



Welcome to Worship - St George's Day

SUNDAY 25th APRIL - PUBLIC WORSHIP

8.00 am	- St John's, Knaresborough	-BCP Holy Communion
9.00 am	- St Mary's, Goldsborough	-Holy Communion
10.30am	- St John's, Knaresborough	-Holy Communion
10.30am	- St Paul & St Margaret's, Nidd	-BCP Holy Communion
10.45am	- Holy Trinity, Knaresborough	-Service of the Word

WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL - HOLY COMMUNION

10.00 am	- Holy Trinity, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion
11.00 am	- St John's, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion

Next Week - Sunday 2nd May - Public Worship

8.00 am	- St John's, Knaresborough	-BCP Holy Communion
9.00 am	- St Mary's, Goldsborough	-Holy Communion
10.30am	- St John's, Knaresborough	-Holy Communion
10.30am	- St Paul & St Margaret's, Nidd	-Matins
10.45am	- Holy Trinity, Knaresborough	-Holy Communion

Please arrive early for your chosen service to complete the track and trace forms.

Face masks must be worn in Church.

The services will be a maximum of 45 minutes duration, we are still not allowed to meet for teas or coffees and there will be no toilet or hall facilities available.

We are delighted to welcome you and our fellow Christians from our other town Churches.

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**



The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



The Word:

God speaks to each of us individually. We need to listen, to hear what He is saying. Let us read the following texts a few times; then listen.

Acts 4.5–12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

1 John 3.16–24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

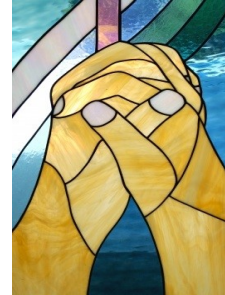
And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10.11–18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



We thank God for any spiritual insights we have been given this week. We remember and pray for our mission partners and neighbours around the world holding our hands open before God as we declare our needs and concerns for their wellbeing and our own.

We hold in our prayers:

- Our Bishops, Diocese and churches.
- Our Government making difficult decisions,
- Our NHS, Ambulance and Emergency services,
- All Chaplaincies services in prisons, schools and the NHS,
- Our Schools.
- Our mission partners, New Life Ghana and Azaria Spencer, CMS worker in Guatemala,
- Those supporting and caring for the vulnerable,
- Our loved ones and friends,
- Ourselves.

Those who have been married in our Parish:

Michael Anderson & Helen Millner.

Those who have asked for prayer:

Diane Barnett, Marta Braizier, Michael Brown, Andrew Calvert, Alison Hopkins, Maureen Knaggs, Denzil Morris, Isaac Sidaway, Helen Watson, Katie Western, Joyce Wright.

Those who have recently died:

Audrey Emblin, Trevor Mudd, Ronnie Grafton, Marie Baird.

Those whose anniversary of death we keep:

Rosalind Brand, Norman Rose, Jean Morland, June Dobby, Jose Brown, Bishop Frank Weston, Dr Elizabeth Jones, Doreen MacCormack, Michael Isaacs.

If you would like a family member to be remembered on the anniversary of their death then please contact Faye by email or phoning the office number and leaving a message.



A Blessing

May the presence of the Creator refresh you, may the comfort of the Son renew you, may the inspiration of the Spirit restore you, to be love in action, even from a distance, in our neighbourhoods, near and far, this day and for evermore. Amen

CHURCHNOTICES

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CREATIVE TYPES



Thy Kingdom Come - May 13th - May 23rd. For the last 5 years churches around the world have been involved in Thy Kingdom Come which marks the period between Ascension and Pentecost where Christians are asked to pray for friends to come to know Jesus and to be involved in mission to bring the good news to others. This year KTM will be involved. We want to reach out to people around the town. One of our



planned activities is to yarn bomb Knaresborough with woolly sheep. Just as Jesus went to find the 'ONE' we will go out and give people little woolly sheep to take home to be reminded how much God loves them, and a little prayer card with it so they can pray themselves and invite God into their hearts.

For this we need people to knit little woolly sheep and make pom-pom sheep - the more the merrier. The patterns will be at the back of church or ask Faye in the HUB and she will e-mail them to you. We would love to make enough to take round the town and give to the children at our link schools. So please get knitting and making and let's reach out this year and bring God's love to our community in a new fresh way. If you would like to help out on the day to be part of this mission. Please let Garry or Stroma know.



'THEN I'LL BEGIN'...ITEMS REQUEST



Do you have any unwanted grey suits or fabric handkerchiefs? Would you consider donating them to an artistic cause? Shaeron Caton Rose is looking for both items for her forthcoming exhibition 'Then I'll Begin'. This is an exhibition about lament and hope and will be held in September of this year. Shaeron needs 12 suits and 100 hankies and currently has 6 suits and 30 hankies. Suits are non-returnable, but handkerchiefs could be a lend, and can be any size or colour or pattern. Contact her at shaeron@mac.com to find out more or with your offers of donation. Many thanks in advance



CAN YOU HELP?

We need clumps of snowdrops to plant in the grass area at the East end of St John's. They need to be planted 'in the green' that is before they die down so we have a small window of the first 2 weeks of May. If you can donate just a small bunch it would really help, they will spread and look wonderful next spring. Please leave them at the Hub on Tuesday or Wednesday between 9.30 and 1.30pm. Or if you are unable to do that then please ring Anthea on 01423 797560 and I will collect them.



DO YOU LIKE GARDENING?

At St John's we are starting a weekly working party on Wednesday mornings from 9.30-12.30 to plant snowdrops, wild garlic and do other interesting projects. Do come and see what we are doing and hear of the plans for renewing the area. If you can spare a little time to help that would be much appreciated. All welcome no experience needed! For more information please email the office on knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com



CHANGES TO THE KNARESBOROUGH FOODBANK BRANCH

As from **Friday 9th April** the Knaresborough Foodbank will be opening every **Friday, 10.30am** until **12.30pm** at **Holy Trinity Church Hall**. Delivery Service now available if required. **ALL WELCOME**. Donations for the foodbank can be taken to Morrison's, Waitrose or Co-op (Jennyfields branch) supermarkets, Mowbray Church on Westmorland Street, Tues & Fri 10.30am - 12.30pm or Holy Trinity Church Hall, Friday's 10.30am - 12.30pm. They are also opening in Starbeck at the Life Destiny Church (behind the Methodist Church Building) on Thursday's, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

PASTORAL CARE - TELEPHONE CALLS

Our telephone support volunteers are still there to support you. If you, or anyone you know would like to receive a weekly 'phone call from a friendly volunteer, please contact June on 07759 619780 or Anthea on 01423 797560.



THE KNARESBOROUGH TEAM MINISTRY PASTORAL CARE PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request for the pastoral care team to pray through and would like it to be kept confidential and not shared publicly, please email Pam Thomas, the prayer chain co-ordinator, at pam1943@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01423 864262.



TWIN MY VACCINE – UNICEF

We are so fortunate with our vaccine roll out in the UK and Europe, but poorer countries are not so lucky. The government has promised to donate all excess vaccines to poor countries, but that will take time. You can help by donating now to **Unicef**, the equivalent of the cost of your vaccines (£4 - £30) None of us are safe until we are all safe....Please go to www.unicef.org.uk or you can donate through **Justgiving** on the 'Twin my Vaccine' page of Revd Scott and Rowan Patterson. The money they raise goes to **Unicef**. Thank you.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS COMING - 10th MAY - 16th MAY

This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day.

From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means families are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms.



Together we stop this climate crisis.

Our focus for Team Services on Sunday 9th May will be Christian Aid. Due to Covid Restrictions the Christian Aid Giving envelopes will be at the back of church to collect and returned the week after. Marion Clark is hoping to run a stall with a wide selection of preserves, marmalades, baked goods and plants. If you're interested in helping Marion with the stall please contact Marion on 01423 567187.

Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives



THY KINGDOM COME - 13th MAY - 23rd MAY

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since its start in May 2016 God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This praying together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way. According to our annual survey findings an astonishing percentage of people said they were praying for family and friends to come to faith in Jesus, and a significant number of people join in for the first time, we recognise there is much more we can do together to help Thy Kingdom Come be fully in the lifeblood of the Church.

This year at KTM we will be holding a mini mission of yarn bombing Knaresborough with woolly sheep. Just as Jesus went to find the 'ONE' we will go out and give people little woolly sheep to take home to be reminded how much God loves them, and a little prayer card with it so they can pray themselves and invite God into their hearts.

There will also be a digital family prayer adventure map for the youth and the young at heart, exploring prayer with the use of Augmented technology with puzzles, stories and mini video clips.

Also for this year the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, has produced a Prayer Journal, this has been written for followers of Jesus, those who are searching or those who are yet to encounter Jesus.

Please watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.



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The Office is open Tuesday's, Wednesday's & Thursday's, 9am - 1pm.

KNARESBOROUGH TEAM MINISTRY

Safeguarding

We are all responsible for safeguarding the integrity, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, the people in our church.

Please find helpful information sheets at the back of the church, which inform YOU of YOUR potential responsibilities.