

# Honeycomb

February–March 2020

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Pleasant words are  
a honeycomb, sweet  
to the soul and  
healing to the bones

Proverbs 16:24



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# Lent – a good time to deepen your prayer life



By the Rev John Tyler

**Lent is a time to take stock of ourselves spiritually. This includes setting aside extra time for prayer. Here are some helpful things to remember as you settle down to it:**

People have been praying since Adam had a grandson named Enosh. The Bible tells us (Genesis 4:26) that it was during his days when 'men began to call on the name of the Lord'. They have been doing it ever since.

People have had their prayers answered by God since Genesis, too. But if you want to read some beautiful prayers – and answers to them, browse through the Psalms. Again and again the psalmist writes: "the Lord heard my cry".

So – what do you need to bring to prayer? Just the tiniest amount of faith that God is even there. Jesus assures us that even faith as big as a tiny mustard seed will be effective.

What gives you the right to come before Almighty God? Jesus does. The Bible is clear that "there is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ". (1 Timothy 2:5)

The Bible makes clear that God does not stand on ceremony – in fact, He prefers our personal, spontaneous prayers. Jesus was very matter of fact about it: "When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:6)

The Bible assures us that prayer will bring us good things: "we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need". (Hebrews 4:16)

Above all, prayer must be made with a pure heart. "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." (Psalm 66:18) That simply means that if you know you are doing something wrong, and intend to keep right on doing it, don't waste your time praying.

Finally, what can be the results of your prayers this Lent? Well, here are seven, for starters...

Joy and deep happiness. (John 16:24)

Relief from your worry, stress and tension (Philippians 4:6,7)

Wisdom and more mental clarity (James 1:5,6)

Protection and deliverance from temptations (Matthew 26:41)

An ability to share the Good News of Jesus to other people (Matthew 9:38)

Strength to persevere when you feel under spiritual attack (Ephesians 6:18)

A growing thankfulness to God, who is worthy of all glory (Revelation 4:11)



# Eden Club\* is one year old!



By Tim Ashworth

So, what happens when you pray?

Say you were to pray for a chance to share the hope of Jesus with young people who are at a tricky stage in life....what would you expect God to do? He might ask you to put your money and time where your mouth is. He might ask you to step out and push a couple of doors.

So how might one use the Eden Bus, to forge links with Secondary School youngsters in Hollingworth? (The bus, a high tech playground that invites youngsters to unwind together after school and offers an opportunity to speak of a God who is besotted by them)...and the bus was available.

What about funding?...and it was offered.

Helpers were needed to pray and commit to this vision...and people responded from local churches.

God then provided a place to park the bus...with the help of a kind pub landlord.

He brought the young people along that he had in his heart before He had given the vision!

This is our God. This is how he responds when His visions become ours.

After a year, what has happened?

We have come to know those young people quite well since that start, at the beginning of 2019. We have found some bits quite tricky, as we've tried to find ways to share our faith in the midst of chaotic fun!

God is growing us, as he is growing our new young friends.

We moved after 10 fantastic weeks on the bus with our new Eden friend, John, into St Mary's Church. Would these young people be prepared to trade a state-of-the-art activity bus for a church hall?

Of course!...God has a work to do.

God has reached out, and a number of the young people have taken a tentative step towards him... can't tell you how exciting that is to see!

We have met 85 young people over the past year. Each week we have spent with between 6 and 25 youngsters.

What a privilege to be a part of God's plan in whatever we take on in His name!

Do you think you might be able to help us in being Jesus to young people in Hollingworth? We would really appreciate your help. We would value your prayers for the young people, and that we would be able to follow God's leading faithfully.

If you feel that God might be stirring your heart to share Him with these young people, then speak to Bruce Perrin to find out more. You might share Him by making toast and drinks, or playing pool, or doing crafts...and through the conversations that come out of those things.

The work that God has been doing in your life is a powerful testimony to others, so why not share it?

*\*Youth drop in for years 7-11, Tuesday afternoons 3-4.30pm*

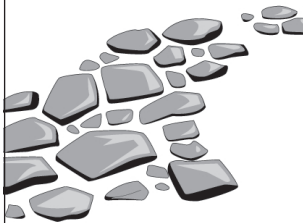




## World Day of Prayer

Each year, Christians in more than 120 countries participate in the World Day of Prayer, which is an ecumenical movement, providing an opportunity to share in informed prayer and prayerful action. In Longendale, we are celebrating together on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, at 1:30pm**, in Central Methodist Church, Glossop.

The service, entitled, 'Rise! Take your mat and walk', based on John 5:2-9, has been prepared by Christian women in Zimbabwe. Everyone is welcome! There will be facilities for small children!!



## Drop Inn – memory lane

We can continue to enjoy our trip down memory lane with fitoverfifty at St. Mary's Church, from **2pm-4pm on Wednesdays, until 12<sup>th</sup> February**. The easy-exercise with Helen, plus a quiz and other entertainment, will resume on Wednesday, 26 February. As always, everyone is welcome.



## Christ Church Walkers

Wednesday Walkers of Christ Church, meet on **Wednesday morning's at the top of Chapel Brow, Tintwistle at 10.15am**. (weather permitting) for leisurely walks around the area.

Please check with Bill on Tuesday evening on 01457 867 130 to find out the route to be taken and whether the walk is going ahead.



## Pension age concessionary pass

If you have a pension age concessionary pass, to continue to benefit from unlimited off peak travel on trains and trams in Greater Manchester after 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020, you will need to pay an annual fee of £10. There is no charge if you only use the bus. The £10 does not apply to people with a disabled pass. You can apply to any TFGM Travel Shop, or Pay Point Shop (One Stop) from 25<sup>th</sup> January. You can find all the information on [tfgm.com](http://tfgm.com)



**BARNABUS**  
Bringing hope to the homeless and vulnerable

## Barnabus

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Barnabus Charity, supporting the homeless in Manchester. The items were all gratefully received and a 'Thank you' certificate can be found on the notice board in the Community Room at St. Mary's.

# “Little Fishes”

## A Parent & Toddler Group

for ALL Parents/Carers  
and their pre-school children aged 0-5 years  
1-30pm every Tuesday  
afternoon  
(during term-time)  
at St Mary's Church

Market Street  
Hollingworth  
SK14 8NE

We have lots of fun activities including ...  
Refreshments  
Bible Stories  
Weekly Craft Table  
Book Corner  
Singing  
Toys  
Baby Change Facilities available

Just turn up...

...or for more information call Sarah on 01457 763102

## World Day of Prayer

Do you remember the Tearfund Matched Giving Scheme where our government matched what the donors gave? The total raised was **£8,884,768**. Thank-you and well done! This money is being spent to reduce the rubbish in the streets and rivers in countries like Pakistan.

There is much concern about Yemen. It is a dangerous place for our partners due to the violence and Cholera. Twenty four million people are in need of clean water, food, sanitation, seeds for planting crops and tools. Sadly, since 2015, many – about 85,000 children have died of hunger and disease. Our Tearfund partners are still at work to reach the most vulnerable people.

Thank you St Mary's for all your gifts.

Frances Eagle

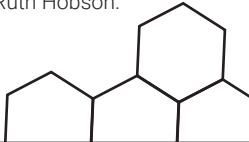
## Pancake Party

Come and Join us in the Community Room on Shrove Tuesday for a Pancake Party on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30pm – 7.30pm**. Bring your favourite filling for your pancake. Lemon and sugar will be provided.



## Honeycomb

The cost of producing the Honeycomb is covered by donations. If you would like to make a donation, please leave it with Dorothy at 'One Call Services' Market Street, Hollingworth, or give to Ruth Hobson.



On THURSDAYS

8.30-10.30am @ St Mary's Church,  
Hollingworth

**DURING TERM TIME**

Come along and have toast  
and a Cuppa

Thursday Mornings 8.30-10.30am  
@ St Mary's Church



Everyone welcome

(Adults of all ages, with or without little ones)

A great place to catch up with friends and to  
make new ones



Toys area for Babes & Toddlers to play in  
whilst carers chill.



Coffee, Tea & Toast for everyone

# St Mary's Services

📍 Market Street, Hollingworth, Hyde, SK14 8NE

## Sunday 2 February

**Prayer: Intercession**

**8am** Morning Prayer (BCP)

**11.15am** Morning Worship

## Sunday 9 February

**Joseph**

**8am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**11.15am** Morning Worship (with Communion)

## Sunday 16 February

**Esther**

**8am** Morning Prayer (BCP)

**11.15am** Morning Worship

## Sunday 23 February

**Prayer: Disappointment**

**8am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**11.15am** Morning Worship (with Communion)

## Sunday 1 March

**Prayer: Learning to listen**

**8am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**11.15am** Morning Worship

## Sunday 8 March

**Mary**

**8am** Morning Prayer (BCP)

**11.15am** Morning Worship (with Communion)

## Sunday 15 March

**Prayer: Spiritual Warfare**

**8am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**11.15am** Morning Worship

## Sunday 22 March

**Mothering Sunday: Ruth**

**8am** Morning Prayer (BCP)

**11.15am** All Age Worship

## Sunday 29 March

**Elijah**

**8am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**11.15am** Morning Worship (with Communion)

## Tuesday 31 March

**9am** Hollingworth Primary Easter Service

Join us for  
tea or coffee  
**BEFORE** the  
11.15 service





# Christ Church Services

📍 Church Street, Tintwistle, Glossop, SK13 1JR

## Sunday 2 February

Prayer: **Intercession**

9.15am Morning Worship (with Communion)

## Sunday 9 February

Esther

9.15am Morning Worship

## Sunday 16 February

Joseph

9.15am Morning Worship

## Sunday 23 February

Prayer: **Disappointment**

9.15am Morning Worship

## Wednesday 26 February

Ash Wednesday – Joint Service

7.30pm Holy Communion

## Sunday 1 March

Prayer: **Learning to listen**

9.15am Morning Worship (with Communion)

## Sunday 8 March

Mary

9.15am Morning Worship

## Sunday 15 March

Prayer: **Spiritual Warfare**

9.15am Morning Worship

## Sunday 22 March

Mothering Sunday: Ruth

9.15am All Age Worship

## Sunday 29 March

Elijah

10am Joint Service with URC at Christ Church

## Wednesday 1 April

9am Tintwistle Primary Easter Service

Join us for  
tea or coffee  
**AFTER**  
the service



# A laugh a minute



## Lost in translation

Two American preachers were visiting in Germany and attended Sunday services. Since they couldn't speak German, they decided to do just as the man sitting in front of them did.

A few minutes into the service the preacher from the pulpit said something and the man in front of them stood, and they stood also. The congregation burst into laughter. They then sat down when the man did.

At the end of the service, they met the pastor and found that he spoke English. They asked him why everyone laughed so much when they stood?

The pastor explained that he had announced that they would have a christening service that evening, and would the father of the child please rise!

## Love in a bag

I asked my nephew whether he bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day, and he said he had bought her a belt and a bag. When I commented that I am sure she would appreciate them, he agreed: "Yes, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now."

## Church notices that didn't quite get it right!

Mrs Thomas, of this church, wishes to thank all those members who so kindly assisted in the death of her husband...

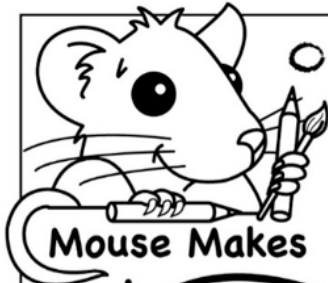
The regular Monday night choir practice of this church will be held on Tuesday night instead of Friday night...

The talk for next Friday night will be 'What is hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice...



"Pancake party?" said Simon,  
"What Pancake Party?"

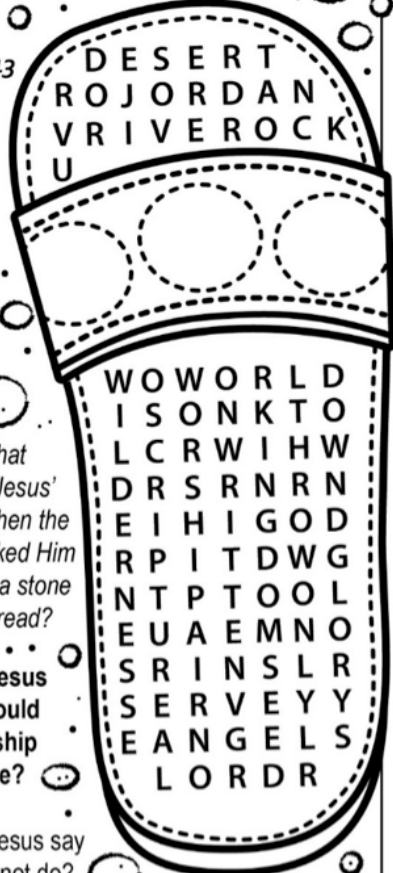




After Jesus was baptised He was led by the Spirit into the **wilderness** for **forty** days where he was tempted by the devil.

**READ** the story in **Luke 4:1-13**

## Mouse Makes



What was Jesus' reply when the devil asked Him to turn a stone into bread?

Who did Jesus say He would only worship and serve?

What did Jesus say you must not do?

Can you find these words in the word search?

- JESUS • BAPTISED • RIVER • JORDAN • LED
- HOLY SPIRIT • WILDERNESS • DESERT • TEMPTATIONS
- DEVIL • FORTY • DAYS • HUNGRY • ROCK • STONE
- BREAD • WRITTEN • SCRIPTURE • ALL • KINGDOMS • WORLD • GLORY
- WORSHIP • SERVE • GOD • ONLY • JERUSALEM • TEMPLE • HIGH • IF • SON
- JUMP • THROW • DOWN • ANGELS • HOLD • LIFT • FOOT • LORD • TEST

# The Real Easter Egg 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition



The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010 but the supermarkets turned down the idea at first. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company to make The Real Easter Egg.

Ten years on, more than a million eggs have been sold with over 750,000 sent through the post directly to churches and schools. The rest have been sold through retailers and supermarkets.

The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £275,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes.

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in

the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and which supports charitable projects.

The Original and Dark eggs include a 24 page Easter story-activity book. The Dark also contains a simple Easter guide, designed for adults and 3 dark Mini Squares. The Fun Pack has an Easter story activity poster and 6 milk chocolate eggs. The Special Edition has a Bethlehem olive wood cross keyring, a simple guide to Easter, an orange milk chocolate bar and a luxury milk chocolate egg.

## Where to buy

The whole range can be ordered online at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk). You can also buy the blue Original egg from Tesco, Waitrose, Morrisons and Asda.

## Who's for pancakes?

By David Winter

Why do we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, as we call it today? And what is Shrove Tuesday? And why do thousands of people feel it rewarding to race along a street somewhere tossing pancakes from their frying pans as they go?

Well, the answer to the first question is that it is the day before Lent begins and for well over a thousand years that has meant it was the last chance to enjoy meat, fat and other tasty dishes until Easter Day. The 'Lent Fast' was widely and strictly observed. The food in the larder wouldn't keep for six weeks so it had to be eaten. With all these rich foods no wonder the French call it 'Fatty Tuesday' – Mardi Gras.

So, what have pancake races got to do with all this solemnity? 'Shrove' is an old word for 'forgiven' and in those days to prepare for the rigours of Lent people would want to confess

and seek forgiveness – not quite what you want at a party. The answer is quite simply enjoying yourself while you can! So, on Shrove Tuesday this year let's have some fun and make it last as long as possible.

The most convincing (and amusing) of the explanations of pancake races is of outwitting the Sexton who rang the curfew bell that marked the start of Lent. He was reluctant to do it while the race was unfinished. So, the revelry caused by dropped pancakes, postponed the inevitable.

Since the Reformation it has not been so rigorously observed in Britain, but still people will resolve to 'give up something for Lent'. Six weeks is about right as a duration and Sunday has always been exempt but make the most of those pancakes. They may well not reappear until April 12<sup>th</sup>!

# Goings-on at St Mary's

## Afternoon tea

We had a very enjoyable time at the 'afternoon tea' at St Mary's on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Bruce and Sarah had prepared a lovely spread including a selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones with jam and cream, and a huge collection of cakes, plus tea and coffee. They, with help from Diane, waited on us as we sat at the tables chatting. It was a good opportunity to catch up with friends from both Christ Church and St Mary's, and to make some new friends.

Many thanks to Sarah, Bruce, and Diane for their hard work.

**Norman & Angela**



## Official kitchen opening

It was great to welcome Richard (Stella's son) back to 'cut the cake' for the official opening of St Mary's refurbished kitchen in December.



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## Vision Statement

Our vision is to see our church making a difference to the lives of the people in Hollingworth, Tintwistle and the surrounding area through the power of the Holy Spirit, our commitment to God's word and our worship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the power of prayer, inspiring worship and the gifts God gives us we want to see lives changed, disciples growing, people healed, needs met and God's Kingdom extended.

