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"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have LOVE for one another"

JOHN 13.35

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A Letter From The Vicar



In the season of Remembrance, we consider those who have heroically given their lives in war. However, Jesus calls all of us to a radical heroism in our daily lives: 'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.' (Matt 5:43-45).

Love Your Enemies:

Our 'enemies' are rarely life-threatening; they can simply be impatient, judgmental, self-righteous or just plain disagreeable!

Whether the conflict is with a family or church member, work colleague or neighbour, our attitude toward them should be one of love. We will naturally want to retaliate, but Jesus commands us to love!

Pray for Your Persecutors:

It's only when we are ready to pray for someone whom we find difficult, that God can soften our attitude towards them. Like us, they are those in need of God's forgiveness and grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor executed by the Nazis at the end of World War 2, wrote:

'This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer, we go to our enemy, stand by his side, and plead for him to God. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves and pleading to God for them.'

Become More Like Jesus:

When we start loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors, we become more like Jesus Himself. He willingly laid down His life for us, prayed for His persecutors and gives us the power to love our enemies as He did.

At a time when we recognise that we all need heroes; how will we respond to this call to radical heroism in our own life?

God bless,

Rev'd Mike



Inspirational Quotes

Every Christian needs a half hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour.

– Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

We should spend as much time in thanking God for His benefits as we do in asking Him for them.

– St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660)

Death, that final curb on freedom, has itself suffered a death blow through the resurrection of Jesus.

– Michael Green (1930-2019)

Quick Sudoku

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Answers next time.

A new kind of Remembrance poppy

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: “We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL’s commitment to sustainability.”

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to “be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment.”



The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it is made from “bespoke red and green paper.” The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury’s stores for recycling.

The History of the Christingle

The tradition of the Christingle has its origins in a Moravian Church in Marienborn, Germany. During an advent service in 1747, minister John De Watteville gifted each child in the congregation with a small candle wrapped in a red ribbon. For De Watteville, the candle's flame symbolised Jesus as the Light of the World, while the red ribbon represented the blood of Christ.

During the final prayer of the service, de Watteville apparently spoke the words "Lord Jesus, kindle a flame in these children's hearts, that theirs like Thine become," which made the symbolism of his gifts to the children clear.

After this event, the Christingle became a custom of the Moravian Church, and it is still practiced by Moravian Churches all over the world today. A special Christingle Service is held annually, and it takes place either on the Sunday before Christmas or on Christmas Eve.

The original Christingle, which consists of a beeswax candle wrapped with a red ribbon, is still used in many Moravian Churches.

However, the Christingle tradition was adapted in the British Moravian Church, which is how the Christingle received its new, modern look, consisting of an orange, a candle, and sweets on cocktail sticks.

When was the Christingle popularised?

The custom of the Christingle was largely only practiced within the Moravian Church until 1968, when John Pensom, aka "Mr. Christingle," organised a non-Moravian-Church Christingle ceremony at Lincoln Cathedral. The aim of the ceremony was to raise funds for The Children's Society.

The turn-out far exceeded expectations. While it was thought that about 300 people would attend the ceremony, over 1,500 people showed up. Since this ceremony was such a success, the Society held seven services the next year, and about double that in the year to follow.



These fund-raising Christingle ceremonies are still being hosted by The Children's Society today, with the number of services running well into the thousands annually. For Brits, both Christian and non-believers, these Christingle ceremonies serve as a way for them to help some of the most vulnerable members of their societies.

These services are uplifting events that include hymns, messages of hope, and an opportunity to learn about The Children's Society.

You can join our Christingle services on Christmas Eve at St John's Cononley at 2pm and 4pm.



ECO NEWS

It provides us with the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil that grows us food. It nourishes our minds, hearts, and bodies. It is Earth, and it is our home.

We are deeply connected to it — in ways both conscious and subconscious — yet this connection is forgotten by many. Humans have become careless and selfish — taking from it without thinking, stripping away its beauty and resources — to create a life that is comfortable for us but destructive to it.

Every year, we produce 400 billion kilograms of plastic waste with no realisation of the havoc it wreaks. It's a tragedy so profound that words cannot do justice to its immensity. From coastlines to deserts and tundras, there are evidences of human folly: fish tangled in nets they cannot escape from; birds suffocating as they swallow microplastics; forests choked by discarded plastic bottles and straws; rivers clogged with shopping bags and food packaging.

As if these are not bad enough, our plastic waste releases toxic chemicals into the environment that disrupt hormonal balance in large and small organisms alike. These contaminants travel through food chains, entering our homes and bodies without warning or permission. Moreover, the open incineration of plastic waste releases even more hazardous chemicals into the atmosphere, burning out the life-sustaining oxygen we desperately need.

The Earth gives us sustenance every day, sharing with us an abundance of natural gifts that allow us to live and thrive. When are we going to start caring for her the way she does for us? Have we truly come to believe that her beauty and abundance will continue to sustain us, while we reciprocate it with some of the most unsustainable ways of existing? We haven't even fully begun repairing the damage caused thus far, and yet we continue damaging the Earth. When we don't litter the place we live in, what makes us act

differently when we keep polluting the Earth? What else is home, if not Earth?

It's time we make Earth Day every day. Let's give back and invest in our relationship with her. It starts with being mindful of our lifestyle; from the way we produce materials, to the way we consume, reuse, and dispose them. Introduced by The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), here is the hierarchy of proper waste disposal — the six daily actions that we can do to strengthen our relationship with the Earth.

1. Refuse

Say no to unnecessary items, hazardous and toxic materials, and choose renewable and recycled alternatives when possible. The planet is suffering from our irresponsible consumption. Let us make conscious decisions about what we buy and consume. It is time we consider the impact of our choices, and make ones that are not just sustainable, but regenerative.

2. Reduce

We have become too reliant on single-use plastic items. We must ask ourselves, what kind

of world do we want to leave behind for future generations? By reducing our consumption of non-renewable and non-recyclable materials, we can help preserve our natural resources and protect the planet for years to come.

3. Reuse

Most of the time, we discard materials without thinking twice, even when they still have value. Let's trash the throwaway culture! Start by choosing to clean, reuse, repair, refurbish, remanufacture, and repurpose products and packaging.

4. Recycle

The first global analysis of all plastic ever made showed that humans produced 6.3 trillion kilograms of plastic waste over the past six decades. Of this, only 9 percent has been recycled. Pause for a while, and imagine the environmental and social degradation caused by the remaining 5.7 trillion over the last 60 years. We cannot allow this to continue and must help change this. The change starts with collecting waste, sorting, and recovering plastic for reprocessing and recycling.

5. Recover energy

Not all waste can be recycled, but that doesn't mean we should leave it to pollute our home. We can incinerate non-recyclable waste to produce energy, like biogas conversion. By using biogas, we can convert waste into a clean source of energy, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels.

6. Responsible disposal

For waste that we cannot process at all, we need to ensure that they end up in a properly managed landfill.

We need to manage our waste in ways that are least harmful to the environment. These include, but are not limited to using advanced technologies that minimize pollution and guarantee proper containment.

The Earth is worth striving for! Together, we can create a future where no material is waste and no human is wasteful.

After all, the Church of England's 5th mark of mission is 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'.



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Renowned composer ‘thrilled’ to write new Christmas carol for Church of England

This Christmas, the Church of England is inviting choirs across churches, schools, and communities to ‘join the song’ alongside one of the country’s leading choral composers.

The ‘song’ is a new interpretation of ‘The First Nowell.’ It has been given a brand-new melody by the well-known composer Bob Chilcott and is the centrepiece of this year’s Church of England Christmas focus: Follow The Star: Join The Song.

The C of E theme for 2023 highlights how singing can help draw people closer to God and one another, through the journey from Advent to Epiphany.

Bob Chilcott’s most often performed pieces include Can you hear me?, A Little Jazz Mass, and the St John Passion. His music has been recorded by The King’s Singers, King’s College, Cambridge, The Sixteen, Tenebrae and The BBC Singers, among other choirs and groups.



“It’s been an absolute thrill for me to be able to write new music for the well-known carol, ‘The First Nowell,’ and to be a part of the ‘Follow the Star’ campaign at Christmas 2023,” Bob Chilcott said.

“I have aimed to make this melody easy to pick up and I hope all will enjoy singing it, at a time of year when the joy of singing is so central to worship and to the celebration of Christmas.”

This new version of ‘The First Nowell’ will be sung across the parish over the Christmas period, so do watch out for it!

Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?”

“No,” replied Johnny. “How could he, with just two worms?”

Thine

A Yorkshireman wanted an inscription on his wife’s grave to read: ‘She was Thine’. The engraver mistakenly put ‘She was Thin’. The man wrote to explain that they had left off the ‘e’. The next attempt read: ‘E’, She was Thin.’

Wanted

A lady was advertising for a travelling companion, and ended with these words: ‘Christian wanted, cheerful if possible.’

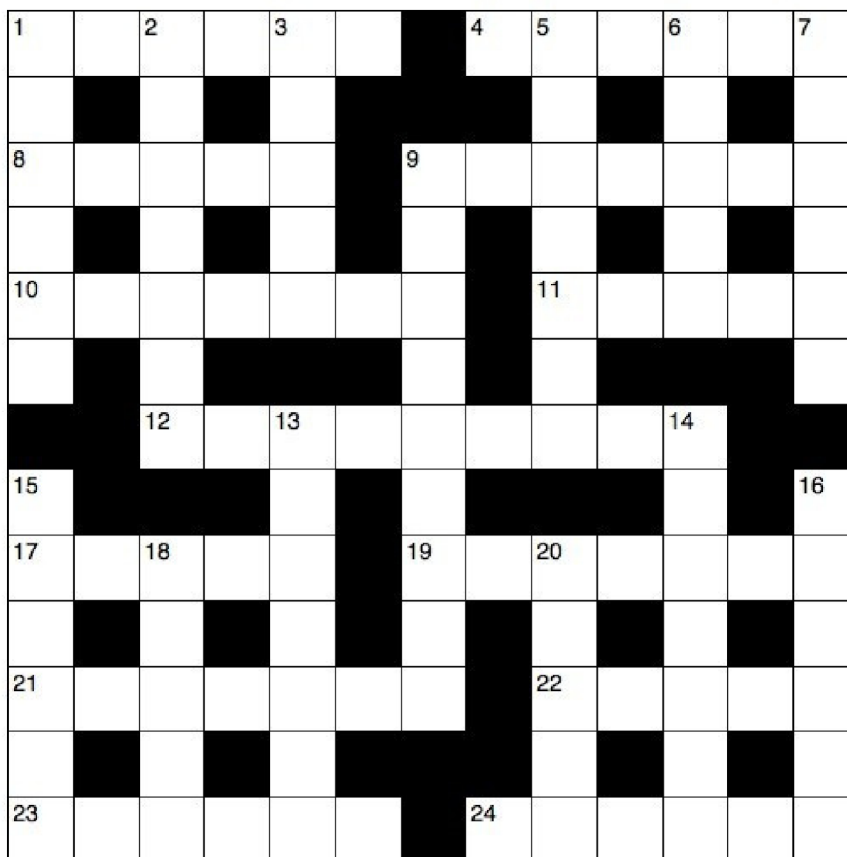
Light

A small boy was fascinated by the red Sanctuary lamp during a rather long sermon. Finally, he whispered: ‘Mum, when the light changes to green, can we go?’

Sign found in a church car park

FOR MEMBERS ONLY.
Trespassers will be baptised.

Winter Crossword



Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelising it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

Answers next time.

November 22nd

We remember St Cecilia

If you are going to any concerts before Christmas, spare a thought for St Cecilia (2nd century) – the patron saint of musicians.

Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs of the 2nd century. As far as is known, she was born a noble lady of Rome who, despite her vow of virginity, was forced to marry an older pagan nobleman named Valerian.

During the wedding, as the musicians played, Cecilia sat apart singing to God in her heart, and for that she was later declared the saint of musicians. When the time came for her marriage to be consummated, Cecilia told Valerian that watching over her was an angel of the Lord, who would punish him if he sexually violated her but would love him if he respected her virginity.

Understandably startled by this, Valerian then asked to see the angel for himself. Cecilia replied that to do so, he must go to the third milestone on the

via Appia and be baptised by the Bishop of Rome. Valerian seems to have been a good-natured husband, because the story goes that he followed her suggestion, was baptised a Christian, and sure enough, saw the angel protecting his wife.

Being a Christian in those days was dangerous, and when the next wave of Roman persecutions began, Valerian and Cecilia were among those arrested. It is said that they died at the hands of the Roman prefect Turcius Almachius, perhaps in Sicily sometime between 176 and 180 AD.

One story goes that Cecilia was struck on the neck with a sword, and as she lay dying, asked that her house be converted into a church. Certainly an early Roman Christian church, Santa Cecilia, was founded in the fourth century in the Trastevere section of Rome, reputedly on the site of the house in which she lived.

In the centuries since then, a number of musical compositions have been dedicated to her, and her feast



day has become the occasion for many concerts and musical festivals.

St Cecilia is frequently depicted playing a viola, a small organ, or other musical instrument.



From the registers in the last 3 months

Baptisms

Alfie, Thomas, Erika, & Margot

Funerals

Rita Harrison

Eddie Sessford

Please pray for them all.

A Blue Christmas Service

For many, Christmas is not ‘The Most Wonderful Time of the Year’ (as the song goes). A Blue Christmas service can offer some healing and hope.

The idea behind the Blue Christmas service is to create space for the acknowledgment of the heaviness often carried during this season, as well as offering the hope that Jesus gives.

Our society has become one of masking emotions that are sometimes considered negative. The Bible clearly acknowledges, celebrates, and makes space for pain, struggle, hardship, and tears -- and so should we.

In fact, science, too, is catching up to the Bible as recent studies confirm that the “claim-your-happiness” pop psychology isn’t healthy for us physically, socially, or spiritually -- and that putting on a smile without making space for the tough stuff of life actually leads to more (*and deeper*) unhappiness.

This Blue service is a beautiful way to make space during the Advent season for those

suffering any kind of loss -- whether the loss of a person, a dream, finances, stability, health, or more.

Isn’t Christmas Supposed To Be A Happy Time?

I have a friend who can’t stand the Blue Christmas service concept. He declares that no one should be sad around the holidays and that we are just giving people a reason to dwell on sadness. I couldn’t disagree more.

Although on the other side of heaven, we absolutely will have a day of no more tears, the reality is life on this planet can be difficult. Christmas, for many, is NOT 100% happy.

For those who have suffered loss, Christmas actually accentuate feelings of sadness. Being surrounded by happy Christmas carols and parties may cause people to mask their feelings or even create some shame around having them. However, when a loved one is no longer present to celebrate Christmas, there is often guilt, sadness, and loneliness.

Over the last few decades, scientific studies have revealed much about emotional and physical health, which I believe is simply science catching up to the Bible. By not making space for emotions that we might consider negative, we are literally causing physical ills, relational disconnect, and spiritual distance.

God made us human for a reason. And part of humanness is having emotions -- and a broad range of them.

Is It Biblical To Offer A Space For Sadness?

Making room for sadness, grief, and loss around Christmas is not a new concept. In fact, it dates way back in history and is the reason for the season of Advent. Advent is often called the season of waiting. What are we waiting for? Hope. The Messiah. A Saviour.

Celebrating Advent is the recognition that we need a saviour. That although the world may be dark, difficult, and lonely, there is a promise coming. That promise culminates in the birth of a baby. Recognising our loss and making space for grieving doesn’t minimize the promise. It accentuates it.

**Thursday 21st December 7pm @ St Andrew’s Kildwick
Blue Christmas Service**



Shoebox Appeal 2023

After the success of 2022, we are asking people to join in with our Shoebox Appeal 2023 and fill a Shoebox for a family – not just a child. The list contains items for all family members and includes different items. These range from shower gel/shampoo, family games, stationary items, gift for mum and dad as well as sweets, soft toys, hats, scarves etc

The Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal has been running since 1992. They have delivered smiles to thousands of people in Eastern Europe over the years. In fact, they have sent in total over 1,000,000 shoeboxes to hundreds of different locations!



What makes this Shoebox Appeal different?

1. Your shoeboxes will go to the poorest people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.
2. Unlike many other shoebox appeals, this scheme collects boxes for entire families and the elderly, whatever their faith, so nobody's left out.
3. Link to Hope are small, yet established enough to have personal relationships with the individuals in Eastern Europe who work hard delivering your boxes. For transparency, they also carry out spot-checks to confirm that the right people are receiving your boxes.
4. We believe that sending shoeboxes shows love from British people to those in war-torn or poverty-stricken circumstances, regardless of their background, colour, creed or religion.



A leaflet to join us in this appeal is included in this magazine. If it is missing, or you need more than one, please contact Rev'd Mike as soon as possible. **All boxes need to be back in church by Sunday 12th November** so they can get to those who need them most in time for Christmas.

Please do remember to add a payment of £3 with each box. This covers the costs of getting the shoebox to Eastern Europe and into the hands of those who need our love this Christmas.

More information can be seen at:
<https://kcb.church/shoebox-appeal/>

Harvesting anytime

Fiona Schneider
Licensed Lay Minister
All Saints Ilkley



Do you ever find the church calendar unhelpful? Or feel stuck in a church season? Ritual and rhythms help our spiritual journey. Anniversaries give opportunities for remembering. But sometimes, I feel a frustration, almost a play acting whilst we wait to celebrate Christmas or Easter morning. Advent is heavily weighted to expecting Christmas, rather than the second coming of Jesus, that the world is yet to experience. Let's celebrate! Remembering, reflecting but expectantly.

We are in the harvest season. A rewarding gathering of fruits of hedgerows, allotments, and fields.

What of spiritual harvest? Is this as seasonal as plums and marrows? Is it now? Is it even something we expect? Has the seed planting, watering, and nurturing gone well? The Holy Spirit is at work in places, in all seasons, we are not aware of. We might be seasonal as those that plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy.

Part of my lay leader role has been seed sowing amongst worldwide tourists with the Intercontinental Church Society. I don't have a harvest overview, but it's God's worldwide team's mission.

I have been asked to encourage people, new to a town, to seek Jesus. With a longer and more static view, do I expect to see a harvest? Too right I do! This is not just a mission to create cosy feelings of a new place to live, but with expectation that the Holy Spirit will call people to repentance, celebrate his forgiveness, find that faith in Jesus is an anchor in an uncertain world, and become his hope filled followers.

'Isn't there a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! they are ripe for harvest.' Spiritual harvest is available at any time. Our life and ministry may have its seasons, but not necessarily God's harvest.

Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters their lives, and they enter the kingdom of God.

Not so seasonal as plums, and marrows. No need to wait until Christmas.

The harvest is plentiful but few harvesters. We can change this by asking the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the areas to harvest. A bumper harvest.

Please pray.

Support needed for Ukraine

The Primate of the Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine, Major Archbishop Svetoslav Shevchuk, has said that: "Ukraine will not be able to withstand this war without broad international help. Universal Catholic and Christian solidarity is a necessary condition for the stability and survival of our Church and people - a condition for Ukraine's victory in a war of good against evil."

Other News from around the Parish



Eco Church

In the last 3 months all three of our churches have been awarded Bronze Eco Church awards. This is a fantastic achievement and a good start as we try to reach 'carbon net zero' by 2030. There is still a long way to go, and if you are interested in helping us achieve this goal, do let either Rev'd Mike or a churchwarden know.



St Andrew's Roof

As you all know, the netting has been installed under St Andrew's roof for many years now. It now looks like the end of the netting is in sight!

Investigative work has taken place on the roof and the architect is writing a document that will allow us to apply for the faculty to enable the remedial work to take place. We hope the work will happen next year.

Children's JAM sessions

We have now run three JAM, (Jesus And Me), sessions for children and their families at St John's Cononley. These have been sessions with activities based around a theme with some children's christian songs and a bible story by Rev'd Mike. The sessions always include a time of eating together as well.

These have been fantastic sessions where we have connected with lots of families and we hope these will continue into the new year. If you would like to help in any way with these sessions please do speak to Rev'd Mike or a churchwarden.

New Assistant Area Dean

On Thursday 28th September, Rev'd Mike was commissioned and appointed as the Assistant Area Dean for the South Craven and Wharfedale Deanery.

This means Rev'd Mike will have a greater overview of what is happening in the deanery, as well as assisting the local parishes, Silsden, Sutton, Cowling, & Lothersdale, as they search for and appoint new vicars.

Bradley Methodists

We are now heading into the last 6 months or so of Rev'd Tracey's ministry in Bradley as she prepares to move on to a new circuit.

In the last year, we have built a good relationship with our sisters and brothers in the Methodist Church in Bradley, and we pray this will continue with Tracey's successor. Do join with Rev'd Mike and all in the Bradley Churches as we pray for Tracey's next steps, and for the right successor to be appointed.

CHUFFS

CHUFFS is going from strength to strength in The Parish Rooms. Georgia, who runs the group, has spent a lot of time going through everything CHUFFS have and reinvigorating the group.

If you have a child under 5, or are a grandparent of an under 5, or even just know someone with an under 5 year old, do come along or let them know, **CHUFFS, every Tuesday in term time, 9:30am to 11:30am in Kildwick Parish Rooms.**



Follow The Star
Join
the Song

This
Christmas



Saturday 9th December 3pm @ St Mary's Bradley
Bradley Carol Service

Sunday 10th December 3pm @ St John's Cononley
Christmas Carols with The Cononley Singers

Sunday 17th December 7pm @ St Andrew's Kildwick
9 Lessons & Carols with The Leodis Consort

Thursday 21st December 7pm @ St Andrew's Kildwick
Blue Christmas Service

Sunday 24th December 2pm & 4pm @ St John's Cononley
Crib & Christingle Services

Sunday 24th December 9:30pm @ St Andrew's Kildwick
Midnight (Bethlehem time) Holy Communion

Monday 25th December 9:30am @ St Mary's Bradley
Christmas Day Holy Communion



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND





An Interview with Osman Hamed-Fontanilla

General Manager and Founding member of LEODIS CONSORT



Q: What is Leodis Consort?

Leodis Consort [singers and players] is an amazing project that we started this year 2023. It was conceived as a safe and collaborative space where all our members have a say and a vote in the music we make. But also, it is a platform we offer to those younger colleagues who are starting in this difficult industry and want a place to glow.

Q: There are many other choirs and orchestras in the North, why did you create it?

Our mission is not only to bring the marvels of early and contemporary music to a wider range of people but also to celebrate lesser-known composers. In our history, there have been some marvellous and gifted composers who did not make it to the first lines of today's performances. We would like to shorten that gap and offer our audience some great music and also pay the overdue homage to those composers. We aim for the highest quality in our performances, without forgetting that music also is fun and joy.

Q: What does it mean that you are the resident choir in St Andrews?

We are incredibly excited and grateful for this opportunity. It means that will be the main provider of music in the Church for several years. This is an excellent opportunity to bring wonderful experiences to a rural area where concerts are more difficult to organise. For example, we will be singing in the All Souls service on the 2nd of November and we are delighted to be able to participate and give back to the community in this important occasion of remembrance of those who no longer are with us. Also, we will be singing in December a Nine Lessons and Carols service.

Q: Are you only performing religious music in St Andrews?

Not necessarily. But we are very conscious and respectful of the space we are invited to.

Q: What benefits does bring having music at St Andrews?

COVID had a tremendous impact on the ways people socialise and gather and some communities have suffered greatly from not being able to reunite due to the lack of opportunities. Our concerts won't be only an opportunity to enjoy some fantastic music, but also a point of reunion and socialisation for those attending – an opportunity to find others with a common interest.



Q: Where can we find more information about Leodis Consort and upcoming concerts?

The best way to keep up to date is on our website www.leodisconsort.co.uk. But also, our social media channels on Facebook and Instagram.