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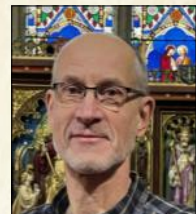
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Remember

I am now of an age where it is getting more common for me to go into the kitchen and then forget what I went in there for. I am told that this is not unusual, and is actually a psychological effect that happens when we cross a boundary from one space to another. As we step into the next room, (crossing the boundary between them) our brain then files away what we have left behind and makes space to process whatever is in the new environment- and we forget why we went in! Apparently, what we need to do is to go back out and come back in again as that will help our brains to reboot and remember why we had gone in there in the first place.



Just after this magazine is published, we will be stepping into a new month, a month in which there is a lot of remembering going on at St Edward's.

On Sunday 3rd November we will be holding our Memorial Service where we will be remembering loved ones who have died. Our remembering will be very personal and will hold together the joy of having known them, alongside the grief that marks their absence. And in that service we allow that joy and grief to touch and be held safely in the presence of God.

'Remember, remember the 5th of November', as the poem goes. And so November continues with our next 'remembering' as we move onto Bonfire night. In this case our 'remembering' has somehow lost contact with the actual event that is being remembered, and is instead an excuse for fireworks, bonfires and cinder toffee. Our festivities lie in stark contrast to the brutality of the events being remembered, but it does enable us to be grateful that we live in a country where politics and violence are thankfully seldom connected.

And then on 10th November (Remembrance Sunday) and 11th November (Armistice Day), we will be remembering the 'war to end all wars'. This is a corporate remembering that has ceased to be first hand, but one where we look back on the horrors of war, reflect on the continuing presence of wars in our world, and then are invited to decide how we will respond when so often we feel helpless in the face of powerful geopolitical forces. At the end of our Service of Remembrance at 10am on Sunday 10th November, we are invited to 'pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations'.

What this will look like in practice will be different for each of us, but our remembering is not just there to look backwards, but also to look forwards with God at what possibilities there may be for hope and a better future.

And so as we step into November, I pray that we will be able to remember well, to take with us into the new month the memories of the past, both personal and corporate, and may those memories enable us to orientate ourselves well in whatever the world may hold for us, and may we tread boldly into that future knowing that the God of Hope is already there.

Richard

'Lest we Forget'



Located within the churchyard of St Edward the Confessor, facing Tadcaster Road to the west, the war memorial pictured above was designed by Messrs Brierley and Rutherford and built by George W Milburn and Son in 1922 in Portland stone. The memorial is unique in its design. The square base is mounted with a market cross with finely dressed quoins and capping with a tapering plinth. The top of the memorial is decorated with an elaborately carved lantern cross with a gabled canopy and pointed trefoil niche. The west facing niche contains a sculpture of the crucified Christ, the southern niche contains St George and the Dragon and finally the northern side has a sculpture of St Edward the Confessor.

The plinth carries the inscriptions in incised lettering. The west side carries the principal inscription on inset panels and reads "In proud and loving memory of the men of Dringhouses who laid down their lives for God and Country in the Great War 1914-1918" (Below are the names of 29 men arranged in Alphabetical order). The Second World War inscription is more simply presented, inscribed on the south face 1939 with 6 names and reads "Lest we forget". Included in the Second World war names is Kenneth Thomas Peart Terry (1920-1944) son of Noel Goddard Terry who lived nearby at Goddards (which is now a National Trust house).

In 2018, the war memorial became a Grade II listed structure by Historic England. It was deemed to hold architectural interest (a high quality design by the notable architect, Walter Brierley), group value based on surrounding buildings to the church and historical interest as it commemorated the sacrifice of local men in both world wars.

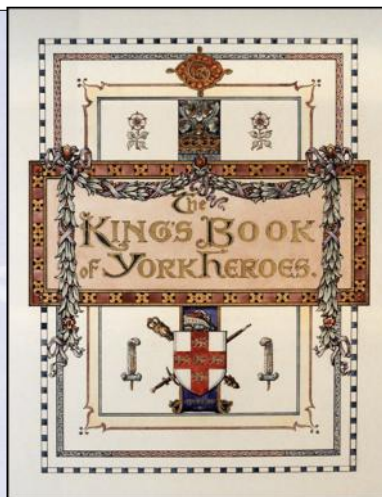
The war memorial holds a special place in my family's heart. My Great Uncle Arthur Gatus is inscribed on the list of WW1 names. He was born in 1890 in the local area on a farm, enlisting in the British Army in 1913 as part of the East Yorkshire Regiment as a private infantry soldier. He primarily served on the Western Front and was involved in many significant battles. He lost his life on the 26th March 1918 in Operation Michael, part of the German Spring offensive also known as Kaiser's Battle where the Germans intended to separate the British and French armies and force the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) into the sea. His body was never found. His name is one of the twenty-nine names on this memorial but one of thousands on the Arras memorial in France commemorated in perpetuity by the commonwealth war graves commission. My Great-Grandfather Alfred Herbert Gatus also served during WW1 and lived a few streets away from the church. He was awarded two service medals for his service for the 4 years he was involved.



MEMORIAL RECORD FOR	
GATUS, ARTHUR	
UK Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1918	
Initials	A
Full Name	GATUS, ARTHUR
Date Of Birth	1890
Age	26
Birth Place	HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR
Nationality	British
Resected Place	DRINGHOUSES, YORK
Date Of Death	26 Mar 1918
Rank	Private
Information	SON OF THE LATE JOHN AND HANNAH GATUS
Rank Name	Private
Service Number	1932
Entry Location	France and Flanders
Dead in Active Service	Yes
Service	British Army
Regiment	East Yorkshire Regiment
Battalion	7th Battalion
Conflict Period	World War I
Served For	United Kingdom
Award	Victoria Medal
Award	British War Medal (1914)
Award	Memorial Death Plaque (1918)
Regiment	East Yorkshire Regiment

Our family has a long history within York. My grandfather Alfred Edward Gatus was a choir boy at St Edward's church Dringhouses until he joined the Royal Navy at the start of the Second World War aged 15. He worked as a Royal Navy Engineer on HMS Emperor, initially USS Pybus, a United States Navy Bogue-class escort carrier that transferred to the United Kingdom as a Ruler Class escort aircraft carrier. The ship consisted of 646 men and served in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

It was also involved in significant operations such as the Battle of the Tirpitz, the invasions of Normandy on anti-submarine detail (Operation Overlord) and the invasion of Southern France (Operation Dragoon). My grandfather received the Atlantic Star, the Burma Star and two service medals which are still within the family today. In September 1945, The Emperor was involved in its last deployment, Operation Tiderace, the reoccupation of Singapore from the Japanese, this deployment finished on the 12th February 1946 when my grandfather came home at the age of 20. He later went on to live in Dringhouses for a few more years before he moved to South Bank where he stayed until the fine age of 95.



In the future, I have hopes of following in my family's footsteps and joining the Royal Air Force as an Intelligence Officer once I have completed my degree. The significance of the war memorial within the Dringhouses community is paramount and should be maintained for future generations wishing to learn of their local history and ancestry. To enable us to honour those lost, it is our duty to maintain the condition of this memorial and with this in mind investigate the possibilities of having it cleaned in the near future.

We would like to give thanks to George Robson who provided my family with information from the King's Book at York Minster where we were then able to start our ancestral journey.

Laura Gatus

Remembering – Promise Page

When I started Secondary School, one of the first questions we were asked was "What is your earliest memory?". I actually really struggled with this because I wasn't sure what was my own memory and what were 'false' memories created by stories my parents had told me about when I was small.

Perhaps a better question might be what is one of your favourite memories? For me there would be, among the top few, the first time I held both of my girls as babies, and indeed the memory of the first holiday club I planned and how proud I was of the people leading it. I also have great memories of birthday cakes and inside jokes with my mum and brother.

I wonder what Jesus might have said were his favourite memories of his time on Earth. Perhaps the wedding in Cana? Or perhaps his conversation with Nicodemus? Or maybe seeing Thomas believe he had resurrected?

In this season where we remember and give thanks, I hope we are able to reflect on those memories that bring us joy.

Helen

C&Y Coordinator

A prayer:

God,

We thank you for the good memories we have. Help us to share that joy with others.

Amen.

Activity to try:

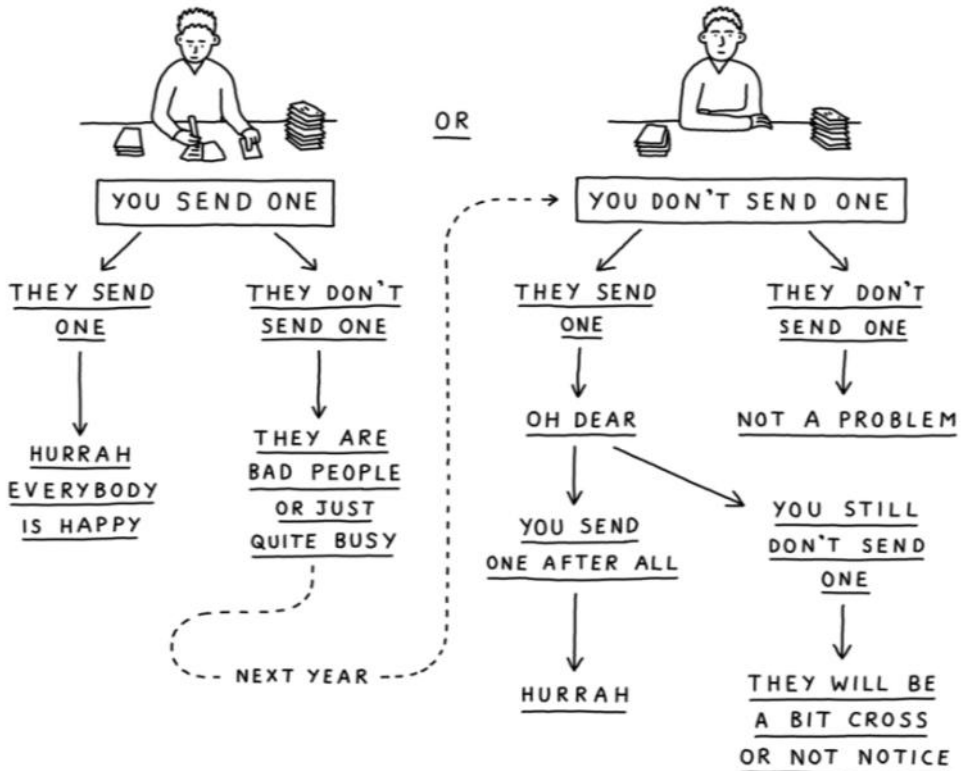
Here are some things you can try thinking about or talking about with others to spark some memories:

What was your favourite childhood toy? Can you remember what it looked like? How you felt about it? Where it came from?

What was your favourite song when you were younger? Can you remember the tune? The lyrics? Where you first heard it?

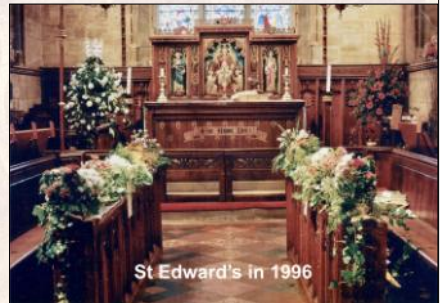
What was the first television programme or film you remember loving? When did you watch it? How did you feel watching it?

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Remember

Seeing the Porch theme for November was 'Remember' set me thinking and the more I thought, the deeper I went, and the result was a real mixture. I realised how far back I went, and was grateful, humbled, amazed and happy - and also a tiny bit fearful too. I hit 85 this year and have to say 'above the neck' still works well. The rest of me is less cooperative and at times quite annoying! I have feet, related to the tortoise at times, and that is hard to accept.



Still, I sat and remembered starting school in 1944 in Plymouth; the blackout, barrage balloons above, sirens and my first school dinner - yuk! Then I remembered the years in Folkestone and then dad leaving the Royal Navy and starting civilian life in Glasgow. At college I wanted to be accepted by the others, and so I learnt to speak with a Glasgow accent. My poor mum wept for ages! The years in Derby, training and staffing as a Registered Sick Children's nurse. The years flew by, and I am still in regular contact with a friend I trained with 64 years ago. We have gone our different ways, but not lost touch. We used to do a lot of youth hostelling and camping when off duty - how I wished I could walk like that now. Then many years between, London and Croydon.

Nursing ended, nursery work took over, then marriage and my daughter arriving in 1975. Croydon was a horrid place, and I left with my daughter in 1988 for York. Five years in Woodthorpe, thirteen in Dringhouses and then eighteen years where I am now. Field Court, where I now live is not a care home but fiercely independent living. Many of my neighbours are between 60 and 99 and life is secure, often very funny - though annoying at times. However, I know I am in the right place.

St Edward's was a huge part of my life from 1994 onwards, and though I don't get now, I still feel a part of it. I still keep in touch with some folk and I still have 'The Porch' and yes, I have had things in print here over the years.

When I think back to the war years, 1944 stands out- yet still wars are going on in the world today; Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon and in many ways even more terrifying. It makes me so grateful and thankful for my faith. I've had many ups and downs in life, but God has always been there.

Finally, I have my wonderful family; Abbey and John and two granddaughters - Rosie (17) at Askham Bryan, learning all things horse-related and Mia (14) still at school. Not forgetting Pippin, a much-loved member and very spoilt dog who rules everyone!

So, that is what 'remember' has done for me. Have I taken it in the way it was meant? I don't know, but it has made me think deeply, as no matter what your background, your race or age, life is still a miracle; a gift. Appreciate your memories, learn from them and 'go for it' comes to mind. At 80 my daughter said, 'What are you aiming for now mum?' My reply? 'To reach 90 years.' I'll see how I go!

Liz Coote

Remembering...an answer to prayer.

This is my testimony of exactly what happened to me in the first few months of 1973. In January 1973 when I had worked in Bromley with Operation Mobilisation for 2 1/2 years something amazing happened. I was living in Bromley, which was OM's main office at that time, and was right next door to George Verwer who was the founder and leader of OM both in the UK and worldwide.



I woke up early on New Year's Day 1973 and really felt that God was calling me to work as a bookkeeper in the OM office in New Jersey, USA for at least a year. I told George Verwer and he said that I could not do that, as I did not have the money to get over there and OM were not going to pay. I was so sure about what God had told me that I kept on praying. On Easter Saturday 1973 I went to Hyde Park (only 1 hour by train and the Underground from where I was then living in Bromley) and got talking to a lady near Speakers' Corner and told her about my calling to go to work with OM in New Jersey. I then thought no more about it. The following Saturday I got a letter from a town, where as far as I knew, I did not know anybody. In the envelope there were three £50 notes together with a note saying, "This is for you to go to America with. He who has called you is faithful, and He will do it." I went to see George Verwer the next day with the note and the money, and he agreed that he could not stop me going to the US, when God had so clearly provided me with all the money I needed, for both the air fare and the cost of living there for a year.

So, I went to the US in July 1973, had a wonderful time working as a bookkeeper in the New Jersey office and came back to the UK in July 1974 in time for my sister's wedding.

Over the years God has answered many of my prayers but that was the first one that was such a strong and definite answer to prayer, and I have never forgotten it.

Gill Thompson

Operation Mobilisation

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Love Shines Through

I have been serving in the Café this afternoon and a couple came in who are staying at the Holiday Inn. They said they had walked past the church a number of times, but it was always closed.

The lady mentioned their Church and I asked where that was, on Anglesey. She then said it is all about the 'Community' why people don't come to church.

I told her that we are concentrating on the 'Community' this year. I mentioned the Mission Statement to be 'Caring, Committed and Courageous'.

Her next words really thrilled me: 'Oh, but the love really shines through. The garden, the Church and it is so clean.'

You all know who you are who help to make that 'Love shine through' so thank you.

Isobel Goforth

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The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Psalms 121:7-8



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Monday-Thursday	Café open 9.30am-12.00 & 1.30pm-4.00pm
Friday	Café open 9.30am-12.00
Mondays	Garden Gang (during the season) 2.00pm-4.00pm
Wednesdays	Youth Group 7.00pm-8.30pm
Wednesdays	Wednesday Afternoon Small Group 2.30pm-4.00pm (alternate)
Fridays	Little Teds 10.30am-12.00pm (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@stedsdrawinghouses.org	
Timings are correct at time of going to press.	

Monday	10.00-12.00	Needlecraft Group
	1.45—3.30	Cindy's Vitality Yoga
	7.00—8.00pm	My Yoga Journey
Tuesday	10.00-11.00am	Exercise for Fitness & Health
	11.10-12.10	Mindful Yoga
	12.30-4.00pm	U3A Bridge
	6.15-7.15pm	Beaver Scouts (in term time) see back page for Wednesday evening session
Wednesday	7.45-9.45pm	Line Dancing
	9.30am-12noon	Probus (fortnightly)
	10.00-11.00 am	Aerobics
	1.15-3.45 pm	Art Group
	6.15-8.15pm	Perfecting Pilates (2 x 1 hour classes)
1st Thursday	11.30—12.30	Yorkshire Club
	2.00-3.00pm	Contact
3rd Thursday	2.00-4.00pm	Townswomen's Guild
	7.30-9.30pm	Local History Group
Thursday	9.30—10.30	Feel Good Fit
	10.45-12.30	Chair Yoga
Friday	9.30-12.00	Living Well Health Community (2nd & 4th in month)
	12.00-2.00	Lunches in the Community Hall (see poster for dates)
	6.15-7.15pm	Beavers Scouts (in term-time)

Sunday 3rd November

8.30am Holy Communion

Galatians 5: 16-25: John 16: 4a-15

10.00am All Age Service

6.30pm Memorial Service

Monday 4th November

10.00—12.00 noon

St Edward's Needlecraft Group

Tuesday 5th November

10.00-11.00

Exercise for Fitness & Health

7.00pm

Alpha Course part 8

Wednesday 6th November

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00—8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 7th November

10.00am Holy Communion

2.00—3.00pm

Contact

Friday 8th November

10.30—12.00 noon

Little Teds

12.00—2.00pm

Lunches

Sunday 10th November—Remembrance

8.30am Holy Communion

1 Peter 5: 6-11: Matthew 4: 1-11

10.00am Remembrance Service

1.00pm

Remembrance Sunday lunch

Monday 11th November

10.00—12.00 noon

St Edward's Needlecraft Group

Tuesday 12th November

10.00-11.00am

Exercise for Fitness & Health

7.00pm

Alpha Course part 9

Wednesday 13th November

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00—8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 14th November

10.00am Holy Communion

Friday 15th November

10.30-12.00 noon

Little Teds

6.30—7.30pm

Extended Choir Practice

Sunday 17th November

8.30am Holy Communion

James 5: 13-18: Luke 10: 1-11

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings as above

Monday 18th November

10.00-12.00 noon

St Edward's Needlecraft Group

7.30pm

PCC Meeting

Tuesday 19th November

10.00—12.00 noon

Exercise for Fitness & Health

7.00pm

Alpha Course Part 10

Wednesday 20th November

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

2.30pm

Wednesday Afternoon Small Group

7.00—8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 21st November

10.00am Holy Communion

2.00-4.00pm

Townswomen's Guild

7.30-9.00pm

Local History Group

Friday 22nd November

10.30—12.00 noon

Little Teds

6.30—7.30pm

Extended Choir Practice

Saturday 23rd November

10.00-12.00 noon

Railway Group

Sunday 24th November

8.30am Holy Communion

I Peter 3: 13-18a: Luke 10: 1-11

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings as above

Monday 25th November

10.00—12.00

St Edward's Needlecraft Group

Tuesday 26th November

10.00—12.00 noon

Exercise for Fitness & Health

7.00pm

Alpha Course part 11

Wednesday 27th November

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00-8.30pm

Youth Group

Thursday 28th November

10.00am Holy Communion

2.00pm

Women's Fellowship

Friday 29th November

10.30am—12.00 noon

Little Teds

12.00—2.00pm

Friday lunches

6.30—7.30pm

Extended Choir Practice

From the Registers

Funerals

Molly Hall	7th October 2024
Pat Kenyon	10th October 2024

Memorial Service

Pirjo McTernan	4th October 2024
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Baptisms

Nico Oliver Clough	29th September 2024
Elliot Raymond Morris	29th September 2024

Remembrance: The Desmond Tutu Memorial Lecture: Truth, the Path to Reconciliation

A number of people from St Edward's church were delighted to be able to attend 'The Desmond Tutu Memorial Lecture' held at York Minster earlier in September. This was the inaugural lecture of a series sponsored by USPG, York Minster and the University of the Western Cape.

The subject matter of the lecture was 'Truth, the Path to Reconciliation'. Revd Nontombi Tutu gave a very moving tribute to her father and the part he played in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa. She led our thoughts down a variety of paths, drawing vividly on her own personal experience of South African apartheid and her post- apartheid years in America.

She had a commanding, deeply earnest and a genuine presence which held her audience of over 200 people spellbound. In appearance Revd Nontombi Tutu was, as she laughingly acknowledged, the embodiment of her father. She looked like him and shared his infectious grin and smile as well as his mannerisms. However, she had an important and serious message to convey.

Here are a few thoughts from those of us from St Edward's who were there.

The first shocking truth was the fact that as a child of 6 years Nontombi had to be educated in another nearby country, because as a black child she was deemed unworthy of any education in S. Africa. Facing up to the implications of that for the majority of black children who were not so well connected, has cast long shadows of educational inequalities in current South Africa.

There is a capacity in human beings to love and care for their own families and friends, but to completely dehumanise those they deem to be 'other', however defined. In South Africa, that capacity led to apartheid.

It became clear from her lecture that reconciliation cannot bypass a clear-eyed acknowledgement of the horrors actually perpetuated.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission hoped that by hearing the truth honestly and facing up to it there might ultimately be freedom and healing. As we read in John 8 :32 '*..you will know the truth and the truth will set you free*'. Even with the knowledge of the available amnesty, however, many people still hid from the truth of their actions. They could not even admit to themselves that they were capable of such atrocities.

For those that were able to face what they had done it was indeed a path to reconciliation.

Humanity needed to hear the compelling story of reconciliation. We still do. It is vital for all people, whether or not they acknowledge the Christian faith that was core to Desmond Tutu and Revd Nontombi's heritage and belief.

Contributed by

Rachel Bailes, Philip Cousins, Helen Dawe, Phil Lewis, Karin Pearson,

Charitable Donations.

Every three years, as part of our stewardship of all the resources that God has entrusted to us, we decide what money we are going to give to other organisations and charities which share in our church priorities and values. We give 10 % of our regular giving.

This is a way in which we acknowledge, by our act of giving money to others, our trust in God's provision for us, and in so doing we are enabling the Grace of God to be known in places where we don't have a physical presence but we can still be part of making a real difference in people's lives.

We are therefore asking people to nominate charities to the PCC who will consider the nominations, and make a decision in time for the donation to be distributed in January 2025. The PCC will decide on which charities to support using the following criteria:

The person who nominates the agency must be prepared to be the link between St Edwards and the charity. This will involve sharing information through The Porch and promoting informed prayer through links with the Intercessors and the Prayer groups.

A copy of recent accounts must be submitted or a link to where they can be accessed on line. Charities must be registered with the Charities Commission.

The amount given must be sufficient to make a difference but not so much that the charity is solely dependent on the gift for their funding.

Each gift is for 3 years to enable the charity to do some forward planning.

Charities must be a mixture of local, national and international agencies. We usually select 5/10 organisations.

Members of the congregation are asked to submit their ideas by the end of November to Helen Dawe, who with Revd Richard Carew and Jim Cooper will make the recommendation to the full PCC meeting on January 20th 2025.

A Frank Welcome

Following Derek Reed's article in the September edition, I give you our take on a St Edward's welcome.

Charles and I came to York 31 years ago and moved into our new home on The Mount. The only church we saw, was St Edward's on shopping runs down to Tesco and as this was March, Easter was looming. You can guess the next move. Easter Sunday morning we entered St Edward's to be given a lovely welcome by Frank Hawes and like most people to whom it happened; we are still here! We came here quite resolved not to commit to one place, after 20 years at our last church, but everything here seemed right. A choir for Charles and then later for me, plus lots to join and so on.

Charles offered his services to the church extension panel, joined PCC, had a spell as Church Warden and finished on the hall refurbishment/kitchen project. I offered my services to flowers and eventually the catering team when a group of us started doing meals for everything that needed celebrating, some of which are still going strong!

We became friends with Frank and his wife Jane and think of them almost daily as we use some lovely glasses they gave to us on our 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Yes, we have stayed even when we moved to Overton, giving us an eight-mile round trip for every service! Finally, living in the Parish in Moor Lane where our garden hedge was the old parish boundary and then leaving there for Woodthorpe and a bungalow when Charles started to be poorly.

Charles & Marion Croft

Remembrance A Poem of Hope and Survival

A Wish

Maybe it is pointless
To wish for lasting peace
For all mankind to lay down arms
For all fighting to cease

I could despair of seeing
Peace throughout the land
No longer hearing talk of war
Blood mixed with desert sand

We do not have the tolerance
For cultures not our own
Seeds fly on an ill wind
From beds where they are sown

Hope lies in a child's heart
Not yet turned to stone
A mind free of prejudice
A child not alone

If all children of the world
Held each others hand
They could do what we could not
Make a Brotherhood of Man.

Maxine Kendall

Burlington, Ontario, Canada



MUFFIN TUESDAY!

Join us for a free hot drink and cake

10.30AM -11.30AM on Tuesday mornings

in the Atrium Café and small meeting room.

A chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

Transport may be possible: please contact the Parish Office on 01904 709111

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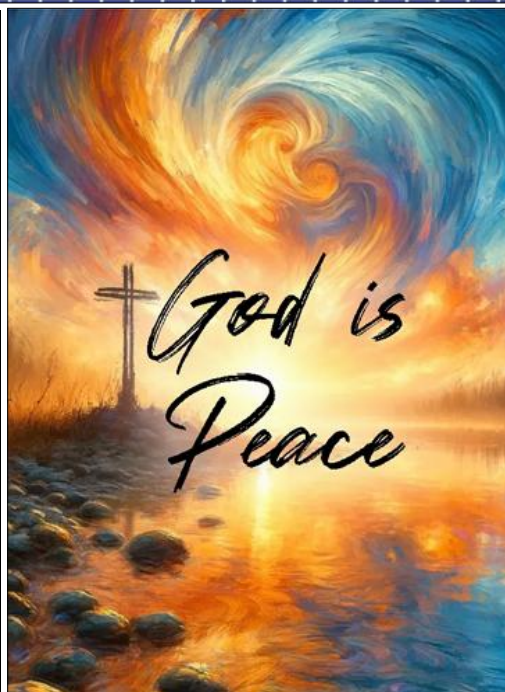
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Tariro Remembers

On the first Saturday of September every year Tariro holds a Memorial Service, where the focus is on the young people remembering their late parents and all family members who have died, mostly originally because of the HIV/AIDS pandemic which ravaged Zimbabwe in the early days of Tariro's foundation. But this is not their only loss.



When the house first opened in 2009 there was quite a lot of tension amongst the first youngsters.

After a while Barbara, the social worker, said that she thought that the root of the problem was the fact that the young people had never grieved. Death was so common in Shona society, especially in the AIDS pandemic, that you ignored it and got on with life. But these young people had lost parents, siblings, homes and everything and no one had talked them through it.



So began a series of counselling sessions which help the children and young people express their emotions and address the issues. These culminated in a Memorial Service/Mass.

This has become the pattern for the yearly service, where letters are written by each new member of Tariro, and sometimes by some of the older ones too. After Communion, each child reads aloud a letter they had written to their departed parents. Some of the stories are horrendous but the healing through the process is palpable. These letters are then solemnly burnt by the presiding priest.

Then everyone settles down to a vast and excellent lunch shared with previous residents who often bring their wives and children along with them as well as the trustees. It is a joyous occasion.



This pattern, over many years has helped the young people make peace with their past and be transformed into what they are now....emotionally balanced young people with future hope .

Helen Dawe

Locomotives, Coaches and Wagons

Do you like photographing, working on, modelling, enjoying day trips or even just talking about trains? It seems there are a lot more of us about than you might think. We are hoping to start up a group of railway enthusiasts to allow us to let off steam. The aim of the group will be to let us enjoy trains. At our first meeting we can discuss what people would like to do, that could be anything to do with trains such as organised trips on preservation lines, modelling, visiting railway exhibitions and museums, or anything else we think of that is to do with trains; the world is our oyster. Following meeting could be monthly.

Our first meeting will be on the **23rd November**, in the small meeting room in the Community Hall at St Edward's from 10:00 to 12:00. There will be coffee, tea and may be even cake. All ages welcome, but for our first meeting under 18s will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Please come along, it will be great to see you. If you want to know more, please contact Alec Cartwright (a.cartwright@btinternet.com or 07748644969).

REMEMBRANCE DAY WORD SEARCH

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St Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses, York



Memorial Service

Sunday 3rd November 2024

6.30PM

An opportunity to remember loved ones who have died.

During the service you will be invited, if you wish, to light a candle in memory of your relative or friend.

If you would like someone remembered by name during the service, please fill in a form and return before Sunday 27th October, to Michael Sargent at 70, Dringthorpe Road, York YO24 1LG. Alternatively, you can email him at msargent@btinternet.com or phone 01904 709111 to leave a message at the Parish Office or put it in the 'S' pigeonhole at the back of the church.

Hello from Dringhouses Library!



November - bonfire night, short days, approaching festivities, and here at Dringhouses we're celebrating all things local.

Our **big autumn booksale** is still on until **Saturday 2 November**. Buying a pre-loved book is a great way to support your library, while getting a fabulous read that doesn't cost the earth. Bargain reads for all ages: fiction, fact, audio and good old fashioned paperback. Pop in anytime we're open to browse the goods!

This Explore Your Archive week, November 25-30, we're bringing the map back! **Thursday 28 November** come and **view the original 1624 Samuel Parsons map of Dringhouses**, on loan from York Archives all day. If you missed it in May, here's your chance to see it, and if you were stuck in a corner for the talk, we're repeating it!

At **2.30pm** **Local historian Elizabeth Smith** will give a talk on some of the fascinating aspects of the map still visible today. Refreshments from the Friends of Dringhouses Library. Free but booking essential!

Book online <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/exploreyourlibrariesandarchives/1416727> or see Lucy in the library.

Buy a self-guided tour map, and take a walk around Dringhouses in 2024, spotting features that would have been there 400 years ago, or buy your very own beautiful true-colour facsimile of the map, A3 £9.99, A0 £25 - the perfect gift for the Local History lover in your life!



Our **Parents Place get-together for new and expectant parents** is up and running every **Tuesday from 11am-12.00pm**. Meet other parents and parents to be, chat, have a cuppa, let the babies have a wriggle, and share the amazing, demanding experience of parenthood! All welcome, free.

Our **Lego Club** is on every **Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm**. Expect building challenges and creative fun with Lego every week. Free and no booking required.

Under 5s Storytime is on every **Thursday and Saturday, 11am to 11.30am**, with songs, rhymes, and stories for children under 5 and their carers. **Free and no booking required**.

Children's Craft Club has restarted after the summer holidays. Come in **every Thursday 3.30-4.30pm** for messy creative fun. No need to book, all welcome.

Our friendly **Knit and Natter** group meets **every Tuesday, 10am to 12pm**, for coffee, chat, knitting, crocheting, and fun. **Free and no booking required**.

WATCH THIS SPACE:

Christmas fun galore next month!

Lucy



Christmas at St Ed's



1ST DECEMBER 2024

10AM ALL- AGE ADVENT SERVICE

10TH DECEMBER 2024

6:30PM CAROLS AT GED BELL'S

15TH DECEMBER 2024

10AM DRESS-UP NATIVITY SERVICE

4PM CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

21ST DECEMBER 2024

11AM CAROLS AT CAFÉ NO. 12

24TH DECEMBER 2024

4PM CRIB SERVICE

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