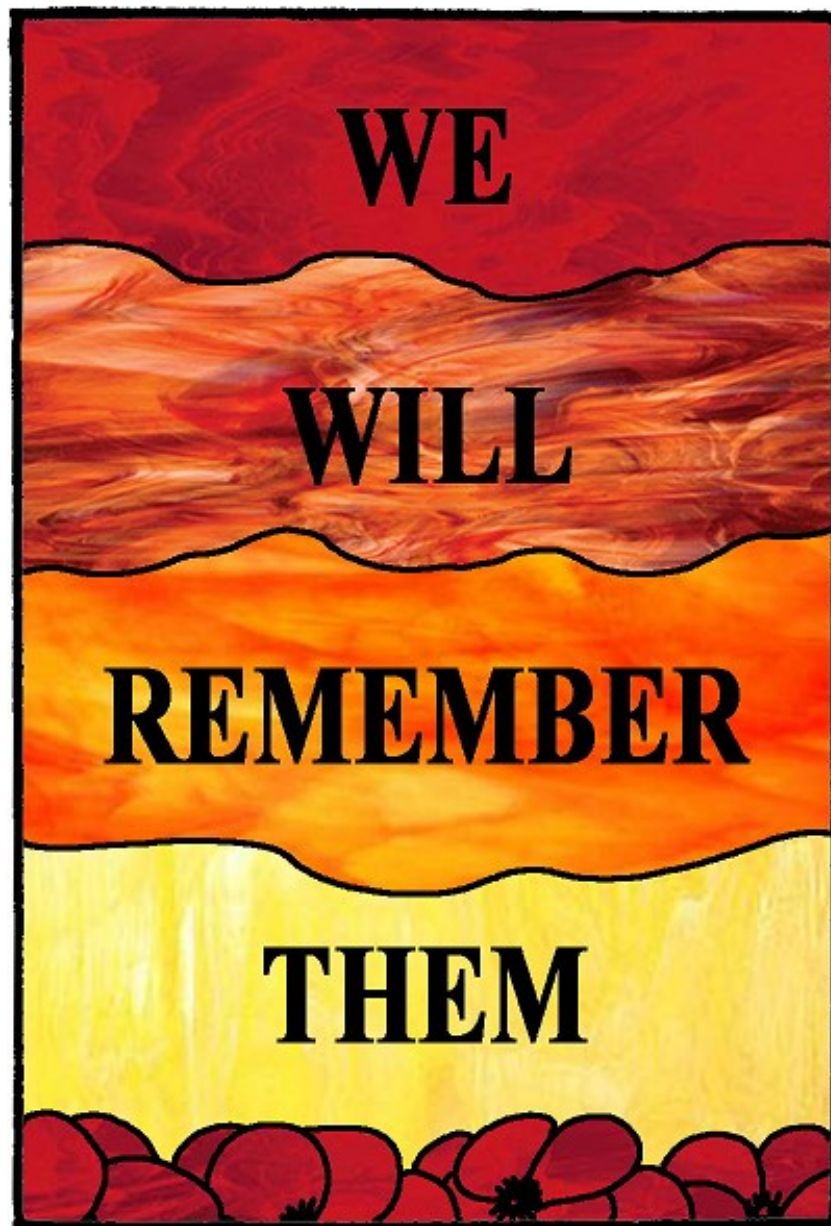


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## The Parish of Redcar



November 2021

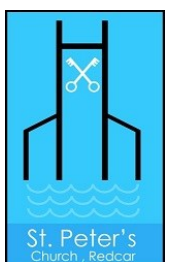
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OFFICE HOUR—to discuss baptisms or weddings, the church is open between 6.00pm and 7.00pm on a Thursday evening.  
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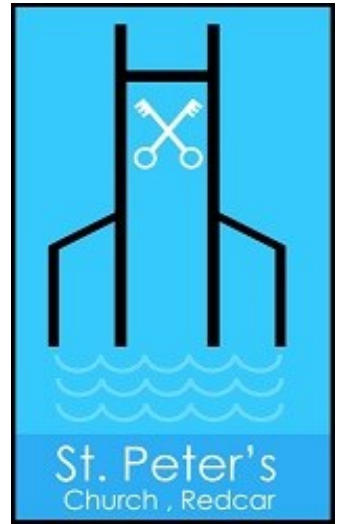
## WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S

**Sundays 10.00am—Holy Communion**

**Sundays 7.00pm—Night Prayer (Compline) via Zoom**

**Zoom meeting ID: 930 2516 0828**

**Password: 1234**



**Wednesdays 9.30am—Holy Communion**

**Thursdays 10.00am—Pram Service—a short service for babies and toddlers and their parents, grandparents and carers (school term– time)**

**Please be assured of a warm welcome and assistance if needed.**

**Please sanitise your hands, wear a face covering, and observe social distancing.**

**Prayers and links to online services are posted on St Peter's Facebook page**

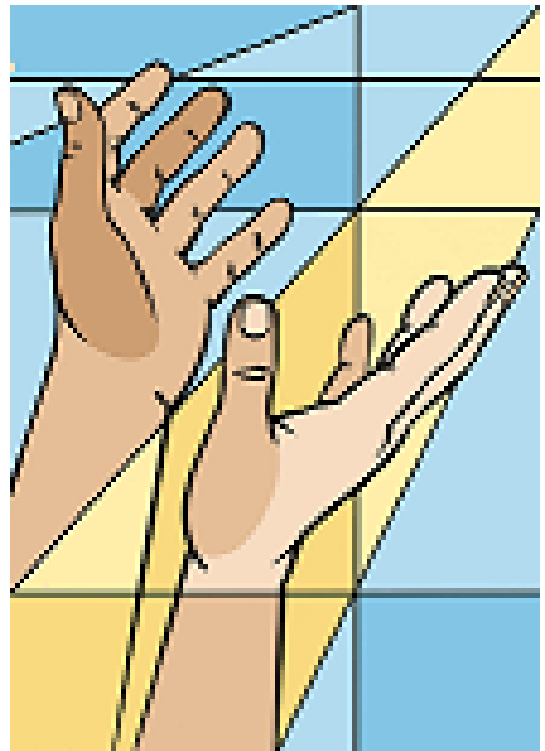
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**at 10.00am**





## From The Churchwardens

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all remembered to put the clocks back on 31st October? It is one of those 'events' which is a further reminder that the year is drawing to a close. For the church, in four weeks time we commence the new 'church year' with the first Sunday of Advent on Sunday 28th November where we prepare ourselves once more to explore what is 'At the Heart of Christmas'.

Advent Sunday will be an extra special occasion this year as Revd Andy will be celebrating Holy Communion at 10.00am that day. We do hope you will join us in making this a special morning for him.

Please take time to make a note as you read through the magazine of any events, special services etc and do remember to add dates to your diary or phone. If able to, do please take a look at our facebook page or even the website.

If you are alone at home, please don't feel lonely! Please know that God is always with us and that here at St. Peter's we are praying for you and each other; do pick up the phone and call one of us if you feel like a chat or need anything collecting. Please stay safe especially if out walking – the damp autumn leaves can get very slippery!

God Bless

Anne and Michael



## READER'S RAMBLING

### Good Times

You will be reading this magazine as we approach one of the most important times in our church calendar. We will be shortly moving into the period of Advent, a time full of expectation and hope,

leading to that magical day, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Before that, however, we have some other feasts or festivals to come and have you ever wondered why these days are celebrated? I know I have, so this rambling gave me an opportunity to delve into the history of them.

At the moment, your hands may be cut and raw from hollowing out pumpkins to be used as lanterns, as a kid we could only use turnips which, those of you of a certain age will remember how difficult it is to hollow out a turnip. This activity is all leading up to Halloween, the 31st October. We will all hear the chatter of excited children walking around the streets with their lanterns shining brightly, unless there is a strong wind blowing, we await the knock on the door or the doorbell ringing to be met with the saying "trick or treat". I hope you all have bowls of sweets to give away just in case a trick ensues. Halloween, or to give it its proper name All Hallows Eve, is a prerequisite to All Hallows Day, commonly known today as All Saints' Day. Wikipedia tells us that "All Saints' Day is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown. This is celebrated on 1st November".

It may be good to remember that those of us who don't necessarily agree with or like Halloween, can take solace in the fact that it is just a lead into a celebration of all our saint's lives and ultimately their deaths.

Following on from that we have an All Souls' Service where we celebrate the lives of all those faithfully departed. The Christian celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stem from a belief that a powerful spiritual bond exists between those residing in heaven and those still living on earth.

Other faiths celebrate this day; for instance, in Catholic theology, the day is used to commemorate all those who have attained the beatific vision in heaven, the beatific vision is the direct specific communication of God to an individual person. In Methodist theology, All Saints Day centres around "giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of all his saints", including the famous and the lesser known. Paul the Apostle, Augustine of Hippo and John Wesley being the famous, but also included are those who have personally led someone to faith in Jesus, it could be a friend, work mate or family member.

In church you will see the colour of the vestments change from Ordinary Time green to white for All Saints' Day, and then for the remainder of Advent we display purple, signifying the different feast or festival days.

I hope that has helped you understand the significance of this time; good times are just around the corner for all Christians, and I look forward to celebrating them with you all.

God Bless Steve



### ST PETER'S 100 CLUB

The result of the October draw was:

No. 68	Norma Hathaway	£40
No. 82	Jacqui Atkinson	£10

## LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER

### **Sunday 7th November**

Jonah 3.1-5,10  
Psalm 62.5-12  
Hebrews 9.24-28  
Mark 1.14-20

### **The Third Sunday before Advent**

### **Sunday 14th November**

Daniel 12.1-3  
Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10.11-14  
[15-18]19-25  
Mark 13.1-8

### **The Second Sunday before Advent**

### **Sunday 21st November**

Daniel 7.9-10,13,14  
Psalm 93  
Revelation 1.4b-8  
John 18.33-37

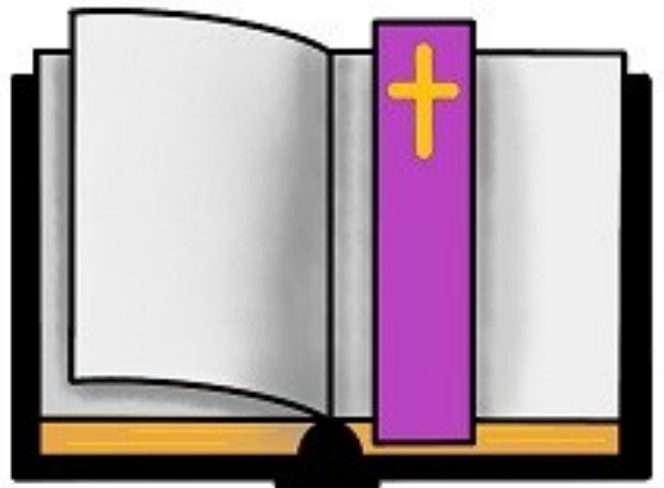
### **Christ the King**

### **The Sunday next before Advent**

### **Sunday 28th November**

Jeremiah 33.14-16  
Psalm 25.1-9  
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13  
Luke 21.25-36

### **The First Sunday of Advent**





## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the Family of the Church*

10th October	Dottie Mae Hodgson-Kent
17th October	Nylah Millie Heap
24th October	Nyla Brooks
24th October	Daisy Janis Yvonne Hoskins



### In Loving Memory

Funeral services held during October were for :

Howard Williams

Joy Regina Bartram

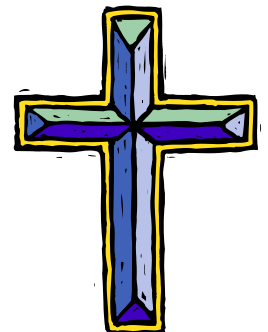
Fiona Shepherd

Trevor Rowley

Elizabeth Robinson

Olive Collingwood

*We pray for their family and friends*





Hi everyone,

It was lovely to see the banner out in church once more and we are looking forward to our next **BRANCH MEETING at 2.00pm on Tuesday 2nd November.**

Have you enjoyed reading our new **MU publication Connected?** There are plenty of wonderful articles to read on the dark autumnal nights.

### **Mothers' Union Global Day 2021**

For many years now, MU has supported and highlighted '**16 Days for Activism Against Gender –Based Violence**' and the latest released facts and figures produced by the government Office for National Statistics (2019) continue to make very sad reading.

This year Mothers' Union is responding by holding a Global Day 2021 # NoMore1in3. It is centred on the disturbing figure that "1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced domestic or sexual abuse" and that Mothers' Union as a leading women's organisation believe this to be unacceptable.

There have been many stories in the press and across the media platforms of an increase of domestic violence throughout the pandemic period and it's time to say **NO MORE!**



So what can we do and when is this Global Day? **SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2021**

Now that is already a very important day for our church as we welcome our new Parish Priest Revd Andy!

There will be cleaning and preparation for the evening event which will include a lot of our church ladies. However, I am sure we can gather, as we are asked to do, for a three-minute silence at 1.03pm (linking to the 1 in 3 theme), along with the rest of our four million MU members around the world calling for action on an international scale and in the countries where we live. If you can wear something purple like a scarf that would be great but not essential!

If anyone wishes to join us, (whatever your gender) all are welcome.

Meet at church for 12.55pm so we will be ready for the three-minute silence at 1.03pm.

Take care, stay safe and keep in touch.

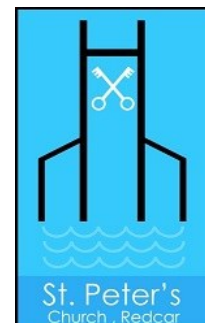
Anne

Revd. Andy sent this photo of an art work by Yvonne Dean, one of the church wardens at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Shelf, West Yorkshire.

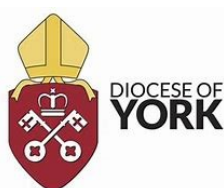


## **ST. PETER'S CHURCH REDCAR**

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Revd. Andy Greiff sent us the following prayer, inspired by a book by the comedian and committed Christian Frank Skinner.

### **A Prayer**

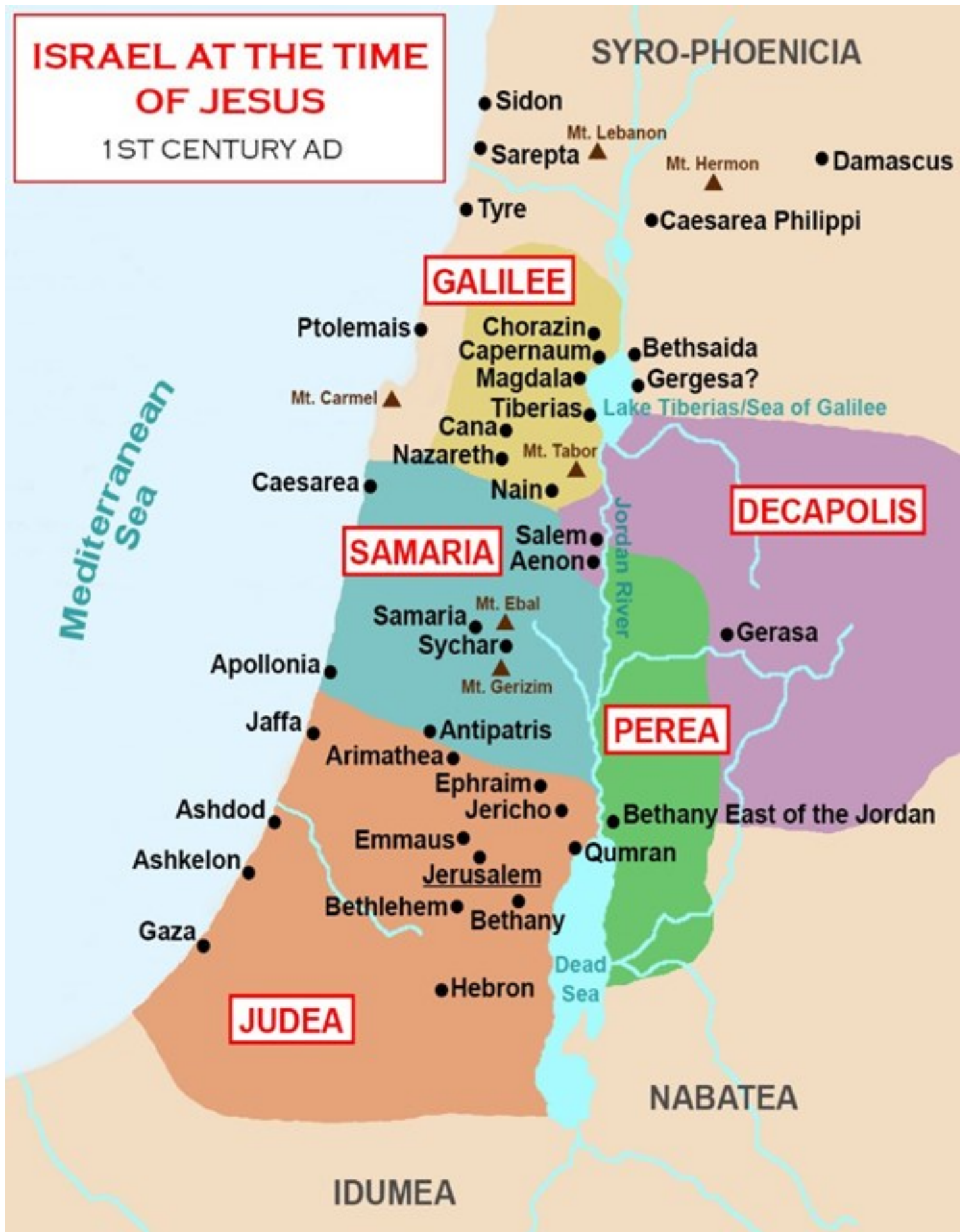
Dear God, 'unchanging one', (as we sometimes sing), 'the same yesterday, today and forever' (as we read in Hebrews); why is it that change is such hard work? There's so much stuff to do, so many things to put in boxes, so many arrangements to make, so many goodbyes to say, so many hellos to anticipate. I've got to say that some of the time I just want to stay in bed in the morning, cover myself up in the duvet and hope that when I eventually pop my head out of the covers, all this will be over and I can get on with normal unchanging life again.

Thinking about it though, Lord, unlike yourself you have created us to change all the time, second by second, minute by minute from birth to death. In which case I should be thankful that I have you to hold onto. You who never changes no matter what stuff is changing in my life. And, perhaps it's good to go through the process of sorting my life out into moveable boxes from time to time, perhaps there's stuff there that I can move on from, let go, get rid of. Do I really need those books I haven't opened since I last moved nine years ago? Are those DVDs ever going to be played again since I don't even have a dvd player that works any more? And why do I own two slow cookers?

Dear God, when change is inevitable, help us to navigate through it and inspire us to weed out all the unnecessary baggage, the stuff in our homes and in our heads we lug around with us. Amen

# ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS

1ST CENTURY AD



Revd. Andy Greiff sent the following information about an online Zoom Advent Course, which he thought members of St Peter's may be interested in joining. Revd. Andy won't have started his ministry at St Peter's by 2nd November but it overlaps; he is recommending the course because of Gordon Ley's extensive knowledge of the Holy Land.

## **Preparing for Christmas 2021**

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6. The Coastal Plain
7. Judaea
8. Jerusalem.

Each session will include slide presentations, small group discussion and a plenary question time. Additional resources will be made available each week. Gordon Dey will lead, drawing from his extensive pilgrimage experience, and Revd Janice Smith will host the event. No charge will be made, but donations will be invited for a charity in Bethlehem that is supporting poor and destitute families there. 'Christians in Bethlehem' are largely dependent on pilgrimage and tourism, and so they have particularly suffered in the past two years.

To book a place contact Revd. Janice Smith: [revjanicesmith@gmail.com](mailto:revjanicesmith@gmail.com) or phone her on 07703 744171

## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF REDCAR CEMETERY

The Friends have been busy this month. Ten of our members took part in a seed bomb workshop organised by the Blooming Youth Collective. This involved donning gloves to protect hands to fashion seed balls after rolling clay through wet soil impregnated



with wildflowers. After the workshop we shared a lovely lunch together. It was a nice relaxing time after lots of work was carried out in the cemetery this year. We hope to give these seed bombs to visitors on Mother's Day. Every year we have a stall on that special day to meet visitors and give small mementos and message tags to hang on our special tree.



The RCBC grass cutting team are finishing the grass cutting for the season and are now starting their winter maintenance work. We want to thank them for working with us and helping us keeping the cemetery as tidy as possible.

Here is Paul and two of his operatives at the cemetery.



The Friends will be at the last of the table top sale of the year at St Hilda's Church on Saturday 27th November. On sale will be lots of Christmas items. There will be many other stalls and refreshments available. Please support us if you can.

We would like to thank all the Friends and people in the community who made all the many poppies which will be on display at the cemetery. Remembrance is a time which is very important to us as so many graves are of servicemen and women of different conflicts. This year we are having a display of poppies around the cemetery. On the 9th November at 10.00am we will be putting poppy crosses on the Commonwealth War Graves; each one of us will be finding a grave and saying a prayer and thinking about the person who was lost. On the 11th November at 11.00am we will be laying wreaths in the cemetery. If anyone would like to join us at these two events please do so, you would be very welcome.



Dot Ahmed

## LADIES' WEDNESDAY GROUP

At our October Meeting we enjoyed a lovely talk by Mrs Marjorie Kirke on 'Fans and Flowers' and how in times gone by ladies, by holding fans in a certain way, conveyed a variety of messages and how different types of flowers had special meanings.

Our next Meeting on November 3rd will be a talk on  
' Local Police Matters' by Superintendent Emily Harrison

Advance Notice of our forthcoming Christmas Concert on December 1st where all are welcome to hear the Cleveland Golf Club Choir at 7.00pm.

Our Christmas Dinner is at the Cleveland Golf Club on Wednesday December 8th at 6.00pm. Booking and Menu at our November Meeting.

Dorothy Falconer

### The Gift of Friendship

Friendship is a priceless gift that cannot be bought or sold  
But its value is far greater than a mountain made of gold  
For gold is cold and lifeless it can neither see or hear  
And in the time of trouble it is powerless to cheer  
It has no ears to listen no heart to understand  
It cannot bring you comfort or reach out a helping hand  
So when you ask God for a gift be thankful if he sends  
Not diamonds, pearls or riches but the love of real true friends





### **Stewardship**

Our church launched a new Stewardship Campaign, which instead of holding a series of events, decided to focus entirely on one big fund-raising event. The evening became known as “putting all our begs in one askit.”

### **Heaven**

An elderly couple died and were received by St Peter through the Pearly Gates into heaven. They found it a wonderful place. The husband said to his wife: “If you hadn’t fed us such healthy food all our marriage, we could have reached here years ago.”

### **Food**

People at my workplace have started a funny new tradition where they give names to the food in the office fridge. Today I ate a sandwich called Mark, followed by some cake called Rosie.

### **Hold Her Hand**

While out in the town, I saw an elderly couple holding hands while they were walking. As they approached, I commented on how romantic it was. The man replied, "We have been holding hands when we go out in public for over 30 years. I have to. If I let go, she shops."

### **Ketchup**

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer it. "It's the minister, Mum," the child said to her mother. Then she told her caller: “Mummy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle.”

*Taken from The Parish Pump*



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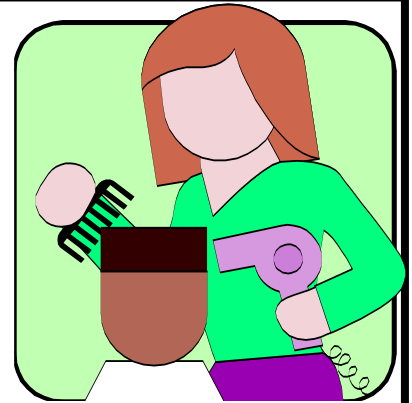
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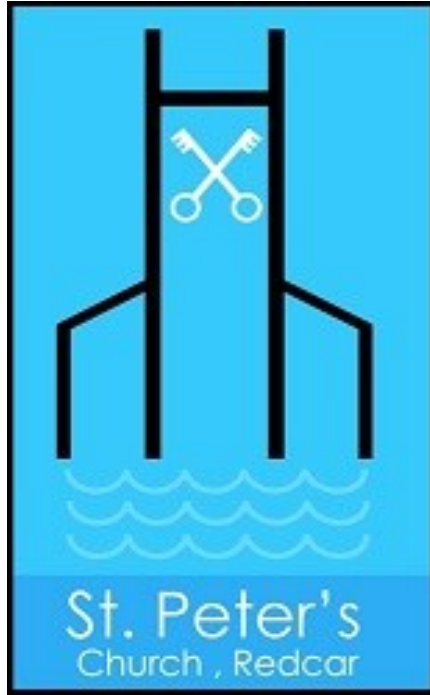
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