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## POSSIBLY AN EDITORIAL from [stmarys.maged@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.maged@gmail.com)

Well, here we go! Edition 2 and into March already. A key month in the year ... Lent in 'full swing', the daffs are out, clocks go forward and the evenings get lighter, two national saints complete for top billing, Mothering Sunday, Easter on its way, my birthday... what's not to like??

Thanks for the verbal feedback on the February edition. It's also been splendid to receive an e-mail! Please do write in with news, information and comment. As an individual reader of our monthly magazine, it's good for you to get things of personal interest– but it's worth thinking of what other people may be getting from their read too. So, if you are a reader who has left the area – and I mean Marske, Downholme and Hudswell, not just St Mary's – please get in touch and let us know how and what you are doing.

As part of the wider family of the church, people who have lived and worshipped in our benefice churches also like to know of how the 'youngsters' who have left the area are doing. St Mary's members, for instance, will remember Sophie Overin as a chorister, so it's good to know she will be back in the area singing in March (there's a short piece in this magazine – but no prize for finding it). From our own family point of view, I know how touched our own offspring (now grown up – whatever that means!) have been to know that congregation members have been asking about them.

There are also those people who have moved away from the area to change jobs, be near family members who need a bit of support or retire to a different environment or life-style. As with our own blood and marital relatives, they are still 'family' - wherever they are.

Or what about those who simply no longer come into the family 'homes' – our churches

in Downholme, Marske or Richmond? Do they know we still think of them fondly and with love? It would be splendid to include a regular 'Where are they now?' section in our magazine.

So, come on, get writing!! There's a box for contributions at the back of St Mary's near the first pillar as you enter ( a sort of pillar box??) to get us going. Is there anyone in Marske who would act as a 'newsgatherer' there? And put a box in their church? And what about Downholme? Please do get in touch. My contact details are on the preceding page if you aren't an e-mailer.

On the subject of the magazine itself, you will notice that some items are set to become regular features for the next few months. The history of our churches and some healthy walks will be regulars, as will some background to a saint whose day falls in the month in question. But what about modern day saints?

Spotlighting a different volunteer organisation every month which offers love, care and support to others in the community is one of these areas of 'enlightenment. This month, it's the Talking Newspaper, next month the Storehouse (Richmond's food bank). Homestart, Friends of the Friary Hospital and the Little White Bus are all in the pipeline.

An organisation called Parish Pump Ltd will be a regular source of cartoons, Sudokus and children's challenges.

Current local and national community-based matters will also feature – but what would you like to see -and what can you offer, even just a one-off? Please get in touch. Please help.

I'm off to work out to try William's Walk. Happy March! Now... where did I put the birthday cards?

*Jim Jack*

### DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE APRIL EDITION Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to Ian Short (cover photos) , Joy Hornsby, William Gedye, Sheila Harisson, Jonathan Roberts,, Keith Hardisty, Alexe Finlay, Gillian Howells, Susan Wallis for contributions this month – and to Susan & Barabra Pinkney for finding and forwarding Anne Simpsons's touching piece on pages 6 & 7



## Martin's Message

March 2020



### Loving, Living, LEARNING in Lent

As the old saying goes, 'To live is to change...' In matters of faith, as with so many aspects of life, unless we are growing we will not just stand still: we will actually regress. (How many people do you know who 'outgrew' their childhood faith, only to reject it completely in adulthood rather than pursue a deeper knowledge?)

As we are all aware, our values as a Diocese are *Loving, Living, Learning*. These undergird our Diocesan vision of *Confident Christians, Growing Churches, Transforming Communities*. For Christians everywhere, Lent is traditionally a time to focus on *Learning*.

So, what is your Lent book this year? And which Lent Home Group have you joined? Whatever it is that you are doing this Lent, it is just as likely to involve taking something on as giving something up! Lent is a time to develop new good habits as well as give up bad habits – with a view to building in a permanent change to our lives.

[www.learning.leeds.anglican.org](http://www.learning.leeds.anglican.org)

To enable us all to keep growing, our Diocese provides a **Digital Learning Platform** at the address above: please take the opportunity to visit. It features a wide range of topics and learning styles, with the *Prayer and Spirituality* and *Lay Training* sections specifically designed to help us grow in faith and in knowledge. It also features a number of learning 'hubs' around the Diocese – to ensure that no one has to travel far to an event or a course.

### St Mary's – A Learning Hub

St Mary's is one of these learning hubs. The first course to be run here is on Pastoral

Ministry and will provide the training required to become a **Pastoral Assistant**: it will involve ten sessions on Wednesday evenings, from 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It would

be wonderful to have some 'home' students on this course! For further details on how you could become involved in Pastoral Ministry in our Benefice, or on this course, do please speak to me.

Perhaps this Lent is the right time to instil the good habit of regularly visiting our Digital Learning Platform – with a view to joining a certain number of events or courses each year.

### Setting God's People Free

This is the title of a Church of England initiative to give the whole people of God a confident faith which can be lived out in our everyday lives. It is about liberating our gifts and skills – and discovering what we love doing, what energises us and gives us life. It is about seeing for ourselves that God's service is perfect freedom!

The Diocesan Digital Learning Platform is one means of achieving this aim: it is there to be used! Our Parish Weekend is another...

### Our Parish Weekend (28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March)

On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** we are all invited as a church community to spend some time together – away from St Mary's, but not too far away! We will be gathering at Richmond Methodist Church between 9:30am and 4:00pm, with **Bishop Helen-Ann** joining us for the afternoon.

The purpose of this day is to enjoy fellowship together, and to discover the gifts and talents we have each been given by God.

Then, on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be reflecting together on what we have learnt, offering it all to God and committing to walk together with him into the future.

Do please add your name to the sign-up sheet for our Saturday 'Away Day in Richmond'.

### Did you hear what I heard?

Would you be interested in joining an occasional gathering after the 10am service to reflect on that day's sermon? Anyone wishing to join the discussion would be welcome to meet the preacher and consider such questions as:

- What did we hear today?
- Did it fit with your understanding or was there something that surprised you?
- Did you mentally dismiss or were antagonised by anything said?
- Is there a particular idea which you know will linger in your thoughts and prayers?
- Will it affect your actions today? What next?

We would meet in the Choir Vestry at St Mary's (our 'upper room'), to give some privacy and to limit the numbers to a reasonable size for a worthwhile group discussion. No one will be 'put on the spot': come and listen, if you prefer!

Our first '**Thought for the Week**' Reflection Group will be on **1<sup>st</sup> March**. For further details, please speak to me or to Jan Beeton.

### Lent Quiet Morning

Following our well-received Advent Quiet Morning there will be another opportunity to take some quiet time out to reflect on the significance of the season. On **Saturday 4th April**, as we look ahead to Holy Week, there will be a series of meditations held in St Mary's on the **Stations of the Cross**. The Quiet Morning will run from 10:00 until 12:00: please feel free to join the whole morning – or to drop in when you can.

With every blessing for a holy Lent – and a lifetime of learning. **Martin**



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### A Prayer for March

Give Thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this Thy great people?

(Prayed by a king who is wise; Solomon. Kings 5 )

**Loving.  
Living.  
Learning.**

## St. Mary's Hidden Animals – Anne Simpson's Treasure Hunt

With the sad death of Anne Simpson, not only St Mary's but also the wider community has lost a tremendous servant, espousing her faith through her actions over the years. An Oxford graduate in foreign languages, Anne left a teaching career in the North-East behind her to work for the Church Missionary Society teaching in Nairobi. Subsequently moving on to Beirut and later to Cairo teaching English, Anne returned to Richmond to nurse her ailing mother. Anne continued to serve others at home and in her home town by volunteering at the Learning Centre, the museum and the Station alongside supporting those from other lands who made this their home here – Ghurkas on the garrison and Syrian refugees – and organising some of the Christian Aid work locally. For Anne, serving others was loving others

Set out below is the text of something Anne had prepared for her contribution to 'St Mary's Got Talent' in 2018. A delightful contribution to the evening, Anne was later asked if she could write it down in the hope that it could be converted into a leaflet to be made available for visitors to the Church. In looking through her possessions, her family came across this lovely piece hidden in the leaves of a book. So now we have her very words set out below as a small tribute and memorial to a remarkably talented and caring lady. In her talk, she invited us to seek out some images of animals, their creation almost

Some of St Mary's animals are going to tell you a bit about themselves. I've chosen five, though you'll hear a few more being mentioned. Why don't you go and say 'hello' to a few of them?

### The Hare

I'm the first one, because I was here before all the others. I sit at the top of the pillar near the south door, and watch all the people coming in and going out. I was carved a long time ago. I think I'm a hare, because I have long ears and long legs, but some people disagree. What do you think? Hundreds of year ago, when the church was new, people going in to Mass - the rich ones first, the poor ones last - they stood at the back. There weren't any pews in those days, just a few benches. Now, sometimes at night, I wish I could go out on the grass.



### The Pig

I'm the next one, because we arrived here from Easby more than four hundred years ago. It was a very uncomfortable journey. We

heard that the men of Henry VIII had closed Easby Abbey, but by sheer determination some people brought the choir stalls from there to here. What a bumping and jolting, but finally we were in place - three pigs, under the third seat from the end on the right.



Pigs! Yes, that's right. A big pig - he's the boss - is playing the pipes, and I'm the one who's dancing faster than my friend behind me. We love it on Sundays when the choir are singing and Chris is playing the organ. But at night we come out and dance to our hearts' content in the chancel to our own music.

### The Sheep

You may not have noticed me. I'm the sour-faced sheep in the nativity window near the font. The other sheep look contented enough, so why am I looking so cross? Well, it's because I know our shepherds are going to visit baby Jesus, and they're leaving us behind.



But as time has gone on, I've changed. Whenever babies come to be baptized, I see God's blessing in action and I'm right there. And now I can look across to the big

Easter candle and see the Lamb of God, The Agnus Dei, who died to save the world. What an honour for us

### The Mice

May I introduce the mice. You all know about the mice carved by Robert Thompson and his team after him. I'm Military Mouse, I'll explain in a minute. My two friends are Music Mouse, embedded at the bottom of the organ screen, and Meditative Mouse, round the back of the pulpit there. Music Mouse hardly says

anything, he's too busy listening to the organ and checking that all the pipes are tuned correctly.

Meditative Mouse is very wise - you can ask him



about the bits of a sermon you don't quite understand and he'll explain it to you. As for me, my job is to keep order among the young mice on the chairs in the Green Howards Chapel. You should see them at night scampering around squeaking excitedly. I have to bring them to order and drill them. Now they know exactly what to do if that pesky cat jumps down from the end of the altar rail and grabs one of them: they surround her and squeak so loudly she's forced to drop it and let it escape.

During the day I watch over the chapel. Sometimes a Green Howards veteran will come in - he'll look at the pages in the Book of

Remembrance or just sit quietly with his head bowed. I feel happy that all the veterans find a place of peace and rest - even those unruly youngsters on the chairs know they're in a special place

### The Giraffe

Finally I'd like to introduce myself, perhaps the most unusual animal - the giraffe. Many people come to look at the beautiful Ruth's window where I live. They see the butterflies and the bee, but they can't always see me. I'm right at the top, near the central orb. I don't often look down; I just rejoice in gazing at that wonderful orb, full of angels' wings and singing. Maybe that's why I was



given such a long neck, so that I could be nearer to heaven. But at dawn just before the sun rises and all is still, I crane my neck as far as it will go and greet my friend the donkey at the bottom of the east window. Often the sun strikes him as he patiently carries the Son of God towards his destiny in Jerusalem. He is never distracted like the rest of us.

**HOLD ON  
TO THAT  
WHICH  
IS GOOD**

I sometimes look down and see people, happy, sad, hopeful, coming to light a candle and to pray and I wonder about them. But the donkey plods faithfully onwards fulfilling his unique duty - and he always will."

Anne Simpson

**FOOTNOTE:** As Anne's piece tells us, if you do go on the mouse hunt in (4), you will find Robert Thompson's trademark mouse carved on chairs, the screens and a number of other places in the Green Howards Chapel. The use of the mouse is said to have come about from a chance remark to Robert about being 'poor as a church mouse' whilst carving a cornice in a church in his early days. Thompson (1876-1955) established his workshop in Kilburn, where he lived all of his life. The firm, run by his descendants, still thrives today. It is located near the parish church and now houses a visitor centre and café in addition to the workshop facilities.

# LOYAL DALES VOLUNTEERS

Nowadays, many of the essential and valued support services run in our area are staffed wholly or mainly by 'Loyal Dales Volunteers'. Responding to this need, members of churches in our benefice and other denominations in our area are part of a wider group who offer their services by volunteering in our community – in our libraries, in hospital visiting, in driving the Little White buses ... the list is extensive. Perhaps you are one such volunteer yourself.

This is the first of a series of articles which spotlight different volunteer services in which church members play their part. Who knows? If you're looking to give some time to one of these activities – or know someone who does – this series may provide a route.

## LISTEN UP! – THE RICHMOND & DALES TALKING NEWSPAPER

### Bringing the News to You – Heard not Seen

With 24 hour news so accessible in an increasingly IT focussed world, it might be said that news can be readily heard on television or radio, national and local, so what need is there for "talking news"?

The volunteer local talking newspaper team at Richmond & Dales Talking Newspaper are working hard to provide articles that particularly reflect life in Richmond and the surrounding villages, and which are of such a local nature that they would not normally be heard on TV or radio. Their mission is to ensure that people with a visual impairment do not miss out on what's happening around them.

The service the volunteers offer is completely free, with audio articles gleaned from, and with the permission of, the "Darlington & Stockton Times" and "Richmondshire Today"

#### The starting point

The local talking newspaper was originally the idea of the late Debbie Walker, who was the local reporter for the D & S Times. She was joined by a number of local people to start the service.

Initially the recordings were made at the studio of the Darlington Talking Newspaper, which had already been established. Fundraising events were held, various local authority grants were applied for and obtained, and in late 1989 the Richmond Library generously made a room available for a studio to house the recording and duplicating equipment that had been

acquired. Recordings were then produced on audiotape independently from early 1990.

From inception until 2006, the small team produced a 90-minute tape once per month. Then, in that year and meeting an increasing demand, the output grew to two 60-minute tapes, recorded on the first and third Monday.

Moving with the times, from January 2009, the organisation changed over to compact discs, still on a two per month basis as before.



#### Team work makes it happen

At present, some 35 volunteers, each of whom are members of one or more of four teams and who work on a rota system to spread their involvement.

The starting point for each edition is the **Editing Team**, which chooses the articles to be included in each recording and produces the necessary script. A **Reading Team** read the articles into microphones. It's their voices which are heard on the recording. The third team is that of the **Sound Recordists**, who control the equipment that records the readers, and who produce a master CD.

The following day, and using special machines which can produce multiple copies of discs simultaneously, the **Duplicating Team** produces sufficient copies of the CD and sends them by

free post in plastic, Velcro-sealed wallets to the 35 visually impaired listeners in our area.

The current leader of the group, retired bank manager, Keith Hardisty, reports that the feedback from the listeners is always positive. They enjoy the recordings and look forward to each one dropping through their letterboxes!

### **Striving to improve ..**

Keith stresses that the Talking Newspaper is like all outreach work led by volunteers, never standing still and being ready to move with the times. 'One thing we need to know is whether we are reaching our target audience or whether there are visually impaired people who could really benefit from this topical update,' he emphasises. 'It could be anyone from any section of the community and we do not want them to miss out.'

This concern is emphasised by the fact that, over the last 20 years, the number of people receiving the talking newspaper has decreased quite considerably. Some of the reasons for the decline are understood.

Young visually-impaired people are likely to be willing and able themselves to use computer-based tools to access news – even local news such as in the D&S Times. The number of older people - who may not have computer skills - is diminishing.

'We are talking to local Social Services and GPs to try to identify local residents who might enjoy the "talking newspaper" and, to ensure that the message reaches as many as possible. Letters have been sent to the Anglican churches in Richmondshire - most of the Deaneries of Richmond and Wensley - and other churches where appropriate, to widen our net in the hope that people do not slip through.'

Whilst the Talking Newspaper has primarily been designed for, and directed to, those with a visual handicap, the current team is open to providing recordings to other people who have a need for local news on audio form.

### **The Talking Newspaper is needing some help**

Like all volunteer-led community resources, the Talking Newspaper in our area needs help to maintain and develop the service. They need people who are willing to give up a small amount of their time in order to join one or more of the teams.

A particular current need is further Sound Recordists. Jonathan Roberts at St Marys is central to the current recording process. If there is anyone who would be prepared to learn to do this and help in making recordings in the studio in Richmond Library, this would be greatly appreciated. Experience with audio recording and familiarity with computer recording and editing would be useful, but full training can be provided.

### **The Talking Newspaper - making a difference**

Joy Wade, a listener, and one of the Trustees, says " I enjoy being connected in this way as ever since I have had the opportunity to use the service, I know more about Richmond than I did when I was sighted, things which would have passed me by, campaigns, people who care, who do things for others. I am proud to be a Trustee and part of something which was a definite aid to me when I lost my sight'

*Contributors - Keith Hardisty, Jonathan Roberts, Joy Wade*

### **Interested in knowing more?**

Do you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving the service?

Do you know anyone who can help with the work by joining the volunteer team?

Please contact

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# FOR ALL THE SAINTS..

Following last month's background piece on a 'February' saint, Valentine, there are two this month to avoid any accusations of national favouritism! St David comes first for no other reason than his 'day' is 1<sup>st</sup> March, with St Patrick following on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Interestingly, this precedence is also appropriate in church terms, for, while David has been canonised as a saint, Patrick hasn't! To learn more about this shock news, read on!

## St David 1<sup>st</sup> March

David was born about 520 A.D into an aristocratic Welsh family which was part of the royal house of Ceredigion.

The young David grew up in the priesthood, being educated at a monastery under the guidance of St Paulinus. He is known to have been vegetarian, eating only bread, herbs and



vegetables and drinking only water – a good fit for some societal trends today! In fact, he was known as Dewi Ddyfrwr (the 'water drinker' in Welsh).

Sometimes, as a self-imposed penance, he would stand up to his neck in water reciting scripture. If you come across any water springs named after him, it may well be (no pun intended!) that it is a spot where there was a milestone event in his own life.

### David the missionary

He became a missionary and travelled across Britain and even made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, no mean challenge in the pre-Tui days of the 6<sup>th</sup> Century AD. He founded a dozen monasteries, including Glastonbury and one at Minervia (the place now known as St David's).



The cathedral which bears his name today was built on the site of the monastic Celtic Christian community he founded at Glyn Rhosyn ( which means 'vale of roses'). He made this his 'seat', later being pronounced Archbishop of Wales at the Synod of Brevi in Cardiganshire in 550 A.D.

His death on 1 March, 589 A.D. explains the choice of date for St David's Day. His remains were interred in a shrine in Minervia, but the ransacking of the building by marauding Vikings in the 11<sup>th</sup>C casts some doubt on the claims of the finding of his bones in 1996. Nevertheless, after his death, his influence spread from his home land, across the Severn estuary to the South to Cornwall and thence to Brittany.

According to legend, he performed several miracles during the course of his life, including the restoration of the sight of his erstwhile tutor, St Paulinus. His missionary work and miracles led to his canonisation as a saint in 1120 AD by Pope Callactus II. Following this, he was declared Patron Saint of Wales.

### And what about leeks, daffs and taffies?

Some legends create the link between David, the leek and Wales. In a battle against the Saxons, David was said to have advised troops to wear leeks in their hats to distinguish themselves from the enemy. However, this 'legend' does not appear until the 17<sup>th</sup>C, (it would have been the British King Cadwaladyr if the battle story was correct).

Other attributions are also linked to war and Welsh troops – Welsh archers fought bravely at Crecy in 'the field of leeks' and were instructed by the Black Prince to wear leeks in their caps every St David's Day to celebrate their bravery.

Whatever the source, it is still seen as St David's personal symbol. It has also has a much longer link than the daffodil which appears to be a 20<sup>th</sup> century promotion. (What would Wordsworth have thought?)

A petition to have St David's Day marked as a public holiday in Wales received 87% support in the principality, but was rejected by the British Government in 2007. Nevertheless, there is a long and strong history of Welsh people marking the feast day of their patron saint. Such celebrations were not always appreciated in areas outside Wales.

Samuel Pepys noted counter-celebrations by people in London, with the symbolic lynching of effigies. By the 18<sup>th</sup>C, it became common for confectioners to produce gingerbread figures called 'taffies' on St David's day – all a long way from the Christian works of the patron saint of Wales.

## St Patrick – 17<sup>th</sup> March

But what about Patrick, I hear you cry? Well, as with David, there is more myth than established fact about his life – hardly surprising, given the limited means of recording and securing such information in such times over 1500 years ago.



Whilst not part of the nobility of the time, Patrick was born into a wealthy family in what was the Roman-occupied British Isles – but not Ireland – at the end of the fourth century. His father

was a Christian deacon. His parents may have been indigenous Celts or may equally have been of Roman or continental descent. So some say he was born Maewyn Succat; as an educated adult, he signed his name as 'Patricius'.

### First contact with Ireland

His first link with Ireland was when, at the age of 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and held captive in Ireland for six years. Whilst in captivity, he writes, he heard God's voice there telling him to leave. He escaped, going to England where he received religious instruction for almost 15 years. It was then he reports his second vision of an

angel telling him to return to the land of his captivity as a missionary.

At the time of his return, a bishop known as Palladius had already been sent to 'the Irish believing in Christ'. Patrick's mission was also to minister to Christians already living on Ireland and to begin to convert the inhabitants of Ireland.

### Merging tradition with the new faith

Having already lived in the country, he was well placed, in terms of language, custom and culture, to gain a hearing for his message. As with other examples of conversion in other places and times, Patrick sought to build familiar traditional ritual into his lessons on Christianity rather than trying to eradicate long-standing beliefs and practice. Easter bonfires (the indigenous Irish honoured their gods with fire) is one example.

Perhaps a more obvious one is the super-imposing of the sun on the Christian cross, creating what we know as the Celtic cross. Given that the Irish religions were often steeped in myth and legend, it is probably not surprising that some of the works attributed to St Patrick may be exaggerations to create an aura.



For example, he is attributed to have banished snakes from Ireland by standing on an Irish hillside, holding a wooden staff, and giving a sermon which caused all of the snakes to slither into the sea. Sadly, it is more likely that Ireland, bounded by seas on all sides since the end of the last glacial period, never had indigenous snakes and the sea stopped them getting there.

However, as a metaphor for the eradication of paganism and the establishment of a beautiful land through Patrick's mission, it serves to show how important his work was and how venerated it became.

He is believed to have died on the equivalent of 17<sup>th</sup> March around 460 AD (no 'Countryfile' calendars in those days!), the day which is now marked across the world as St Patrick's day by people of Irish descent.

The shamrock ('seamroy' to the Celts) was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland as its annual emergence symbolised the rebirth of life in Spring and may have been another part of his adoption of Irish ritual, but there is no strong evidence of this. Even the choice of green as a national colour and alleged links with Patrick are flimsy; knights of the Order of St Patrick wore what was known as St Patrick's blue.

### And the shock news? ....

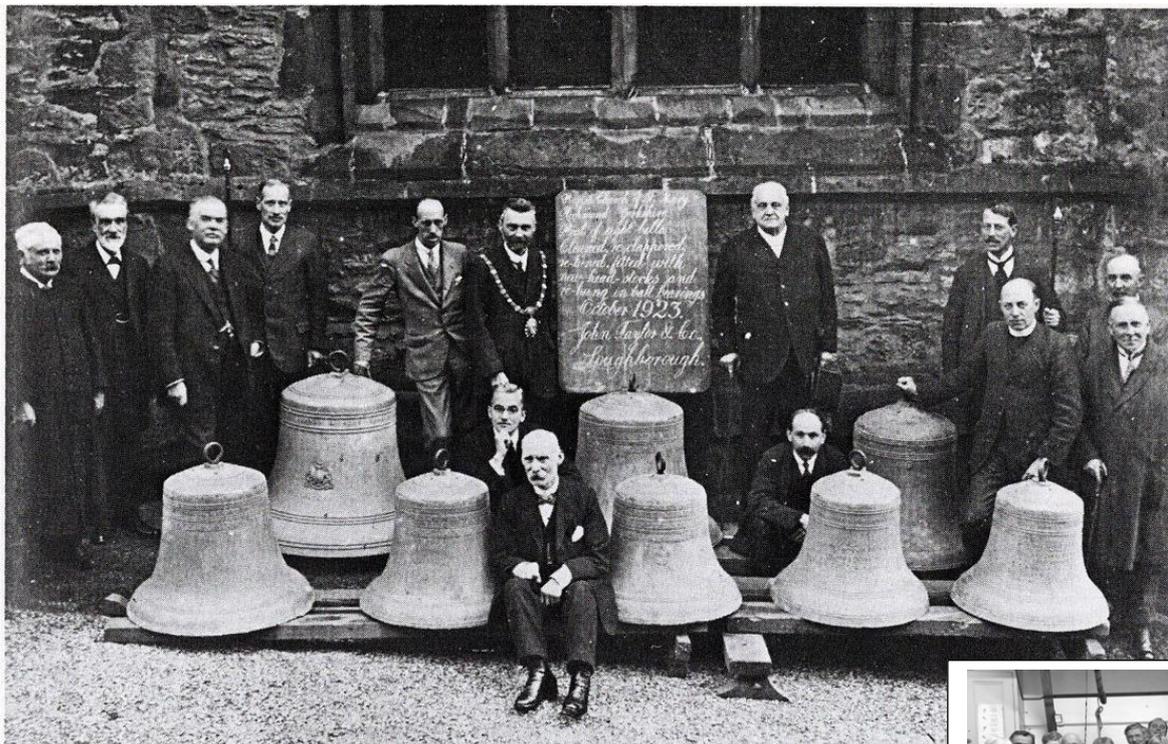
Although Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, he has never actually been canonised by the Catholic Church – probably due simply to the fact that there was no formal process of canonisation in the early Catholic Church. However, due to his work in spreading the word of Christ across the whole of Ireland in difficult times, his right to sainthood by popular acclaim is hard to challenge



*May the road rise up to meet you  
May the wind be always on your back  
May the sun shine warm upon your faces.  
May the rains fall soft upon your fields  
And, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his Hand*



## THEN AND NOW



This month's photo (above, from an unknown source) dates from when the bells were re-tuned and re-hung with new headstocks in October 1923. The Canon, Revd. N. Egerton Leigh, is shown on the right of the blackboard, the Mayor of Richmond, Albert Morton, standing on the left with the organist, Arthur Fountain beside him. The verger, Robert Underwood, was a well-loved 'character, wit and raconteur' who is said to have kept the churchyard in immaculate condition. The team on the right is the more recent 'new bells' crew!!



## NOTES FROM OUR PAST

Sitting in isolated splendour on an elevated site to the west of the main road between Richmond and Leyburn, the 12th century church of St Michael and All Angels was, at one time, at the heart of a small village community but also serving a widespread area. The original settlement was overcome by the plague. Now the stone buildings of the village lie a mile away on the opposite side of the road and remote from its grade 2\* listed church.



The name of the village derives from the Anglo-Saxon word 'dun' meaning hill. The suffix 'holme', comes from the Anglo Saxon word 'holegn' meaning holly and appears to have been added at a later date. Certainly, in the Domesday Book of 1086, it is simply mentioned as 'Dune', the manor in which it is situated belonging to Count Alan of Brittany (Alan the Red), the founder of Richmond's historic castle.

Jane Hatcher's article this month reminds us of the widespread nature of the ecclesiastical parish which the church served. Her account brings us towards Downholme from the direction of Leyburn. At the point where the driver chooses to bear left towards Richmond via the Swale or to head straight on seeking alternative ways into the town via Hudswell of Catterick Garrison (spoilt for choice?) lies Halfpenny House Farm.

### Halfpenny House Farm

Within the ecclesiastical parish of Downholme are several scattered farmhouses. One of them lies alongside the road between Richmond and Leyburn, near where two road signs confusingly used to point in different directions towards Richmond. One

road (now signposted to Richmond itself) takes you past the battlemented Walburn Hall



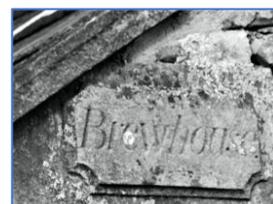
towards Downholme, the other 'over the tops' to Richmond is now signposted 'Catterick Garrison'. This latter route was on the Richmond to Lancaster Turnpike Road, created by an Act of Parliament of 1751.

The charge to use the turnpike road from this point to travel to Richmond was one old half-penny. This gave the name Halfpenny House to the farmhouse. The half-penny coin was collected in the two-story porch which projects out towards the road.



Nowadays the Dixon family concentrate on producing high- quality sheep, but farm diversification is nothing new. In the past, travellers using the road could also stop here and take some hard-earned refreshment. The farmhouse was licensed as an inn, which brewed its own beer, as did most pubs in those days.

Across the busy road from the farmhouse remains the building constructed for that purpose. It bears two inscriptions, the



word *Brewhouse* and the date 1832, for it was built in the same year that parliament passed the necessary legislation to 'Reform' the voting system. The farmer at the time was Charles Mason, who could also call himself 'victualler', the dictionary definition of which is "a person who is licensed to sell alcohol".

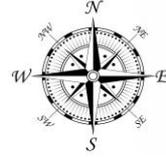
Near the brewhouse is the well that provided spring water for the beer. The building has recently been carefully reroofed for its landlord, the Ministry of Defence, the land in the area forming part of the training grounds for Catterick Garrison.

Jane Hatcher



## WILLIAM'S WALKS

March 2020



In 2009, William Gedy took on the role of co-ordinating a 'Walking for Health' programme across Richmondshire under the auspices of the Richmond & Swale Valley Community Initiative. The main aim was to help people to get active through group walking, each led by 3 knowledgeable leaders. Although the funding for this highly beneficial and enjoyable way of discovering new parts of our area no longer exists, William and his volunteer team of walk leaders ( a number of whom are members of St Mary's) continue to lead the programme of walks and also develop and test out new routes.

However, you don't have to join a group to enjoy walking. William kindly offered to contribute a different walk route every month to enjoy with friends or on your own, simply to appreciate the countryside with which we are blessed. This is the second in the series. Why not give it a go... and let us know what you think?

### Walk no. 2 - Druggon Hill. (Ordnance Survey Map 304 Northallerton & Richmond)

Catterick Garrison is rich in natural resources and has many public and permissible footpaths in between the barracks. Druggon Hill has an odd garden shed at its summit and walkers can speculate as to its purpose.

This walk takes you on an interesting circuit via Scotton across the MOD training area on Catterick Garrison. Walkers must follow MOD by-laws which are published on information boards on entering. The main rules are DO NOT pick up or remove anything you find on the MOD property, and stick to the waymarked public/permissible footpaths as described below.



**START/FINISH** - TESCO Car Park, Catterick Garrison, DL9 3EN.     **TIME** 2 Hours

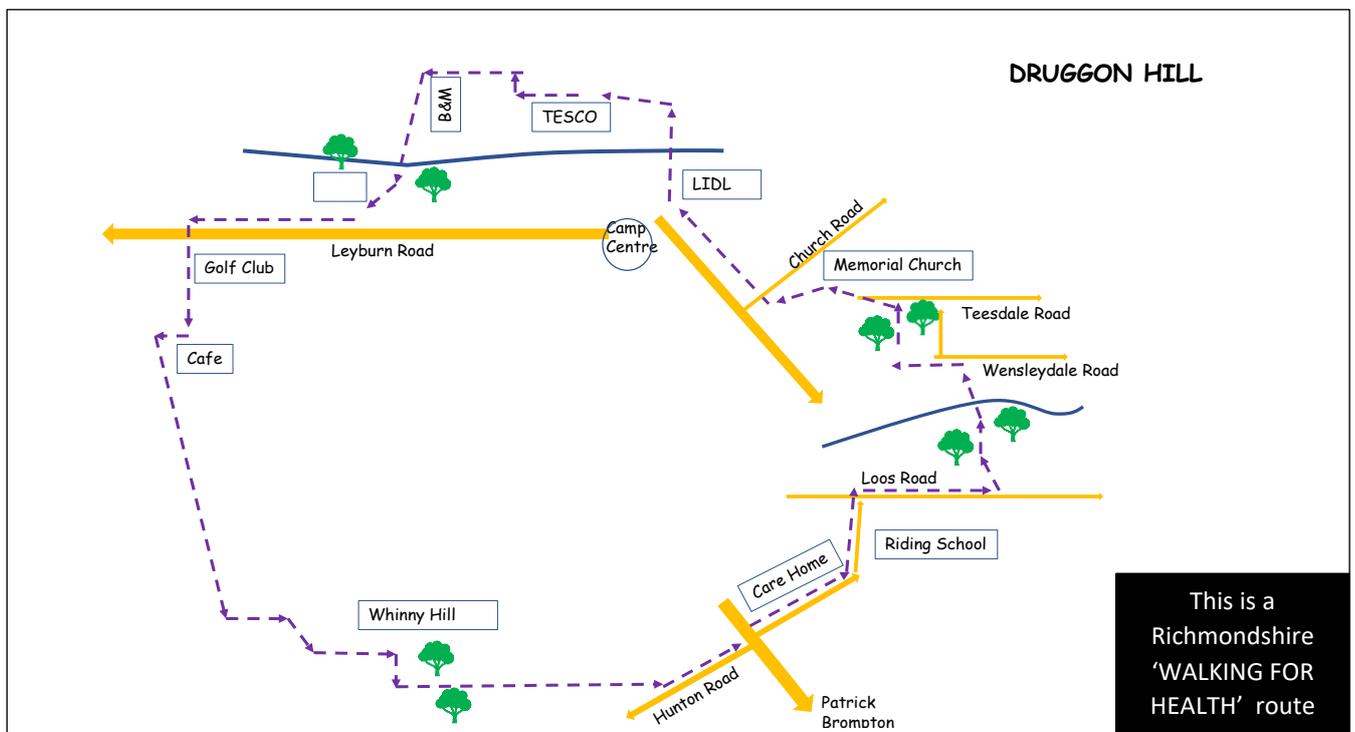
**DIFFICULTY** - Moderate. Gentle slopes. Can be muddy after rain. Some short lane sections. Crosses the MOD land using waymarked footpaths. Not suitable for pushchairs.

**TOILETS & REFRESHMENTS** at The Golf Club Café (ninth hole) and TESCO.

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**THE WALK ROUTE DETAILS START HERE** - Leave the TESCO Car Park by the Filling Station exit and turn left along Gough Road.

Go past the B&M store and take the footpath off to the left signposted 'Woodland Walk'. Go down the steps and cross the footbridge on your left over Leadmill Beck. Bear right on the opposite bank and follow the path up to Leyburn Road. Turn right and use the path along the open grassland following the direction of the road.



Climb the few steps and go up the track keeping an eye out for golfers left and right. The track leads you along the edge of a wood, and round to the right until you reach the café at the 9<sup>th</sup> hole. (If this is open, they welcome walkers!) Again, watching for golfers playing across the path, turn left past the café, following the waymarkers, go straight across the course to the gate at the other side of the unmown patch.

Go through the gate, and straight on following the hedge-line for 3 fields. Look out for Druggon Hill on your left and the urban battle demonstration centre, also on your left. At the end of this you come to a crossroads in the tracks.

Turn left and follow this between the hillocks, and keep half-left to a cattle grid and down the right-hand hedge-line to Scotton. Follow the Hunton Road left to the main Scotton road gate. Go through this onto a concrete lane and follow this around to the right with the barrack buildings and firing range on your left. Turn left through the wood and emerge through the gate at the end, into the farmland. Follow the lane. Cross Scotton Road and go straight on, down

Low Hall Lane, with houses, and then the Maple Lodge Care Home, on your left. Follow the lane down a short slope and keep left past the riding stables.

Cross Loos Road and turn right along the pavement. Immediately after crossing Scotton Beck, turn left along the permissible track and follow this into the wooded area. Look out for the left fork in the path. Follow this down to the footbridge over Scotton Beck. Go straight on up the slope, until you reach Wensleydale Road.

Turn left and then bear left along the wire boundary, turning right onto the footpath at the end through the woods to Teesdale Road and the Garrison Memorial Church.

Turn left up Church Road and then right over a footbridge and follow the path parallel to Scotton Road until you reach the Camp Centre Roundabout with its statues of Baden Powell and railway engine. Cross Catterick Road and go up the pavement past ALDI. Cross Richmond Road at the Pelican Crossing and go up the steps back into the TESCO Car Park.

**' I am on my own all weekend but really look forward to meeting the walkers every Monday morning' ('Walking for Health' participant)**  
 The full (free) programme can be obtained by e-mailing [walk.for.health@btinternet.com](mailto:walk.for.health@btinternet.com).

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### Mothers' Union have a January party...

Mothers Union members and friends started the New Year with their annual party entertained by Tony, Freda, Mark and Dennis. A lovely afternoon's music was followed by our now famous Afternoon Tea. The party was a lovely social event, greatly enjoyed by all. Thank you to our singers and all who came and joined in the fun. As a bonus three ladies expressed an interest in joining our branch and they are most welcome.

### ...and plans the year ahead.

Looking to the future, on Mothering Sunday (22nd March), MU will once again be providing primulas to be given out during the service. This is closely followed by Lady Day on Wednesday 25th March which we will be celebrating at the 9-15am Eucharist to which all are welcome.



Moving to the last day in April, on Thursday 30th April we will be going to Ripon to say the midday prayers at the Cathedral. Each Thursday, these prayers are said by members of a different branch in the Diocese.

Looking ahead to Summer, our annual fundraising event is the concert by Reeth Brass Band followed by Afternoon Tea. This will be held on Saturday 11th July, so please keep the date free and support us in our work.

Under the alias of "The Belles ", we serve refreshments and fundraise at various events at St. Mary's. Anyone interested in joining MU or the Belles or helping in any way, please speak to Margaret Clayson (Branch Leader) or Susan Scrafton (Secretary).

As always, the MU offers many thanks to Rev. Martin for the support he gives to our branch. It really is appreciated. *Susan Scrafton*

### It's Quiz time with Fairtrade

Quizzing is a popular British pastime and events such as the Marrick Priory quiz show that quite a number of St Mary's members relish the challenge. Well, here's your chance!

The Richmond Fairtrade group is inviting you to **THE BIG QUIZ on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** in the Town Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.



As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, **FAIRTRADE** Richmond Fairtrade Group are back with their popular fundraising quiz with the annoyingly challenging quizmaster, broadcaster James Wilson.

Beneficiaries this year will be the Tuesday dementia cafe, **plus** Traidcraft Exchange, the Shared Interest Foundation **and** the Fairtrade Foundation. Bring your money as well as your brains as there will be a bar with Fairtrade wine and beers from Darwin Ales plus a Traidcraft Stall with lots of tasty treats.

Enter your own team of six or make one up on the night. Individual tickets are £6 from Castle Hill Bookshop or on the door. Ring Gillian Howells (01748) 825221 for more details.



The vicar got a little carried away with the church's new state-of-the-art PA system

## ***Music, music, music!***

### **Army Band to Play in Church Again**

Following an excellent concert in January, our locally based army band returns to St Mary's on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. for another performance by the military multi-instrumentalists. Ticket prices will be announced soon.

All proceeds will go to Church funds so a big 'thank you' to our friends in the Army band. Tell your friends – or, better still, bring them!

The programme will follow a VE Day theme and will feature a Cornet Concerto by Philip Wilby entitled '1945'. The guest soloist will be Dan Thomas from the prestigious Black Dyke Mills Band.

### **Station Singers Return to St Mary's**

The Station Singers, led by Musical Director, Carol Gedye and with accompanist Brett Overin, are returning en masse for their Spring Concert on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The profits from this concert will be donated to the Friends of the Friary Community Hospital and the Marie Curie Swaledale Fundraising group. This promises to be yet another memorable concert from this vibrant and enthusiastic community choir, quite a number of whom are members of churches within our parish. The concert theme is 'All Around Jazz'.

Doors open at 6.00 p.m. for a 6.30 start. Tickets bought in advance are £9.00 or £11.00 at the door. These can be bought from Castle Hill Bookshop, The Showcase Gallery, King Street Kitchen and Gift (all in Richmond) and also from Choir members or through one of the two charities which this concert is supporting.

### **And a reminder...**

#### **Sophie's return**

Former St Mary's chorister and clarinettist, Sophie Overin, is returning to Richmond on 18<sup>th</sup>

March to sing with the Carice Singers in their Richmondshire Subscription Concert performance " 'Tis Nature's Voice." Whilst studying Music & French at university, Sophie also had a choral scholarship. She has put her linguistic work on ice to pursue her love of singing. Further information and tickets from [rsconcerts.org](http://rsconcerts.org).

### **200 Club Winner**

The winner of February's draw was No. 64 Christine Steadman. Congratulations, Christine! Apologies that the champagne photoshoot *à la Camelot* jackpot winner had to be cancelled due to lack of champagne, a lack of a camera and a question mark over copyright and world rights to any exclusive celebration pictures !!!

Why not put yourself in the same position as Christine and previous lucky winners by contacting Jonathan Roberts to make a year's subscription for your own unique number in future draws? Who will be next? Check next month's magazine to find out - or hear the announcement (as excitement builds towards the church notices) in morning worship. You've got to be in it to win it – as they say!

### **Edges of Faith – a new group to get under way**

All of us have doubts and questions but we don't often get the opportunity to get them out and dust them off very often. Not only has life a way of wrong footing us but we live in a soundbite world where there isn't ever enough time to really get to grips with some of our deepest questions.

'Edges of Faith' will be starting in April and meeting monthly at John and Wendy Pritchard's house in Bolton Avenue, Richmond. The aim of the group is to mull over the questions that are important to us and to learn from each other.

To find out more, please speak to John or Wendy Pritchard or Anna Boyce.



We have laid to rest those  
who have died on:



6 <sup>th</sup> January	Anne Simpson	St Mary's, Richmond & Crematorium
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Derek Hutchinson	Crematorium
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Muriel Gibson	Crematorium
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Hugh Knox	St Edmund's, Marske
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Marie Nunn	Crematorium
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	George Wallis	St Edmund's, Marske

***May they rest in peace and rise in glory***

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.  
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.  
Let it be spoken without effort, without the ghost of a shadow in it.



### WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	"Thought for the Week' group	St Mary's	11.30 a.m.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	'After the Cards'	Fleece Hotel	1.30 p.m.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Rainbows	St Mary's	9.30 am – 1.00 pm
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Fairtrade Big Quiz	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30 p.m
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	North Yorkshire Wine Society	Cricket Club	7.30 p.m.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Rainbows	St Mary's	9.30 am- 1.00 pm
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Free to Be Service	St Mary's	6.30 p.m.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Swale W. I. Talk	Methodist Hall	2.00 p.m.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Concert – Carice Singers	Influence Church	7.30 p.m.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Rainbows	St Mary's	9.30 am – 1.00 pm
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Exploring Faith Meeting	Rokeby Inn	10.00 a.m. - noon
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	M U Eucharist	Holy Trinity	9.15 a.m
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Rainbows	St Mary's	9.30 am- 1.00 pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Army Band Concert	St Mary's	7.00 p.m.
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Station Singers 'All Around Jazz'	St Mary's	6.00 for 6.30 p.m
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March/ Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parish Weekend (pt 1)	Methodist Hall	9.30 am -4.00pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parish Weekend (pt 2)	St Mary's	10.00 a.m. on
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	'Fun-Key' Church	St Mary's	4.00 p.m.

## INFORMATION POINT

There are a number of groups which meet on a regular basis as part of the church family. As always, **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

If you would like to become part of any of these activities or find out more about them, please contact the relevant organiser—or just turn up!

There are also other groups who can offer help on a one-to one basis to help you to deal with some of the events in life for which help and support is beneficial

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

**THE LUNN'S HOME @ 2 HURGILL ROAD , 7.30pm**

Everybody is welcome to join us for cake, chat and discussion. At the moment we are looking at the readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Scott on 826895 for more information. New members are very welcome.

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

**JENNIFER PATRICK'S HOME @ 1 ROPER COURT, 7.30pm**

This is another very friendly group. They are discussing Bishop John Pritchard's book Ten. Please call Jennifer on 850693 for more details.

### **KNIT2GETHER EVERY FRIDAY**

**BETWEEN 10.00 a.m. & 12 noon**

A weekly knitting, crocheting and hand sewing group. This group meets in the coffee shop/restaurant at Greyfriars. All will be made very welcome.

Bring your own projects and enjoy coffee and a chat whilst making new friends.

**Starting in April.... a new monthly group**

### **EDGES OF FAITH**

**For details, see 'News from the Pews' or  
Contact Anna Boyce, John or Wendy Pritchard**

### **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 friends would like to help you with the next step by meeting any recently bereaved spouse/partner for coffee in **The Fleece on the first Wednesday of every month at 1.30pm.**

Please phone **Carrie on 850103** if you would welcome any more information.

This is a very informal and relaxed atmosphere.

## Little Rainbows

Little Rainbows is a group for babies, toddlers and pre-school children together with their mums, dads, grandparents or carers. All are welcome!

We meet in St Mary's every Thursday morning during term time, from 9:30 to 11am, but with doors open from 9am. We use the children's corner at church as a play area, but move around to use the church building for singing, story, craft and snacks. It's all very relaxed with plenty of time to chat and play.

And if you're a potential helper, who has a heart for young people and enjoys chatting to their parents and carers, please just let the rector know – we'd be so pleased to have you on board!

Wendy Pritchard

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

We meet on the last Sunday of every month at 4pm when we explore the theme of the day using crafts, activities, a short talk, perhaps drama and plenty of fun -all accompanied by refreshments from our lovely Mothers Union team. Why not come along and enjoy relaxed worship for all ages?

This month, we will meet on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Do join us.

Find us on the church website or find us on Facebook. Even better, why not come along and find out for yourself just what we get up to.

Gillian 07592 016476



## PASTORAL CARE

The St Mary's Church community wishes to 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](mailto:fletcher_martin@yahoo.co.uk) or 07762 440094; or contact Gillian Lunn on 07592016476 or [gillian.lunn@yahoo.com](mailto:gillian.lunn@yahoo.com) or speak to any member of the Pastoral Team and they 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.*

## "The Happy Bodgers"

Recently, 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.*

*Why not give us a call on 07866 325843 and Keith Robson will see if the Happy Bodgers can help, and take it from there.*

We look forward to helping you.

*Note: We could probably not take on regular tasks such as lawn mowing, weeding, shopping etc.*



**HOLD ON  
TO THAT  
WHICH  
IS GOOD**

## MONEY MATTERS

As in families and as with individuals, so it is with our churches – money matters. Our past few months have shown that, as in home life, in addition to our regular and known expenditure, ‘stuff’ happens!

A significant problem with the organ at St Mary’s was closely followed by a major heating problem i.e. lack of it. Downholme and Marske also have challenges in meeting running costs of old, beautiful buildings which the nation loves to visit but it is the members who have to meet the costs of such access, together with the regional and national Anglican organisation.

### Current Fundraising efforts

On the positive side, the St Mary’s Fundraising Group which meets approximately every six weeks, raised £7,228.99 in 2019 through a range of events well supported by church members. With the addition of profits from the 200 Club and some donations, this figure swelled to just over £9,000 – a goodly sum, but costs still exceed revenue – plus the fact it’s all to do again 2020 – and 2021 etc.

As ever, we urgently need extra financial support for St Mary’s Church. The boiler appeal is moving towards its target of £4,000 but other costs continue to rise. The recent investment in a much-improved audio-visual system is the first step in giving the parish church for the community a wider use – in a sense, taking the church buildings back to their original multi-purpose use by the community. Admittedly there are no longer large hooks on the wall to tear the roofs from burning thatched cottages (remember your school history lessons about the Feudal system??). This will also create revenue.

### Regular giving

This is not just about paying the bills and wages (it is that as well) but about ensuring the very survival of St Mary’s and all it stands for as a

consider becoming one either by using a weekly envelope or by Standing Order. If you are already a regular giver, could you possibly increase the amount you give?

In addition, would you consider a **one-off donation** to get us through this difficult time? You can do this by online banking or telephone banking (**sort code 40 – 38 – 19 account number 5070 1793**) or by cheque whichever is easiest for you. Money can of course be given anonymously if you wish.

**For further details talk to the Rector or Peter Trewby. Don’t let this opportunity pass. We need everyone to give a little bit more. Thank you.**



*Technically, the Parish Share is a voluntary contribution*

### **HUTCHINSON RICHMOND AND GILLING TRUST**

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## Letters to the Editor

It was great to get a letter to the magazine – the first – and thanks to Susan Wallis, whose family have connections with Marske and St Mary's churches, who wrote from their newish home in Morpeth.

Hello

I generally read the weekly Notice sheet, and look forward to the monthly magazine, (on line) to catch up with life in St Mary's, and our many friends from the congregation there. It is hard to believe it is over 3 years since we moved north.

How lovely to see your item on Marske church when I looked at the magazine on Tuesday! Robert was born and bred in Marske, so we have many connections there.

I look forward to reading future issues with information on the other churches, where we have in the past also attended services. It is so relevant to remember they are part of y(our) church community. Regards to all.

Susan and Robert Wallis

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"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good...'"

## A 17<sup>TH</sup> Century Nun's Prayer

Lord Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody: helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessing cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. AMEN

(Anonymous)

Contributed by Sheila Harisson

## It happened in March

**200 years ago**, on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1820 that the Royal Astronomical Society was founded in Britain.

**175 years ago**, on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1845 that one Henry Jones, a baker from Bristol, was granted a patent for his invention of self-raising flour.

**100 years ago**, on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1920 that the British special constables known as the 'Black and Tans' arrived in Ireland to suppress revolution and target the IRA.

**90 years ago**, on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1930 that Indian political spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi led 78 activists and followers on a 23-day 'salt march' to protest against a British tax on salt and British rule in India. On 5<sup>th</sup> April he reached the sea and made salt, breaking British law. On 4<sup>th</sup> May he was arrested and imprisoned.

**75 years ago**, on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1945 that the Arab league was formed (as the League of Arab States)

**70 years ago**, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1950 that Volkswagen launched the Type 2/Transporter van – also known as the Camper, Bus, microbus or Kombi. It became the best-selling van in history, and early versions remain much-loved icons of the counterculture/hippie movement.

**60 years ago**, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1960, the Sharpeville Massacre, South Africa, took place. Police opened fire on a group of black anti-apartheid demonstrators, killing 69 and wounding 180.

**50 years ago**, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1970 that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons came into effect.

**40 years ago**, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1980 that in the TV soap opera Dallas, the character J R Ewing was shot by an unseen assailant. This led to the famous catchphrase 'Who shot J.R.?' The answer (Kristin Shepard) was revealed that November.

**30 years ago**, on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1990 that poll tax riots in London broke out. 200,000 protestors took to the streets and clashed with police. Violence and looting erupted, leading to the worst riots in the city for a century.

**15 years ago**, on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2005 that the Nintendo DS portable video games console was released in Europe.

**Also 15 years ago**, on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2005 that the science fiction TV series *Doctor Who* returned after a 16-year break.

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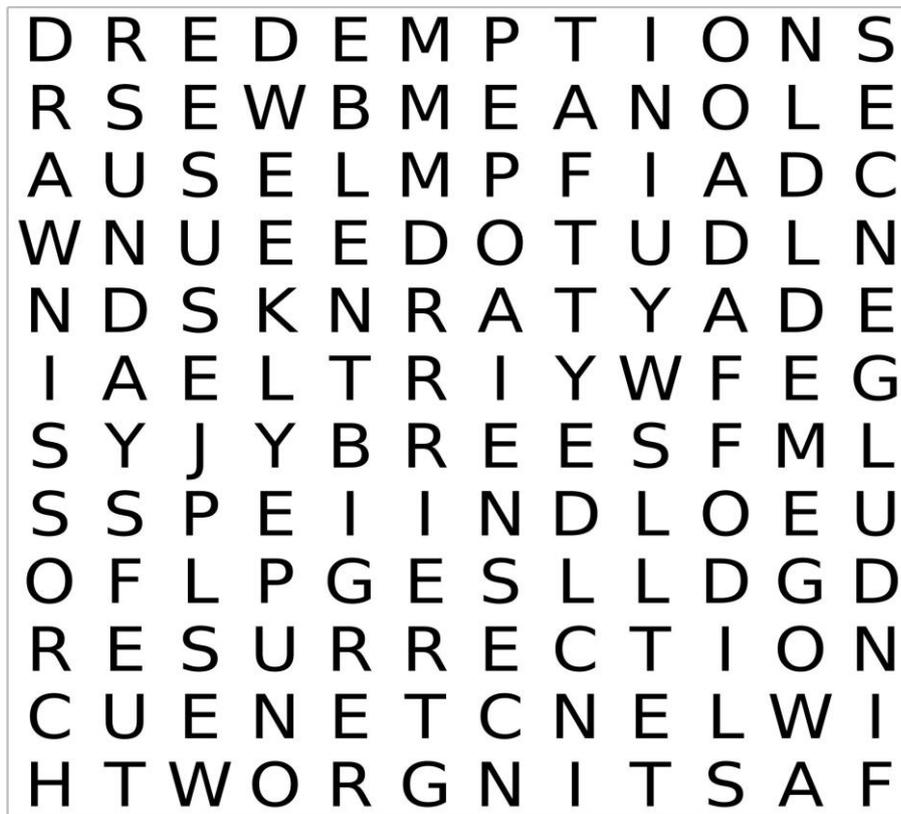
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**Medium**

## Word Search

Lent lasts for 40 days. Sundays in Lent are 'oases'; as Sunday is never a day of fasting, but a weekly celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Christians have used Lent as their '40 days in the wilderness', when they set aside the indulgences of life and instead look inward, seeking spiritual renewal and growth. Lent looks towards the Cross and the Empty Tomb, with the assurance of redemption and new life in Christ. The daffodils in our gardens are golden trumpets to proclaim the wonderful message of Easter! The English word for Lent is not at all religious; it is an abbreviation of the Old English word 'lencten', or 'lengthen'. At last winter is over, and the days are getting longer...

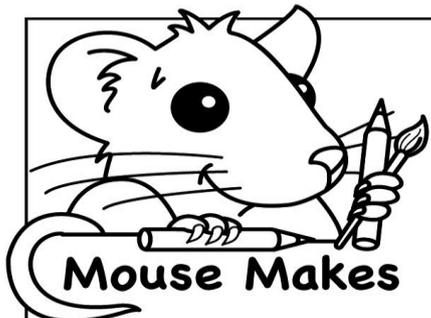


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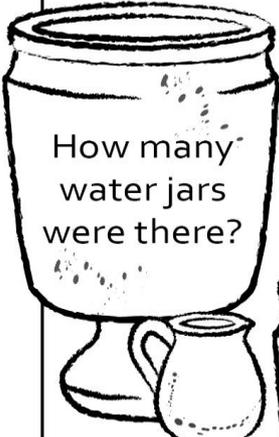


Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary had been invited to a wedding. The wedding was to last a week, but too soon the wine had all been drunk.

READ *John 2:1-11* to find out what happened.



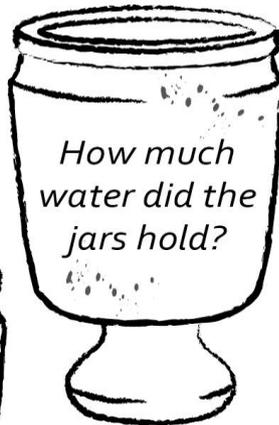
Where was the wedding?



How many water jars were there?



What were the water jars made of?

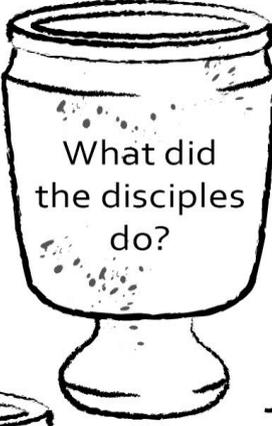


How much water did the jars hold?



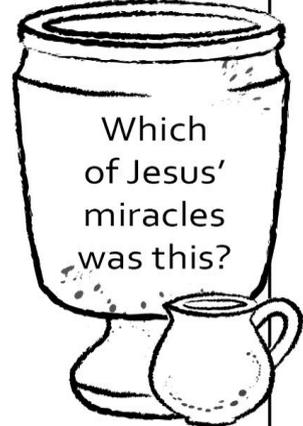
What were the water jars for?

What did the steward tell the bridegroom?

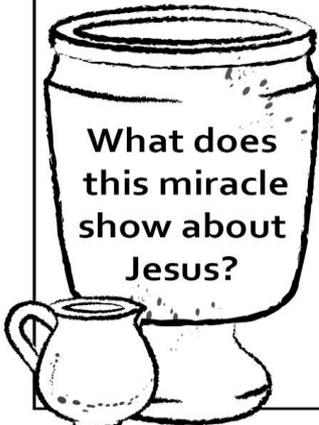


What did the disciples do?

What had happened to the water when it was taken out?



Which of Jesus' miracles was this?



What does this miracle show about Jesus?

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**A PRAYER FOR THE WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCHES IN MARCH**

*God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church,  
 Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions and power to  
 our witness.*

*Help our churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you  
 and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

**SERVICE TIMES AT BENEFICE CHURCHES – MARCH 2020**

<b>ST MARY'S CHURCH, RICHMOND</b>		
March 1 <sup>st</sup> - Lent 1	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 12.00 mid-day	Holy Communion Parish Communion Baptism
March 8 <sup>th</sup> - Lent 2	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong
March 15 <sup>th</sup> - Lent 3	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Holy Communion Worship for All Free to Be
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Mothering Sunday Lent 4	8.00 a.m 10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion Parish Communion
March 29 <sup>th</sup> – Lent 5 Parish Weekend	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Holy Communion Parish Communion Fun-Key Church
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
<b>HOLY TRINITY</b>		
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
<b>St. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, DOWNHOLME</b>		
March 8 <sup>th</sup> - Lent 2	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Lent 4	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>St EDMUND'S, MARSKE</b>		
March 1 <sup>st</sup> Lent 1	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
March 8 Lent 2	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 15 Lent 3	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
March 22 Mothering Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
March 29 <sup>th</sup> Lent 5	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

**ROTAS FOR St MARY'S CHURCH – MARCH/ early APRIL**

		
	<b>SIDESPEOPLE/GREETERS</b>	<b>COFFEE ROTA</b>
March 1st	J & W Pritchard; A Dickinson	J Steele; B Ridley; M Turner
March 8th	C & J Bilborough; G & J Barber	E Roberts; O Harrison
March 15th	O Harrison; M Clayson; K Robson; S McCormack	P Wheatley; J Brown; L Copeland
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Mothering Sunday)	P Wheatley; L Copeland; G & M Merlane	M Emmerson; H Ellis; J & C Bilborough
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	J & A Roberts; F & M Gibbon	C Blenkiron; M Gibbon; J Bennett
April 5th	J & W Pritchard; A Dickinson	J Steele; B Ridley; M Turner
April 12 <sup>th</sup> ( EASTER)	C & J Bilborough; G & J Barber	E Roberts; O Harrison
		
	<b>COUNTING COLLECTION</b>	<b>FLOWER ROTA</b>
March 1st	Frank Gibbon; Christine Steadman	LENT
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Roberts: Alan Judge	LENT
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	David Frankton: Jan Beeton	LENT
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Graham Barber; Pamela Holland	LENT
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Gibbon; Christine Steadman	LENT
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Roberts: Alan Judge	LENT
April 12th	David Frankton: Jan Beeton	EASTER

Continuing thanks to all who carry out these duties which support worship at St Mary's Church. If there are any problems with your nominated date(s), please arrange a swap with someone in the first instance. If your name does not appear on this rota and you are now part of one of these teams, please let me know. [stmarys.maged@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.maged@gmail.com)

**Sudoku solution - Easy**

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**Sudoku solution - Medium**

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**Wordsearch - solution**

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H	T	W	O	R	G	N	I	T	S	A	F

Grandad was babysitting when he heard his little grand-daughter muttering the alphabet over in hushed tones. "What are you doing?" he asked her. "I'm praying," she replied. "I can't think of the right words so I just say all the letters. God will put them together for me 'cos He knows what I'm thinking."



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**And finally....** for those inspired by William's Walks, thoughts to take into March.

'Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend' (Albert Camus)

'The sum of the whole is this; walk and be happy; walk and be healthy. The best way to lengthen out our days is to walk steadily .. and with a purpose' (Charles Dickens)

'My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety three today. We haven't a clue where she is!' (Ellen De Generis)

**Deadline for contributions - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**See you in April!**

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