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Some quotes for Lent -

He who is filled with love is filled with God himself. - St Augustine of Hippo

It's easy to be an angel when no one ruffles your feathers.

He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.



Keeping a Holy Lent



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FROM OUR REGISTERS

We have baptised -

14th January 2018 - Oliver France



We have joined together in marriage -

4th November 2017 - Anthony Grant and Karen Williams

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

9th November 2017 - Shirley Wood aged 80

9th November 2017 - Ronald Peacock aged 83

21st November 2017 - William Reeves (Reg) aged 93

12th December 2017 - Florence Metcalfe aged 91 (at Downholme)

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

AFTER THE CARDS AND VISITORS

Bereavement is a very difficult time for the spouse/partner left behind. Starting again on your own is even more difficult. Carrie would like to help you with the next step by meeting any recently bereaved spouse/partner for coffee at the Greyfriars Restaurant. Please phone Carrie 850103 to make arrangements to meet.



KNIT2GETHER FRIDAYS BETWEEN 10AM AND 12NOON AT

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



HUTCHINSON RICHMOND AND GILLING TRUST

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

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

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

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

Dear friends,

Travelling well



It was on my 7th birthday that the Fletcher family moved from Kirby Hill to the south. Wherever we lived thereafter, we would refer to the nearest town as 'Richmond'! And ever since that move I have always felt that a part of me remained here in North Yorkshire. So I am delighted to be returning: delighted and thankful. My 7 year old self would never even have dreamt that one day I would return as Rector of the United Benefice of Richmond with Hudswell and Downholme and Marske.

I write this at Epiphany, when we think about journeys. In '*coming home*' I have not quite "*walked round the world*" as Bishop Helen-Ann seems to have done, but I do feel that I have been on quite a journey.

On leaving school I studied Mechanical Engineering at Bradford University, and my subsequent engineering career included spells with Leyland Trucks, Rolls-Royce, Ford, and Nissan. It was not until I reached my late 30s that I felt 'ready' to respond to the sense of vocation to ordained ministry that had been with me for some time.

I trained at Ripon College Cuddesdon and then served my curacy in the Diocese of Guildford. My first incumbency was in Tiptree, near Colchester in Essex, and for the last seven years I have been Vicar of Hersham in Surrey – 10 miles from the '*other*' Richmond.



Evidently, the Benefice has been on a journey, too. Reaching out to the wider community in new and imaginative ways, joining forces to become a United Benefice comprising four distinct communities, growing in confidence as Christian disciples and in *Loving, Living, Learning*, and cycling from Richmond to Richmond are just a few examples. The Local Development Plan is going to have an enormous impact on the communities of Richmondshire, meaning that as the Benefice journeys into the future we will be in for an interesting ride.

Crucially, the Development Plan is giving us a wonderful opportunity for mission – for the local church to be at the very heart of nothing less than building the kingdom of God in these parts. Our task is to be a 'presence' in that process – and in line with the overall theme of the Epiphany season to reveal the glory of God.

As a keen cyclist I am pleased to see that plans are already afoot for the local church to be a 'presence' when the Tour de Yorkshire spotlight falls on Richmond in May (when we will be in Eastertide). After the example of Wakefield Cathedral in 2015, '*Allez-luia*' I say!

To travel well we need always to be open to God's guidance and God's grace. We can only do that if we make time and space for him in prayer and study of his Word. I know that you are diligent in both, and I am grateful to you for your prayers for me as I prepare to join you. Be assured of my prayers for you.

With every blessing for your journey through Lent – and, from Eastertide, for our new life of journeying together...

...Martin

The Installation and Collation of the Rev'd Martin Fletcher as Rector of the United Benefice of the Parishes of Richmond with Hudswell and Downholme and Marske will take place on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church. All are welcome to this very special and exciting service. We pray for Revd Martin as he prepares to leave his parish of St Peter's in Hersham and for his parish as they begin their vacancy.

*We don't meet people by accident.
They are meant to cross our paths for a reason.*

ST MARY'S 8th EXHIBITION FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

Good news! St. Mary's will host another exhibition for the whole community throughout the whole of the May Bank Holiday weekend, Friday May 4th - Monday May 7th, the very weekend that the *Tour de Yorkshire* sets off from Richmond.

Exhibition title: **Tour de Richmond - Wheels within Wheels**

Many people will remember the seven exciting weekend exhibitions held at St Mary's between 2005 and 2016 in which individuals, local organisations, businesses and schools were invited to create and display their own exhibits. The response and creativity was marvellous with between 50-70 or more exhibits of every shape and size on display each time. Every exhibition brought hundreds of visitors through our doors. This year the town will be especially crowded so we expect even more visitors at St Mary's.

Further details will appear in Sunday pew-sheets, the magazine, on the church website, local websites and in the press.

To remind you, the titles of the previous exhibitions were: Church embroidery (2003); Recollections-Reconnections (2006); Tree-Time (2007); Scarecrows (2008); Angels (2009); All creatures great and small (2011); Summoned by Bells (2016). Two interesting and successful flower festivals were also held at St. Mary's in 2001 and 2017.

The Exhibition team.

Tel: 07894668005



Reflections from Downholme and Marske.

Why not just close the tiny churches with tiny congregations? A question often asked and which may be asked more often in the future. But in their defence I think they provide sacred spaces for people where they can think and reflect. Places where prayer can be offered and solace can be found, places where in the silence God may be heard. We may struggle to keep them going but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try.

Many of our visitors write in the Visitors' books in the churches:

"Thank you for keeping your church open for me"

That summarises many of the entries over the past few years. Others include:

A peaceful stop before the New Year; peaceful and lovely; beautiful, special, peaceful; may all lives be filled with stillness, simplicity and contentment; may the Peace be with us all every step of the way; lovely to spend a minute or two in a building that has heard centuries of prayer. Thanks.

Occasionally an entry indicates that someone troubled has found great solace from time spent in the empty church. That above all else seems to me to be a reason for keeping our buildings open all the time throughout the year and we hold our visitors, sad or glad, in our prayers as we hope they pray for us.

St Edmund's Parish Church in Marske sits directly on the section of Coast to Coast route from Reeth to Richmond and many of the walkers call in to the church. Some we meet and talk with during the week if we are cleaning or flower arranging or attending to the other details that keep the church going, a very few we meet on a Sunday before or after the service though very seldom joining us for worship. But we wondered if there was any way we could find to engage with the invisible ones, the passers -by we never get to meet.

Two years ago we deliberately thought about how we could serve our "pilgrims" who pass through and the suggestion was made that we create a refreshment bar. Having no running water, we had to keep things simple: bottled water, cartons of fruit juice, crisps and biscuits of various kinds. We ask for donations into the wall safe on an honesty basis which has covered the costs and helped to raise funds to keep the building in good repair. The one request we often have is for the use of our toilet but unfortunately, since we have no running water, we don't have one of those, either for our own use or for the use of visitors.

Simple or not, the refreshments have been very warmly received. The comments following the introduction of the refreshment bar now often include thanks for our hospitality. For example: Beautiful church and great flapjack!

We were however greatly encouraged to receive a letter in early November from Buxtehude in Germany.

The letter read:

Last April we, that are my husband, me and two friends, walked the Coast-to Coast-Walk. Henry, my husband explored in advance all possibilities for buying food. So we came to Marske (the middle of our day route) and knew that there was no place for a break or a shop. We liked a break, so Henry suggested "Have a look around. Maybe there is a new shop or pub, which was not yet mentioned in our booklet." And we found the poster with the offer to have snacks in the church.

Our friends said, strange – in a church – we don't need a break. It was a bit strange for me too, but I wanted the break, especially the snacks! So our friend gave in to it and

we went to the church. It was Easter and there were people just leaving the building. Our friends said, we can't go in there – look there is an Easter service or something. So we hesitated, but you had already seen us and invited us in. We were shown where we could sit and you offered us coffee which was very much appreciated! And then we had such a nice conversation! This really was church one can wish for.

What a warm-hearted and friendly welcome! I just thought if we had someone like you at home, I would go to church more often. It doesn't need concerts or comedy performances to attract people to church. It's less uncomplicated what you do- you live what you communicate. That makes a church a home.

The C2C walk was a very important experience for us with many good things to learn and to remember. And when I think back I often think of this unexpected encounter. So you made that day to a special one and this letter is saying Thank You!

Best regards, Anka

Marske is a tiny village and the congregation is small but we didn't need to be big or rich to offer hospitality, human company and an open door.

I wrote back to Anka thanking her for her letter and ended with this:

I was glad you found warmth and welcome in our church. It is what we would hope people find though of course we don't all of us manage to offer it all the time. We all have bad days!

At the heart of my faith is the belief that God is a God of love and that we are called to share God's love where ever and whenever we can. And so we send to all of you our love from Marske. We were really blessed in meeting you. Keep us and our future in your prayers as we keep you in ours.

With my love and prayers for 2018, wishing each one of you every blessing throughout the year,

Jennifer Williamson

LOVE

LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'

Love said, 'You shall be he.'

'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,

I cannot look on Thee.'

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,

'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame

Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'

'My dear, then I will serve.'

'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'

So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert 1593-1632

PRAYER DIARY FOR FEBRUARY we pray ...

Thur	1	For the month ahead. That we may encourage and love each other. For sense of hope and anticipation for the year ahead. 1st Thursday Prayers
Fri	2	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	3	For Rev Martin as he prepares to join us from Hersham. And for his congregation as they prepare to bid him farewell and begin their vacancy process. For a sense of joy as we gather to worship, and an eagerness to share the Good News of God's love with all.
Sun	4	For courage to listen to God, & to use the gifts which we have been given. We pray for the Right Rev Helen-Ann Hartley as she is welcomed and installed as Bishop of Ripon this afternoon.
Mon	5	For our Monday Morning Toddler Group, For preschool children, school children and students, staff and support staff.
Tues	6	For Revs Mark, Bill, Jennifer, Stewart, 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	7	For all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bring them comfort, peace and hope. For all who are supporting those who mourn.
Thur	8	For all who are finding life really tough - may they know that here are people they can turn to - and may we be those people.
Fri	9	May we be welcoming and open. For the Local Development Plan, for the expansion of Catterick Garrison and Richmondshire District Council.
Sat	10	For our bin men, road sweepers, police, traffic wardens and Community police. For all who make music in our church
Sun	11	For our PCCs, wardens and church officers as we continue to work our way through the vacancy process. God's guidance.
Mon	12	For the seasons of life - new life, those dying, those tired and those enthused. For peace in ourselves and our world.
Tues	13	Shrove Tuesday. A day to gather our thoughts as we start Lent
Wed	14	Ash Wednesday - for a "good" Lent. For love and Valentines Day
Thur	15	For hearts that are gentle and kind.
Fri	16	For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and for their carers.
Sat	17	For the Bible study groups which meet during the week.
Sun	18	For love, friendship, and encouragement. For family and friends who live far away. For all who come to Free to Be.
Mon	19	For refugees and migrants, and for all who are trying to help.
Tues	20	For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms and weddings. For the magazine distributors and staplers and co-ordinators. For Reeth Road and Ronaldshay Drive.
Wed	21	For the gift of life, of love and companionship.
Thur	22	For an eagerness to grow and strengthen in our faith. May we continually seek to know more and to share God's love.
Fri	23	For a sense of awe and wonder of all of God's creation
Sat	24	For strangers, may we be welcoming, kind, open & encouraging. For people we are worried or concerned about.
Sun	25	For Fun-Key Church as we gather for our February service. For a sense of excitement and anticipation.
Mon	26	For the choir and musicians, for our all age music group. For Traidcraft and Fairtrade.
Tues	27	For the Mothers Union and all their prayerful support for so many.
Wed	28	For our neighbours.

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY 2018

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.

Saturday 3rd: - Exploring Faith at Rokeby Inn - 9.30am for 10am start. £5 including continental breakfast. Canon Dr Jamie Harrison will talk on 'Saints, Sinners and Synods - the least bad form of church government?' Jamie is a former GP from Durham who is currently the Chairman of the General Synod of the C of E (House of Laity) and spoke at Café Church last year. He has an excellent sense of humour and is an excellent speaker.

Wednesday 7th: Richmond Flower Arranging Club - Workshop with a Valentines theme. No tutor but advice given by more experienced members if wished. Tel. 01748 824514 for more details.

Thursday 8th: Launch of Lent Book by Bishop John Pritchard at St Mary's Richmond - all welcome. (Please see P11 for more information).

Wednesday 14th: Ash Wednesday services at St Mary's Richmond - 9.15am and 7pm. All welcome.

Sunday 18th: Free to Be at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm - Everyone is warmly welcomed to this 'after hours' contemplative worship event which gives space to think, pray, awaken the senses and simply be with God. The event is 'free flow' and you are welcome to join and leave at any point. There will be a simple service at the end of the evening.

Monday 19th: Richmond and District Civic Society - Sir Gary Verity - Welcome to Yorkshire - at 7.30pm in the Influence Church Community Centre, Victoria Road, Richmond. All welcome - visitors £5.

Sunday 25th at 4pm - Fun-Key Church and St Mary's Richmond Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages. Please see Gillian for more information or find us on Facebook. (Please see P10 for more information).

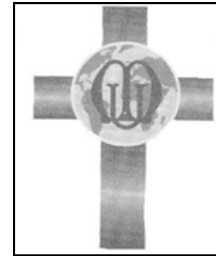
Tuesday 27th at 2pm - Mother's Union AGM at Margaret Clayson's house. All welcome. (Please see P10 for more information)

ADVANCE NOTICE Sunday 25th March 2018 at 11.30am - St Mary's APCM.
Please do stay after our morning service to support this meeting during which we will reflect on the year past and pray for the year ahead.

As preparation for the APCM we are required to review the Electoral Roll. If you have not registered on the Electoral Roll please could you do so as soon as possible. Forms are available at the back of church.



MOTHERS' UNION - We had a busy time in Advent as a MU.



We attended our Advent service at Starbeck in Harrogate followed by our Christmas Eucharist at St. Marys Church which was followed by tea and cakes. This was well attended by members and friends and Rev Mark Beresford-Peirse a former MU Chaplain presided.

Our party will be held on Tuesday 30th January 2pm held at our house 14 Pilmoor Close where we will be entertained by Tony Freda and friends.

The AGM in February will be held at Margaret Clayson's house on Tuesday 27th February at 2pm.

Date for your diary Annual Afternoon Tea with Reeth Brass Band will be held on Saturday 30th June - always a great afternoon.

Susan Scrafton



FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY'S RICHMOND

By the time you read this we will have held our January Fun-Key Church service - on the theme of "**Who can come to God?**" During Advent and Christmas time we celebrated Christingle and held the St Mary's Church Crib Service. Both were incredibly well-attended and a comment on Facebook to a friend of an attendee who missed it summed it up beautifully - "*you have to get there next year - it's fab!*". Do look on St Mary's Church website gallery for lots of photographs.

We look forward to gathering on Sunday 25th February at 4pm. Find us on the church website, find us on Facebook, or read our blog at:

<http://funkeychurchatstmarysrichmond.wordpress.com>

Gillian 07592016476

Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages.

Richmond C of E Primary and Nursery School Name Change -

As of January 2018, Richmond C of E Primary and Nursery School officially became known as Trinity Academy Richmond.

All of their communications will also include the following statement: *Proud to be a Church of England Academy.* The school joined the newly formed Multi-Academy Trust in November 2017 known as The Dales Academy Trust.

The Head Teacher Mrs Kate Williamson said in the Newsletter dated 15th December 2017 "*This new name embraces our Christian heritage; the beautiful town of Richmond and our partnership with Eppleby Forcett and Middleton Tyas Primary Schools. There will be an official launch in January.*"

More information to follow.



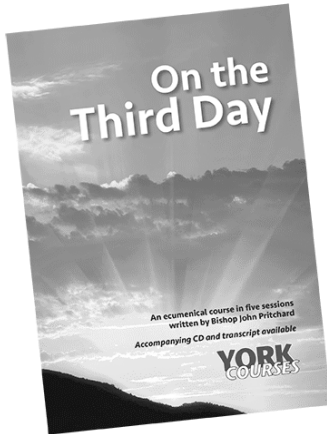
Lent Talks – Preparing for Easter with Radio 4

By Nick Baines, Giles Fraser, Bonnie Greer, Alexander McCall Smith, James Runcie and Ann Widdecombe,

SPCK £6.99 Beginning with a dynamic Foreword by Christine Morgan, Head of Radio, BBC Religion and Ethics, six well-known writers and broadcasters offer fresh and arresting perspectives on the life and death of Christ. This brief but insightful book provides something for everyone on this year's journey towards Easter.



Don't read the Bible, listen to it - Fancy listening to the Bible? Try the new audio Bible app from SPCK, called the NRSV Audio Bible for Everyone, costing 99p. The basic app provides the text and audio of the NRSV, while the option to upgrade offers a version that includes commentaries and guides from the For Everyone series by Tom Wright and John Goldingay. Visit www.SPCKapps.com.



2018 Lent Course

In the season of Lent many Christians choose to join a Lent Study Group as part of their preparations for Easter. For many years The York Course has been used to support and guide this work.

This year's course follows the pattern of previous years: 5 sessions spread over 5 weeks; contributions from various well known Christian leaders via an audio CD; and additional texts and questions available via a course booklet.

The main writer for this year's course is Bishop John Pritchard. He is the retired Bishop of Oxford who now lives in Richmond. He will be leading a **launch event at 19:00 on Thursday 8th February at St Marys Church.**

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is on 14th February and there are services taking place at different churches throughout the town. The first session of the York Course takes place in the week beginning 19th February. The fifth and final session takes place in the week beginning 19th March and Palm Sunday is on 25th March.

There are presently three groups running:

Wednesday lunchtime between 12:00 and 14:00 in the Methodist Church Hall.

This includes a soup lunch. The first session is on 21st February.

This group is coordinated by Daphne Clark.

01748 822651

clarkerichmond@btinternet.com

Wednesday evening between 19:30 and 21:00 at 2 Hurgill Road.

The first session is on 21st February. This group is coordinated by Scott Lunn.

01748 826895

slunn@richmondschool.net

Thursday evening between 19:30 and 21:00 at 1 Roper Court.

The first session is on 22nd February.

This group is coordinated by Jennifer Patrick

01748 850693

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Course books have been ordered and we will order more should this be necessary. We are asking that each course member contributes £5 for their course booklet.

Any questions to Scott, please.

“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.



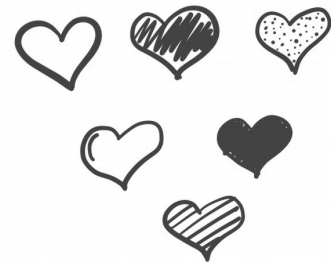
They write -

“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.

Love is...

What do children know about love? When questioned, some four to eight year olds came up with the following:



- When you're born and see your mummy for the first time. That's love.
- Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.
- If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who hates you.
- Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.
- I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.
- You have to fall in love before you get married. Then when you're married, you just sit around and read books together.
- I let my big sister pick on me because my Mum says she only picks on me because she loves me.
- Love goes on even when you stop breathing, and you pick up where you left off when you reach Heaven.
- Love cards like Valentine's cards say stuff on them that we'd like to say ourselves, but we wouldn't be caught dead saying it.
- When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.

*Help us, Lord, to be ready for your coming:
not just when you come in glory, but also when you come to us
in the people we meet, to whom we can show your love.*

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

To ask for prayer you can either telephone, email or text Gillian Lunn and she will place your prayer in the circle. Please be assured your requests are confidential.

You can contact Gillian on Tel: 075 920 16476 or

Email: gillian.lunn@yahoo.com

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

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

A message from Olive -

A very huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way whatsoever to make the Coffee Days for Macmillan Cancer Support so successful. We raised the wonderful amount of £1.115. Your support is greatly appreciated, God bless you all.

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

Love Olive



Not all entrepreneurs wear suits!

Fairtrade Fortnight 26th February – 11th March

You are invited to the 2018 **Big Brew and Breakfast** –

on **Saturday 3rd March** at **Northcliffe, Gatherley Road, Brompton on Swale**
from 8.30 am to 1pm.

- What is a Big Breakfast?**
- a great way to support businesses and growers worldwide
 - a breakfast where almost everything we eat is either fairly traded or locally grown or produced,
 - a great way to meet friends old and new over a leisurely breakfast,
 - an opportunity to see and buy fairly traded goods and hear about fair trade projects,
 - a chance to see the new products in the Spring Catalogue.

This year the focus is on **hidden entrepreneurs** – people living in the world's poorest communities who have the talent and determination to succeed, but lack the opportunity. We can help thousands of hidden entrepreneurs across the world fulfil their potential and build a brighter future for themselves and their families.

Four things our money will do – build businesses, make a profit, feed families, educate children and best of all – **this year every pound raised will be doubled by the UK government.**

So come along for bacon butties, croissants and jam, or coffee, scones and biscuits and all that makes for the Big Brew and Breakfast –

Saturday 3rd March – 8.30am – 1pm.

As Martin Luther King famously said – 'Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world' – many of whom don't know where their next meal is coming from.

Rachel Walker- 01748 818046 remwalker7@gmail.com

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018
26 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH



PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

Grant us O Lord the royalty of inward happiness and the serenity which comes from living close to you. Daily renew in us the sense of joy and fill our whole life with your light and grace... and in all things let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Written by a Scottish author who was the son of an engineer to Scottish lighthouses. He studied engineering, then law, before introducing us to such characters as Long John Silver, Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. (For the author please see page 16).

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 4th February 2nd before Lent	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 11th February Next before Lent	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist (with Archdeacon Bev) Choral Evensong.
Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday	9.15am 7pm	Communion with Ashing Ashing Service
Sunday 18th February Lent 1	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Worship for All Communion Free to Be
Sunday 25th February Lent 2	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Fun-Key Church
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	HOLY TRINITY	
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS DOWNHOLME	
Sunday 11th February	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 25th February	9.30am	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 4th February	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th February	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th February	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th February	11am	Holy Communion

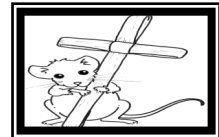
Lord, as we enter Lent help us to draw near to you in praise, stripping away all that distracts us from worship. **Amen**

As Jesus resisted temptation by the devil in the wilderness, help us reflect on his faithfulness to God, his rejection of worldly values and hold these thoughts in our hearts throughout Lent and beyond. **Amen**

Jesus, you prayed and fasted. As your disciple teach me about spiritual discipline in my relationship with you. **Amen**

Lord may Lent be a time of inward searching that makes me more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world. **Amen**

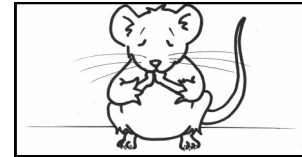
Thank you Lord for desert experiences, when being confronted with myself makes me realise my need of you. **Amen**



ST MARY'S

SIDES PEOPLE 10.00am February

4th - O Harrison, W Pritchard, P Wheatley, L Copeland, G & M Merlane
11th - G&J Barber, R&J Morel, F&M Gibbon
14th (7pm) - K Robson, S McCormack, J&A Roberts, C&J Bilbrough
18th - O Harrison, F&M Gibbon, R Gazzard, G&J Barber
25th - R&J Morel, L Copeland, P Wheatey, G&M Merlane



COFFEE ROTA - FEBRUARY

4th - M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis
11th - C Blenkiron, M Gibbon, J Bennett
18th - J Steele, B Ridley, Mary Turner
25th - E Roberts, O Harrison

FLOWERS - FEBRUARY

4th - Libby Sands
11th - Libby Sands
18th - LENT
25th - LENT

MARCH

4th - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland
11th - A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon

FLOWERS - MARCH

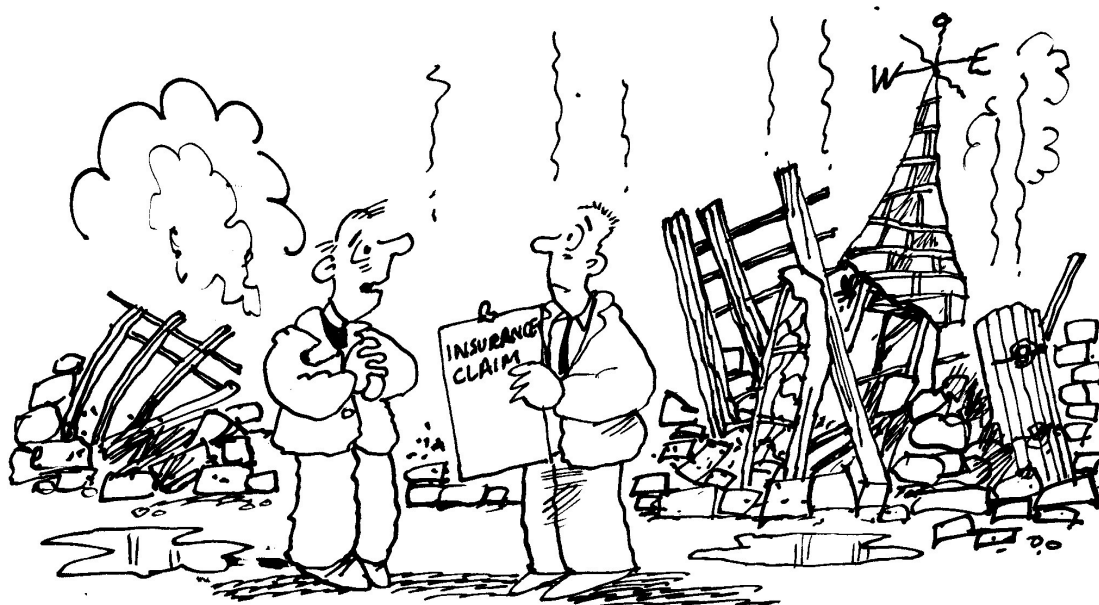
4th - LENT
11th - LENT

Prayers for February were by R L Stephenson (See page 14 for the prayer).

200 Club Winners
December 2017 - Frank Gibbon
January 2018 - Tooze

The deadline for the March 2018 issue is Wednesday 14th February 2018 Please forward any contributions to Gillian by hand or send to gillian.lunn@yahoo.com

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



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...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...