The Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Nunthorpe Sunday 21st January, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany. 10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church 5.30 pm Christian Unity Service Church

This week in the parish		
Mon 22 nd Jan 1.15pm	Funeral	Church
Wed 24 th Jan 10am	Eucharist	Church
Thu 25 th Jan 10am	Pram Service	Hall
Thu 25 th Jan 7.30pm	PCC	Narthex

The funeral of Michael Herring will take place in Church at 1.15 pm on Monday 22nd January, followed by burial in the Millennium Garden.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been kindly donated by Linda Smith and Carol Alden in memory of their father Clive, and also by Allan Smith and Christine Butler in memory of their mother, Freda.

Pram Service 2023 Many thanks to Pram Service families for their generosity during the year in donating collections of £559.50 to Church funds. Two further charitable donations of £20 to the Red Cross Turkish Earthquake Appeal and £25 to the Children in Need Appeal were given. *Edith Dobson*.

Valentine's quiz: Saturday 10th February, 7.30-10.00 at the Church Hall. Tickets are £12 for adults, £6 for children. Food is included in the ticket price, but please bring your own drinks. Special Events Team.

Cakes will be sold at the hall service on Sunday, 28th January. A huge thank you to everyone who bought cakes last year, helping us raise £1100 towards church funds. We know what a sacrifice it is to eat cake, and we are very grateful! *Special Events Team*.

Yew Trees We are still short of funding for our trees. I need to see how many trees we can afford to buy with the money we have. If anyone has not yet given and is willing to do so please can you do this before the end of January. I have gift aid forms if you can gift aid. Thanks to all who have contributed. Janet Barker.

Liz Howard: It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Liz Howard last weekend. She was a long-standing member of our church family until she and Colin moved to Stokesley some years ago. She was an MU member, huge contributor to the flower guild, and founder member of the Luncheon Club. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Her funeral will take place on Monday, 12th February at 12 noon in church, followed by Teesside Crematorium. *Christine.*

Mothering Sunday flowers: This year the church would like to give posies of flowers to mothers on Mothering Sunday. It would be much appreciated if we could have some volunteers to help with the posies on Saturday, 9th March at 2.00 pm in the Narthex. Please let me know if you can help. *Betty Griffin*.

For prayer and reflection this week:

This Sunday, the Diocese of York prays:

Lord Jesus, who prayed that all might be one, we pray to you for the unity of all Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. Amen. We pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Those seeking comfort and healing, or who have

requested prayer: We pray for Barry, Basil, Marie, Beryl, Vera, Shirley, Liz B, Jess, Evelyn & Keith, Mike S, Janet J, Pat H, Merrik, Mary, Jenny, Brian D, Diana W, and Amy.

We give thanks for the life of Liz Howard and pray for Colin and her family and friends as they mourn her loss. We also pray for the family and friends of Michael Herring as they prepare for his funeral on Monday.

Years Mind: We remember with thanksgiving: William Lloyd, Edna Francombe, George Lyons, Nora Fletcher, Jean Sheriden, Caroline Gorst, Barbara Cooke, Aleck Aldren, Freda Smith, Andrew Smith, Emily Davies, Robert Ayre, Don Weatherill, Pamela Palmer, Charles Rainton, Dorothy Firth, Hilda Lloyd, Amy Hill, George Bennett, Dennis Cline, Freda Jones, Arthur Middleton, Ian Butterwick, Anne Connolly, Sydney Parkin, Madge Turner, Joyce Clulow, Albert Powell, Kenneth Tyerman, Winifred Smith, and Phyllis Dales. May all whom we remember rest in peace and rise in glory!

Next Sunday:

Sunday 28th January, Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Hall 5.30 pm Choral Evensong Church



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