

St Mary's Parish Church, Haxby
Journeying from Lent to Easter 2022



TALKABOUT..



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Wednesday

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Sun 10 April	Palm Sunday Sung Eucharist - 9.30 am at St Nicholas' and 10.15 am at St Mary's 6.30 pm 'The Way of the Cross' at St Mary's, music and readings for Passiontide
HOLY WEEK	
Mon 11 April	7.00 pm Service of Compline, by 'Zoom'
Tues 12 April	7.00 pm Service of Compline at St Mary's
Wed 13 April	10.00 am Holy Communion Service at St Mary's
Thurs 14 April	Maundy Thursday 10.30 am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas' 7.30 pm Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
Fri 15 April	Good Friday 10.00 am Walk of Witness from St Nicholas' to 10.30 am service outside St Mary's 1.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy at St Nicholas' 2.00 pm 'The Last Hour' devotion at St Nicholas'
Sat 16 April	Easter Eve 7.30 pm Easter Vigil Service at St Mary's
Sun 17 April	Easter Day Sung Eucharist - 9.30 am at St Nicholas' and 10.15 am at St Mary's 6.30 pm Choral Evensong for Easter at St Mary's

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spanning three centuries on 24 April. They always fill the church with sound and provide interesting information about each piece they play. On 8 May (please note change from previous proposed date) the much loved Flauti Felici (now a trio) led by Rosalind Grice, will perform music to suit all tastes from their wide repertoire. Both concerts are in church at 2.30 pm. Admission is by ticket costing £8, available at Aroma in Haxby or telephone 769771. Unsold tickets may be purchased on the door.

During the weekend of 4/5 June the country will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Although there will be other things happening, the Events Group intend to organise a 'bring and share' lunch on the church lawn on Sunday 5 June. It is hoped that this will link to other events being planned to unite in a big party along the Village. Afterwards, there will be a special Songs of Praise Service in church at 3 pm.

St Mary's Festival is planned to take place over the weekend of 13/14 August. The Events group will be looking to include market stalls on the church lawn, live music, and displays of art and flowers in the church.

The Events Group has renewed its commitment to using Fairtrade and locally sourced products and will endeavour to ensure that it is always encouraged. If you would like to help in any way with events, please have a word with Wendy Fogerty our Co-ordinator (tel. 490606, email: wfogerty@hotmail.com).

Ian Strong

While the Easter Services are set out on page 23, details of other Events taking place in the Benefice will be found on weekly pewsheets, the Benefice web-site and the Rector's parish messages. They will also be on posters on notice boards and fliers made available in both Churches.

Living in Hope

As many of you already know, Margaret and I will be moving to Harrogate sometime around Easter. For us moving has always been a time of sadness, a time of saying goodbyes. Of tearing up roots and with the future uncertain. Increasing frailty and old age has made this a necessity. In discussing this with our family they all said that we needed to be nearer to one of them. Having spent almost sixty years in this Diocese, Harrogate was the obvious choice; being still in Yorkshire and not far from the places where we have lived and which we love.

Sixty years ago, in June, I was made Deacon in York Minster. When the new Dean is installed he/she will be the ninth that I have known! Sixty years ago the services were the Book of Common Prayer (1928 style). Matins and Evensong were the main services each Sunday. They were the days before 'Honest to God' let alone the Bishop of Durham. The New English Bible had only just been published. My first monthly cheque amounted to just over £43.00. There were no personal computers and no mobile phones! Changes were in the air and I remember my Vicar saying to me, "You may think that everything is changing very rapidly, but by the time that you retire The Church will be almost unrecognisable." I retired over twenty years ago, since then the Church has continued to change at an ever increasing rate. How right my Vicar was. The Church moves on as it always has. In that there is hope for the future.

Whenever we have moved house we have settled very quickly, found new friends and got used to the quirks of a new parish. As a result we look forward in hope and expectation. St Paul in that wonderful passage in his first letter to the Christians in Corinth wrote that there are three things which last forever; Faith, Hope and Love. Much has been made of the importance of faith. Much has been made of the importance of love - love for God and



Faith • Hope • Love

love for our fellow human beings. Hope is often looked on as the poor relation of the other two.

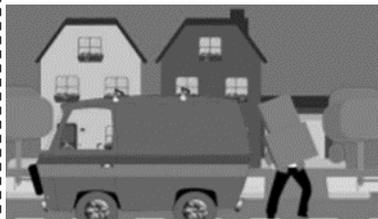
It has therefore been largely neglected, but all three are intertwined. Faith gives substance to our hopes. Faith in God who has created us. Faith in God who sustains us. Faith in God who died that we might live. Our hope is based on what we see in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Our hope is based on the God that we know in our hearts, in the new and better life that He has in store for all those who love Him. So we look forward in hope. That is the Easter message.

When I left Theological College, just days before I was ordained, the Principal at our last service there preached a sermon based on the song, "There's a tavern in the town". It was a reminder to us of the need to go where people meet. It's no use sitting in our ivory towers and letting the world go by. The Church needs to be amongst the people. He ended by quoting the refrain for those of us leaving:

'Fare thee well, for I must leave thee,
Do not let this parting grieve thee
And remember that the best of friends must part
Adieu, adieu kind friends, adieu
I can no longer stay with you
I'll hang my harp on a weeping willow tree
And may the world go well with thee'.

Adieu is our modern way of saying farewell. Literally, it comes from old French meaning 'I commend you to God'. We use 'Adieu' in both these senses for it is in Him alone that there is Hope.

Our love to you all and thanks for the memory.



Chris and Margaret Hawthorn.



On 23 March, let's come together to support the millions of people bereaved during the pandemic and remember the people we've lost.

For many, the deep trauma of losing loved ones during covid is still very real.

We need to come together, in our communities and as a nation, to acknowledge the lasting pain and create a legacy of compassion.

Whatever your background, whatever your beliefs, and whatever you've been through, the National Day of Reflection will give us all time to pause, reflect and support each other.

St Mary's Church will be open all day: for joint worship at 10 am and for personal private prayer after 11 am.

Please come along and enjoy some tranquillity in this peace-filled space.

Events Notices

I am writing on behalf of the Events Group about plans for some events this year. Hopefully there will be something for everyone. Please make a note of the dates.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts continue, with popular performers bringing easy listening music to St Mary's. John Mackenzie (guitar) and Paul Sparks (mandolin) will give another of their outstanding performances of music for mandolin and guitar

windows from Heaton, Butler & Bayne regularly contained a central character which looked like Mr Bayne with his long beard! Our east window highlights some important happenings which are key to the Christian story. It shows the Ascension of Christ into Heaven following His death and resurrection. Above are three round windows known as tracery lights. The central one shows a dove representing the Holy Spirit descending and the other two depict the Annunciation, when the Archangel Gabriel visited Mary to tell her she was to bear the Messiah - the Son of God. So much of our faith in a nutshell.

Take a closer look at the window. As it is always there, we can sometimes take it for granted and forget the awe-inspiring truths it represents.

Ian Strong

We thank you
that Easter is not about
a people,
but all people,
that your love
and your Salvation
are for all who confess
with voices, hearts and lives
that the tomb is empty
because Jesus is risen,
that we might know
forgiveness,
that lives might be
reborn
and your name
Glorified
now and for eternity.



"Live Lent: Embracing Justice"

Each year at the start of Lent, Christians are challenged to turn away from sin and towards new life. Together we acknowledge that our own lives, our communities and our world stand in need of God's redeeming and transforming power.

Live Lent: Embracing Justice is the Church of England's theme for Lent 2022. It invites us to examine our own lives truthfully, to see the world more deeply and to pray - for the church and the world far and near - that 'justice may roll down like water, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream' (Amos 4.24).

"Embracing Justice" offers us the opportunity to think, reflect and pray on the various needs for justice: community justice, social justice, racial justice, economic justice and environmental justice. This Lenten theme offers us the chance to question ourselves, our concept of God and our role as Christ's disciples. How can we be awakened to the truth that justice is for everyone, everywhere?

The booklet (£1.99 via Church House Publishing) offers a daily Bible reading, a short reflection and a prayer, as well as a practical challenge for each day of Lent. Each week follows a different thread through the many stories of justice in the Bible to explore how God works with humanity to bring justice, wholeness and salvation to all.

Lent is the journey from darkness to light, from war/conflict to hope/peace, from aggression to reconciliation, from mindless brutality into love, care and compassion, from dictatorship to democracy. Hope of new beginning sustains all who travel from darkness to light.

As the dawning of hope arises
we look through the shadows of the cross
and see the gift of resurrection.

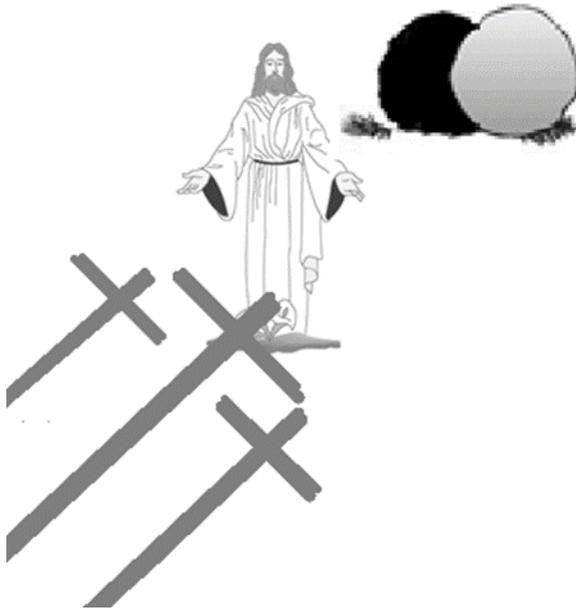
The Lord is alive!
Our hope is renewed.
Fear has been vanquished;
our future is eternal.

Hallelujah!

Christ is risen
and we will rise with him.
Praise be to God
for our wondrous gift of resurrection.

Amen.

Mothers Union Praying in every season



Reflecting on St Mary's East Window

When you come into church do you need something to focus your thoughts and prepare you for the service? If you do, you are among the many who, over the years, have had a similar need. I tend to look at our beautiful east window and the image of the risen Christ at His ascension. Have you ever studied the window closely? It is stylised, of course, but has the ascension as its central theme. Have you seen the footprints left behind by Jesus in the patch of grass - look closely and you should be able to make them out depending on the level of light outside. His disciples are all gathered round (yes, they are all there - count the halos!).

Our Ascension Window was installed in the new church which replaced the one which burned down in the 1870s. It was made by Heaton, Butler & Bayne, a firm renowned for high quality stained glass, whose work can be found in Westminster Abbey, Peterborough Cathedral, Tewksbury Abbey, and many cities in Europe and America. The window was provided, along with much of the other stained glass in the church, by the Hodgson family who were very much part of the church and the community in Haxby. There is more information about them in our Church Guide.

Throughout its history, the Church has used pictures and images such as murals and statues to help people understand and remember their Christian belief and faith and to illustrate stories of the Bible to a largely illiterate populace. During the Middle Ages, stained glass became an important addition continuing to the present day. Of course, they rarely resembled the actual people from history as they were the product of their era. Apparently,

Mission Aviation Fellowship – flying for life [maf]

MAF's cycle of prayer invites us to pray today for South Sudan - praise God for MAF's 47 dedicated staff in South Sudan; pray that the Holy Spirit will transform the lives of its men, women and children so that a country born of civil war will find the peace and prosperity which continue to elude it ...

How much has isolation changed your life? While you're keeping your distance from the world, what do you most long for the freedom to do when it's 'all over'? For the vast majority of people served by MAF, isolation is simply a way of life.

It may be handed down from generation to generation as part of an agrarian tradition or a nomadic existence that is essential to their community. But, more often than not, isolation is a way of life imposed on men, women and children through poverty; or worse ...

The following story of a MAF flight will transport you momentarily into the life of just one of the countless number of isolated people God has empowered MAF to help.

You are standing at the edge of an airstrip in a remote corner of Arnhem Land, Australia - heart racing, mind overflowing with thoughts. You feel the warmth of the sun on your cheeks.

Your three-year-old son is standing beside you. He looks up at you, sensing your anxiety, but is struggling to take in all that is going on around him, but it is all happening so fast! To your right stand two community police officers. Their presence makes you feel protected, reassured. Safe from harm.

Your face throbs. It is badly swollen and bruised. You are nearly at the point of collapse, exhausted from lack of sleep and days of fighting for your life. But you will make it out alive.

You are about to be flown far, far away from here. Where nobody can hurt you, or your precious son, anymore.

MAF Arnhem Land has been developing a strong partnership with Crisis Accommodation Gove (CAG) and a network of other women's shelters across the region. They take in indigenous women in desperate need and provide them with a safe haven and a second chance. Keeping God's precious children safe from harm is high-priority, high-impact work.

WANTED

YOUR CURATE NEEDS YOU!

Having not been able to have our Good Friday act of public witness for the past two years, I want to make it special this year.

It takes the form of a Passion drama on the village green in front of St Mary's Haxby and is an ecumenical production.

I am looking for people who would be willing to act in this drama. It would be necessary to take part in two or three rehearsals in the two or three weeks leading up to Good Friday.

I am also in need of costume makers. Costumes are needed for Jewish priests and elders, Roman soldiers and the crowd.

Finally, I will also need some logistical help on the day, moving the stage from the Methodist Church and setting it up along with the sound system.

If you would like to be involved, please speak to me in church or contact me at revnas@btinternet.com

Thank you

Nigel Benson

News from the World Concerns Group

There are a number of news items and prayer requests from the charities and mission agencies that we support across the Benefice at the moment. These are shown on this page, and pages 10, 12, 14 and 18.

Magazines/Newsletters are available from Ian Evans.

Living Stones, Living Hope

We are encouraging you to engage with the USPG Lent Course. The title of USPG's Lent course for 2022 is from 1 Peter 2, 'Living Stones, Living Hope'. 1 Peter is the text of the Bible study for the Lambeth Conference in July 2022: so, in basing our study on this text we are in solidarity with our sister and brother bishops preparing for this important meeting in the life of our community. The metaphor of the Christian community in 1 Peter 2 as living stones is rich and evocative. We, the Church, are the living stones, and we are called to bring living hope in our diverse situations, though faith in the one who is the cornerstone of our faith, Jesus Christ. In each context this will be lived out differently, and will be underpinned by a range of theologies, yet our bedrock in Christ remains our constant. 'Living Stones, Living Hope' explores this from the perspective of five partner churches around the world, inviting us to reflect on our own experience of being 'living stones' bringing 'living hope' in our own situations, in the light of the experiences of others.

Print copies of the course material can be made available, or you can download the course at <https://www.uspg.org.uk/engage/support5/lent/lent.php>

USPG will be hosting this course as a series of five webinars during March 2022, with presentations from the contributing churches. All will be very welcome to hear and see first-hand the impactful living out of the Gospel with biblical reflections, from five of USPG's partners during Lent, on:

Thursday 3 March - 2 pm - Zambia

Thursday 10 March - 10 am - Korea

Thursday 17 March - 6 pm - Brazil

Thursday 24 March - 2 pm - Ireland

Thursday 31 March - 10 am BST - Church of North India.

Was that what all of this was about?
To try and put us in our rightful place,
not at the centre of our own world,
but at the centre of yours,
where we are no longer the most important person?
Is that it?
Were you trying to teach us this simple truth,
that other people,
all other people,
should matter too?

Is that why you washed their feet?

The Children's Society

EASTER FOOD TRIVIA

Hot Cross Buns may have originally been served by pagans worshipping the goddess Eostre by serving tiny cakes, often decorated with a cross, at their annual spring festival.

Pretzels are associated with Easter because the twists resemble arms crossing in prayer. From the 1950s, it was tradition for Germans to eat a pretzel and a hard-boiled egg for dinner on Good Friday.

Eggs were eaten and buried as part of the Anglo-Saxon celebration in hopes of encouraging fertility, some scholars believe this to be a reason why eggs are associated with Easter today. Another theory is that strict Christian fasting practices during Lent prohibited them from consuming fresh eggs, so Christians hard-boiled eggs to eat post-Lent.

In medieval Britain, people used to participate in an egg-throwing festival at church rather than an egg hunt. To start, the priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choir boys, and that egg would then get tossed from one choir boy to the next. When the clock struck 12, whoever held the egg was declared the winner.

A reflection for Maundy Thursday

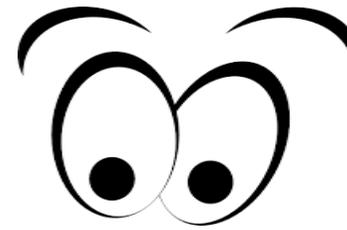
Why did you wash their feet?
I don't understand, it makes no sense.

Why did you do something so demeaning,
so distasteful,
when you did not have to?
Why humble yourself and wash the feet of your own
disciples?
You are the Messiah,
it makes no sense for you, of all people,
to do something that should be done by the least of
all people,
not by the greatest.
It is not what we want our Messiahs to do.

Unless...
unless we have got it wrong and that,
somehow this is a measure of what Messiah means?
Not that it is defined in greatness
but that somehow, in your world the first will be last,
and the greatest, least and servant of all?

But if we are to follow you,
does it mean that we must follow your example too?
Are you suggesting that we too should make
ourselves humble?
That we must wash the feet of the people whom we
would rather ignore,
or scapegoat,
or deride?

Must we too become the servants of the least among
us?
the refugee,
the disabled,
the homeless,
the addicted,
the anti-social,
the child?



*****ADVANCED NOTICE*****

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As we all know, 2022 sees the UK and Commonwealth celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We expect there will be lots happening locally, nationally and internationally, offering us the chance to join with our neighbours to celebrate with some fun and laughter after such a weird couple of years.

The Church Outside team are keen to create some memorable displays in 2022 to link our faith with our community. Currently, our ideas are only in a draft form covering Lent through to Easter, and of course, the Jubilee. Meanwhile, we are on the look-out for a metal worker or wire sculpturer? If you can help please share the details with Jean and Derek Swanson, Sheila Robinson or Bev Crapper.

We are keen that everyone is offered the opportunity to participate, when and where you can!

Please keep watching the notices and other means of communication to ensure you don't miss out!

We look forward to sharing our inside and our outside spaces.

CHURCH OUTSIDE CREW



**LORD, I often think it is my work to seek and find you.
In the tangle of my life I stumble into branches of doubt
and uncertainty.
In my darkness I wonder where you are.....but wait! I
remember it is
You who seek and I am found!
Thank you Lord for showing me the way.
Amen.**

Adapted from Meister Eckhart's Rock of the Heart -
Meditations for the Restless Soul

Meister Eckhart (1260-1328) was a priest, a mystic, and nearly a heretic (he died before the Church court's verdict). In the 20th century, the Roman Catholic Church rehabilitated him and the late Pope John Paul II spoke of his work with fondness. However, what makes him of particular interest is the fact that he has influenced a wide range of spiritual teachers and mystics both inside and outside the Christian tradition. Eckhart wrote at a time - much like our own - when society appeared to be coming apart at the seams. In the midst of all that chaos and uncertainty, he captured the many forms and stages of the love of God, the mystic path, and the journey of transformation - in language so startling that he, too, was often accused of heresy. Now, seven centuries later, this fresh, stunning rendering of his work translates the essence of one of Christianity's greatest poetic and spiritual voices.

Rachel in South East Asia

Rachel reports that she is grateful to have had a really good festive season, with lots of enjoyable times with people as well as chances to recharge. Covid restrictions have lifted a little so they have been able to start term "in-person" at the Language Centre. She says, "It's wonderful to be able to see students face-to-face again (albeit behind masks)". As they are low on teachers, she's teaching two classes this term and am enjoying it so far! Please pray for her growing relationships with students and for energy and wisdom to be a good teacher.

Rachel's newsletters include photos of some of her students, but also the beautiful country where she is working, of the wildlife and of some of her own artwork.



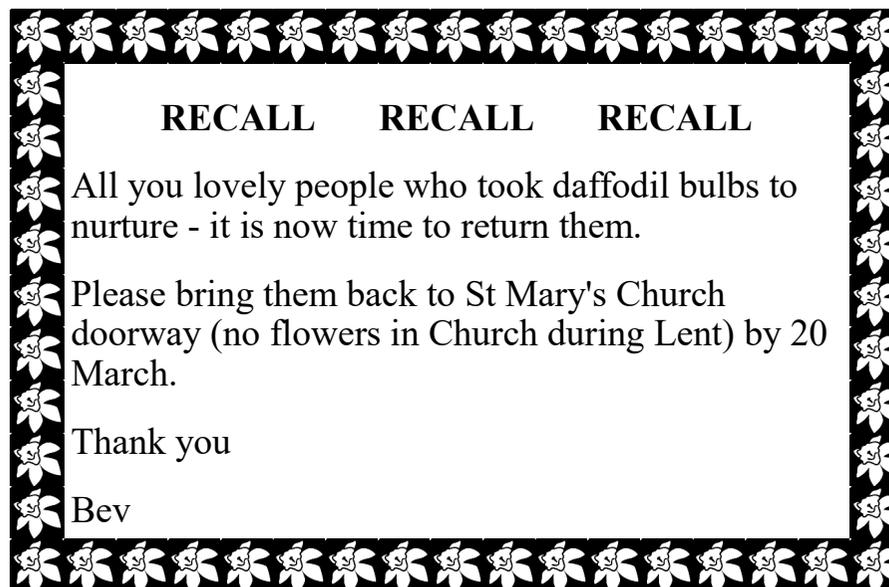
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Our next edition will be a special one to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We want any stories, anecdotes, etc., you may have about the Queen. Whether you were just standing at the side of the road flag waving; organising/attending a street party, or a Palace party; or any other occasion when you saw/met the Queen.

We hope to be able to bring all these memories together for an edition to coincide with the celebrations at the end of May/early June.

Please talk to any member of the editorial team if you are uncertain about contributing your story.



RECALL RECALL RECALL

All you lovely people who took daffodil bulbs to nurture - it is now time to return them.

Please bring them back to St Mary's Church doorway (no flowers in Church during Lent) by 20 March.

Thank you

Bev

Leprosy Mission

High on a hill in Nepal at Anandaban Research Centre, pioneering work is taking place to reach the greatest height of all - ending leprosy. In a crumbling lab on a mountain top, the team are making scientific breakthroughs that will have a global impact. But the lab is now at risk of closing. It's too small, not fit for purpose and was severely damaged in the terrible earthquakes of 2015. It won't pass the upcoming Nepali Government inspection. Without this lab, the chance to end leprosy in our lifetime will be lost forever.

Leprosy Mission supporters have already helped thousands of people affected by leprosy and inspired medical teams to make life-changing discoveries. Now they need to go even further. They must rebuild Anandaban Research Centre and make it a place of medical miracles, helping to find new treatments that will end Leprosy for ever..

Christian Aid

Christian Aid is currently running an Afghanistan Crisis Appeal, to assist those starving in that troubled country. They have also produced a report "Counting the cost 2021: A year of climate breakdown". It highlights the ten most financially devastating climate events of 2021, from hurricanes in the USA, China and India to floods in Australia, Europe and Canada. All cost over 1.5 billion dollars of damage. It also looks at five events which, while carrying a lower financial cost, brought devastating human impacts such as drought in Africa and Latin America and floods in South Sudan.

Used postage stamps

There are boxes at the back of both churches to collect used postage stamps. Locally, these help support the fund raising for St. Leonards Hospice but, as there is a limit to the volume they can take at present, any surplus will be passed to USPG. Stamps should be on single thickness backing paper [i.e. not front and back of the envelope] and the backing paper should be trimmed to about 4 - 8 mm around the stamp.

Walsingham Festival in Durham

Joan and I are regular pilgrims to the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and members of the Walsingham Cell which meets regularly in York Minster. Joan is now secretary of the York Minster Cell. This year one of the Regional Walsingham Festivals will be held in Durham Cathedral on Saturday 15th October 2022. It offers a rare opportunity to join a local event organised by the Shrine in a few cathedrals across the country. The festival starts at 11.00 am with the arrival of the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham, and a Pilgrimage Mass. There will be a sermon by the Bishop of Chichester, a healing service, a typical Pilgrimage Procession, and a final service of Benediction. We are proposing to arrange a coach to the event and would like to offer an invitation to all members of St Mary's congregation to join this pilgrimage.

Please feel free to talk to us if you are interested (tel. 769771), make a note in your diary and look out for more details. You will be able to take part in as much or as little as you wish, and perhaps take time to look around the city. The Events Group has welcomed this initiative as they are not considering a parish outing until 2023, probably to Lincoln.

Ian Strong

A series of **Lent Discussion Groups** will meet on a Thursday evening, starting on March 10, in St Nicholas church hall, Wigginton at 7.30 pm. They will be led by Rev Nigel, our Curate, and Barbara Symons, one of our Readers. These will be based on the Gospel for the previous Sunday. Drinks and biscuits will be served.

USPG - United Society Partners in the Gospel

USPG is sending emergency funding to the island of Tonga, which was hit by tsunami waves in January. The agency is sending £3,000 from its Rapid Respond Fund to support our partners in the Diocese of Polynesia through the Anglican Missions' Tonga Emergency Appeal. Three people are dead and many homes have been destroyed by the tsunami, which was triggered by the eruption of the underwater volcano. The Church is carefully monitoring the situation and is ready to undertake a more extensive needs assessment as information comes through but potential damage includes contaminated water and food supplies as a result of ashfall. The Diocese of Polynesia and Anglican Missions are responding through existing supply spots at each of the Anglican parishes on the island, enabling them to react immediately to the disaster. USPG's support will be used to replenish the relief supplies in these parishes.

Anna and Chris Hembury in Hull CMS Hull

Anna writes about Orts, which is "a sewing collective, but it's not really about the sewing!". Sewing is a crucial element along with creativity, "having a go", learning new skills, upcycling and repurposing ... not just the fabrics, but also the damaged and vulnerable women who attend. Anna goes on, "Social care is so necessary, especially when so many people feel isolated and lack the supportive structures that families and communities used to provide. But in a society where care has become a privatised commodity, to be paid for and then portioned out in professional, dispassionate units, something fundamental is missing. This kind of care can't meet that need for human connection, for inter-dependence that allows each person to be both giver and receiver, for sensing God's shalom wholeness in the midst of our brokenness. Only love can heal."

Hull Youth for Christ and the Breakfast Club

At the start of the new year, we are asked to pray that God's Spirit would be poured out. May freedom come into this community releasing people from fear, trauma, anger and the past - allowing God to transform lives. They give thanks for the wider Hull YfC family that pray, contribute and champion the work.

Lent Lunches on the theme of 'Signs of Hope' will be held on Tuesdays at 12.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Haxby. Hot soup will be provided and you are encouraged to bring your own sandwiches. The subjects and speakers are:

8 March - 'Signs of hope for the earth', Rev Johannes Nobel (York Diocesan Green Ambassador)

15 March - 'Signs of hope for Children and Young people', Dr Carolyn Edwards (York Diocese Children and Youth Adviser)

22 March - 'Signs of hope in the Local Community', Amanda Nicholson (Premises Manager of Haxby Memorial Hall) and Natalie Greaves (Haxby and Wigginton Local Area Coordinator)

29 March - 'Signs of hope in Mental Health', Bronwen Gray (NHS Mental Health Chaplain)

5 April - 'Signs of hope in Healthcare', Rev Ben Rhodes (Head of Chaplaincy, Leeds Teaching Hospitals)

Lord of life

We pray for all who bring your word of life

As a light to those in darkness

For those who bring your word of peace

To those enslaved by fear

For those who bring your word of love

To those in need of comfort

Lord of love and Lord of peace

Lord of resurrection life

Be known

Through our lives

and through your power

Christ the Lord is risen to-day

Alleluia!