

PARISH LINK



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St James' Chapelthorpe



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40 Years!



The Rev'd Kevin Greaves presented Margaret Poucher with a medal and certificate from the Royal School of Church Music in recognition of 40 years service as Organist and Choral Director.

After the service the congregation and choir celebrated together with coffee and cakes!

Holy Days

1st February

Brigid of Ireland, compassion and love

Brigid, you could say, was the female Patrick of Ireland.

Historical facts about this first abbess of Kildare (d.c. 525) may be scarce, but her 'Lives', written from the 7th century, tell many anecdotes and miracles which over the centuries have become deeply rooted in Irish folklore. Brigid came from a village near Kildare, of parents of humble origin, and is said to have been baptised by Patrick and became a nun at an early age. She is credited with founding the monastery of Kildare, a powerful influence for Christianity in Ireland.

The miracles attributed to Brigid show her to have been a woman of great compassion and generosity. There are stories of how she could multiply food, especially butter, for the poor. Other stories tell of her changing her bathwater to beer, in order to satisfy the thirst of unexpected visitors. Even her cows gave milk three times the same day, to enable visiting bishops to have enough to drink.

Brigid's cult grew rapidly in Ireland, where it became second only to that of Patrick. In England, there were at least 19 ancient church dedications in her honour (the most famous is St Bride's Fleet Street). There is also St Bride's Bay, Dyfed, which underlines the strong connection between Irish and Welsh Christianity. St Brigid is patron of poets, blacksmiths, and healers. She is usually depicted with a cow lying at her feet, which recalls her phase as a nun-cowgirl.



Holy Days

11th February

Caedmon, the poetic shepherd

Caedmon (d 680) should be the patron saint of all farmers who enjoy humming to themselves as they do the lambing this Spring. For Caedmon of Whitby was a bit like David in the Bible; he grew up as a simple herdsman out on the hills who enjoyed composing songs and poetry for himself while watching his flocks.

Like David, Caedmon also had a keen awareness of God, and used his creative gift to express his devotion and love for his Creator. When his poems and songs became known to others, they liked them so much that soon Caedmon left his sheep in order to become a monk. This gave him time to compose many poems based on the stories in the Bible: from Creation and Genesis, to the Exodus and entry of the Jews into the promised land, to the birth, passion and resurrection of Christ, and finally to the future Last Judgement, Heaven, and Hell.

Then one day Caedmon suddenly announced that he knew he was going to die soon. And so he did, in a state of charity and peace with everyone. There was great mourning.

Sadly, only nine lines of his poetry have survived, and we have the great historian, Bede, to thank for even that much. But in his time, Caedmon's gift of telling Christian stories in the vernacular must have been of great value in evangelising the common folk.



Holy Days

14th February

Valentine's Day

There are two confusing things about this day of romance and anonymous love-cards strewn with lace, cupids and ribbon: firstly, there seems to have been two different Valentines in the 4th century - one a priest martyred on the Flaminian Way, under the emperor Claudius, the other a bishop of Terni martyred at Rome. And neither seems to have had any clear connection with lovers or courting couples.

So why has Valentine become the patron saint of romantic love? By Chaucer's time the link was assumed to be because on these saints' day - 14th February - the birds are supposed to pair. Or perhaps the custom of seeking a partner on St Valentine's Day is a surviving scrap of the old Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February. One of the Roman gods honoured during this Festival was Pan, the god of nature. Another was Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. During the Lupercalia it was a popular custom for young men to draw the name of a young unmarried woman from a name-box. The two would then be partners or 'sweethearts' during the time of the celebrations. Even modern Valentine decorations bear an ancient symbol of love - Roman cupids with their bows and love-arrows.

There are no churches in England dedicated to Valentine, but since 1835 his relics have been claimed by the Carmelite church in Dublin.



POETRY CORNER

I don't know what you think of these 'special' days that are such a feature of modern life. Most pass by without attracting much attention from me. For example, I may or may not consume Yorkshire Pudding on Yorkshire Pudding Day on 2nd February! But there are two 'special' days about books and reading: 1st February is 'Take your Child to a Library Day', and the 5th is 'World Read Aloud Day.'

A Book of Joy

Who knows what glee a book contains?
What joys we'll find as it explains
New facts to fill our hungry brains;
Or tells a lively tale?
The myst'ries that we will find
As we read books of ev'ry kind
Enlarge the borders of your mind?
A book will never fail!

The joy of words, which, crafted well
Can cast on us a magic spell
Marks upon a page which tell
Of worlds beyond our own!
Words which paint in vivid light
Rainbows in the dead of night
Which make our dull lives shine so bright!
The wonders we are shown!

So, find a library nearby
And help your child to find out why
The world is round, or why the sky
Is such a wondrous blue?
Or read a story, out aloud
Of lands beyond the madding crowd.
Try reading – it will make you proud
Of what a book can do!

By Nigel Beeton

The Rectory, St James the Least of All

On the peculiarities of ordination candidates



My dear Nephew Darren

I was quite happy to see the young person from your church whom you are encouraging to get ordained – even though we did not entirely see eye to eye.

When I answered the door to someone dressed in T-shirt, jeans and trainers, I naturally assumed he was the gardener; it was only after I had given him the wheelbarrow and shown him where the spades were, that I found out who he really was. His assurance that this is how Jesus would dress, were He to visit in person again, jarred somewhat. I think that a three-piece suit and stout pair of brogues would be far more likely. We agreed to differ.

I was interested to hear that he was a church musician. Wanting to know if he sang tenor or bass, or even played the organ, he told me that he was the drummer in the worship band and provided backing vocals. I felt obliged to comment that I was not sure how that would fit in with Mattins, but he told me that he had never heard of that Service, and only attended Mega Rock Praise. Since I suspected it would not have been written by Cranmer, we moved on.

I had hoped we may have been on safer ground when I asked him whether he preferred early perpendicular or Victorian gothic, but as he had apparently only ever worshipped in your converted cinema, he was unable to offer any opinion. His reaction to my offer to show him round our late Norman church, prompted him to tell me that he believed all churches should be closed and people should gather in each other's homes, like the early Christians.

In a last despairing attempt to find common ground I asked him if he had ever preached. He was slightly apologetic to admit that he had done so very rarely, as he found it took such a long time to write an hour-long sermon. When I mentioned that I did not think I had ever exceeded eight minutes in my entire life, he gave me such a look of withering astonishment that with heroic Christian charity, I did not beat him over the head with the Bible he was carrying.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

All in the month of February

It was:

175 years ago, on 23rd Feb 1850 that Cesar Ritz, the Swiss hotelier, was born. He founded several notable hotels including the Ritz and Carlton Hotels in London, and the Hotel Ritz in Paris.

125 years ago, on 27th Feb 1900 that the Labour Party was founded in the UK.

Also 125 years ago, on 27th Feb 1900, that the German football club FC Bayern Munich was founded.

90 years ago, on 22nd Feb 1935 that US President Franklin D Roosevelt banned aircraft from flying over the White House – because the noise kept him awake at night. The ban remains in place today, but mainly now for security reasons.

Also 90 years ago, on 26th Feb 1935 that British radio engineer Robert Warson-Watt demonstrated a working radar system for the first time, in Daventry.

80 years ago, during Feb 1945 that Anne Frank died. The young Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15, probably from typhus.

Also 80 years ago, from 4th to 11th Feb 1945 that the Yalta Conference took place in Crimea. US President Franklin D Roosevelt, Winston Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin met to plan the final defeat of Nazi Germany. Stalin also agreed to enter the war in the Pacific, within three months of the war in Europe ending.

Also 80 years ago, on 6th Feb 1945 that Bob Marley, the Jamaican reggae/ska/rock steady singer, songwriter was born. He became a musician and cultural icon (died 1981).

Also 80 years ago, on 13th to 15th Feb 1945 that the bombing of Dresden took place. The Allies carried out four massive bombing raids, completely destroying the inner city, and killing about 25,000 people.

Also 80 years ago, on 21st Feb 1945 that Eric Liddell, Scottish athlete, died. An Olympic gold medallist in 1924 (400 m), he had withdrawn from the 100m heat because it was held on a Sunday and entered the 400 m instead. The story is featured in the film *Chariots of Fire*. (Liddell died in a WWII internment camp in China, aged 43.)

75 years ago, on 8th Feb 1950 that the world's first payment by credit card took place. The founders of Diners Club (now Diners Club International) used it to pay their restaurant bill at Majero's Cabin Grill in New York City.

70 years ago, from 24th Feb 1955 to March that Britain's Big Freeze took place. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off. The RAF dropped food and medical supplies to affected areas, while thousands of sheep died from exposure.

65 years ago, on 8th Feb 1960 that the Hollywood Walk of Fame was established in Hollywood. It consists of more than 2,700 stars embedded in the pavement, that bear the names of notable figures from the entertainment industry.

Also 65 years ago, on 8th Feb 1960 that Queen Elizabeth II issued an Order-in-Council stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants would use the surname Mountbatten-Windsor.

50 years ago, on 11th Feb 1975 that Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of the Conservative Party. She became Britain's first female Prime Minister in 1979.

Also 50 years ago, on 14th Feb 1975 that P G Wodehouse died. This well-loved British-born American comic novelist, short story writer, lyricist and playwright is best known as the creator of Jeeves.

40 years ago, on 7th Feb 1985 that the Mayor of New York City, Ed Koch, adopted the song *New York, New York* by Franck Sinatra as the city's official anthem.

30 years ago, on 16th Feb 1995 that the environmental campaign group Greenpeace discovered Shell's plan to dump its defunct *Brent Spar* oil rig in the Atlantic. It launched an international campaign to stop it, and the rig eventually was taken to Norway where it was dismantled and part of it were used to extend a quay.

Also 30 years ago, on 23rd Feb 1995 that James Herriot, veterinary surgeon and best-selling author, died. Best known for his autobiographical book *All Creature Great and Small*, which was adapted into a popular TV series.

20 years ago, on 7th Feb 2005 that yachtswoman Ellen MacArthur broke the record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, gaining international renown.

Also 20 years ago, on 10th Feb 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales, and Camilla Parker Bowles announced their engagement. They were married on 9th April 2005.

Also 20 years ago, on 14th Feb 2005 that YouTube, the online video-sharing service, was founded. It was purchased by Google in 2006.

10 years ago, on 27th Feb 2015 that Leonard Nimoy, actor and film director, died. Best known for his role as Spock in the *Star Trek* films and TV series.

That Big Freeze of 1955

Seventy years ago, from early February 1955 and well into March, a Big Freeze took place in Britain. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off. The RAF dropped food and medical supplies to affected areas, while thousands of sheep died from exposure.

Although the winters of 1947 and 1963 have attracted more publicity, 1955 saw severe weather in most parts of Britain, as well as in other parts of Europe and North America.

Snow fell in many areas of the UK from 11th February onwards, with night frosts gradually worsening and blizzards developing over the north of Scotland, where the RAF scrambled to do several rescues: in Caithness the response by emergency services was known as Operation Snowdrop. An exhausting search for a postman from Thurso, who went missing in the deep snow, eventually led to his being found at a remote farm where he had sought refuge.

Several snowploughs were stranded, and the heavy snow spread gradually south, reaching as far as the Scillies and the Channel Islands. In North Norfolk there were 10ft drifts on the coast road, and Lancashire had its worst storm for 14 years. Devon, Cornwall and the Peak District had similar experiences.

More than 70 roads in Britain were blocked by snow, according to the Automobile Association, and hundreds of vehicles were abandoned in snowdrifts. Many parts of the country were cut off from essential supplies, and rail travel was disrupted. Church attendance was also hit, of course.

Temperatures in some places fell below 28F (-3C) – the lowest for 30 years, and February's record UK minimum was set. That year also experienced the last May snowfall of the century, but despite all that, there was plenty of sunshine, and as a total contrast, there was a drought and a heatwave the following summer.



Eric Liddell – from Olympic star to Japanese internment prisoner

Eighty years ago, on 21st February 1945, Scottish athlete Eric Liddell died. An Olympic gold medallist in 1924 at Paris, he had withdrawn from the 100m heat because it was held on a Sunday, and had entered the 400m instead. The story is featured in the film *Chariots of Fire*.

Liddell died in a Japanese internment camp in China, aged 43. He wrote to his wife on the day he died saying he was suffering from a nervous breakdown brought on by overwork, but he was also malnourished and had an undiagnosed brain tumour. Five months after his death, the camp was liberated.

Liddell was born in China to Scottish missionary parents and attended boarding school at Eltham College in South London, where he is remembered as an outstanding all-round athlete “entirely without vanity”. He later went to the University of Edinburgh, which awarded him a posthumous degree last year in recognition of his contribution to sport and humanity.

Originally intending to run in the 200m at Paris, Liddell discovered en route that the heats for the event would take place on a Sunday. So, he switched to the 400m – and won in an Olympic record time of 47.6 seconds.

“God made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure,” he said.

He returned to China the following year and stayed there until his death, apart from two furloughs to Scotland, during one of which in 1932 he was ordained a minister of the Congregational Union of Scotland. He then continued his selfless missionary work, largely as a teacher, in China, where he married Florence Mackenzie, a China-born Canadian. Their daughter Heather died in 2023.

When Scotsman Allan Wells won the 100m gold medal in Moscow in 1980, he dedicated his victory to Eric Liddell.



ST JAMES CHURCH

Social Committee



Social Events

February 8th 2025 Bacon Butty Morning - 10.30 to 11.30
March 8th 2025 Bacon Butty Morning - 10.30 to 11.30

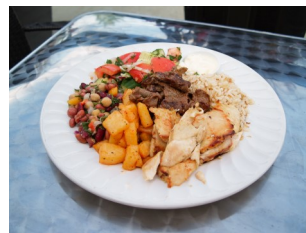
Christmas Fair

We really do appreciate your help and support throughout the year in our fund-raising efforts for St. James' church

The final total raised at the Christmas Fair was £1176. 20.

Light Lunches

The Light Lunches will resume on Thursday
March 27th 2025



All St James' Church social activities are detailed on the notice boards, both inside and outside of church.

Thank you

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Just One Christmas Card" appeal at St James' and to all who purchased Roger Cressey's cards, on behalf of Wakefield Art Club, over the past year. Together we have raised £106.20, which is being sent to Dementia UK.

Collections from our Christingle Service at St James' on 24th December totalled £339.40, which is being sent to The Children's Society.

Bacon Butties at St James

At only £3.00 each including a hot drink of your choice - this is a bargain!

We are also catering for vegetarians, offering a fried egg butty.

'Bacon Butty Mornings are on Saturdays from 10.30 to 11.30 and will be held on the following dates:

February 8th
March 8th

Carol & Christine



Deadline date for inclusion in the next edition of Parish Link is:

February 15th 2025

Editors: Kenneth and Dawn Poucher

Any contributions can be forwarded to
Rev. Kevin Greaves, David Wainwright, Keith Wainwright
or Margaret Poucher

HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE



Hall Green Community Centre
1A Painthorpe Lane
Hall Green WF4 3LA.

Hall Green Event Dates 2025

Community Coffee Morning

Monday 10-00am

- ◇ 17th February
- ◇ 17th March
- ◇ 21st April Easter Monday
- ◇ 19th May
- ◇ 16th June
- ◇ 14th July
- ◇ 18th August
- ◇ 15th September
- ◇ 20th October
- ◇ 17th November
- ◇ 15th December

Friendship Group

Thursday: 10-00am

- ◇ February 6th
- ◇ March 6th
- ◇ April 3rd
- ◇ May TBA
- ◇ June 5th
- ◇ July 3rd
- ◇ August 7th
- ◇ September 4th
- ◇ October 2nd
- ◇ November 6th
- ◇ December 4th

Community Church

Thursday 10-30am

- ◇ 20th February
- ◇ 20th March
- ◇ 17th April

Seated Exercise Class

Friday 1-00 pm

To book a place or for further information Contact :
Francesca: on 07738572995

For more information Contact: Cynthia Binns on 01924-251544 or
Email: binnscynthia@yahoo.co.uk

CRIGGLESTONE VILLAGE INSTITUTE



The Parish Council meets at 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month except when advertised otherwise (please see the website) in August and the 2nd Tuesday in January in The Village Institute, High Street, Crigglestone, WF4 3EB. Anyone wishing to bring any issue to the attention of the Parish Council can do so during the 15 minutes public participation session held at the beginning of the monthly council meeting.

The vacancy for a parish councillor is still open

Could you be interested? If you would like to know more, then please contact the Clerk on 07419 585 227.

Broad Cut Farm Development Proposal

The Parish Council are aware of the development proposal and the community consultation held by the developer AAA Property, both of which have not been met favourably in the community. Once the planning application has been submitted to WMDC Planning Authority, it will be available for consultation. At this point the parish council will be considering its response very carefully, which at this moment in time maintain that this area of the Green Belt Land is not recognised as the best location for this development. The Parish Council wait to see the application before a formal position statement will be made.

Community Hero Award 2024

Application form will be printed on the last page of the parish council newsletter, which is due for delivery mid-November. Nominees will be considered during December with the winner's presentation taking place on Tuesday 4th February 2025 6pm at the Village Institute, Crigglestone.

The Parish's Public Rights of Way

The Planning and Rights of Way Committee are undertaking to research and ensure the parish's Public Rights of Way/Bridleways/Access paths are properly registered with WMDC through the Definitive Map Modification Order process before the closing date of 2026. This is a big undertaking and will take a considerable amount of time, but it is worth it historically and for the future benefit of the parish residents.

VE DAY 80th Anniversary – 8th MAY 2025

Details of how we will be marking the event will follow in due course.

Public Transport

The Parish Councillors continue to complain and report to the bus and train companies about the unsatisfactory service provided, in particular at Kirkgate Train Station and the absence of toileting facilities and a waiting room.

Safe Scheme (additional policing for our Parish)

The Safe Scheme report from PC Firth (Safe Scheme Co-ordinator) for the preceding months can be viewed on the Parish Council website at <https://www.crigglestonepc.org/police-safe-scheme/>

'101 live chat' Contact the Police via the internet

Type in the link

www.westyorkshire.police.uk/101livechat

This gives direct access to the Police without waiting on the phone.

Type in the details which are then distributed speedily to the appropriate Neighbourhood Police Team.

The more notifications 101 receives, the higher the incident figures show for that particular concern. This enables the Police to delegate officers to attend/make further enquiries.

Need a venue for your event look no further, contact

Crigglestone Village Institute

36 High Street, Crigglestone, WF4 3EB

Charity Registered No. 510193

Tel: Clerk to the Trustees 07384 977 412

Email: VICC@crigglestonepc.org

Bookings can now be made and paid for online through the website

Visit <https://www.crigglestonepc.org/village-institute/>

A venue that has undergone a noticeable upgrade which will meet your needs when holding your children's parties, coffee mornings/afternoon teas, regular user group sessions or as a small training venue. Kitchen facilities, baby changing, ample parking to the rear of the building, and disabled access are all available.

National Nest Box Week – 14th to 21st February

Classes and Groups: Please see the website <https://www.crigglestonepc.org/village-institute/> for the timetable of individual groups and their contact details.

Party/one off bookings: Contact the Caretaker Mrs Gordon on 01924 257350 between 6pm -9pm Monday to Friday.

Please note a £10 deposit and completed booking form is required to secure the booking. Visit the website for the hiring policy and booking form.

Suspicious, unusual or concerning behaviour dial 101
Emergency dial 999

Whats On @ Crigglestone Village Institute

- YOGA**
WEDNESDAYS
9.45AM - 11.15AM
&
6PM - 7.15PM
CONTACT NICKY
01924 240279
- GOOD VIBES TRIBE**
MONDAYS 9.30AM - 10.30AM
SEATED ZUMBA
MONDAYS 10.45AM - 11.15AM
CONTACT SARA
07740 196915
- YOGA**
MONDAYS 6.30PM - 8PM
&
THURSDAYS 7PM - 8.30PM
CONTACT FRANK
07814 627089
- CALLIGRAPHY**
TUESDAYS 1PM - 3PM
CONTACT THE VENUE FOR MORE
DETAILS @
VICC@CRIGGLESTONE.PC.ORG
- SAMANTHA'S
SCHOOL OF
DANCE (SSD)**
FRIDAYS 4PM - 6.30PM
&
SUNDAYS 9AM - 11AM
[HTTPS://SAMANTHASSCHOOLOFDANCE
CO.UK/](https://samanthasschoolofdance.co.uk/)
- CREATIVE CRAFTS**
MONDAYS 1.30PM - 3.30PM
CONTACT THE VENUE FOR
MORE DETAILS @
VICC@CRIGGLESTONE.PC.ORG
- ART CLASS**
WEDNESDAYS 1PM - 3PM
CONTACT JEN
07956 674305
- POPPET TOPS**
FRIDAYS 9.45AM - 12.45PM
INFO@POPPETTOPS.CO.UK
- HALL AVAILABLE
FOR PRIVATE HIRE
@ £12.50 PER
HOUR**

BOOK FOR PARTIES ONLINE AT
WWW.CRIGGLESTONEPC.ORG

Regular bookings: Contact Claire Cooper - Clerk to the Village Institute Trustees
email: vicc@crigglestonepc.org [Tel: 07384 977 412](tel:07384977412).

Where can family-minded birds raise their young these days? As our gardens and parklands become smaller and tidier, too many natural nest sites – such as holes in trees, old buildings and unkempt hedgerows – are rapidly disappearing

No wonder that our sparrows, greenfinches and swifts are in precipitous decline, and that one in four of our UK bird species are now under serious threat.

This makes it more important than ever to care for our remaining birds. By feeding, providing water and putting up nest boxes we can give them a safe space to raise their chicks.

The National Nest Box Week initiative encourages bird conservation across the UK, and it's easy to get involved, whether you're a teacher, part of a local wildlife group, or just wanting to boost the bird numbers in your own garden.

Visit: <https://www.countryfile.com/wildlife/birds/national-nest-box-week-how-to-help-birds-in-your-garden>



WORDSEARCH FOR FEBRUARY

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Feast of the Holy Encounter, is a Christian feast day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Joseph and Mary. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40.

According to the Old Testament rules in Leviticus 12, a woman was to be purified by presenting a lamb as a burnt offering, and either a young pigeon or dove as sin offering, 33 days after a boy's circumcision. The feast falls on 2 February, which is traditionally the 40th day of and the conclusion of the Christmas–Epiphany season.

While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve), in other Christian countries historically remove them after Candlemas. On Candlemas, many Christians (especially Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and some mainline Protestant denominations including Lutherans, Anglicans and Methodists) also take their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year; for Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is referred to as the Light of the World.



NAMING
CHRIST
CANDLEMAS
SIMEON
ANNA
TEMPLE
LOVE
VALENTINE

MATTHIAS
FAIRTRADE
FORTNIGHT
COFFEE
BANANAS
CHOCOLATE
JUSTICE
POVERTY

NEST BOX
MARRIAGE
WEDDING
HOLOCAUST
LEPROSY
EDUCATION
SUNDAY
ROMANCE

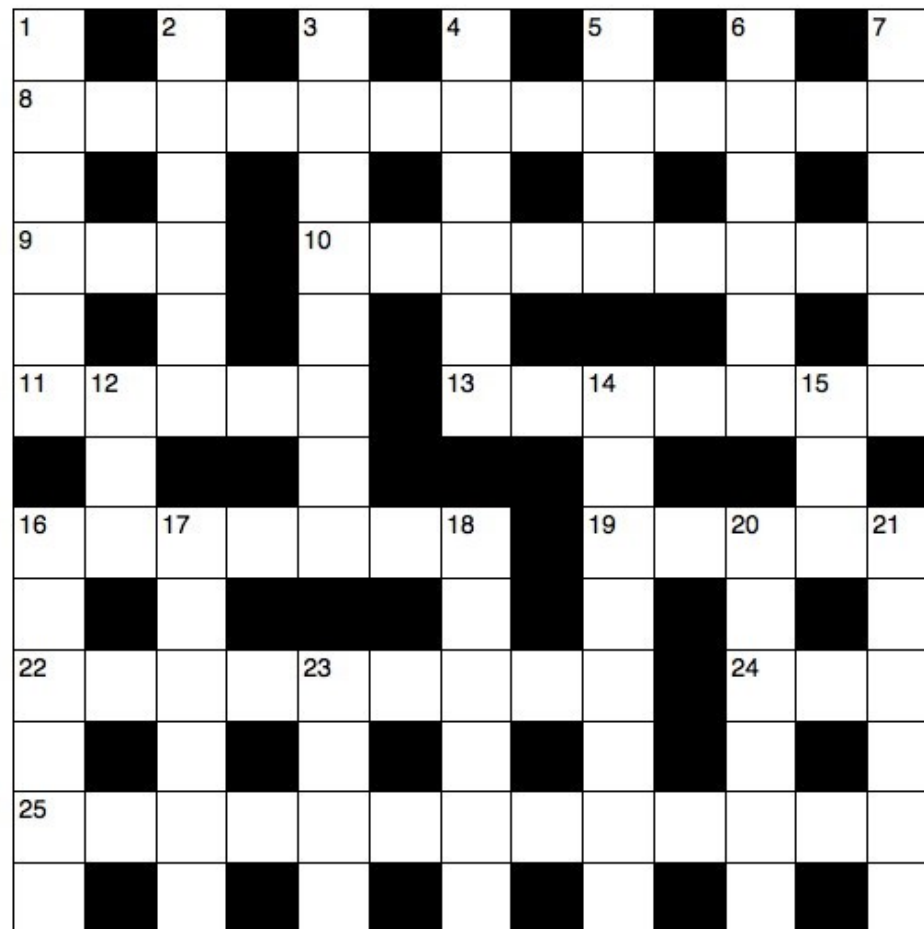
Crossword for February 2025

Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)



January crossword solution

ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully.
 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri.
 22, Capitals. 23, USPG.

DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois.
 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel.
 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

SUDOKU

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January Puzzle Answers

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USEFUL CONTACTS

City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

Switchboard 01924 306 090
 Typetalk 18001 08458 506 506

Email Address: es-contactcentre@wakefield.gov.uk

Environmental Services (24 Hrs) - 0345 8 506 506

Abandoned vehicles, Air Pollution, Anti-Social Behaviour, Blocked Drains, Bulky Refuse, Car Parking, Cesspools, Cleansing, Clinical Waste, Dead Animal Collection, Dog Fouling, Fallen Trees/Branches, Floods, Food & Hygiene, Fly Tipping, Graffiti, Grass left after Cutting, Highways Maintenance, Hypodermic Needles Disposal, Ice on Footpaths, Leisure Enquiries, Litter, Noise, Noxious waste, Overflowing Litter bins, Overhanging Vegetation, Pest Control, Potholes, Recycling, Refuse Collection, Septic Tanks Skip Hire, Snow Clearance, Spilled Refuse, Street Cleaning, Traffic Matters, Traffic Signals, Weeds Overgrown.

Social Care Direct (24 Hrs) - 0345 8 503 503

Adult Services, Advice, Assessment of need, Bus Passes *Disabled), Children's Services, Community Meals Service, Fostering, Guidance, Help with Adoption, HIV/Aids, Home Care

Wakefield District Housing (24 Hrs) - 0845 8 507 507

For all housing enquiries including: Allocations, Arrears, Lettings, Repairs, Tenancy Issues

Citizens Advice.....0844 499 4138

Council tax & Housing Benefits.....0345 8 504 504

Gas Emergency.....0800 111 999

Floodline.....0345 988 1188

NHS (24 hr non emergency).....111

Metro Access Bus.....0113 348 1903

Police (non emergency number).....101

Street Lighting Faults.....0800 783 1654