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What makes life dreary is absence of motive. What makes life complicated is multiplicity of motive. What makes life victorious is singleness of motive. - George Eliot

Make sure the thing you are living for is worth dying for. - Charles Mayes





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FROM THE REGISTERS

We have baptised

7th May 2017 Ida Burrows

Sadly we have laid to rest

28th April 2017 John Henry Mecca Rucroft Aged 84

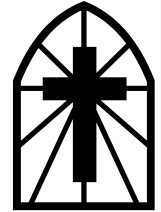
29th April 2017 Lady June Hart-Davis Aged 92

5th May 2017 Dorothy Walter Aged 83

8th May 2017 Fred Jary Aged 99

14th May 2017 Elizabeth (Liz) Margaret Metcalfe (Aged 58)

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 their own is even more difficult.

Carrie and Anne would like to help with the next step by meeting recently bereaved spouses/partners for coffee at Greyfriars on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.30am. Contact Carrie on 850103 for further information. **Meets 6th June and 4th July. All welcome.**



Church bells on the Wind

It matters not how sad you feel
If eyes, with tears, are dimmed;
Your heart will lift to hear the peal
Of church bells on the wind.

Was e'er a sound that had the pow'r
To touch one feeling grim –
To bring relief in gloomy hour
Like church bells on the wind?

I love that sound upon the breeze
With joy my soul is twinned!
And I give thanks upon my knees
For church bells on the wind.

By Nigel Beeton

KNIT2GETHER FRIDAYS BETWEEN 10PM 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 or the Rector.

What do we do now?

Approaching a vacancy period for any church can feel worrying. Thoughts of how much we have to do, who is going to do this, that and the other etc can be a challenge. I preached on John 14:1-14 in May and several people suggested that to have it in the magazine may be helpful when thinking of priorities – so here goes.

“Have you ever been lost? It can be an alarming experience. In these days of satnavs, GPS etc - there are many technological aids to help us find the way to where we want to go. The dreadful cyber hacking of so many key computer systems in the world reminds us of the need to not just rely on technology. Sometimes a bit of human support and help, and maybe the experience of someone who personally knows the route, is what we we'd rather have.

It doesn't always work that way. I'm reminded of story of a couple of tourists who were spending an idyllic few days on holiday in the Lake District. They were enjoying walking so much that they suddenly realised that they did not have a clue how to find their way back to the hotel where they were staying. The light was beginning to fade and imagine their relief when they suddenly

spotted an old man sitting on his patio enjoying the evening air.

Explaining their predicament and where they had to get back to, the old man thought for a few moments, shook his head slowly and said, “Ah I know the place where you mean. The trouble is, if you want to get there, you wouldn't want to be starting from here.”

First, let's put ourselves back in time and place. Jesus and his disciples were in the upper room celebrating a quiet Passover meal. The disciples had just been arguing about who would be greatest in the kingdom when Jesus began to wash their feet. After this uncomfortable moment, Jesus gave them the command to one another and then told them that one of them would betray him. As this chapter starts, Jesus has just predicted that Peter would deny him three times. We saw that chapter 13 communicates the command to love one another — love through action, love by receiving love, and loving the unlovable. However the events of chapter 13 undoubtedly left the disciples feeling uneasy and embarrassed. After all, they've just been shown that they're not the spiritual giants they thought they were. Their pretensions and pride have been exposed. That's why Jesus starts this passage with these words: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” Jesus is comforting his disciples. He's comforting because they know they've failed. They know they've blown it.... again. And they have no idea how bad they're about to fail. But Jesus does. Like the disciples, we too fail quite regularly. Although it is most painful when we fail in big and obvious ways, we also fail in all the subtle ways: engaging in gossip under the guise of “keeping people informed”; judging others by drawing conclusions about their motivations without ever asking them; blaming our problems on other people so we don't have to face our own shortcomings. Yes, we too, fail regularly and we too need the comfort that only Jesus brings through trusting in him and his words to us. The comfort that Jesus shows his disciples is that the life of discipleship is much simpler than we want to make it. Look at verse 4. Jesus says, “You know the way to the place where I am going.” Not “You will know the way” or “Eventually, the way will become clear to you” but “You know the way.” Presently, right now, you know the way. These disciples have been with him for three years, they've seen the miracles and heard the teachings. They've come to believe that He is the Messiah. Jesus says that they've got everything in their hands they know the way. I love the response here. Good old Thomas pipes up. Thomas' straightforwardness is

refreshing and honest and real. In verse 5, he says, "Lord, we don't know where you're going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus clarifies by saying "I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one comes to the father except through me." The way has been in front of you for three years, Thomas. The way isn't about something you do; it's about a relationship you have. By knowing Jesus, we automatically know the father. We cannot ignore this statement — Jesus says he is the way, not a way, but the way. We need to ask ourselves, "Do I believe this, and do I believe it enough that it affects how I live?" If the answer is yes, then our job is to share what God has done in our lives and point people to the Scriptures. Our job, in terms of our core values, is to Witness to the great things God has done through Jesus. We don't have to understand where someone is in his or her relationship with Jesus, we simply are told to share our story and proclaim the good news that through faith in Jesus, we can have a personal and loving relationship with God. The disciples, like most of us, have a hard time believing it's that simple. Simply believe in Jesus Christ and love him and that's it? This time it's Philip who jumps in with "Lord, show us the father and that will be enough for us." Jesus says to Philip, "You've been with me all this time, surely you get it by now — if you know me you know my Father. You heard my words and you saw my works — believe based on them." It's the same for us today — we have a record of Jesus words and a record of Jesus' works — these are the basis of our belief. Can it really be so simple? Yes, it can and is that simple. And look at the promise that comes with such simple faith — verse 12. Jesus promises that anyone who has such a faith will do greater things than Jesus himself. But what are these greater things? Remember that every word Jesus said and every work he did was to proclaim the kingdom of God. The greater works we do will be to proclaim the kingdom of God across this community and the whole world. Jesus, in his earthly body, was limited by time and space. However through his body the church, Jesus is able to stretch around this community and the world. We have the privilege of watching hearts be changed, of helping people discover grace and freedom, of sharing the story of what Christ has done in us and what he can do in other people. The greater things are that we are able to proclaim the simple truth of Christ and watch the kingdom expand in greater ways than Jesus and his disciples ever saw."

In this passage we are reminded of what our priorities must be and that applies when faced with a vacancy period as much as any other time. The danger is that during the time between my departure and the installation of your next Rector, it will be so easy to concentrate on ensuring the business of the church continues to run smoothly. I have witnessed in other churches fall in the trap of becoming very inward looking.

There is clearly much to sort out and, together with your ministry team and your PCC's, I am working hard to ensure that the services and general day to day business of the church will continue smoothly.

With that in mind, please remember that as Christians and the body of Christ, our job, in terms of our core values, is to Witness to the great things God has done through Jesus. My prayer is that you will feel God working in you, empowering you to use the gifts with which he has blessed you – possibly gifts that to date you may not have realised you have – and give you the freedom to use them together.

Remember

Trust in God, dream dreams and go for it.

Yours in Christ
Revd John

Rector

PRAYER DIARY FOR JUNE - we pray ...

Thur	1	For the month ahead. That we may share love and joy with all.
Fri	2	For all who live, work and visit Greyfriars, and the Knit2gether group.
Sat	3	For those who work and volunteer at The Georgian Theatre and The Station.
Sun	4	With thanks for the love and power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.
Mon	5	For our Monday Morning Toddler Group, For preschool children, school children and students, staff and support staff.
Tue	6	For all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bring them comfort, peace and hope. For all who come to After The Cards today.
Wed	7	For those whose families serve abroad and overseas. For those injured while in service.
Thur	8	For the General Election. For wisdom and integrity for voters and candidates, With thanks for those who are willing to stand for election to represent us.
Fri	9	For the Flower Festival all this week. That it may be a week of joy and appreciation for the beauty of creation and for the use of God-given talents.
Sat	10	For our communities of Hudswell, Downholme and Marske. For our neighbours and friends.
Sun	11	For all seeking God's purpose for their lives. For courage to listen to God, and to use the gifts which he has given us.
Mon	12	For Rev John and Liz as they prepare for changes ahead, and for our group of churches as we begin to look to the future.
Tue	13	For those known by few but loved by God. For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms and weddings.
Wed	14	For all who provide emergency service relief. For all who make music in our church: our choir, our organist, Musical Director Chris, our bell ringers, and our music group.
Thur	15	For students as they come to the end of the academic year.
Fri	16	For peace in ourselves and our world.
Sat	17	For all entering a new season in their life.
Sun	18	For our Rector John, Rev Mark Beresford-Peirse, Rev Bill Simms, Rev Jennifer Williamson, Bishop John, and their families. We give thanks for their time, compassion, and wisdom.
Mon	19	All who are lonely and all who try to help relieve loneliness. For love, friendship, and encouragement. For family and friends who live far away.
Tue	20	For refugees and migrants, and for all who are trying to help.
Wed	21	For our Readers Scott, Gillian, and George, and Chaplain of Readers Rev Jennifer Williamson
Thur	22	For our new Mayor Stuart Parsons and all who serve our community. For those who clean our streets, empty our bins, sort the recycling, repair the cobbles.
Fri	23	For people we are worried or concerned about.
Sat	24	For hearts that are gentle and kind.
Sun	25	For Fun-Key Church: all who help, and all who come to the Pet Service today.
Mon	26	For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and their carers.
Tue	27	For the Mothers' Union locally, in this country and worldwide. For their prayerful support of so much.
Wed	28	For a sense of excitement and anticipation.
Thur	29	For rest. For open hearts and minds - open to the whispers and nudges from God.
Fri	30	For our neighbours. For strangers, may we be welcoming, kind, open and encouraging.

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE 2017

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

Thursday 1st: First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Tuesday 6th After the Cards at Greyfriars, first Tuesday of the month, 10.30am. For more details, please see page 3.

Wednesday 7th: Richmond Flower Club - Demonstration by Bob Forbes 'Those lazy, hazy days of summer.' Hudswell Village Hall

Friday 9th June to Sunday 18th June - St Mary's Church Flower Festival 2017. Please see P12

Sunday 18th June - 6.30pm - Service of Thanksgiving for the Flower Festival - this Songs of Praise type service will be an opportunity to thank God for the gifts and talents shared during the week and for the wonders of God's creation. Please come along and enjoy time worshipping God together.

Sunday 25th: Fun-Key Church @ St Marys THE PET SERVICE at 4pm (with refreshments from 3.40pm): We look forward to gathering together again this month. Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages. All pets and their owners are welcome. As are those without pets - why not come and give thanks for a loved pet, or just come along and enjoy the atmosphere. For more details, please see page 9.

Tuesday 27th June - Mothers Union meeting at Susan Scrafton's home at 2pm. The speaker will be Rev John. Please see P9 for information. Everyone is very welcome.

Please help our tenor bell on its journey to Kerala Southern India!

Our old 11-cwt tenor bell was destined to be melted down. But no more!

The Church in Chemmalamattam, Kerala Southern India on hearing from the Kelttek Foundation that we were looking for a home for our tenor bell contacted us and Taylor Bellfounders with the result that the bell is now going intact to ring in their Church.

It is wonderful to think that this bell which has celebrated great occasions and summoned people to worship over the past 150 years in North Yorkshire will now do the same in Southern India.

However, we feel we need to raise the money for its transport, the cost of which is £910. If you wish to contribute to the transport costs please they make a cheque out to Richmond with Hudswell PCC and mark the back of the cheque "bells" and let me or William Gedye have it. If you can, please also ask for a gift aid form. Many thanks.

For any further details or gift aid forms do make contact with Peter Trewby 24 Hurgill Road DL10 4BL, (01748) 824468, trewbyp@Gmail.com.



Our Christian Value theme for this half term is 'Peace' and our learning *secret of success* is 'Work Hard'. The two themes may seem in some ways to be at odds with each other and there are certainly times in school when the latter theme feels more dominant, especially at this time of year when tests, exams and reports are imminent.

However, and especially in light of the above, it is also important that we make time for moments of peace and reflect upon what that means for us in school. As a school we have taken part in Mindfulness, Growth Mind-set and Yoga activities to support our pupils in coping, building resilience and achieving in their learning and interactions.

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.

Colin Powell

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Year 6 will have had their SATs by the time you read this but will still be working hard as they move through the rest of term and their transition to secondary school.

Obviously it's not just Year 6 who are working hard...

Steve from google, allowed us all to experience **google expeditions**, a virtual reality tour of a chosen environment. This was amazing opportunity and really

took the children's learning to the next technological level. James Gregory and Oliver Wright from Year 6 took part in the Spelling Bee Final. Several Year 6 children take part in the Junior Maths Challenge at Richmond School and the Year 5/6 Cricket team took part in a Cricket Tournament. All the children have shown great determination in their work and attitude to learning. As ever there are new items of news on our school blog for you to view and comment on. <http://blog.richmondcofe.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

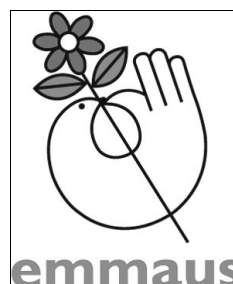
Dedication of the Bells at St Mary's

Thank you to Chloe Green, Ebony Lambe, Alex Buck and Joe Salonga for representing the school at the Dedication of the Bells service at St Mary's Church. They had a really important role of escorting the Bishop around the church and did a fantastic job of this. Everyone was really impressed with their attitude and behaviour.

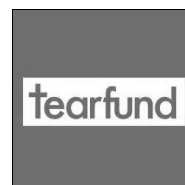
Liz Foxwell

Charity of the month giving 2017

January 2017	Church Army	£134.00
February 2017	Tearfund	£166.58 + GA
March 2017	Emmaus	£147.60 + GA
April 2017	Rug-Aid	£300.75 + GA
May 2017	Water Aid	£241.60 + GA
Total		£990.53 + GA



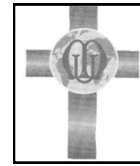
Many thanks for all your support
The Charitable Giving Team



MOTHERS' UNION - our June meeting is June 27th at Susan Scrafton's home 14 Pilmoor Close. Lifts available from Liz and Margaret Clayson. Speaker is Canon John. Everyone is very welcome

Our annual concert by Reeth Brass followed by afternoon tea is July 22nd at 3pm tickets available £6.50 from MU members. Please come along and support what is always an excellent afternoon.

Susan Scrafton



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- Volunteers wanted**



Being a parent is challenging. Could you be a helping hand? Are you a good listener?

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FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY'S RICHMOND

We had a great time at Fun-Key Church at the end of April when we journeyed along the Road to Emmaus. We made resurrection biscuits, made paper feet which said "follow Jesus", we made the empty tomb, a we also had a quiet space at the font where we could make some prayer stones and just sit and enjoy some time with God. We enjoyed refreshments from the MU team (our collection this month went to the Richmond branch of the MU as a small token of our thanks for their support over the past 5 years). As ever our helpers got stuck into all the activities and everyone had fun.

Our May service will be on Sunday 28th May at 4pm when our theme will be Ascension—what's it all about, and how does it link in with Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Lots planned!

Sunday 25th June - FUN-KEY CHURCH PET SERVICE - Pets are invited to bring their owners - big, small, old, young. Come along and celebrate the love we share for our animals past and present and thank God for his creation. All pets receive a blessing and a certificate of attendance! It's a really special service. PS we have mops at the ready and it's not problem if they have a little accident!

Find us on the church website, find us on Facebook, or read our blog at:
<http://funkeychurchatstmarysrichmond.wordpress.com> Gillian 07592016476



RICHMOND & DALES TALKING NEWSPAPER

It might be said that news can be heard on television or radio, national and local, so what need is there for “talking news”? At Richmond & Dales TN we strive to provide, completely free, audio articles gleaned from, and with the permission of, the “Darlington & Stockton Times” that reflect life in Richmond and the surrounding villages, and which are of such a local nature that they would not normally be heard on TV or radio.

The Richmondshire TN was originally the idea of the late Debbie Walker, who was the local reporter for the D & S Times, who was joined by a number of local people to start the service. Initially the recordings were made at the studio of the Darlington TN, which had already been established.

Fundraising events were held, various local authority grants were applied for and obtained, and in late 1989 the Richmond Library kindly made a room available for a studio to house the recording and duplicating equipment that had been acquired. Recordings were then produced on audiotape independently from early 1990.

From inception until 2006, we produced a 90-minute tape once per month. In that year we increased this to two 60-minute tapes, recorded on the first and third Monday. However, with effect from 1st January 2009, we changed over to compact discs, still on a two per month basis as before.

At present we have some 50 volunteers, each of who are members of one or more of our four teams, working on a rota system to spread their involvement. The first is the Editing team, which chooses the articles to be included in the recording and produces the necessary script. Then there is the Reading team, who actually read the articles into microphones, and whose voices are heard on the recording. The third team is that of the Sound Recordists, who control the equipment that records the Readers, and who produce a Master CD. The following day, the Duplicating team produces, on special machines, sufficient copies of the CD and sends them by free post in plastic, Velcro-sealed wallets to the 40 visually impaired listeners in our area. The feedback that we receive from them is always positive, evidencing that they enjoy the recordings and look forward to each one dropping through their letterboxes!

We are constantly on the lookout for anyone who may not yet a listener, but has difficulty reading a newspaper, and who feels that he or she might benefit from the free service that we offer. Additionally, we seek people who are willing to give up a small amount of their time in order to join one of our teams, and assist us to carry on this valuable and very worthwhile service. We are particularly and currently looking for an additional Sound Recordist to fill a vacancy. If you, or someone you know, is in any of these categories. Then please contact the TN Chairman, Keith Hardisty on 07582 796989, who will be pleased to hear from you, and will give you full details.

“Today you are totally accepted.

Loved unconditionally.

You don't have to worry when you mess up;

God still thinks you are awesome.”

Heidi Baker



SOMETHING TO READ...

THE EXTRAORDINARY HISTORY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH (TRINITY CHAPEL)

In 2014-15 the history of Trinity Chapel was explored in a joint project between The Green Howards' Museum and Richmond U3A. Findings were displayed in an exhibition at the Museum and subsequently in the North Yorkshire County Records Office in Northallerton. A booklet has now been produced to act as a permanent record. Copies are available at £2.50 ea. from the Green Howards' Museum, Richmondshire Museum or Castle Book Shop or contact Christine Lunn on 01748 825638, christineannlunn@btinternet.com (article written by Christine Lunn)

PS - It's a fascinating read and has good illustrations too. (Mark Beresford-Peirse)

SOMETHING ELSE TO READ...

Probably anything by Henry Nouwen, a Dutch RC priest who died twenty years ago would be well worth a read. His books include "The Way of the Heart", "The Wounded Heart", "The Wounded Healer" and "The Return of the Prodigal Son". Though he taught university students, he writes in a clear, attractive way. His own personal struggles, including loneliness, helped him have a deeper human sympathy and understanding of God's loving ways of meeting us in our need. Peace in the world was important to him, as was the value of people with disabilities, who have such a lot to show us about what it means to be human. Mark Beresford-Peirse

PASTORAL CARE

The St Mary's Church community prays that we can do all we can to support, listen to, 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 John or Gillian and they will place your prayer in the circle. Please be assured your requests are confidential.

You can contact Rev John via Tel: 01748 821241 Mob Tel or Text: 078 753 48245 and Email: j_echambers@btinternet.com

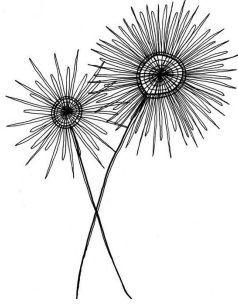
You can contact Gillian on Tel: 075 920 16476 or Email: gillian.lunn@yahoo.com

To be a praying member of the circle or a member of the Pastoral Team, please speak to Rev John or Gillian.

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 John or Gillian. We look forward to hearing from you.

Prayer meetings are the throbbing machinery of the church. - C H Spurgeon

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and for man is to pray. - S D Gordon



THE FLOWER FESTIVAL 2017

The Richmond community and particularly St. Mary's Church will be giving a warm welcome, hospitality and much pleasure and entertainment to the many visitors who we hope to join us in June for our Flower Festival. Yet again we will be demonstrating what a resourceful and energetic community we live in, the great talent we have amongst us and the fun we can have when we all work together creating new happy and treasured memories. The aim of the festival is to represent the activities of each particular group exhibiting through the medium of flowers.

The festival kicks off with a preview event on Friday 9 June 2017 18.30 -21.00. The new Richmond Mayor, Stuart Parsons will be launching the event. Tickets can be obtained from The Flower Studio, Finkle Street and Castle Bookshop, Castle Hill. At a cost of £5 per ticket, this includes a glass of wine and lite bite on entry.

You have the opportunity to see the floral displays freshly arranged and sit and listen to Richmond memoir writer Caroline Brannigan who captures the extraordinary stories of ordinary people. Over a series of meetings she helps them to tell their life story to her, then writes the memoir and produces a set of books with photos for family and friends. (www.carolinebrannigan.com).

Following this you will have the opportunity to watch a floral demonstration by a freelance floristry design service with a little something else mixed in! Based just outside Richmond, NAFAS demonstrator Lucy Hutton-Smith. Inquisitive and loves to see what's new and exciting in the world of flowers and design she follows the trends and has a great passion for re inventing things from odds and ends commonly called up-cycling!. A most inspiring demonstrator who will provide you with many ideas that you will want to rush of and try yourself whether you are new to flower arranging or a seasoned professional. (www.branchingdesign.com).

The events main sponsor is The Flower Studio, Finkle Street. At The Flower Studio they specialise in the best quality flowers available, and buy direct from the Dutch auctions as well as supporting the British flower growers during the season. Jean and Emma have many years of floristry experience; for the last ten years Jean traded as Elise Wedding Flowers, specialising in wedding and event flowers, providing flowers for hundreds of weddings at most of the venues in Yorkshire. They are assisted by Danielle who joined the team as a trainee florist shortly after they opened. The shop in Richmond has just celebrated its first successful year of trading, and are pleased to have met and been supported by so many local people.

For younger visitors (16 and under) there will be the opportunity to take part in a Children's Quiz which will test their knowledge of the church and the flower arrangements. All answers will be found in St. Mary's Church where entry forms will be available and there will be three book token prizes of £20, £15 and £10 to be won.

For those of you who wish to see the new bells or just visit the bell tower during Saturday 10 June Flower Tower Tours will be arranged . Times to be confirmed.

A festival would not be a success without the provision of tea and cakes and we are pleased to announce that Swale WI are providing the refreshments for the Preview Evening and St. Mary's Mothers Union will be tempting us all with their delicious variety of cakes on Saturday 10 June between 10.00 and 16.00. A treat not to be missed as you will need to refresh yourself during and after viewing the exhibits.

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 4th June Pentecost	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 11th June Trinity Sunday	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong
Sunday 18th June Trinity 1	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP)Sung Worship for All Service of Thanksgiving for the Flower Festival.
Sunday 25th June Trinity 2	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Fun-Key Church Pet Service
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	HOLY TRINITY	
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS DOWNHOLME	
Sunday 11th June	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 25th June	9.30am	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 4th June	11am	Family Eucharist
Sunday 11th June	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th June	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th June	11am	Holy Communion

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL cont...

The festival rounds off with a Service of Thanks Giving on Sunday 18 June at 18.30 when we will all come together to give thanks for the fun, friendship and beauty of the country side and flowers that surround us in this beautiful part of Yorkshire.

The Flower Festival will, of coarse, be relying on support from sponsors as well as ticket sales and donations. Sponsors will have an opportunity to publicise their business and will be invited to the Preview evening. If you would like to be involved, know a business that would like to be involved, donate or sponsor; in whatever capacity, we would love to hear from you.

We look forward to seeing you all in June (9-18)

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The fragrance of flowers spreads only in the direction of the wind.
But the goodness of a person spreads in all directions.
Chanakya



ST MARY'S

SIDES PEOPLE 10.00am JUNE

- 4th C&J Bilbrough, F Gibbon, E Chambers
- 11th R&J Morel, P Wheatley, L Copeland
- 18th J&A Dickinson, J&W Pritchard
- 25th J&A Roberts, D&J Wade



JULY

- 2nd G&M Merlane, O Harrison, R Gazzard
- 9th G&J Barber, R MacAulay, K Robson



COFFEE ROTA - JUNE

- 4th L Copeland, P Croft, J Emmerson
- 11th P Wheatley, J Brown
- 18th A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon
- 25th M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis

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FLOWERS - JUNE

- 4th Flower Team
- 11th Flower Team
- 18th Flower Team
- 25th Jennifer Patrick



**The deadline for the July/
 August 2017 issue is
 Wednesday 7th June 2017.
 Please forward any
 contributions to Gillian by
 hand or send to
 gillian.lunn@yahoo.com**

FLOWERS - JULY

- 2nd Jennifer Patrick
- 9th Claire Murray

On this day in June.... 50 years ago: on 1st June 1967 the album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band was released by the Beatles.

Also 50 years ago: on 5th to 10th June 1967 that the Six-Day War began. Israel launched pre-emptive air strikes against Egypt and then pushed into Jordan and Syria. Israel captured the Gaza Strip and Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, the West Bank from Jordan, and the Golan Heights from Syria.

Also 50 years ago: on 17th June 1967 that China successfully tested its first hydrogen bomb, becoming the fourth country to develop a thermonuclear weapon.

Rev John is soon to retire and his last service (A Songs of Praise type service) will be held on Sunday 9th July at 6.30pm when we would like to give both him and Liz a gift as a token of our appreciation for all they have done and meant to us over the past few years.

*If you would like to contribute to this in any way, please could you place your donations in a sealed envelope marked "Chambers Retirement donation" and give it to our church wardens - Roy and Janet Morel, David Frankton, or to Gillian Lunn.
 Many thanks.*