

WASHBURN VALLEY & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES

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THIS EASTER



COME
ALIVE

THROUGH JESUS

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Websites:

[Fewston and Blubberhouses](http://www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk)
www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk

[Leathley Church](http://www.leathleychurch.org)
www.leathleychurch.org

[Farnley Church](http://www.farnleyallsaints.org)
www.farnleyallsaints.org

[Weston Church](http://www.westonchurch.wordpress.com)
www.westonchurch.wordpress.com

Dear Friends

My desk is positioned in front of the window of my study. And the window of my study faces the Chevin. What a view! It's different every day.

Today, it's definitely Spring. There are blue skies, fluffy white clouds... and clumps of daffodils in full flower. If I open the window, I can hear the birds singing and can smell the hyacinths in the pot in my porch. And my heart is warmed and my soul lifted by the arrival of Spring.

All around us, the natural world speaks to us of new life.

In our church year, we are still in the season of Lent – a time of reflection, as we wait for Easter Day. Lent is often seen as a time of austerity...a time for “giving things up”. It's a sombre and thoughtful time of our year.



But, just as the austerity and bleakness of Winter gives way to the re-creation and glory of Spring...so, Lent gives way to the re-creation and glory of Easter Day.

The view from my window doesn't just remind me of Spring...it's also a reminder of the new life, which we find in Jesus.

At Easter, we shall celebrate the risen Jesus...and his offer of new and eternal life to all who believe in him and commit themselves to him.

As I look out of the window at the signs of new life around me, I feel like singing: “Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!”

Happy and blessed Easter,

Lesley Taylor

Services April 2017

HOLY WEEK	Palm Sunday 6.00 pm Leathley JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM	Monday 7.00 pm Leathley COMPLINE AND REFLECTION	Tuesday 7.00 pm Leathley COMPLINE AND REFLECTION
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	2 ND APRIL LENT 5	9 TH APRIL PALM SUNDAY
WESTON	Holy Communion 8.30am (T) Marlene Turnbull Graham Shield	
DENTON		Family Service & Baptism 11am Graham Shield
FEWSTON	Holy Communion 11am (M) Michael Cleverley	Morning Prayer 11am (M) John Charman
BLUBBER-HOUSES		
FARNLEY	Lambing Service 9.30am Julie Shield	Holy Communion 9.30am Graham Shield
LEATHLEY	Holy Communion 10am (T) Barry Miller	Morning Prayer 10am (T) Stewart Hartley
NORWOOD		Mr. Matthew BURLAND 2.30PM Circuit Service at Bramhope 6PM
TIMBLE	Mr. Michael HARDSTAFFE 10.30am	Circuit Service at Bramhope 6PM

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Wednesday 7.00 pm Leathley COMPLINE AND REFLECTION	Thursday 7.00 pm Fewston Parochial Hall MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER AND PRAYERS	Friday 12.00 noon Leathley At the Foot of the Cross
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	16TH APRIL EASTER DAY	23RD APRIL EASTER 1 G&J AWAY	30TH APRIL EASTER 2 UNITED SERVICE
WESTON	Holy Communion 8.30 am (T) Graham Shield		EASTER PRAISE 2.30 pm NORWOOD CHAPEL
DENTON	Holy Communion 11am (M) Barry Miller	Holy Communion 11am (M) Barry Miller	EASTER PRAISE 2.30 pm NORWOOD CHAPEL
FEWSTON	Holy Communion 11am (T) Michael Cleverley		EASTER PRAISE 2.30 pm NORWOOD CHAPEL
BLUBBER- HOUSES		Morning Prayer 11am (M) John Charman	EASTER PRAISE 2.30 pm NORWOOD CHAPEL
FARNLEY	Holy Communion 9.30 am Michael Cleverley	Morning Prayer 9.30am Michael Cleverley	EASTER PRAISE 2.30 pm NORWOOD CHAPEL
LEATHLEY	Holy Communion 10am (M) Graham Shield	Family Service 10am Stewart Hartley	Said Holy Communion 10am (M) Graham Shield
NORWOOD		Lambing Service 2.30PM	Ormrod WU / EP 2.30PM
TIMBLE	At Otley USO 10.30AM		Washburn Valley at Norwood 2:30 WU

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Fewston Foxy Ladies



On Tuesday April 18th we will be enjoying a talk by Colin Anderson, chef to the Queen. He is an amusing speaker, so do join us and find out more at 7.30pm at Fewston Parochial Hall, you will be made most welcome.

We meet every third Tuesday of the month at Fewston Parochial Hall and we look forward to seeing you at our friendly meetings.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Margaret 01943 462261; Shirley 01423 770281; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789. See you soon!

Crafting, Chatting And A Cuppa!

the Robinson Library in Timble

Our connection is that we all love making things, sewing, knitting/crocheting, embroidery, patchwork etc. etc.

We would like to invite anyone in the valley who may be interested in joining us to bring their own work along or alternatively come to start to make something new, lots of advice will be available. for more information contact: Alison Jackson alisonjackson5@tiscali.co.uk

T&T

April

This month we are off to Ripley Castle gardens and enjoying a cream tea at the Castle Tea Rooms. We are meeting at 2pm at Norwood Social Hall, in order to share cars for the trip, on Tuesday 4th April. Just £2 as usual and, as always, offering a great chance to meet people who live in the valley and catch up!

T&T meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s. If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362 or Gladys on 880604 - we've always got time for T&T!

The Robinson Library

Coffee Mornings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 10:30-12a.m.



Last Friday Supper Club

Friday 28th April from 7.00pm Leathley Village Hall

£10 per head for a 2 course supper bring your own bottle, or we have decent wine available to buy on the night. Booking essential Please contact Paul Howarth on 01943 465076 for more info thank you.



Teddy Church



welcomes all babies and toddlers and their favourite Teddy Bear to an informal Story, Play and Sing session at Fewston Church and Centre every 2nd Friday of every month throughout the year and we start at 10 am. Parents, Grandparents and Carers welcome. Light refreshments are provided for babies, toddlers and carers.

Washburn Valley Choir

We meet regularly on Monday evenings at St. Oswald's, Leathley. We are always keen to take on new members and you can be assured of a warm welcome. Being able to read music is a slight advantage; we sing a mix of A Cappella and accompanied music, some Ancient, some Modern and some "In Between"?!

Anyone wanting further information, don't hesitate to ring me on 01132843109 or e-mail woodah@btinternet.com



Discussion Group

First and third Wednesdays 10.30AM at Fewston Parochial Hall. More information from me Peter Wood on 01943 880558 and at peterlwood@hotmail.com

Vavasour Society

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday 12 April at 7.30 pm in Askwith Village Hall when Eric Skaife will speak on 'Tyke Talk.' Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone welcome - guests £4. Diana Parsons

Fornley Roto

April & May 2017

If any person is unable to manage the dates please contact Jeanette for a phone list to swap with others

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Fornley Church APCM will be on 5th March 2017

APRIL	CLEANING	FLOWERS	HEATING TURN ON	Keyholder/Welcome	COFFEE	CASH RECORDER	MARCH
LAMBING SERVICE 2	Joan and Duncan Clayton	X	if needed DE	Clergy and R Game	Sarah Ashby/JW	Yvonne Dale	Hedge J King
PALM SUNDAY 9	Joan and Duncan Clayton	X	Yvonne Dale	David Eadon/ Yvonne Dale	Lyn Goodwin and Yvonne Dale	David Eadon	Path D Robinson
EASTER DAY 16	Big Team Clean	Catrina Cleverley	David Eadon	Clergy	Richard Game	Richard Game	Weed P Bullen
23	Jeanette Wright	JW	JW/ Yvonne	Mary Donovan	Molly Laxton	Phillip Herbert	Weed P & L Goodwin
30	X	X	X	X	X	X	APRIL
MAY	CLEANING	FLOWERS	HEATING TURN ON	KEYHOLDER/Welcome	COFFEE	CASH RECORDER	Weed S Ashby
FAMILY & BLUEBELLS 7	Chris and Caroline Eadon	Christine Eadon	David Eadon	Clergy and R Game	Sarah/Richard	Richard Game	Mow J King
14	Chris and Caroline Eadon	Christine Eadon	Yvonne Dale	David Eadon/ Yvonne Dale	Yvonne Dale	Phillip Herbert	Path D Robinson
21	X	X	X	X	X	X	
28	Joan Clayton	Joan Clayton	David Eadon	Mary Donovan	Sheila Herbert	Phillip Herbert	

Leathley Flower Rota

30th April. Mrs C.Waite

7th May. Mrs C.Waite.

14th May Miss H. Ryott

21st May Miss H.Ryott

28th May Mrs.J Jefferson



Denton Flower Rota

April	2	M Philips
	9	A White
	16	"
	23	K Boothman
	30	"

Blubberhouses Flower Rota

Mrs C Beaumont	23 April
Mrs R Campbell	7 May
Mrs Y Dale-Winder	25 June
Mrs K Dinsdale	2 July
Mrs D Eagland	27 August
Mrs S Harrison	24 September
Mrs N Hollings	22 October
Mrs J Houseman	26 November
Mrs J Petty	25 December

Weston Cleaning and Flower Rota

2 nd April	Mrs H Caton
9 th & 16 th April	Mrs R Woodrup
23 th & 30 th April	Mrs H Pullan

From the Registers

Baptisms

12th February, George Burns at Denton

28th February, Florence Louise Cooper at Leathley

Wedding Blessing

25th February Anthony Arrowsmith and Kate Platt at Denton

Funerals

13th February, Amelia Wilson at Fewston

6th March, Gerald Greaves at Leathley

All Saints' Church Farnley

invites you all to a COFFEE MORNING, to be held at

THE OTLEY METHODIST CHURCH,
on FRIDAY 5TH MAY from 9.30 - 11.30.

The proceeds will be used towards church funds.

Please come along and support us
- and bring your friends”.

Events In Askwith, Weston And Denton

April 17th Easter Monday Walk with
Easter Egg Hunt

Meet at Askwith Arms for a 2pm departure. Walk will last just over an hour [with one stile] with the Easter Egg Hunt in a wood towards the end of the way. Return to the pub for hot cross buns and a cup of tea, or something stronger!

Programme for 2017

May 6th - Coffee Morning at
Jenny Cowgill's

June 3rd - Askwith Show Stall

June 24th/25th - Open Gardens

Aug 28th - Fewston Teas

Oct 16th - Harvest Supper

Nov 18th - Domino Supper*

Washburn Parish Council Litter Picking Day

Our annual litter picking day is on Saturday the 22nd. April. 9.45 a.m.-1.30p.m. Volunteers to meet as follows: Norwood residents at Norwood Social Hall, Fewston at Fewston Parochial Hall, and Tumble at the Robinson Library. Grabbers, bags and Hi-Viz jackets provided but please bring your own gloves. Let's see if we can beat the 60 bags we collected last year. A big thank you to those of our walkers who do their bit throughout the year to collect rubbish from our verges, but there's always more to do!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 8th July In Leathley Church.

A concert by Futurist Productions

"AT NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS"

A wonderful revue show featuring music from the shows such as, Billy Elliot, Sister Act, Matilda, Sound of Music, We Will Rock You and many more.

Weston Church

We are delighted to announce that we now have a new electric organ and it sounds wonderful. The old Harmonium had become very difficult to play and we were struggling to find volunteers willing to play it.



A grant of £5000 was received from the Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation. Another grant of £1000 from a private Charitable Trust and the rest was made up from donations and the PCC.

Many thanks especially to Anthony Wells Cole for helping co-ordinate this and all others who were involved.

We are hoping to have an Organ Recital and other events during the year so that you can hear the organ in all its glory.

Easter Monday - Coffee Morning - 10AM - 1PM

St Oswald's Church, Leathley, will be open this day so that people can enjoy seeing our beautiful church in all its Easter floral splendour and then enjoy coffee and biscuits afterwards. There is no charge but donations are welcome towards the upkeep of the church.

St Andrew's, Blubberhouses

Thanksgiving for Lambing

7 May at 11.00 pm

Led by Revd. Barry Miller

Followed by the traditional lunch at
The Hopper Lane Hotel,

2 course meal, choice starter and
main – roast beef - OR Main and
pudding

Tea/coffee £15.50

Book before 28 April please, Allison
Dibb, The Hopper Lane, tel. 880010

ADVANCE NOTICE

Friends of Blubberhouses Church
Committee

St Andrew's Church, Blubberhouses

Sunday and Monday, 28 and 29 May,

11.00 to 4.00

Teas and Home made Cakes

Home made jams and chutneys for
sale

Served outside church in the
summer sun!

Askwith Village Hall

Annual General Meeting

To Be Held In

Askwith Village Hall

On Tuesday 4th April 2017

At 8.15pm

Everyone Welcome

COMMUNITY LUNCH

*A special thank you to Juliette
Wood*

We are all appreciative of Juliette's
help and commitment since the
start of Community Lunch in Spring
2013. Without her support the
whole venture would not have
developed so well. Those lucky
people who have enjoyed so many
of her delicious puddings join Janet
and I in thanking Juliette for her
unstinting effort.

NEXT LUNCH

Wednesday, April 26

Washburn Heritage Centre

12.30 pm

Please book with Pat 01943
880284 or Cheri 01943 465977

New friends always welcome.



PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2017

It is well known that Lent is a time of preparation for Easter day and beyond, however there isn't a gap between the end of Lent and Easter day. Palm Sunday and Holy Week are also part of that preparation.

In fact it's a more concentrated time as it's the last week to set time aside to contemplate Christ's last few days, to think about His last words and actions, ponder how His Disciples and others felt, realise what was going on in and around Jerusalem in those days when the Romans dominated God's people and occupied King David's city.

Join us as we shout 'Hosanna', reflect on those last few days, eat together and remember the Last Supper, pray together and reflect on Jesus' last night on the Mount of Olives, gather at the foot of the cross in wonder and awe at Jesus' love for us. This will help us to have more in us as we sing and shout 'Alleluia Christ is Risen!' and change from the purple of Lent to white and gold of Easter.

On Monday to Wednesday from 7.00 pm there'll be a short evening service with reflection at St Oswald's, Leathley. Thursday's venue is Fewston Parochial Hall for 7.00 pm to remember those events in The Upper Room. Friday at noon will see us spend an hour or so in quiet reflection at St Oswald's, Leathley. Graham 0113 203 7754

PALM SUNDAY – JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Just as we journeyed to Bethlehem for Christmas, Palm Sunday 9th April 6.00pm will see us travel with the Israelites to Jerusalem for one of their major Festivals and learn why they did this – without getting our feet dusty!

Through familiar hymns and anthems (including the W V Choir singing Handel's 'O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings of Zion' from the Messiah) readings and poems we'll discover why the Israelites travelled from all over the Holy Land to the City of David – and what the Roman occupation meant on that first Palm Sunday.

Bring your leafy branch, lubricate your throat, practise shouting Hosanna!, and join the Washburn Valley Choir at **St Oswald's, Leathley** for an evening of celebration and learning. Graham 0113 203 7754

Marcia Lesley Moncrieff Smith

20th July 1945 - 20th January 2017

Married to John in 1966 and moved to a cottage in Leathley, and there remained for the rest of her life.

Marcia loved Leathley and was at the heart of village life for over 50 years, as a well-respected and long standing member of the WI, she also served on the village hall committee, and worked tirelessly within the village community.

Leathley church played an important role in Marcia's life, as a place of worship and fellowship; she was a long standing PCC member, where her quiet and considered opinion was always respected. She was great supporter and fundraiser for the church, organising many events over the years, at 'Teas on The Green' Marcia's chocolate cakes and scones were legendary.

Marcia was a person of many talents and numerous interests, including Yorkshire and family history and was actively involved in various charities including the NSPCC. She particularly loved her garden and was extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of horticulture. Marcia and John opened their garden to the public several times for charitable fundraising events.

Despite her busy life Marcia still found time to travel including visits to Japan, New Zealand and Peru to mention a few but her favourite place was the east coast of Yorkshire and Robin Hoods Bay in particular.

A devoted wife, loving mother to her four children and a very proud and special granny to her fourteen grandchildren, she really was at her happiest when surrounded by her family at home.

Marcia was the kindest and gentlest of souls and she will be fondly remembered and missed by so many.



1945



I don't remember 1945 being very eventful - but it was. Not because of my 9th birthday but because WWII ended in Europe. Celebrations in UK. A mess across the Channel and in blitzed cities here. But I lived in the town of Stafford, almost away from it all.

So I was unaware of the political arguments about Europe (different now!) or the need Christians recognised to care for refugees. These were people shattered by war, people whose homelands had been taken over by the forces of Hitler's Nazi regime and then liberated by unavoidable violence: rather, at the time of writing, as Mosul is being liberated from totalitarian 'Islamic State'. Suffering doesn't stop when an occupying power has been driven out.

So it was that in 1945 Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service was born. To become, in time, the Christian Aid we know and support. To raise essential funds, Christian Aid began Christian Aid Week in 1957. By inventing the house-to-house collection, Christian Aid gave everyone at home an easy way to help - cash in an envelope collected by an authorised local volunteer.

60th Anniversary Christian Aid Week 2017 runs from 14th to 20th May. Please don't turn your back on the red envelope that (hopefully) will come through your letter-box.

Owing to other commitments, several of our local volunteer collectors are unavailable this year. If you could help to fill a gap, please get in touch with me - I shall be very grateful! There is a sea of need out there: please let us not turn our backs. Unlike my early ignorance, we do know.

Christian Aid Week 2017 is 14-20 May. If you might be willing to help and we have not yet been in touch, please see me in church or give me a call on 01943 851234.

Michael Cleverley

Voluntary Local Organiser

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All In The Month Of April

90 years ago:- on 2nd April 1927 that BBC radio covered the annual University Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge for the first time.

80 years ago:- on 27th April 1937 that the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich opened.

75 years ago:- on 18th April 1942 that the USA bombed mainland Japan for the first time, hitting Tokyo, Yokohama and other cities.

70 years ago:- on 1st April 1947 that the school leaving age in the UK was raised to 15.

65 years ago:- on 30th April 1952 that the diary of Anne Frank, a Jewish girl who died during the Holocaust, was published in English as 'The Diary of a Young Girl'.

50 years ago:- on 8th April 1967 that the UK won the Eurovision Song Contest for the first time, with the song 'Puppet on a String' sung by Sandie Shaw. The contest was held in Vienna, Austria.

40 years ago:- on 2nd April 1977 that the British race horse Red Rum won the Grand National for a historic third time. The record still stands today.

30 years ago:- on 1st April 1987 that President Reagan declared AIDS 'public health enemy No. 1'.

25 years ago:- on 5th April 1992 to Feb 1996 that the Bosnian War's Siege of Sarajevo took place.

Also 25 years ago:- on 27th April 1992 that Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of the House of Commons.

20 years ago:- on 5th April 1997 that Britain's Grand National steeplechase was disrupted after the IRA sent coded bomb warnings. 60,000 people were evacuated from the Aintree course and the race was postponed.

Editor: David Winter considers April Fools Day

A new way to read and enjoy your Bible

Bible Society has launched a new tool to help people search, read, engage with and share the Bible. It has a number of free-to-use features, specially created for the thousands of people a week who visit Bible Society's website to read the Bible.

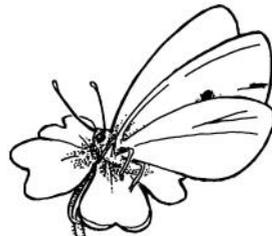
Verse Builder is designed for those who like to share Bible verses via Facebook. This feature allows you to create an animated verse, set against a picture backdrop, which you can share to social media or download.

Flexi Reader is an innovative way of reading the Bible, which automatically displays the text at the reader's chosen speed. There's no need to lift a finger to scroll down the page – and you can choose how many words should appear on screen at once, and the speed of reading.

The new online tool also allows you to compare versions side by side. There are English versions to choose from, as well as beibl.net (the Bible in everyday Welsh).

The final new feature gives people the option to leave a public comment, save notes on the text or tag verses with a theme. As the community of Bible-readers grows, it will provide a rich resource of people's thoughts and reactions to Scripture.

Find the tool at biblesociety.org.uk/explore.



The Thief on the Cross

Luke 23: 32-43

Luke's account of the crucifixion emphasises the mocking of the crowd, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself' (35,37,39). In their view a Messiah does not hang on a cross and suffer. In considering the man who was crucified with Jesus, we are also confronted with the issue of how Jesus secures salvation for us.

One Criminal's Taunts

The words of one of those crucified with Jesus reflected the crowd's taunts: 'Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us.' He highlights the question of Jesus' identity: how can He save others, when He cannot save Himself from death? And yet, unlike his companion, he failed to see that the cross itself is the means of salvation.

What kind of Messiah was Jesus?

One Criminal's Faith

The other criminal's response in his last moments is a moving expression of faith. When challenging the other man, he spoke of the utter injustice of the crucifixion: 'this man has done nothing wrong.' He perceived the truth that Jesus' death was on behalf of all people. In a wonderful picture of grace, 'remember me', he confessed his guilt and secured Jesus' forgiveness and mercy.

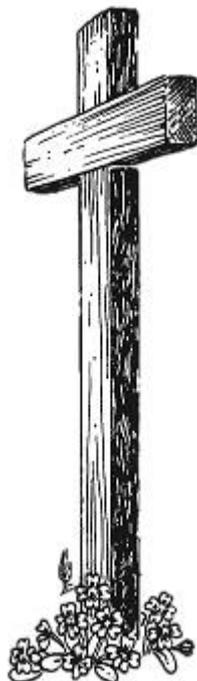
In what ways have we experienced God's grace?

The Messiah's Promise

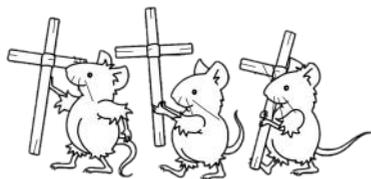
In reply, Jesus promised the man life from the moment of death; 'Today you will be with me in paradise.' Jesus used the picture of a walled garden to help the man understand His promise of protection and security in God's love and acceptance eternally.

If you were to die tonight, how confident would you be of being with Jesus?

'For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.' (1 Peter 3:18).



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Resurrection Work

(Acts 10:40-43)

Strong arms of Jesus
stretched out in His cross-work,
opening Himself to die,
opening the way for God's wonder-
work
to raise Him to life,
to offer life to us today,
as responders.

Our work – to believe in Jesus,
to receive forgiveness and the
Spirit,
to know those strong arms
enfolding, supporting,
comforting, raising us
to be His New Creation
with resurrection power
for our time.
Hallelujah!

By Daphne Kitching

Easter Eggs

Though a great success
commercially
We ask (if maybe controversially)
Are the lessons of the lectionary
Really found in such confectionary?
By Nigel Beeton

If I were a fish

If I were a fish
I think I would wish
That there wasn't so much rubbish
in the sea.
All those plastic bits -
My guts are having fits!
With all that stuff people dump in
beside me.

By Nigel Beeton



*All she had said was it was time for her
annual lawnmower service*

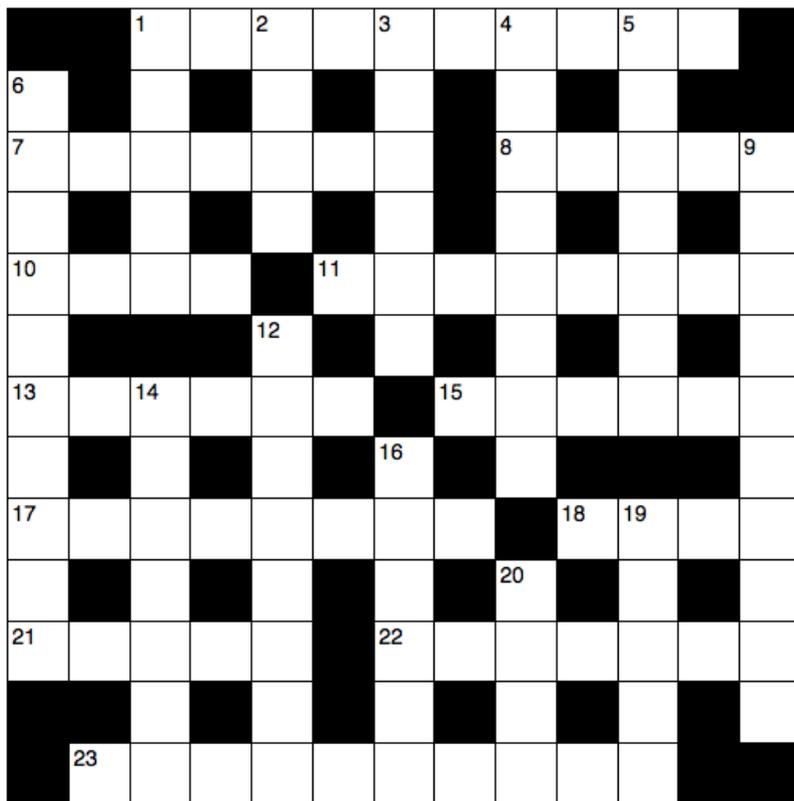
Crossword for April 2017

Across

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)
- 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
- 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — — ' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)
- 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
- 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
- 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
- 15 'Though seeing, they do — — ; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
- 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
- 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
- 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1)
- 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
- 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

Down

- 1 Of the pope (5)
- 2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
- 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)
- 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)
- 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
- 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)
- 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)
- 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
- 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
- 16 'No one can — them out of my hand' (John 10:28) (6)
- 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
- 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7) (4)



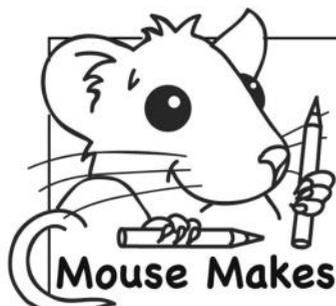
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Mouse Makes



Colour in the cross, cut out and glue onto card to make an Easter card.

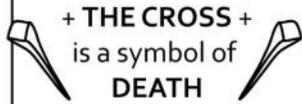


HAPPY EASTER + JESUS IS ALIVE!

Read the Easter story in Luke 22-24

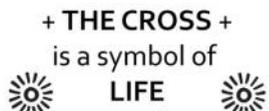


“God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life.”
John 3:16



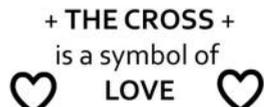
+ **THE CROSS** +
is a symbol of
DEATH

It reminds us how God's Son, Jesus, was put to death by being nailed to a cross.



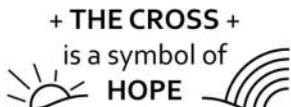
+ **THE CROSS** +
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LIFE

It reminds us that Jesus has risen from the dead and is alive with God in heaven.



+ **THE CROSS** +
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LOVE

It reminds us God loves us so much that through His Son Jesus we can become God's children too.



+ **THE CROSS** +
is a symbol of
HOPE

It reminds us that as God's children we will one day be with God in heaven.



EASTER SYMBOLS

At Easter it is all bunnies, eggs and lambs in the shops. Why are they symbols of Easter?

One of the oldest Spring symbols in the world is the egg - it promises new life as in Spring, fluffy yellow chicks are hatched from eggs.



The hare was a symbol of the moon and is connected with Easter because the date of Easter depends upon the full moon. Over time, the hare became a rabbit, because there are more rabbits around than hares!

The lamb represents Jesus and links His death to that of the lamb sacrificed on the first Passover. Jesus is called "the Lamb of God."

EASTER WORDSEARCH

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with Spring and Easter - can you find them all?

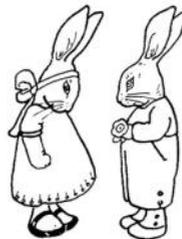
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bird blossom bud
bunny chick cloud crocus
daffodil duck egg flower
garden grass hare lamb lily
spring tulip



How do baby hens dance?
Chick to chick.

Why does the chicken go to the theatre?
For hentertainment.



Which rabbits were famous bank robbers?
Bunny and Clyde!

Washburn Heritage Centre



Email: centre@washburnvalley.org Website www.washburnvalley.org.

Stretching from January to April 2017 our theme 'Churchyard Secrets Revealed' focusses on the remains and artefacts found when the site for the Heritage Centre was excavated in 2009. Scientific research combines with local social history to tell a unique story.

The success of the "Churchyard Secrets Revealed" theme has been truly astonishing and whilst we have 5 events planned for April, 3 of those are fully booked. Here is a taster of the two fantastic events which have places available throughout April with a reminder of our final event in March.

We finish our fantastic March events on **Friday 31st March** with "**April Fool! A supper of many surprises**" With a start time of 7pm until 10pm, the evening has a several course tasting menu with a twist – just to keep you guessing! A great sociable event, come and meet friends or bring some with you to another of our lovely suppers. Not to be missed! Cost is £24 (members £19.50)

On **Friday 21st April** from 7.00pm to 9.30pm, we present "**Weavers, Work and Worry in the Washburn Valley**" another good fun evening of traditional songs with Fewston Musick. Come along – and perhaps join in! There is a delicious pie and peas supper and cash bar. Cost is £12.50 (members £10.00)

As we approach the end of the month, come and join us on **Thursday 27th April** from 9.30am until 4.00pm for a fantastic **Basket Weaving** workshop. Phil Bradley, a professional weaver from Cockermouth who made a commemorative basket for us, will show you how to make your own useful traditional platter. The day includes homemade refreshments and a delicious 2 course lunch. Cost is £75.00 (members £60.00)

N.B. From April until the end of October we are open Saturday and Sunday each weekend between 11am and 4.30pm. Please note that our first Saturday opening in April is April 8th along with Easter Monday on 17th April. As usual the last weekend in the month will just be tea and biscuits as a full menu is served up the road in the Parochial Hall at this time.

Advance booking and payment are required to secure a place for all events. For details of these and other interesting and 'tasty' events coming up over the next few months please either contact Michelle Metcalfe on 01943 880794 or email centre@washburnvalley.org. All events can also be viewed on our website www.washburnvalley.org.

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Our speaker this month was Helen Murray Sharpe, a volunteer with Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We've welcomed their speakers before but not for a number of years, so it was good to have an update on their activities and to be reminded of the incredible service they provide. It's hard to believe that they've now been operating for 17 years and started with just one 20 year old helicopter. Helen said that the Top Gear Presenter, Richard Hammond's accident, and the very public gratitude he paid to Yorkshire Air Ambulance for getting him to hospital so quickly, eventually led to the BBC series 'Helicopter Heroes' which brought the work of the service to a huge audience and greatly increased donations enabling them to buy another second-hand helicopter.

In 2012/13 a decision was made to move one of their helicopters to Topcliffe in order to better serve North Yorkshire and their other helicopter base covering West and South Yorkshire was moved from Leeds Bradford Airport to Nostell Priory. Helen reminded us that Yorkshire's population is 5.1 million so the helicopters have to cover a huge area across 4 million acres and it was astonishing to hear that in the last 15 years the helicopters have transported 6000 people to hospitals across the region. Patients are always taken to one of four major trauma centres, Leeds General Infirmary, Hull Royal Infirmary, Sheffield Northern Hospital, and James Cook Hospital in Middlesborough, and 90% of the population of our county are within 20 minutes flying time of one of these hospitals.

In September 2016 the service finally took delivery of their first brand new helicopter, and in December last year a second new helicopter arrived as well. Each cost £6 million and is fully equipped with advanced medical equipment and now carries a fully trained doctor on board as well. In order to fund all of this they have to raise £12,000 every day to keep the helicopters flying which is a huge responsibility. Helen's talk was so interesting and what a worthy cause this is.

Our 2017 season is now getting into full swing, in a couple of weeks we go to Hazlewood Castle for a talk about the Vavasour family who not only owned the castle but also Weston Manor and most of the land around Askwith and Weston, later in the month we're visiting the 'Victoria' exhibition at Harewood House and we have our Federation Spring Council meeting in Leyburn, plus we've visits planned later in the summer to Wentworth Woodhouse, Menwith Hill, and Yorkshire Wildlife Park. And there's our lunch club, walking group, and craft group. So we're looking forward to a very busy time.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at Askwith Village Hall and we always welcome visitors and new members from around the area. We have members from Guiseley, Otley, Menston, Burley in Wharfedale, and Addingham, as well as Askwith and Weston, so everyone's very welcome wherever they live.

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 13th April when we'll be welcoming best-selling local author, Neil Hanson who's talk's entitled 'Pigs Might Fly'. If you'd like further information about us please feel free to call Margaret Creek on 01943 467865 or Sue Appleyard on 01943 839292.



Vacancy for a part-time Circuit Property and Finance Officer

Do you have an interest in working within the charity sector?

Are you able to work from home part-time with flexible hours?

The **Wharfedale and Aireborough Methodist Circuit** is seeking to appoint a **part-time Property and Finance Officer** (7 hours per week).

This is an exciting opportunity to work with a committed team of staff and volunteers in a re-structured appointment to support the Trustees and leadership of the Circuit.

The Trustees have responsibility for thirteen churches, eight manses and other properties. They consider that there is an increasing need for a relevant professional background in order to fulfil these important aspects of the lives of our churches, due to the ever more complex details to be provided to the Church Connexion and the Charity Commission.

The role will see you reporting to a member of the Circuit Leadership Team. You will be directly responsible for managing the property portfolio. You will also be responsible. For the payment of the Circuit's bills and for ensuring payments for processing are authorised.

The successful applicant will work from home with access to facilities in the Circuit Office at Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Salary: £7,000pa (£19.23/hour)

This appointment is subject to a clear 'Basic check' and receipt of two satisfactory references.

Full job description, background information and an application form are available from the Circuit website: www.wandamethodists.org.uk

Information including an application form is also available from:

Ian Williams: iandrwilliams@hotmail.co.uk & Gareth Williams 01943 605443
gary.williams759@btinternet.com

Closing date for applications: Monday 24th April 2017, 12.00pm.



Vacancy for a part-time Circuit Finance Advisor

Do you have an interest in working within the charity sector?

Are you able to work from home part-time with flexible hours?

The **Wharfedale and Aireborough Methodist Circuit** is seeking to appoint a **part-time Finance Advisor** (17.5 hours per week).

This is an exciting opportunity to work with a committed team of staff and volunteers in a re-structured appointment to support the Trustees and leadership of the Circuit.

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The role will see you reporting to a member of the Circuit Leadership Team. You will support the Leadership of the Circuit by providing effective management of Circuit finance and co-ordinating the work of the finance team in partnership with others. Key responsibilities will be to maintain the accounting records of the Circuit and prepare the annual budgets.

The successful applicant will work from home with access to facilities in the Circuit Office at Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Salary: £20,000pa (£21.98/hour)

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Washburn Parish Council

The Parish Council met in early March. On the agenda were items regarding the A59 Kex Gill realignment, the North Yorkshire County Council public rights of way consultation and pension enrolment. The Council also considered the preparation of a safety plan for the Parish, on request of Harrogate Borough Council, in the event of an emergency.

A reminder that the Council will undertake a litter picking day in the parish on Saturday 22nd April. Anyone who would like to be involved can seek further details from Cllr Andrew Campbell.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Norwood Social Hall on Monday 8th May at 7pm. Washburn residents are invited to attend this meeting where they have the opportunity to speak and ask questions on any matters that concern them. This meeting will be followed at 7.30pm by the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Should you wish to contact any of your councillors please email washburnpc@gmail.com or for more information about your council please visit www.washburnpc.co.uk



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Mid Wharfedale Parish Council

www.midwharfedaleparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

An ordinary meeting of MWPC was held at Askwith Village Hall on 23rd February 2017.

All parishes were represented.

The replacement notice board for Langbar was discussed. The Clerk had received three quotes and the meeting decided to order a notice board from Plantscape which it was felt was the best choice for the location and was the middle cost of the three quotes. MWPC assets had been inspected during January with the Asset Health & Safety Risk Assessment up dated.

Nesfield "NO TURNING "sign. The Clerk had written to NYCC Highways on this, but was still awaiting a response

NYCC is consulting on a proposal to change the way they prioritise management and maintenance of public rights of way within North Yorkshire. This was discussed at length with each parish going to consider the details within the consultation with a further meeting set for 2nd March at 7.00pm to collate the comments so that MWPC can forward the completed questionnaire. Details can be accessed via www.northyorks.gov.uk/prowconsultation

HBC has removed the grant of £84.59 for Grass cutting within the Parish for the 2017/2018 year and any further years.

Correspondence had been received from Askwith Village Hall Committee regarding the resurfacing of the car park. This work cost £2644. The Village Hall Committee was asking if MWPC would be able to make a contribution towards the cost. This was discussed and as it would be a benefit to the community under Section 137 and the council had funds in hand it was proposed Cllr Steward and seconded Cllr White and resolved that a donation of £500 towards the cost of the car park works would be made.

Clerk to write to NYCC reference the road sign "Welcome to Askwith" that has been knocked down on Moor Lane. Accounts were presented by the Clerk and passed. Planning matters discussed. The web site has now received 2044 hits up from 1517 in November

The next meeting of MWPC is on 25th May 2017 which will start with the Parish meeting and then move onto the Annual council meeting which will also incorporate an ordinary meeting of the council. Proceedings start at 7.30pm in Askwith Village Hall.

Nick Pullan Clerk to MWPC 07720260401 npullanmwpc@fsmail.net.

Email: wasburnwharfe@btinternet.com

YES, IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

Please note the changed dates for Farnley and Weston & Denton

The Churches year ends are 31st Dec and the annual reports and accounts need to be submitted by the end of April. This means that Treasurers have been completing the accounts for an independent examination, Secretaries, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod reps and the Electoral Roll Officer are preparing their reports for the annual meetings. This year they take place as follows –

Weston and Denton 2nd April 10 am after the service All Saints Church, Weston

Farnley 7 pm Wed 5th April All Saints Church

Fewston with Blubberhouses 7 pm Tue 4th Heritage Centre

Leathley 7 pm Tue 25th Leathley Parish Rooms

The 'Vestry' meeting takes place to elect the Churchwardens for the coming year. This is a legal office as they are the Bishop's officers and are sworn in at special services (Visitation for the Admission of Churchwardens). This year the Visitation is at Ripon Cathedral 7.00 pm 5th May.

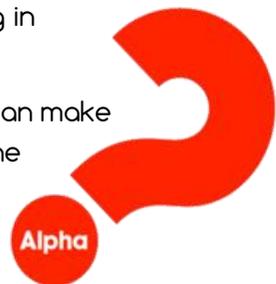
After this short meeting the Annual Meeting takes place which includes voting on any new or existing members to the Council.

Please support your church at the meeting to hear what's happened in 2016 and plans for 2017. If you'd like to join the Church Council please contact me or the relevant Churchwarden whose details are at the front. Graham

Explore with us Life's BIG Questions.

We are starting a 10 week Alpha Course beginning in September.

Together we will explore how the Christian faith can make sense of our world and our lives. In the midst of the chaos there are answers. Life can have meaning and purpose. Each evening session will have a short talk and then time for discussion. All are welcome. More details about dates and venue coming soon.





Norwood Social Hall

TABLE-TOP SALE

on Sunday 9th April
10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



We will also be serving our usual
HOME-MADE REFRESHMENTS
THROUGHOUT THE DAY



*Come and join us for morning coffee, lunch or afternoon
tea*

Shirley – 01423 770281
Ella – 01943 880169



ASKWITH SHOW



Arrangements for this years show are well under way, with new attractions to suit all ages, a new revised sheep section has been completed, hopefully to attract new and old entries. If you would like to book a stall this year, (we have spaces available at the moment), please contact Adele Marston on 07506 867144.

This Years Askwith Show Will Be Held On
SATURDAY 3RD JUNE 2017

askwithshow@outlook.com

You're invited to the annual

Open Gardens

in

Weston, Askwith & Denton

Tickets & Maps from Village Hall or any Open Garden. Approx. 16 Gardens Open for £5 per head with children free All Proceeds towards helping maintain our two Churches. 01943 461281 for details

Teas: Askwith Village Hall & in Denton Village

When: SAT & SUN JUNE 24th and 25th

Time: 2 – 6pm



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COME CELEBRATE!

NORWOOD SOCIAL HALL IS TURNING 80!

Saturday 15th April 2017
8pm - midnight.

Gala Buffet Dance
Music by the Bon-Accords
Bar, Raffle, Lucky ticket draw, (£12.50)
Lucky ticket draw prize:
Voucher for 2 for Sunday Carvery,
kindly donated by The Sun Inn, Norwood.

Other Norwood
Social Hall 2017
dates for your
diaries

Dances

12th May, 29th
September, 20th
October and 1st
December
(Christmas
Buffet Dance)

Domino Drives
5th May, 6th
October and 8th
December
(Christmas Hats
and Jumpers)

Annual Show and
Children's Sports
day
Saturday 9th
September

Please ring
Gladys 01943
880604 or Janet
01943 880411 for
information or
dance tickets

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VICTORY

In the garden His sweat was as great
drops of blood,
Knowing the ordeal that lay ahead.
When He came from eternity into time
'It's to do Thy will, not mine', He said.

The hour had come, He must drink the
cup
Fulfilment of scripture would start that
day
When He who was sinless would forfeit
His life,
Unblemished the Lamb who would take
sin away.

His miracles had touched so many lives
But the crowd had turned, it had come
to this -
An arrest by the chief priests with
lanterns and swords,
Led by a friend and betrayed with a
kiss.

He bore the cross - a victory shout!
God's wisdom now for all to see,
'If I be lifted up', He said
'Then I will draw all men to me.'

By Megan Carter



Mike Sant
Painter & Decorator
www.mikesant.co.uk

Answers

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Our Magazine

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