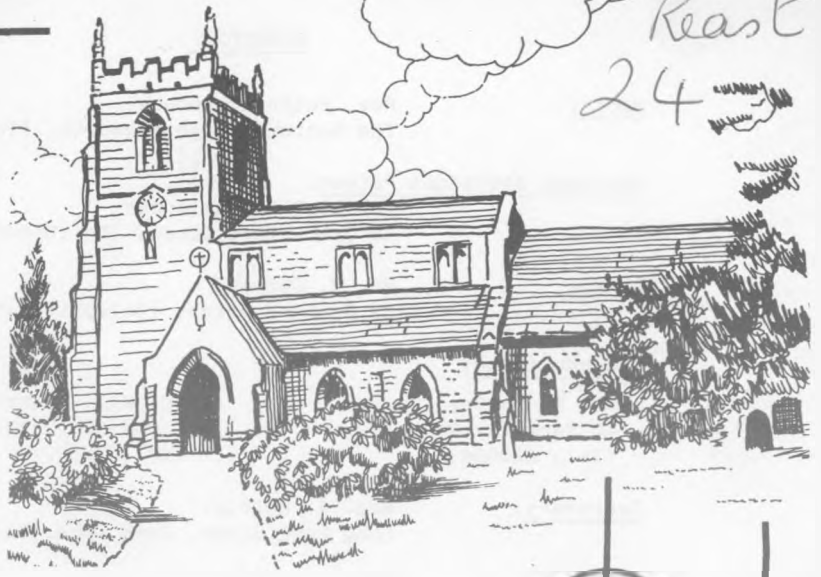
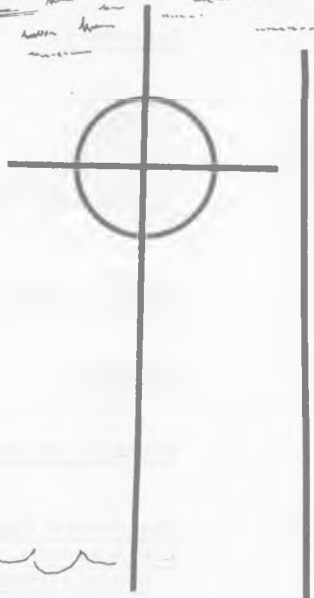


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## RECTOR'S NOTES



Holy Week is the focus of the Christian year. Through the services of Holy Week we hope to recapture something of the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. On Palm Sunday we recall Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, with the traditional distribution of palm crosses, and dramatic reading of the gospel. This year we shall welcome as preacher and celebrant the Right Revd Richard Hare, Bishop of Pontefract, at the Palm Sunday Eucharist at St Cuthbert's, Church.

On Maundy Thursday evening we celebrate with thanksgiving Christ's institution of the Eucharist, and recall his betrayal in Gethsemane during The Watch. The Good Friday Liturgy is a Eucharist and the starkness of the church reminds us of the pain and suffering of Christ on the cross. On Easter Eve we have a beautiful, but neglected, service in a darkened church when the lighting of the Easter Candle symbolises the resurrection of Christ. Traditionally baptisms took place on this night, and so we renew our commitment to Christ in the renewal of our baptismal vows.

The underlying note of the Holy Week services is one of praise and joy. They are designed to help Christians to be witnesses in an unbelieving world, through their joyful affirmation of the victory of Christ, and in the experience of his risen power in our lives. The joy of the Easter message 'Christ is risen' is made more real by following in his footsteps through the Holy Week Liturgy.

The following important events have been planned for the Diocesan Centenary, which I hope you will note in your diary:

Wednesday 13 April - The Bishop of Wakefield will visit an exhibition about the life of the parishes in this area, to be held in Pontefract Library. Material from our parish profile will be included in the exhibition.

The Diocese has been divided into seven areas and the Bishop will spend a day in each. His visit to this area will be on Sunday 17 April. The day will end with a service at St Giles' Church, Pontefract at 6 30 pm. The preacher will be the Bishop of Knaresborough.

Saturday 23 April - The Archbishop of Canterbury will preach at a service at Wakefield Cathedral at 4 pm.

Sunday 26 June - the Centenary Eucharist will be held at Huddersfield Town Football Ground at 11 am. We plan to take a coach to this service, and then to hold a picnic lunch afterwards. The Bishop has asked that there should be no services in parishes that morning, and that as many as possible should make the effort to attend this Eucharist. Further details will be given in church.

Thursday 7 to Sunday 10 July - A Flower Festival, Wakefield Cathedral.

The Diocesan Centenary coincides of course with the centenary of Wakefield Cathedral, and so of Wakefield as a city. Wakefield Metropolitan District Council are planning various events to celebrate this event (Wakefield 100) and details are already being given in the local press. Of particular interest are the medieval Wakefield Mystery Plays, to be presented in July in Pontefract Castle.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after Evensong on Palm Sunday, 27 March, at 7 30 pm in St Cuthbert's Church. This important meeting in the life of the parish will include the election of churchwardens and members of the PCC. Those on the electoral roll are entitled to attend and vote.

## FAST FOOD?



IN THE MIDDLE AGES Lent was a time when no-one ate meat or eggs: the rich ate fish and the poor made do with vegetables. Wine was out too, as the Church taught that Christians should remember Jesus fasting in the wilderness for 40 days.

Christians are not the only ones to fast. Muslims fast for a whole month, eating nothing at all during daylight hours. Many Hindus and others never touch meat or alcohol at all - a lifelong fast from those things.

When I was first a student in a Muslim university, my fellow-students apologised for not being able to offer me anything to eat or drink. It happened to be Ramadan, that month of fasting, and every cafe and canteen serving the university was closed throughout the day.

"Of course, you Christians fast for 40 days, don't you?" said one of the students. "Well ... not exactly", I replied, knowing how feeble they would have thought us if I had told them the whole truth.

### TOO EASY?

Jesus warned people against letting everyone see they were fasting in order to get a reputation as a holy person. There's not much danger of that today. We might consider why Muslims, Hindus, athletes and many others restrict what they eat, and see if we are inclined to make things too easy for ourselves.

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### MORE ENCOUNTERS

MAKE A DATE WITH ITV on Sundays at 2pm for the stimulating 'Encounter' feature programmes. Topics for March are: 6th 'Sing and Shout' on the thriving black-led churches in this country; 13th 'Once in a Lifetime' the annual Muslim Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca; 20th 'They died with a Prayer' both Protestants and Roman Catholics were slaughtered under the Tudor queens of the 16th century; and 27th 'Front Line ... AIDS' focus.

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### GOD TALK

'MY GOD' IS A series of Sunday lunch-time conversations with people talking about their belief in a Supreme Being. They need not necessarily be Christians. Not necessarily churchmen. 'God' may not be the word they use.

But they will have something interesting to say about what they do believe in. Where does a Supreme Being fit into the pattern of their lives? And could they possibly manage without the belief?



You can listen into these conversations on ITV, beginning on 27 March.

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## Armitage Bridge Church Rebuilding



## Fund

The burnt-out shell stands as a gaunt reminder of the tragic fire one year ago. The congregation have been given a temporary home in the nearby Newsome South Methodist Church who are sharing their building with their fellow Christians.

Dick Shepley (a lay reader at St Andrew's, Wakefield) has been appointed architect and the valuation of the insurance loss is nearly complete. Meanwhile the Appeal Fund has grown to **nearly £22,000** thanks to the generosity of many in the Diocese and beyond. March sees two more fund raising efforts.

**Honley Male Voice Choir with Priest Lindley Band** are giving a concert in Huddersfield Town Hall on **Friday March 25th at 7.15 pm**. Tickets (£3, £2.50, £2, £1.50) available from the Kirklees Information Office, Albion Street, Huddersfield.

A grand draw will also take place that evening, tickets (50p book of 5) available from Rev Peter Leitch, 6 Berry View, Newsome, Huddersfield. Tel Hudds 549133.



### EDITORIAL

Just a quick word from me, firstly to let all magazine printers in the Diocese know that there will be three **Double-Issues** of See-Link this year, beginning with April. Secondly to thank everyone for their

support and encouragement re See-Link. I am grateful for the consideration given over the new change-of-date scenario situation! Please let me have all changes of orders affecting the 2nd quarter of 1988 by the March deadline. Thank you.

HNL

### **Diocesan family**

It was a tremendously exciting occasion in January when the Deanery Banners made by members of the Mothers' Union were brought into the Cathedral. The twelve banners, each of them bearing the name of a deanery of our Diocese, are based on twelve hymns of our first Bishop – William Walsham How.

There was enthusiastic and typically full-voiced singing of two of them during the service – 'For all the Saints' (as we might expect) and 'It is a thing most wonderful'. The Cathedral was full and everyone sensed a real enthusiasm and happiness about this Diocesan family occasion. What a good start to our Centenary Year!

### **The Mothers' Union**

Two things came to me during the course of the service. The first was thankfulness about the Mothers' Union (and the various groups attached to our parish churches) for their being with us, among us, part of us. They reach out in many ways: through their 'objects', especially through the promotion of Christian values in family life, through the Wave of Prayer, the international links, the media and communication groups, social concerns and so on.

How much we owe the Mothers' Union, its officers, and all associated with that and other organisations in our local churches. So often we take them all for granted. Yet such committed work is essential in the life of the Church and it was truly heartening to see so many together in the Cathedral for this event.

### **Banners**

The second thing was the banners – attractive, fresh and colourful, how they brightened and livened up the

Cathedral! Here were the signs of how people's gifts and skills can be brought together for everyone's encouragement and enjoyment, what fine and beautiful workmanship there is in them.

And that is precisely what the Church should be about, providing the environment where God-given gifts and skills, which sometimes we can hardly see and identify in ourselves, can be recognised and affirmed. Even the apparently little and quite unspectacular contribution is nevertheless a vital part of the whole. Without it the whole would be poorer, would be incomplete.

Remember how St Paul saw the Church, as a body with its many limbs and organs, each very different, but together forming a living and lively being.

### **Proudly and happily**

The banners, borne proudly and happily into the Cathedral, further spoke to me of how we individually should bear our Christian faith with us daily, proudly and happily. In the days of this month leading us through Lent and into Holy Week, Christian people use their time to deepen their roots, to further their knowledge and to renew their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through prayer, fasting and sacrament.

So use this time well, especially during this our Centenary Year, so that all of us are prepared for the events and celebrations yet to come. That there may indeed be a great witness to all around of us of the Lord's love at work amongst us, and to the power of His Risen Life evident in the Church today.

+ David Wakefield

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

- 18 Theatre Roundabout** – "Lighting-up Time", All Hallows Almondbury, 7.30. £3, conc £1.50, Details Hudds 21753.
- 19 Mar-5 Apr Exhibition** "Called to be adult disciples". Exhibition of good practice in adult education in Wakefield Cathedral.
- 19 Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers**, Quarterly meeting – Gargrave & Skipton.
- 20 Huddersfield Walsingham Cell** meeting in St Peter's Huddersfield 3.00pm. An afternoon of readings led by Susan Giles. Evensong at 4. Details (0484) 658083.
- 22 CPAS – 'Day of Shalom'** at Kirkheaton Parish Church. Bible reading, reflection and prayer, 10.15-3.0. Led by the Rev John Harris. Please note, there are no creche facilities. Cost £1, bring a packed lunch. Tel Hudds 23663.

## PEOPLE & PLACES

- The Rev Harry Box**, Vicar of Carleton St Michael & East Hardwick is retiring.
- The Rev Canon J C K Brumpton**, Rector of Barnsley and Rural Dean is retiring from both offices.
- The Rev Stephen Kelly**, Vicar of Alverthorpe is to be the Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese.
- The Rev Ian R Lewis**, A/c of Holy Trinity Platt (Manchester) is to be A/c of Sandal St Helen, and in charge of St Paul Walton.
- The Rev Canon John Lodge**, Vicar of Warmfield is to be P-in-C of Emley.
- The Rev John Myers**, Vicar of Cornholme is retiring.
- The Rev Canon Thorley Roe** is resigning as Diocesan Director of Education and retiring from full-time ministry.
- The Rev J Quarrell**, Vicar of Staincliffe is to be Rector of Blundeston with Lound (Norwich).
- The Rev T Thornton**, Bishop's Chaplain is taking on the work of Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

## INSTITUTION

Whitwood 14 Mar 7.30 +RP

## MARCH BREAKS, RETREATS & CONFERENCES

**A day conference on "Child abuse"** at New North Road Baptist Church, Huddersfield – 5th March 1988. Details, Eileen Turner (Wk 374213) or Ruth Calvin-Thomas (Brig 713386).

**Parcevall Hall** (Burnsall 213)

- 4-6 Weekend for lay people  
11-13 Information Technology in the parish  
14-17 Winter walking  
31-Apr 6 Easter holiday guests
- Scargill House** (Kettlewell 234)
- 7-11 Christian growth & gestalt  
14-18 Lent retreat  
31-Apr 7 Easter houseparty

**Conference on The Resurrection**, (Soc for the Study of Theology) 12-15 April 1988, Leeds University, £74. Write:—Peter Sedgwick, Carter House, Pelaw Leazes Lane, Durham. Deadline, 7th Mar.

**The Cathedral of the Isles and College of The Holy Spirit**. A newly renovated centre for study, conferences, retreat and renewal at Millport, Isle of Cumbrae. Reached by ferry from Largs, itself less than an hour from Glasgow. For details:—The Provost, The College, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, KA28 0HE. Please send an SAE.

## MUSIC IN MARCH

- 6 Special Concert for Tear Fund** – 7.0 Holmfirth Parish Church by The Huddersfield Junior Youth Choir conducted by Beth Sharp.
- 19 Recital by the Williams-Fairey Band** in St John's Wakefield, 7.30. Tel Wakefield, either 374538 or 371029.
- 26 "African Sanctus"** (Fanshawe) – Halifax Choral Society.
- 29 Organ Recital** at St Thomas' Batley by Philip Tordoff (Halifax PC), 7.30. To celebrate the major recent renovation (at Batley, not of Philip!!).
- 30 "The Crucifixion"** (Stainer) in St Paul's Morley at 7.30, by massed choirs and guest soloists conducted by Mr E A Armitage. Tickets £1 at the door or in advance, Tel Leeds 523631.

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## MARKET PLACE

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**Diocesan Centenary Tie**, a limited edition of 100 available post free (£6) from:— The Rev Peter Calvert, The Vicarage, Todmorden OL14 7BS, Yorkshire. The ties are navy blue with the Centenary emblem woven in red and silver. Proceeds to Tod restoration + a donation to the Centenary Fund.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** — McCabe Travel. 25 May-3 June 1988. For further details please contact:— The Rev Bruce McClellan, The Rectory, 5 Hare Park Lane, Crofton, Wakefield WF4 1HW, Yorkshire. Tel Wk 862373.

### ADVANCE NOTICES

**3 Events at St Michael's Mytholmroyd:—**

**1 - "Jesus Christ Superstar"** May 2-7, Parish Hall 7.30 + Saturday Matinee. Tel Hx 883663.

**2 - Easter Flowers** on display in Church, Easter Monday 10-4, refreshments in church.

**3 - 140th Anniversary Tea**, 19th June. All welcome, for past and present members, after Evensong 4 pm. Tel Hx 884454.

**Arts Festival**, St Mark's Church, Halifax Road, Dewsbury — April 22-24. Stalls, displays, concerts.

**The Children's Society Grand Garden Party**, at Bishopthorpe Palace, York — the home of the Archbishop of York and Mrs Habgood. Sat 18 June, 1.30-5.

**Exhibition of Arts & Crafts**, Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield. 3 & 4 June.

**Annual Healing Service** — Wakefield Diocesan Prayer Fellowship. Halifax Parish Church 2.30. - 12 June.

**Anglican Pacifist Fellowship** — 4th Annual Procession of Prayer & Peace, 2nd May, Molesworth. Details:— (060684) 3376.

**Verger/Sacristan/Caretaker required** for duty in the ancient Parish Church of Halifax. The applicant should be interested in history and will be responsible for cleaning in the church and hall, and for bookings of the hall. The duties will include care of the church and attendance at services. Accommodation is provided free. Please contact:— The Rev Canon R S Gibson, The Vicarage, Skircoat Green Road, Halifax HX3 0BQ. Tel 65477.

**A Diocesan Representative for SPCK** is wanted urgently. The honorary post requires a person (m/f, lay/ordained) with a vision for their worldwide Christian Literature ministry. Training given. Please contact:— The Bishop's Chaplain, Bishop's Lodge, Woodthorpe Lane, Wakefield WF2 6JJ, Yorkshire. The post requires a few spare hours a month.

**Black cassocks** (children's or adults) wanted. Also alms dishes (or plates) required — all for Christ the King, Battyeford. Please contact Charles Blake, Mirfield 498 030.

**50 Copies of the BCP required** for All Saints' Netherthong. Please ring the Rev John Capstick (Holmfirth) 682430

**An offer of help with drama productions**, any parish assisted on request. Dance:— Mary Oldroyd, 36 Oxford Road, Dewsbury. Tel 466972. Production:— The Rev Roger Grainger, Stanley Royd Hospital, Aberford Road, Wakefield. Tel 375217.

**3 Car seats** and a caravan bunk on offer. Tel John Garside (Hudds) 661780.

**Help with fundraising?** Abacus can, they supply party and lucky dip toys, penny roll sheets etc. Write for free catalogue:— Abacus, 1 Loxley Street, Batley WF17 8JB, Yorkshire.

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HOLY WEEK 1988

27 March - 3 April



<u>Palm Sunday</u>	8 30 am	Holy Communion (AS)
	10 15 am	The Parish Communion with Procession, distribution of Palms, and dramatic reading of the Passion (SC). Preacher: The Bishop of Pontefract.
	6 30 pm	Evensong (SC), followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7 30 pm.
<u>Tuesday</u>	9 15 am	Holy Communion (SC)
<u>Wednesday</u>	9 15 am	Holy Communion (AS)
<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	7 30 pm	The Parish Communion, followed by The Watch until 11 pm.
<u>Good Friday</u>	10 30 am	Good Friday Family Service (AS)
	2 00 pm	The Good Friday Liturgy (SC)
	7 00 pm	Evensong and Meditation on the Passion (SC)
<u>Easter Eve</u>	8 00 pm	Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (SC)
<u>Easter Day</u>	8 30 am	Holy Communion (AS)
	10 15 am	The Parish Communion (SC), followed by egg rolling in churchyard (bring decorated hard boiled eggs)
	6 30 pm	Service of Easter Praise (AS)

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## CHURCH OF THE AIR

OF COURSE, IF churches all round the country held their services at the same time there wouldn't be a problem. As it is, just when you want to catch a religious programme on television or radio, you may be rushing to get you and yours up the road to church.

Some of us enjoy a lie-in listening to the 70-minute 'Sunday' programme on Radio 4 but not those who like to begin Sunday with an 8 am Holy Communion service. And the evening 'God-slot' clashes with most evening services. But millions more hear or watch these programmes than ever go to church.

And they are literally a God-send to those who long to be in church but are tied to the home for any reason; none more so than 'This is the Day' (BBC 1), informal worship televised live from the home of an ordinary Christian.

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THIS EASTER sees Britain's biggest book retailer increasing its emphasis on Christian books. W H Smith's ran a pilot scheme last year, and on the basis of that are putting on a 'significant promotion' of religious books in all their 370 shops. This has been planned in agreement with the Religious Books Group of the Publishers' Association.



**EASTER BOOKS**

A Famous Prayer

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;  
Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, refresh me;  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;  
Passim of Christ, strengthen me;  
O good Jesus, hear me;  
Within Thy wounds hide me;  
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee;  
From the malicious enemy defend me;  
In the hour of my death call me;  
And bid me come to Thee  
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee  
For ever and ever. Amen.

PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

Wednesday 16 March, 7 45 pm

A discussion on recent controversies in  
the Church. At the Rectory.

J U M B L E S A L E

Saturday 5 March, 2 pm

to be held at the Mission Room, Wakefield Road

Have you any jumble?

If so, please get in touch with either Jean Reast (tel 611590)  
Or Margaret Lloyd (tel 613704), who will arrange to collect it.  
Offers to help with the Jumble Sale will be greatly appreciated.  
Proceeds to church funds.

1ST ACKWORTH BROWNIES

The Girl Guide Association has introduced a new  
section for younger girls aged 5 to 7 called Rainbows.  
We have one Brownie Mum willing to run a pack but she  
needs two more ladies willing to help and train with her.  
For further information contact Sue Malyan (tel 615575)  
or call into Brownies, Bell Lane School (Mondays 6 - 7 30 pm)

T H E M O T H E R S ' U N I O N

- 2 March 9 15 am Corporate Communion (All Saints')
- 4 March 7 15 pm Womens' World Day of Prayer. Service at the Friends Meeting Home.
- 25 March 10 am to 1 pm - Some of our members will be serving coffee in the Treacy Hall, Wakefield. Why not decide to do your shopping and then join us for a cuppa?
- 31 March 2 30 pm - Service and meeting at the Social Centre Room.

ADVANCE NOTICE

- 22 April 6 30 pm - Jumble Sale in the Mission Room. If you have any jumble to collect please contact me.

Kitty Cooper

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T H E P A R I S H R E G I S T E R S

Holy Baptism

- 24 January Simon David Kemp, 31 Banks Avenue.  
24 January Louise Cleland, 24 Beverley Garth.

Christian Burial

- 7 January John Hubert Moxon, aged 80 years.  
7 January Dorothy Elizabeth Hyde, aged 85 years.

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St Cuthbert's Flower Rota

No flowers in Lent. Donations for Easter flowers may be given to Mrs P Asquith.

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Brass Cleaning Rota - Mrs Morley

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All Saints' Flower Rota

No flowers in Lent. Donations for Easter flowers may be given to Mrs E M Smith.

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Copy for the April magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday 6 March.

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## M A R C H

### SUNDAY SERVICES

St Cuthbert's: 10 15 am The Parish Communion  
All Saints': 8 30 pm Holy Communion (2nd Sunday, 1662 Prayer Book)  
6 30 pm Evensong (2nd Sunday, Holy Communion)

Guide and Brownie Parade and Family Communion - 2nd Sunday in the month.  
Service for Mothers and Toddlers - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month (except August),  
2 pm at All Saints' Church.

Baptisms normally take place at the 10 15 am Parish Communion on the 4th Sunday in the month.

Ministry to the Sick. Please inform the Rector of anyone who is in hospital or very ill at home.

Enquiries about Baptisms, Marriages and Banns. The Rector is normally available every Tuesday evening between 7 30 and 8 pm at the Rectory. Please telephone beforehand to arrange an appointment.

1st Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
2nd Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)  
3rd Thurs 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
7 30 pm Confirmation Service (St Paul's Church), Glasshoughton.

6th LENT 3

Readings: 1 Peter 2.19-end (Mr R Firth); Matt 16.13-end. ASB 515.

7th Mon 6 45 pm Holy Communion  
7 30 pm PCC, both at the Howard School

8th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

9th Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

10th Thurs 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

13th LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY

Readings: Luke 2.41-end.

15th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

16th Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory.

17th Thurs 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

20th LENT 5 PASSION SUNDAY FEAST OF ST CUTHBERT

Readings: Hebrews 9.11-14 (Mr S McDougall); Mark 10.32-45. ASB 525.

22nd Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (SC)

23rd Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

24th Thurs FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

27th PALM SUNDAY

Readings: Phil 2.5-11 (Mrs M Moorhouse); Mark 14.32-15.41 ASB 527.

6 30 pm Evensong (SC), followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7 30 pm.

29th TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

30th WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

31st MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 45 pm Parish Communion, followed by The Watch until 11 pm (St Cuthbert's).

## A P R I L

1st GOOD FRIDAY 10 30 am Good Friday Family Service (AS)  
2 00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy (SC)  
7 00 pm Evensong and Meditation on the Passion (SC)  
2nd EASTER EVE 8 00 pm Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of  
Baptismal Vows (SC)

3rd EASTER DAY

Readings: Colossians 3.1-11 (Mrs M Ward); John 20.1-18. ASB 577.