



JUST A THOUGHT

'Dear friends

We are living in extraordinary times and none of us has had previous experience of such extreme conditions. Suddenly we are required to rethink everything we have taken for granted and reimagine ways of living without a blueprint and the Church is no exception.

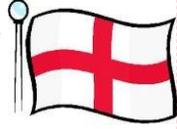
Having said all the above there IS one blueprint we can still use; love your neighbour as yourself. We are blessed with close communities who do know each other and can keep essential communication links open. Be patient, be kind and be careful. The first Easter began as a trickle but became a flood of joy. May we find blessing this Easter in ways that surprise us all.

'Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.'

With love and prayers,

Reverend Bridget'

"Our thanks to Jane Russell for sponsoring our new St George flag, which will soon be flying high in memory of Pete Russell"



NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S, FARNDALE

We had a lovely walk from Low Mill to Church House on March 14th. It was part of Archbishop Sentamu's mission outreach Come and See. Bishops from the North of England came to visit our local benefices and join in with local events. We had Bishop Mark, Bishop of Middleton, from Rochdale, a wonderful man that was overawed by the sheer beauty of Farndale. Some of the Daffs were almost out so he got a glimpse of what might be. 7 of us walked and finished our Pilgrimage with a short time of worship in the village hall.

Not sure where we all will be this Easter Time but we can hope and pray that this turmoil we find ourselves in will soon be brought to an end.

Happy Easter to you all.

Phil Collier



NEWS FROM ST MICHAEL'S EDSTONE

We have been using our new hymn book "Mission Praise "for a few months now, and are very pleased with them. When David, our organist, suggested we would hold a "Festival of Hymns " in church in March, it seemed a long way ahead. But time flies and it was soon upon us, and when we learnt just a few days before the event that the Archbishop of York was coming to join us, we felt very honoured and excited. Unfortunately, due to government advice, via the Church of England, we had to cancel the refreshments we had planned to have at the end of the service, because of the corona virus.

However, the evening was a great success. David had compiled a marvelous program of hymns and readings, the singing was wonderful and almost raised the roof, and was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank everyone who came to support us, and those who took part in any way.

Jenny Hellowell



 **WaterAid** Harry and Bethany Pollard (helped by their mother and friends), took up the Live Lent challenge, given at Messy Church and ran a cake stall under Towler's Arch, raising £160. Thank you for your generous support.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP MARCH MEETING

The March meeting saw our ladies rolling up their sleeves to give All Saints a good spring clean. An hour and a half and a lot of elbow grease resulted in a beautifully fresh and polished church. It really is true that many hands make light work. There was time afterwards to enjoy a welcome cup of tea and biscuits and to catch up with one another. Thank you so much to all the ladies who gave so generously of their time and energy. All who use the church really appreciate it.

The March birthday girls were Judy Langham, Ann Pennock and our Helen (Robertshaw). It is a special pleasure to wish Helen a Very Happy Birthday because it is Helen who always remembers everyone else's birthday.



MENZOWN MARCH MEETING

Albert Elliot from the *North Yorkshire Moors Association* (founded in 1985) was the speaker at a well-attended March 2020 meeting. His subject was “*The History Tree*”.

In 2007 the trunk of the large copper beech at the eastern end of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park Visitors’ Centre at Danby was found to be split. The tree was taken down and, when the tree rings were counted, was found to be 200 years old.

The idea was formed to mark significant events and people associated with this area of North Yorkshire, decade by decade, on a specially made steel plate, which matches, exactly, the base of the trunk. The earliest events are at the centre and then each decade moves outwards, as the tree grew.

One year is missing. In April 1815, the Tambora volcano in the Dutch East Indies erupted. This was the largest ever natural explosion. The devastation was world-wide. There was no summer. J.M.W. Turner painted the sunsets that resulted.

A book has been produced, with 41 short chapters, describing the event or person in greater detail. This was funded for £5,000. Copies were given to every school in the National Park area. Albert brought copies to the MenZown meeting and did a brisk trade.



A vote of thanks was led by David Harrison.