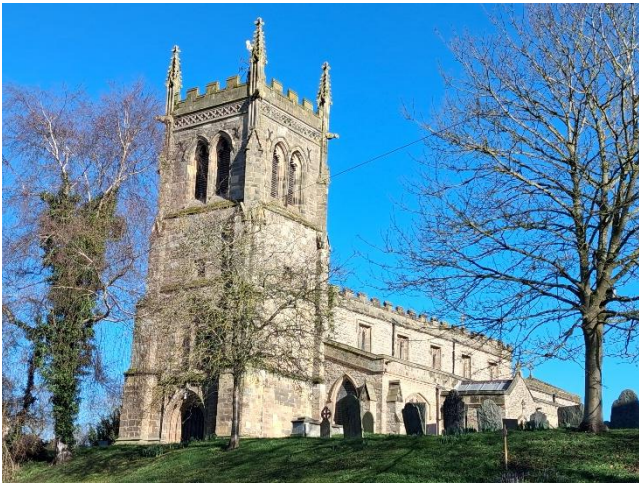


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Introduction to the MAY and JUNE magazine

I hope you had a good Easter. From my own memories of the services at Holy Trinity, Barrow it was good to see, besides our regular congregation, quite a lot of people at services, some of whom we know well and others who were new to us who we would love to see again soon. I am sure that, whichever of our benefice churches newcomers entered over the Easter period, they will have been made to feel welcome.

Besides the joy of Easter itself, I'm certain we have all felt better as the days get longer, the temperatures rise, leaves and flowers burst forth and we spend more time in the open air, whether that is in our gardens or the countryside beyond our villages.

I hope you all found something to interest you in the first of our new magazines. Special thanks to previous recipients of The Christian Link magazine who have signed up to receive this magazine. Over the past two months that number has steadily increased but we would love to have to print more copies so do tell your friends about the magazine and perhaps show them what it looks like. If people wish to join our subscription list they can do so by contacting me (see above for contact details) or Collette in the office (see inside front cover).

It may surprise some of you to be told that we, in church terms, are still celebrating Easter. The season of Eastertide actually continues for 50 days after Easter Sunday, taking Christians from the resurrection of Jesus through the 40 days during which he was seen by, and conversed with, his disciples until his departure on **Ascension Day**, which is always a Thursday (this year on 14th May) and then, a further ten days later to the festival of **Pentecost** (otherwise known as Whit Sunday) on Sunday 24th May. Pentecost is particularly important as it is the day on which it can be said that Christianity began. After Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection his disciples largely hid themselves away, not sure what was to happen next. However, at Pentecost, as we can all read about in the Bible's book of the Acts of the Apostles (generally known as 'Acts') chapter 2, they were filled with the Holy Spirit, something which Jesus had promised, and were transformed dramatically into people who had no fear, even in the face of opposition from the people who had brought about Jesus's arrest and death,

people who told everyone who would listen what miraculous things God had done through Jesus and what they (the listeners) should do in response. The book of Acts goes on to detail the experiences of the Apostles (as they were now called) as they travelled across the countries on the north side of the Mediterranean Sea, telling people about Jesus over, perhaps, the next thirty years. Each of our four churches has its own services at Pentecost but there is always just one service on **Ascension Day, a Holy Communion service at St. Mary's, Walton on the Wolds at 7.30pm. As this is for all four churches it would be great if we could fill the Walton church that evening. Do make the effort to be there.**

The Sunday following Pentecost is, logically, Trinity Sunday as Eastertide brings together ideas of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This Sunday is, therefore, **Holy Trinity, Barrow's Patronal Festival** which we celebrate with another service for all four churches of the benefice. Again, it would be wonderful to welcome lots of you who normally worship in the other churches to Barrow for that **10.30am service on 31st May.**

In this magazine you will find information about events which have taken place over the past two months as well as details of upcoming events including a Cream Tea and Plant Sale at Burton, a peal of bells in Barrow and information about Christian Aid Week.

Richard Hudson

Services at Holy Trinity, Barrow

May 3rd – 10.30am Holy Communion

May 10th – 10.30am Holy Communion

May 11th (Mon.) – 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer (at Baptist church)

May 17th – 10.00am Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service

at Baptist church

6.00pm Healing service

May 24th - 10.30am PENTECOST Holy Communion

**May 31st - 10.30am Holy Trinity PATRONAL FESTIVAL Group Holy Communion
(TRINITY SUNDAY)**

June 7th – 10.30am Morning Praise

6.00pm Holy Communion

June 14th – 10.30am Holy Communion

June 21st - 10.30am Holy Communion

6.00pm Healing service

June 28th – 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesdays – 10am Morning Prayer (May 27th, June 10th/24th)

Wednesdays – 10am BCP Holy Communion (May 6th/20th June 3rd/17th)

Service at St. Mary's, Walton

May 14th (Thursday) 7.30pm ASCENSION DAY Holy Communion

Services at St. Mary's, Wymeswold

May 3rd – 11.00am Morning Prayer

May 10th – 6.00pm Holy Communion BCP

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June 14th – 6.00pm Holy Communion BCP

June 21st – 11.00am Morning Praise

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6.00pm Evensong BCP

Services at St. Andrew's, Prestwold

May 3rd – 9.15am Holy Communion

May 10th – 9.15am Morning Praise

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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

The month of May finds me many miles away in Manilla in the Philippines. I will be there for just over two weeks on a mission trip with Streetlight Trust, a UK based charity which supports the work of Kanlungan Sa-Erma Ministries. Kanlungan serves the poorest and most vulnerable street children in the Philippines and helps them fulfil their God-given potential. Kanlungan means refuge or sanctuary, and that is what it has been for the street children it has worked with for over 30 years



Kanlungan runs a series of projects, all of which are supported by Streetlight Trust; street education and help for street families, child protection, day centres for children who work on the streets and live in urban slums including the Open Day Centre in Manila and the Tunasan Centre in the south of the city.

These are lively places where children can get an education and a meal. They also support a temporary shelter and residential care centre, where children with no home are fed and sheltered and have a chance to get some education as well as long-term residential care and training centres, with a girl's centre in Laguna and the boy's home at the farm in Cavite province south of Manila. The children live in an extended family environment, receive skills training and go to local schools.



Coming soon after Easter as this trip does, it puts me in mind of Jesus instruction that we should feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and bring release to the captive; telling us "Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did to me." (Matthew 25:35-40) This is what it is to live in the light of the resurrection, to work with Jesus in establishing the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Easter has reminded us that “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16) We are called by Jesus to live in response to this incredible love by loving God in return and by loving others just as he has loved us. (Matthew 22:37-39 & John 13:34) That is what it is to be an ‘Easter People’. This is exactly what I will be doing in the Philippines; sharing a little of God’s love with those I meet and seeking to love them just as God has loved us, - whilst also helping to feed, clothe, and care for these vulnerable children.

Loving service of the world is the third of the ‘3 Key Questions’ that inform our Diocesan Vision of the Kingdom of God. In the light of the resurrection and as an Easter People, it challenges us all to ask, how can I show the love of God to others through my life? So, that is my challenge to you. You may not be about to cross to the other side of the world to work with street children, but what are you doing, or what could you do to love others as God has loved you?

With every blessing,

Rev Clive

Oversight Minister for the Soar Valley Minster Community and
Rector of the Barrow and Wolds Group.

P.S. If you want to hear more about my trip please do ask me when I get back, I have a feeling I will have much to share.

Lent Lunches at Barrow

It seems appropriate to follow Rev. Clive’s Pastoral Letter with information about these Lunches, organised by Churches Together in Barrow, which, besides providing opportunities to meet people from the Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Catholic communities over a leisurely meal, also raise money for a charity chosen each year by CTiB for which donations are invited. It was Rev. Clive who introduced us to The Streetlight Trust which passes on donations from the UK to Kanlungan in support of their work in Manila. Attendances at the six Lunches held in Trinity Rooms averaged over 40 and all who heard about Streetlight agreed that it was an incredibly worthwhile charity, which was probably the reason that donations surpassed those of past years. The final Lunch was held at

Barrow Methodist church following the CTiB Good Friday service. This year the church was filled to overflowing, most of whom stayed for lunch. **Donations from these events totalled a magnificent £1702.85**, a sum which will be augmented further as quite a high proportion of the donations were Gift Aided.

Hearty thanks are due to all who attended, to the volunteer soup-makers, those who separately donated money to buy bread, cheese, fruit etc. so that all donations at the conclusion of each meal would be sure to reach the charity, and to those who arrived early each week to set up tables and perform other essential duties. *Richard Hudson*

An upcoming event with a further link to the above but with a worldwide reach which I hope we will all feel we can support.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 10-16 May 2026

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.



In the informal settlement of Dagoretti in Nairobi, many parents wake each morning knowing they must earn money that day. If they do not, their children may not eat that night.

For Fridah Moraa, this pressure is constant. She is a recently widowed grandmother and the sole provider for her family. Rent, school costs, water and food all depend on what she can earn. Fridah lives with her children and grandson in a rented corrugated metal shelter. There is no running water and

space is extremely limited. Many families in Dagoretti manage just two meals a day. Some manage only one. When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Now I'm responsible for everything. 'Sometimes I don't know how I'll buy food. I don't know how I'll feed my family.'

Fridah's situation began to change when she joined Imarisha Kilimo, an urban farming project run by Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope. At first, the idea felt impossible. 'I was wondering, where can someone farm here in Nairobi?', she said. 'I discovered I could sow here. Right where I stand.'

Fridah is using urban farming to protect her family from hunger and build a more secure future.

Through training, tools and seeds, Fridah learned how to grow food in small city spaces – food she can cook for her family or sell to earn income. She learned how to use cone gardens, make compost and conserve water.

'Now I can plan. I can buy this; I can buy that. I can help my family.'

Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week.

The UK and many other governments' spending on foreign aid has hit its lowest level in nearly two decades, highlighting the importance of the work of Christian Aid and the global movement of partners, churches, supporters and communities united against poverty and injustice.

We won't stop until everyone has the chance to live a full life, free from poverty. We are united in hope that, with your help, more communities will be able to transform their lives.

This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray – stepping out in love for our global neighbours. With you by our side, we won't stop until everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and hunger.

From envelope collections to walking 300,000 steps in May, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community helping those living in poverty to transform their own lives.

Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives. Join us at caweek.org

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2026 – this section is relevant to Barrow and Walton

This year, we will once again be using **delivery only envelopes** - *where envelopes are delivered to houses, but gifts are returned to one or more local drop-off points.*

WE NEED YOUR HELP to distribute the envelopes and put them through doors around Barrow (NO NEED to collect them) – **we aim to deliver to every house in Barrow.**

If you are able to help with this, please contact Frances Acton or Richard Hudson:

francesacton@btopenworld.com / richardhudson847@btinternet.com

There will be a Coffee Morning between 10.30 and 12 on Friday 15th May at St. Mary's, Walton to encourage people to return their Christian Aid envelopes and enjoy a coffee at the same time.

If you live in a village which does not have an organised Christian Aid Week collection you can easily make a donation to the charity by visiting

<https://give.christianaid.org.uk>

The Revd. John Whittaker, who was appointed Vicar of Barrow and Walton and



later took on responsibility for St. Andrews and St. Mary's, Wymeswold and as such will be known to many of you, has just been appointed **Archdeacon of Gloucester**. After his years based at Barrow he moved in 2010 to Hinckley and then in 2018 to St. Mary's Putney, where he has been Team Rector. Bishop Rachel of Gloucester said of the appointment, "I am delighted that John has accepted my invitation to be

the next Archdeacon of Gloucester. He will bring valuable gifts and experience, especially focussed on finance, church buildings and the environment, rooted in prayer and faith in Jesus Christ as we continue to live out our Life Together vision across our worshipping communities." We wish John and Helena a fruitful ministry in their new surroundings.

News from Wymeswold

Although Easter seems long way behind us, we were delighted that the numbers for both our Easter Communion and our Easter Saturday Café were up on the previous year. The BAWG Good Friday Meditation which is held in St Mary's was touchingly led by David Stoter who gave us a new approach within our accustomed format. Michael Henshaw, excellent as always, was at the piano leading the chants.

The following weekend on the Saturday a really fascinating "Pugin Day" curated by Liz Tingle, was held in the church. Richard who attended has written a review below. On the Sunday, Clive officiated with his usual panache at a service to commemorate the reopening of the church in 1846 following its restoration by Pugin and to give thanks for the recent successful restoration of the nave roof.

As I write this, we are looking forward, on Sunday 26 April, to a presentation of the wonderful Faure Requiem by the Wolds Choir in association with the Wymeswold Church Fund Appeal.

One of Wymeswold's most popular events, the annual "Duck Race" will be



held on Sunday, 3 May from 12 noon onwards. Wooden ducks sail along the brook. Small bets can be placed on individual ducks. If you own a plastic duck, bring it along.

Part of Brook Street is closed to vehicles during the whole event. Lots of varied stalls line both sides of the road; ice cream, burgers and Pimms are on sale; the Windmill pub remains open and there is a café serving home-made cakes.

For the more adventurous (fitter) in the morning, before the Duck Race, there is the Wymeswold Waddle (who needs the London Marathon?) and a family race around the fields.

Do come along and have some fun.

All profits go to village organisations.

Elizabeth Critchley

A conference held at St. Mary's on 11th April 2026

**The Rev. Henry Alford, A.W.N. Pugin and the Restoration
of St. Mary's Church, Wymeswold
completed in April 1846, 180 years ago**

Augustus Pugin (1812 – 1852) was the son of August Pugin, an architect. He was taught architectural drawing by his father and proved to be prodigiously talented. Independently of his father, at the age of 15 he designed furniture for Windsor Castle and went on to become arguably the most important architect of the first half of the nineteenth century with high profile designs for the interior and clock tower of the Palace of Westminster in which he was able to exhibit his preferred style of architecture, that of Gothic Revival. Gothic was the style used in the building of the great cathedrals of the country in the centuries following the Norman Conquest such as those at Canterbury and Wells in the late 12th century.

The first speaker at this conference held in St. Mary's church, Wymeswold was Dr. Peter Lindfield, an architectural historian and member of the Pugin Society who talked about Pugin's attitude to Gothic architecture and how he was opposed to its later developments. Pugin sought to incorporate elements of his ideal Gothic into his own designs. Of course, most of England's cathedrals were built before the Reformation initiated by King Henry VIII and so represented the Catholic church and Pugin himself converted to Catholicism in 1835. Most of his subsequent work was carried out in Catholic churches and so his work at St.



Mary's, Wymeswold has led to much debate about his connections to the Revd. Henry Alford, Vicar of St. Mary's in the 1840s, a relationship which led to speculation that Alford himself had a leaning towards Catholicism. However, it seems most likely that the Revd. Alford just wanted the best architect to enhance St. Mary's for the worship of God. Dr. Lindfield was able to show us drawings made by Pugin for his improvements. He redesigned the north porch, the pews, the nave, light fittings and designed a
(photo- a window originally designed by Pugin for Ushaw College, County Durham)

new font and most of the stained glass windows which were then made by the firm of John Hardman Jr. which, at Pugin's request, had set up a glassmaking workshop after having previously provided Pugin with metalwork for his church commissions.

The next speaker was St. Mary's very own churchwarden, Richard Bimson who, in a stimulating talk gave us more detail about the Pugin redevelopments before going on to more recent work, which included repairs, during the Revd. Lawrence Jackson's incumbency in the 1950s and from there to the massive amount of work to renew most of the church roof as detailed by Richard in the March/April magazine.

Just before our lunch break we were treated to a really interesting talk from Professor Carol Engelhardt Herringer, an American who clearly had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the history of the design of English churches through the ages. She introduced some of us, including myself, to a new word, 'ecclesiology' which is the theological study of Christian church buildings. Also new to me was the Cambridge Camden Society, a body set up in 1839 to study Gothic architecture. During the twenty years during which it existed it influenced almost every aspect of the design of Anglican churches in our country. You might think that Pugin would have been their inspiration but he was, in fact, condemned by them for his Roman Catholic beliefs.

Ecclesiology again featured in an afternoon talk by Bob Trubshaw of the Wolds Historical Organisation as he looked at its effect on the design and decoration of churches in Leicestershire. We also enjoyed talks by Professor Chris Baker on All Saints Church, Oakham and from Vaughn Portner of the

University of Cambridge who, as an archaeologist, discussed different approaches to dealing with pieces of former churches such as carvings, found in the ground during excavations.

At the end of the talks, those of us who wished to, were taken on an instructive short walk around the central streets of Wymeswold to see buildings connected to the Revd. Henry Alford, vicar for 18 years from 1835. The walk



(photo – Professor Tingle leads the walk – the lych-gate was designed this. The decoration at the top is typical of his work)

was led by Professor Elizabeth Tingle, a historian and well-known resident of the village who was responsible for planning the whole conference. We saw the graves of the Revd. Alford's two children who both died at a young age, two schools founded by him for primary and junior aged children which are now private residences and the vicarage which he arranged to have built when he arrived in Wymeswold as the existing vicarage was totally unsuitable. Our walk having come to an end we returned to the church for tea and cake.

My feeling was that the whole conference was a great success. Around forty people were present, many of whom already had a keen interest in the subject. For those of us with less knowledge and expertise, hearing talks which impinged on the lives, work and relationships of Alford and Pugin when looked at from different perspectives proved a stimulating and memorable experience. St. Mary's Church has provided a fitting tribute to two notable people who played an important part in its history.

Richard Hudson

Regular Wymeswold meetings

Prayer Group - Up to eight or nine people meet every fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon in a home in the village. It is primarily a time of prayer and fellowship - a sharing of needs and situations which we then pray about together. It is encouraging to hear of answers to prayer and of how people have been helped in their faith walk. Lent and Advent courses are part of the year's calendar.

For more details please contact Mike and Ruth Hyde at Mike.hyde2@btinternet.com or 07411133420.

Bible Study Group - The Wymeswold Bible Fellowship Group meets on alternate Monday evenings at the Methodist Church from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. We are a mixture of Anglicans and Methodists with the common aim of fellowship and study. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and share their knowledge, or may sit quietly and reflect in the fellowship. Over the last year we have studied John's Gospel and are currently reading Daniel. There are about 8 or 9 of us who meet regularly and new members are always welcome.

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SWIFT BOXES AT HOLY TRINITY – thanks to Jez Bowman for this

You might remember that we reported almost two years ago now that Swift nesting boxes had been installed in the tower at Holy Trinity. It's commonly known that it can take a few years for these boxes to come into use, despite the use of an electronic swift caller, located on the tower roof, running throughout the summer months. It was therefore a great surprise during an inspection of the boxes in January this year that we found not one but three of the boxes had perfect tidy swift nests in them, waiting for their "owners" arrivals from South Africa in the late springtime. Out of over a hundred Swift nesting boxes installed across the county over the last four years, these are the first three to be used by Swifts.

Such is the excitement of discovering three nests, the RSPB representative attended the church again during late March this year to fit three small cameras into the occupied nesting boxes, so that we can view the swift activity when they return in just a few weeks. Once the birds arrive and activity commences, you'll be able to see the bird activity yourself on Holy Trinity's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@holyltrinitybarrow> (note this is not the same as the



Barrow and Wolds Group YouTube channel which is where we stream weekly services).

Swifts are quite fascinating birds. They do everything whilst on the wing, including eating, sleeping and even mating. Their Latin name 'apus apus' translates as 'without foot' as they only ever land to nest and start a family. This means that they have chosen the nesting boxes in the tower as potentially the only spot they will ever land. How special!

The photo, a still from the newly-installed camera, shows the interior of the swift box. Bright sunlight is entering the box from the left through a small hole by which the swifts enter. This is the view you will see from the late live stream.

On Friday 8th May between 6 and 9pm a whole peal using the Cambridge Surprise Major method will be attempted on the bells of Holy Trinity, Barrow on what will be Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday.

The previous magazine included news of Ben and Katy Ray, Church Mission Society missionaries in Tanzania. Here is the remainder of their most recent Newsletter.

Gloria's story

Gloria was born in Moshi as a hearing child. She became seriously ill at just two years old with a high fever and severe throat pain. Although she recovered, her hearing never fully returned, and her life changed forever.

At five, Gloria joined a Catholic primary school that included deaf students. Despite her determination, the lack of proper translation and support meant she relied heavily on hearing classmates. The same challenges followed her into secondary school. Although she loved learning, she was unable to pass her Form Four exams and was forced to leave school at sixteen.

Determined to gain practical skills, Gloria enrolled at VETA in Moshi, studying tailoring and basic computer skills. After graduating, she moved with her mother to Arusha, helping run a small second-hand clothing business. Life became increasingly strained, especially when her brother began university.

At 22, Gloria became pregnant. Although her partner initially welcomed their daughter, he soon left and never returned. For several years, Gloria stayed at home, raising her child with only her mother's support.



Everything changed in October 2025 when Gloria joined the team at the SAFI Tanzania Centre. She learned barista skills, hospitality service and customer care in an environment where sign language is celebrated.

(Photo - Gloria in the SAFI café)

Where she once depended on 20,000 shillings a week from her family, she now earns up to 400,000 shillings per month through wages and tips. This income has transformed her life. What Gloria loves most about SAFI is the community and daily devotions. She has found skills, income, confidence and belonging.

Future plans

We currently have 26 deaf and physically disabled participants training at the SAFI Centre, and in 2026 we plan to train 50 more. This work can only continue if we have a secure space in which to grow. Our current land is rented, but amazingly, two acres have become available for purchase

right next door. This is a rare opportunity to secure the perfect long-term location in SAFI's name. Please pray that we can convince the seller to hold the plot for us and that the funds will come together in the months ahead.

Family news

Praise God our three children continue to flourish at school. Zachary has made a close friend who shares his passion for wildlife photography. Before Christmas they ran their own stall at the school bazaar selling framed prints.

After a joyful New Year's Eve party, we returned home to quite a shocking scene. While we were out, two bushpigs broke into the garden and attacked our dogs. One dog escaped, but our older dog Rocky stood his ground and was badly



gored, losing his front teeth too. He survived only because a brave guard intervened.

Rocky is now recovering well and we've received plenty of advice from experienced hunters about dealing with future visitors. Please do pray for our children who are still a bit spooked by the experience.

With love and blessings,
Ben and Katy x

HOLY TRINITY FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS FOR MAY & JUNE

DATE	SPONSOR	DEDICATION
17 th May 2025	Jane & Dave	Celebrating family birthdays

If you would like to dedicate the floodlights to a loved one please get in touch. My contact details are: David Laughton, Tel. (mob) 07913 953005, or DaveL1000@yahoo.co.uk

Holy Trinity Mothers' Union

MU Bowl

After Easter Sunday – Annette **May** – Sylvia **June** Rosemary **July** – Gwen

If you would like to join the rota for August onwards please contact Rosemary Sholl.

FROM THE HOLY TRINITY REGISTERS

BAPTISM:

**We welcome into the Church Family those who have been baptised:
Milo and Max Muncie**

IN MEMORIAM:

**Our sympathy is extended to the families of those who have died:
Joan Dobson
Michael Sholl
Ann Soars**

PROJECT 5000 – supported by Holy Trinity throughout each year



Project 5000 is run by volunteers. Emmanuel Church set up and runs the project, but many of the team come from other churches and faiths. Every Monday evening throughout the year and in all weathers the doors open at Emmanuel Church Hall in Loughborough to offer a hot meal and a warm welcome for homeless and needy people in Loughborough.

Thank you for all your donations which have been gratefully received and passed on. Your continuing generosity in March and April helped to ensure that the weekly food bags could continue to be given out and the Monday evening hot meals served and enjoyed.

Some of the people who attend have only a kettle for cooking, so food and drinks that can be prepared with just hot water are very welcome.



Donations continue to be needed throughout the year. Cartons of UHT milk, small boxes of breakfast cereals, cup a soups, pot noodles, cans of soup, vegetables, fruit, fish and tinned meals are always gratefully received. Instant hot chocolate, coffee, cappuccino and biscuits go down well on Monday evenings too. Please choose tins with a ring pull. Leave your contributions in the green box at the back of Holy Trinity Barrow church or at my door. Alternatively, I shall be happy to collect them and deliver them to Project 5000 in Loughborough. Thanks in advance.

Beverley Lott Tel. 01509 412876 or Church Office 01509 416520

Important notice for all church members:

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (APCMs)

These are the Annual General Meetings of our churches. All members of our churches are invited to attend. The dates for these are:

St. Andrew's, Prestwold – Monday 18th May at 7.30pm

Holy Trinity, Barrow and St. Mary's, Walton – Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm

St. Mary's, Wymeswold – Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm

Remembering some past events:



**Easter Garden
at Holy Trinity**



**Coffee Morning with Easter Egg Hunt
Walton, 28th March**

Upcoming events in Walton on the Wolds

Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm – Ascension Day Holy Communion

Friday 15th May 10.30 to 12 in the church - Coffee Morning (see Christian Aid info earlier in magazine)

Saturday 23rd May at 10.30 in the Village Hall – Coffee, sausage cobs, books, plants etc. and a chance to practise your CPR skills with Alison Muir.

Sunday in late June (date not yet confirmed but when known can be found at www.barrowandwoldsgroup.com

3pm Cream Tea followed by 4pm Songs of Praise

A few eco-tips you may find useful

If you don't have one already, get a water butt, especially if you water your flowers, vegetables or lawn. This helps to save valuable tap water.

Try not to waste water – running a tap unnecessarily can waste gallons per day. A tap dripping once a second wastes 5 litres per day.

Try to find a bit of your garden on which you don't mind weeds growing. It will encourage insects and other bugs, most species of which are in dramatic decline.

If you have a hedge, check it before cutting to see if there are birds nesting in it.

HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY CAFÉ will be open between 10am and 12 noon every Saturday during May and June.

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cakes and teacakes – no charge, just make a donation.

If you've not been before, do pay it a visit – non-Barrow residents welcome!

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday morning 10.30 service at Holy Trinity, Barrow is live-streamed on YouTube or can be viewed later. Just go to <https://www.youtube.com> and then search for 'Barrow and Wolds Group'.

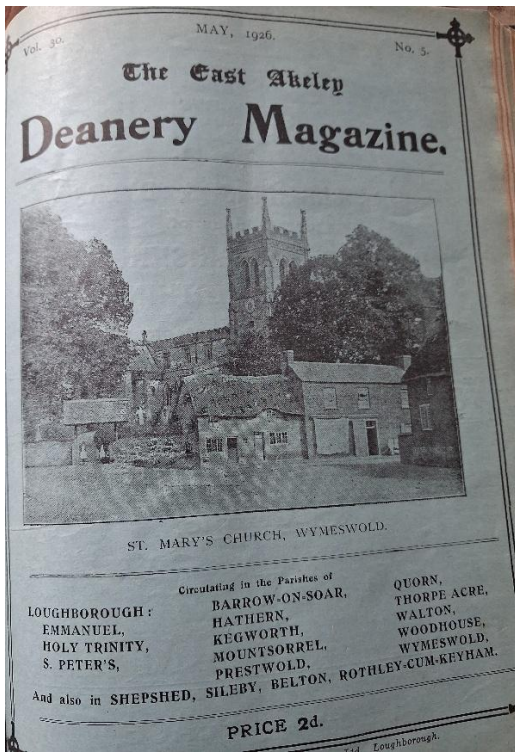
100 YEARS AGO

From the East Akeley Deanery Magazine

May and June 1926

St. Mary's, Wymeswold – Vicar: Rev. Claude Bouchier M.A., Hon. C.F.

Mothers' Union – it was a very jolly party of nine that started off to London on June 1st, at 7.30. We reached London at 10.30, and for those who saw London for the first time, saw it in the best of weather – not too hot and plenty of sun. When we were seated in the charabanc we were driven from Marylebone station to Leicester Square Corner House, where we had a good three-course lunch. After lunch, we went to Westminster Abbey and had the opportunity of seeing the "Unknown Warrior's Grave" and then we walked to the Mary Sumner House and saw every corner of it and attended a short service in the chapel, which is not yet quite complete. *(The Mothers' Union was founded by Mary Sumner in 1876. She had died, aged 92, in 1921. The MU headquarters was named after her and was opened in the year previous to this MU trip. – editor)*



My dear friends, We were all intensely relieved and thankful when the **general strike**, which was fraught with such terrible possibilities of mischief, was called off. Thanks to the firmness of the Government and the determination of the people, it collapsed. But not before it had caused much loss, inconvenience and hardship. At the time of writing the coal strike has not yet come to an end..... *(this, the famous General Strike, lasted from May 4th to 12th involved 1.7 million workers, was called by the Trades Union Congress in an unsuccessful attempt to force the government to act to prevent wage reductions and worsening conditions for 1.2 million locked out miners.*

The photo shows the cover of the May 1926 East Akeley magazine

Holy Trinity, Barrow on Soar - Vicar: The Rev. J. D. Thomas M.A.

Girls' Friendly Society – This being the Jubilee Year of the G.F.S. a Pageant will be performed in the De Montfort Hall, Leicester on Saturday June 12th. The proceedings will begin at 2.30 with the Bishop of Peterborough in the chair and an address will be given by the Rev. H.G. Peele of South Acton, London. A pageant of 400 performers will then take place.

The Bazaar and Fete – For a week or two before this event on June 23rd the necessity of fine weather was remarked upon, but at the time for the opening ceremony there came a heavy downpour of rain. Fortunately, from the outset, the number of people attending was most encouraging. Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Smith who offered their home, 'Barrow House' for the event. A grand total of £158 was raised.

Mothers' Union – *please see notes from St. Mary's Wymeswold (above) as 42 members of the Holy Trinity Mothers' Union were part of the same trip, as were MU members of other local villages.*

Visit of Pilgrims – The Bishop has commissioned four pilgrims to travel from parish to parish, and their visit to this Rural Deanery will take place of the first ten or twelve days of July. Their names are Miss Anderson and Miss Beckwith.

They will address a meeting on the Vicarage Lawn on Wednesday July 7th at 7.30pm and it is hoped that we shall get a good muster.

St. Andrew's, Prestwold-cum-Hoton and Burton – Vicar: Rev. J. B. J. Bevan

Easter Day has come and gone and I am more than glad to note how well our people fulfilled their Easter duties. That a very scattered parish of 630 people should produce 104 Easter communicants is unmistakable evidence of the worth of the labours of my most recent predecessors here.

The church in this parish, and more particularly the Prestwold, Hoton and Cotes Sunday School, the ready and competent help received for many years from Mr. H.H. Hill who has recently departed for Canada. The teachers and scholars of the Sunday School, over which Mr. Hill presided as superintendent so long, marked their appreciation by presenting him with a beautifully bound copy of "The Historical Edition of Hymns, ancient and Modern" which also recognised the work of Mrs. Hill in the musical part of the Sunday School work.

**Unfortunately there were no entries in these magazines for
St. Mary's, Walton**

FROM THE PRAYER DIARY

Please pray for:

**May 3rd - Our Church Treasurers, Martin Roberts, Melanie Casteldine and
Stephen Critchley and our Benefice Treasurer Mike Clarke**

**May 10th – Our Area Dean, Rev. Andrew Race and our Archdeacon,
Ven. Claire Wood**

May 17th – Those who live in the village of Burton on the Wolds

**May 24th – Associate Ministers: Pam Knowles, Rex Shaw, Mike Hyde,
David Spencer and Jay Jones**

May 31st – Benefice Administrator Collette Webster-Jones

**June 7th – Bishop Martyn of Leicester, Bishop Saju of Loughborough
and the Honorary Assistant Bishops**

**June 14th – The NHS, local health centres, community nursing services
and care homes**

June 21st – Little Angels Pram Service, leader Vicky Bowman

**June 28th – Refugees and asylum seekers, Project 5000,
The Carpenter's Arms, BACA and Exaireo Trust**

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