

THE PORCH

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Jubilee

When her father was crowned King George VI, Elizabeth was just 11 years old. In the midst of all the festivities, the young Elizabeth was inconspicuous at the edge of the crowd. A reporter asked her who she was and she answered, 'I'm nobody, but my father is the King.'



The truth is that she was and she is somebody. She was the king's daughter who grew up to become Queen Elizabeth II -our longest serving monarch- and someone whose face would adorn bank notes and stamps, and who today is one of the most instantly recognisable people anywhere in the world.

There will always be those who seek power and position to further their own agenda, but in Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II we have a lived example of a different way of being, a life lived primarily in the service of God and of the people of the United Kingdom and the wider Commonwealth. And at the heart of this service has been her faith.

Someone once said that the true measure of our character is what we do when no-one is watching. Thankfully I cannot even begin to imagine what living life in such a public spotlight as the Queen must be like and yet, alongside the newspaper and TV reports there are also some very touching stories about how the Queen lives when the spotlight is off.

I was once told a story of a clergy person in Norfolk on their way to lead a church service one Sunday when their car broke down in the middle of nowhere. Try as they might they couldn't get the car to start and they were beginning to wonder how on earth they would get to the service, and then how to get home! At that point a large car drove past and then pulled over- and out got the Queen. As she had served as a driver and mechanic in the Women's Territorial Auxiliary Service during World War II, the Queen poked her head under the bonnet and got tinkering, trying to see if she could get the car going.

Apparently Prince Charles also got stuck in! Try as they might they couldn't get the car going and so gave the clergy person a lift to Church and arranged for their car to be picked up and repaired at Sandringham and delivered back to their home.

This is just one small personal story from a life otherwise lived unrelentingly in the public eye. To live in a way that genuinely seeks the good of others and is willing to 'get our hands dirty' is not necessarily easy.

Firstly it means noticing. Sometimes our lives get so busy that we don't even notice what is happening in front of our own eyes. We are rushing on to our next appointment and so fail even to see the person in need at the side of the road as we zoom on our way.

And having noticed, then being willing to stop and help can feel very costly. It means letting go of our agenda, and genuinely seeking to enable the other person to flourish, recognising that our contribution to their flourishing may never be recognised or acknowledged.

And yet this has always been the way of faith. In following Jesus we are minded that Jesus himself did not seek fame or acknowledgement, but rather was obedient to God, a way of life that led to the Cross. And through the Cross that obedience led to the rescuing of all Creation.

And so we give thanks for Queen Elizabeth II, for her life, her faith and her service. And we in turn give thanks for those who have served us and stopped for us in those moments when it feels as though we have broken down at the side of the road. And we pray that with the help of God we too may be able to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

A Coronation Memoir; 2nd June 1953.



My father was an organiser. He helped to plan and run our local street party to celebrate the Queen's Coronation, except that the party was held in a field.

'Local' for me and my family then was the Broadway estate, Fulford.

Lots of games and entertainment for children were laid on plus sandwiches, ice cream, jelly and buns and not forgetting balloons and bunting, the last two not edible. One entertainer that stood out for me was a 'quick draw artist', a sort of high-speed cartoonist with a flip-board and crayons and not a six-shooting sheriff. I was fascinated by the facility, skill and speed of this 'master of crayon craft'.

The date was 2nd June 1953; can't quite remember whether that was a Tuesday or a Thursday but it definitely began with a 'T'! I do remember a terrific thunderstorm in the afternoon that sent everyone dashing for cover.

My clearest recollection, however, is of my two sisters who entered the fancy dress competition which, thankfully, was staged before the storm. It was open to boys and girls. I didn't enter as I was exceedingly shy and extremely callow. I wouldn't be seen dead in clothes not my own, or with odd scraps of cloth, wool, paper, ribbon, foliage, string, cardboard or plumbing hanging off me.

I was only really happy and at relative ease when encased in a jacket which enclosed a pullover which fitted over a shirt, under which nestled a vest. Fancy dress of any stamp was just out of my reckoning. I somehow felt it just wasn't natural. Alien, even. I didn't enjoy parties then, as now, yet ironically my Dad had a real flair for arranging them. Father and I were very different, it has to be said. I was really attending that function under sufferance.

My two sisters were not like their elder brother. Both participated in the fancy dress and, if memory serves, both won prizes. Here they are in our front garden just before the event commenced:



Julie on the left appeared as Britannia and Lynne on the right was Queen for the day; well, for a few hours actually, probably one of thousands of HMQs that day as well as 'Her Majesty the Real One'. A highly patriotic turnout and worthy of applause and random salutes, bows, scrapes and curtseys.

Moreover, 'Her miniature Majesty' had transport provided, a 'one pony-power' carriage for one, on loan from the local 'Lady of the Manor'. You will notice that 'little sis' is already cultivating her regal look. The wave came later:

It's my sisters in their very British garb that most sticks in my mind from that distant Royal day. 'Rule Britannia!' and 'God save the Queen!' 'Any more trifle?'

Such fun...and merriment.

Derek Reed





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Introducing New Proofreader

This month we are delighted to introduce Wendy Thompson, as our new Porch proofreader. Thank you Wendy for signing up.



CONTRASTING CORONATION COINCIDENCES

My memories of the Queen's Coronation in June 1953 are inevitably coloured by my having been called up for my National Service less than two months earlier. So, I found myself in the Royal Navy with no chance of leave at the time.



On the actual day, June 2nd, I was in a barrack room at H.M.S. Mercury (a shore station on the Hampshire Downs). With me was a bunch of wannabe matelots (*Ed's note: 'sailor' to the uninitiated!*) watching the service from the Abbey on a small black and white television. Being well brought up in a deferential family home, I was shocked by the ribald comments of the other blokes.

But rescue came precisely ten days later. Having completed my basic training, I received my 'draft' or posting. Together with my mate Tony, I was sent to Portsmouth on June 12th and we were ferried out to Spithead. A huge armada of warships from every nation was already there in readiness for the Coronation Naval Review. Tony and I were taken on board H.M.S. Sheffield, the famous WW2 cruiser, for our so-called "sea time". We were the youngest and newest members of her crew.

That night, as we lay in our hammocks in Sheffield's Mess 21 - no bunk beds in those days - we wondered if 'they' would let us take part in the Coronation Review. We were, let's face it, the lowest of the low on the lower deck, mere teenage conscripts. So we daringly submitted a 'chit' to the Officer of the Watch and 'they' graciously let us out, or rather let us in.

So, having done our bit, cleaning the ship over the weekend, we lined up on Monday 15th June with the rest of the ship's company on the upper deck. Tony and I wore for the first time our best 'No.1 uniforms' and it felt great.

The Queen was standing on a smaller vessel, H.M.S. Surprise, as she was conveyed between the long lines of ships. When our turn came, the order came over the tannoy, "Sheffield's, off caps. Three cheers for her Majesty the Queen!" We all raised our white top caps heavenward, and 800 voices roared out the cheers. For Tony and me it was magic - our teenage hearts almost burst with patriotic pride. "We woz there!"

Later that night there was a firework display - like on that famous occasion in 1937 when "the Fleet was all lit up" - and the tannoy spoke again. This time it said, "a signal has been received" and before it could complete the message, a huge roar ran round the ship. Everybody knew that the next words would be "splice the mainbrace" and so it was. 798 blokes rushed to get their tot of rum; Tony and I got nothing as we were underage (it said UA in our pay books). But who cares? We had just taken part in a piece of history.

We will be for ever grateful that National Service made that possible.

God save the Queen!

Philip Cousins

From the Archive: June 1977: Celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee

As we celebrate an extraordinary 70 years on the throne, we look back at the vicar's lead piece about Her Majesty the Queen's Silver Jubilee in The Porch. Revd. Andrew Girling reflects on a life of service, that has continued for a further 45 years.

The Vicarage,
June 1977.

Dear Friends,

This month sees the climax of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, and all of us, in some way, will want to join in the festivities in appreciation, not only of all that the Queen has done for our country and commonwealth at a critical time in its history, but also for her unstinting concern for the life of the Church and her continuous example of dedicated service to the whole of our community.

May I remind you of the special Jubilee Service to be held in the Minster on June 5th at 2.30 p.m. The Archbishop of York will be the preacher, and the service will be attended by the Lord Mayor and City Councillors.

Celebration lies very near the heart of Christianity as an act of joyful thankfulness for the many and varied ways we receive blessings from God. Very rightly it is often the starting point for our prayers and worship, and, indeed, our main service every Sunday, the Holy Communion, is often called the Eucharist, which simply means 'thanksgiving'. We praise and thank God especially for the love He has shewn us through Jesus Christ. It will be a tragic day when we stop celebrating.

But saying 'thank you' is never enough. We have all heard the rather empty 'thank you for having me' of the young child, which tells more about his training than about his inner feelings. True thankfulness and celebration go on to be expressed in action and renewed dedication and service. At this Jubilee time it would be wonderful, for instance, if the street parties, which I know many of you are planning, became the starting point of even greater on-going concern and neighbourliness in each area. That really would be celebration. Just as each Sunday, when we celebrate God's love for us in Church, we seek inspiration and dedication for renewed service to others during the coming week.

Have a happy Jubilee - and go on celebrating throughout the year,

With all good wishes,

ANDREW GIRLING.

70th Jubilee Celebrations

A card has been sent to Her Majesty the Queen for her Platinum Jubilee on behalf of St Edward's. The message inside the card reads:

Thank you so much for this wonderful achievement.

Many congratulations

From members and friends of St Edward the Confessor Church,
York



Card designed by: Hazel Hague

Hello from Dringhouses Library!



June already, and we're celebrating the Queen's Jubilee at the start of the month, before the bonus bank holidays! Pop into the library anytime between **30 May and 7 June**, and write in the **Memory Book**. What are your memories of the last 75 years, in Dringhouses or elsewhere? The library was gifted to the people of Dringhouses in 1942, so has been a library since just before the Coronation. Do you remember the Coronation?! Supplied by the Friends of Dringhouses Library, we hope to read out some selected extracts at the Friends coffee morning on **Tuesday 7 June**.

On **Tuesday 7 June** join the **Friends of Dringhouses Library for a coffee morning with guest speaker, author Pauline Kirk**. The ever-interesting Pauline will talk about the challenges to authors that the pandemic posed, and her latest books, including 'Poetic Justice', from her **DI Ambrose Mysteries** series. Coffee morning starts at 10.30am, talk at 11am. Come along and support your local library!



Are you or someone you know affected by **sight or hearing loss**? On **Friday 1 July from 2pm**, the **Wilberforce Trust** will be hosting a **drop in session**, with information, technology and equipment demonstration, support and advice. **Local Area Co-ordinator Catherine Claudius-Cole** will be in at the same time, to offer



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support for people who may feel unhappy or find life difficult due to age, disability, mental/physical health or other life circumstances. They can help you meet new people, get your voice heard, find relevant support services, and plan for your future.

Pop along and meet these two great organisations, and see if they can help improve your life.

Do you knit, crochet, crossstitch, punchneedle or another craft? Our lovely, friendly **Knit and Natter group meet every Tuesday morning at 10am** and are looking for new members. Bring your crafts along and have a chat, a drink, and share your crafting with like minded people. All welcome!

Lucy

Just a Minute

Notes from the PCC Meeting Monday 16th May 2022

Jubilee: Sunday 5th June

Preparations are underway. There will be a garden party at church in the afternoon, followed by an evening service entitled *Songs of Praise*. People are encouraged to put forward their favourite hymn, along with why it is their favourite.

Finance:

Gas prices are a particular concern with spiralling costs. The finance team are keeping a close eye.

Community Roof Hall:

Painting will be completed next week and sign off expected soon after. A huge thank you to Peter Burgess for all his negotiations and persistence in getting the leaking resolved.

Exterior Lighting:

Four bollards have finally been installed to light the path from the car park to the church. They are on timers and have sensors. Many thanks to Louise Robinson who likewise has been persistent throughout.

Communications Committee:

It was agreed that details of Christmas services and other events will be delivered to every household in the parish in December. It will be a tri-fold card including Christmas greetings.

Public worship:

After some discussion, it was agreed people no longer had to wear masks in church unless they choose. Doors will remain open during services and a CO2 monitor will be purchased to monitor air quality. Communion will continue with the clergy intincting the bread.

Church clock:

Despite many interventions, it continues not to work properly, and so rather than spending yet more money, it will be left for the time being.

APCM: Sunday 22nd May 10.30AM

Many thanks indeed to the outgoing Church Wardens, Peter Burgess and Debbie Paterson who have steered the church through some very challenging times. Grateful thanks too to those PCC members whose term of office has finished: Pippa Hammond-Trew, Louise Robinson and Bob Wilson. They have contributed much. APCM will elect two new wardens and other PCC members.

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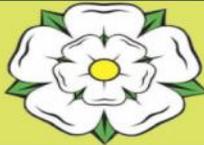
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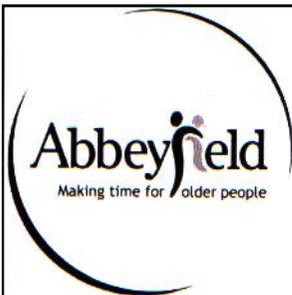
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Psalms 150:6

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Monday—Thursday	Café open 9.30—12.00 & 1.30—4.00pm (8.45am Monday term time)
Friday	Café open 9.30—12.00
Mondays 2-4pm	Garden Gang (during the season)
Wednesdays	7.30—8.30pm Youth Group (term time)
Wednesdays	Wednesday Afternoon Small Group 2.30– 4pm (alternate)
Wednesdays	Moor Lane Group 7.30pm (1st in the Month)
Fridays	10.30am—12.00 noon Little Teds (term time only)
Fridays (see below for practice dates)	6.30-7.30pm Choir practice in Church

**Any enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings etc to 01904 709111 or
parishoffice@stedsdringhouses.org
Timings are correct at time of going to press.**

Monday	2.00-3.00pm	Gentle Yoga
	7.00-8.00pm	Yoga
	10.00—12.00	St Edwards Needlecraft Group
Tuesday	12.30-4.00pm	U3A Bridge
	6.15-7.15pm	Beaver Scouts (in term time) see back page for Wednesday evening session
	7.45-9.45pm	Line Dancing
Wednesday	9.30am-12noon	Probus (fortnightly)
	9.45—11.30am	Musical Connections
	9.45- 10.45 am	Aerobics
	1.15 -3.45 pm	Art Group
Thursday	6.15—8.15pm	Perfecting Pilates (2 x 1 hour classes)
	10.00- 12.00	Bowling
	1st Thurs.	1.30—3.00pm
3rd Thur in the month	2.00-4.00pm	Townswomen's Guild
	7.30-9.00pm	Local History Group
Friday	12.00-2.00	Lunches in Hall
	6.15—7.15pm	Beavers Scouts (in term-time)

Wednesday 1st June

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00pm

Youth Group

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June Office Closed Spring Bank Holiday and Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thursday 2nd June

10.00am Holy Communion

Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11: John 17: 20-end

Sunday 5th June—Pentecost

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

Platinum Jubilee

Acts 2: 1-21: John 14: 8-17

10.00am All Age Service

As above

3.00– 5.00pm

Jubilee Garden party

6.30pm Songs of Praise

As above

Wednesday 8th June

2.00-4.00pm

Wednesday Afternoon Small Group

7.00—8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 9th June

10.00am Holy Communion

Psalm 65: 8-end: Matthew 5: 20-26

2.00—3.00pm

Contact

Friday 10th June

10.30—12.00 noon

Little Teds

12.00—2.00pm

Lunches

Sunday 12th June—Trinity Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion

Romans 5: 1-5: John 16; 12-15

10.00am Holy Communion

As above

3.00pm Baptism Service

Wednesday 15th June

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00—8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 16th June—Corpus Christi

10.00am Holy Communion

I Corinthians 11: 23-26: John 6: 51-58

2.00—4.00pm

Townswomen's Guild

7.30pm

Local History Group

Friday 17th June

10.30am—12.00 noon

Little Teds

12.00—2.00pm

Lunches

Sunday 19th June 1st Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

No service

10.00am Holy Communion

Galatians 3: 23-end: Luke 8: 26-39

Wednesday 22nd June

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

2.-00—4.00pm

Wednesday Afternoon Small Group

7.00—8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 23rd June

10.00am Holy Communion

Psalms 79: 1— end: Matthew 7: 21-end

7.00—8.30pm

Ward Committee Meeting

Friday 24th June

12.00—2.00pm

Lunches

Sunday 26th June—2nd Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25: Luke 9: 51-end

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings as above

3.00pm Baptism Service

Wednesday 29th June

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00—8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 30th June

10.00am Holy Communion

Psalm 19: 1-10: Matthew 9: 1-8

2.00pm`

Women's Fellowship

From the Registers

Funerals

Marian Lodge

4th May 2022

Prayer for the Platinum Jubilee Year



Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

News from the Scout Hut

Dringhouses Scouts are now back in the Scout Hut and very busy, following 2 frustrating years under Covid restrictions. Linda recently met up with Annie Bennett, Group Chair, to find out what they are up to.



The most up-to-date and exciting news is that they have recently started two new sections of Squirrels, for boys and girls aged 4-6 years, meeting twice a week, on Monday and Friday for one hour. The other, established Sections: Beavers (6-8 yrs), Cubs (8-11 yrs), Scouts (11-14yrs), and Explorers (14-18 yrs) continue to be very popular, with a total of 265 young people enrolled in the various age groups. This makes Dringhouses Scouts one of the biggest groups in N Yorkshire.

The Group is run entirely by volunteers. Between 50 & 60 adults and young leaders, are involved in running the various sections and overall management. Many of the volunteers have a long association with the Group, often starting when their own children were participating, but continuing for many years after. Annie's first contact with Dringhouses Scouts was 30 years ago, when her son joined Beavers. She has been an active volunteer for the last 19 years.

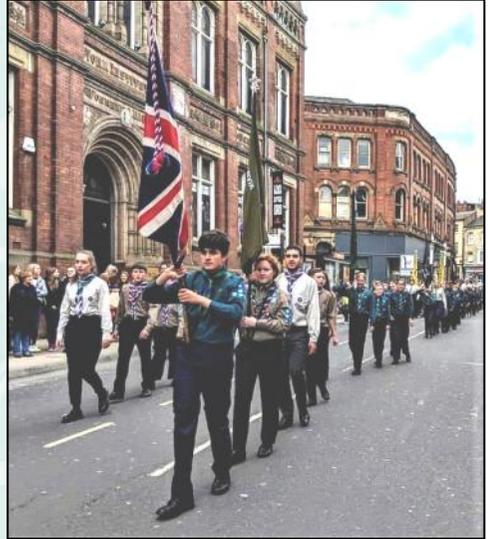
The Group is always looking for people to step forward and help out. So, if you have some spare time and enthusiasm, take a look at their website (see below) and get in touch.

The other exciting news is that some of the Explorers have been chosen to go to the International Jamboree in 2023, which is to be held in South Korea. N Yorkshire have 36 places at the Jamboree and there were over 80 applicants. Dringhouses put forward 13 applicants to the Selection Weekend, of which 6 were successful.

Each of the successful applicants must now raise around £3,000 to pay for the trip. This money will pay for their own travel and cost of attending the Jamboree, and also help subsidise young people from less affluent areas of the world. There is a real emphasis on collaboration and sharing during both the fundraising and the Jamboree itself. And what a fabulous opportunity to go to South Korea, a country which is so culturally different from our own.

We will, no doubt, be hearing more about the fundraising activities in the coming months. St Edward's has always been a generous supporter of this endeavour, so I am sure the young people will be hoping for our ongoing support.

Travelling with the young people, will be 4 adults who will be part of the International Service Team. They also have to raise funds to pay for the trip.



Dringhouses Scouts used to have a regular article in the Porch magazine. Now that life is becoming a bit more "normal" we hope to hear more about what they are doing on a more regular basis.

If you would like to know more about the Group, please log onto their website:

<https://dringhouseesscouts.org.uk>

Linda Sykes

The 'Duke' (Ellington) in York.

Something different - in a good way - to lift our spirits. A special Choral Eucharist will be held in York Minster nave on Wednesday 29th June 2022 featuring music from Duke Ellington's sacred concerts. Ellington has been referred to as 'the J S Bach of jazz'. He described these pieces as 'the most important thing I have ever done.'

The sacred concerts are a unique blend of jazz, and choral classical music, with elements of gospel and the blues. Rarely performed, the sacred concerts feature big band, mixed choirs and soloists who combine to produce powerful and evocative melodies celebrating spirituality and the Christian faith.

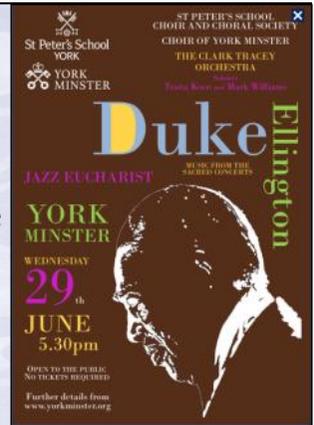
Do join us on Wednesday 29 June at 5.30pm to hear music from Duke Ellington's Sacred Concerts in the magnificent setting of York Minster in the context of worship, featuring the Clark Tracey Orchestra, one of the UK's leading jazz ensembles, the Choir of York Minster, St Peter's School Choir and Choral Society, soloists Teuta Koco and Mark Williams and dynamic tap dancer Junior Laniyan.

This event is for worshippers, communicants, jazz lovers, choral music fans, and anyone who enjoys great music. The service is free to attend and no tickets are required. It is a eucharist so that those wishing to partake of communion will have opportunity to do so.

The preacher will be the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York, to mark the Patronal Festival (St Peter's Day) of York Minster and St Peter's School.

Commenting on the service, the Revd Canon Dr Vicky Johnson, Precentor of York Minster, said: 'This is an amazing opportunity to hear the sacred music of Duke Ellington in the context of Christian worship in one of the most magnificent cathedrals in the world. Ellington's music is powerful and uplifting and is an incredibly fitting way to celebrate the new and vibrant partnership between York Minster and St Peter's School, York, bringing together hundreds of musicians to lead our prayers and praises.

Derek Reed



Following on from previous work, a small group has been set up to review how we manage valuable resources and care for the planet based on the Eco-Church Model.

The September issue of The Porch will have the theme 'Green and Pleasant Land' and so will be focussing on this topic. In the meantime, we would love to hear about your concerns, ideas and tips. Please let us know if you would be willing to be involved.

Please contact the group, (Jackie Barnett, Cai Mallett, Nigel Pells, Gill Stamp or Linda Sykes) via porch@stedsdringhouses.org or alternatively, contact the Parish Office.

Please look out for more details in the Parish Notices and on the Website www.stedsdringhouses.org.

'Thy Kingdom Come' 2022

'Thy Kingdom Come' began in May 2016 and has now grown into a global prayer movement involving Christians from 80 different denominations and traditions in nearly 90% of countries (172) around the world. During the 11 days of 'Thy Kingdom Come' (Ascension Day May 26th to Pentecost 5th June) we are all united in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', praying that the Holy Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends, family, our communities, and networks.



'Thy Kingdom Come' Novena booklets and Prayer Journals will be available in church to take away. These are excellent resources with lovely illustrations. Both have been written by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

Please also check www.thykingdomcome.global for a wealth of resources for churches, individuals, children, young people and families.

A Novena is an ancient tradition of devotional praying consisting of private or public prayers over nine consecutive days of the week. The first Novena was seen as the nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost when the disciples gathered together in the upper room to devote themselves to prayer until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Over the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Prayer Journal is also provided to help you focus your personal prayers throughout 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

During the 11 days of prayer of 'Thy Kingdom Come' you may like to use the Novena and Prayer Journals at home, use the prayer resources at Church, or share together in the services in Church.

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The Porch themes for coming months:

July/Aug is 'Refresh'

September is 'Green and Pleasant Land'

October is 'This is Your life'

November is 'Lest we forget'

Dec/Jan is 'Joy to the World'

Please submit contributions to:
porch@stedsdringhouses.org

Promise Page - Jubilee

As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, it is a time where we can come together after a tricky two years and celebrate. There's little doubt that there will be parties and joyful gatherings across the county as we honour 70 years of the Queen's reign and her service to the country.

According to Jewish tradition, a jubilee stood for a time of emancipation and restoration. It was a time when the law said that people were set to be free, land was restored to its original owners, people rested and the land was rested for a year. It was a time to 'reset'.

What a wonderful tradition, and one I think we can very much appreciate this year. With all that is happening around the world at the moment, let's take the opportunity to 'reset' and be restored! Wherever the struggles are in our lives, let us remember that everything we have is from God and that the God who loves us will work all things to the good of those who love Him.

Our church weekend away this month is all about refreshing and restoration.

We hope it will be a time for us to come together as a community and to give us a chance to 'reset' a little. I do hope that those of you who are able to come will find it so. For those of you who are unable to come, I pray that you will be able to find some time to rest, reflect and be restored by God. You can use the prayer activity below to help with this.

Let's celebrate this jubilee year and all that it means!

Helen

C&Y Co-Ordinator

A prayer:

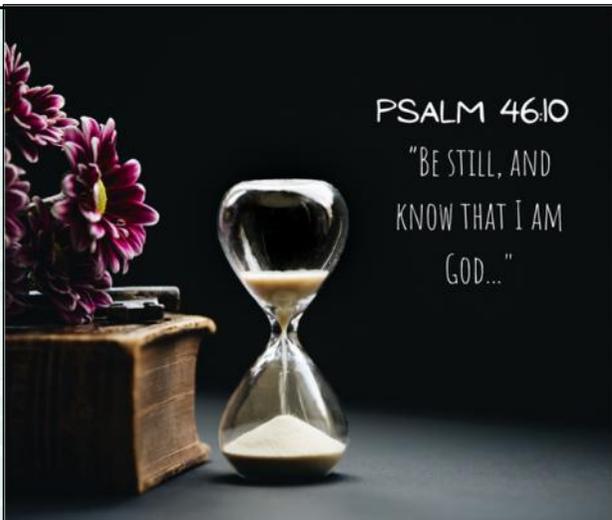
Dear God,

Thank you for the incredible service of Her Majesty the Queen over the past 70 years. Thank you too for the jubilee traditions of rest, freedom and restoration. Please help us to appreciate the freedoms we are given, to rest in Your Holy Spirit and to find time to be restored this year.

Amen

Prayer activity:

Take some time to look at the image below. Try to remove any distractions, any noise and find somewhere comfortable to be. Read the passage, and then allow yourself to be still. Prayer is a conversation, and this is an opportunity to listen for God.



PSALM 46:10

"BE STILL, AND
KNOW THAT I AM
GOD..."



Oops! Erratum



Apologies, we had published the
wrong date for the



Brass Band Concert



in September.



The date is



Saturday 24th



September

at St Edward's and not the
Sunday as previously published.

Please do update your diaries
and look out for details soon.

Continuing our series of introducing the charities which St Edward's is supporting over the next three years, Faith Lewis writes about Christians against Poverty.

Put a **CAP** on it!

christians
against
poverty

CAP

"Poverty just loves to destroy lives. It breaks families apart, isolates people from friends and family, shatters confidence and drives many to think that suicide is the only way out. UK poverty is real, with millions locked in its miserable grip. We're not prepared to sit back and let it wreak havoc across our nation."

These are words from the charity Christians against Poverty (CAP) - one of the charities that St Edward's church is supporting at the moment.

As an organisation, CAP specialises in offering debt free counselling for people in financial difficulties. CAP operates in partnership with local churches. When an individual seeks their help, CAP negotiates with creditors and helps to organise the individual's finances with a view to making them debt free within five years. They offer regular support and sustainable personal budgeting.

In addition to debt help, CAP offers "Job Clubs" (targeted at the unemployed); "Fresh Start" (for people seeking help to overcome addictions); "Life Skills" (basic living skills to survive on a low income) and "CAP money" (aimed at budgeting skills).

CAP was started in Bradford in 1996 by John Kirby, a committed Christian. The headquarters are still in Bradford, but CAP is now a nationwide charity and since 2007 has expanded internationally as well. Its core principles are Christian and staff openly support those seeking help with prayer as well as practical input.

Just one story

Danielle was in serious debt and couldn't afford to pay her heating bills. She was furloughed from work due to her asthma during the pandemic. She was suffering from depression and not eating. She had tried taking an overdose.

She contacted CAP, who put her in touch with Claire - a debt coach. Together they were able to get a fuel voucher and food in

the short term. Claire then supported Danielle through all the paperwork to get a debt relief order. After many, many months of support and practical help, she was able to return to work and move forward with her life. She has also started an Alpha Course.

And that is CAPs mission - "To restore hope to those who are lost and hurting."

To find out more about CAP, please visit their website: capuk.org

Faith Lewis



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for the
burden of debt



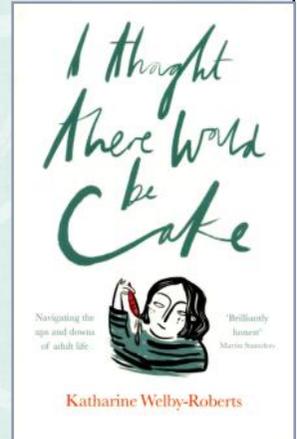
I Thought There Would be Cake by Katharine Welby-Roberts

ISBN 9780281075768

Published by SPCK in April 2017

If you're totally confident, don't have any self-doubts or worries and are widely regarded as a paragon of virtue, then this book is definitely not for you! Which means that the rest of us can read it and learn how someone with a strong Christian background has navigated through to adulthood. Katharine is the daughter of Archbishop Justin Welby (which the text suggests may have been part of her insecurity) and is also a wife and mother with a past career in the police plus a degree in theology to boot. The title refers to her perception when growing up that adults had it all - they could stay up late, go to parties and not have any of the worries of teenagers, which once she stopped being one turned out not to be the case. But adults don't have cake as a mark of them reaching adulthood - they find instead the concerns and issues of living a life beset by internal and external pressures which can cause anxiety, leading to depression and withdrawal from certain situations. So it's not an easy read but it is worth finishing because the story has a happy ending.

Katharine describes eloquently how she suffers from low self-esteem which affects most of the things she tries to do, despite being found attractive by her husband, respected as a blogger and capable of doing all sorts of things - like writing a book. The trouble is, she claims, is that her perfectionist streak is never capable of being satisfied and so she feels let down and vulnerable to criticism.



Her narrative is that we all need to find ways of coping with everyday issues and to encourage our own sense of self-worth and not judge ourselves by the standards of the world. She adequately explains that God loves us all and has a place that we can fit into society so we don't have to compete with everyone else - especially social media influencers! She chose to withdraw from a number of social posting groups in order to help manage her sense of worth and value.

There are some interesting bible passages quoted and one that may apply to people who aren't completer-finishers is Luke 14 vv28-30 about the man building a tower without thinking it through properly. I won't quote it here as we all use different translations of the bible but it is thought provoking. Other passages talk to the sense of God not judging us, so we need not judge ourselves.

A book that leaves a positive impression of a young woman who has suffered from growing pains but once having overcome them, realises that she is capable, wanted and competent to use the skills and attributes that God has given her. Whilst this is a book for any age of reader, the descriptions of her earlier life and how that influenced her feelings make this an especially recommended read for young people. And by the end, she realises that carrots are as much part of real adult life as is cake.

A copy of this book will be placed in the church bookstall for anyone to read.

Peter Wheatcroft



St Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses, York

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