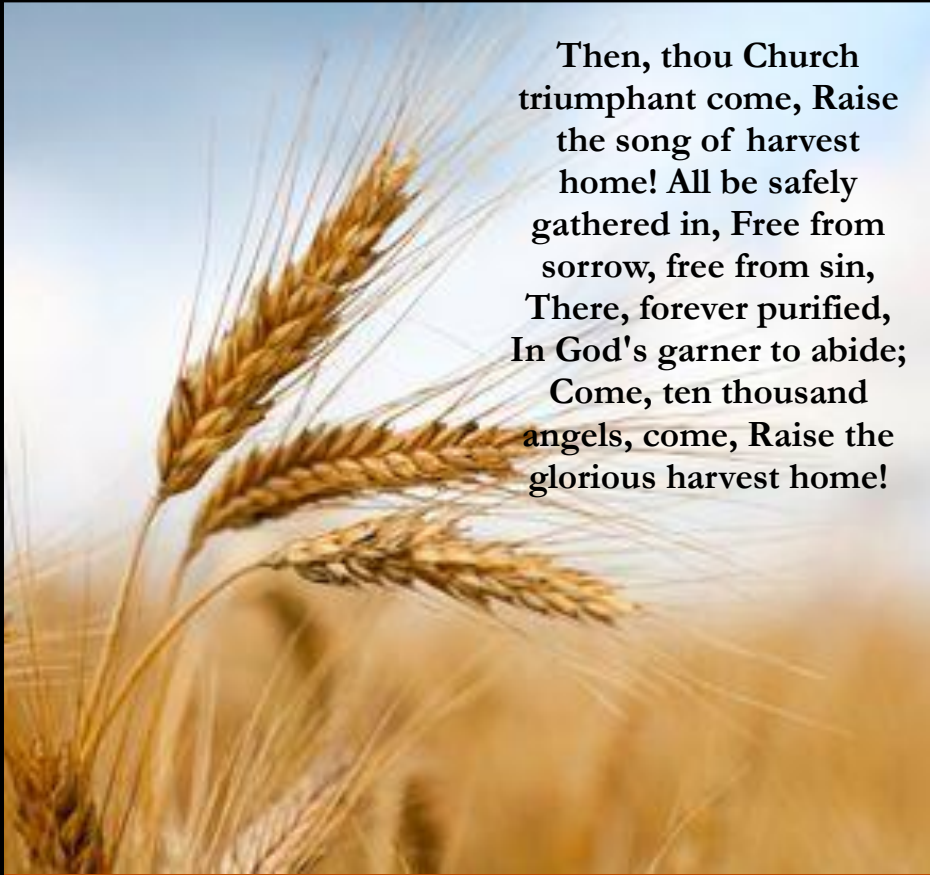
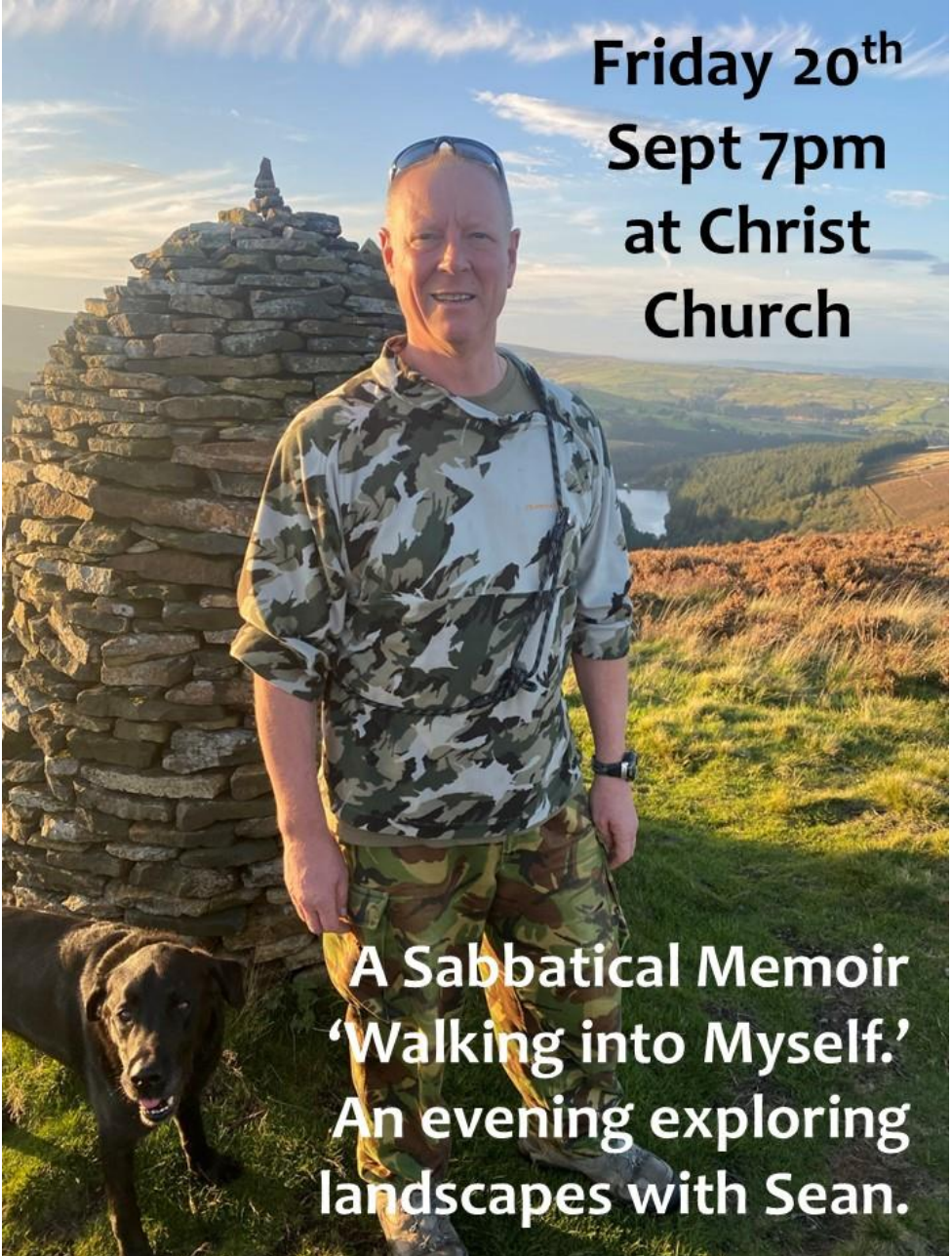


Thurstonland Parish News September - October 2024



**Then, thou Church
triumphant come, Raise
the song of harvest
home! All be safely
gathered in, Free from
sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In God's garner to abide;
Come, ten thousand
angels, come, Raise the
glorious harvest home!**

A man in camouflage clothing stands next to a large stone cairn on a grassy hillside. A black dog is sitting in the foreground. The background shows rolling hills and a lake under a blue sky with clouds.

**Friday 20th
Sept 7pm
at Christ
Church**

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VILLAGE DIARY September 2024

Fri 30 August	Community Lunch Club Afternoon Tea Booking essential – tel. 663123	2pm
Sun 1 Sept	Family Service with the enrolment of MU members	10am
Tues 3 Sept	New School Term starts	
Thurs 5 Sept	Coffee Morning	10.30am-12noon
Sun 8 Sept	BCP Holy Communion Service	9.30am
Mon 9 Sept	PCC meeting	7pm
Weds 11 Sept	WI meeting @ SVH	7.30pm
Thurs 12 Sept	Community Cards Group	2-4pm
Sat 14 Sept	Heritage Open Day – Church Open Please see article in the Parish News p9	10am-4 pm
Sun 15 Sept	Family Holy Communion Service Heritage Open Day – Church Open Please see article in Parish News p9 (includes Messy Church “Walk in the Woods” at 2pm)	9.30am 12noon-4.30pm
Fri 20 Sept	Open Evening @Christ Church, New Mill Sean will be previewing his book Ring Janet to book a place Tel. 663123	7pm
Sun 22 Sept	Family Holy Communion Service	9.30 am
Weds 25 Sept	Mothers’ Union meeting	7.30pm
Thurs 26 Sept	Community Cards Group Choir Practice (re-start after summer)	2-4pm 7.30-9pm
Fri 27 Sept	Community Lunch – all proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support Booking essential – tel. 663123	12 noon
Sun 29 Sept	No service at St Thomas Team Service at Christ Church, New Mill	10am

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held in church on Sunday 6th October 2024 at 10am. We will be collecting goods to be donated to The Welcome Centre, with any monetary donations going to Christian Aid.

VILLAGE DIARY October 2024

Thurs 3 Oct	Coffee Morning – all proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Care Choir Practice	10.30 – 12 noon 7.30-9pm
Sun 6 Oct	Family Service and Harvest Thanksgiving	10am
Weds 9 Oct	WI meeting @SVH	7.30pm
Thurs 10 Oct	Community Cards Group Choir Practice	2-4pm 7.30-9pm
Sun 13 Oct	BCP Holy Communion Service	9.30am
Thurs 17 Oct	Choir practice	7.30-9pm
Sun 20 Oct	Family Holy Communion Service	9.30am
Thurs 24 Oct	Community Cards Group Choir Practice	2-4pm 7.30-9pm
Fri 25 Oct	Community Lunch School break up for half term	12 noon
Sat 26 Oct	British Summer Time ends Remember to put your clocks back by 1 hour tonight	
Sun 27 Oct	Family Holy Communion Service	9.30am
Weds 30 Oct	Mothers' Union meeting	7.30pm
Sun 3 Nov	No service at St Thomas' Joint Service of Holy Communion at Christ Church, New Mill Sean's last service	11am

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEAN

Our congratulations go to Sean on his appointment as Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Leeds. This is a great opportunity for Sean, although he will be greatly missed by everyone in the Upper Holme Valley Team, and especially here at St Thomas' Church where he has been vicar since 1996, and Team Rector since 1998. We wish Sean good luck in his new position. His last service will be a joint service of Holy Communion at Christ Church, New Mill at 11am on Sunday 3rd November 2024 and we hope you will join us.

Thurstonland Community Choir News

It's hard to believe that the summer is nearly over given the weather we've had! The Choir is planning its usual summer party which is always an enjoyable and relaxed occasion for everyone to get together again. Our rehearsals will start on the 26th September when we'll begin our run up to Christmas - gosh, that seems a long way away!

If you enjoy learning new Christmas music and want to try your hand singing in our local choir, then pick up the phone and speak to Robin on 07867976879, or come along at 7:30 pm on Thursday 26th September. Although it's generally all Christmas themed music at this time of year it's a mixture of sacred and popular songs



If you aren't able to join us singing in the choir, we hope you'll give your support to us at all our events coming up to Christmas. Full details of those will be given in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.



COFFEE MORNINGS AND COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

The coffee mornings continue to be held on the first Thursday in the month - from 10.30 am to 12 noon, so 5th September and 3rd October 2024. The aim of the coffee mornings is to provide a friendly place to come for a chat, meet friends old and new and enjoy some coffee and cake. **Please, just drop in!** No charge but donations are welcome.

The August lunch club meeting will be held on Friday 30th August when we are expecting 24 of our supporters to meet and enjoy an Afternoon Tea. The September, October & November lunches will run as normal on the last Friday in the month, as will the Festive Afternoon Tea in December. It is **always** necessary to book, as places are limited. Thanks to everyone who supports the coffee mornings and the Community Lunches, but particularly the ladies who work hard in the kitchen and produce such fabulous food. We are looking for some new volunteers to join the Team – to cook, wash up or even perhaps just provide a dessert for the lunches, or to host a coffee morning. If you think you could help, please give me a ring.

Normally, all profits from the lunches go into the fund for the renovation of the kitchen and toilet facilities, and the money raised from the coffee mornings goes into general church funds. However, as we have in the past, we are supporting the September Macmillan Cancer Support Project and so **all profits from the September Lunch and the October Coffee Morning will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.** We hope you will come along and support us.

Many thanks, Janet

Tel 663123 or 07710588275

COMMUNITY CARDS GROUP supporting THE WELCOME CENTRE

We continue to meet in the church room on the afternoons of the 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month, and used greetings cards can be left in the box in the church porch. These are recycled to make new cards which are sold to raise funds for the Welcome Centre. A selection of cards is available to purchase in the church room. Additionally, there is a box for collection of goods for the Welcome Centre in the church porch. We appreciate your support and welcome donations of used cards throughout the year, as well as any help you can give, but please note that we cannot now take any further Christmas Cards for re-use.

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KIRKLEES HERITAGE OPEN DAYS - 6-15 SEPTEMBER 2024

St Thomas' Church is taking part in The Heritage Open Days event which will run across the whole of Kirklees from Friday 6th September to Sunday 15th September this year. The theme this year is "Routes, Networks & Connections". Our church will be open for visitors to appreciate all the Heritage of the church from 10am-4pm on Sat 14th September and 2-4.30pm on Sunday 15th September 2024 (this also the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust "Open Churches Day"). A Messy Church event "A Walk in the Woods" will set off from church at 2pm on the Sunday with refreshments served afterwards. This is a family event and everyone is welcome. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Refreshments will be available when the church is open and any donations made on the day will be allocated to various projects to rejuvenate the church building. Booklets showing all the venues across Kirklees which will be open during this period will be available soon. Please see the posters for further information and come along to support this event.

JUST FOR FUN

1. Three of the numbers in the box below add up to 112 but can you work out which 3?

	14	39
34	12	
	23	45
26	32	33
27	20	
	22	

2. Which four letter word connects all the following words?

March Leap Let Bull Man

Answers on the page 15

As the days draw in and Autumn begins, the Gala, only two months ago, seems a distant memory! The good news is that the money it raised was £3,600 – a fantastic sum considering the weather forecast for the 7th July was uncertain. Memory of the Gala may fade but the money will continue to do good for the school, church and cricket club throughout the year. A big ‘thank you’ must go to the very generous donations of villagers to the silent auction, the gala committee and all the other helpers for making it a great community day out.



Early September sees Heritage Open Days across the country. The theme this year is Routes, Networks and Connections. There will be talks in Huddersfield about the canal system and even one about the gasworks before the gasometer is demolished. Nearer home, the church will open specially on Saturday 14th, 10am til 4pm and Sunday 15th from 12 til 4.30pm with information about Thurstonland's connections and a tour for children to follow. Refreshments will be available.

Part of our village communication network (a part many are unaware of!) is the railway line that lies beneath the village. As you can see from the 1960 map, it goes under the entrance to the Rec (and the ancient lavatories, thankfully demolished in the '70s!) There are signs above ground, however – the spoil heaps on either side of the road. The one with the air shaft is known to villagers, appropriately, as ‘The Tipping.’ The nearly mile-long tunnel opened in 1850 and its construction had led to the deaths of four workers. The first train to pass through came to a stop in the tunnel, but to find out what happened, you'll have to go to the open heritage days!

* The popular **Monday Meetings at the Cricket Club** start again on September 23rd, then October 14th & 28th. 10am until Noon

** Next TVA Meeting **at the Cricket Club 7.30pm 2nd December.**

All villagers very welcome

THURSTONLAND CRICKET CLUB

The weather has at last become a little more summer-like as the season enters the final third in terms of games remaining to be played.

The first team batting has been either boom or bust with scores in exceeding 250 being followed the next week by startling collapses. This has resulted in a fifty-fifty record and seventh place in our twelve-team section. A great deal of credit must go to our nineteen-year-old South African batter Bryce Jose who has scored three centuries and three fifties in a series of very stylish innings. Without his contributions our struggle for runs would have been even more pronounced.

His work as a wicket-keeper is also of the highest class and for good measure at the end of July he turned his hand to opening the bowling when holidays and injuries deprived the club of the services of several players.

The boom outlining the history of the club over its 150 year existence has been well received. It runs to 160 pages and has many coloured photographs of teams, match action and its attractive surroundings seen in all seasons of the year. Copies cost £10 and are available from the club with further details on the club website (www.thurstonlandcc.com). Other memorabilia items such as engraved pint glasses, pens, coasters and key rings are also on sale.

Junior fixtures end in early August with our social and awards presentation function scheduled for the beginning of September. Once again several of our Under 15 and Under 13 players have made appearances in the second team with several promising performances being noted. As ever, we are grateful for the support given by parents and other family members on match days and at practice sessions.

Andrew Pearson

FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS CHURCH

Would you consider becoming a friend of the Church, and support the buildings continued presence in the village. More in the next edition.

THURSTONLAND MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in St Thomas' Church Room

Jenni Wohlman writes:

Our Summer of Hope fundraiser proved to be a fun evening and enabled us to forward a substantial donation to support Mothers' Union projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a country now facing even more problems due to the rapid spread of mpox. Thank you for your generosity. Keep praying.

Once again, the Magical Mystery Tour was a grand afternoon. This year the destination turned out to be Uppermill in Saddleworth where everyone found plenty to occupy them. Peter took us the scenic route. The views from the top deck, as we looked across the valley from Blackmoorfoot Road, were truly spectacular. Blessedly, as last year, the rain stayed away until just before we were ready to come home.

We took our banner to join the other Branches' at the beautiful service held in Holmfirth to commemorate Mary Sumner Day.



At our most recent meeting we were honoured to welcome both our present and future Diocesan Presidents. We learned much we did not know about the history and current structure of the Mothers' Union. Founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner, a Hampshire vicar's wife, by 1909 it had become the largest voluntary women's organisation in Britain. Nowadays, we have 4,000,000 active members in 83 countries.

A well-known face in the village, Sara Begg, has kindly accepted our invitation to speak about her work and travels as she pursues her commitment to increasing participation and inclusion in sport, so creating opportunities to promote better health and social change, both here and overseas. **All are welcome** in the Church Room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th September.

Finally, on Wednesday 30th October we meet for Pies, Peas and Planning. We will make plans for our Branch and decide the programme for next year.



THE CHURCH ORGAN

Anyone who has been into the church recently will have noticed something missing. The church organ has been removed for repair leaving an enormous void in the church wall! This is a work in progress at the moment but things should be back to normal in the next couple of weeks. It is fascinating to see all the hundreds of components which make up the workings of this magnificent instrument which was made and installed when the church was built in 1870. Our thanks go to David Wood and his team for taking on this monumental task for us.



ST THOMAS' CHURCH SERVICES

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September 2024

Date	Service & Time	Saying Hello	Intercessor	Reader	Reading	Chalice Holder	Coffee
1	Family Service 10am (New MU Members)	Lynda	Lynda	Lynda	Mark 7 1-8, 14-15, 21-23	-	Sue
8	BCP Communion 9.30am	Brian	-	Vernon	James 2 1 - 5	Jackie	Carole
15	Holy Communion 9:30am	Jenni	Mari- anne	Mari- anne	James 2 14 - 18	Liz	Jo
22	Holy Communion 9.30am	Lynda	Michelle	Michelle	James 3:16 – 4:3	Michelle	Richard
29	Team Service 10:00am	Christ Church	New Mill				

Brass cleaning in October—Helen Gaunt

October 2024

Date	Service & Time	Saying Hello	Inter-cessor	Reader	Reading	Chalice Holder	Coffee
6	Family Service 10am	Sue	Mari- anne	Mari- anne	Matthew 6 25 - 33	-	Jo
13	BCP Com- munion 9.30am	Jenni	-	Vernon	Job 23 1 - 9	Jenni	Jackie
20	Holy Com- munion 9.30am	Lynda	Jenni	Jenni	Job 38 1-7;[34- 41]	Janet	Richard
27	Holy Com- munion 9.30am	Jo	Michelle	Michelle	Job 42 1-6,10-17	Michelle	Sue

Praying for our neighbours

During September:
Stocks Lane, Derwin Avenue, Top of the Moor

During October:
Haw Cliff Lane, Upper Fold, Low Fold

Answers:

1. 34, 45, 33
2. Frog (frogmarch, leapfrog, froglet, bullfrog, frogman)

Thinking about love, giving and receiving...

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” In 1 Corinthians 13:13, we find the most straightforward synopsis of the qualities that define a follower of Jesus: faith, hope, and love. But what do we mean when we talk about biblical faith, hope, and love today? Let’s just pause for a moment and reflect on love.

- God’s love is much more than simple feelings of affection; it is the strongest Truth in the universe.
- Love is commitment — to God and to our neighbour; love leads people to put others first even when they are not “feeling” like it.
- Love shows itself in both words and actions: love is a whole lifestyle, not temporary emotions.
- It makes all the difference in people’s lives whether an action is done out of love or not, even if the results of the two actions are otherwise identical — God’s kind of love always reveals itself.

Love is primarily unselfish: love cares more about the other than about ourselves, and is willing to sacrifice itself completely — as Jesus did on the Cross, the prime example of God’s Love.

There is a Chinese saying that goes: “If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.” For centuries, the greatest thinkers have suggested the same thing: Happiness is found in helping others.

‘For it is in giving that we receive’ — Saint Francis of Assisi

‘The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity’ — Leo Tolstoy

‘We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give’ — Churchill

‘Giving back is as good for you as it is for those you are helping, because giving gives you purpose. When you have a purpose-driven life, you’re a happier person’ — Goldie Hawn

Paul writes again in Acts 20:35 “In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ” And so we learn early: It is better to give than to receive, and it is even better when we do it out of love... *Blessings Sean*



A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

2 - 4pm

Sun 15th Sept

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Usual times of Church Services

10.00am	1st Sunday each month	A Service of the Word.
9.30am	2nd Sunday each month	Sung Holy Communion BCP
9.30am	3rd Sunday each month	Sung Family Eucharist
11.00am	4th Sunday each month	Eucharist @ Christ Church
10.00am	5th Sunday each month	Team Eucharist (see mag for info)