



- Across**
- 10 Prayer Book author (7)
  - 1 Colour of martyrs (3)
  - 5 Ten Commandments (9)
  - 7 Father of Solomon (5)
  - 8 "One more \_\_\_ along the world I go" (4)
- Down**
- 1 "I am the \_\_\_ and the life" (12)
  - 2 Money distributed by Queen (6)
  - 3 Carried an olive branch (4)
  - 4 Colour of -ent seasons (6)
  - 6 Brother of Moses (5)
  - 8 3rd Person of Trinity (6)
  - 9 The \_\_\_ are always with you (4)
  - 11 Makes a bishop more important (4)
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**Answers to last month's crossword**

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*Answers in next month's issue.*



## Editorial

When compiling this magazine, I always try to eliminate typos. These can have hilarious results. Charles I fined all the printers who had worked on the so-called Wicked Bible, an edition of the Authorised Version where the Ten Commandments were missing an important "not". Readers were confronted with the admonition: "Thou shalt commit adultery"!

I hope that you all have a happy and blessed Easter.

*David M. Sargent*

## From Fr Simon

Dear all

"2 Become 1" was one of the early Spice Girls hits, I wonder how many of you remember it!

2 Become 1 was also what happened in Golcar and Longwood a couple of years ago, when the parishes of St John and St Mark were officially recognised as a United Benefice. Let me tell you a few things about this place.

Our Benefice of Golcar St John the Evangelist and Longwood St Mark the Evangelist (its full official name) has a population of 16,710. All these people are in 10,270 households and are 58% Christian (according to the 2011 census). The Benefice covers 4.1 square miles, and has two parish churches, but many other churches as well: Parkwood and Providence Methodists, Scapegoat Hill and Golcar Baptists, and probably more. We have 7 schools (can you name them all?) one of which is a church school. I don't know how many buildings of other faiths we have – maybe you do. We encompass Wellhouse, Nettleton Hill, Leymoor, Parkwood, Scapegoat Hill, Bolster Moor, Slack, Mount, Dodlee, Clough Head, Golcar and Longwood; as well as parts of Milnsbridge, Salendine Nook, Quarmby, and Paddock.

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# For All the Saints

*by Mother Janet, Associate Priest*

This month our featured saint is Mark the Evangelist, patron saint of Longwood. He is usually commemorated on 25th April.

Tradition tells us that St Mark (or John Mark) was the author of the Gospel which bears his name.

According to tradition in the Coptic church, Mark was one of the servants at Cana when Jesus changed the water into wine. He was also one of the seventy disciples whom Jesus sent out to spread the good news.

Mark's Gospel seems to be based on Peter's recollections and it was to Mark's mother's house that Peter went after his miraculous escape from prison described in Acts.

He was evidently close to Peter who refers to Mark in 1 Peter as "my son" indicating a close spiritual relationship.

He is described as the cousin of Barnabas and accompanied Paul and Barnabas on a missionary journey. Something evidently went wrong as Mark left them in Turkey and returned to Jerusalem.

This seems to have annoyed Paul who refused to have him on a second Missionary journey and this in turn led to a fall out between Barnabas and Paul.

The good news is that Paul and Mark were reconciled later. Paul refers to Mark as his fellow worker "who is very useful" in serving me.

Many churches have Mark as patron. The most famous (apart from Longwood) is probably Venice. There is a legend that Mark himself took his Gospel to the city.

He is said to have brought Christianity to Africa and became the first Bishop of Alexandria.

Pictures of Mark usually show him with his Gospel, and he is also often shown with his symbol of a lion.

## From Fr Simon *[continued from page 1]*

We have three reservoirs, one golf course, two (maybe three) museums, a garden centre, a mechanics' institute, a library, several football and cricket clubs, a hotel, a retreat house, a folly tower and an amphitheatre. We are approximately bounded by the M62 to the North and the River Colne to the South.

The Colne Valley Circular and Kirklees Way both pass through. We are both rural and urban with many shops, businesses, care homes, pubs, take-aways, restaurants, parks, woods, medical practices, farms. A Roman road passes through the Benefice, and there was a Roman fort here.

With all these riches and variety, steeped in history yet thriving in 2021, it is a wonderful place to live and minister.

But of course, a place is nothing without its people. This area is full of life and character. Real life and real characters! And I continue to be blessed by so much support, understanding, generosity, friendliness, kindness, encouragement and prayerful love. For which I am humbly thankful.

God Bless

## Notices

We are intending to return to worshipping in our churches from Easter Sunday. The services will continue to be live-streamed, but we will still be wearing masks and distancing.

Our bible study course has finished its 8 weeks. We have decided to continue once a month and to study the readings for Sundays. Our next one is 19th April at 7.30pm via Zoom. Meeting ID: 821 7505 2779

The PCCs have been thinking about the following questions in relation to our time of pandemic and lockdown. We'd love to hear your answers too. Please send them to Janet W.

1. What have we lost that we need to regain?
2. What have we lost that needs to stay lost?
3. What have we gained that we need to keep and build upon?
4. What have we gained during the emergency that we now need to lose for the future?