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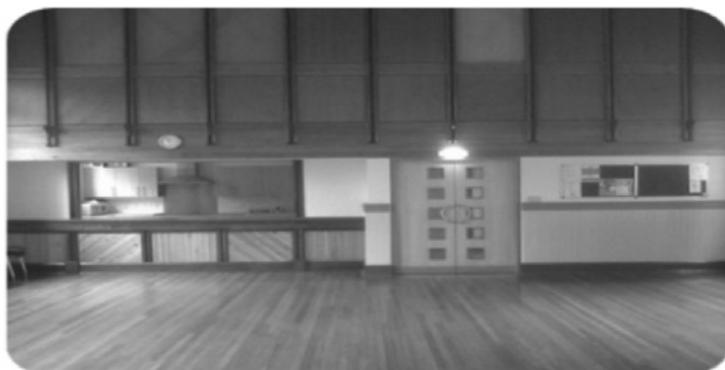
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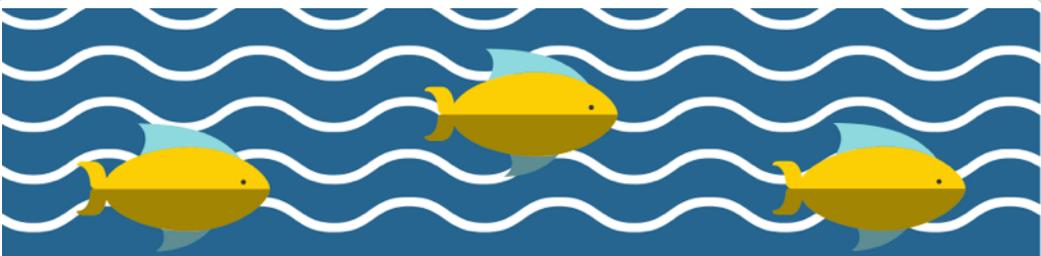
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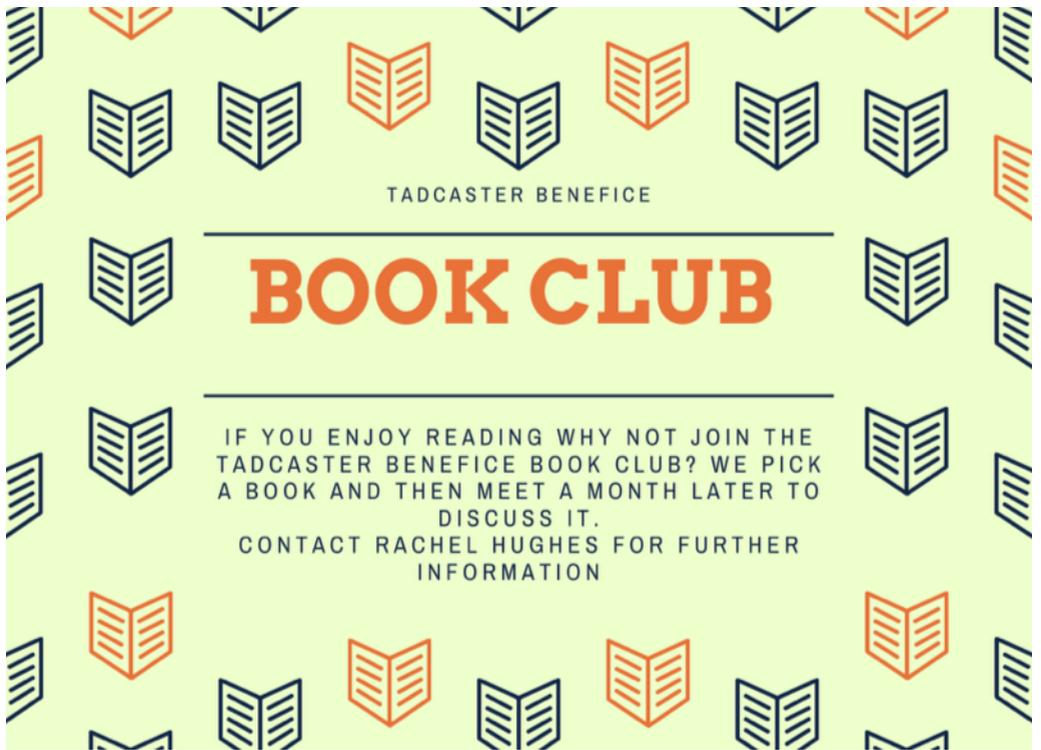
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OPENING LETTER

Responding to the generosity of God's love for us.

Of all the gifts which we have been given by God, surely the greatest of these are our lives themselves, along with the self-giving redemptive action of God's love through Jesus, and the possibility to each have a relationship with God through the Spirit's presence in our lives. Yet all of this has come about in the way that it has, with humanity being supremely blessed by being given the opportunity to live in the world. Brought into being by God as a part of the wondrous beauty of the universe, billions of years ago.

We are indeed truly blessed to have been given our world to inhabit, this wonderful planet Earth, this unique and special planet that has sustained humanity since the first people came into being. So when it comes to our planet, we have so very much to be thankful for, and through the hard work and labour of those who farm, cultivate, and produce our food, God blesses humanity with all that it needs to not only survive, but thrive!

Of course as we all know, people have not always worked in harmony with the natural world, and some nations, peoples, or individuals have more food and resources than they will ever need whilst others struggle to feed themselves and even go without. This is a huge injustice, and unfortunately there is still much work to do both in the UK and overseas to combat the unfairness which still exists today. I give thanks that initiatives such as food banks (which frequently have connections with churches) are available to help those who need them. But I also pray for a time when equality and fairness will be such that they are seldom needed at all. For as Jesus taught us, so we pray: "your Kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask for God's Kingdom of love and fairness to be made more present on Earth today.

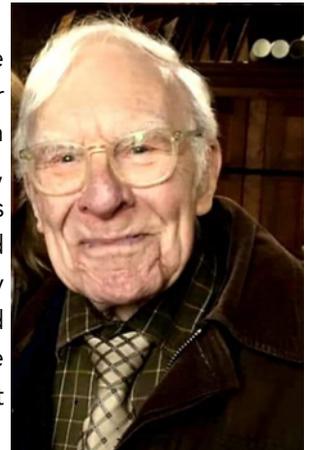
Over the weeks ahead we'll give thanks to God for all that we're given through the natural world at this year's Harvest Festival Services (*details for all of our Harvest Services can be found on page 14 of this magazine*). As in past years you're invited if able to, to bring along some gifts of food and other household items which will in turn be donated to help some of those most in need. This will include donating the gifts brought along to each of our services to either our local foodbank, or in the case of Church Fenton to St George's Crypt at Leeds. Please bring along foodstuffs in packets,

tins, and other things that can be stored. (But please do ensure that food items are well-within their best-before dates.) Plus personal toiletries. For example: shower gel, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, new warm socks, pads and underwear. All of these items will then be used to help other people in need over the weeks ahead; and may I take this opportunity to thank everyone in advance for the kindness and generosity shown to help these very worthwhile causes.

As we give thanks to God for the things that we enjoy every day, we're also invited to reflect upon what we might be able to give back to God through the life, witness, mission and ministry of the church. We are especially blessed to have our beautiful and historic listed church buildings within our town and villages. Though not everyone is aware that our churches receive no income from the government, the Church of England, or other external funding. Regular giving from individuals is the primary way in which the parishes resources themselves, including paying for fuel and energy, insurance, buildings' maintenance, mission and ministry costs (including clergy), local outreach, admin and online expenses, and more. Gifts from our community and supporters are therefore vital to our church's life and work as we continue to serve all those around us, building on the legacy of faith which we have inherited. It also helps us plan financially, and continue to be the church that exists both for now, and the future. We realise that the cost of living has increased over the past year or so, and that this has affected people in all sorts of ways. But if you're able to support our work, (be it financially or even through service such as cutting the grass in a churchyard), please do get in touch.

Most of us are very blessed in all sorts of ways, and so it's good for us to reflect on this, and ask what we can then give back to God and one another where we can. As Jesus reminds us from the sermon on the mount: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21).

But conclude this issue's letter it is with great sadness that we announce the recent death of our beloved Lay Reader Emeritus Peter Hodgson, who died in the early hours of 16th August. Peter was licensed as a Lay Reader at the age of 21, and when he and his wife Fay came to Tadcaster in the 1980s he became our Lay Reader, serving alongside three vicars and seven curates. Peter was a blessed gift to our church family and community, an exemplary man of deep faith, grace and commitment, with much wisdom, empathy and a great sense of humour. The people who received the love of Christ



through his ministry involving baptisms, home and hospital visiting, funerals and just chatting in the street are innumerable. He always said his ministry was in the street and supermarket! We have been privileged to have him in our church family and community and will remember him with thankfulness, love and affection, always. Our condolences and prayers remain with his wife Fay and his children. Peter will be greatly missed, and please do keep his family and friends in your own prayers at this time.

So may I wish you all the knowledge of God's presence and comfort within you own lives, and in the lives of those whom you love, as we now prepare to enter into the season of Autumn over the weeks ahead.

Reverend Paulie Watkin – Vicar

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Wednesday 5th October from 7.30pm

Just come down and chat with Rev
Paulie about whatever you want:
anything from serious issues of faith to
the great British standby of the
weather!



PETS!



On **Sunday 11th September**, we have not one, but TWO Pet Services in the Benefice. Come to either service to celebrate the special relationship we have with our pets. We would love to meet your pets, but please transport them safely and keep dogs on a short lead. Both services will be held outside, so larger animal friends are also welcome!

St Mary's, Church Fenton at 10am
St Andrew's, Newton Kyme at 11.45am

HARVEST SERVICES

Harvest will be celebrated at the following services across the Benefice:

18th September 10.30am Holy Communion at St John's, Kirkby Wharfe

25th September 11am Joint service at Church Fenton Methodist Church

2nd October 9am Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Newton Kyme

2nd October 10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Tadcaster

9th October 10am Family Service at St Mary's, Church Fenton

Collections of tins and dried goods will be made at each service to support local families in need.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, TADCASTER

7.30 PM - 9.45 PM

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CONFIRMATION

The Rt Rev Dr John Thomson, Bishop of Selby, will be with us on Sunday 25th September to lead our Confirmation Service, being held at St Mary's, Tadcaster at 10.30am.



This will be the only service in our 4 churches in the morning so, as well as supporting the candidates, this is also a chance to come and share in fellowship with others from across the Benefice.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service.

Newton Kyme All Age Service

The All Age Service at St Andrew's, Newton Kyme will be moving! From October, the service will be held on the **third** Sunday of each month at 10am.

We try to keep the service fairly short, with plenty for children to join in, but also some traditional elements to provide something familiar.

We look forward to seeing you on 16th October – everyone is welcome including crying babies, wriggly toddlers, teenagers with tricky questions, plus the more mature and experienced! Church is about family, learning together from each other.



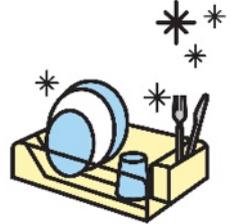
Eco Tips

Here are some really simply things to do to be more environmentally friendly, save money and even, sometimes, justify being a little bit lazy!



If you regularly mow your lawn, leave it a few days more than usual between cuts – the bees and other pollinators will thank you for it. And, unless you have an ancient hand-pushed lawnmower, mowing fewer times a year will save you on petrol or electric costs. You can even join the national movement for ‘no-mow May’.

Did you know that a fully-loaded dishwasher can be more environmentally friendly than washing up several small loads by hand? So if you are lucky enough to have a dishwasher, don't feel guilty about putting your feet up whilst it does its work! Just make sure it's a full load.



Unless your clothes are absolutely filthy, almost everything can be washed at 30°C. Not only does it use less energy, it also extends the life of your fabrics. And if you have space for an outside clothes line, that's the most eco-friendly and fabric-friendly way to dry your clothes. If it's windy, it blows any creases out so you don't have to iron as much!!

Talking of fabrics – charity shops, like our own *Hidden Treasures*, have a great range of amazing clothes which save you money and helps to save the planet by reusing & recycling garments that are still in great condition. You could even try sewing something new from an old garment – if you get really good at it you could be on the next series of the Great British Sewing Bee!



Tricia West

Sunday services in church in the Tadcaster Benefice

September & October 2022

Please be aware that sometimes services may sometimes change. You can keep up to date with any changes by getting our weekly notice sheet, checking the website, or following us on Facebook

4 th September	9am	Newton Kyme	Holy Communion
	10am	Church Fenton	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Kirkby Wharfe	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tadcaster	Holy Communion
11 th September	10am	Church Fenton	Pet Service
	10.30am	Tadcaster	Morning Prayer
	11.45am	Newton Kyme	Pet Service
	4pm	Tadcaster	Evensong & Communion
18 th September	8am	Tadcaster	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Church Fenton	Morning Worship
	10.30am	Kirkby Wharfe	Harvest Holy Communion
	10.30am	Tadcaster	Morning Worship
25 th September	10.30am	Tadcaster	Benefice Confirmation
	11am	<i>Joint Harvest service at C Fenton Methodist</i>	
	4pm	Tadcaster	Afternoon Church
2 nd October	9am	Newton Kyme	Harvest Holy Communion
	10am	Church Fenton	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Kirkby Wharfe	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tadcaster	Harvest Holy Communion
9 th October	10am	Church Fenton	Harvest Family Service
	10.30am	Tadcaster	Morning Worship
	4pm	Tadcaster	Evensong & Communion
16 th October	8am	Tadcaster	Holy Communion (BCP)

	10am	Newton Kyme	All Age Worship
	10am	Church Fenton	Morning Worship
	10.30am	Tadcaster	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Kirkby Wharfe	Holy Communion
23 rd October	10am	Church Fenton	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Tadcaster	Holy Communion
	4pm	Tadcaster	Afternoon Church
30 th October	10am	Church Fenton	Benefice Holy Communion (All Saints Day)
	4pm	Tadcaster	Remembering & Thanksgiving Service

Charlie Thorpe's 'Masterclass' in Birmingham 2022

On the 2nd April, we were lucky enough to attend the ART Level 5 Masterclass. We arrived at St Martin's in the Bullring where we met with other Level 5 ringers. Firstly, we completed a listening exercise where we had to identify the poorly struck bell. We found this beneficial because it allowed us to practise our listening skills, and also gave us the chance to judge a piece in the style of a Striking Contest. Afterwards, we walked to St Paul's and rang many different methods, including Cambridge Minor and Major, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and a Devon-style raise, call changes and lower (things which we normally wouldn't be able to attempt). Throughout the day we had tutors that helped us with methods we were unfamiliar with and our striking. After St Paul's, we made our way to St Martin's, a 16 bell tower where we ran Little Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques, Plain Hunt on 11/12 and Call Changes. Both of us got the chance to ring the 37cwt tenor to a Bob Course of Stedman Cinques.



We then rang on all 16 bells, which was a great experience. After the ringing, we went to a nearby pub and enjoyed a meal with the other attendees. On Sunday, we were invited to ring with the local Sunday Service bands at both St Martin's and St Chad's, where we rang Grandsire Cinques and Jump Call Changes in 16, something which neither of us had rang before. In the afternoon, we got the chance to ring a Quarter Peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, accompanied by 4 other ringers who had helped us progress over the weekend. We would like to thank The Yorkshire Association Education Committee for the grants given to us that allowed us to attend the Masterclass. We feel we benefited greatly by attending the Masterclass and feel more confident in our ringing abilities after having learnt new things, visited new towers and got the chance to ring with expert ringers.

Photo: - Charlie and Noah McDermott at St Martin's, Birmingham.

REBUILDING TADCASTER CHURCH

St Mary's Church has over the centuries been subject to flooding. To resolve the problem, in 1875, it was carefully taken down and rebuilt on the same spot, five feet higher. There is probably no other church in Britain where this has happened.

A photo of the church before 1875



One of the great questions about the site is why was the church not built 50 yards from its present site, close to the church gate, which would have put it well clear of any river flooding. Churches are frequently built on the tops of hills, but not this one. There must have been a special reason for its being where it is. It may be that it had been a religious site in pre-Christian times, possibly the site of a sacred spring.



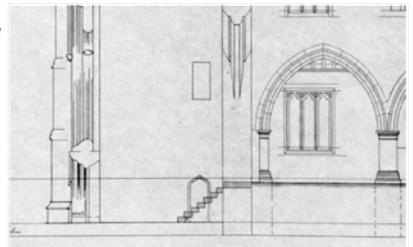
This drawing shows the extent of the problem. The bottom line shows the earlier floor level but by 1780 it had been raised to be level with the bottom of West end door.

The upper line shows the water level of the March 1795 flood. Successive floods were taking their toll on the stonework.

Various attempts to do something to deal with the problem came to nothing until 1875. On 2nd April 1875 the Archbishop of York chaired a meeting at the Town Hall in Tadcaster at which a plan was agreed. Funds were raised by local subscription and by August, the interior of the church was stripped and it was taken down over the next 6 weeks. It had been intended that the tower would be untouched, but the plans changed. Only the north and south sides of the tower were left standing.

This drawing shows how a flight of stairs would have led from the nave down to the base of the tower.

The nave was rebuilt almost like for like at the higher level but with a door on the south side moved. The door and window at the West end of the tower were replaced between the two remaining walls of the tower but raised in level.





This drawing shows the South side of the church before and after with the 1795 flood line on both. An extra 7 feet was added to the tower.

25 months after the start of the work, on 29th May 1877, the church reopened, the work having cost £8,342 2s 10d.

This was not the end of work. In 1897 the North wall of the nave was taken down and rebuilt 8 feet to the north so as to widen the church. There is a mystery – a former door on the North wall which was sealed up prior to the rebuild was restored in the same condition after the rebuild, and when the church was widened, it was again removed and restored. Why?



This picture shows a column in its new position but the column at the bottom of the tower remains in its original position, 5 feet lower.

For a more detailed article see <http://tadhistory.org.uk/breadcrumbs.html>

Christmas Cards

As in previous years we will be having a space in Church to display Christmas cards sent to the Church family rather than individually.

More information in the next issue of Focus.

Brenda Christmas and Rita Raggett



BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

BAPTISMS

12th June at St Mary's, Church Fenton

Grace Maryam Nabhan-Sandison

3rd July at St Mary's, Tadcaster

Edie Ruby Bayley

Indie Mae Duffield

24th July at St Mary's, Church Fenton

William David Jollands

7th August at St Mary's, Tadcaster

Francisco Diaz Scott

Ava-Rose Margaret Fieldhouse

Lance McMahon

Tiffany McMahon

MARRIAGES

2nd July at St Mary's, Tadcaster

Lee Smith & Hannah Lowe

16th July at St Mary's, Tadcaster

Michael Cooper & Suzanne Gaddas

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

16th July at St Andrew's, Newton Kyme

Freddie Watson & Amanda Fielder

FUNERALS

Michael Geoffrey RUSHBY aged 85, of Grimston.

Funeral at St John's, Kirkby Wharfe on Wednesday 29th June 2022.

Michael was born in Bradford on 27th August 1935 and died at Grimston aged 85. He was adopted and never knew his parents; however, he had three half sisters, one of whom, the wife of a farmer in the Pickering area, happily renewed contact with him in recent years. He married young, aged 19, and lived first in Lofthouse Gate, Wakefield, where his three children were born; Lynne, Tracy and Chris. Michael's first job after leaving school at 14 was as a blacksmith at the Lofthouse Gate colliery, moving to the coal face after a year. He soon tired of this very heavy work and moved on in 1971, in hindsight a great move when a year later a notorious disaster in the pit killed 7 miners. A wide variety of other jobs followed: a dog handler for Securicor, an HGV driver for Kays mail order, then a gardener at the Woodlands Hotel. Finally, he embarked on a career closer to his heart – that of gamekeeper - successively at Ledston Hall, Rievaulx, Bramham Park and his final post on the estate of Lord Mountgarrett near Ripon as head gamekeeper. Michael took his last employer to court for unfair dismissal. After this turbulent experience Michael needed somewhere quiet, so he came to Grimston with his second wife Doreen in 2004. Michael's two main hobbies were keeping dogs and pigeons, although he had looked after chickens, goats, budgies, goats and even pot bellied pigs over the years. Obviously as a gamekeeper he needed Labradors as field dogs and he bred them for a while picking up prizes in the show ring. Both Michael and Doreen were well known in the border terrier world as top level judges, including a trip to Sweden at one time and regular appearances at Crufts and for about 5 years Michael organised the popular Dog Show at the Kirkby Wharfe fete. Michael was good at breeding pigeons to race and show and he was a backbone of the south Yorkshire pigeon racing community in Brotherton. He was always willing to share his knowledge about terriers or pigeons; he was greatly respected for his incredible knowledge of breeds particularly in the terrier world. He also loved talking about them, watching them and having a good laugh with friends. He has been described as "a typical Yorkshireman" (in the best sense) with a lovely sense of humour. Always welcoming, perhaps not suffering fools gladly, but warm and kind.

Audrey JOHNSON aged 87, of Popple Well Springs, Tadcaster.

Funeral at York Crematorium on Wednesday 13th July 2022.

Audrey was born and brought up in a mining community in the north-east, the youngest of 9 children. Her upbringing ensured that she was fearless, headstrong and argumentative, but caring, reliable, courageous and ambitious. Education was

important to Audrey and she was frustrated by the lack of school books due to the effects of the war. She left school prematurely (due to the death of her father) and went to work at Armstrong Vickers and Darlington Insulation Company, training as a tracer. She met her husband, Barry, on a tennis trip to Blackpool. After the birth of her two daughters, Karen and Julie, Audrey studied for a teaching diploma and went on to teach at Blaydon West Infants – just across the playground from where husband Barry was also teaching. Audrey loved travelling, and visiting members of her family. She enjoyed holidays in a touring caravan and coach tours – mainly because Barry disliked flying. She did, however, manage to persuade him to venture as far as Canada and New Zealand where, in her 70s, she experienced white-water rafting! Her *wanderlust* never left her and even in later life she took trips to the Lakes, Majorca and to visit daughter Karen in Sussex. When she became less mobile, a mobility scooter kept her on the move – although there were some minor mishaps when her control was a little wayward. When she moved in at Popple Well, she found a new set of friends and developed a relationship with her carers who were her regular visitors.

A Service of Remembering & Thanksgiving

for Tadcaster, Church Fenton, Kirkby Wharfe, Ulleskelf & Newton Kyme



**at St Mary's Church, Tadcaster
on Sunday 30th October at 4pm**

This simple service is a chance to remember those we love who have died, to give thanks for all they meant to us and all they mean still.

We send an invitation to all the families we have been involved with following the death of someone close to them in the past year.

All these names are read out and there is the opportunity to light a candle.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to have a name of someone else who has recently died included, and come to light a candle in memory of them, please contact the Benefice Administrator, Tricia West, on 07545 516949 or email: stmarystadcaster@gmail.com

RAINBOW THROUGH THE RAIN



Finding friendship in bereavement

'Rainbow Through the Rain' meets each third Tuesday in the month at the Tadcaster Sunday School between 2.00 and 3.30pm. It is a time to drop in and have a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits in friendly surroundings with others who have been bereaved; some recently, others maybe a little longer, but feel the need to be amongst understanding friends. It is sometimes an opportunity just to have a change from staying at home.

We are not counsellors, there is no-one to preach, to tell you how you should be feeling. If you want to talk there are people who will listen, two members are trained in bereavement listening and a member of our clergy sometimes attends. It is somewhere just to relax and to be with others who will understand and are in a similar situation. There is a quiet area for prayer and to light a candle. We also have a wide range of books for loan and prayer cards.

If you think this would help you through a painful and sometimes lonely time, or if you know someone who you think this could help, please come along or telephone 01937 530735 for more information.

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