 ***VINE LEAVES from***

 ***ST. LEONARD’S, WORTLEY***

***MARCH 2024***

***‘DATES FOR YOUR DIARY’***

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES AT ST. LEONARDS**

**SUNDAY 3rd MARCH Holy Communion with Rev. Harry Steele at 11am**

**SUNDAY 10th MARCH Holy Communion with Rev. Malcolm Reed at 6.30pm**

**SUNDAY 17th MARCH Holy Communion with Rev. Toby Hole at 11am**

**PALM SUNDAY 24th MARCH Morning Praise with Ian Watson at 11.00am**

**GOOD FRIDAY 29th MARCH An Hour at the Cross with Rev. Lewis Atkinson at 2pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY 31st MARCH Joint Benefice Easter Communion at Tankersley St. Peter’s at 10.30am**

**A SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**SUNDAY 14th APRIL Institution and Induction of Rev. Chris Herbert**

**by the Bishop of Sheffield at 6.00pm**

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

**15th to 25th March Penistone Arts Festival when St. Leonards will host a display of art produced by the children of Thurgoland School.**

**SUNDAY 16th MARCH Church hired for Penistone Arts Festival event ‘The Elgar Connection’ 2pm – 6pm**

**THURSDAY 11th APRIL Presentation of prizes to the children and a celebration of all**

**their hard work at 6pm**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY** **1-3pm** **Tea & Chat group in Church**

**Thanks to Leonard's Friends our historic Church is open for all to visit and to explore every Wednesday between 11am and 3pm.**

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***CHURCH CHAT***

****Our popular SNOWDROP DAY held on 17th February was very well supported once again. The weather was kind, the snowdrops in the churchyard looked amazing and a good time was had by all. Many thanks are due to our great team of bell ringers for running the day and a HUGE THANK YOU to Pauline Barlow and her wonderful husband for undertaking the mammoth task of planting up and selling 300 pots of flowering snowdrops – definitely the main draw of the event bringing welcome additional funds towards the up-keep of St. Leonards’ churchyards.

On a more sombre note; we were recently informed - by her daughter Alison - of the death of Joyce Duce on 25th January 2024, aged 86. Joyce lived in Bromley and then Howbrook from 1969 until 2015 when she moved from Howbrook to live with Alison in Torworth, near Retford.

Born in Rotherham in 1937 she moved to Bromley in 1969, she worked at Wortley School in the kitchen in the 1970s and 1980s and had friends in Wortley, Howbrook and Bromley. Whilst living in the Parish, she supported events at the Church and delivered The Vine in Howbrook and Bromley. Her husband Harry Duce died in 2012. Our thoughts and Prayers are with Alison and all the family in their loss.

**Penistone Arts Festival when St. Leonards will host a display of art produced by the children of Thurgoland School from 15th March until 11th April.** The Church will be open to view the art on Saturday 16th and 24th March from 11am to 1pm and on Wednesday 20th and 27th March between 11am and 3pm. Presentation of prizes to the winning entries will be made at 6pm on Thursday 11th April. All welcome.

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**Last but not least!**

**Everyone is invited to come and join in this happy occasion**

**The Institution by the Rt. Reverend Dr Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield,**

**and the Induction by The Venerable Javid Iqbal, the Archdeacon of Doncaster of**

**The Reverend Chris Herbert**

**as Rector and Oversight Minister of the Benefice of Tankersley, Thurgoland**

**and Wortley**

**and as Associate Priest of the Benefice of Penistone and Thurlstone**

**and the Cornerstone Benefice**

**on Sunday 14th April 2024 at 6pm**

**in the church of St Leonard’s Wortley**

**Light Refreshments will be served after the service.**

**Note of caution – parking is going to be at a premium as usual so please do consider car-sharing if you can!**

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**Len’s Friends** **WEDNESDAY TEA AND CHAT GROUP**

Continues to welcome all comers each week. Come each week, or just occasionally when you can,especially during the long dark days of winter,we promise a warm welcome, tea, cakes and conversation with our happy group.

Come and join us **any Wednesday between 1 and 3pm**

(PS we might be hiding in the kitchen – its warmer!)

**EDITOR’S NOTE All contributions to Vine Leaves at St. Leonards gratefully received: please send to** **anncampbell288@gmail.com** **or give to any PCC member or leave in Church**

**This is YOUR MAGAZINE please do help make it interesting by contributing interesting or informative items for us all to enjoy.**

**NEWS FROM THE BELFRIES**

**OF ST. LEONARD’S and ST. PETER’S**

**WORTLEY TOWER NEWS**

**First Quarter Peal for Alice**

On Ash Wednesday14th February a quarter peal was rung in the afternoon to mark Ash Wednesday. In 42 minutes, 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles were rung by four of the Wortley team and a couple of ringing friends from Rotherham Minster. Alice started learning to ring with us about 8 months ago and she rang the cover bell to this quarter. It was her first quarter peal. Many congratulations on this achievement which also means she becomes a qualified member of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers and will get the big certificate in due course. Quarter peals must be at least 1250 changes of a method, and nonstop. Many have been rung at St Leonard’s over the years. We hope to ring many more in the future.

**New Ropes**

New bell ropes have arrived and been fitted to our bells. It takes months from placing an order to receiving the ropes as there are few rope makers who specialise in bell ropes. We placed the order in July. The fluffy part of the rope, called the Sally can be stripes with three different colours. We now have light blue, black and green sallies which match the blue carpet tiles and the green and black mats in the ringing room. Ringing on new ropes is an interesting experience, they stretch a bit until they bed in and fluff comes off the sallies. You can guarantee at the worst moment fluff will get in your eyes or nose. We don’t mind though, they will last for many years and the old set were very worn.

Have a look in the church on the craft table. We have some knitted Sally Mice for sale in the colours of the new bell ropes. You can own your own Sally Mouse for £2.00.

**Clock Annual Service**

Our lovely tower clock has received its annual service from the Smiths Clock Company of Derby. The mechanism has been checked and lubricated. All the linkages to the dials and the moving parts of the chiming hammers have been cleaned and oiled. Everything was found to be in good working order. Thank you to Wortley Parish Council who pay for the annual service each year. In a nice nod to the past, the Smith’s van had painted on its side Wm Potts & Sons Leeds. Smiths took over the work of Potts clocks many years ago and ours is a Potts Clock.

**TANKERSLEY TOWER NEWS**

**Ringing the Pancake Bell**

What a great morning we had on Shrove Tuesday. Historically we know many churches rang the pancake bell on Shrove Tuesday, many still do. St Peter’s Tankersley had revived the tradition at 11am on Tuesday 13th February. Hundreds of years ago Christians used to be called to church by the 11am bell for confession or to be Shriven of their sins. The bell became known as the Pancake Bell because after the service was the time to use up any perishable food such as eggs and butter ready for the start of Lent. One good way to do that was by making pancakes.

The ringers from Tankersley and Wortley joined in with members of the St Peter’s congregation and PCC to catch hold of the ground floor rope. As many hands as could reach all pulled at the same time and the pancake bell message rang out from the tower. Smiling faces all round. It was a very enjoyable morning. Thank you especially to the church members who were making hot pancakes with a selection of toppings. Very welcome along with tea and coffee.

Thank you to all who came to help and let’s make this an annual event. Finally, the ringers raised all three bells and rang them from the ringing room full circle to finish off the morning. There are photos on Instagram and Facebook.

**Learn to ring with us. At either Wortley or Tankersley – Telephone Andrew our tower captain on: 07733005526, email:** **wortleytower@gmail.com** **or** **tankersleytower@gmail.com** **There are Facebook pages for Wortley and Tankersley bell ringers, Instagram feeds for both and Wortley ringers have an Twitter account now just called X, @Wortleytower**. **Andrew will reply to you and arrange a visit, tower tour and training sessions.**