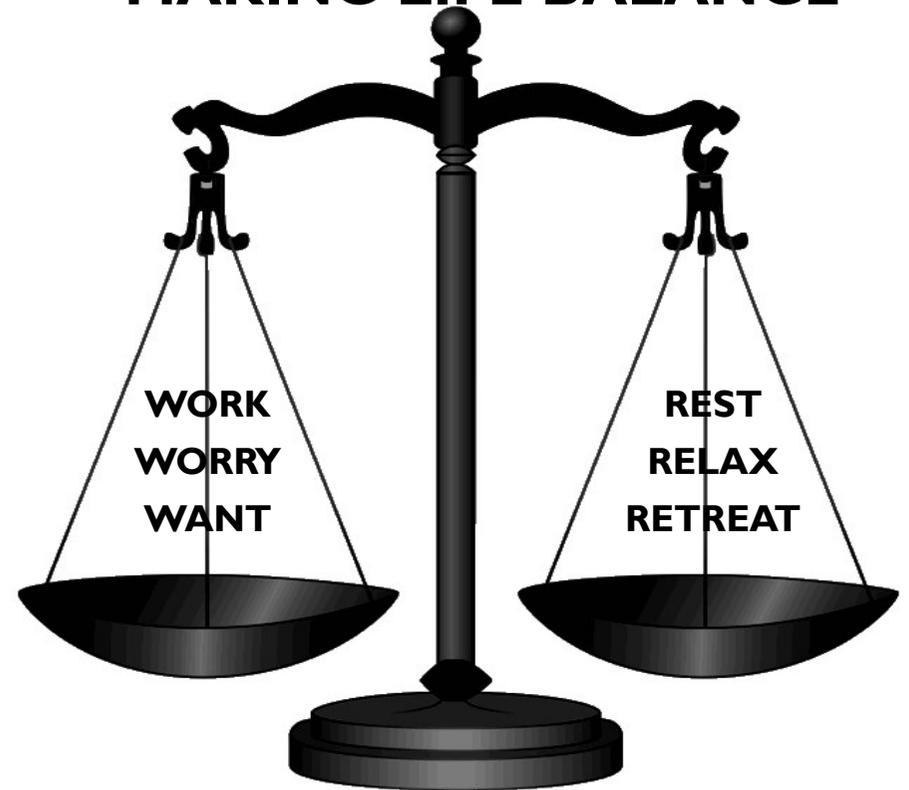


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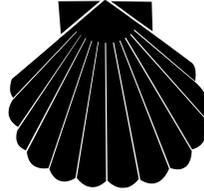
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THE PARISH OF BIRSTALL & WANLIP

PARISH DIARY

AUGUST 2015 - NOVEMBER 2015



AUGUST

Sunday 2nd	10am	'All Together' Service	St James
Sunday 30th	6pm	5th Sunday Special Service	Wanlip
Monday 31st	2-4pm	Annual Parish Garden Fete	St James

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th	10am	'All Together' Service	St James
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OCTOBER

Sunday 4th	10am	Harvest 'All Together' Service	St James
Sunday 4th	6pm	Harvest Evensong	Wanlip
Sunday 18th	10am	Thanksgiving Sunday	St James
Sunday 18th	12.30pm	Thanksgiving Lunch	Birstall Village Hall
Sunday 18th	6pm	Thanksgiving Sunday	Wanlip

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st	10am	'All Together' Service	St James
Sunday 1st	3pm	All Souls Service	St James
Sunday 8th	10.30am	Remembrance Service	St James
Sunday 29th	6pm	Advent Carols	Wanlip

DECEMBER

Saturday 5th	2-4pm	St Nicholas Fayre	Wanlip Community Hall
Sunday 6th	10am	'All Together' Service	St James

For further information please see church information sheets and/or website www.birstall.org.

Details of our regular services can be found on page 23

Social Events are listed on page 20.

THE PARISH OF BIRSTALL AND WANLIP

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Parish Organist & Choirmaster

Currently vacant

Wanlip Church: Hall Bookings

Mr & Mrs N Bates, 13 Church Road, Wanlip	2675247
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REGULAR EVENTS AND GROUPS



Weekly

Monday (Term Time)	1.30pm	Tiny Tots (Village Hall) Contact Marion Tegg 0116 2673817
Thursday	7.30-9.00pm	Bell ringing practice (St James) Contact Clive Mobbs 0116 2677156
Saturday	10-12 noon	St James Church open Tea and coffee available

In the month

2nd Monday	7.30pm	Monday Group (Day Centre) Contact Jane Scott 0116 2673761
4th Monday	10.15am	Mothers' Union (St James) Contact Helen Tarry 0116 2677493 or Betty Howard 0116 2207405
2nd Tuesday	10.30am	Contemplative Prayer (76 Sibson Rd) Contact Noreen Talbot 0116 2672756
3rd Tuesday	10-12 noon	Old Nick's Coffee Shop At Wanlip Church and Community Centre,
1st & 3rd Friday	7.00pm	Gospel Choir (St James) Contact Chris White 07880 328582
1st Sunday Bi-monthly	7.45pm	Men's Group (Royal British Legion) Contact Bert Tegg 0116 2673817
Monday Morning Monthly		St James Wanderers (approx. 4 miles) Contact Lesley Walton 0116 2674995
Bi-monthly		St James Striders (approx. 8 miles) Contact Gill Pope 0116 2675086

Welcome to the August edition of Link where we are exploring making life balance, as well as other items. Thank you to all those who have contributed.

To keep producing Link we need contributions from **you**. Articles, poems, reviews, quizzes are most welcome. If we are unable to use it in the next edition, we will at a later date, copyright permitting.. Items for the next issue are required by end of October. Please email to gillianpope@yahoo.co.uk, give to Gill Pope or Noreen Talbot or put in the box at back of church.

If you do not normally receive a copy of Link and would like to be put on our mailing list, please contact Noreen Talbot on 2672756.



Rector's Ramblings



**Work, Worry, Want...
Retreat, Rest, Recovery.**

It's a bit ironic that - as I sit down to write this introductory article for the summer Link magazine on the given title of **'Work, Worry, Want ~ Retreat, Rest, Recovery'**- I have been worrying about how I will get all the work done in time for a holiday. Can I carve out enough time to prepare the 3 wedding services and addresses, two funeral addresses, 3 sermons, an ATC padre's hour, a first Sunday in July service (and its associated talk) - all currently on my 'things to do' list - as well as attend to the meetings and appointments already inked into my diary. I'll not mention the stuff that will happen that I don't yet know about and will need attention; oops!

Before you start feeling sorry for me or hesitate to contact me for fear of adding to the list, let me say, 'It is my responsibility'. I know that if I am to really retreat in order to rest and recover without having to worry about the 'things to do' list whilst on holiday, I need to get everything

ready up to and including the week following. That's what I want, to get the work done and not to have to worry about unfinished stuff whilst on holiday, so that I can truly rest and recover, ready to return to the race of our 21st Century lives.

Even as I write this I can feel the anxiety climbing and the tension increasing in my shoulders and it all feels a little crazy. Surely this role of Rector - if nothing else - has to model prayerful serenity, a calmness of the spiritual life and an easy going manner that encourages others to follow their calling to be Christians; encourage people to become better members of a priesthood of all believers with a priority to draw closer to Christ. In summary a different speed is required in order to listen to God, discern his will and glorify him through our lives, well-lived.

If to live the Christian life is not different from the secular world and its race pace then what message are we conveying to the world about our salvation and justification by faith.

Retreats however, different to holidays, are not really about collapsing in a heap, so tired that one cannot engage in anything, they are about spending time not doing the normal, everyday and so free one to concentrate on the spiritual side of life. They are about engaging with God and seeking a spiritual MOT; about a commitment to be open to the Spirit of God and respond to what we hear.

So retreats are work, the work of God and man communicating with each other; taking away the worries of the world for a short while in order to know what one truly wants in life, from life, for life with God. Retreats can be challenging, upsetting even exhausting and can leave one feeling unsettled as God calls anew and perhaps suggests changes to our lives we might not initially want to make. Far from restful they can leave one restless or at least understanding their restlessness.

Well worked they enable one to return to non-retreat status with new perspectives, priorities and plans for life. Maybe if worked well enough they enable the Christian to find rest and recovery in their everyday activities and discover new ways of being that ensure worries are kept to a minimum and work seems more like play; like holidays. Now wouldn't that be a better and more spiritual way of being?

FROM THE REGISTER

March 2015 - June 2015

Baptisms

12 th April	Imogen Hilderley	St James
23 rd May	Ruby Hornbuckle	Our Lady & St Nicholas
31 st May	Elsie Jelley	St James
31 st May	Jessica Holehouse	St James
21 st June	Alfie Laney	St James
27 th June	Kelsey Rowland	St James



Marriages

28 th March	Alistair Breckenridge & Michalina Lee	St James
27 th June	Keith Clarke & Danielle Brown	Our Lady & St Nicholas
27 th June	Darren Rowland & Stacey Coulson	St James



Funerals

9 th March	Avis Donaldson	St James
10 th March	Ivy Pennykidd	Gilroes Crematorium
11 th March	James Lewis Snr	St James
13 th April	Sidney Fisher	St James
6 th May	Leigh Norris	Countesthorpe Crematorium
19 th May	Maud Weston	St James
27 th May	Marjorie Smith	St James
17 th June	Barbara Steggles	Loughborough Crematorium
26 th June	Margaret Roberts	St James



Bible names beginning with 'A'



Words to Find: Abinadab Ahab Annas
 Aaron Abner Ahimelech Aquila
 Abednego Abraham Ahiram Asa
 Abel Absalom Amaziah Azariah
 Abigail Adam Ammon
 Abimelech Adonijah Amos

I do hope that you get some time to retreat, and that you will be challenged by it, I also hope you get the chance to holiday and feel rested because of it. At least - having written this - I have been able to cross one thing off my 'things to do' list in the pursuit of enough time to discern better 'ways to be' for the future that will enable me to be true to God and self, serve the Church better and aid the mission. Have a great summer being all you can be for God and self. Be re-challenged, renewed and rested,
 Blessings.

Vince



MOVING ON

Moving on can be difficult. We sometimes carry on doing things because we feel we ought to, because we like to think we are indispensable, or because we think there is no-one else who will come forward to do the job, so we keep at it even when it is no longer enjoyable and it has become a chore.

Sometime ago I made a list of everything I was involved in; all the rotas, all the meetings, all the tasks. It was quite frightening. I tried to prioritise; what did I enjoy doing? What did I need to do? What could somebody else do instead?

I resolved to let go of a few things, and to just to do others until I stopped enjoying them. Of course I was still busy, but life was less stressful. I was doing what I wanted to do. I also realised that you don't have to do things because you feel you ought to, we are not indispensable, and my experience shows that people usually do come forward to take over and if they don't that is not my problem and perhaps that job is not really necessary anyway.

After many years managing the website, I had lost interest in it and decided to give it up, but I did worry that no one else would take it on. However, I have now handed that over to Josh Wills giving him a chance to take on something new and develop it. I was quite surprised at the relief I felt that this was no longer my responsibility. We can hang on to things for too long.

Giving something up can be liberating and it can offers someone else the opportunity to try something new.

Gill Pope

A Retreat

Retreats are times to withdraw from all the busy-ness of daily life; to rest; to recuperate; to gain renewed energy and strength; to be quiet; to listen, look, smell, touch, and maybe taste; not to be ruled by brain or habitual behaviour; to be in the presence of God.

In Mark's Gospel we read of such a rushed life: Jesus came... The spirit drove him out... Jesus went into Galilee... As he was walking... Suddenly he... When he returned... He went out again... They reached the country... He made a tour... Going from that district... Oh! such an exhausting life and so many rapid changes of direction. He was teaching, answering questions, visiting friends, rich and poor, healing, arguing, constantly on the move and that is just the first 6 chapters.

There are nine such periods of ministry in Mark's Gospel, each followed by a short break away from the crowds. So we have, "In the morning long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there", till he was disturbed by Peter and his companions who said, "Everybody is looking for you." Similarly, "Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lakeside"; "He now went up into the hills and summoned those he wanted", with the coming of evening that same day he said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side; "After saying goodbye to them he went off into the hills to pray." His last retreat was in the Garden of Gethsemane!

If Jesus needed a break, so do we! After my husband had spent his annual retreat before Easter with our nearby Benedictines he always suggested I should go on a retreat. I decided I could not possibly cope with a week of silence however beautiful and peaceful the house and garden, however kind and hospitable the organisers. What would I do? What would I think about?

Years later, with a temporarily paralysed face, a friend said that as I was currently no good to anyone I should join her church's retreat; "The Song of Creation". And it was wonderful! The nuns made sure I had food easy to eat, not the visibly half green apples served at our

REGULAR SERVICES



St James the Great, Birstall

Sunday

8am Holy Communion (said)

10am All Together Service (1st Sunday)

10am Parish Communion (other Sundays)

10am Sunday School

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

9am Morning Prayer

Thursday

9.30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas, Wanlip

Sunday

6pm Holy Communion (1st Sunday)

6pm Book of Common Prayer Evensong (2nd,3rd,4th)

6pm Alternative service (5th Sunday)

St James Church is open every Saturday morning from 10am – 12 noon. Please take the opportunity to come in and look round at its very varied history, spend some time in quiet, have a chat and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea.

Recycle Charity

Do you know that we collect used **ink cartridges** and **mobile phones** to raise money for the parish of Birstall and Wanlip? Last year we raised £47 and so far this year we have raised £9. Ok, I know it's not a lot, but every penny counts.

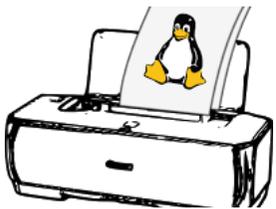
We collect all cartridges, except Epson and Kodak and ink tanks, which cannot be recycled, and some others are worthless but as we don't know which ones we send them anyway!

Mobile phones raise more money; they have raised up to £4.50 each

So before you throw your ink cartridges and mobile phones away think about the church and bring them to church on your next visit. Perhaps we can raise a little more money and help the environment along the way. There is a box at the back of both Birstall & Wanlip churches for your contributions.

Many thanks to all those who have already donated.

Gill Pope



first supper. I walked or sat in the garden or the orchard, looking at the Berkshire Downs listening for all creation around me singing its life. In the sunlit upper hall where we met I sketched its sculptures, wrote poems about the sun on my hands and the orchard's ambience. We attended one office with the sisters each day and we shared communion in the upper room.

My friend's vicar said we should get all get to know each move so much better through not talking and he was right! When are you going to take the plunge, even if it is just for a day at home?

Noreen Talbot

VACATIONS

Holidays – Holy days – Days Set Apart

Not work - nor average – not doing:

Just BEING

Far from the gossip of the world,

Where no rumour, no whisper reaches;

Incommunicado, by choice or chance;

No spoken word, nor printed page

Can penetrate this hidden halting place.

Time stands suspended without event.

History's flow no incident disrupts,

As if the silent end were now begun.

The road no further goes from here;

Folk no longer come, nor leave this place.

Feeling the warmth of the midday sun,

We sit in the silence, waiting for nothing,

No thought, no aims, ambitions gone;

Uncomprehending, the world's at peace.

L.A.H.

The life balance of a Non Stipendiary Curate

Since beginning my curacy here in Birstall and Wanlip I have continued to work in secular employment for four days each week. This has left three days for my curacy. Alternatively, this can be viewed as twenty-one slots each week, on the basis that each day has a morning, an afternoon and an evening. In that way the secular employment takes eight slots, thus leaving thirteen slots for my curacy. That sounds better, more time for ministry. This ministry energises me!

I attempt to manage my secular employment by no longer consistently bringing work home with me, while at the same time I try not to take the thinking and planning from my curacy into my secular employment. Currently, I am exploring my ministry, work, and life balance with the help of Stephen Cherry's book, 'Beyond Business - Time Wisdom for Ministry'. Through this book I have explored things like must do lists, may do lists and even a "don't do" list. By looking at what I fit into each of the twenty-one slots, I am discerning how to create a more balanced lifestyle. This book has provided a structure for my reflections on my ministry and to a lesser extent on my paid employment. Working at both my curacy and my secular employment to a good standard requires that both be properly attended to. That neither is neglected. And that I am never too busy to fully attend to the requirements of either ministry or work.



Add to the ministry / work balance, my family. The family consists of Colin, my husband; our four children and their respective wives and partners; one grandchild; and a brother and his family. I consider myself to be very fortunate to have a family that totally support me, without whom it would not be possible to be

TRIP TO LICHFIELD SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST



Visit

- **The Cathedral**, a hidden gem in the heart of the country. See the newly restored Herkenrode Glass, considered to be one of Europe's greatest artistic treasures. An optional guided tour has been arranged at a cost of £6.50.
- **The market town** and its museums including Samuel Johnson's Birthplace, shops and eating places

The coach will leave School Lane, Birstall at 9.00 and return from Lichfield at 6.45pm after evensong. (subject to change)

Cost for the coach is £14.00.

To book please sign list at back of church by 22 July. For further information, contact Gill Pope on 0116 2675086

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2015

AUGUST

Saturday 15th	10am-12	Mothers' Union Coffee Morning at Methodist Coffee Shop
Saturday 22nd		Coach Trip to Lichfield with Choral Evensong
Monday 31st	2 –4pm	Annual Parish Garden Fete

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 19th	7.30pm	Cossington Voices at St James Church
Saturday 26th	10am-2pm	Monday Group & 633 Ensemble Coffee Concert in St James Church
Saturday 26th	7.30pm	Barn Dance in Birstall Village Hall

OCTOBER

Tuesday 6th		Beer & Skittles Evening
Sunday 18th	12.30pm	Thanksgiving Bring & Share Hot Lunch in Birstall Village Hall
Friday 30th	7pm	Film Night at St James Church

NOVEMBER

Sunday 22nd	2.30pm	Quiz Afternoon with Cream Tea in Birstall Village Hall
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DECEMBER

Saturday 5th	2-4pm	St Nicholas Fayre at Wanlip Community Hall
Friday 11th	7.30pm	'Singing for Fun Christmas Concert at St James Church
Wednesday 16th	7.30pm	Carols For All at St James Church

For further details see the notice sheet, website www.birstall.org or contact Sandra Robinson on 0116 2677238 or Gill Pope on 0116 2675086

(Dates and times may be subject to change)

and do all that I do. A family that I love deeply, am committed to and spend time with whenever that is possible. A family that gathers from far-flung homes to unite for family events, and our annual family day out.

As and when time permits, I try to continue with my own creative practice. Last year I designed and made my green and red stoles. This coming year I hope to create my purple stole. While I am in this creative space I am able to recover something of this gift from God, which is also an important part of my reflective processes. As I design and create I am engaging with thought processes that take me deeper into the subject, allowing exploration that I would not have encountered in more conventional ways.

As I prepare for my preordination retreat, I am conscious of my need to stop, to spend time with God. To be silent and provide the much needed space to hear God. Four days of retreat will be wonderful. I am reminded of the words that Jesus said in Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Jesus offers us these times of rest and recuperation.

Throughout this year I have been mindful of my need to be fed spiritually. I have been able to find time for short periods of reflection and different styles of worship that have given me the space and time with God. The challenge is going to be ensuring that in the future I regularly have these times and retreats when I am able to silently be with God.

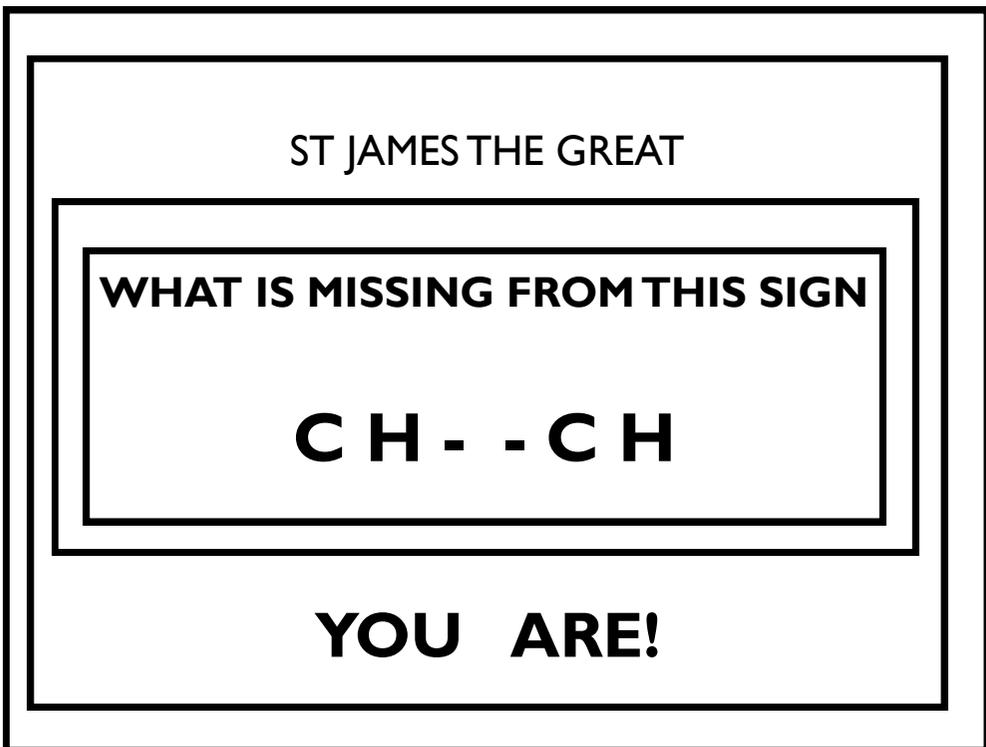
As a creative person, Greenbelt, the Christian Arts Festival, has for many years been the time and the place where I have gained that spiritual rest and retreat; the place where I have been able to recover my vitality, to be inspired and energised. Worship has been inspiring and challenging, with highlights including the Nursery Rhyme Mass and the Goth Eucharist; amazing talks by people such as Lucy Winkett, Diarmaid MacCulloch and Jeffrey John and challenging comedy by stand up comedians Paul Kerensa and Peterson Toscano.

To maintain my energy levels, to continue to work at the intensity of this year it is vital that I include into my schedule time spiritually focussed

days, a silent retreat and the more lively and energetic Greenbelt. Each of these, in their different ways, equip and enable my life of ministry, work and family balance to be maintained. They enable me to grow closer to God, to keep a fresh look on my relationship with God and how that can be re-presented to those exploring and developing their relationships with Christ..

Rev'd Anne Crosby

Curate



Adapted from a sign seen on a church notice board in the Yorkshire Dales.

Future Events

Saturday 12th September

Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride and Stride.

Our Lady & St Nicholas open all day (9.30am – 6.00pm)

Teas/Coffee & cakes in the Hall

Saturday 5th December

St Nicholas Christmas Bazaar (2.00pm – 4.00pm)

Evening Concert in the Church

Old Nicks Coffee Shop

This venture continues to go from strength to strength showing that there is a real need for this type of event. Why not come along and see for yourselves, have a drink and cake, make new friends or catch up with old ones.

We hope to see you soon.



Do please come along and join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 10.00am – 12.30pm. All are welcome.



WANLIP NEWS



Wanlip May Fayre

A big thank you to all who staffed the stalls and supported us for this event. We raised £654 on the day and also received a donation of £300, making a grand total of £954; all the monies raised going towards the refurbishment of the Hall kitchen.

Talking of which:

Kitchen Refurbishment

Hopefully by the time you read this article work on the refurbishment of the kitchen will be well under way. This project has been a very long time in planning but as you're aware money certainly doesn't grow on trees; and as you can imagine it takes a lot of background work to undertake a project of this kind.

The bulk of the works is being undertaken by contractors. However, to reduce the cost, a lot of hard work was undertaken before the contractors arrived. With the help of Wanlip residents we managed to strip out the old kitchen (including the ceiling) and to do other preparatory works.

Why not come down to have a look at all the hard work that has been done – the ideal time would be to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 'Old Nicks' coffee shop (10.00am – 12.30pm)

The Perfect Church

If you should find the perfect church
Without one fault or smear,
For goodness sake! Don't join that church;
You'd spoil the atmosphere.

If you should find the perfect church
Where all anxieties cease
Then pass it by, lest joining it
You'd mar the masterpiece.

If you should find the perfect church
Then don't you ever dare,
To tread upon such holy ground;
You'd be a misfit there.

But since no perfect church exists
Made of imperfect men,
Then let's cease looking for that church
And love the church were in.

Of course it's not a perfect church
That's simple to discern
But you and I and all of us
Could cause the tide to turn.

What fools we are to flee our post
In that unfruitful search
To find at last where problems loom
God proudly builds his church

So let's keep working in our church
Until the resurrection.
And then we each will join that church
Without an imperfection.

Author unknown

Submitted by Jane Scott

**Birstall Library,
Wanlip Lane, Birstall.
0116 305 8756**



Public libraries are a resource providing a service to an array of public across Leicestershire. Birstall Library on Wanlip Lane is one such library that has arranged various events such as; historical talks by their local resident, a Library staff member and a professional historian Nick Marshall; run wriggly sessions for under 5's (stories and rhymes); provided taster session on computers; (IT), run a Home Library Service to people who cannot come to the library; provided homework support to children under 11 years and continue to lend books and DVD's too. Free use of computers encourage those who want either try out their skills at IT or just want to come and work at the library. There is much more that this library offers so please come in and ask and continue to support your local library.

Libraries provide a fantastic service to its residents and this summer Birstall library has the following to offer :

- Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 4-12 (FREE) children read 6 books over the summer and receive many gifts along the way. This year's theme is **Record Breakers**. Starts on 11th July.
- Have a fortnightly craft group on Tuesday mornings 10-12noon.
- A wriggly session for under 5's and their carers on Monday's from 10:30 till 11.00am every fortnightly starting from 6th July
- Officially Awesome Record Breakers – craft activities on 7th August for 4-12 year olds. 2-3:30pm. Pre-booking essential £2/child
- Story-time on 14th August 4-12 year olds. 2:30-3:15pm. Pre-booking essential £1.50/child

50 Years of Ringing



Unfortunately the peal at St. James Church on Monday 16th March was lost after just over an hour's ringing. Instead a quarter-peal of 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by Harry Poyner 1, Reginald Stretton 2, Francis Fisher 3, Rosemary Maddocks 4, Raymond Daw 5, Clive Mobbs 6, Brian Mosley 7, Andrew Alldrick (conductor) 8.

This was to celebrate Clive's 50 years as a ringer at St. James, of which nearly 37 years have been as Tower Captain.

PARAPROSDOKIANS

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car

A paraprozdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation



The CAP Money Course is where people who feel out of control of their money, get on top of it. Sometimes people have a feeling that they really should have some money left over at the end of the month and, after the CAP money course, they find they can budget so they can save a bit. People who are in debt, and scared, find support and a way out of debt. Through the CAP money course we hope that we can help people, quietly and confidentially, to take control – so they don't rely on guess-work and can plan for the future and weather the storm.

We have now run a total of 8 courses, taking around 30 people from a position of fear, and a feeling of being out of control, to a more secure place. People have told us that balancing the budget brings our delegates' whole lives into greater balance as well, the stress of being out of control is alleviated. One person wrote 'Before the course I felt stressed about money'. Afterwards this person said 'I feel I can be more in control and happy with money. It was a fantastic course, so helpful and I know it will make a huge difference to the way I see/use my money'.

In addition to the basic course there are extra sections covering all times of adult life – Couples, Family, Self-employment, Retirement and Debt Reduction. And if you'd like to look at the Biblical approach to money, it can help you do that too!

We have been lucky to receive £300 from Charnwood Grants and, as a result, trained 2 more CAP Money Coaches (we now have 5) and have run a course in Mountsorrel as well as Birstall. We're now hoping to be able to run courses throughout the Mission Partnership.

CAP Money also produces courses catering for 'Kids' (ages 9 – 11) and 'Youth' (ages 16 – 19). Now we have more coaches perhaps we may be able to expand our horizons to offer these courses too.

You can hear more about the charity Christians Against Poverty on our 'CAP Sunday' on November 15.

For more information contact Gill Chester (0116 2120236)

For more information on any of the above or further activities/events call on 0116 305 8756 during opening hours.

New Opening Hours for Birstall Library from 6th July 2015:

Monday 10am - 5pm

Tuesday 10am - 5pm

Wednesday Closed

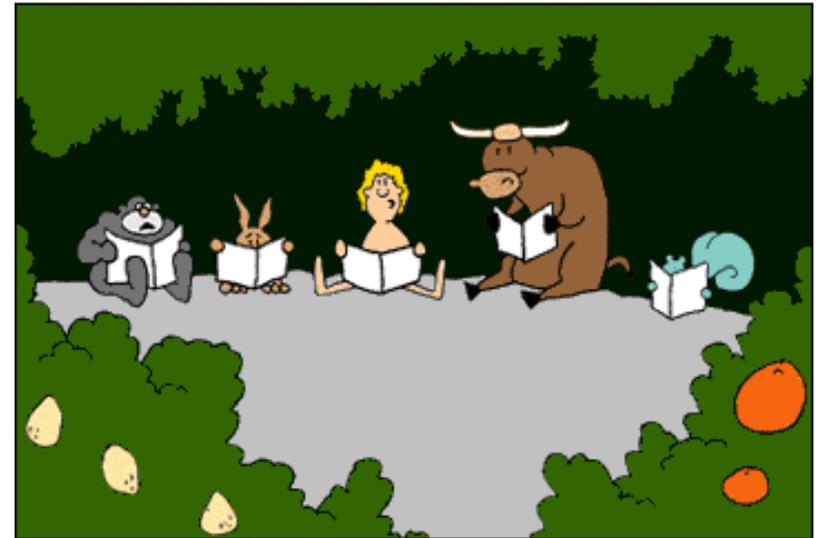
Thursday 10am - 5pm

Friday 1pm - 6pm

Saturday 10am - 3pm

Sunday Closed

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(See Genesis 1:1-2:3)

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AT THE VERY FIRST MEN'S RETREAT



St James' Church

Birstall

Garden Fete

On the

Church lawn

(if wet, in Church)

Monday 31st August

2pm – 4pm

**Raffle, games, cakes, plants, toys,
bric-a-brac, light refreshments,
Fun for all the family**

Proceeds to Alzheimer's Society & Church Funds



BARN DANCE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH 7.30 PM

BIRSTALL VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS £8.00 STUDENTS £4.00

Children under 10 free

INCLUDING PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER

Tickets from Gill Pope (0116 2675086) OR

Sandra Robinson (0116 2677238)

(BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS)

