

Marston Moor Parish and Village News

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Billbrough, Long Marston, Rufforth
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6th Third Sunday before Advent
(Red/Green) 1st Reading: Job 19:23-27a
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5. 13-end
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

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13th Second Sunday before
Advent.
Remembrance Sunday
(Red/Green) 1st Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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20th Christ the King
Trinity
(Red/White) 1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6
2nd Reading: Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

BILBROUGH
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27th First Sunday of Advent
(Purple) 1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-end
Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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Sunday Services in November 2022

	Askham Richard	Bilbrough	Long Marston	Rufforth	Tockwith
6th Third Sunday before Advent		9.00am Holy Communion	8.30am Breakfast Praise	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00pm Refresh Service
Remembrance Services					
13th Second Sunday before Advent	9.00am Remembrance Service	10.00am Remembrance Service	10.45am Remembrance Service	10.50am Remembrance Service	10.50am Remembrance Service
20th Christ the King	10.00am All Age Worship	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	NO SERVICE	6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)
27th First Sunday of Advent	9.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Family Praise	11.00am Informal Family Praise	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Informal Parish Praise

Rev. Martin writes...

Dear All

Many of you will have no doubt watched the Queen's funeral in its entirety, it was a spectacle to behold and one that made you feel proud to be British. The one thing that stood out to me was the number of bear-skin hats that were on show with the soldiers of what was the Queen's Guard and is now the King's Guard. I always imagined that there would be a few hundred of them but there seemed to be thousands of them as the procession moved along its route. Having just searched on the internet they are all made from Black Bear skins, and 100 skins are sent to this country each year from Canada. Some of the hats, I imagine, will therefore be decades old.



Our scriptural readings during the time of mourning and after the funeral could be seen to question who we really are and our importance and place here on earth. This may be controversial to say but I didn't actually watch the funeral but only saw some of the procession. I couldn't quite get my head around people's willingness to travel miles, to get overly upset about the Queen's death. The fortune spent on flowers and other 'gifts' and mementos could surely have been either better spent on keeping people in this country fed and warm, or donated to the charities supported by Her Majesty. I understand the want of people to show their appreciation to Her Majesty but perhaps want to ask the question why?

I went into the schools over this period and raised the same question. We talked about who the Queen was and her connection to the Church of England. But I raised the question, or perhaps statement that in God's eyes she was no more special than each and every one of us. I had taken the funeral of Ruby Morris a couple of weeks before, somebody who had led a wonderful life, who had done much for others, seen and unseen, and who had led her life through the example of Jesus Christ and her faith. She lived and died a servant of God and as an equal to all those with, and maybe without, a faith (and that's perhaps a topic for another day) who have lived and died before her, and those who will live and die after her.

Saint Paul describes in 1 Cor 12 how we are given our different roles by the Spirit, and it is up to us to live out these roles, *'To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to*

another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.' Saint Paul goes on to say how each part of our body is as important as the next part, and how we would not function if we took away the parts we felt were of less importance. It was interesting how society changed it's mind about the importance of jobs when Covid first hit and the government had to decide who were key workers. It wasn't just the medical and care staff, but the refuse collectors, the delivery men and women and so forth. Not every life seems as glamorous as the next, not every job as important, and sadly many, especially the younger end of society, try and emulate others they deem to be more worthy, who are deemed to be more successful, to be more beautiful and so forth.

We hear in Genesis how *'God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them'*. If we are all created in God's image, I cannot believe that he spent anymore time on creating the Queen than he did Ruby or us, so surely we must always be the of the same worth. We have different jobs, different roles, different beginnings and different endings, but through the grace of God we were all gifted our life and it is to our God we will all return to our maker.

The Disciples questioned Jesus when was it they saw him hungry, sick naked, thirsty? Jesus replied; *"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."* (Matt. 25.35-40) We are to see Jesus in each and everyone we meet, whether we know them or not, whether we like them or not, whether they are rich or poor and so forth; if we are to see Jesus in everyone then surely everybody becomes the most special person; irrespective of who they are or what they have done they can't be anymore special than Jesus.

So next time you see somebody who you feel has a better life, think again. We all have different lives and it is because we do that God's creation works. We must remember that what we do we do for God and not for others or for recognition, when we have done everything we can we should still feel as undeserving servants. We are to give thanks to the Queen for doing her 'job' superbly well, being an example and inspiration to others, but through her life and death may you also realise that she was who she was, and you are who you are, and in God's eyes you are as much loved, you are just as special, as those we sadly look up to and put on pedestals.

With my Blessings,

Martin, Your Vicar

Our services on Zoom are bringing people together from all of our villages, and further afield.

These are on Thursdays at 11.00 am.

If you are not already doing so and would like to join us, you need to log onto the Zoom website/app and use the ID 834 0787 4445 and password 036829.

Bank Accounts in the Parish of Marston Moor

- Askham Richard VCC, 09-01-51, 42355305
- Bilbrough Parochial Church Council, 40-44-01, 11091476
- Long Marston Parish Church Council, 20-99-56, 50582239
- All Saints Church Rufforth, 09-01-55, 16862081
- Tockwith Parochial Church Council, 40-46-21, 71165933

- The Parish of Marston Moor, 30-98-97, 63309268 (if you wish to contribute to the overarching mission of the Parish).

If you would like any further info about our finances please get in touch with me. With my thanks and blessings, Martin.



New Church Pay Machines

You will now be able to offer donations via debit card, credit card, mobile phone or smart watch in all of your churches! We realise that we are becoming a 'cashless' society and have taken this step to enable visitors to our churches, whether for a service or just for some peace and reflection, to help contribute to maintaining the church within the community it serves.

If you regularly give to your church please still consider setting up a standing order to do this. (Details are elsewhere in the magazine)

Please select donation value from the pre-set options, or choose your own value.



Thank you for your support 😊

From the Registers in the Parish of Marston Moor



We remembered in October

- ❖ Peter Baines whose Interment of Ashes took place in St James' Churchyard, Bilbrough.

Dates for your Dairy in November

Tuesdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

10-12noon	Stay and Play Long Marston Church
1.30-3.30pm	Long Marston Post Office and Pop-Up café
1 st 2.50pm	Askham Richard St Mary's School Worship
2 nd 10.30-12pm	Bilbrough Coffee Morning
2.45pm	Tockwith School Worship
7 th 9.30am	Copmanthorpe Chapter Meeting
8 th 2.50pm	Askham Richard St Mary's School Worship
2.50pm	Rufforth School OTB
7.00pm	Bilbrough VCC Meeting
9 th 2.45pm	Tockwith School Worship
10 th 7.30pm	DLT (St Mary's Vicarage)
11 th /12 th /13 th	Long Marston Church, Remembrance exhibition
14 th 7.00pm	Tockwith VCC Meeting
15 th 2.50pm	Askham Richard St Mary's School Worship
16 th 2.45pm	Tockwith School Worship
19 th 2.30pm	Bilbrough Christmas Fair
22 nd 2.50pm	Askham Richard St Mary's School Worship
2.50pm	Rufforth School Worship
23 rd 2.45pm	Tockwith School Worship
28 th 7.30pm	Tadcaster Deanery Synod Meeting
29 th 2.50pm	Askham Richard St Mary's School Worship
30 th 2.45pm	Tockwith School Worship



Baptism

Baptism is the start of an amazing journey of faith for yourself or your child and a special day not only for your friends and family but also for the church community, it is wonderful to think that others are wanting to join the faith that means so much to us. There is no difference between a christening and a baptism service, they are different words describing the same thing, just like couples are 'married' during a 'wedding' service. You can have your child baptized regardless of whether or not you, the parents, are baptized, you may even consider being baptized with them if you are not already. It is only the godparents who are required to be baptized, (so the only time a parent would have to be baptized is if they were also acting as a godparent). For more information on being baptized please contact Rev'd Martin Otter (07842 106044, martin@theottersholt.plus.com).

York Minster – sightseeing York Minster is open for daily sightseeing visits without the need to book in advance.



Opening times are:

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am to 4.30pm, **Sunday:** 12.45pm – 3.15pm,

Tickets can be booked in advance via the website or by calling the box office on 01904 557256. A Parish Pass can also be used - further information may be obtained from your village contacts.

Women priests

It was 30 years ago, on 11th November 1992, that the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests. The first women were ordained in March 1994.

MARSTON MOOR YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



Wednesday, 12th October

Sue welcomed members both old and new before introducing our speaker, Mr Eric Jackson with his talk entitled 'After You're Dead'. Mr Jackson assured us his talk wasn't as gruesome as it sounded but then proceeded to horrify us with tales of blood and gore. He took us back to the eighteenth century when schools of anatomy were desperate for bodies to dissect. Most of these bodies were criminals who had been hanged for murder or the poor from the workhouses, who had no-one to claim their bodies after death. However, the need for bodies greatly outstripped supply and this led to grave robbery and murder. There were ways to deter grave robbers but sadly, for many, there was no escaping their fate. In Scotland Burke and Hare murdered 16 people to sell on to Dr Knox. Hare turned Queens Evidence and together with his wife escaped punishment. Burke was hanged and his body donated to science - a fitting end.



Eric was warmly thanked and we all enjoyed a welcome cup of tea with biscuits. Sue reminded us about the Autumn Meeting at Riley Hall on Tuesday, 18th October, pointed out a West Riding cake stall at Wetherby on 27th October, and a Winter Fair at Boston Spa on 5th November.

We will meet again on 9th November at 2.00pm in Rufforth Village Hall when our speakers will be Linda & Stuart Carriss talking about 'More Travels'. New members are always welcome so if you would like to join us please contact Sue Lewis on 01904 738 658. or Beryl Plimmer on 01904 738 485 or just come along on the day; we would love to see you.

MARSTON MOOR PROBUS CLUB



Marston Moor Probus Club's ninth meeting of 2022 took place on 27th September. 12 attended plus the speaker – Ken Robertshaw whose talk was called “6 dogs, a sled and me” – his adventure trip into the arctic circle.

As part of his support for the Giggling Doctors of Theodora Children's Charity, Ken explained his adventure was the fulfilment of a dream he had since childhood. As member of a small group guided by 2 local experts, Ken rode drove a sled pulled by 6 Alaskan huskies across the arctic from Tromso in Norway to Kiruna in Sweden over a period of several days and nights. Wholly self-sufficient and sleeping in tents, the group travelled for 6 or 7 hours each day with temperatures colder than – 35 C.



Obviously the group was well prepared, relying heavily on the local experts for advice on clothing, food and provisions, support for the dogs (who slept in the open tethered to trees) and how to drive the sled safely. He outlined a few of the major risks too – fire (snow won't put fire out), sweat (which will freeze – so don't over exert oneself), dehydration (must keep well hydrated) and losing the group (keep close!). A major adventure – which really brought home the need to respect the environment.

The next meetings are planned for 25th October and 29th November at Long Marston Village Hall, with talks about “The Real Marigold Hotel” by Maggie Poppa and “Nightshift at York Minster” by Roy Pawsey. Guests and new members are welcome. The club meets at 10.00am on the last Tuesday of each month. More information is available from the secretary, Richard Myers, 01904 738507.



BILBROUGH NEWS



Beech mast crunching underfoot, conkers whistling past our heads, acorn laden squirrels dashing hither and thither, breath-taking autumnal colour palettes across the trees, lawns luscious again after some rain and bumper harvests for many of us: it is a wonderful time of year to live in the countryside. Some of this natural

bounty was used to decorate the church for our harvest thanksgiving service on October 9th where we learned more about where in the world our everyday food comes from.



Macmillan coffee morning

The monthly coffee morning is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious, and on October 5th it was dedicated to Macmillan Cancer Support, a great cause. One in two of us will face cancer and the £150 raised at our coffee morning will help everyone with cancer to live life as fully as they can. Thanks to all who organised, baked and attended.

Sprucing up for winter

Remember, remember...we are planning to tidy the cemetery on Saturday 5th November, starting at 9.30. If anyone is willing and able to join us, wielding secateurs, shears or other useful garden implements, we would love to see you there. Refreshments promised, as usual.

We will remember them



Please join us for Remembrance Sunday, 13th November. Our informal service begins in church at 10.00 am with coffee, followed by poetry, readings and prayers led by Carole Ross and finishing in time to join Bilbrough Battlefields Club outside at 10.50 as they perform their public wreath laying ceremony in memory of all men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. Wreaths will also be laid on behalf of the Church and the Parish Council.

Fair play

On Saturday 19th November, the Bilbrough Christmas Fair will be held in the Village Hall from 2.00 till 4.30. This is your opportunity to meet Santa over coffee and cake as well as fellow villagers. We are requesting assistance with tombola or raffle prizes, as well as baking for refreshments, or offers of help on the day. Please contact Issy Dawson (832029).

The Shoe box service:

This year our service will be on 20th November. Over 100 million children in more than 150 countries have experienced the joy of Christmas through Operation Christmas Child since 1990. Every year, the aim is to ensure that many more children will have the opportunity to receive a shoebox gift and know that someone, somewhere, cares about them, see enclosed flier for details.



If you don't feel that you can manage a whole shoebox, please feel free to contact me or Glynis for a list of suitable small gifts which can be included. Alternatively, we are asked to send a shipping donation of £5.00 per box to help with transportation and distribution, so you may wish to help cover these costs.



Light up Bilbrough

Volunteers are sought for the village 'living' Advent Calendar. Each day in December a participating household will decorate and light up a window to celebrate the season of Advent. You will be given a

number which you are asked to display in a window (which is visible from the road) every evening from dusk till bedtime, from your date until Christmas Eve. The challenge will be to walk round the village, identifying which houses are taking part and in which order. Please contact me (835729) if you would like to participate. If you have a preference for a specific date, we will do our best to accommodate you. PLEASE return any numbers from last year to me before the start of December as confusion can arise with duplicated numbers.

Christmas Tree Festival

The Church will be open for you to bring your decorated trees in the week beginning Monday 5th December. Entry is free to individuals, families, groups and businesses. To display your tree in the festival all we ask is you provide the tree (real or artificial) and the decorations (battery lights only please). You might like to give your tree a humorous title, perhaps playing with the word TREE, eg geometree (protractor, calculator, triangle) or dentistree (sweetie teeth, toothbrush, sinister dental instruments) and make a label for it. Children, along with their families and other adults, are invited to come and view the trees on Friday 9th from 6.00-7.30; perhaps sing a few carols and share a glass of wine or juice with us.

Dates for diaries

Saturday 5 th November 9.30	Cemetery tidy up
Sunday 13 th November 10.00	Remembrance service
Saturday 19 th November 2.00-4.30	Christmas fair
Sunday 20 th November 9.00	Shoobox service
Friday 9 th December 6.00-7.30	Tree festival open evening
Sunday 11 th December 4.00	Christingle service
Saturday 17 th December 4.00	Carols in the park
Saturday 24 th December 23.30	Midnight mass

More details of December activities to follow in next month's magazine.

Apologies in advance for any facts which turn out to be fiction, all stories were, at least in part, researched.

Peigi Macdonald, tel 835729



Help your hedgehogs this autumn



With warmer autumns, hedgehogs now tend to begin hibernation later – in December or January. In the meantime, it is critical that they build up enough body weight to get them through those lean, bleak weeks of January to April... so now is the time to help by feeding them.

The hedgehog is carnivorous and, in the wild, lives on a diet of beetles, earthworms and other invertebrates. But in the winter, the bugs are dead or buried, and the worms deep underground. So a hedgehog would appreciate your help! But don't put out milk and bread – both are actually bad for hedgehogs. Instead, they will thrive on tins of dogfood or non-fishy cat-food and water.

And while your spiny guests are noisily munching their dinner, you can prepare a bedroom, should they decide to move in. A nice deep compost heap will keep a hedgehog warm. It is also possible to buy hedgehog hibernation nest.

LONG MARSTON, HUTTON WANDESLEY and ANGRAM



Remembrance Services

On **Thursday 11th November at 10 50** we are hosting a Parish Remembrance service attended by children from schools across the Parish. You are welcome to join the children for this short service on Armistice Day.

On **Sunday, 13th November**, together with churches and villages across the country, we will hold a service of Remembrance beginning at **10:50** so that we can observe the two minutes silence at 11am, to remember all who sacrificed their lives in the two world wars and the conflicts since, including those ongoing today.

Do join us for either or both these occasions when we particularly recall those who lived in our villages who lost their lives.

Harvest and Apple Pressing

Saturday 8th October in the Churchyard saw a steady stream of folk in the Churchyard cutting up apples, scratting them, pressing the juice out and bottling the end product. It was hard work but great fun was had by all - with Poppy becoming an expert!



Our efforts produced over 10 gallons of juice to take away.

Meanwhile, in Church, much creative work was carried out getting the Church decorated for Harvest.

A big thanks to all who gave produce, flowers, hops and conkers that were used in the decorations. And huge thanks to the flower arrangers.



Sunday, 9th October saw the Church full with families and friends for a harvest festival service. Familiar hymns mixed with some modern ones were sung with children from school, pre-school and 'Play and Stay' taking part in a performance poem.

Following the service we had an opportunity to say thank you to those that have helped and supported our Village Church with refreshments, social chat and laughter.

Looking ahead...Important dates for your diary:

Saturday 10th December. Fund raising event in Church between 10:30 and 2.30. Keeping your village Church going costs around £15,000 a year. These events raise vital funds towards the upkeep of the Church. [See below!]

Thursday 15th December 2pm. School Carol Service – early this year because school breaks up on the 16th.

Thursday 22nd December 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight & Glowsticks. Our annual carol service followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Chistmas Day

Sunday 25th December 9:30 am

A Christmas day informal service of poems and Carols over in time to get back to get Christmas dinner in the oven.

Stay and Play continues to meet every Tuesday morning 10 till 12.

The recent addition of a shed to house all their play equipment has freed up space for the return of the **History Archive** to 'new' shelves in the Transept. Thanks to Roger, Tony and Chris for help with the shed and to Jackie and Martyn for the reordering of the History Archive.

We need your help ..again...

December 10th for our fund raising we need:

Cakes

Books

Toys

New and nearly new items

Christmas items

Tombola prizes



An opportunity to recycle what is useable but no longer wanted by you. Contact Eileen Visser/ Sue Lewis or leave items in Church.

If you can help on the day do let Eileen or Sue know.

Thank you

The Village Archives

Remembrance Weekend

There will be an exhibition of WW1 and WW2 archives and photos in All Saints Church, Long Marston on Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November.

Stay and Play

We have vacancies- do come along and enjoy time together

Tuesday mornings- 10.00-12.00

All Saints' Church

£2 a family

Just drop in- warm welcome always.



Continues Every Tuesday, 1.30-3.30 - with the Pop-UP Café providing cake, drinks and chat! With lots of smiles!

Also, don't forget Tony's Fish Van
- He arrives outside Church by 2.45-3.15 (if he's a little late, pop in the café for a chat, a drink and sweet treat



Neighbourhood Watch



**Message from Police, Crime and Fire Commissioner,
N. Yorks**

If you live in parts of Harrogate and Craven, you may be eligible for a home security survey and free security upgrades as part of the Protect Your Home Scheme

A scheme to improve the security of hundreds of homes and farms in parts of Craven and Harrogate started in August 2022. Commissioner Zoe, the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, has secured £719,590 from the national 'Safer Streets' fund, to invest in the scheme which aims to prevent burglary by providing free security upgrades to over 1,000 homes and 90 farms.

Further information about the scheme can be found online [Protect your home - Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire \(northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk\)](#).

Eligible residents will be receiving a registration pack through the post, and residents can also register for the scheme:

1. online at [Register for your free home security upgrade. - Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire \(northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk\)](#)
2. telephone: 01423 569 562
3. text: 'SURVEY' to 07808 654 870 to request a call back
email: help@ProtectYourHome.org.uk

Working best from where?

Are you more productive working from home, or at the office?

Who knows? A recent study at Microsoft found that while 87% of employees feel they were working as efficiently from home as in the office, 80% of their managers disagreed.

Whatever the truth, many experts believe that workplaces are unlikely to ever return to pre-pandemic numbers.

Bonfire Night

Message from the Environmental Health Officer- HBC

'I wanted to make contact with you regarding Bonfire night and provide some advice to ensure the organisers of any bonfires in your community are complying with the law in terms of what is proposed to be burned.

If you are planning or know someone who is planning a bonfire please keep it clean and safe, make sure that you only burn small amounts of paper, leaves, wood and cardboard and the waste is kept securely before being burned.

Remember, it's illegal to burn most types of waste. Burning waste such as treated wood, tyres, plastics, rubber and oil can seriously harm health and pollute the environment. People face a fine of up to £50,000 for illegally managing waste.

Don't be a victim of waste crime, make sure you know where the bonfire material has come from and that it is suitable. If you suspect illegal waste activity report it anonymously to Crimestoppers or contact Harrogate Borough Council on 01423 500600.

For further information please read Environment Agency's advice via the following link www.gov.uk to make sure you're disposing of waste on your bonfire safely and legally:

Remember bonfire night but make it legal and safe.

Burning waste on campfires and bonfires.

Garden bonfires: the rules

A community guide to celebrating with bonfires and fireworks.

CRIMESTOPPERS- 0800 555 111

The number allows anyone to call and give information about crime or any anti social behaviour and who is committing it – the caller remains completely anonymous 100% of the time.

No fear-no compromise – safe with crimestoppers

Report what you see or hear

Speak up- Stay Safe

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Nature Notes



This is the last month of autumn with shorter days after the clocks have 'fallen back' an hour. It is probably best known for Remembrance Day, which occurs on the eleventh day of the eleventh month (November) with 2 minute's silence at 11am. This is to mark the end of WW1 and the sacrifices that were made by millions of people all over the world.

November 5th or Bonfire night is also 'celebrated' because in 1605 Guido (Guy) Fawkes tried to blow up Parliament in a bid to kill King James I during his visit there. He gathered about 36 barrels of gunpowder in the cellar but was betrayed and caught before he could detonate them. An Act was then decreed that this date should be remembered as a day of 'Deliverance' and 'celebrated' with bonfires etc.

There are others famous dates in November – in 1869 the Suez Canal opened, the first Pillar Boxes were introduced in 1852, Wilhelm Rontgen discovered X rays in 1895, the finding of the tomb of Egyptian King Tutankhamun by Howard Carter was in 1922, the first flight over the South Pole in 1929 and the game of Monopoly was introduced in 1935!

The orange, yellow version of the Topaz is the semi-precious Birthstone meaning friendship as well as the Citrine which is a quartz crystal. The flower is the Chrysanthemum meaning golden flower and is considered to symbolise honesty, joy and optimism. The Astrological signs for November are Scorpio (1st – 21st) whose strengths are resourceful, honest and transparent and Sagittarius (21st to 10th) who are generous, idealistic and have principles.

All Saints' Day on November 1st is the Festival that celebrates the lives of all Saints, known or unknown, and this is followed on November 2nd by All Souls' Day to remember those who have died.

News from Long Marston Pre-school



A visit from the fire brigade!

We are very grateful to North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service for coming to our aid

when the fire alarm went off at the hall. Our pre-schoolers absolutely loved seeing some of the rescue equipment, and of course, the engine!



Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to help out at the pre-school. If you can spare an hour to play with sand, read a book, or even collect some conkers with the children, please email

longmarstonpreschool@gmail.com

All volunteers are fully DBS checked and are supervised by qualified staff at all times.

Christmas Craft Fair. 12th November 10-4.00 at the Village Hall With a large array of beautiful gift stalls, clay pot painting for babies, children and grown ups, a Christmas photo booth and face painting, this will be a lovely event not to be missed! **Tickets FREE**

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Report from Long Marston Parish Council

Traffic Speed Survey – Cllr Johnston met with a representative from NYCC on 28th September to discuss the feasibility of installing Vehicle Activation Signs on the B1224. Costings for these will be discussed at the November Parish Council meeting.

Pride in the Villages and Safer Community – Congratulations to the group for their successful application to the National Lottery Community Fund. £2790 has been awarded towards the purchase of planters, plants and benches. The group is looking at where they may best be sited and the thoughts of villagers on suitable locations would be very welcome.

Please contact Rex Beach on 01904 739991, or email rbhenbury@gmail.com for further information.

Dog fouling on Butt Hedge – there have been a number of complaints regarding dog owners not picking up their dog's mess. The Dog Warden has been informed and is monitoring the situation.

Flooding on Angram Road – Cllr Warneken has requested a copy of the engineer's report and will propose that the necessary work is escalated.

Protect Your Home scheme – by now all households, farms and smallholdings in Long Marston should have received a registration pack. Residents are being encouraged to sign up to the scheme online: www.protectyourhome.org.uk Following a security survey, upgrades will include: new locks for vulnerable doors, windows, garages and sheds, and alarm systems for farms and smallholdings. For homes with suitable WiFi coverage the scheme also includes a RING video doorbell. [See detail above]

Withdrawal of bus service 412 Wetherby to York – Owing to staff shortages Connexions Buses suspended this service on 22 October. NYCC Passenger Transport are investigating options to maintain some level of service for passengers. We will endeavour to keep residents informed of developments via our website, on Facebook and the notice boards.

Our service is one of over 70 across the region which is under threat and North Yorkshire County Council will be unable to support them all without significant funding.

The Parish Council, along with Councillor Warneken, would like to demonstrate local support for our 412 service which links Wetherby along with Bickerton, Bilton-in-Ainsty, Tockwith and Rufforth to York. Without it our rural communities suffer increased isolation. **Please sign the petition to show your support.**

<https://chnq.it/8Hydwc92GV>

Long Marston Church of England Primary School

interactive whiteboard

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and raised money towards an interactive whiteboard for the school! An extra thank you to our wonderful PTFA who topped up the funds to make it possible for us to purchase the board. The interactive board has been fitted in Cherry Class and the children have already been enjoying using it in their sessions.



Harvest festival

The whole school had a wonderful time attending a Harvest festival service at the Church. The children had practised many songs and a selection of children performed a Harvest poem. It was truly wonderful to see so many of the local community along with our parents/carers. It is certainly a time when we are reminded of the importance of being grateful for what we have. It was also fantastic to see how many donations everyone had contributed for the local food banks.

Queen Elizabeth II

With the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II the children took the opportunity to celebrate her life by creating a memory tree in our school entrance. The tree is



decorated with leaves that have words of thanks and admiration for the Queen's 70 years of service. In classes we spoke about the many things that the Queen achieved over her years of serving our country and how the future of the Monarchy will now look.

Best wishes, Liz Mellor, Executive Headteacher



Website: allsaintschurchrufforth.co.uk



Donate here

Services - All are very welcome at all our services.

Details of **Sunday services** in the Parish can be found on the back cover.

You can also check the church website, A Church Near You or the All Saints' Rufforth Facebook Page.

The QR Code

Many thanks to those who have donated to the work of the church by using the QR code at the top of the Rufforth page or via the website.. They are much appreciated. You can also donate via our website or the 'machine' in church at services.

Thanks



A big thank you to all these who decorated the church so beautifully for our harvest celebration, and for those who came with hearty voice to gave thanks in song and prayer.

Open The Book

(OTB) is where a small group of people go into our schools to read and act out the main stories found within the bible, we are pleased to be welcomed in the village school and if anybody would like to assist us in doing this, usually about once a month for an hour, please contact Ann Watson robnannwatson@gmail.com, 07896 599198. No acting skills or bible knowledge is needed, just the willingness to help our children learn.



Food Bank

The church is normally open everyday and there is still a foodbank collection point inside. If you wish to make a donation please leave it in the basket provided and we will transport it to the Food Bank in York



Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 13th November, our service of remembrance will begin at **10.50am**. Please note the earlier than usual start time.

Village and Parish News

The annual subscription will remain at £8 for 2023.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 16th Dec - Village Carol singing with mulled wine and mince pies

Friday 21st April – Quiz Night, with fish and chip supper

Saturday June 24th – Strawberry Teas in the Vicarage

Keep Up To Date

You will find up-to-date information about services and activities on our website - www.allsaintschurchrufforth.co.uk

Rufforth News

Please send any items for inclusion in the **December 2022** edition of the Parish and Village News in a word document to hlmoulds1@gmail.com by **November 12th**



or through the letterbox at 3, Laburnum Close, Rufforth.

Helen Moulds

Rufforth Methodist Church

Services for October are as follows:

Sunday 6th November-11am- Revd. Elizabeth Cushion.

Sunday 20th November-11am- Rita Milne.

Please contact me if you would like to receive information about any services. My email is karenjvalentine@icloud.com



In the Methodist school room

Post Office Opening times :

Monday and Thursday mornings 10am - 12noon.

Coffee is served on Post office mornings 10am -12noon. We look forward to welcoming you.

Possible Post Office closure days

Due to strikes by postal workers, the Post Office in Rufforth may not be able to operate on:

Thursday 3rd November or
Thursday 24th November.

Further action is planned for December but the dates have not yet been received. Please check next month's magazine. Should the dispute be resolved, the strikes may not go ahead.

The Post Office is expecting to operate as normal on Mondays.

Karen Valentine

Rufforth WI

Huge thanks to Nic and Elaine Howard who gave us a very interesting presentation on local bee keeping at our October meeting. Nic explained the various types of Honey bee and the cycle of honey production, showing us some of the equipment he uses. He explained about bee pollination and then spoke about the potential health benefits we can get from honey. We were able to try four types of honey – two from Rufforth, a field and a heather honey – the smell, taste and colour of each varied based on the type of flowers it was made from. Nic and Elaine were thanked for providing such a fascinating insight into the work of our bees and how we need to protect them.



We have had a few outings recently – five members joined a trip to Saltaire (which included a walking tour and the afternoon for lunch and a wander round Salts Mill). Six members joined over 80 ladies in our Federation for a thoroughly enjoyable day at Tennants Auction House, Leyburn including a presentation and talk on the family history and how it has grown over the years, examples of items they auction, a tour of the auction rooms, together with mid-morning and afternoon refreshments and a very delicious lunch. In November we will be visiting British Wool, Bradford, for the day.

Our next meeting on 3rd November, 7.15pm in the Institute will be our Annual Meeting. We are also going to find out how two of our members, Dorothy and Louise, got on when they had a go at Standup paddleboarding (an event organised by our Federation)!!

Our numbers have again recently increased and we now have 29 members. There is certainly lots of chat and laughter at our meetings which makes for a very enjoyable evening. If any ladies are interested in becoming a member you are welcome to join us, there is no charge for the first visit, you are then able to come along to a further two meetings at a nominal charge which will give you time to decide if you wish to become a member of our group (annual price of membership was £44.00 this year).

Our committee has been working hard to provide a fun and varied programme for 2023 to celebrate **Rufforth WI's 70th birthday year** (which does include a trip to Masham for the market and a tour of Black Sheep Brewery) – more details to come on the year's programme but in the meantime

We are holding a



**FESTIVE AFTERNOON on SATURDAY 10TH
DECEMBER FROM 1.30PM in the INSTITUTE.**

**Valerie Wilson will provide a wreath and a table
decoration demonstration.**

**Tickets, priced at £10.00 will be available soon
(which includes mulled wine, festive refreshments and a raffle
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Ladies, come along and join us, you will be made very welcome.
For more information contact rufforthwi@gmail.com or Linda on
738392.

Celia Galloway

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Lord Byron had a club foot, Robert Louis Stevenson and John Keats had tuberculosis. Alexander Pope was a hunchback. Admiral Nelson had only one eye. Edgar Allan Poe was psychoneurotic. Charles Darwin was an invalid. Julius Caesar was an epileptic. Thomas Edison and Ludwig von Beethoven were deaf, and Peter Stuyvesant had a wooden leg. Handicaps build strength and purpose – and accomplishment. – *Anon*

ST. MARY'S, ASKHAM RICHARD NEWS



**Please see the back cover of magazine for the
timetable of services and times**

Donations...

As I mentioned in last month's magazine, after investigations, we have now discovered, that it has become an urgent matter to replace the whole of the roof of our church. The cost of this will be approximately £50,000, a huge amount of money for us to raise. We are very fortunate to have already received some generous donations and have £15,000 put aside for the work, but we obviously need to raise another £35,000. We are looking into the possibility of obtaining grants, but these are in short supply at the moment. If you would like to donate to the work and upkeep of St. Mary's, please use your smartphone to scan the QR code above and follow the onscreen instructions to give an amount of your choice. Thank you.



50:50 Draw...

The winners for October are below...

- October 2nd – Tracey Godliman
- October 9th – Sara Mason
- October 16th – Christine Barber
- October 23rd – Julie Lawn
- October 30th - Lesley Dixon

50/50 Draw

October's numbers were drawn by Lindy Illingworth

Thank you for your support

A fun night...

The quiz night with fish and chip supper on Saturday 24th September, was a fun evening. The hall was full of folk demonstrating their wide general knowledge answering devious questions set by Revd. Martín! Heather & Richard Lamborn and Kathy & Richard Myers, a team from Angram were the winners, congratulations to them.

We also had a surprise visitor on the night. Simon Fordham, who used to live in the village with his parents Michael and Beryl Fordham, had arrived in Askham Richard earlier in the day to visit his parent's grave. Nothing unusual in that you might say, but he arrived having just completed a pilgrimage, walking from Rome! During a break in the quiz for supper, he gave us a short talk, telling us about some of his adventures on his three-month journey through Italy and France and on to Canterbury, he then decided to complete his journey by continuing up to Askham Richard. Simon had carried all his gear the whole way, including a one-man tent, sleeping wherever he could find on his way, including many a churchyard, so his final sleeping place on his epic journey was St. Mary's Churchyard, a fitting end to his amazing travels.

We are hoping to organise other similar village events throughout the coming months, so please keep a look out for further announcements.

Dates for your diary...

Remembrance Sunday Service - Sunday 13th November – 9am



Advent Carols - Thursday 8th December - 7pm in church

Carols by Glo-stick - Wednesday 21st December – 6pm in the hall for mulled wine and mince pies, followed by carols on the green

Crib Service - Saturday 24th December – 3pm

Christmas Day Communion - Sunday 25th December – 9am





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News from class 2

We've had a fantastic start to the year in class 2, getting to know each other and our new teacher, Mrs Owen.

Our topic this term is 'A World Around Us' where we have learnt about the continents and oceans and are now taking a closer look at a few different countries across the globe. Our first stop was Kenya and we enjoyed reading two stories set here: 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Mama Panya's Pancakes'. We took inspiration from these stories to design and create our own fruit kebabs using fruits that could be grown in both Kenya and the UK. We especially enjoyed tucking into these at the end of the lesson! It was great to be able to link this with our science topic where we are learning all about our bodies and the five senses. Exploring the



fruit using our senses was great fun and we all came up with some fantastic adjectives to describe the fruit too.

In art we looked at some traditional fabrics from African countries and explored the meaning of the symbols used to decorate these fabrics. We discovered that the symbols are called Adinkra symbols. We enjoyed designing our own symbols before creating stamps of these symbols and using them to print our own patterns.

This week we have started learning about China through a story called 'The Magic Paintbrush'. This is a traditional Chinese folk story that has been re-written by one of our favourite authors, Julia Donaldson. We are all very excited to learn more about China over the next few weeks and to write our own stories about what we would do if we had a magic paintbrush.

After half term we will be 'visiting' India and we will even be having a zoom with a class of children in Bangalore to compare our two schools. I wonder if there will be any surprising differences about our schools...

Harvest Festival...

After a break of nearly three years due to the dreaded Covid, we welcomed all the children and staff of St. Mary's School back into church for their Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

It was such a joy to see the church full to bursting with children, staff, parents, grandparents, and carers again.



The children were brilliant, singing, reading, performing a short drama, and leading prayers, a credit to their teachers and families.

The cost of living crisis....

Freeze your leftover food, advises Sainsbury's

Shoppers should learn to freeze everything from eggs to herbs to yoghurt, according to the supermarket's latest advice.

The average family wastes £60 a month by throwing food away, according to the waste charity WRAP.

Sainsbury's says that just one in ten of us even know that it is possible to freeze eggs. The most commonly thrown-away food includes breads, milk and salad.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Stephen Brown on new film versions



With the 27th November film release of Mark Gatiss' adaptation of Dickens' novella plus 30th Anniversary screenings of *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (2nd December) and then Netflix's *Scrooge* due, it's a tale we need keep telling ourselves.

There are hundreds of film and television versions. It only goes to show how deeply embedded in our collective psyche this is.

Dickens' story has this title because he wanted it to be, like carols, one we hear every Christmas with its tale of what Christian values should consist of. The fact that there is no specific mention of the Nativity



has enhanced its universal appeal, enabling atheists and believers alike to relate to it but what do different screen interpretations bring and why we need to keep on telling it?



Finding Tutankhamen



It was 100 years ago this month, on 4th November 1922, that Howard Carter, a British archaeologist, discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen.

Howard Carter had shown an artistic streak from a young age, and when his father, a successful artist, painted a portrait of a well-known Egyptologist, the young Howard's imagination had been caught. He wanted to go to Egypt.

And so, in 1891, when Howard was only 17, his father found him a job working for an archaeologist who needed an artist to sketch the artefacts he found. As Britain occupied Egypt in the late 19th century, it was a time of increased European interest in ancient Egypt.

Over the next few years Carter worked under different archaeologists on different sites, including Amarna, Thebes, Edfu and Abu Simbel. Then in 1907, Carter began working with the wealthy English aristocrat, Lord Carnarvon, excavating various Egyptian nobles' tombs.

When in 1914 Carnarvon attained a licence to dig for the tomb of King Tutankhamun, he gave the job to Carter. After WW1 the search began, but it was not until 4th November 1922 that they found anything. That day a boy who worked on Carter's team as a water fetcher started to dig in the sand with a stick. He found a stone step, called Carter over, and the rest is history. A flight of steps was found that lead to a sealed door and a secret chamber. On 26th November 1922 Carter and Lord Carnarvon entered the tomb and found the gold and treasures. On 16th February 1923, Carter opened the innermost chamber and found the well-preserved sarcophagus of King Tut.



The find made headlines around the world. Carter remained in Egypt until the excavation was completed in 1932.



*...love the new notice board, Vicar...
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