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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.

'I belong, therefore I am'

That variation of Descarte's famous saying conveys the essence of the African concept of ubuntu. Ubuntu is a Bantu term referring to the connectedness of all human beings – also expressed as *'I am because we are'*.

A church community can be identified by the connectedness of its members – to each other and to God. St Paul in his letters to the Romans, Corinthians and Ephesians reminds us that together we make up the Body of Christ. As fellow members of the same body we are mutually dependent and therefore no one member is any more important than another.

So, to coin a phrase, **your church needs you!**

Being a member of the Electoral Roll is one way of declaring our membership of and commitment to our church community – whilst also entitling us to vote in the elections which take place at the Annual Meeting. An additional way is to join our Planned Giving Scheme (please see www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk/info/Giving for further information).

Every church community undertakes a complete renewal of its Electoral Roll every six years, with 2013 being the last occasion. This means that with our 2019 Annual Meeting due to take place on 7th April we must begin our renewal process now.

So, even if you are a current member of the Electoral Roll you will need to complete a new application form. Forms can be collected and handed in at the back of the church, from our Electoral Roll Officer John Dickinson, or from the Parish Office. The period for submitting your form is 12th February to 10th March. And please remember, **your church needs you!**

You can be assured that giving your contact details is optional, and that these will remain confidential to me, John Dickinson and the Parish Administrator. However, having access to your contact details is of great value to me in my ministry.

For further information please contact John Dickinson (826803) or myself (821241).

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

Our Lent Course

Following on from last year's stimulating course, written by our own Bishop John, we will be following another 'York course', written this time by Bishop Nick.

Entitled '**Daring to see God now**', it takes the Good news of God as proclaimed in Mark's Gospel as a starting point. The course audio participants – Professor Keith Ward, former Vice-President of Methodist Conference, Rachel Lampard MBE and Bishop David Wilbourne – explore important questions about change and repentance. Roman Catholic poet, Cathy Galvin, provides the thoughtful Closing Reflections.

This short course is a good opportunity for us to experience being part of a Home Group: a 'safe space' in which we can learn from each other. With each group including members from the other churches in Richmond we will also be able to learn from different Christian traditions.

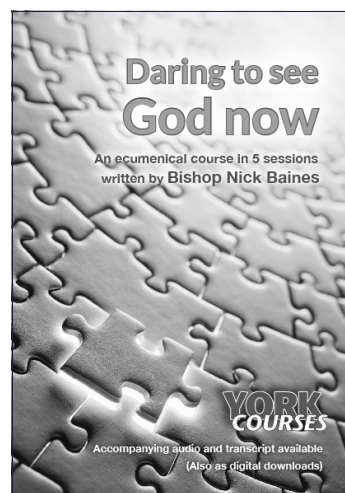
The first of five weekly sessions will begin in week commencing 10th March, with groups meeting as follows:

Tuesdays	2:00	The Rectory	led by Revd Martin Fletcher (821241)
Wednesdays	12:00	Methodist Church	led by Revd Les Nevin (823149) (followed by a soup lunch)
	7:30	2 Hurgill Road	led by Scott Lunn (826895)
Thursdays	7:30	1 Roper Court	led by Jennifer Patrick (850693).

To book a place please add your name to the sign up sheets at the back of the church.

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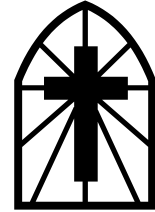
Training opportunities - For all sorts of information on training, vocations, children and young peoples work, prayer, spiritual life, education, safeguarding, personal development, do have a look at the website recently launched by the diocese. It is being updated daily and there is lots of information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

FROM OUR REGISTERS

We have laid to rest those who have died on -

18th November 2018 - Ada Taylor
4th December 2018 - Oliver Blease
15th December 2018 - Don Wade
18th December 2018 - Joan Waterfall
19th December 2018 - Joan McComb
29th December 2018 - Lewis Harrison
30th December 2018 - Anne Sutherland
2nd January 2019 - Barbara Broderick
6th January 2019 - Anne Peacock

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 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 6th February 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.



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

“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 07866 325843 and Keith Robson will see if the Happy Bodgers can help, and take it from there.” We look forward to helping you.





Little Rainbows

Little Rainbows started at the beginning of January and meets every Thursday morning between 9am and 11am. We have been delighted to welcome a good number of young people along with their mums and dad and grandmas and grandads. This new exciting group is in Church and is for younger members of our community. Called Little Rainbows (taking our inspiration from Ruth's Window) this 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

Following on from the success of our new baby and toddler group, In February we will be launching our brand new Children's Sunday Club.

On the Second Sunday of the month, (This month it will be the 10th Feb), we will be having something called T.O.A.S.T. – Time On A Sunday Together.

This group will be for children ages 3 upwards.

The Children will be learning about the same things as the adults but with perhaps, a few more felt pens and glue. We will follow the same bible readings as the grown-ups and will come back into the church in time for the communion part of the service.

We will be doing our own version of what the adults will be doing in Church but in the parish office for the first part of the service. We will all come back together in church in time for the communion part of the service.

If you want to volunteer to help or what any more information please contact Siân sianlawton@googlemail.com 07583 874 203



FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY'S RICHMOND

Fun-Key Church took a break over Christmas and enjoyed the wonder and magic of The Crib Service and all sorts of other Advent and Christmas activities. By the time you read this we'll have held our January Fun-Key Church service when our theme was "One Body Many Parts". Plenty of crafts and activities, some science stuff and some cooking too - cakes in a mug. All very informal and welcoming and suitable for all ages.

Our February service will be on Sunday 24th at 4pm when all are welcome.

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

PRAYER DIARY FOR FEBRUARY we pray ...

Fri	1	For a new month, a fresh start, a time to continue moving forward with anticipation, hope, joy and faith.
Sat	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.
Sun	3	For open hearts, minds and eyes to those who can sometimes go unnoticed but who need our love.
Mon	4	For our bellringers and their joy at calling people to worship. For our Musical Director Chris, choir, musicians, for Fionagh and Andrew.
Tue	5	For our local schools, hospitals, drs and dentists and care homes.
Wed	6	For After the Cards as they meet today. For all who miss loved ones.
Thur	7	For all who come to Little Rainbows at St Mary's Church today and every week.
Fri	8	For all who work to relieve injustice in the world - may we play our part - however small it may seem.
Sat	9	For our safeguarding team. We pray too for any who have been abused mentally or physically.
Sun	10	For a sense of joy as we gather to worship, and an eagerness to share the Good News of God's love with all. For TOAST as it meets for the first time (see P6)
Mon	11	For all who are sick in body, mind and spirit.
Tue	12	For all who live in l'Anson Road and Reeth Road , and all who work in our local shops and businesses.
Wed	13	For all who attend the weekly Wednesday morning communion at 9.15am and who enjoy fellowship afterwards. All are welcome.
Thur	14	For the gift of life, of love and companionship. For Bishops Nick and Helen-Ann. For our new Archdeacon who will start in the Spring - Rev Canon Jonathan Gough.
Fri	15	For all who come to our church as visitors. May they feel welcome. For refugees and migrants and all who are persecuted.
Sat	16	With thanks for the beauty and wonder of nature and creation.
Sun	17	For all who will come to Café Church today and for Anne who will be speaking
Mon	18	For all who work in the armed and naval forces. For a sense of wonder and wish to learn more about God
Tue	19	For all who struggle with relationships and communication.
Wed	20	To learn more and more about God's dreams for each of us.
Thur	21	That we may never tire of trying to do good and love each other.
Fri	22	For all who go to Knit2gether. For our Pastoral Team.
Sat	23	For all in local, national and international government. For wisdom and integrity.
Sun	24	For all who come to Fun-Key Church this afternoon - may they glimpse God and want to find out more.
Mon	25	For our Monday Morning Toddler Group. For our Town and District councils. We pray for Traidcraft and for all FairTrade organisations
Tue	26	For love, grace and patience. For peace in the world. For the Mothers Union across the world. For Richmond MU AGM today
Wed	27	For all who work away from home during the week and miss their family and friends.
Thur	28	For those who are lonely or feel unheard or invisible. For all who are at the Friary Hospital. Those who work there and those who are there for treatment, respite or palliative care.

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY 2019

Every Friday: Knit2gether at Greyfriars in the restaurant - 10am - 12noon: For more details, please see page 5.

Saturday 2nd - Saxhorn Fest 2019 presents "Sound the Horn" - between 7pm and 9pm at St Mary's Church - the concert will feature brass world renowned brass soloists from the famous Black Dyke and Grimethorpe Colliery Bands, including:- Katrina Marzella (solo baritone Black Dyke Band, Yamaha Artist, former British Open Solo Champion, former BBC Radio 2 Brass Soloist of the Year), Helen Varley (solo horn Grimethorpe Colliery Band, former British Open Horn Champion), Michael Cavanagh (solo baritone Grimethorpe Colliery Band, A4 Brass Quartet, Royal Philharmonic Society Emerging Artist 2018).

A range of music can be heard, from Brahms and Rossini, to Seal and Barbara Streisand. The concert will also feature world premieres by Peter Graham, Andy Wareham and Edgar Thompson, as well as other classics and works from local musician Philip Wilby. It is set to be a fabulous evening of music making and enjoyment!

Tickets for St Mary's parishioners and their families are available for £5. Please call Marianne on 07886 176511 or buy online at www.neromusicpress.com. *If you wish to get the tickets on the door just mention the special ticket price of £5 at the door.* All are welcome

Wednesday 6th - After the Cards - at Greyfriars Coffee Shop 1.30pm - see P5 for more information

Wednesday 6th - Richmond Flower Arranging Club - at Hudswell Village Hall - a workshop looking at Thoughts of Spring. Coffee is served from 9.30am and there is a full programme of demonstrations, speakers, workshops and outings. Enquiries to Judy Farrar on 01748 824514. New members and visitors always welcome.

Thursday 7th - First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Saturday 16th - Men's Breakfast at St Cuthbert's Church Colburn - 8.30-10am, featuring a guest speaker. Please speak to Martin for more details or to reserve a place. They will also meet on Saturday 16th March.

Saturday 16th - Exploring Faith Lunch with guest speaker Revd Canon Richard Cooper - Richard is a former Rector of St Mary's Richmond and until recently a chaplain to the Queen. His talk will be entitled "The Queen and her Church". 12.30 for 1pm - this hot buffet lunch and dessert buffet plus tea and coffee will cost £15 and is to be held at Catterick Golf Club. To reserve a place please contact Keith Miller (01833 627540/kshmillier32@gmail.com) or John Richards (01748 886246/johnmr1953@talk21.com)

Sunday 17th - Café Church at St Mary's - 4pm - with Anne Harrison - come and enjoy a talk about music accompanied by cake and tea and coffee, and closing with Compline. All are welcome.

Sunday 24th 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 P6 for more information.

Tuesday 26th - Mothers Union AGM - at 2pm at 14 Pilmoor Close, Richmond - followed by tea and cake - all are welcome.

A COOL DUDE : LIFE IN THE SLOW LANE

Toby, a local resident, doesn't seem to have a birth certificate and doesn't remember how old he is but a quick glance suggests that he's probably in his late 70s or early 80s. All he is certain of is that he came to England many years ago and made his home in the Richmond area. He enjoys the outdoor life and is never more comfortable than when relaxing in or near the garden munching an apple.

He moved to Conan Drive 43 yrs ago and lodges with Freda and Tony Dykes. The neighbours all know him and because he has a tendency to wander, speaks no English and does not carry a wallet, his ID and address are painted on his back - not on a t-shirt but, because he is a Mediterranean Spurthighed Tortoise, on his beautiful shell. Some tortoises have been known to live to a very great age which suggests that Toby's occasional skittish behaviour is probably because he is an adolescent. Skittish because, when indoors, he enjoys pushing a number of Freda's old pink 'croc's into heaps and hiding them out of sight. He has been known to hide under bookcases and cupboards, wanting to be alone. Do tortoises have feelings? All we know is that when Freda and Tony have been away on holiday and Toby has been looked after in their absence, he shows tortoise enthusiasm when they return.

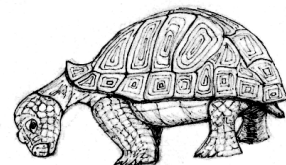
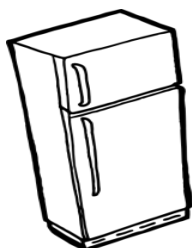
May to September see Toby in the garden. He sleeps for most of each day in between walking round inside the garden boundary. It's obvious that he enjoys playing hide and seek in the thick vegetation planted for his benefit where it is difficult to find him. A strict vegetarian, he enjoys dandelion flowers and stems, the tender shoots of aquilegia, violets of any colour and the occasional pear and apple. His regular routine starts in the morning by sitting on a path near a wall to catch whatever warmth there is. He has been known to fall into the small pond emerging draped with duckweed. When provoked by the sight of another tortoise he becomes a tortoisian Usain Bolt for a very short distance to see it off.

Although being rather short in the leg he can climb shallow steps. In a wayward moment some 15 years ago he climbed on to the top of a very low wall and promptly fell off landing on his back dislocating his jaw and damaging the front part of his mouth. Not surprisingly he was unable to eat even the softest shoots so, after taking him to see a tortoise specialist vet in Leeds, Freda and Tony fed him for several months with liquid by a tube into his stomach. He was a good patient, his jaw recovered and Conan Drive has returned to normal.

Some of us at St Mary's might remember seeing Toby at several Pet Services. His visits were not highly successful because dramatic intestinal effects made it clear that the visits were stressful for him and his surrogate family. He prefers to stay at home.

When he moved in to Conan Drive, Toby spent the early part of the first autumn attempting to hibernate by digging a deep hole in the soil. He was soon moved to 3-star accommodation in the garage in a box with straw and shredded newspaper for bedding. These days he has moved upmarket to a Ritz-like 5-star apartment in a box with similar bedding in a special fridge kept at 5⁰C where he lives snugly through the winter and early spring. He will sleep through Christmas and the New Year and will emerge anew in 2019.

Sheila Harrisson. Illustration by Jennifer Patrick.



All things come from You O God...and of Your own do we give You

We urgently need extra financial support for St Mary's Church. Each month we will discuss different ways that we can help St Mary's.

Regular giving. This is not just about paying the bills and wages (it is that as well) but about ensuring the very survival of St Mary's and all it stands for as a centre of worship and ministry. If you are not already a regular donor please consider becoming one either by using a weekly envelope or by Standing Order. If you are already a regular giver, could you increase the amount you give?

In addition, would you consider a **one-off donation** to get us through this difficult time? You can do this by online banking or telephone banking (sort code 40 – 38 – 19 account number 5070 1793) or by cheque whichever is easiest for you. Money can of course be given anonymously if you wish.

For further details talk to the Rector, William Gedye or Peter Trewby. Don't let this opportunity pass. We need everyone to give a little bit more.

Is your home insurance up for renewal this year?

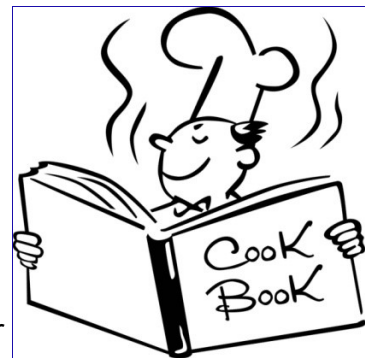
Don't pay the premium until you get a quote from Ecclesiastical Insurance; "a different kind of business". Ecclesiastical will donate £130 to St Mary's for every new policy taken out. You could save money on the premium and St Mary's will certainly benefit. Again, if you have any difficulty with the website or application talk to Rev Martin, William or Peter who will happily take you through it.

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 - We have a Gift and Fashion Show coming up at Trinity Academy in Richmond on Saturday 18th June.....watch this space....

Traidcraft 40 years on – latest news

Traidcraft plc, like many retail businesses, has been experiencing difficulties in recent times and late last year was in danger of closing. However, supporters rallied round and the Traidcraft board worked hard to create a new, albeit smaller trading model. Sadly this has meant much sadness with the need to reduce the number of products sold – meaning an end to working with some producer groups in the craft sector many of whom were reliant on Traidcraft and who had worked with Traidcraft for many years. The new model of Traidcraft plc will concentrate mainly on grocery, household and paper products. It has also meant the loss of jobs at Traidcraft, which is a great sadness as it is very much a family and many had worked at Traidcraft for a number of years.

While many early fair trade organisations were set up by, or emerged from, charities, the early years of Traidcraft plc were as a stand alone business. The founders wanted to show that trade, not just aid, was the way forward. Today after 40 years of trading, the business has seen many changes – but its core mission remains the same **-at the heart of both Traidcraft plc and Traidcraft Exchange is a shared mission – to build a world free of injustice in trade.**

In 1986 some Traidcraft supporters suggested Traidcraft plc should set up a charity. These supporters had begun selling Traidcraft products in churches and community shops and wanted to donate their profits to a good and related cause. The idea behind the charity – Traidcraft Exchange - was simple: use these profits to educate consumers in Britain about alternative trade, to increase sales and to work with those producer organisations who supplied Traidcraft plc with products. Traidcraft Exchange relies entirely on voluntary funds.

It's been an amazing journey for the Traidcraft family... from the beginnings importing jute products back in 1979, to the founding of Traidcraft Exchange in 1986, to the restructure and new beginnings of 2019.

Acknowledging the changes over four decades of fair trading, Traidcraft's CEO, Robin Roth says -

“Traidcraft has transformed shopping in the UK, and now you can find fair trade everywhere, from online shops to petrol stations. But as times change, so must we. When new markets are searching for goods that are ethical, vegan and organic as well as fair trade, we need to be there. As younger people demand cooperative models of doing business, we need to strive for that too.”



Make us worthy Lord to serve our fellow men
Throughout the world
who live and die In poverty or hunger
Give them through our hands
This day their daily bread
and by our understanding love
Give peace and joy
Amen



(A most appropriate prayer for the founder of the Missionaries of Charity, She served the poor in Calcutta and was made a Saint in the Roman Catholic Church.)

Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February – 10th March

You are invited to the 2019 **Big Brew and Breakfast** –
on **Saturday 2nd March** at **Northcliffe, Gatherley Road, Brompton on Swale**
from **8.30 am to 1pm.**

Traidcraft is 40 this year and to celebrate 40 years of the Traidcraft family we are hosting a Big Brew and Breakfast during Fair Trade fortnight – so please come along for coffee, scones and biscuits, croissants or bacon butties (all fairly traded or locally sourced where possible) and celebrate 40 years of making trade fairer.

Join us to celebrate, have fun and raise money to change the world.

Big Brews and Breakfasts have changed lives

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Shopping Day in November – just over £1,000 was taken in sales. £192.59 was given in donations and this was sent to Traidcraft Exchange for the Christmas appeal to support groups overseas.

Whilst it is hugely positive that Traidcraft plc will continue to trade and therefore support some producers, unfortunately the reality of downsizing involves ceasing to buy from some producer groups, particularly craft groups. Inevitably this means that many groups throughout the world will lose markets for their products.

Thank you – Rachel Walker 01748 812015, remwalker7@gmail.com



Help needed for St Mary's Christian Aid team.

As many of you know, members of the congregation of St Mary's have always responded well to the Christian Aid Week appeal which happens every year in May.

I sincerely hope this will continue for many years to come. However we urgently need a replacement for Anne Simpson, who has been the Church Representative for more years than we can recall – probably in excess of 30! I took over from Sybil Reed the role of Coordinator for all the Richmond churches back in 2003 and Anne had already been our church Rep for many years.

Things have changed over time and there are still regular collections from our church, the Catholic church and the Methodist church. But the collections need a bit of organising. This involves recruiting as many collectors as we can, allocating them streets where they like to collect, giving them the collector's pack (including the envelopes and collector's badge) and then receiving the full envelopes back again and ensuring the money is counted correctly by 2 willing volunteers. It is then paid in at Barclays bank and details passed to our trusty Treasurer, Graham Merlane.

I would very much welcome offers of help to continue this worthy support for Christian Aid and think that perhaps a small committee of 2 or 3 people could work very well to do what Anne has done over the years.

Please give this your consideration and if you feel this is something you can help with please contact me on 01748 824656 and I will be delighted to add you to our small band of workers.

Judith Barber

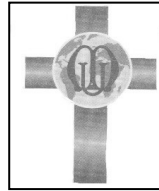
A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned God-ward.

Phillips Brooks

The Mothers Union

Our November meeting began with prayers, thinking of the 16 days against violence against women.

Notices including a letter from Joy inviting us to the Women's Fellowship carol service on December 19th and a reminder about our Advent service on December 11th.



Rev Mark Beresford Pierce was our speaker, he became Diocesan Mothers Union chaplain in 1991.

Mark was vicar of Pannal and Beckwithshaw when Bishop David Young invited him to be Ripon Diocesan chaplain of the Mothers' Union.

He spoke of three mothers in his life, his own mother who gave him security, his wife Margaret, mother to his two daughters and the mother church in which he had grown up and in which his faith developed, through his early life in a vicarage, teaching and calling to the priesthood.

(When he and Margaret became engaged she had asked Mark if she would have to run the Mothers Union. Although she became a member, Margaret did not take office!)

As Diocesan chaplain Mark was a spiritual guide for members, he supported the Diocesan president in what can be a lonely position. He said the introductory prayer at Diocesan and Deanery Mothers' Union meetings. He led quiet days. Mark preached one year at the Golden Wedding service in the Cathedral. He was commended by the Bishop for being compassionate to those whose marriages did not last. With the president he went to Mary Sumner House for conferences and was involved in the prayer network.

Mark is pleased that he is still associated with the caring work the Mothers Union do in the diocese, the caravan holidays, prison work and the work with premature babies and adults with dementia as well as world wide fellowship.

Mark feels that the greatest asset of the Mothers Union is Prayer as an expression of love.

Mothers Union now is wider than a membership of mothers. Mothering, praying, loving, caring, belonging and supporting. Sharing the aims of the Mothers Union in the wider world. Margaret Clayton

In December we held our Advent Eucharist with our Rector Martin. We were joined by members from Catterick and Leyburn and we enjoyed a lovely tea after the service.

By the time you read this we will have had our first meeting of the New Year which starts with our Christmas Party!

We are entertained each year by Tony and Freda (Dalesfolk) usually accompanied by Mark and Dennis, which again is followed by a lovely tea! As you have probably gathered tea and cake play a major part of our meetings!

On a serious note we are a small group but part of a global membership of over four million people with a common goal in supporting and providing for families in all walks of life both in Britain and around the world.

MU is not a group of Mothers - you do not need to be married, female, or be a parent to be a member, anyone who offers love and support to families in need is Mothering and doing the work of the Mothers Union and we thank you.

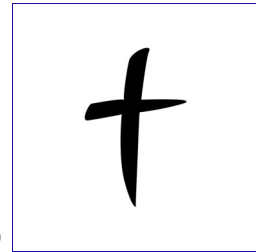
All are welcome at our meetings regardless of been a "member", and our February meeting which is our AGM will be on Tuesday 26th 2pm at 14 Pilmoor Close (followed by tea and cake!)

Our annual fund raising event, Reeth Brass followed by Afternoon Tea will be held on Saturday 22nd June. Please put the date in your diary.

If anyone knows of a family in need of a holiday they can't afford then ask about the Mothers Union Away From It All (AFIA) holiday caravan at Filey.

Please do remember the work of the Mothers Union throughout the world in your prayers. Thank you. Susan Scafton

Signs & Symbols: Why do we cross ourselves?



Do you 'cross' yourself? Do you literally make the sign of the cross over or upon your body?

People do this in different ways: some with certain fingers joined together, some touch their right shoulder before the left, some do small contained crosses on their head, lips and chest whilst others do an exaggerated sign extending as low as they can reach and almost wrapping their arms around themselves.

Keep your eyes open one time and look at your fellow congregation members as the priest extends his or her arm to bless them and you'll see many different responses. From keeping their heads bowed, crossing themselves at the same time, to standing quite informally and just watching.

For me it's not really 'how' you do it but rather '*What's it all about?*' If you 'Google' that question you'll get lots of great theologically sound and sometimes deep suggestions.

Let me offer you my personal take on it that has grown to become daily the first thing, last thing and most important prayer of each of my days.

It's an acknowledgement of God's love for me individually and us collectively and how through this we are forgiven and set free to live life to the full – with courage and strength.

As I start at the highest point and descend it reminds me that Jesus, God's own Son came down to earth for love of me and all of us.

As I cover the width of my body I feel His love wrapped around me, surrounding me, encouraging me, strengthening me, enveloping me and all that will take place in my life and the world today. Not a magic protection layer but a recognition of His presence wherever and whatever takes place.

May you be blessed – In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Written by Rev Dr Jo White and taken from parishpump.co.uk

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP - THE LUNN'S

2 HURGILL ROAD, 7.30pm: Everybody is welcome to join us for cake, chat and discussion. Current topic is prayer. Please contact Scott on 826895 for more information. New members are very welcome.



THE THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP - JENNIFER

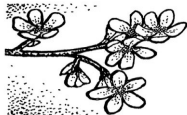
PATRICK'S, - 1 ROPER COURT, 7.30pm: This is another very friendly group. They are discussing Bishop John Pritchard's book Ten. Please call Jennifer on 850693 for more details. All are welcome.

Wanted! - someone with an eye for detail and desire to help the church move forward. After 9 years of editing the magazine it feels the right time for someone new to take up the role. It's not a big job and it's really interesting seeing all that goes on in and around our Benefice. Hopefully someone new can freshen up the magazine and help it to be a good expression of Church and parish life. For more information contact Gillian on 07592016476 or catch me at church on a Sunday morning x

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 3rd February Candlemas	8am 10am 12noon	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Baptisms
Sunday 10th February 4th before Lent	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong
Sunday 17th February 3rd before Lent	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion Worship For All Café Church
Sunday 24th February 2nd before Lent	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion 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 10th February	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 24th February	9.30am	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
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 and in service to our local community,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

**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
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ST MARY'S

SIDES PEOPLE and WELCOMERS 10am FEBRUARY 2019

- 3rd - J&A Roberts, F&M Gibbon
- 10th - J&W Pritchard
- 17th - P Wheatley, L Copeland, G&M Merlane
- 24th - O Harrison, K Robson, S McCormack

MARCH

- 3rd - J&C Bilbrough, G&J Barber
- 10th - J&A Roberts, F&M Gibbon



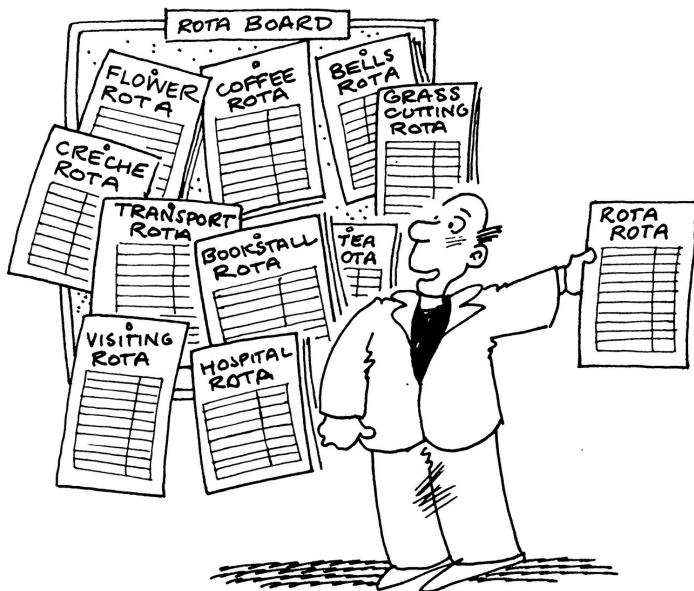
Any problems please swap with someone or let Roy know please. The Wardens would like to thank everyone for all their help.

COFFEE ROTA - FEBRUARY

- 3rd - M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis
- 10th - C Blenkiron, M Gibbon, J Bennett
- 17th - J Steele, B Ridley, Mary Turner
- 24th - E Roberts, O Harrison

MARCH

- 3rd - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland
- 10th - A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon



The deadline for the
March 2019 magazine
is Friday 8th
February.
Please forward any
contributions to
Gillian by hand or
send to
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"I'm updating the 'rota notice-board' rota,
rota... do I see a hand...?"

Prayer for February was by Mother Theresa
 The 200 Club winner for December 2018 was Margaret Merlane
 The Christmas 200 Club winner 2018 was Matthew Scrafton
 The January 2019 winner was Allan Guy
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