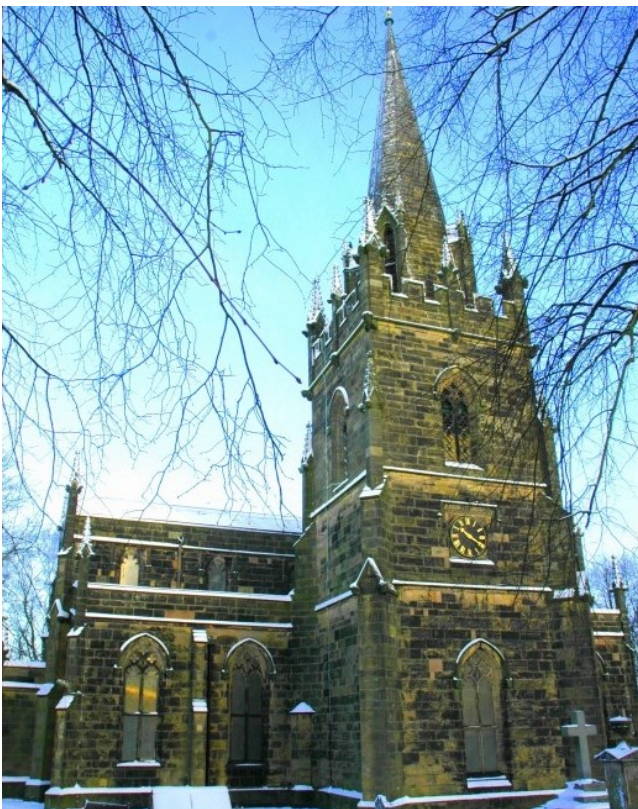


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& ST. ANDREW'S THE STRAITS.**

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ALL SAINTS', SEDGLEY

Sunday Services

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Parish Communion (First Sunday: All-Age Worship)

6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)

ST. ANDREW'S, THE STRAITS

Sunday Service

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd Sunday: Morning Prayer)

ST. PETER'S, UPPER GORNAL

Sunday Service

10.30 a.m. Parish Communion

Wednesday Service

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

When there is a fifth Sunday in the month the three churches in the Team Ministry meet for a united service at either 9.30 a.m. or 10.30 a.m. depending on the venue.

During the vacancy at All Saints', there will be no mid-week communion services. There are communion services on Wednesdays at St Peter's at 10.00am and at St. Andrew's at 7.00pm. The vestry hour will be held on Sundays in All Saints' at 12.00 noon.

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DIARY DATES FOR MAY 2016

3rd May 2016	MU Communion—My Pilgrimage to Iona— Revd Alma Organ	2.15pm
3rd May 2016	DCC	7.30pm
9 May 2016	Ladies Society Meal Out The Vineyard	7.00pm
17th May 2016	MU World Peace Flame Joan Sullivan	7.00pm
17th May 2016	Mens Society Trip to Victoria Carpets	

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All Saints' Baptism	24th April 2016	Harvie Jai Edward Greenman
Funeral	7 April 2016	Betty Dando
	8 April 2016	Doreen May Cole
	11th April 2016	David John Thomas
	15th April 2016	Doris Georgina Sexty
	21st April 2016	John William Holman
	22nd April 2016	Christine Williams
	28th April	Raymond Derick Taylor

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

In the month of May, we have three special days, we have Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

Last month I referred to how many appearances our Lord made following His resurrection (twelve times). Well the day of Ascension is the last time His followers will see him. The Gospel Writers all record the event differently, John does not mention the Ascension. Matthew writes about the authority Jesus as given the disciples (Ch. 28 v 18-20) and Mark similarly records the same (Ch. 16 v 14-16). Mark also says that Jesus was taken up to heaven sitting at the right hand of God. In Luke's version the great commission is longer (Ch. 24 v 44-53), Jesus blesses His disciples whilst doing this He was carried to heaven.

Then there is this great wait of ten days to Pentecost and one wonders why? After researching into this, this time period is when we as Christians should be preparing for the celebration of the Holy Spirit in private prayer and reflection of what Jesus had done for use.

The Interpretation of the Descent of the Holy Spirit took place in that upper room where the disciples and women wait in constant prayer. Suddenly as it says in Acts Ch. 2 v 1-2 "and when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all in one accord in one place and suddenly there came from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind and it filled the house where they were sitting"

On Pentecost Sunday the vestments are red because it symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. We sing hymns such as "Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire" which relate to the Holy Spirit.

A week later we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The Trinity is one of the most profound of all mysteries. The Church teaches that there is only one God but there are three Persons in God. Even though the Three Persons are one God, yet they are distinct. For the Father has no origin He came from no one but the Son comes from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit comes from both the Father and the Son. These different origins tell us there are three distinct Persons who are one and the same divine nature.

The Father as the power of creation, the Son as the wisdom of the Father and the Holy Spirit as goodness and sanctification. We are bought into the perfection communion of life and love which is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is meant to culminate in heaven where we will see the three Persons face to face united to them in unspeakable love.

Bob

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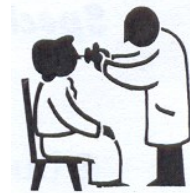
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LADIES SOCIETY.

Upstairs and Downstairs—Patricia Boyd

Patricia as usual, gave us a very interesting and amusing talk. She began by reminding us of the BBC series which had the above title and after some reminiscing she began by telling us about her research into the days where affluent families had many servants to attend to their many needs.

The poorer families had very large families so they needed to find employment very early in their children's lives. Girls of 12 years of age were found in the kitchens and all kinds of domestic work, thus relieving the parents of the need to provide for them. Other methods of finding employment were "Mop Fairs", where would be employees were put on view for the purpose hopefully, being chosen.

The "Downstairs" team had very rigid rules for their place in the "Team" ranging from the Skivvies who did all the dirty and menial tasks through to the Butler. He was the most important member of the staff who kept all the others in order. The next in line of importance were the Housekeeper who made sure that the cleaning, laundry etc. were all done properly and last but not least the Cook! She organised all the meals and made sure that everything sent "Upstairs" was perfect. Another very important person was "Nanny" who was in charge of the children from birth to their teens! The parents did not look after the children themselves.

The Ladies also had their own "Ladies maids" they attended to all their toilet needs, washed and groomed their hair and kept their clothes in order. They also the job of lacing their corsets, tightening them to achieve the 18ins waist that they all yearned for! While all these activities were going on "Downstairs", the "Upstairs" residents lived a very different life style. The men went out shooting and riding, while the ladies read books, possibly played a musical instrument or did needlework. They had no money of their own with which to be independent as they had to give all their money that they may have inherited to their husbands at the time of their marriage.

Well this just gives a lot of facts about the life of the "Landed Gentry" and the "Have not's" during the time between the early 17th century and the early 20th century, but I cannot express in this report in the amusing way that Patricia did in her talk. She had us all enthralled from the beginning to the end.

Thank you Patricia, we look forward to seeing you again in the not too distant future. Well Ladies, some of us will meet at the Dormston Theatre later this month to see "Me and My Gal". There will be no meeting in the Church hall in May, but a meal and tour of the Beacon Centre for the Blind to see the activities on offer for those people with impaired sight.

The next meeting in the hall will be on June 6th when Pauline Turner is giving a talk entitled "Doing a Lumley" which I'm sure will be hilarious, I hope to see you there.

Molly Taft.

Sarah Powell

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May

1st Collapse of the Irish Rebellion.

3rd German airship 'L-20' returning from a raid on Scotland, wrecked at Stavanger (Norway).

Irish rebel leaders executed.

4th German airship 'L-7' destroyed off Slesvig coast.

5th German airship 'LZ-85' brought down by British gunfire at Salonika.

10th Agreement signed at Berlin re employment of British & German prisoners of war. (Signed in London on May 29th)

11th Kwash (East Persia) occupied by British Forces.

13th Agreement signed at London for transfer of British & German wounded and sick prisoners of war to Switzerland.

16th Second Military Service Bill extending compulsion to married men passes British House of Commons.

17th Air Board formed in Great Britain.

18th Detachment of Cossacks from Russian force in West Persia effects junction with British Army on the Tigris.

21st German attack on Vimy Ridge.

25th British advance from Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland across the frontier into German East Africa begins: occupy New Langenburg (G. E. Africa) on 27th.

31st Battle of Jutland begins. First aerial co-operation with fleet in action (ends June 1st). The Battle of Verdun was continuing: ended 20th December, 1916

Major battles: Jutland, 31st May- 1st June

Both sides claimed victory in what was the war's only major naval engagement. Jutland saw the Imperial German Navy attempt to strike a victory over the Royal Navy, but it was not decisive. While British losses were greater, the Royal Navy was able to continue its operations and the German High Seas Fleet mostly remained in port for the rest of the war.

Vice-Admiral David Beatty, after losing HMS Indefatigable and HMS Queen Mary to German shells said: "There seems to be something wrong with our bloody ships today." After being hit the ships exploded and quickly sank.

There were only 2 survivors from HMS Indefatigable crew of 1,119.

Losses : Britain Germany

Ships 14 11

Fatalities 6,094 2,551

Wounded 510 507

Winston Churchill said of Admiral Jellicoe, commander of the British Grand Fleet: "The only man on either side who could lose the war in an afternoon".

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AROUND THE PARISH - MAY 2016

Birthdays

Frances Rollinson celebrated her 80th birthday on 21st April. At our Mothers Union meeting we enjoyed a lovely chocolate cake made by Frances.

May Smith celebrated her 90th birthday on 8th April.

Both received a plant from Liz Williams, and we hope both enjoyed their special day.

Deaths

There is unfortunately a lot of sadness to report in this month's magazine.

Gordon Fieldhouse died earlier this year. He was well known and always friendly. Mrs Fieldhouse, Iris, told Pam Hunt that he had been ill for some time.

They had lived in Browswall Road for 60 years and always had the church magazine.

Denis Spencer, husband of Diane, died 31st March. The funeral was held on 14th April.

Diane is sister to Michael Edwards and Judy Clements.

Christine Williams recently died. She was in Compton Hospice for a few weeks. She could often be found on a Friday helping to arrange the flowers in church. She will be missed for her quiet ways and friendliness to all, and just getting on with the job. Her funeral was at 3pm on 22nd April in church.

Ray Taylor husband of Pat died on 8th April; it was a shock to everyone. He was always cheerful and smiling and would chat to anyone. The funeral is at 2pm on 28th April in church.

Ken Wilkes husband of local historian Beryl died 15th April. No further news at the moment.

We send condolences to all the families and hope that in the fullness of time happy memories of their loved ones will ease the pain they are feeling now. May God be with them.

Get well wishes to Roger Bray.

Dorothy Inett

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INTERCESSIONS FOR MAY

- 1st 150 years of Reader Ministry
- 2nd Philip & James Apostles
- 3rd Rogation Day
- 4th English Martyrs
- 5th Ascension Day
- 6th Our prayer life
- 7th Aviation Ministry
- 8th The persecuted Church
- 9th High Flyers
- 10th Red Cross
- 11th College of the Resurrection
- 12th Beacon Centre
- 13th Fair Trade
- 14th Mathias the Apostle
- 15th Pentecost
- 16th Christian Aid week
- 17th Medical research
- 18th Gail our Parish Administrator
- 19th Dunstain archbishop & reformer
- 20th Cruise
- 21st Open the Book Team
- 22nd Trinity Sunday
- 23rd The Homeless
- 24th John & Charles Westley evangelist & hymn writers
- 25th The Venerable Bede
- 26th Corpus Christi
- 27th Augustine archbishop
- 28th John Calvin reformer
- 29th Sedgley & Gornal team
- 30th Josephine Butler social reformer
- 31st Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

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1lb 6oz mushrooms
1 tablespoon of sherry
2 teaspoons of dried thyme or 1 tablespoon of fresh thyme
4oz brown breadcrumbs
1 tablespoon of balsamic vinegar
4oz toasted chopped hazelnuts
Salt and pepper

1. Melt the butter in a frying pan
2. Add mushrooms, sherry and thyme, fry over high heat for 5 mins.
3. Add remaining butter and when melted remove from heat
4. Blend mushroom mixture in a food processor until roughly blended
5. Combine with nuts, breadcrumbs, vinegar and salt and pepper
6. Press into 6 ramekin dishes and chill for 2 hrs or overnight
7. Serve with toast or pitta bread and salad

CHICKEN IN WHITE WINE

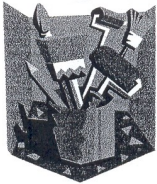
2 cloves of garlic
2oz butter
Whole chicken, quartered
3 tablespoons chopped marjoram
8fl oz. white wine
1lb sweet peppers
1lb tomatoes

1. Finely chop the garlic cloves and mix with the butter. Spread mixture over chicken pieces. Place in a greased tin or oven proof dish and sprinkle with half the chopped Marjoram. Cook uncovered in a hot oven 220 degrees, gas mark 7 for twenty minutes.
2. Remove chicken from the oven, cover with half the wine and cook for twenty minutes.
3. Cut and deseed peppers and cut into strips. Add to chicken with rest of wine and cook for 5 minutes.
4. During this time, pour boiling water over the tomatoes, drain, peel and cut into pieces.
5. Add tomatoes to the chicken, baste and cook for another 15 mins.
6. Serve sprinkled with the remaining marjoram.

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If I advance follow me. If I stop push me. If I fail Inspire me.

Never stop doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.

Open your heart and feel the love of fiends both seen and unseen, known and those not yet met.

We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere.

People will never truly understand something until it happens to them.

Choosing to smile even when you are having a bad day doesn't mean you are a fake. It means you are choosing to focus on all the reasons you have to be thankful instead of all the reasons you have to be stressed.

Begin every day with a thankful heart.

Don't judge anyone's life by the chapter you happen to walk in on.

When something really good happens in your life, close your eyes and take a picture to remember it by.

You can't change what has already happened in your life so don't waste your time thinking about it. Move on, let go and get over it.

Life is short. Don't be afraid to go after what makes you happy. Remember to laugh. Spend time with the ones who make you smile, and don't let negative people bring you down.

Once you become fearless, life becomes unlimited.

Smile like you've never cried, fight like you've never lost, love like you've never been hurt and live like there's no tomorrow.

If you are more fortunate than others, it's better to build a longer table than a taller fence.

Words are powerful, use them wisely.

Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of a single candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

Each day is a second chance.

Everyone knows how to love...but only a few know how to love forever.

A challenge of life is to find your gift, the purpose of life is to use your gift wisely.

Just because a person smiles all the time, doesn't mean their life is perfect. That smile is a symbol of their Hope and Strength.

There is nothing stronger than the power of silence.

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget those who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would most likely be worth it.

The most important thing you can do in a relationship is sit down and talk to each other, not with the TV on, or at the cinema, but just you and the other person where you can be truly be heard and you can truly listen to each other.

You can choose to see the positive or you can choose to see the negative. But just remember whatever way you choose is usually how your day will turn out to be.

When you lead your way in the day with love you will sleep in peace.

Compiled by David Melhuish.

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Our afternoon meeting in April was a trip down memory lane with John Mobberley who asked, 'Do you remember when...'. We were taken back to the 1940's and the war years when gas masks, ration books and clothing coupons were the order of the day. Classics included John Steinbeck's, 'The Grapes of Wrath' and Ernest Hemingway's, 'For Whom the Bell Tolls'; Rebecca and Mrs Miniver were two popular films of the time, as was the music of Glenn Miller. The memories invoked by John reminded us of happy, funny and poignant moments in our lives.

The Charity of the Month for April was the Mothers' Union project, 'Make a Mothers Day' which raised £150. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause.

Thank you to all who brought items for our Lenten Collection for 'New Beginnings'. As always the response from across the deanery was wonderful and it was lovely to have Karen with us again and to hear her news.

Congratulations to May Smith and Frances Rollason who had special birthdays last month.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Christine Williams. Christine was a dedicated member of the Mothers' Union, and served as secretary on our committee. We were also shocked to hear of Ray Taylor's death. Christine and Ray will be sorely missed by us all. We remember Christine's sister-in-law, Betty, and family, and Pat, Carol and Steve, at this sad time and pray that treasured memories of their loved ones will sustain them in the days to come.

Dates

3rd May 2.15pm Communion followed by

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MOTHERS' UNION MEMBERS HONOURED BY

Her Majesty The Queen

In a special service, held at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, for only the third time since 1423, eight Mothers' Union members were chosen to be among the 180 recipients, 90 ladies, 90, men to receive the Royal Maundy Money this year. The giving of Royal Maundy Money dates back to at least the 13th Century, and originates in the commandment Christ gave after washing the feet of his disciples before Good Friday.

This is an account by one of the ladies on this special occasion.

“Everyone had to be seated in good time so it was wonderful to be able to admire the magnificent architecture of the building and soak up the history and atmosphere. The Lord High Almoner, the Right Reverend Dr. John Inge, addressed the Maundy Recipients in the Nave prior to the service and then there was the procession of the College of St George and Chapel Royal and the Royal Almonry Procession. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at the North Door and were presented with the traditional nosegays before processing into the Chapel. The Lord High Almoner led the service during which the Queen presented two leather purses to each of the Recipients. The Red Purse contains a £5 coin, commemorating The Queen's ninetieth birthday and a 50p coin commemorating the nine hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. Both coins have been minted in 2016. Historically, this sum of £5.50 is made up of £3 for clothing, £1.50 in lieu of provisions and £1 for the redemption of the Sovereign's gown which, before Tudor times, used to be divided between the Recipients. The White purse contains uniquely minted Maundy Money. This takes the form of one, two, three and four silver penny pieces, the sum of which equals the number of years of the Monarch's age. This year ninety pennies of silver coins (9 sets of 10p per set). After the service we enjoyed a reception in the State Apartments of Windsor Castle where we could chat with recipients from other dioceses. Refreshments were served and we were given a tour of the apartments. It was such a wonderful privilege to receive the Maundy Money from the Queen, a day which I will remember forever.”

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES - 5TH MAY

8.00am - at All Saints'

7.30pm –at St Peter's

SERVICES DURING THE VACANCY

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