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- *Take one day at a time. Today, after all, is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.*
- *What is a smile? It's when you laugh in a whisper.*
- *Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. - John Wesley*



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FROM OUR REGISTERS

We have joined together in marriage -

9th March 2018 - Luke Ashford and Tarryn Christison



We have laid to rest those who died on...

30th January 2018 - Patricia Gay (Jean) aged 87

8th February 2018 - Patricia Kane (Pat) aged 92

17th February 2018 - Ronald Brown (Ronnie) aged 92

27th February 2018 - Patricia Joan Polson aged 77

28th February 2018 - Constance Reed (Connie) aged 89

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



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 would like to help you with the next step by meeting any recently bereaved spouse/partner for coffee at the Greyfriars Restaurant.

Please phone Carrie 850103 to make arrangements to meet.

KNIT2GETHER FRIDAYS BETWEEN 10AM AND 12NOON AT

GREYFRIARS RESTAURANT: A weekly knitting, crocheting and hand sewing group continues to meet in the restaurant at Greyfriars, Flints Terrace, Richmond. 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.

'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.



As I am writing this I can still see the last slithers of white snow picking out the field boundaries of the high ground around Richmond. Last week the world was white whereas my expectation (and hope!) is that the world is vibrant green as you pick up and read this magazine. I suspect the snow drops will have had their moment and the more confident daffodils are now in charge (note to Bishop John: don't eat them!).

Let me go back, however, to the white world that was Narnia. The schools had been closed for three consecutive days and I was cycling through the snow for the first day back. Spied in the snow at Gallowgate was a small blue bag. Normally such things have no value but experience dictates that such small things can have big importance.

The small blue bag contained money. Lots of money. Three hundred and fifty pounds!

Moral maze number one: What would you do? I genuinely think most people would do the right thing and hand it in with the hope that it is collected.

Moral maze number two: Would you hand it in if it was £10? What about £20? Where would you draw your line?

Moral maze number three: The money in the small blue bag was claimed by the rightful owner. On occasions (there have been a few!) it was not and the money is returned to the finder (me!). What do you do then? Do you keep it or give it to charity? What did I do

For some the answer is obvious and easy: the 'right' thing to do is always to hand the money in and always give to charity if it is not claimed. But

Moral maze number four: Does your own personal wealth make a difference? It mattered to Jesus that the widow's mite was given from poverty. It had a value to it that was greater than a rich man's gift of gold.

So too the loving act of handing in money or giving to charity has a greater relative cost if one has less wealth and, especially, if one is struggling to make ends meet. Many struggle to make ends meet.

There are some who are authors of their own misfortune. There are others, however, who are working hard, sometimes with more than one job, and yet still struggle to be close to 'comfortable and secure.' The continually growing gap between the richest and the rest is deeply concerning and unsettling. Here are some stories from the recent snow to illustrate a growing concern:

In the very worst of the snow when the roads were blocked a worker walked from Catterick Garrison to Richmond (and back) to their closed place of work. If they didn't they would not get paid.

A young bus driver I met in Greenock walked to work in the snow only to be sent home as the roads were closed and no busses were running. He received a phone call at lunchtime asking whether he was taking the day as one of days from his holiday entitlement or, instead, an unpaid day's leave.

The same bus driver had already had a scratch on the bus he was driving. The damage was covered by the insurance but there was an excess to pay and this sum was divided equally so as to come out of his salary over the next six months.

It can only get harder for the widow to release her mite in a world that is less generous and more demanding.

The good news, however was in Jesus. It is in Jesus. And, God willing, should be in us. We have a gospel of transformation that recognises injustice, highlights injustice, and works to stop injustice. We face a growing challenge: The proportion of those, in our church, who are retired and out of the workplace has increased. We should strive to stay informed so as to work and pray for those working hard and yet struggling, and for those facing injustice as they work.

Likewise we can pray that we do not normalise the increasing gulf between rich and poor that crosses national borders, and affects both young and old alike. Retirement is certainly no guarantee of wealth.

Many struggle to make ends meet. The bible stories and testimony is so, so often within the context of the struggle of living.

As we see spring erupt we are reminded, again, that God's power is no small thing that nibbles at the edges. As holders of God's good news we pray that we do more than nibble as we work in the world and sometimes challenge the world.

*With excitement for what lies ahead
Scott (Reader)*

St MARY'S 8th COMMUNITY EXHIBITION : *Tour de Richmond - Wheels within Wheels*

Just a few weeks to go now! Our Exhibition will be here in St Mary's throughout the May Bank Holiday weekend, **Friday May 4th - Monday May 7th**, the weekend that the *Tour de Yorkshire* sets off from Richmond Market Place. The cyclists will pass St Mary's on the first stage to Catterick.

Our previous exhibitions have been a great success attracting hundreds of residents and visitors through our doors. This year the town will be especially crowded so we expect even more visitors.

Why not join in and enjoy the fun? If you choose to use the title theme to design and create your own exhibit, small or large, imaginative or humorous, or if you prefer to come along to see the exhibition and have a cup of tea you will be most welcome.

Programme:

Friday 4th May: 6.30pm. Viewing with entertainment and a glass of wine. (£5 at the door).

Saturday 5th & Monday 7th: 10am-4pm.

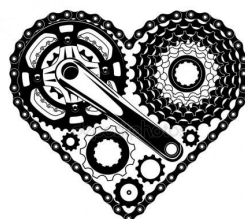
Admission free. Donations welcome. Refreshments. Belltower tours & children's activities.

Sunday 6th May: 12noon-4pm.

Admission free. Donations welcome. Refreshments. Children's activities.

Further details in Sunday pewsheets, the parish magazine, the local press, St Mary's website: www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk and the Richmond Online website: www.richmond.org

Exhibition Team. (Contact: 07894668005)



PRAYER DIARY FOR APRIL we pray ...

Sun	1	With grateful thanks for God's immense love for us shown in the death and resurrection of Jesus. May we share God's love with all.
Mon	2	For Rev Martin as begins the move from Hersham. And for his congregation as they bid him farewell and begin their vacancy process.
Tue	3	For families and young people. For safe homes and loving families to be brought up in.
Wed	4	For our bellringers - with thanks for their dedication and joy at calling people to worship. For our Musical Director, choir and musicians and for Fionagh and Andrew. With thanks they share their gifts.
Thur	5	For First Thursday prayers and those who attend communion at Holy Trinity in the Market Place.
Fri	6	For Revs Mark, Bill, Jennifer, Stewart, and Bishop John, and their families. For our Readers Scott, Gillian and George, for our Church Wardens, treasurers and vergers, and PA Claire and all who look after us in our vacancy.
Sat	7	For all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bring them comfort, peace and hope. For all who are supporting those who mourn.
Sun	8	For all who are finding life really tough - may they know that here are people they can turn to - and may we be those people.
Mon	9	May we be welcoming and open. For the Local Development Plan, for the expansion of Catterick Garrison and Richmondshire District Council.
Tue	10	For students and staff as they prepare for exams. For our local schools - for Trinity Academy Richmond, and SFX School.
Wed	11	For all who attend Wednesday morning communion at 9.15am and who enjoy fellowship afterwards. All welcome.
Thur	12	For all who work at Lidl, Co-Op and Ken Warnes stores
Fri	13	For those who are lonely or feel unheard or invisible.
Sat	14	For all who work in the NHS.
Sun	15	For our PCCs, wardens and church officers as we continue plan for Rev Martin's service on the 26th. For welcoming hearts.
Mon	16	For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and for their carers.
Tue	17	For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms and weddings. For love, friendship, and encouragement.
Wed	18	For family and friends who live far away.
Thur	19	For Christian Aid Week, for the organisers, collectors and for all as they prepare to take part in this.
Fri	20	For Traidcraft and Fairtrade.
Sat	21	For our neighbours. For the Syrian refugees settling in to the area.
Sun	22	For an eagerness to grow and strengthen in our faith. May we continually seek to know more and to share God's love.
Mon	23	For a sense of awe and wonder of all of God's creation
Tue	24	For the Mothers Union and all their prayerful support for so many. For the magazine printing, stapling and delivery teams.
Wed	25	For people travelling to attend the installation service tomorrow of Rev Martin
Thur	26	For all attending the induction and collation of Rev Martin this evening at St Marys Church - everyone welcome.
Fri	27	For all preparing for the Tour de Yorkshire.
Sat	28	For the gift of life, of love and companionship.
Sun	29	For Fun-Key Church this afternoon.
Mon	30	For preparations for the Wheels within Wheels exhibition.

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL 2018

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

Wednesday 4th: Richmond Flower Arranging Club - the club will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary in April 2019. It was formed in 1994 and meets in Hudswell Village Hall on the first Wednesday morning each month. Coffee is served from 9.30am and there is a full programme of demonstrations, speakers, workshops and outings. The meeting this month will be a Demonstration by Kathleen Guest and on May 2nd there is a talk by Sarah Hopps the well known gardening expert. Visitors and new members always welcome. For more information contact Judy Farrar on 01748 824514.

Thursday 5th: First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Saturday 14th: Rugaid, St Cuthbert's Community Hall, Colburn and The Station Singers present A Spring Concert "Songs of the Sea" at St Mary's Church Richmond - 7pm for 7.30pm - see P9

Sunday 15th: Free to Be at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm - 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. There will be a simple service at the end of the evening.

Saturday 21st: Richmondshire Choral Society Spring Concert - 7.30pm - Josef Haydn Nelson Mass (Missa in Angustiis), Hubert Parry I was glad, Hear my words, ye people, Blest pair of Sirens, Jerusalem. Conductor – Edward Seymour, Organist – Andrew Christer, Louise Wayman (soprano), Charlotte Diamond (alto), Tom Smith (tenor), Alex Jones (bass). Tickets £10, young people aged under 19 are admitted free and no ticket is required. www.richchoral.org.uk/concerts, Castle Hill Book, choir members and on 01325 374112.

Tuesday 24th at 2pm - Mother's Union meeting at Susan Scrafton's home - our speaker will be Joy Hornsby. All welcome, member or not! Always lovely cake!

Thursday 26th: Induction and Collation service of Rev Martin Fletcher - 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Richmond - Please see below. ALL WELCOME

Sunday 29th at 4pm - Fun-Key Church @ St Mary's Richmond Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages. Please see Gillian for more information or find us on Facebook. (Please see P8 for more information).

The Anglican Diocese of Leeds

THE CHURCH WARDENS OF THE PARISHES OF RICHMOND WITH
HUDSWELL, AND DOWNHOLME AND MARSKE

invite everyone

to the Collation by Nicholas, Lord Bishop of Leeds and the Induction by the
Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

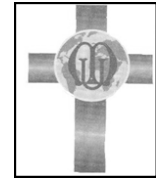
of The Revd Martin Fletcher

as Rector

on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Church of St Mary The Virgin,
Station Road, Richmond, DL10 7AQ

Traditional refreshments of wine, soft drinks, fruit cake and Wensleydale Cheese
to follow in the Church

MOTHERS' UNION - Gillian Lunn was our speaker at our March meeting which was held in the home of Susan and Leonard. She talked briefly about the varied life of Reader.



Mothers Union were delighted to provide the primulas for the Mothering Sunday service 11th March and they were very much appreciated by all the women who received them. They were given to celebrate the role of those who care and nurture whether they are mums or not.

Joy Hornsby will be our speaker on Tuesday 24th April at 2pm at the home of Susan and Leonard Scafton - call 824106 if you need any further information.

A date for your diary is Saturday 30th June at 3 pm which is our Annual Fundraiser - Reeth Brass Band & Afternoon Tea. Tickets priced at just £6-50 making it affordable to all will be on sale at a later date

Everyone is most welcome at any of our meetings - you don't need to be a member to come along.

Susan Scafton 824106



FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY'S RICHMOND

By the time you read this we will have held our March Fun-Key Church service which was to be a Passion Play. We planned crafts at the beginning of the service including making Palm branches, centurion helmets and crown of thorns. And then we were going to "walk through" the story of Jesus' last week including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Resurrection.

Our April service will be on Sunday 29th April.

Our activities and crafts are always fun and we are always delighted to welcome new faces.

We couldn't do it without the very dedicated help of people on the day and of the Mothers Union who make tea, coffee and biscuits during every service.

Find us on the church website, find us on Facebook, or read our blog at:

<http://funkeychurchatstmarysrichmond.wordpress.com>

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

Chemmalamattom

Peter Trewby writes - *"Many of you very generously gave towards the cost of the old Richmond tenor Bell going to Kerala. It has arrived! Unfortunately a week after we thought it would so we (Cathy and I) missed it, but here it is.*

The bell will be far busier than it was in Richmond. There are 2 services every day and 4 on Sunday with 900 families attending church regularly! A suitable tower has yet to be built but that should be no problem compared to the difficulty of getting the bell through customs in Cochin docks!"



“The Happy Bodgers”. Over the last few months a few of our gentlemen have been looking at how they can work together to help others who may be in need of a practical assistance. As a result they have 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.



They write -

“We realise that, as people grow older or disabled, they may need help with odd jobs. They may be perfectly capable of changing a light bulb, but can't safely climb onto a chair to do it. Or climb into the loft to retrieve stored items. So we offer to do such simple tasks on a voluntary basis provided they are within our own abilities. These are DIY jobs which may require simple skills, not the sorts of job that would need a 'white van man'. We have different skill sets and could allocate tasks accordingly.

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.

Trinity Academy Richmond does Lent!

On Wednesday children in Year 5 and 6 engaged with a superfast interactive tour through some of the events in Lent.

Mrs Lunn explained the significance of some of the activities that Christians carry out in Lent.

The children then got to experience some of them, such as sharing crackers and having their feet washed in remembrance of Jesus at the Last Supper with his disciples on Maundy Thursday.

They also learnt about Palm Sunday, Palm crosses and Ash Wednesday, as well as the meaning behind 'Good Friday'. Oh, and let's not forget Shrove Tuesday!

Trinity Academy Richmond wishes everyone a very Happy Easter.

Liz Foxwell RE Lead at TAR (formerly Richmond C of E Primary and Nursery School)



Rugaid, St Cuthbert's Community Hall, Colburn and The Station Singers

present

A Spring Concert “Songs of the Sea”

Including a medley from South Pacific

Saturday 14th April, 7.30pm

St Marys Church, Richmond (doors open at 7pm)

Tickets £8 - £10 on the door - to include refreshments

Children free (ticket required)

Tickets available from:

Castle Hill Bookshop, Choir Members,

St Mary's Church (Christine Stedman 01748 824664)

The Wives Kitchen, King Street Kitchen and Gift Shop

DURING OUR VACANCY PERIOD

PLEASE USE THE CONTACT DETAILS BELOW –

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- David Frankton - 823531

Details of services, pew sheets and magazines are available in church and online at www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk

PASTORAL CARE

The St Mary's Church community prays that we can 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 Gillian Lunn and she will place your prayer in the circle. Please be assured your requests are confidential.

You can contact Gillian on Tel: 075 920 16476 or

Email: gillian.lunn@yahoo.com

To be a praying member of the circle or a member of the Pastoral Team, please speak to Gillian. She 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 Gillian. We look forward to hearing from you.

PRAYER FOR APRIL

Gracious Father, let us not address you with our lips when our minds are still far away. Let us not profess our love for you when our hearts are far from you. When we draw near to you in prayer may our spirits be at one with your Holy Spirit, and our longing for you be at one with that love through which you have saved the world even your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen

Written by one of our most beloved authors, creator of Elizabeth and Darcy. She is figured on our £10 note. Her tomb is to be found in Winchester Cathedral.



Kathmandu 2018

Part 1

We had a wonderful trip to Nepal! After 6 years, it was a great feeling as the plane dropped into the Kathmandu valley amid the old familiar hills.

Unlike previous visits, there were no classes to be given, no talks to prepare. We had accepted an invitation to the (Hindu) wedding of the daughter of some old friends. We were met at the airport and driven (through rush hour traffic jams) to a delightful hotel in the centre of Kathmandu, where we were soon ensconced in a large 'apartment' room. Opposite the huge bed was an unbroken line of wardrobe doors – except that one of the doors opened unexpectedly into the bathroom. "Through the Wardrobe", Nepali style.

The following day, guests gathered from all corners of the earth; USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. The bride, Rose, works as a doctor in the USA, where she trained and has lots of friends. Her bridegroom, Nischal, is a businessman in Nepal, but would return with her to the USA for a while. We gathered on a large balcony, where industrious ladies were elegantly drawing swirling henna patterns on the arms of lady guests. Doubtless some religious significance, but largely a matter of fashion, I suspect!

In a Christian wedding, the guests pay attention to the service for an hour or less and then repair to a party. The Hindu equivalent takes up to a week, with various rituals taking place at 'auspicious' times. The guests party before, during and after these events, perhaps paying some attention to what is going on, but mainly eating, drinking and chatting among themselves or on mobile phones.

We can't really explain all the rituals, especially as the bride and groom were from different castes with different customs, which all had to be observed. They involved two priests ('pandits') and decorated areas like altars with fruit and vegetables, rice, water pots, incense sticks, a sacred fire, traditional leaf plates and other symbols. With all the brightly coloured saris, the visual impact was dazzlingly colourful.

The couple did several perambulations at different times, pouring out water and scattering rice grains. On one occasion, the bride was carried, not by the groom but by her brother!

Tika (the red spot on the forehead) was given to any guests who wanted it, together with a small defined sum of rupees in new notes.

As Christians, we were not made to feel out of place, even though we opted, as always, not to receive the tika, which is the sign of a Hindu god.

During a lull, the bride's father took us to a hill resort for some fresh air (a respiratory break from the crowded, dusty, smoggy capital.) We had time for a short walk up a hill, which we frequently used to climb with our kids and dog, and enjoyed the views.

Thus we spent nearly a week living in luxury with transport provided at the expense of the bride's parents, our good friends Buddha and Geeta Basnyat. The very first ceremony, the *Swoyabhar*, took place in a very large central hotel and there were over 500 guests. Among them were so many old friends, Christian and otherwise, that we had to rush to get our buffet meal before our transport left.

After this time of luxury, we moved to a small Christian Guest House in Patan, the other side of the Bagmati River. From there, we were able to visit old haunts and meet with a lot of old friends.

More about the churches and our various friends in Part 2!

Angela and John Dickinson

Christian Aid Week 13 - 19 May 2018

Every May for more than 60 years, thousands of churches across Britain and Ireland have collected so that Christian Aid can carry on its work with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change and help the world's most vulnerable people claim the services and rights we take for granted.



What does Christian Aid do?

Among other things Christian Aid *supports health work in 10 countries*: e.g. in Africa more than 5 million people have been helped through health education to access essential HIV, malaria, maternal and child health and family planning services.

Almost 1/3 of their total income since 1945 has been spent on *humanitarian emergencies and disasters world wide*.

In 2016/17 they responded to 44 emergencies in 26 countries to help 1.2 million people e.g. violence in **Nigeria**; the earthquake in **Nepal**; the **Rohyngya** crisis; the **Syria** crisis; the **Sierra Leone** mudslide.

40 million people globally are internally displaced - they have had to flee their homes, uprooted by natural disasters or conflict but have remained in their own countries. They don't have the media coverage given to refugees but their struggle is just as hard and Christian Aid continues to support them.

This year Christian Aid Week focuses on supporting displaced people in Haiti and elsewhere. Their response to the Oxfam scandal: *"We must not let the actions of a few individuals stop us from providing vital support and help to those most in need, including in Haiti. We must continue to stand by vulnerable people who are struggling to live through disasters and their aftermath"*

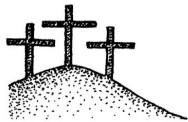
This year more than ever we need you to join our band of House to House collectors between 13-19 May. Our church, together with the Methodist church and the Catholic church, raised £3,461.86 during Christian Aid Week last year. The more collectors we have the more money we can give to help the world's most vulnerable people.

More details about collecting will be available in April/May and if you wish to volunteer please let Judith Barber or Anne Simpson know and we will be delighted!

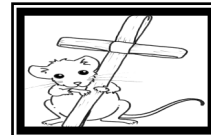
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	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 8th April Easter 2	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Evensong.
Sunday 15th April Easter 3	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Worship for All Communion Free to Be
Sunday 22nd April Easter 4 St George's Day	8am 10am 3pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist St George's Day parade and service
Thursday 26th April	7.30pm	Collation and Induction Service of Rev Martin Fletcher ALL WELCOME
Sunday 29th April Easter 5	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 8th April	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd April	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 26th April At St Mary's Richmond	7.30pm	Collation and Induction Service of Rev Martin Fletcher ALL WELCOME
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 1st April	11am	Easter Communion
Sunday 8th April	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th April	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd April	11am	Holy Communion
Thursday 26th April At St Mary's Richmond	7.30pm	Collation and Induction Service of Rev Martin Fletcher ALL WELCOME
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ST MARY'S

SIDES PEOPLE and WELCOMERS 10am APRIL

Easter Sunday - C&J Bilbrough, G&J Barber

8th - W Pritchard, K Robson, R Gazzard, O Harrison

15th - P Wheatley, L Copeland, R&J Morel

22nd - J&A Roberts, F&M Gibbon

26th - Installation and Collation of Rev Martin - any sidespeople who are available

29th - J&A Dickinson, G&M Merlane



COFFEE ROTA - April

Easter Sunday - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland

8th - A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon

15th - M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis

22nd - C Blenkiron, M Gibbon, J Bennett

29th - J Steele, B Ridley, Mary Turner

**The deadline for the May
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Friday 13th April 2018

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FLOWERS - APRIL

1st - EASTER

8th - EASTER

15th - Joan Brown

25th - Joan Brown

MAY

6th - Susan Scafton

13th - Susan Scafton

**Prayers for April were by
Jane Austen**

(See page 10 for the prayer).



**Don't forget, if you have access to the internet,
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on in our group of churches by looking at
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**200 Club Winner
March 2018
Richard Gazzard**