

St Anne, St Augustine, Holy Family, St Mary, St Osmund

# Hogarth Partnership

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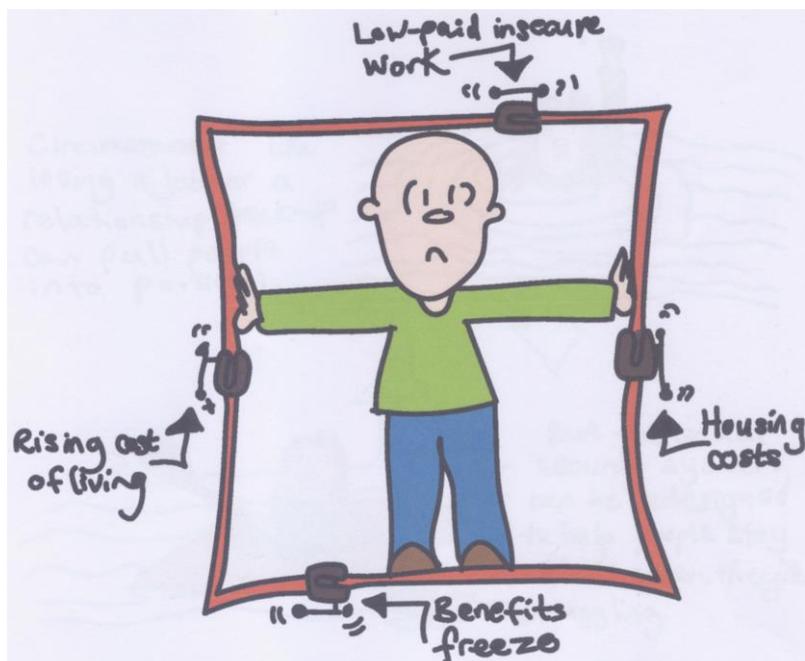
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15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent



A very warm welcome to all our visitors; we're delighted to see you and hope you have an enjoyable visit.

## JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Hearing the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth



The Justice and Peace Group are embracing the Community Discipleship challenge of the Diocese's Social & Environmental Justice Policy." As we seek to reflect on our shared Diocesan Mission as part of the Moving Forward Together in Hope process, it is important that seeking justice and peace and the flourishing of 'our common home' becomes a central part and not just an optional aspect of our mission."

The work of the Justice and Peace Group is centered on:

- Raising awareness on situations and issues that result in injustice, violence and damage to the environment
- Making a commitment to campaign against unjust policies and structures that are detrimental to people and the environment

Poverty is on the rise in the UK and in our own community. In our own parish we have three of the most deprived wards in Darlington. We see directly the impact of poverty through our work in the food banks, the SVP, First Stop and the Credit Union. For a decent standard of living, we all need security and stability in our lives - secure housing, a reliable income, and support when things get difficult. For too many of us, there is no such security. Millions of people in the UK are struggling to get by, leading insecure and precarious lives, held back from improving their living standards.

Poverty produces many victims and issues and it is the intention of the Justice and Peace Group to raise awareness of these and to seek means to campaign against the resulting injustices.

An issue that we are deeply concerned about is that of child poverty resulting from poverty in families, with two thirds of child poverty in working families.

- In May 2019, 37.4% of children living in Darlington were living in relative poverty, 30% are in absolute poverty.
- Today it is estimated that the poverty level has risen to 39% - the trends are strongly on the increase.

- The impact of this is serious damage to health and life chances.

It is simply not right that we live in a society where so many are locked in poverty, most of all our children. It is the intention to campaign to change this situation and the Group will, in future bulletins, enlist your help to do this.

Pope Francis calls us to live a life of humility and simplicity where 'less is more'. We are called to reflect on how the resources we are blessed with, such as our time, gifts and finances can be used for the Common Good of all God's creation, attentive to the cries of the earth and the poor.

\*Relative poverty is when households receive 60% less income than median incomes.

\*Absolute poverty is a condition when household income is insufficient to afford the basic necessities of life (food, shelter, clothing).

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### **JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING**

The next J&P meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March after the 7pm Mass.

### **TRAIDCRAFT STALL**

We would like to say a big thank you to those people who supported the Traidcraft stall last weekend to support fair trade fortnight. We would like to have a stall in the Parish Centre on a monthly basis and our next stall will be Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March and we will be selling a range of products including some Easter treats so please come and support us. If there are any products you would like us to stock could you please let Marjorie Knowles, Jan Scott or Bernadette Chapman know. Many thanks

### **TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB – 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - CANCELLED**

Given the current, increasing risk to the elderly from the Coronavirus, it has been decided to cancel this month's lunch group. Hope to see you all in April.

<b>Mass on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March will be at 11.30 am – in Church</b>
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### **First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. Why did you bring us out of Egypt? they said. Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle? Moses appealed to the Lord. How am I to deal with this people? he said. A little more and they will stone me! The Lord said to Moses, Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink. This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, Is the Lord with us, or not?

### **Psalm**

O that today you would listen to his voice:  
'Harden not your hearts.'

### **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2.5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### **Gospel: John 4:5-15.19-26.39-42**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:  
Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water  
will get thirsty again:  
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give  
will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give  
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming

when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.  
You worship what you do not know;  
we worship what we do know;  
for salvation comes from the Jews.  
But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -  
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:  
that is the kind of worshipper  
the Father wants.  
God is spirit,  
and those who worship  
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

## CORONAVIRUS: STEPS TO TAKE

The key things for parishes to do are:

- Ensure everyone maintains good hygiene (we should be doing this already) especially at Mass by ensuring that you have washed your hands before coming to Mass.
- Remove the Holy Water from the Stoops.
- Ministers of the Eucharist should ensure they wash or sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion.
- We should receive the host on the hand only.
- When giving communion in the hand seek to ensure you place the host in the hand of the recipient in such a way that you do not touch their hands.
- When visiting parishioners at home, wash your hands before giving the sacraments. No pastoral visits to people who are self-isolating until isolation ends. However do offer phone support.
- Visits to people in care homes or Hospitals should follow advice from the staff on infection control.

## LENT – THE GOD WHO SPEAKS .....IN POWER AND MERCY

Everyone is invited and welcome to join a series of workshops exploring God's call to repentance throughout the Old Testament.

This Lenten resource is focused on the First Readings which illustrate both the power and mercy of God. We will meet some of the key characters in the long story of salvation and reflect on how their stories can still have a meaning for our own. These informal sessions are to be held around the partnership on Thursday evenings from 7-8.30pm (including refreshments).

19<sup>th</sup> March – No. 10

26<sup>th</sup> March – St Osmund's Gainford

2<sup>nd</sup> April – St Osmund's, Gainford

## BREAK 4 LENT

Details of the course at St Cuthbert's Church Hall, "Build on the Rock" as below

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March      Rev. Stephen Collinson (URC)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March      Rev. Barry or Vicky Thompson (Baptist)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March      Rev. John Bower (Methodist)

*Start 10.30am, Speaker 11.00am, Finish by 11.30am*



**COFFEES AFTER MASS  
are being hosted by  
HCPT Group 195**

## HOGARTH/PARTNERSHIP NEWS/EVENTS

***Hogarth News/Bulletins – web site: [staugustineschurch.org.uk](http://staugustineschurch.org.uk)***

Until we get permission to set up a Hogarth Partnership Website there will be a page on our website ([Staugustineschurch.org.uk](http://Staugustineschurch.org.uk)) dedicated to the Hogarth Partnership, which will include other parish bulletins, and events.

The **HOGARTH PARTNERSHIP PLAYERS** present 'HENRY' a Tudor Musical, an exciting account of Henry V111 and his six wives. This period costume spectacular will be performed in each parish of our partnership on the dates and times below. All tickets are £5 each and are available in our parish from Brian Humphrey. Please also see the posters for further details. Tickets can be used for any performance in any parish. The tour schedule is:-

Tue. 17 March	St Teresa's	7.30 pm	Wed. 18 March	St Osmund's	7.30 pm
Thu. 19 March	St William's	7.30 pm	Fri. 20 March	Holy Family	7.30 pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March			St Augustine's 2.00 pm Matinee		
Mon.23 March	St Thomas'	7.30 pm	Tue. 24 March	St Mary's	7.30 pm
Thu. 26 March	St Anne's	7.30 pm	Fri. 27 March	St Augustine's	7.30 pm

Please come and bring family and friends too.

### **PERU MISSION (PADDINGTON BEAR)**

Any loose change (basket in the middle of Church) is forwarded onto Joe Plumb in Peru. Currently the monies raised stand at

*This week £4.02 Total £ 32,973.88*

**Only £26.12 needed to reach the amazing figure of £33,000.**

### **FIRST STOP 21ST BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISING EVENT**

First Stop has been a presence in Darlington for 21 years and it is having a birthday celebration fundraising event at the Mercure Hotel in Darlington on Saturday 28th March at 7.30 p.m. The event is a dinner dance and tickets are £30 per head to include a two-course meal and an evening of entertainment. Tickets can be obtained directly from the charity or from Bernadette Chapman or John Kilgour. Your support for this event would be greatly appreciated.

<u>March 15<sup>th</sup> 2020</u>		<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year (A)</u>	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	George&Delia Lancaster RIP Ints of Fitzgerald Family
MONDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	11.30 am 12.15 pm	Joan Baines RIP Fun. Serv. Catherine Milburn RIP
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Sofera Lucrecia RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15pm	Ints. of St Joseph Fun. Serv. Maureen Roscamp RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's St Augustine's	12 noon 12.45 pm 7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross Fun. Serv. Patrick McCarron RIP Ints. of Melia Family
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Felipe Costaneda RIP Confessions after Mass
SUNDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Betty Poad's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Private Intention
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please remember Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Richard Harriott, Fr Wilfrid Elkin, and all priests and religious in the diocese and people of the parish who have health problems. Also the sick & housebound of the parish - Michelle Butler, Anne Kee, Betty Smith, Elizabeth Leeman, Michael Grogan, Joan McIntyre, Betty Poad, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD <b>+</b>	Catherine Milburn, Maureen Roscamp, Patrick McCarron		
ANNIVERSARIES	<b>March Anniversaries</b> –Lily Daley, May Sellers, Maurcie Conway, Stanley Butterfield, Delia Lancaster, Betty Baldwin, Patrick McMullan, Janet Horner, Winifred Hewitt, Patricia Stewart, Kathleen Kelly, Rona Gunnell, Jean Patricio, Hilda Pattison, Noel Doherty. <i>May they rest in peace.</i>		

MINISTERS	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	
	9.15 am	6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	St Augustine's Academy	C Spence/R Ivanec
READERS	St Augustine's Academy	S McEvoy/A Ivanec
OFFERTORY	St Augustine's Academy	Jo Devine
COUNTERS TEAM (C)	B Humphrey/ L Eastham/E Dannatt	

**THIS SUNDAY**

15 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 am	6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	Mr & Mrs Brockley/J Scott	C Spence/R Thorensen
READERS	B Hasler/J LeRoi	C McKeown/B Dunleavy
OFFERTORY	P Hopkinson	P Widdall