



Lent

As I write this article on the second Sunday of **Lent**, we have not long ago commemorated Ash Wednesday with an 'Ashing' service, as we moved into the season of **Lent**.

The word "**Lent**" is thought to have originated from the Old English word for Spring, *lengten*. But before that it was known by its Latin name of *Quadragesima* which means 40 days; a significant number in the Bible as it links back to the 40 days that Moses fasted on Mount Sinai before receiving the 10 Commandments (Exodus 24:18), the period that Elijah walked in the desert to meet God on Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8) and, most significantly of all, the period of time Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his ministry (Luke 4: 1-15).

Lent, therefore, has very strong links with this Biblical time of preparation - at the end of which comes new revelation.

In some ways today, we have lost a bit of this in that, if **Lent** is kept at all, it is often simply seen as an opportunity for giving something up. There is, of course, a spiritual dimension, because in giving something up we are breaking any hold that something may have over us; and through it we reassess who or what really rules in our lives.

And of course, as we are Christians, then it should be Jesus who is our Lord.

The danger in keeping **Lent** only in terms of giving something up is that the focus of our attention is upon ourselves rather than upon God. Instead, **Lent** should be an opportunity for us to re-evaluate the things that are important in our lives and to refocus upon Jesus. To do this many people join Lent Courses or set aside more time to read and explore their Bibles.



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During **Holy Week** there will be more opportunities for us to refocus on Jesus and the journey to Easter morning. On **Maundy Thursday** (28th March) I will be holding a **Tenebrae Service** at Boston Spa Methodist Church, starting at 7pm. The service of **Tenebrae**, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, **Tenebrae** has become an important part of the worship during **Holy Week**. It provides an opportunity to think about Christ’s suffering; in the service, readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of that momentous day.

There are various opportunities to worship or witness, around the Circuit, throughout **Holy Week**. Have a look at the feature, later in this newsletter, to see what is happening near you.

Please do use these opportunities to refocus on Jesus this Eastertide, and journey with him through the week that commences with Palm Sunday and concludes with Easter Day - taking us on a spiritual journey that takes us into a new revelation.

With every blessing,

 Revd Steve Jakeman

PRAYER



Local Pastor Eileen hosts a weekly **Circuit Prayer Meeting** on **Zoom** **Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 10am (join from 9.15am)**

all are invited to join us.

Please contact Eileen for the Zoom log on details.

Plus, prayer meetings at **Wetherby** in the Quiet Room every Wednesday 10.00^{am}
Tadcaster 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9.15^{am} and at **Clifford** every Tuesday 9.40^{am}

WORSHIP



For Sunday services see the Circuit Plan, copies available in our buildings or [via this link](#).

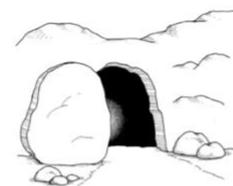
If you have something you wish to highlight in the **April '24** issue of **Being Church** please send to **Rev Steve** by **Saturday, 23rd March**. Thank you.

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To add items to the **Circuit Diary** list please contact the **Circuit Administrator**
tadcastercircuit@gmail.com



HOLY WEEK



Tuesday 26 th March	Tadcaster MC	11 ^{am}	Café Prayer for Holy Week
Wednesday 27 th March	Wetherby MC St James' Wetherby	10 ^{am} 7:30 ^{pm}	Prayer Group – Prayers for Holy Week Joint Service (Methodist/Anglican)
Thursday 28 th March Maunder Thursday	Boston Spa MC	7 ^{pm}	Tenebrae Service
	Wetherby MC	7:30 ^{pm}	Reflections and Holy Communion
Friday 29 th March Good Friday	Collingham MC Hall	10:00 ^{am} 11:20 ^{am}	“Get Together” with Crafts & Hot Cross Buns Good Friday Liturgy followed by Walk of Witness to St Oswald's
	Boston Spa	11:30 ^{am}	Walk of Witness - Reflections on the Cross at St Mary's CofE walk via Millennium Gardens and Village Hall to Methodist Church. followed by Good Friday Reflections
	East Keswick MC	9:30 ^{am}	Good Friday Devotions
	Tadcaster	10:00 ^{am}	Walk of Witness - meet at Oxton Lane Service outside 'Costa', refreshment to follow at the Boys Sunday School.
	Wetherby MC Wetherby	9:15 ^{am} 10:50 ^{am}	Morning Reflections Walk of Witness - meet at Westgate Car Park via Town Hall to Bridgefoot Gardens. followed by refreshments at Wetherby MC
Saturday 30 th March Holy Saturday	Tadcaster MC	10 ^{am} 'til noon	Church building open for prayer
Sunday 31 st March Easter Sunday	Boston Spa MC	6 ^{am} 10:30 ^{am}	'Sonrise' Service Easter Communion
	Clifford MC	8:30 ^{am} 10:30 ^{am}	Easter Communion Easter Communion
	Collingham MC	10:30 ^{am}	Easter Service
	East Keswick MC	10:30 ^{am}	Easter Service
	Lower Wharfe MC: Appleton Roebuck Church Fenton Ulleskelf	6:30 ^{pm} 10:30 ^{am} 6:30 ^{pm}	Easter Service Easter Service Easter Communion
	Tadcaster	10:15 ^{am}	Easter Service
	Wetherby MC	10:00 ^{am}	Easter Baptism

Tadcaster Methodist Church

Saturday, 2nd March

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Winter Crank Up



With Vintage
machinery
& bygone
memorabilia

Café & table top stalls

Vehicles displayed
in the rear car park
(L524 9AT)



For more details & to book a
table/stall (£5) contact

Pastor Eileen 07494 050940

Wetherby Methodist Church WOMEN'S GROUP

a Charity Event

in aid of the

Stroke
Association

Wednesday 6th March
2pm

a talk about the charity

followed by

'Bring and Buy'

and refreshments



Reaching Out
Wetherby Methodist Church



Boston Spa
Methodist Church
Lunchtime Concert
Series

FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2024
1pm

KATHARINE LEY CELLO
JANE O'FARRELL PIANO

Tickets £6 available on the door

our delicious lunches
served from 12 noon



ACTION FOR CHILDREN SPRING TABLE TOP SALE



Saturday 9th March 2024

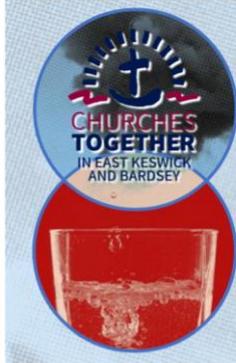
Wetherby Methodist Church Centre

10.00am-12.00pm

Various stalls and Coffee Shop

Refreshments





how to hear God

A Lent Course in five sessions.

Tuesdays

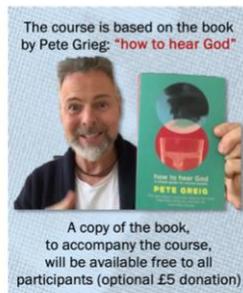
20th February to 19th March 2024, **7pm to 8pm**

East Keswick Methodist Church,
Main Street, East Keswick, LS17 9EJ

1. **Introduction**
2. **Read:**
Hearing God in the Bible
3. **Meditate:**
Hearing the Holy Spirit in Our Thoughts
4. **Pray:**
Responding to God in Prayer and Prophecy
5. **Contemplate:**
Hearing God in the Whole World

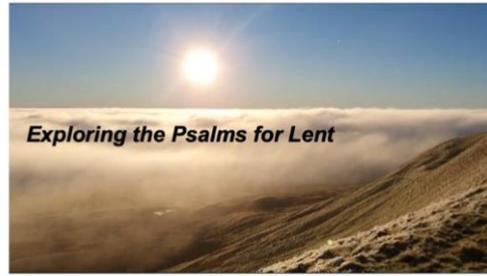
ALL ARE WELCOME

further details?
contact the Parish Office - bardseyparishchur@btinternet.com



The course is based on the book by Pete Greig: "how to hear God"

A copy of the book, to accompany the course, will be available free to all participants (optional £5 donation)



Exploring the Psalms for Lent

Photo © Alan Hodgson (brother of Revd Ann Fox)

Lent Bible Study
Mondays, 7.30pm by Zoom

19 February – Revd Ann Fox
26 February – Dr Alan Bell
4 March – Mr Donald Milne
11 March – Mr Keith Hartrick

All you need is a Bible, notebook & pen, and a cuppa!

Ann Fox is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Exploring Psalms for Lent
Time: 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95568475124?pwd=UjFBNjIScmxpYWoxRmRudXFMRXduUT09>

Meeting ID: 955 6847 5124
Passcode: 212637



Tadcaster Methodist Church

Café Prayer

A time of prayer in church for 10 minutes alongside the usual coffee morning

11am

Tuesdays 27 February, 26 March, 30 April, 25 June, 23 July

The **Methodist Church**



A Methodist Way of Life

Looking at the 12 'stations', two stations per session



Join us at Tadcaster Methodist Church
Coffee Lounge
Thursdays, 10.00am

25 January, 22 February,
28 March, 25 April
30 May and 20 June





2024 LENT COURSE

Act on poverty

A six-part course:
St Edwards Church Parish Room, Clifford
7.30pm

Wednesday 21st February - **Prophetic**

Wednesday 28th February - **Broken**

Wednesday 6th March - **Generous**

Wednesday 13th March - **Located**

Wednesday 20th March - **Hopeful**

Wednesday 27th March - **Together**



Organised by **Christians Together**
Boston Spa - Clifford - Thorp Arch - Bramham - Walton

*"Loving our neighbours means living out our faith
on a local and global scale..."*

Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani (The Bishop of Chelmsford).



The Leaders of Worship
and Preachers Trust

LWPT

Are you being called?

local **Worship Leader** training

Two training sessions have been
arranged for Sat mornings

on 6th and 20th April

and one further session

is to be arranged

for some time in June.

These sessions are open to
anyone who may be thinking

of worship leading

and wants to find out more,

or who would like a refresher.

Please let Alan Bell or Rev Ann know
if you are interested.



The Leaders of Worship
and Preachers
Fellowship

Our Worship Leaders and Local Preachers
are arranging a fellowship session

"a look at

SCIENCE AND CHRISTIANITY"

this session will be held at **Boston Spa MC**
on Wednesday 10th April at 7:30pm

led by Alan Bell and Revd Uell Kennedy
this session is open to anyone
who has an interest in this topic.

Refreshments will be available.

trypraying.org

There will be a **trypraying** event
across the Circuit,
from **Easter Sunday (31st March)**
and leading up to **Pentecost (19th May)**.

trypraying will be launched
at the **Circuit Service on 7 April**.

Would Church Stewards please check
which resources they will need to order -

further information and how to order resources
will be coming out to churches very soon.

Revd Ann

Further information on trypraying is available via this link
<https://www.trypraying.org/>

Tadcaster Circuit Diary - March 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday 2 nd	10:00am	Winter Crank Up (ends 3pm)	Tadcaster
Monday 4 th	7:30pm	Exploring the Psalms Lent Study Part 3	Zoom
Tuesday 5 th	7:00pm	How to Hear God Lent Course Part 3	East Keswick
Wednesday 6 th	2.00pm	Women's Group Charity Event: Stroke Association	Wetherby
Wednesday 6 th	7:30pm	Act on Poverty (Christian Aid) Lent Course Part 3	St Edwards, Clifford
Friday 8 th	1:00pm	Concert: Cello and Pianoforte (lunches from 12 ^{noon})	Boston Spa
Saturday 9 th	10:00am	Action for Children Table-Top Sale (ends 12noon)	Wetherby
Monday 11 th	7:30pm	Exploring the Psalms Lent Study Part 4	Zoom
Tuesday 12 th	7:00pm	How to Hear God Lent Course Part 4	East Keswick
Wednesday 13 th	7:30pm	Act on Poverty (Christian Aid) Lent Course Part 4	St Edwards, Clifford
Tuesday 19 th	7:00pm	How to Hear God Lent Course Part 5	East Keswick
Wednesday 20 th	7:30pm	Act on Poverty (Christian Aid) Lent Course Part 5	St Edwards, Clifford
26th to 31st	-	Holy Week – see separate information sheet	Circuit
Wednesday 27 th	7:30am	Act on Poverty (Christian Aid) Lent Course Part 6	St Edwards, Clifford
Thursday 28 th	10:00am	Bible Study – A Methodist Way of Life	Tadcaster
Sunday 31 st	-	Try Praying Initiative Commences	Circuit

Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday (weekly)	10.45am	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Monday (weekly)	2.30pm	Ping-Pong	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	5pm	Senior Table Tennis	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	7.30pm	Badminton	Wetherby
Monday (2 nd)	10.30am – 12 noon	Bacon Brunch	Collingham
Monday (4 th)	10.30am – 12 noon	Coffee and Chat	Collingham
Tuesday (weekly)	9.30am – 10am	Circuit Prayer Gathering	Zoom (Eileen)
Tuesday (weekly)	9.40am – 10am	Prayer Gathering	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10am – 11.30am	Coffee Shop	Tadcaster
Tuesday (weekly)	10am – 11.30am	Tuesday Coffee	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10am	Flower Club	Boston Spa
Tuesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Flowers and Friends	Collingham
Tuesday (1 st and 3 rd)	9.15am – 10am	Prayer Group	Tadcaster
Tuesday (2 nd)	1.30pm	Flower Guild	Wetherby
Tuesday (2 nd)	2pm – 4pm	Friends and Fellowship	Ulleskelf
Tuesday (4 th)	1pm	Community Soup Lunch	Ulleskelf
Wednesday (weekly)	10am – 12 noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	10.30am – 12 noon	Chapel Coffee Pot	Appleton Roebuck
Wednesday (weekly)	10am – 10.30am	Prayer Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	11.15am – 12.15pm	Coffee at t' Crown	Crown Hotel Boston Spa
Wednesday (weekly)	7pm	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Wednesday (irregular)	contact Wetherby	House-Group	contact Wetherby
Wednesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Knit and Natter	Tadcaster
Wednesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Women's Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (2 nd)	10am	Communion in the Box	Box Tree Court, B Spa
Wednesday (2 nd and 4 th)	Contact Wetherby	Gentlemen Bootbashers	Contact Wetherby
Wednesday (3 rd)	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Whist Afternoon	Collingham
Wednesday (last)	1pm – 3pm	Coffee, Click 'n' Connect	Appleton Roebuck
Thursday (1 st)	12 noon	Community Soup Lunch	Church Fenton
Thursday (2 nd)	12 noon	Community Soup Lunch	Tadcaster
Thursday (last)	12 noon	Souper Thursday	East Keswick
Friday (1 st)	10.00am – 11.30am	Teddy Praise	Collingham
Saturday (weekly)	10am – 12 noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Saturday (2 nd)	2pm – 3.30pm	Charity Coffee Afternoon	Church Fenton

