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Brevity is the key this month. A 'thank you' first of all to contributors Ian Short (cover), Jane Hatcher, William Gedye, Jacquie Bennett, Margaret Clayson, Suz Gregory, Peter Trewby, Graham Barber, Martin Booth, Sheila Harisson, the mysterious Mister Jack Finney (no, I's not me) and the Parish Pump Ltd.

The steady pace of bringing this edition together was broken by the rapidly changing coronavirus situation, leading to the postponement of some events and cancellation of others. At the time of writing, even the national cancellation of church services is a possibility. We will probably face dilemmas in the weeks to come – not least between the Christian doctrine of 'Love thy neighbour' and the national policy to keep face to face contact to an absolute minimum.

At St Mary's, a scheme is already being developed to draw up two lists – one of people who would welcome support to maintain physical and social wellbeing and the other of volunteers willing to offer such support. There will also be a mobile phone contact number for people to request the support they need. Full details will be circulated soon. Peter Trewby is co-ordinating the contact list for volunteers.

Although it is possible that the arrangements in Martin's Eastertide message (pps 4-5) may change, I felt it right to publish this in full. However, Martin has also offered what follows as some specific reflections on our role in these challenging times - and a prayer which we all can share.

From the Rectory

As we enter a time of greater uncertainty, but supported and strengthened by our faith, can I offer the following 'golden rules' as our own guide as a Christian community in the weeks ahead?

Golden Rule One: Each one of us can think about how we can protect and support our neighbours. So much of the public rhetoric is sowing fear about the danger of other people. So, taking all the official precautions, offer help and reassurance to others – and it's important that we don't 'demonise' anyone or any group.

Golden Rule Two: Think about who may be suffering more than us. For those of us who are healthy, there is much less to worry about but the elderly, the housebound and those with chronic health conditions may be very anxious. How about making a list of all the vulnerable people we know and sharing out the responsibility to phone them each day? I'm sure we all know that there's nothing like a friendly voice to offer solace when someone is worried. A smile can bring cheer, even on the phone. If you visit, follow all the official precautions or don't go.

Golden Rule Three: Don't give in to panic and start hoarding food. There is plenty to go around, so practise the Christian discipline of sharing. Ask your neighbours what they need and do your best to help them get it. If you are self-isolating, you will of course need some supplies. Do ask for help.

Golden Rule Four: Live today to the full. None of us ever know what the future holds. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:25-34), Jesus challenged his followers to live each day fully and not be afraid. Every time we are tempted to give in to fear we need to make a conscious choice to respond in trust and openness.

And, along with just over half the adults in the UK, don't forget to pray. Here's a suggested prayer for those affected by coronavirus:

*Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
know that nothing can separate us from your love in Jesus
Amen*

With all good wishes for the time ahead.

Martin



Martin's Message

April 2020



April: a major month at St Mary's

With all the special events and services of Holy Week and Easter and our Annual Meeting at the end of the month there is a lot going on in April! Please read on and have your diary handy.

Lent Quiet Morning (4th April)

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.

Holy Week (5th-11th April) – the most important week of the year

With Easter Day being the most important day of the Christian calendar, Holy Week is the most important week. Easter this year falls on 12th April so Holy Week will begin with Palm Sunday, 5th April. To mark the week we have a number of special services and events on offer. You are welcome to join as many (or as few) as you wish.

On **Palm Sunday** (5th) we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The 10am service will feature in place of the sermon a dramatic reading of Jesus' Passion – a drama that speaks for itself.

At 6:30pm our Choir will perform **Faure's Requiem** as a sung meditation.

On the **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** of Holy Week (6th-8th) there will be a short meditation at 7pm, led in turn by different people on different themes, and followed by Compline.

On **Maundy Thursday** (9th) we commemorate the Last Supper, at which Jesus instituted Holy Communion ('Do this in remembrance of me'). This moving service will feature the Washing of Feet, the stripping of the altar as the church is made ready for Good Friday, and a Watch of Prayer ('Could you not watch with me for one hour?').

On **Good Friday** (10th) there will be an ecumenical **Walk of Witness**, beginning at the Catholic Church at 10am, and concluding with a short service in the Market Place – followed by hot cross buns at the Methodist Church.

There will be a **Three Hours Service** between 12noon and 3pm. This will follow the pattern every half-hour of a hymn, a reading, and a reflection, with plenty of silence for contemplation at the foot of the Cross. Please feel free to enter or leave during a hymn on the hour or half-hour – or stay for the whole service.

For those who may have been out for the day a special **Fun-Key Church** will be offered at 4pm.

On **Holy Saturday** (11th), as we contemplate the reality of Christ at rest in the tomb, there are traditionally no services.

However, with the arrival of darkness and **Easter Eve** we will hold our first service of Easter: the **Easter Liturgy**, at 8pm. This wonderful service features the new Paschal Candle being lit from a fire outside and then brought in to the church. As we each hold a candle lit from the Paschal candle the dark church is

illuminated by the light of Christ. A Vigil follows in which we reflect upon key Old Testament passages, telling the story of the history of our salvation in the *light* of the Resurrection of Christ.

We celebrate **Easter Day** with special services of Holy Communion at 8am and 10am. And after the 10am service we go outside for an egg hunt – and our traditional an egg roll competition!

For ‘early birds’ there will be an **outdoor sunrise service** held in the grounds of Easby Abbey, at 6:30am. This popular Easter service attracts people of all denominations and was established by Les Nevin, the Methodist minister. This will be Les’ last Easter before his retirement in the summer.

Your PCC needs you!

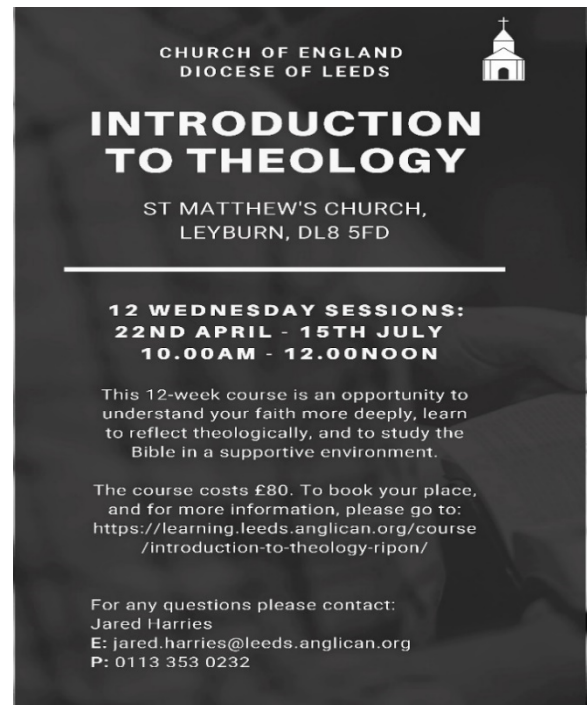
Our ‘**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**’ will be held straight after the 10am service on 26th April. It offers us the opportunity together as a church community to review the past year and to look forward to the next. We will be electing two Churchwardens, three PCC representatives, and three Deanery Synod representatives – but please be assured that all nominations will have been received in advance!

Our three new PCC members will represent our congregation in the governance of our church, for a term of three years. Our three new Deanery Synod members will represent our church in the governance of the wider Church in the local area. The Deanery Synod is the first link in the chain of national Church governance, with meetings involving two-way communication with the Diocesan Synod and thence General Synod. Deanery Synod representatives (and Churchwardens) are ex-officio members of the PCC.


Our PCC meets six times a year (and for an annual Away Day). If you would like to know more about your PCC then do please speak to me.

With every good wish for a happy, peaceful Easter.

Martin



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Did you hear what I heard?

Would you like to join an occasional gathering straight 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?

Listen out for announcements on when the next ‘**Thought for the Week**’ Reflection Group will be held. For further details, please speak to Martin or to Jan Beeton.

A Prayer for April

(by the first of the Hebrew prophets
from Isaiah 12))

**I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord
God is my strength and my song and he has
become my salvation .**

Joy Hornsby

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 second 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.

OUR HOSPITALS NEED FRIENDS

A hospital in the town for well over 100 years

Over recent years, the variety of views about availability of hospital services has been an emotion-infused saga played out through the media. It is often through our local newspapers and television news programmes and campaign groups that we receive our information about the maintenance of hospital services in Northallerton.

Here in Richmond, we have been supported for over 100 years by our own small local hospital. Additionally, until its closure, the Duchess of Kent Military Hospital in Catterick also opened its doors to local residents, offering a range of services which others have to travel miles for. The proximity to our own town also meant that for people from more remote local communities still had some key services on the doorstep.



The original cottage hospital in Richmond was set up in 1876, the building funded fully by a local lady,

Mrs Browne-Simpson. Situated near the Barrack Hill end of Green Howards Road, this four bed unit was funded by public subscription. In 1890, it became a hospital for infectious diseases.

Expansion through moving the base

In 1899, it moved premises to an expanded 18th century building known as Rose Cottage (now



known as Victoria House, the premises of John Blenkiron and Sons). This marked a growth of the hospital. It was then taken over by the Corporation in the early 20th Century. However, it still relied upon voluntary finance for its existence, raising money through appeals, charges and donations to buy equipment and pay for the staff. Known as the Richmond and District Victoria Hospital, it later dropped 'and District' to become the Richmond Victoria Hospital.



In those early days, the local community support for the hospital and patients came from donations from door-to-door collections and Church offertories. The Co-op donated groceries. Vegetables, cheese, cream, eggs and other fresh food were donated by various Churches, WI and private citizens. A fascinating report from 1936 lists such gifts as fruit, fowl (a chicken from Gilling West Church, pheasants from Lord Zetland and a goose from a Mr Coatesworth), butter, cheese, cream and eggs (from individuals as far afield as Low Row), other foodstuffs – vegetables, jams, cakes,

bread, and also flowers, silver paper(from Mrs Davidson of Gunnerside) whilst a Mr Scott repaired the gramophone free of charge!

The arrival of the NHS

From being largely a local 'voluntary organisation', the arrival of state-organised health care meant that the NHS took over the hospital in 1948. However, there was still a role for local voluntary help, with the fund-raising work being led by a formally constituted charity in 1978, the basis of what is now the Friends of the Friary Community Hospital (FoRFCH)

When the Richmond School Boarding House and some of its grounds became



available in 1993, the opportunity to create a larger and more modern facility arose. A number of community volunteers, with Pam and Roy Cross to the fore, began the move which ultimately brought our local hospital – now the Friary Community Hospital named after the old school Boarding House - to more spacious and modern premises, with a wider range of locally based services. This was done under the banner of a trust. The buildings themselves are leased.

In addition to voluntary help within the building, what this all illustrates is that the current Friends of Friary Community Hospital is carrying on a tradition of sustaining its own local hospital through energetic and diverse means of support – but all designed to ensure that local people requiring treatment and care are as well supported as possible – and beyond the budgets given for their work.

New building, more provision

The Victoria Ward currently provides an eighteen bedded unit offering mostly rehabilitation for patients waiting to transfer home or into care. Also, the first- class palliative

care provided to patients and their family enables such patients to remain near home.

Local folks will know that, as well as having one of the two Richmond-based GP practices in the building, such services as physiotherapy, phlebotomy (blood tests with humour thrown in free of charge, I have found!!), X- Ray, audiology, chiropody and consultant clinics are all conveniently offered on site.

Within the Victoria Ward itself, beds are almost always fully occupied. Since the move to the Friary, nurses have seen changes in the age group they care for. There is now mix of younger people with complex needs alongside the elderly and frail requiring extra care and recuperation or rehabilitation.

The Friends and money

Today, the Friends consists of a group of interested volunteers who have two major roles. One continues to be the traditional role of raising funds to support the work of the hospital. Initially, the money was largely to enhance the basic offering available through the NHS. With the well-known budgetary pressure (is there really no national will to say that we will put more into health and social care but it will cost us a bit more in taxation?) Friends funds are now providing some of the essentials of the current service - look no further than the X Ray machine which has recently 'snapped' my rickety knees!

For the best of care and comfort for patients attending the Victoria Ward or clinics, the Friends have purchased such items as recliner chairs, pressure relieving mattresses, a new weighing hoist, installation of an improved shower facility, five wheelchairs, TVs at every bed (originally a Friends' innovation and all recently renewed – do the patients watch 'Holby City??) In the day room, electric fans, diagnostic testing equipment for the ward, District Nurses and GPs have been provided. The diagnostic equipment includes a bladder

scanner and an up-to-date portable wireless ECG machine.

Ward 7 (a large single room within the Victoria Ward) is currently being refurbished with new curtains and furniture from a rather generous donation recently received.

The Friends are supported by local businesses including Lidl providing daily newspapers to the ward, John Meynell for providing plants and keeping the front door pots looking welcoming, Day Lewis pharmacy, the Methodist ladies and gentlemen who sing every Sunday to a piano bought by the Friends, the ladies Tuesday fellowship, the Licensed Victuallers Association, Ladies section of Richmond Golf club, Brompton Ladies choir, the Station singers and the Mayor of Richmond's Charity.

Since 1996 the Friends have raised over £642,784 which has been spent to provide equipment and items too numerous to mention to enhance patients' stay in hospital and make it more comfortable.

The Friends – a voice for the local community



With concerns about the viability of services in a number of 'cottage' hospitals throughout the country having

been raised in recent years, the Friary has not been immune from such speculation as local people well know. The current situation is that there is no intention to close the Friary – good news for us all and a view which has no doubt been influenced by the work of the Friends to represent local interests in a positive way, ensuring that decision-makers have a clearly expressed view of the impact of choices they make on the town and the dale beyond.

The problems of service provision

Due to the diversity of our demographic area, services do, however, need to be carefully considered and planned to be the best they can be. It may not be well-known, but Hambleton,

Richmondshire & Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (HR&W CCG) serves the oldest average aged population in the country, as well as the largest military base in the country accommodating young families.

North Yorkshire is not only the largest county in the country but also has its rural challenges.



Recently, the MOD, Clinical Commissioning Group, North Yorkshire County Council, RDC and South Tees NHS

Trust have been working together, identifying need with a vision for all of our future health, well-being and care. The Friends organisation intends to be instrumental as a strong and informed voice on behalf of residents and patients using the current services so that they continue to benefit from health care locally. They are currently pressing for representation at future rounds of planning meetings to ensure that this voice is still heard.

Protecting the asset

In the meantime, the Friends of Richmond Friary Community Hospital (FORFCH) are proud to have obtained an Asset of Community Value (ACV) listing for the Friary building. Whilst this does not mean the owners are under obligation to sell to the community, it does mean they cannot dispose of it for six-months – a moratorium period which would allow time for options to be considered and funds raised.

Having an ACV would not prevent the hospital closing, though it can be used against planning permission for change of use or demolition. An ACV can be compulsory purchased by the Local Authority or Council if the asset is under threat of long-term loss to the community. It's worth noting when the Victoria Hospital closed and services were transferred to The Friary in 1999 a substantial sum of money was donated by the Friends (acknowledged with a framed picture hanging in the entrance to the downstairs

waiting area) – financially significant and also a clear signal about investment in the future by the community in its local resource.



Old friends, new friends

To ensure that the influence of the 'voice of the area' continues to be heard, in 2017 long-serving volunteer trustee, Margaret Clayson suggested the need to form a new committee to take the organisation forward into the next phase of its work. The search began for new Trustees to contribute to the quarterly meetings of the Trust and also to bring different and relevant skills to the twin roles noted above – namely, raising funds to enhance our hospital and acting as a voice for the community in future planning.

Whilst a variety of skills and experience are again on offer in the present group – local council knowledge, medical, charity, office skills, finance – the recent loss (due to other commitments) of a valued trustee with business experience at the start of 2020 has left a gap to be filled. Could you fill it?



Also having given nearly 30 years to the Trust Margaret herself has also decided to retire as Chairman (though staying on as a Friend) at the last AGM.

Future times

But still this voluntary work on behalf of us all goes on. Jacqui Bennett, one of the current Trustee group, enthused about the planned (but now postponed) contribution to be made through a concert by the Station Singers at St Mary's. 'It's support like this which genuinely brings a smile to the face of every member of staff as the money raised adds to what they can offer to patients'. We hope that the revised date of October 3rd will allow time for the coronavirus problem to have abated.

'We plan to be at the Meet in May with our stall in Friary Gardens when we hope to raise funds and awareness of our work supporting the patients and staff at our wonderful, well-loved Community Hospital,' she added. 'We are always looking for new fund-raising ideas, so if you have some to share, please let us know.'

So there it is! Another group of people from our own community giving of time and expertise to promote the well-being of everyone who lives here. If you feel inspired to be one of the excellent group of people who set out to safeguard and improve our health care, do contact them and see what you could do to help their work. What is clear from this is that they deserve our thanks and support for their achievements and ambition.

Want to know more? Please contact Jacqui Bennett at jackiebennett34@icloud.com



"I think the D.I.Y. Palm Sunday palm-kit you ordered online is here, dear..."

HARVEST – THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND NOT A FESTIVAL

Although the term 'food bank' is one which disturbingly feels as if it has been always with us, they were rarely seen in the United Kingdom in the second half of the twentieth century. Even in the early twenty first century, they were virtually unheard of in our country. For example, the Trussell Trust (probably the best known name nationally for the provision of this service and a Christian charity, based in Salisbury) was running only 2 food banks in 2004. Four years later, they were supporting 22 and within the next three years, the number hit the hundred mark, rising to 252 by the following August (2012). Over 40% of foodbanks operate under the Trussell Trust banner, about 20% smaller providers, approximately 30% independents and the remainder classed as secular foodbanks. Whether church or secular based, most operate in partnership with the wider community.

Most providers in the UK operate what is known as a 'frontline' model i.e. giving out food directly to those who need it. Aimed at being supportive of short-term need for people whose immediate needs have not yet been addressed by official state welfare provision, many operate on a referral system. The 'currency' is a voucher issued by one of a number of organisations of care professionals – Job Centres, CAB, housing officials. The voucher typically releases a supply of food for three days and many operate a six week limit on support. They do not normally issue food packages to individuals who walk in off the street and are seeking to avoid a long-term culture of dependency. That is not to say that everyone in this situation is automatically turned away – only that nationally, it is unusual to have walk-in requests met. Food is donated by individuals, church groups, supermarkets and schools. But this is a summary of the national picture. What is happening in our community and how essential are volunteers to this process?

RICHMOND'S STOREHOUSE

The influence of love and care in the community

It's a Thursday afternoon, and Suz Gregory, working with Rachel, is setting about re-organising the welcoming foyer of the Influence Church on Reeth Road into a multi-faceted area to greet the expected 35 – 40 people, a number with children, who will arrive to collect a week's supply of food and other essential household items from The Storehouse.

The boiler is on, the matching white cups are ready and a local volunteer from the Methodist Church has already been in with her weekly donation of appetising home baking. Laptops are set out, colouring and drawing paper is on the table, settees are ready and boxes of bread are being carefully placed on a side table, ready opened, for visitors to take what they need. All needs to be prepared by 4.00 p.m. when the



doors open officially. The first visitors are often mothers having collected children from school. There's help on hand and things to occupy those youngsters whose energies haven't been completely drained by their school day – and those who may want to use the time to do homework.

'We tried a homework club for a period of time,' says Suz, 'but it didn't work out quite the

way we hoped even though we had some volunteer trained teachers on hand to help.’ No formal club operates at present; the Storehouse group are looking at other ways of doing this.

This approach is probably indicative of one of the reasons why the Influence Church decided to strike out on their own when establishing the town’s food bank in 2012.

Local need – local solution

What was evident to organisers was that, whilst food was the main reason for people visiting, providing a pack of food alone was missing an opportunity to help people with wider needs. To do this, they needed the flexibility to do what they saw needed to be done.

Not being part of, for example, the Trussell Trust Foodbank Network, meant that the founders felt freer to widen the offering to meet the need which they could see with their own eyes and, more importantly, hear with their own ears. Listening with care and love showed other relatively uncomplicated ways of offering additional support to individuals and families with a desperate need to sustain their basic human needs.

Checking perceptions

The current co-ordinator, Suz, illustrates this in a most powerful way. Rather than take the standard list of food as a given (and unbeknown even to her volunteer colleagues), she took the standard list of food offered. She lived for a week eating only what that bag of provisions offered. Whilst its nutritional value could not be denied, she tells of how she came out in spots and was left with an almost permanent taste of tomato – a normal ingredient in quite a number of tinned foods.



The Storehouse list therefore offers nutrition plus an intention of varying tastes in meals. To back this up, they have prepared their own recipe cards which are given out to Storehouse ‘customers’ and also offer other sheets offering meal planners. As with a number of other foodbanks, there is a realisation that there are other non-food essentials which can be pricey. Toilet rolls, sanitary products, soap and toothpaste are just some examples of the

STOREHOUSE

Essential Items - Donations

Tins of : meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, soup, beans, pasta, meals (e.g. chilli, stew), pies, rice pudding

Packets of: pasta, pasta sauce, noodles, cereal, porridge, rice, biscuits

Jars of: pasta sauce, sandwich fillings, jam, spreads

Also: UHT milk, squash

essentials of a healthy lifestyle which are added to the Storehouse offer.

Flexibility is the key

Another advantage of being more independent is that the Storehouse can be more flexible in how it offers help. Whilst referrals from the Job Centre, Social services, GPs, welfare services through the voucher system are supported, the Storehouse does not need a referral card for proof of need. This less formulaic approach allows the core staff to make a judgement – best evidenced in their ability to respond quickly to emergencies like the recent floods or short term need following a crisis e.g. home fire regardless of income level or someone suddenly made homeless with immediate need. Indeed, the Storehouse has responded to this homelessness issue by having a small supply of backpacks including overnight sleeping needs. In the month of January, two of these packs

were gifted to those in need, together with care and advice.

Suz emphasises that the whole project is driven by Christ's teachings and the need to show love, care and service to others. 'The serving heart' – so much part of the church- is crucial in the work that the Storehouse does.

How is it organised?

Beyond the foyer, which will be particularly busy in the first hour, steps lead up to the former cinema which is now the centre for



worship. But at the top of the stairs is set out a number of carrier bags, already packed and ready to be

handed to this week's visitors. At the front are more bags on the left and piles of donated foodstuffs waiting to be sorted.

And then, neatly sorted on shelves in a long store cupboard, are tins and packets of non-perishables awaiting distribution. Turn to the right, and the room has yet more items and a copious supply of bags to put them in.

Straight ahead, again stacked neatly in sets, are the results of the latest initiative – the Baby Bundles. To support the needs of new mums, a bundle including a Moses basket (baby bath for the second child) , a set of 'kit' needed for hospital and a supply of the immediate needs for a new baby are all provided – as with the food packs, provided by giving of clothes, equipment or money from local community members. All of this as a result of listening to what would be of most help to those in straightened circumstances.

In all of this there is a clear intent to love, care, support, improve lives but also a desire to avoid dependency. Users of the Storehouse , whether here or in sister branches in Bishop Auckland, Barnard Castle or Penrith, are

guaranteed up to eight weeks of weekly support. After this, it is expected that it will be at least another eight weeks before Storehouse should need to step in again.

This is in line with the concept that the service is designed primarily as a 'stop gap' to cover a temporary need. But it is clear that the hand and heart of care and friendship offered by a Christian community living the faith means that, whilst food is the central service, the personal contact with volunteers from the Influence Churches and their contacts offers help with parallel and less obvious need. Internet access, Job Club, meal planning guidance, a more than basic food offer, the Baby Bundles , the Uniform scheme, the Homeless backpacks, all speak of a listening community in action.

Where do the provisions come from ?

All are donated in some way or other. Local supermarkets supply near end date food and also sanitary supplies. Other donations come from individuals, from other churches, including St Mary's where a basket is placed at the back of church to accept donations. Others, too, organise regular collections e.g. schools – all locally based. Such supplies are mainly non-perishable, but some perishables – bread from supermarkets, some vegetables from stores and even allotment holders who drop produce off on a Wednesday or Thursday for immediate distribution. Nothing is wasted. The local animals of the local sanctuary are beneficiaries of unused perishables!



The role of volunteers

Central to all of this is a quiet and unseen group of volunteers. A small, experienced group

distributes the packs on Thursdays; others come in at different times to unpack, sort and stack donations and to make up the week's packages. Others give time to collecting donations and then moving out the unused items. Food collections take place from Catterick village, Leyburn as well as other centres or ad hoc donors.

It is this last area where Suz needs support. 'With more volunteer drivers who can commit to specific times, we can take advantage of offers, particularly from other supermarkets.'

Demand in the Richmond area

Numbers in need seem to have settled at between 35-40 per week, although the introduction of Universal Credit in the area produced a spike of 80 for a time. The most recent trend has been a rise in the number of single men in the 25-45 age group whose relationships have broken down. Storehouse volunteers try hard to take away any uncertainties first time users may have. Whilst the period of time between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m. on a Thursday is the busiest, the 5.00 – 6.00 slot is a valuable one, particularly for the first-time users who are abashed about being in a position of needing this type of support.

In addition to the giving of food and other essentials, Suz has been pleased with the growth of the scheme to help with the expensive family cost of school uniform. Donations of school clothes, including bagged items, which children have outgrown are taken in and offered to those who need it. 'It could well come back again in the future for others to use; but saving families scarce cash for such irregular purchases means that they have more disposable money to provide for themselves in other areas of bringing up a family.'

Volunteering to help

Whatever the numbers, the work of Christian care in the community goes on. Storehouse is a community response to a community need. **If**

you feel that you want to add your backing to this work, food donations can be made Tuesdays – Fridays 10.00 – 4.00 at the Influence Church in Victoria Road, or at the box at the back of St Mary's Church. Cash donations can also be made.

If you want to offer your time, particularly as a driver to collect donations, please contact Suz Gregory on 01748 823161.

As the clock ticks round to 4.00 p.m., the volunteers ready themselves for another week's distribution – enhanced by open arms, warm hearts, listening ears and a strong faith.

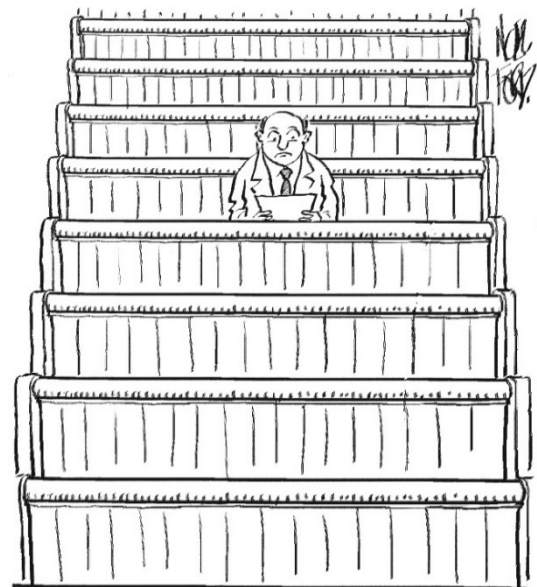
More information

storehouse@influencechurch.co.uk

It is likely that, with the spread of coronavirus, the availability of some of the vital items on the list on page 11 will become stretched. Can you help? Ed

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The lighter side of coronavirus (1)



With the congregation depleted by the bug that was going around, it suddenly dawned on Ivan that he wouldn't be able to get away with just miming the hymns this week

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Last month we focussed on the Celtic saints of Ireland and Wales. My fellow Scots will have to wait until November for Andrew, but this month the spotlight falls on the English national saint whose day falls in this month of April. Shakespeare's birthday, Shakespeare's reported day of decease and St George's Day all fall on 23rd April. But who was St George and why did he become the patron saint of England? And was the dragon slaying another saintly myth? Read on.

St. GEORGE – A SAINT FOR ENGLAND ... AND MANY OTHERS

Not uncommonly, there is not much certainty about George's birth or early life. He is thought to have been born over 2000 miles (over 3,200 kilometres) from these shores in Cappadocia, which is now in modern day Turkey. He is believed to have come from a fairly wealthy Cappadocian Greek family possibly around 80 AD. His was a Christian family. Indeed, it is believed that his father died for his faith when George was aged 14. This led his widowed mother to take the family back to her own homeland of Syria Palestine.

After his mother's death a few years later, George travelled to Nicodemia, the eastern capital of the Roman Empire. At the age of 17, when Diocletian was Emperor, he joined a cavalry division of the imperial army.

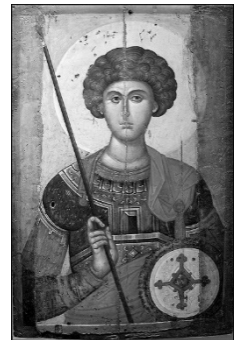


It is believed that he had a successful military career as he became a member of the elite Praetorian Guard. It is asserted that he rose quickly through the ranks, achieving the equivalent rank of colonel (Tribunus Militum) in charge of 1000 men. He became a favourite of the Emperor, exhibiting the characteristics of virtuous behaviour, bravery, strength and good military bearing.

However, the reign of Diocletian became marked by an extended period of persecution of Christians. Diocletian's second in command

was Galerius. They tried to refresh the morale of Roman citizens by reviving many traditions which found their base in paganism. When rumours about a Christian plot to assassinate Galerius (a follower of pagan religion) were heard by the emperor, the burning of churches and scriptures and identification of Christians began. There was a purge of Christians in the Roman Army and George was swept up in this.

He refused to renounce his faith in Christ, but is also said to have acted to limit the worst effects of Diocletian's edicts. He went back to Nicodemia, removed notices of the Emperor's edicts and showed personal care and compassion to the victims of the purges. It is said also that, realising these actions were bound to bring personal repercussions, he gave much of his property to the poor of the area and freed his own slaves



When brought before Diocletian, legend has it that he had the courage to denounce the emperor to his face for the cruelty he had shown, speaking in a powerful manner and stirring the people who heard it. The result was imprisonment, torture and ultimately execution by decapitation, in most accounts on the equivalent of 23rd April, 303. Thus died St George the Martyr, in the town of Lydda.

He was beatified as saint by the Roman Catholic Church for his proclamation of the faith and his martyrdom, but his importance is also

recognised in the liturgy of the Russian and Greek Orthodox churches. As a result, there is no exclusivity in England's named patron saint. Memorials and buildings carrying his name can be found in Ukraine, in Kiev, in Prague, in Sweden, in Turkey to name but a few.

However, St George's virtuous and chivalrous conduct became an example for Crusaders. His emblem - Red Cross on the white background- was adopted as symbol to English knight's. In the Third Crusade in the twelfth century, Richard 1st (the Lionheart) placed himself and his army under the protection of St George and so the link was born. But it can be seen from his background that St George never wore shiny armour, a breastplate, or carried a lance with which to slay dragons -these were not in the kit list of a Roman cavalryman. So what about the dragon? And rescuing princesses?

St George and the dragon



The dragon link arose from a writer called Jacobus of Voragin. He compiled a volume entitled 'The Golden Legend' which included a tale how about St George rode into Silene (in Libya today) to free the city from a dragon who had developed a particular taste for human beings. According to Jacobus, this was a successful trip! This tale, when translated into English in the 15th Century, had a particular

appeal to English folks who had already adopted George as a national saint.

The price for the dragon not laying waste to the city with his 'five chilli' rated fiery breath was to offer two sheep per day. As the sheep stock declined, the demand was a human sacrifice elected from the population of the city. The king's daughter was elected unopposed, but George stepped in and, with his trusty lance, Ascalon, slew the beast. He is then alleged to have distributed his handsome reward from the king amongst the poor of the area.

Who else has him as their patron saint?

Well, to start with, he wasn't our first. St Edmund was the first patron saint of England, but Richard's choice to invoke him as top saint for his valour was made official when Edward III chose St George as the Patron Saint of his Order of the Garter in 1348, using the red cross on the white background on his royal standard. Edmund's reaction to this change of allegiance is not documented!!!

Highly celebrated in Eastern and Western churches and indeed other faiths, references to George are found in the Coptic Church in Egypt, in Indian Catholic churches, the Greek orthodox church, in Muslim legends (which assert he was killed multiple times but always came back).



Statues in places such as Stockholm and Prague recall his valiant deeds, whilst Genoa and Hungary are two examples whose allegiance lies with the saint.

From what is recounted already, it is easy to see why the high moral status of St George's actions and his willingness to proclaim, promote, live out and die for his beliefs provides images to which many nations would

turn to in order to exemplify the best of their people. His virtues and personal conduct transcend national boundaries, but are common to the nations and states which have adopted him.

During the Middle Ages, St George was regarded as one of the 'Fourteen Holy Helpers' – saints to whom people trusted for help in times of need. So, in addition to his national and city patronage, he is the patron of other things including farmers, soldiers, armourers, sufferers of the plague – a busy saint and a busy chap!! How much help he will be able to give the English Men's football team in the Euros in 2021, only time will tell. What is indisputable is his strong faith and moral courage in the face of threats which ultimately took his life.

EXPLORING FAITH



Saturday Meetings - 2020

9.45 am – 12 noon

THE ROKEBY INN (DL11 7QW)

(adjacent to the Hutton Magna turn on the A66)

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25th April "The Ride of My Life – Reflections of a Pedal Pilgrim"

The Rt. Revd John Thompson,
Bishop of Selby

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23rd May "Images of God – How do we See God?"

Canon Professor Vernon White

£6 (to include light refreshments)

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EASTER CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS

The period of Easter is of major significance in the Christian church, marking the death and resurrection of Jesus. **The date of Easter Day or Easter Sunday itself** is determined by the first full moon after the first day of Spring, with Easter Sunday being the first Sunday after that event. This explains why the date can move so significantly from year to year.

The name 'Easter' derives from the name of the old Goddess of Spring, 'Eostre', worshipped in Europe before the advent of Christianity. Their belief was that the sun died in winter; the onset of spring and return of the sun marked its re-birth.

Eggs: a sign of new life, so, for Christians, a symbol of resurrection. The cracked open shell can be seen to represent the empty tomb. Again, the association of the egg and Spring pre-dates Christianity, with eggs apparently not alive but containing new life within them. People used to give simple eggs, painted eggs, intricately carved eggs from wood, developing the commercial idea of egg-shaped sweets made from sugar or marzipan about 100 years ago. Then came the chocolate egg with which we are familiar today – although Cadbury's seem keen to celebrate new life all year round with their 'crème' eggs. If you want extreme egg samples of gifts however, look no further than the famous Fabergé eggs from Russia.



Bunnies: another link with the pagan past. People believed that Eostre had a hare as her regular companion; Christians changed the symbol to the rabbit. Tradition said that the Easter bunny left eggs on Easter Sunday. Parents took up hiding them in places for children to find. Painting eggs is attributed to German immigrants to America in the 18th century. Children made beautiful nests in their caps or bonnets to attract the Easter bunny to leave eggs just for them.

Passion Week – The Events leading up to Jesus' Arrest

The events of Easter took place over a week, traditionally called Passion Week.

It began on Palm Sunday. After all his teaching and healing, Jesus had built a following. On the Sunday before he was to die, Jesus and his followers arrived at Jerusalem. The city was crowded. Jewish people were arriving to celebrate Passover. This commemorates how they had escaped from slavery in Egypt nearly 1,500 year earlier.

Jesus rode into the city on a young donkey. He was greeted like a conquering hero. Cheering crowds waved palm branches in tribute. He was hailed as the Messiah who had come to re-establish a Jewish kingdom.

The next day they returned to Jerusalem. Jesus went to the temple, the epicentre of the Jewish faith, and confronted money-changers and merchants who were ripping off the people. He overturned their tables and accused them of being thieves. The religious authorities were alarmed and feared how he was stirring up the crowds.

On the Tuesday, they challenged Jesus, questioning his authority. He answered by challenging and condemning their hypocrisy. Later that day Jesus spoke to his disciples about

future times. He warned them about fake religious leaders; the coming destruction of Jerusalem; wars, earthquakes and famines; and how his followers would face persecution. By midweek the Jewish religious leaders and elders were so angry with Jesus that they began plotting to arrest and kill him. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the chief priests and agreed to betray him to them.

Jesus and the 12 disciples gathered on the Thursday evening to celebrate the Passover meal. This is known as the Last Supper. During the evening, Jesus initiated a ritual still marked by Christians – Holy Communion – which commemorates his death. Jesus broke bread and shared it and a cup of wine with his disciples.

Judas then left to meet the other plotters. Jesus continued to teach the others and then went outside into an olive grove to pray. He even prayed for all future believers. He agonised over what was to come but chose the way of obedience. The Bible book, Luke, records him praying, *'Father if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done'*. Minutes later Judas arrived with soldiers and the chief priests and Jesus was arrested

Maundy Thursday

In the UK, Maundy Thursday is traditionally the day upon which the sovereign distributes Maundy money – specially minted coins – to selected individuals, one for each year of the sovereign's reign. Those selected are older people who have given unstinting contributions to the community and to the church. The service is a tradition dating back to 600 AD. where the washing of feet by the sovereign was part of the service. This custom ended in the late 17th century. The giving out of coins dates back to the 13th century and is about upholding the message of spreading love. The commandment to hand out the money (or mandatum from which the word 'maundy' is derived) comes from Jesus' commandment to the disciples to 'love one another' during the Last Supper.

For many years, the presentation was solely in St George's Chapel, Windsor. More recently, the Queen had made a point of visiting different cathedrals as well as still using the Windsor chapel. By visiting Leicester in 2016, she ensured that she had visited every cathedral in the country on Maundy Thursday during her long reign.

Recipients are given two leather purses, one red and one white. One contains a small amount of ordinary coinage as a symbolic gift of food and clothing. The other contains the Maundy coins up to the value of the sovereign's age. The coronavirus outbreak means that it is unlikely to happen this year.

NOTES FROM OUR PAST

This month, we move closer to Richmond to look at part of the history of a church which was actively within the benefice until 2016, when sadly it closed its doors for the final time as a place of regular formal worship. As with sister churches in the benefice, St Michael's carries the distinction of being a listed building (grade 2) - something which marks its architectural importance but is also burdensome when it comes to maintenance and development -especially as the nation reveres such buildings and wants them preserved but seems to find a blind spot when it comes to putting its hand in the national pocket . (There, I've done my grumpy old man bit!!).

When it comes to development, St Michael's story records more than one building over time. Given that Hudswell village (Old English - 'Hudel's Spring') was named in the Domesday Book of the 11th C, it is likely that a Norman church would precede the Medieval church. The existence of medieval church on the site is strongly illustrated by three medieval grave slabs preserved in the shelter of the porch. The early 18th Century Church recorded in 1711 was replaced in 1884 by the building we see today, designed by one G Wheelhouse. Although the doors are locked at present, there are plans for the church to work in a new guise as part of community plans for the village - but its peaceful and attractive churchyard, set back off the main road, tells much of its past and the lives of those who lived and found rest there. Jane Hatcher's article this month points us to one particular and striking memorial.

A TOMB WITH A VIEW

In Hudswell churchyard, immediately east of the chancel of the Church of St Michael and All Angels, is a railed enclosure containing a chest tomb. This is not as one might expect the resting place of a Hudswell resident, but of a prominent Richmond man, John Yorke (1733-1813).



His family seat was Yorke House, on The Green, and in its grounds his ancestors had created a renowned designed landscape including two follies. We are all familiar with one of them, Culloden Tower, so visible from many parts of Richmond, which is now a Landmark Trust holiday cottage.

The other, Temple Lodge, is almost completely hidden, and is now a private residence. Many of John Yorke's ancestors had represented the borough of Richmond in Parliament, but John did not enter public life, preferring to live quietly as a country gentleman, kindly and benevolent. He married twice, but had not been blessed with a legitimate heir to inherit his property, and Yorke House was demolished a few years after his death.

This last John Yorke of Richmond died on 29 January 1813, and his funeral was held on 5 February. So why was John Yorke not buried in the family vault in Richmond parish church? It seems he had chosen otherwise, particularly requesting Hudswell, as he had preferred to worship here rather than in Richmond, and also this particular spot afforded a view down the river Swale to his beloved estate.

The Richmond headmaster James Tate, who had known John Yorke all his life, wrote in

1813 to a mutual friend: "You will see that poor Mr. Yorke is gone at last. He lies buried in Hudswell churchyard by his particular request. The situation is rather bleak, but commands a fair prospect, looking right into Whitcliffe Wood and down the river to Mr. Yorke's grounds."

When I last stood beside the tomb, the view downstream was obscured by trees which have since 1813 grown much taller.

Another change is, of course, the church building itself. The Hudswell church John Yorke knew was a small, and somewhat

nondescript, 'chapel of ease', served by a stipendiary curate rather than a vicar.

The old church was replaced by the present Hudswell Church in 1884, and Hudswell later became a separate parish, with its own vicar, before being joined with Richmond.



Jane Hatcher

St Michael and All Angels - heading for a new future?

Hudswell Hostel @ St Michaels

This is the name that the St Michael's Project sub-committee have chosen for the hostel and conference/event facility that it is proposed to develop withing the former Hudswell Parish Church. Since the last update in the Hudswell Messenger the subcommittee have been busy and can report on the following progress.

- The group have met with officers of the National Park Planning department and received a favourable response, suggesting that, providing that certain conditions are met, the proposal is capable of receiving planning approval.
- Whilst legal agreements have still to be signed off, the Church Commissioners have negotiated with the owner of the land between the church and the road and entered into an agreement with him that this land will be transferred to them, prior to their considering the transfer of the church and this land to the charity. This will give important vehicular access to the church.
- The group have been awarded £14,000 of funding from the Bright Ideas Fund (National Lottery money distributed by

"Power to Change') and provided with an experienced advisor to help them develop their plans over the next six months.

The funds will be used to pay for detailed design work leading to a full planning application, legal representation in relation to the land transfer agreement (conveyancing) and an expert feasibility study on the viability of the whole proposal.

- The group have produced a report which draws on the work prepared for the former Richmond Grammar School bunk house proposal (now withdrawn) and indicates how the hostel would be developed, managed and marketed.
- The group have agreed to form a new company, probably called Hudswell Hostel @ St Michael's Ltd, that will be wholly owned by Hudswell Community Charity. This will effectively be the charity's trading arm, with its own finance, management and separate legal liability. This will ensure that the Charity's other work, mainly the

provision of housing for Hudswell residents in housing need, is not at risk, should the hostel project run into financial difficulty. This company will be registered at Company's House in the near future.

- The Diocese of Leeds have agreed to seek quotes to get an up to date condition survey undertaken in order to identify what urgent works are required to ensure that the building does not deteriorate any further.

All of this sounds pretty dry and technical, but it is the essential background work that needs to be done to make our vision of re-using the church in a way that will benefit the village a reality. As stated in the last edition of the Messenger this vision will see the building maintained and preserved by converting it in a sympathetic way for a new use. This new use

will be compatible with its peaceful surroundings, economically viable, and give continued public access to our church. We will continue to report progress in the Hudswell Messenger, but if anyone wants to know more about our plans, please ask any member of the St Michael's subcommittee, who are named below. Or you can e mail the secretary at this address; martintbooth1@hotmail.com

The St Michaels Subcommittee of Hudswell Community Charity

Susan Ferns Williams, Annie Sumner, Paul Hetherington, Ian Whinray, Andrew Boyle, Rev Martin Fletcher and Martin Booth

[Acknowledgement: This important and interesting item has been reprinted from the 'Hudswell Messenger' by kind permission of the editor, Martin Booth. Thank you. We will continue to publish updates as they become available]

A new home for the St Michael's Church Organ

Goetze and Gwynn is a firm based in Worksop near Nottingham which builds and restores pipe



organs and also specialises in transferring and installing traditional organs (no connection with the Friary Hospital article, by the way!!). In August 2019, they brought their considerable skills to

bear on moving the organ from St Michael and All Angels, Hudswell to Bradford.

The organ (which is believed to date from 1890) was originally made by Peter Conacher for Kirby Malzeard Methodist Church and is believed to date from 1890. Peter Conacher was a Scottish pipe organ builder who studied in Germany and worked for builders in Lincolnshire and London before setting up his

own business in Huddersfield in 1854. As well as church organs, the firm also constructed theatre organs. It continued as a family firm before being taken over in 1986 by another notable firm owned by the Willis family. Newspapers, used in re-adjusting the bearers of the wind chest and which were found on moving the organ to Hudswell, suggest that it came to the parish in 1934.

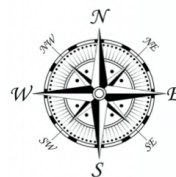
The instrument is now being being used to support worship in St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Bradford. How many of these instruments can boast use in three different branches of the faith, I wonder??





WILLIAM'S WALKS

April 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 three 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 third in the series. Why not give it a go... and let us know what you think?

CORONATION PARK

Start/Finish - TESCO Car Park, Catterick Garrison. **Time:** 1 Hour

Walk Type: Easy. All on paths/tracks. Suitable for pushchairs. Some easy slopes, and short pavement sections.

Toilets and Refreshments at TESCOs and Princes Gate.

Ordnance Survey Map: 304 Northallerton & Richmond

This all-seasons hard surface walk takes you on a short circuit based on the pretty Coronation Park in Camp Centre.

1) From the TESCO Car Park go past Boots and down the steps outside Poundstretcher. Cross the road using the pelican crossing and turn right.

2) After the Garage, turn left into the clearly signposted Coronation Park. Follow the path straight ahead keeping the play equipment on your right and go up the short slope into Heatherdene Road.

3) Turn left and watching out for traffic follow the road round to the right.

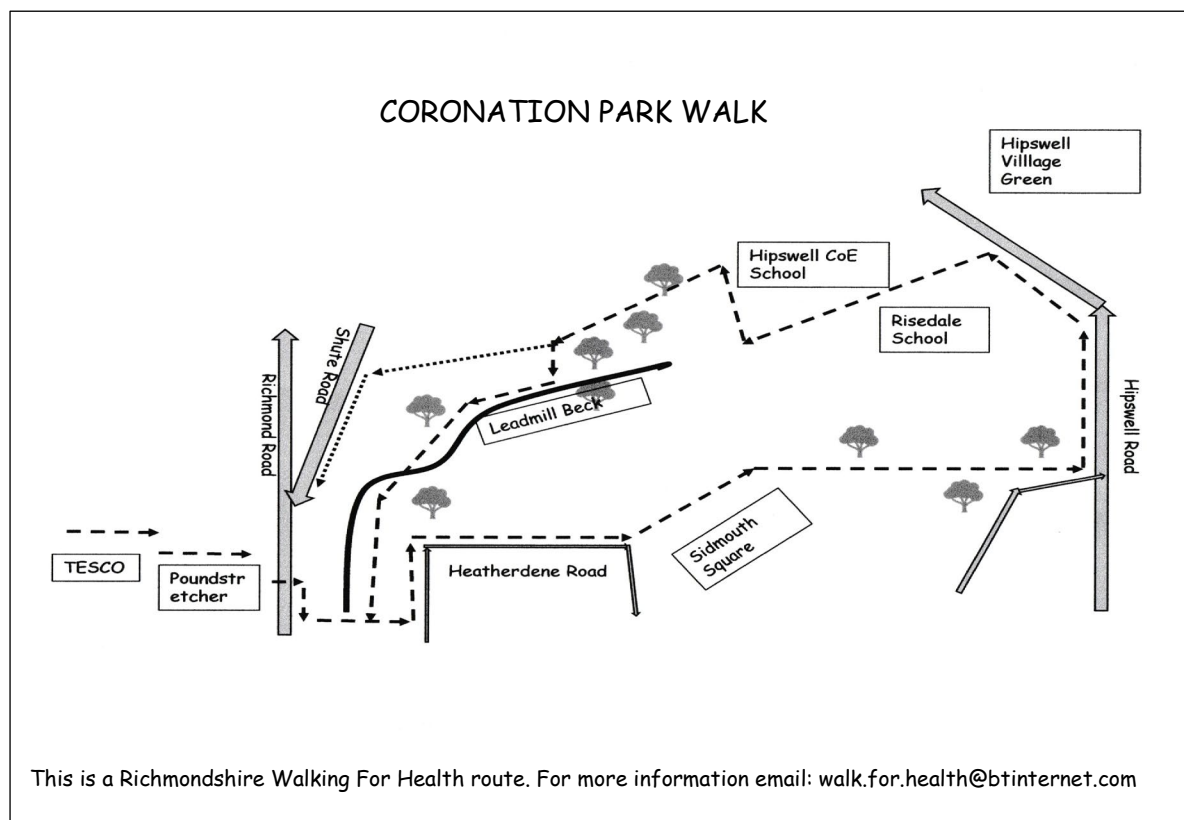
4) Take the path off to the left around the grass keeping left of the houses, following the path downhill with the beck on your left. This leads you to Hipswell Road where you turn left along the pavement.

5) Go up the hill into the village centre with its pretty green on your right. Turn left into the lane leading to Risedale

school and follow the tarmac track ahead between the two schools.

6) When the track emerges from the woods, turn left across the grass and down the short steep slope back into Coronation Park. Follow the riverside path through the woods going under the pipe bridge.

7) Bear right over the footbridge and follow the path around and back to the Park Entrance. Retrace your steps back to TESCO Car Park. (If you do not fancy the steep slope, follow the track until you meet Shute Road, turning left back to the Pelican Crossing and TESCO Car Park)



‘Pursue some path, however narrow and crooked, in which you can walk
with love and reverence’

Henry David Thoreau

Calling all walkers, runners and cyclists!!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (but check nearer the time!!)

**Sunday 19th April: Fun Run : starting at the Swimming Pool at
Finish with refreshments and medal presentation by Stuart Parsons in St Mary’s Church
at 12.00 noon. Entry fee £2.00; under 5s free.**

**Saturday 23rd May: Parish Ride and Stride – for walkers, and cyclists;
led by Graham Barber. Details to follow.**

EXCLUSIVE!!

A NEW WRITER FOR THIS APRIL EDITION

We are particularly fortunate to have acquired the services of Mister Jack Finney for April's edition of the magazine. Now living in Richmond, Mister Finney has had a varied life which led him to a horticultural specialism in maintaining churchyards and vicarage gardens. But it wasn't an obvious at the start.

Little Jack was born to English parents though his mother and father were Welsh. In his early life he seemed destined to be an exceptional footballer, dribbling at 10 and talking at 12. At 16 he was spotted - but then so were a number of teenage boys of his generation. However, whilst pursuing his parallel love of gardening, he sustained an injury involving a runaway wheelbarrow, a garden gnome and a pair of rusty shears. This ruled out a career in sport.

He had developed a passion for gardening whilst weeding his Auntie Mabel's prolific window box at her flat in Liverpool. This led him to be awarded a much-coveted apprenticeship under the landscape gardener from Bootle, 'Incapability' Brown, before moving to the Lake District to learn garden pest control, tutored by one Mr McGregor. His first job followed quickly, but his innovative attempt to cut an ecological natural roof with a motorised lawn mower led to instant dismissal. Having a strong faith, a philosophical instinct and an interest in historical research, he decided to specialise in churchyard maintenance, initially in Milton Keynes. His high level of practical ineptitude led to frequent opportunities to be sent to many other parts of the country, accompanied by his bus fare to get there. Indeed, deportation was considered at one stage.

Working in such varied places exposed him to a wide range of events and incidents. As a result of a chance meeting at the tip at Brompton, he was persuaded to share key observations from his life exclusively with this magazine - as long as we didn't change his north Buckinghamshire accent because of the many life opportunities the area had given him - and also that his demands for a weighty honorarium of two barm cakes and a Chelsea bun were met. Depending on the success of his first April reminiscence, foolishly he might be persuaded to tell more. Welcome to the team, Mister Jack Finney.

Noo 'bout twelve month ago or so, I reckon, I were sittin' on that silly ol' dignitary's tomb in that churchyard in Richmond - the tombstone of 'im wot rode orf a cliff - 'avin me baggins wi' me ol' dog Lucky..... Wot?

Yeh, that's 'im, Willance - wot a chump! I tell 'ee I'd 'ave buried im fust, then 'is leg arter - mighta larnt 'im a lesson, that.

Well, I were chewin' away at me cucumber sandwich when I sees this 'ol snail, crawlin' along the toppa the stone an' I sez t' meself, 'When that little fella reaches the end o' the tomb, I'll start workin' agen.' Mind, 'e weren't that quick, the 'ol snail. So, about an hour later, up the parf comes a bishop.

Now, I don't allas 'old wi' bishops - nah, I don't like them pointy hats an' an' crooks and smellin' o' patchouli oil an' always creepin' up on you wiv them soft soled trainers when yer 'avin yer baggins. Wot?

Nah, that John bloke's alright - 'ee's a good 'un. It was one o' them others. Any'ow- "Mornin' Finney" 'ee says (not even Mister Finney, that roiled I, I can tell 'ee).

"Nice mornin', Finney" 'ee says, getting' me a bit more roiled. Well, just then, 'ee catches soight o' me snail. "Ugh. I hate them critters" 'ee says (bit posher than that, but that was 'ees gist.) So, 'ee gets 'iz crozier thing, 'an 'ee knocks the poor little chap orf 'an onter the ground.... Wot?

Dunno. Must be 'cos them snails eat 'ees veg. Anyway, ' ee picks 'im up, takes a run an' - blow me ! – 'ee flings 'im roight over the church an' inter the rectory garden.

Well! I wuz 'mazed. It were quite a frow , jus' like ol' Jack 'Obbs. Course ' ee wudna knowed 'oo 'ee wuz, no fear.... Wot?

Upset? 'Course I wuz upset. “ ‘Ere bishop,” I sez. “ What abaht love for all God’s creatures ‘an all?” But ‘ee jus’ flapped ‘is gowns an’ nipped inter church for a Belles’ tea.

Well nah, 'bout twelve months later, I was sittin' on ol' matey's tomb agen, havin' me baggins wi' Lucky and doin' some research on

this Willance bloke - an' no snail to tell me when te stop - when up the parf comes the bishop for his Belles' tea agen.

“Mornin' Finney,” ‘ee sez, mekkin' me fume agen (that John bloke wuddn't do that) an' then he starts boastin' 'bout his cafeedral an' tryin' t' impress me with 'is bishopric.

Well, I keeps on eatin' me baggins and tryin' to ignore 'im when suddenly, 'ee feels a little tuggin' of 'is vestments an' 'ee looks dahn and there's the same ol' snail. Well, that 'ol snail looks up at the bishop 'an 'ee sez, “Oi! Wot did you go 'an do that for?”

Well, 'ee 'ad no answer fer that, I can tell yer.

Philosophical thoughts on issues of our time from previous magazines

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?

INFANTS SCHOOL TEACHER: To get to the other side.

PLATO: For the greater good.

ARISTOTLE: It is the nature of chickens to cross roads.

KARL MARX: It was a historical inevitability.

CAPTAIN JAMES T. KIRK: To boldly go where no chicken has gone before.

SHERPA TENSING: Because it's there.

RONALD REAGAN: I forget.

HIPPOCRATES: Because of an excess of phlegm in its pancreas.

INSERT YOUR OWN HERE (Ed)!

MANAGEMENT/MARKETING CONSULTANT:

Deregulation of the chicken's side of the road was threatening its dominant market position. The chicken was faced with significant challenges to create and develop the competencies required for the newly competitive market. Our consultancy, in a partnering relationship with the client, and using the Poultry Implementation Model (PIM), helped to align the chicken's resources to use its skills, methodologies, knowledge, capital and experiences, in support of its overall strategy within a Programme Management framework.

The meeting was held in a park-like setting, enabling and creating an impactful environment. which aligned with the chicken's mission, vision, and core values. In short, our consultancy helped the chicken change to become more successful.

From Sheila Harisson - magazine Oct 1992

Schiehallion concert raises



Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Purple Creative, Latimer Hinks and Harbour Management Solutions, an audience of well over 100 people were treated to a high quality evening of music by Schiehallion. The hugely talented trio of Chris Griffiths (French horn), Martin Hughes (violin) and deft accompaniment by David Murray (pianoforte) brought a varied programme to St Mary's Church in February. It is likely that many audience members were unfamiliar with the pieces played, but the enthusiastic reception and lengthy applause spoke volumes for the level of appreciation experienced. The Brahms Trio which comprised the second half was a particularly moving piece and a fitting climax to the evening.

Alexe Roberts gave unstintingly of her time to setup and co-ordinate the whole evening, whilst the support of the Belles in providing refreshments brought welcome warmth at the interval. Appreciation too for the hours of time which Graham Barber and Peter Trewby put in to ensure even a modicum of heating for our somewhat cavernous building. Peter then managed to scrub up well to another warming task – namely the serving of interval wine! Oh, and the evening raised approximately £800 for the organ repair fund. In current parlance – **RESULT!!!**

200 Club Winner

Margaret Clayson has achieved a double in the magazine by getting another mention. After recognising her sterling work with the Friends of the Friary Community Hospital, she has also emerged as the winner of the March 200 club

draw with number 115. Anyone seeking to congratulate Margaret on her success can find her at a Friends meeting – provided that you volunteer as well!

Hold onto your hats – a Fashion Show is coming (virus permitting) !

On **Friday May 1st**, in Richmond Town Hall, St Mary's is delighted to be hosting a ladies' fashion show, brought to us by So2You. The clothes will be modelled by local people, and will suit adult women of all ages in our various shapes and sizes. There will be major high street brands **up to 75% off**, and also some local stalls selling handmade jewellery etc.

Doors will open at 6:30 with the fashion show starting at 7pm. There will be a charity raffle and licensed bar, with all profits from these and the ticket sales going to the Friends of St Mary's Church.

Tickets cost £5 each and are available from Peter Trewby, Castle Hill Bookshop, 'Neeps and Tatties' and 'Out of the Box'. This will be a very popular community event, so don't delay in getting your tickets. Bring some friends too – all are welcome!

Edges of Faith – a new group planned to get under way this month

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' is planned to be starting this month and then 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, Wendy or Anna Booth.

Military Wives – the movie

No doubt that, by the time you read this month's edition, a number of you will have seen the film which was released on Friday 6th March. If you, like me, stay right until the last credits have rolled, it would have been a delight to see the acknowledgement of the role the Catterick WAGs choir played in starting the movement off – and to see Carol Gedye appearing in the Catterick WAGs sequence at the end as the initiating group.

Those people who have a long association with St Mary's church will know of the central role Carol played in building Upbeat to be a substantial group of musicians of all ages supporting the music of Worship for All services since the early 1990s. Carol also added the Anacrusis choir later, which at its largest, numbered over 30 singers. What was less obvious was the hours Carol, supported by husband, William, spent in selecting and arranging music to suit the ability levels of the younger musicians, arranging special practices for them a week before the main Friday practice which always preceded the service on the third Sunday. She also attended courses in her own time and at her own expense to broaden her knowledge and increase her skills as an arranger, conductor and choral 'animateur'.

Add onto this a series of annual cross-church 'specials' with joint choirs of 70-80 singers, and her powerful and selfless drive to develop musical participation and performance in our town and area.

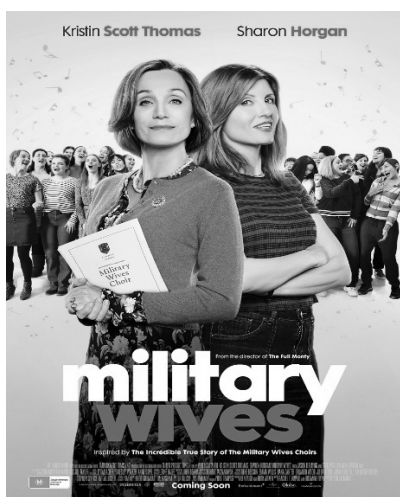
It is largely through her energies and dedication that the three Station Singers groups have begun and then gone from strength to strength since their inception in 2009. Accompanists

have also come from St Mary's – first Susie Stevens and then, for a number of years and still today, Brett Overin.

So, when the founders of the first military wives choir – at Catterick Garrison – were seeking an inspirational musical director, they turned to Carol who took on the task willingly. She brought the same dedication to this task as she did to all that she has done elsewhere – choosing the music carefully and arranging it to suit the groups but always with the extra dimension of knowing why the group had been set up – not to produce a brilliant choir, but first and foremost, to use the choir as a regular occasion when the participants would enjoy meeting together on a shared task and, in doing so, build a network of support built on a common understanding of the emotional and practical issues arising from partners being posted away from home for lengthy periods of time and often in high risk environments. This central purpose was emphasised throughout the film.

Again, supported by Susie and then Brett, she quietly coaxed standards of performance from the group which many had not intended or believed possible. This, in turn, brought experiences which were confidence enhancing and brought great memories. Flash mob singing, concert performances, studio recording, radio and TV appearances and, for some, the Royal Albert Hall (where the British Legion volunteer tasked with looking after them behind the scenes in London had learned piano from 'Auntie Carol' since the age of 4!).

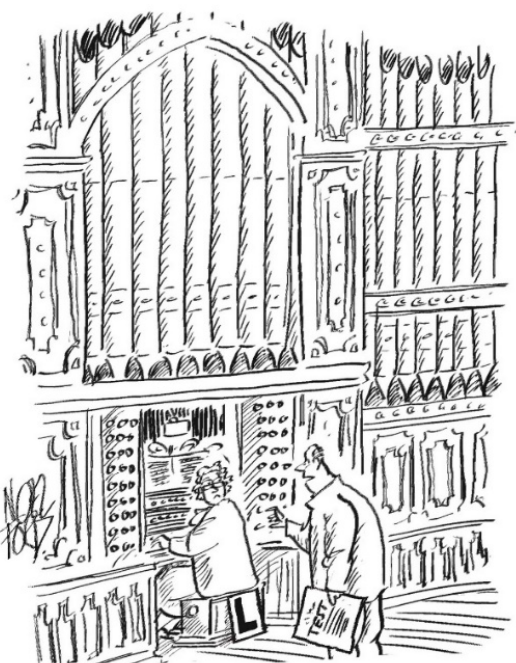
One national newspaper critic bemoaned that Gareth Malone and his role had been airbrushed from the film. A personal belief is that Gareth Malone's work, supported by television's backroom staff, built choirs at Chivenham and Plymouth. The series was important in alerting other bases to what was possible and could be achieved. However, the actual work of building and maintaining similar choirs across the country and beyond has been



down to the work of lots of 'Carols', 'Susies' and 'Bretts', creating musical opportunities, building confidence and, crucially, fulfilling the key intention of the group set up at Catterick – as a support network for women in challenging and vulnerable situations.

So, as the credits rolled, Carol Gedye appeared near the end – but perhaps it should have been at the beginning? Well done and thank you, Carol!

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"At some point between Verses 3 and 6, I'll signal for you to do an Emergency-Stop."



Letters to the Editor

Firstly, we would like to send our congratulations on the new look magazine. We are receiving very positive feedback from recipients of the magazine.

Secondly, can we give a big 'thank you' to the leaders of Youth Church for the open invitation to all ages for the games afternoon on the first Sunday in March. The time we 'grown ups' spent with the youth was great fun and the mix of ages demonstrated a happy family situation, playing games such as Trivial Pursuit, Uno, Othello, The Exploding Kittens, Sorry, and Dominoes. So, thank you to the young folks for sharing your time with us. Some of us must have seemed very old!!

The cakes with the tea and coffee were an added bonus so an extra thank you for the providers of these.

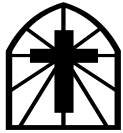
Freda and Tony Dykes

After the March edition, lovely letters have been received by Keith Hardisty (Talking Newspaper article) and William Gedye (William's Walks) arising from their contributions.

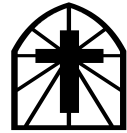
The letter to Keith was in appreciation of the work being done to keep the newspaper going, It also added a new recipient of the Talking Newspaper and an offer of volunteering, as well as remembering the late Debbie Walker warmly. William's letter was in appreciation of the walk item and asking for a full programme of walks and also describing how bits of our magazine are being distributed more widely.

Thanks for this and for the appreciations expressed.

JJ



We have laid to rest those
who have died



7 th February	Nancy Dunning
7 th February	Joycelyn Farrell
8 th February	Roland (Rollie) Raine
20 th February	Stuart Cherry

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 PLANNED IN APRIL

Wednesday 1 st April	Holy Communion	St Mary's	9.15 a.m.
Thursday 2 nd April	Little Rainbows	St Mary's	9.30 a.m.
Saturday 4 th April	Quiet Morning	St Mary's	10.00 – 12.00
Sunday 5 th April	Youth Church	St Mary's	4.00 p.m.
	Fauré's Requiem	St Mary's	6.30 p.m.
Monday 6 th – 9 th April	Reflection services (each evening)	St Mary's	7.00 p.m.
Thursday 9 th April	Little Rainbows	St Mary's	9.30 a.m.
Friday 10 th April	Stations of the Cross service	St Mary's	12.00 – 3.00 p.m.
	Fun-Key Church	St Mary's	4.00 p.m.
Saturday 11 th April	Easter Liturgy	St Mary's	8.00 p.m.
Thursday 16 th April	Little Rainbows	St Mary's	9.30 a.m.
Sunday 19 th April	Worship for All	S Mary's	10.00 a.m.
	Fun Run	Swimming Pool	11.00 a.m.
	Scouts' St George's Day service	St Mary's	3.00 p.m.
	Fellmongers' St George's Day Service	St Mary's	7.00 p.m.
Saturday 25 th April	'Exploring Faith'	Rokeby Inn	10.45 – 12.00
Sunday 26 th April	Fun Key Church	St Mary's	4.00 p.m.
Thursday 30 th April	Little Rainbows	St Mary's	9.30 a.m.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The title says it all !! All information is correct at the time of going to press.

However, you will be aware that, with the current coronavirus situation, events and arrangements are constantly being amended so this is necessarily a guide only. This applies to the information on the following two pages also.

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! Given the current situation, it would be wise to check before attending.

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

TUESDAY 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 this month.... 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 26th April. 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 or 07762 440094; or contact Gillian Lunn on 07592016476 or 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.



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**HOLD ON
TO THAT
WHICH
IS GOOD**

MONEY MATTERS

Is there no end to our need to replace, repair and update? Sadly, there probably isn't but we do seem to be going through a particularly bad time at the moment. Active projects include overhauling the heating system and extensive organ repairs.

But one bit of good news is that thanks to your generosity and that of outside grants-giving bodies, the Audio Visual system is now paid for and up and running and we hope will enhance the use of our Parish Church for worship and for community use.

What's up with the heating? Rusting Victorian pipes and modern condenser boilers are poor bedfellows. Rust from inside the pipes enters the pumps and the heat exchangers and damages both. Sadly, at the time of the initial boiler installation no filter or strainer was put in the system. Furthermore, in the chancel above the crypt, the return pipes have corroded right through so water has been leaking out into the crypt. That water loss has to be constantly replaced with fresh water which, because it holds more oxygen, causes more rust and so the cycle continues.

The rusting, leaking pipe has now been replaced, filters inserted and the 3 boilers and their pumps taken apart and cleared of debris



and the previous tank fed system (complete with all sorts of indescribable ancient debris) has been replaced by a sealed pressurized system. We were worried at the onset that we might need new boilers, and indeed we still might, but we hope we have saved the day.

There is more work to be done to replace underfloor pipes in the North aisle and adjust the on-off timing of the pumps but at the time of writing we have 3 functioning boilers and also an improved control system. To save

money, not to mention the planet, we will only turn the heating on when the church is in use.

Chris Upton, our remarkable boiler man, was blessed by the nuns at the Carmelite Nunnery in



Darlington when he saved them thousands of pounds preventing the need for a new boiler.

He tells us that blessing still holds and I'm sure you'll agree that we should add blessings as well.

To date we have spent £5,900 on the heating system but thanks to your generosity including several who have donated their winter heating allowance, we have received a remarkable £4,526 towards this bill. Thank you so much.

There is still more to be spent but we hope not too much more! A warm church is a welcoming church and we cannot have people leaving because the church is too cold.

What about the organ? Much work has already been done, including emergency repairs but there remains a need to replace the frayed cracked skins on the bellows which are leaking air. We have applied for grants, which we may or may not receive, but we are particularly grateful to Alexe Roberts for arranging the Schiehallion Horn Trio, the £793 proceeds of which went towards the organ repairs, as does

income from the use of the organ for weddings and funerals.

The total cost of the organ repairs is in the region of £8000 of which we still have £4000 to find. The organ, as many of you will know, was built by Harrison and Harrison organ builders in 1912 and is the finest between Durham and York. We owe it to ourselves and our organists and choir and future generations to maintain this exceptional instrument.

And what else? Our 5-year quinquennial inspection has pointed out many deficiencies, particularly in the stonework. A thorough overhaul of the guttering is urgent and some of the pointing as well and these will be carried out during the coming year. Some of the work we can, and have, done ourselves, for example, thank you Harry for removing the vigorous sapling growing from the gutter hopper above the chancel.

You may also have noticed the flagpole was in a dangerous situation and had to be taken down and re-fixed. But have you ever noticed the weather vane? Probably not, because it's looking tired and its frame is rusting and it has come loose from the stone. The frame needs repainting and re-fixing and the vane needs gilding. Once refurbished, it will again catch the light as intended and show to others how much we care for our Church. Taking it down, refurbishing and re-gilding it is a snip at £600, and what better way to show off St Mary's for next year's 'Richmond 950' celebrations. Any offers?!!

To finish, a quote from George Lorimer, American author and journalist "It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure that we haven't lost the things that money can't buy." Sound advice indeed.

Peter Trewby



"Looks like they've introduced contactless payments for their collections."

HUTCHINSON RICHMOND AND GILLING TRUST

This charity works to support the local community by providing small grants towards such things as 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 or our Rector.

The lighter side of coronavirus (2)

"In an unsettling reversal of my teenage years, I am now yelling at my parents for going out" Twitter

"If our grandparents could give their lives for the nation, perhaps it's not too much to ask that we give time to wash our hands for the same purpose?" Anon

"Pass my bagpipes. There's more than one way to self-isolate" Ed.
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It happened in April

500 years ago, on 6th April 1520 that Raphael, Italian Renaissance artist and architect, died, aged 37. (Unknown illness.

250 years ago, on 7th April 1770 that William Wordsworth, British Romantic poet, was born. He was Poet Laureate 1843-50.

200 years ago, on 8th April 1820 that the famous Ancient Greek statue of the Venus de Milo was discovered on the island of Milos in the Aegean.

150 years ago, on 22nd April 1870 that Vladimir Lenin, Russian communist politician and revolutionary was born. First head of state of the Soviet Union, founder of the Russian Communist party, leader of the Bolshevik Revolution, and founder of Comintern (Communist International).

100 years ago, on 25th April 1920 that Britain was assigned the Mandate for Palestine. It officially took control of Mandatory Palestine in September 1923 and held it until the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

75 years ago, from 1st April 1945 to 22nd June: The Battle of Okinawa. The largest amphibious

Also 75 years ago, in April the following concentration camps and prison were liberated: Buchenwald (11th April); Bergen-

Belsen (15th April); Colditz Castle (16th April); Dachau (29th April). They were liberated by either US, British or Canadian force

65 years ago, on 15th April 1955 that American fast-food pioneer Ray Kroc opened his first McDonald's franchise in Des Plaines, Illinois.

50 years ago, on 28th April 1970 that US President Richard Nixon announced that the USA was sending troops into Cambodia to hunt Viet Cong, sparking widespread protests.

40 years ago, on 29th April 1980 that Alfred Hitchcock, British-born American film director and producer (*Rear Window*, *Vertigo*, *Psycho*, and many more) died.

30 years ago, on 24th April 1990 that the Hubble Space Telescope was launched.

15 years ago, on 2nd April 2005 that Pope John Paul II died.

Also 15 years ago, on 9th April 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales married Camilla Parker Bowles, who gained the title the Duchess of Cornwall.

10 years ago, from 15th April to 21st April, that Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull (pronounce that if you can!) volcano erupted explosively, sending a plume of volcanic ash across NW Europe. Air travel was disrupted for six days.

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Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with His disciples, He warned them He was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and His blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup might be removed from Him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. From Easter onwards we can only approach God through His Son, Jesus Christ, not on our own merit.



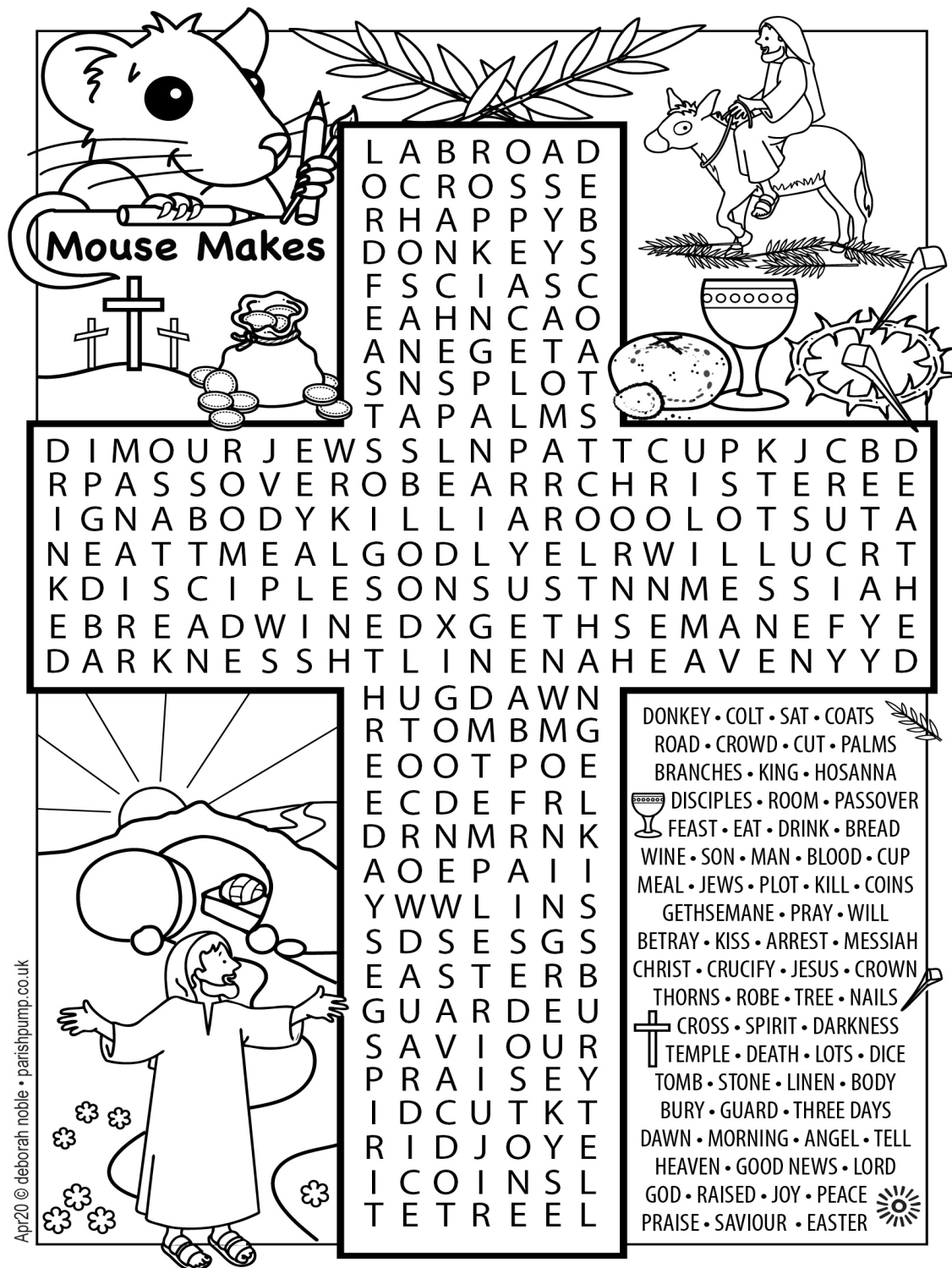
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A PRAYER FOR THE WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCHES IN APRIL

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 – APRIL 2020

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RICHMOND		
April 5 th - Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 12.00 mid-day 4.00 p.m.	Holy Communion Parish Communion Baptism Youth Church
April 12 th EASTER DAY	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong
April 19 th 2 nd Sunday of Easter	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion Worship for All Free to Be
April 26 th 3 rd Sunday of Easter	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Holy Communion Parish Communion Fun-Key Church
For details of additional Easter services, please see Martin's Message on pages 4 & 5		
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
HOLY TRINITY		
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
St. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, DOWNHOLME		
12 th April EASTER DAY	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
26 th April 3 RD Sunday of Easter	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
St EDMUND'S, MARSKE		
April 5 th Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
April 12 th EASTER DAY	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
April 19 TH 2 nd Sunday of Easter	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
April 26 th 3 rd Sunday of Easter	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

NOTE: All service information is correct at the time of printing. With the current coronavirus situation, the continuation of church services is in considerable doubt. For those of you with access to the internet, check the website www.richmondhudswellparish.org

ROTAS FOR St MARY'S CHURCH – APRIL/ early MAY – SERVICES PERMITTING

		
	SIDESPEOPLE/GREETERS	COFFEE ROTA
April 5th	J & W Pritchard; A Dickinson	J Steele; B Ridley; M Turner
April 12 th (EASTER)	C & J Bilborough; G & J Barber	E Roberts; O Harrison
April 19th	O Harrison; Margaret Clayson K Robson; S Digan	J Brown; vacancy
April 26th	G & M Merlane;	M Emmerson; H Ellis J & C Bilborough
May 3rd	J & A Roberts; F & M Gibbon	C Blenkiron; M Gibbon; J Bennett
May 10th	J & W Pritchard; A Dickinson	J Steele; B Ridley; M Turner
		
	COUNTING COLLECTION	FLOWER ROTA
April 5 th	Jonathan Roberts; Alan Judge	LENT
April 12th	David Frankton; Jan Beeton	EASTER
April 19th	Graham Barber; Pamela Holland	The Guild
April 26 th	Frank Gibbon; Christine Steadman	The Guild
May 3rd	Jonathan Roberts; Alan Judge	Susan Scrafton
May 10th	Graham Barber; Pamela Holland	Susan Scrafton

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

Sudoku solution - Easy

8	7	4	6	9	5	3	2	1
1	9	6	2	4	3	8	7	5
2	3	5	8	7	1	4	6	9
4	5	8	1	6	2	9	3	7
7	6	1	9	3	8	2	5	4
3	2	9	7	5	4	6	1	8
9	1	3	5	8	6	7	4	2
5	4	7	3	2	9	1	8	6
6	8	2	4	1	7	5	9	3

Sudoku solution - Medium

3	5	2	1	6	4	8	7	9
7	8	1	9	5	2	4	3	6
6	4	9	7	8	3	1	2	5
8	6	7	4	9	1	2	5	3
9	2	5	6	3	8	7	1	4
4	1	3	2	7	5	6	9	8
5	3	6	8	2	7	9	4	1
1	7	8	3	4	9	5	6	2
2	9	4	5	1	6	3	8	7

Wordsearch - solution

B	S	E	S	O	G	W	Y	E	G	S	H
N	O	E	H	E	E	L	P	T	U	E	
P	D	R	D	N	T	H	A	N	K	S	M
B	R	E	A	I	H	S	A	O	L	E	B
O	H	T	V	W	S	N	A	A	A	J	W
D	C	S	T	O	E	C	E	L	D	C	A
Y	A	A	V	V	M	V	I	E	U	K	R
B	O	E	O	A	A	E	S	P	N	U	N
I	R	C	R	V	N	S	R	I	L	B	E
A	P	G	D	B	E	T	R	A	Y	E	D
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And finally....

Thoughts from My Home

Day two of social isolation,
Just looking at the state of our nation
Makes me wonder how we'll do –
No pasta, rice or paper for the loo.
And yet I remain re-assured,
For whilst we're all immured
At home, there are no prisons here.
Surrounded by what we hold dear,
Let's fill our lives with creativity,
Meditation to set our minds free.
Find the version of you that you love best,
Teach your children how to attest
That we have more than we know;
We have love that we can show.
Be kind to you, be kind next door,
We'll not just survive, we'll thrive –
And much, much more.

C.P.

**Deadline for copy for May edition –
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See you in May!



... I haven't the heart to tell Noah I think he's got the plans upside down!

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