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*May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen*

FROM OUR REGISTERS

We have baptised -

4th November 2018 - Noah Smith

We have laid to rest those who have died on -

17th September 2018 - Mary Bell

6th October 2018 - Margaret Gates

12th October 2018 - Elaine Stubbs

20th October 2018 - Bridget McGregor

3rd November 2018 - Janet Kinchin



AFTER THE CARDS AND VISITORS



Bereavement is a very difficult time for the spouse/partner left behind. Starting again on your own is even more difficult. Carrie and friends would like to help you with the next step by meeting any recently bereaved spouse/partner for coffee in Greyfriars Coffee Shop on Wed 5th December and Wednesday 9th January at 1.30pm. Please phone Carrie on 851003 if you wish any more information. This is a very informal and relaxed atmosphere.

KNIT2GETHER FRIDAYS BETWEEN 10AM AND 12NOON : A

weekly knitting, crocheting and hand sewing group. This group meets in the coffee shop/restaurant at Greyfriars. All will be made very welcome. Bring your own projects and enjoy coffee and a chat whilst making new friends. Please contact Claire Murray on 07737482611 for further information.



HUTCHINSON RICHMOND AND GILLING TRUST

This charity works to support the local community by providing small grants towards: educational courses, necessary medical equipment, household appliances, and many other expenses. If you live in: Richmond, Gilling West, Eppleby, Eryholme, South Cowton, North Cowton, West Layton, Hutton Magna, Cliffe, or Barton, then you may be eligible for this support.

For further information, please contact either Mrs Christine Bellas, Oak Tree View, Hutton Magna, Richmond, DL11 7HQ or our Rector.



The Church of England's Christmas campaign this year is #FollowtheStar.

We at St Mary's are joining in with this by having a star trail around the town.

Starting on the 1st of December there will be 12 stars around the town and 1 In Church, each of the stars will have a letter on.

Those doing the trail will have to find all the letters then work out what it says. Clue: *It is one of the names that Jesus is known by.*

Competition forms will be available in the church and hopefully in all the shops where there is a star.

The competition is open to all Children and the prize will be drawn at the 10 am Christmas Morning Service

Watching and waiting – with *expectation*

This 'double-sided' issue of the Parish Magazine covers the contrasting seasons of Advent and Christmas. Like Lent, Advent is a season of preparation: we are preparing to celebrate a major festival in the life of the Church – and a major event in human history. In Advent, our preparations are double-sided: as well as preparing to celebrate the first coming of Christ we prepare also for his second coming, when all creation will be subject to his just and gentle rule.

Like both Lent and Advent, the Christmas season runs for forty days – until Candlemas on 2nd February. The Christmas season therefore gives us plenty of time for our celebrations, and I for one tend to keep my Christmas tree and decorations up well beyond Twelfth Night (right through until Candlemas). Far from being 'bad luck,' this surely makes good sense!

So, rather than succumb to the temptation to begin our Christmas celebrations early, we are invited to recall that Advent is primarily about watching and waiting, with expectation. Indeed, an Advent Calendar – ideally the non-chocolate variety! – helps us to do just that.

An Advent Wreath helps us reflect on the role of the people who prepared the way for the first coming of Christ, the Word made flesh. On the four Sundays of Advent we think in turn about the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist, and Mary.

John the Baptist begins his ministry by declaring that "the kingdom of God has come near". In his own ministry, Jesus uses a series of parables to show that the growth of God's kingdom may seem hidden but it is evident if we watch and wait; if we *expect* to see it. Indeed, the parable of the yeast [or leaven] illustrates that the growth and fulfilment of God's kingdom are *inexorable* (see Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20-21). It is this parable that is the subject of the poem *Like unto leaven* by Malcolm Guite:

'The kingdom of God is like leaven in the grain'
A woman knows the secret of the word.
For she nursed the rising life within.
The nine-month-hidden miracle of God.
Our lady took and hid the previous leaven.
A secret ferment working in the dark,
For even there within her inner haven
Our Lord began in us his good work,
And earth was leavened with the grace of heaven,
That raises us to life, body and soul.
In Bethlehem the staff of life lay hidden,
The only broken thing that makes us whole,
The mystery whereby the world is fed
For Bethlehem itself means 'House of Bread'.

May the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting – with *expectation*...

...Martin



Our New Vision: Update

The growth of God's kingdom and the growth of our church are interlinked. If the former is inexorable then so is the latter. But we must play our part to nurture the growth we seek, and to discern God's plan and purposes for us.

In November the Richmond with Hudswell PCC met for an Away Day to consider a new vision for St Mary's. It was agreed that we would embark upon the programme of growth known as *Leading your Church into Growth* and which has already been proven in many parishes across many dioceses.

Leading your Church into Growth involves twelve steps, the first of which is to establish a desire for growth, with the second being to pray explicitly for growth as a church. We have that desire, and I encourage you to continue to pray *expectantly* for our growth.

The next step is to develop a Leadership Team, the current priority of the PCC. Please pray for our Leadership Team as they begin their work, and look out for further updates – particularly on the part you can be playing as together we *Lead our Church into Growth*.

God of Mission
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PASTORAL CARE

The St Mary's Church community wishes to do all we can to support, listen and love all in our parish whether members of our church or not.

The Pastoral Team at St Mary's have established a **Prayer Circle** at St Mary's. If you have something which you would appreciate prayer for, whether for yourself or for someone you care about, we would be privileged to pray about it. No prayer request is ever too small or trivial. Whatever you wish to share, in confidence, we will support you in prayer.

To ask for prayer you can either telephone, email or text Rev Martin on 821241, fletcher_martin@yahoo.co.uk or 07762 440094; or contact Gillian Lunn on 07592016476 or gillian.lunn@yahoo.com or speak to any member of the Pastoral Team and they will place your prayer in the circle. Please be assured your requests are confidential.

To be a praying member of the circle or a member of the Pastoral Team, please speak to Rev Martin or Gillian. They would love to hear from you.

We also have a **Visitor and Phone Call Request** form which is available at the back of church. This form can either be completed for yourself or on behalf of someone who you believe would appreciate a visit or a phone call from a member of the Pastoral Team. There is a box clearly marked at the back of church where you can put the slip. If you are unable to complete the form because you are not in church, please telephone, text or email Rev Martin or Gillian or speak to a member of the Pastoral Team.

We look forward to hearing from you.

PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER we pray ...		
Sat	1	Advent - a time of hope and anticipation and waiting...we pray that we can prepare well to celebrate God's gift to his world - Jesus.
Sun	2	For all who will be baptised today. For all coming to our Christingle Service today - for a sense of awe and wonder. For The Childrens Society.
Mon	3	For Revs Martin, Mark, Jennifer and Bishop John and their families and friends. For Sian our ordinand, our Readers Scott, Gillian and George, for our Church Wardens, treasurers, vergers, and PA.
Tue	4	For our Town and District councils. For the ongoing development of the Old Grammar School.
Wed	5	For all who attend the weekly Wednesday morning communion at 9.15am and who enjoy fellowship afterwards. All are welcome. For After the Cards as they meet today. For all who miss loved ones.
Thur	6	For First Thursday prayers. For all the schools in Richmond - for the staff and students, parents and governors. Energy and stamina to get to the holidays.
Fri	7	For the lonely and the sad, for those waiting for test results. For those who listen and hear.
Sat	8	For our musicians and bell ringers - for all who use their gifts and talents to enhance our lives and worship. For the Choral Society Concert this evening
Sun	9	For those who work and shop in Neeps and Tatties, and Lemon.
Mon	10	For our Monday Morning Toddler Group. For all who are at the Friary Hospital. Those who work there and go there for care.
Tue	11	For the MU Advent service taking place today. For the MU
Wed	12	For all coming to the Mayor's Carol service. A celebration of the gifts and talents of so many during this season of preparation. For all who live in Maison Dieu and Darlington Road.
Thur	13	To learn more and more about God's dreams for each of us.
Fri	14	For Bishops Nick and Helen-Ann. For our new Archdeacon who will start in the Spring - Rev Canon Jonathan Gough.
Sat	15	For The Station Singers and all who will come to the concert this evening. Praying with thanks for their fellowship. For all who come to our church as visitors. May they feel welcome.
Sun	16	For all attending the Nine Lessons and Carols service at St Marys Church. For a sense of joy as we gather to worship, and an eagerness to share the Good News of God's love with all.
Mon	17	For the staff and students of SFX School as they join us at St Mary's for their Christmas service. .
Tue	18	For love - in its many forms. For those who feel marginalised. For refugees and asylum seekers.
Wed	19	For Trinity Academy Richmond as they come together for their Christmas service at St Mary's Church. For all who struggle with relationships and communication.
Thur	20	For Richmond School as they come to St Mary's for their Christmas service.
Fri	21	For all who go to Knit2gether. For a sense of awe and wonder of all of God's creation.
Sat	22	For all who work in the media and news services .
Sun	23	For the community of Hudswell. And for all attending the Carols and Barrels at the pub in Hudswell. For our prayer circle, safeguarding team and Happy Bodgers.
Mon	24	For the Crib Service today. For a sense of excitement, expectation and enthusiasm, for joy and peace.
Tue	25	Christmas Day - with thanks for the gift of Jesus
Wed	26	For those working long shifts and over the festive season. May they get time to rest and be with those they love and who love them.
Thur	27	For those in prison and those who look to rehabilitate those who have been in prison. For victims of crime.
Fri	28	For peace - in ourselves, others and in the world
Sat	29	For the community police and bin men.
Sun	30	For love and patience
Mon	31	The year just past - its joys and sadnesses, with hope and faith.

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER 2018

Every Friday: Knit2gether at Greyfriars in the restaurant - 10am - 12noon:
For more details, please see page 3.



Sunday 2nd December at 4pm - Christingle at St Mary's - do come and join us for this annual delight of light and joy, love and peace. As ever this service will support the work of The Children's Society. There are rumours of sparklers at the end of the service! All are welcome.

Sunday 2nd December - Christmas at Marrick - this is always delightful, when the chapel is candle-lit and we can sing carols together; this year we shall have Muker choir helping us on our way. Once more, the bus will collect those who wish from Nun's Close carpark at 6.30pm. Minibuses will also run from Reeth bus stop from 6.30pm.

Wednesday 5th - Richmond Flower Arranging Club - at Hudswell Village Hall - Demonstration by Nichola Davies Murray "Christmas Cheer" followed by buffet lunch provided by members. All are welcome.

Wednesday 5th - After the Cards - at Greyfriars Coffee Shop 1.30pm

Thursday 6th - First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Saturday 8th December - The Choral Society presents - Vaughan Williams' 'Toward the unknown region', Morten Lauridsen's 'Lux aeterna' and Vaughan Williams' 'Dona nobis pacem'. Conductor Peter Stallworthy, Organist Andrew Christer, Soprano Jo Rondel, Baritone Andrew Randall. Tickets £12 from choir members, Castle Hill Books, Richmond or online from richchoral.org.uk. Under 16s free, 16-25 online only ticket £3

Tuesday 11th - MU Advent Eucharist to be followed by tea and mince pies. It will take place in St. Mary's at 2 pm and is open to all.

Wednesday 12th - The Mayoral Carol Concert - 7pm - always popular this brings together Leyburn Band and school children from all over the area. Great music and atmosphere.

Saturday 15th December - St Mary's Church Christmas Coffee Morning at The Town Hall - the choir will be singing carols, we would be most grateful for raffle and tombola prizes, cakes, jams jellies and chutneys (which were very popular at the Plant and Produce Sale) any queries to Susan Scrafton 824106. Come along and meet old and new friends.

Saturday 15th at 6.30pm (doors open 6pm) - The Station Singers - Songs to commemorate the Armistice and the Festive Season - CRACCL, The Storehouse and The Station Singers present Home for Christmas -Peace at Last. Songs to commemorate the Armistice and the Festive Season. AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 6.30PM (doors open at 6pm) in St Mary's Church, Richmond. Tickets £8 - £10 on the door to include seasonal refreshments, Children Free (ticket required). Tickets available from: St Mary's Church (Christine Stedman), Castle Hill Bookshop, Choir members, The Wives Kitchen, Richmond TIC

Sunday 23rd at 7pm - Carols and Barrels in Hudswell Pub - popular festive songs and carols around the log fire in the pub - always fun. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve - 4pm - The Crib Service - Children (and those young at heart), can you help? We urgently need: Mooing cows, woolly sheep, shiny angels, marvellous Mary's, Jolly Joseph's and twinkling stars. If you can help with any of these roles, come and join us at the Crib Service, where once again we will be following the story of Angel Small and finding out all about the exciting discovery he will make in a stable in Bethlehem. Come dressed up if you wish, or we have costumes you can borrow, or you don't need to dress up at all! All are welcome.



PRAYER DIARY FOR JANUARY we pray ...		
Tue	1	For a new year, a fresh start, a time to continue moving forward with anticipation, hope, joy and faith.
Wed	2	For Revs Martin, Mark, Jennifer and Bishop John and their families and friends. For Sian our ordinand, our Readers Scott, Gillian and George, for our Church Wardens, treasurers, vergers, and PA.
Thur	3	For all who work unsociable and long hours. For the foodbank and social services.
Fri	4	For all who work to relieve injustice in the world - may we play our part - however small it may seem.
Sat	5	For rest and refreshment
Sun	6	For all the schools in Richmond - for the staff and students, parents and governors. For a good start to the new term this week.
Mon	7	For our safeguarding team. We pray too for any who have been abused mentally or physically.
Tue	8	For our bellringers and their joy at calling people to worship. For our Musical Director Chris, choir, musicians, for Fionagh and Andrew.
Wed	9	For After the Cards as they meet today. For all who miss loved ones For those who work in the barbers and coffee shops in town
Thur	10	For all who come to Little Rainbows at St Mary's Church today and every week.
Fri	11	For the Pastoral Team as they meet together today. With thanks for the support they provide to so many.
Sat	12	For all who live in Coronation Place and Hurgill Road
Sun	13	For a sense of joy as we gather to worship, and an eagerness to share the Good News of God's love with all.
Mon	14	For our Monday Morning Toddler Group. For our Town and District councils.
Tue	15	For all who come to our church as visitors. May they feel welcome.
Wed	16	For the Worship Team as they meet today. For a freshness and excitement about worship in all its forms.
Thur	17	To learn more and more about God's dreams for each of us.
Fri	18	For all who go to Knit2gether. For our Pastoral Team.
Sat	19	For all who struggle with relationships and communication.
Sun	20	For all who come to Free to Be this evening - with grateful thanks for the space and calm which this provides.
Mon	21	For a sense of awe and wonder of all of God's creation.
Tue	22	For all who work in the armed and naval forces.
Wed	23	For all who attend the weekly Wednesday morning communion at 9.15am and who enjoy fellowship afterwards. All are welcome.
Thur	24	For the gift of life, of love and companionship.
Fri	25	For Bishops Nick and Helen-Ann. For our new Archdeacon who will start in the Spring - Rev Canon Jonathan Gough.
Sat	26	For the dog wardens and the local gardeners.
Sun	27	For Fun-Key Church as it meets today. That all may feel welcome and inspired.
Mon	28	For those who are lonely or feel unheard or invisible.
Tue	29	For love, grace and patience. For peace in the world. For the Mothers Union across the world.
Wed	30	For those in prison and those who look to rehabilitate those who have been in prison. For victims of crime.
Thur	31	For all who are at the Friary Hospital. Those who work there and those who are there for treatment, respite or palliative care.

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Thursday 3rd - First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Wednesday 9th - After the Cards - at Greyfriars Coffee Shop 1.30pm

Richmond Flower Arranging Club - at Hudswell Village Hall - There is no meeting in January. The next meeting will be Wednesday 6th February when it will be a workshop looking at Thoughts of Spring. All are welcome.

Sunday 20th at 6.30pm - Free To Be at St Mary's - Everyone is warmly welcomed to this 'after hours' contemplative worship event which gives space to think, pray, awaken the senses and simply be with God. The event is 'free flow' and you are welcome to join and leave at any point. Please see Claire for more information.

Sunday 27th at 4pm - Fun-Key Church @ St Mary's - refreshments and activities from 3.40pm. We look forward to welcoming all ages to Fun-Key Church. Do come and join us for a service which is suitable for all ages and very relaxed. Come and enjoy a coffee from our Mothers Union and feel welcome. Gillian 0759201646. See P10 for more information.

Tuesday 29th at 2pm - Mothers Union - this is our Christmas party when we will be entertained by Tony and Freda. All are welcome at 14 Pilmoor Close.

Plant and Produce Appeal As you are tidying your beds and borders could you please remember the Plant and Produce Sale, please pot up any herbaceous plants you may be splitting along with any fruit cuttings etc so next years sale is even more successful! Many thanks Susan

Little Rainbows



On January the 10th we have a new exciting group starting in Church for younger members of our community called Little Rainbows, taking our inspiration from Ruth's Window. The Group will be children focused with Bible Stories, singing, craft activities and refreshments.

We hope that by running this new group we will enable those who look after children to find some support, friendship and community at the same time as the children are having fun.

If anybody would like to help at the group by just being an extra pair of hands please contact Sian (sianlawton@googlemail.com, 01677 450920) for more information.

TOAST - Time On A Sunday Together



As well as starting a new group for those younger members of our community, we are also going to be starting a Sunday Club. This will enable children in the church to have a time specifically set aside for them to learn and to experience God in a way that is right for them.

We will explore different ways of looking at God and the stories from the Bible. One of these ways will be by doing Godly Play. This recognised way of helping children to engage with the stories of God by inviting them into the action, is wonderful way of helping children to join in the worship and life of the community of Faith.

More information contact Claire or Sian



FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY'S RICHMOND

At the end of October we looked at the healing of blind Bartimaeus. Lots of activities about eyes and healing and Bartimaeus, and a science corner looking at light and prisms and giant eyeballs. We also noted the faith and persistence of Bartimaeus

Good hymns and songs, a short talk and some prayers all added up to a jam-packed hour.

The 25th November at 4pm will bring us to a service looking at the theme of Christ the King.

We couldn't do Fun-Key Church without the very dedicated help of planners before the service and people on the day and of course the Mothers Union who make tea, coffee and biscuits during every service.

Find us on the church website or find us on Facebook. Even better, why not come along and find out for yourself just what we get up to.

Gillian 07592016476 **Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages.**

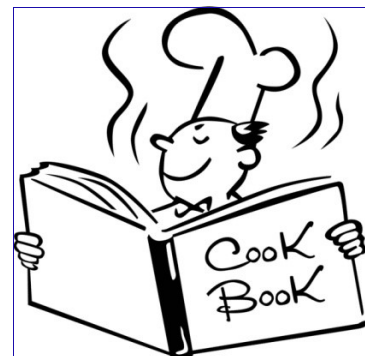
We don't meet in December but will be back for Sunday 27th January 2019 at 4pm.

The St Mary's Recipe Book -

Do you or your friends have a favourite recipe you could share, do you have a family recipe that you are willing to pass on to the next generation? What about that failsafe recipe for when unexpected guests come, or the student recipe that costs pennies to make?

St Mary's is going to compile a recipe book to raise some money for church funds and would love you to contribute your recipe and if you can a picture of the finished creation. (if you can't do this Peter and friends would happily come along and photograph your food).

Chat to your friends, raid your recipe books and send your contributions to trewbyp@Gmail.com. Your name, recipe and the finished product will bring so much joy to so many.



As part of our fundraising St Mary's has produced its own mugs. £6 each - they show the St Mary's logo and the phrase taken from Ruth's Window "Hold on to that which is good". Every home should have one! Available at any St Mary's event, function or service.



NB - The Gift and Fashion Show which was due to take place in Trinity Academy Richmond in November has been postponed until the 8th June 2019. Watch this space....

Training opportunities - For all sorts of information on training, vocations, children and young peoples work, prayer, spiritual life, education, safeguarding, personal development, do have a look at the website recently launched by the diocese. It is being updated daily and there is lots of information available for whatever place you may be in your spiritual journey. **www.learning.leeds.anglican.org**

FREE TO BE IN OCTOBER

There are lines in the poem 'The Great Lover' by Rupert Brooke, which are vivid reminders of the wonder of the five senses.

**White plates and cups clean gleaming, ringed with blue lines
The strong crust of friendly bread, many tasting food
The blue bitter smoke of wood
The benison of hot water, furs to touch
Voices that do sing, voices in laughter**

Sight, taste, smell, touch, hearing.

Which could you best do without ? Which do you appreciate the most ? Do we remember to thank God for them ? Do we pray for those who suffer from their loss ?

As well as the peace and quietness of the normal 'Free To Be' time in St Mary's, we were invited to share in an act of healing. This was underlined by reflections on our amazing senses, which we sometimes take for granted.

Each of the Prayer corners had elements and a reminder of actions or words on which to reflect

As we went into the Church there were pieces of bread to dip in honey " O taste and see how gracious the Lord is "

Near our tower of colour bubbles was back-ground music and an account of the healing of the deaf man

Near the Font were beautiful pictures which reminded us of the wonders of God's creation, and an account of the Healing of the Blind Man.

Near Ruth's window were a number of small phials of perfumes or oils. The gospel story described the anointing by Mary of the feet of Jesus

We were invited to go up to a quiet seating area in front of the High Altar, for the final sense of touch, where Martin and Jennifer said the accompanying prayers, should we choose, at the laying on of hands. or at the anointing.

The Laying on of hands - In the name of God and trusting in his might alone, receive God's healing touch to make you whole. May Christ bring you wholeness of body mind and spirit, deliver you from all evil and give you peace. Amen

At anointing - I anoint you in the name of God who gives you life. Receive Christ's forgiveness, his healing and his love. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the riches of his grace, his wholeness and his peace.

An hour of thoughtfulness, of peace, of inner quiet, open for all to be 'Free to Be'. Joy Hornsby

"The Happy Bodgers".

About a year ago a few of our gentlemen were looking at how they can work together to help others who may be in need of a practical assistance. As a result they formed a group called "The Happy Bodgers". Happily they are far more skilled than their title suggests and they are able to offer a variety of help free of charge.

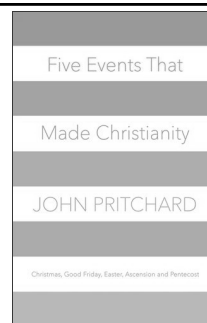
Try us - we can say no if we don't feel capable. We could probably not take on regular tasks such as lawn mowing, weeding, shopping etc.

Why not give us a call on 01748 826803 and John Dickinson will see if the Happy Bodgers can help, and take it from there." We look forward to helping you.



Five events that made Christianity - by John Pritchard - published by SPCK. With characteristic style, John Pritchard takes us on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, as he unpacks the five great events that made Christianity –

Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. We explore: What happened? What did it mean? What does it mean for us? Absorbing, immediate and full of stories, this volume offers deeply considered theology, brilliantly communicated to connect with life as we actually experience it.



Angel Small/Angel Small Follows the Star - by Angela Langtree and illustrated by Gill McLean - published by Monkey Island Publishing. Beautifully written and illustrated books telling the story of the Angel that was considered too small to go and see Jesus in the stable but who went anyway.

The Last Journey - reflections for the time of grieving by John Bell - published by SPCK. In *The Last Journey*, John Bell explores the myriad emotions that accompany loss, offering the reader a way to grieve, to search through the struggle before them – and perhaps enabling them to find the courage to face the world with a renewed sense of hope.

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP - THE LUNN'S - 2 HURGILL ROAD, 7.30pm: Everybody is welcome to join us for cake, chat and discussion. Please contact Scott on 826895 for more information. New members are very welcome.

THE THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP - JENNIFER PATRICK'S, - 1 ROPER COURT, 7.30pm: This is another very friendly group. They are discussing Bishop John Pritchard's book *Ten*. Please call Jennifer on 850693 for more details. All are welcome.



The card stall at the back of church has been stocked up and contains a wide variety of cards for all situations - birthdays, Christmas, bereavement, encouragement, thank you, confirmation, baptism and so much more. The cards are made by the Mothers Union and there is a catalogue at the back of church if you wish to order any cards in bulk. Do support the stall. There are some lovely designs.

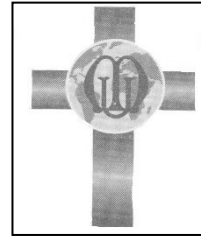
'Have you recently joined our Church? Do you feel you can make a financial commitment?'

St Mary's PCC rely on regular giving by church members to help us meet our running costs which are around £2,000 a week. Many members give by Bank Standing Order, and tax-payers can Gift Aid this to add 25%. If you are able to commit financially then please see one of the Churchwardens or our treasurer William Gedye (wgedye@btinternet.com) for an explanatory pack.



Come to church with no cash? You can now make a donation, pay into the collection, for your tea/coffee, for a mug, card, book, church magazine etc. using your Debit or Credit Card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Just ask one of the Churchwardens or Sidespeople.

The Mothers Union Our October meeting was held at Margaret's home where, following a short service of readings and prayers we welcomed Leonie van Wilken as our speaker. What a remarkable and inspirational lady.



Having done general nursing in London Leonie wanted to work for VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) in Africa but VSO wanted midwives, so after qualifying as a staff nurse Leonie then qualified as a midwife and in January 1980 was sent to a remote area on the Somali border running a mobile clinic at a settlement of 30,000 refugees from Tanzania. A Church built a 12x12 foot mud-walled clinic where she and one other spent two years delivering babies in very difficult and challenging births delivering more babies in those two years than in twenty years in maternity in England.

Women would be brought to the clinic very much as a last resort as women in the village would traditionally deliver babies, but the mothers in some cases would be very young themselves and would have suffered terrible injuries having been in labour for many days before been brought to the clinic.

Leonie met her husband a Dutch volunteer with VSO. He was an engineer building roads and they were married in Mombasa in 1982 and sent to Northern Kenya for four years where two of their three children were born in the "ward" where Leonie worked. Since the birth of their children in the 1980s Leonie has worked part time doing twenty five hours plus unpaid work as VSO will only have full time paid staff.

Leonie for twenty five years was running a small government "hospital" where patients are two to a bed in Tanzania

For the last six years Leonie and her husband have lived in Uganda and Leonie having lost many friends to HIV Aids has moved from midwifery to helping people fighting the disease. Leonie has set up a Home Base Care programme training women to care for the dying in all aspects. Travelling by bus it can take up to two days to arrive in remote villages .

Leonie has set up health projects, applied for funding for latrines water tanks and is training the local women as birth attendants gaining their trust so they know when to call for help in difficult births.

Leonie's children went to a local school in Kenya where their first language was Swahili. Their eldest daughter works in Somalia as a nutritionist for the International Red Cross, their son works in Holland and their youngest daughter in London

Having spent a holiday in Wharfedale ten years ago and having never owned a home Leonie spent three weeks looking to buy a home on her own. As they wouldn't have a car it had to have good transport links and decided on a house in Richmond. They celebrated her husband's birthday together in their new home. The referendum was taking place which ruined the birthday celebrations when they woke to find we were leaving Europe.

Leonie's husband and three children do not have British passports only Dutch. Holland does not allow dual nationality at the moment. Back in Uganda Leonie is studying the Dutch language and culture to try and gain Dutch nationality. Her husband has another five years to work before retiring, and yet with all the uncertainty they are still committed to serving the people of Africa. On only one wage they have still over the years sponsored children in the villages to enable them to have an education.

We were very humbled listening to this lady who has spent her life helping others. Leonie is back in Uganda but when she returns in Spring we very much hope she will be able to come and speak to us again.

December 11th is the date of our Advent Eucharist followed by tea and mince pies and will take place in St. Mary's at 2pm. All are welcome.

January 29th is our Christmas party at 14 Pilmoor Close when we will be entertained by Tony and Freda and again all are welcome . Susan Scrafton

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 2nd December Advent Sunday	8am 10am 12noon 4pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Baptism service Christingle
Sunday 9th December Advent 2	8am 10am 6,30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Sung Evensong
Sunday 16th December Advent 3	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Worship For All Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 23rd December Advent 4	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Christmas Eve	4pm 11.30pm	The Crib Service Sung Eucharist
Christmas Day	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Christmas Communion
Sunday 30th December	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	HOLY TRINITY	
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS DOWNHOLME	
Sunday 9th December	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th December	3pm	Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 2nd December	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th December	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th December	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd December	2.30pm	Carol and Crib Service
Christmas Day	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th December	11am	Morning Prayer

Prayer for December -

*Ah, dearest Jesus Holy Child, make thee a bed, soft, undefiled within my heart,
that it may be a quiet chamber, kept for thee.*

Spoken by a German Professor of theology the great critic of the Roman Catholic Church who was a seminal figure in the Protestant Reformation.

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 6th January Epiphany	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 13th January Baptism of Christ	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong
Sunday 20th January Epiphany 3	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Worship For All Free to Be
Sunday 27th January Epiphany 4	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Fun-Key Church
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	HOLY TRINITY	
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS DOWNHOLME	
Sunday 13th January	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
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Sunday 20th January	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th January	11am	Holy Communion

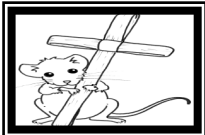


Prayer for January -

O Lord, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

American theologian, evangelical pastor in working class Detroit, Professor of Christian ethics.

Don't forget, if you have access to the internet, you can keep up to date with all that is going on in our group of churches by looking at richmondhudswellparish.org.uk



December 2018 &
January 2019



ST MARY'S

SIDES PEOPLE and WELCOMERS 10am DECEMBER 2018

2nd - J&W Pritchard, J&A Dickinson
9th - O Harrison, K Robson, S McCormack
16th - P Wheatley, L Copeland, G&M Merlane
23rd - C&J Bilbrough, G&J Barber
30th - O Harrison, K Robson, S McCormack



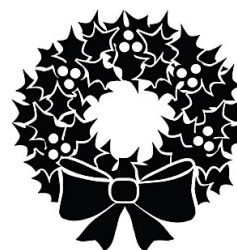
JANUARY 2019

6th - J&W Pritchard, J&A Dickinson
13th - O Harrison, K Robson, S McCormack
20th - P Wheatley, L Copeland, G&M Merlane
27th - C&J Bilbrough, G&J Barber

Any problems please swap with someone or let Roy know please. The Wardens would like to thank everyone for all their help.

COFFEE ROTA - DECEMBER

2nd - E Roberts, O Harrison
9th - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland
16th - A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon
23rd - M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis
30th - C Blenkiron, M Gibbon, J Bennett



JANUARY

6th - J Steele, B Ridley, Mary Turner
13th - E Roberts, O Harrison
20th - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland
27th - A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon

The deadline for the February 2019 magazine is Friday 11th January. Please forward any contributions to Gillian by hand or send to gillian.lunn@yahoo.com

FLOWERS - DECEMBER

2nd - ADVENT
9th - ADVENT
16th - ADVENT
25th - CHRISTMAS
30th - CHRISTMAS



JANUARY 2019

6th - SUSAN BROADHURST
13th - SUSAN BROADHURST
20th - JUDITH CLARKE
27th - JUDITH CLARKE

Prayer for December was by Martin Luther.
Prayer for January was by Reinhold Neibuhr
The 200 Club winner for November was Sheila Tweddle

VERY EXCITING NEWS - As the magazine goes to print it has just been announced that Sian Lawton our ordinand who is with us until May 2019 will serve her title in the Benefice of Masham united with Healey and West Tanfield with Well with Snape and North Stainley. She will be ordained Deacon on 29th June 2019 at Wakefield Cathedral. We pray for Sian, for her family and for the Benefice she is preparing to serve.