

## FIRST DAFFODIL PLANTING 2020

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What a delightful idea was my first thought when a parishioner asked if it would be possible to donate and to have planted a large number of daffodil bulbs around the church in an unorganized manner in memory of her late husband. The Parish Council agreed and soon a plan was formed. It was decided a good time to plant would be in early November when our annual fall leaf cleanup of the cemetery was occurring and we would encourage the volunteers to participate in the planting of the 500 bulbs. The bulbs were ordered early in the year in order to guarantee delivery in the fall. The bulbs arrived in individual bags of fifty and we added a measured amount of bone meal to be incorporated into the soil. On November 7<sup>th</sup> there was a bee of activity throughout the cemetery grounds, with volunteers raking the many leaves and digging holes in areas close to the church from the lychgate and along the pathway to the church hall, being made aware of the new irrigation lines that had to be avoided. The rule was to plant randomly in multiply groupings in areas prescribed by the Garden Maintenance Committee.

Early spring weather arrived and many walkers strolled through the cemetery and many were on the lookout for signs of the daffodils pushing their way through the grass & flower beds. Soon the bulbs started bursting through and the thrilling sight of the bright, yellow flowers welcoming all to join in their celebration of new life having arrived. Truly a wonderful sight to behold and perfect timing for the Easter season.

More bulbs are to be ordered soon and if you are interested in donating and/ or helping to plant in November please the call for more information.

