

The S. S<sup>r</sup> Mary Gladhill who happily departed this life Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1809, has left the following few lines concerning herself. — July 26<sup>th</sup> 1727.

"I was born, at Kelly Bridge near Wyke and baptiz'd in the Church of England from my earliest years I remember my Mother taking me to hear M<sup>r</sup> Ingham preach, & I felt at that time, some, thing of our Saviours nearness, which I however did not fully understand besides my natural inclination being after the world. — In my 16<sup>th</sup> year our whole family was afflicted with a bad fever, of which we all got better except my Mother who dy'd on it, we was now left in deplorable circumstances, I being the oldest of the Children; the town people would give me no assistance, I had learned nothing to earn a lively, hood, and was now obliged to go from door to door to beg my Bread, I met with many kind Benefactors



who pitied me in my distress; after  
sometime I went into service, from  
one place to another, I found it very  
hard & met with many troubles; having  
no body to tell my concerns to, nor  
to care for me, I prayed to the  
Lord to help me, about this time  
I became acquainted with the Mrs  
Cly<sup>th</sup> & Sarah Holdsworth, and went  
to live with them; they often spoke  
to me about our Saviour, & I felt their  
concerns & good wishes for me, but <sup>had</sup> no  
inclination to attend to it. I spent  
several years in a very uneasy situation  
of mind, during this time I heard  
Mr Castwood preach on that text  
of the ten Virgins, which had a par-  
ticular effect upon my heart, for it  
was clear to me I was in the class  
of the foolish virgins, I wept before  
our Saviour & prayed him to have mercy  
upon me, & to forgive me all my  
sins, I felt on this occasion some  
thing which I can not express,

Our Saviour showed me his loving &  
forgiving heart, and I felt that he  
had suffered, bled & died for me.  
Being of an unsteady turn of mind I  
soon came into things again which was  
contrary to our Saviours will, an whilst  
account I spent many heavy hours  
but he always approved himself  
as my best friend, and took notice  
of me the poorest among the needy.  
I felt now <sup>being now</sup> ~~now~~ <sup>undetermined</sup> ~~undetermined~~ <sup>whether</sup>  
whether to make application to belong  
to the Bre<sup>n</sup> Cong<sup>n</sup> or to be a follower  
of Mr Castwood, I prayed to our Sav<sup>r</sup>  
to make it clear to me, which way to  
turn, and he convinced me the Bre<sup>n</sup>  
where the people to whom I should  
belong. Upon this I made application  
and obtained leave to come and  
live in the Mrs House at Gomersal,  
this favour was granted to me Oct  
10<sup>th</sup> 1760. for which I often thank  
our Saviour with my whole heart.  
Thus far her own account."



Our late S<sup>r</sup> was soon at home amongst us, and thankful for her Lot.

Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> 1765 she was rec<sup>d</sup> into the Cong<sup>re</sup> & Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> the following year, she partook for the first time of the H. Com<sup>u</sup>. After living 10 years in Garnersol she moved in 1770 to Dulrick, into the S<sup>r</sup>s House here, where she spent the remainder of her days, & tho she in that long period, met with many trials, both internal & external, yet her simple reliance & confidence in the Lord helped her thro in every case.

She often used to say: "Our Saviour  
"and every body is very good to me  
"I can never be thankfull enough,  
"if I could only leave closer to  
"him, but he allways tells me, I am  
"his, & He will keep me to the end."  
It can truly be said, Her happy Lot  
to know our Saviour & herself and to  
live in the Cong<sup>re</sup> was highly valued  
by her. She was content & cheerful.

in poverty & thankful for every good  
gift imparted to her, and enjoyed the  
the Love & good will of every one. —  
In general she was blessed with good  
health, even in her old age, which also  
was a matter of great thankfulness to  
her. About two weeks before her  
departure, she was seriously attacked  
with sickness & vomiting, but she thought  
herself better again, & Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> she  
enjoyed the H. Com<sup>u</sup> in fellowship  
with the Cong<sup>re</sup>, finding herself still  
very weak & her Cough growing trouble-  
some, she submitted on the 30<sup>th</sup> to  
go into the Sickroom, on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> being  
asked in the morning how she felt,  
she said; "Very well, I have no pain  
" & do not think I am going yet to  
"our Saviour, but if it be his will  
"to take me to himself, I am not  
"only resigned, but shall be happy  
"to be with him whom I love above  
"all." She spent the day mostly in

a slumber and in <sup>the</sup> afternoon about  
Chock she was blessed for her departure &  
which occasion our Saviour's presence  
was sensibly felt, and soon after a  
happy soul took flight into the  
arms of her Redeemer, in a gentle  
manner, without a groan & sigh.  
Aged 82 years 4 Months 5 Days.—