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*Abraham wasn't perfect. He failed, made mistakes. But, he would go back, get right with God, and then just keep moving forward. He didn't quit when things got hard. He just kept on going. And everywhere he went, God was there. God was with him.*  
Anne Graham Lotz

*Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.*  
Leo Buscaglia

*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.*  
Leo Buscaglia



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## FROM OUR REGISTERS

### We have joined together in marriage -

28th April 2018 - Damir Husic and Caroline McLaughlin

### We have laid to rest on...

11th April 2018 - Peter Bradshaw Aged 86

***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 your 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. **Please see our church website for details of the next meeting. It will be later in June. 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*

### Loving, Living, Learning

The Richmond with Hudswell PCC is made up of people who represent the wider church community in the governance of our church. It is their responsibility to ensure your voice is heard when decisions affecting us all are taken.

My first meeting of the Richmond with Hudswell PCC is scheduled for Tuesday 5th June. At the time of writing, the agenda for that meeting has not yet been set – but one item I would like to include is holding a Parish Vision Day later in the summer.

When the PCC gather for that Vision Day they will consider where we as a church community wish to be in a few years' time. In a process of strategic planning such as this it is often helpful to agree a 'vision statement' (indicating what kind of church we want to be), and a 'mission statement' (illustrating how we will get there). Then, in order to make progress in realising our vision, various priorities will need to be set: specific aims which we will all support and in which we can all be involved. Target timing and budgets for each of these aims will ensure we move in the right direction and at a sustainable pace.

I am mentioning this now because I would ask you to think and pray about what our vision should be and what actions we should be prioritising. Please speak to any member of the PCC about this so that your thinking can be reflected in the Vision Day discussions.

As a starting point, you may wish to look again at the excellent Brochure prepared during the recent Vacancy. Is its description of our parish fully reflective of who we are? Of the challenges it mentions, which ones should we be putting first?

A good example of vision and mission statements comes from our own Diocese. The vision statement "Enabling confident Christians to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in our region" and its simplified version "Confident Christians – Growing Churches – Transforming Communities", indicate what we in the Diocese of Leeds wish to be and to do. Loving, Living, Learning captures how we as Christians are seeking to realise that vision.

On 20th May we celebrated Pentecost, the 'birthday of the Church', when the promised gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the first apostles. By that same Spirit we can seek God's guidance and receive his strength as we strive to serve the wider community in which we are set and into which we are being sent.

Bishop Nick has written of his hope to see: 'a vibrant diocese (vibrating in the tension between the wind of the Spirit and the wind of the world)'.

He has also pointed out that if the world with whom we wish to engage is to catch a glimpse of what we offer – good news – then in word and deed our mission must be meaningful to those around us.

Our Parish Brochure prepared the ground for us to catch a new vision. Together, let us deliver on this promise – keeping in mind the promise of Jesus to us: ‘Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age’.

...Martin



*Ed: You can find the brochure on our website [richmondhudswellparish.org](http://richmondhudswellparish.org) and by clicking on the "About us" tab in the blue strip near the top of the home page - <http://www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk/About-Us>*

**Congratulations to the Bell Ringers** on their achievement of a quarter peal 1260 Plain Bob Minor. This was on Sunday 13th May 2018 before Evensong at St Mary's to welcome Martin to the Benefice.

The ringers were -

- 1 Jan M Jack
- 2 Alastair J Lunn
- 3 Elizabeth J Foster
- 4 John R Welch
- 5 Susan E Welch
- 6 Andrew J Slade (C)

This was a first quarter of Bob Minor for Alastair.



## PRAYER DIARY FOR JUNE we pray ...

Fri	1	For a new month, a fresh start, a time to continue moving forward with anticipation, hope and joy.
Sat	2	For all who visit this area - may they feel at home and welcome.
Sun	3	For St Peters Hersham as they continue through their vacancy process and for Martin as he settles in here. May he know that he is loved and supported by God and our community.
Mon	4	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.
Tue	5	With grateful thanks for God's ongoing and generous love for us . May we share God's love with all. For Richmond with Hudswell PCC as they meet this evening.
Wed	6	For all who attend the weekly Wednesday morning communion at 9.15am and who enjoy fellowship afterwards. All are welcome. For Downholme and Marske PCC meeting today.
Thur	7	For First Thursday prayers. For all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bring them comfort, peace and hope. For all who are supporting those who mourn.
Fri	8	For all who go to Knit2gether and all who live at Greyfriars.
Sat	9	For those attending the Diocesan Lay Conference today. May it be a time of learning and growth.
Sun	10	For our local schools, for students and staff as they draw near to the end of their exams.
Mon	11	For those who are lonely or feel unheard or invisible.
Tue	12	For all who work and visit Mocha, Johnson's Dry Cleaners and the Green Howard's Museum.
Wed	13	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, vergers, and PA.
Thur	14	For all who work in the farming and food industry.
Fri	15	For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms & weddings.
Sat	16	For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and for their carers.
Sun	17	For love for one another, friendship, and encouragement of each other. For Free to Be this evening.
Mon	18	For family and friends who live far away.
Tue	19	For increasing confidence to share our love of God. To learn more and more about God's dreams for each of us. For the magazine printing, stapling and delivery teams.
Wed	20	For all who struggle with relationships and communication. For all who find life a struggle. .
Thur	21	For our neighbours. For those who settle here from Nepal. For the MU as they go and lead midday prayers at Ripon Cathedral.
Fri	22	For an eagerness to grow and strengthen in our faith. May we continually seek to know more and to share God's love.
Sat	23	For a sense of awe and wonder of all of God's creation
Sun	24	For all who come to our Pet Service at Fun-Key Church today
Mon	25	For Traidcraft and the Fairtrade movement. For all who visit and care for people in our community.
Tue	26	For the Mothers Union and all their prayerful support for so many.
Wed	27	For our prayer circle and pastoral team.
Thur	28	For the gift of life, of love and companionship.
Fri	29	For those who look after our roads, for the town and district council.
Sat	30	For peace in our world. For all who come to the Reeth Brass Band concert and afternoon tea organised by the MU.

## WHAT'S ON IN JUNE 2018

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

Saturday 2nd at 7.30pm - Swaledale Festival presents the Marian Consort - Miserere at St Mary's Church Richmond. The world-class vocal ensemble, directed by Rory McCleery, performs a capella works by two early masters and two leading contemporary composers. Allegri's sublime Miserere is one of the most popular choral pieces of all time, and MacMillan's setting complements it perfectly. For Gabriel Jackson's piece, the Marian Consort will be joined by Cleveland Philharmonic Junior Choir, directed by John Forsyth MBE. Tickets from 01748 880019

Wednesday 6th - Richmond Flower Arranging Club - The meeting this month will be a talk by Anne Simpson called "Two's Company". Visitors and new members always welcome. 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. For more information contact Judy Farrar on 01748 824514.

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

Sunday 17th at 6.30pm - Free to Be at St Mary's Richmond - 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. Any queries please speak to Claire Murray.

Sunday 24th at 4pm - Fun-Key Church @ St Mary's Richmond - THE PET SERVICE - Owner please bring your pets, pets please bring your owners. Fur, fin, tails or feathers - all are welcome. Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages. Please see Gillian for more information or find us on Facebook. (Please see P8 for more information).

Tuesday 26th at 2pm - Mothers Union - meet at Margaret Clayson's home - speaker - Martin. All are welcome whether you are a member or not. Please see P8 for more information.

Saturday 30th at 3pm - Mothers Union Reeth Brass Band and Afternoon Tea at St Mary's Church. This is our annual fundraiser for Mothers Union when we will be hosting Reeth Brass Band followed by afternoon tea this will start as usual at 3pm. Tickets remain at £6.50 making it affordable to all. Tickets are now on sale from MU members



## 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. There will be the Belles Tower Café, Bell Tower Tours.

All this between 10am till 5pm

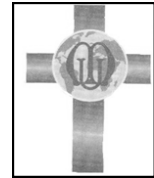
**Donations of plants chutneys etc will be most welcome, if you have any spare jam jars or plant pots please put in box near North doors , if you need jars or plant pots please help yourself.**

Any queries please ring Susan Scrafton 824106



## **MOTHERS' UNION**

- It was just as well we don't meet in May as we have been very busy making our exhibit for the Tour de Richmond Wheels within Wheels Exhibition.



The Belles were extremely busy baking cakes, fruit for the Friday preview with Wensleydale cheese which is fast becoming our signature dish! Served with wine (kindly organised by Peter Trewby).

There followed a delicious assortment of cakes and scones for the Saturday, Sunday and Monday. We must say a very big thank you to John Blenkiron and Sons for their very generous sponsorship of £300 for the catering costs. We made a magnificent £871 towards the final figure. Thank you, James. (Included in this total is £200 of "mug money". Please see P9)

The Belles would like to thank all who helped and supported our Tower Cafe from Friday evening till Monday evening.

We are now having a well-earned rest!

**Thursday 21st June** we will be saying the midday prayers at Ripon Cathedral which will be followed by lunch and a wander around Ripon.

**Tuesday 26th June** we will meet at the home of Margaret Clayson 12 Green Howards Road at 2pm when our Rector Martin will be our speaker. As ever all are welcome and yes, tea and scones will follow!

**Saturday 30th June is our annual fundraiser for Mothers Union** when we will be hosting Reeth Brass Band followed by afternoon tea this will start as usual at 3pm. Tickets remain at £6-50 making it affordable to all. Tickets are now on sale from MU members or ring 824106.

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



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

We held our service in April when we looked at "love". What is love, what does it mean to love, how can we share God's love with others.

Our May service was on Sunday 27th May 2018 at 4pm when we looked at what The Trinity is and just how much God loves us all - John 3:16

**We are always excited about the Pet Service. It is at the Pet service that we welcome pets and their owners to come to church and receive a blessing. All are welcome - from the tiniest insect to horses! It takes place on Sunday 24th June at 4pm. Cats, dogs, mice, spiders, rabbits etc etc**

We couldn't do Fun-Key Church without the very dedicated help of planners before the service and people on the day and of course the Mothers Union who make tea, coffee and biscuits during every service.

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

## **THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP - THE LUNN'S,**

**2 HURGILL ROAD, 7.30pm:** Everybody is welcome to join us for cake, chat and discussion. Please contact Scott on 826895 for more information. New members are very welcome. The group is looking at the Gospel of Mark.



## **THE THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP - JENNIFER**

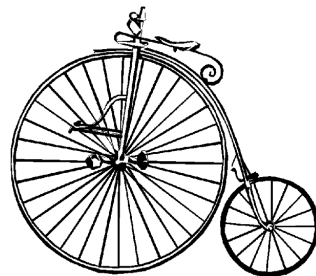
**PATRICK'S, - 1 ROPER COURT, 7.30pm:** This is another friendly group. Please call Jennifer on 850693 for more details.



## **St Mary's 8th Community Exhibition:**

### **Wheels Within Wheels.**

Many residents and hundreds of visitors to the town came through the doors during the Bank Holiday weekend from Friday to Monday 4th-7th May. It was a splendid occasion with 55 creative exhibits on show. The Belles of St Mary's provided and served mouth watering refreshments throughout the whole weekend, the stewards kept a careful eye on everything and the mini-bells ringers helped young and old try out their skills and enjoy themselves.



It was a real joy that it took place right at the beginning of Martin's ministry here.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the weekend such a success.

The Exhibition Team

## **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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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!

*As part of our fundraising St Mary's has produced its own mugs. £6 each - they show the St Mary's logo and the phrase taken from Ruth's Window "Hold on to that which is good". Every home should have one! Available at any St Mary's event or function or service.*



### **Kathmandu 2018. Part 3: Friends and colleagues**

Part 1 was about the Hindu wedding of our friends' daughter, which we were invited to attend. Part 2 was about the opportunities to worship in two churches that had grown out of all recognition since we first knew them. The rest of the time was less structured and consisted of meals and meetings with old friends and folk that we used to work with.

We stayed at Goshen House, a Christian guest house run by Jasmine Jirel who was responsible for the guest house at Tansen Hospital for many years. Her husband, Olak, is a surgeon who worked at the hospital. They moved to Kathmandu, I think for their children's' education, and he then worked with our mission, United Mission to Nepal, to help manage the health services and especially the hospitals. He also works at the Anandaban Hospital, just outside the Kathmandu valley, which started as a leprosy hospital, but now takes all sorts of patients. They invited us to their home one evening and we had a delightful talk about old times and new developments. Olak filled me in on the UMN hospitals – I also was involved in managing the hospitals in 2003-5.

Staying with the medical side for the moment, an almost miraculous event occurred. I had been involved in setting up the first medical school in the country, which opened in 1978, and taught physiology there for a few years. For the very first time, and without knowing that I was in the country, the current students organised a re-union for the early batches and their teachers. So I got to meet up with many former colleagues and students (and to give them a brief talk) on an occasion bristling with memories. I drew their attention to the way that those early students, taught under exceptionally primitive conditions and interrupted by many strikes and much political unrest, had gone on to make important contributions to medical care in the country. One had taken up an interest in medical education himself and founded two highly successful medical schools. (At his invitation, I had taught in both.) Another became a foremost plastic surgeon; not doing 'cosmetic' work, but repairing cleft lips and other devastating deformities in a mobile surgical clinic in remote areas. Another became a professor of anatomy... and so on.

Other folk we met; an American physician (who was not even a Christian until after he joined the mission!) and his Irish wife and interesting teenage sons. He is now working in Patan Hospital, where I was once Medical Director, and is a renowned clinical teacher. I attended one of his ward rounds, which also brought back a lot of memories. Then a former house physician who is now a leading cancer specialist. Then Rachel Karrach, who is Medical Director at Tansen and whose 93 year old father was visiting.

I spent another day at Patan Hospital, this time with the current Medical Director. His was an interesting story. He had begun at Patan Hospital as a Health Assistant and our daughter, Mary, formed a friendship with him when she was attached to him on a medical elective nearly 30 years ago. They still keep in touch and the families met in Nepal in 2015. He went on to become a dentist, again in Patan Hospital, and was later appointed Medical Director. He entertained me in his office and then collected together eight or nine staff with whom I had worked in the 1970s and 80s.

We called on another American, a former dietitian who now has Nepal residence status at age 80. She was also full of news and stories. Then there was a lunch with a retired Nepali worker and his wife and charming daughter who had stayed with us during her public health course in Liverpool.

I haven't mentioned everybody, notably the very hospitable church members that we had known even back in 1969. We talked a lot of Nepali, ate a lot of rice and dal and quite a lot of momos and it felt a lot like old times (even the episode of diarrhoea and vomiting!) John and Angela Dickinson

## **The First Organist at St Mary's**

Richmond Church has a good record of raising large sums of money for its projects, viz. the recent new bells. Not so long ago we restored the present organ, and I was reminded of this when I recently came across a document concerning the installation of the first organ in 1809, which was placed in a gallery below the tower.

The document is from the '*Gentlemen of the Organ Committee*' to the Mayor, Aldermen and Common council of the Borough of Richmond, and it sets out how they have, with the support of the Corporation and many individuals, raised "*a Sum adequate to the Purchase and Erection of an Organ answerable to the best expectations of the Inhabitants.*"

It goes on, "*Thus countenanced, & successful in accomplishing their first great object, the Committee are encouraged to entertain a strong hope, grounded also on the general wishes of the Inhabitants, that the Gentlemen of the Corporation may be induced to extend their indulgence still further..... to assign a suitable Sum for the Stipend of an Organist.....[as] they are decidedly of opinion that an able & experienced Organist is absolutely necessary.*"

They had someone in mind - a Mr Smith - "*who is ready to undertake the duties of an Organist, & to instruct the young singers for £30 pr Ann: - A Sum, in the judgment of the Committee, fair & reasonable.*"

The document was written by Rev. Christopher Goodwill (1753-1822), the much revered and long-serving rector (1789-1822), whose monument facing the North door is hard to find in the church. The next signature is James Tate, the great scholar who was Master of Richmond Grammar School. The names of other Richmond worthies which follow include Tristram Hogg, whose name as Mayor is carved on Richmond Bridge, the Richmond historian Christopher Clarkson, the Town Clerk John Robinson and another lawyer, Octavus Leefe. A further list of names supporting the Committee's approach include racehorse trainer William Peirse, Thomas Bradley the surveyor of the Richmond-Reeth Turnpike Road, publicans Matthew Whitelock and Thomas Lambert, and a few ladies, including Grathema and Martha Blegborough, who are among members of that family commemorated in the Baptistry Window, and Alice Morgetroy and Eliza Robinson.

Jane Hatcher

## **Chance meetings at the Community Exhibition -**

Among hundreds of visitors to the exhibition, Peter Harker, a Richmond resident, was interested in finding out more about William Harker, an ancestor and lead miner who married Mary Spedding in St Mary's Parish Church on 21st December 1766. The Harker family were from Upper Birkdale. Peter Harker will be given information about his ancestors in due course.

Two visitors from South Africa, in Richmond for the weekend, came looking for the grave of their grandfather, Mr Pybus, whose chemist's shop was in Richmond about a century ago. They had no other details about him except that he died in the 1920s. St Mary's churchyard was closed in the late 1800s except for those with family graves so Mr Pybus would have been buried in the Reeth Road cemetery. The visitors were given details of the cemetery keeper and chapel and how to get there. If further information is found they will receive it at a later date. S H

## **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.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**"The Happy Bodgers"**. About a year ago a few of our gentlemen were looking at how they can work together to help others who may be in need of a practical assistance. As a result they formed a group called "The Happy Bodgers". Happily they are far more skilled than their title suggests and they are able to offer a variety of help free of charge.



*Try us - we can say no if we don't feel capable. We could probably not take on regular tasks such as lawn mowing, weeding, shopping etc. Why not give us a call on 01748 826803 and John Dickinson will see if the Happy Bodgers can help, and take it from there."* We look forward to helping you.



**Doris West - Bench** - Friends of the late Doris West, for many years a staunch supporter of, and worshipper in, St. Mary's will probably know that public fundraising, spearheaded by Keith Hall, Pastor of The King's Church, raised sufficient funds to enable the purchase of a rather splendid teak bench, named in memory of Doris. The bench has been installed on the Richmondshire Cricket Club ground (where Doris was a member for many years) on the

Hurgill Road side if anybody who was a friend, or contributed, or both, would like to see it. Frank Gibbon

## **Lay Training - From Discipleship to Discovery - discovering God's call in my life.**

Saturday 7th July between 10am and 4pm at The Priory Church, Bolton Abbey, Skipton. A day to enable people to have the time and space to think through, in a structured way, their passions, personalities and place i.e. where God has put them and from that unearth their own personal vocation whether that be at home, work, church or in their local, national or international community. Call 0113 353 0281 to book your place.

	<b>ST MARY'S RICHMOND</b>	
Sunday 3rd June Trinity 1	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 10th June Trinity 2	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong.
Sunday 17th June Trinity 3	8am 10am  6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Worship for All Communion* Free to Be
Sunday 24th June Birth of John the Baptist	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Fun-Key Church The Pet Service
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	<b>HOLY TRINITY</b>	
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	<b>ST MICHAEL &amp; ALL ANGELS DOWNHOLME</b>	
Sunday 10th June	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 24th June	9.30am	Holy Communion
	<b>ST EDMUND'S MARSKE</b>	
Sunday 3rd June	11am	Family Communion
Sunday 10th June	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 17th June	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th June	11am	Holy Communion

## **PRAYER FOR JUNE**

*Grant to us, Lord, the peace of those who have learnt to serve you, the joy of those who are glad to obey you and the delight of those who rejoice in your praise, through Christ our Lord  
Amen*

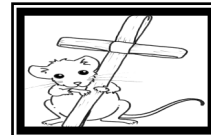
Written by one of our Northern Saints whose picture we have on our reredos.  
Coming from Iona, he founded the monastery on Lindisfarne.

*\*If you've never been to Worship for All then why not come and give it a try. On the third Sunday of the month at St Mary's it is a more informal service suitable for all ages. There is a music group which leads worship and which practices at 5.30pm in church on the Friday night before the Sunday service. There is also more opportunity for interaction if you wish.*

*All are welcome.*



June  
2018



## **ST MARY'S**

### **SIDES PEOPLE and WELCOMERS 10am JUNE**

3rd - J&A Roberts, F&M Gibbon

10th - G&M Merlane, K Robson and S McCormack

17th - P Wheatley, L Copeland, R&J Morel

25th - G&J Barber, C&J Bilbrough

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

The Wardens would like to thank everyone for all their help.



### **COFFEE ROTA - JUNE**

3rd - C Blenkiron, M Gibbon, J Bennett

10th - J Steele, B Ridley, Mary Turner

17th - E Roberts, O Harrison

25th - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland



**Don't forget, if you have access to the internet, you can keep up to date with all that is going on in our group of churches by looking at**  
**[www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk](http://www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk)**

**The deadline for the July/ August 2018 issue is Saturday 9th June 2018**  
**Please forward any contributions to Gillian by hand or send to [gillian.lunn@yahoo.com](mailto:gillian.lunn@yahoo.com)**

**Prayers for June were by Aidan**  
(See page 13 for the prayer).

200 Club Winner  
May 2018  
Ann MacDonald  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### **FLOWERS - JUNE**

3rd - Claire Murray

10th - Claire Murray

17th - Eileen Baker

25th - Eileen Baker

### **JULY**

1st - Mavis Dozey

8th - Mavis Dozey

