

## **A Church Directory**

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### Dear Friends,

It is our deepest need as humans, to learn to live intimately with God – it is what we were made for. We learn from the opening chapters of the Bible that God created us to be in deep connection with Him and the metaphor used to describe this is walking together in the garden. I often wish that



my life was characterised by walking with God and talking with him about my dreams, my hopes, my desires and hearing his delight in me.

In the material world we live in, we invest a lot of time and money-making sure things around us work to their peak performance and we buy insurance so that if problems occur, we can get them fixed. We can hear when our car is not working properly; there is a rattle here, a squeak there or a red light on the dashboard! If our boiler breaks down, we have a service plan to get it sorted and if we feel unwell, we know that we need to get checked out by a doctor (unless you are a man or a nurse in which case you will put it off!) But I wonder how much time or money we invest in making sure our spiritual lives are in tip top condition?

The pandemic made us all feel vulnerable in different ways, but one thing is certain; many still feel significantly more anxious. But what do we do with that? Ultimately it is a matter of the soul (or spirit), the heart and we don't really know who to go to in order to fix that. We are just generally out of touch with our soul and when a huge challenge overtakes us, like the trauma of the pandemic, we are lost.

And so, we come to Lent. I would like to suggest that Lent is precisely the moment when we invest some time, energy and maybe even some money to look after our spiritual lives. It is a time to recover what it might look like to walk with God. It is spiritual detox. It is about recognising that some of the things we do every day, often without thinking, are so unhealthy for the soul.

It is about really looking at our inner workings and being curious; that is making us anxious, why am I comfort eating, why am I obsessed about image or money or ... (fill in the blank). It is not fundamentally about giving up chocolate or gin unless we are, in fact, addicted to those things. It is more about asking what is getting in the way of living a more balanced spiritually healthy life? What is getting in the way of me feeding my spirit?

I think this year I want to encourage you to think carefully about intentionally adding something to your daily routine which will give you a spiritual boost. Why don't you join our Lent course in the Parish Rooms on a Wednesday afternoon, or buy the accompanying book, Bishop Emma Ineson's "Failure." Buy a Lent book that has a daily reading or a chapter for each week of Lent. Listen to some spiritual music, whether cathedral choirs or Hillsong worship music. I assure you that if you do that and give your heart and soul some self-care you will feel more peaceful, less anxious, and more joyful as you go through Lent.

Alongside doing something positive, be mindful about what takes your focus each day and try and reduce the distractions. If you find yourself being sucked into hours of social media or endless WhatsApp conversations. If you watch/listen to the news several times a day. If you realise that your alcohol intake has increased because it gives you comfort, then be more mindful and reduce it.

If we are made for a closer walk with God, then intentionally thinking about how you are going to move through Lent will be a very valuable experience and will get you ready for the radical, explosive, and amazing news of the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

If you want to talk do feel free to contact me. And of course, I would simply love you to join us for our weekly Lent course when we are learning about what Jesus has to say about Failure on a Wednesday afternoon. I certainly need that, and I think you will find it helpful too.

God bless,

## The Lectionary for March

| 5th<br>March                   | The Second<br>Sunday of<br>Lent | Genesis 12.1-4a, Psalm 121<br>Romans 4.1-5,13-17, John 3.1-17  |
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| 12th<br>March                  | The Third<br>Sunday of<br>Lent  | Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 95<br>Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42  |
| <i>Either</i><br>19th<br>March | The Fourth<br>Sunday of<br>Lent | 1 Samuel 16.1-13, Psalm 23<br>Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1-41  |
| <b>Or</b><br>19th<br>March     | Mothering<br>Sunday             | Exodus 2.1-10 <i>or</i> 1 Samuel 1.20-28<br>Psalm 34.11-20 <i>or</i> Psalm 127.1-4<br>2 Corinthians 1.3-7 <i>or</i> Colossians 3.12-17<br>Luke 2.33-35 <i>or</i> John 19.25-27 |
| 26th March                     | The Fifth<br>Sunday of<br>Lent  | Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 130<br>Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45  |

### **Prayers for Sudan**

**5th March** Pray for Mothers' Union members and others from the churches who provide an important ministry to prisons, where prisoners may have little contact with family or friends.

**12th March** Pray for agricultural projects undertaken by Christians in the Diocese of Port Sudan to support the work of the Diocese and provide food for poor and disadvantaged families.

**19th March** Pray for the Bible Translation and Literacy department of ECS, particularly for work to supply Bibles in the Tira language which is widely spoken in the Kordofan region.

**26th March** Pray for the nation of Sudan, for a stable and acceptable government which can lead to economic recovery for the benefit of all, particularly for the poorest and most disadvantaged. This has been a suggested subject for our prayers for many months, and something it is easy to lose sight of among all the problems we hear of in national and international news. Please do not tire but continue to pray and hope and trust for better times.



# Can you help Jigsaw find more supporters for a secure future?

2023 is the year that marks 20 years of Jigsaw in the Philippines which is incredible. That is 20 years of Jigsaw sharing God's love to children in most need such as children with disabilities and those exposed to and living on the streets in Manila. Through Jigsaw so many children's lives have been changed and saved through God's love physically, spiritually, socially and in so many ways.

We **PRAISE** and **THANK GOD** for all of you for the amazing way that you have made this happen and have been part of all we do for 20 years.

And the **GOOD NEWS** is that Jigsaw is ready and passionate for another 20 years of sharing God's love with children and families living in extreme need and poverty in Metro Manila.

But the **CHALLENGE** is that with rising costs and an increase in the numbers of children in extreme poverty, **Jigsaw** is struggling and needs your help to find new supporters to keep the ministry going.

**IN ADDITION** Jigsaw would like to engage in more community education and advocacy particularly concerning the area of online child sexual abuse which has exploded in prevalence since the Covid pandemic and affects many of the children who come to Jigsaw.

So we need YOUR help to find more supporters so that Jigsaw can carry on its ministry now and for many years to come:

So the **GOAL** and **VISION** is to start 'Jigsaw's affordable giving campaign' to increase the number of Jigsaw supporters by 100 -150 all giving an affordable monthly gift of between £5 to £60 per month.

If we could achieve this goal, it would mean that Jigsaw would be secure to continue all of its work and outreach as well as expand to reach the increasing numbers of children being pushed into extreme poverty with the terrible risk and suffering this brings.

## Jigsaw's affordable giving vision and campaign

#### Goal – 100 – 150 new supporters giving 5 to 60 pounds per month

That seems a huge goal, but it is what we need, and God can do it through all of us. The GOOD NEWS is that God doesn't give us more than we can do. Jigsaw has 10 supporting churches and over 400 supporters SO, if each church could aim to find 10 NEW Jigsaw supporters and each of us as supporters could aim to find 2 or 3 more people to support Jigsaw, we can reach our goal to enable and empower Jigsaw's funding to be secure for another 20 years.

## Actions - How can you help? PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER:

 That God will open the hearts of people to become new supporters of Jigsaw so that we can reach the target of 150 + new supporters.

#### **WORKING TOGETHER AS JIGSAW ADVOCATES:**

- Churches: Working to the goal of 10 -15 new Jigsaw supporters giving an affordable amount of 5 to 60 pounds a month.
- Individuals: Working to the goal of reaching 2 or 3 (or more) new supporters for Jigsaw

To help with the campaign we have produced a Jigsaw 'New Supporters Giving Leaflet' that can be found on Jigsaw's website:

https://www.jigsawkidsministriesuk.com/new-supporters-campaign

If a new supporter starts an online monthly gift could they please send an email to let us know through Jigsaw's website, thank you.

#### Thank you for joining with Jigsaw in Jesus' great calling,

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19 vs 14

#### **Haute Couture and Parish Councils**

I went to Cononley Cinema Club last night, to see a film that was so feelgood I'm sure many of the younger generation of movie-goers would have expired from boredom. I haven't watched many modern films of late - they all seem brash, noisy, confusing, and worst of all, subscribe to the Mumbling School of Acting, with moments of longueur punctuated by episodes of extreme violence, sex, or stunts, or all three. These perhaps reflect working lives now - full of drudgery and stress where emotional release is got through things like raves or social media. Ordinary human joy is not good box-office.

But Mrs Harris Goes To Paris was in a different league. A sort of fairy-tale Mary Poppins for grown-ups. Up there with all the best films that celebrate the sheer decency, kindness, and sincerity that human beings are capable of. The sort of movie that has you squirming in your seat and brushing away the tears with the sheer niceness of it. Decency and kindness are somewhat lacking in public life at the moment, and on social media. So much hate, resentment, and worst of all me-me-me about life, without any of it making anyone feel properly content.

This film was the perfect antidote. Mrs Harris is an ordinary down to earth lady scratching a living just after WW2 from cleaning the houses of the rich and very undeserved. But she is entirely deserving; her humour is irrepressible and underneath she is a rod of iron once she has a dream, which bizarrely involves the world of high fashion. She bamboozles her way into a floor show in the Dior house in Paris, determined to buy a frock; Borough Market comes to Haute couture. I won't give away any more of the plot because if you're in need of a pick-me-up you should go and see it yourselves.

It was like all those 1930's movies designed to ameliorate the awfulness of most people's lives then, a time which sadly seems to be returning. So maybe there'll be more and more feel-good films celebrating the up side of looking after one another, as Jesus urged us to do, an aspiration which has been denigrated by the behaviour of the rich and powerful. Even in Cononley, there is a sense that despite all the new housing, there are fewer people volunteering to take part in the many excellent activities taking place. Especially the Parish Council which needs new members to fulfil its role. It's a good sign that the Gala is going to involve several village groups doing their bit. If you can volunteer for a task, you would find yourself in a world not far from that of Mrs Harris – uniting people in a wholesome good cause.



## **Letting Go**

I started "proper printing" at school, where we published a very limited edition of a John Betjeman anthology. Church magazines came quite a lot later, along with a spell of teaching would-be publishers at Church House in Westminster. "Contact" in Skipton gave way to the "Bridge" in Kildwick and then just over 50 issues ago, the KCB "Pinnacle" was born.

What began with lead chips and strips, a little Adana press and some very sticky ink ended up as so much does now with computers, software and lasers. And now, it is time to stop. For me to let go and to allow a new communications team with fresh ideas take up the baton.

As most of you travel to the KCB website to collect this copy, you will see that this has already been changed and updated. It has been agreed that, however open the access, the church site should be on a commercial server and Revd Mike has now arranged the transfer to GoDaddy, a well-known budget site provider.

And so it is "farewell" from me! I have agreed to produce the April edition, but from then on, until a new Communication Team steps up to the mark, the magazine will be taking a holiday. Could you join that team?

I am sure that one of the early tasks for that team will be to consider whether a magazine in its current format is an appropriate tool for the parish as we step towards the second quarter of the 21st century. I shall be as fascinated as you to hear what that decision my be.

In the meantime, if you have any material for what will be the last edition of the Pinnacle in its current format, then send that (as soon as you like!) to your normal contacts. After that, keep your eye open for where to send your information. Mike produces a weekly bulletin and that may become an even more significant source of news.

I can't finish without saying, thank you. Particularly to Eileen who, month by month, has collected and encouraged material from Cononley. We have regular contributors too, whose input has been the lifeblood of the magazine. Thank you to all of you!

Chris Wright

The only jarring note for me was when Mrs Harris threw a dress into the Thames (not really a plot spoiler) The modern world intruded - I was crying out inside "Recycle it!!!" I had to get that in somewhere, didn't I?



Father God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit Father God, may my sacrifice of today remind me of my dependence on you for all the blessings I enjoy. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build Heavenly Father, I microd the more! Where Thissey the main the strength to better ask for your forgiveness and the strength to better Father God, I lift up my brothers and sisters today. Taurer Journal and my browners and sisters today and lask that you bless them abundantly today and Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything.

Amen.

Loving and compassionate God,

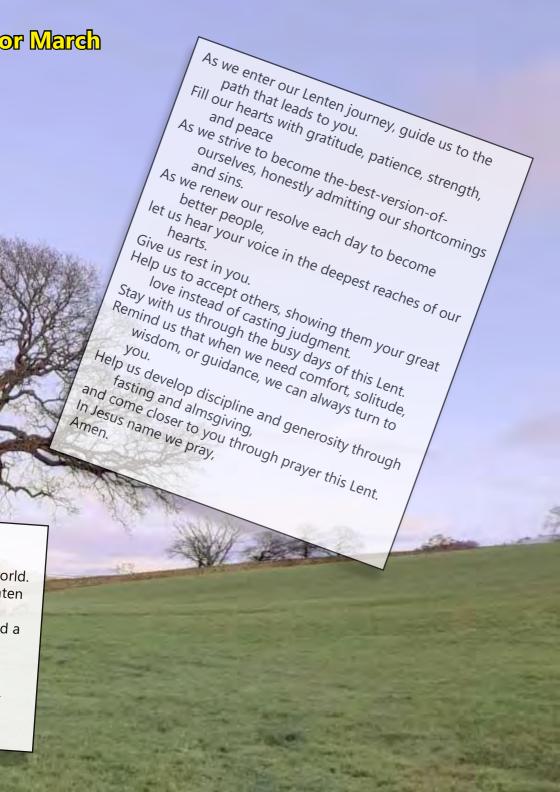
We believe that change is possible. And we believe that we can help to change the w As Lent begins, we pray that, through our Len journey,

you will change our hearts and help us to buil better world,

where every person's dignity is respected, and everyone can live life to the full.

We make this prayer, with faith, through Christ

Amen



## **Cononley WI**



We had a lovely February WI meeting with Cononley's very own Lydia from Minstrels Nursery telling us all about the history of the nursery, how it all works and her family's

connection to Cononley – it was fascinating and we can't wait for the Nursery to re-open!

March 2nd is all about interior design and in April, Andy Brown is coming along to talk about bee keeping. We've more fabulous speakers lined up over the next 12 months – so if any of you ladies wish to come along and check us out – we'd love to see you!

In amongst our general correspondence last month, we received a wonderful "Thank you" card as well as verbal "thank you's" from Cononley's Ukrainian families. Cononley WI Ladies organised Christmas presents for all our local Ukrainian guests and we had bags and bags of beautifully wrapped gifts to hand out in December. Giving is so much nicer than receiving isn't it?

We've also been busy debating on various topics of concern to turn into a national campaign. The WI is a force to be reckoned with – our spending power (or not!) in supermarkets alone makes the powers that be sit up and listen to us. As a National Federation we were instrumental in starting the Fair Trade campaign many years ago which is still going from strength to strength. This year, Cononley WI voted to support the campaign proposal for Cleaner Rivers – a subject very close to our hearts living where we do and having an increasing number of members taking up wild swimming. We won't know for a few more weeks which topic of concern will be taken forward nationally, but I'll be reporting back later in the year and how we will be involved.

As always, if anyone has any questions or would like to come along to a meeting, please don't hesitate to contact me (or just turn up!) You can be assured of a very warm welcome, no obligation – just a lovely evening with tea and biscuits (and occasionally a glass of something fizzy!)

Julie Cawood President – Cononley WI

#### **Tower News**

I've just been filling in the Yorkshire Association annual membership form. We have 11 names on the list, all of whom are active (unlike some towers!) and, while that shows a decrease from a pre-Covid high, the number of fully qualified members who have rung at least one quarter peal has steadily grown. We start 2023 with a record eight qualified ringers (which compares favourably with any other tower in our region) and we hope to increase that by the end of the year as our new trainees gain experience.

That all reflects quite a lot of hard work. Not just from the leaders – that should be expected – but also from every one of the ringers. Bell ringing is not easy and it requires a great deal of commitment, effort and dedication from each one of them.

A quarter peal lasts for about 50 minutes and it is a significant test. But, more than that, it gives each one an opportunity for a steady period of ringing which is exactly what improves the standard of ringing. Quarters are far more than just a personal achievement!

When looking for the spectacular, it's often the young who will provide. George, as an 11 year-old was nervous. He wouldn't even touch a big bell rope. He has got over that in the past three years. He recently took control of a group of adults and conducted a quarter peal, calling commands at very specific moments to make sure that we rang without hesitation, repetition or deviation. That is beyond what, I guess, the majority of bell ringers of any age could manage. He also told me, diffidently, that he has been selected from all the young ringers in Yorkshire to conduct the Tykes call-change band in the upcoming National Youth Contest, to be held this year in York.

There has been some disapproval of the ringing within the local community. In order to respond to some complaints, a policy is now in place whereby there will be no more than one bit of "extra" ringing in any one month. Services, weddings, practices and national events are unaffected but no month will have more than one quarter peal or visit from others. We will try to keep this as predictable as possible, with a regular time when the bells can be anticipated – though just when that slot will be has yet to be determined.

Now I've got a fiendish pattern to learn for Sunday...



# Flapjack Friday will restart on Friday (yes!) 10th March

Call into church on any Friday during term time for Sue's truly epic flapjacks. Doors open at 8.00am and close at 10.00am.

Come after you have dropped the children off at school for a gentle natter with a (free!) cuppa and flapjack.

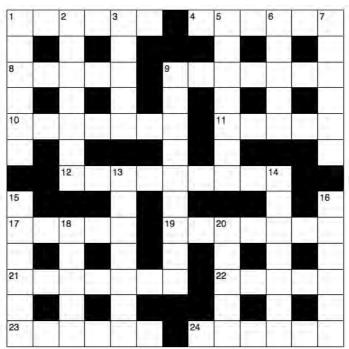
Come beforehand. The children seem reluctant to let you pass by.

Can't promise such a gentle natter though!

All are welcome - Mums, Dads, School and Pre-school, Walkers, Dogs (we have treats!).

Play your cards right and there may just be Millionaire's Shortbread some days!

#### A Crossword



#### Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 "They — ," you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 'A truthful witness gives honest , but a (Luke 12:50) (7) false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9) 6 'Of the increase of his government and
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 'Do not use your freedom to the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — one man, saying, "None of us will go home" (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

#### Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to —, and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

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## **Cononley Calling**

Cononley calling... and the news from our neck of the woods is good although it seems hard to say this when the rest of the world is put into the equation – heartbreaking news from Syria and Turkey; hard to hear that it's warmer for adults to walk around all night carrying the children rather than to use any tents that may be available.

So, bearing all the above in mind it has been special to walk around the tops, and have the anticipation that spring is around the corner. This morning I must admit that there was a plethora of brown in the scenery – bracken, brambles and old logs but if I looked carefully I could see the Honeysuckle shooting, as well as the Lamb's Tails and Pussy Palm.

In the garden the Witch Hazel, the Lonicera fragrantissma and the Sweet Box all smell wonderful, particularly if the sun shines or you breathe gently on them.

Also as well as Snowdrops and Crocus we have tiny Cyclamen and just an odd Primrose peeping through the undergrowth. The posh Hellebores are up and running too.

In terms of the bird life, the Tawny Owls in the Ghyll hole opposite us are busy calling at night – they will be looking for a mate. I've also heard the mewing of Buzzards but most of all I am really looking forward to the Curlews and Swallows returning.

Our constants are the Robins, Blackbirds, Blue and Long Tailed tits and the blooming Pheasants – seven or eight hens that kindly leave their deposits on the garden path – believe me you don't want that treading into your home! In addition, the Red Legged Partridge make me smile – six of them earlier in the week. We also have a Pigeon – Hop Along! He has an injured foot and has been with us two years – obviously we are a good caff and he has managed to avoid any predators.

As far as I know Cononley is ticking over – It seems that there's a waiting list for allotments, the playing field has had a make-over, the bowling green and cricket pitch are resting and the footballers will be enjoying the drier weather; as will the folk who have to wash their kit!

The village pubs, hair salons and shops are helping us to keep body and soul together and the weekly Post Office at The New Inn is great and much appreciated. What else? Well, the over 70's lunch is a good social event with much chat although I'm not sure how I became old enough to attend.

## **Cononley Art Group**

This is an early reminder that on Sat 27th, Sun 28th and Mon 29th May the Cononley Art Group will, as usual, be holding their annual Art Exhibition in the Cononley Village Institute. This is a chance for our artists to show their work to the village - we are always delighted with the



number of visitors who also have a choice of delicious home baked treats in our cafe. The show runs from 8 to 10 daily with refreshments all day, a children's corner, hamper raffle, demonstrations, disabled access and artwork and cards to view or buy. Do put these dates in your diary!

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At the other end of the age scale, the noise from break time at school carries up the village to us and is really cheering – so much energy!

Then there are the clubs etc – books, films, WI ..... I'm sure to miss some so it's probably a good time to finish!

Take care and keep safe.



# The Birds in your Garden





I'm sure you've heard the ever increasing amount of chatter from the birds in and around your garden, as well as seeing the ever more confrontational behaviour of some of them. They will be looking for nesting opportunities too, and it's not too late to put out some nest boxes if you haven't already done so.

The loss of hedgerow trees, changes to woodland management and increasing urbanisation have all contributed to a decline in natural sites for cavity-nesting species like Blue Tit and Starling. Others, such as House Sparrow and Swift, have also lost out to changing building regulations, which have reduced the opportunities for nesting under roof tiles or in holes in bargeboards.

Well-designed nest boxes can replace these lost opportunities, increasing the numbers of nesting birds, and providing an opportunity to collect valuable data. If you've not considered the idea before, here are some suggestions for which type of box to choose, and where to put it.

Commercially available nest boxes come in many shapes and sizes: some provide a perfect breeding cavity for birds, whilst others are far from ideal.

Boxes should be made from an insulating material such as wood (external treatment with a water based preservative is OK) or a special waterproof wood/concrete compound. Metal or ceramic walled boxes can become too hot or too cold for chicks to survive.

A box with a 32mm entrance hole is ideal for small birds such as sparrows and tits. One with a 28mm hole will only be used by Blue Tits. Open fronted boxes will be used by Robins, Blackbirds and others.

- Birds may lay fewer eggs in smaller boxes, so the internal floor area should at least 130cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Avoid boxes incorporating a bird table as the nesting and feeding birds may come into conflict, or with perches which may act as a foothold for squirrels to reach into the box and grab eggs or chicks.
- A good box should provide easy access for human observers to record its contents and to clean out the disused nesting material at the end of the season.
- Where you put your nest box is every bit as important as what it looks like. The highest priority must be to provide a safe and comfortable environment for birds to nest successfully.
- Not too close to another nest box, and away from bird feeders nest boxes of the same type should not be sited too close together as this may promote aggressive behaviour between neighbours.
- Shelter your box from adverse weather the front should be angled slightly downwards to prevent rain from entering.
- Small-hole boxes are best placed 1-3m above ground on tree trunks

   don't let foliage obscure the entrance hole, a clear flight path is
   important. If there are no trees in your garden, then fasten your box to a
   post, a shed or a wall.
- Open-fronted nest boxes should be hidden from view, ideally by foliage.
- Make sure it is not easily accessible to predators (cats and squirrels).

For more details, have a look at the BTO website, or their booklet 'Nestboxes: your complete guide' which contains step-by-step instructions for constructing nest boxes for several species.

Having put up your box, it's well worth joining BTO's Nesting Neighbours scheme to help build a detailed picture of bird breeding success and what may be affecting it.

Remember, nest boxes are sometimes used more than once and birds like Robin, Blackbird and Collared Dove may make two or even three nesting attempts over the spring and summer.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of an organisation no more than 30 miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray (gbwmike@gmail.com).



...I think I must have missed that module when I was at theological college!

#### **Deadlines**

### How does the Pinnacle end?

Let's not follow TS Eliot and go, "Not with a bang but a whimper"? Let us make the April edition into a bumper publication - get your material in to the usual places by

Saturday, 25th March 2023