



THE STREET PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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From the Rector:

Dear All,

As I write, we are still in full lock down, with schools and businesses closed and all being encouraged to stay at home apart for essential travel, food shopping or exercise. How are you coping in this 'new normal'? I am sure the current situation is beginning to take its toll on your patience and possibly affecting your mental health but hopefully it is not influencing your physical health too. Relationships with those you live with will be challenged along with a deep yearning to be physically present with family or friends.

At this time we need to be encouraged by the message from Easter that Christ is risen and death has been conquered. The time of grief and mourning that the first disciples experienced turned to joy as he appeared to them in the upper room. Meeting with them on many occasions over a period of 40 days after his resurrection, he then ascended into heaven to be with God, his father and ours. Before leaving the disciples, Jesus promised them they would not be alone but should wait patiently for the Holy Spirit to come upon them, which he did in power a few days later. The book of Acts, especially Acts chapter 1, give the account of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the impact it had on the followers of Jesus. As Christians we celebrate this coming of the Holy Spirit and believe he is always with us. There to encourage, guide, comfort, and sometimes even admonish us.

For those feeling lonely, those feeling bored, those feeling anxious or depressed; do yourself a favour spend time in the presence of the Holy Spirit and let him speak to you. Be still, in heart and mind, and ask him to make himself known. But above all dig in, stay safe and remain focused for as with all things, these strange times will come to an end and once again we will be free to enjoy doing those things we miss, especially being with one another.

***Yours in Christ,
Martin***

If you would like prayer, a friendly ear or some pointers for private worship, please do not hesitate to contact me.

COVID-19 SUPPORT

By now you are probably all aware of your local village networks which are offering support. Below are some contacts and websites which offer a range of support and information.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Telephone Number or Email</u>	<u>Website</u>
Ryedale District Council	01653 600 666 enquiries@ryedale.gov.uk	Information leaflet
Ryedale Covid-19 Network (includes information on local networks, what businesses are open and who is delivering)		https://www.rye-charter.org.uk/ryedale-our-community-and-coronavirus
Healthwatch North Yorkshire (has very good information for specific medical conditions)		https://healthwatchnorthyorkshire.co.uk/

Please don't forget to keep looking at our [website](#) for updates or to follow us on [Facebook](#).

FROM THE RECORDS

Funerals:

Edith Bowes, Burial at St Michael's Barton Le Street on 3rd April

Kathleen Mabel Lange, Burial at Slingsby Cemetery on 21st April

NOTICES

All Saints', Slingsby Our PCC Treasurer is stepping down after 18 years in the post and we are looking for a replacement. The person must be resident within the village and preferably have a knowledge of bookkeeping and spreadsheets. For details contact the Church Warden, Ann Wilson, on 01653 628853.

Ryedale Foodbank The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have urged us to continue to think of those in need by supporting our local foodbanks. Details of how you can support the Ryedale Foodbank are on their [website](#).

Amotherby Educational Trust

The trust is planning to meeting is planned for 10 June 2020 although this may be postponed. The trust offers financial support to young people residing in the Amotherby, Swinton, Broughton and Appleton-Le-Street, under the age of 25, for educational purposes. Please send your application or enquiries to the secretary Mrs Pamela Taylor, 2 Honeysuckle Cottage, Musley Bank, Malton YO17 6TD.