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Keeping you in touch with Outwood, Stanley, Wrenthorpe and Alverthorpe Churches 21st March-28th March

Dear all,

Last week's session of the Lent course saw us thinking about Jesus' calming of the storm, and sharing thoughts on the sea in the Bible, and our own experiences of being near or on the sea. One common theme was that the sea can be both calming and pleasant, and terrifying - and that sometimes that change can come out of nowhere.

Perhaps that's one of the things that makes the sea so compelling - and why it's such a powerful metaphor. Life can sometimes feel as if we're being tossed to and fro in a storm that came out of nowhere - and perhaps that has felt particularly true over the last year. However, there are some indications that the clouds are now clearing - but whether you're naturally optimistic or pessimistic, my prayer is that you will find hope in Christ, who calms the storms of our lives.

Every blessing,

Rev'd Jo

Prayers and Readings for this Week

5th Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

Jeremiah 31.31-34
Psalm 51.1-13
Hebrews 5.5-10
John 12.20-33

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him
who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Gospel of the Palms: Mark 11.1-11
Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm 31.9-18
Philippians 2.5-11
Gospel of the Passion: Mark 14.1-15.47

Holy Week Services

On 28 March, we begin our commemoration of Jesus' death and resurrection, the most important week in the Christian year. All four of our churches will be open for services, which will be as follows:

Alverthorpe: St Paul's

28 March 2021 – Palm Sunday – 10am Parish
Communion with Distribution of Palms
31st March 2021 – Midweek Communion
4 April 2021 – Easter Day – 10am Holy
Communion

Outwood: St Mary Magdalene's

28 March 2021 – Palm Sunday – 10am Parish Mass with Distribution of Palms
29 March 2021 – 7:30pm Stations of the Cross
30 March 2021 – 7:30pm Reflective Service
31 March 2021 – 7:30pm Tenebrae
1 April 2021 – Maundy Thursday – 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
2 April 2021 – Good Friday
 10:30am Messy Church (online with St Anne's)
 2pm Liturgy of Good Friday
3 April 2021 – 8:30pm The Easter Vigil
4 April 2021 – 10am Festival Mass

Wrenthorpe: St Anne's

28 March 2021 – Palm Sunday – 10am Parish Eucharist with Distribution of Palms
29 March 2021 – 7pm (streamed from St Paul's Alverthorpe)
30th March 2021 – 7pm Led by Wrenthorpe Methodist (streamed)
31st March 2021 – 7pm Prayers and Meditation (streamed)
1st April 2021 Maundy Thursday – 7pm Eucharist of Maundy Thursday
2nd April 2021 Good Friday
 10:30am Messy Church (online with St Mary Magdalene's)
 2pm Prayers at the Cross
3rd April 2021 - 8:30pm Benefice Vigil Service at St Mary Magdalene Outwood
4th April 2021 – Easter Day – 10:00am Easter Sunday Eucharist



Stanley: St Peter's

28 March 2021 – Palm Sunday – 10am Parish Communion with Distribution of Palms
1 April 2021 – Maundy Thursday – 7:30pm
2 April 2021 – Good Friday – 2pm Hour at the Cross
4 April 2021 – Easter Day – 10am Holy Communion

Upcoming Church Events

North Wakefield Team

23rd March – 4pm Lent Group
23rd March – 7:30pm Lent Group

Outwood

22nd March – 7:30pm PCC Meeting
25th March – 7:30pm Mass for the Annunciation

Stanley

Mondays – 7:30pm Bible Study: The Lord's Prayer

Regular events online:

All our weekday online events are hosted on Zoom, either through the benefice's website's meeting rooms, or through a meeting login. For more information about how to join and how to use Zoom, please contact us.

Sundays

- 11am Coffee Morning on Zoom for St Anne's Wrenthorpe

Mondays

- 10am 'Start the Week – Drop in for Chat and Prayer' on Zoom
- 7:30pm St Peter's Stanley Housegroup on Zoom

Tuesdays

- 10am Coffee Morning for St Paul's on Zoom

Worship Online, on the Radio and on Television

Sunday Worship is broadcast on Radio 4 at 8:10am. Songs of Praise is broadcast on BBC1 at 1:15pm. The Church of England streams a service on YouTube every Sunday at 9am.

You can also join in with our church services online! We're showing them live on the churches' Facebook pages. If you don't have Facebook, you can still watch the services: type your church's name and 'Facebook' into Google, and click on the

first link. The videos should be available to view during the service or after it has concluded.

The pattern for online services is as follows:

Sundays:

- 10am Parish Mass (St Mary Magdalene Outwood)
- 10am Parish Eucharist (St Anne's Wrenthorpe)
- 10am Holy Communion (from St Peter's and St Paul's on alternate weeks)
- 5:30pm Reflection

Mondays

- 9am Celtic Morning prayer
- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (live from St Mary Magdalene's)

Tuesdays:

- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's) (no service on 8 December)
- 9pm Celtic Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Wednesdays:

- 9am Celtic Morning Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)
- 9pm Sung Compline (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)
- 9pm Celtic Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Thursdays:

- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)
- 9pm Celtic Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Fridays

- 9pm Celtic Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Saturdays:

- 12:30pm Midday Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)

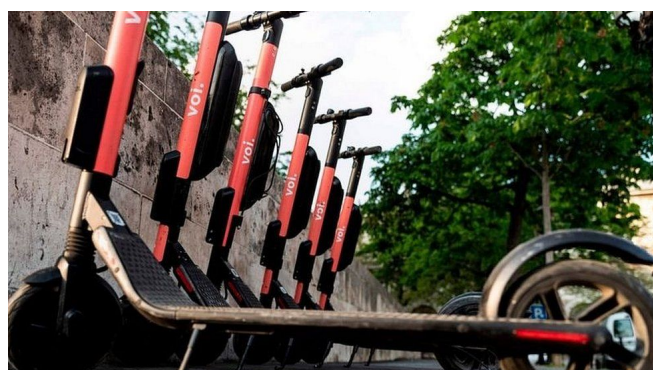
St Peter's Stanley are now doing daily worship using Celtic Daily Prayer from Northumbria Community, and can be accessed via the benefice website at the times shown here:

<https://northwakefield.benefice.uk/celtic-daily-prayer/>

Good News from Around the World



Like other clubs, Burnley FC have been wondering how to stop their ground looking empty and sad on match days (no jokes, please!) - but their sponsor, local firm James Hargreaves Plumbing Depot, came up with a creative idea. They set plumbing apprentices at Burnley College the fun challenge of creating figures out of plumbing materials to decorate the main stand. The students put a lot of care into creating men, women, children - and even a commentator. A spokesman for Burnley FC thanked all involved, adding "The players will certainly appreciate them being there, and they will definitely provide a big talking point among our followers."



Southampton is best known as a port, but there's a new mode of transport in the city: electric scooters. The city council has introduced them on a trial basis at £1 + 14p for every minute they are used. They are intended to reduce car use in the city centre and promote cleaner ways of getting around. There are special discounts for students and those on low incomes, and they are free to use for NHS workers until the end of the pandemic.



It wouldn't be allowed in this country, but here's a heart-warming tale of travel and broccoli from America: Steve Chu runs two Asian fusion Ebiken restaurants in Baltimore. One of his customers, Brandon Jones, always took his mother-in-law there when she visited Baltimore more, but had been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. Jones emailed Chu asking where he could find tempura broccoli in Vermont. But Chu emailed straight back, offering to make it in person, and travelled up to Vermont (a 6 hour drive!) with a hot plate and the ingredients for tempura broccoli. Rian, Brandon's wife, said "My mom kept saying, 'I don't understand — you drove all the way up here to cook for me?' She was so happy and touched to have that broccoli. She couldn't believe it." Chu said, "To me, it was a huge honor to be able to help fulfill the family's wishes. This is about her, not us. There was a lot of good, positive energy in doing this." You can read the whole story here: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2021/03/18/ekiben-restaurant-baltimore-cancer/>



It wasn't quite "to infinity and beyond", but kind Southwest Airlines employee Jason Hamm went a long way out of his way to reunite a boy with his favourite toy. Hagen Davis (2) was inconsolable when he lost his Buzz Lightyear doll on the way back from a family funeral, even when his mum told him Buzz

was "on a special mission." Little did she know that Jason had found Buzz, noticed Hagen's name on the bottom of Buzz's boot, and had used the passenger manifest to find his parents' email address. While waiting to hear back, Jason took photos of Buzz around the plane, wrote a letter from Buzz, and lovingly decorated the cardboard box he planned to post it in. Hagen is delighted to have Buzz home, and his parents were stunned by Jason's kindness and creativity. Jason says "I know someone was missing Buzz and probably really sad. Besides, I was smiling the whole time I did it - I was having a blast!"

Visiting Churches



Our churches are open for visits at the following times:
Monday 4pm-5pm St Mary Magdalene's Outwood
Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm St Anne's Wrenthorpe
Saturday 10-12pm St Paul's Alverthorpe

All our churches can also be visited by appointment

Wrenthorpe & Kirkhamgate Food Bank



Regular collection boxes for the food bank which serves Outwood, Wrenthorpe, Stanley and Alvethorpe are hosted in both St Anne's and St Mary Magdalene's churches. 72% of families with children who depend on foodbanks are in work, and the need for support is growing, especially in the current Covid-19 restrictions. Please bring non-perishable food and toiletries to church when you are able to, and the boxes will be taken to the food bank as they fill up!

A Recipe from Mother Jo Kershaw: Vegeree



Kedgeree is a classic of Anglo-Indian cookery, and was once a very popular breakfast (though personally I like it at tea time). However, smoked haddock is not always easy to come by, and not everyone likes it, so this entirely vegetarian version, based on a Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall recipe, which replaces the fish with roasted aubergines, is a great alternative to try instead.

Note: if you have a rice cooker, by all means use it to cook your rice in accordance with your

appliance's instructions. I find it a lot easier than cooking rice on the stove!

Serves 2 hungry people

1 medium or large aubergine
1 or 2 medium onions
3 tbsp sunflower or other neutrally flavoured oil
1 tbsp of your favourite curry powder (or 3/4
tbsp garam masala + 1/2tsp turmeric + 1/2 tsp
cayenne, or to taste).
Salt
1 cup basmati or other long grain rice (200g of
rice, but it's much easier to calculate the water
using a measuring cup!)
1.5 cups water
6 cardamom pods
4 eggs

Optional to serve: coriander leaves, plain yoghurt

Preheat the oven to gas mark 5
Slice the aubergine into 1 cm discs, and then
quarter them into bite sized pieces. Peel the
onions and put them into a roasting tin. Drizzle
with the oil, sprinkle on the spices and salt to
taste, and toss very well to coat. Roast for forty
minutes, stirring a few times.

After about ten minutes, start cooking the rice.
Rinse it very well in a sieve, then put in a
saucepan, salt it, and add a cup and a half of water
(375ml). Bring to a boil, then put on a lid and
reduce heat. Cook at a gentle boil for 12 minutes,
keeping an eye on it to make sure the pan doesn't
boil over (this will not only make a mess, but will
mean you lose water the rice needs to
absorb). Remove from stove and allow to stand
for ten minutes.

Boil the eggs for seven minutes (you are aiming
for "soft hard-boiled"). Run under a cold tap and
peel as soon as they are cool enough to handle.

Fluff the rice, and add the roasted vegetables, and
stir well. Serve the vegeree, slice the eggs in half
lengthwise, and top with them. Sprinkle over the
coriander leaves if you are using them, and serve
with plain yoghurt, if you like.

Diocese of Leeds Lent Reflections

The Wakefield Episcopal Area within Leeds
Diocese has organised for a series of reflections
to take place through Lent on Fridays at Noon,

beginning 19 February. Please email Caroline caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org for the zoom details if you'd like to join – all welcome! These reflections will be recorded for those who cannot join us at these times. They will be available afterwards at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvnvg6p0I5vUTWe9H-klJpw>

RIP

Please remember and pray for those who have died recently whose funerals will be led by members of our clergy team, and others from the local community.

Alverthorpe – Ian Hirst, Richard Barnes, Pat Goodwin, Ron Churm, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Sarah Louise Clark, Sandra Bedford, Melvyn Crump

Outwood – Annie Sheppard, Dennis Firth, Sylvia Stringer, Roy Whiteley, Mavis Turton, Lesley Walton
Wrenthorpe – Emma Carter, Elizabeth Peaker, Betty McGarroch, Carol Hodgson, Hazel Ash

Staying in touch with each other

It's hard to cope with being alone or not seeing many people for a long period of time, and everyone struggles. If you want a chat, you can call any of the vicars in this team. Leave your numbers so we can keep in touch too!

Outwood: Fr Jonathan (01924 373758/
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Wrenthorpe: Rev'd Jo (01924 373758/
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Stanley & Alverthorpe: Rev'd Glenn (01924 218484/
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Keeping you entertained!

From CartoonChurch

