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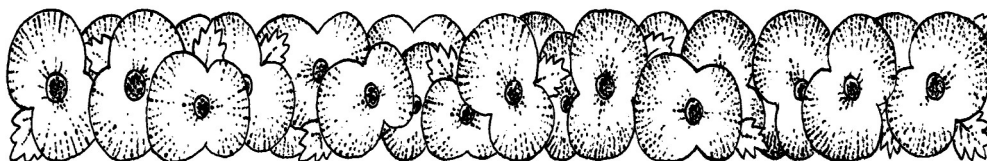
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We think of evangelism as one big scary thing. But it could be hundreds and thousands of lovely little achievable things.

Stephen Cottrell Bishop of Chelmsford





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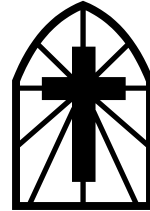
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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### We have baptised -

1st October 2017 Joshua Greener



### We have joined together in marriage -

23rd September 2017 David Bentley and Amy-Jane Timbrell

### Sadly we have laid to rest those who died on...

11th September 2017 David Whittaker Aged 92

21st September 2017 Olive Bray Aged 92

26th September 2017 Jean Wrangham Aged 91

27th September 2017 Robert Chandler (Bob) Aged 76

*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 and Anne 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

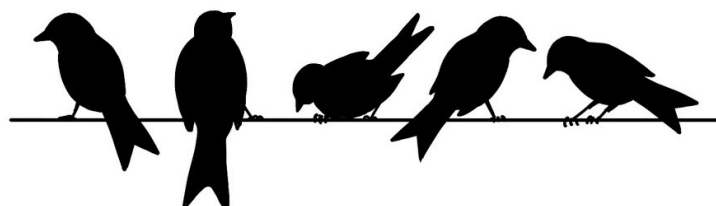
**GREYFRIARS RESTAURANT:** A weekly knitting, crocheting and hand sewing group continues to meet in the restaurant at Greyfriars, Flints Terrace, Richmond. All will be made very welcome. Bring your own projects and enjoy coffee and a chat whilst making new friends. Please contact Claire Murray on 07737482611 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.



*By the time you read this we will have held our Hope and Remembrance service on Sunday 29th October and be anticipating our Christingle service. Both very different services in style, content and sentiment, but both atmospheric and beautiful in their own way, filled with hope and light for the future.*

*I always think that these services herald the way to the start of the new Church Year (this year is Year B and the Gospel of Mark), which means therefore only a few short weeks and it will be the start of Advent and all that that holds.*

*So, November is an exciting month and a busy month.*

*We will be welcoming members of the armed forces, the Royal British Legion, representatives from civic groups and our community for the Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday 12th November at 10am. It is always a privilege to welcome everyone to church for such an important occasion and to then go out of our doors and join our community as we share prayers and remembering together. November is also an exciting month as it's the month in which we see the closing date for application for the vacancy of Rector, and the shortlisting of potential applicants.*

*This last few months have been busy for us all, and it has been wonderful to see everyone pulling together and working hard with everyone sharing their time and talents with much grace and cheerfulness. Our PCCs have worked well together, supporting each other and it has been with much joy that we finally were able to read our advert twice in the Church Times, and on our diocesan and own church website. To see for yourself please go to [www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk/Vacancy](http://www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk/Vacancy) to look at the adverts and also our Benefice Brochure. The Brochure (which looks beautiful) has been informed by the PCCs, collated and nurtured by John Dickinson (who has lovingly spent hours on it), and "finished" by Purple Creative at Aske who also design our church website. We are very grateful to the generous donation by a member our congregation to pay for the work done by Purple Creative. Already at the time of writing, the Archdeacon's office in Leeds has been busy with interest, and our church website is continuing to show record hits (especially on our vacancy page).*

*We would very much appreciate your prayers for the shortlisting team on Thursday 16th November and then for the interviews which are scheduled to take place on Monday 4th December. Please also pray for our Church Representatives Ruth Tindale, George Alderson, Peter Trewby and myself who will be involved in this process along with Archdeacon Bev and Bishop Nick.*

*We have been very privileged to be supported in our vacancy by Rev Mark, Bishop John, Rev Jennifer and Rev Bill and we are very grateful for all that they do.*

*Our Church Wardens, Verger, and PA have been hard at work with all that a vacancy entails. Our prayer circle and pastoral team have also been busy loving and supporting our communities. Baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as our usual wide ranging package of services continue apace and it is a privilege to be*

*...serving our communities in the way that we do.*

*As we journey through this time of vacancy together, may we continue to see it as a real time of anticipation and hope, a time of excitement and a time of growing - growing in faith and love and hope. Growing in faith and hope and love for God who is walking alongside and ahead of us in all we do, guiding us every step of the way.*

*Gillian*

### A letter from Paul...to the Thessalonians.

Encourage each other to build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Dear sisters and brothers, warn those who are lazy, comfort those who are frightened, take tender care of those who are weak, and be patient with everyone. See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to everyone else. Rejoice, always, be joyful, always. Always keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Do not smother the Holy Spirit. Do not scoff at those who prophesy, but test everything that is said to be sure it is true, and if it is, then accept it. Keep away from every kind of evil. May the God of peace himself make you entirely pure and devoted to God; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept strong and blameless. Dear brothers, pray for us. Shake hands for me with all the brothers there. And may rich blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, every one.

Sincerely, Paul

## PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

O Lord God,

since you have put within me the great desire to devote myself to the needs of others, grant me the strength of your grace.

In the midst of your work let me not lose sight of your great purposes.

Let me not snatch the management of your world from your hands, lest I faint and fall in the presence of your wisdom;

this I beg for Christ's sake.

Amen.

Written by one, who in time of war, devoted herself to nursing the wounded. Known as 'The Lady of the Lamp', born in Florence, she changed the face of nursing for ever. (see P12 for the author of this poem).

*'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](mailto:wgedye@btinternet.com)) for an explanatory pack.*

## PRAYER DIARY FOR NOVEMBER - we pray ...

Wed	1	For the month ahead. That we may encourage and love each other. For our primary school as it becomes part of the Dales Academies Trust today.
Thur	2	For a sense of joy as we gather to worship, and an eagerness to share the Good News of God's love with all. 1st Thursday Prayers
Fri	3	For our politicians - local, national and international. May they seek your wisdom and serve with integrity and for good purpose. For all who live, work and visit Greyfriars, and the Knit2gether group.
Sat	4	For all who are lonely
Sun	5	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	6	For our Monday Morning Toddler Group, For preschool children, school children and students, staff and support staff.
Tues	7	For all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bring them comfort, peace and hope. For all who are supporting those who mourn.
Wed	8	For all who make music in our church
Thur	9	May we be welcoming and open.
Fri	10	For our bin men, road sweepers, police, traffic wardens and Community police.
Sat	11	For our PCCs, wardens and church officers as we continue to work our way through the vacancy process. God's guidance.
Sun	12	For the seasons of life - new life, those dying, those tired and those enthused.
Mon	13	For all who have looked at our advert on ours and other websites for a new Rector. May potential candidates be enthused and interested in the post. Today at midday is the closing date for applications.
Tues	14	For Revs Mark, Bill, Jennifer , and Bishop John, and their families. For our Readers Scott, Gillian and George, for our Church Wardens, and vergers, and PA Claire and all who look after us in our vacancy.
Wed	15	For courage to listen to God, & to use the gifts which we have been given.
Thur	16	For our Church Reps and Archeacon and Bishop Nick as they shortlist for interview for the post of Rector.
Fri	17	For peace in ourselves and our world.
Sat	18	For love, friendship, and encouragement. For family and friends who live far away.
Sun	19	For refugees and migrants, and for all who are trying to help. For Free to Be this evening and Claire as she prepares for it.
Mon	20	For the gift of life, of love and companionship. For all preparing for Mock Exams. For Traidcraft and Fairtrade.
Tue	21	For love. For hearts that are gentle and kind.
Wed	22	For an eagerness to grow and strengthen in our faith. May we continually seek to know more and to share God's love.
Thur	23	For the Mothers Union and all their prayerful support for so many.
Fri	24	For our bell ringers and the bells as they call people to worship.
Sat	25	For a sense of excitement and anticipation. For rest
Sun	26	For Fun-Key Church as we gather together for Christingle. May it be a time of joy. For the Childrens Society.
Mon	27	For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and for their carers.
Tues	28	For those known by few but loved by God. For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms and weddings.
Wed	29	For our neighbours. For strangers, may we be welcoming, kind, open & encouraging. For people we are worried or concerned about.
Thur	30	For a sense of awe and wonder of all of God's creation

## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER 2017

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

Thursday 2nd: First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Wednesday 8th: Richmond Garden Club - "Hardy geraniums and pulmonarias". Talk by Vanessa Cook of Stillingfleet Lodge garden & nurseries. Entry £3.50 on the door. Non-members welcome In Richmond Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th: Olive Harrison's Coffee Days in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support - between 9.30am and 6.30pm in her home 52 Darlington Road. There will be a tombola and a raffle. Always a popular event. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 14th - Riding Lights Theatre Company presents Gospel Street—SFX School at 7.30pm. A re-enactment of the gospel story in a modern day setting. Tickets £6 (£4 concessions) from Gez Cornish on 07704666648

Saturday 18th November from 10am - Church Christmas Cleaning - refreshments will be provided - just bring your enthusiasm.

Saturday 18th November between 10am and 4pm - The Big Christmas Shopping Day at Northcliffe, Gatherley Road, Brompton on Swale. Please see P10.

Sunday 19th November - Free to Be at St Mary's Richmond - 6.30pm - An opportunity to spend time in this beautiful place of worship - a quiet and contemplative time making use of our senses with prayer spaces and space simply to be still. You are welcome to come and go at any point. The evening will close with the quiet service of Compline. If you would like more information please speak to Claire Murray.

Sunday 26th November at 4pm - Fun-Key Church and St Mary's Richmond Christingle Service. Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages. Please see P8 for more information about this atmospheric service.

ADVANCE NOTICE - Church Christmas Coffee Morning in the Town Hall Saturday 23rd December - Donations for stalls much appreciated raffle, tombola prizes to John and Judith Clarke, cakes and raffle to Janet and Roy Morel, jams jellies and jewellery to Susan Scrafton and bags and scarves to Claire. Offers of help in the kitchen to Margaret Clayson and offers of help on the stalls to Susan Scrafton. Always a good morning and great to just stop and meet up with friends during this busy time of year.

ADVANCE NOTICE - Friday 29th December at 7.30pm in St Marys Church - VACO Winter Concert. A thrilling programme of sensational repertoire, performed by the exceptional Vacation Chamber Orchestras (of which Peter Dykes, Freda and Tony's son is a Tutor). Adults £10, under 18s free. Tickets available from Jane on 07974 698 264. Please come and support - always an excellent evening.



## MOTHERS' UNION

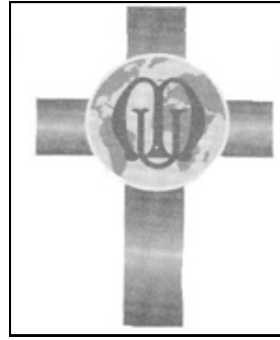
Our October meeting was at The Station when we went to see, and discuss afterwards, the film Victoria and Abdul. A good time was had by all.

We don't meet in November but will go to Starbeck in Harrogate on the 5th December for an Advent Service at 11am.

We will then have our Eucharist at St Mary's Church at 2pm on Tuesday 12th December. This service will be led by Mark Beresford-Peirse and will be followed by tea and cake.

As ever, everyone is very welcome.

Susan Scrafton



## FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY'S RICHMOND

By the time you read this we will have celebrated Bible Sunday at the end of October at Fun-Key Church. As well as ordering all the books of the Bible, we looked at the emergency numbers (passages) in the Bible that we could refer to in different situations which we may face. We made scrolls and looked at the spread of Christianity throughout the world, thanks to a map which Keith Horne had invented. A quiet space, some good hymns and the gift of the gospel of Mark to everyone completed the service.

We always really enjoy and appreciate the refreshments from the MU team. Their support and that of our volunteers mean that we can do Fun-Key Church. Our service in November will be our joint Fun-Key Church and St Mary's Christingle service. Please see below for details.

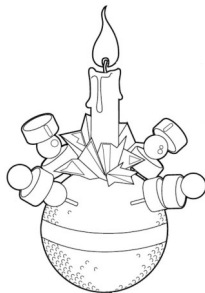
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<http://funkeychurchatstmarysrichmond.wordpress.com>

Gillian 07592016476



## CHRISTINGLE



Our Christingle service will be on Sunday 26th November at 4pm in St Mary's Church, Richmond.

As both Christingle and Fun-Key Church are for all ages we have decided to do as we did last year and combine the 2 services, and double up the fun! So, do come along and enjoy Christingle.

Christingle celebrations - with their oranges and candles and ribbons are a fun family event at our church. The money raised by Christingle this year will go towards the work the Children's Society does to help children living in poverty in the UK. Christingle is also a good way to help our local families with young children to think about the story of Jesus. Each part of the Christingle orange symbolises the various elements of the story of Jesus, from the love of Christ to the fruits of God's creation. Piecing it together helps people understand the gospel. So please support our Christingle this year, and do encourage your friends and neighbours and young families to join us too. We look forward to welcoming you. For fun, faith and fellowship for all ages. For photos of what we do please see the church website, find us on Facebook, or read our blog at: [www.funkeychurchatstmarysrichmond.wordpress.com](http://www.funkeychurchatstmarysrichmond.wordpress.com)



### **SOMETHING TO READ...**

#### **Breathing Under Water by Richard Rohr, SPCK, £9.99**

This book aims to help us identify our addiction (whatever it may be) and to overcome it through the grace of God. The author says: We are all addicted in some way.

But when we learn to identify our addiction, embrace our brokenness, and surrender to God, we begin to bring healing to ourselves and our world. In *Breathing Under Water*, Richard Rohr shows how the gospel principles in the Twelve Steps can free anyone from addiction — from an obvious dependence on alcohol or drugs to the more common but less visible addiction that we all have to sin.

The book has been called 'a must-read for any person who recognizes the need to go "inward" on their soul's journey to question what their relationship is with God, themselves, and others.'



#### **Under the Thorn Tree: when Revival comes by Richard Bewes, Christian Focus, £9.99**

This is a heart-warming book of stories of people's sheer joy in finding Jesus. "I wrote it," Richard explains, "having grown up in East Africa during a great spiritual awakening, in which many, many thousands were added to the Church, including in our own land of Kenya. I've explored the biblical and historical instances of similar movements, including the Wesley awakening and others - including in America, Wales, the Hebrides, Korea, Indonesia, the Sudan - and plenty more." Revival comes with the sole pursuit of Jesus - He encompasses everything.

### **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 group has just begun the Gospel of Mark. 1st Nov, 8th Nov, 15th Nov, 22nd Nov, 29th Nov, 6th Dec.

### **THE THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP - JENNIFER PATRICK'S,**

**1 ROPER COURT, 7.30pm:** This is another friendly group. Please call Jennifer on 850693 for more details.

**"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.*

## ANNIVERSARIES AND OLIVE WOOD

What links them? Well...it's

- 100 years since the Balfour Declaration, which promised a national home for the Jewish people (1917)
- 70 years since the formation of the state of Israel (1947)
- 50 years since the occupation of Palestine

In 1917, the British Government stated that it favoured "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people", but added:

"...it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of **existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine**".

In 1947 Palestine was divided roughly half and half between Israel and the Palestinians. Today almost the whole territory is controlled by Israel.

And olive wood? Many Palestinians are subsistence farmers with olive groves producing, of course, olives and olive wood. Some of these olive orchards are close to Israeli settlements, often built illegally on Palestinian land. Farmers can also be separated from their orchards by the Dividing Wall and access is problematic. All this makes it difficult for the farmers to plant and harvest their olives. They feel isolated and neglected by the Christians in the West.

One initiative Christian families in Bethlehem have developed is the production of olive wood articles. These are sent to a couple in Harrogate who distribute them to parishes in our Diocese. Liz and Denys say this is "to assist their economy, support their morale and dignity, and by our prayers and action to show they are not forgotten".

This month Anne Simpson will be selling some of these items at the back of church. They are beautifully made and include Christmas hangings, cribs and donkeys! And they make good Christmas presents!

Please continue to pray for justice and peace for both Palestinians and Israelis, whose present and future are inextricably bound together.

Anne Simpson

## Fairly Traded Christmas Shopping

The Fair Trade stall will be in church as usual on the last Sunday of each month but in addition there will be a big Christmas Shopping Day on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November** at Northcliffe, Gatherley Road, Brompton on Swale from 10 am – 4pm.

As well as the usual food products there will be Christmas confectionery, Advent Calendars – with or without chocolate, Christmas cards, Crafts, lots of gift items, a time to find a present that is a little bit different whilst helping to change the lives of people around the world.

Catalogues are also available in church if you would like to place an order beforehand or you can order on the day.

It's a stress free shopping experience with a chance to chat and enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee or tea!

Rachel Walker - 01748 818046 [remwalker7@gmail.com](mailto:remwalker7@gmail.com)



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## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

There are various ways of decorating our homes - paintings, favourite objects, stylish wallcoverings and curtains. Many of us also like to have plants or flowers in our living areas and so it is with St Mary's, it is lovely to have flowers to decorate on special occasions, but also during our day to day worship. Individual members of the Flower Guild happily pay for and provide flowers each week, in fact the rota is two weekly since that is the approximate life of a pedestal of flowers. It may come as a surprise to some people that the PCC does not provide the flowers, all of them are provided by the Guild or donations from you, our congregation; this also seems right as the PCC has so many demands upon its finances.



Unfortunately, we presently have more weeks than flower arrangers – is that a bit like that phrase of 'having some month left at the end of the money' - which leaves us without flowers sometimes, or an arranger needs to be extra generous in taking on more weeks, which can be expensive. One way to deal with this situation would be for members of the congregation to sponsor a fortnight, we only need about half a dozen individuals/families, and their names could go onto the flower rota which appears in the magazine, together with the arranger. That way we would know who to thank for both the gift and the presentation of the flowers.

I can hear some of you saying, but what about the summer, there are lots of flowers in the gardens during that time, which is very true, but garden flowers usually do not last as long, which then makes a good deal of extra work. However, some of the Guild arrangers do use flowers from their garden, often supplemented by those which have been commercially grown.

I realise that many of you buy lilies for Easter, or give donations generally throughout the year for which as a church congregation, we are extremely grateful. To make a pedestal at the front of church is not very expensive, but it is anything between £12 and £15 and can sometimes be a good deal more, at Easter, Mothering Sunday or Christmas for instance, which is when your donations are very useful.

Do you think you could be one of the people involved in sponsorship to take on the extra weeks, so ensuring the continuation of flowers in St Mary's? And if you could have a go at arranging them too, that would be marvellous. It is less challenging than you might think and can be fun, ask any member of the Guild.  
Judith Clarke



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## DURING OUR VACANCY PERIOD

### PLEASE USE THE CONTACT DETAILS BELOW –

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Details of services, pew sheets and magazines are available in church and online at [www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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 the month” author was Florence Nightingale. (see P5)

This prayer is the first of our prayers for the month or prayers by famous people. All prayers have been kindly submitted by Joy Hornsby.

	<b>ST MARY'S RICHMOND</b>	
Sunday 5th November All Saints Day	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Remembrance Service Choral Evensong.
Sunday 19th November 2nd before Advent	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Worship for All Communion Free to Be
Sunday 26th November Christ the King	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Fun-Key Church and St Mary's Christingle
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	<b>HOLY TRINITY</b>	
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	<b>ST MICHAEL &amp; ALL ANGELS DOWNHOLME</b>	
Sunday 12th November	9.30am	Remembrance
Sunday 26th November	9.30am	Holy Communion
	<b>ST EDMUND'S MARSKE</b>	
Sunday 5th November	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th November	11am	Remembrance
Sunday 19th November	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th November	11am	Holy Communion

**A Poem for Remembrance Day - 'The inquisitive mind of a child'**

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy? Selling poppies in town today.  
The poppies, child, are flowers of love. For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy? Why not a beautiful rose?  
Because my child, men fought and died in the fields where the poppies grow.

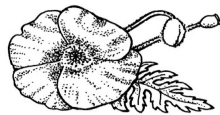
But why are the poppies so red, Mummy? Why are the poppies so red?  
Red is the colour of blood, my child. The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy. Why does it have to be black?  
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief. For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so? Your tears are giving you pain.  
My tears are my fears for you my child. For the world is forgetting again.

(Author unknown)





**ST MARY'S**

**SIDES PEOPLE 10.00am NOVEMBER**

5th - G&M Merlane, O Harrison, R Gazzard  
12th - G&J Barber, S McCormack, K Robson  
19th - C&J Bilbrough, F Gibbon, R Gazzard  
26th - R&J Morel, P Wheatley, L Copeland



**DECEMBER**

3rd - J&A Dickinson, O Harrison, W Pritchard  
10th - J&A Roberts, S McCormack, R Gazzard

**COFFEE ROTA - NOVEMBER**

5th - M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis  
12th—REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - no coffee  
19th—C Blenkiron, J Bennett  
26th - J Steele, B Ridley, Mary Turner



**DECEMBER**

3rd - E Roberts, O Harrison  
10th - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland

**FLOWERS - NOVEMBER**

5th - Susan Scrafton  
12th - Flower Guild  
(Remembrance Sunday)  
19th - Vacant  
26th - Vacant

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 [www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk](http://www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk)

The deadline for the Dec 2017/ Jan 2018 issue is Monday 13th November 2017. Please forward any contributions to Gillian by hand or send to [gillian.lunn@yahoo.com](mailto:gillian.lunn@yahoo.com)

200 Club Winner  
October 2017  
Rosemary Scott



...I haven't the heart to tell her the bishop went home 20minutes ago!