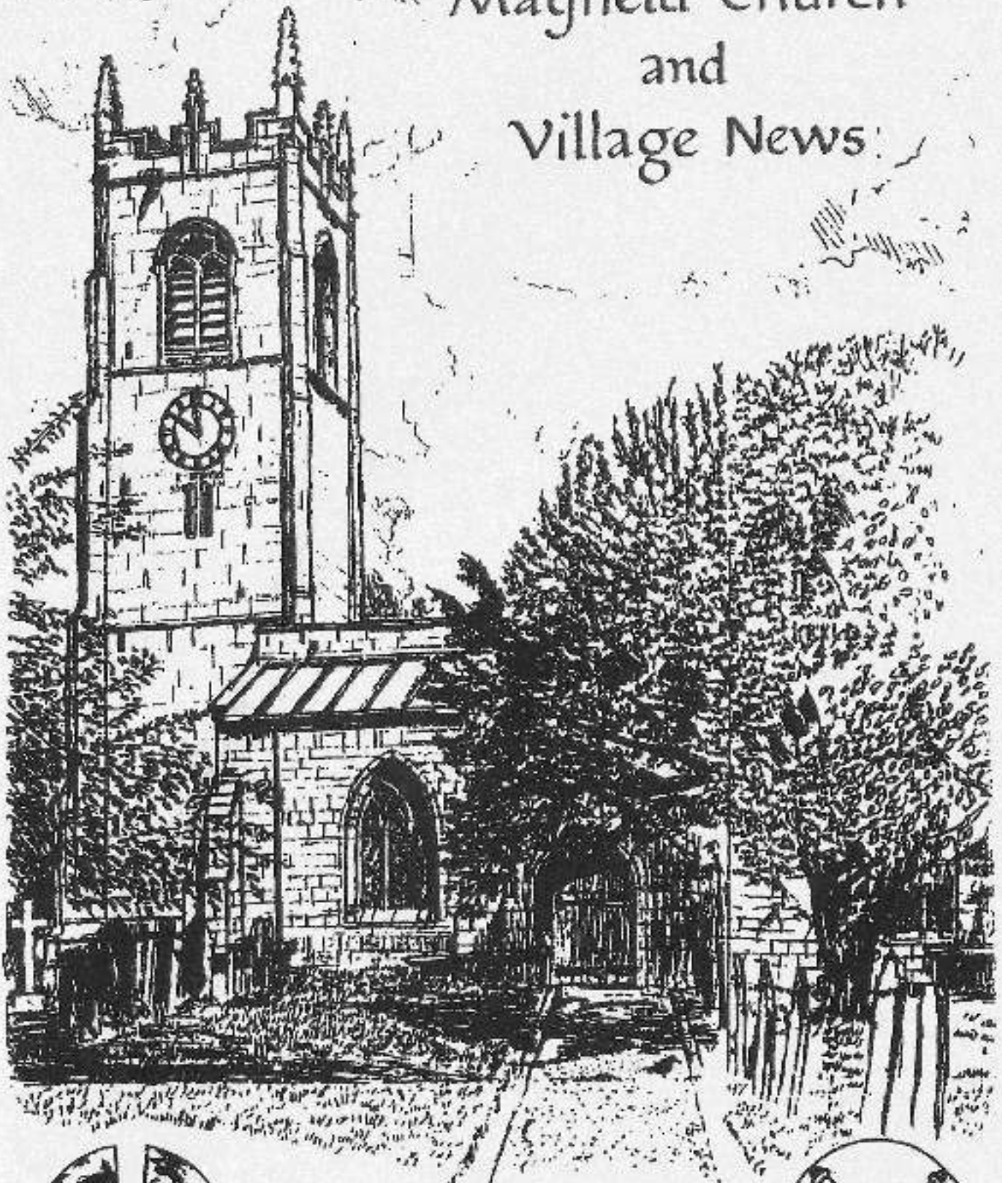
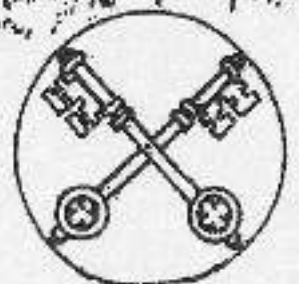


# Mayfield Church and Village News



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## How Holy do I have to be?

*“<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.” Psalm 24:3-4*

After the end of the exam period in school, comes the wait for results, followed by the consequences. People ask “Am I going to University” or into the work of their choice?

We are on earth for a time, and when it finishes, Christians believe there is more to experience. So, when we consider the afterlife, will I reach the grade required? Often people fear that they won't be good enough. A classic example of this was when people would pay for indulgences which were supposed to give them a shorter time to burn off their sins, before entering into Heaven.

A modern way of coping with this fear is to put it on the back burner and not consider it, and hope nothing will come of it. If death is indeed the end – then Hell is not to be feared.

However, in the Bible we see some very human figures and yet we are told that they point the way for us to live lives that God will find acceptable.

You might remember Old Testament stories of the Israelites in the wilderness being unable to enter the promised land until all those who had chosen to go against God had died, and it took forty years.

But we also have stories of Moses, who committed murder, David who committed adultery, and Jeremiah, who spent much of his life in depression. All these people are held up as right before God.

The thing to note is that Biblical faith is not primarily about copying moral examples of life. The Bible is a history of God offering His grace to people who do not deserve it.

None of us have lived a perfect life. We have skeletons in the cupboard, dark recesses of our minds, secrets to try to hide. The press love to expose these secrets when they come to light, and some are darker than others. But nobody can claim to be right before God.

The Bible teaches us the meaning of holiness. At essence it is absolute moral purity. God is not only perfectly good; He is the very source and standard of goodness. Being rooted in God, goodness does not change because God does not change.

Being holy people means to live our lives in a way that reflects God's glory, rather than conforming to the ways of the world (Romans 12:1-2). It means that we need to abide by the rules that God laid down for us in the Bible. It takes discipline to do this and is not always easy. But it is more about being willing to be led by God, than succeeding in every task we undertake.

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## A Warm Welcome to Sunday Services in October

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October (19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity)

10.45am Family Holy Communion and Baptism Revd. Chamil Fernando  
With support from Carol Akers, Caroline Monroe and Paul Flint

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October (20<sup>th</sup> after Trinity)

10.45am Morning Prayer Revd. Chamil Fernando  
With support from Catherine Mellor, Diana Houghton and Charles Wimbush

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October (21<sup>st</sup> after Trinity)

10.45am Morning Prayer Led by Charles Wimbush  
With support from Andy & Marion Brown and Martyin Balderson

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October (Last Sunday after Trinity)

10.45am **St John The Baptist Gift Day Service\***

Morning Prayer Revd. Chamil Fernando

With support from Doug Greenaway, Stephen Dunn and Arnie Rainbow

**\*Come and bring your Gift Day contributions to this special service**

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What we need, is to get to know the Saviour. To learn to pray. To be introduced to ways of confessing our failures, and then being forgiven because Jesus died in our place.

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)*

Brian Leathers (September 2024)

## **A Breast Cancer Awareness Afternoon Tea Party**

The breast cancer tea party originally planned for August is now

to be held on **Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>** at **1pm**

at **The Church Rooms, Church Lane, Mayfield**

A tea party to raise awareness of, and funds for, Breast Cancer Research.

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## HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AND SUPPER Our Village Celebrates

Our harvest festival service is important to any church but of particular importance to Mayfield where the harvest festival recognises the rural links our church and community has. It is a time for the village to come together in both the service and a harvest supper as well as decorating our historic church with beautiful displays.



The Church windows were decorated with a mixture of plants, flowers, foliage and produce for the harvest service and a wide range of goods, produce and food were brought to the church the day itself. Harvest service is a special service in the calendar year, especially for a rural church and there's a real joy in a congregation singing 'We plough the fields and scatter' at a time when around us in the fields of Mayfield the harvest had been gathered in.





Every single window had an arrangement done especially for it, and with the size of our church and the number of windows available that is an achievement in itself. There were displays of every type from large formal displays above to displays that nicely mixed the produce of the harvest together with items that would be donated to the harvest festival like the display below,





So many different flowers in vases and containers of all types graced every window sitting alongside colourful fruit and veg which added to the charm.





Messy Church undertook a very special window on the South wall which featured autumn leaves as well as fruit and pine cones and with a bright red background was a very distinctive window indeed. Meanwhile on the harvest festival Sunday The gifts of The community were placed on tables in church and blessed during the service and then on the next day Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September they were taken to the Memorial Hall for the harvest supper and a silent auction.







Here 50 parishioners enjoyed a two course supper and took part in a special quiz as the entertainment, as well as getting to purchase all the produce and gifts given at harvest in the sure knowledge that every penny raised was going to charity. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who gave their time and energy and skills to making all of this happen within Mayfield.



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## A Very Special Christening at Mayfield Church

All christenings are special for the family and godparents of a child being christened, but some christenings go beyond that to involve a much wider family and that was the case on 22<sup>nd</sup> September when a very special little girl was christened at Mayfield church.

The little girl in question is Kleiah, the youngest daughter of our minister Chamil Fernando and the wider family she brought to the service included family members and friends from Leeds, where Chamil and family lived before coming to Mayfield, his church family from his old diocese in Leeds, his new church family here in Mayfield and as a special guest the Bishop who brought Chamil and family over to the UK, the Rt Revd. Paul Slater, Bishop of Kirkstall, Leeds Diocese.



And it was Bishop Paul in full Bishop's regalia who took the service, along with Chamil, and christened Kleiah.

With all those different family members in attendance for the christening, the church was bursting, with a congregation, well in excess of 100 adults, plus plenty of young people, of all ages, there to see it all happen.

Young people were an important part of the service with both lessons read out by teenagers from Mayfield and the intercessions (prayers) read out by Kleiah's older sister Keziah, just 10yrs old herself.

And the person who sailed through this busy and complex service without a murmur and a big smile on

face was Kleiah herself, never complaining even when water was being poured over her at the font!

And as is normal after a christening there is a lunch for the family. However, in this case it was not just the immediate family who joined together for lunch but absolutely every person who attended in church - Chamil's wider church family from both Mayfield and Leeds.



Chamil, very generously provided food for all at the church rooms afterwards, where Sri Lankan Street food had been specially cooked and prepared by friends of Chamil so that everyone could share a meal to celebrate Kleiah christening. Add to that a glass of sparkling wine, generously donated for the occasion by Stanton church and a good time was had by all in celebrating this very special occasion for this lovely little girl.



## My Sister's Baptism



Hi, my name is Keziah and on the 22nd of September my baby sister Kleiah was baptised by my dad's friend Bishop Paul.

It was a gloomy but misty day, and our Bradford and Leeds friends came as well.

My two best friends Ellie and Millie came to the service and did the Gospel reading as well as the Old Testament reading and for me, I got to do the prayers!

After the Baptism we had lunch in the church rooms, and we had Sri Lankan food as well. We had lots of fun and the children enjoyed playing together. Thank you for coming and thank you for helping us to set up.

yours sincerely      Keziah



## **Mayfield Church Gift Day**

*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October is the St John the Baptist, Mayfield Church Gift Day. It costs over £100 a day to keep our church going and this is why the church asks villagers and parishioners for their support. A gift day envelope will be delivered to your door for you to consider donating a monetary gift to enable our church to continue serving our community in so many ways.*

*Below is a copy of the letter, from our church warden Charles and our minister Chamil, that will accompany that gift day envelope, outlining what this important gift day means to Mayfield and its church.*

Dear Parishioner,

I am writing to thank you for your generosity to St John the Baptist Church over the past year. Many of you have given to the Church in monetary terms and many 'in kind', keeping the Church functioning, clean, safe and welcoming; helping organise events; raising money for charity; visiting the sick and adding vitally to the 'community' of our Church.

We have had a vacancy for 18 months, ever since Martin Soar retired, and you have supported the lay team immeasurably: congregation numbers have increased, and the Church is looking good. The main Quinquennial inspection works are complete, and our ongoing plans prioritised: work on the area of the left-hand vestry; work on the 'Robey Room' at the Church Rooms and minor work to the dry-stone wall. We have a plan to make access to the middle and lower churchyards safer with some railings funded by donations in memory of two past members of our community and also cushions on the pews.

We have given to charities, funded the start-up of Messy Church and to enable this have arranged fund raising events.

Of course, what was really missing was a vicar! There is a limit to what the lay team can do and Brian Leathers, our incumbent, although taking Holy Communion every month, has four other churches to attend.....

And then came Chamil and his lovely family! Chamil arrived 4 months ago and has made an impact wherever he goes. He is getting used to having probably the largest garden in Mayfield!

Chamil has added a few words to all of you:

*My dear Friends in Christ,*

*It had been a great joy for me & Evangeline to pitch our tents among you - so to say, and to share in your joys and sorrows - to cry with you when you cry and to laugh with you when you laugh in the Divine Call of shepherding you.*

*Thank you for accepting us and our children into your midst with the greatest investment of love, Joy and deep concern. The Greatest Gift & Resource our Heavenly Father has given us, is His Presence in our lives in the Power of the Holy Spirit. As God with us and within us, He is willing to walk all the way. Let us pool all our resources together, and make our community a haven to all who dwell in it.*

*Blessings. Chamil.*

The third part of this letter touches on 'money', not a subject for polite company but a necessary evil in our circumstances. Our vicarage, the pay and pensions of past vicars, and the shared support of our Diocesan staff, all cost in the region of £40,000 a year and we just about cover those expenses by fundraising; wedding and funeral fees, plate giving and the bank direct debit payments from you good people; but add to this capital works, such as Quinquennial work, and we are adrift by around £7,000 a year. We coped last year because we have built a reasonable investment portfolio to occasionally meet this sort of situation; but we cannot keep doing this and must therefore try our best to both cut costs by doing the work ourselves, and by relying on your generosity.

We are most grateful to those of you who already give regularly – if you feel that you would be able to increase the amount you give then please contact our Treasurer Catherine on 07752 772715.

If you would like to start giving regularly, again Catherine is the person to talk to, and of course this would help our finances enormously.

Gift Day: Our annual Gift Day takes place in October.

We have included a gift day envelope and if you would like to donate, in cash or by a cheque made out to 'Mayfield Parochial Church Council', please do so. Your 'deliverer' will come and collect your gift before October 23<sup>rd</sup> if you wish, or you could bring it yourself to Church on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Those who prefer direct banking, our sort code and account numbers are~: 20 25 85, and 20011800 (Account name: Mayfield Parochial Church Council).

We would love to see you all at the Church and again, thank you for all you have done in the past.

Best wishes

Charles Wimbush and members of the PCC

## Ringling the Bells at Mayfield - Hand Bells That Is!



Mayfield was alive to the sound bellringers in August of this year when Alton Handbell Ringers came to entertain the Friday club with a beautiful selection music and songs played just on handbells. It was remarkable in both the range music that could be played on hand bells and the sheer beauty of the pieces played. And with all that music, members of the Friday club soon wanted to have a go themselves and were welcomed to try their hand themselves. Who knows perhaps Mayfield will have its own group in the future!

The Bell Ringers were just one of many guests the Friday club has and if you are interested in joining, please contact organiser Carol Akers on 07716433609 or come along every second Friday at 2pm at the Memorial Hall.





## More Music In Mayfield!



As you may have read on the previous page there's been plenty of music in Mayfield in the last couple of months and all due to the Friday Club. August saw the Alton bellringers in Mayfield and at the end of September it was an invitation to the Cheadle Ukulele Band that once more brought music to our village.

The ukulele band have been regular visitors to the Friday Club and their reputation for providing great entertainment saw one of the biggest gatherings of the club for some months. Well over 30 residents of the village enjoyed an hour and a half of music from the 19 members of the Ukulele band as well as poetry and humorous readings.

The band covered songs and music from the 1920s right up to date and with song sheets on each table many of the songs became a community sing song.



It was a great afternoon and we look forward to more of them.

# Get together to Knit a Poppy



## For Remembrance Sunday

Sunday Afternoons, 3-5 pm  
at the Memorial Hall

Help given if you can't yet knit or  
crochet. Ring Sharon for more details,  
07828 233359, or see [marna.org.uk](http://marna.org.uk)



*More details [www.marna.org.uk](http://www.marna.org.uk)*

## Mayfield Parish Council Report

Mayfield Parish Council is delighted that a new clerk started work on 1st September. Her name is Rachael Anderson and she can be contacted by email on [clerk.mayfieldpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.mayfieldpc@gmail.com) or by phone on **07508 930 705** . There is also lots of information about your Parish Council on our website

<https://mayfieldparishcouncil.org.uk> .

We still have vacancies for parish councillors which can be filled by co-option. If you are interested, do please get in touch.

In recent weeks, our work has focussed on finalising our bid for funding from the ESBC Ward Enhancement Grant programme, with special thanks to Cllr Pete Stephenson for all the work he has put in on this.

The Mayfield proposal has kindly been co-ordinated by Albert Golding and John Parker and includes projects put forward by the MRA and the Memorial Hall, as well as the Parish Council project for village gateways.

It is proposed to have an enhanced gateway approaching Middle Mayfield, a new gateway near Hanging Bridge and smaller features at the entrances to Upper Mayfield and The Terraces. A picture of the proposed gateway is opposite.

There are continuing concerns about the speed of traffic through the village and the Parish Council is investigating what else can be done to address this problem. The vegetation obstructing signs on the A52 at Swinscoe Bank has been reported to the County Council.



The Parish Council welcomes the improved bus service that we now have in Mayfield. A seat, to be placed in the Ashbourne bound bus shelter, has been ordered and hopefully will be installed soon.

Our next meeting will be at Mayfield Memorial Hall on Monday 7th October at 7pm and the agenda will be available on our website and the village noticeboards a few days before the meeting.

Pamela Boura    Chairman

## **Knit a Poppy for Remembrance Sunday - There's still time to be part of a Great Village Project.**

Back in July Sharon Amy decided she wanted to knit some poppies to display in the Memorial Hall for this Remembrance Sunday in November. Sharon, working with our local community group MARNA, organised drop-in sessions at the Mayfield Arms on Sunday afternoons at the Memorial Hall, with the first session starting in early August.



*Sharon and friends at work, with a refreshing drink of course!*

The response from people in Mayfield has been amazing with large numbers of poppies being knitted and crocheted both in the hall and at home to bring to the project. Every Sunday at 3:00 PM groups and knitters congregate in the hall and with fellowship and the occasional drink, get to work.





And it's still not too late for you to contribute and knit a poppy. Sessions will continue each Sunday in October at 3:00 PM at the Memorial Hall.



And every poppy knitted or crocheted, will be part of a special display at the Memorial Hall in November this Remembrance Sunday where they will be blessed in a special service by our minister Revd Chamil Fernando

For more information Ring Sharon on 07828 233359

## Memorial Hall News

**Clarkson comes to Mayfield**..... Not in person you understand, but the Mayfield Arms is excited to now offer his Hawkstone cider on draught. Blending traditional apple varieties, the cider is made from freshly pressed juice and fermented it in oak vats for up to 6 months using champagne yeast.



The Hawkstone cider is not the only new face on the bar. You can now order a pint (or a half) of **DRAUGHT GUINNESS**. No longer do you have to put up with the canned stuff but can savour the real thing.

So get down to the Mayfield Arms in the Memorial Hall and see what the fuss about Clarkson's Hawkstone cider is about, or wander in for a pint of stout. The community bar is open every Sunday afternoon and on Wednesday evenings (darts night but all welcome), plus at the many gigs and events we hold. – see below. All profits from the bar go towards the upkeep of the hall. See you soon!

**\*\*Advance Notice\*\* Look out for a Nifty November** .....with some super events and evenings coming up.

Its all happening at the Memorial Hall this November with events taking place right at the start of the month so we thought we better let you hear about them in plenty of time. So here we go...

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. It's Meatloaf Tribute Night** with the most amazing tribute artist Matt Shaw. Matt is a previous winner of Stars in their Eyes as Meatloaf and sings all the hits from 'Bat out of hell' to 'I'd do anything for love' . It will be a great night, Doors open at 8pm. Tickets £10 at Bar or contact Ness 07966 875599

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November Oktoberfest – Oompah Night.** Our Oktoberfest/ Oompah night takes place on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm and is complete with authentic German lagers, Beer Steins to drink it out of, trestle tables to sit at and even sawdust on the floor. Add in live music from one of the best Oompah Bands in the country, the Bierkeller Schunkers and you have the best of Germany right here in Mayfield. This will be a sellout event and a few tickets are still available. Call Bush now on 07341 335479

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November Blessing the Poppies for Remembrance Sunday.**



All the poppies that have been knitted in the Memorial Hall by volunteers will be mounted and displayed beside our special memorial boards in the hall and at 3:00 PM on Sunday the 10th of November after remembrance service at church, that will be a special blessing all the poppies by a minister Revd Chamil Fernando. All are welcome and come and raise a glass in remembrance of those who gave their all for us in two world wars and beyond.

**And Finally.....**

**Rick Sheenan is back in Mayfield**

Rick is back. After a sellout show in Mayfield last November Rick returns with a great evening of fun and laughter.

You can expect fast humour, jokes, and characters that everyone knows & loves!

Including many comic impressions - Look out for Mrs. Brown, Freddie Mercury and many others.

Doors open at 7pm - the show starts at 8.30pm and tickets are just £10 - contact Peter Holman on 07546 627697

This is a night not to be missed.

A promotional poster for Rick Sheenan's show. The title 'RICK SHEEHAN' is in large, gold, 3D-style letters. Below it, the text reads 'A FUN PACKED SHOW FILLED WITH HILARIOUS COMIC IMPRESSIONS &amp; BRILLIANT VOCAL TRIBUTES'. The date 'Saturday 16th November 2024' is on a yellow banner. Below that, it says 'Doors open 7.30pm - Show starts 8.30pm' and 'Mayfield Memorial Hall, Conygree Lane, Mayfield, DE6 2LD'. A photo shows Rick Sheenan and several other people. A circular badge in the bottom left says 'Price: £10pp'. At the bottom, it says 'For Tickets Contact Peter Holman - 07546 627697'.

## Mayfield Memorial Boards Refurbished



In 2013, John Parker, Paul Etherington, John Webb, and Adrian Parker discussed creating a permanent memorial to honour the men of Mayfield who sacrificed their lives and served in the two World Wars. They aimed to place this memorial in the Memorial Hall.

The process of gathering all the names was quite lengthy. Paul Etherington took the lead on this task, with assistance from the rest of the group and significant input from Pat Smith. Eventually, all the necessary information was collected, and they proceeded to have the board made. Everyone who contributed to making the board did so at the cost of materials only. Once the board was made, Martin at Acres Signs and Graphics in Ashbourne offered to have all the names printed on the memorial board at cost, without charging for labour.

After the memorial board was in place, Paul Etherington, John Parker, John Webb, and Adrian Parker organized an official ceremony for the unveiling of the memorial. Members from the British Legion and ex-soldiers were invited to give a talk on their experiences. All the names of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives were read out, and the last post was played. The ceremony was well-attended by members of the village, many of whom had relatives on the memorial who had been killed in action or served their country. After the ceremony, there was a



display of artifacts and the history of the soldiers, much of which was supplied by Pat Smith.

Unfortunately, recently some of the names on the board have become difficult to read. Geoff Harrison and John Parker, members of Friends of Mayfield, volunteered to have the memorial board redone. Once again, Martin offered to do the printing, and he did a brilliant job of making the names stand out. This was paid for from £300 that the old parish council, under the chairmanship of Phill Cook, donated for the upkeep of the memorial board.

John Parker

## Mayfield Memorial Hall

### Forthcoming events

**Mayfield Arms Sunday Openings. 2pm -7pm  
6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – OCTOBER 2024**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> - Line Dancing 7.00- 9.00pm.**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> – Indoor Bowls 10.30am – 12.30am**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. – NEW Mayfield Friday Club**

**2pm - 4pm Everyone is welcome including non members.**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. Country Music Club **\*\*All DAY RODEO\*\*****

**All welcome from 1pm to 11.30pm. Packed program featuring Paul Martin & Warren Dewitt. Plus, quiz, Line Dancing & Pie and Chips Just £5. Bar open in the evening. Tickets £10 all day, £6 afternoon or evening, Contact Ness on 07966 875599**

#### **Date for Articles for the November 2024 Issue of the Magazine.**

We always welcome articles for the magazine, both from Mayfield itself and the surrounding villages. To ensure your article is published in our next issue,

**November 2024**

It must be submitted by **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** at the latest.

**Articles and information submitted beyond that date may not be published.**

You can submit articles by email to our editor. Stephen Dunn Email:

s.w.dunn@btconnect.com Tel. 342188 or contact me to deliver them by hand

## Made in Mayfield.

It's Mayfield's very own craft fair, with all items on sale made by Mayfield people for Mayfield people; and now in its fourth fantastic year it did not disappoint, with stalls laden with craft goods at the Memorial Hall on Saturday the 14th of Sept.



The doors opened at 10.00am and the hall was soon full. The items on display and for sale clearly did not disappoint the many customers who came to browse and buy. The craft fair is now in its fourth year and unlike other craft fairs sticks to the principle that it's a village event and reflects just how creative the people of Mayfield are.





This year Items for sale ranged from jewellery to toiletries, fresh baked bread to cakes and sweet treats, through to plants, wood turning, knitting, quilting and weaving, and lots of savoury food and pies just tempting you (oh and tempting dog treats for that special animal in your life!)



And then you could add to that a complete art gallery with paintings, prints and ceramics for sale, plus a special stall from Mayfield craft club together with a tombola to raise money for the air ambulance.

And when you wanted to stop for a break and a chat you could get your cup of tea or coffee and a delicious hot filled roll from the kitchen where



Katie from Mayfield 1st scouts was in charge of the catering, raising money for this excellent local organisation.

And by 2:00 PM it was all over with every stall selling goods and all gaining happy and satisfied customers, who could not wait until next year's Made in Mayfield Craft fair.

## October Wordsearch!



AUTUMN      BLACK CAT      CLOCKS GO BACK      COBWEBS  
FALLING LEAVES      HOT SOUP      PUMPKINS  
SCARECROWS      SWEETS      TRICK OR TREAT

### Monthly Sillies

What is a ghouls favourite game?      Hide and shriek!  
Why did the vampire use mouthwash?      Because he had bat breath!  
How do you mend a broken gourd?      With a pumpkin patch!  
What do ghosts wear when their eyesight gets blurred?      Spooktacles!  
What can you catch from a vampire in winter?      Frostbite!  
What's it like being kissed by a vampire?      It's a pain in the neck!  
What's a ghost's favorite dessert?      I scream!  
What's a skeleton's favorite instrument?      A sax-a-bone!  
Why are graveyards so noisy?      Because of all the coffin!  
What goes around a haunted house and never stops?      A fence!

Colour Me In!



# MAYFIELD TREASURE HUNT

To be completed in the October half term or at your leisure, no need to do it in this order or all in one day, spread it throughout the week and bring your answers to the Memorial Hall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November between 2-4pm to collect your **free prize** where **free soup and rolls** will also be served

1. Alder Carr Farm, Church Lane: How many eggs can you buy for £1.20?
2. Mayfield Church: On the war memorial plaque, whose name is listed third?
3. Mayfield Vicarage: How many windows does the front of the vicarage building have?
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\_\_ 6 2 \_\_
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12. Henry Prince School: What is the school phone number displayed on the sign?
13. Memorial Hall: What colour is the clothing bank?

All you need are the clues above, a piece of paper and a pen/pencil

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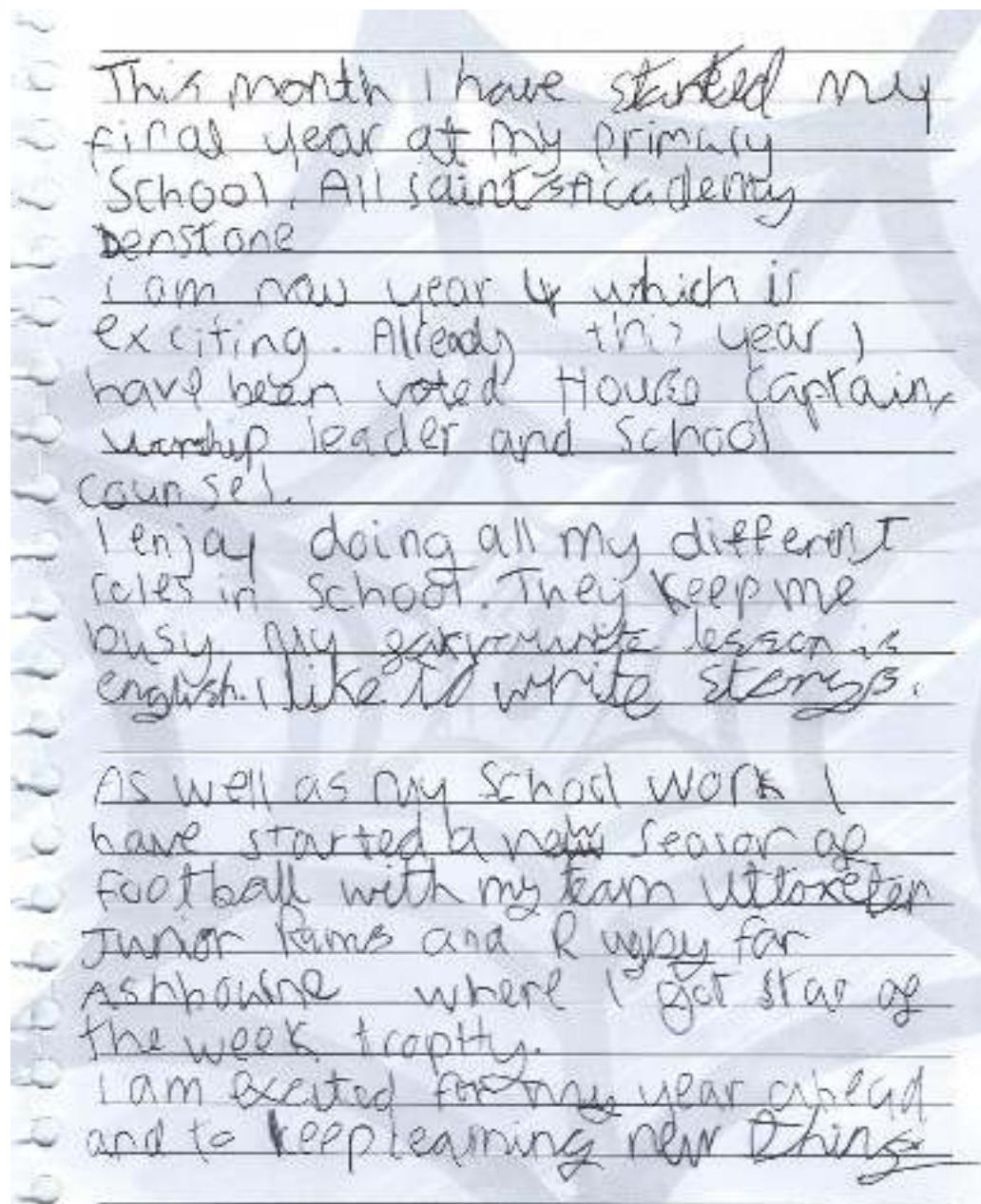
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As you read this edition of the magazine. Mayfield children have been back at school, at the start of their new school year, for almost a month. We asked our youngest correspondent, Rory Sowter aged 8, to tell us what it's been like. Rory has handwritten his report, which is shown below and to help readers we have also typed it out. It's called.....

## My New Year at School



This month I have started my final year at my primary school, All Saints Academy, Denstone. I am now in year 4 which is exciting. Already this year I've been voted house captain, worship leader and school counsel.

I enjoy doing all my different roles in school. They keep me busy. My favourite lesson is English. I like writing stories.

As well as my schoolwork, I've just started a new season of football with my team Uttoxeter Junior Rams and rugby for Ashbourne where I got 'star of the week' trophy.

I am excited for my year ahead and to keep learning new things.

Rory Sowter

## My Paternal Instinct

When Kim and Mal took me to the vets when I was only 6 months' old, they made sure that I would never pass on my numerous amazing genes to any offspring.

I have adapted to the fact that I would never be a dad and, to be honest, I think the girls made the right decision. Parenthood can be emotionally taxing and really, I have enough to contend with on a daily basis dealing with the responsibilities of life with Kim and Mal. I don't think I could have coped with the added anxiety and pressures of having little pups of my own. Not that I haven't had plenty of offers!!!

However, life has a strange way of providing experiences that you never thought you would have and when two loving pigeons successfully produced two babies this summer in our ceanothus bush on Gallowstree Lane, my paternal instinct that I never knew I had kicked in!

We had just decided that this shrub really had outgrown its position and needed the chop (like me at 6 months' old!!) but, before the chop took place, I spotted that these two very busy pigeons were trying their best to build a nest right in the middle of it! These were clearly very sensible pigeons with a ready source of food and water on Pendlewych beach, however, on the other hand, building a nest on a narrow busy lane maybe wasn't such a good idea.

The nest looked very flimsy at first but, over the course of a few days, it did become sturdier. It wasn't easy to observe and I did have to use the small stepladders to get the right height and angle to keep my eye on proceedings.

For some reason and, I can only put it down to the paternal instinct I didn't know I had, I felt I had to keep an eye on what was happening and keep this family unit as safe as possible.

I called mummy and daddy Jill and Jack and, when the two little squabs appeared, it was a very emotional time.

Did the little squabs have everything they needed?

Were they happy?

Did they have enough food?

Were they safe and dry?

I came to the conclusion that Jill and Jack were excellent parents and seemed to be doing a brilliant job.

I became so attached to these little squabs that I felt they deserved names. What to call them? Of course, I couldn't tell what sex they were so settled for a girl and a boy. If I were a dad, that's what I would like!!!

I remembered reading about famous pigeons in the Second World War who delivered extremely vital messages and so decided on William and Mary after William of Orange and Mary of Exeter, both pigeons having been awarded Dickin Medals for their services in World War II.

I spent several days watching the comings and goings of Jill and Jack and seeing William and Mary grow and get bigger and stronger! And braver and more adventurous!

I was very worried that the two youngsters might fall out of their nest and end up on the lane so prepared a couple of little shelters just in case I had to rescue them. Luckily, these weren't needed and one day, I was absolutely amazed to see William and Mary take flight and land on next door's roof!! Wow!! So high for a first flight!! Clearly, Jill and Jack were delighted and were right up there with them. I so wished I could fly – I would have been up there too like a shot!!

After almost 5 weeks of watching this little pigeon family, suddenly everything had changed. The little squabs, William and Mary, were flying high and no longer needed their ceanothus home and we chopped the bush down pronto before Jill and Jack could start again!!

Jill and Jack and William and Mary are still visiting Pendlewych beach and it is so great to see this wonderful family strong and safe.

It's been a traumatic few weeks – I'm assured this is normal for new parents!

I am slightly relieved that my parental responsibilities were short lived and that I don't have to watch William and Mary go through the toddler stage, the teenage years and into adulthood. 5 weeks of being a dad is enough for me – I loved the experience but it was definitely long enough!!

Thanks Kim and Mal for taking me to the vets. I didn't appreciate it at the time but I do now!!

Morse the Dog



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## **Mayfield Friday Club**

The Friday Club took part in the Made in Mayfield for the first time and it was a great success. I would like to thank the members who contributed with their baking, knitting, crocheting, jams, sewing and plants. We made £211.50p towards our funds, I have one or two items left which I shall bring to our next meeting to see if I can sell them.

The club has also been fortunate in receiving a donation from the committee of the Over 70's Christmas party funds. Unfortunately, the parties came to an end so they kindly gifted to us the sum of £348.79. It would be lovely if this committee would be able to come to our club, they would be very welcome.

### **Future meetings**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** Astronomer Nigel Bradbury. Nigel will illustrate his talk illustrating the northern Lights and we have had some spectacular moons and skies recently and to hear how and why will be very interesting. He did promise me it wouldn't be too scientific but fun

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Festival, members bring some goods which we auction off to boost funds. Chamil our new vicar will be with us. After the sale of goods we will be having our AGM when you can have your say on how you would like to go forward .

Remember 2pm to 4pm in the Mayfield Village Hall.

See you soon. Carol.

## **Mayfield Craft Club**

Mayfield Craft Club would like to thank everyone who came to the Made In Mayfield and had a go on our Tombola. The total raised from our two events totalled £210.00 so a very big thank you from both the Air Ambulance and the ladies from the craft club.

Just a reminder that the craft club is in the church rooms on the first Wednesday of the month from 7pm til 9pm , all the crafting equipment is supplied for you plus tea , coffee and biscuits at a cost of £12 so feel free to pop in and see what we do . There will also be a Christmas Wreath making evening in December but more details to follow.

Once again a big Thank You from all of us . Linda

## Messy Church goes to the Olympics (well, sort of!)

We couldn't get tickets to Paris, so we staged our own mini-Olympics at the Church Rooms.

It wouldn't be the Olympics without medals, but we couldn't afford the gold, silver or bronze, so we made our own out of shortbread and decorated them to taste.

Then we made Olympic circles out of Willow – locally grown, on the banks of the River Dove, of course!



The major competition was the obstacle relay: negotiating hoops, then egg and spoon race and, finally, a hop, skip and jump. Sounds simple, but competitors were loaded down with haversacks filled with worldly woes. The race was then re-run without the horrid load on their backs: making the point that life is better with a positive Christian outlook.



*Wonky homemade Willow hoops and medal making in full swing.*

After a time of celebration and prayer, we tucked into jacket potatoes, baked beans and salad.

It was lovely to have Chamil and family with us for the first time – the first of many now they have come to join us. Whatever your age, you too would be welcome to join us. We meet on



the last Saturday of each month, 3.30. - 5.30. There is no charge, but donations towards the meal are appreciated. Arnie Rainbow

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## Two Poems from Ian

Mayfield's own village poet, Ian MacFarlane has written two poems for us both reflecting the season we are in. One is a view on the preparation for a journey that many of us gear up for as an Autumn must do event, and one a new take on a traditional autumn event!

Enjoy

### A List of things to take

I'm doing part of the Pennine way  
I'll be gone almost a week  
But looking at the forecast  
It's looking rather bleak

I'll make a list of things to take  
Can't leave it down to chance  
Like a military operation  
It's best done in advance

Top of the list my walking boots  
And anti-blister socks  
It's nice to have some comfort  
When walking over rocks

Waterproof jacket and trousers  
Will protect against most showers  
But they're not much good in heavy rain  
When walking many hours

A week's supply of underpants  
Some T shirts and a fleece  
My brand new walking trousers  
Shower proof and anti crease!

My wash bag and pyjamas  
A rucksack to carry my things  
A note pad, pen and pencil  
To write down where I've been

My multi- functional pen knife  
And maps to find my way  
Sun hat, sun cream, sun glasses  
It could be hot one day!

Lastly, my water bottle  
It's good to keep hydrated  
I'll post some pic's on Instagram  
To keep you all updated!

## Halloween

It's that time of year that people dread  
Ghostly stories of the dead

I see them coming down our street  
My doorbell rings, it's trick or treat?

What right have you to ring my bell?  
Are you a messenger from Hell?

I know you think its harmless fun  
To try and frighten everyone

Consider your actions,  
Why not do a good deed  
A small act of kindness  
For someone in need

Like mowing the lawn, or washing a car  
Picking up litter is better by far

And next year come back  
But don't dress so scary  
A superman outfit, an Elf or a fairy

And when my cars washed  
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That's when I'll say  
You can now have your treat!



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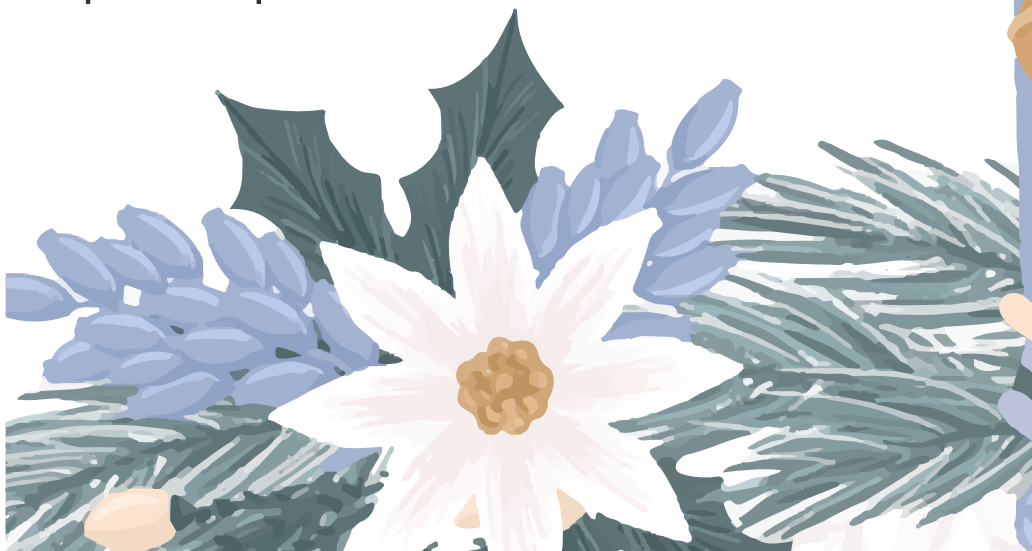


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## **Carols Recipes for October**

### **Hunter's Chicken Risotto.**

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3 Red peppers, deseeded and cut into chunks

2 skinless and boneless chicken breasts, cut into chunks

4 unsmoked lean bacon

2 garlic cloves, crushed

2 tbsp tomato puree

1 can of chopped tomatoes

2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

1 tbsp Worcester sauce

200gm risotto rice

700ml hot chicken stock, made with 1 stock cube

Chopped flat leaf parsley.

#### **Method**

1 Coat the pan with the cooking oil put over a medium heat. Fry the onions and peppers for 5mins till soft. Add the chicken and bacon, fry for a further 5mins adding the garlic and tomato paste during the last 2 mins

2. Add the tomatoes, vinegar, Worcester sauce and rice, and bring to a simmer, Start adding the stock a ladle at a time, stirring well until each ladle has been absorbed. Keep adding more stock until rice is tender...this will take about 20mins. You might not need all the stock; it depends on how quickly your risotto is simmering.

3. Season to taste and serve with scattered parsley on top.

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I recently bought a carton of Nectarines, I was hoping they would ripen nicely but no they remained rock hard so thought right what happens now, the result was,

### **Nectarine Upside Down Cake**

1 tbsp soft butter

50g light brown sugar

4 large Nectarines sliced into wedges

150g butter, soft

150g granulated sugar

225g plain flour

1 1/2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla essence/paste

110 ml Greek yogurt

## Method

1. Preheat oven to gas3,170c/fan150c
2. Grease and line a 20cm round springform tin, smear the 1tbsp soft butter onto the lined base and scatter the light brown sugar. Top with the light brown sugar. Top with Nectarines and set aside.
- 3, Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, then add the remaining ingredients, whisk until all combined. Pour over the nectarines and smooth over and bake in the middle of the oven for 1hr and 10mins or until dark golden brown and when the skewer comes out clean.

I also scattered flaked almonds with the nectarines, I served it warm with ice cream for a desert and it was very nice cold. I imagine this recipe would also be good with apples, pears and many other combinations.

Carol Akers

## **Mayfield Book Club**

The July book was actually three books due to an error at the library. The titles were by a local author Joanna Cannon. They were Breaking and Mending, The Trouble with Goats and Sheep, Three Things about Elsie.

Some of our group read two and some just the one. The book Breaking and Mending was about her training to become a doctor in her thirties and her life as Junior Doctor before she specialized in psychiatry.

Three Things About Elsie was very thought provoking. The Trouble with Goats and Sheep is a quirky story of life in a small town in the 70s. We found them to be easy reading and found the mention of various local characters and establishments amusing.

The August Title was The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry. I must confess I had acquired the book from a charity shop and had not been able to get into it, so when it came to the club I thought I had to really try this time but to no avail, its back to the charity shop with mine.

The other members gave mixed reviews but found they couldn't recommend it. Apparently, it has been made into a film and can be seen on Apple TV with a completely different ending.

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## **REFLECTIONS.**

Our son, Adam, found the following article on one of his social media sites, and I and thought the readers of the Parish Magazine would like to read it too!

"Matrix" Film Star Keanu Reeves was abandoned by his father at 3 years old. He grew up with two different Stepfathers.

He is Dyslexic, His dream of being a hockey star was shattered by a serious accident.

His daughter died at birth; His wife died in a car accident. His best friend, River Phoenix died of an overdose. His sister battled Leukaemia.

No bodyguards, no luxury houses, Keanu lives in an ordinary apartment and likes wandering around town, and is often seen riding the subways around New York City.

When he was filming "The Lake House", he overheard the conversation of two costume assistants, one was crying, as he would lose his house if he did not pay \$20,000.

On the same day, Keanu deposited the same amount in his bank account!  
In his career, Keanu has donated large sums of money to hospitals, including \$75 million of his earnings from "The Matrix" to charities.

In 2010, on his birthday, Keanu walked into a bakery and bought a cake, with a single candle. He ate it in front of the bakery and offered coffee to people who stopped and talked to him.

In 1997, some Papparazzi found him walking one morning in the company of a homeless man in Los Angeles. Listening to him talking to him and sharing his life for a few hours.

In life, sometimes the ones most broken from the inside are the ones most willing to help others.

Keanu could buy anything, but, instead, he gets up and chooses the one thing that cannot be bought. - To be a caring person!

I hope, as a Parish that we, whatever our circumstances, whether rich or poor, can be caring too.

God Bless you all.

**Tom Parkinson.**

## **MAYFIELD CHURCH (St. John the Baptist)**

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### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

All Morning Services at 10.45am.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Church Family Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Church Family Worship  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Morning Prayer  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Morning Prayer  
(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: See magazine for details)

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