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*May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen*





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FROM OUR REGISTERS

We have baptised -

29th October 2017 - Tristan Grose
Joshua Vasey
5th November 2017 - Demelza Endellion Robertson



We have joined together in marriage -

21st October 2017 - Stephen Clarke and Bridie Cross

Sadly we have laid to rest those who died on...

21st October 2017 - Malcolm Grainge - aged 85

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

AFTER THE CARDS AND VISITORS

Bereavement is a very difficult time for the spouse/partner left behind. Starting again on your own is even more difficult. Carrie and Anne 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.

<u>Date and Time</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Services and concerts at</u> <u>St Mary's Church during the festive season</u>
Wed 6th at 7pm	The Mayor's Carol Concert
Sat 9th at 7.30pm	The Station Singers Carols
Tues 12th at 2pm	Mothers Union Eucharist followed by afternoon tea
Tues 12th at 5pm	The Highlanders Regiment Carol Service
Thurs 14th at 7pm	The Guilds Carol Service
Sat 16th at 7.30pm	Richmond Choral Society Concert
Sun 17th at 6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
Thurs 21st at 9.30am	Richmond C of E Primary Carol Service
Thurs 21st at 6pm	Richmond School Carol Service
Christmas Eve at 4pm	The Crib Service
Christmas Eve at 11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day at 10am	Christmas morning communion
Friday 29th at 7.30pm	VACO Christmas Concert

The Crib Service - Christmas Eve at 4pm in
St Mary's Church, Richmond -

This highly popular service is a highlight of the year, and many of the children attend dressed as a character in the nativity story. As the Christmas story is told through singing carols, everyone is invited to gradually form a wonderful tableau. (We have plenty of costumes you can borrow on the day, and if you do not wish to dress up that is great too!) We will again be using the story of Angel Small which is illustrated by one of our members of church Gill McLean.



A beautiful service full of atmosphere and excitement, with space to feel God's presence and love. All welcome.

YMCA Richmond, The Jonas Centre: Redmire and THE STATION SINGERS

Present

A Christmas Concert with Candlelight

on Saturday 9th December 2017 at 7.30pm (Doors open 7pm) in St Mary's Church Richmond

Tickets £8 - £10 on the door – to include seasonal refreshments,

Children free (ticket required)

Tickets available from:

Castle Hill Bookshop | choir members | St Mary's Church 01748 824664

The Jonas Centre 01969 624900 | The Wives Kitchen

King Street Kitchen & Gift Shop 01748 822582

Leyburn Arts Centre 01969 624510 | YMCA 07907004014



I was following a little gaggle of diminutive school children as they trotted along a street in London. They held hands in pairs and chatted excitedly to each other as they padded along Vauxhall Bridge Road going I've no idea where. But I was enchanted and couldn't help but smile with pleasure at their innocence and sheer enthusiasm for life, wherever it led. Small children seem incapable of walking in what to an adult is an orderly manner – they have to run, skip, hop or go backwards. Children wander about church supremely confident in their own autonomy and look inquisitively at adults who have for some reason been locked up in pews. They're wonderfully 'themselves'.

There's something captivating about miniatures, isn't there? Whether its miniature people or my various collections of miniature sheep, cricketers and clergy, miniatures are endearing. Miniature people have all the features of the adult version but writ small and utterly charming. They copy adults as best they can and we delight in their brave attempts to butter a piece of bread or put the top on a bottle.

It's not surprising that the baby of Bethlehem is popular at Christmas. He has all the diminutive features we love, the vulnerability, the innocence, the miracle of life in a tiny package. It's Jesus' birthday and we're all invited to his party. The sadness is that only a minority of those at the party will notice that Jesus is there. On the other hand, he won't mind. He's not small minded.

In first century terms, Jesus knew how to party. He was always seen at dinner parties and celebrations, so much so that his enemies pointed at his partying life-style as an example of his unfitness for office as messiah.

But Christians believe that here at Christmas we have God in miniature. This is God in a form we can manage – a human life. This is *God, the Autobiography*. And at St Mary's and tens of thousands of churches all over the country, we'll be inviting everyone to his party this Christmas, to marvel at the baby God.

There's just one catch. He grew up.

If we try to keep Jesus in the straw, innocent and innocuous, we'll miss the whole point. Jesus the Miniature, grew up into Jesus the Game-Changer. He came to change the course of history, and that's what he's doing right now, all over the world, as the party rolls on.

Do come.

RSVP.

+John Pritchard



RSVP



PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER - we pray ...



Fri	1	With anticipation for the month ahead– for a “good” advent full of love and hope.
Sat	2	May we be welcoming and open.
Sun	3	For candidates as they prepare to come for interviews
Mon	4	For our Monday Morning Toddler Group, For preschool children, school children and students, staff and support staff. For all who are involved in the interview day for the post of Rector.
Tue	5	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.
Wed	6	For migrants and all who are displaced. All who are coming to the Mayor’s Concert this evening.
Thur	7	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 make music in our church. For our Ministry Team and Pastoral Team.
Sat	9	For the Station Singers and all community groups.
Sun	10	For our bin men, road sweepers, police, traffic wardens and Community police. For the Pop Up Gallery.
Mon	11	For our PCCs, wardens and church officers as we continue to work our way through the vacancy process. God’s guidance.
Tue	12	For the seasons of life - new life, those dying, those tired and those enthused. For the MU and all they do.
Wed	13	For all who find this time of year hard.
Thur	14	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.
Fri	15	For courage to listen to God, & to use the gifts which we have been given. For our bell-ringers and flower team.
Sat	16	For space to remember what Advent is really about. For the Choral Society concert this evening.
Sun	17	For peace in ourselves and our world.
Mon	18	For love, friendship, and encouragement. For family and friends who live far away.
Tue	19	For all who are poorly in body, mind or spirit.
Wed	20	For Traidcraft and Fairtrade.
Thur	21	For love. For hearts that are gentle and kind.
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 the Mothers Union and all their prayerful support for so many. For the Town Council, For all who govern. For the Church coffee morning.
Sun	24	For our bell ringers and the bells as they call people to worship. For all who are coming to church to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
Mon	25	For a sense of excitement and joy and thankfulness.
Tue	26	For rest
Wed	27	For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and for their carers.
Thur	28	For those known by few but loved by God. For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms and weddings.
Fri	29	For our neighbours. For strangers, may we be welcoming, kind, open & encouraging. For the VACO concert.
Sat	30	For a sense of awe and wonder of all of God’s creation
Sun	31	For the year that is nearly over and for the year to come.



WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER 2017



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

Friday 1st: Richmond C of E Primary and Nursery FORCE School Fair - between 3pm and 4.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 6th: Mayor's Carol Concert at St Mary's Richmond at 7pm - when we will be joined by children from local schools and Leyburn Band. Please come and support this excellent evening in aid of the Mayor's Charities.

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

Saturday 9th: YMCA Richmond, The Jonas Centre Redmire and The Station Singers present a Christmas Concert with Candlelight at St Marys Church Please see P4

Sunday 10th: The Pop up Charity Gallery will be open again in Richmond Town Hall from 10am to 4pm. There will be Art, Books (Tea) and Cake. We are aiming to have a bigger children's book stall so if you are having a pre Christmas clear out of your book shelves, or have any paintings or prints, please get in touch with Linda Curran on 01748 824626.

This year the Paul Curran Celebration Trust is one of the Mayor's Charities. The Trust operates only in Richmondshire and focuses on children and young people with disabilities. It also raises awareness of issues relating to disability. Come along and support your local charity. Please help us to make our fundraising as easy as ABC!

Tuesday 12th: MU Advent Eucharist at 2pm is St Mary's - please see P10

Saturday 16th: Richmond Choral Society Concert - 7.30pm - With Richmondshire Orchestra, Edward Seymour, conductor, Andrew Christer, (organ), Charlotte North (soprano), Edward Rimmer (tenor) Andrew Randall (bass). Tickets £10 per adult, school age free but should be accompanied. Available from the RCS website, Castle Hill Books, choir members or by post using our flier. Info 01325 374112

Saturday 23rd December - Church Christmas Coffee Morning in the Town Hall - Donations for stalls much appreciated raffle , tombola prizes to John and Judith Clarke, cakes and raffle to Janet and Roy Morel, jams jellies and jewellery to Susan Scrafton and bags and scarves to Claire. Offers of help in the kitchen to Margaret Clayson and offers of help on the stalls to Susan Scrafton. Always a good morning and great to just stop and meet up with friends during this busy time of year. We will be joined by the choir during the morning.

THE CRIB SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE AT 4PM IN ST MARY'S CHURCH This is a lovely service and many of the children attend dressed as a character in the nativity story. As the Christmas story is told through singing carols, everyone is invited to gradually form a wonderful tableau. (We have plenty of costumes you can borrow on the day, and if you do not wish to dress up that is great too!)

Carols & Barrels at The George and Dragon, Hudswell - TBC - see church website

Friday 29th December at 7.30pm in St Marys Church - VACO Winter Concert. A thrilling programme of sensational repertoire, performed by the exceptional Vacation Chamber Orchestras (of which Peter Dykes, Freda and Tony's son is a Tutor). Adults £10, under 18s free. Tickets available from Jane on 07974 698 264. Please come and support - always an excellent evening.

PRAYER DIARY FOR JANUARY we pray ...

Mon	1	For the month ahead. That we may encourage and love each other. For sense of hope and anticipation for the year ahead.
Tues	2	For a sense of joy as we gather to worship, and an eagerness to share the Good News of God's love with all.
Wed	3	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.
Thur	4	For courage to listen to God, & to use the gifts which we have been given. 1st Thursday Prayers
Fri	5	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.
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Mon	15	For hearts that are gentle and kind.
Tues	16	For Traidcraft and Fairtrade
Wed	17	For the Bible study groups which meet during the week.
Thur	18	For love, friendship, and encouragement. For family and friends who live far away.
Fri	19	For refugees and migrants, and for all who are trying to help.
Sat	20	For the gift of life, of love and companionship.
Sun	21	For all coming to Café Church this afternoon.
Mon	22	For an eagerness to grow and strengthen in our faith. May we continually seek to know more and to share God's love.
Tue	23	For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms and weddings. For the magazine distributors and staplers and co-ordinators.
Wed	24	For those known by few but loved by God.
Thur	25	For a sense of excitement and anticipation. For rest
Fri	26	For the choir and musicians, for our all age music group.
Sat	27	For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and for their carers.
Sun	28	For Fun-Key Church as we gather for our January service. For love.
Mon	29	For our neighbours. For strangers, may we be welcoming, kind, open & encouraging. For people we are worried or concerned about.
Tues	30	For a sense of awe and wonder of all of God's creation For the Mothers Union and all their prayerful support for so many.
Wed	31	For all who are lonely

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Thursday 4th: First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Wednesday 10th: Richmond Garden Club - AGM followed by Chris MORTIMER Garden Dreams - the development, design, philosophy of my garden at Mill Barn Entry £3.50 on the door. Non-members welcome In Richmond Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Sunday 21st January - Café Church at St Marys Richmond - Bishop John Pritchard in conversation with Alexe Finlay (a member of our congregation). Music, chat, discussion, cake and compline. Any donations of help or cake would be very much appreciated. Please speak to Wendy, John or Gillian.

Sunday 28th January 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.

Tuesday 30th at 2pm - Mothers Union party - all welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE St Mary's APCM will be held at 11.30am on Sunday 25th March 2018. 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.

Epiphany

On 6 January Epiphany is celebrated world wide - the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. But who were these wise men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were called kings - by a church father, Tertullian.

Another church father, Origin, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing - and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the eighth century, the magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.



MOTHERS' UNION - We had a lovely joint meeting at Leyburn with members from Bellerby, Hawes, Spennithorne and of course Richmond.

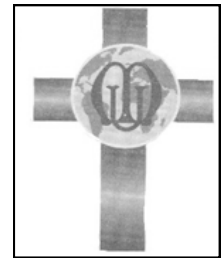


The speaker was Mrs Alison Boggie MU Trustee from Leeds Diocese. Her talk was entitled Creative Prayer. She had many suggestions to think about for prayer suitable for children and adults taken from two books entitled Intercessions Handbook and the Second Intercessions Handbook which she recommended to us the author.....Bishop John Pritchard !

We then enjoyed tea and cake.

We will go to Starbeck in Harrogate on the 5th December for an Advent Service at 11am.

We will then have our Eucharist at St Mary's Church at 2pm on Tuesday 12th December. This service will be led by Rev Mark Beresford-Peirse and will be followed by tea and cake.



On Tuesday 30th January at 2pm we will hold our party.

As ever, everyone is very welcome. Susan Scrafton



FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY'S RICHMOND

By the time you read this we will have celebrated Christingle at the end of November at Fun-Key Church.

Fun-Key Church and St Marys Church now share Christingle which means double the fun!

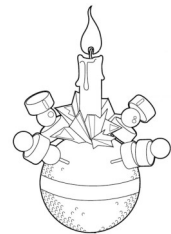
We will have explored the meaning of the Christingle itself, sung some great hymns, heard some lovely readings and said prayers. We will have received our Christingle and enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere that you get at Christingle - excitement, anticipation, joy and hope. And there will have been the opportunity to raise funds for The Children's Society.

Fun-Key Church doesn't meet in December but we look forward to coming together on Sunday 28th January when we will have fun, faith and fellowship for all ages.

Find us on the church website, find us on Facebook, or read our blog at:

<http://funkeychurchatstmarysrichmond.wordpress.com>

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Engaging the Word - biblical literacy and Christian discipleship

By Peter M. Phillips, BRF, £7.99 - 'The Bible talks of itself not as a rule book,' writes Phillips, 'nor as an instruction manual for life but as the implanted Word, the engine of the Christian life, the driving force for Christian discipleship.' In this thoughtful and wide-ranging analysis of the meaning of biblical literacy from Augustine through Erasmus to Wesley and on into the digital world, Phillips demonstrates the individual, corporate and cultural aspects of biblical engagement. He develops a passionate case for that engagement to be resourced and deepened so that our faith is strengthened. 'The Church in the West has a kind of eating disorder,' the author explains. 'The church is not "eating the book"; it's not meditating on the Word. As a result, Jesus' disciples are spiritually malnourished and failing to thrive. My hope for this book is that it will transform the Bible engagement habits of Christian disciples and leaders, and so address this malnourishment.'



Time to Live by Ann Clifford, Instant Apostle, £8.99 - Here is a book which explores the issues around facing death with faith. It gently encourages conversations around the one certainty we all have in life: approaching death. Yet, though of course acknowledging the pain and confusion that inevitably accompany loss, Ann looks forward with joy to the Christian hope of life to come. We can conquer our fear through faith, and receive God's all-embracing love. After all, death is only portal to our eternal future with Him.

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 has just begun the Gospel of Mark. 6th Dec and then back after New Year.

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.

"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.

Charity of the Month

Very many thanks to those who have contributed over the last two years to the once-a-month voluntary collection for home and abroad charities. Over £2000 was raised for the twelve charities in their second year, as well as over £300 for Rug Aid. The charities have valued this so much.

We are now ready to start with a new group of charities for the next year. Thank you to those of the congregation who have made suggestions as to which charities to support. So many were suggested that sadly not all can be included this time round, but we will save the suggestions and may use them next time. Some were so popular from the last group of charities that we have included them again, but most are new.

The charities will again alternate between home and abroad, in alphabetical order for each group. We start on December 3rd with the Family Help Refuge, Darlington – a charity providing emotional and practical support to women escaping abusive relationships. This is close to the hearts of many in Richmond so has been continued from last year.

On the first Sunday of each month, we continue with voluntary collections for Children of the Dump, Herriot Hospice Homecare, Mary's Meals, L'Arche UK, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Marrick Priory Bursary Fund, Playgrounds for Palestine, RNLI, Rug Aid, Sands (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death charity) and Water Aid. Some of these are not so well known, but all are very well worth supporting. If you have access to the internet, there are many truly inspiring stories to read on these charities' web sites.

We have been given so much, let us share it joyfully.

Wendy Pritchard, John Dickinson, Claire Murray and Sheila Harrison.

Charity of the month giving 2017 so far....

January 2017	Church Army	£134
February 2017	Tearfund	£166.58 +Gift Aid (GA)
March 2017	Emmaus	£147.60 + GA
April 2017	Rug-Aid	£300.75 +GA
May 2017	Water Aid	£241.60 +GA
June 2017	Family Help Darlington	£293.90 +GA
July 2017	World Vision	£163.22 +GA
August 2017	The Samaritans	£158.33 +GA
September 2017	UMNHET	£202.97 +GA
October 2017	Barnardo's	£156.70 +GA
Total -		£1762.68 +GA

Support Alice's Volunteering Project to India - I'm really excited that I have been selected to volunteer overseas with Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) on an International Citizen Service (ICS) placement to Jharkhand state in India. ICS works with communities that have specifically requested for their help, and aims to inspire young people in the UK and overseas to become passionate about long term community development. From January to March I will be working alongside VSO's partner NEEDS to deliver financial and digital literacy training, promote livelihood and monitor issues such as disability, gender equality, education and health.

The first part of my placement is a challenge to raise £800 to donate towards the work of VSO and their ICS partners. The money raised will go towards enabling the overall costs of ICS to ensure that they can send volunteers like myself to developing countries to make a lasting difference in disadvantaged communities.

Any contribution from you will make a real difference to the lives of people in developing countries. If you would like to sponsor my project, please donate to my JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alice-dawes> or text ARDJ81 plus the amount you want to donate to 70070 or 07858195667 or alicedawes@hotmail.co.uk for more information. Thank you so much .

DURING OUR VACANCY PERIOD

PLEASE USE THE CONTACT DETAILS BELOW –

Baptisms and Weddings – Claire Murray - 07737482611 -
pa.richmondhudswellparish@gmail.com

Church Bookings – Claire Murray – 07737482611

Parish Administration – Claire Murray – 07737482611

Pastoral Care – Gillian Lunn - 07592016476 - gillian.lunn@yahoo.com

Church Wardens (for access to church etc)

- Roy and Janet Morel - 823278
- David Frankton - 823531

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 thrilling programme of sensational repertoire, performed by the exceptional Vacation Chamber Orchestras

Repertoire:

Ravel – Le Tombeau de Couperin
Mozart – Sinfonia Concertante for Wind
(Soloists Josh Hall, Aaron Hartnell Booth, Guylaine Eckersley and Billy Marshall)
Sibelius – Pelléas et Mélisande
Respighi – Ancient Airs & Dances

Tickets Available:

Adults £10, Under 18s Free
Book tickets below or email: mail@vaco.net
Alternatively, call Jane on 07974 698 264
Doors open from 7pm

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 3rd December Advent 1	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 10th December Advent 2	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong.
Sunday 17th December Advent 3	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Worship for All Communion Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 24th December Advent 4 Christmas Eve	10am 4pm 11.30pm	Sung Eucharist The Crib Service Sung Eucharist (Midnight Mass)
Christmas Day	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Christmas Communion
Sunday 31st December 1st after Christmas	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
EVERY WEDNESDAY (there will be no service during Christmas week)	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	HOLY TRINITY	
EVERY THURSDAY (there will be no service during Christmas week)	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS DOWNHOLME	
Sunday 10th December	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 17th December	3pm	Lessons and Carols
Sunday 24th December	11.30pm	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 3rd December	11am	Family Communion
Sunday 10th December	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 17th December	2.30pm	Lessons and Carols
Christmas Day	11am	Holy Communion

PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

O Holy Spirit, giver of light and life, impart in us thoughts higher than our own thoughts, and prayers better than our own prayers, and powers beyond our own powers, that we may spend and be spent in the ways of love and goodness, after the perfect image of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Written not by an individual but as a special prayer by a group known for their work amongst soldiers in WW!. Founded by Tubby Clayton, their symbol is a lamp.

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 7th January Epiphany	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 14th January Epiphany 2	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong.
Sunday 21st January Epiphany 3	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Worship for All Communion Café Church
Sunday 28th January Epiphany 4	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 14th January	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 28th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 7th January	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th January	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 21st January	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th January	11am	Holy Communion

PRAYER FOR JANUARY

Grant to us, O gracious God, ears that are attentive to your word, eyes that are perceptive to your glory and wills that are ready to keep your commandments, that with true and faithful hearts we may rejoice in your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Written by a female poet, who gave us one of our favourite Christmas carols.
Invalid sister of a founder artist of the Pre-Raphaelites.



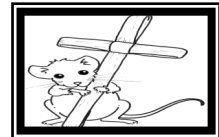
An authentic life is the most personal form of worship.

Everyday life has become my prayer.

Sarah Ban Breathnach



December 2017
& January 2018



ST MARY'S

SIDES PEOPLE 10.00am DECEMBER

3rd - J&A Dickinson, O Harrison, W Pritchard
 10th - J&A Roberts, S McCormack, R Gazzard
 17th - G&M Merlane, O Harrison, K Robson
 24th - G&J Barber, L Copeland, P Wheatley
 24th (Midnight Mass) - R Morel, J&A Dickinson, F&M Gibbon
 Christmas Day - O Harrison, R Morel, P Wheatley, L Copeland
 31st - C&J Bilbrough, F&M Gibbon, S McCormack



JANUARY

7th - G&J Barber, C&J Bilbrough
 14th - P Wheatley, L Copeland, S McCormack, F&M Gibbon
 21st - J&A Dickinson, W Pritchard, O Harrison
 28th - K Robson, R Gazzard, J&R Morel

**COFFEE ROTA -
DECEMBER**

3rd - E Roberts, O Harrison
 10th - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland
 17th - A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon
 24th - M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis
 31st - C Blenkiron, M Gibbon, J Bennett

JANUARY

7th - J Steele, B Ridley, Mary Turner
 14th - E Roberts, O Harrison
 21st - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland
 28th - A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon

FLOWERS - DECEMBER

3rd - Flower Guild
 10th - Flower Guild
 17th - Flower Guild
 24th - Flower Guild
 31st - Flower Guild

FLOWERS - JANUARY

7th - Susan Broadhurst
 14th - Susan Broadhurst
 21st - Judith Clarke
 28th - Judith Clarke

FLOWERS - FEBRUARY

4th - Libby Sands
 11th - Libby Sands

**The deadline for the Feb 2018
issue is
Wednesday 10th January 2018
Please forward any
contributions to Gillian by hand
or send to
gillian.lunn@ yahoo.com**

**Prayers for December were by
Toc H, and for January by
Christina Rossetti**

200 Club Winner
November 2017
Isaac Scrafton

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

***Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing. Believe in yourself.
And believe that there is a loving Source - a Sower of Dreams - just waiting to be asked to help you make your dreams come true.***

Sarah Ban Breathnach