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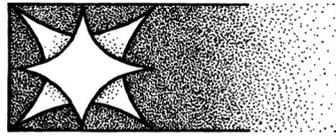


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Advent and Christmas 2019 across our churches

Sunday 1st at 4pm - Christingle at St Mary's Church Richmond



Sunday 8th at 6.30pm - Advent Praise at St Mary's Church Richmond

Sunday 15th at 3pm - Lessons and Carols at St Michael and All Angels Church Downholme

Sunday 22nd at 2.30pm - Carols and Crib Service at St Edmund's Church Marske

Sunday 22nd at 6.30pm - Lessons and Carols at St Mary's Church Richmond

Christmas Eve - at 4pm - The Richmond Crib Service at St Mary's - *come and join the fun as we tell the Christmas Story using the Angel Small book, and Christmas hymns - come dressed as a character if you wish - if we have lots of Mary's and Joseph's that's fine!*

Christmas Eve at 5.30pm - A "traditional" Crib Service at St Mary's - *come and join us as we sit around the crib/manger as we tell the Christmas story using small characters from the Nativity scene and some hymns.*

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm - Holy Communion at St Michael and All Angels Church Downholme

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm - Midnight Mass at St Mary's Church Richmond

Christmas Day - 8am - Holy Communion at St Mary's Church Richmond

Christmas Day - 10am - Christmas Communion at St Mary's Church Richmond

Christmas Day - 11.30am - Holy Communion at St Edmund's Church Marske

Grateful thanks to Gillian

This December/January issue of our Parish Magazine is the last one edited by Gillian. For over nine years we have been benefitting from her creativity, eye for detail, and dedication – qualities she brings to her many other roles in the life of our parish. Thank you, Gillian: we are more grateful than these mere words can convey!

From the February issue onwards Jim Jack will be our editor, for two years. We look forward to benefitting from Jim's own creativity, eye for detail, and dedication – and to helping him build a team who can take over from him in 2022.

A travelling companion through December and January

With this issue of the Magazine spanning the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany I offer some reflections for our journey together.

Advent: preparation, preparation, preparation...

The season of Advent offers us a good opportunity for preparation. As we prepare for the Christmas festivities we make time to reflect on the deep meaning of this major Christian festival. And as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming so we are invited to prepare for his second coming. Again, it is important to make time to recall that it is Jesus who will be our Judge.

This prayer of preparation reminds us of the 'reason for the season':

God of unveiled truth,
faithful flame in times of darkened sun and waning moon:
lift up our distracted hearts and waken our sleeping love
to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.
Amen.

Please use the **Advent Quiet Morning** on Saturday 7th December, in the Holy Trinity Chapel between 9:30am and 12noon. An old friend of St Mary's, Fiona Brown (nee Marshall), will be setting up stations to inspire reflection – for which we can either remain within the Chapel or find a quiet space in the town. This approach means that we will be free to come and go as we please during the morning. Why not pop in whilst you are in town, even for a short time?

Christmas: peace on earth...

In 1914, on the first Christmas of the Great War, peace reigned for a day. That 'Christmas Day truce' spawned a legend centred on a football match played on No Man's Land. At some points along the Western Front the truce extended through to the new year, but sooner or later the fighting resumed – and at Christmas the following year there was no truce.

The 1914 truce emerged through the singing of carols, with 'Silent night' bringing both sides together. Its English and the German versions shared the same simple tune and it was that common language which enabled a fragile trust to build up into something tangible.

In a way, that is the essence of the message of Christmas. God wanted to help us to build on the fragile trust we instinctively wish we could have in him. Over the centuries God tried various ways to show his people that they could trust in him,

but ultimately their nerve failed. Eventually, when the time was right he sent his Son – to live as one of us, speaking our language, enabling human beings to be ‘in tune’ with God. Through the birth and the life, the death and the resurrection, of Jesus we know we can trust in God, whatever might happen to us. This brings us a deep sense of peace – a *tangible* peace which God longs for us to receive and to share. And this peace will last not for a day or even a few days; it is ours for ever.

This year on Christmas Eve, our **Christmas Crib Service** will be offered in two forms: the ever-popular ‘Richmond’ Crib Service at 4:00, and a ‘traditional’ Crib Service at 5:30. In essence, the first service is a Nativity Play – in which the younger people of the congregation are the cast – and in second (quieter!) service we will build the Crib as we hear the Christmas story and sing carols. Come to either service, choosing the time and the style that best suits you.

Epiphany: Jesus is our travelling companion

As we move through the twelve-day season of Christmas towards Epiphany on 6th January *Journeys* seems to be the theme.

First, we remember St Stephen and St John. The ‘Feast of Stephen’ is too easily buried by the clutter of Boxing Day but Stephen’s journey as the first martyr demonstrates a remarkable faith in ‘the Word [who] became flesh and lived among us’, a faith which held firm to the end. That expression was coined by St John whose life we celebrate on 27th December and who gave us the gospel which bears his name. The journey he pioneered in his writing is one which we can all make over and over again: it is not for nothing that his book has been described as “a pool in which children may wade and elephants may swim”.

Then we think of the journey made by Mary and Joseph with Jesus to Egypt, seeking refuge from the despairing atrocities committed by King Herod. Traditionally, this is commemorated on 28th December, the day with the poignant title *The Holy Innocents*.

On 6th January, we think of the special journey to Bethlehem made by the Wise Men from the East, with Jesus revealed as the Saviour of *all* nations and not simply his own nation. 1st January is the festival of the Naming of Jesus: if ‘Christ’ means ‘anointed one’ (*Messiah* in Hebrew), ‘Jesus’ is derived from the Hebrew for ‘God saves’. So behind his very name stands the purpose for which he became flesh.

We will then have the whole Epiphany season – which extends to the fortieth day after Christmas, 2nd February (Candlemas) – to help us see that wherever we travel Jesus is manifestly at our side.

And then at our Candlemas celebrations on Sunday 2nd February we will be welcoming the **Very Revd John Dobson, Dean of Ripon Cathedral** to our 10am service.

With all good wishes for a hopeful Advent, a peaceful Christmas, and a joyful new year...

...Martin



PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER we pray ...

Sun	1	For a new month, fresh starts and with hope for the future. For all coming to Christingle at St Mary's Church at 4pm. For The Children's Society
Mon	2	For Revs Martin, Mark, Jennifer and Bishop John.
Tue	3	For children and young people - that they may come to know God's love for them. .
Wed	4	For After the Cards as they meet this afternoon to support each other . For all who miss loved ones who have died.
Thur	5	For First Thursday prayers today.
Fri	6	For all who live and work in Greyfriars. For Knit2gether.
Sat	7	For our bellringers, choir, worship group and our Musical Director Chris, Brett, Fionagh, Colin and Andrew
Sun	8	For USPG and all missionaries.
Mon	9	For our Readers Scott, Gillian and George, for our Church Wardens, treasurers, vergers, PA and PCC. For Jennifer our Pastoral Assistant.
Tue	10	For all who are looking for work. For all who are looking to work out what God is calling them to do.
Wed	11	For peace in our world and for all who have given their lives for their country. And for all who still suffer because of war.
Thur	12	For the General Election today. For all who are standing for election, may they serve the country with integrity and humility.
Fri	13	For hope - even when it seems hopeless. For love when little is shown. May we draw closer to God and shine as lights of love.
Sat	14	For all who work at Marrick Priory, for their Trustees and Friends and those who visit.
Sun	15	For our Queen and her family.
Mon	16	For Monday morning Toddler group at the Methodist Church. For single parents, for families which are separated by distance and circumstances
Tue	17	For the MU and the Belles and all they do both at church and as an organisation.
Wed	18	For refugees and migrants and all who are persecuted. For Trinity Academy coming for their Christmas service today.
Thur	19	For all who come to Richmond School Carol Concert at church at 6pm
Fri	20	For a sense of love & warmth towards those who cross our paths.
Sat	21	For any who are feeling low or sad, lonely or alone. May they know God's presence. May we be alert and willing to help where we can.
Sun	22	For all coming to the Lessons and Carols this evening at St Mary's.
Mon	23	For food producers and farmers - locally and internationally.
Tue	24	For peace and love and thankfulness for all.
Wed	25	For God's gift of love in the form of baby Jesus.
Thur	26	For all who live in Hudswell, Downholme and Marske.
Fri	27	For Paul (our curate-to-be) and Jeanette Sunderland, as they prepare to join us in July 2020.
Sat	28	For our world - that we may look after it.
Sun	29	For all who are in hospital
Mon	30	For all who live, work and visit Ryders Court, Nightingale Hall and The Terrace.
Tue	31	The year just past and for the hope that may be found in God's love as we enter a new year.

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Sunday 1st - Christmas at Marrick. Why not begin your Christmas celebrations with music by Marske Choir and a delicious supper in the ancient chapel of Marrick Priory. Tickets are £10 from Cathy Trewby (01748-824468) or Judith Clarke (01748-826793). A bus will run from Nun's Close car park at a cost of £4, leaving at 6.15pm, returning for about 9.30pm.

Wednesday 4th - Richmond Flower Arranging Club - Demonstration by Susan Hall "Christmas Magic" followed by buffet lunch provided by members Coffee served from 9.30am with workshop commencing at 10.15am. Contact Judy for more details, Tel. 01748 824514.

Wednesday 4th- After the Cards - At The Fleece - 1.30pm

Thursday 5th- First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Friday 6th - Christmas by Candlelight - The Royal Northern Sinfonia in St Mary's Church - 7.30pm Royal Northern Sinfonia, orchestra of Sage Gateshead, are visiting to give a Christmas by Candlelight concert. Enjoy the candlelit atmosphere of our beautiful church and listen to virtuosic solo concertos and instrumental music showcasing RNS' marvellous musicians. The programme includes festive favourite 'Winter' from Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Tickets for the concert are £15 standard or £5 for Under 18s, and are available from sagegateshead.com or by calling the Sage Gateshead Box Office on 0191 443 4661. Some may be available on the door, but we recommend advance booking. Also available from CastleHill Bookshop.

Saturday 7th - Advent Quiet Morning, 9.30 -12:00 at Holy Trinity Chapel led by Fiona Brown. (You are welcome to drop in and out as wish)

Saturday 7th - Praise and Glory' – a concert by Richmondshire Choral Society of Beethoven's *Mass in C*, Bruckner's *Te Deum* and Franck's setting of *Psalms 150* at 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Richmond. Conducted by Peter Stallworthy, Andrew Christer, organ and soloists from the Royal Northern College of Music. Tickets £12 from choir members, Castle Hill Books, Neeps & Tatties and The Gallery, Finkle St, Richmond or online from richchoral.org.uk. Young adults 16 – 25 online £3 (otherwise £12) Under 16 free. Further information online or 01325 374112

Wednesday 11th - Richmond Town Council Carol Service - 7pm at St Mary's Church - featuring all the schools in Richmond and Leyburn Band

Saturday 14th - Men's Breakfast at St Cuthberts Church Colburn between 8.30am and 10am. Good food, friendly banter, discussing real life issues: all welcome!

Saturday 14th - The Station Singers present 'A Countryside Christmas' at 6.30 pm in St Mary's Church in support of Original Richmond in Bloom and Just the Job. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets are £9 in advance and £11 on the door. Children have free entry but do require a ticket. Tickets are available from Castle Hill Bookshop, choir members, The Wives Kitchen, St Mary's Church, Kitchen and Gift King Street. Light refreshments will be provided. Why not join us for our Christmas celebration ?

Tuesday 17th - Mothers Union Advent Eucharist at 2pm in St Mary's Church. This will be followed by tea and mince pies and cake. Everyone is most welcome.

Tuesday 17th - Band of the Royal Armoured Corps Christmas Concert - 7pm at St Mary's Church - all welcome.

Saturday 21st - The Church Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in the Town Hall. Prizes for the Raffle and Tombola will be gratefully received and can be brought to Church. We will also have a Cakes and Savouries stall and Jams Jellies and Chutneys. If you can help on the day please speak to Margaret Clayson for kitchen duties 822631 or Susan Scrafton re Stalls or any queries 824106. Please come along and enjoy a chat over coffee and listen to the choir singing carols.

PRAYER DIARY FOR JANUARY we pray ...

Wed	1	For a new month, fresh starts and with hope for the future.
Thur	2	For First Thursday prayers today.
Fri	3	For all who live and work in Greyfriars. For Knit2gether.
Sat	4	For children and young people - that they may come to know God's love for them.
Sun	5	For our bellringers, choir, worship group and our Musical Director Chris, Brett, Fionagh, Colin and Andrew. For young people as they gather together at St Mary's at 4pm
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Mon	13	For our Town and District councils.
Tue	14	For all who work at Marrick Priory, for their Trustees and Friends and those who visit.
Wed	15	For politicians of all parties; for local councillors and representatives. For our Queen and her family.
Thur	16	For Traidcraft and for all FairTrade organisations
Fri	17	For doctors and nurses. For all who work in the NHS. For people in the catering and service industry.
Sat	18	For all missionaries
Sun	19	For all coming to Free to Be this afternoon. We pray for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
Mon	20	For a sense of love & warmth towards those who cross our paths.
Tue	21	For refugees and migrants and all who are persecuted.
Wed	22	For Bishops Nick and Helen-Ann.
Thur	23	For food producers and farmers - locally and internationally.
Fri	24	For Paul (our curate-to-be) and Jeanette Sunderland, as they prepare to join us in July 2020.
Sat	25	For any who are feeling low or sad, lonely or alone. May they know God's presence. May we be alert and willing to help where we can.
Sun	26	For all attending Fun-Key Church today,
Mon	27	For all who live in Hudswell, Downholme and Marske.
Tue	28	For the MU and the Belles and all they do both at church and as an organisation.
Wed	29	For all who are at the Friary Hospital. Those who work there and those who are there for treatment, respite or palliative care.
Thur	30	For all who live, work and visit Ryders Court, Nightingale Hall and The Terrace.
Fri	31	For a sense of hope. For all who are struggling with finances and/or health.

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

Every Friday: Knit2gether at Greyfriars in the restaurant - 10am - 12noon

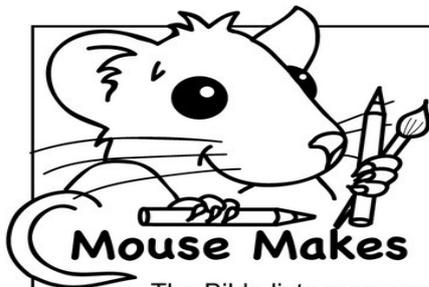
Thursday 2nd First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm.

Wednesday 8th- After the Cards - At The Fleece - 1.30pm

Sunday 19th - Free to Be at 6.30pm at St Mary's Church - a beautiful quiet service with prayer stations, space and peace to be with God.

Sunday 26th at 4pm - Fun-Key Church @ St Mary's Richmond - Come and join us for a relaxed afternoon of crafts, activities and quiet places too, alongside worship and a short talk - very relaxed afternoon for all ages.

Tuesday 28th at 2pm - The MU Christmas Party - call Susan on 824106. All welcome.



Mouse Makes

The Bible lists many names and titles that were given to Jesus. There are 28 to find in the wordsearch, most are listed below but for some you will have to look up the Bible verses!

Eight days after their baby had been born, Mary and Joseph named him with the name the angel Gabriel had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.

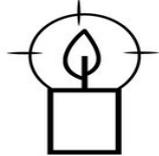
"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins."

Read Luke 2:21-38

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John 14:6



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John 8:12



of Life
John 6:35



John 1:1-5

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John 10:11

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OF GOD
John 1:29



Revelation 17:14

I am the
John 10:9



Luke 2:11

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ALPHA • LORD • JESUS • MESSIAH • LIFE
TRUTH • PROPHET • PRINCE • JUDGE
SON OF GOD • SON OF MAN • CHRIST
VINE • ROCK • REDEEMER • MEDIATOR
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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

YOUTH CHURCH Coming up is Christingle on Sunday 1st December at 4pm - a feast of light and joy - for all ages.



We will meet again on Sunday 5th January at 4pm in St Mary's church when we will have a time of worship followed by a TED type talk with the aim of inspiring us as we grow together in faith. All accompanied with refreshments.

If you use Facebook keep an eye on our St Mary's Church and Fun-Key Church @ St Mary's Church pages, also our church website www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk.

You can also email myself (Gillian) or speak to our Rector Martin or Anna Boyce.

Also, if you have any ideas which you think our young people would be interested in, do please say as we are keen to have activities which they would like, not what we assume they would like.

We very much look forward to exploring faith and having fun together.



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.

At the end of November we looked back over the Church year and at the different seasons of the year. We don't meet in December but will return on Sunday 26th January at 4pm.

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 07592016476

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can.
John Wesley

Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Richmond with Hudswell Parish Development Group

The aim of the Parish Development Group is threefold:

- To work with the Rector, the PCC and the congregation as they support the growth of St Mary's Church in worship, discipleship and social action.
- To set out a local strategy in keeping with the Diocesan strategy.
- To work together with the Rector and the PCC in finding solutions to the financial issues facing the church.

What's working well?

- Warm welcome at services.
- Increasing numbers of regular worshippers.
- Successful fundraising activities including the Plant and Produce sale.
- AV system is fully funded.
- St Mary's is becoming a popular venue for concerts, supported by the work of the St Mary Belles.
- Youth Church on a 1st Sunday- games and activities over the summer, Youth Café from Jan 2020.
- New curate- Paul- from June 2020.
- Existing groups... the Wednesday house group and the Thursday house group are going strong.
- And new... the prayer group meets on Sundays in the church and the Discussion Group meets monthly on a Monday.

We recognise that...

- Many people in the congregation have already given many years of commitment and energy to St Mary's or another congregation.
- People come to St Mary's for many reasons, and are welcome on whatever basis they choose.

Our vision statement is
'To be a people and a place
where love works'

The story so far...

- Two PCC away days.
- Consultation with the congregation.
- The Parish Development Group has met on 5 occasions.
- Draft strategy agreed by the PCC covering 5 areas: Worship and Prayer, Discipleship and pastoral care, Mission and Outreach, Community Action, Fabric and Finance.
- We have looked at the 'easy gains' and also longer term aims.

How can you take part?

- Please let the Rector, a member of the PCC or a member of the PDG know if you have any thoughts ideas or suggestions.
- Consider how you might become involved in one of the church teams, in the services, in leading a group or taking forward a project.
- Try something new! Join a house group, start a prayer group, become a crucifer...

PDG members: Revd Martin Fletcher, Rt Revd John Pritchard, Peter Trewby, Scott Lunn, Gillian Lunn, Alèxe Roberts, Anna Boyce

*“all things come from you, O Lord,
... and of your own do
we give you”*

We urgently need extra financial support for St Mary's Church. Each month we will discuss different ways that we can help St Mary's.

Regular giving. This is not just about paying the bills and wages (it is that as well) but about ensuring the very survival of St Mary's and all it stands for as a centre of worship and ministry. If you are not already a regular donor please consider becoming one either by using a weekly envelope or by Standing Order. If you are already a regular giver, could you increase the amount you give?

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

Is your home insurance up for renewal this year? Don't pay the premium until you get a quote from **Ecclesiastical Insurance**; "a different kind of business". **Ecclesiastical will donate £130 to St Mary's for every new policy taken out.** You could save money on the premium and St Mary's will certainly benefit. Again, if you have any difficulty with the website or application talk to Rev Martin or Peter who will happily take you through it. Has to be done before 31st December 2019.

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

Many thanks



St Mary's Community Media Centre (our AV system) has been chosen as one of the Co-op charity causes.

What this means is when members of the Co-Op shop for most products and services then 1% of purchases will go towards the fund. In addition if you buy selected products and services 5% of the cost goes into your **Co-op Membership** account to spend as and when you want.

Co-op members can choose a cause by going online www.coop.co.uk/membership. We really hope that people will visit the website and choose to support us. If you're not a member and would like to support us, you can join at your local store or online at www.coop.co.uk.

(St Mary's is the largest 'open-door' community centre in Richmond seating 350. It hosts concerts, recitals and school events. We are hampered from expanding our community events further because of inadequate audio-visual facilities – we currently rely on a portable screen, projector and sound system. We will be installing a state-of-the-art fixed audio-visual system which will be valuable to schools and young people. During recitals and school events the controllable camera will enable us to show performers' hands and instruments on the screen. We have ambitions for a community film club and regular dementia-friendly film screenings. We will live stream significant events such as the Tour de Yorkshire and premier sporting events to large audiences.

Our project will bring people from all backgrounds together for cultural, musical and sporting activities. We have a beautiful and spacious building which belongs to the community. Churches bring people together for worship but our responsibilities lie way beyond that. We are determined that this lovely Richmond building achieves its full potential for the benefit of all.)

We would love if you could support us in this simple way.

On Saturday 18th January 2020 there will be an “Everybody welcome” morning held at St Mary’s Church. This morning is for everyone- congregation, sidespeople, welcomers, Readers, PCC, listeners, etc etc etc - anyone who comes to church is invited to come along.

This is a morning run for us (and other churches in our area) by our diocese designed to help everyone look at what it is to be welcoming. The idea is that this morning will help us to **enhance** the welcome which we already give. The session will start at 9.30am with regular breaks, plenty of opportunity to chat and discuss and further develop the welcome which we have.

Previous sessions in other churches have helped them look at what it is to be a welcoming church through fresh eyes - ie those of a visitor or someone more nervous perhaps coming to church for the first time or not for a long time. The morning will finish between 12.30 and 1pm.

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 WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP - THE LUNN'S - 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.

THE THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP - JENNIFER PATRICK'S, - 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. All are welcome.

HUTCHINSON RICHMOND AND GILLING TRUST

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

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

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday	8am 10am 12 noon 4pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Baptisms Christingle
Sunday 8th December Advent 2	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion (joined by David Messer from USPG) Advent Praise
Sunday 15th December Advent 3	8am 10am	Holy Communion Worship for All
Sunday 22nd December Advent 4	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve	4pm 5.30pm 11.30pm	The Richmond Crib Service A "traditional" Crib Service Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	8am 10am	Holy Communion Christmas Communion
Sunday 29th December Christmas 1	8am 10am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	HOLY TRINITY	
EVERY THURSDAY (except 26th)	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS DOWNHOLME	
Sunday 8th December	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th December	3pm	Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 1st December	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th December	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th December	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd December	2.30pm	Carols and Crib
Christmas Day	11.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th December	11am	Morning Prayer

How do you gift wrap love? The nearest you will ever get to that is what Mary did when the child was born – she 'wrapped him in swaddling clothes. *Ian Gregory*

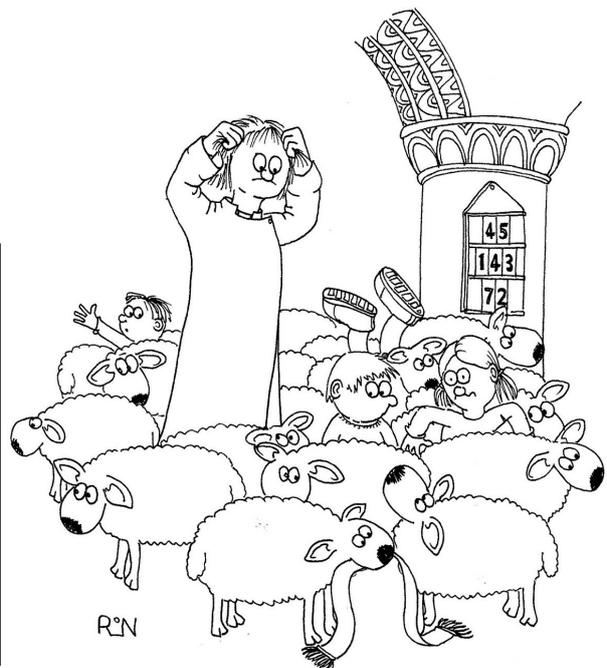
True friendships are lasting because true love is eternal. A friendship in which heart speaks to heart is a gift from God, and no gift that comes from God is temporary or occasional. *Henri Nouwen*

	ST MARY'S RICHMOND	
Sunday 5th January Epiphany	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Youth Church/Cafe
Sunday 12th January Baptism of Christ	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong
Sunday 19th January Epiphany 2	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Worship for All Free to Be
Sunday 26th January Epiphany 3	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Fun-Key Church
EVERY WEDNESDAY	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	HOLY TRINITY	
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS DOWNHOLME	
Sunday 12th January	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
	ST EDMUND'S MARSKE	
Sunday 5th January	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th January	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th January	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th January	11am	Holy Communion

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*Pam's sermon illustrations did not
always work out...*

FROM OUR REGISTERS



We have laid to rest those who have died on

6th October 2019 - John Rutherford (Fudge)

10th October 2019 - Richard Francis

20th October 2019 - Raymond Hardcastle

20th October 2019 - David Noble (at Marske)

22nd October 2019 - Rosemary Olivier

26th October 2019 - Valerie Archibald

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

AFTER THE CARDS AND VISITORS



Bereavement is a very difficult time for the spouse/partner left behind. Starting again on 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 wish any more information. This is a very informal and relaxed atmosphere.

KNIT2GETHER FRIDAYS BETWEEN 10AM AND 12NOON : 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. Please contact Claire Murray on 07737482611 for further information.



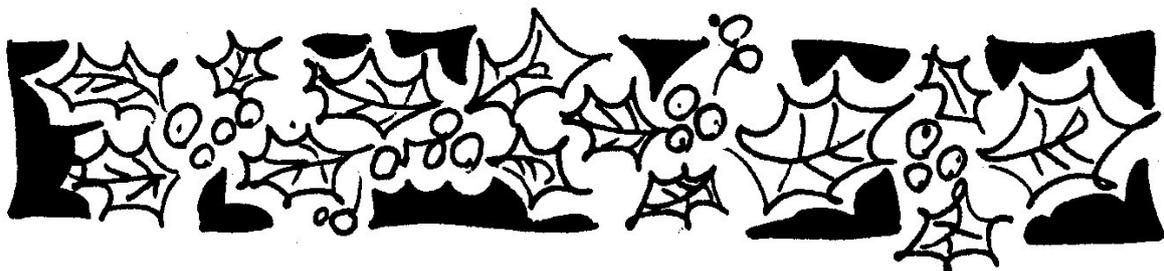
“The Happy Bodgers”.

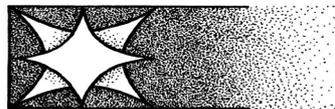
About a year ago a few of our gentlemen were looking at how they can work together to help others who may be in need of a practical assistance. As a result they formed a group called “The Happy Bodgers”. Happily they are far more skilled than their title suggests and they are able to offer a variety of help free of charge.



Try us - we can say no if we don't feel capable. We could probably not take on regular tasks such as lawn mowing, weeding, shopping etc.

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.





December 2019
& January 2020



ST MARY'S

SIDES PEOPLE and WELCOMERS 10am DECEMBER 2019

1st - O Harrison, M Clayson, K Robson, S McCormack
8th - P Wheatley, L Copeland, G&M Merlane
17th - J&A Roberts, F&M Gibbon
29th - J&W Pritchard, J&A Dickinson

JANUARY 2020

5th - C&J Bilbrough, G&J Barber
12th - O Harrison, M Clayson, K Robson, S McCormack
19th - P Wheatley, L Copeland, G&M Merlane
26th - J&A Roberts, F&M Gibbon



COUNTING COLLECTION DECEMBER 2019

1st - J Roberts and A Judge
8th - G Barber and P Holland
15th - ?
22nd - T Dykes and J Beeton
29th - F Gibbon and C Steadman

JANUARY 2020

5th - J Roberts and A Judge
12th - G Barber and P Holland
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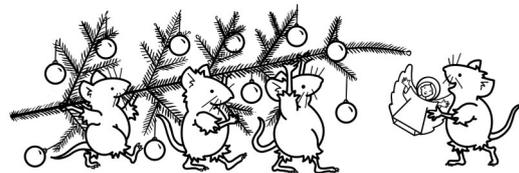
Any problems please swap with someone. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

COFFEE ROTA - DECEMBER 2019

1st - E Roberts, O Harrison
8th - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland
15th - M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis
22nd - C Blenkiron, M Gibbon, J Bennett
29th - J Steele, B Ridley, M Turner

JANUARY 2020

5th - E Roberts, O Harrison
12th - P Wheatley, J Brown, L Copeland
19th - M Emmerson, J&C Bilbrough, H Ellis
26th - C Blenkiron, M Gibbon, J Bennett



FLOWER ROTA - DECEMBER 2019

1st - ADVENT - Susan Scrafton
8th - ADVENT
15th - ADVENT
25th - CHRISTMAS
29th - CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2020

5th - Jan Jack
12th - Jan Jack
19th - Judith Clarke
26th - Judith Clarke



**The deadline for the February magazine is Tuesday 7th January 2020
Please forward any contributions to Jim Jack by hand or send to
stmarys.maged@gmail.com**

If you enjoyed the song Bohemian Rhapsody, and would like the 'Christmas version', complete with singing puppets, do visit this on You Tube. It is from last year, but still well worth the visit! <https://youtu.be/lxvMkSKRWOA>

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