

# SERVICES IN MAY

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## Sunday 5th

### Easter 3

8.30am Holy Communion, St. Stephen's  
10.15am Holy Communion, St. Aidan's  
12.30pm Baptism Service, St. Aidan's

*Communion Readings: Acts 9: 1-6; John 21: 1-19*

## Sunday 12th

### Easter 4

8.30am Holy Communion, St. Stephen's  
10.15am Holy Communion, St. Stephen's

*Communion Readings: Acts 9: 36-end; John 10: 22-30*

## Sunday 19th

### Easter 5

8.30am Holy Communion, St. Stephen's  
10.15am Parade and All Age Worship, St. Aidan's

*Communion Readings: Acts 11: 1-18; John 13: 31-35*

## Sunday 26th

### Easter 6

8.30am Holy Communion, St. Stephen's  
10.15am Morning Worship, St. Stephen's

*Communion Readings: Acts 16: 9-15; John 14: 23-29*

## Thursday 30th

### Ascension Day

10am Holy Communion, St. Aidan's  
7.30pm Holy Communion, St. Stephen's

*Communion Readings: Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 44-end*

## Weekday services of Holy Communion in May

Every Thursday —10.00am in St. Aidan's  
(First Thursday Mothers' Union Corporate Communion)

Acomb  
Parish



# THE MAGAZINE

## May 2019

**Welcome to  
St Stephen's & St Aidan's,  
Acomb.**

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Charity Reg. No. 1130667

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## Uniform Groups

Beavers	HQ Front Street	Thur 6.00-7.15pm
Cubs Mohawks	HQ Front Street	Mon 6.30-8.30pm
Apaches	HQ Front Street	Wed 6.30-8.30pm
Scouts	HQ Front Street	Fri 7.00-9.00pm
Rainbows	Parish Hall	Wed 6.00-7.00pm
Brownies	Parish Hall	Tue 6.15-8.00pm
Guides	St Aidan's	Wed 7.00-9.00pm

## Useful contacts

### Bookings

Parish Hall – Val Atkinson 01904 799494  
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### Planned Giving and Young People's Fund

Nigel Atkinson 01904 799494

### Small (Home) Groups

A member of the clergy *(see inside cover)*

### Squeals on Wheels

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### Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

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### Church Flowers

St Stephen's – Lynn Butler  
St Aidan's –

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## From Acomb Parish Church Registers 2019

### WEDDING

6<sup>th</sup> April Georgina Elizabeth HILL &  
Thomas Alec WOODFORD

.....*those whom God has joined together*

### FUNERALS

1st March Maxwell BESWICK (88)

.....*Into the hands of God*

### Interment of Ashes

14<sup>th</sup> April Brenda Margaret Dobson (80)

Please let the clergy know if you or anyone you know is unwell or would like a visit at home or in hospital. Home Communion can be made available.

**For all enquiries regarding Baptisms (Christenings) and other Parish matters please contact the Church Office.**

**Acomb Parish Hall, Front Street, Acomb, York. YO24 3BZ  
01904 790808 acombparishoffice@gmail.com  
Parish Office opening hours are:  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am-12pm**

**NB: For all enquiries regarding Banns of Marriage or Weddings please contact the Vicar direct.**

## Letter from the Vicarage.....

### Between Easter and Pentecost?

It's not that long ago that we celebrated the birth of Christ and even more recently enjoyed our Easter celebrations. We could not have had Easter without Christ's birth. It's impossible to overstate the significance of Good Friday when Jesus died for our sins, and Easter Sunday on which he was raised from the dead — but Jesus's earthly ministry did not stop there. Following his resurrection, Jesus taught his disciples about God's kingdom for a further forty days before he ascended into heaven.

So, having 'done' Easter we now just simply wait for Pentecost, right? No, Jesus's ascension was not simply an afterthought to Easter and Good Friday. So, what's so important about Christ's Ascension?

### It's Jesus's return to and reunion with his Father in heaven

Before and after his death and resurrection Jesus declares that he was sent by his Father and must return to his Father (John 16:28). When, as risen Lord, Jesus appeared to Mary he said, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (John 20:17). Jesus fully accomplished his mission and glorified the Father on earth, and at Jesus's ascension the Father glorifies the Son in heaven. Jesus's homecoming to his Father prepares the way for our homecoming to be with Jesus forever.

**It is Jesus heavenly enthronement** when he is installed as the true King of the world. The Apostles' Creed says, he "ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty." In Acts 7:56 Saint Stephen declares that he sees the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. Is this a fulfilment of the prophecy in Daniel 7:13 -14? - look it up.

### Jesus continues to work after the ascension

At the beginning of Acts, Luke writes, "In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus **began** to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up..." The small word 'began' signals that Jesus's ascension does not mean an end to his work as Messiah but a continuation - something we see in chapter 2 of the "Acts of the risen Lord Jesus," in which he works from heaven, through his people, by the Holy Spirit, for the accomplishment of God's purposes. God had promised, "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh," (Joel 2:28) and this promise is fulfilled by the ascended Jesus. It is Jesus who sent the

Holy Spirit to be present with his people, to empower them for worldwide mission, and to transform believers to live new lives reflecting the exalted King.

### **Jesus is our heavenly mediator and high priest**

During his earthly ministry Jesus's work was geographically limited but now he is at work everywhere and hears and responds to his people's prayers no matter the time or place, sympathizing in our struggles and promising to do whatever we ask in his name. Now in heaven the exalted Lord Jesus intercedes for his people as our true high priest and advocate. Jesus is the unique mediator between God and man. His death and resurrection have secured our forgiveness, justification, and reconciliation with our heavenly Father God.

### **Jesus will return as King and Judge**

Two angels explain to the disciples, "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11). Jesus's heavenly reign will one day be fully realized on earth and it's what we regularly ask when we pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". When he returns, the Lord Jesus will bring divine judgment, claiming his browbeaten people and judging his enemies.

So, often overlooked, the ascension completes Jesus's earthly mission and shows his enthronement as heavenly king. Jesus is presently reigning as king and remains active and engaged in our world and our lives. Jesus has completed his Father's mission and he now rules with all authority and intercedes for us as our mediator and high priest. You need to put Ascension Day in your diary now, and plan to be at one of our two services that day to celebrate.



### **Ascension Day Services on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

10am Holy Communion at St. Aidan's

7.30pm Holy Communion at St. Stephen's

*NB: This is also the start of 'Thy Kingdom Come'.*

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## **Coming up.....**

**FRIDAY 7TH JUNE**  
**A BARN DANCE in the Parish Hall**  
*Details to follow!*

**SUNDAY 23RD JUNE**  
**6pm Choral Evensong at St. Stephen's**  
**with the 'Clerkes' singers of York.**

**SUNDAY 30TH JUNE**  
**11am United Service & Lunch**  
**This will be an 'Iona style' service**

*Maybe now, following Easter, would be a good time for you to consider joining a Small (Home) Group?*

*Ask the Vicar or Churchwardens for further details.*

### **Acomb Local History Group**

On Wednesday 8th May 2019

we will have a talk entitled

**The Pilgrimage of Grace 1536**

**By Gillian Waters**

We start our meeting at 10.00am (prompt)

in ACOMB PARISH CHURCH HALL,

FRONT STREET. Acomb

ADMISSION: Members £1 Visitors £2

(includes tea/coffee/biscuit)

## Homeshare Comes to Acomb

Homeshare is a new service that matches an older homeowner with a younger person in a home-sharing arrangement. The Homesharer will provide 10 hours of support a week to the Householder in exchange for a room in their home. The service gives an older person the opportunity to continue living independently with the support and companionship of a sharer, whilst also providing a solution to young professionals or mature students in need of affordable accommodation.

In addition to resolving these practical issues, Homeshare matches often result in other benefits linked to intergenerational friendships. In similar services across the UK, participants have experienced reduced isolation, increased wellbeing and the opportunity to learn new skills.

Homeshare is a not-for-profit service, with a monthly contribution made by the Householder and Homesharer to cover the cost of the matching process and ongoing support.

Toria Morris, Homeshare Coordinator, explains: "Homeshare provides an alternative option for older people who want to stay in their own homes and for young people in need of an affordable place to live. There is also scope for matches to help to combat social isolation, too, so we're really excited about the difference it could make to the wellbeing of younger and older citizens in the Acomb area."

To find out more or see if you are eligible to apply please contact Toria on 01904 552898 or email [homeshareyork@york.gov.uk](mailto:homeshareyork@york.gov.uk)

*Toria Morris*

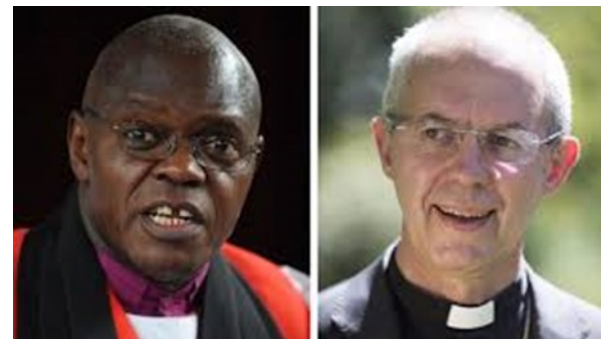
## Six Weeks in Jerusalem

Following my return before Easter from six weeks spent in Israel/Palestine, based at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies in Jerusalem, one or two asked whether I would give a presentation about places I visited, people I met and new things I learnt. I am hoping this may be possible in June. If you're interested, watch this space!

*Andrew Bailey*

## Thy Kingdom Come

A message from the Archbishop and Archbishop of York



After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total - on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the past three years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit would inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the country to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part this year - along with churches from more than 65 different denominations in 114 countries around the world. Find out more at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>.

**THY KINGDOM COME**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May (Ascension Day)**  
**to**  
**Sunday 9th June (Pentecost)**



#PLEDGE2PRAY

**2 York Events to go to:**

**FRIDAY 31ST MAY**  
**6.30pm for 7pm - 8.30pm**  
**Central Methodist Church - Come to pray!**

**SUNDAY 9TH JUNE**  
**6.30pm for 7pm - 8.30pm**  
**York Minster - Come, and bring one... evangelistic celebration!**

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It's a fact that your viewpoint depends on where you're standing.

I was in a large supermarket last week when a little girl called Katie went missing. An announcement was made over the public address system and within minutes a very relieved mother was able to collect her daughter from the store manager.

Katie seemed unperturbed by the whole affair, but she did have a few stern words for her parent. "It's no use getting upset, Mummy", she said, "if only you wouldn't keep wandering off you wouldn't get lost!"

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Our next Branch meeting will take place on  
Tuesday 14th May at 2.15pm at St. Aidan's Church.

This month's guest speaker is  
Glynis Bevan  
**'What Katie Did'** - Tales of a Missionary Daughter.

All Mothers' Union meetings are open to all, men and women;  
young and not so young, members and non members,  
so come along and meet an inspiring woman

*Anne Barker, Branch Leader*

**LORD BE NEAR ME**

Through the tangled web of life  
Lord, guide me.  
Through the problems of the day,  
Stay beside me.  
From dangers of the world,  
Defend me.  
When my loved ones slip away,  
Befriend me.  
In the quiet of the night,  
Lord, hear me.  
And accept in prayer my thanks,  
For being near me.

(Iris Hesselden)



**An invitation to our Christian Aid Big Brekkie  
Tuesday 28th May, 10am - 12noon,  
St Aidan's Church, Ridgeway**

Continental-style breakfast will be served  
(*gluten-free options available*)

All proceeds will go to Christian Aid and their life-saving,  
world-changing work helping poor communities across the globe  
Everyone welcome!



If anyone would like to help on the day please contact  
Jennifer Deamer (01904 330569)

## What's On This Month

### MESSY CHURCH

Tuesday 7th May  
3.30 – 5.30pm at St. Aidan's Church



### ADMISSION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Wednesday 8th May  
7pm at St. Barnabas Church

### HOLY COMMUNION AT

Vyner House on Wednesday 15th May at 2pm  
There will be no Abbeyfields service in May.

These monthly services welcome anyone who would like to join them, support and encourage the residents who attend the services. We usually also sing a couple of hymns.

This month's **Craft Evening** will be on Tuesday 21st  
from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Ellis Room.  
Come and enjoy tea, biscuits and conversation.  
If you do not have a craft, come along anyway.  
Contact is Emily on 07473 771491.

### Parish Coffee Morning & Craft Fair

Saturday 25th May

10.30am-12.30pm

At the Parish Hall



 **Come and sing along!** 

**Under 10s  
Music Group  
@ Acomb Parish  
4.30pm - 5pm**

Half an hour of singing fun for  
under 10s and their families

**Youth  
Music Group  
@ Acomb Parish  
5pm - 6pm**

Open to 10-18 year olds of all abilities  
Bring an instrument if you like

### New Dates for the Summer Term:

May 2019

Tue 14  
Tue 21

June 2019

Tue 18  
Tue 25

July 2019

Tue 9  
Tue 16

**FREE  
TO ALL!**

Sessions take place at St Aidan's Church, Ridgeway, Acomb, York, YO26 5DA

**Acomb  
Parish**

The Vicar may be away for sometime in May. Every effort will be made to cover services as normal but in the event this is not possible some changes may be necessary. We will try to give advance warning of changes where possible. If you can, please check the website.

## Events in May

- THU 2 10am MU Corporate Communion, St Aidan's
- SUN 5** 5 - 7pm Sunday Supper, Parish Hall  
TUE 7 9 - 11am 'Squeals on Wheels'  
(*Babies & Toddlers*), St Aidan's  
3.30-5.30pm Messy Church, St Aidan's
- THU 9 7 - 7.30am Meeting for Prayer, St Aidan's  
FRI 10 9.30am Time for Reflection, 51 Barlow Street
- SUN 12** 5 - 7pm Sunday Supper, Parish Hall  
TUE 14 9 - 11am 'Squeals on Wheels'  
(*Babies & Toddlers*), St Aidan's  
2.15pm MU Branch Meeting, St Aidan's
- THU 16 7 - 7.30am Meeting for Prayer, St Aidan's
- SUN 19**  
TUE 21 9 - 11am 'Squeals on Wheels'  
(*Babies & Toddlers*), St Aidan's  
7.30pm- 9pm Craft Evening, Ellis Room
- THU 23 7 - 7.30am Meeting for Prayer, St Aidan's  
FRI 24 9.30am Time for Reflection, 51 Barlow Street  
SAT 25 10.30am-12.30pm Coffee & Craft Morning, Parish Hall
- SUN 26**  
THU 30 7 - 7.30am Meeting for Prayer, St Aidan's

## Give life this Christian Aid Week

Rachel Addis explores how your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help the world's poorest mums.

Tenneh Bawoh rests her three month old baby Ansumana on her lap. She bounces him on her knee and he giggles happily.

Tenneh and her baby have come to this humble Health Clinic in Sierra Leone for a check up. They are here with nurse Judith who delivered the baby in this room. Thankfully, both mum and baby are healthy.

But tragically Tenneh has loved and lost a baby before. A few years ago, when Tenneh was pregnant with her first child there was no health centre or trained nurse in her village. Thankfully, when Tenneh was pregnant a second time, things had changed for good.

Christian Aid's partner RADA saw that Tenneh and many mums like her were in desperate need of healthcare, and that's how Nurse Judith came to save lives.

But the health clinic where nurse Judith works is not enough to meet every need, the roof leaks and there are only two delivery beds, and at night there being no electricity, this makes giving birth even more dangerous. Every day ten women die in childbirth; but we believe every life is worth fighting for.

This Christian Aid Week, you could help give more mums and babies in Sierra Leone and around the world the greatest gift—the gift of life. Apart from donating towards Christian Aid, four ways you could help here in Acomb were outlined in the April Magazine.

(Rachel Addis writes for The Christian Aid Magazine)

*John Goodrich*

