

Welcome to Worship



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

WEDNESDAY 5th MAY- HOLY COMMUNION

10.00 am	- Holy Trinity, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion
11.00 am	- St John's, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion
7.00 pm	- Holy Trinity, Knaresborough	- CORE Youth Group

Next Week - Sunday 9th May - Public Worship (Christian Aid)

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

The Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 8.26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

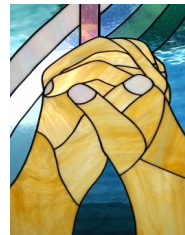
The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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, Churches, Clergy and Chaplains,
- Our Government making difficult decisions,
- Our NHS, Ambulance, Emergency services and Volunteers helping with the vaccine programme,
- Our local schools, businesses and charities,
- 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 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:

Rod Hurst, Audrey Emblin, Ronnie Grafton, Marie Baird.

Those whose anniversary of death we keep:

Michael Bone, William Windsor, Margaret Cockerill, Terry Horner, Malcolm Annakin.

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

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**

CHURCHNOTICES



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.

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.

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.



So this year we will be again be praying for family, friends, neighbours, colleagues to come to know God. To help us there will be a free prayer journal for you at the back of church and if you have someone in mind you want to pray for why not take a spare journal and give it to them. We will also be holding two zoom get together evenings as part of our follow up to the ROL Lent Course using the journals. A chance to read a short scripture, discuss and pray together - These will be on **Tuesday 11th May** and **Tuesday 25th May 7:30pm-8:45pm**. All welcome to join us and please invite anyone you think might like to be part of it. The more the merrier.

We will also be holding a mini mission of yarn bombing Knaresborough with woolly sheep on **Wednesday 19th May**. 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.

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

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CREATIVE TYPES - We still need you!!!



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. Still time to be involved in TKC!



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.

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.





'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



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.



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.

GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation, this was a new regulation that came into force in 2018 to give individuals more protection of how their personal data is handled. Everyone who was on the electoral roll at the time will have completed a consent form stating if KTM could contact you either by phone, email or post. If you haven't completed a GDPR consent form please speak with your Churchwarden or email Faye at knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com and we will send you out a form to complete.

CONTACT US

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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.