

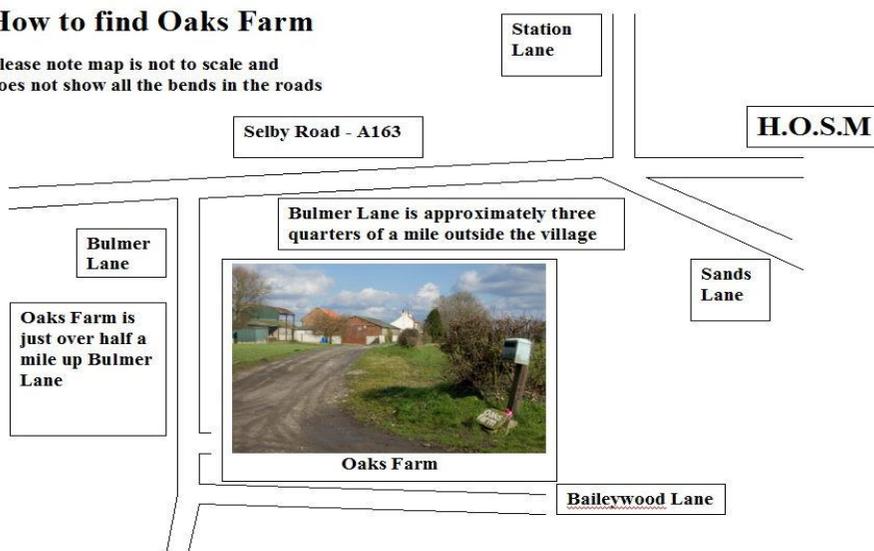
Fellowship Activities

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 (22nd March)
- ❖ Café Healing 2.00pm – 3rd Wednesday each month (18th March)

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

March 2020

Can you unplant a seed?

This is the time of year when I am busy sorting through and replenishing my store of herb and vegetable seeds. I make a schedule of where and when to plant, either in pots in the conservatory, in the cold frame or direct into the raised beds. Planting starts in February and carries on through to May.

Once done, I sit back and look out for the results which are reliant on many factors including the weather, the condition of the soil and the presence, hopefully not, of any pests. Once the seeds are planted, there is always an outcome of some sort. It is not often possible to 'unplant' seeds.

All of us are responsible for another kind of planting, the words we speak. Words are very powerful and, once spoken, cannot be unspoken. They can go deep into someone's mind and can germinate there, for good or for evil. Angry, bitter, unkind, hurtful words are like weed seeds that spread everywhere and are hard to dislodge. If left unchecked, they can linger for years. The saying 'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me' is simply not true!

However, with God's help, we can become people who sow good seed in the form of words that bless, encourage, praise and strengthen others. We all need to hear words like this for ourselves and are more likely to do so if we use positive words in our conversations.

Hopefully, this year, we might all try to be sowers of good word seeds. If we do so, we can look out to see a harvest of kindness and friendliness in our homes and neighbourhoods.

Sandra

Renee and Eric



The song "Forgiveness" chronicles a mother dealing with the death of her daughter at the hands of a drunk driver.

The song is about Renee, who lost her daughter Megan in a car accident at the hands of a drunk driver, a 24-year-old named Eric who was by all accounts a great young man but made a tragic mistake.

Renee has been on a journey of hatred and bitterness, and she's learned how to forgive the young man who took her beloved daughter's life. In a miraculous way, after Megan's death in 2001, Renee began giving presentations, and in time, God put it on her heart to forgive this man and reach out to him in prison. She learned that until she was set free of the anger and bitterness she held towards Eric, she was going to be the prisoner even though he was the one behind bars.

As a result, Eric found his own personal faith in Christ and they developed a unique friendship to the point where she feels like she gained a son. He made a terrible mistake taking the life of two young girls, and yet he's been forgiven.

Renee told him that she serves a God who commands her to forgive and she needed to be set free as much for herself as for him. Renee went back to the court which had sentenced Eric to 22 years in prison and pleaded for the sentence to be reduced – the judge reduced it by half!!

Eric left prison in November 2012, he now stands by Renee's side at these presentations, which is a story the world needs to hear! He is a free man, in more ways than one.

Renee's story is life-defining as we all need to think about how forgiveness can set us free.

I strongly urge you to watch these Youtube recordings

Chris

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wz3tkHv5sbg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18SzbjJgaE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMn0QNdiuGE>

Signs outside churches

"No God -- No Peace. Know God -- Know Peace."

"Free Trip to Heaven. Details Inside!"

"God so loved the world that He did not send a committee."

"When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out alright."

"Fight truth decay -- study the Bible daily."

"Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives"

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."

"If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again"

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It's just a penny ...

A young man once asked God how long a million years was to him. God replied, "A million years to me is just like a single second to you".

The young man then asked God what a million pounds was to him. God replied, "A million pounds to me is just like a single penny to you".

Then the young man got his courage up and asked, "God, could I have one of your pennies?"

God smiled and replied, "Certainly, just wait a second."

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Alice Cooper

the rock'n'roll rebel, was asked about becoming a Christian. His answer will surprise you

"It's the most rebellious thing I have ever done. Drinking beer and getting drunk is easy. Trashing your hotel room is easy. Being a Christian – that's a tough call That is **real** rebellion!!!"