

## Dates for your Diary

- Saturday, March 1st,  
10 a.m. to 12 noon Coffee Morning, Scalby Church.
- Sunday, March 2nd, 10.30 a.m. All-age worship,  
Rev. C. Stainsby.
- Shrove Tuesday, March 4th,  
2.30 – 4 p.m. Pick-up-a-Pancake,  
Filey Methodist Church.
- Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 7.30 p.m.  
Worship, Scalby Church.
- Saturday, March 8th, Gift Day,  
10.30 a.m. Coffee.  
11.30 a.m. Spud & Pud lunch.
- Sunday, March 9th, 10.30 a.m. Rev. R. Whitfield.  
6.30 p.m. CTAB service,  
St. Joseph's Church.
- Sunday, March 16th, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion,  
Rev. M. Haynes.  
3 p.m. Service of Remembrance.
- Sunday, March 23rd, 10.30 a.m. Rev. J. Dimmock.
- Saturday, March 29th, 2 p.m. Circuit Gathering,  
Queen Street Church.
- Mothering Sunday, March 30th. 10.30 a.m.  
All-age worship, Rev. C. Stainsby.



## Services for Holy Week and Easter

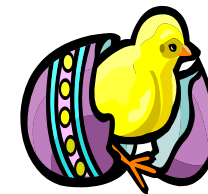
**Holy Week** begins for us this year with a **service** at Scalby Church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 15th April. At 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th April, there will be a **Communion service** and at 8 p.m. **Praise Midweek**, both at Northstead. Our **Maundy Thursday service and meal** takes place at 6.30 p.m. on April 17th at Queen Street. The **Good Friday service**, April 18th, will be at Wreyfield Drive at 9.30 a.m. followed by a short family walk, picnic lunch and longer walk.

All these services are for members of all four churches – a bit of a Holy week safari!

Easter Sunday, April 20th, starts with a **Sunrise service** at Jonno's field at 5.30 a.m. followed by breakfast at Wreyfield.

There will a fairly traditional **Communion service** at Northstead at **9.30 a.m.** with thatching of the Cross, and **all-age cafe worship** at Wreyfield at 11 a.m. to give members of both churches the opportunity to celebrate Easter with a choice of styles of worship.

And finally, join in an **Easter Fun day** with an egg hunt, bring and share lunch, Easter crafts and games, after the service at Wreyfield.



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## Service of Remembrance

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 16th, there will be a Service of Remembrance, an opportunity to remember those church friends who are no longer with us.

We invite anyone who would like to remember a loved one in this special way. Tea and cakes will be served after the service.

## A Message from our Minister

Lent begins on Wednesday March 5th, Ash Wednesday, and lasts for forty days, not counting the Sundays. It is a long-standing tradition that during Lent people fast from rich food, spending time in penitence for their sins and in contemplation of the sufferings of Jesus on behalf of this world. Forty seems to be a significant number in the Bible - and whenever it occurs it is about preparation for something new.

We're told in the book of Genesis that it rained for forty days and nights while Noah's ark bobbed up and down on the rising flood water, carrying those that had been saved for the purpose of a fresh start for the world that had gone so badly wrong. And after the rains stopped, and the waters subsided, Noah and his family and all the animals emerged to begin life again, with God's promise of hope to them sealed by a rainbow in the sky.

The children of Israel remained in the desert for forty years after escaping from Egypt, living on the manna that God provided for them each day, until it was the right time to enter their promised land. During those years, we're told that Moses remained on the top of Mount Sinai for forty days and nights, in conversation with God, after which he descended to share with the people all the instructions that became known as "the law" - the rules that cemented God's relationship with his people. And in the promised land itself, times were challenging. After Gideon led the people of Israel in an unlikely victory over the Midianites, there was peace in the land for forty years, and around the time of Samson, the people's disobedience led them away from God and into the hands of the Philistines for forty years. David reigned as King for forty years, as did his son Solomon after him, and several other kings too.

Elijah took forty days and nights to reach Mount Sinai where he encountered God in a new way, through a still small voice of reassurance and encouragement, after a time of great despair.

## Smiles to Tanzania

from Derek & Diane Edwards

Hello Friends,

Firstly we would like to thank you for your continued support. It means so much and helps enormously in our efforts to help Alex, Lake Victoria Children and the people of Ukerewe.

We have been very fortunate that a charity called Kids Aid Tanzania has offered us 1500 mosquito nets, made in Tanzania. Alex and his staff will educate the families in the villages on the use of the nets to prevent malaria, a big problem on Ukerewe Island. We are so grateful for this wonderful gift which could be a life saver for many families, especially the children.

Having heard about our charity, Farndale Yorkshire Countrywomen's group have made over 70 reusable sanitary protection kits for women. We are providing materials for local women on the island to make similar kits themselves.

We will soon be taking delivery of 30 refurbished tables and 48 stacking chairs, from Tools for Reliance, a charity operating in the North East. We also receive support from a Sixth Form college in Hull. We feel very blessed with the help we receive.

We are still collecting goods for our container to go to Tanzania in the spring, and when the last items come in, we will be doing the final shipping list for approval and certification by the Tanzanian authorities. It is vital to have all the paperwork in order, to avoid delays or customs inspections, which can be lengthy and costly.

We feel very fortunate to have your ongoing support and we do thank you most sincerely for your prayers and all the kindness you have shown.

With love from Derek and Diane.

## Wednesday Fellowship

Our Wednesday Fellowship is open to all. It meets on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. for a short time of worship, a talk or entertainment and refreshments, and of course, a warm welcome! Their programme for March is as follows:-

- 5th March – Desert Island Discs, OUR Choice
- 12th March – To be arranged
- 19th March - Marjorie Dobson, "Writings"
- 26th March – An afternoon with Rev. Peter Cross.

## Fun at Filey!

Our friends at Filey Methodist Church invite us to Pick-up-a-Pancake on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, from 2.30 to 4 p.m. No charge but donations to MRDF will be gratefully received.



## Coffee at Scalby

Our friends at Scalby Church will be holding their monthly Coffee Morning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 1st, in aid of Parkinson UK. There will be a Cake stall and a Fairtrade stall.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 7th. A service compiled by Christian women in Egypt, on the theme "Streams in the Desert", will be held at St Peter's Church, Castle Road at 10.30 a.m.

## Lent course

St. Mark's Church are running a Lent group based on "Les Miserables" Watch this space for more details.

Jonah gave the people of Nineveh forty days to repent, otherwise God would destroy them. And to his surprise, they listened to his words, repented and changed their ways, making his experiences on the journey to Nineveh worthwhile, and teaching him a lesson about trusting in God who had called him.

Jesus himself fasted in the desert for forty days and nights, wrestling with possible ways of fulfilling his ministry - his time of temptation. But he emerged from that desolate place and stepped out into God's purposes. It's a time we especially remember during Lent.

I haven't included every mention of the number forty in the Bible, but it seems to have great significance. Through events that last forty days or forty years, God is preparing his people for something that is to come - a fresh start, a new experience, a time of hope and prosperity, and of renewal and recommitment.

Whatever you do for the forty days of Lent, whether you give something up or take something on, follow a course of Bible reading or perform some other discipline, may this Lent lead you into a new place of hope and encouragement, and a new level of understanding. May God give you a renewal of energy for the exciting things that he has planned for you, for us, for his church and for his kingdom.

*Clare*

## A prayer for Lent

May my journey this Lent be an adventure: unpredictable, exciting, challenging.  
May my mind race,  
my heart sing,  
and yet may I ever find  
in my travelling  
a stillness that is  
your presence with me,  
leading me on to Jerusalem  
where the truth of your eternal  
love is revealed on a cross,  
and at an empty tomb.  
I pray in Jesus' name,  
Amen.

## Ladies' Circle

Our Ladies' Circle meets on alternate Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

On March 4th, there will be an update from Derek Edwards, on "Smiles to Tanzania", the charity we support with our knitting and crocheting, as well as gifts of stationery etc for schools. The AGM on March 18th will be followed by games, and the season finishes on April 8th, with a restaurant meal.

## Snooker Marathon

Trevor and Harry wish to thank everyone who sponsored them in the Christian Aid Snooker Marathon. Trevor's son and grandson took part this year, so well done to them!

Between them they raised £ 229, which will be shared between the Syrian appeal and the general Christian Aid fund.

## News from the Rainbow Centre

After unprecedented requests for food parcels over the winter the Rainbow Centre shelves are bare. Both they and Scarborough Homeless Support Services are very grateful for the support given by many churches, including Northstead.

So if at all possible, when doing your weekly shop, can you add an extra couple of items for the box in the church entrance. A very big thank you to those who already do so.

Churches supporting the Rainbow Centre would like to offer breakfast to some of their clients from 8 to 9.30 a.m. on Saturday mornings. This will be somewhere in the town centre (yet to be decided). To do this we need people and help and ideas. If you are interested in helping, please come to a meeting at 7 p.m. on February 27th at Westborough. Tea, coffee and sticky buns will be served. If you can't be there, but would like to be involved, speak to Mark Haynes (361214) or Lesley Usher (371242).

## Worship Events

All-age worship this quarter will be on March 2nd, March 30th (Mothering Sunday) and May 4th.

We will be sharing worship with Wreyfield Drive on two Sundays, first at Northstead on March 9th, and again at Wreyfield Drive on May 11th.

On Ash Wednesday, March 5th, we join our friends from Scalby, Wreyfield and St Lawrence's churches at Scalby Chapel at 7.30 p.m. for an informal service led by Rev Clare Stainsby and Rev. Alistair Fearnley.

On the evening of Sunday, March 9th, there will be a service for the Churches Together Around Barrowcliff, based on the Stations of the Cross, at St. Joseph's Church, at 6.30 p.m.

## An Invitation

to a circuit gathering  
at Queen Street  
Methodist Church  
on Saturday 29th March  
from 2 to 4 p.m.  
to meet Rosie Coles,  
our new probationary  
minister in the Circuit  
as from September 2014.

Tea and cakes will be served.

All welcome.