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Services for February

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| 5th | Fifth after Epiphany | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 12th | Septuagesima | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| 19th | Sexagesima | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 26th | Quinquagesima | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |

Thoughts from Rev. John McNaughton

I am not "religious" whatever people mean by that term! I am a Christian as were my forefathers and yours! I nearly wasn't until I began to realise that it is impossible to be an atheist for no one can prove a negative. Friendship led me into a Christian congregation. The more I learned about Christianity, the more I recognised its truth and through prayer I came to recognise my (and your) Father in heaven.

It always takes time to get to know somebody and develop a genuine friendship. How thankful we all are for a genuine friend; amazingly that is someone who knows us for what we are, and is still prepared to be a friend. I find I can so easily identify with the talented gentleman who said that through all his life, his inspiration was the God "whom we have learned to know as a wonderful living friend who suffers in our sorrow, rejoices in our joy, who will share our death agony and receive us in his arms upon his heart."

That is not just wishful thinking. A friendship of that high quality constantly challenges us to rise above ourselves and recognise that we are not insignificant little nobodies, but the crown of a purposeful evolution. That discovery was made quite recently by an eminent neuro surgeon who was well aware of the sheer complexity and uniqueness of the human brain with its trillions of active micro organisms. His experience led him to abandon atheism and write a book which he called "Proof of Heaven."

It is getting on for two hundred years ago, when Charles Darwin wrote a book called "The Origin of Species". There soon arose groups of arrogant people. They set themselves above God and made the extraordinary judgement that God did not exist! They ignored the fact that whenever he was in England, Charles Darwin took his family to church!

They also ignored the prophetic voices, bravely speaking thousands of years ago of God's concern for his people. They ignored the facts of God's own self-revelation to us celebrated by Christians every Christmas and Easter when we recall that Christ arrived on the wood of the manger and left for nearly three days after six hours on the wood of the cross. His resurrection was a unique demonstration which only God could bring about, that death is a threshold into a new life of whatever quality of character we have created in our old life.

Let's do everything we can to generate a modern generation of Christians, inspired to heights of courage and compassion by God, our Father in heaven.

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March Issue

The closing date for the March issue will be **Thursday 23rd February**.

Articles should be sent to me in **word format only** at rac.pfl@btinternet.com

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South Dalton Ladies Club

Post Christmas Meal 12th January 2017

A large group of us forgot(?) every New Year's resolution we might have made when we went to the Robin Hood pub in Middleton on the Wolds for what is now our traditional get together. The food was absolutely delicious and laughter echoed around the tables as we recalled the stress and strains of the festive season! We tried to not look at the desserts that a few people had ordered but were not helped by the friendly waitress giving each of us a spoon! Consequently we tasted several different puddings and were in seventh heaven!

Many thanks to Glynis for organising the evening. Keep fit here we come!

February 2nd- Clive and Kath Richardson are presenting an antiques quiz in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

March 2nd- the Annual General Meeting of the South Dalton Ladies Club. All welcome.

Jan Nettleton

South Dalton Playgroup

Takes place in the village hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 am till 2 pm,

Places are available.

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