Please send any notices, news or events for the Pew Sheet by noon on Wednesday, thank you.

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www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk

You can keep up to date on our FACEBOOK page:

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The Parish of St Mary, Richmond with Hudswell



Sunday 28th January 2024 - Candlemas

All are welcome at St. Mary's Church

You are welcome to attend services in person, online or by dialling in. The church is open daily for private prayer, 9am–dusk.

Please join us for **Morning Prayer** each Tuesday-Friday at 8:30am.

Sunday 28th January (Candlemas)

8.00am Holy Communion10.00am Parish Communion

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-5; Hebrews 2: 14-end; Luke 2: 22-40 Hymns: CP 513 / 191 / Beauty for Brokenness / 386 / 455

4.00pm Fun-Key Church

Monday 29th January

4.00-5.00pm Song Squad Youth Choir weekly rehearsal

(please contact Chris Denton 07817 386070 for details)

Wednesday 31st January

9.15am Holy Communion

Thursday 1st February

10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel

9.00-11.00am Little Angels Toddlers' Group in the Methodist Church Hall

Sunday 4th February (2 before Lent)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Morning Worship, Theme: Candlemas Christingle

Reading: Luke 2: 22-40

Our financial viability depends on us! To support the work of our church please make a donation as you enter or leave the church (cash or card), or click here: Richmond with Hudswell PCC | Stewardship Thank you. To join our Planned Giving scheme please see the website 'Giving' page.

At Sunday 10am Communion services our 'GoodPlate' card reader will be presented during the Offertory hymn as a symbol of our gifts.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Within your daily prayers please remember:

those in **special need** of prayer:

Sylvia, Claire, Cecilia, David, Mark & Anne, Peter Ward, Lukas Walker-Fraser

those in need of ongoing prayer:

Amber, Christine, Edna, Frank, Hilary, Elizabeth Bassindale, Cliff Bilbrough, Eddie Burrell, Martin Dando, John Earnshaw, Margaret Emmerson, Howard Finch, George Metcalfe, Neil Thwaite, Philip Welch, Tate and Ashton Bowles

Jan Jack, Sharon O'Connor and Graham Pearson (as they train to become Pastoral Assistants)

those who mourn as **we give thanks** for the life of Dave Crane, Doreen Rucroft, Barbara Healy, Ann Brewer, Catherine Florentine

and of those whose anniversary falls during this period.

28th John Kirby 29th Michael Clayson

Book of Remembrance If you would like the name of a loved one to be entered in this book, please contact the Parish Administrator, Colin Hicks.

Prayer Meetings All are welcome to join us online for the prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings, 8pm to 9pm. It is informal and supportive and you don't have to pray out loud. Please contact Anna on 07753 884572

January Charity of the Month: Richmond and Dales Talking Newspaper

You can hear an introduction to this local charity on the YouTube recording of the 7th January service. This small charity, with both volunteers and listeners from St Mary's, provides a free fortnightly audio news service to people in Richmond and the Dales who find accessing the printed word difficult. Information about our work is on display in the church.

You can donate by using our dedicated collection box or via Just Giving: see the QR code on our publicity material in church or use this link https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/RichmondDalesRTN?utm_term=PJzrBdayn If you know of anyone who would benefit from our audio service, ring our Helpline, 07876 705550.

Paul and Jeanette's final Sunday with us will be 11th February

At the 10am service we will be joined by the people of St Michael's, Downholme and St Edmund's, Marske, enabling us as a Benefice to say a united fond farewell to Paul and Jeanette.

Lent Resources

With Easter being early this year (31st March) Ash Wednesday will fall soon: 14th February. Please see the separate flier or the website for details of Lent resources at St Mary's.

Palm Crosses

If you wish to, please return your palm cross from previous years. These will be burnt to create the ash used in our Ash Wednesday services (14th February, 9:15am and 7:00pm). Please place your crosses in the basket at the back of the church.

Exploring Faith to return (at the Rokeby Inn, DL11 7QW, 10am-12:00) 24th February, the Very Revd Prof Martyn Percy, former Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 'Alice in Ecclesialand: What Churches do in Principle and Practice.'

<u>2nd March</u>, the Rt Revd Dr David Stancliffe, former Bishop of Salisbury. Further details to follow.

Blues in the Pews Friday 23rd Feb The first of the 2024 Blues Nights is on Friday 23rd Febwhen we welcome "Hot Foot Hall" to entertain us duly supported by "Drystone Blues Collective". It is a 7.30pm for 8.00pm start, tickets £10.00 available from Castle Hill Bookshop or 85 Frenchgate. As usual, licensed bar available on the night. *John Challis*

Magazine Subscriptions

Thank you to all who have paid their Magazine subscriptions by Bank transfer, Cheque or Cash for the 2024 issues of *Connections*. If there are any outstanding subscriptions, please pass them to Colin or a Churchwarden to ensure that you continue to receive your copies.

St Mary's Prayer Circle

We are refreshing the Prayer Circle, an email-based anonymous group of church members who commit to pray when specific prayer requests are made, usually for named people. These can be relatives, friends, acquaintances etc who don't have to live in the area, but who would appreciate confidential prayer.

If you would like prayer (or to be a pray-er) please contact Anna via pray@richmondhudswellparish.org.uk or text 07394 907924.