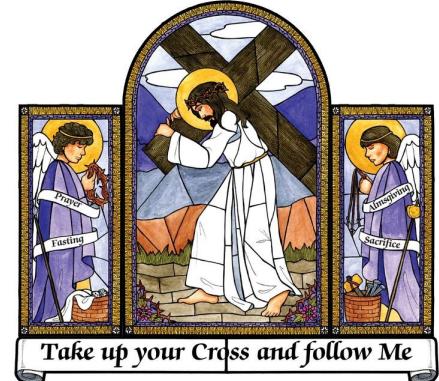


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Services for February

4th	Sexagesima (2nd before Lent)	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
11th	Quinquagesima (Sunday before Lent)	9.30am	Holy Communion
18th	Lent 1	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
25th	Lent 2	9.30 am	Holy Communion

Thoughts from Rev. John McNaughton

As I have written before: Inspiration must be better than regulation. Regulations can sometimes be somewhat crushing, whereas inspiration lifts us above ourselves, and brightens our lives. Interestingly Spring sunshine, with lengthening daylight hours, gives rise to the name of Lent in our Church Calendar.

It is a good time to let a little light shine into our lives at that most important feature which is growing all the time: our character. For most of us there are a few dark corners that need brightening up so that we can bring a little light into the lives of others. For centuries it has been recognised as a time for brightening up our friendship with Christ, the light of the world.

Thankfully it led to the development of the Christian civilisation which you and I have enjoyed. Sadly, there appear to be more and more people who are sincerely worried for members of a younger generation. They are concerned with what they see as a lowering of standards in our relationships with one another, not only in our honesty and integrity but in our concern for one another, even in family life where breakdowns are detrimental to the lives of children.

What do you think? Is it true, or are they worrying unnecessarily? Do you think it is a good thing to let a little extra light shine into our lives? If so what can we do about it?

My own suggestion is that we take Lent seriously. Take up St. Mark's Gospel and have a look at the life of him who certainly brought fresh light into the world. Take just a little time for quiet prayer saying thank you for so much that you may be taking for granted; saying sorry for those little blemishes which are so easily overlooked, yet may darken life for those around you just a little; and so do say a prayer for those around you. Our Father in heaven has beautiful surprises in store for us as we get to know him.

John McNaughton (01377-270869)

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The closing date will be **Thursday 15th February**. Articles should be sent to me in **word format only** at rac.pfl@btinternet.com

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South Dalton Playgroup

The Playgroup is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am until 2pm in the Village Hall. We currently have limited free places for 2 and 3 year olds. Please call 01430-810151 for more details.

The Christmas Wreath making evening was a great success and a big thankyou to those who attended and supported us.

Cookery Demonstration by Sheila Meadly on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.. Sheila will be demonstrating romantic dishes for St. Valentine's Day. £4.00 per ticket includes refreshments. A Raffle will be held. Please call 01430-810151 for more details.



South Dalton Ladies Club

On January 11th, three cars full of hungry ladies travelled to the Robin Hood pub in Middleton on the Wolds for our annual after-Christmas meal. Glynis did all the hard work in booking the venue and ensuring we each chose the food we wanted. The meals were absolutely delicious and we all managed to catch up with each other's news and had a very enjoyable evening out!

On February 1st, there is a quiz night, at 7.30pm. Good fun and guaranteed to make you think!

March 1st- AGM- all welcome.



Jan Nettleton

