

The Beacon

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Rosemary Arnott, one of our leaders, writes....

September is a time to look back and also look forward. As church we look back with thanksgiving for the past year, particularly the completed work on the church spire and roofs and we also look forward to the celebration on September 8th, to which you are all invited.

In September we start a new school year and restart many activities in church which have been on hold during the summer. It is also a time of looking forward to all that God has in store for us, as we look to having a new vicar in this coming season of our church. September 28th from 9.30-1pm is Vision Saturday when the whole church is invited to come to talk and pray about the way ahead.

Maybe for some of us it's a time to try something new in church. Every Tuesday there is a coffee morning in the church lounge and on 3rd September

there is a special morning on 'Votes for Women'. On alternate Wednesday evenings we meet for informal prayer in the lounge.

During term time scouts and guides meet on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On Fridays, Toddlers and their carers gather in the church hall and once a fortnight we have a games night in the hall, playing table tennis, pool, and various board games. On Sunday evenings we meet at 6pm in the lounge for an informal time of worship, teaching and prayer.

On Saturday September 14th the church will be open from 10am to 2pm for the annual Ride and Stride event. Do call in for light refreshments and an opportunity to find out more about our church.

So we look forward with confidence, remembering the words of Jeremiah 29:11

'For I know the plans I have for you' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.'

September 8th 2.00pm ~ CELEBRATION SERVICE

An opportunity for church members and people from the wider community to come together to celebrate the completion of the work on the church spire and roof. Giving thanks for so many answers to prayer along the way. The service will be followed by drinks and cakes.



FOCUS

On

Tuesday@ 10



SEPTEMBER 3rd

Informal talk
and chat

'VOTES FOR
WOMEN'



Tuesday @ 10.00

Originally named *Heritage Café*, our Tuesday Coffee Morning was intended to fulfil some aims outlined in our bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. We had to engage with the wider community and collect information on the heritage of St John's and the surrounding area to share more widely. The steeple stands proudly (and safely at last) 140ft tall and a target was set to gather 140 memories for the Heritage database – the spire being a symbol of our church in the community. Helen Richards, who became our inspirational heritage worker, confirmed that the target had been reached. Most of these memories are now on the website www.worksopspire.org but there is still room for more.

Speaking to people present three main reasons for being there emerged: Church members helping an encouraging, others with an interest in local history or sharing memories with others and some who just enjoy coffee and company.

Comments

I love it, the people, the talks and making tea. *Will*

Good conversation and a friendly 'buzz'. *Anne S*

Sylvia likes coming for coffee and I like sharing memories with others. *Ben*

Meeting new people, sharing memories of Worksop with time to actually talk. *Jess*

It's like a therapy, sit down relax and chat. Leading to making new friends. *Roly*

I came because I was curious about the talks. I enjoy the company. *Andrew*

It's good company and learn from the talks. *Jean*

I live nearby and God led me here when I was at a low ebb. *Diane*

I have a long time interest in heritage that I can now share here. *Barry*

Being among friendly company, with a shared interest in local heritage and a cup of tea – was the recurring theme, just what the aim of the venture set out to achieve.

Karen

Media Matters ~ part 2

I think it's fair comment to say that many of the national news channels seem to major on bad news. Catastrophes, disasters, killings, bad behaviour and generally depressing news items from near and far. They do sometimes slip in a good news item to halt the downward spiral to despair.

So, as we are supposed to be the people of 'Good News' are there any alternatives?

Last time (Part One) I highlighted **Premier Christian Radio** and that gives a seamless lead into **Premier Christian News UK**, an online news service. I have supported this network for some years now and appreciate their news briefs sent daily to my mobile phone.

If TV magazine type articles are more your bag, then try **TBN UK** (Trinity Broadcasting Network) on Freeview channel 66. Discussions, Christian music and Bible teachings are available 24/7. Our long time favourite is 'Jewish Voice,' that digs into the origins of our Christian faith, as rooted in Jewish God history.

Chris L

My wife, Linda, started to take our daughter to St John's Guides. After sitting at the back of church for a few weeks she started taking an interest in the church, became a member and started to grow in her faith.

So, after about a year I started to think there was something missing in my life so I took a step forward and went through the doors of St John's where I was met with a nice welcome. After talking to people after the service a group of ladies came to me and said "John, we are praying for you" (my saints—I can still see them sitting the pews!)

I went on a 'Saints Alive' course - something like Alpha. As Linda's and my faith grew we went on a faith-sharing team with other Christians going to other churches in the diocese sharing our faith.

I have some good memories of going with others to Spring Harvest, New Wine, Calver and other Christian gatherings. But our church houseparties in Scarborough hold very special memories. We had good fun, fellowship, solid teaching and as a church we grew together in good times and bad.

God never gives up on us, and when we want to quit, when it's hard and we say "God, where are You?" He said,

**"I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU,
I WILL NEVER ABANDON YOU."**

John N



Keeping up with the Jones's ~ Greetings from Sutton-on-Sea

Hi to everyone who knows who we are!

And to those of you who don't know us—just know you are in the best church in your area!



We look forward to seeing you all when time allows.

Our thoughts and love in CHRIST to all at St John's.

**Ghislaine and
Doug**

Riddle-Me-Ree

- 1 What can turn everything round without moving an inch?
- 2 Roll out the red carpet for me—I come out at night. What am I?
- 3 What has 2 arms but no hands? No eyes but can help you see?
- 4 I've got a big furry coat to keep me warm, although I sound like I'm wearing nothing at all. What am I?
- 5 What 2 words, when combined, have the most letters?



(Answers on p 4)



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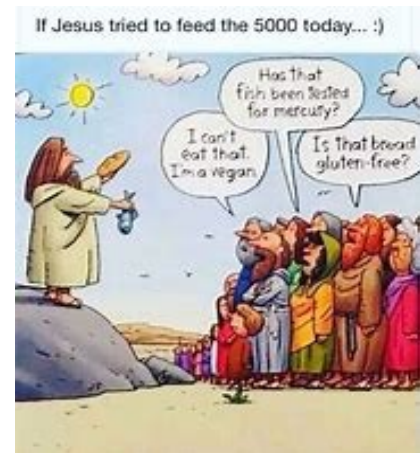
RIDDLE-ME-REE ANSWERS

- | | |
|---------------|----------|
| 1 A mirror | 2 A star |
| 3 Spectacles | 4 A bear |
| 5 Post Office | |


**Why didn't
Noah go fishing?**
He only had
two worms.

women's day

Smile awhile



Regular Weekly Diary

- Sunday** 10.30 Morning Service—
with 'Kids Church' in term time
6.00 'Sunday at 6' informal service
- Tuesday** 10.00—12 noon Coffee Morning
- Wednesday** 1.00 Mothers' Union
(1st Wednesday of the month)
7.00 Lifeline Praise and Prayer
OR Life/Home Groups
- Friday** 7.00—8.30 Games Night for all ages
(alternate weeks)
- Saturday** 10.00—12 noon Church open for
anyone for prayer and cleaning

For more details of the above ask one of our leaders

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Count your blessings and
be thankful, even now.
And the peace of God,
which transcends all
understanding, will guard
your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7

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