

Northstead News

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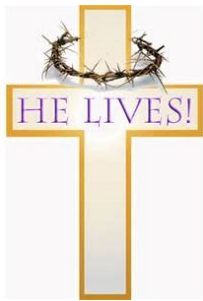
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Events for Holy Week and Easter

During Holy Week we will be sharing brief services at Wreyfield Drive at 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21st, 22nd and 23rd, and on Maundy Thursday, March 24th, there will be a Communion service (Supper in the upper room) at 6.30 p.m. at

Wreyfield.

On Good Friday, March 25th, there will be a short act of worship at Wreyfield at 9.30 a.m. All our Holy Week services are for Northstead, Scalby and Wreyfield together, so come along and share with friends from our sister churches.

Also on Good Friday is the Churches Together in Scarborough Walk of Witness in the town centre, starting in Alma Square, and including a presentation of the Good Friday story in the town centre square, before continuing to the castle.

We celebrate Easter Sunday at Northstead with a Fairtrade breakfast between 9 and 10 a.m. and at 10.30 a.m. Rev. Chris Kirkman will lead our Easter Communion service. Don't forget to bring a few spring flowers to decorate the cross!

A very Happy Easter to you all!

From our Minister

Psalm 25: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Jesus is alive! He is risen, alleluia!

We are now in our Easter season having celebrated that Jesus is alive on Easter Sunday. We now count 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost when we celebrate Jesus going to heaven to be with God, and the helper, the Holy Spirit, coming to earth to fill us and be our daily helper in our Christian journey with Jesus. What is Jesus showing you are His ways? What is He teaching you? Isn't it wonderful to be loved by a saviour? In our journey with him always finding ourselves on the way to somewhere as there is always something to learn, something to do and something to be thankful for.

I am still learning my way around the Circuit, as I am slowly getting to worship and visit more of our Churches and as I continue to find my way around through pastoral visits. I am still listening to God as I discern the shape and style of my ministry here. I am learning that our life experience continues to shape us now, as we remember things of the past and relate them to where we are now.

In my study hangs my Hannah Dunnet 2016 calendar which helps to offer inspiration to me day by day. Hannah Dunnet is a Christian artist whose designs incorporate scripture and hymn words into beautiful watercolour designs. For April she includes verses from the Psalms and the illustration is of a woodland walkway which takes me back to walks with my Grandad. Walks within the grounds of the Residential Home in Sherburn, County Durham which was his home for 20+ years. Around April every year is Daffodil Sunday when we would visit and wander around the woodland with the sunshine of

daffodils filling the ground and offering a wonderful perfume of Spring. Which way will we choose? I am thankful we said yes to move to Scarborough. I am thankful we can walk the path together.

With love in Christ,

Emma.

Our Mission

We are called to be a worshipping, welcoming, praying and caring Christian presence within our community.

Our mission is to serve God and our community by :-

- enabling people of all ages and abilities to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus through worship, teaching and example
 - raising awareness of poverty, cruelty and injustice, and taking appropriate action to relieve them
 - and promoting peace between all God's people.
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Annual Church Meeting

Our Annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15th, after the morning service. Reports from all our church groups for the annual booklet should be sent to Helen Harron by April 17th, please.

We are always looking for new stewards to join our team - we're all getting older! If you would like to know what is involved in being a church steward, please have a word with one of our current stewards, Anthea and Harry Purdy, Maurice Macer, Ruth Dale or Ann Maynard. It's not at all frightening!

Also at this meeting, we appoint representatives to the Church Council, which meets two or three times a year. If this is something you might do, talk to Emma or one of the stewards.

Mission boxes

It's time to empty your World Church or Mission in Britain boxes. Please let Ann or Ros have your box, or its contents, in the next week or two. Thank you.

Ladies' Circle

Our Ladies' Circle have their final meeting of the season on April 5th, when they go out for a restaurant meal together.

Gift Day

Our thanks to all those who contributed to the success of our Gift Day. We had a lovely lunch, and enjoyed fellowship together with friends from Scalby and Wreyfield Drive.

The total raised at time of going to press is £ 1625, not including £172 raised through the Spud & Pud lunch. If you were unable to attend on the Day, Elizabeth will still be happy to receive your gift.

Family News

We are sorry to report the death of our friend, Phyll Dawson, a member at Northstead for many years. Our love and prayers are with Phyll's dear friend, Monica, and all her family and friends.

Ron Kilburn is delighted to announce the birth of his new great-granddaughter, Jessica Louise, on February 7th, a cousin for Taylor, aged 2.

Sheila Kirby asks me to say thank you for the lovely flower arrangement from Church, delivered by Marjorie and Trevor. She is recovering slowly following a fall, and hopes to be back with us soon.

We are sorry that Anna is shortly to give up playing for us during worship twice a month, due to family and work commitments. We are very grateful, Anna, for your gifts and for the time that you have given to help us in our worship.

Wednesday Fellowship

The Fellowship meets at 2.30 p.m. every Wednesday for a short time of worship, entertainment, a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcome. This month's meetings are:

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| April 6th | — | No meeting. |
| April 13th | — | Tasmania, Ann Maynard. |
| April 20th | — | Iceland, Nigel Spencer. |
| April 27th | - | AGM and tea. |

Next News

The next Northstead News will be issued around April 24th. Please pass any items to be included to Ros by April 17th.

Our newsletter costs about 37p per copy to produce. Your gifts to cover this cost are always welcome.

An Easter Meditation



Imagine the risen Christ appears before you. How do you feel? Have you closed any doors to prevent him coming near you? Are you harbouring any doubts? Have you put up any barriers that make you feel safe but sterile? Is there something that makes you angry and hostile to Christ coming near? Perhaps we would have to change our ways if we let him in. What do you find hard to let go of?

Christ shows you his hands, his side, his feet, his head. He asks, 'Where are your wounds? Where are you hurting?' The risen Christ still bears the scars of loving us. How costly has our love been? Have there been times when your love has been hard for you? Has it had any redeeming qualities? Has good overcome evil and joy transfigured pain?

Christ says your name; your Christian name. Again and again he repeats it to you. Does your name have a meaning? Stephen means king. Christ is calling you a king. What honour! How humbling! What kind of Christian king are you called to be? The risen Lord wears the wounds on his head of a crown of thorns. The cross is definitive proof that from Christ's throne love rules. Hannah means grace. The Lord is calling you to be full of grace; full of the free, unmerited love of God. How can you live up to this? What will be your next step?

How do you reply? Like Thomas - my Lord and my God? Or in some other way? Leave me alone? I'm not ready? I'm scared? Here I am, put me to what you will?

Thoughts from Tasmania

from Ann Maynard

I have just enjoyed greatly a short stay with Graham and Christine Sturdy at their temporary home in a retirement village in Hobart, Tasmania. Graham has recently started work as minister at Scott's Memorial Church, part of the Uniting Church of Australia, where Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches came together in 1977. They are hoping to move into the Manse very shortly and are looking forward to unpacking all the boxes which are currently in store at the church.

I was very warmly welcomed at the church the two Sundays I was there. The first Sunday was Graham's induction service and the second, the first time he'd preached in 7 weeks! I was asked to bring greetings back to my home church.

The congregation is slightly smaller than Northstead, with a similar age profile, although there is only one young family with three children, and several of the "workers" are over 80! They hope that Graham's ministry will encourage younger people to the church and help them be more active in the community, although they already do a lot of work with disadvantaged people and those with mental health issues through singing and music groups. Like us the church also hosts a preschool on the premises.

Hobart is a beautiful city with many beaches within easy travelling distance and also mountains for good views on a clear day! We also visited Launceston to see their eldest son, David and his family. David's youngest son, Teale, had his 5th birthday whilst I was there. They send their love to all their friends at Northstead and will be happy to see anyone who wants to make the journey! If you want to hear more and see some photos, come along to the Fellowship meeting on Wednesday, April 13th.



Fairtrade Fortnight

29th February - 13th March

As I write this, Fairtrade Fortnight is coming to an end. There have been plenty of Fairtrade events in Scarborough over the last two weeks, and we at Northstead have played our part in supporting and promoting Fairtrade.

The Fortnight was launched at the Town Hall, when the Scarborough Fairtrade Action Group served Fairtrade tea, coffee and biscuits to the Council members arriving for their meeting, and Northstead provided a Fairtrade stall, where councillors were able to buy a range of products, (and many of them did!)

At our Wednesday Fellowship, Diane spoke and showed pictures about the effect of Fairtrade on the farmers and producers who provide many of our favourite foods and drinks, and Ros ran a stall encouraging members to try some of the many Fairtrade products that are available.

As well as our regular stalls at the Coffee Morning at Scalby, and at our own Saturday lunch, we also took a range of Fairtrade products to Northstead School for their Fairtrade Tea Party, where children and parents (and Ros and Diane!) enjoyed Fairtrade tea and coffee and delicious homemade cakes, and took advantage of the opportunity to buy from our stall.

Christian Aid lunch

Our annual Sunday lunch for Christian Aid will be held on Sunday, May 8th, not May 1st as previously advertised.

A list will be appearing on the noticeboard in due course, so do put your name down to come and share a lovely meal among friends.



Coffee at Scalby

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 2nd, our Scalby friends will be hosting their monthly Coffee Morning.

This time they are supporting the Scalby Walk, in aid of St Catherine's Hospice, a very good cause. As usual, there will be cake, book and Fairtrade stalls, and a warm welcome, so do come along and give your support. It's always good to see lots of Northstead folk there!

A Prayer for Easter

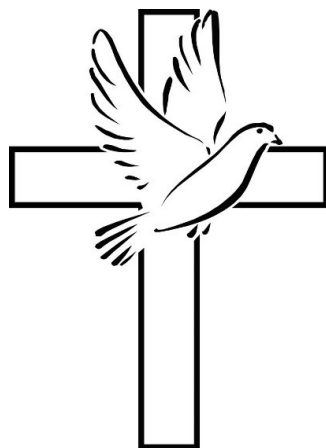
Crucified and risen Lord Jesus,

breathe your Spirit of peace into lands torn apart by violence...
into communities divided by the gap between rich and poor...
into nations divided by creed and culture...
into creation destroyed by greed and cruelty...
into families fragmented by broken relationships...
into lives scarred by addiction...
into minds tormented by memories and guilt...
into bodies diminished by illness.

Lord Jesus, breathe your Spirit into our hearts
and the hearts of all who cry out today.

For your love's sake.

Amen.



Creating Safer Space

Creating Safer Space is the Safeguarding training approved by the Methodist Conference. It includes updates on Working with Children & Young People and new guidelines on Vulnerable Adults and Domestic Abuse. This is important training for ministers, deacons, church and circuit stewards and anyone working with under-18s and other vulnerable people.

If you missed the chance to attend one of the recent training sessions, don't worry – there will be more sessions coming up after Easter. Watch this space, or your weekly notice sheet, for dates and times.

Safari Supper

On Saturday, 11th June, we will be sharing a Safari Supper with our sister churches. Starters will be served at 6 p.m. at Scalby, main course at Wreyfield Drive at 6.45 p.m. followed by desserts at Northstead, with entertainment by the Singing for Fun group. Make sure the date is in your diary!



Prayer for our Circuit

There will be another opportunity to pray for the Circuit and our churches, at 6.15 p.m. on Tuesday 12th April at Burniston Church. Refreshments will be served from 5.45pm onwards. Look out for further times and venues month by month.

Feed the Minds

Dear Members and Friends,

I have taken over responsibility for Feed the Minds from Rev. Jason McCullagh, who left Scarborough early in January, and it has been a thrill to see the generosity of Churches in our area as the donations from the Christmas Card Appeal have rolled in.

We have not yet received donations from all the churches who took part, but it looks like the final total will be slightly down on last year, but will nevertheless be in excess of £ 1,200. I will make the final figure available when I have it to hand. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support of this worthwhile cause.

I would particularly like to convey my special thanks to members and friends of Northstead Methodist Church for your donation of £ 51.30. This will go towards funding one of the fourteen projects Feed the Minds is currently supporting. As you know, our aim is to help marginalised people throughout the world (to date we have worked in 47 different countries) to transform their lives through education and community-led projects. We look forward to your continued support throughout the coming year. Please keep an eye on your Church notices for details of our future events.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Cross.

Saturday Lunch

Our next Saturday lunch will be on April 9th from 11.30 a.m. when we will be serving Bacon Butties, followed by the usual choice of delicious desserts. There will be a Cake stall and a Fairtrade stall, and everyone is very welcome!

Getting to Know You—Gertie Holtby

Gertie was born Gertrude Smith in Loftus, Saltburn on 11/09/29. Her mother was from Loftus and moved back to live with her mum and dad while Gertie was born, then moved back to her father's dad on Bluebank Farm in Sleights because her granddad farmed there. Gertie did all sorts of farm work, and remembers the milk still being warm. Gertie's father was the 6th youngest of 22 children who lived. Her granddad had 5 cottages in Sleights, and gave one to Gertie's dad so she lived there from the age of 2.

Gertie went to Sleights School. She loved school where her favourite subjects were Maths, English and Geography. She was a good scholar but took no scholarships so left school at 14. When Gertie was 5 she started Sunday School and stayed until she was 14.

When she left school, she worked in a doctor's house, but at 18 joined the Land Army where she worked for 4 years. She did everything from milking to cleaning out hen houses and climbing on top of the haystack to collect the sheaves. There she met Bill who was noted for the height of his stacks. While in the Land Army she joined a concert party and gave concerts and pantomimes in the surrounding villages. Gertie was the main singer, where her favourite part was playing Principal boy.

While on the farm in the Land Army she met her husband, Bill. They courted for 2 years and then got married. They lived in a cottage opposite the farm house, then tried to get a house in Sleights. They were married 44 years, until Bill died 20 years ago.

Gertie remained in Sleights until she had to move last year. After she married and returned to Sleights Gertie went back to worship at Sleights chapel and played a big part in chapel life. She was a steward for 7 years, which she very much enjoyed and

she still misses her friends from Sleights but they chat on the phone.

Bill and Gertie had 2 daughters, Janice and Christine, and when they got older, Gertie applied for a job in Bradley's men's outfitters in Whitby (now the Edinburgh Wool Shop) where she worked for 25 years. Bill and Gertie had some lovely caravan holidays in and around Morcambe. They later loved Shearing's holidays, once even going to Switzerland.

Throughout that time Gertie suffered badly with arthritis and struggled through until she had to retire at 60, as that was the retirement age in those days. She has had 2 new knees, operations on her feet, treatment on her hands and is now confined to a wheelchair. She has a really good daughter and grand daughter Lara, who we see in church with Gertie.

Gertie came to live here 18 months ago to be nearer family after a long stay in hospital. She has 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and one on the way, and 2 great-great-grandchildren of whom one sadly died at 14 weeks. The youngest, Ebony, was 1 in January. So there are 5 generations of girls, and Gertie has a photo of them all at the Christening.

Midweek Worship events

8 P.M. Praise will take place on Wednesday, 20th April. We meet around 7.45 p.m. for refreshments, followed by a time of informal praise and worship. If you haven't been before, do come along and join us!

Messy Church is on Thursday, April 28th, at 3.15 p.m. The theme this session is the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. We have a snack on arrival and a short time of worship, followed by art and craft work to illustrate the theme for the day. And it's not just for children, so come along and join in the fun!

Regular Events

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| Alternate Mondays, 7.30 p.m. | Singing for Fun (11th and 25th April) |
| Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. | Pop-in for Coffee. |
| Alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 a.m. | Ladies' Circle (5th April) |
| Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. | Wednesday Fellowship. |
| 6.15 p.m. | Brownies. |
| 7.30 p.m. | Guides. |
| 7.45 p.m. | Praise Midweek (monthly, 20th April) |
| Thursday, 9.30 a.m. | Parents and Tots. |
| 1.45 p.m. | Keep-fit Group. |
| 3.15 p.m. | Messy Church (monthly, 28th April) |
| 7.30 p.m. | Badminton Club. |
| Friday, 6 p.m. | Rainbows. |
| 6.30 p.m. | Brownies. |

Children's activities take place during term time only.

Easter Offering Service

The Easter Offering Service is at South Cliff Methodist Church, on Sunday, May 1st at 6.30 pm.

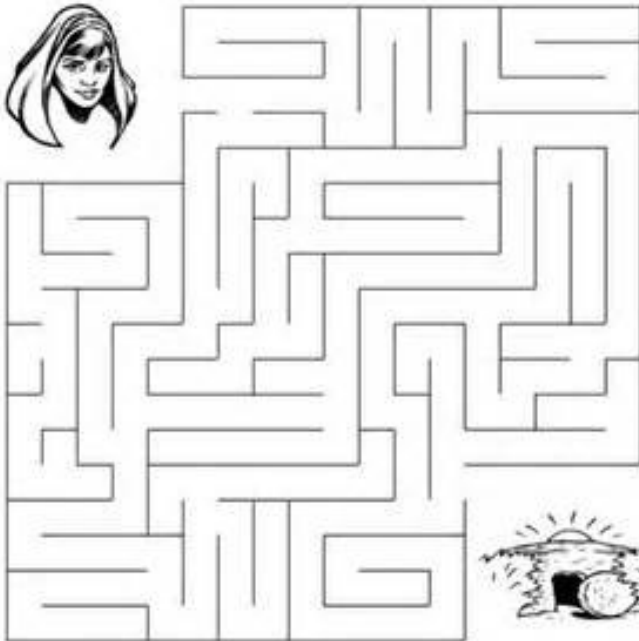
If anyone would like to offer to read the scripture reading **Luke 8: 41-55**, Emma would be delighted to hear from you. Tel: 01723 361214 or email: emma.morgan@methodist.org.uk
Thank you.

Children's Page

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Read about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in Luke chap.19, verses 28 –40, then search the grid for these words!

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| CLOAKS | ROAD |
| HIGHEST | PRAISE |
| VOICES | JESUS |
| VILLAGE | HEAVEN |



Help Mary find her way to the empty tomb. Read this part of the Easter story in John, chap.20, verses 11—18.

Diary Dates

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| Mon. Tues. & Wed. March 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 7 p.m. | Holy Week worship, Wreyfield Drive Church |
| Maundy Thurs. March 24th, 6.30 p.m. | Communion service, Wreyfield Drive Church |
| Good Friday, March 25th, 9.30 a.m. | Service, Wreyfield Drive Church |
| Easter Sunday, March 27th, 9 a.m. 10.30 a.m. | Fairtrade Breakfast. Communion service, Rev. C. Kirkman |
| Sat. April 2nd, 10 a.m. | Coffee Morning, Scalby Chapel |
| Sun. April 3rd, 10.30 a.m. | All-age worship, Mr. B. Clark. |
| Sat. April 9th, 11.30 a.m. | Bacon Butty lunch. |
| Sun. April 10th, 10.30 a.m. | Morning worship, Rev. E. Morgan |
| Sun. April 17th, 10.30 a.m. | Morning worship, Rev. P. Cross |
| Wed. April 20th, 8 p.m. | Praise Midweek. |
| Sun. April 24th, 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion, Rev. R. Whitfield |
| Thurs. April 28th, 3.15 p.m. | Messy Church |
| Sun. May 8th, 12.15 p.m. approx. | Christian Aid lunch. |
| Sun. May 15th, 11.45 approx. | Annual Church Meeting |

All the above events take place at Northstead,
unless otherwise stated