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A note from the Vicar

One more step along the world I go...

There are plenty of songs that have walking as their theme and it seems that the month of May will have a lot of walking in it.

This month sees Christian Aid Week, and last month's magazine had the story of Rose who walked great distances daily to collect water for herself and her family. In this month's Magazine we have Florence, also in Kenya, where in partnership with funds from Christian Aid they have a local Dam that allows water to collect and enables the people to live a better life. The walk for water is much shorter.

During Lent a small group of us joined in conversation, looking at the impact of climate change on the world today and to reflect on the call for us to be stewards of God's Creation. We discovered how complicated the issue is, that there are no easy or quick fix solutions; this can make us feel helpless, wondering how we may be able to make a difference. We found that making small changes to how 'we live' as individuals and as community will have a cumulative impact locally, nationally and internationally.

Doing the small things like making sure we recycle everything we can, re-using plastic bags, and trying to minimise how many we use in the first place all make an impact.

The Kenya stories are about water, and we are blessed to have taps and ready running water, but we still have a need to be careful in its use. I now collect the cold run off water as I wait for the hot to come through the pipes from the tank, this is used to water the veg and flower growing in the garden. Small changes can make big differences if we all do a little bit.



In last month's Christian Aid article a challenge was set, to walk 300,000 steps through the month of May! This will be my challenge through May. (See end of this letter) If you would like to take up this challenge, either as an individual or as a team please let me know. You will need a pedometer or a fitness tracker or a smartphone App, something that will record how many steps you do. If walking is not your thing please keep the work of

Christian Aid in your prayers and send a donation if you are able. (See note at the end of this letter.)

Also next month we have the season of 'Thy Kingdom Come', the season that runs from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Last year we did virtual prayer walks and recorded them on the website. This year we will walk all nine routes, five around Winshill, three in and around Bretby, and one in Church using our imagination of what lays in each direction. Dates and start points are listed in the Magazine, all walks will start at 6pm, rain or shine, and should last no longer than an hour (depending how fast we walk).

If you have not been on a prayer walk, we gently walk the route stopping at various points to pray for the area and reflect on a theme or read a passage from scripture. There are prayers at the start and prayers at the finish. Some are circular routes and some are linear, which takes a little more planning. All the routes can be found on the website.

A busy month lays ahead. We are called by Jesus to be pilgrim people. Pilgrimage is about travel and journey, there will be plenty of opportunity to be pilgrims together in action and in prayer.

Philip

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Walking 300,000 steps during May
in support of Christian Aid.

For more information use the link below.
Updates will be sent out weekly via the Notice
Sheet and Website.



Donating to Christian Aid:

This Magazine has come with a Christian Aid Donation Envelope. If you wish to use this, you will need to return it either to St Marks Church at our Sunday Worship (10.45am) or post it through the door of the Vicarage, (54 Mill Hill Lane Winshill)



This year there is also an e-envelope. You can make your donation securely online direct to Christian Aid. It will be logged as a donation from St Mark's Church.

Simple visit our donation page here:
<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-marks-winshill>

St Mark's News and Events



Praying for God's Kingdom 13th – 23rd May

Our response this year to the Archbishops initiative of praying for 'thy Kingdom come' in our Parishes will be our Prayer Walks , either in person or virtual.

(www.stmarkswinsill.co.uk)

13 th May	Ascension	Service. Holy Communion 7.30pm
14 th May	Friday	Walk. Care and Community
15 th May	Saturday	Walk. Remembering
16 th May	Easter 7	Service. Around the Churches
17 th May	Monday	Walk. Rest and Recreation
18 th May	Tuesday	Walk. Connections and Communication
19 th May	Wednesday	Walk. Places of Learning
20 th May	Thursday	Walk. Fields and Pathways
21 st May	Friday	Walk. Psalms
22 nd May	Saturday	Walk. Into the Valley
23 rd May	Pentecost	Service. Morning Worship

Prayer Walks will start at 6.00pm (With the exception of Around the Churches which will be part of the Morning Service). Each walk should last no more than an hour.

Come to one, come to them all, you will be very welcome.



Prayer Walks

Date	Walk	Start point & notes
Fri 14th May	Care & Community Walking around the centre of Winshill	Resource Centre Circular route, 1.5 miles. Very up and down..
Sat 15th May	Remembering From Geary Lane via Bretby Hall to St Wystans church Bretby	A511/Geary Lane Linear route. 1.8 miles
Mon 17th May	Rest & Recreation Walking around the pubs in Winshill Parish	The Sump Circular route. 2.5miles
Tues 18th May	Connections Phone box to bus stop	St Wystan's church Linear route. 1.5 miles End– Bretby roundabout
Weds 19th May	Places of Learning Walking to places of education	Holy Rosary School Linear route. 1.5 miles End– Winshill Village Primary School
Thurs 20th May	Fields & Pathways Walking the Dalebrook area	Vicarage Circular route. 1.5 miles
Fri 21st May	Psalms Walking across the fields with pastoral psalms	St Wystan's church Circular route. 2.5 miles
Sat 22nd May	Into the Valley Brizlincote Valley	Tower Road Circular route. 1.5 miles

Christian Aid Week

10-16 May 2021

Florence's Story

Florence is full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her. She's courageous, kind – a survivor.

A few years ago, her husband died, leaving her a widow. At that time, she had no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. She had to walk for hours on dangerous journeys to collect water. 'Life was miserable,' she told us. But things have changed for Florence.



Next to her farm, Florence is proud to show us something remarkable – a dam, full of fresh water.

It's thanks to your donations that Florence and her community have built this water dam, with the help of our partner Anglican Development Services – Eastern (ADSE), just a short walk away from her village.

With this dam, Florence can grow tomatoes, onions and chillies on her farm. With this dam, her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables. It's her source of life and joy. Florence also uses the water from the dam to keep bees. She sells the rich, golden honey for cash at the market. Now, Florence is reaping a good life for herself and her family. The dam gives Florence strength to withstand even the most unpredictable weather.

Sadly, millions of people in Kenya are desperately struggling to survive climate chaos.

This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to help people like Florence survive the climate crisis that drives many to hunger.

From **envelope collections** to **walking 300,000 steps in May**, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community against global poverty and injustice.

This Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), please:

Give generously to help ensure people like Rose fight this climate crisis.

Act as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.

Pray for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.

With every gift, we help people like Rose and stop this climate crisis.



Together we stop this climate crisis.
Join us at caweek.org

Count Your Blessings

Written by Reginald Morgan and Edith Temple

Requested by Shirley Shipton



*"Count your blessings while you may
The big or small, whichever comes your way
For then you'll find this world a place of love
If you will count your blessings from above"*

If we are grateful for the little, simple things of life, we are truly rich. Maybe we take them for granted power of movement, sound and sight, beauties of the world around us.

A grateful heart can lend splendour to the darkest day.
Let us count our blessings.

Lord give us gratitude.
Amen

St Mark's Churchyard Gardening

Saturday 15th May 2021
9.30am to 12.30pm

With the days getting warmer and longer, and with restrictions lifting The Churchyard Group can come together again.

If you would like to join us in helping to keep the churchyard and overflow carpark in good order, do come and join us, you will be very welcome:

Come for all or some of the time.

We will continue to clear and develop the space we have in the overflow carpark, alongside routine care and maintenance of the site.

If we are able to serve tea and coffee we will, along with some cake.

Bring a fork, spade, loppers, or gloves if you have them.



Elsie's Corner

I saw the angel in the marble
and carved him until I set him free.

Michelangelo

Community News and Events

22nd Burton-on-Trent (St Mark's) Scout Group



Before I do anything else, I need to thank St Mark's Church for allowing us to use their grounds. You may have seen us there either on Monday or Thursday evenings as we take over their grassed area to hold our section nights.

Our first night back was a mini camp fire, complete with marshmallows (of course!).

Keith has been in Scouting longer than me, and when he gave up being Skip, he became a Section Assistant. This allows him to keep his warrant and be available to step in if we ever need him. Well we need him now. He has been roped in with helping with the Cubs and Scouts where some leaders are delaying their return until they feel totally safe.

Talking of Keith; I am pleased to announce that his commitment to Scouting has been recognised and he has been awarded the Chief Scout's 'Award for Merit'. Although he has been a leader at 22nd Burton-on-Trent (St Mark's) Scout Group for 30 years, it was from Atherstone that the award was recognised, for his continued commitment to the 6 Summits. For those new to this column, the 6 Summits is a 3 day expedition where the Scouts carry all their own equipment, cook their own food, and walk up 6 summits in Shropshire. It was started by John Clayton (now sadly deceased), and although Keith didn't attend the first one, he has attended every one since, either as Scout Leader or as Camp Warden. As a Scout Leader he would have the Scouts training by walking the Peak District for 6 months beforehand, so when they got to Shropshire they thought it was easy. Our congratulations to Keith for the award and for his continued commitment to Scouting.

Raksha



While Messy Church is unable to meet in person currently, a video and activities for the family to explore are posted every month on the 'Winshill Church Together Messy Church' Facebook page.

Thank you to the team for continuing to provide activities online, and for the ones occasionally dropped off in person, especially those that came with an Easter egg!



To help our local YMCA food bank you can donate in church.

Please donate dry or tinned goods.

They need items that can be made into meals. A treat is always welcome.



Congratulations to the children who have received confirmation of their school places at our wonderful Winshill schools!

Does your community group, organisation or school have news to share?
We'd love to hear from you.

Please email the editor on kp.mannclan@gmail.com



For Interest

Garden Hints for March

In memory of John and Margaret Thacker, we are continuing with Garden Notes and the following notes were published in the May 2002.



Tomatoes

Feed as soon as the first truss has set on the plant using a high potash tomato feed.

Bedding

It is still too early to put tender bedding plants outside in permanent positions. If buying from a garden centre keep them indoors for night time. Put them outside during the day to harden them off.

Polyanthus and Primroses

As they finish flowering lift and divide, as you are doing this check the roots for vine weevil grubs which are like a large maggot and eat the roots. If possible plant them in a shady bed until needed in the autumn. As you plant them divide the clumps. Pull them apart with your hands, if too tough resort to the knife.

Ponds

Now is the ideal time to start stocking ponds and pools with plants and fish.

Annual Climbers

Plant annual climbers for a superb splash of colour. Sweet peas, black eyed susie and morning glory are good examples.

Perennials

All perennial plants will now be putting on vast amounts of growth and it is important to keep up with tying in the plants as they grow. Leave it too late and the shoots will have a mind of their own.

JST

From the archives

Kitty Rankin was a member of St Mark's congregation for many years, and she is remembered with affection. I first published her contribution back in 2007, and at the time there was a missing instalment—so here it is again from the beginning.

The Royal Air Force in Wartime **Part Three**

After getting my first posting I arrived at Newcastle—on-Tyne, a foreign land to me. I never knew anyone who lived or had even visited there.

The weather was beautiful for my initiation, Autumn by now and about two weeks into September, and I had to catch the transport which was to take me to the Waafery at R.A.F - Ouston, there was just one more girl on the transport and she was returning from leave in Edinburgh and she said Ouston was very nice.

For half an hour or so we went through hills and dales and small villages, it was beautiful countryside. This I thought will be fine, there will be nothing but good here, my excitement knew no bounds. We ate and slept at the Waafery and I was allotted a bed in a hut for two weeks and the next morning the transport arrived to take the Waafs to work, where in S.H.Q. there were about ten men and ten women.

Some pay accounts, some stores accounts which I was. I was given two ledgers, one to account for every nut and bolt of a spitfire, the other for the Hurricane.

Forms had to be filled in, five copies for every little item so you were kept quite busy, as they were constantly being repaired and went in bits on the back of a lorry to 14.M.U. Carlisle.

Of course from time to time there were accidents and deaths which was upsetting if you knew the person.

There was, I was informed, another girl in the office originally from Manchester but now lived in Newcastle who was on leave. She was named Iris.

Well she arrived back about 10.30-ish the following evening and she visited the next bed but one to me, her mate Doris who worked in Ops. The conversation went like this. “Oh Doris its lovely to be back I enjoyed my leave but you look forward to coming back”

The next day Iris and me were introduced and we became best mates, and although she swore undying love to Doris, after that we two were always together. We are still best mates and although now in our late 80's we write and phone and see each other about three times a year and I am part of her family, she is now a widow with four children. She took me home to her then family, and I always visited as long as they were alive.

The entertainment at Ouston was extremely good, a dance on Monday, with a big band who all worked in the orderly room. One week I remember we had a different opera every night. The best one was Madam Butterfly, they were all good.

We also had a week on Noel Coward plays some not my cup of tea. Otherwise there were two Ensa concerts a week, Tuesday and Thursday, Wednesday was men's night at the Waafery. Saturday we could go off after 4.30pm until Monday morning as long as some were left at work.

Usually we went to the Y.M.C.A. as you could eat there for 4d. with a concert afterwards. They had a good stage and concert hall and if you were stuck for somewhere to sleep, there was always the station. The table in the ladies waiting room could accommodate six, and the hardness of the bed never bothered us, we were immune to bad backs and all ailments.

One thing that intrigued me about Newcastle was its many beautiful buildings seemed intact, in fact there had been no bombings; not at all like the dereliction that was Manchester, although I have always been glad I went through the blitz for I grew up that night, well two nights, and I wouldn't like to have missed it. Although at the time it is like scenes from "Gone with the Wind" and afterwards everywhere was dreadful to behold.

Still, Newcastle seems intact and there is plenty going on, shipbuilding and engineering, perhaps Hitler has not heard of Northumberland; and I have to say in my years there, there was never any bombing whatsoever. In fact after I went there my war was over. Strange as it may seem.

K Rankin



A Guide to Public Worship at St Mark's Winshill COVID 19 provisions

At the time of writing, church services are still going ahead once a week at St Mark's. Some may feel that it is too soon to return, that is absolutely fine, and we will look forward to welcoming you when you are ready.

We continue to produce and distribute the readings and reflections for those who are not yet ready to return.



We have put in place a number of provisions that aim to make St Mark's as safe as we can so that those who come feel comfortable.

We have followed the advice that the Government and Church of England have sent out, and will only adjust our current practises when it is deemed safe to do so.

We are still following the 2 metre social distancing guidance as far as we are able, particularly with seating in the Pews.

Track and Trace

Please write your name and phone number on a card and bring with you to place in a basket on entry to the church. This is our part of the 'Track and Trace' policy set out by the Government. These cards will be kept for 21 days before disposal. This will need to happen each week. If you are uncomfortable with St Mark's holding your information, please let the Wardens know.

We also have an NHS Track and Trace QR code displayed, so please scan this if you have the corresponding app.

Face Masks / Coverings

The Church of England strongly advises the wearing of face coverings at worship. Please bring your own face covering, the church will have a limited supply if required.

Doors Open

The West and South Door will remain open during the service to increase ventilation.

When you arrive

Please enter the Church via the West Door Only. (Main Door) It is possible that you will arrive at the same time as others, please maintain social distancing both outside and inside the church. The church has a one-way system that brings you in the West Door and past the kitchen area. Please use the hand sanitiser that is stationed here.

Once in

In the main space where the pews have been removed you will find:

- The Votive Candle Stand (if you wish to light a candle)
- The Offertory Plate (The plate will not come round)
- A basket to put a card with your name on (see below)
- Service Book. (Current advice is that any service book used needs to be quarantined for 48 hours. We are only planning to use the books on a weekly basis.)

The Pews are marked with Welcome signs to show where you may sit. These are for individuals and pairs. (There will be some chairs also for larger groups/bubbles if required)

Distribution of the Sacrament

At the giving of Communion, the president receives Communion in both kinds. The words of distribution ('The body and blood of Christ') are spoken to the congregation, and all who intend to receive say, 'Amen'. At the distribution, Holy Communion is administered in silence. The consecrated wafer will need to be dropped into the hands of communicants



The Priest will stand to one side of the Altar. That side of the church is asked to come forward following distancing guidelines.

- Please come down the main Aisle
- Return via the side Aisle.
- If seated in a side Aisle, go to the back and use the Main Aisle to come forward.
- There will be a Hand Sanitiser at the front of the main Aisle. Please use before approaching the Priest.
- Please hold out your hands to receive the bread so the Priest can drop it into your hand.
- Move to the side slightly to consume before returning to your pew.

After the Service

Please leave your service book in the pew. At the end of the service we leave by the South door via the Lions Den. There is hand sanitiser by this door for people to use on leaving.

We congregate for worship but not to mingle, please consider this when seeing friends and when leaving the church building.

For Fun

Wordsearch. Characters from A Midsummer Night's Dream

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A bit of silliness

The burglar was creeping noiselessly through the darkened home, filling his bag with various valuables. As he reached his hand out to a box of jewellery, he heard a voice say, "Jesus is watching you," Shaken, the burglar stopped. For a full minute he didn't dare breathe.

Finally, he switched on his flashlight and carefully played it around the room, but saw nothing. Convinced that it must have been his imagination, he turned off the flashlight and continued in his quest for another man's wealth. He was busily unhooking a stereo set when he again heard, "Jesus is watching you."

This time he nearly jumped out of his skin, he was so freaked out. Beads of sweat popped out on his face, and as he switched the light on again, the beam shook violently from his terror. He looked about the room, and noticed a birdcage in the corner. Upon closer inspection, he discovered parrot in the cage.

"Are you the one that spoke to me just now?" asked the burglar. "Yes, I am," said the parrot. "Why did you say 'Jesus is watching you?'" asked the man. "Because I felt like you needed to be warned," replied the parrot. By this time, the man was over his fright and was more than a little irritated at this smart-mouthed parrot that had tried to scare him.

"What's your name?" asked the burglar. "Moses," the parrot said. "Hah," the man said, guffawing. "What kind of people would name their parrot Moses?"

"The same kind of people that would name their Rottweiler Jesus."

Dear God ...

... I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool!

... Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?

... Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you have now?

... Who draws the lines around the countries?

... I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay?

... Thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.

... Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.

... A want to be just like my daddy when I get big, but not with so much hair all over.

... I bet it is very hard for you to love all the people in the world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it.

... My brothers told me about being born, but it doesn't sound right. They are just kidding, aren't they?

... If you watch me in church Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes.

May Services

Services subject to change depending on Government restrictions.

Sunday	Readings	Time	Service & Church
2nd May Easter 5	Acts 8.26-40 1 John 4.7-21 John 15.1-8	9.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's
9th May Easter 6	Acts 10.44-48 1 John 5.1-6 John 15.9-17	09.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Service of the word. St Mark's
Thursday 13th May Ascension	Acts 1.1-11 Luke 24.44-53	19.30	Holy Communion St Mark's
16th May Easter 7	Acts 1.15-17,21-26 1 John 5.9-13 John 17.6-19	09.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's
23rd May Pentecost	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Acts 2.1-21 John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15	09.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's
30th May Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6.1-8 Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17	09.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's

Covid Safe procedures are in place at both churches.

Including: separate entrance and exit, hand sanitiser on entry. Face Coverings to be worn, No Singing, Track and Trace in operation. If you are unwell or have symptoms, please stay at home and follow NHS advice.