will be exactly 400 years since the King James Version of the Bible was first published. The Authorised Version, as it is also known, has sold more than one billion copies since it was first published in 1611. It is arguable that there has been no more important single publication, as its impact on culture and language over the last 400 years has been huge around the world. Not only has it inspired great art, music and literature, but it has changed lives and shaped whole societies.

Christian Aid week 15th – 21st May



*For laughter where there were tears;
For resilient communities more able to withstand disasters;
For voices speaking out against injustice, which were previously silenced;
For feasting where there was hunger;
For all the ways that Christian Aid is helping to transform communities,
Enabling our sisters and brothers to live fuller lives,
Thanks be to God.
We are part of that.
Thanks be to God!
Amen.*



Cherubs

The CDH support charity

Thank you thank you thank you to the ladies at Illingworth Moor church who held the recent pamper evening in support of Cherubs UK, a massive £810 was raised. Thank you from all the parents and families.

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Dear Friends,

Minister's Letter

I come to write to you on a day when "happiness" is in the news. When a news story, prompted by a new charity, asked "Is happiness a skill we can learn?" I also remember pop songs that encourage us to be happy, for example "don't worry, be happy!" More than this I remember the Sermon on the Mount which the lectionary readings have journeyed through earlier this year. All those "blessed are..." sayings which could be translated "happy are..."

Reasons to be happy, 1, 2, 3...

This magazine finds us in the happy days following remembering the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So I suggest the best reason to be happy is that God loves us, as revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah.

That leads me on to another reason – when we live in relationship with God, through Jesus, then we are His people, His disciples, even His friends! Wow – that is a good reason to be happy!

Thirdly – when we live in relationship with God, we are also part of His family, the Church. That includes every believer that has ever been, that is now, and every believer that will be. We are never alone as Christians because we are part of God's world wide family.

These are three reasons to be happy – I feel sure that we can all add some to this list – people we love, people who love us, God's world at spring time... What else can you add?

Let us remember to be happy, after all we are people of God's blessing who are called also to be God's blessing to the world.

Shalom,

Mrs Rev Annette Haigh
(A United Reformed Church Minister)

St. Malachy's May Diary

Sun. 1st May	Parish Walk leaves from outside Church at 1.30 p.m.
Sat. 7th May	U.C.M. 65th Anniversary Celebration Mass at 12 noon.
Sat. 14th May.	Race Night. Horses and tickets will be on sale soon.

Fairtrade Cafe

The Fairtrade Cafe is urgently in need of more volunteers. We have lost several of our regular volunteers in the last few months and have crossed over from things being tight /difficult to desperate/critical.

The cafe is open Tuesday to Thursday from 10am till 3pm. The volunteer slots are:

9.30am	-	11.30am
11.30am	-	1.30pm
1.30pm	-	3.00pm (latest)

We currently have a regular 'cook' and so the volunteer duties are mainly serving tea and coffee, taking orders, clearing up and washing up.

We urgently need volunteers, as we do not remain open if we only have one person on the premises. We are in danger of having to close if we cannot find new volunteers.

To volunteer please call:

John Hoyle 340805

Simon Endeacott 07712 142586 (please leave a message or text)

BIBLE SOCIETY EXHIBITION at Halifax Minster

An Exhibition to celebrate the **400th Anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible** will be on display in Halifax Minster during May. This Anniversary marks an important historical event for all Christians as the Bible has moulded our society for 400 years. It is being organised by the Halifax Support Group of the Bible Society and will be available for the general public to see from:

Thursday 19th May to Tuesday 24th May from 10a.m. to 3 p.m.

Different translations and versions of the Bible will be displayed, along with a display and information about the publication of the King James Bible. There will also be a display about the work of the Bible Society and literature available about current projects. Posters publicising this event have been sent to all churches and it is hoped that as many people as possible will visit the Exhibition and take advantage of this unique occasion. Looking forward to seeing you there, **SUSAN BRADBERRY** (Halifax Support Group Secretary)



Join us on our journey of Faith, at any of the services. Everyone is welcome.

Service times of Masses at St. Malachy's

Saturday for Sunday: 6.30pm
Sundays: 9.00am and 11.00am

Baptisms by appointment



Tea and coffee available after the 11.00am Mass each Sunday. St. Malachy's is a Fair-trade Parish. For contact details, please see the back page.

St. Mary's

We are currently holding our **Sunday Services** at Illingworth Moor Methodist Church, Keighley Road, Illingworth at 12.15pm unless indicated otherwise. To arrange a baptism, wedding, or funeral please speak to Rev David Fletcher Tel: 01422 349844 or a Church Warden on Halifax 247035 or 247648. For more contact details, please see the back page.

ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH

Services during May 2011 will be led by:

May 1 st	10.30am	Mr. Hal Clarkson. Family Parade Service
May 8 th	10.30am	Dr. Eilidh Gunson
May 15 th	10.30am	MEN'S SUNDAY, Rev. Ian Coverdale
May 22 nd	10.30am	Rev. Paul Welch, Holy Communion.
	6.30am	Cafe Worship, Rev. Ian Coverdale
May 29 th	10.30am	UNITED SERVICE, Rev David Fletcher

1st Friday in May at 11.40am
Short Service before lunch



Journeys are normally better travelled together, so come and join us so we can walk with God together.

BUDGET 2011 – churches welcome proposal on gift aid

The Church of England, as well as other churches, has warmly welcomed the recent Budget proposal on gift aid. Now charities and community amateur sports clubs will not need to obtain gift aid declarations for small donations of £10 or less up to an annual maximum of £5,000.

The Bishop of Exeter, Chairman of the Churches' Legislation Advisory Service (CLAS), said: "The Government's announcement that from April 2013 charities will no longer have to provide gift aid declarations for small donations of £10 or less is very good news for churches.

"Being able to make Gift Aid claims on loose collections will be valuable in itself - but perhaps even more valuable is the time that it will save hard-pressed church treasurers. The present system, with Gift Aid envelopes and the associated record-keeping, is incredibly time-consuming and we will be delighted to see an end to it as soon as possible."

Child benefit crucial for tackling child poverty

The Church of England has called on the Government not to freeze child benefit.

Child benefit is the one area of the Government consultation on 'Tackling Child Poverty and Improving Life Chances' on which the Church, in a submission from the Archbishops' Council Mission and Public Affairs Council, disagrees. It argues that child benefit is a vital element of tackling child poverty.

The Rt Revd John Packer, the Bishop of Ripon and Leeds says "from my experience of working with families in times of austerity, child benefit really gets to the purse of the one who feeds and clothes the children. It's popular, so its take up is large, it is simple and it is without stigma."

Thursday's Young at Heart Group

Meet at Illingworth Moor at 2.00pm

For more information contact:

June Bedford on Hx 248011

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after 9.00am & 11am Mass on Sundays,

Illingworth Moor Methodist Church

Fridays 11 am to 1.00 pm

St Malachy's Walks

We are meeting on Sunday 1st May at 1.30pm. If you would like to join us you will be made most welcome. Walking boots and suitable clothing are essential. For more information, please contact Philip or Pat at 01422 259761 or e-mail us at pp.moran@blueyonder.co.uk



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May 1st XI Fixtures

Sat 7th	Illingworth	vs	Ikley
Sat 14th	Illingworth	vs	Bardsey
Sat 21st	Woodhouse	vs	Illingworth
Sun 22nd	Illingworth	vs	Knaresborough
Sat 28th	Illingworth	vs	Sildsen

Did you know? St Mary's Church runs a small charity shop on Turner Avenue South. It sells clothing, bric-a-brac and second hand goods of excellent quality.



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Job loss fear after cross put in Wakefield company van

An electrician from West Yorkshire fears he could lose his job after putting a palm cross in a company van. Colin Atkinson, 64, who works for Wakefield and District Housing (WDH) put the cross on the van's dashboard.

WDH said he failed to comply with company policy which prohibits employees from displaying personal items in vehicles. The company said it had started an investigation into the incident which could result in disciplinary action.

Personal faith

Mr Atkinson said: "I'm really shocked and surprised by all of this. "I have always had that cross in my van. It's a symbol of my personal faith. It's not offensive. It's in a discreet place and I am acting lawfully."

WDH, where Mr Atkinson has worked for 15 years, asked him to remove the 8ins (23cm) cross and started an investigation after a tenant complained about it. Gillian Pickersgill, executive director of people at WDH, said: "Wakefield and District Housing is extremely disappointed and surprised with the misrepresentation of this issue.

"It is not about religion - it's simply about employees not

displaying personal items in company vehicles.

"Mr Atkinson has failed to mention that it is permissible for WDH employees, including himself, to display religious artefacts and other personal possessions on their desks and themselves."

'Cause for thought

WDH added it was "inappropriate" to comment further on the case. Andrea Williams, CEO of the Christian Legal Centre which is supporting Mr Atkinson, said: "Colin Atkinson is a decent and hard-working man, yet after many years of service he has been told that he cannot continue to have a small palm cross in his van.

"When a man can't display a palm cross in his van in a historically Christian country, it should give people serious pause for thought." The palm cross is so called because it is usually made from the fronds of a palm leaf, which according to the Bible were laid on the ground when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It is used during Palm Sunday services in the run up to Easter.

WDH is responsible for more than 31,000 homes in the Wakefield area.

(Source, BBC website 17/4/11)

St. Malachy's Race Night



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An evening not to be missed

Saturday 14th May
7.00pm

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**MONDAY
WEDNESDAY
FRIDAY**



**11 am
till
4 pm**

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Paula and the team have got lots of fun ideas, so come along and join the fun! For more details please contact Paula on 07902 319708



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Anchor Boys 5 - 7 years (6.15pm - 7.30pm)

Junior Section 8 -10 years (6.30pm - 8.30pm)

Company Section 11 -18 years (7.30pm - 9.30pm)

For more info, please contact Captain Andy: 01484 718717

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starting at 2.30pm

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Explorers 5 - 7 years (6.00pm - 7.15pm)

Juniors, Seniors & Brigaders:

8 -18 years (6.45pm - 8.30pm)

For more info, please contact Captain Andrea: Hx 249794



HYMNS & HERS



**HYMNS & HERS (Choir Practice) - Thursdays
7.30pm to 8.30pm**

We get together to worship God through modern and not-so-modern music. You don't need to be an accomplished singer, just enjoy the music.

FRIDAYS



We are indebted to those who continue to help us to provide lunches. A cooked lunch will be available on the first and third Friday of the month at 12 noon. The cost is £3, followed by Bingo, Raffle etc if you wish.

On other Fridays a light lunch will be available, e.g. either soup or toasted currant tea cake or sandwiches followed by a sweet – at various prices.



Shoppers '20 minutes' Service

Held on the 1st Friday of each month with Rev Paul at 11.40am



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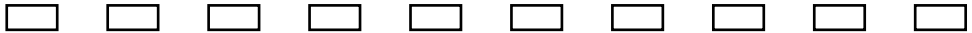
MESSY CHURCH held on the first Friday in the month for children from 3.15pm to 5.00pm
- Games, Songs, Films, etc.
Tea – led by Rev. Paul

SUNDAYS

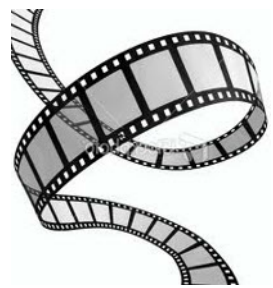
Sunday Worship & Sunday School at 10.30am

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US
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More details: Rev Paul (Hx 244418)



Saturday 28th May
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At 2.30pm, presenting
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Refreshments Available



Below is a piece of R.E. Homework completed by Danyela. The task was to 'Write a job description for a disciple at the time of Christ'. I thought it was pretty amazing, and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Justin.

Do you need a Job?

Are you dedicated to God - If so this could be the job for you?

This is a full time job with no monetary pay. The rewards are self-satisfaction of doing good and also the gratitude and gifts from those whom you help.

We are looking for someone who is loyal and trustworthy, faithful, caring, good at listening and communicating, has confidence and courage to go out amongst the people to spread the good news. The work will involve working with people of all ages and you will have to move about from town to town. This may involve homelessness or staying with people you may meet.

You will be expected to leave your family behind and take up the cross day after day. You will need to listen to the word of God before all things both in the temple and among the people, including the poor and outcasts of society.

To be able to go out and spread the good news, heal people and drive out demons, it is important to be humble, giving of self, and forgiving of others.

Before applying you must consider the implication of being a disciple very carefully - be prepared to give your all with total commitment.

The downfalls are few but need deep consideration:-

1. Giving up your home and family
2. Having no money and no possessions
3. Beware of any enemies you may make

Despite these few disadvantages, the rewards really make this an extremely worthwhile job opportunity. If you are interested,

KNOCK AND THE DOOR SHALL OPEN!!

THE STORY OF THE CHILEAN MINERS WAS AMAZING. One of them, Jose Henriquez Gonzales visited England and was interviewed at Holy Trinity, Brompton. Here is a transcript of the interview.

What was it like when this explosion occurred? There was this huge explosion which was a total surprise. We were all in different places in the mine doing different jobs. We could hear the creaking of the whole mine and we didn't know whether the mine was going to fall in. There was chaos because of the number of rocks that came crashing down. There was a shock wave that left us deaf and we were all covered in dust. It took four hours before the dust cleared. We could only see one metre ahead of us. At the time it happened, we were already supposed to have gone up to eat at 2.00pm but that day we were running late and we hadn't left.

So obviously you tried to find a way out? The first thing we wanted to do was try and find a way out and we looked at every possible avenue. We were able to drive some of the lorries that were down there looking around for some escape route but we found that everything was sealed. The rocks had blocked everything, every way out, including the chimneys. So we all went back to the shelter. We had little light, the lights dimmed, but soon darkness came upon us and we couldn't see anything and there was no way out. At that stage there must have been a prospect that all 33 were going to starve to death down in the mine.

What was the reaction of the men? There were many different reactions; different characters. Some were very impulsive, others became very negative, some were peaceful, some were very manly. We had to face this crisis, we had to survive, so we got together to organise ourselves seriously. We realised the first day we didn't have much of a future, so we planned a survival strategy. We gave out different jobs; some were electricians, so they had to fix the cables. We had to fix the piping that brought air and some had the use of machinery who could begin to flatten the ground and make it dry to be able to sleep on it.

How much food did you have down there? We had a bit of tuna fish, some salmon in tins and biscuits and some milk way past the sell-by date. We rationed it to half a teaspoonful and a bit of a biscuit every day. We had enough for three days of normal portions. We would sometimes have to fast, 24 hour fasts, sometimes a 48 hour fast, 72 hours, and we drank as much water as we could. We stretched it out.

Obviously, there was water available down there? We had only about 38 litres of drinkable water which we finished off in a few hours. After that we drank what is called industrial water, which was full of chemicals. We had a lot of that water; but many became ill.

And what task were you given to do? The best one of the lot: I was asked to keep the community praying. They knew I was a Christian and at one point I said to them, 'We may have lost everything, but we still have prayer' and they wanted me to lead them in prayer. But I said "I have a problem. We Christians only pray to the living God. If you want to pray to a dead god then don't follow me. Find another person to pray to a dead god. Will you pray with me to the living God?" They said. "we will pray with you to the living God"

How many men came to faith in Christ during that time? We began to pray every day. We'd hold hands in a circle twice a day at 6 o'clock and 12 o'clock. We began to be touched by God's Spirit and as I led the prayers, somebody began to say Amen, amen, amen. I thought who's that? Who's praying? And God suddenly brought him out. Osman was his name and he said, 'Lord, I used to know you, but now, if you take me out of here I will serve you the rest of my life'. 'Good', I said, 'Lord, now I have a disciple. Hallelujah' So that's how it began and we began to pray every day. I taught each one how to pray – and even taught them songs. It's a wonderful thing to sing when you're happy but it's even better to sing when you are in a crisis. You feel the presence of God come in there. The whole atmosphere began to change under there and this invisible God would visit us. He doesn't need doors to come into a mine. He doesn't have to perforate a rock to go in. He just came right into the mine where we were. That's our living God, He responded to our prayers.

After 17 days, I think the first drill missed. The first drill came by and we knew that at 700 metres it was very difficult to hit the place we were in. We thought 'this is it' and it went astray, it missed us. We were very, very downhearted because we heard it pass us and there was no way we could tell whether they knew we were alive or not. We thought they'd given us up for dead after that and our faith came down. But we carried on praying at 12 and at 6 o'clock. But then we heard a second drill coming and we prayed even more fervently 'Lord, may they find us'.

And then the drill came through. What was the response when that actually happened? Even the unbelieving geologists who were part of the team said this was a miracle because the drill came down, hit a rock, and went sideways into the chamber we were in. That's why when you saw the Phoenix capsule leaving, it went off at an angle.

Did you notice that? That is the miracle angle. It came in and hit the chamber. What did you do at that point? There was tremendous joy. We shouted and jumped around. Then we got big iron bars and began to bash the drill so that they could hear us at the top. We put paint all over it. We hugged it. We had spray paint and of course paper. We wrote

a lot of messages and we tied them to the drill and one of them got up to the top.

And you put messages on it didn't you? We sent lots but they got unstuck as they went up. Just one got there. It said 'we're fine, the 33 in the shelter'. And that's the bit of paper that everyone saw. After that they managed to get food and various other things down to you, including bibles. The tube was only 10cm but then came the food and many blessings came down that pipe to us. We had got to the last tin of fish and then more fish came down. God answered our prayer about the food. It never ran out. No normal Bibles could come down the pipe, so they sent these little teeny Bibles of 10cm – both Old and New Testaments. Soon we were having a great time down there with our Bible studies.

You were down there for another 52 days. Were there any arguments down there? What was it like? There were two or three fights down there. Yes, there were tensions. I would say 'Now listen, you two. We can't have a fight down here. The Bible says we've got to love each other, so give each other a hug and that's the end of the fight' And that's what happened. Because in the service of God, we can't have resentments and anger and hatred. This is the wonderful thing: that God touches hearts. Men fight for such silly things. All the tension makes you get angry. But the Lord transforms people, reconciles marriages. Some had marriage problems and some had 'partners' up there and had problems with their partners. These days you have a lot of this 'partners' business, but God taught us to get married. So the Lord ministered to these people teaching them, blessing them. The women at the top began to say they noticed. They would say 'My husband never used to talk about God before. He never even mentioned his name and now he doesn't get angry with me over the telephone. He's just talking about God all the time. Many got married when they got up. There have been five marriages since they came up.

When you came out, a lot of people were wearing the same T-shirt. Tell us about that..... A young missionary man wrote to me and said, 'Look, I've got an idea. Why don't you all wear a T-shirt when you come out – one that says 'Thank you Jesus' in English and in Spanish?' I said 'sounds good. And let's put a Bible verse on the back'. I said, 'I'm going to ask the community. If it's 50 per cent plus one we'll do it.' We knew that television from the whole world would be there. So I asked them. They said 'Let's do it' and the T shirts just came in time. We put them on and when we came up one by one it said 'Thank you Jesus'. Some didn't have the courage to be able to say these words, but the T shirt said it for them. With the T shirts they didn't even have to open their mouths.

When the chute came, how did you decide who went up first?

There were three groups formed. One was those who were very fit and in very good shape. They were the ones who had one foot in the capsule already. Then would come the sick and then those of us who were older - that was me.

You were the 24th up? What's it like getting into that capsule?

When the capsule appeared, some wanted to get out immediately but we said 'The living God has answered our prayers. We decided we would pray to the very, very end. The least we can do is thank him before we go. So we got together and we prayed again. We thanked God and we blessed that capsule and thanked God for all the work that had been done outside. Before I got in the capsule, they had to put a girdle on me. Then I was nice and slim. Now I wouldn't fit in the capsule any more!

In the nine minutes in that capsule, what were you thinking about?

I was just rejoicing - very, very happy. I didn't shout. I was just quietly rejoicing, many, many thanks to God and eternal joy. Very happy that I'd done what God wanted me to do down there. It was perhaps the longest nine minutes of my life, but the most glorious - to see that God had answered our prayers and that we were coming out in victory. That was to me the most precious thing. Also that 22 of the men had received the Lord Jesus Christ down there - that to me was a great honour and blessing. Those two things made me feel full of joy.

What would be the message that you would give to these young people? (where he was speaking, in London)

God is looking for real worshippers, who worship him in Spirit and in Truth. It doesn't matter how old you are, but young people have a very big role. They are the ones who are leading the world today. Young people, you have to receive Christ. There's no alternative of a better life. Here on this earth, there's no better life, nor in the world to come. Jesus Christ is offering a better life and an eternal life and abundant life, but this is for those who dare believe in the invisible God, this all powerful God. He likes us to reach out and touch his heart taking an attitude of accepting his sovereignty in every area. This God didn't send a son to die for nothing. He didn't die for nothing, he came to die for you and for me, so we'd have access to eternal life. There's no other intermediary, mediator, between God and man except Jesus Christ, the one who gave himself for us as a rescuer for us. Our life is transitory. The Bible says our life is like a vapour, like a flower in the field.... In the morning it grows, in the evening it's gone.

This is the message that I would leave with you: He loves you all. This is the God who was with us down in the mine. He's the living God. He made himself known to us down there, touched our hearts and gave us strength.

Well done

Whitehill’s football team goes from strength to strength, having played seven games so far, won six and drawn one! With only two games to go we are hoping to continue unbeaten and win the league once again.

The team trains on a Monday afternoons and this has really paid off with some fantastic skill and high fitness levels shown during the matches.

Well done to all the boys and the training staff who have shown real commitment throughout the whole season!



BMX/Skate Park Update

Local youngsters have a real chance of seeing their dream BMX/Skate Park actually happen! The youngsters have helped form a fully constituted group, which enables them to apply for a number of grants. It is very encouraging to see some parents getting involved in this initiative taking up various positions on the committee.

The group has had fantastic support from Calderdale Council’s Youth Services and without their valuable input, the group would have struggled to put together a legal constitution.

Currently there are three sites that are been looked at, but before any decision is made the council will talk to residents in the area to ensure that any oppositions to plans are heard. However, it is to be hoped that the eventual site will be a good distance away from any houses so there will be minimal disruption. Meanwhile, we are now looking at various funding sources and have been promised some money from Charity 1st and the council.

Although we know that these are difficult times financially, most supermarket chains seem to be doing very nicely! With this in mind, we hope to visit a few local businesses to ask if they can help support the group. If there are any parents who have experience in fund raising and would be willing to share ideas, please get in touch, via Richard at Whitehill School.

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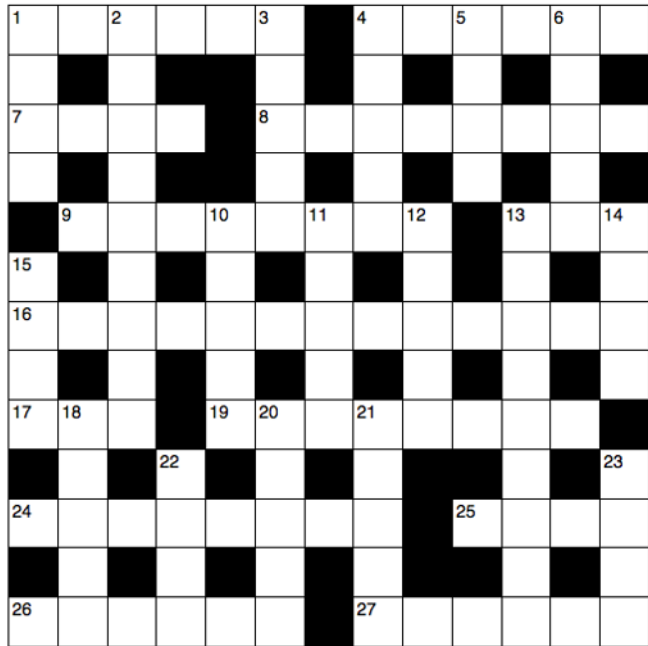
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Across - 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6) 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6) 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4) 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8) 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8) 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3) 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13) 17 Rap (anag.) (3) 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8) 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8) 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4) 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6) 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

Down - 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4) 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9) 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5) 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5) 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4) 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5) 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5) 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5) 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5) 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9) 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4) 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4) 18 Cares (anag.) (5) 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5) 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3) 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4) 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

Smilelines...

Short-staffed

Two men were working for the town council. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he finally approached the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it - why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the guy who plants the trees called in sick."

What the Bible really means....

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

Breakable

There was a very gracious lady who was posting an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country... "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

What God is like

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the little boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

I know

I'm not bossy. I just know what you should be doing.

1st May is May Day

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to all sorts! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.

For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence and unbridled merriment. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: *"for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?"*

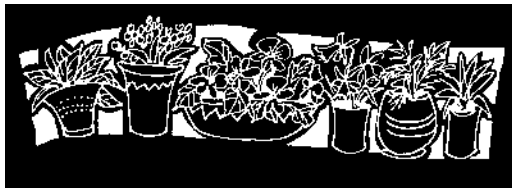
Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets, and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and that evening, bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day - and in 1644 May Day was abolished together. Many May poles came down - only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was "the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England", according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.

May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and - since 1833 - Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but in harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers. And until recently, in communist countries May Day processions were in honour of the achievement of Marxism.

There has never been a Christian content to May Day, but nevertheless there is the well known 6.00am service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn of May Day.



24th May is St. David's Day

If you like Scotland, you'll appreciate St David of Scotland, who lived c.1085 – 1153.

David became king of Scotland in 1124, and devoted himself to improving his country. This included a feudal system of land tenure in place of the Celtic tribal one; an Anglo-Norman judicial system, and the development of towns such as Edinburgh, Berwick and Perth.

Above all, David re-organised the Church in Scotland. Contact with Rome was close, but he opposed Canterbury's primatial claims. David founded several bishoprics, including those of Dunblane and Aberdeen. David was loved for his justice in administration, his accessibility to all, and his intense interest in gardens and orchards and buildings.

He was generous in alms-giving, and a devout Christian. When dying, and ordered to rest by his doctors, he said: "Allow me rather to think about the things of God, so that my soul may be strengthened...when I stand before God's judgement seat, none of you shall answer for me...." David died on 24 May and centuries later his name was inserted in the calendar of the Prayer-book for Scotland. His historical importance is that he founded the Scotland which defied Edward I.

Windy



Three elderly ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning.

The Methodist minister observed, "Windy, isn't it?" "No", the Baptist pastor said, "It's Thursday." The Anglican vicar agreed: "So am I! Let's go and get a pint."

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Joan of Arc is remembered on 30th May

How far would you go to respond to God's call on your life? When as the daughter of a peasant family in Champagne in 1426, 14 year old Joan heard heavenly voices calling her to 'save France' from the English, she decided to obey the call, no matter what the consequences.

Teenage girls who want to rescue their country from foreign troops were considered every bit as crazy back then as now. But Joan eventually came to the notice of the Dauphin (Later Charles VII) who decided to make use of her obvious ability to inspire people – in this case, the French, to fight. And so Joan, dressed in white armour, rode at the front of the French army when they relieved Orleans in April 1429. Her presence and belief in her divine calling to get rid of the English, did wonders for the morale of the troops, who loved her even more when she sustained a wound in the breast, and made little of it.

A campaign in the Loire followed, and then in July the Dauphin was crowned at Rheims with Joan at his side, carrying her standard. More battles followed that winter, until Joan was captured and sold to the English. They attributed her success to witchcraft and spells, and imprisoned her at Rouen. She was brought before judges, where her spirited and shrewd defence were outstanding.

But the judges declared her false and diabolical, and she was condemned to die as a heretic. She was burnt at the stake in the market-place at Rouen on 30 May 1431. Joan died as she had lived; with total faith in God and certainty that she was obeying his will for her life. She died with fortitude, looking at a cross and calling on the name of Jesus. Her ashes were thrown into the Seine.

Joan's integrity and courage are what shine down the centuries. Here is a patron saint for you if you feel that God is calling you to do something extraordinary: something that is way, way beyond your comfort zone; but something that could right wrongs and make a difference in the world. Are you up for it?

Man's way leads to a hopeless end
God's way leads to an endless hope.

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DID YOU KNOW... What do you say when you leave someone? 'Have a nice day!' 'Ta-rar' 'See you later' or just 'Bye'. They all sound vaguely the same – but the last one is actually grounded in a hope and trust that far outweighs the simplest wish; for it comes from the word, 'Goodbye' which in turn comes from the much longer phrase, 'God be with ye'.

Did you hear about the Yorkshire "Good Samaritan"?

Dotty the donkey was grazing in her field near Scarborough when she saw her companion Stanley the sheep being attacked by a pitbull terrier. Dotty galloped across the field, bellowing with anger, and pinned the terrier to the ground until it let go of Stanley and ran off. Dotty and Stanley are now inseparable.

Police PACT meetings

If you have any worries about anti-social behaviour in the local area, then why not come along to the local PACT meetings which are held at the Community Room to the rear of Illingworth Fire Station, Keighley Road. All meetings start at 6.00pm.

The next dates are 16th May, 27th June, 8th August.



"We seem to get a much bigger turnout whenever the Bishop visits."

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Hannah gives her son Samuel to serve the Lord in the temple.
What was the first thing Hannah said afterwards?
This story comes in 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11.



What is being played? Who's playing what here, to whom and why? You can see part of the answer if you join up the dots. Read Samuel 16 for the whole story.





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