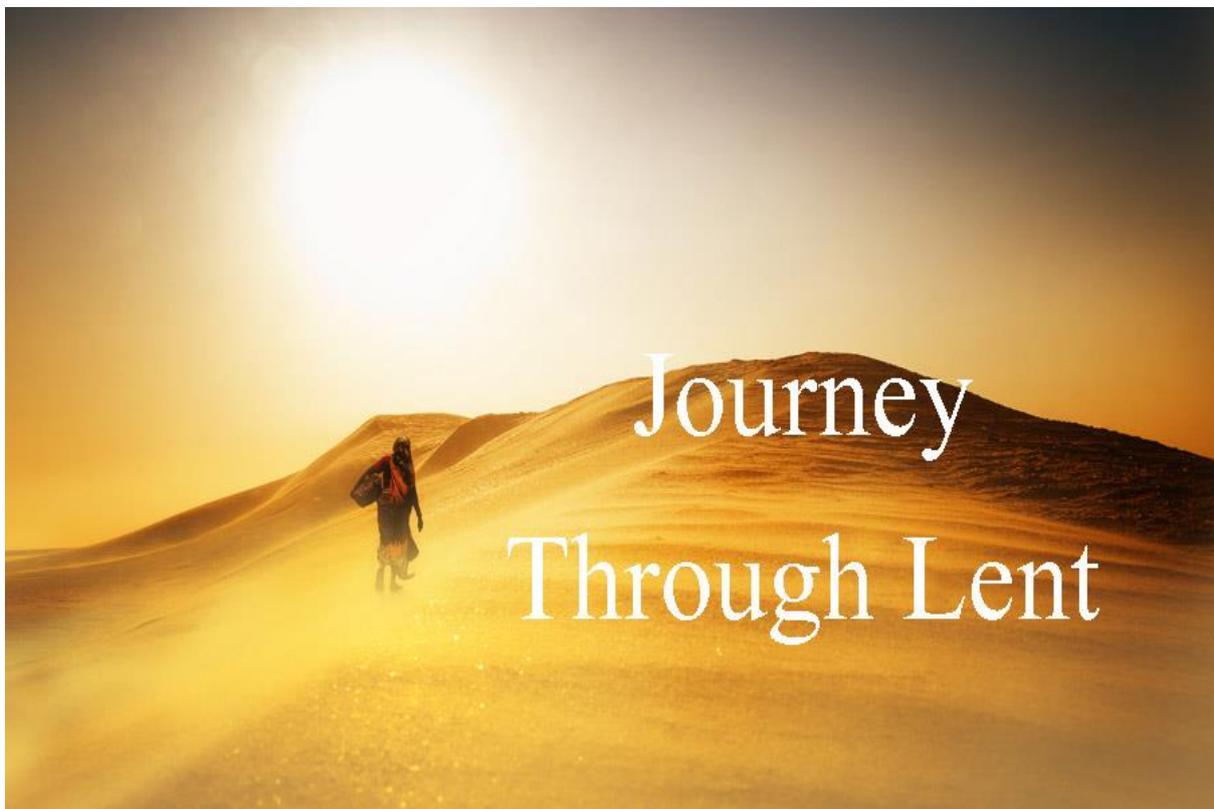


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THE POCKLINGTON GROUP OF PARISHES

The Combined Benefices of Pocklington Wold and Londesborough Wold

Ministry Team

Clergy

Vicar-vacancy - with welcome assistance from the following retired clergy who have the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate (PTO)

Revd Shelagh Jones	01430 871612
Revd Les Slow	303888
Revd Tony Burdon	304290
Revd Pam Burdon	304290
Revd Canon Rodney Nicholson	01430 650271

Deacon

Revd Bronnie Broadhurst 307479

Readers

Mr Mike Bailey 01430 873318
Mr David Rumbelow 306056
Mr Brian Snelson 302206
Mrs Pam Dean 303278
Mrs Barbara Myerscough (in training) 303331
Mrs Annie Harrison (in training) 01377 288070

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W = Worship P= Pastoral

Dr Brian James	01377 288148	W
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Mrs Annie Harrison	01377 288070	W
Mrs Freda Bailey	01430 873318	W/P
Mrs Lyn Stanton	302073	P

Pastoral Team:

Coordinator: Revd Bronnie Broadhurst tel 307479

Mrs Lyn Stanton, Mr David Rumbelow, Mrs Joy Hadley, Revd Canon Rodney Nicholson
Revd Shelagh Jones, Mrs Pam Dean

Parish Visitors:

Pat Herbert, Sheila Waller, Annie Harrison, Louis Taylor, Frankie Taylor, Peter Brooke

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Pocklington Deanery Synod Representatives:

Revd Bronnie Broadhurst

Members of the Pocklington Parochial Church Council:

Hilary Slow, Nigel Laws, David Brown, Ian Ryder, Julie Ryder, Sue Currier, Louis Taylor, John Douglas, Kath Gilbank, Lyn Stanton, Carol Taylor, Karen Hoop

Pocklington Group of Churches Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team is available to visit the bereaved, those who are ill, the housebound, or anyone who would like someone to talk to. This is an important part of the Church's ministry and mission but we can only visit those we know about. So if you, or anyone you know, would welcome a visit from a member of the church family, please contact us and we will arrange for a member of the Pastoral Team to visit.

Church Wardens:

St Giles, Burnby	Mr C Soukup	306154
	Mr J Hewitt	302622
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St Margaret, Millington	Mrs S Sheard	304783
St James, Nunburnholme	Dr A Henworth	302156
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The Church's forgotten gift by Rodney Nicholson

It is perfectly normal, according to the Bible, to lay hands on people at specific times in their life - the most obvious being for healing and ordination. Laying-on of hands at ordination has never stopped; laying-on of hands for healing is practised in some churches but not others.

Jesus commanded us to preach the gospel and heal the sick, without separating the two. Over the years Christians have done much to heal the sick through founding hospitals and serving as medical missionaries, as well as praying week by week for those who are ill. We have often, however, been slower to see an "ordinary" Sunday service as the place where some kind of healing may happen. Yet the Holy Communion, which itself proclaims the Gospel, is a healing sacrament.

There are different ways of applying this healing ministry, so that clergy and lay ministers will all have their own style. For myself, if I know that someone is facing illness either in themselves or in a family member, I may when placing the bread in their hands add words like, "May the Lord's strength, or touch, be with you at this time". An alternative way can be to invite those who, for any reason, would value prayer to come forward at a different point in the service for the laying-on of hands. In the past at All Saints we have invited people to go to the Lady Chapel after the Communion for this ministry.

All this is very different from faith-healing which attributes the power of healing to particular individuals. We believe that only God heals – through the power of the Holy Spirit. The minister simply mediates the Lord's touch. Not everyone will receive physical healing but we come to any service ready to receive what God wants to give. This may be a sense of peace or love or a strengthening of our faith. Few of the pilgrims visiting Lourdes are physically healed but most are glad they went, many finding it a profoundly spiritual experience.

The ministry team last week discussed the laying-on of hands, believing it to be a sure sign of God's love and of his desire for every person's deepest well-being. We agreed to give further thought and prayer to the most helpful way of making this ministry available to those who would like it. It is equally fine, of course, not to want it. The laying-on of hands is a gift of God through his Church, to be received or declined. Please share any thoughts or ask any questions about this matter.

Lent is a good time to grow in faith and to be open to new ways of experiencing the love and joy of the God who welcomes us. I hope we all find richness in our worship week by week and become more confident to live the Christian life with its message of hope for an often struggling world.

Yours in Christ Rodney Nicholson

Tim visits Burundi for Christian Aid *by Rodney Nicholson*

Tony and Pam Burdon's son, Tim, has flown to Burundi as part of his work for Christian Aid. Tim (39), a regional co-ordinator for the charity, will see how Christian Aid money helps to transform people's lives. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world – women in particular struggle to make a sustainable livelihood. Tim is taking photographs and gathering stories which show the difference which Christian Aid is making.

Accompanying Tim is Harry Owens (84), the president of the Isle of Man's Beekeepers Federation. Harry is training more than 300 women and groups of young people how to manage bees safely and efficiently, and how to make hives and protective clothing locally. The honey will add nutrition to diets, while any extra can be sold.

Tim is also accompanied by a female staff member from Christian Aid whose surname is Burden – a coincidence which might potentially cause some confusion in the hotel! The group flew from Heathrow to Burundi, changing planes at Addis Ababa. Burundi is among the 37 developing countries in which Christian Aid is fighting poverty and injustice.

Lent Course

There will again be an ecumenical Lent course running on 5 consecutive Tuesdays from March 12th at 7.30pm at the Pocklington Christian Fellowship church. Different clergy/ministers will lead the evenings. As well as benefiting from the course itself, this offers an excellent opportunity for fellowship with members of the other Pocklington churches.

PLANS FOR LENT AND OUR PRAYER TOGETHER DURING THE VACANCY

It has been the custom for some years now to mark the season of Lent together by offering a light lunch of soup and bread in Pocklington church every Tuesday and also a short time of prayer and reflection in the Lady Chapel. This has provided an opportunity for us to pause a while in our busy lives and spent a few quiet moments together in prayer as we journey through Lent, a very important time as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

This year will continue in a similar way with soup being served every Tuesday from 11.00 o'clock onwards. There is a charge of £3 for soup and bread and £1 for a piece of cake. All the money raised will be used to support a worthy cause as decided by the Mothers' Union.

The time of prayer and reflection will take place in the Lady Chapel beginning at 12.00 noon and will last for approximately 30 minutes so there will still be the opportunity to enjoy some soup afterwards if you would like to. This time of prayer will include a short Biblical reflection and also a time of prayer for our group of churches during the vacancy. We have been meeting to pray every week since last June. Throughout the winter our practice has been to meet every Tuesday at midday. It seems sensible, therefore, to combine this time of prayer with our Lent reflection. It will take the form of a simple act of worship suitable for Lent and a short time of prayer together. Our aim has always been to make these prayers simple to join in with or to pray in silence as people prefer. We feel very clearly that as the vacancy continues, the need to pray together for every aspect of the appointment process and especially for those who carry extra responsibility at this time, is extremely important.

Our time of prayer and reflection every Tuesday during Lent will include a reflection around the theme of meeting God in the wilderness. This is a common theme throughout the Bible, including the times spent in the desert by both John the Baptist and Jesus himself. Sometimes in our lives we feel ourselves to be in a wilderness situation, isolated and uncertain of life's direction. This can be a difficult time but also a time of meeting God afresh and gaining new strength and a sense of God's presence with us. These will be our topics for each week during Lent:

Meeting God in the wilderness

March 12th: God leads us. Exodus 13: 20-23 (The fire and the cloud)

March 19th: God provides for us. Exodus 16: 13-15 (The bread from Heaven)

March 26th: God speaks to us. 1 Kings 19: 1-13 (The still, small voice)

April 2nd: The promise of new life. Isaiah 35 (The desert will blossom)

April 9th: Preparing the way in the wilderness. Luke 3: 1-6 (John the Baptist)

April 16th: 'If you are God's Son....' Luke 4: 1-15 (Jesus is tempted)

We do hope you will consider joining us for these quiet and prayerful times together. If you are not able to, you may still like to read the Bible passages each week as part of your own prayer during Lent.

Please speak to us if you have any questions. (And just a final reminder...we pray together for all aspects of our vacancy every Tuesday in the Lady Chapel in Pocklington Church at midday. We also plan to meet and pray over breakfast at 8.30 am on the first Saturdays of March and April.)

Pam and Tony Burdon

World Day Of Prayer (the name has been changed)
Friday 1st March at 2pm at Pocklington Christian Fellowship
Everyone is welcome .Refreshments after the Service.



On Tuesday, 5th February, we held our Annual General Meeting. Before starting the business we had a short Act of Worship led by Revd. Rodney who also chaired the AGM. Various reports were read out but the most important one was that from the Treasurer. Our thanks go to Ken for his work in keeping the Branch solvent and to David Brown who was the Independent Examiner. Rodney, as Chairman, gave a short address about the work of Mothers Union, including a few amusing stories.

Officers elected were Dot Townley as Secretary and Jill Kemmenoe as Treasurer. The committee remains the same except for Ken who has stood down due to other commitments.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 5th March when Mrs. Jan Truswell will speak on Volunteering with Refugees. All are Welcome.

A date for your diaries:-

Monday, 25th March 2019 in York Minster at 2pm – The Commissioning Service by the Archbishop of York.

With Many Blessings

Josie Penter

The deadline for the April edition is Friday 22nd March and copy should be emailed to: davidcbrown5@hotmail.com

Recognising vulnerability by *Rodney Nicholson*

I was reading about the tragedy of Dr Malcolm Anderson, a lecturer at Cardiff University, who took his own life a year ago because his workload was so overwhelming. The 48-year-old husband and father was responsible for 600 students when, last February, he jumped to his death from the top of a high building. He was in the middle of marking 418 exam papers and preparing for a day of lectures at the Business School.

Most of us, perhaps, can understand feeling pressured but not to the point of suicide. Malcolm Anderson's mind must have been in such a dark place that he was willing to leave his wife Diane to sort out the mess. This presumably involved coping with loss of income on top of being suddenly widowed, with three girls – two in their teens - to care for. Nothing merits suicide but the despairing victim, I suppose, sees no other way. I wonder if he thought about God when making his fatal leap.

The Very Revd Michael Mayne, a former Dean of Westminster, never got over his anger at his father, a country vicar, for jumping to his death from the church tower when he was four-years-old. Michael Mayne felt that he had left his wife with an awful lot to sort out. Michael became a wise, sensitive and distinguished priest who wrote several books. The last was written while he was dying of cancer, so that eventually the diary entries grew shorter and then tailed off altogether, with someone else finishing the book.

Our hope is that anyone in mental or emotional torment might seek help – regardless of whether they are suicidal or not. We would like to think that anyone with church connections would talk to their vicar or another trusted minister, but this may be wishful thinking. “Setting God's People Free” is a programme supported by York diocese to make congregations aware of how their members who go out to work spend their week. Many congregations seem to consist entirely of the retired, but if some church members do work for a living, “Setting God's People Free” could be an eye-opener. It has nothing to do with suicide but it could reveal the demands which working men and women face in their everyday lives.

Estelle Morris became Minister for Education and Skills in Tony Blair's Labour government. She resigned in 2002 because she did not feel up to the job, but went on to serve Parliament in other ways and was made a life peer three years later. It can be hard to admit weakness but blessed are those who know themselves well enough to be able to do that. Moses, in his heavy responsibility for resolving people's disputes, took the advice of his father-in-law by delegating all but the most difficult cases to “capable men” (Exodus 18: 13-end). Sometimes burdens can be shared. No one at church should be given an unfair volume of work. We all need a still centre in our lives, perhaps remembering Jesus's words: “Come to me, all who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”

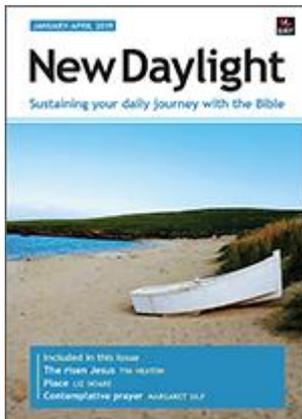
Bible Reading Notes from Hazel Harrison

If, after reading this notice, you would like to join our group at All Saints please have a word with Hazel.

Notes cost £13.50 per year (about 4 p per day).

We meet 3 times a year for a very informal lunch and chat.

AND NOW -a message for current readers –the BRF new year starts in May –and you know what that means !! .Cheques payable to “All Saints Church, Pocklington“ and sent to Hazel.



Each issue of **New Daylight** provides four months of daily Bible readings and comment, with a regular team of contributors drawn from a range of church backgrounds.

New Daylight covers a varied selection of Old and New Testament, biblical themes, characters and seasonal readings.

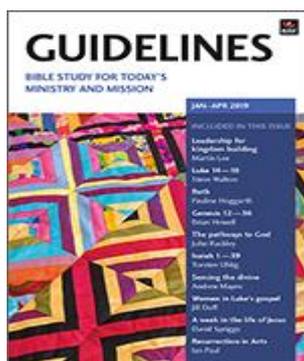
Each day offers a short Bible passage (text included), thought-provoking comment and a prayer or point for reflection, and aims to give a fresh, devotional approach to Bible reading.

It is ideal for anyone wanting an accessible yet stimulating aid to spending time with God each day, deepening their faith and their knowledge of scripture.



New Daylight is commissioned and edited by **Sally Welch**, and is published three times a year in **January, May** and **September**.

Guidelines - Bible study for today's ministry and mission



Guidelines is a unique Bible reading resource that offers four months of in-depth study, drawing on insights of current scholarship. Its intention is to enable all its readers to interpret and apply biblical text with confidence in today's world, while helping to equip church leaders as they meet the challenges of mission and disciple-building.

Instead of the usual dated daily readings, **Guidelines** provides weekly units, broken into six sections, plus an introduction giving context for the passage, and a final section of points for thought and prayer. On any day you can read as many or as few sections as you wish. You will need to use a Bible alongside **Guidelines**.

Guidelines is published every four months - in January, May and September.



Guidelines is commissioned by **David Spriggs**.

Day by Day with God - Rooting women's lives in the Bible



Each day's reading in **Day by Day with God** provides a suggested Bible reading, with the key verse written out in full, and a comment written by a regular team of contributors. The Bible text is explained and applied especially for women, by women who have themselves found the Bible a source of strength and inspiration for life.

A suggested daily prayer or meditation is included, and that plus the further readings to explore will help you connect the daily notes with your own spiritual journey as you seek to follow Jesus more closely. **Day by Day with God** is commissioned and edited by **Ali Herbert**, and is published every four months - in **January, May and September**.

The Upper Room - Your place to meet God



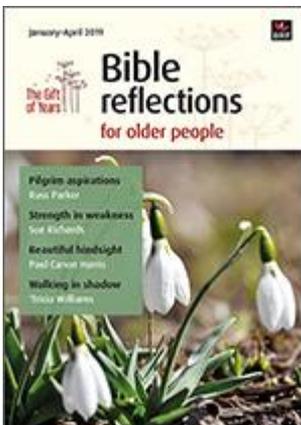
The Upper Room has a worldwide readership of some three million, and is unique in that all the meditations are written by readers of The Upper Room, who seek to share the insights of their faith with others, thus providing a personal take on each passage and a different style each day.

Each daily meditation includes a recommended Bible reading and a key verse (you will need a Bible), reflection and prayer, and questions for small group study are also included for each week.

The Upper Room is edited by Susan Hibbins, and is published three times a year in **January, May and September**.

Each issue of **The Upper Room** also has an index of meditations which can help us in various life situations or when struggling with emotions.

Bible Reflections for Older People



A daily companion to keep by your side Written by older people for older people, these reflections are designed to bring hope, assurance and sustenance, reminding the reader of the presence and love of God. In each issue are 40 Bible reflections and prayer suggestions to use and revisit as often as is needed. In the central section, Debbie Thrower of BRF's The Gift of Years ministry offers interviews and ideas to encourage and inspire. **Bible Reflections for Older People** is commissioned and edited by 'Eley McAinsh, and is published every four months - in **January, May and September**

NOTICE FOR ALL CHURCH MEMBERS

The Electoral Roll of each parish has to be completely renewed every six years. Our existing list was prepared in 2013, therefore all persons wishing to be included on the new roll - whether current members or not - must fill out a new form and return it not later than **April 10th**. The new roll will then be prepared and come into effect on April 24th at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Forms will be available from the Church Office, at services during March, or as an attachment to the weekly bulletin for those who are on the weekly mailing list. Please note the deadline for applications to be returned to the office or to myself as Easter falls within the 2 week period allowed for the new details to be entered.

Doreen Pea (Electoral Roll Officer)

We are planning to hold a reflective walk from Millington to Givendale on Saturday 27th April. We will stop off along the way for short guided reflections and to share a little of Christian Aid's partners' work. It isn't going to be a fundraiser, just an opportunity for people to spend some time with God and others in a beautiful setting and learning more about the work of Christian Aid ahead of Christian Aid week in May.

We are planning to start walking from Millington about 11am, walking quite slowly and stopping off 3 or 4 times on the way to Givendale for short guided reflections. We're going to ask people to bring a packed lunch, which we would plan to eat at Givendale, and then head back to Millington (walking more sociably on the return). One of our Christian Aid volunteers has offered to lead it but I will also be coming along.

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March Services in the Pocklington Group of Churches

Burnby

3 rd March	9.15 am	Family Service (CW)
31 st	9.15 am	Special –Mothering Sunday

Great Givendale

10 th March	9.15 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
31 st	9.15 am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Hayton

3 rd March	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)
17 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer (CW)

Huggate

3 rd March	9.15 am	All Age Worship
10 th	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
17 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)
24 th	10.30 am	Baptism
31 st	9.15 am	Special –Mothering Sunday

Londesborough

3 rd March	10.45 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10 th	10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW)
31 st	4.00 pm	Special –Mothering Sunday

Millington

10 th March	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)
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Nunburnholme

3 rd March	10.45 am	All Age Worship
17 th	10.45 am	Family Communion (CW)

Pocklington

3 rd March	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
3 rd	10.45 am	Family Communion (CW)
6 th	7.00 pm	Holy Communion (CW) Ash Wednesday
10 th	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist (CW)
17 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
17 th	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist (CW)
24 th	8.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP)
24 th	12.45 pm	Baptism
31 st	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist (CW)

Shiptonthorpe

3 rd March	10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10 th	10.45 am	All Age Worship
17 th	10.45 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
24 th	10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW) Group Service
31 st	10.45 am	All Age Worship

PARISH REGISTERS

We have welcomed into the Christian Family through Baptism:

17 th February	Jacob Mills	Pocklington
24 th February	Vienna Mae Hanchett	Pocklington

We have united in Marriage through the love of God

We have commended to God's sure keeping with thanksgiving:

15 th February	Marie Hardcastle	Pocklington
21 st February	Andrew Paul Thackeray	Pocklington

PASTORAL SERVICES

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

To enquire about arrangements for these services
Please call at the Parish Office in the Church or phone 01759 306045
Office hours are Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

(Outside these hours by appointment)

Scale of fees and charges for 2019

Baptisms

There is no fee for a service of Baptism

Certificate of Baptism, if required. £14.00

Weddings

Publication of Banns. £30.00

Certificate of Banns, if required. £14.00

Marriage Service. £455.00

Certificate of Marriage at registration. £4.00

Vergers £40.00

Organist £80.00

Bells £120.00

Heating £55.00

Please note that an additional charge will be made if extra facilities are required.

We regret that it is not always possible to come back into the Church for additional photographs after the service.

Funerals

Funeral service in Church £195.00

Cremation pre or post service in Church £28.00

Funeral service at Crematorium or cemetery £195.00

Please note that additional fees may apply and the office will advise

Vergers £35.00

Organist £80.00

Heating £55.00

A Prayer for the life of our Parishes and Churches

O God ,make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out envy ,pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block for children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong to turn back the tempter's power. God make the doorway of this house the entrance to your eternal kingdom. Amen

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For more information about the Church, please visit our websites

www.pocklingtongroupofchurches.org

www.pocklingtonchurchfriends.org.uk

www.pockflyingman.org.uk

www.pockflowerfestival.org.uk