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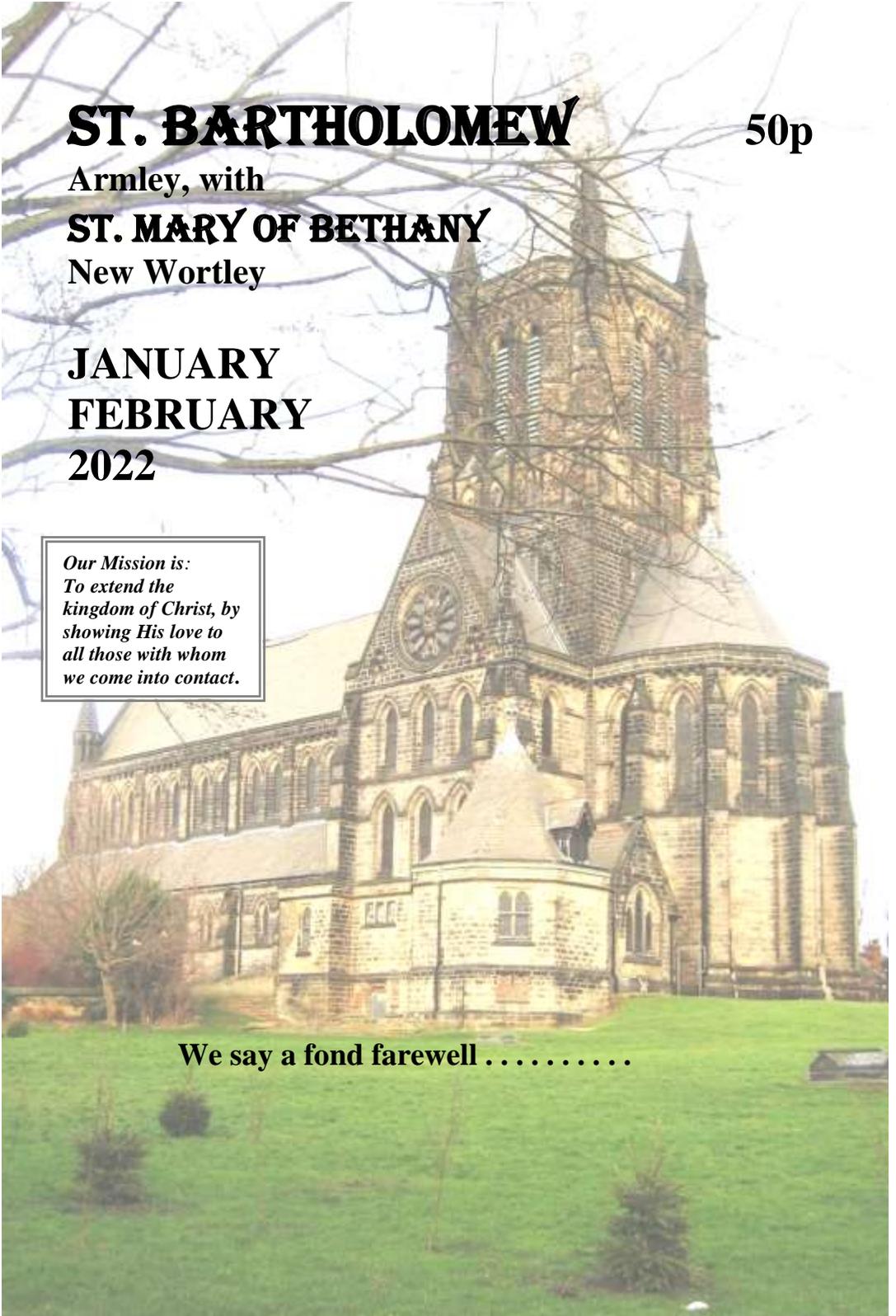
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We say a fond farewell



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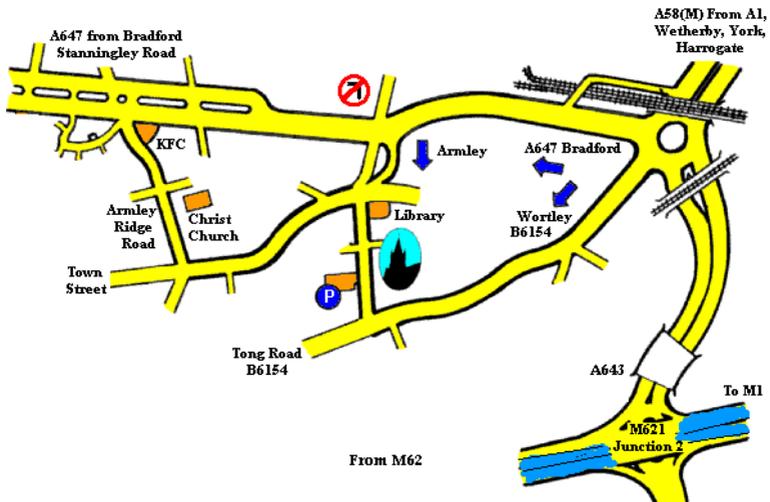
SUNDAY: 10:00 MASS AND ADDRESS

Church Parade, as announced

In church and on Zoom

email Fr. Michael to join Zoom, see above.

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Schulze organ website: www.armley-schulze.co.uk

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year, if it's not too late.

The sorting and the packing have started. I was told to start with the simple things first, so I went through my CDs and DVDs. Looking at each one, should I keep it, is there someone who would like it or does it go to a charity shop? Doing it that way will take ages.

There is one thing I've realised though and that is most on my CDs and DVDs haven't been listened to or watched for years so are they worth keeping? The big job comes when I start on the books, that I am dreading.

Many of us listen to music or watch movies differently now but that doesn't mean that the older ways are not worth keeping, so charity shops have got more than a few things coming their way.

Nobody uses CDs or DVDs, I was told recently. Does that mean they become worthless, I asked, and if so, does it also apply to people? As I contemplate the next stage of my life, I am thinking not so much about becoming worthless because there are modern replacements. I am thinking about becoming a modern-day antique – I think I quite like that idea.

We are in the season of Epiphany, the tree will have been put away by now, and Christmas is over, but Epiphany is a whole new time, it is when Jesus is revealed to the world but not just to those who were waiting for him but to everyone. Jews, Gentiles, rich and poor, perhaps young and old, and after the revelation it was then left to each person to make sense of what was in front of them and to do something about it.

Everything and everyone have value and that is the message of the Incarnation, God became one of us because we are all worth saving. When clergy retire, I am told, they often feel as though they have lost their value because we spend our time 'up front' with people looking at us. Our identity is not to do with what we are but who we are.

We are all children of God, and even in retirement we are people who Jesus came to save.

My final mass will be at 4pm on Sunday 30th January, I do hope you will be able to be with me as I give thanks for thirty seven years of ministry My CDs might not be listened to these days, but they can still produce music if need be, my regular ministry may be coming to an end but it does not mean that I cease to be able to minister officially or unofficially if need be.

So, we give thanks to God who calls us and used us but more importantly we give thanks to God who comes to us.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Michael

A Post-Christmas Prayer: A Prayer for Slimmers

Please Lord, help me through the day,

Don't put temptation in my way,

Let not my will be turned aside

By chocolate cake and food that's fried.

Let me remember bulging hips, And resolutely shun those chips.

I also pray that heaven save me From roast potatoes dipped in gravy.

If to the larder door I stray,

Turn my steps the other way;

And furthermore, see that I don't sin At midnight with the biscuit tin!

If I the diet strictly follow And not one extra sin I swallow,

If I am good, I'll see one day Unsightly pounds just roll away.

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

Congratulations to:

Michael O'Neill & Karan Boyd

Departed: *Pray for the repose of the souls departed, for their families, friends and loved ones:*

Bill Tree, Jackie Taylor, Keith Evans, Peter Blackwell.

“Rest eternal grant unto them, and let light perpetual shine upon them”

From the Churchwarden/ Editor

As Fr. Michael was the only applicant for the new Priest-in-Charge of St. Bartholomew's, the two churchwardens, Eileen and I, had little choice in the matter.

The interview, led by the Archdeacon, was arranged for a certain early afternoon. I met Fr. Michael late morning that day, and, after an initial chat, we set off for a tour round the Parish. Quite what he thought of Armley I can't remember.

In a very few weeks I decided that we had made the correct choice, as he "got stuck in", very sensibly not changing too much too soon.

The five and a half years have flown, and suddenly we have to say "Goodbye". Our congregation grew, our worship flourished, we entertained the Asylum Seekers, our Christingle Service this year was the best ever with children happy and attentive, adults interested, and the local school choir giving a special performance.

I thought that this article would be difficult for me to write, very concerned about the future, but even more concerned about all the attributes to Fr. Michael that I have forgotten – he's a wizard with 'Zoom' and the water boiler; his concern for the elderly, the ill, the bereaved is amazing – I'll miss him to bits. Perhaps just as well that my memory is failing badly, and, who knows, whoever follows may be even more faithful, caring, loving, but I doubt it!

Thelma Collins, churchwarden 2007-?

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Receipts

Tax recovered	£1,229.90
Bankers' orders	£577.00
Parish giving scheme	£466.00
Fundraising	£300.70
PCC fees	£291.00
Stewardship envelopes	£290.00

Payments

Parish share	£1,000.00
Church insurance	£839.94
Church gas	£384.14
Parish hall insurance	£272.38
Clergy expenses	£257.32
Fees to LDBF	£211.00

Receipts

2021 to date:	£37,799.39
Payments 2021 to date:	£37,650.58
2021 surplus:	£148.81

Owed to the PCC

HMRC tax reclaimed:	£114.05
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Historical Parish Share:	£162,152.00
2021 Parish Share:	£10,927.00

J.R. Kaye 31/12/21

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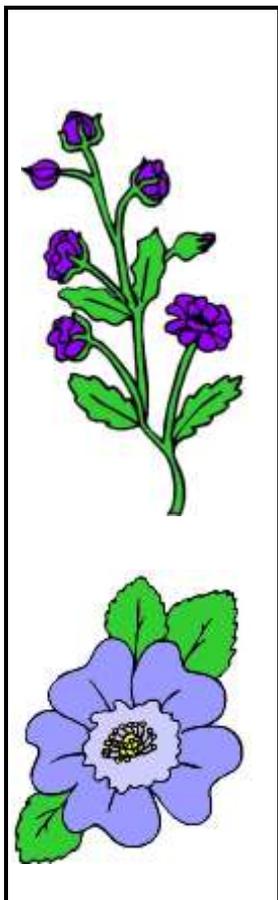
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The service went live on **Monday 1st March 2021**

How does it work?

Click on the link below to go to St. Bartholomew's giving page

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