

July &
August 2017

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds



We aim to show how God through the Church,
with its worship, teaching and service, is relevant to modern living.



www.richmondhudswellparish.org

P1 Contents, Transport Assistance	P2 Ministry Team
P3 From the Registers, Poem, After the Cards, Knit2gether, Hutchinson Richmond and Gilling Trust	P4 Farewell Letter from the Rector
P5 Farewell Letter from the Rector continued, Post 9th July Parish Contact details.	P6 Prayer Diary July 2017
P7 What's On July 2017, Our tenor bell	P8 Prayer Diary August 2017
P9 What's On August 2017, Mary Sumner Prayer, Thank you from the Pearsons.	P10 Richmond C of E Primary and Nursery School News
P11 Mothers Union, Fun-Key Church	P12 Introducing The Happy Bodgers, Aroma...
P13 What to read?...	P14 July 2017 services across our group of churches, Bible Study Groups
P15 August 2017 services across our group of churches, Pastoral Care	P16 Rotas, 200 Club, Flowers etc

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH PASTORAL CARE & TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE

Transport to and from Church (C), Hospital (H), Shopping (S)
For assistance please contact any of the below:

Margaret Clayson	12 Green Howards Road	C H	822631
John Dickinson	5 West End Avenue	C H	826803
Joy Hornsby	2 Olliver Road	C H	826490
Graham Merlane	1 Gallowfields Road	C H S	826109
Rosemary Olivier	3 Stanley Grove	C	823081
Edna Roberts	70 Ronaldshay Drive	C	822970
Eileen Simms	56 Ronaldshay Drive	H S	821511
Anne Simpson	56 Gilling Road	C H S	822277
Pamela Wheatley	32 Whitefields Drive	C H	822428
Linda Drury	25 Darlington Road	H	850243





MINISTRY TEAM

RECTOR

Rev Canon John R Chambers, The Rectory, Church Wynd 821241 0787 5348245
j_echambers@btinternet.com

HONORARY CLERGY

Rev Mark Beresford-Peirce • Bishop John Pritchard • Rev Bill Simms • Rev Jennifer Williamson

READERS

Mr Scott Lunn	2 Hurgill Road	826895
Mrs Gillian Lunn	2 Hurgill Road	07592 016476

PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Mrs Jennifer Patrick	1 Roper Court	850693
----------------------	---------------	--------

ACORN CHRISTIAN LISTENERS

Mrs Jennifer Patrick	850693	Dr Sheila Harrison	822059
----------------------	--------	--------------------	--------

CHURCH OFFICERS - THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, RICHMOND

<u>Mayor's Warden</u>	Mr David Frankton	8 Allans Court	823531
<u>Rector's Warden</u>	Mr Roy Morel	22 Olliver Road	823278
<u>Assistant Warden</u>	Mrs Janet Morel		

<u>Director of Music</u>	Mr Chris Denton	The Rectory, MainSt, Stavely, HG5 9LD
01423 340238	07817 386070	chrisjdenton@gmail.com
<u>All Age Worship Music</u>	Fionagh Bennet	music@fionagh-bennet-music.co.uk
<u>Bell Captain</u>	Mrs Susan Welch	8 Maple Road 823700
<u>Head Verger</u>	Mr Leonard Scrafton	14 Pilmoor Close 824106
<u>Parish Administrator</u>	Claire Murray	pa.richmondhudswellparish@gmail.com
		07737482611

OFFICERS OF THE PCC AND OTHERS

<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs Jennifer Patrick	1 Roper Court	850693
<u>Treasurer</u>	William Gedye	55 Maison Dieu, Richmond DL10 7AU	07710739192

wgedye@btinternet.com

<u>Assistant Treasurer</u>	Claire Murray	07737482611
----------------------------	---------------	-------------

<u>FWO Secretaries</u>			
<u>Magazine Editor</u>	Gillian Lunn	2 Hurgill Road	07592016476
		gillian.lunn@yahoo.com	

<u>Magazine Distribution</u>	Keith Robson		07866325843
<u>Magazine Adverts</u>	Frank Gibbon	23 Westfields	821002
<u>Flower Guild and Rota</u>	Katrina Templeton	4 Rowan House, Lyons Rd,	
449300/07889220270	katrina.templeton@gmx.co.uk	The Garden Village	

FOR THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, HUDSWELL

<u>Organist</u>	Mrs Valerie Strawbridge	15 Boundary Way	821440
-----------------	-------------------------	-----------------	--------

FOR THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, DOWNHOLME

<u>Reader</u>	Mr George Alderson	68 Brompton Park, Brompton on Swale	
		07745744195	
<u>Church Warden</u>	Mrs Jean Calvert	Thorpe Farm, Reeth Road, Richmond	823001
<u>Organist</u>	Mrs Eileen Simms	56 Ronaldshay Drive, Richmond	
<u>Church Treasurer</u>	Mr John Horseman	Echlinville, Hudswell, Richmond	826216

FOR THE PARISH OF ST EDMUNDS, MARSKE

<u>Church Warden</u>	Mrs Ruth Tindale	Skelton Lodge, Marske	823371
<u>Deputy Warden</u>	Mrs Ann Stoneham	Ivy Cottage, Marske	822418
<u>Organist</u>	Mrs Jennifer Wallis	1 School Terrace, Marske	822930



find us on
Facebook



FROM THE REGISTERS

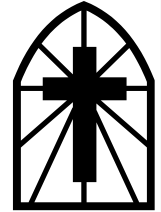
Sadly we have laid to rest

18th May 2017 Mavis Robinson Aged 82

22nd May 2017 Staff Sergeant Stuart Rasbeary Aged 38

2nd June 2017 Margaret Gummer Aged 89

5th June 2017 Winnie Fell Aged 82



May they rest in peace and rise in glory

AFTER THE CARDS AND VISITORS

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

Carrie and Anne would like to help with the next step by meeting recently bereaved spouses/partners for coffee at Greyfriars on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.30am. Contact Carrie on 850103 for further information. **Meets 4th July and 1st August 2017. All welcome.**



Father,

We have so many questions. Life is sometimes difficult and we can't see our way. Thank you for Jesus who told us He is the Way. It doesn't matter if we don't always understand as long as we are on your special Way – in relationship with you through your precious Son, who died on the cross to make that possible. Help us to join the Way by putting our trust in what Jesus has done.

Help us to make it easy for others to find the Way – to find Jesus. Please give us revelation to know the right words to use and the right actions to take to draw people to you.

We ask in Jesus name and for your glory alone,

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

KNIT2GETHER FRIDAYS BETWEEN 10PM AND 12NOON AT GREYFRIARS RESTAURANT:

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



HUTCHINSON RICHMOND AND GILLING TRUST

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

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

Farewell from the Rectory

July/August 2017

In 2010 I was appointed to the benefice of Richmond with Hudswell, Downholme and Marske and Liz and I moved up from Nottingham in the early November . The easiest way to describe our start is to quote from my letter sent to my previous parishes.

"We are now in Richmond, but can only describe our first few weeks as memorable!!

Record breaking snow showers and arctic temperatures have made life interesting. Just to make our start even more memorable, the brand new heating system developed a leak and had to be turned off, on the night when temperatures reached -15°! The plumber thought it was because the filter had been damaged by frost – which is inside our utility room!!"

Such a lot has happened since that cold winter and it is a joy to see how so much has grown and developed in the life of our parish.

When I applied for this post, part of the information I received was the parish profile. This contained a full picture of Richmond, Hudswell, Downholme and Marske together with the life of the churches. It also contained "Strengths and Weaknesses, a list of "Requirements of a new Minister" and "Key challenges for the new Incumbent"! It is for you to decide how I have measured up to those daunting tasks. However I believe that in many ways much of these tasks and challenges have been met.

The key thing for me and a source of much joy as I reflect on my ministry here is to see the way in which God is working in so many people as he moves his church onward and outward.

In St Mary's, whilst maintaining much of the tradition of the church in terms of churchmanship and worship styles, we together have managed to introduce a wider worship pattern for all ages. To have an established pattern of worship which includes BCP Holy Communion, Sung Eucharist, Choral Evensong, Cafe Church, Fun – Key Church, Free to Be and two mid week services of traditional language Holy Communion illustrates the commitment so many of you have for making worship welcoming and inclusive for all.

In St Michael's & All Saints Downholme and St Edmunds Marske the comments in the visitors books speak for themselves. Comments are made re the sense of being in a loved building with a welcoming atmosphere. These two loved churches are supported in such a lovely way. Much is said about the difficulties of rural ministry, but I often hold Downholme and Marske up as two wonderful examples of church in the community. For example just ask those on the coast to coast walk who so appreciate the drinks and snacks laid out for them in St Edmunds, with a simple honesty box for donations.

Whilst it has been very sad to witness the forthcoming closure of St Michael and All Angels Hudswell, it has also been lovely to see how those from Hudswell have so easily become part of St Michael's church family in Downholme.

Thank you for your faith, your love and your eagerness in so many different ways, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is alive and relevant in our world today.

The ministry in this benefice has been enabled and strengthened by our ministry team, who work together so well. I would like to give a personal thank you to all the

Readers and retired clergy for their support. The mixture of energy and experience, underpinned by a humble and hard working practical faith has been a delight to experience. Combining this with the incredibly hard work of the officers and members of the two PCCs has enabled the churches to be church in every sense of the word.

It is so important to enable church in the community and the close working links with our schools, local councils, civic and military organisations is practical and actual and has been a powerful form of Christian outreach. You have played and continue to play a vital role in these areas of God's work in the community and I thank you so much.

So many of you, too many to name, have been particularly responsible for the expanding outreach of the churches in the Benefice. I wish you every blessing as you continue to discern God's will for you as individuals and as church.

On a personal note Liz and I will be leaving you all with mixed feelings. A sense of sadness at leaving a family in which we have felt so much a part, mixed with a sense of excitement as we look forward to our retirement back in Nottinghamshire.

Thank you so much!

We hope you will be able to come to our farewell Songs of Praise at 6.30pm on Sunday, July 9th, in St Mary's, followed by refreshments.

We will also be holding an open house at the Rectory on Saturday July 15th, from 10:00am – 5:00pm, to which you are all warmly welcome.

Yours in Christ

Revd John

Rector

FROM THE 10TH JULY 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

For details of services, pew sheets and magazines are available in church and online at www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk



PRAYER DIARY FOR JULY - we pray ...

Sat	1	For the month ahead. That we may share love and joy with all.
Sun	2	For all who are finding life really tough - may they know there are people they can turn to - and may we be those people.
Mon	3	For our Monday Morning Toddler Group, For preschool children, school children and students, staff and support staff.
Tue	4	For all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bring them comfort, peace and hope. For all who come to After The Cards today.
Wed	5	For all who govern schools. For our primary school as it continues through the Academisation process.
Thur	6	For our bin men, road sweepers, policemen and women, traffic wardens and Community police.
Fri	7	For all who live, work and visit Greyfriars, and the Knit2gether group. For those whose families serve abroad and overseas. For those injured while in service.
Sat	8	For our politicians - local, national and international. May they seek your wisdom and serve with integrity and for good purpose.
Sun	9	For our evening service when we bid thanks and farewell to Rev John and Liz. That they and we may trust God, dream dreams and go for it!
Mon	10	For our PCCs as we gather for the first time this evening with Archdeacon Bev to begin the vacancy process. May God be at the heart of all our activity as we look to the future.
Tue	11	For all seeking God's purpose for their lives. For courage to listen to God, and to use the gifts which he has given us.
Wed	12	For the seasons of life - new life, those dying, those tired and those enthused.
Thur	13	For those known by few but loved by God. For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms and weddings.
Fri	14	For all who make music in our church
Sat	15	All who are lonely and all who try to help relieve loneliness.
Sun	16	For peace in ourselves and our world. For Free to Be this evening.
Mon	17	For students as they come to the end of the academic year.
Tue	18	For love, friendship, and encouragement. For family and friends who live far away.
Wed	19	For refugees and migrants, and for all who are trying to help.
Thur	20	For the gift of life
Fri	21	For love. For hearts that are gentle and kind.
Sat	22	For all taking part in and attending the MU Reeth Brass Band concert and afternoon tea.
Sun	23	For Revs Mark, Bill, Jennifer , and Bishop John, and their families. For our Readers Scott, Gillian and George, for our Church Wardens, PA Claire and all who look after us in our vacancy.
Mon	24	For Richmond with Hudswell PCC meeting this evening.
Tue	25	For our neighbours. For strangers, may we be welcoming, kind, open and encouraging. For people we are worried or concerned about.
Wed	26	For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and their carers.
Thur	27	For the Mothers' Union locally, in this country and worldwide. For their prayerful support of so much.
Fri	28	For a sense of excitement and anticipation.
Sat	29	For rest. For open hearts and minds.
Sun	30	For Fun-Key Church as we gather together. For fun, faith and fellowship for all ages. ⁶
Mon	31	For our bell ringers and all who have worked so hard to bring it all together.

WHAT'S ON IN JULY 2017

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

Tuesday 4th After the Cards at Greyfriars, first Tuesday of the month, 10.30am. For more details, please see page 3.

Wednesday 5th: Richmond Flower Club - Outing to Leighton Hall, Cumbria. Tel. 01748 824514 for more details. NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Thursday 6th: First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Sunday 9th July - Farewell Songs of Praise for Rev John and Liz - 6.30pm at St Mary's Richmond. Everyone welcome. This service will be a thanksgiving for all that Rev John and Liz have done and brought to our communities. The Station Singers and the music group and choir will be taking part.

Monday 10th July - Pre Section 11 Meeting with Archdeacon Bev Mason for all PCC members of our group of churches - 7pm to be held at The Old Mill Skeeby. Good parking available but please car share if possible.

Sunday 16th July - Free to Be at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm - Everyone is warmly welcomed to this 'after hours' contemplative worship event which gives space to think, pray, awaken the senses and simply be with God. The event is 'free flow' and you are welcome to join and leave at any point. There will be a short service of Compline at the end of the evening.

Saturday 22nd July - MU Host Reeth Brass Band at St Mary's Church at 3pm Followed by afternoon tea. Tickets are £6.50 from MU Members. Please come along and support what is always a lovely afternoon.

Monday 24th July - Richmond with Hudswell PCC Meeting - 7pm - to be held at The Old Mill Skeeby.

Tuesday 25th July - MU meeting at 2pm at Margaret Clayson's home - everyone welcome. Lifts available from MU members.

Sunday 30th: Fun-Key Church @ St Marys at 4pm (with refreshments from 3.40pm): We look forward to gathering together again this month. Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages. For more details, please see page 9.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYER DIARY FOR AUGUST - we pray ...

Tue	1	For the month ahead. That we may share love and joy with all.
Wed	2	For refugees and migrants, and for all who are trying to help.
Thur	3	For those who work and volunteer at The Green Howards Museum
Fri	4	For all who live, work and visit Greyfriars, and the Knit2gether group.
Sat	5	For rest and refreshment for staff and students in our schools.
Sun	6	For all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bring them comfort.
Mon	7	For those whose families serve abroad and overseas. For those injured while in service.
Tue	8	For all who govern. For energy, integrity and wisdom.
Wed	9	For those known by few but loved by God. For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms and weddings. For our communities of Hudswell, Downholme and Marske.
Thur	10	For the MU and with thanks for the inspiration of Mary Sumner.
Fri	11	For all seeking God's purpose for their lives. For courage to listen to God, and to use the gifts which he has given us.
Sat	12	For hearts that are gentle and kind.
Sun	13	For the different seasons of life - for courage, wisdom and the faith to trust God, dream dreams and go for it.
Mon	14	For all who provide emergency service relief. For all who make music in our church: our choir, our organist, Musical Director Chris, our bell ringers, and our music group.
Tue	15	For all who are on holiday and all those who would love to be but can't for a variety of reasons.
Wed	16	For peace in ourselves and our world.
Thur	17	For all receiving their A Level results today - staff, students and parents.
Fri	18	For Rev Mark Beresford-Peirse, Rev Bill Simms, Rev Jennifer Williamson, Bishop John, and their families. We give thanks for their time, compassion, and wisdom.
Sat	19	All who are lonely and all who try to help relieve loneliness. For love, friendship, and encouragement. For family and friends who live far away.
Sun	20	For all coming to Worship for all and Café Church today.
Mon	21	For our Readers Scott, Gillian, and George, and Chaplain of Readers Rev Jennifer Williamson
Tue	22	For rest. For open hearts and minds - open to the whispers and nudges from God.
Wed	23	For people we are worried or concerned about.
Thur	24	For all receiving their GCSE results today - staff, students and parents.
Fri	25	For our Pastoral Team and The Happy Bodgers, and all whom they visit.
Sat	26	For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and their carers.
Sun	27	For our Fun-Keys - rest, ready for more fun, faith and fellowship in September.
Mon	28	For a sense of excitement and anticipation.
Tue	29	For those who clean our streets, empty our bins, sort the recycling, repair the cobbles.
Wed	30	For our neighbours. For strangers, may we be welcoming, kind, open and encouraging.
Thur	31	For the Mothers' Union locally, in this country and worldwide. For their prayerful support of so much.

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST 2017

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

Tuesday 1st: After the Cards at Greyfriars, first Tuesday of the month, 10.30am. For more details, please see page 3.

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

Richmond Flower Club - NO MEETING THIS MONTH. Next meeting is Wednesday 6th September - A demonstration by Jan Faulkner "Just for you". In Hudswell Village Hall

Thursday 10th August - MU attend Ripon Cathedral for midday prayers followed by a picnic to celebrate Mary Sumner Day. Everyone welcome. See below for Mary Sumner prayer.

Sunday 20th August at 4pm - Café Church at St Mary's - we welcome Margaret Jefferson, who amongst many things used to be Director of St Cuthbert's Hospice in Durham - refreshments begin at 3.45, our speaker with opportunity for discussion will begin shortly after 4pm, and we will close our service just after 5pm with the quiet reflective service of Compline. Everyone very welcome.

Coming up at Cafe Church -

On **Sunday 15th October** we look forward to welcoming Dr Jamie Harrison. He is a GP, Lay Canon at Durham Cathedral, involved in health and healing issues and has a professional interest in wine education.

Then on **Sunday 21st January 2018** Alexe Finlay (a member of our congregation)... will be in conversation with Bishop John Pritchard.

And on **Sunday 20th May** Baroness Angela Harris will be in conversation with Bishop John Pritchard. Lots to look forward to.

Mary Sumner Prayer

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.

Amen



THANK YOU FROM THE PEARSONS -

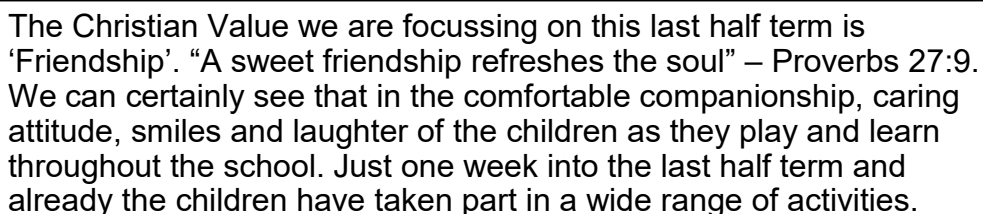
Phil and Sheila Pearson would like to say thank you to all at St Mary's.

We were very touched by your kind words at our last service with you, and will always treasure the book with your signatures and comments.

St Mary's was such an important part of our lives and we'll miss you all so much.

St Lawrence's in Warkworth have been very welcoming but it does all feel rather strange at the moment.

We do want to stay in touch and would love to see anybody who is up this way - our new number is 01665 712269. St Mary's will be in our thoughts and prayers, particularly when you say goodbye to John and Liz and embark on the interregnum.



The school was a hive of scientific activity on the Tuesday. It was wonderful to see all the children dressed as scientists taking part in a range of fascinating investigations based around the characters and stories of Roald Dahl. Fun was had by everyone involved.

Year 6 visited Right Click Studios on Thursday to have group photos taken for their Leaver's Book which will be a treasure to keep of memories of their time at primary school and the friendships they have made.

Year 2 became experts of their local area on Friday as they completed a Tour of Richmond to support various areas of the curriculum and will be using this knowledge to write stories.

By the time you are reading this, various practitioners will have come in to school to work with us as part of the Richmond Bells project. Look at the blog <http://blog.richmondcofe.n-yorks.sch.uk/> to see what we get up to.

When asked ‘What is a friend?’ the children replied: “Someone you can trust”, “Caring”, “By your side”, “Annoying!” well, maybe it’s all of those things!

“Your words are powerful. With a few kind words you can transform a person’s day and sometimes their entire life.”

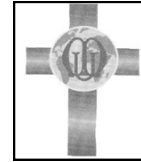
*“Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours through him who loved us.”*
Desmond Tutu

“God is greater than great, closer than close, more loving than love.”

Bishop David Jenkins

God is love.

MOTHERS' UNION



Our June meeting was our last meeting with John and Liz also it was Margaret Clayson and Rex Bassindale's Birthday so we celebrated with tea and cake and presented John and Liz with a rose bush for their new home entitled "Warm Wishes".

On Saturday 22nd July at 3pm we host our annual fund raiser in St. Marys Church - A concert by Reeth Brass Band followed by afternoon tea tickets £6-50 from MU members.

We are meeting at Margaret Clayson's for our Tuesday 25th July meeting, and in August and we meet at the Cathedral for midday prayers and picnic for Mary Sumner Day on Wednesday 9th August.

We did a flower arrangement for the flower festival around the font in memory of Margot Fox who did the same arrangement at a previous flower festival before she died.

Susan Scafton

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen

FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY'S RICHMOND



We had a great time at Fun-Key Church at the end of May when we looked at The Ascension. Plenty of craft activities, a quiet space, and 2 science experiments. We said prayers using bubbles to carry our prayers to God who is all around us, and not just in the sky.

We enjoyed refreshments from the MU team and we love the help which our volunteers give us. They are stars. As ever our helpers got stuck into all the activities and everyone had fun.

By the time you read this we will have had our Pet service which is always great fun - at the time of writing we were looking forward to some fab hymns, pet blessing, certificates given, face-painting, paper-plate craft. We decided we might not manage to create a quiet space this month! Then we look forward to welcoming people back on **Sunday 30th July before our annual break in August and then back refreshed on Sunday 24th September.**

Very relaxed 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> Gillian 07592016476

Introducing “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.

We could operate in pairs if necessary, eg to move heavy furniture in order to clean. We might be able to help with some joinery, simple repairs, electric fittings, small jobs in the garden, minor computer problems and advice on using software, internet, email etc. We might be able to clear gutters and take things to the dump. 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.

What do you smell like at work?

This does not mean when you're a bit sweaty from your cycle ride to the office, or after you've polished off a cheese and onion salad sandwich for lunch.

It *does* means what do you exude when you go to meetings? When you meet clients or patients, when you work closely on a project with colleagues, when you chat with your boss... what do people breathe in when they're around you?

2 Corinthians 2 talks about us being the 'aroma of Christ' to people – that as we interact with those around us, over time, our words and our actions develop a scent and a flavour that can suggest something of God's character.

Fiona, a social services manager from Scotland, seems to smell pretty good. *“I look at you and I wonder how you can behave as you do”,* a colleague said to her recently as they battled for the umpteenth time with a long-running and very difficult service complaint. *“You're under so much stress and always busy, but you always have a smile and a different perspective.”*

Tom, who heads up a car-company sales team in the Midlands, also has something of a godly scent – despite the competitive industry he's in, where the temptation to cover up mistakes is high. One of his managers recently commented: *“I really respect that you always tell the truth and don't try to hide problems – that's had a huge impact on me, and on the team too.”*

All of us can approach our work in a way that gives off a Christ-like aroma. The scent comes from the ripening fruits of the Spirit in our lives: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

SOMETHING TO READ...

Still Valued and Blessed By Patrick Coghlan, Kevin Mayhew, £12.99

What exactly is old age? Grey hair? A pension? A state of mind? Whatever it is, and however it is defined, one thing is for sure: God wants our lives to continue to be valued and blessed.

And so Patrick Coghlan encourages everyone entering and journeying through old age to do so with a positive attitude and to live a spiritually fruitful and fulfilling life. "We still have spiritual needs to be met, callings to fulfil, and new things to learn!"

Cancer: A Pilgrim Companion By Gillian Straine, SPCK. £9.99

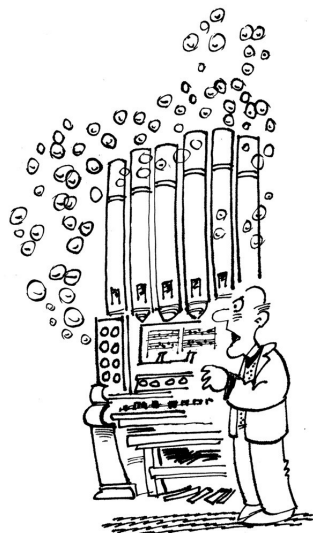
A cancer diagnosis is a seismic event. It divides life into before and after, and propels the diagnosed into places of suffering, pain and isolation; life is turned upside down.

In this wise and compassionate book, cancer survivor Gillian Straine proposes that this journey through illness, pain and anxiety be reconceptualised as a pilgrimage of discovery. The Christian faith is that we are never abandoned by God, and this promise holds wherever we might find ourselves, whether that is in the doctor's waiting room, in a chair receiving chemotherapy or lying on the surgeons table.

Prayers, Texts and Tears – a creative response to grief By Dai Woolridge, Bible Society, £7.99

How do we respond to God, our family, and our colleagues when our whole world is shattered by the death of a loved one? For Spoken Word artist Dai Woolridge, there were sometimes no words. In this honest and personal story of grief, Dai offers a creative response to God in psalm-like poems, prayers and beautifully expressed 'scribbles and inner monologues'.

Whatever the bereavement, grief is something we all encounter at some point in our lives. Having lost his dad suddenly, Dai Woolridge knows well the 'hope-thieving nature of grief'.



For the last time! - Which member of the Junior Choir put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?!

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping. To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world.'" Fred Rogers

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 2nd July Trinity 3	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 9th July Trinity 4	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Songs of Praise - Farewell service for Rev John and Liz
Sunday 16th July Trinity 5	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Worship for All Free to Be, concluding with Compline.
Sunday 23rd July Trinity 6	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 30th July	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 9th July	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 23rd July	9.30am	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 2nd July	11am	Family Eucharist
Sunday 9th July	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th July	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd July	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th July	11am	Holy Communion

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 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.

During July and August please check with Scott or Jennifer for dates which the groups will meet.

Act in such a way that you are living proof of a loving God. Anon

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 6th August Transfiguration Sunday	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sunday 13th August Trinity 9	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong
Sunday 20th August Trinity 10	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Café Church
Sunday 27th August Trinity 11	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	HOLY TRINITY	
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS DOWNHOLME	
Sunday 13th August	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th August	9.30am	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 6th August	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th August	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th August	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th August	11am	Holy Communion

PASTORAL CARE

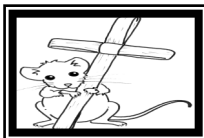
The St Mary's Church community prays that we can do all we can to support, listen to, and love all in our parish whether members of our church or not. The Pastoral Team at St Mary's have established a **Prayer Circle** at St Mary's. If you have something which you would appreciate prayer for, whether for yourself or for someone you care about, we would be privileged to pray about it. No prayer request is ever too small or trivial. Whatever you wish to share, in confidence, we will support you in prayer.

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

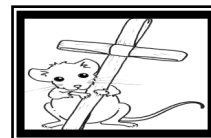
You can contact Gillian on Tel: 075 920 16476 or Email: gillian.lunn@yahoo.com

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

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.



July &
August 2017



ST MARY'S

SIDES PEOPLE 10.00am JULY

2nd - G&M Merlane, O Harrison, R Gazzard

9th - G&J Barber, R MacAulay, K Robson

16th - C&J Bilbrough, F Gibbon

23rd - R&J Morel, P Wheatley, L Copeland

30th - J&A Dickinson, J&W Pritchard

AUGUST

6th - J&A Roberts, D&J Wade

13th - G&M Merlane, O Harrison, R Gazzard

20th - G&J Barber, R MacAulay, K Robson

27th - C&J Bilbrough, F Gibbon

SEPTEMBER

3rd - R&J Morel, P Wheatley, L Copeland

10th - J&A Dickinson, J&W Pritchard



200 Club Winner

June 2017

No:195

John Meynell

FLOWERS - JULY

2nd - J Patrick

9th - Claire Murray

16th - Claire Murray

23rd - Margaret Clayson

30th - Margaret Clayson



FLOWERS - AUGUST

6th - Sharon McCormack

13th - Sharon McCormack

20th - Joan Brown

27th - Joan Brown

FLOWERS - SEPTEMBER

3rd - Libby Sands

10th - Libby Sands

The deadline for the September 2017 issue is Wednesday 9th August 2017. Please forward any contributions to Gillian by hand or send to gillian.lunn@yahoo.com

COFFEE ROTA - JULY

2nd - C Blenkiron, J Bennett

9th - J Steele, B Ridley

16th - E Roberts, O Harrison

23rd - L Copeland, P Croft, J Emmerson

30th - P Wheatley, J Brown

AUGUST

6th - A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon

13th - M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis

20th - C Blenkiron, J Bennett

27th - J Steele, B Ridley

SEPTEMBER

3rd - E Roberts, O Harrison

10th - L Copeland, P Croft, J Emmerson

