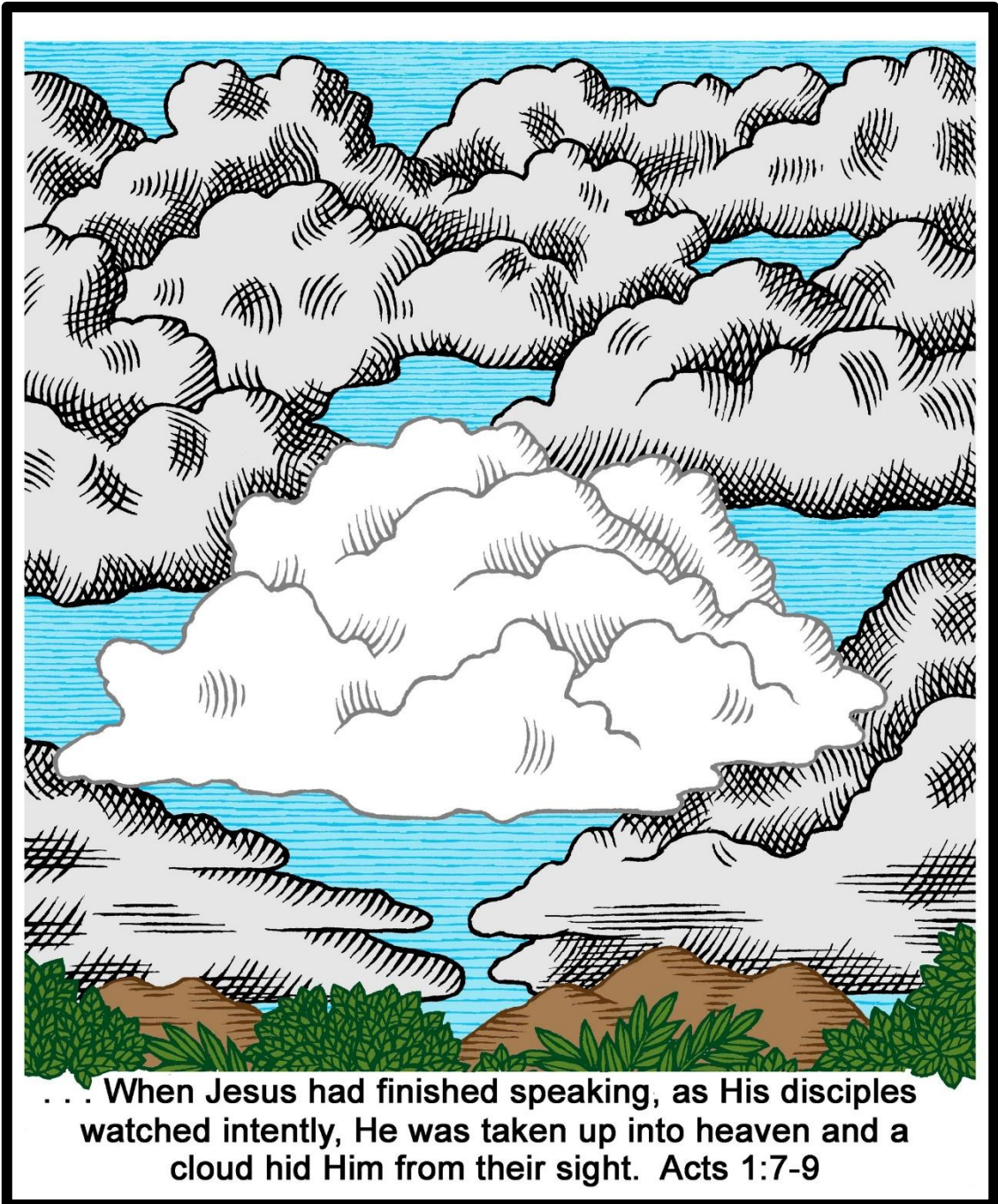


News and Views from St Peter's Church

And
The Parish of Redcar



... When Jesus had finished speaking, as His disciples watched intently, He was taken up into heaven and a cloud hid Him from their sight. Acts 1:7-9

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WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S

Sundays 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

3rd Sunday of the month

10.00am ALL AGE WORSHIP—a family friendly Service with Holy Communion

1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

10.00am ST PETER'S ARK—a service for children
Come and learn about Jesus with us

Sunday 7.00pm NIGHT PRAYER (Compline) on Zoom (fortnightly)
Meeting ID: 930 2516 0828, Password: 1234

Monday 7.00pm BIBLE BOOK CLUB – digging deeper into God's Word

Tuesday 4.30pm FAMILY FAITH – worship, crafts, songs, games and food
for all the family

Wednesday 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION
The last Wednesday of the month is also
Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

Wednesday 6.30pm REFLECTIONS—an opportunity to reflect on the big
questions of modern life in a safe, comfortable,
and friendly space

Thursday 10.00am PRAM SERVICE—a time of worship and play for babies,
toddlers and their parents, grandparents, and carers

Thursday 11.30am PRAYING FOR ST PETER'S – a short service of prayers for the
ministry of St Peter's

Sunday services are live-streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube channel.



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VICAR'S REMARKS to the 2026 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Thank you to:

- Everyone on a rota, it's crucial for the smooth running of the church services. That's whether you are preaching, serving, praying, reading, welcoming, or making tea and coffee
- Flower ladies for making the church beautiful
- My two church wardens who have been tremendously supportive and done a great job, sometimes in difficult circumstances
- Stephen, our Licensed Lay Minister and leader of Reflections
- Claire and everyone involved with families and children
- Nick for his work on the church building fabric and technology, and for links with Zetland primary school. Our online presence is growing, both on the live stream and followers on Facebook.
- Ollie, for all his work with the ministry and pastoral care teams and Foodbank
- Marion Birtwistle for being PCC Treasurer last year and Gary who has taken the job on.
- Suzanne, who has done a brilliant job as PCC Secretary and at Reflections
- Anne, who has taken back the reigns at MU and continues to minister to babies, toddlers and carers at the Pram Service with her team
- Foodbank, especially Ken and Robina, but all the volunteers who do such a great job. Statistics for 2025 are 515 clients, providing emergency food supplies for 672 adults and 257 children, 929 in total. This represents a 20% reduction in numbers from 2024, although St Peter's remains the 2nd busiest foodbank in the area (for information, figures for 2026 are currently 40% up from 2025).
- The foodbank cafe continues to offer a warm welcome, hot drinks and sandwiches to those in need as well as the clients. We were saddened this year by the loss of three of our founding volunteers, Lily Gardiner, Grace Wink and Brenda Mitchell.
- Malcom and Sue and the Social Committee
- All the cleaners
- Marian Kent and the pastoral team who have taken communion to the local care homes and individuals
- also Reverend Jonathan and Margaret Cooper who have joined us here at St Peters, we are so pleased to have them as part of our church family

I will have missed some people, so I'm just going to say thank you to everyone for making St Peter's what it is. We have a reputation for being a welcoming church and believe me – not all churches are. It takes hard work and self-sacrifice. We don't get it right 100 per cent of the time but we come close. So thank you.

Last year was packed with great events, liturgical celebrations, wonderful concerts and lots of people who walked into this building and found people who helped them in their journeys. And that's why we are here. In amongst all the Church stuff is a gospel message trying to get out and it does, very often.

Please read this report again and praise God for all the great things, all the great mission opportunities that you have been a part of this year.

Now, I'm not going to pretend that we haven't made any mistakes this year. We have spent quite a bit of money, which has left us a bit close to having none. In fact if we had paid our Free Will Offer this year, we would have had no money.

Do not despair, however. We have a very well-maintained church with new toilets, a new kitchen, repair work to the drains, windows, mullions, doors, carpets, and last but certainly not least we have employed an amazing Children's and Family Church Army evangelist who has made such a difference as well as complementing our Pram Service. I believe that we are spiritually rich but perhaps at the moment monetarily poor.

So this year we are going to continue to grow in our mission and witness, but we are also going to take a look at our giving and fundraising. What hasn't changed is the fact that we take in approximately £2000 per month in revenue – that's giving on the plate, direct debit, funerals, weddings, etc. BUT it costs £4000 per month to run this church. This has always been the case, I remember a previous Treasurer telling us this three years ago.

So we hope to be doing some work on this, starting with a special service in June when we welcome the Diocesan Generous Giving Team. Please pray for that initiative.

So we have a challenging year ahead, but may we keep the main thing the main thing as we serve God here at St Peter's in this lovely town of Redcar.

God our Creator and Redeemer, help St Peter's to grow in holiness, unity, effectiveness and numbers.

Draw us closer to you and to those around us. Help us to be urgent in prayer and swift to give you thanks that we may worship you in all spirit and truth.

Give us enthusiasm in our faith, and wisdom in sharing it with young and old.

Open our eyes to new opportunities, our lips to sing and speak of you, and our hearts to welcome the stranger.

Grow your kingdom in us and in the world, through our Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

News and Views from St Peter's Vicarage

The Acts of the Apostles



Liberation of Saint Peter. Mattia Preti, circa 1665.

The people who created the Church of England Lectionary that we use to follow the pattern of bible readings for each service through the year have chosen readings for the Acts of the Apostles to be read every Easter season. It makes sense! During Lent and Holy Week we remember the journey our Lord Jesus took to the cross, his passion, death and resurrection. But what happens next?

Well, the Acts of the Apostles records how the story continues, and tells how Jesus' story doesn't end but continues through the work of his disciples, now called Apostles.

It is written by Luke, so it is basically a sequel to Luke's Gospel. Luke Part 2. And it is a book written to a man called Theophilus, thought to be important, Luke calls him 'most excellent Theophilus' probably donating his rank in society. So thanks to Theophilus and Luke we get an insight into the early church with all its joys and difficulties.

As Christian scholar and author Tom Wright says,
'The book of Acts is full of the energy and excitement of the early Christians as they found God doing new things all over the place and learned to take the good news of Jesus around the world. It's also full of puzzles and problems that churches face then and face today – crises over leadership, money, ethnic divisions, theology and ethics, not to mention serious clashes with political and religious authorities. It's comforting to know that "normal church life", even in the time of the first apostles, was neither trouble free nor plain sailing, just as it's encouraging to know that even in the midst of their difficulties the early church was able to take the gospel forward in such dynamic ways.'
(Tom Wright *Acts for Everyone*)

On Monday evening between now and Pentecost we are exploring some of these adventures in Acts. Stories of the coming of the Holy Spirit, Peter's sermons, jail breaks, shipwrecks, healings, miraculous conversions, and many more adventures as God's work spreads across the world.

You are welcome to join us every Monday at St Peter's at 7.00pm. See you there.

Blessings, Andy

ASCENSION DAY
THURSDAY 14th MAY 2026 at 7.00pm

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
with Rev'd Bruce Harrison



LECTIONARY MAY 2026

Sunday 3rd May

Acts 7.55-60
Psalm 31.1-5,15-16
1 Peter 2.2-10
John 14.1-14

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10th May

Acts 17.22-31
Psalm 66.7-18
1 Peter 3.13-22
John 14.15-21

6th Sunday of Easter

Thursday 14th May

Acts 1.1-11 *or* Daniel 7.9-14
Psalm 47 *or* Psalm 93
Ephesians 1.15-23 *or* Acts 1.1-11
Luke 24.44-53

Ascension Day

Sunday 17th May

Acts 1.6-14
Psalm 68.1-10,32-35
1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11
John 17.1-11

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 24th May

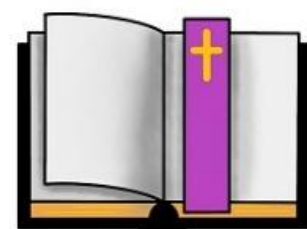
Acts 2.1-21 *or* Numbers 11.24-30
Psalm 104.26-36,37b*
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 *or* Acts 2.1-21
John 20.19-23 *or* John 7.37-39

Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Sunday 31st May

Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13.11-13
Matthew 28.16-20

Trinity Sunday



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of the church

12th April William Ansell

26th April Susie Harvey

26th April Susan Sutcliffe



Funerals

22nd April Gordon Hewitson

We pray for his family and friends



MU Diary for May 2026

Saturday, 2nd May 10.00am WAVE of PRAYER

Join us if you can in the LADY CHAPEL as we remember, light candles and pray for York's designated LINK Dioceses followed by a cuppa

Tuesday, 5th May 2.00pm BRANCH MEETING

Starting with short act of worship in the Lady Chapel.
Guest Speakers: Dot and Ged, from the Friends of Redcar Cemetery with 'A Tale of Old' to share!

NB If ALL members could make sure their 150th Smartie Appeal tubes are returned by this day, it will make life easier for our treasurer 😊

Sunday, 17th May 4.00pm DEANERY MU 150th FESTIVAL service

At St Mark's, Marske, followed by refreshments (contributions welcomed). Let's help make this a joyful occasion. If transport is needed, please let Anne or any committee member know as soon as possible.
OPEN TO ALL!

Wednesday, 20th May 7.30pm EMUs

Join us in the Narthex for a 7.30pm start

Wednesday, 27th May 9.30am Corporate Communion

As always, the last Wednesday of month in the Lady Chapel. Tea/coffee served after in the Narthex

Hi Everyone,

I'm wondering if, like me, you feel as if it's an age since we were eagerly approaching Easter! It was great to meet up with a lot of the group at the Park Hotel for lunch and catch up with everyone's family news.

The EMUs also had a relaxing session at the evening meeting plus hearing some of the work entailed in Trudy's profession.

Now I do know we are all looking forward to our visiting speakers at our next Tuesday afternoon meeting. One not to miss, I'm sure.

And please don't forget to return your Smartie Tube for the '150th Appeal'.

But before that even, I'm hoping a few of you (at least) will join me in the Lady chapel for a short Wave of Prayer service on Saturday the 2nd of May.

An opportunity to hear what our overseas sisters are doing in the dioceses of Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana and Suriname in Guyana.

This month, as we wait and pray 'Thy Kingdom come', please hold in your prayers our INDOOR members and those struggling with ill- health and difficult times ahead.

Finally, a message from Barbara Ford, York Diocese MU President:

"Mothers Union Members have been invited to contribute to the Government survey regarding "Growing up in the Online world"

at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

Could you ask all members who are able to access the survey online to complete the survey by 11:59pm on 26 May 2026. so that we make a significant contribution to this debate on how social media affects our young people."

Every blessing, Anne x



The 100 club BEGINS AGAIN IN JULY for 2026/27.

Please let Anne know if you NO LONGER wish to take part.

Payment may be made from now onwards.

In the



Sandra Veitch

When were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Corbridge, Northumberland, and grew up in Stakeford, near Ashington

Where did you go to school?

Bedlington Grammar School

What was your first proper job?

As a secretary for a Chartered Accountant

Did you go to university or college? If so, where?

Ashington Technical College

When and where did you meet your wife/husband?

At school

What was or is your occupation?

Secretary. For the last twenty-two years of my career, up to retirement, I worked with my husband in his Insurance Broker's business.

Where did you worship before coming to St Peter's? How long have you been coming here?

St Paul's Church, Choppington. I have been at St Peter's for 40 years.

Do you have a favourite bible verse? If so, what is it and why?

Corinthians 13 4-7. The words mean a lot to me.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Do you have a favourite hymn?

Be still for the presence of the Lord.

What sort of music do you like to listen to?

Mainly 60's

Can you play a musical instrument?

Definitely not!

Do you have a favourite part of Yorkshire that you like to visit?

Whitby and where we live in Redcar.

Is there anywhere in the world you'd like to visit regardless of expense?

I'm quite happy with most places in Europe.

What is the last book you read? Do you have a favourite book?

"Berwick" by L. J. Ross. I like anything by L. J. Ross or Victoria Hislop.

What do you do to relax? Do you have any hobbies?

Gardening and walking.

What would be your favourite 3 course meal?

Prawns, paella and meringue and raspberries.

If you were to spend a year on a desert island, what luxury would you take with you?

I would hate to be on my own so a strong bottle of rum.

Which word best describes your life right now?

Content.

ST PETER'S 100 CLUB



RESULT OF THE APRIL 2026 DRAW

1st Prize No.54 Daphne Wood

2nd Prize No.67 Elizabeth Wass

Easter at St Peter's



In Holy Week we again put on Experience Easter for our local schools.

120 Year Four children attended from John E Batty, Ings Farm and Zetland Primary Schools.

Many thanks to Claire, Andy, Brian, Margaret, Jonathan, Nick and Daphne for their participation.

It was such a blessing to be able to share the Easter story with our local school children in a fun and vibrant way.

Thank you also to Sandra and family for our lovely Easter garden and to the Flower team for the beautiful floral displays that greeted us on Easter Sunday morning.



And thank you to Andy and the ministry team for the Lent Courses and services during Holy Week.

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St. Peter's Church
Redcar Lane, Redcar

FRIDAY 29th MAY, 7.00pm



At Family Faith over Easter, we have begun to learn some simple scriptures. It is a good habit to form, because when things go array, you have a promise to stand on.

One of the best-known verses of the Old Testament is Jeremiah 29:11. It is one I quote often.

I have been using poetry in my quiet time and guess what - it turns out that poetry doesn't have to rhyme! Who knew!!

Anyway, I came across this anonymous poem and saved it to share in the magazine as I thought it could fit us all. Enjoy! Claire

God's Plans Are Greater Than You Know

I had plans once.
Neat and folded,
laid out like a map
I was so certain of.
I knew the road.
I knew the timeline.
I knew exactly where
I was supposed to be
and when and how.
And then life happened.
And the map tore.

The thing I prayed for didn't come.
The door I knocked on didn't open.
The person I loved left anyway.
The dream I carried for so long
slipped right through my tired hands
and I stood in the wreckage

of everything I thought
was supposed to be my story —
and I asked,

God, where are You in this?
Did You see this coming?
Did You know this road
would bring me to my knees?
Did You know I'd be standing here
with nothing left
but a whisper of belief
and a heart that's barely holding?

And from the ancient pages,
from a letter written to the broken,
to the exiled, to the lost,
to the ones who sat by foreign rivers
and wept for what was gone

He answered. "For I know the plans I have for you."

Not —I had plans, once, before you wandered off the path.

Not —I had plans, but you've made too many mistakes.

Not —I had plans, but now we'll have to settle for something less.

I know. Present tense. Right now.

In this moment.

In this mess.

In this grief you cannot name
and this fear you cannot shake

I know the plans I have for you.

Oh, let that land.

He is not scrambling.

He is not surprised.

He did not turn away for one small moment
and miss the thing that broke you.

He was there when it fell apart.

He was there in the silence after.

He was there in every tearstained night
when you couldn't find the words to pray

and all you had was groaning
He counted everyone and collected every tear.

His plans are not your plans.
That used to frighten me.
Now it is the only thing
that gets me to my knees in gratitude —
because my plans were so small.
My plans were built on what I could see.
On what made sense.
On what the world told me
success and safety looked like.
But He sees the end from the beginning.
He sees the doors behind the closed ones.
He sees the healing on the other side
of the breaking.
He sees the person you are becoming
inside the pain you're in.
He sees what this is making you into —
and it is more
than you have dared to ask for.

Plans to prosper you.
Not to leave you in the ashes.
Plans to give you hope
not someday, maybe, if you earn it,
but written into the blueprint
of your life
before you drew your first breath.

A future.
When everything felt finished,
He was already writing
what comes next.

So, cry if you need to cry.
Grieve what needs grieving.
Sit in the not-yet
and let it be hard
but do not let the enemy

convince you that the silence is abandonment.

Do not let the waiting
be mistaken for forgetting.

He has not forgotten you.
He knows your name.
He knows this chapter.
He knows how many times
you've read the promises
and wondered if they're really meant for you —they are. They are for you,
the one reading this
with the ache you haven't told anyone about,
with the prayer you've prayed
so many times

you've almost stopped believing —
don't stop.

His plans are not on your timeline.
His ways are higher than your understanding.
And the story He is writing
with your one, precious, painful, beautiful life —
is greater
than anything
you ever could have planned
for yourself.

Trust Him.

Not because the road is clear.
Not because the pain is gone.
Trust Him because He is good
when nothing feels good.
Trust Him because He is faithful
when everything feels broken.
Trust Him because He said I know —
and He has never once
been wrong.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

— Jeremiah 29:11 

A Bit About the Kitchen Team



Well, what a funny bunch we are, with our pinnies all alike
We work so hard at coffee mornings and oft' suggest a strike
There's Janice washing up for us, cross with messed up tops
We wish she'd stick to her own job and just wash the pots
Sandra is our scone maker, the best scones that can be baked
But she always leaves her coffee that the others have to make
Robina always looks so smart, serving coffee with great skill
But when she is using kettles, we always say, "Don't overfill!"

Marion is the gobby one, who keeps us all awake
The only time she's quiet is when eating meringue or cake
Malcolm is the bacon butty man, more popular each day
His name appears on posters that Dot puts on display
Sue enjoys it in the kitchen, and loves her silly mates, too
It's a good job they're around her as she hasn't got a clue!

With thanks to Sue Steele

The Story of the Redcar “Guy” Gansey by John Stafford



“Family history throws up a lot of surprises. Despite being born in the landlocked East Midlands I am proud to find that I have distant maritime links to both the explorer Captain James Cook, and the heroic lifeboatman William Guy. Cook’s story is well known but the story of William Guy less so; he, however, is the inspiration behind the unique Redcar “Guy” gansey.

William Guy was born in Redcar in 1795. He married Mary Wilson in 1818 and together they had five children. William was a religious man whose occupation was as a marine pilot; he was also a volunteer lifeboatman.

On Christmas Day 1836 a severe storm blew up and the Danish brig the “Caroline”, from Aalborg, was floundering close to Redcar’s Salt Scar rocks. It was decided to launch Redcar’s “Zetland” lifeboat, and the call went out to summon a crew. William left his family in chapel, and he formed part of the lifeboat crew which rowed out to the stricken “Caroline” battling against gale force winds and waves.



“The Launch” (of the Zetland) by John Freeman.

William’s job was as bowman, and he was tasked with standing in the bow of the “Zetland” and throwing a line over to help the stricken brig. At that crucial moment the lifeboat was overcome by mountainous raging seas and William was washed overboard.

The lifeboat and the rest of her exhausted crew were washed ashore, but William drowned and lost at sea. The crew of the “Caroline” had also perished. William’s body was found 17 days later, at Sandy Wyke, Staithes, around 15 miles away.

He was subsequently buried in March 1837 at St Peter’s Church, Redcar. William Guy was the only Redcar lifeboatman to lose his life whilst on duty. The “Zetland” lifeboat is the oldest surviving lifeboat in the world and can be seen at Redcar’s Zetland Lifeboat Museum (www.zetlandlifeboat.co.uk). William’s gallant efforts were later recognised by the RNLI, and his name appears on the memorial outside of the RNLI Training Centre in Poole.

Redcar has no well documented history of a local patterned gansey. Ganseys are traditional handknitted jumpers which have been worn for generations by fishermen and others in seafaring occupations. They are usually knitted either by the wearer or one of their family members using fine natural yarns whose properties offer warmth, freedom of movement, and a small degree of water-

resistance. Designs are traditional and contain patterns which are often unique to a family or place, they also reflect local terrain or practices. Motifs representing ropes (cables), chevrons, diamonds, flags, herringbones, ladders, marriage lines, sand or rock bars, stars, steps, and waves are well documented.

Despite a variety of patterns arising from many of Britain's seafaring towns and villages, including Cullercoats, Staithes, Whitby, Robin Hood's Bay and Scarborough, Redcar appears to lack its own distinctive pattern.

Gansey knitting is a skill, and having taught myself some basic knitting, I decided to attempt to knit a gansey as a memorial to William Guy. Unfortunately, knitting a one-piece jumper in-the-round with complex patterns, gussets and shoulder straps to contend with proved too much for my very amateur skills and so, armed with a few design thoughts, I decided to consult the experts.

I took my ideas to Deb Gillanders (www.propagansey.co.uk) who runs the annual "Propagansey" exhibition and workshops at Robin Hoods Bay. Together we worked up the design, me throwing in ideas and Deb suggesting how they could be worked together to create a fitting tribute to William. We eventually settled on a design featuring anchors and hearts. The anchors contain an integral cross motif, to signify William's Christian and maritime faith and steadfastness, whilst the hearts, signify his love of the sea and family. Surrounding this are rope cables to indicate his maritime occupation and columns of "Z"s to commemorate both the "Zetland" lifeboat and the fund initiated by the Earl of Zetland (Lord Dundas) to support William's widow and family.

The final design was commissioned and completed earlier this year (2026). This fitting memorial, completed 190 years after Williams Guy's death, stands as a tribute to his bravery and that of lifeboat crews volunteering around our shores.



Redcar, at last, has its own distinctive Redcar "Guy" gansey."

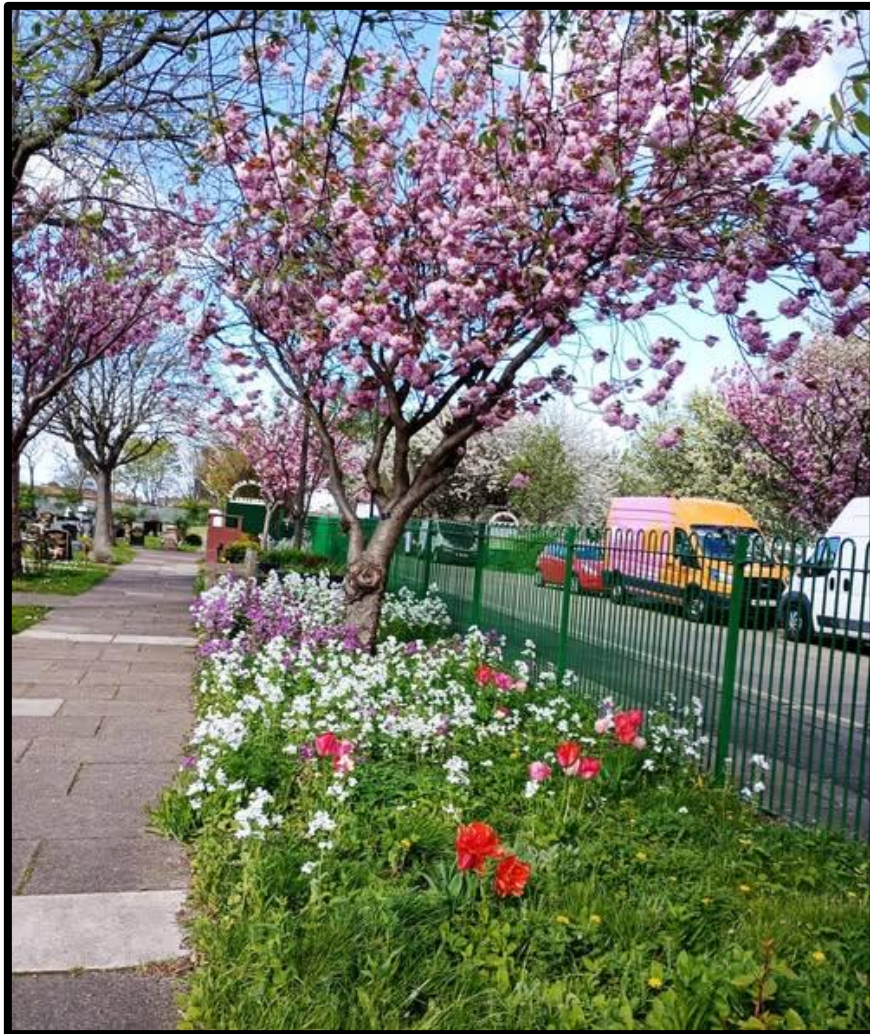
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Many thanks to John Stafford for this interesting article - Editor



The work in the cemetery seems much easier in the good weather, and the cemetery looks sparkling in the sunshine. Another tree has come down in the wind, although it was weakened in the last storm. We have lost many trees over the last few years; however we have a lovely show of pink and white blossom and with the calm weather they seem to have lasted longer this year. In a few days, the paths and graves will be pink and white, a lovely time of year.



We have had a few fundraising stalls on the market and a garage sale.

Further stalls are planned in the summer.

Ged and I are giving a talk to the Mother's Union May meeting entitled "Winnie and Kitty" and what a story to be told now and not to be forgotten 100 years later.

We are moving towards working closer with the staff and students from Rye Hills School in a partnership that will hopefully benefit the cemetery. Hoping all will be well.

We continue having our book and jigsaw sale at the Darlington Building Society office in the High Street, thank you to them for their continued support.

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"Across the UK, people and churches are finding simple, meaningful ways to support Christian Aid's work. These supporters show how everyday acts of generosity can bring people together and help families facing poverty, conflict and injustice around the world."

This year, Christian Aid Week is from 10th to 16th May. Donation envelopes will be available in church. For more information, or to donate online, go to:

<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/>

THY KINGDOM COME 2026

The award-winning Thy Kingdom Come App is back this year! Packed with inspirational films, prayers, Bible readings, reflections and space to 'Pray for Five', The app is a one-stop shop for all you need to journey throughout the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come.

Each day's content will only be released on the day (00.01am past midnight) and not a moment before, so don't be alarmed if the new content is not yet available.

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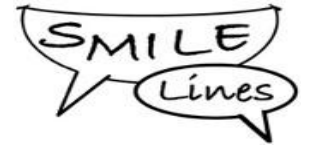
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A man rushed into a flower shop and urgently demanded two pink potted geraniums. The florist explained that they did not have any, but could offer him African violets instead.

"No good," said the man sadly. "It was geraniums that my wife told me to water while she was away."

How to get rid of squirrels

Three churches in town were overrun with squirrels.

After much prayer, the elders of the Baptist church decided that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God's will? So, they did nothing, and the squirrels multiplied.

The elders of the Methodist church, deciding that they should not harm any of God's creatures, humanely trapped the squirrels and then set them free outside of town. Three days later the squirrels were back.

It was the Anglican church which succeeded in solving the squirrel problem. The curate baptised the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now, they only see the squirrels on Christmas and Easter.

When technology goes wrong...

The father of a family - who was an avid techie - bought his daughter an iPhone for her birthday. He also bought an iPad for his son.

Then, on his wedding anniversary, he bought his wife an iRon.

And that's when things started to go wrong...

Short-staffed...

Two men were working for the town council. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without a rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker approached the hole digger, saying "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't understand - why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it in again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the man who plants the trees called in sick."

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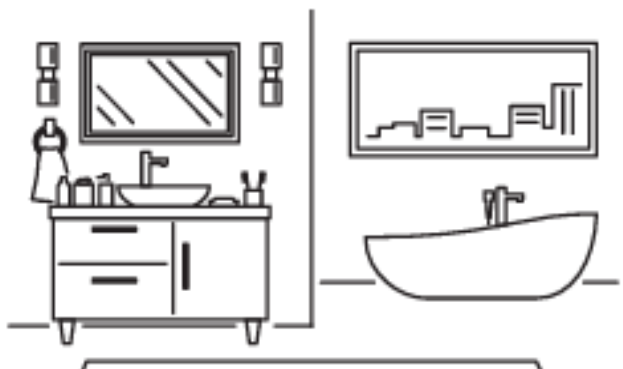
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