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20 December, Spiritual Reading Group at 10:00-12:00 at Pastoral Centre, discussing chapter 2 and 8 of "Imagination, Discernment and Spiritual Direction" by Rob Marsh. The group is open to all, contact formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com.

19,26 January Restord Lives, St Vincent's Sheffield

Jubilee Events in the Diocese

27 December Closing of the Jubilee Year 3:30 St Maries



Welcome to the November edition of Hallam Bridge

Waiting on the mystery

We move quietly into Advent, the noise of the year gradually fading as we turn our attention to the mystery of the Incarnation, God made human, the birth of the baby Jesus. Perhaps we can walk with Mary through these final weeks of her pregnancy. It is a time of waiting in anticipation.

Synod on Synodality

The final weeks of the year bring us the interesting Interim Reports from the Synod Study groups (Page 3). it seems a good communication strategy to let us know of their progress as we wait for the publication of the final reports. We will be gathering in groups across parishes in the New Year, to reflect and plan for the Implementation Phase of the Synod. A New Year Resolution might be for you and a friend to get together to study the document or join us at the Pastoral Centre to reflect and plan together – look out for dates and announcements about this.

Gratitude, Farewells and Celebrations

The close of the year is a season of bringing things to a close and we have said goodbye and thankyou to two of our cherished and respected priests, as Mgr Kilgannon and Fr

Paddy Walsh take well-earned retirement. (Pg 3, and 7). Both in their own way unique and irreplaceable, they will be missed. Fr Lee has taken over the role of parish priest at St Vincent's and Fr Michael at Mother of God. Interesting fact, there are more priests per parishioner in Hallam than in many other dioceses. (We have 23 Diocesan priests and 19 other priests working in the diocese which makes 1 priest to every 225 people attending Mass on a weekend) so thinking about succession planning in the diocese may bring about some new and interesting ideas. If we have missed acknowledging any farewells that might be of interest, do send in details – thoughts, poems, reflections, for our December Goodbye to 2025 issue. Other celebrations are shared with readers, from St Catherine's School, (Page 6), UCM (Page 7), installation of Fr Chris Poszluzny as Ecumenical Canon (Page 8), Martin Humphrey's Papal Blessing

Dilexit Te – "I have loved you"

The journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem has resonances with the journeying of migrants across the world. We can see Christ in our midst as we welcome those seeking asylum and welcome also the opportunity to live out and witness our Catholic faith and Social Teaching. If you haven't yet had time, perhaps make a New Year Resolution to thoroughly read Pope Leo's first teaching document Dilexit Te (Pg 6). You may also be inspired by the work of the Welcome Directory (Page 11), on behalf of prisoners being released.

Pilgrims of Hope

The report on Page 8 from Cafod representative Angela Powell reminds us of some of the Jubilee work this year and the information about the Welcome Directory and Laudato Si reminds us of other ways of visibly living our faith. Don't forget to check What's On across the Diocese, particularly the Spiritual Growth and Transformation Course being run with the Anglican Diocese of Sheffield, (Page 11). We welcome your Jubilee and pilgrimage stories, Letters, and articles for the December issue (deadline is 10 December). Blessings for a peaceful and mysterious Advent
Editor



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Synod: Interim reports of Study Groups published



Established by Pope Francis in March 2024, the Study Groups have delivered reports on the work carried out so far, starting from the conclusion of the Synod on Synodality. The deadline for delivering the final reports to Leo XIV has been set for 31 December. Among the topics covered are the digital mission, the role of women, ecumenism, polygamy, liturgy, the ministry of nuncios, and the selection of bishops.

Twenty months after their establishment at the behest of Pope Francis – who wanted closer collaboration between the Dicasteries of the Roman Curia and the General Secretariat of the Synod – the ten Study Groups called upon to examine the issues that emerged during the two sessions of the Synod on Synodality released their Interim Reports today, 17 November. This is a step forward after the presentation of the first reports during the second session of the assembly in October 2024. Two new groups The topics are varied: from mission in the digital world to ministries and women's participation in the Church; from relations between Eastern Catholic Churches and the Latin Church to the role of nuncios and the choice of bishops; from ecumenism to “controversial” doctrinal issues – better defined as “emerging” issues – such as violence against women in the context of war. Along with the reports, the contributions of the Canon Law Commission and SECAM (Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar) on the challenge of polygamy, as well as that of the Group on Liturgy in a Synodal Perspective, were also presented for the first time. The latter is one of two new groups desired by Pope Leo XIV in light of the Final Document, and which began work at the

end of July 2025. The other is still being formed and concerns the Statutes of Episcopal Conferences, Ecclesial Assemblies, and Particular Councils. Extension of the deadline for submitting final reports All the Groups were asked to submit their reflections to the Pope by the end of June 2025. The death of Francis, the election of Pope Leo and the need for more time for the work made it necessary to extend the deadline. Last July, Leo XIV granted the extension and asked that the final reports be submitted to him, “as far as possible,” by 31 December 2025. “Some groups are now nearing completion of their work, while others will continue in the months ahead,” writes Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod, in an accompanying note. By **Salvatore Cernuzio**
Vatican News

Read the full article on our website

A tribute to Mgr Kilgannon



After nearly half a century of devoted service, Mgr William Kilgannon has celebrated his final Sunday Mass as Parish Priest of St Wilfrid and Mother of God RC Church, Abbeydale Road. On November 2nd 2025, the Nether Edge community bid a fond farewell to a man whose quiet strength and tireless dedication have left an indelible mark on the city.

Mgr Kilgannon first arrived in the parish in 1977, supporting the incumbent priest, Fr Falvey. What began as a humble beginning blossomed into a remarkable 48-year journey of faith, fellowship, and service. This year, he not only celebrated his

retirement but also his Diamond Jubilee in the priesthood—a milestone few reach, and even fewer with such grace.

His legacy is perhaps most visible in the founding of the St Wilfrid's Centre on Queens Road, a day centre offering support to homeless and vulnerable people. More than just a place of refuge, it's a hub of hope—providing welfare services and educational activities that help clients rebuild confidence and self-esteem. Mgr Kilgannon was the driving force behind its creation, and his vision continues to uplift lives daily.

His commitment to nurturing youth of the parish has also been evident in his long-standing involvement with St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School. Over the years, he has celebrated countless school Masses, bringing faith to life for generations of children. As Chair of Governors, he provided steady leadership and heartfelt guidance, helping shape the school's ethos and direction with the same care he brought to his parish.

Beyond the parish congregation, he has been a steadfast supporter of Churches Together in Abbeydale, fostering unity among Anglican, Methodist, and Catholic communities. His leadership in the annual Good Friday Walk of Witness—where over 70 people walk the two-mile route from Holy Trinity Church in Millhouses to Mother of God Church—has become a poignant tradition.

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Mgr Kilgannon has always opened the doors of Mother of God Church with warmth and welcome, inviting members of other denominations to join in shared worship. His commitment to interfaith dialogue also extended to building close ties with the Madina Masjid Sheffield, reflecting his belief that faith should unite, not divide.

No account of Mgr Kilgannon's tenure would be complete without reference to his musical gifts. At the October Harvest Mass, his tin whistle rendition of the folk melody "Harvest Home", remembered from his own childhood in rural

Ireland, is a much-anticipated annual treat. At Christmas, children gather on the sanctuary steps to hear him sing "Mary's Boy Child," a tradition that has become part of the festive fabric of the parish. These moments of joy and celebration will live long in the memories of those who have experienced them.

Above all, Mgr Kilgannon has been a pastor with a deep heart for his people. Whether quietly visiting the sick in hospital or bringing comfort and the sacraments to the housebound, he has always made time for those most in need of care. His presence—gentle, reassuring, and sincere—has brought peace to countless parishioners during their most vulnerable moments. It's in these quiet acts of kindness that his ministry has truly shone.

As he steps down, the community reflects not just on the years, but on the service, humility, and quiet leadership that defined them. Rev Mgr Kilgannon may be retiring, but his legacy will continue to walk the streets of Nether Edge—in every act of compassion, every shared prayer, and every life touched by his ministry. **-Paul Teahan**

Laudato Si' Animators Embrace Pope Francis' Legacy



10 years on from Laudato Si'

The Laudato Si' Movement grew out of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, to further the aims of Pope Francis' groundbreaking Encyclical Laudato Si', with the intention of activating the world's 1.4 billion Catholics to

tackle the environmental crises.

Laudato Si' Animators (LSA) are people, mainly Catholics, who have graduated from the Laudato Si' Movement's Course, which is set up to educate and enable participants to inspire others, in parishes, schools and in the world at large, to engage in dialogue and action on the current environmental crises. We do this under the aegis of the LS Encyclical.

LS Animators are dedicated to encouraging the growth of the roots planted by Pope Francis, through the many varied actions and groups we have established as permanent tributes to the Encyclical and reminders of the urgent call for action on the environment that the Encyclical puts before us.

In the ten years since Pope Francis published the LS Encyclical, the number of Animators has steadily grown. In the UK there are over a hundred who are active. Worldwide there are thousands.

Perhaps the most important contributions to promoting Laudato Si' are the green groups that Animators have set up in their parishes.

These green groups are active in advocating for our common home, for example by organising actions such as Menchu's Sharing Fair initiative, which asks parishioners to offer their unwanted possessions to others instead of binning them.

Animators regularly attend pilgrimages and protest marches for the environment.

Oxford based artist and Animator Helen Elwes has painted a banner, 'Mother of Mercy', which she has carried on pilgrimages, vigils and protest marches around the country.

Facebook pages have been set up by individual Animators or by their parish group, such as Animator Martin Davis's ecumenical Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle which has a Facebook page.

Some Animators have set up parish websites, like Brian Austin's parish site.

LS Animators in the UK also have a general website.

The UK Animators have regular monthly meetings, convened by John Woodhouse, to which Animators can bring any matter that they want to discuss, and during which we plan activities such as Season of Creation actions, retreats, parish events and so on.

We have a Network of Animators in England and Wales, with a LSA Contact in almost every Diocese. There are also active Animators in Scotland who are part of the Network. The Contacts keep in touch with the Animators in their diocese, for mutual support, information, resources and to plan actions.

We also provide comments on news, views, events etc through our Writing Group, which can be called on to write articles as required. LSM occasionally posts our articles on our website, on this page.

We get together every year at the Laudato Si' Centre in Salford, to celebrate past actions and to discuss future actions.

The Laudato Si' Centre is the Diocese of Salford's response to the LS Encyclical. It aims to be a place of education, inspiration and hope for those who visit.

These are just a few examples of the actions taken, groups set up and initiatives created by Animators in the UK to encourage the spread of those roots planted by Pope Francis.

Through these efforts, Animators are ensuring that the legacy of Pope Francis will never be forgotten and will continue to inspire future Animators to advocate for the natural environment. **Virginia Bell for LS Animators UK**

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School 50th Anniversary.



This year the staff, pupils and community of St Catherine's Catholic Primary School celebrated 50 years of the school existing on its current site of Firshill Crescent in Sheffield. The current building was opened by Bishop Moverly in 1974. Prior to this the school was located on Andover Street on land donated by the Duke of Norfolk.

The Old St Catherine's School Building on Andover Street.

Staff and pupils started the year of celebration with a thanksgiving Mass in school which was celebrated by Bishop Ralph and Father Albert Savaille. This was attended by members of the community including past pupils, past headteachers and governors. Children in school took on a central role by reading and leading the singing.

Later in the year the celebrations continued with a 50th anniversary summer fair where pupils sang, danced, and performed for the community. The Mini Vinnies chaplaincy team highlighted the importance of the Jubilee year by sharing the school's Jubilee Pledge with the community. In the run up to the fair, children in school had been working hard on a homework project creating a piece of work around St Catherine's school or on one of the decades it had been open. These were on display around the school hall for the parents and community to admire. **Katie Gillott**

Recognising Migrants as Christ Among Us



In his first major teaching document *In Dilexi Te* ("I Have Loved You"), Pope Leo reminds us that faith and love for the poor cannot be separated. God's compassion is especially directed toward those who suffer or are denied dignity. Among them, he highlights migrants describing them as "a living presence of the Lord."

Pope Leo calls the Church to accompany, welcome, and defend those forced to leave their homes. He urges every Christian, within their means, to take concrete steps of solidarity: to welcome migrants, support education and healthcare, oppose injustice, and stand beside those most in need. He reminds us that "In every rejected or displaced person, Christ is knocking at the door of our community."

Behind the Headlines

Public debate often paints refugees and asylum seekers in negative terms — accused of "flooding" the country or seeking benefits. Yet the evidence tells another story. Most refugees want to work, contribute, and rebuild their lives. Studies show that if refugees were to be supported into employment and English-language learning quickly, the UK economy could gain more than £1.2 billion within five years. After being granted asylum refugees work hard, start businesses, pay taxes, and enrich local communities.

Hardship, Not Ease

Life for asylum seekers is far from easy. They receive about £7 a day for food, clothing, and transport — less if meals are provided. Many live in cramped or unsuitable accommodation,

sometimes in hotels without cooking facilities. Families are frequently relocated with little notice, uprooting children from schools and breaking community ties.

Even after being granted refugee status, people face new challenges. They must leave government accommodation within 28 days, often before they can secure housing. Many become homeless or rely on charities for shelter and support.

Unable to work while their asylum claims are processed, many face poverty, isolation, and despair. The uncertainty of waiting months or years for a decision takes a heavy toll on mental health. Discrimination and negative media rhetoric deepen feelings of fear and rejection.

A Call for Change

If the UK is to build a fair and compassionate asylum system, reform is essential. Three practical steps stand out:

Speed up decisions — A triage system could resolve clear cases quickly while ensuring fairness and legal advice for all applicants.

Create safe and legal routes — This would reduce dangerous Channel crossings and protect lives while disrupting smuggling networks.

Allow asylum seekers to work — Granting the right to work while claims are processed would restore dignity, reduce costs to taxpayers, and boost the economy.

Seeing Christ in Our Midst

As Pope Leo teaches, migrants are not a problem to be managed but a presence to be welcomed. They remind us that love of God is shown through love of neighbour — especially the stranger seeking safety. By recognising Christ in the migrant, we not only live out our faith, but also build a more compassionate and just society. **Christine Parrott**

UCM News

UCM at Padley Chapel



On Friday 5th September 2025 Holy Mass was celebrated by Bishop Ralph Heskett assisted by UCM Chaplain, Deacon Peter Marshall. It was attended by women from various areas of the Diocese of Hallam. Padley Chapel is where two travelling priests Robert Ludlam and Nicholas Garlick were caught by the Police on 12th July 1588. They had stayed overnight at the home of the recusant Fitzherbert family. The priests and everyone else at the hall were arrested. The two priests were tried and brutally executed at Derby Bridge on 24th July 1588. Robert Ludlam and Nicholas Ludlam were among 85 martyrs of England and Wales beatified by Pope John Paul II on 22nd November 1987. Today this chapel is kept in honour of their martyrdom and is regularly visited by members of the public and also by Priests from far and wide.

UCM wish Fr Paddy a happy retirement



At the end of September 2025 at our meeting at St. Vincents, Sheffield, Hallam. Our members gathered to wish Father Paddy (Patrick Walsh) a happy retirement after many years as parish priest at St. Vincents. **Dorothy Anderson**

A year as Pilgrims of Hope



During this Jubilee Year, many have journeyed together to be “Pilgrims of Hope”. Pope Leo XIV called it a time for “conversion and renewal, to embark on a new path, animated by the hope we can build a world in which everyone can lead an authentically human life in truth, justice and peace.”

The official Jubilee icon, commissioned by CAFOD with the Catholic Bishops’ Conference, is touring churches and cathedrals. The Icon, present at Hallam’s Jubilee Mass for Volunteers on Saturday 15th November, shows the Ethiopian context in which artist, Mulugeta Araya, painted it. It depicts Luke 4:16-21, where Jesus preaches that he is the fulfilment of the year of the Lord’s favour, bringing sight to those who are blind, liberty to those who are oppressed and good news to those who are poor.

This Holy Year, we are called to be “tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind,” and parish communities have shown their generosity in several ways. Participating in Jubilee pilgrimages, giving to Family Fast Day appeals, and through other regular donations.

Many have signed a worldwide church petition about the climate crisis and related debt that is affecting many of the world’s poorest countries. All are living witnesses to Jesus’ commandment love your neighbour. These acts of faith and solidarity are true signs of hope for our global family.

A Jubilee year is about legacy, our children and young people have learned the traditional meaning of Jubilee, partaking in reflective activities. Over 60% of Catholic schools are signing a Jubilee pledge, committing their school community to living out Catholic Social Teaching in the long-term. What an amazing legacy of this Jubilee Year! **Angela Powell**

Fr Chris Posluszny is installed as an Ecumenical Canon for Sheffield Anglican Cathedral



Photo © Bob Rae

In a new step for Sheffield Anglican Diocese, Fr Chris Posluszny, Dean at St Marie’s Catholic Cathedral, at the invitation of Right Rev Bishop Pete Wilcox, the Anglican Bishop of Sheffield, and the Very Reverend Abigail Thompson, Dean of Sheffield, was installed as an Ecumenical Canon for Sheffield Anglican Cathedral at a service on Tuesday 11 November. Two other Ecumenical Canons were installed at the same time; Pastor David Bussue, Associate Pastor at the Church of God of Prophecy, Sheffield, and Fr Mousa Roshdy of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the region.

In the Anglican tradition, canons meet regularly to discuss matters. An Ecumenical Canon, invited from a different faith tradition, holds more of an honorary role, perhaps contributing to certain matters or joining a particular event as a sign of the ecumenical efforts being made by churches working together.

"It is an opportunity for us to be working together as Christians despite our differences, a visible sign that we need to be united in proclamation of the Gospel", Fr Chris pointed out. "It is especially important that we are working together and supporting each other in difficult circumstances where Christianity is in the minority."

The celebration certainly showed evidence of good relations between the two Cathedrals, as St Marie's Choir joined the Cathedral choir in singing the choral evensong. There was music also from Fr Mousa Roshdy and from the choir of the Church of God of Prophecy followed by refreshments and conviviality. The Dean of the Anglican Cathedral was delighted by the large congregation who attended to support the event, remarking, "We have more in common than that which divides us. **FFrances**

Fr Ainslie presents a Papal Blessing to Martin Humphrey



On Saturday 8 November following Mass for Sheffield Lay Carmel at Mother of God, Sheffield, Fr Ainslie presented the Papal Blessing to Martin Humphrey on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. **Joseph Durham**

Autumn Serenade Concert raises funds for Charity at St Vincent's



The St. Justin Society in St. Vincent's Parish, Sheffield recently held an Autumn Serenade Concert in the Parish Hall in October. Our picture shows Hugh Finnigan, Accompanist, together with the Trio of Singers Unlimited – Mary McCready, Caroline Dyson, and Nigel Rothery.

It was a wonderful evening which included a selection of songs from Musical Theatre and Popular Classics – all under the expert guidance of our compere Hugh.

The evening raised £830 which has now been forwarded onto 4 projects to support people in developing countries.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who packed the hall and those who contributed in any way to this amazing figure.

A very special thankyou to Hugh, Mary, Caroline and Nigel who gave their time and musical talents so freely. You were truly amazing.

A repeat concert is hopefully in the planning for next year. **Steve Foley**

Looking Ahead

Restored Lives



Restored lives is an 8 week programme to help people recover from relationship breakdown due to separation or divorce. There is no time limit for when that happened. St Vincent's Church, Crookes is offering this face to face programme starting Monday evening 19 January.

Dates

are: 19/26 January 2026, 2/23 February 2026, 2/9/16/23 March 2026.

Timings: 7pm-8.45pm.

<https://www.restoredlives.org/>

for more information.

Total cost

of 8 week programme to cover materials and refreshments: **£15**.

If £15 is an issue for you, please let us know in your email, as we want to offer the course to anyone who wants to attend, and funding may be available. Please

email restored.lives.sheffield@gmail.com to book your place. Please note: by emailing us, you are confirming that you consent to St Vincent's Church holding and processing your personal data to email you and provide you with further information. The Privacy Notice is available from the Parish Office **Katherine Ryan-Murray**

An Invitation to Give Thanks for the Blessings of the Holy Year



Pilgrims walking through the Holy Door at St Peter's, Rome, Jubilee of Synodal Teams ©Synodus Episcoporum

Pope Leo will close the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica on 6 January 2026 and bring the Jubilee Year to a close. Across the world, dioceses will conclude their Holy Year on the Feast of the Holy Family. Bishop Ralph invites you, the Pilgrim People of God, both lay and ordained, to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of this Holy Year at St Marie's Cathedral on 27 December at 3:30 PM, the vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family.

Welcome Directory - Making Connections Between Those About To Leave Prison and Parishes



Two months after his election, Pope John XXIII paid a visit to Rome's Regina Coeli prison in 1958. "I know it's tough", he said to the prisoners. "One of my cousins ended up here". A prisoner then broke through the security barrier, running and throwing himself on his knees at the Pope's feet, asking, "Holy Father, I am a delinquent, is there also hope for me?" to which the Pope replied, "There is hope for all, there is also hope for you."

Looking Ahead

We know that many people find faith in prison, while others rekindle their faith but when it gets to the point of release, only about one in five people choose to connect with their faith beyond the gates. I work for the Welcome Directory; we are a multi-faith organisation that support faith and belief communities, including a growing number of Catholic Churches, on how to reintegrate prison leavers safely. Prison leavers can face numerous obstacles upon re-joining society, and one of these can be the challenge of entering a place of worship, as they carry with them public stigma and the isolation that a time in prison imposes. Our vision is for all prison leavers with faith or belief to receive welcome, acceptance and belonging beyond the prison gates. We believe that everybody deserves to belong.

The Welcome Directory is available in every prison in England and Wales, as well as in all probation approved premises. Prison chaplains use the Welcome Directory to help facilitate connections between someone about to leave prison and a welcoming faith community. The Welcome Directory also works with leaders and members of faith communities – churches, temples, synagogues or mosques – to raise awareness of prison leavers' needs. For Catholic communities considering welcoming prison leavers, the Welcome Directory's online Prison Awareness Course also provides safety advice and guidelines.

We need more Catholic communities from across the country to join The Welcome Directory, because we know there are Catholic prison leavers who struggle to walk through the doors of our churches. All you need to do to join the Directory is show that you satisfy 'the Four Ps':

1. A Safeguarding Policy
2. Permission from your parish priest
3. A point of contact, also known as a Champion'.
4. Prior experience with this kind of work, perhaps through working or volunteering in a prison or even helping with a local food bank or community project. Or you can attend the Prison Awareness Course instead.

the full article is available on our website
Dominic Cawdell

Spiritual Growth and Transformation

Are you looking for more in your faith? Or feeling called to walk alongside others in their journeys of faith?

This course offers a programme of prayer, listening and reflection through which participants are supported in drawing closer to God. It has been a turning point for many, in their own lives and in their support of others. It also forms the first part of the Sheffield Anglican Diocese's programme for authorised Spiritual Accompaniers. It is happening from March to July 2026 and this time it's partly online with 14 Wednesday evening sessions on Zoom plus three Saturdays at Whirlow and a weekend retreat at Ilkley.

The closing date for applications is 1 December 2025. The total cost is subsidised at just £200.

For more information, including dates, and a downloadable leaflet, see <https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/learning/courses/spiritual-growth-transformation>.

Letters to the Editor

On the Retirement of Fr Kilgannon

It was a bitter-sweet celebration at the weekend, when Fr. K said his last Mass as Parish Priest of Mother of God. I was fortunate enough to speak from the altar at the celebration of this Golden Jubilee ten years ago, and with minor updates I would like to repeat what I said then. We have been fortunate to have the pastoral care of Fr. K for almost fifty years. It has been almost fifty years of sharing our joys and supporting us in our darkest and most difficult times. Almost fifty years of bringing faith, bringing hope and most of all bringing love. We shall miss the way he says "apostle", "confirm" and "safety", but so much more will we miss the kindness, the caring, the thoughtfulness, the energy and the love that he has brought to the job he loved so much. We hope he has the happy and healthy retirement which he so richly deserves. Thanks for everything, Father.- **Bob Lyons**
Mother of God Parish