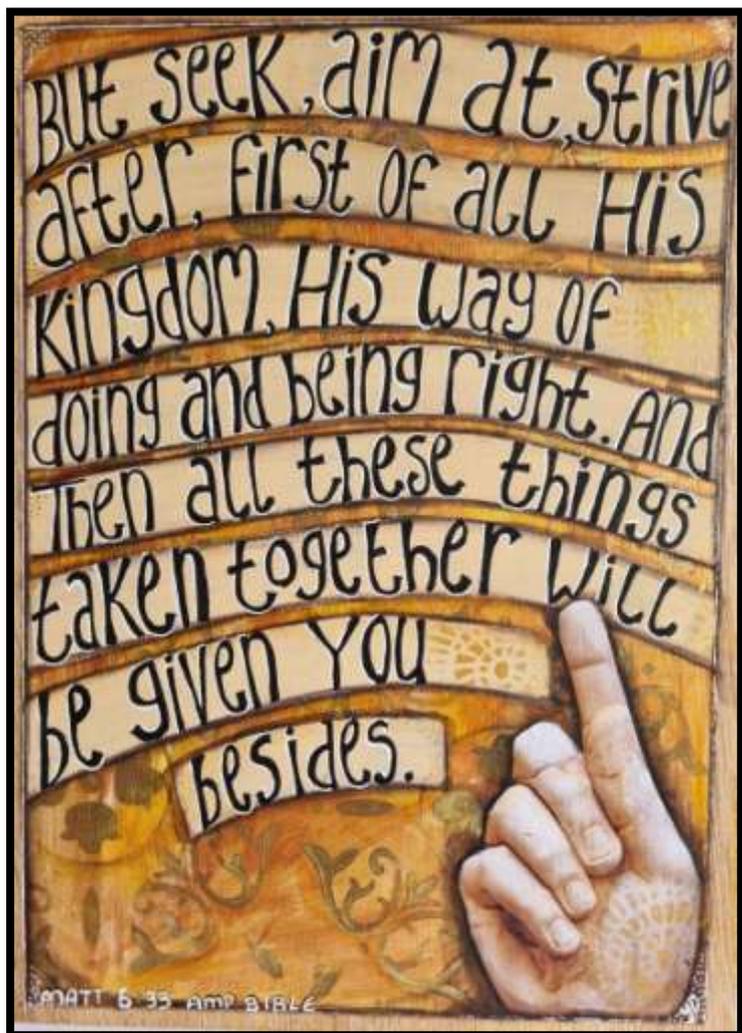
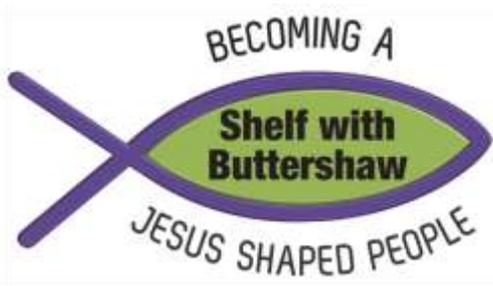


St Michael's & St Aidan's **NEWSLETTER**

September 2021



From Andy... (Matt 6:33)

I can't read Matthew 6:33 without singing it either out loud or in my head. If you are reading this online I'll try to remember to put a link to the song. It's one of the most striking pieces of advice that Jesus gives his followers. Jesus has just talked about how to give to the poor, how to pray (it's where the Lord's Prayer comes in the Bible), how to fast and how to look to heaven for our wealth which is eternal rather than focussing on earthly wealth that will eventually come to nothing. Perhaps at this point his listeners are thinking 'how can we live without seeking after money?' It is here that Jesus says:

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?" ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

*²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith?" ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

This passage is all about priorities, and a very difficult question we all could ask ourselves is 'what do I seek FIRST?' Where do my priorities lie? That is something only you can answer for yourself. I remember when I was about 14 years old I went on a school exchange trip to France. It involved staying in the house of a French kid and his family. It

soon became clear that they were very different from me. He seemed a bit arrogant, his parents were teachers and a bit well to do. We just didn't hit it off and it became a bit of a trial for all involved. Looking back I can see that the fault lay with me and what I thought my priorities were. For example, I'd found out that there was a Saturday afternoon disco in the community hall in the local town. That's where I wanted to be. But the French family had already planned a trip out to a beauty spot with a picnic. They told me I was to go with them. I refused and dug my heels in. For a few days I became the teenager from hell, I refused to speak or even make eye contact. Saturday came along and they eventually relented and gave me the choice. Since my priority was to go to the disco I went there, and sat on my own in a darkened community centre for the afternoon while they went to see some amazing waterfalls. My 14 year of priorities had got me just what I deserved.

Take a moment of quiet to reflect: What do I seek first as an individual Christian?

Stephen Cottrell (ABY) wrote about a church he was Vicar of. The main four events on their calendar were all jumble sales. He said the church lacked a font and a notice board, which presumably meant that no one ever came for baptisms and no one needed to know when the Sunday services were. He asked them what they thought the most important thing was about being a church. It's a good question to ponder ourselves:

Take a moment of quiet to reflect: What do we see as our main purpose as a church? Do we seek that FIRST or has our vision got lost a little?

If our priority is seeking after God's kingdom and righteousness FIRST, God promises that all the rest will follow. He will bless us with the things we need for our earthly journey. Amen

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Mens' group returns in September

Hello Everyone –

Did we ever think the day wouldn't come.....?

Following a chat with Joe (mine hostess at the 'Botts') a Men's Meal has been arranged for Monday 6th September.

Normal procedure applies – we arrive from 07.00pm, and order on arrival.

Usual *a la carte* menu. Please let John know if you're going to join us, as soon as possible – to help the Botts to make whatever arrangements they will need to make.

All The B's are BACK!!!

Bacon Butties, books & Bric a Brac

Saturday 11th September 10.00am until 12.00pm

This month's Worship in Judy Woods

Sunday 12th September at 3.30pm

(weather permitting)

Bishop Toby at St Michaels

Sunday 19th September 10.15am

To preach in the service and to celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful work carried out in the churchyard that has created a beautiful space to encounter God.

September Baptisms

We welcome into the church family

5th *Hallie Hutchinson*

12th *Anya – Mae Dennis*

26th *Emilie Gardner*

In Loving Memory

David and Aileen Crichton of Woodside whose ashes were buried in the Church Yard on 17th August

St. Michael's and St. Aidan's Socially Distanced Puzzles

"Subtitles" Quiz

Below are 20 definitions of words or expressions all of which begin with "sub"..

1. Outer areas of the town (7)
2. Inadequate, second rate. (11)
3. Underground passage (6)
4. Grammatical mood (11)
5. Cultivation of crops & rearing livestock solely for one's own use (11,7)
6. Advertising messages which the conscious mind cannot perceive (10)
7. British army officer under the rank of captain (9)
8. Provide evidence to support the truth of something (12)
9. Extremely good, unparalleled (7)
10. Tending or intending to undermine or destroy an established system (10)
11. Under the skin (12)
12. Bribe or induce someone to commit perjury or other illegal act (6)
13. Writ requiring a person to attend court to give evidence (8)
14. In wrestling, yielding to ones opponent and thus losing the fall (10)
15. Not loud, bright, noticeable or obvious in any way (6)
16. Second highest ranking Indian officer in the former British Indian Army.(7)
17. Give financial assistance to lower the real cost of things (9)
18. Below ground (12)
19. Bring under domination or control often by conquest (9)
20. Sign up to something (9)

Answers to How well do you know Yorkshire

1. Harrogate
2. Ted Hughes
3. Knaresborough
4. Kingston upon Hull
5. Stephen Cottrell
6. Spurn Head (or just Spurn or even Spurn Point)
7. Harry Ramsdens
8. Whitby
9. Wakefield
10. Sheffield Wednesday
11. Pontefract
12. Harold Wilson
13. Saltaire and Studley Royal Park including Fountains Abbey
14. Robert Thompson
15. Samuel Smiths at Tadcaster
16. Bingley Five Rise Locks
17. River Wharfe
18. Leeds
19. Richard Whiteley
20. Ribbleshead Viaduct

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF WHITBY

The Bishop of Whitby wishes to inform you of the appointment of the Reverend Andrew Greiff as Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Redcar.

Mr Greiff was ordained priest in the Diocese of Leeds in 2006

He presently serves as Team Vicar of St Michael's Shelf with St Aidan's Buttershaw in the Diocese of Leeds having previously additionally served as Chaplain at Bradford City Football Club.

He is currently a trustee on the board of a local community charity, the Sandale Trust on two large social housing estates in his parish, which works alongside people of all ages and backgrounds to provide work experience for disadvantaged teenagers, befriending services to older residents, young people's work, a foodbank, charity shop and more.

Prior to ordination Andrew worked as a factory worker and as a teacher.

In his recreation time, Andrew enjoys collecting and playing vinyl as well as singing along enthusiastically.

Andrew will be joined by his wife Debra and son Ben.

A date for moving and the service to mark the beginning of his ministry in the benefice will be announced at a later date.

A personal message from me: 'Andrew has a deep love of God and his people, and he will bring experience of working people of all ages and backgrounds to his new ministry. I am delighted that he will be joining us in the deanery of Guisborough. I am sure that the people of the parishes will enjoy getting to know him and working with him.'

+ Paul Whitby

In the churchyard

One of the places in the graveyard that has transformed beyond just about anything else is where the new rockery is. It has taken some hard work to get rid of the weeds, dig the soil and plant flowers that will develop as time goes on. On my regular visit to the workers on Tuesday



afternoon I am blown away by all their hard work. The only contribution I make is to help them eat lunch (and delicious it is too). On 19th September Bishop Toby is visiting church to see the churchyard for himself and to preach. If you'd like to join the team, just turn up from 10.30am on Tuesday mornings and Stuart will give you a job.





Pilgrimage News

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01274 674565*

*You can download brochures
and booking forms for the tours
below from*

www.maranatha.co.uk/canon-gordon-dey.html

HOLY LAND TRAVELS IN 2022 – two trips that offer great variety
Our plans have changed again for the two pilgrimage tours that I am now to lead in 2022.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS' 27th March - 7th April 2022

We'll follow the chronological life of Jesus, and so begin with three nights in Bethlehem, before travelling north through Samaria to Nazareth for a night. We then travel to the Jordan valley to spend four days by the Sea of Galilee exploring Jesus' lakeside ministry, and the Golan Heights and Mt Hermon. Finally, we travel south to Jerusalem, and explore the events of Jesus' ministry there. We'll visit all the traditional sites – and include so much more, such as Hebron and Samaria, the Decapolis and Caesarea Philippi. We'll also meet with Arab and Jewish Christians who'll help us to appreciate the spiritual, social and political challenges they face today. Flights will probably be by El Al direct to Tel Aviv, when these have been re-scheduled.

'JESUS IN GALILEE' 23rd Oct. – 3rd Nov. 2022.



An 'advanced' tour focused on Galilee. An opportunity to focus on Jesus' early life and Galilean ministry. We begin in Nazareth to gain insight into life in 1st century

AD, and grasp the 'hidden life of Jesus' in Nazareth before his ministry began. We'll walk part of the 'Jesus Trail' from Nazareth to Capernaum, to spend seven nights by the Sea of Galilee, including Magdala - centre of the fishing industry in the 1st century AD and home of Mary Magdalene. We'll visit the hills of Upper Galilee, the extraordinary Huleh Valley, the Golan and Mt Hermon – and grasp the economic, political, and social context in which Jesus invited people to discover the Kingdom of God.

OBERAMMERGAU 2022 – two trips will be using land-based travel Brochures are available for each of the three groups I am to lead to the Passion Play.

OBERAMMERGAU AND ASSISI. 11th -18th May 2022 Flight Travel Our current travel plan is to fly via Manchester to Florence, followed by three nights in Assisi, where we can be inspired by the lives of Francis and Clare, followed by two nights at the mountain retreat of La Verna, before driving through the Alps to Oberammergau, and return flight to Manchester.

OBERAMMERGAU & LUTHER/BACH. 28th July – 6th Aug. 2022 Land-based travel

We travel by Eurostar to Brussels and Cologne for an overnight stop, followed by two nights in Wittenberg, where Luther published his 95 theses, and three nights in Eisenach where Bach was born, and Luther translated the bible into German. Finally we travel by coach to Oberammergau for two nights, followed return by Eurostar via Namur (overnight) to London.

OBERAMMERGAU AND THE BLACK FOREST 17th – 25th August 2022 – Land-based travel Eurostar to Brussels for an overnight stop, and coach to Freudenstadt to enjoy a four-day relaxing holiday and retreat in the Black Forest. Then by coach for our two-night stay in Oberammergau, before returning via Luxembourg & Namur (overnight) to Brussels and Eurostar to London, then rail to Leeds/Bradford.

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER

It's really worth digging into the book of Proverbs this month. Wisdom doesn't have a sell by date which makes the advice as real today as it ever was. Rich and poor have this in common: The lord is the maker of them all. We also move into the very challenging book of James, I defy anyone to read this letter without shuffling uncomfortably on their seats some of the time. In Mark we see the usual fast pace of Jesus' encounters with the people around him and asks that all important question, 'Who do you say I am?' The last Sunday of the month celebrates Michael and All Angels.

Sunday 5th Trinity 14

Proverbs 22:1-2; 8-9; 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2:1-17

Mark 7:24-end

The heavens declare the glory of
God;

the skies proclaim the work of
his hands.

Psalm 19:1

Sunday 12th Trinity 15

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-end

Sunday 19th Trinity 16

Proverbs 31:10-end

Psalms 1

James 3:13-4 3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

Sunday 26th Michael & All Angels

Genesis 28:10-17

Psalms 103:19-end

Revelation 12:7-12

John 1:47-end

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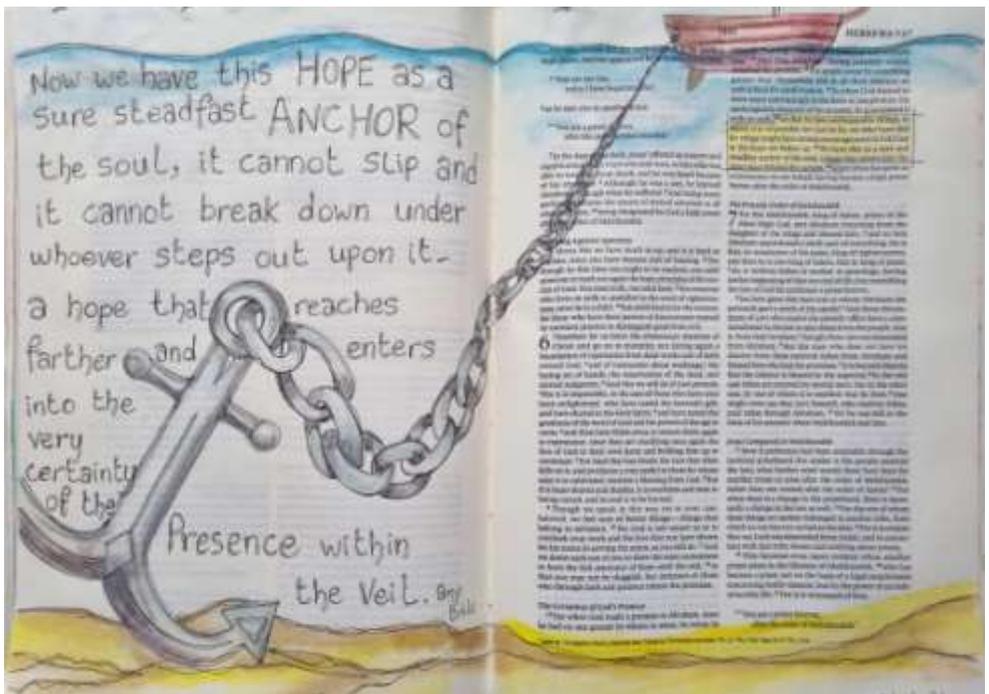
Views from the Pews

Yvonne writes:

I love the thought that nothing can break our bond with Jesus.

This verse from a song sums it all up -

*We have an Anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows role ;
Fastened to the rock which cannot move ,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love ! .*



Part of Yvonne's devotional life includes the producing of amazing art works. She has a 'journaling bible' with loads of blank spaces for note taking and it's here she worships using artistic skills. Above is a photo of a page in Hebrews 6.

A True Story: The Wreck and Rescue of a Scottish Fishing Crew The Thrilling Narrative of a Life and Death Experience By James McKendrick Part 1

The sea has many charms and attractions, and has afforded to many of all classes much joy and real pleasure. But alas, it has caused much sorrow and many have painfully proved the truth of God's word; 'There is a sorrow on the sea, it cannot be quiet'. (Jer 49:23 KJV) What thrilling adventure and terrible peril, what exposures, privations and hardships through howling winds, raging waves and ships on fire are recorded.

Let us introduce our reader to a most thrilling and touching incident, which occurred on the 24th day of September in the year of 1866, in an arm of the sea called the Moray Firth on the Banffshire Coast in Scotland. The coast referred to is thickly covered with villages of fisher folks, varying in population from a few hundreds to several thousands, which from time to time have been the scenes of remarkable revivals and wondrous awakenings by the Holy Spirit; and as a result many thousands along the coast are bright, happy Christians who know Jesus as their own personal Saviour, and are daily rejoicing in the forgiveness of sins and they love to testify by their lips and their lives that they are saved, born again and going to heaven. Does our reader know this? If not, why not?



Amongst the villages referred to is the well known fishing village of Findochty and here lives a well known Christian family named the Sutherlands, notable for their devotion to Christ. One ordinary working day Willie, John, Jamie, Sandy and Joseph Sutherland who were all brothers; a young nephew (also Jamie), and a man named Smith, seven in all, had gone to sea in a small boat to prosecute their dangerous calling. All went well as they sped to the fishing grounds in their tiny craft across the waters and in a few hours they had their lines 'shot and hauled' again and their boat fairly laden with haddock and other fish. All was soon in readiness for the homeward journey. The sail was quickly set and once more the little barque was making for Findochty harbour, driven rapidly by a rising gale that had suddenly begun to blow.

Onward the boat sped, and anxiously the crew were hoping to reach the harbour. The wind increased in force, and the waves now lashed into a fury, beat against their little boat. But alas, they were doomed to disappointment. A sudden gust of wind, a huge wave and the little boat capsized and all the crew were left struggling with the maddening billows of the Moray Firth gale. Anxious hearts and tear dimmed eyes gathered at the harbour, as wives, mothers and sisters strained their weeping eyes, and tried to pierce the blinding spray and gathering gloom of that stormy ocean, trying to catch a sight of their loved ones returning; and in prayer their hearts rose to the God of heaven, the God of the ocean, the God in whom they had put their trust, that he would preserve and protect amid that raging gale those near and dear to them. Little did they know that, drenched with raging billows and exhausted by terrific waves their dear ones were battling between life and death and clinging as best they could to the upturned keel of their boat; for with a wonderful presence of mind and a great effort they all got hold of the keel of the boat, and this way they were able to keep their heads above water. Then began an experience of almost unequalled parallel of boldness, courage, confidence in God and conversion to God, also of cowardice and cruelty.

As the seven clung for support, the boy Jamie was supported by Sandy, his uncle who being the strongest of the seven, felt it was his duty to look after the boy. It became evident that the boat could not support the seven of them. What was to be done? Life was dear to all alike. The noble hearted Sandy, seeing the peril of all and knowing his ability as a swimmer, let go of the keel determined to risk his own life rather than to add to the peril of the others. With a death like grip they clung on and bravely met the merciless waves that every moment threatened to wash them away to a watery grave. Again and again, the boy Jamie was washed off by the waves and always Sandy caught him and brought him back to the boat. And in this terrible plight they prayed to their God and Father in heaven that it might please him to send them help and deliverance. And as they clung to the keel and cried to God, suddenly a large fishing boat was coming their way at a rapid rate, for now the gale was strong.

Will the boat see them? If it does will it stop for them? The answer may surprise you. Find out in part 2 next month.



FUNNY CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS (or roadside pulpits as they are sometimes called)

Palm Heights Baptist Church

GOD DOESN'T BELIEVE IN ATHEISTS THEREFORE ATHEISTS DON'T EXIST

Donelson View Baptist Church

FORGIVE YOUR ENEMIES, IT MESSES WITH THEIR HEADS

Goodwood United Church

FREE COFFEE, EVERLASTING LIFE! YES MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES.

GTA Assembly

DON'T BE SO OPEN MINDED THAT YOUR BRAINS FALL OUT

First Christian Church

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE DID NOT SEND A COMMITTEE

Church of Christ Warminster

TO ERR IS HUMAN, TO ARRRRRR IS PIRATE

Stonebridge Church of God

HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS, TEXT WHILE DRIVING IF YOU WANT TO MEET HIM

And my favourite...

Rio Assembly of God

GOD WANTS SPIRITUAL FRUIT NOT RELIGIOUS NUTS



I really didn't like church today!

That's OK, we weren't worshipping you!



"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" Psalm 23

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Worship at St Michaels with St Aidan's

Sundays: 9.15 am prayer meeting, 10.15am Morning
Worship 6.30pm Church Live

Tuesdays: 10.30 Church working group

Wednesdays: Little Angels during term time 9.30am

Thursdays: Bible Study Group at St Aidan's 10.00am

We want to pray with you! Prayer Chain If you, or someone
you know needs urgent prayer call John Whiteley (01274 676670)



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