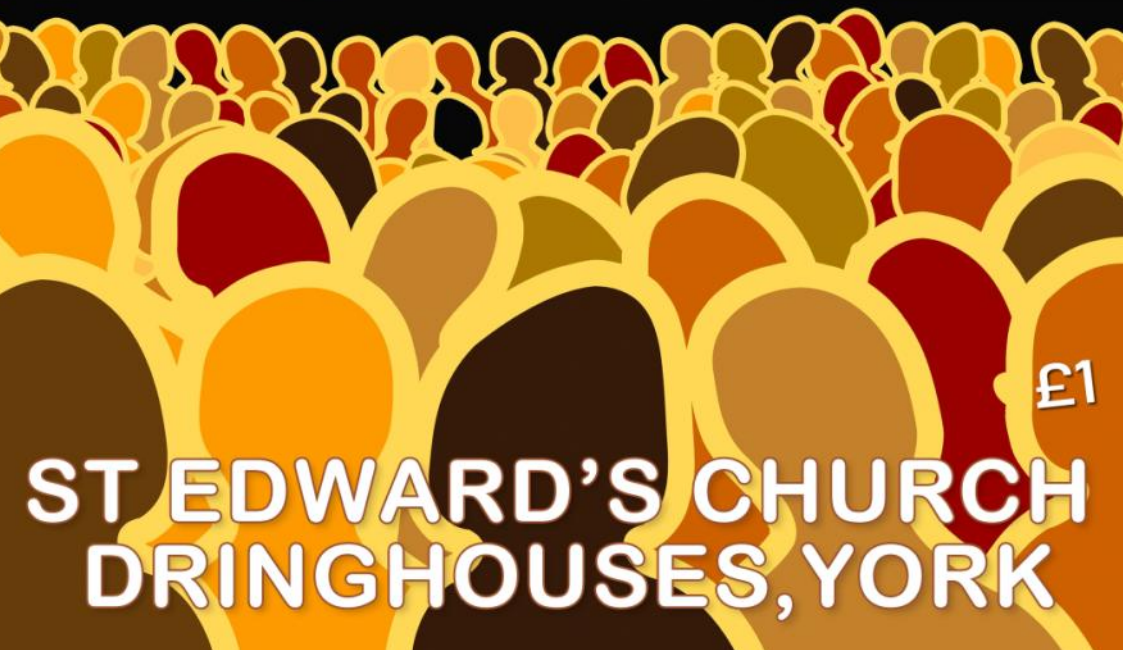


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# THE PORCH

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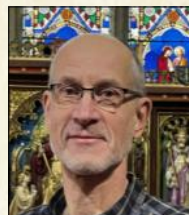


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## Good News Travels Fast

When I was a teenager, we moved house to be closer to where my dad worked. It was the end of the first week after the move and so the house was still largely in boxes, and we were still getting things organized. I had been sent out to mow the lawn that day whilst my parents continued with the unpacking. That evening my mum decided that a BBQ would be a good way to wind down and so I was sent out to light the BBQ in readiness for cooking. For whatever reason, I felt that



the BBQ wasn't getting up to temperature quickly enough and so I decided to use a little bit of the petrol from the lawnmower to give it a bit of encouragement! (Yes, I really was that stupid!) When that didn't seem to do much, I then took the petrol can to pour a bit more on, at which point the flames licked their way up the petrol spout and into the can, which I immediately dropped in a panic. And now there were three foot high flames outside our back door!

My mum looked out of the kitchen window and immediately rang for the Fire Brigade. By the time that they arrived, we had actually been able to use all the grass clippings from that day's lawnmowing to put out the fire, so that the fire brigade was able to do a quick check, and then give some disapproving looks and fire safety advice to a mortified teenager.

The next morning my dad went to work, which was about five miles away, and the first person he saw greeted him with the words 'I hear that you had a BBQ last night!'. 'How on earth did you know that?', he asked. 'My son was driving the fire engine!'

News can travel remarkably fast, not least in rural Shropshire. There are now about 2.4 billion Christians in the world, and it is incredible to think that the news of Jesus' resurrection all started with a handful of women and men in a backwater of the Roman Empire some 2000 years ago. But for the first few weeks after that first Easter, the news was actually very slow to leak out, as bewildered disciples gradually came to terms with the possibility that Jesus really was alive. What made all the difference was Pentecost (celebrated on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June).

This was the day, fifty days after that first Easter Day, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples who only numbered just over 100 at the time. It was the Holy Spirit that enabled and empowered these doubting believers to proclaim the good news that Jesus was alive, death had been defeated, and there was now nothing that was beyond the power of God to make a difference. And as they were enabled by the Holy Spirit, they too carried on saying the types of things that Jesus said and doing the things that He had done. And the news began to spread like wildfire.

And one of the signs of the arrival of the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost was visible flames that seemed to rest on the heads of each of those gathered there- fire for the soul.

For a gung-ho teenage BBQ chef fire suddenly became very scary and chastening. But for those first disciples, it was the experience of God's presence with them that gave them power and confidence to go out into a world that needed to hear the good news of the God made visible in Jesus Christ. As we experience that same presence of God with us this Pentecost, may we be those who are enabled to pass on that good news to others, and may we be part of bringing God's hope and life into our communities.



## Let the Flame burn Brighter...

St Edward's has some wonderful banners, thanks to the creativity and skill of a number in our community. Church banners play a significant role in enhancing worship and celebration. We have banners celebrating Advent, Harvest, Remembrance to name but a few. However, over time the banners unstitch themselves, fade and sag and then need renewal.

The Pentecost banner was one such item, and so this Pentecost, rising phoenix-like from the flames, comes a new Banner on the Block. Phillipa Hammond-Trew, who cared for the banners for many years, has recently handed over the thimble to Sally Gatus who tells me how the idea emerged.



'Margaret Titman designed two watercolours with a Pentecost theme which was really helpful for our planning. We first had to unpick the original banner, and so Jean Wright took it home and unpicked it all. We then met to play around with the pieces we had and see how they fitted with the ideas from the picture. Our intention was to recycle as much as we could from the old banner. However, making a banner is a big task and so I thought it would be great to make it into a community project, not least as people can see the fruits of their labour in the church.

Hazel designed and made the clouds and Marion the dove and then every Sunday for about 6 to 8 weeks, I based myself in the small meeting room for people to collect flames to make. However, a number of people just popped in to chat about the banner and Pentecost and I found that it actually helped my personal understanding. In the end over 30 people were involved with the making of the banner, and I would like to thank them for all their help and contributions.

However, if you feel that you missed out or would like to do more, we are in the process of starting the next two banners which are for Palm Sunday and Easter - which is rather looking ahead! Watch this space.

Sally Gatus



*Ed's Note: The new banner will be dedicated at Pentecost during the 10am service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.*

**An Invitation: St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York**

### **MIDSUMMER MUSIC**

**Friday Night is Music Night!**

**Friday June 20th, 7.30pm**

Returning to St. Edward's for Midsummer Music are York University 'Mastersingers' student ensemble. Many will recall their scintillating December performance to a full church. Again there will be no charge but a retiring offering will be available. This will help towards funding for the singers to hold international scholarships for two choral courses in Canada.

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**6.30 - 7.30pm in the Meeting Room**

◇ **June 6<sup>th</sup>**

◇ **June 13<sup>th</sup>**

◇ **June 27<sup>th</sup>**

◇ **July 11<sup>th</sup>**





## Going for Gold

HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh developed the idea of a programme that would help young people to develop skills, build confidence and equip them to be valued contributors to their community.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was launched in February 1956, initially for boys aged 15-18, and proved to be successful. It soon expanded to include girls and in 1980, the age range was extended from 14-24.



At this time, DoFE programmes took on their current four section format of: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition, with an additional Residential section at Gold level. Achieving a Gold D of E Award takes commitment, effort and stamina and is therefore no mean feat.

We are therefore delighted to catch up with **Matt Walton** who will be collecting his Award this month.

**Q: So Matt, well done an incredible achievement. How did you become involved in D of E?**

I started back in 2017 when I was 15. It was advertised via Moor Lane Youth Centre that they were running the D of E programme and so I decided to get involved.

**Q: What sorts of activities did you undertake?**

I live in Copmanthorpe and so my volunteering throughout D of E has been at Copmanthorpe Library which I enjoyed so much that I stayed on for a couple of extra years. In terms of my sport, for Bronze I improved my swimming skills through classes at the Mount School, and whilst not my favourite sport, I stuck at it. I had tennis lessons for my Silver and for Gold joined Fitness Training classes at MoreTone Fitness. I still work out with them and just last weekend competed in a local Hybrid event with their team.

For the Bronze skills section, I took part in Hearing Dog training classes, as my family fostered dogs training to be Hearing Dogs. In fact, we now have a lovely family pet, as one of the dogs developed a problem with her rear legs so couldn't continue her training.

The camping expeditions consisted of 1 overnight for Bronze, 2 nights for Silver and 5 nights for Gold coupled with plenty of walking at 16km per day on Bronze, 19km per day on Silver, and 23km per day for the Gold.



**Q: What have been the challenges?**

The weather! For Gold I did practice expeditions and assessed expeditions in pouring rain. On one occasion our tent sprung a leak and we all had wet sleeping bags for two nights. Oh, and we also ran out of toilet roll....

Another challenge was Covid. I had just started my Silver when lockdown happened, and I was not able to do anything in that period. By the time the pandemic ended, City of York Council no longer supported D of E.

**Q. So what did you do to complete your Award?**

I was the only one from my original team who carried on to Gold and I needed to find a team to complete the final expeditions with. My mum (Louise who works in the Parish Office) had an idea to get in touch with Dringhouses Scouts and they helped to put me in touch with Lupine Adventure. They were brilliant as I joined up with a group of individuals in my situation for the Gold Expedition. We got on well and really gelled as a team. I also improved my map reading skills!

## Q. What were the best bits?

Learning new skills, meeting new people from different backgrounds and going on a Residential Outdoor Activities Week. I went to a place in Kendal which was fun and a great way to finish the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



## Q When and where are you receiving your Award?

I am going down to London with my dad on the train and we are heading to Buckingham Palace. Prince Edward, who is now the Duke of Edinburgh, will be handing out the Awards. I am really looking forward to it.

Congratulations Matt on a very fine achievement!

Interview with Helen Wren





## Promise page

In May this year, I was thinking about the green shoots we were seeing and the hope for the future we can have as we see this next generation grow and bloom.

As part of this growing and blossoming and bringing hope, I thought I'd share the fantastic job that Caoimhe and Esther did as they ran the Pretty Muddy Kids race. It was a cold, raining day in May and these girls and their friends ran 5km and took on muddy obstacles. They were cold, wet and exhausted but between the team of them they raised nearly a £1000 for Cancer Research.

What an inspiration all our children are!

*Helen, C&Y Coordinator*



## Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for our children and young people. Help us all to learn from one another across the generations.

Amen



# Choral Evensong



**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
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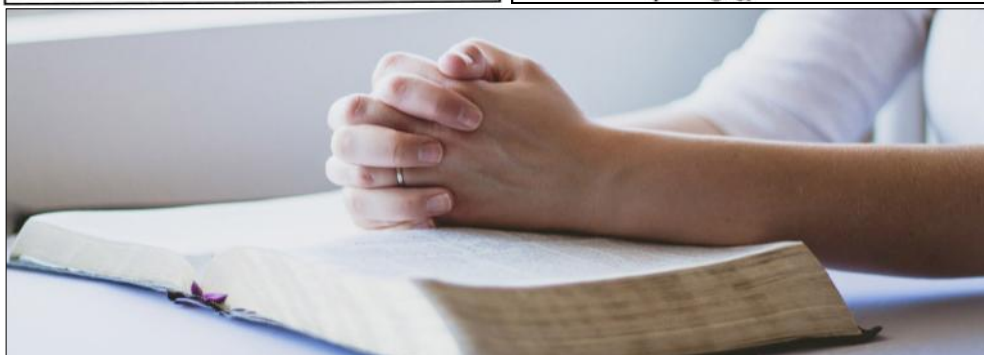
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<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	<b>Café open 9.30am-12.00 &amp; 1.30pm-4.00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Café open 9.30am-12.00</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Garden Gang (during the season) 2.00pm-4.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Youth Group 7.00pm-8.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Wednesday Afternoon Small Group 2.30pm-4.00pm (alternate)</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Little Teds 10.30am-12.00pm (term time only)</b>
<b>Fridays (see below for practice dates)</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm Choir practice in Church</b>

**Any enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings etc to 01904 709111 or**

**parishoffice@stedsdringhouses.org**

**Timings are correct at time of going to press.**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.00-12.00</b>	<b>Needlecraft Group</b>
	<b>7.00—8.00pm</b>	<b>My Yoga Journey</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00-11.00am</b>	<b>Exercise for Fitness &amp; Health</b>
	<b>11.10 –12.10</b>	<b>Mindful Yoga</b>
	<b>12.30-4.00pm</b>	<b>U3A Bridge</b>
	<b>6.15-7.15pm</b>	<b>Beaver Scouts (in term time) see back page for Wednesday evening session</b>
	<b>7.45-9.45pm</b>	<b>Line Dancing</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am-12noon</b>	<b>Probus (fortnightly)</b>
	<b>10.00-11.00 am</b>	<b>Aerobics</b>
	<b>12.15-3.30pm</b>	<b>Art Group</b>
	<b>6.15-8.15pm</b>	<b>Perfecting Pilates (2 x 1 hour classes)</b>
<b>1st Thursday</b>	<b>11.30-am12.30pm</b>	<b>Yorkshire Club</b>
	<b>2.00-3.00pm</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>3rd Thursday</b>	<b>7.30-9.30pm</b>	<b>Local History Group</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11.00-12.00</b>	<b>Exercise for Fitness &amp; Health</b>
	<b>12.15-3.45pm</b>	<b>Thursday Bridge Group</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30-12.00</b>	<b>Living Well Health Community (2nd &amp; 4th in month)</b>
	<b>12.00-2.00 dates)</b>	<b>Lunches in the Community Hall ( see poster for</b>
	<b>6.15-7.15pm</b>	<b>Beavers Scouts (in term-time)</b>

## **Sunday 1st June—7th Sunday of Easter**

8.30am Holy Communion

Acts 16: 16-34: John 17: 20-end

10.00am All Age Service

6.30pm Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing

Readings as above

## **Monday 2nd June**

10.00-12.00 noon

St Edward's Needlecraft Group

## **Tuesday 3rd June**

10.00-11.00am

Exercise for Fitness & Health

7.00-9.00pm

Alpha Course part 4

## **Wednesday 4th June**

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00-8.30pm

Youth Group

## **Thursday 5th June**

10.00am Holy Communion

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

11.00-12.00 noon

Exercise for Fitness & Health

2.00-3.00pm

Contact

## **Friday 6th June**

10.30—12.00 noon

Little Teds

12.00—2.00pm

Friday lunches

6.30— 7.30pm

Choir Practice

## **Sunday 8th June—Pentecost**

8.30am Holy Communion

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

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings as above

## **Monday 9th June**

10.00-12.00 noon

St Edward's Needlecraft Group

## **Tuesday 10th June**

10.00-11.00am

Exercise for Fitness & Health

7.00-9.00pm

Grow

7.00-9.00pm

Alpha Course part 5

## **Wednesday 11th June**

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00-8.00pm

Youth Group

## **Thursday 12th June**

10.00am Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 3: 15-4:1, 3-6: Matthew 5: 20-26

11.00-12.00

Exercise for Fitness & Health

## **Friday 13th June**

10.30-12.00 noon

Little Teds

6.30—7.30pm

Choir Practice

## **Saturday 14th June**

9.30am—12.00 noon

Railway Group Meeting

## **Sunday 15th June—Trinity Sunday**

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

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

10.00am All Age Communion

Readings as above

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Readings as above

## **Monday 16th June**

10.00-12.00 noon

St Edward's Needlecraft Group

## **Tuesday 17th June**

10.00-11.00am

Exercise for Fitness & Health

7.00-9.00pm

Alpha Course part 6

## **Wednesday 18th June**

12.00 noon

Praying in Company



2.00-4.00pm

Wednesday Afternoon Small Group

7.00—8.30pm

Youth Group

## **Thursday 19th June—Corpus Christi**

10.00am Holy Communion

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

11.00—12.00

Exercise for Fitness & Health

7.30—9.00pm

Local History Group

## **Friday 20th June**

10.30—12.00 noon

Little Teds

12.00—2.00pm

Lunches

7.30pm

The Master's Singer's present 'Midsummer Music'

## **Sunday 22nd June—Ist Sunday after Trinity**

8.30am Holy Communion

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

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings as above

## **Monday 23rd June**

10.00-12.00 noon

St Edward's Needlecraft Group

## **Tuesday 24th June**

10.00-11.00

Exercise for Fitness & Health

7.00-9.00pm

Alpha Course part 7

## **Wednesday 25th June**

12.00 noon

Praying in Company

7.00-8.30pm

Youth Group

## **Thursday 26th June**

10.00am Holy Communion

Genesis 16: 1-12, 15-16: Matthew 7: 21-end

11.00-12.00 noon

Exercise for Fitness & Health

2.00pm

Women's Fellowship

## **Friday 27th June**

10.30—12.00 noon

Little Teds

6.30-7.30pm

Choir Practice

## **Saturday 28th June**

10.00am

Garage Sale at 16 Alness Drive

## **Sunday 29th June—2nd Sunday after Trinity**

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

Acts 12: 1-11; Matthew 16: 13-19

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings as above

11.30am BCP Holy Communion

Readings as above

3.00pm Baptism Service

## **Monday 30th June**

10.00-12.00 noon

St Edward's Needlecraft Group

### **From the Registers**

#### **Baptisms**

Rosalind Adelaide Coxon Moore

27th April 2025

#### **Funerals**

Isobel Taylor

6th May 2025

## **Carecent and "Flaming June"**

I struggled to find a link between this month's Porch theme and the Carecent summer appeal - apart from they both crop up in June!

The phrase "flaming June" used to be a favourite of my mum and dads, and maybe many years ago, June did always seem unusually hot. I think they also liked June because it was the month in which they married in 1942. This was obviously in the middle of World War II and it shows that even in war time, some things in life carried on.

Which brings me circuitously to a tentative link with Carecent. Life carries on for the homeless and vulnerable people of our city in the summer, in the winter, come rain or shine, all year round.

Some of you may have read Max Burgess' interview with Keira, Carecent's Manager in the July and August Porch 2024. She spoke of Carecent's work, providing breakfasts, a chance to shower and links to other agencies. She spoke of some of the frustrations, but also of the rewards ....



"There have been a number of times where someone comes to Carecent, just to let you know what is happening - whether that be finally getting a flat; or they have a job interview; or they managed to sort out their benefits; or they haven't used heroin for a week. It is all rewarding. The fact that we get to build up trusting relationships and see people move forward within their journey and be part of that is the most rewarding thing."

Keira also spoke of her gratitude for all the support from the church community at St Edward's.

So, when I spoke to her recently, about our summer appeal, I asked what items they were most in need of at the moment. Her reply was:

- ◇ Socks and underwear (new)
- ◇ Razors (they have shaving foam, but not razors)
- ◇ Deodorant
- ◇ Spam
- ◇ Baked beans

It would be fantastic if you could donate any of the above items. The blue tubs will be in the café area throughout "flaming June". Thank you so much.

Faith, Max, Mike.



## From the Archives



Over the last 18 months, documents have come down from the loft and have been organised into an archive cupboard in the Church Meeting Room. Many of the documents are minutes from yesteryear including PCC minutes, APCM minutes, Building the Extension Minutes, Community Hall minutes, Men of St Edward's minutes and the Women's Fellowship minutes. There is also a minute book entitled 'Young Wives' written in long hand going all the way back to 1960.

As the Porch theme this month is Flaming June, we thought we would share two extracts from the Minute Book with regards to outings. The first is from June 1960 and the second from March 1961.

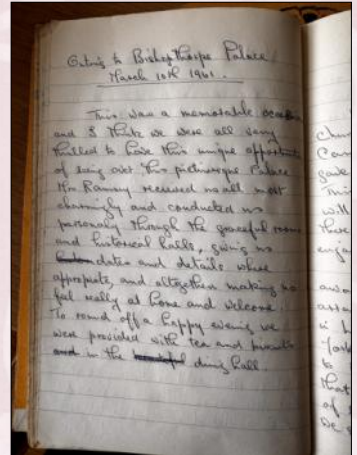
### **Young Wives Minute Book.**

The outing on June 24<sup>th</sup> was a great success, enjoyed I am sure by all of the 43 people who went. We left Dringhouses at 6pm, first visiting Mr Thompson's Woodcarving Works at Kilburn which we reached just after 7pm, travelling through beautiful countryside enroute. It was a most interesting place with some handsome handmade furniture on view, but at rather high prices.



Continuing through the winding lanes we reached the Black Swan at Helmsley at approximately 8pm. The dinners, which were beautifully served at separate tables, were delicious and thoroughly appreciated.

Afterwards we wended on our way, the coach driver pointing out any objects of interest, through avenues of tall trees and between still lush hedgerows to Rievaulx Abbey which was looking slightly grim, but no less graceful in the eerie half-light of midsummer. From here we turned homeward, making a short stop off at Hovingham and reached Dringhouses once more about 11pm, tired but agreeing that it has been a grand trip.



### Outing to Bishopthorpe Palace March 10<sup>th</sup> 1961

This was a memorable occasion, and I think we were all very thrilled to have this unique opportunity of seeing over this picturesque Palace. Mrs Ramsey received us all most charmingly and conducted us personally through the graceful rooms and historical halls, giving us dates and details where appropriate and altogether making us feel really at home and welcome. To round off a happy evening we were provided with tea and biscuits in the dining hall.

*We'd be interested to know if any of our Porch readers happened to be on those trips - or remember the Young Wives group? If so, we would love to hear from you.*



# Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins  
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen



## Success in Grahamstown

I am very happy to have been sent some great news from Makhanda (formerly known as Grahamstown) in the Eastern Cape of South Africa where St Edward's has recently funded six students over three years through the "Matric School".

Makhanda has made huge progress recently in its vision.

## Makhanda's Vision and Targets

### Vision

*By 2028, Makhanda emerges as the leading educational centre and city in South Africa and is recognised as such.*



Matric is on track for its targets, but matric is part of a bigger ambition which is also doing well.

In general, more pupils are getting through matric and at better pass levels. This is put down to better leadership, early intervention in the form of the whistlestop project and the Nine Tenths Mentoring Programme ("Nine-tenths of education is encouragement"). Part of this is retaining pupils in education so in absolute terms where more stay in the system it is even harder to achieve that final percentage pass rate. The challenge is there and Makhanda is embracing it.

If you are interested in knowing more, you can see an article on this link.

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2025-03-30-after-the-bell-making-the-grade-how-makhanda-turned-the-tide-on-educational-failure/>



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Many thanks,

Lucy



**Why not write for The Porch?**

July/August: Restoration  
September: Music to my ears

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## Thy Kingdom Come

"Thy Kingdom Come" is a line from the Lord's Prayer where we are invited to cry out to see God bringing hope and change in the world. This was therefore seen as a great title for a prayer initiative that started in May 2016 with an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York. The Church of England was encouraged to use the time between Ascension Day and Pentecost to focus on praying for more people to know more of Jesus and for us to see more of God at work in the world.

What started as a call to the Church of England is now a global ecumenical prayer movement that is active in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions.

Just before Jesus ascended, He gave His disciples instructions to go back to Jerusalem, to wait, and to pray for God to send the Holy Spirit to enable the ministry to which Jesus was calling them. I have no idea what they thought they were waiting for or expecting as they prayed, but the result was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we celebrate at Pentecost.

Likewise in our day every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way during the 11 days between our celebrations of Ascension and Pentecost. Resources to help and inspire us are available in Church but also on the 'Thy Kingdom Come' website <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0>

Like those first disciples, we might not be exactly sure how God will answer our prayers, but as we pray may we see God at work and be encouraged at seeing God's Kingdom come and His will being done.

Richard

# 1100 Miles in 70 Days

*John Parkinson from Vinyl Eddie's Sponsored Walk*

## Flaming Weather!

**So, John, how has the first leg of your journey gone?**

It has been an interesting experience. I walked 275 miles from Land's End to a place called Castle Combe in the Cotswolds. It took 15 days in total, but I decided to come home due to a combination of things. One reason was because I realised that I had planned a rather over-enthusiastic itinerary, plotting days that were too long.



The second reason, a sense that it was too soon after my wife had died to do this journey. So, I decided to return home and rethink how I attack the next stages.

## What have been the physical challenges of this first journey?

Well the hard part, looking back, was covering the daily distances in the time I had given myself, because Cornwall and Devon are both brutally hilly, and the weather was tough. I mean it was warm up North, but it was even warmer down there.

So, the constant climbing and the heavy pack was a trial. However, when I stood one morning at the top of Cheddar Gorge and looked down, I did have a good feeling.



**So, is that it for now, or will you continue to stage two?**

Oh, I'm certainly going back to finish the walk. I had to stop because I knew it would be unwise for me to continue in that heat. It was undoubtedly, the right decision but what kept me going was that I didn't want to fail, and I haven't forgotten the good reason why I'm doing this walk.



As I'm sitting and speaking and thinking about it now, I think I'd do it in stages. Four, two-week stages and plot a route that won't be so demanding. I think in retrospect that I'd front loaded the walking days at the start, which meant too many long walking days for the conditions.

I was really quite pleased with the way my body adapted, but at my age, 20 miles a day every day is just not sustainable, and certainly not in this weather we are having.

**So you talked about doing this in 70 walking days. Will that be re-evaluated now?**



I don't think so as I've done 14 days and covered over a quarter and so I've got 55 days to go, which is approximate to four fortnights. I haven't forgotten the reasons why I am doing this walk, which is to raise money for St Leonard's Hospice in thanks for the compassionate care they gave to my late

wife.

I have also received many supportive messages and Vlogs which is very motivating when you have a 20 mile walk ahead of you.

So, I'm in the process of re-planning my daily walking routes and then it will be up and off again.

*John was speaking to Ian*

*The Porch will be following John's progress as he completes the second stage of his challenge.*





## Prayer for Pentecost

Gracious God, on this Pentecost, we thank you for the promised gift of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon your disciples in tongues of fire.

We remember that moment in Jerusalem, when fear turned to courage, and division gave way to understanding.

We pray for a fresh outpouring of that same Spirit upon us today.

Ignite within us a burning desire to share your love and truth with boldness and clarity.

Grant us the unity of heart and mind that transcends all barriers, enabling us to speak your message in ways that all may comprehend.

Empower us, Lord, with the gifts of the Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord - that we may serve you faithfully and build your kingdom here on earth.

May your Spirit guide our steps, inspire our words, and fill us with your peace.

Amen.



St Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses, York



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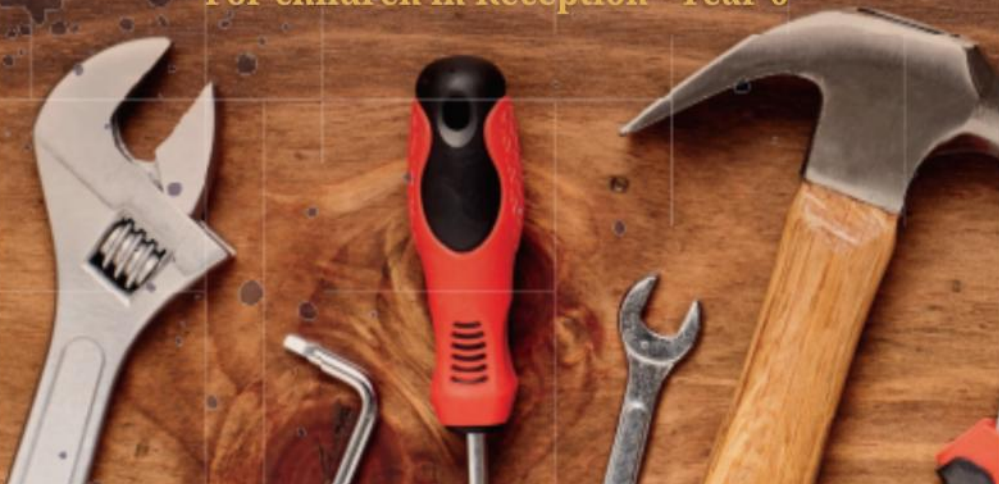
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