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The Parish of St Mary, Richmond with St Michael & All Angels, Hudswell

Sunday 31st January, Candlemas



All are Welcome at St. Mary's Church

You are welcome to attend services online or by dialling in. Please see the Church website for more details including the Zoom links.

The church is open for private prayer each day, 9am – late afternoon.

Sunday 31st January

10.00am Benefice Communion, streamed from St Mary's Readings: Malachi 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday 3rd February

9.15am Holy Communion, streamed from St Mary's

Sunday 7th February

10.00am Benefice Communion, streamed from St Mary's Readings: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31; Col 1:15-20; John 1:1-14

The February Charity of the Month is The Mothers' Union.

The Mothers' Union is a worldwide Christian organisation with over four million members in 84 countries and has a branch at St Marys. It supports all aspects of family life. You can find more information at: www.themothersunion.org and in the Parish Magazine.

The branch account details are:

Account name: Mothers Union Richmond Branch. Account number: 60090077 Sort Code: 20-25-29 Please give as generously as you are able. Many thanks.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Within your daily prayers please remember:

those in **special need of prayer**

Margaret Emmerson, Doreen Sayers, Katrina Templeton

those in need of **ongoing prayer**

Judith Morton, Liz Atkinson, Jean Coulthard, Barbara Hill, Joyce Kirby, Josh Winch and all the patients at the Friary Hospital

those who mourn as we give thanks for the lives of Bob Pearson, William Bunney

and those whose **anniversary** fall in the coming week **5**th **February** Andrea Kitchener

and please pray for the growth of our church.

Prayer Requests can be sent directly to the Prayer Circle by email: pray@richmondhudswellparish.org.uk, or by text: 07394 907924

Book of Remembrance If you would like the name of a loved one to be entered in this Book please contact Alexe Roberts, 01609 881216.

Cashless donations can be made to St Mary's Church:

- by internet banking to 'Richmond with Hudswell PCC' Sort Code 40-38-19, Account No. 50701793
- via the PayPal Donate button on the church website
- by using the 'GoodPlate' or the 'GoodBox' (located next to the main door)

Any donation can be Gift Aided using a yellow envelope available in church – or please see the Giving page of the website.

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal 2020: A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our appeal over Christmas. The magnificent total of £963 plus Gift Aid of £55 equalling £1018 was raised by members of St Mary's, the Methodist Church and the Catholic church congregations. Judith Barber

The **Prayer Meeting** will return this evening (31st) at 5pm. We will be experimenting to make it work on Zoom, come and join the fun! We will use a similar structure to pre-covid Prayer Meetings, ie 4 cycles of sharing our prayer thoughts and requests and then a time of prayer. We'll aim for a total of 40 minutes.

If you'd like to take part please email Anna Boyce (Fletcher) on boyceadl11@gmail.com to receive the link at the start time.

Dates for the Diary

All are welcome to come along to the **Discussion Group** on Monday 1st February! Starting at 8pm and finishing at 9pm we will be thinking about Hope. It will be via email as usual so please let Anna know your email if you'd like to join us: boyceadl11@gmail.com.

There will be a pre-Lent online **Quiet Morning** on Saturday 13th February, 9:45am-12:00; a Creative Reflection led by Fiona Brown. To book a place please contact Paul or Martin.

Lent will begin with **Ash Wednesday** on 17th February when there will be services streamed from the church at 9:15am and 7:00pm.

A choice of three online **Lent Courses** will be on offer, each with weekly sessions beginning in w/c 15^{th} February:

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45pm, on the Diocesan *Rhythm of Life* spirituality resource

Thursdays, 2:00-3:15pm, on the acclaimed book by Pete Greig *God on Mute*: Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer Saturdays, 4:00-5:15pm, using the all age *Lent in a Bag* resource.

Please see the website for further details and how to join.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 5 March

St Mary's is presenting this service, compiled in Vanuatu, on behalf of Christians Together in Richmond (many events this year have been cancelled but not ours). Margaret Clayson is hoping you will all attend an online event, just like our Sunday services, and further details will be available as soon as possible. There are also printed orders of service including large print versions – please ring Alexe on 01609 881 216 if you would like one.