

TODAY Lent 3	8.30am 10.15am 4-6pm	Holy Communion Parade and All Age Worship Sunday Supper	St Stephen's St Aidan's Parish Hall
Monday 16 th	7.30-8.30pm	Church Prayer Gathering	St. Aidan's
Tuesday 17 th	9-11am 4.30-5.15pm	Squeals on Wheels (Babies and Toddlers) Family Music STARS	Parish Hall St Aidan's
Wednesday 18 th	12 noon-1.15pm 7.30pm	ACT Lent Lunch with Melanie and 'The Big T' team. 'The Narrow Road' with Riding Lights Theatre Co.	Parish Hall Parish Hall
Thursday 19 th	7-7.30am 10am	Parish Prayers Holy Communion	St Aidan's St Aidan's
Saturday 21 st	10.30am - 12.30pm	Craft and Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Sunday 22 nd (Mothering Sunday)	8.30am 10.15am 4-6pm	Holy Communion Parade and All Age Worship Sunday Supper	St Stephen's St Aidan's Parish Hall

Communion Readings for Sunday 22nd March:

Ephesians 5: 8-14 (page 978): John 9: 1-41 (page 895)

THE CHURCH HALL– Casual Cleaning Help

It would be appreciated if anyone is able to help with cleaning, hoovering, dusting etc. after some booked groups have finished. We envisage this will take about an hour.

Possible time-scale: January to end of March 2020.

Please speak to Val Atkinson— 01904 799494

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Welcome to the Church of St. Stephen & St. Aidan

News From The Pews

15th March 2020

Lent 3



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL TODAY AND ESPECIALLY TO ANY VISITORS.

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
on Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Readings for today:

Romans 5: 1-11 (page 942): John 4: 5-42 (page 888)

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

- Those living in Bramham Grove.
- Those who are unwell: Ursula Bishop, Sarah, Peter & family, Peter Shaw, Brenda & Philip (Vicar's mum and brother), Jeff and family, Deborah Ormiston, Ann & David Pugh, Anna & Peter Lewis, Evelyn Wroe, and Lauren Elrod, Kimberly & family.
- Sarah Woods currently visiting Kenya.
- Global concerns and responses to the Coronavirus pandemic
- That we might be the people God calls us to be.

ANSWER TO PRAYER: Sarah, Peter & family

We would like to thank you for all your prayers for Sarah over the last nearly 3 years. Her latest scan has shown no new tumours and the original cancer has completely gone. The secondary tumour is also now dying from the middle, which is absolutely wonderful news. We would really appreciate your continued prayers for her complete healing, if you feel able.

NOTICES

UPDATED CORONA VIRUS ADVICE FOR CHURCHES

Both Archbishops of Canterbury & York have written to all clergy:

'It is our view, in light of the continued increase of Covid-19 cases in the United Kingdom, that it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact during the sharing of the peace, blessing or "laying on of hands".'

We therefore advise that all priests should:-

- Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants ie: consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine;
- suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace;
- suspend direct physical contact as part of a blessing or 'laying on of hands'.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ali Speed on her recent engagement to John!

MEN'S GROUP

- The Cold War Bunker trip is now **TODAY** at 2pm. Please arrive at the Bunker at 1.40 pm. Speak with Lyndon for further details!
- **Diary date** - The men's April social will be on the evening of Friday 24th April and will be an Indian meal. Further details nearer the time.

OUR MONTHLY CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING IS TOMORROW

16 March at 7.30pm at St Aidan's Church. All are invited.

CRAFT FAIR AND COFFEE

On Saturday 21 March from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Acomb Parish Church Hall there will be a Fairtrade Stall, Mother's Day card-making activities and Community Clothes Swap in the Ellis Room.

ARE YOU ON OUR CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL?

Please check the list in church today. If you are not on it and would like to be please fill in one of the application forms near the lists and hand it to Gordon Wise, Rachel Parker or the Vicar asap.

PCC MEMBERS & CHURCHWARDENS

Forms to nominate people to act as Churchwarden and as PCC members are also available.

ACT LENT LUNCHESES & THE NARROW ROAD

Please support both of these events this coming Wednesday. Can a couple of people help the Vicar on Wednesday evening by manning the door as people arrive?

The
**COME
SEE**

Prayer

Father in Heaven,
mould me into Christlikeness;
and stir up in me,
the fire of your love.

Holy Spirit,
fill me with your power;
and help me to tell
of the love and salvation
in Jesus of Nazareth.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
renew my friendship in you;
and help me to serve you
with a quiet mind
and a burning spirit.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
please keep me in the joy, simplicity,
and compassion
of your holy Gospel. Amen.

John Sentamu

SPRING HARVEST 2020: Unleashed - 14th - 18th April

Last year a few of us went along to this teaching and worship event in Harrogate that is for everybody. Would some like to go along this year? Pete & Mo and a few others are looking at going for the day on Wednesday 15th. Please let us know if you might be interested.

COMPASSION FOR CHILDREN TOUR

A chance to meet other sponsors, a letter-writing workshop and meet a Compassion graduate (a formerly sponsored child), who will share their incredible testimony of growing up in poverty and hear how Compassion helped them journey from poverty to hope. All this plus some delicious treats - don't miss out! Sat 28 March 10am -12pm at Life Church, Leeds. Lyndon and Julie are going and can offer lifts if needed. Book your tickets online.

YORK MINSTER PASSES 2020

As with previous years the parish has been provided with a number of reusable passes to visit the Minster free of charge. If you wish to borrow these for yourself or your visitors to use please contact either the Parish Office or the Vicar.

CONFIRMATION &/OR BAPTISM?

If you would like to consider either or both of these, or know someone who would - please sign the list in church (even if you have verbally mentioned this to the Vicar already). The Vicar will then be in touch in due course - Thanks.