

# Stillington News

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## Stillington Village Hall AGM

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the AGM has to be moved to **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**  
Everyone welcome

## Stillington Charity for Relief in Need

The AGM of the Charity will take place on Wednesday 8th May at Stillington Sports Club 7pm.  
The meeting is open to all

## Stillington Post Office & Stores

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### Applications invited for grants

SCA Ltd is once again intending to make grants to village organisations and businesses. Benefit to the community will be the first criterion in assessing applications, although other factors will be taken into account.

Grants will normally be awarded for a specific project, rather than to support on-going running costs.

To receive an application form, please send an email to:

[j\\_a\\_dalton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j_a_dalton@hotmail.co.uk)

or write to the

Secretary, SCA Ltd, Main Street,  
Stillington, York.  
YO61 1JS

Completed forms must be received by **5.30pm on Friday 21st June 2024**

## Stillington Post Office & Stores

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The **Post Office** will be closed on the early bank holiday **Monday 6th May** and the **Spring Bank Holiday Monday 27th May**.

The **Shop** will be open from **6.30am to 10.30am**, on those dates

Please email contributions for the **June** issue to [news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org) by **Wednesday 15th May**

## Tuesday Pop In

Don't forget to leave your macs and wellies at the door of the

Village Hall on

**TUESDAY mornings, 10.30-12 noon**

You will be guaranteed a dry, warm welcome inside so come and enjoy a hot drink and a tasty nibble with friends old and new, while enjoying a good chat 😊 and planning your gardening jobs and other chores in the company of others when the ground dries up and we're ready to get on with outdoor activities

**Looking forward to seeing you all, friends and relatives are welcome too, so do pop along and join us.....**



## STILLINGTON GARDENING CLUB

BRING & BUY PLANT SALE

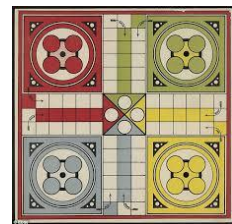


**Bank Holiday Monday, May 6th, 10am to 12noon.**

Main Road, Opposite the Shop in front of Muriel Law's House.  
Coffee and delicious Scones in her garden  
**All Welcome**

## Stillington and District Community Archive Group

Will be meeting again on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**, when Mr & Mrs Edwards will be talking about A 1960s Childhood, with toys and games of the era, which will no doubt have set off the memories already.



If you missed renewing membership or joining for the first time at the AGM, it will still be possible to sign up on 15<sup>th</sup> May, or you will be very welcome to visit as a guest.

## Primetime

Primetime is a seated, social exercise group for all ages and abilities, with a carer if necessary and held every

**Friday afternoon 1-3pm in the Village Hall**

A donation of £4 per session is suggested to cover hall hire, but this does not apply to carers or PAs.  
You would be very welcome to attend a free introductory session to see if this activity is for you - just turn up, no registration necessary.

## Stillington Surgery and Patient Participation Group (Stillington PPG)

### Surgery Website

Stillington Surgery website has been updated and is worth a look to see what is available from the Surgery. Please see [stillingtonsurgery.co.uk](http://stillingtonsurgery.co.uk)

### Surgery Information Boards

Information boards within Stillington Surgery have been updated. Please take a close look if you are in the Surgery in the coming weeks.

### Support Staff

There is information about support staff available at or from the Surgery:

-Care Co-ordinators for patients and their families with complex health and social needs.

-Social Prescribers for patients with money worries, social isolation, bereavement, mental health issues or other concerns.

-Primary Care Occupational Therapists offer support to empower people to be more independent in their everyday life in order to improve their health, quality of life and wellbeing. This may include practical support with long-term illnesses, disabilities, ageing or accidents.

-Post Acute Care Co-ordinator offers support to patients' medical assistance from urgent care services.

-Health and Wellbeing Coach offers a personalised approach to care focussed on what matters to you.

Please feel free to contact the surgery directly if you believe these specialists could be of help to you, your families or a friend.

### Carers

On display for the next few weeks, there is particular focus on information and support available for Carers, for anyone who is lonely and is looking for activities to join for social contact or for anyone wishing to help others.

The Surgery are particularly keen to find out if there are any Young carers (someone under 18) within our area so that support can be offered from the Support Staff mentioned above.

Easingwold District Community Care Association is a good point of contact for a number of varied support services. Please see the leaflet within the Surgery for further information or call 01347 822875.

### Shingles Vaccine

Shingles is an infection that causes a painful rash and can take up to 4 weeks to heal. It is caused by the chicken pox virus and if you get shingles, you can pass the chicken pox virus to people who have not had it before. If you are turning 65, you will be contacted by the Surgery to receive your Shingles vaccine. Unfortunately, due to the current phased rollout, those currently aged between 65 and 69 need to wait until their 70 th birthday to be offered the vaccine. The aim is to make the vaccine available to all 60-year-olds by 2033.

Other specific health areas will be focussed on at regular intervals throughout the year.

Should you wish to make suggestions of ways to improve the Surgery service you can either write directly to Stillington Surgery or email to [stillington.admin@nhs.net](mailto:stillington.admin@nhs.net) or to PPG members at [stillingtonppg@btinternet.com](mailto:stillingtonppg@btinternet.com)

## Stillington Good Neighbours

Following our previous group meeting we would like to update some changes and aims of the group.

Tricia Walker has taken over from Rita Bresnen as coordinator, many thanks to Rita who intends to carry on as a visitor in the group.

Each visitor will oversee an area of the village.

Visitors welcome newcomers to the village with a gift, shop voucher and welcome booklet.

Will also make contact at special times with a small gift for a new baby, hospital stay, illness or the loss of a close relative.

The group is funded by the Church and Stillington charity to whom we are most grateful.

The success of our group is largely dependent on good communication and therefore rely heavily on residents to pass on information, especially when someone new moves to the village.

### Visitors and areas of responsibility:

-**Tricia Walker** 810562 Main St (and co-ordinator)

-**Jenny Popplewell** 811911  
North Back Lane and East End

-**Adryenne Hope** 811039  
North Back Lane, West End , North side of High Street  
And Easingwold Road

-**Muriel Law** 810484  
York Road and South Side of High Street.

-**Rita Bresnen** 810024  
Main street

-**Julie Thompson** 810366  
Soutersfield and Western end of South Back Lane

-**Margaret Hetherington** 810373  
Eastern end of South Back Lane

-**Diana Mitchinson** 07971291594  
The Green and Mill Lane

-**Bev Law** 810940  
Parkfield Nos 15-57 and 14-40

-**Margaret Price** 811262  
Parkfield Nos 1-11, 59-115 2-12 and 42-46

-**Robert Churton** 810513 North Back Lane

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## Weather Report April 2024

### Rainfall

During March, rainfall in Stillington amounted to 56mm, which was above the average figure of 42mm, but not dramatically so. By the half-way point in April we have already reached the March total of 56mm. No wonder that many fields remain waterlogged.

### Temperature

The lowest temperature in March was 0.8°C on the 3 rd /4 th . The highest was 16.8°C on the 16 th , during the mid-month warm spell. Solar panel output, of 220kWh, was the lowest March total for seven years..

Up to the half-way point April has been relatively mild. The lowest temperature so far has been 3.5°C on the night of 9 th /10 th while the highest was a positively balmy 19.9°C on the 6 th .

**M.T.**

**Your Village Defibrillator is kept in the Church Porch Available 24/7. A second Defibrillator is at the Sports and Social Club near the Squash Court entrance and a third on the front wall of the Village Hall. No code needed.**

**\*Remember: Call an Ambulance, start CPR, get the Defibrillator - it will tell you what to do\***



## SGC NEWSLETTER

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### 2024 Plant Sale

This Bring and Buy Plant Sale will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, from 10am to 12 noon.

It will follow the very successful format of last year. The plants will be on display outside Muriel Law's house on the grass. Please bring your contributions to add to the plants already there. In her garden, Muriel and her helpers, will serve Coffee and delicious Scones. Here you can relax and chat with other members and friends. This is one of our main fundraising events for the year so please come and support the event.

### Membership Programmes for 2024-2025

These will be available at the AGM and Plant Sale or by contacting the Membership Secretary, Gelda, on 810513. You will need your new card to get your discount at Castle Howard and Dean's York Garden Centres.

### Annual Show 2024

This will take place on Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. Schedules will be available from the shop in May and at the Plant Sale.

**Robert Churton**



### Recycling

Thank you for all the soft plastics, including crisp packets that are

being left in the box in the church porch. We are getting nearly a bin bag full a week.

I take it to the Co-op in Easingwold and it goes through their recycling system. Tesco also collects soft plastics.

So it might be more convenient for you to take your own soft plastics to one of the supermarkets when you do your shopping

But I shall continue to collect in the church porch as well.

**Thank you, Margaret Price**



### Christian Aid Week is 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> May

This is the main fund-raising event of the year, focussing this time on helping people in Burundi to access skills and knowledge to push back against poverty and malnourishment.

Envelopes will be delivered around the village by volunteers. If you would like to make a donation, please drop your envelope into the Village Stores. Otherwise, please recycle.

Thanking you in anticipation.

### Stillington Wanderers

It was a Brandsby / Yearsley route for 25 March walk: from Brandsby Village Hall, via Brandsby Rectory Corner and northwards past Dale Wood and into Yearsley; passing what must be a badger hotel-style-sett and with the Minster in the distance, back down the road to Brandsby village.

8 April walkers initially set off down the River Ure in Boroughbridge on 8 April only to be turned back as the Milby canal gate locks were undergoing repair; work being hampered by continuous high water levels. Diverted through the adjacent new housing site, the route continued via Milby village & across to Kirby Hill; over the A1M; then southwards parallel to the motorway & returning via the riverside walk.

**Next walks are Monday 6 and 20 May. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am.**



### Stillington Primary School News

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter! At Stillington Primary, the children have enjoyed leading the Easter Service to our families and community members. We were extremely proud of how confident our children were when reading and singing. Thank you to those who joined us!

We are also pleased to share that all our children have recently received first aid training at an age-appropriate level. This is a skill which is invaluable!

Our junior children are looking forward to starting their weekly swimming lessons this term at Thirsk pool and visiting Howsham Mill for their Geography topic. Our infant children will be taking part in a multi-skills afternoon at Stillington Sports Club, where schools from the local area will be invited to take part in an afternoon of fun activities led by Mrs Rutherford.

We are also very excited to be developing our early years outdoor area for our youngest members of the school. Our PTA have been busy fundraising for the school, and we are thankful for the donations towards our new canopy. This will help the children to be outside in all weathers and provide the much-needed shelter. There are plans to resurface this space and add new climbing equipment. We are hoping for this project to take place in the summer.

Nursery places are available from 3 years old, we offer full time places of 30 hours when we receive 15 hours funding. Please ring Stillington Primary school on 01347 810347 to organise a visit.

**Miss Katie Stringer**

**Head of School**

**Foston CE & Stillington Primary Schools**

### Stillington Primary School Ofsted Report

I am absolutely delighted to share our recent Ofsted report with you which recognised that Stillington Primary School is **securely good school in all areas**. I cannot express our thanks and gratitude to all our families who have shown unwavering support to Stillington as we moved along our school improvement journey. We could not have done it without you. The children really sold our school during the inspection and wowed inspectors with their curriculum knowledge and enthusiasm. They were amazing!

We are so proud of our federation of small schools and the fantastic education and opportunities we are able to provide for all our children.

**Sarah Moore**

**Executive Headteacher**



## Squash Club Celebrates Achievements and Embraces Growth in Racket Sports

Stillington Squash Club is abuzz with excitement as one of its own, Marie Elcock, was selected to represent England in the home internationals for women aged over 35/40. The prestigious event, which took place in Edinburgh on April 19-20, marked a significant milestone for both Marie and the club.

Marie, a dedicated coach at the club, has earned widespread admiration for her commitment and talent on the court. Mark Dransfield, a committee member at Stillington, expressed the club's immense pride in Marie's achievement, highlighting the significance of having an international player and coach representing their small but vibrant community.

But the celebrations don't end there. The club's racketball community has been flourishing over the past 18 months, culminating in the formation of a team making its debut in the York and District Racketball leagues. Despite facing tough opposition from the Scarborough Squash Academy in their inaugural fixture on April 11th, Mark Dransfield, George Good, and Ed Ward showcased their developing skills, setting a promising tone for the season ahead.

In squash, the club's participation in the Riley Cup handicap knockout competition showcased their competitive spirit, although they couldn't replicate the success of the previous season. The two competing teams fought valiantly but fell short, with the first team succumbing to York Clifton's formidable line up and the second team narrowly missing out against Wigginton 6.

As the squash season winds down, the racketball season is just gearing up, offering opportunities for players of all backgrounds and abilities to get involved. Racketball sessions are open to all on Fridays from 17:00 to 19:00, welcoming newcomers with open arms. Weekly squash coaching sessions, led by Marie Elcock herself, provide a chance for aspiring players to hone their skills and discover the joy of the sport.

**Whether you're a seasoned pro or a complete novice, Stillington Sports Club invites you to join their vibrant community and experience the thrill of racket sports first-hand. For more information or to get involved, reach out online and take the first step towards becoming part of our community.**



**Marie Elcock, England International and Club Coach**



**LtR: Mark Dransfield (c), Ed Ward and George Good**



**Stillington and Wigginton racketball teams at a pre-season friendly match**

## WI report

On Wednesday 10th April we welcomed Jan who told us a true and very moving story linking Linton on Ouse and the village of Montcony in Burgundy.

On Friday 23rd October 1942 just before 6pm, a Halifax bomber with a crew of 6 British and 2 Canadian airmen took off. It was part of a large raid of 122 aircraft heading for Genoa to prevent the resupply of German troops in North Africa. In Montcony, just after 9:00pm the drone of an aircraft was heard followed by bombs and 4000 litres of fuel exploding. The plane had come down in a field probably hit by anti-aircraft fire, one engine ploughed into the road, debris was spread across a wide area and the plane burned until the next morning. The aircrew were all killed. The village is on the edge of the occupied zone and before long local Nazi officials appeared ordering people not to touch the bodies or the aircraft and under no circumstances should funerals be held.

Of course the orders came too late, photos had been taken, children had collected "trophy" ,all hidden away. The local schoolmaster arranged for the carpenter to make coffins on which were chalked the names of the airmen, taken from their ID tags, the bodies were taken to the schoolroom. The local police ordered that the doors of the schoolroom be locked so no-one could file past or show respect in any way. Road blocks were put at each end of the village to prevent anyone coming for a funeral. So the back doors were opened and about a hundred villagers came to show their respect and covered the coffins with flowers. Word spread around the local villages and on the 26th October a funeral was held, nearly 3000 people walked across the fields to get there. There were reprisals, the schoolmaster was interrogated by the Gestapo but released and the school was shut for the rest of the war. However a local resistance group was formed and a safe corridor to Switzerland was established.

The story is much bigger than this, there is an annual memorial ceremony held in Montcony, residents from the villages of Linton and Montcony have visited each other and relatives of the aircrew learned what happened to their loved ones. A piece of the crashed aircraft is now part of a memorial to peace at Aldershot.

**The passage of the church year is marked by seasons and feast days.** They remind us of important events in the Bible. They are also important as they bring with them treasured memories of years past. Most people will recognise and have memories of

Christmas and Easter and perhaps the seasons of advent and lent which precede them. These have an important secular, social dimension for peoples of all faiths and none in which the spiritual dimension has been diluted.

Other important Sundays and feast days are less well known. May has two such dates. On Thursday 9th we mark Ascension Day when Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after Easter. On Sunday the 19th we celebrate the feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost is a Jewish feast marking the fiftieth day after Passover. A day to celebrate the end of the barley harvest. For Christians it marks the day, 50 days after Easter, when the followers of Jesus received the Holy Spirit. Amongst other things Pentecost is celebrated as the birthday of the Christian Church.

If you don't recognise the name, Pentecost, then you are not alone. It was only as an adult that I discovered that what I had always known as Whit Sunday was one and the same as Pentecost. Growing up in 1960s and 70s in the West Riding (I refuse to call it South Yorkshire) Whitsuntide was an important event. The Monday after Whit Sunday was a bank holiday marked by Whit Walks, with brass bands playing at large gatherings as Sunday Schools and Churches joined together to celebrate the birthday of the Church. There was a tradition that you got new clothes for Whitsun and everyone would be dressed in their best. These walks were not just religious expressions but also social events that strengthened community bonds.

Just as Easter moves around so did the Whit Monday bank holiday and in 1972 the bank holiday was permanently moved to the last Monday in May and renamed Spring Bank Holiday. The breaking of the link between the bank holiday and Whitsuntide brought an end to large scale celebrations on Whit Monday but Pentecost Sunday remains an important day of celebration in the Christian calendar. We mark the day in our services by retelling the story of Pentecost.

Acts chapter two in the New Testament tells us how the Holy Spirit (a.k.a. Holy Ghost) came as a rushing wind and tongues of fire giving Jesus' followers the ability to speak in the native languages of Jews from many nations who had gathered for the Pentecost celebrations to deliver the gospel, the good news of the saving grace of the risen and ascended Jesus. The crowds were amazed as Jesus' friends were not educated people (though some thought they had been drinking). Many hearing the message chose to become followers of Jesus.

Pentecost reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and situations not just in Biblical times but today and every day. Just as at the first Pentecost, where ordinary people were empowered to do extraordinary things, God's transforming presence remains active in the world. May you experience the blessing of God's grace and love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Happy Pentecost. **Reverend John**

## Countryside Notes May 2024

Tuesday, 16th April, a drying day with strong wind. However, by 8pm there were ominous dark clouds welling up with trails of rain about to descend. It really is time the weather changed to give us warmth and dry land again. Tonight was that special day of the spring when again the fragrance of the Hawthorn reached my nose, even though I wasn't expecting it. It reached out into the evening. It always surprises me, quite pleasantly and from the same bush. Last Sunday after gales through the night, there were a number of Sycamore racemes of flower lying on the ground; they looked beautiful in their new lime-green and yellow flowers. So often we don't look up enough to appreciate the flowers on so many of our trees. I suppose that I'm guilty or I would have seen the green, round buds on the Hawthorn beginning to show white petals as they start to open. There are many fine sights to be seen as the Hawthorn flowers, and especially up in the Dales amongst the grey/white walls and hay barns, reminding us of a bygone farming life.

The Blackthorn that eventually yields the Sloes that are prized by gin makers, whose blossom has graced the hedgerows for some time now, has almost finished its billowing out blossom in masses.

We are about to start lambing and have brought them on pasture close to the farm. It has been a difficult winter for them living on Fodder Beet with being so wet for so long. Fodder beet is a cross between Sugar Beet and the old Mangold or Wurzel (the two are separate species). The sugar beet puts sugar into the fodder beet whilst the other plants give bigger yields and frost resistance. The sheep like its sugar-giving flesh, that gives them energy which in late pregnancy is so vital for the development of the lambs they are carrying. The poor old ewe who carries a burden which fills her stomach cavity has to eat more often to cope with all these demands, or she will consume body fat that can lead to her death. The ewes came off the roots last Saturday and went onto grass. It was good to see them launch into green grass after 19 weeks of beet. Of course, we have carted beet onto the grass, so as not to give them too much of a gastric shock. Their wool, after only three days, has got a lively shine on it, telling me that they are adjusting well to their change of surroundings.

Hopefully, we will see the summer migrants back again, with Swallows and Swifts screaming as they fly over the village. But for now, the Primroses and Wood Anemones are flowering in their respective areas, with Bluebells showing colour along with a host of other roadside beauties and, of course, the golden Dandelion which, by the time you read this, will be past their hour of glory moment, but will add colour through the summer. We have had a pair of Mallard frequenting the pond for a few weeks, joining the Waterhens and their first hatch of chicks. More recently, there has been up to 6 Mallard Drakes coming and going as well, while the duck will be on nest duties. There is so much happening; go out and see.

**R & M**



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## CHURCH SERVICES -May

### St Nicholas, Stillington

#### Priest:

Rev Stephen Whiting 810251  
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#### Lay Minister:

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pricehm870@gmail.com

#### Church Wardens:

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jessie.jm158@gmail.com  
Richard Mapletoft 811854  
rmapletoft@outlook.com

#### Canon Emeritus:

Robert Law 810940  
lrf43@kesonline.org

#### Worship in Church in May

**Sun 5th** Morning Worship 10.00am

**Thur 9th** Ascension Day 7.30pm

service for the five villages of the benefice

**Sun 12th** No service at Stillington. There will be services at **Farlington (10.30am), Sutton (10.00am) and Sheriff Hutton (10.30am).**

**Sun 19th** Pentecost Holy Communion. Pentecost is one of the most important festivals in the Christian calendar, so this should be great fun.

**Sun 26th** Morning Prayer 10.00am

#### Visiting the church

The church is open every day, from nine or earlier until four.

#### Prayers for the village

These are every Thursday at 9am. If you would like to join us or if you would like prayers said for anyone or anything please contact Margaret Price (01347 811262; [pricehm870@gmail.com](mailto:pricehm870@gmail.com)) or leave a note in the side chapel of St Nicholas

#### Holy Communion at home

Would you like to receive Holy Communion at home? If you are not able to come to Church on a Sunday morning would you like a visit at home? Do make a phone call to arrange a convenient time. Margaret Price 01347 811262.

#### Church Register

A memorial service was held for Miriam Hurst in St Nicholas Church on Saturday 9th March at 11am.

### St Nicholas Church Rota

6<sup>th</sup> May to 18<sup>th</sup> May

CLEANING Mrs R Bresnen

BRASSES VACANT

20<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June

CLEANING Mrs W Walton

BRASSES Mr & Mrs J Ratcliffe

### St Leonard's, Farlington

#### Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting 810251  
benefice.admin@gmail.com

#### Church Wardens:

Sally Wright 878745  
Richard Haste 878581  
richardhaste@btinternet.com

We are now in summertime and will, certainly, be hoping for good weather for our first service in May on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. This is our Rogationtide service which, traditionally, we hold outdoors. Rogation is one of the farming related services we celebrate at St Leonard's. It is a service of blessing for the work of farmers, their livestock and their crops – very appropriate in rural Farlington. Traditionally,

Rogationtide is followed by three days of fasting; ours will be followed by delicious cakes and scones!

Please come along and join us, we would love to see you. Weather permitting, the service will be held outdoors in the churchyard – please wear suitable footwear.

Then on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Pentecost. The name is derived from the Greek word pentekoste which means fiftieth. The occasion celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and other disciples on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter, hence the name.

In summary the services at St Leonard's in May are :

**Sun 12th** Rogation Service 3.00pm  
at the church

**Sun 19th** Whit Sunday/Pentecost 10.30am  
Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sun 26th** Holy Communion 10.30am  
(BCP)

St Leonard's follows the tradition of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). You are assured of a warm welcome at any of our services.

The Church is open daily for private prayer; the peaceful Churchyard is open at all times.

### St Nicholas Flower Rota

I would like to thank everyone who helped to decorate the Church for Easter.

There were 36 different flower arrangements of all sizes and the church looked very alive and colourful.

5th May - Mrs W Walton

12th May - Mrs W Walton

19th May - Mrs P Clark

26th May - Mrs P Clark

2nd June - Mrs P Drew

### St Mary's Marton

#### Church Contact:

Caroline Hunt 878242  
martonintheforest@gmail.com  
Sue Whiting 810251

We have 2 services in May, both at 6pm: a Celtic Communion on 5th May which will celebrate the work of Christian Aid, and then a celebration of Pentecost (also with communion) on 19th May. Christian Aid was originally set up by churches (hence the name) to work together to support displaced refugees after the Second World War. They are committed to the Red Cross Code of Conduct so never link aid with evangelism, but support local groups and communities around the world to respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, fight injustice and tackle the causes and effects of poverty. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work/what-we-do>

### Methodist Chapel

#### Minister:

Rev David Bidnell 01904 345429  
david.bidnell@gmail.com

**Steward:** Robin Jackson 810250

robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

### Villages Together Methodist Church

We meet together for worship every Sunday either at 10-30am or 3pm. Services are held in Huby Methodist Church, Alne Hall Residential Care Home and Tholthorpe Methodist Church. Stillington Methodist Church is now closed but we continue to worship together as before.

Services for May

**Sun 5th** at Huby 10-30am

Service with Holy Communion with Rev Ruth Duck

**Sun 12th** at Alne Hall 3pm

Worship led by Rev David Bidnell

**Sun 19th** at Huby 10-30am

Cafe service led by Stephen Leah

**Evening 7-30pm**

We will be Celebrating Pentecost

With a Sunset Communion at Byland Abbey conducted by Rev David Bidnell

**Sun 26th** at Tholthorpe 3pm

Worship led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion,

You are warmly welcome to join us at any of these services.

### 200 Club

1st Mr P Robinson £50

RU Mr M Green

RU Mrs J Roberts

drawn by "Our Ernie "