

Diary of Services and Activities

Sunday	Prayer Meeting Morning Worship* Key Club (Children aged 4-11) Evening Worship	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm
	Holy Communion follows the first morning and the third evening service each month *A fully supervised crèche for young children is run in the church side room during the sermon.	
Tuesday	Second Tuesday (monthly) Ladies' Prayer Group (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) venue as announced	10.15am 7.30pm
Wednesday	Men's Fellowship (3rd Tuesday monthly) Tots' Club (term-time) Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7.45pm 1.30 - 3.00pm 7.45pm
Thursday	Thursday at Two (fortnightly) Followers' Prayer Group (fortnightly) at 68 Moseley Wood Walk	2.00pm 7.30pm
Friday	Good News Club (Children aged 5-11) Friday Youth Night (Ages 11-16) Missionary Prayer Group (monthly) at 1 Tinshill Mount	6.00pm 7.30pm 7.45pm

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they will both be shorter than normal (about 45minutes) and the evening service will include an integrated communion. There will be no Watchnight service this year on 31st December.

ROTAS

Week ending

	Cleaning	
December 3	Carol Getzels	Kathryn Hibbard
10	Jenny Leng	Eva Ng
17	Ruth Holder	Beccy/Ben Henry
24	Mavis Mathers	Angela Mathers
31	Margaret Williams	Colette Hickman
Jan '12	Carol Getzels	Kathryn Hibbard
14	Jenny Leng	Eva Ng
21	Ruth Holder	Beccy/Ben Henry
28	Mavis Mathers	Angela Mathers
February 4	Margaret Williams	Colette Hickman

For Sunday

	Flowers	
December 4	Kathryn Hibbard	11
18	Beccy Henry	25
Jan '12	1 Ann Mountain	8
15	Jenny Leng	22
29	Mavis Mathers	February 5

Library

	Morning	Evening
Dec 4	Rosemary Hilton	Mavis Mathers
11	Paul Crossley	Nigel/Kathryn Hibbard
18	Christine Crossley	Jack/Ruth Rozday
25	_____	_____
Jan 1	Angela Mathers	Rosemary Hilton
8	Nigel/Kathryn Hibbard	Mavis Mathers
15	Paul Crossley	Jack/Ruth Rozday
22	Rosemary Hilton	Christine Crossley
29	Christine Crossley	Angela Mathers
Feb 5	Nigel/Kathryn Hibbard	Mavis Mathers

Pastoral Letter — December 2011/January 2012

Why Jesus came

The footballing world is reeling at the untimely death of a 'Leeds Legend', Gary Speed. Widely respected in society at large, he was regarded as a genuine 'good guy' on and off the pitch. He had everything to live for: wife, two sons, and he was Manager of an improving Welsh side. The toughest of footballers have broken down at the news, including one taking up his position in goal for a match.

His last television appearance was on 'Football Focus', chaired by Dan Walker, a very keen Christian, the day before Gary Speed's death. There seemed to be no problems in his life, career, or attitude in the interview. Subsequently, Dan Walker was able to give a tribute and to remark on the brief nature of life. The reason 'Why?' he should apparently take his own life is being asked.

It happened on the same day that marked the start of the Christian celebration of our Lord's birth — Advent Sunday. The reason why Jesus came to earth from Heaven is clearly given in the bible, and why He died. There is no mystery about it.

Our Lord says to Zaccheus, the man who climbed a tree to see Jesus, after Zaccheus has clearly become a new believer in Christ:- "*For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost*" (Luke 19: 10). Unusually, Jesus says almost exactly the same thing when speaking about children, and the need to teach them about why Jesus came, and to teach them to be followers of Jesus. In other words, the same statement is needed by a rich man like Zaccheus but also the humblest child.

Again, our Lord also says to a crowd including some sceptical Pharisees:- "*I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly*" (John 10: 10). Who is Jesus talking about? Anyone who, like a sheep, enters the safe sheepfold of Jesus. Anyone who receives Christ as Saviour and Lord. And He promises to bring not only a new and dynamic life to every believer, but abundant life, giving us a rich perspective on the world, and the promise of everlasting life.

It might surprise you, then, that we have not yet included a statement from Jesus about His death. He has spoken about new life and salvation for us, because He loves us and wants us to have these benefits. But the main reason He came was to die, to make these things possible for us.

“The Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20: 28). Although the torture inflicted on Him by sinful men was so great, it was all in God’s plan and serves the purpose of saving sinners.

It’s hard to be joyful about any death, but there is good cause for us to be joyful about the death of Jesus, especially as it is followed up by His resurrection on the third day afterwards. So true Christians are also joyful about His birth! — as the carol goes -

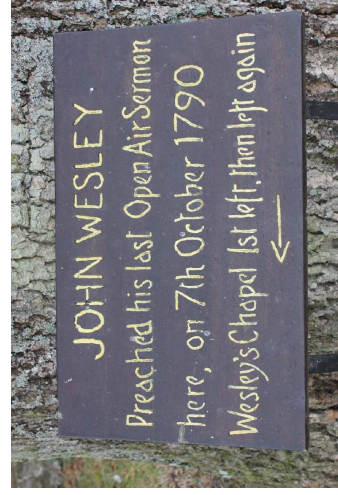
“Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing”

With love and best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Glyn Williams

Wesley’s Tree

On a trip back to East Sussex in early October this year to see my parents, it was good to go back to some places which I have not seen for some time. One such place was Winchelsea, quite near to the ancient town and former port of Rye. Winchelsea is a planned settlement on a “grid” pattern, which is of great interest to a town planner, but I went back to look at Wesley’s Tree. The tree is still there and has a plaque nearby which records that John Wesley preached his last outdoor sermon under the tree 6 months



Wed 14	1.30pm	Tots Club Christmas Party
Thu 15	1pm	Thursday at Two Christmas Special Speaker: Colin Mountain
Fri 16	7.30pm	Followers’ Prayer Group at 68 Moseley Wood Walk
	10am	Asda Chaplaincy
	7.45pm	Missionary Prayer Group at 1 Tinshill Mount
Mon 19	7-9pm	Followers’ Prayer Group Christmas Party at church
Tue 20	7.45pm	Men’s Christmas Fellowship
Wed 21	7.15pm	Carol singing – Bedford Court and some homes
Thu 29	2pm	Thursday at Two Speaker: Martin Sellens
	7.30pm	Followers’ Prayer Group

January 2012

Fri 6	6 & 7.30	Good News Club and FYN restart
Tue 10	7.30pm	Ladies’ Prayer Group
Wed 11	1.30pm	Tots Club restarts
Thu 12	2pm	Thursday at Two Speaker: Rodney Steel
Sat 14	10-12.30	Prayer Breakfast regarding new Pastor
Mon 16	7.45pm	Elders/Deacons meeting at 26 Woodlands Avenue
Tue 17	7.45pm	Men’s Fellowship
Fri 20	7.45pm	Missionary Prayer Group
Mon 23	7.45pm	Evangelism Group at 175 Tinshill Lane
Tue 24	7.30pm	Ladies’ Prayer Group
Thu 26	2pm	Thursday at Two Speaker: David Judson

February 2012

Sat 4	9am	Annual Trustees Meeting at 87 Tinshill Road
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The next magazine is due out for Sunday 5th February dv. All contributions to Martin Sellens by Wed 28th January please.

NOTE

On Christmas Day there will be two services at 10.30am and 6.30pm but

PREACHING PLAN

	Morning	Evening
December 4	Bill Dyer	Bill Dyer
11	Alan Brearley	Glyn Williams
18	Glyn Williams	Martin Sellens (Carol Service)
25	Glyn Williams	Glyn Williams (Christmas Day)
January 1	Martin Sellens	Glyn Williams
8	Glyn Williams	Glyn Williams
15	Martin Woodier	Martin Woodier
22	Glyn Williams	Glyn Williams
29	Wes Johnston	Wes Johnston
February 5	Glyn Williams	Martin Sellens

We welcome Wes Johnston to the pulpit on 29th January 2012 for the first time. Wes is Pastor at Leeds Reformed Baptist Church.

OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS

Do remember our Pastor, Glyn Williams, in his meetings outside church in the next couple of months;

Sun Dec 4	am/pm	Bethel, New Wortley
Sun Dec 11	am	Birstall
Sun Jan 15	am	Bethel, Otley
	pm	Bethel, Otley at Ilkley
Sat Jan 21	2.30pm	Torch Trust for the Blind, City Evangelical

DIARY

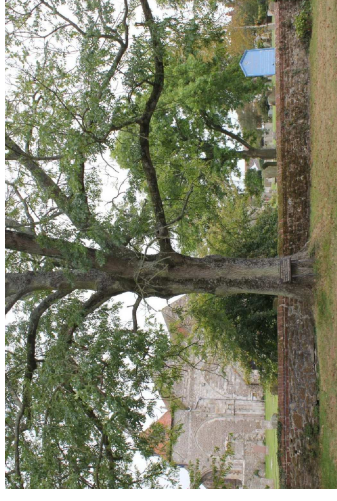
December 2011	
Tue 6	8pm Carols by Candlelight
Wed 7	7.45pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Speaker: Martin Sellens
Fri 9	6pm Good News Club Nativity
	8-9pm FYM Christmas Party
Sun 11	2.30pm Cookridge Court Service
Tue 13	7.30pm Ladies' Prayer Group at 68 Moseley Wood Walk



before he died on Thursday 7th October 1790 (some 221 years, almost to the day, before my most recent visit). At that point Wesley was 87 and still active in the Lord's work – he preached outside because of the size of the crowd and because, as elsewhere, the

established church excluded him.

For his last sermon Wesley had to sit down because of his age. He wrote that “all that heard were for the present, almost persuaded to be Christians”. The photographs show a recent re-enactment of Wesley's last known sermon and a picture of the tree as it exists today.



John Wesley paid his first visit to Winchelsea on 30th October 1771 (aged 68), arriving by foot from Rye to preach to “a considerable number of serious people”. He returned on 28th January 1789 by which time local Methodists had built a preaching house and from the pulpit Wesley preached to a room “well filled with decent serious hearers, who seemed to receive the truth in the love of it.”. What an encouragement and challenge John Wesley is to us about the need for persevering faith and to remain active in the Lord's work for as long as we are able.

What happened to the tree? Well the original Wesley's tree, much weakened by souvenir hunters, blew down in 1927 but a new tree was grown from a sapling taken from a cutting of the original and planted in 1931. It is that sapling – now fully grown – which endures to this day. It reminds us that God's Word will achieve what He has purposed for it and can still bear fruit many years later under the influence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Martin Sellens

KIDS ZONE!

Hello kids today we are learning about Jonah and the whale!!!!

The story started when Jonah was told by God to go to Nineveh. Jonah knew God was a merciful God and he was afraid that God would save them from their sins and they were very wicked people.

So instead of going to Nineveh he went on a boat. The boat was going to Tarshish. Tarshish was the opposite direction to Nineveh. Jonah was trying to run away from God.

While he was on the boat a giant storm was sent by God to punish Jonah! All the other men on the boat were petrified. Then Jonah said "Throw me overboard and the storm will stop!" Can you imagine that, having to throw someone in to the sea and probably drowning them? But did he die?

After they did throw him in the storm did stop. But how was Jonah doing under the blue?

Suddenly a giant fish came and swallowed Jonah up. He was there a few days and prayed to the Lord and said sorry. God made the fish cough him up onto dry land. Cough!

At last Jonah went to Nineveh and spoke to the wicked people. The people were so ashamed they dressed in itchy sackcloth and sat in dust to say sorry to God.

We should say sorry to God too!!!!

QUIZ!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1. How did Jonah get to dry land?
2. Where was he told to go by God?
3. What did the people do to say sorry to God?
4. Where was the ship going that he ran away on? Was it
A) London
B) Paris

gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over" he said. "When I was called to conduct this auction I was told of one secret stipulation, and was not allowed to reveal it until now. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including all the other paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"

The bible says "*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life*". (John 3: 16)"

Many chase worldly wealth and position in this life and refuse to come to the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins and eternal life through faith in Him. But those who 'take the Son' inherit in Him all things necessary, both for this life, and more importantly for the life to come. Our greatest treasure is eternal life, hell avoided and heaven gained, through The Son.

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Congratulations...

to Alex Yare and Katy Sellens who announced their engagement on Monday 21st November. Our best wishes and prayers are with them as they make plans for their future together.



If you are buying shoes in the January Sale please remember to ask for and keep a shoe box – ready for next Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Thank you!

in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you and your love for art". The young man held out a package. "I know this isn't much, I'm not a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this". The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the portrait. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other works of art that he had collected.

When the man died some time later there was to be an auction of his paintings. Many people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having the opportunity of buying one. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this portrait of the son, who will bid for this painting?". There was silence. Then a voice from the back of the room shouted "we want to see the famous paintings, skip this one". But the auctioneer persisted. "Will someone bid for this painting, who will start the bidding". Another voice shouted angrily, "we didn't come to see this painting, get on with the real bids". But still the auctioneer continued. "The son, who will take the son?" Then a voice came - it was the long time gardener of the man and his son. "I will give ten dollars for the painting". He was a poor man and it was all he could afford. The crowd were getting very angry. They didn't want the painting of the son, they wanted to get onto the more worthy investments. The painting was sold to the gardener and the auctioneer put down his

- C) Tarshish
- D) Leeds
- E) Bethlehem

How many words from the story can you make out of the letters below? If you make more than 3 you are good the most you can get is 5. If you can get more than 5 then you are fantastic but I have only counted 5!!

You can only use each letter once for each word!

J H N I A P H E V O T S R W L G D R H

Ok it's time to go now but I'll be back for more fun soon!!

(Hand in your completed form and you may get a sweet)

Rachel Williams

What's new in the church library?

Christmas will soon be here with a little more time for reading. Below is a list of items recently added to the church library. I am sure you will be helped, encouraged and blessed by reading them, as I have been.

Commentaries / Scripture reading and study

Trevor Knight – God's wonderful Word: introducing each book of the Bible.

Two new books in the Welwyn Commentary Series

John Currid – Strong and courageous: Joshua simply explained

Steve Wilmhurst – A ransom for many: The gospel of Mark simply explained

Warren Wiersbe – Jesus in the present tense: the 1 AM statements of Christ.

At the ladies' prayer group we have recently looked at the 1 AM sayings of Jesus in John's gospel and this book has helped us in our preparation. It is a great book to read.

Biography

James Hastings – Thank you King James: the tough life of Robert Hicks.

Robert Hicks lived in a silent, abusive world. Born tongue-tied and dyslexic, and barely able to read or write until he was fifteen, he was

rejected by his parents and labelled retarded by the world. Then, one night, Robert discovered an unknown book called The Holy Bible, which would change his life for ever.

Devotional / Christian life

Derek Thomas – Praying the Saviour’s way: let Jesus’ prayer reshape your prayer life. Sinclair Ferguson says of this book, ‘Here is a book that helps us to see that true prayer is about God and that the Lord’s Prayer is a miniature seminar on living the Christian life. It is instructive, practical, readable and challenging.’

Children and Young People

John Bunyan’s A pilgrim’s progress retold by Geraldine McCaughrean

John Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s progress retold by Tim Dowley

Christine Crossley

Riding on a donkey

On the outskirts of North Leeds, in Adel, is a special place where donkeys are kept. It is a facility which operates for disabled children to go and visit the donkeys, make friends with them, watch and touch them and take rides on them. In the early years of Benjamin’s life we went there quite often and it was wonderful to see how the children readily made friends with these

docile, unthreatening creatures and how much they benefited from riding and getting into number games during the rides. They wore good riding hats and each donkey had two members of staff with them at all times during the ride. The parents and children were also allowed to take their siblings with them and they could ride too. Also, at birthdays they could have their birthday party there with siblings and other friends. ‘Mums



and Nans and Grandmas’ took the food and organised games as well.

In October Benjamin had his seventh birthday party there and I was greatly struck as I watched the lovely little donkeys about how humble they were, how lowly. I was reminded about another such donkey who carried the Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem as He approached the time of his crucifixion.

“Behold your King is coming to you;

He is just and having salvation,

Lowly and riding on a donkey,

A colt, the foal of a donkey.” (Zechariah 9: 9)

Donkeys are lovely aren’t they, but they are not impressive for appearance or importance, and though they are well cared for they do smell don’t they? To that lowly moment, riding on a donkey, entering into the city of His coming substitutionary death, the King of Kings came for me. Thirty three years earlier he had been born of a woman and laid in an animal trough.

What wonderful things to consider as we approach the lovely time of Christmas when we celebrate together His coming from Heaven to human birth.

The photographs show Benjamin riding on his little donkey and an enforced moment of ‘lowliness’ as Glyn joins Joseph Hickman in the wendy house (Joe was at the party too!).



Margaret Williams

Who will take the son?

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would sit together sometimes and admire the great works of art. When the Viet Nam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died