

The Erringden Eagle



Mytholmroyd & Cragg Vale News Sheet March 2018

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Welcome to St John's & St Michael's we hope you enjoy being here and join with us after the service for a drink and a chat.

Welcome to the March addition of the Eagle. There's a lot packed into the pages. I hope you find it useful and enjoyable.

At the time of going to print we are unsure whether the Pace Egg play will take place in Mytholmroyd this year on Good Friday. If it does then the church hall will be open for Hot Cross Bun's and refreshments.

So what can you read about this month?

Rosie enlightens us with more of her wisdom.

Some surprising facts about Easter are unveiled.

Details of what the church and surrounding area will look like once the Flood Alleviation Scheme has completed.

Monthly events are listed including all the Easter ones at both Churches.

Details of Easter services and the return of the Easter Flower Festival.

Puzzle and jokes to lighten the day and hopefully bring a smile to your faces.

Alan

Dates for your diaries

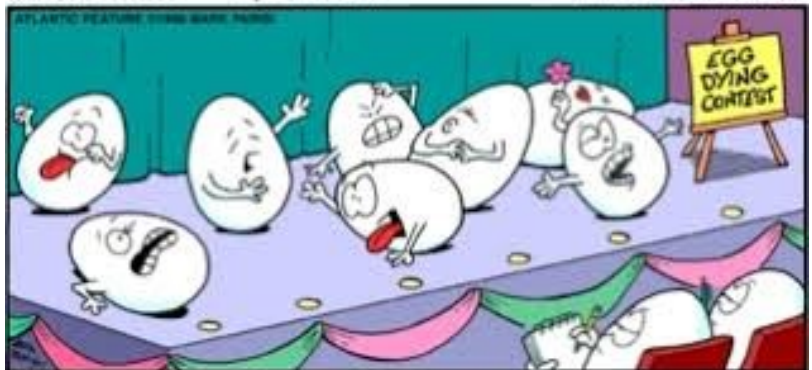
St Michael's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th April at 7pm in the church hall.

St John's APCM is on Monday 16th April at 7.30pm in the church.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

www.offthemark.com



What's On this Month

Sunday Services

St John's Sunday's 9.30am. Communion

St Michael's Sunday's 11am. Communion

St Michael's Sunday's 4pm. New Connect service March 4th.

Brew. Every Monday 10.30am in the Erringden Room at St Michael's. Chance to meet, chat and have a cuppa. All welcome.

Open Church. Every Tuesday at 2pm in St John's church. Meet, chat and have a cuppa. All welcome.

Angels Meet. Every Thursday in term time at 9.15am in St Michael's Hall. For parents with pre school children to get together. Activities for the children.

Parish Prayers. Every Friday at 9am at the Vicarage Brier Hey Lane. Meet and pray for the community and one another.

Quiz Nights. In St Michael's Hall at 7.30pm on 1st Friday of the month. Bar open, Pie & pea supper (optional). New quizzers welcome.

Coffee Mornings. Run by the Guild. Held in the Erringden room of St Michael's Hall 1st Saturday's of the month at 10am - Great cakes for sale.

Guild group meet on 6th March at 2pm in the Erringden room in St Michael's Hall.

St Michaels Wives group meet at 8pm on Thursday 15th March in the Erringden Room in St Michael's Hall.

Cragg Vale Yorkshire Country Women meet on Monday 12th March at 7.30pm.

St Michael's PCC meet in the Erringden Room at 7pm on Tuesday 6th March.

St John's PCC meet in church at 6.30pm on Monday 19th March.

Book Club meet in the Erringden Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th March 'The Gallows Pole' by Benjamin Myers. This is a 'captivating tale of the Cragg Vale Coiners.' It's a gripping account ; the local author has used historical and legal documents to write this brutal yet beautiful book. cost £2:00 which includes wine and nibbles.

House Group meet at the Cansdale's at 7.30pm on Wednesdays March 7th, 21st. See Alan for details or tel 883944

Churches Together Committee Meet on 5th March at St John's at 7.30pm.

Cragg Vale History Group meet on March 15th at 7.30pm in St John's church. Theme 'The Dummy Airfield in Cragg Vale' Visitors £3.

Children and Young People leaders meet on Saturday 3rd March at 10am in St Michael's Hall.

Women's World Day of Prayer. Friday 2nd March in Hope Baptist Church at 7pm.

Bereavement and Loss Support. Pop in for a cuppa, biscuits and chance to share as much or as little as you want. We offer friendship and support for anyone struggling to cope with bereavement or other loss. 3rd Monday of the month (*19th March*) 1pm till 3pm, Erringden Room, St Michael's Church Hall.



celebrating MOTHERS

A celebration of Mothers – discovering the mothering heart of God a service of music, images, readings and reflection at St Michael's on Saturday 10th March at 6pm. Sunday 11th is Mothering Sunday at both St John's (9.30am) and St Michael's (11am).

Christian Aid Lent Lunches

March 4th --From 12.15pm --St James Mytholm

March 11th--(Mothers Day) --12 noon Quakers, Royd Square

March 18th --12 noon --Hope Baptist

March 25th (Palm Sunday) --12 noon --St Michael's

Willing to be a contact for your group? Then see Alan to get your contact details added to your regular event.

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Informal worship service for all the family on Sunday 4th March in St Michael's Church Hall, Mytholmroyd. 4.00 - 5.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

SPRING FLING - Saturday 24th March, in St John's church, 10am - 3pm

A spring (or Easter?) fair with a variety of stalls, games and crafty things to do. There will also be Easter bonnet and decorated egg (chicken/duck/goose) competitions. Get your competition entries in for judging by 12 noon, Easter bonnet parade and results at 1pm.

If any community groups or local artisans would like a stall (£10) please contact Julie on stjohnscraggvale@gmail.com as soon as possible.

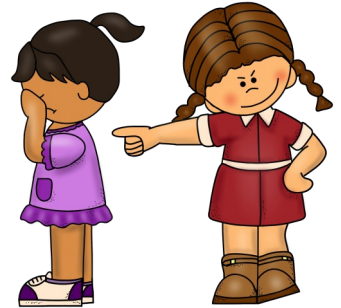




Rosie's Ramblings from The Vicarage

It is strange how some things do not make sense, and the more you think about it the more ludicrous it becomes. Alan was reading a passage from the Bible called the Beatitudes in which Jesus lays down the principles of Christianity and how we should live. It said, Blessed are meek for they shall inherit the earth.

Well it does not make sense, we all know that meek people get pushed around and dominated by others, so how can they inherit the earth? They always get pushed down to the bottom of the pack and are not highly considered by others. Is Jesus joking? Is he seeing how gullible people are in accepting what he says?



I know one thing for certain if I was meek, my life out there on the fields of Mytholmroyd would be hell, dogs bossing me around, telling me what to do, stopping me, bullying me. Try that with me and they would get a pasting! (bashing). Don't get me wrong I want to be a friend of all the dogs but if they cross the line then that is it, the red mist descends and they have to be taught a lesson. No, I have decided meekness is not the way forward, it is a daft idea, you would end up getting trodden all over. It is a stupid concept, inherit the earth, they cannot even stand up for themselves. It is not for me.

I am annoyed the saying keeps going around my head, I am an intelligent dog but I see no possible good in the whole statement so why is it bugging me? I will just have to investigate it a bit more. Time to look at the dictionary.



Well that is strange, it looks like my whole understanding of meekness is wrong. The Greek word translated "meek" is *praeis* and refers to mildness, gentleness of spirit, or humility. Meekness is humility toward God and toward others. It is having the *right* or the

power to do something but refraining for the benefit of someone else.

So it means choosing to help others, and putting their needs above your own. But it is more than that—you choose to do it when you have the power and position to do what you want, you are not restrained or dominated by others. It is a choice you make.

It seems more clear now, when Jesus was crucified He could have called down an army of angels to free Him, He could have destroyed the Roman army and conquered the world. His healings and demonstrations of power over nature (calming the storm and walking on water) showed he could have chosen a different path. But instead he chose to die on the cross to save as many people as possible from the judgement that they will bring upon themselves for the life choices they make. So he chooses to save, while others choose to get everything they can for themselves.

So the meek are people who live like Jesus, putting the needs of others before themselves, sacrificing their wants and desires although they have the right to them. They want the best for others even if it costs them big style. Meek people must actually be very strong to live like that. I can now see why they will inherit the earth.

Don't know if I can be meek It is a pretty hard life path to choose, what about you? Can you be meek?

Yours Rosie



Palm Sunday

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH

9.30AM AT ST JOHN'S

11AM AT ST MICHAEL'S



Compline a Night Prayer

26th – 28th March at St. Michael's at
7pm in the side chapel

Guide us waking, O Lord,
and guard us sleeping,
that awake we may watch
with Christ,
and asleep we may rest
in peace.



Antiphon from
Compline



Thursday 29th March at 6pm

In St Michael's Hall

Agape Meal.



Service in the shadows as we remember Christ's death.

On Friday 30th March at St John's, 7pm

Churches together Easter Events

Palm Sunday March 25th Distribution of palms and raising of Household cross. Meet at the gates of the Memorial Gardens (HB) at 2pm. Meet at Household at 3pm for a short service and the raising of the cross.

Good Friday March 30th Walk of witness. Meet at 12 noon opposite the Town Hall in HB.

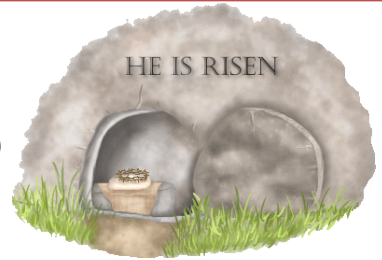
Easter Day April 1st Son Rise service at 6.45am at Household

EASTER SUNDAY 1st April

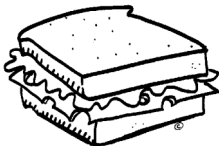
Easter Communion

St John's 9.30am (hot cross bunsns after service)

St Michael's 11am.



Easter Flowers



Sunday 1st April from 1.30pm

Monday 2nd April from 10am

At St Michael's Church

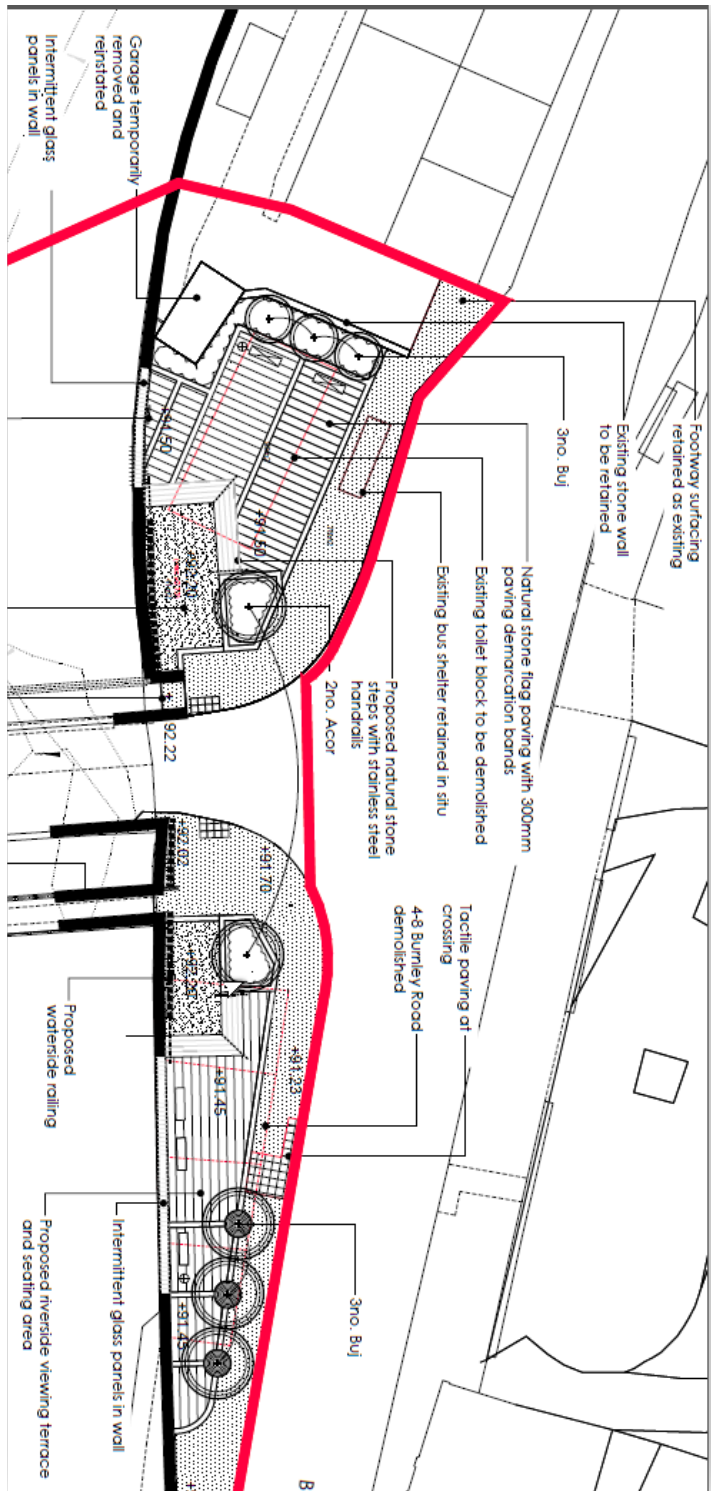


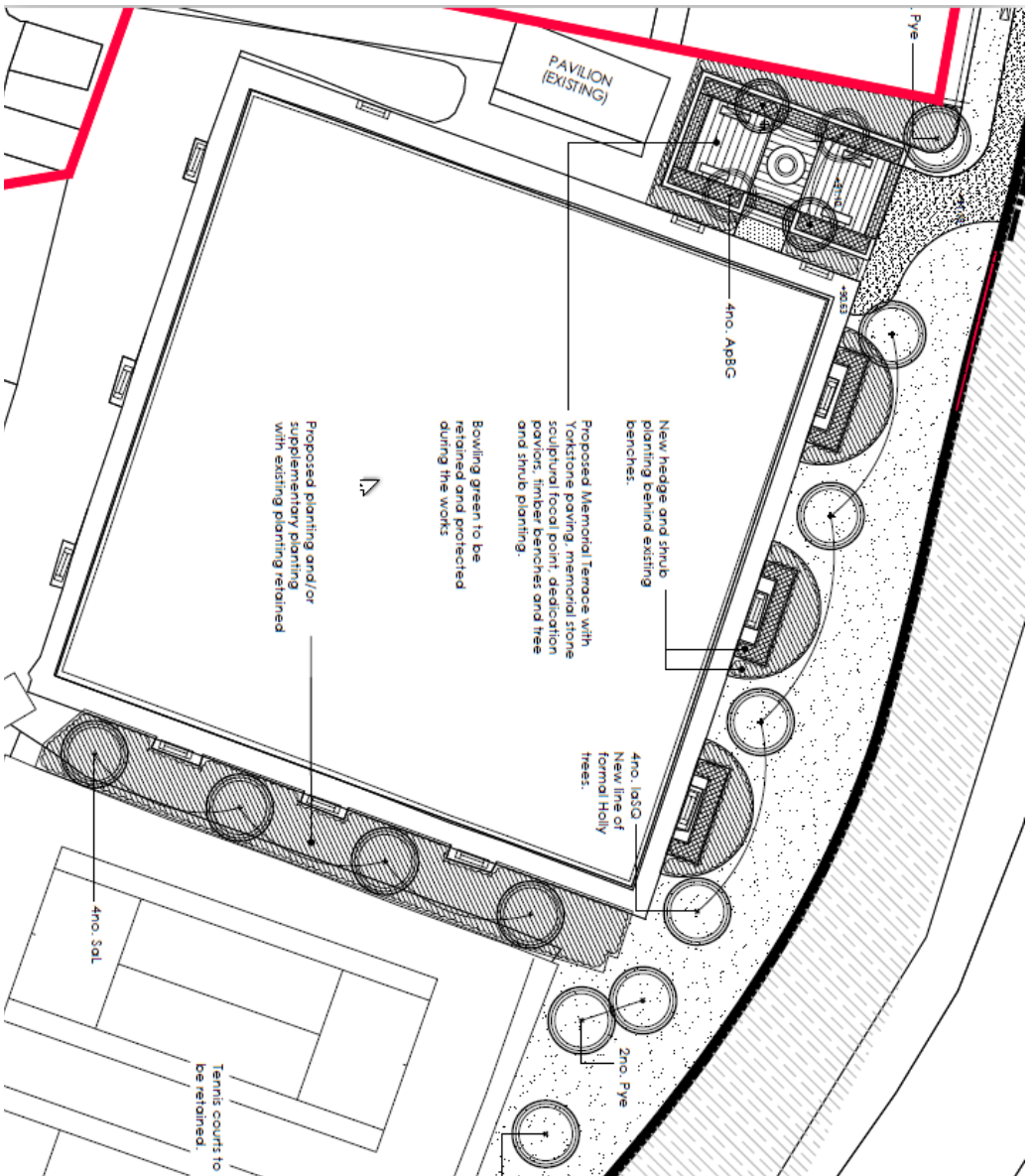
Flood Alleviation

So what will the area around the church look like after the EA have finished their work? The picture on this page shows the area on either side of the bridge. The newsagents and houses replaced by seating, viewing galleries and landscaping. Pretty much the same on the side with the toilet block except the block has been removed.

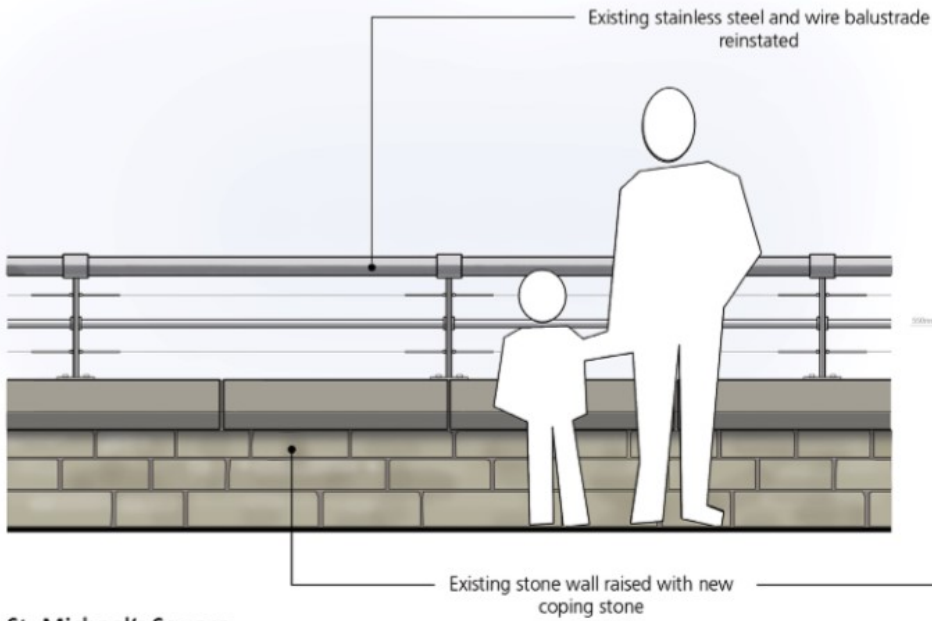
Down the side of the church and bowling green is shown in the picture on the opposite page. A big chunk of the river bank has gone to widen the river (area shown as dashes and lines in picture). There will be a proper path, landscaping, seating and possibly a memorial area.

St Michael's square will look pretty much the same as it does now, the river wall will be rebuilt and the balustrade re-instated.

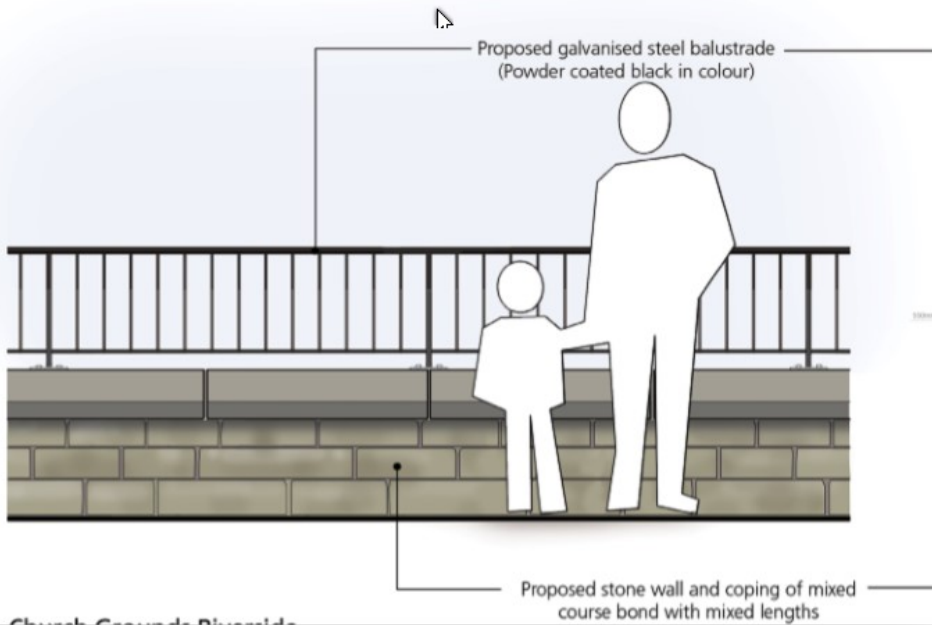




The short wall will continue down the length of the river. A picture is over the page to show what that will look like. The only downside I can see will be the green sloping river bank will have gone and a vertical wall replacing it. This will look harsh at first, particularly if you are in the river, but the look will hopefully soften with time.



St. Michael's Square
Scale 1:20 @ A3



The lower picture is the riverside wall and walk.

Sensational

Saturday

Disco
Food
Games

Make a Mother's
Day gift for your
Mum

FREE Family Fun Time

Saturday 17th March

4 - 5.30pm at St. Michael's Hall,
Mytholmroyd

For more info email reardoncathy@gmail.com





Hebden Bridge Group Practice

Valley, Grange Dene and Luddendenfoot Medical Centres



Bereavement and Loss Support

We offer friendship and support for anyone struggling to cope with bereavement or other loss.

Where: St Michael's Church Hall, Mytholmroyd

When: The 3rd Monday of the month

Time: 1pm till 3pm

On offer: Tea, coffee, biscuits and a chance to chat and /or share as much or as little as you want.

For more information contact: Jane Hoyle

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EASTER FREE WORD-SEARCH PUZZLE



- RISEN
- JESUS CHRIST
- TOMB
- RESURRECTION
- STONE
- CROSS
- GOOD FRIDAY
- CRUCIFIED
- EASTER
- EASTER SUNDAY
- EASTER MONDAY
- DISCIPLES

- LINEN
- ANGEL
- GOD
- SOLDIERS
- MARY MAGDALENE
- CENTURION
- PONTIUS PILATE
- PHARISEE
- MARY
- JAMES
- JUDAS ISCARIOT

- GETHSEMANE
- BETRAYED
- DENIED
- JERUSALEM
- SON OF GOD
- PETER
- COCK CROWS
- HE IS RISEN
- EMPTY TOMB
- LORD'S SUPPER
- PASSOVER
- LAMB OF GOD

Easter Facts and trivia.

Easter is such a major religious holiday. Yet nowhere in the Bible—not in the book of Acts, which covers several decades of the history of the early Church, nor in any of the epistles of the New Testament, written over a span of 30 to 40 years after Jesus Christ's death and resurrection—do we find the apostles or early Christians celebrating anything like Easter. The first Christians continued to observe the Jewish festivals, though in a new spirit, as commemorations of events which those festivals foreshadowed. In fact, many credible sources substantiate the fact that Easter became a substitute festival for the Jewish Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. Easter did not become a Christian Festival until about 325AD and was enforced by the Roman emperor Constantine. It replaced the much earlier pagan festival of Easter but retained many of its fertility symbols like eggs and rabbits.

Easter is usually celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon following the first day of Spring. It could take place on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter does not fall on a fixed day each year, though Christians prefer to celebrate it on the Sunday because that was the day of Jesus's resurrection.

The tallest Easter egg chocolate was made in Italy in 2011. It stood at 10.39 meters and weighed an astounding 7,200 kg.

In the US, only 12 of the 50 states recognize Good Friday as a holiday.

The art of painting eggs is called pysanka, which originated in Ukraine. It involves using wax and dyes to colour the egg.

The exchange or giving of Easter eggs actually dates back to before Easter and the giving of eggs is actually considered a symbol of rebirth in many cultures.

There used to be a tradition churches observed that resembled the game of "hot potato." Here, the priest would toss a hard boiled egg to one of the choir boys. The boys would toss the egg amongst themselves and when the clock struck 12, whomever had the egg was the winner and got to keep the egg.

Are you an ears, arms or tail person? Seventy-six percent of people eat the ears on the chocolate bunny first, 5 percent go for the feet and 4 percent for the tail.

Rotas	Stewards	Readers	Intercessions/	Coffee
Cragg 25th February	Sylvia Doris	June M	Server: Jane	Pam
Cragg 4th March	Pam Alan	Gordon	Server: Margaret	Doris
Cragg 11th March	Betty Beryl	Carol W	Server: Mary	Carol
Cragg 18th March	Sue Margaret	Ann K	Server: Gordon	Anne Beryl
Cragg 25th March	Sylvia Doris	Sylvia M	Server: Jane	Pam
Cragg 1st April	Pam Alan	Hugh	Server: Margaret	Doris
Mytholmroyd 25th February	Jeanette Mary	Malcolm Colin	Christine	Joan Betty
Mytholmroyd 4th March	Madeline Daphne	Eric Lesley	Eric	Joan John
Mytholmroyd 11th March	Richard Alan	Jackie Tom	Alan	Sheila
Mytholmroyd 18th March	Maureen Wilf	Margaret Christine	Chisholm Family	Margaret Christine
Mytholmroyd 25th March	Robert Chris	Gill J Julia	Daphne	Jackie B Nancy
Mytholmroyd 1st April	Jenny Vivienne	Ruth Tracy	Margaret	Jackie Auriol

How do you know the Easter Bunny is really smart? Because he's an egghead.

What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved at school? He was eggspelled!

What do you call a mischievous egg? A practical yolker

What do you call ten rabbits marching backwards? A receding hareline.

Why do we paint Easter eggs? Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

Readings	1st reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
25th Feb	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Romans 4:13-end	Mark 8:31-end
4th March	Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
11th March	1 Samuel 1:20-end	Colossians 3:12-17	John 19:25b-27
18th March	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
25th March	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 11:1-11
1st April	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Acts 10:34-43	Mark 16:1-8

St John's use 2nd reading.



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