



# ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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## Worship for Holy Week and Easter



**Palm Sunday** (28<sup>th</sup> March) 10.30 a.m. All age worship on [facebook.com/settlemethodist](https://facebook.com/settlemethodist) and, later, on YouTube.

**Decorating the cross** The cross will be placed outside the church

on Palm Sunday. You are invited to tie a ribbon on it any time that you are out for a walk. Perhaps you would like to place one there in memory of a loved one.

**Maundy Thursday** (1<sup>st</sup> April) 7.30 p.m. Evening Service on Zoom. Meeting ID 880 1174 1959 Passcode 271230.

**Good Friday** (2<sup>nd</sup> April) A selection of past recordings from CTiSaD's 'Journey to the Cross' will be made available at [www.settlechurchestube.org.uk](http://www.settlechurchestube.org.uk), accompanied by a short meditation and prayer. Four scenes will be available at the following times:

1. 10:00 -The Last Supper
2. 11:00 - Arrest and Denial
3. 12:00 –Trial Scene
4. 13:00 – Crucifixion

**Easter Sunday** (4<sup>th</sup> April) 10.30 a.m. **Easter Celebration in church** with the usual online services (morning and evening) for those who feel safer at home (Facebook and YouTube). If coming to church please remember that the usual guidelines apply:  
Do not arrive too early  
Wear a face mask  
Observe social distancing  
Please do not come if you have any symptoms of Covid.

## Holy Week and Easter

One reader has asked about the origin of names given to particular Holy Days, so we will start with these three:

**Maundy Thursday** 'Maundy' is probably derived from the Latin 'Mandatum' - the 1<sup>st</sup> word of John 13.34: 'A new command I give you: Love one another'. Jesus spoke these words after washing his disciples' feet at the Last Supper.

**Good Friday** 'Good' used to mean 'holy' - and is used in this sense when the bible is referred to as 'the good book'. It has also been suggested that this name might be a corruption of 'God's Friday', but this is less likely.

**Easter** According to the Venerable Bede, writing in 8<sup>th</sup> century, Eostre was a goddess worshipped by Anglo-Saxons, whose spring-time feast day was held in April. When this celebration was replaced by the Christian festival marking the resurrection of Jesus, it was given the name Easter.



## Coffee Pot

Don't forget our 'virtual' Coffee Pot 10.30-11.30 a.m. every Tuesday. Full details are posted on our Facebook page.

## What does a Door Steward do?

Welcoming members of the congregation, particularly visitors and newcomers, is the most important part of this role. In 'normal' times, the steward also gives out notice sheets and offers hymns books to those who would like them. During the service, he/she is responsible for taking up the offering. After the service, he/she puts the books away and places any spare notice sheets in the rack so that they are available throughout the following week.

## Yorkshire Preachers: no.9

*My apologies to Samuel (and Jane) for giving him the wrong surname in the last newsletter.*

*Philip*

### **Samuel Hick:** cont.

Sammy was well known for at least two other things, as well as his prowess in the pulpit. One was his belief in the power of prayer, the other his kindheartedness. Illustrating the former, there is a story told of him which is like one of the legends of the saints. (It comes from a good Methodist source, so we must believe it). Bread was needed for a love-feast. There was corn but no flour and when Sammy took the corn to be ground at Aberford mill there was not a breath of air to turn the sails. Undismayed, he asked the miller to spread the sails while he prayed. Immediately a wind sprang up, the mill functioned and flour was produced. A neighbour rushed up wanting to take advantage of the new conditions. He was too late. The wind dropped as suddenly as it had risen.

*Jane Mansergh*

### **FAMILY NEWS**



This young man, with flowing blond locks and a melon large enough to make jumper navigation a little tricky, was Christened Tobias Alexander Allen on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at St. John's Methodist Church. His journey through life is summarised only by his quest to duplicate everything his big sister, Sophie Francesca, demonstrates and his dance moves to Justin Timberlake, the Wiggles and the world conquering Baby Shark.

When not watching TV, he enjoys the soothing tunes over some headphones or to get his head into a good book. The



Hungry Caterpillar is a strong favourite but the delights of Julie Donaldson are an excellent choice with his night time indulgence of a bottle of milk. Toby, Tobes,

the Tobster and Soph are the names to which he is commonly referred and occasionally answers to. Obviously, Soph isn't his name, but all you parents will understand the plight of assigning the correct name to the correct child in moments of frustration. Weighing in at 12

kilos, he enjoys a good snooze, just like his mother, with nothing more comfortable than someone else to lie on. Like any true Yorkshireman, he loves the outdoors. He can often be found putting his hands and feet in anything moist. Paddling pools, puddles, the garden hose and ketchup are amongst his choices. He likes a good portion of chips, is not a fan of pizza and fish fingers are his clear favourite.

Fortunately, he loves his grapes, blueberries and strawberries and can be found in the fridge (literally) scouting for his next healthy option.



Like most young men, he has a sibling to guide him through life. Teaching him words, telling him what he *should* be watching and making the song choices on Alexa for the next dance routine. Sophie is more complete now that she has someone to chase her and push her round the room on wheeled contraptions. Unfortunately, she never hears or sees anything when Toby has a moment of upset. The tides are beginning to turn though as he has mastered the art of her



name and the dreaded finger point.

Ever the artist, he enjoys nothing more than to put pen to paper, pen to clothes, pen to face, pen to hand and on occasion when unsupervised for a fraction of a second, pen to the dining room table. His control of the brush is truly commendable, a practice he honed whilst firing vegetables



everywhere with his spoon.

His second birthday is fast approaching. The 1<sup>st</sup> April will see another year go by, once again in lockdown but this won't dampen his spirits. He loves to have fun, a giggle and can often make us laugh hysterically at his antics. There will be plenty of pictures for his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. He is definitely part of a pair

with his sister, adores his Grandpa's moustache and Grandma's generous and un-emptiable sweetie cupboard. Mum and Dad just need a break and are hoping lockdown will end soon!

*Toby's dad – via Ann Martin (Grandma)*

## Methodism in Horton-in-Ribblesdale

### Part 3

The chapel opened on 31 May 1893 and the farmhouse meetings at Brackenbottom and Studfold were discontinued. "All were united at Horton Chapel". Early last century, services were also held at Foredale and Selside. In 1912 a Men's Own Brotherhood was inaugurated. A great misfortune occurred in 1925 when the Rev. H. Wright met with a serious trap accident returning to Settle following a Horton appointment. Money had to be raised to buy a replacement trap. Apart from the annual services at Christmas, Easter, Church Anniversary and Harvest Festival Methodists were also much involved with the local Independent Order of Rechabites.

The chapel was lively up to the 1940's but the congregation dwindled and the few remaining members struggled to keep the church going. Eventually the chapel closed in 1969 – the end of an era. The chapel building is now the village hall and sometimes, as I sit enjoying some gathering, I am sure I can still hear the echoes of "Guide me O thou Great Jehovah", some familiar harvest hymn or a Christmas carol.

*Dora Tattersall*

*Dear God,*

*While out on my daily saunters around the village, I've noticed a lot of rabbits. Initially, I didn't notice them much because they're so well disguised hidden among the dead grass stalks, but once I began paying attention they appeared to be everywhere. They're probably more active now that Spring is approaching. I started wondering about why we associate rabbits with spring, particularly why do we have an Easter Bunny? As far as I can tell there is no mention of eggs in the Bible, especially not chocolate ones. This must be an oversight, feeding multitudes could only have been enhanced by a dessert of creme filled chocolate ovoids and imagine the*

*sensation at that wedding in Cana. My research (a quick poke around on't internet) shows that there was a pagan goddess of spring who had a pet bird that turned into a rabbit which continued to lay eggs. There was also a medieval tendency to associate rabbits with Mary as a symbol of both virginity and fertility. There is still no mention of chocolate eggs. So it seems to be a random connection, so why not share it around the animal world. What about an Easter Mole, balancing individual eggs on its head? An Easter Camel, you could get a lot of eggs between its humps! I consulted Lewis on this and he suggested an Easter Fish that brings extra salmon and prawns. But what does he know, he's just a cat and still believes in Santa Paws...*

*Yours, full of the joys of spring,*

*Old Lil Nongle*



### Tip No.5

Buy A-rated electrical appliances and light bulbs. They may be more expensive initially but you will save on your energy bills.

Borrowed from the Anglican Green Fingers website.

### **Situations Vacant**

1. **Invoicing hall users.** Preparing and sending invoices on a monthly basis, using information supplied by Anne Martin. Receiving cheque and cash payments and passing these on to Robin Corbett. More details available from Eileen Edwards or Maurice Walters.

2. **Churches Together representative.** This involves attending about 3 meetings per year and then keeping the congregation informed of any services/activities planned by Churches Together. More details available from Richard Pike.

If you would be willing to take on either of these roles, please contact Revd. Tim.

### **BIBLE QUIZ**

Identify the books of the bible from the list below. Cunningly, we have written them back to front and without any vowels! (as before, double your points for not using your Bible)

YMNRTD  
 NTLVR  
 HRHC  
 HDB  
 SMLSP  
 KKKBH  
 SH  
 WHTTM  
 SGNSFGNS  
 STT

Answers to the last quiz:

Clyde, Miami, Los Angeles, Tyne, Seine, Cherwell and Thames/Isis, Medway, Amstel, Mersey, Calder, Avon, Thames, Oresund strait, Water of Leith.

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> course**

1. As a child in the 30's, I was familiar with carlins being served by my Aunt and my Mother on Passion Sunday. The custom seemed to die – perhaps carlins were unobtainable in wartime. I certainly forgot about the custom until early in the 50's when I spent a weekend with a friend at her parents' farmhouse at Caldbeck. Carlin peas were served at Sunday lunch as it was Carlin *alias* Passion Sunday.

A few years ago I was staying in Shap for the weekend and the old custom assumed a much greater significance. The four hostelrys in the village all served carlin peas at their bars on Carlin Sunday. There was great discussion about the quality of the various dishes. One host used a ham shank in the cooking, another only butter, whilst another used herbs. I did not sample the different versions as I don't like mushy peas! *N.B. I called my friend in Shap and "Yes, of course we still observe Carlin Sunday" was her reply.*

There is a Northern saying; "Tid, Mid, Miseray, Carlin, Palm, Pace-Egg Day", which helps people remember the order in which the days fall.

#### **An explanation**

The saying is derived from the psalms, hymns and Sundays of the Christian religious period of Lent.

**Tid** – Second Sunday in Lent when the Te Deum Laudamus hymn was sung,

**Mid** – The third Sunday when the Mi Deus Hymn was sung.

**Miseray** – the fourth Lenten Sunday, was when the Miserere Mei Psalm was chanted.

**Carlin** – Passion Sunday, the fifth Sunday in Lent, adopted by the North Eastern regions as Carlin Sunday.

**Palm** – Palm Sunday, the sixth and final Sunday of Lent.

**Pace Egg** – A corruption of "Pasch" from the Latin and Greek root for "Easter". Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after Lent

*Dora Tattersall*

2. Easter Sunday is a time of feasting and pleasure after the solemnity of Lent. It is traditional to eat **roast lamb** at lunchtime - a tradition which has its roots in Jewish Passover observances but reminds Christians that Jesus was described as the Lamb of God. It is also traditional to eat **cold ham** for tea - perhaps because pigs were killed in Autumn, cured over the Winter and ready to eat at Easter. Those who

are concerned about climate change and other environmental problems may well choose a more vegetarian diet in the future.

One other item puzzles me; when/where did Simnel cakes come from?

*Audrey Daykin*

3. For much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, **Simnel cakes** were associated with the towns of Bury, Devizes and Shrewsbury, but simnels have been known since Medieval times when they resembled curranty spiced breads, baked flat. Gradually they became richer and more heavily fruited, and in 17<sup>th</sup> century were often taken as gifts on Mothering Sunday, when servants were given a day off to visit their mothers. Nowadays they are associated with Easter and are often decorated with 11 almond paste balls to represent the 12 apostles (without Judas). Legend has it that an elderly couple, Simon and Nelly, couldn't agree whether to boil or bake their cake, so decided to do both - hence the name sim-nel - but it is more likely that the name is derived from the Latin 'simila' - a fine white flour used by the Romans.

But what about **Easter Eggs**? As a child, I remember decorating and eating boiled eggs for breakfast. Eggs have always been a symbol of rebirth, so the early Christian church adopted the egg as a symbol of the resurrection. They stained their eggs red in memory of the Crucifixion. Chocolate eggs were introduced by Cadburys in Victorian times.

*Wendy Holt*

## Howlers

In an advertisement by a Hong Kong dentist:

Teeth extracted by the latest Methodists.

In a letter to the DHSS:

Mrs Smith has no clothes and has had none for over a year. The clergy have been visiting her.

A note left for the milkman:

No milk. Please do not leave milk at Number 14 as he is dead until further notice.

(from *A Box of Delights*, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books - with thanks to Anne Martin)

**THANK YOU** to all those who have contributed to this and previous newsletters. Please send any items to Wendy or Philip and we'll see that they are published.



### Prayer for Holy Week:

*Lord, you give us life, you give us love, you give us yourself: help us to give our lives, our love, ourselves to you; through Christ who died and rose again for us and who lives with you and the Holy Spirit in everlasting light. Amen (David Adam)*