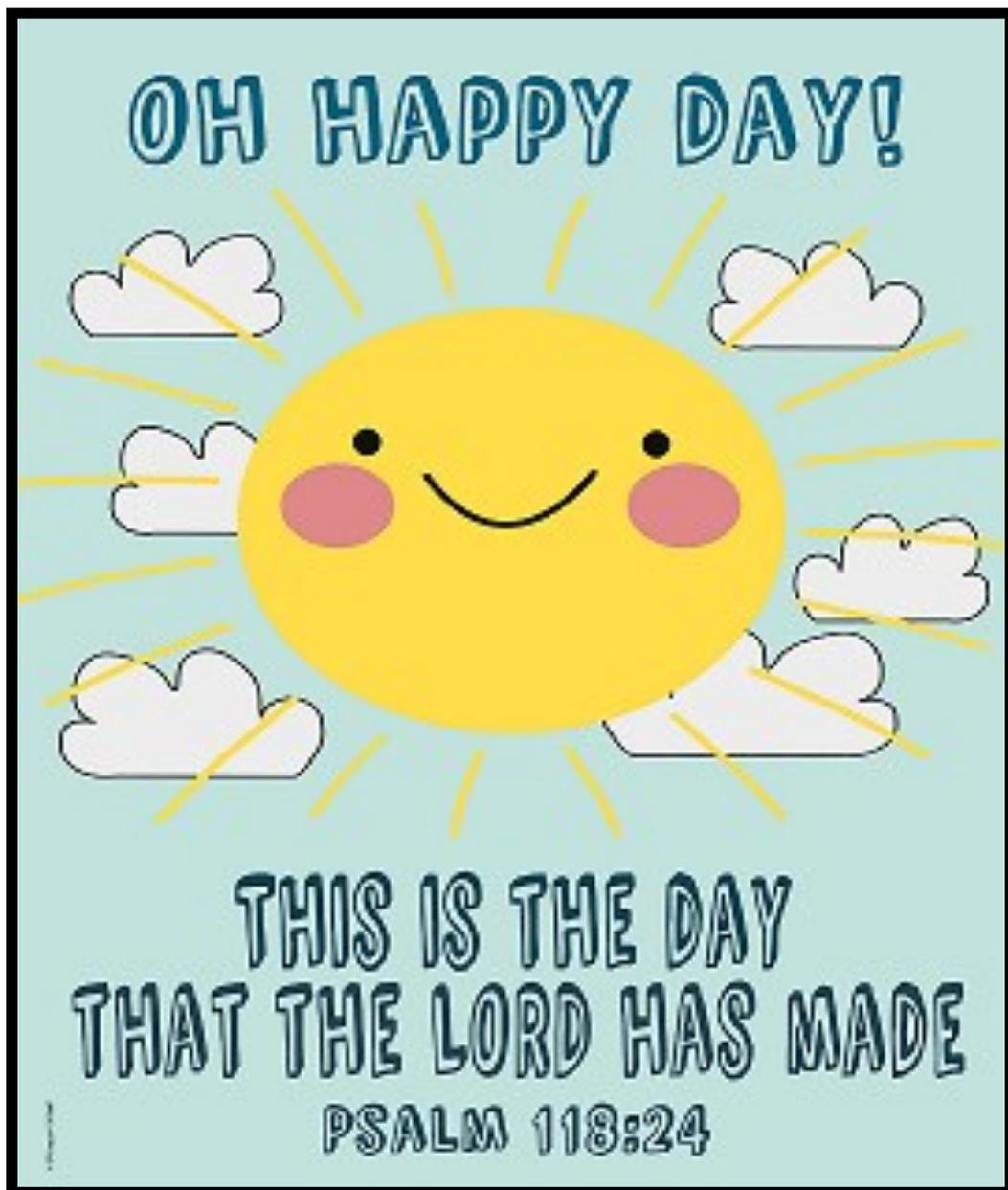


News and Views from
St Peter's Church
and
The Parish of Redcar



June 2021

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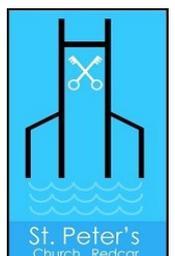
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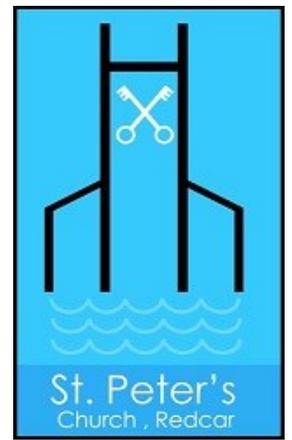
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From the Churchwardens



Hi Everyone,

Well June is here!! Half way through the year already.

It beggars belief doesn't it! The month of May turned out to be rather damp! But with Pentecost having been and celebrated, our spirits are high (the pun is intended!). The Annual General meeting went well; a big thank you to those who managed to get to church but also to those praying for us at home. It is still early days as we move slowly towards a new 'normal' this summer.

Yes, it is just round the corner and as a prelude the sun shone on Trinity Sunday when we said farewell to our Reader Louise and there are pictures to see inside the magazine. A beautiful morning with a good turnout for the 10 o'clock service considering it was a bank holiday weekend and many of you were away catching up with family, some unable still to join us owing to work, ill-health, a mini break or other commitments! After a brief presentation in church, it was so lovely to gather in the sunshine in the church garden with a cuppa and a celebratory piece of 'pre-wrapped cake'! We will miss Louise but she leaves with our love and prayers and God's blessing. Until we meet again BON Voyage!

On the 13th of this month the Bishop of Whitby will be celebrating and preaching with us at the morning service of Holy Communion and Claire Soderman will also be with us to lead our intercessions and take her leave of us, as she prepares for Ordination at the end of the month.

As Michael intimated last month, things are starting to change in the 'outside' world and here at St. Peter's we too are hoping to reintroduce the daily opening of the church building soon along with some of the groups.

Indeed, the Guides held three outdoor meetings last month — risk assessments have to be done and there are still restrictions to adhere to but please do come and speak to us if you are a group leader.

We can't wait to welcome families to a Christening and there are weddings to look forward to next month. Please think about how you may help make happen WELCOMERS - we will be getting in touch and the rotas started. Please join our prayer for a return to LIVE music in our church soon and to the possibility of SINGING! Even with a mask on, it has to be better than not singing at all.

The end of this month is our patronal Festival of St. Peter (29th June) when we have generally held a summer fete or a garden party in years gone by at the weekend along with a Songs of Praise often on the Sunday afternoon.

PLEASE keep the afternoon free and MARK IN YOUR DIARIES Sunday the 27th JUNE - Remember the fun of Twilight Carols?? We could do our own Sunshine corner or something similar. WATCH the facebook page; make sure you read the pew sheets for a notice; and talk to your friends and let's make some plans!! If you are interested in making this happen RING, TEXT or email me (Anne) before the 3rd June and we will have a planning meeting.

Some words of encouragement from Jeremiah 29 v 11-13

'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord, 'they are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

'In those days when you pray, I will listen. You will find me when you seek me, if you look for me in earnest.'

Every blessing

Anne and Michael

Churchwardens

Goodbye and Bon Voyage to Louisa

On Trinity Sunday, 30th May, St Peter's said farewell to one of our Licensed Readers, Louisa, who is moving on to pastures new. On a warm and sunny morning in the church garden after the service, Louisa was presented with flowers, cards, a cake and gifts. We thank Louisa for all her work at St Peter's and wish her every success and happiness in her new life. If you would like to write to Louisa, her new address will be:

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and the people
of the
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with Kirby Sigston
among whom Claire will serve

*'Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send
you.'*
(John 20:21)



*'I will give thanks to the
Lord with my whole
heart; I will tell of all
your wonderful deeds.'*

(Psalm 9:1)

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Reader Chris
Bowers had his
own take on
tongues of fire for
Pentecost!



Reader's Ramblings—A Reflection for June by Chris Bowers



I came across the above picture while looking at some training courses and was immediately struck by it. Such a big book for a little person I thought, and it looks like THE BOOK has seen better days as well. Looking at where this young person is reading. It looks around halfway through The Bible so maybe The Book of Psalms. Psalm 131 tells us about how King David has calmed his soul, like a child with his mum. Now I know this picture has been put together but it really speaks, this youngster safe in bed with The Good Book, cared for and nurtured.

There has been a huge amount of talk over the years whether or not we can speak about our God as Father or Mother or both. Well why not, surely we have all heard of fathers who have raised their children as a one parent family. They have to be both father and mother. And I am sure we know of mothers who have had to raise their children likewise. My mum for one after the death of my dad.

All the way through The Bible we have the story of God's relationship with us, from the very act of our creation to the giving of Himself for us, to the wonders of the Acts right up to today's witnesses, to you.

With a calm soul life's troubles and traumas are, not made easy but more manageable. The bit of time before things go wrong is really important, when life is going OK. The young person above needs to understand the Love of God before the world presents itself in all its wonder and all its hardships. A calm soul helps with all those decisions which can go one way or another depending on how we choose.

But there are times when we don't have a choice to make, life takes over and we don't seem able to do anything except just hang on. Hard times when knowing that we are Loved, truly LOVED really matters. Times when we pray and are held in prayer, not helpless but dependant.

It's all in The BOOK.

God works in this world, it's in The Book. His Spirit moves through every fibre of creation, through us and all we can see and all we can't. With a calm soul it helps us to understand this, with the guiding spirit and the word we will come to see it too.

In The New Testament Jesus tells us that, "Let the little children come to me and do not try to stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." (LUKE 18:16-17 for one)

Like a Child

Is this person in the picture young or old, perhaps somewhere in the middle, who knows. We are all God's children so who knows!

You may well have felt like this yourself, dwarfed by the immensity of this Holy Book, this Book which has been given to us, to help us understand the world we live in, the decisions we will have to make while we are here, and to fully understand the amazing fact that we are truly loved when we just have to hang on for the ride.

As for the book in the picture, I was once told that people who read a bible that is falling apart tend to have lives that are rather well held together, what do you think?

As a child

With a calm Soul

Truly Loved by God

The Acts continue.....

131 O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;

my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things

too great and too marvellous for me.

² But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

like a weaned child with its mother;

like a weaned child is my soul within me.

³ O Israel, hope in the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore.

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

Sunday 6th June **The First Sunday after Trinity**

1 Samuel 8.4-11(12-15) 16-20 (11.14-15)

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1

Mark 3.20-35

Sunday 13th June **The Second Sunday after Trinity**

1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5.6-10 (11-13) 14-17

Mark 4.26-34

Sunday 20th June **The Third Sunday after Trinity**

1 Samuel 17.(1a,4-11, 19-23) 32-49

Psalm 9.9-20 or

1 Samuel 17.57 - 18.5, 10-16

Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6.1-13

Mark 4.35-41

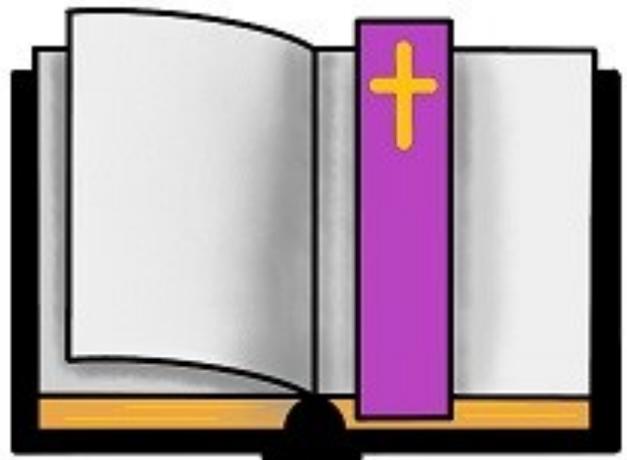
Sunday 27th June **The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

2 Samuel 1.1,17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8.7-15

Mark 5.21-43



In Loving Memory

Funeral services held during May were for :

Barry Richards

Jackie Jowsey

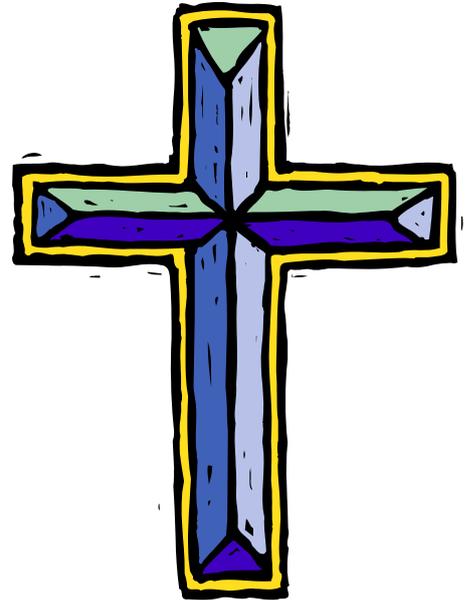
Margaret Chedzey

Also remembered from our Parish:

Brenda Duckworth

Gordon Brandon

We pray for their family and friends



In Loving Memory of Jacqueline Ainslie Jowsey

Helen, David and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love shown

in recent days and for the number of cards and messages received since Jacky's passing. We would also like to offer our thanks at the wonderful service conducted by the Rev. Bruce Harrison in Jacky's loving memory. Grateful thanks also to the Flower Guild for the two beautiful pedestals and to Brian Harvey for playing the organ.

God bless, Francis, Helen, and David

Unfortunately, our branch meeting planned for Tuesday, **1st June** had to be cancelled at short notice but please do join us for our next one!

BRANCH MEETING TUESDAY 6TH JULY 2.00pm

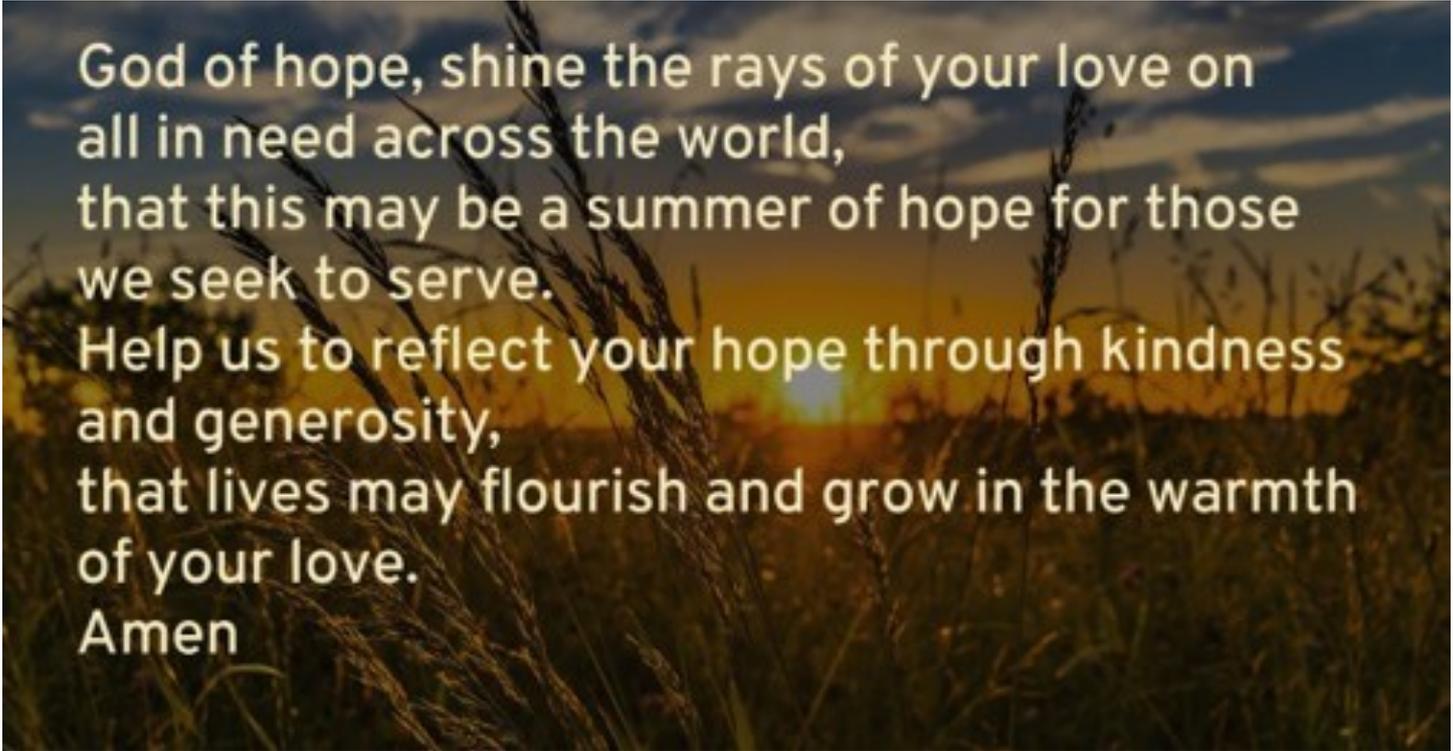
Join us in church for a short service.

Don't forget your facemask and if you could bring a travel mug that would be very helpful. We will retire to the garden on the school side for refreshment and fellowship. It may be draughty but should be sunny!

Across the country Mother' Union are starting to gather and consider how we can once more support the wonderful work that is done here and worldwide.

COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY ON WHAT WE SHOULD DO THIS SUMMER AND BEYOND!

Mary Sumner House will soon be contacting us all about their latest project **SUMMER OF HOPE** (see letter from our World wide president).



God of hope, shine the rays of your love on
all in need across the world,
that this may be a summer of hope for those
we seek to serve.
Help us to reflect your hope through kindness
and generosity,
that lives may flourish and grow in the warmth
of your love.
Amen

Message from Sheran Harper, our MU Worldwide President



This summer we give thanks to God for the gift of life and for our loving and compassionate families and friends. We owe our unique role for women within the Church to our founder Mary Sumner. This year we celebrate 145 years of Mothers' Union and pay tribute to Mary Sumner on the 100th anniversary of her death for all she achieved in life, empowering women and mothers worldwide, and establishing the home as a place of religious education and growth.

In June or July, please join us in gathering your loved ones around you and host a safe and socially distanced Cream Tea, to help raise funds for women around the world. If you'd like to support in another way, why not take part in our 5km MU on the Move Challenge? You can walk or run a distance of 5km on a June or July day of your choice, and invite friends and family to sponsor you. Feel free to spread the distance over a number of days if you prefer and enjoy the sights and sounds of summer that way.

However we all choose to connect and take part, we welcome God into our hearts and give thanks for his loving kindness. Let us wish one another a bright Summer of Hope.





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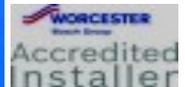
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Update on the process to appoint a new Priest-in-Charge for Redcar Parish

You will all be aware that we are seeking a new Priest-in-Charge for our Parish and this work is continuing. In April we held interviews; however, we were unsuccessful in appointing on this occasion.

In the first round we were restricted to inviting applications from within the Diocese of York, however we have now been granted permission to seek outside applicants. The selection panel should be unchanged, consisting of the Bishop, Archdeacon, Area Dean and two parish representatives, and this second round should be completed by the end of June.

Please pray for those considering our parish as their new place in which they wish to perform God's work and pray for those involved in the selection process that all are guided by God and blessed with making the right choices according to God's will.

Michael (Church Warden)



ST PETER'S 100 CLUB DRAW FOR MAY 2021

No. 63	Anne Hagen	£40
No. 91	Robina Loudon	£10

THE 100 CLUB FOR 2021-22 WILL BE RE-STARTING IN JULY—IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN AS A NEW MEMBER PLEASE CONTACT BETTY PARRAMORE ON 01642-484220



Visiting York and York Minster

I know many of you (like me) enjoy a day out in York, to take in the sights, walk by the river, have a spot of lunch and may enjoy a visit to our Cathedral Church or even to round off an afternoon shopping in the City with Evensong.

No-one needs to 'pay' when we attend there for a service in the Minster. At those times a collection is usually taken (just as in our own church) for the upkeep of the building and the work and ministry of clergy and laity in the parish. Because in reality this 'giving or freewill offering' is quite small by comparison to the huge amount needed for the general upkeep of the building and costs of ministry, like us, they budget and fundraise throughout the whole of the year. They charge visitors to enter at other times of the day.

As a result you may be put off from just popping into the Minster and The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Dean of York and the Minster staff wants to welcome each and every one of us to visit whenever we want to! Perhaps to find inspiration for our prayers and discipleship or simply revel in beauty and majesty of the building, built to the glory of God!

This is where the Parish Pass for 2021 will be a great help. It is available digitally (for those who like to use their phone!) or you may simply cut/tear out the page opposite.

Covid has meant a change from previous years, and those planning to visit York Minster now **need to make a reservation in advance**, because the number of people visiting each day is monitored and limited. This may change. However, church members can make a reservation for a specific date and time from the **www.yorkminster.org website** or you may **phone 01904 557275 to make a Parish Pass booking for a specific date and time.**

Parts of the Minster have to be closed from time to time for special events and there are restrictions. You will be asked which church you belong to (possibly which Deanery also) and also have proof of your home address with you!

Do have a lovely time! Why not share a post on the church facebook page next time you are there? **Anne**



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11.00 Sung Eucharist
16.00 Evensong

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Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own...

Learn from others' mistakes. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself...

Money isn't everything, but it does keep you in touch with your children...

Old and Alone and Needing Help...

An old Italian priest lived alone. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was so hard. A member of his church, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. So the old priest wrote a letter to his parishioner and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent, I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days. I remember you in my prayers!
Fr Louis

A few days later he received a letter from his parishioner:

Dear Fr Louis, whatever you do, don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried. Thanks for your prayers. Vinnie

At 4.00am the next morning, the local police arrived and dug up the entire area, without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old priest and left. That same day the old priest received another letter:

Dear Fr Louis, You can go ahead and plant your tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances. Vinnie

Taken from The Parish Pump

Bounce Back with Nature

Planting for Mental Health Week 10th-15th May 2021 in Redcar Cemetery



The Friends of Redcar Cemetery were awarded £100 from Redcar Borough Council to spend on plants to mark Mental Health Week. As members of a group that works in this environment, we meet people every week who are coping with loss, and know at

first hand the devastating effects that this has on the individual and the family.

We chose to plant along the peace path in the new section of the cemetery.

It is a well used path as it leads to a lot of newly formed graves.

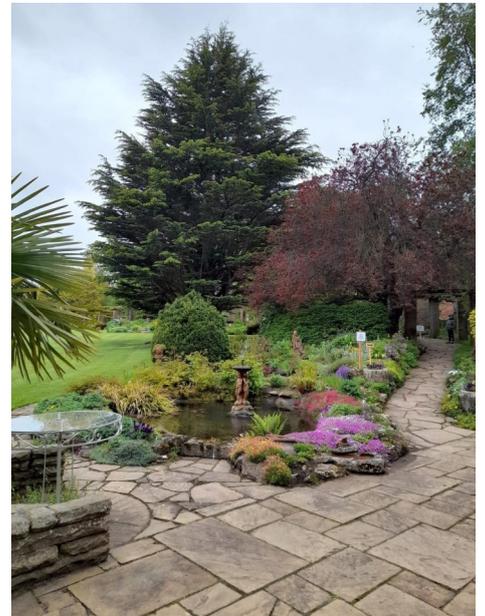
The path has seven picture boards including quotations of peace.

We purchased the plants at Longbeck Nursery, Marske; these included two roses, one white and one peach, both with a lovely perfume. The perfume of roses is known to help alleviate depression. Lavender is said to lower the heart rate and blood pressure, which helps relaxation. We also chose small golden green grasses and large blue grasses; green suggests harmony and blue is a highly peaceful colour. The sounds of grasses produce a powerful sense of calm. Other plants chosen were phlox, lupins, pinks, salvia, campanulas, heuchera, and saponaria. We had a beautiful morning to plant and the photo is of some of the planting team. Thanks to Janet Topham of Redcar Borough Council for organising the money which gives the Friends a chance to improve the area for people who are struggling with depression and anxiety due to loss.

Your Garden Can Heal

“When you are sad a garden comforts
When you are humiliated or defeated a garden
consoles,
When you are consumed by anxiety a garden will
soothe you,
And when the world is a dark and a bleak place it
shines a light to guide you on. “

(Monty Don)



This says it all about the positive impact that a garden, gardening and being in an outdoor environment can have in eliminating negative energy.

We were sad to hear this week that Jean White, who was one of our founder members, has passed. Even when she was no longer able to come to the meetings she still kept in touch and remained interested in our work. She will be buried with her husband George in the old section of the cemetery. RIP Jean

“Grief never ends but it changes,
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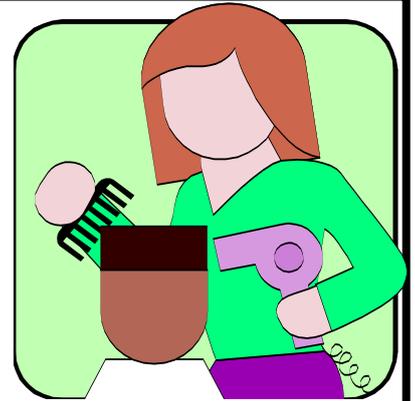
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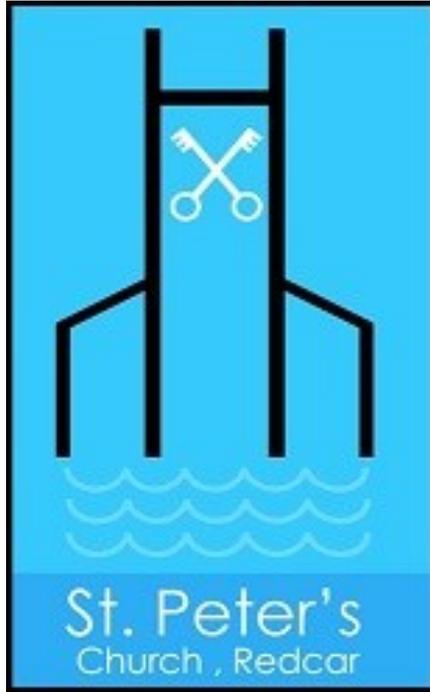
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