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Thy Kingdom Come 2018 Prayer

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Amen

See P5 for details



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FROM OUR REGISTERS

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

6th March 2018 Peter James Dinsdale Aged 82

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

O Lord, support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world lies hushed, the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.

Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last.
Amen.



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 is currently recuperating from some treatment so Gillian would like to help you with the next step by meeting any recently bereaved spouse/partner for coffee at the Greyfriars Restaurant. Please phone Gillian on 07592016476 to make arrangements to meet. **Our next meeting is planned for 1.30pm on Tuesday 1st May at Greyfriars. All are welcome.**

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.

***"God never put anyone in a place too small to grow in."
Henrietta Mears***

Called by name

I am writing to you just a few days before I officially become your new rector. This is an exciting time, full of possibilities: a blank canvas on which together we can paint something new. The question is, where do we start?

Well, we have strong traditions both in our church communities and wider communities. I want to learn more about these traditions so that they can be respected as we move forward. The best way to do that will be to get to know *you* – which means that in the coming weeks and months I will be doing a lot of looking and listening! And please be patient with me as I try to remember your name...

My name, by the way, is Martin. It's the only name I have: I don't have a middle name. Whilst I am always happy to be addressed in any way you may prefer, I will be pleased to be called simply by my name.

God calls us all simply by name: in Isaiah 43 he says, '*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine*'. Indeed, this verse is inscribed in many church fonts up and down the country, and baptism is when we join '*the priesthood of all believers*' (1 Peter 2:5). As Christians we are commissioned to '*make disciples of all nations*' (Matthew 28:19-20): we are called to play our part in God's mission – and assured that our risen and ascended Lord will always be with us.

The best way for us to be a missionary people is to become fully ourselves. When God calls us by name he sees us as already fully ourselves, so let us strive to be the best we can be – and help others do the same.

This month sees two great festivals in our lives as Christians: the Ascension and Pentecost. The fortieth day of Easter this year falls on 6th May and Ascension Day is when we recall our part in God's mission. Luke's gospel ends with the events of the Ascension when the risen Christ says to his disciples, 'repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in [my] name to all nations'. Ten days later, at Pentecost, Luke tells us in Acts that those same disciples were equipped for this missionary task by the sending of the Holy Spirit.

A relatively new tradition in the Church is *Thy Kingdom Come*, observed during the ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost. This is when Christians back up that petition in the Lord's Prayer with missionary action – from solidarity in prayer to helping others learn how to pray, from the witness of prayer walks or participating in Christian Aid Week to other forms of Christian witness all year round.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York remind us: 'As we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' we should expect that God will use us to help answer our prayer. He will give us opportunities to witness to him with the people we have been praying for. He will use us to invite people to know and

experience the goodness of his Kingdom and to join his family. But we also know that most of us find speaking of our faith daunting. We feel ill equipped. We assume someone else, maybe anyone else, is better suited, or we think that sharing faith is someone else's job. All Christians are appointed as God's witnesses.'

At Pentecost we are reassured that the Holy Spirit will equip us for any task into which God calls us. We received that gift at our baptism. He will always be with us.

May God bless you richly and abundantly in your personal calling – and as we join together in his mission and in his service.

...Martin

THY KINGDOM COME DEANERY WALKS

Area Dean Rev Yvonne Callaghan is arranging walks around Richmond Deanery between the 10th and the 20th May. They will take place from Ascension Day (10 May) to Pentecost (20 May) and will visit a number of churches across the Richmond Deanery. Most of the walks start at 8.00am.

On Ascension Day the walk will begin at 8.00 am meeting at All Saints Church East Cowton for a short time of prayer. Then on to St Mary's, South Cowton – looking around the church erected at the start of the Wars of the Roses (45 mins). Then Forest via Pepper Arden (55 mins). Then St. Mary's Bolton on Swale – short time of prayer (35 mins) and then to Ellerton Upon Swale – walk the short distance to Ellerton on the Coast to Coast path – the walk ends here but you can take the opportunity to have refreshment in The Lakeside Café (25 mins). It is hoped the walk will be joined by Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley our Bishop of Ripon.

On Tuesday 15th May people will meet at 8.00 am at the church of St Edmund Marske for a short time of prayer. They will then walk along the coast to coast path to St Mary's Church Richmond - there are some uphill (2hrs 30 mins). The walk ends in St Agatha's church Easby (30 mins).

Then on Saturday 19th May at 8.00 am people will meet at St Agatha's Church Easby for a short time of prayer. They will then walk along the Old Railway Line to St Mary's Church Richmond which is 30 mins. The walk then continues up to Richmond Golf course which is quite steep, through the woods to St Agatha's Church in Gilling West (1hr 50mins).

Our website will have details of each day of walking.
This is a really informal and friendly series of walks and everyone is welcome.



PRAYER DIARY FOR MAY we pray ...

Tue	1	For a new month, a fresh start, a time to continue moving forward with positivity and hope. (For After the Cards as they meet today)
Wed	2	For Martin as begins his ministry here in our United Benefice. For St Peter's Hersham as they continue their vacancy process.
Thur	3	For final preparations for the Wheels within Wheels exhibition. For First Thursday prayers.
Fri	4	For people visiting the area because of the Tour de Yorkshire, particularly Richmond.
Sat	5	With grateful thanks for God's immense love for us . May we share God's love with all.
Sun	6	For Revs Martin, Mark, Bill, Jennifer, Stewart, and Bishop John, and their families and friends. . For our Readers Scott, Gillian and George, for our Church Wardens, treasurers and vergers, and PA.
Mon	7	For all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bring them comfort, peace and hope. For all who are supporting those who mourn.
Tue	8	For our bellringers - with thanks for their dedication and joy at calling people to worship. For our Musical Director Chris, choir and musicians and for Fionagh and Andrew.
Wed	9	For all who attend Wednesday morning communion at 9.15am and who enjoy fellowship afterwards. All welcome.
Thur	10	Ascension Day. For students and staff as they prepare for exams. For those who are lonely or feel unheard or invisible.
Fri	11	For our local schools - for Trinity Academy Richmond, and SFX School. For all sitting exams: SATS, GCSEs, A-Levels etc
Sat	12	For all who work at Lidl, Co-op and Ken Warnes stores
Sun	13	For Christian Aid Week. For the collectors, all who donate, those who count and those who distribute the money collected. For those who receive help as a result of Christian Aid. Ascension Sunday.
Mon	14	For all who work in the NHS and receive care and attention.
Tue	15	For our PCCs, wardens and church officers as we continue to welcome Martin into our United Benefice.
Wed	16	For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and for their carers.
Thur	17	For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms and weddings. For love, friendship, and encouragement.
Fri	18	For family and friends who live far away.
Sat	19	For increasing confidence to share our love of God and to see to learn more and more about God's dreams for each of us.
Sun	20	Pentecost For all coming to Café Church and Worship for All. May they feel comfortable and inspired at the same time.
Mon	21	For our neighbours. For the Syrian refugees settling in to the area.
Tue	22	For an eagerness to grow and strengthen in our faith. May we continually seek to know more and to share God's love. For the magazine printing, stapling and delivery teams.
Wed	23	For a sense of awe and wonder of all of God's creation
Thur	24	For the Mothers Union and all their prayerful support for so many.
Fri	25	For Traidcraft and the Fairtrade movement. For all who visit parishioners in our community.
Sat	26	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.
Sun	27	Trinity Sunday. For Fun-Key Church this afternoon.
Mon	28	For the gift of life, of love and companionship.
Tue	29	For funeral directors, lorry drivers and teachers.
Wed	30	For peace in our world.
Thur	31	For love - that we may give it, receive it and know it.

WHAT'S ON IN MAY 2018

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

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

Thursday 3rd: First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Friday 4th - Monday 7th: Tour de Yorkshire Wheels within Wheels Community Exhibition - do join us for an exciting community weekend showcasing the imagination, talents and gifts of so many within our community - all on the theme of cycling. Please see below for more information.

Thy Kingdom Come Deanery Walks - Area Dean Rev Yvonne Callaghan is arranging a walk around Richmond Deanery between the 10th and the 20th May. Please see P 5 for more information.

Sunday 20th: Café Church at St Mary's Richmond - 4pm. Bishop John Pritchard will be in conversation with Angela Harris, Baroness of Richmond. She is a Liberal Democrat life peer and deputy speaker of the House of Lords. Amongst many interests she is President of the National Association of Chaplains to the Police, Patron of Hospice Homecare Support Group and also Patron of Herriot Hospice Homecare Northallerton. Come and enjoy an afternoon of conversation, discussion, cake and compline. All welcome. (Refreshments available from 3.45pm)

Sunday 27th at 4pm - Fun-Key Church @ St Mary's Richmond Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages. Please see Gillian for more information or find us on Facebook. (Please see P8 for more information).

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

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

Our previous exhibitions have been a great success attracting hundreds of residents and visitors through our doors. Come along to see the exhibition and have a cup of tea you will be most welcome.

Programme:

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

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

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

Sunday 6th May: 12noon-4pm.

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

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

Exhibition Team. (Contact: 07894668005)

MOTHERS' UNION - Joy Hornsby was our speaker on Tuesday 24th April at 2pm at the home of Susan and Leonard Scrafton. The accompanying cake was delicious.



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

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

Do speak to Susan Scrafton on **824106** for further information.

"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.



FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY'S RICHMOND

We held our Passion Play on Palm Sunday and did crafts and activities at the beginning of the service including making Palm branches, centurion helmets and crown of thorns. Then we "walked through" the story of Jesus' last week including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Resurrection. It was very special and emotional in places too. Andrew played Jesus, Louis was Pilate and there was a real sense of understanding of what we were doing. Do have a look at the church website gallery for great photos taken by Ian Short.

Our April service will be on Sunday 29th April on the theme of Love, when as well as activities and crafts, hymns songs and prayers we will also celebrate Fun-Key Church being 6 years old—"Now we are six".....

And our May service will be on Sunday 27th May 2018 at 4pm.

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

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

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

St Mary's Got Talent – 14th July

As you may know, we have a shortfall this year in our funding of St Mary's commitments and the fund raising committee thinks we should have some fun whilst raising money! Amongst other events, we are having a 'St. Mary's Got Talent' evening on July 14th, where we will be entertained by some of the huge number of talented people in our congregation (and maybe their friends too).

We already have singers, musicians and readers lined up, but are looking for even more talent! If you would like to take part, please let Wendy Pritchard know (01748 850854 or email wendypritchard@btinternet.com). We're also going to be showing pictures of talented people who are not stage performers – painters, knitters, embroiderers, cake makers, woodworkers etc – so please let Wendy know if you'd be prepared to have your picture taken for this. Please don't be shy – **St Mary's needs you!**



(Tickets (on the door) will be £7 per adult to include wine and cake and under 18s will be £2.

Doors will open at 6.30pm and transport will be available on the night.)

Traditionally, the winner of *Britain's Got Talent* gets to perform in front of the Royal Family at the Royal Variety Performance. They also get a cash prize of £250,000. This isn't going to happen here – no judging, no prize - just a great night out. Do please book the date and come to support if not perform!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

On August Bank Holiday Saturday 25th we will be holding an Annual Plant / Produce Sale in St. Mary's. This will incorporate various stalls including Books, CDs DVDs, Tombola, Raffle.

The will be the Belles Tower Café, Bell Tower Tours.

All this between 10am till 5pm

Donations of plants chutneys etc will be most welcome, if you have any spare jam jars or plant pots please put in box near North doors , if you need jars or plant pots please help yourself



Any queries please ring Susan Scrafton
824106

Porridge Grace

O Lord, grant that we may not be like porridge
Stiff, stodgy and hard to stir
But like cornflakes: crisp, fresh and ready to serve.

Anon



KATHMANDU 2018 - PART 2 - NEPALI CHURCHES

Nepalese get a day off work on Saturday, so a Sunday 'Sabbath' would mean they could not get to church. So Saturday is church day in Nepal. We arrived late on a Friday, but found that the hotel at which our friends had put us up was not too far from the Gyaneshwar Church which we had attended from our very first Saturday in Nepal in 1969. In those days, only 15-16 years after Christians were first allowed into Nepal, there were fewer than 500 Christians in the whole country. Gyaneshwar was only one out of two churches in the Kathmandu valley. We used to sit on the floor, segregated male and female, and struggled to follow the service in a new language.

This year our first Saturday found us weary and jet lagged but highly motivated to walk to the church in time for the third service of the morning. Each service was attended by about 300 believers in a newer and much larger building. We were delighted to find Pastor Robert Karthak, he who had welcomed and taught us all those years ago. He is now 93 and moves a bit awkwardly with a stick, but proceeded to preach a sermon of one hour and seven minutes (yes, I timed it!) without notes as usual and as clear as ever in language and construction. Nothing fancy; it was just basic Christianity. Furthermore, he had also preached for a similar length of time at the second service of the day. (His son preached at the first.) This is the man from whom, in the main, the entire Christian church in Nepal grew to number at least a million and a half and possibly more. We recalled that our mission had sponsored him for training at the London Bible College in the 60s, which has to be one of the best investments ever! It was a great privilege to be able to join him for a cup of Nepali tea, share old times and benefit from his approval in the matter of attending a Hindu wedding.

Over time, various daughter churches were established and we used to attend one in the house of one of the first Nepali Christians close to the old Shanta Bhawan hospital where I worked and also near to where we lived. That, too, was very small at first; just an L-shaped upper room, with perhaps 20 or 25 believers. Later a new church was built close to the Ring Road around Kathmandu. This looked like a church, with a spire and even a clock! By the time we left, they were holding two services with around 200 people at each.

So the next Saturday, we set out from the guest house to go there for the morning service. The first problem was getting there; the Ring Road, once almost deserted, is now overloaded with traffic and is being widened. We had to jump across wide drainage ditches and avoid a lot of speeding traffic. The next problem was even more unexpected; we could see no sign of the church with its distinctive spire and clock! After exploring up and down the road, we eventually saw folk that we knew and followed them into an entirely new building on the old site. This was on two stories, with a thriving 'Sunday' School on the upper floor.

In the service, not much had changed. There was more provision for people (like us!) who prefer to sit on chairs. There was a translation system through earphones for those who wished it, but they have been providing it for some years. An old friend who had been the head of maintenance at the hospital was the preacher. This was good news as he had only been a lukewarm sort of Christian until quite recently. We were greeted warmly and taken off for a momo lunch after the service.

The following week we naturally went to the same service. The main difference was that, during the sermon (!) I was asked to give a bachan, (a word, message or mini-sermon) before the final blessing. This was because they thought that, at our age, this visit might be our last. In Nepali, it was challenging! I was able to pick up some verses in Philippians from the 'first' sermon and speak about Christian unity; within the local church, with other Christians in the country and around the world.

We were re-assured to find that the Nepali church continues to grow, but were told by our Nepali friends that it needs more good teaching and paripakwata , which means maturity.

This account of three church services has taken up quite a bit of space. So perhaps there will be a Part 3 at some stage. John and Angela Dickinson

ALICE DAWES - UPDATE

Thank you so much to everybody who donated towards my fundraising for voluntary work in Jharkhand, India with Voluntary Service Overseas. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity and I am so pleased I was able to beat my target of £800.

I have gained so much from living in rural India for ten weeks. I lived with a host Indian family and shared my room with one other UK volunteer. My family was made up of two sets of parents and five children from 8-18years old, none of whom spoke English. They were incredibly welcoming and made a huge effort to learn English as I did to learn Hindi, so we gradually learned to understand each other. I learned how to eat only with my right hand – no cutlery allowed! – and became accustomed to living in basic conditions such as by washing in a cordoned-off area of the garden using a bucket of water filled up from the well.

NEEDS, the national government organisation we had been sent to help, gave us two main goals for the duration of our project: to encourage women empowerment by doing work with self-help groups, and to improve access to education in our region. Self-help groups are made up of 10-15 women who meet weekly to support each other's aim to become more financially independent. We identified some of the main challenges they faced and ran workshops to overcome these. For instance, we led sessions to show women how to open bank accounts, alternative ways of earning money apart from agriculture and how to sign their name. Our project ran during International Women's Day and we held a Community Action Day in our village to demonstrate the value of women empowerment.

Our work in education was mainly done in the local middle school. Just under 400 students are enrolled here, but they only have 4 teachers, no toilets and no boundary wall to ensure their safety. Much of our work involved interacting with the development office to fix these problems. We also worked with the School Management Committee and Child Parliament, leading training sessions to show both groups the value they could bring to the school. Towards the end of the project we also set up extra-curricular activities in the school which we taught the older students to lead, so we hope that they will carry on now we have left.

As well as working hard on the project we were able to celebrate the Holi festival with the villagers and enjoyed throwing colour and water over each other! We were able to take day trips on the weekend to nearby cities to experience Indian markets, temples and food. The project also required us to present our findings to VSO officials in Calcutta during mid-phase review and in Delhi for the project debrief. As I was part of the final cycle of volunteers for these regions there was a lot of pressure to finish the work, and I am proud with what we were able to achieve.

Thank you again for all your support. Please email me at alicedawes@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to hear more about what I did.

Christian Aid Week 13 - 19 May 2018

May I remind everyone that we need a band of volunteers to collect for Christian Aid between 13th and 19th May?

It is a house to house collection and you can choose a street or streets from a list at the back of church. It is always more fun to collect with a friend or friends, so why not get together and make your own small team?



It is worth remembering that of every £1 given in 2016-17, 86 pence was spent on "direct charitable expenditure". The other 14 pence was spent on raising the next £1.

Christian Aid Week this year is focussing on helping people displaced from their homes by conflict or natural disasters.

If you can help some of the world's most vulnerable people by spending 2 or 3 hours of your time please let us know and we will give you everything you need. Your help will be greatly valued and appreciated.

Judith Barber 824656, Anne Simpson 822277

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 Rev Martin on 821241, fletcher_martin@yahoo.co.uk or 07762 440094; or contact Gillian Lunn on 07592016476 or gillian.lunn@yahoo.com and she 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.

BOOKS BY MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION -

(THIS IS JUST A FIRST SELECTION!)

Life in Georgian Richmond, North Yorkshire: A Diary and Its Secrets - by Jane Hatcher and Bob Woodings - £12.99 **ISBN-13:** 978-1526707383 - In *Life in Georgian Richmond*, the authors present a rare opportunity to hear the authentic voice of the mid-eighteenth century through the writings of a newly discovered diary, giving a short but intense portrait of a woman immersed in up-to-date Georgian social activities in a bustling and fashionable town in Northern England.

A Yak in the Fridge - by John Dickinson and family - £16.50 **ISBN-13:** 978-1498461221 - Excellent book about a doctor's family learning to live in Nepal. All the day to day events, and includes the doctor's experience in dealing with medical situations in the country. Getting to know and love the wonderful people of Nepal.

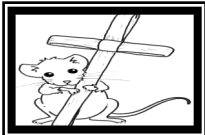
	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 6th May Easter 6	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 13th May Ascension Sunday	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong.
Sunday 20th May Pentecost	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Worship for All Communion Café Church Bishop John in conversation with Baroness Angela Harris.
Sunday 27th May Trinity	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 13th May	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th May	9.30am	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 6th May	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th May	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th May	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th May	11am	Holy Communion

PRAYER FOR MAY

*O Lord God, when you give to your servants to endeavour any great matter,
grant us to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same to the
end,
until it be thoroughly finished,
that yields the true glory, through him, who for the finishing of
the work before him, laid down his life,
even Jesus our Redeemer.*

Written by one who was at one time a pirate and the first to
navigate the world. Famous for bringing potatoes and
tobacco to our country, and for playing bowls.





May
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ST MARY'S

SIDES PEOPLE and WELCOMERS 10am MAY

6th - G&J Barber, C&J Bilbrough

13th - R Gazzard, O Harrison, K Robson,
S McCormack

20th - P Wheatley, L Copeland, R&J Morel

27th - J&W Pritchard, J&A Dickinson

Any problems please swap with someone or let Roy know please.



COFFEE ROTA - May

6th - E Roberts, O Harrison

13th - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland

20th - A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon

27th - M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis



*...I wonder if I could have a quick word with the
flower arrangers at the end of this service...?*

**Prayers for May were by
Francis Drake**

(See page 13 for the prayer).



**The deadline for the June
2018 issue is**

Friday 11th May 2018

**Please forward any
contributions to Gillian by
hand or send to
gillian.lunn@yahoo.com**

FLOWERS - MAY

6th - Susan Scafton

13th - Susan Scafton

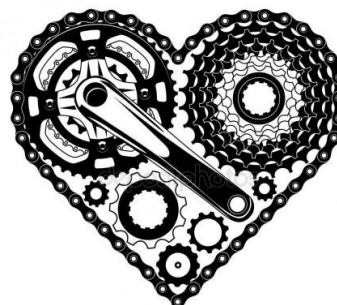
20th - Jennifer Patrick

27th - Jennifer Patrick

JUNE

3rd - Claire Murry

10th - Claire Murray



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on in our group of churches by looking at
www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk**

**200 Club Winner
April 2018
No:123
Liz Chambers**