

## Easter at Northstead and Wreyfield

**Holy Week events** begin on Tuesday, 15th April with a service at Scalby Church at 11 a.m. followed on Wednesday 16th by **Communion** at 2.30 p.m. and **Praise Midweek** at 8 p.m. both at Northstead.

Our **Maundy Thursday service and meal** will be at 6.30 p.m. on April 17th at Queen Street.

**Good Friday worship** will be at Wreyfield Drive at 9.30 a.m. followed by a short family walk, picnic lunch and a longer walk. Members of all four churches will be welcome at any of the above services.

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

At **9.30 a.m.** there will a **Communion service** at Northstead, with Thatching of the Cross, so remember to bring a few spring flowers! **All-age cafe worship** at 11 a.m. at Wreyfield will enable members of our two churches to celebrate Easter together with a choice of styles of worship. After the service, join in an **Easter Fun day** with a **bring and share lunch** and Easter fun and games.

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### Church meeting

On Sunday, May 11th, we meet for worship and Sunday Club at Wreyfield Drive, so there will be no morning service at Northstead. Lifts will be available outside church from 10 to 10.20 a.m. Our joint Church AGM will take place after the service.

### Taking Part in Worship

There will be an introductory meeting for the Taking Part in Worship course on Wednesday, 7th May at 7 p.m. at Cayton.

## From our Minister

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." *Matthew 21: 8 - 11*

If you go to Jerusalem, and stand on the Mount of Olives, looking at the old city of Jerusalem, there is one thing which will catch your eye: a gate in the old wall, walled up and disused. This is the "Golden Gate", an ancient name, also called in the Bible, the "Beautiful Gate".

The wall you see isn't actually as old as the time of Jesus, but it is built on what was there before. And tradition has it that God's promised Messiah, the one sent to redeem this world, will pass into the city through this gate when he eventually comes. The Jews have been waiting for this event for thousands of years. The wealthiest Jews choose to be buried across the valley from the gate, to have a ringside seat for the arrival of God's Messiah. The gate was sealed by the Muslims who control this part of the old city of Jerusalem.

On that day, long ago, Jesus entered the city from the Mount of Olives, riding a donkey, and his route certainly took him through this gate.

And we believe that he was and is God's chosen one. The Jews are still looking, still waiting. But Christians see this sight in our imaginations, and read the ancient words about that event. And we believe in a King of Peace, who came from God to redeem this world, and whose coming makes all the difference in the world to our lives here and now.

## Dates for your Diary

Sat. April 5th, 10.30 a.m.	Coffee.
11.30 a.m.	Soup & Sandwich lunch.
Sun. April 6th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Miss G. Whitmore.
Sat. April 12th, 8 a.m.	Saturday Breakfasts start, Westborough Church.
2 p.m.	Easter Gardens, Ayton Chapel.
Sun. April 13th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mr. C. Davies.
April 14th to 18th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Labyrinth, Moss Lea Farm.
Tues. April 15th, 11 a.m.	Worship, Scalby Chapel.
Wed. April 16th, 2.30 p.m.	Holy Week Communion.
Thurs. April 17th, 6.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service and meal, Queen Street Church.
<b>Good Friday</b> , April 18th, 9.30 a.m.	Service, Wreyfield Drive Church followed by walk and lunch.
<b>Easter Sunday</b> , April 20th, 5.30 a.m.	Sunrise service, Jonno's Field.
<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Holy Communion, Rev. C. Stainsby.
11 a.m.	All-age worship, Wreyfield Drive. followed by Easter Fun Day and lunch.
Sun. April 27th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Miss L. Glass.
Sun. May 11th, 10.30 a.m.	Worship, followed by joint Church AGM. at Wreyfield Drive.

## Easter Gardens at Ayton

from Jean Carter, Ayton Methodist Church.

For the past two years at Ayton Church we have held an Easter Garden competition for local school children, uniformed organisations, the toddler group (Ducklings) and members of the congregation, which has been very enjoyable.

As the Flower Festival at Burniston was such a success, we felt it would be nice to invite the churches in the circuit to share with us in this event.

The gardens will be judged on Saturday morning, April 12th, and will be open on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. for everyone to come along and view when tea, coffee and cakes will be served.

We do hope you will be able to join with us.

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Can you imagine yourself back in Jerusalem during that week? Where might you have been? What might you have done in the circumstances? Have you ever thought how hard it is for people who have no faith or experience of church life, to make sense of the stories and images that we have from the life of Jesus, especially those from the final week of his life? How can we show those who do not understand just how the events of that week can matter to lives in 21st century Scarborough?

There are many poignant images from that final week of Jesus' life: the king of peace on the donkey; the angry man in the Temple; the washer of feet; the broken man on the cross; the risen Saviour. And each one of them matters, because they are at the heart of our faith. Jesus came, he lived, he suffered, he died, he rose again, and he is with us still. And we worship him every day, because he is part of our lives, the reason and purpose of our lives.

This Holy week and Easter time, may the images and words take you a little closer to the One who loved you enough to die for you. Believe and trust in Him!

*Clare*

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### Rising of the Son

Gather together in the grounds of St. Mary's Church, on Easter Sunday at 6 a.m. for the Rising of the Son service.

As the sun rises enjoy a worship experience, that includes music, drama, contemplative prayer and Holy Communion.

Tea, coffee and breakfast will be available in the Church after the service.

### Ladies' Circle

Our Ladies' Circle come to the end of their current session on Tuesday, April 8th, with their annual restaurant meal.

Their meetings will recommence in the autumn.

God's elected first-born people wait the coming of their King,  
Bow their heads in orphaned sadness, search their books of  
prophecy,  
Dedication in their patience, but their waiting is in vain,  
The Messiah has passed through the Golden Gate into the city of  
the Jews.

Silent tombs speak silent volumes of the hope of ages past,  
Eyeless watching, idle waiting for their God to come at last,  
Jewish graves dream on deluded, heathen watchers are misled,  
The Saviour has passed through the Golden Gate into the city of  
Good News.

Like sheep without a shepherd, on a way without a will,  
They can't see the glorious moment of a donkey on the hill,  
The majesty of the victim riding calmly on to die,  
Jesus has passed through the Golden Gate into the city of God.

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### Wednesday Fellowship

Our Wednesday Fellowship is open to all, meeting on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. for a short time of worship, a talk or entertainment and refreshments. Their programme for the next few weeks is :-

2nd April - To be arranged

9th April - Members' day

16th April - Easter Communion with Rev Clare Stainsby.

23rd April - Mary Jackman

"Life with a Cardigan Corgi".

30th April - AGM and tea.

The AGM is the last meeting of this session. Meetings will start again in autumn.

## Saturday Breakfast

The North Yorkshire Coast Circuit has pledged to provide a breakfast and a packed lunch at Westborough Church for the homeless and those in need, on Saturday mornings. The Rainbow Centre and other support agencies are not open at weekends and there is an increasing need for help at that time. The Assemblies of God Church provides Sunday lunch.

This new venture will start on Saturday, April 12th, using the basement kitchen at Westborough between 8 and 9.30 a.m. Help is needed, on a rota basis, with cooking, washing up, serving, befriending etc; preparing packed lunches (this could be done on Friday or Saturday); and acquiring food - fund raising, baking or talking to your local baker, butcher or greengrocer who may be prepared to donate food

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## Holy Week Labyrinth

The Holy Week Labyrinth at Moss Lea Farm, Burniston, from Monday 14th to Friday 18th April is an opportunity to experience peace and quiet in our beautiful countryside. The Labyrinth will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The land has wild life, a lake and lots of seating so that you can enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Toilet facilities and refreshments will be available.

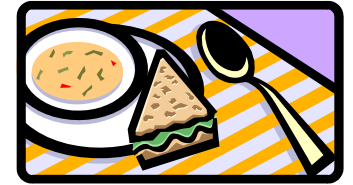
## Easter Offering

Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service. The tradition of Easter Offerings goes back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £ 32 from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day for missionary work overseas. In March 1884, the London Districts distributed envelopes, asking for a penny a head, and just over £100 was collected. From this the idea grew and by 1900 the amount totalled £1,655. In 1903 it spread to all country chapels. 'Let us bear in mind,' they wrote, 'the importance of the "Littles".'

Through gifts great and small, the Easter Offering is now a significant feature of the World Church. In its Bicentenary year, 1986, it raised nearly £200,000. Throughout the country, effort focuses on the annual collection for the Fund for World Mission through the Easter Offering and the associated service of dedication. This reflects the long history of commitment to overseas work by Methodist women, and the recognition that specific local relationships with overseas projects and World Church in Britain partnerships are given broader meaning by a national focus.

Easter Offering envelopes will be available on Palm Sunday and you are invited to put your "pennies" in to return on Easter Sunday or the following Sunday. There will be a circuit service at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, May 4th at South Cliff, when the Easter Offering envelopes will be dedicated. The service will be followed by a Bring and Share supper.

Soup and  
Sandwich lunch  
Saturday, April 5th



Coffee from 10.30 a.m.

Lunches from 11.30 a.m.

Cake and Fairtrade stalls.

### You are invited....

...to a circuit gathering, at Queen Street Methodist Church on Saturday, 29th March from 2 until 4 p.m. This is an opportunity for Rosie Coles, who will be our new probationary minister in the North Yorkshire Coast Circuit from September 2014, to get to know the Circuit, and for us to meet Rosie.

Each Church has been asked to send a representative to speak briefly about their Church, so it is also a chance for us all to learn about each other.

Tea and cakes will be served.

April 5th will be the last lunch for the present season.

Our thanks to Chris and her helpers for the delicious lunches we have enjoyed this year, including Spud 'n' Pud and Bacon Butties.