

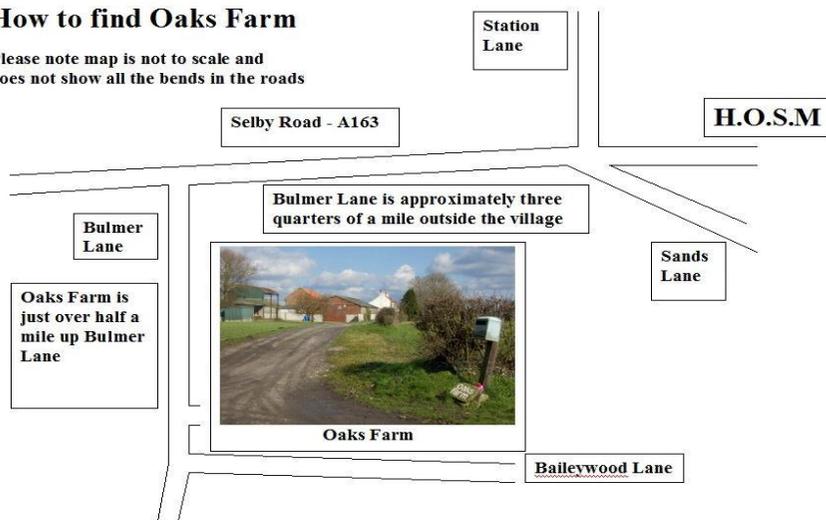
Fellowship Activities

Church Services

Morning services start at 10.30 am each Sunday. We meet at Oaks Farm, located in Bulmer Lane. There are special activities for children. Services are followed by light refreshments and a time to chat. All are welcome.

How to find Oaks Farm

Please note map is not to scale and does not show all the bends in the roads



Coffee Shop in the Village Courtyard

This is run by volunteers from Monday to Saturday 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Everyone is welcome to come in, enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and have a hot or cold drink. A wide range of snacks are served.

We also run...

- Coffee Shop Lunch Club - first and second Fridays of each month (12 noon).
- Tuesday afternoon Craft Club (2.00 pm to 3.30 pm).
- Thursday afternoon Art Club (2.00 pm to 4.00 pm)
- Café Church 5.00 pm - 4th Sunday each month (May 26th and June 23rd)
- Café Healing 2.00pm – 3rd Wednesday each month (May 15th and June 19th)

If you would like more information on any of these activities please ask in the Coffee Shop or contact either ...

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You can also see information on www.holmechristianfellowship.org

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There's a new day dawning

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Revelation

The last book of the Bible is also one which stirs up much debate. It is full of descriptions of the end of time and is not at all an "easy read".

Many Christian scholars have spent their lives studying this book word by word, verse by verse, chapter by chapter. Yet none would say that they fully comprehend it.

It reminds me of a story which I first heard several years ago. It takes place in a fictional seminary, a college for training people to become priests or ministers.

A group of students got into a big discussion over one of the chapters of the Book of Revelation. The discussion went on all over dinner and into the evening.

It was still going strong at 10.00pm when the old caretaker, who was supposed to finish much earlier, decided he needed to do something about this else he might never go home!

So he went up to the group and reminded them that it was time to leave. But he also asked "what is it that has caused you to have such a lively discussion for so long".

The students replied that they were debating a section of Revelation, telling the caretaker that this was a very complicated and deep book.

They clearly felt themselves much more intelligent than the old caretaker.

To their surprise the caretaker commented, "I have seen many students struggle when studying this book over the years, yet it seems to me to be quite straightforward".

The students were surprised and asked the caretaker to simply explain the Book of Revelation, not believing for one moment that he would be able to do this.

"It simply means that Jesus wins" says the caretaker.

The students go away thoughtful and humbled

Boko Haram in Nigeria

Raids early this year left nearly 300 Christians dead in Kauna State alone; brutal rapes and maiming with machetes were reported in Karamai village.

At the same time, there emerged, through a very reputable international mission society, news of a contrasting event. It concerned a group of about 500 Christians from a Muslim background. They had gathered together in these unusually large numbers after suffering attacks from Boko Haram Islamist militants. But they were attacked again. The majority managed to get away, but 76 were captured and taken to a Boko Haram camp to be tortured.

The four male leaders of the captured believers were asked by Boko Haram to renounce their Christian faith and return to Islam, or they would be shot. The four refused and were shot in front of their families and friends. A week later the four widows of these dead men were asked to renounce their faith and return to Islam, or their children would be shot. They were given time to think about this dreadful choice, but, while they were agonizing together that evening, the children came running into the room, excitedly telling their parents that Jesus had appeared to them and told them all would be well.

Jesus then appeared to the whole group of 72, and told them not to fear for He would protect them. He said that they should not renounce Him, but should stay strong and that he was the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The next day the Boko Haram militants lined the children up against a wall and asked the four mothers whether they would deny Jesus and return to Islam. All said "No." The soldiers prepared their weapons, but suddenly started clawing at their own heads and screaming "Snakes! Snakes!". They ran from the scene, some of them falling to the ground dead.

One of the Christian men reached for the gun of a dead militant, but a little girl put her hand on his arm to stop him. "You don't need to do that" she said. "Can't you see the men in white fighting for us?"

Some have asked whether such a wonderful story was true. It is an important question. We all know that God can do such miracles, as for example when He covered a mountainside with horses and chariots of fire to save Elisha from the king of Aram (2 Kings 6 verse 7). But not every story like this is accurate. So the local Christians set up a Discernment Committee to look into the story. One of the actions of the Committee was to create a book with 26 pictures of Jesus. They then asked the 72 survivors to choose the image that most resembled the man who had appeared to them. All 72 selected the same one! So let us rejoice that our sovereign Lord still acts in power to save His people.

How an Oyster reacts to irritation

Do you know how an oyster makes a pearl? When a grain of sand gets into its shell and irritates it, the oyster wraps the sand in layers of beauty until a pearl is formed. An unknown poet wrote

"This tale has a moral, for isn't it grand,
What an oyster can do with a morsel of sand
What couldn't I do if I'd only begin
With all the things that get under my skin?"

God is at work in what you are going through today – for your good and His glory. All you need to do is trust Him.

Marion Gupta

On May 9th, we met in the Methodist Church in the village to commit our friend Marian Gupta into the hands of the Lord.

Marian was born in the village in 1935 and she, together with the rest of her family, attended the Zion Methodist chapel until it closed. Years later, she and her two sisters became members of Holme Christian Fellowship.

Marian trained as a nurse and felt called by God to serve him in India working with the Leprosy Mission. She worked out there for many years and that is where she met her husband. Marian often talked of her time living in India and was well known for her dahl curry. When she and her husband eventually returned to England, they lived and worked in the poorer areas of London. They also adopted and raised their much loved daughter, Amanda.

After her husband died, Marian returned to Holme upon Spalding Moor and first lived with her sister Dorothy, then with her sister Phyllis. She was a quiet but strong presence in the church, a regular attender at the Friday group and made a large contribution to the Carols in the Coffee Shop and the Easter Meditation. She is greatly missed but we have this assurance that, as she had put her faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, she is now with Him in Heaven. All of us who have also placed our trust in Him will see her again. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

