# Church Services April 2016

**Church of the Epiphany Tockwith**  
A member Church of the Parish of Marston Moor

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## TOCKWITH ROTA - April 2016

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Later this month Archbishop Sentamu, as part of his pilgrimage around the diocese and quest to visit every parish will come to Marston Moor. Details will be found elsewhere in the magazine for where you might join him.

Pilgrimage is a powerful metaphor for our life. Many of us will remember John Bunyan’s hymn ‘He who would valiant be’ with the last line of every verse ‘To be a pilgrim’. Some might even have read Bunyan’s ‘Pilgrim’s Progress’- a book which adorned almost every household in England in the nineteenth century, and into the twentieth too. My own experience of pilgrimages, long and short, speak to me still of the ups and downs of life as we try to follow Christ.

Wonderful vistas from high hills, blistered feet and wet boots, tiredness, exhilaration. All part of what we know about life, and what we know of following God, too. Times of being on top of the world, times of being weary, and hardly having the energy to put one foot in front of the other. Steady times with a rhythm to life; wounded, or at least blistered, times when all we want to do is give up. Anyone who is a walker – and that’s a lot of us- will identify with all this. The Easter season- all seven weeks of it- is like a giant refreshment stop on a long walk. I remember a bar in Spain where an hour’s rest in the sun outside, with a beer in one hand and a bocadilla (sandwich) in the other, was just what the doctor ordered on a long day’s walking up hill and down dale.

If life has been- to use St. Paul’s phrase- just a case of ‘keeping on keeping on’, then I pray that Easter, and the resurrected Jesus, will bring times of refreshment to you. May his life in you, and in me, surge though us, so that our pilgrimage becomes a blessing to the world at large. I’m sure that blessing is something the Archbishop wishes to bring us as he is with us. And I pray we may be a blessing to him too.

Your vicar,
Roy
01423 359003/ revroytockwith@btinternet.com.
**NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY TOCKWITH**

On Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} April following quickly on the heels of Harry Gration and Paul Hudson from BBC Look North when they passed through Tockwith during their three legged charity walk for Sport Relief, Tockwith welcomes Archbishop Sentamu as part of his personal pilgrimage around the Parishes of the York Diocese. We expect him to arrive at Tockwith Primary School at around 1.00pm. Hopefully he will also visit the youth club in the evening. He will visit other villages in the Marston Moor Parish during April; see this information elsewhere in the magazine. We feel very proud and privileged that we are going to welcome Archbishop Sentamu for a second time on Sunday 9\textsuperscript{th} October on an official visit to mark the 150\textsuperscript{th} anniversary of the consecration of The Church of the Epiphany.

In church years 150 years does not seem a long but what has happened in Tockwith village in those years is quite astounding. In 1866 the village was around about a third of the size of Wetherby. There have been two world wars and an RAF station has come and gone. The relics of the old airbase are still clear to see. At its height there were over 2,500 airmen and women stationed there. The semi-industrial hub of the main street of the village was Brogden’s Brewery which closed at the turn of the 20\textsuperscript{th} century with the village reverting to being almost entirely reliant on farming for employment. Virtually the whole of Marston Road was devastated in 1945 when a Stirling Bomber crashed in the street killing the crew and the village postmaster. Then in the 1970’s a new housing estate doubling the size of the village was built breathing new life into it, securing the future of the Post Office, two pubs and the school. Much of the local employment is provided by businesses operating from a Business Park on the site of the old air base with one of the major employers being Stage One who have gained fame all over the world for being involved in the opening and closing displays of the 2012 Olympic Games. This potted history of the village over 150 years proves how important it is to record important occasions in the life of a village. Get your camera ready to record another event in the history of the village!

Application forms to apply to be put on the Church Electoral Roll are available before the Village Church Council Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} April. If you want to have your say about what is happening in your church and its mission in the community you need to be on the church electoral roll. You do not have to be on the electoral roll to attend the meeting but you will not be allowed to speak.

At this meeting you will hear about the work of the church in the last year and find out about its financial position. There has been a lot of positive things happening. Messy
church has continued to go from strength to strength. If it was not for volunteer leaders there would be no youth provision in the village and there would not be any form of youth club. The church has not forgotten the need of people outside of the village with support for the local food banks and the Church Urban Fund. Last but not least the Church is very proud of the work it does in support of the orphanage in Bungoma.

Why not come along to the meeting and find out in more detail the work of your local church. Come to a warm church and sit in comfort on the new pew cushions.

On Saturday 16th April at 7.30pm we welcome the York City Gospel Choir for what promises to be a very joyous concert. The Choir was formed in 2007 to celebrate the powerful and inspirational tradition of gospel music. Drawing on musical talents from in and around York, the choir performs a range of traditional and contemporary gospel. YCGC is a community choir performing extensively in and around York, at a wide variety of functions, and as far afield as Blackpool and Northumberland. It supports charity events, church events, community events and corporate functions. The choir's first CD - "Total Praise" - was released in November 2008, followed by "Thank You" in 2010, "Speak To My Heart" in 2012 and "Welcome” in 2014.
READINGS and PSALMS APRIL 2016

Sunday 3rd  Second Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5: 27-32  Psalm: 118 14-29
2nd Reading: Revelation 1: 4-8  Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Sunday 10th  Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 9: 1-6  Psalm: 30
2nd Reading Revelation 5: 11-14  Gospel: John 21: 1-19

Sunday 17th  Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 9: 36-43  Psalm 23
2nd Reading Revelation 7: 9-17  Gospel John 10: 22-30

Sunday 24th  Fifth Sunday of Easter


Help for St Crux
Thursday 28th April
10am-4pm

Calling all bakers, sandwich makers, sellers and washer uppers'.
Volunteers please for help at this fund raiser at St Crux in York.
Last time we were short of helpers at the beginning and end of the day.

This is usually an excellent day and Tockwith Church has gained a good reputation for
delicious food and good quality goods.

Please let Angela know if you can help
 01423 358067
It was all about the Eggs at March Messy Church!

This Easter Egg is hollow, just like they found the tomb. For it is meant to represent, that Christ has risen. For me and for you! Matthew 28-6

The next Messy Church is Sunday 3rd April, 4pm-5:30pm.

Hope you can join us.

Messy Blessings
You might be interested to see the new website that has just been launched for Bungoma Calling. At the moment it just covers the orphanage but the plan is that the theological training and school links parts will be added in the near future.

**Pilgrimage of the Archbishop of York**

The Archbishop of York is continuing on his Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing across the Diocese of York, which is due to finish in May 2016.

Archbishop Sentamu said, “My prayers have led me to this pilgrimage. St Paulinus, St Aidan, St Cuthbert and St Hilda of Whitby in their time shared the good news of Jesus Christ with the people of the North. Praying for those who come to know Christ is a great privilege and a joy.

“During this pilgrimage, I would like to encourage everyone I meet to commit themselves afresh to try praying, be open to encountering Jesus Christ, pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and receive the gift of the joy provided by Jesus Christ – and be thankful. Pray with me, and join me on the road!”

Archbishop Sentamu began his Pilgrimage at Whitby last December and has since journeyed through Guisborough, Middlesbrough, Stokesley, Mowbray and Northern Ryedale. His Pilgrimage will finish in York Minster on Trinity Sunday (22 May 2016). For the opportunities to walk with the Archbishop, and share in his journey, please visit: [www.pilgrimage.archbishopofyork.org](http://www.pilgrimage.archbishopofyork.org)
During the last half term the youth club programme included a science night, fashion recycling, sweet dreams and an Eggstravaganza.

Youth Club is held every Friday night 7-8:30pm, during term time in Tockwith Church and is open to Year 6 to Year 9.

HAVE Fun • Make Friends • Get INVOLVED
Do you know anyone that has just moved into the village? Our aim is to make contact with them as soon as possible and tell them what we have to offer as a Church family. Our introduction is by way of delivering a Village and Parish News free of charge. Contact any member of the Church Council if you think someone may not have been seen.

The next “Let’s Do Lunch” at the Spotted Ox is on Thursday 14th April at 12.30. Please contact Mary Shaw on 359003 by Tuesday 12th April if you would like to book a place.

From the Church of the Epiphany Parish Register

None this month

Tell us what you're doing...
If you want us to advertise your event (for free!), please let us know in good time and we'll gladly include a mention for you.

Please note ALL items for the May 2016 magazine need to be with the Editor no later than Friday 22nd April.
Harry & Paul’s three-legged Sport Relief walk

BBC Look North presenters Harry Gration and Paul Hudson walked into Tockwith at 9pm, finishing their 8th and most challenging day. As they walked down Kirk Lane a large applause came from everyone who gathered to welcome them.

They started their 9th and final day walking to York from Tockwith School with loud cheers from all the children.

Harry and Paul walked 131 miles and raised more than £259,000 for Sport Relief.
**DONATE A BIBLE**

We have a scheme that allows families to donate a Bible to the Church dedicated to their children to recognize the date of their Baptisms.

We would like to extend the scheme to anyone who might wish to donate a Bible and dedicate it in memory of a loved one. If anyone would like to dedicate a Bible they are £15 each and we put the name inside the Bible cover. Please contact Angela Jenkins on 01423 358067

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**Did you know that Tockwith Church has a Facebook page?**

It is an excellent way to keep in touch with the local community regarding what is happening in church. It’s a great way to keep in touch with busy mums and dads and remind them of events that are coming to church. We pop lots of photos on of various events at church.

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**VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.

The smooth running of your church is reliant on volunteers in various areas from church cleaning, grass cutting, duties during services and helping out at various fund raising activities, we are always on the lookout for helpers. If you think you can help then please contact one of the church wardens – Angela or Deryck.
Craft Club

The Craft Club meets in Tockwith village hall every Monday afternoon during term time, between 1pm and 3pm. We enjoy a wide range of crafting activities, learning new skills, making beautiful things whilst having a good natter. Everyone is welcome.

You don’t need to be an experienced crafter to join.

Come along and have a go – £2 per week including refreshments. (Your first week is free.)

Forthcoming activities will include: Group made quilt for charity, Easy-find key fobs, Handy-pack shopping bag, Spring wreath.

Or just come along for the company and bring your own crafts to do.

For more information contact Fiona on 358808.

Thank you for your contributions - please keep them coming, we know that they are appreciated.

Thanks Barbara and Peter Harris

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."
Matthew 25:35

MARSTON MOOR WALKERS

Last month we walked from Whixley to Allerton Mauleverer.

Our April walk will go from Thorp Arch.

Meet by the Pax pub at 2.00pm on Monday April 11th.

All welcome. Please come along.

Pete Pozman  01423 359731
07854 313112

York foodbank

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Early in March you will remember we had snow. All the children had a fantastic opportunity to go out and play in it with the added bonus that it had all disappeared by home time.

Our Year 3 children also made a visit to the Robinwood Activity Centre in March for a two night residential

They had a fantastic time along with a number of Long Marston Year 3 pupils.
It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to spend time with their peers in an environment that builds such independence and confidence.

Some of our Year 2 children had a wonderful time attending a science day at Riverside school in Tadcaster. They had an informative and fun day learning about insects in general and flies in particular. The children learnt how to make an origami fly which was very difficult to do. However they did enjoy a game of insect bingo!

The end of March saw Year 1/2 visiting Tadcaster Grammar school for a multi-skills sports event, Easter Lunch for parents and grandparents and an Easter Service in church.

School closes for Easter on Thursday 24th March and re-opens on Tuesday 12th April.

When we return from the Easter Break we are really looking forward to our RE day on April 22nd and our PTFA disco on the 27th of the month.
Give me a sense of humour, Lord. Give me the grace to see a joke, 
To get some humour out of life, and pass it on to other folk

Heaven
An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"
The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

A school's inspector was visiting an infants' class to see what they were doing. He stopped by a lad who had painted a colourful picture of a man with a long beard and flowing robes, and asked who it was; the child answered "That is Jesus", "I see" said the inspector, "but why is he holding a stone?" The boy looked at him and replied "That's not a stone! It's a tortoise" "Why is he holding a tortoise?" enquired the inspector. "Because every morning when we go into the hall, the head teacher tells us to say the prayer that Jesus taught us!" the boy answered.

Horse
A minister trained his horse to go when he said: 'Praise the Lord', and to stop when he said; 'Amen'. One day he was out for a gallop when he saw a deep gorge ahead. He kept shouting 'Amen!', and finally the horse stopped. The minister was so relieved that he looked up to heaven and said a heartfelt: "Praise the Lord!"

Quiet
A mother who took her fidgety seven-year-old to church finally had an idea: about halfway through the long sermon she leaned over and whispered: "If you don't be quiet, the minister is going to lose his place, and he will have to start all over again." It worked.

Marriage
During a heartfelt chat with her friend about relationships, my wife sighed and said, "You know, if something happened to Lloyd, I don't think I could ever marry again."
Her friend nodded sympathetically. "I know what you mean," she said. "Once is enough."

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH
You're only young once, but you can be immature all your life.
Do you have information or a concern about something or someone that you think the police should know about then contact us on sntknaresborough@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk alternatively call 101. For those callers who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, the service can be accessed via text phone on 18001 101.

The Parish Council has a permanent agenda item for Police Matters at every Parish Council meeting so if you have any matters to raise with the police you can also contact a Parish Councillor.

Crime summary for Marston Moor Ward – DHC

07022016 – Domestic Incident – Westfield Green, Tockwith. Verbal argument only.

10022016 – Autocrime – Marston Moor Business Park. Damage caused to a land Rover Defender, possibly attempting to steal it, but unsuccessful.


**Police Headquarters up for Sale**

Following a decision by Police and Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan to move the North Yorkshire Police headquarters to central Northallerton, she has confirmed that the current Newby Wiske headquarters site is up for sale.

The new police headquarters will be Alverton Court in Northallerton, the former Rural Payments Agency building.

Newby Wiske Hall, The Grade II-listed country home, has served as North Yorkshire Police’s headquarters for nearly 40 years. Prior to its current use, Newby Wiske served as a training centre for the old North Riding Constabulary from 1954.

The police are due to move to their new building in autumn 2017, and will accept interest on the current site from all interested parties.

The new headquarters at Alverton Court (built in 1999), Northallerton, offers modern facilities and good public transport links. The site was selected because it is just six miles from the current HQ, meaning minimal impact on the headquarters workforce. It will also be less expensive to run, more efficient and offer better accommodation for a modern police service, in comparison with building at Newby Wiske.

Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, said: “One of the first commitments I made on taking up office was to move North Yorkshire Police out of the expensive and largely unsuitable Newby Wiske site into more accessible accommodation, better suited to a modern police service.
“Putting Newby Wiske Hall up for sale is a very welcome step along this journey, but one with mixed emotions. It has been used by police in North Yorkshire for over 60 years, but it is right we are moving on and can look the future with confidence. I am also pleased that we are remaining in Hambleton District and will continue to support the local economy.”

Chief Constable Dave Jones said: “It is significant that such an important project for North Yorkshire Police continues to move forward, as it will ensure we can provide a more effective, efficient and sustainable policing service for everyone in our county.

“Although there will be many that will be saddened by the loss of such a historical policing building, Newby Wiske Hall can no longer support the demands of a modern police service.”

Will you be made a fool of this year?

Traditionally, the rules for April Fool were: between midnight and noon on 1 April, everyone is ‘fair game’ to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. The aim is not just to discomfort a victim, but to trick them into going on a ‘fool’s errand’. Children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove’s milk, or to the bookseller for The Life of Eve’s Mother. There were also practical jokes on a bigger scale. In 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: ‘Admit the bearer and friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.’ The same trick had been played in 1698. More recently, newspapers, magazines, radio, tv and the internet have published spoof stories that have fooled many people. On the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on their own head. A child would race through the sing-song formula: ‘April-Fool-Day’s-past-and-gone-you’re-the-fool-and-I-am-none!’
Parish Council meetings are, as a rule, held on the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are not normally held in August or December. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings and they start at 7.30pm and are held in Tockwith Church. The minutes of previous Parish Council meetings can be found on its own web site at www.tockwith.gov.uk. The Clerk Dawn Dyason can be contacted on 01423 358009 or email parish.clerk@tockwith.gov.uk.

The Parish Council is happy to provide links to local organisations, clubs or charitable bodies so that they can share information to the wider community. Please contact cllr.a.wilson@tockwith.gov.uk if you would like a link. It would be a good time to update your contact telephone numbers and give details of your meeting times etc.

We use the web site to distribute important information about matters that affect the Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish area.

Included on the website is information about the services offered by both North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate Borough Council. This includes advice regarding anti-social behaviour.

The present Parish Councillors four year term of office comes to an end on 5th May. There will be seven Councillor Vacancies for Tockwith, two for Cowthorpe and one for Wilstrop. The Parish Council encourage people to become active in their community and believe that it is healthy to have an election. This will only happen if more than the required number of candidates put themselves forward for nomination.

Now is your chance to play a positive role within the community, look out for the Notice of Poll on the Parish Council noticeboards. Nomination papers can be obtained from the Parish Clerk. Nomination papers need to be lodged with the returning officer at Harrogate by 4.00pm Thursday 7th April. It is known that some of the current Parish Councillors will not be seeking re-election so it is a perfect opportunity for you to get involved in your community.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7.00pm Wednesday 20th April in Tockwith Church.

What is the Annual Parish Meeting?

There can be, and often is, confusion between the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

All Parish and Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting, which must take place between 1st March and the 1st June (inclusive). Meetings should not commence before 6.00 pm. Meeting in 2015 is planned for 18 May.

Purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting
The purpose of the meeting is so that the Parish Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year and it enables the electors to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the Parish.

Who can attend the meeting?

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of all the local government electors for the Parish. It is NOT a Meeting of the Parish Council, which the public can participate in. Anyone may attend but only registered electors of Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish may speak and vote.

Will I be able to ask questions and make suggestions?

Yes, any registered elector may ask questions of the Council, which will usually be answered by the Chairperson, the Clerk to the Council, or a designated Councillor. An elector may also make suggestions and comment on anything pertinent to the people of the Parish of Tockwith with Wilstrop (includes Cowthorpe). This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

Who will chair the meeting?

The Chairperson of the Parish Council will chair the meeting. If the Chair is not able to attend, then the meeting will elect a chairperson from amongst those electors present.

Will Parish Councillors be there?

Usually they do attend and will speak if need be. But the purpose of the meeting is to enable the ordinary electors to have their say. Councillors will listen with interest and as electors themselves, also have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish.

Will notes be taken of the meeting?

Yes, a written record of the meeting will be taken and will be presented at a future meeting of Council for their consideration.

What else happens at the meeting?

In recent years we have invited local clubs, societies and other voluntary and statutory organizations to provide an exhibition and/or a representative to speak about the work of their group.
Revised plans for the Linden Homes Development
15/01484/FULMAJ
Update

The decision regarding this application will be made at 2pm Tuesday 12th April at the Council Officers Crescent Gardens.

The Parish Council’s concerns have not changed and following the floods and sewerage problems over the Christmas and New Year period they have asked for assurances that no development should take place without guarantees from developers that the necessary infrastructure will be put in place to prevent similar occurrences again. The Parish Council are far from confident that the sewerage works in Fleet Lane can cope with the additional houses planned without substantial investment. It is for this reason that we have contacted Yorkshire Water and asked for this application and the Lonsdale Development (Evans) to be investigated further.

We also believe that if the two developments are to go ahead the provision of two additional passing places in Southfield Lane is inadequate provision for the expected additional traffic. The road needs to be two lanes in its entirety. If this is not done we will seek that the existing passing places be improved and enlarged as they were only meant to cater for the occasional farm vehicle.

It is also illogical and devoid of common sense that the two developments have to be considered separately. We believe that the two developments are so intrinsically linked that their impact needs to be considered together.

In 2015, the Corporate Customer Service Team from HBC introduced a new service for customers to receive information about council services and or promotions and have received a very positive response to this service. So far we have sent out a number of texts and emails including informing customers of alternative waste collection services over the bank holiday periods and details of the expanded recycling service. This service has not been widely advertised. If you would like to personally receive information on Council Services and/or promotions please email customer.services@harrogate.gov.uk with
Your house number
Your postcode
Your personal mobile number
Your personal email address

and they will add you to their list.
We’re listening
for your ideas for the Parish Magazine

The Editor would really like to hear your views on the Parish Magazine and particularly your ideas for themes each month. If you have any comments or suggestions please tell Norman Waller: nr.waller@btinternet.com

A NOTICE RE: BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place within our normal services – usually a service which will be a Holy Communion plus Baptism. This is because Baptism signifies a welcome into the church, and the beginning of a Christian journey. It only makes sense therefore, if this sacrament takes place within the worshipping community, who along with the family, welcome the child into God’s great family.

Baptism can only take place when a priest is present at a service, and if you are thinking of having your child baptized, you need to give a long ‘lead time’ to the clergy. It may not be possible for a priest to be available on the Sunday you have in mind, and you may need to be flexible over the date, although every effort will be made to meet your wishes. In the first instance, please contact one of the Wardens to arrange a date.

Please note:
Remaining Allocated Baptism dates for 2016 - 11th September

ASK FOR A LINK

Are you a not for profit organisation in the Tockwith Area? Would you like a link to the Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council website - contact cllr.a.wilson@tockwith.gov.uk

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TOCKWITH FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 14TH MAY
TOCKWITH SPORTSFIELD

Bands booked, beers tasted, food sorted. We just need you.
Tickets on sale now – online, at school and in Costcutter. Get one of the limited number of Early Birds while they last
Individual £10
Family £25

If you can spare an hour or two to help out on the day with a stint on the bar etc. it would really help the cause. Also extra hands Friday and Sunday for set up and knock down highly appreciated.

Contact;
Ed Bird (ejjbird@googlemail.com)
Mark Smith (marksmith05@hotmail.com) 07595 414351

COOKS PRAYER

Lord, guide my willing hands, to bake my bread today.
To mix a little laughter, in what I do or say.

Help me to feed my family with good food seasoned right.
With wisdom of a loving heart, keep my kitchen shining bright.

Guide my erring thoughts to Heaven, when my spirit is sad and low.
Help me to set my dinner table, with food for hearts that glow.

Lois-z-Art
Art Workshops
Thursdays 10:00 – 12:00
Themed weeks for those with more experience.
For more information tel. 01423 358264
Or email loiszart@gmail.com
**User Group News**

**Yoga**
This regular and much loved class will resume after the Easter school holiday. Thursday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.

**Line Dancing**
Our Wiggle and Giggle leader, Viv, has recently started this new class. Great fun. No need to book, just come along and join in.
Every Thursday from 6.30 to 7.30pm.
Price £4. (First class is free.)
For details phone Viv; 07931 508 444

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**Roof Repairs**
Our contractor has confirmed he is to commence repairs to the flat roof over the toilets and corridor on Monday 4th April. The work is expected to take 2 weeks and, with the exception of the rear garden and courtyard areas, should not affect use of the hall by existing user groups. Please note, however, continuous access to the car park will be essential and part of the car park will be cordoned off for materials / waste storage.

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**Annual General Meeting**
11th May 7.30pm
Your opportunity to hear our report on the business activities of the hall during the past 12 months, and to have your say on what you would like to see happening in the next 5 years.
All welcome!

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**Team Quiz Challenge**
On 13th March the hall was host to 42 quizzers, all keen to take part in the annual village hall fun quiz. Seven teams, ranging in size from 8 adults down to just 2 teenagers, competed for the modest prizes but huge honour of being champions for the evening. Rounds included; Call My Bluff, where the teams had to decide upon the meaning of each of a list of rarely used words; Sport; Pointless, just like the TV programme of the same name; Logo identification; History; and General Knowledge / Current Affairs. And, of course, not forgetting our ‘world famous’ Touchy – Feely round, (in more ways than one) as almost everyone squished into the back room at the same time to guess the contents of the sacks. Very funny. During supper we played a game of bingo and raised £23 for Sport Relief. Thank you to quizzers for supporting this fund-raising event and to our volunteer bar-staff who worked really hard.
Friday 15th April 2016 – ‘Fun with Films’ with Stephen Brown - 7.30pm
Whether it’s Pretty Woman, Star Wars or James Bond the movies are there to entertain and enrich us. Stephen Brown, a Tockwith resident, has spent a lifetime teaching and writing about films all over the country as well as internationally. He’s also been a jury member at film festivals such as Berlin, Montreal and Locarno.
Join us to hear Stephen share his witty, informative enthusiasm for cinema.
Tickets are £3. To order telephone Keith on 01423 358 603 or email keithpope13@btinternet.com

Saturday 7th May 2016 – May Fayre - 10am to 4pm
It has been a while since the community gathered to celebrate the coming of spring. Well this year we hope to change that. There will be May pole dancing, Morris dancing, stalls and fun-fair games, activities to join in, music, entertainment and refreshments. And for those who are ready to stock up with garden plants there will be a wide selection to choose from. Children are invited to come dressed as May Kings and Queens and have their photographs taken on our May throne. The names of all ‘Kings and Queens’ will be entered into a prize draw. A lovely family occasion! Free entry.

Friday 10th June 2016 – ‘How to Research Your Family Tree’ – 7.30pm
Presented by Gary Marriner.
“Have you ever wondered where your great grand parents lived or what they did for a living? Perhaps you are related to someone famous and never knew it, or maybe you just wanted to build your own family tree but were unsure how to go about it. I have found researching my own family history to be a fascinating and rewarding journey. By sharing some of my findings, I can show you how to get started and give you some insights into the resources that are available to you.” Tickets £3. To reserve your ticket phone Keith on 01423 358603 or email keithpope13@btinternet.com

Saturday 17th September 2016 – Evening of Entertainment - 7.30pm to 10.30pm
The search is on for new acts to entertain us at the next annual family-friendly event. As always it will be packed with 3 hours of the best of local musical and comic entertainment including some of our old favourite performers and new acts not previously seen at the hall. A really good night out. If you would like to perform please contact Fiona on 01423 358 808.

Saturday 21st November 2016 – ‘Irish Folk Night’ with Roisin Ban – from 7.30pm
Roisin Ban is a traditional Irish band, based in Yorkshire, playing a variety of traditional tunes and songs from Ireland and the UK. Look Forward to a night of lively Celtic folk music, song and dance! The ‘craic’ is an important concept for the band and no toe will be left untapped. Ticket only licenced event. More details to follow.
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RS  The Revd Roy Shaw   AD  The Revd Canon Alastair Dunn
IN APRIL

17th
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24th
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Holy Communion 1662 (RS)

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Family Praise (LT)

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Family Praise (LT)

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Iona Morning Prayer (AW)

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11.00am
Holy Communion (RS)

11.00am
Morning Prayer (CE)

11.00am
All Age Worship at Methodist Chapel

11.00am
Holy Communion (RS)

LT Local Team  CE Mr Chris Elliott  AW Mrs Ann Watson
Through the kitchen door
CHOCOLATE CHIP & VANILLA MARBLE CAKE
cuts into 21 small pieces

8 oz (225g) soft margarine
8 oz (225g) caster sugar
10 oz (275g) self-raising flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
4 eggs
2 tablespoons milk
½ teaspoon vanilla essence
1½ tablespoons cocoa
2 tablespoons hot water
2 oz (50g) plain chocolate
Chips
For the icing
2 oz (50g) plain chocolate, broken into pieces
2 oz (50g) white chocolate, broken into pieces

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Grease and base line a 12 x 9 in (30 x 23 cm) roasting tin with greased greaseproof paper. Measure the margarine, sugar, flour, baking powder, eggs, milk and vanilla essence into a large bowl and beat well for about 2 minutes until well blended. Spoon half the mixture into the prepared tin, dotting the spoonfuls apart. In a small bowl, blend the cocoa and hot water. Cool slightly, then add it to the remaining cake mixture with the chocolate chips. Spoon this chocolate mixture in between the plain cake mixture to fill the gaps. Stir briefly for marbling.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for about 35-40 minutes or until the cake has shrunk from the sides of the tin and springs back when pressed in the centre with your fingertips. Leave to cool in the tin. Melt the plain and white chocolate separately. Spoon into two separate small plastic bags, snip off the corner of the bags and drizzle the chocolates all over the top of the cake to decorate. Leave to set for about 30 minutes before cutting into squares.
TOCKWITH FESTIVAL

Save the date: Tockwith Festival Saturday 14th May 2016

Tockwith Pop Up Café.
Sunday 24th April 9am-2pm
Tockwith Village Hall
Locally sourced sausage and bacon rolls
Freshly baked pastries and croissants

Pots of Yorkshire Tea & Freshly Brewed Coffee
Hot chocolate and cold drinks

Hot and Cold Lunches
A warming hearty soup, A complete meal in a bowl, Yorkshire Tapas which includes Yorkshire cheeses,
Homemade Sausage roll, chutney and slaws (Vegetarian Options available).
All mains served with Bay Window Bakery Bread

A selection of delicious homemade cakes
Following the Wine Tasting Evening Organised by our President Sarah Burckhardt in February, her nominated charities Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Farming Community Network benefited in the share of almost £1,400. Thank you to those who supported the event. It was well worth doing.

Schedules should be available by the end of April. Prize money has been increased and there are quite a few changes to some of the classes. When available the Schedule can be viewed on the Show Society Website – www.tockwithshow.org.uk A limited number will also be available at various retail outlets across the district.

General admission charges remain the same as last year at £8 per adult with children 16 years and under being allowed in FREE OFF CHARGE. Many other shows charge for car parking but at Tockwith we do not.

Those of you that have been coming to the Show for many years will know that income received at the turnstile does not cover the cost of staging it and for this reason we need sponsors either from businesses or private individuals. There are many ways you can sponsor the show either by supporting a particular class, event within the show, paying for a trophy or advertising banner. If you think you can help then please contact the Sponsorship and Marketing Secretary Ed Bird on 07519 673 682.

The next fundraiser will be a

**Car Boot Sale**

Bank Holiday Monday
May 2nd
On the Showfield
Cattal Moor Lane Tockwith
Sellers 7am Buyers from 8am
Sellers – Cars £7, Vans £10
Buyers – free admission
Voluntary donations to show funds
Home made cake stall and
refreshments
Local bacon/ sausage/ burger rolls

For more information contact Sally Anne 07702 624817
Christian Aid Week is almost here again. Christian Aid formed after the 2nd world war and has been working wherever the need is in the world, regardless of religion, for 71 years.

Tockwith and Bickerton have been generously giving to the house to house collection for more than 30 years and it has made a difference to people's lives.

Christian Aid is working to show love to some of the world's poorest people. This love in action is transforming the lives of our neighbours worldwide and by your support our community has been part of that transformation.

If you would like to help collect in our villages this year please contact Dawn Kennett on 358404.

Christian Aid Week, 15-21 May 2016, is the single biggest act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland. For thousands of people throughout the country, it’s a way of answering Jesus’s call to help people in need, and showing the community just how much good the church is doing in the world.

In 2016 the theme is "this is the week we love every neighbour". Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves, and not just the ones next door or at the end of the street.

Christian Aid Week unites over 20,000 churches to put this love in to action.
April 2016

Who’s Who:

Chairman
Kathryn Bye
07919 222751

Secretary
Lisa Robinson

Treasurer
Emily Penn

Fundraisers
Kate Pratt
Helena Gill
Clare Simpson
Emma Bird

Playgroup Leader
Claire Greenwood

Opening Times
We meet every Tuesday morning 09.30-11.30 at the Village Hall

Prices
Babies Birth - 1 year £2.00
Toddlers 1-5 £3.50 (the £3.50 covers families/carers multiple children) First visit is free.

Committee Members
We’re looking for new committee members to join our friendly team from September 2016. So if you would like to get involved please get in touch with one of us on your next visit to Under 5s.

April
5th - Closed
12th - Party Session
19th – Planting in the Garden
26th - Music Session

Tractor Visit
On 26th April we are getting a visit from a local farmer in his tractor, so put on those wellies and come and see what it’s like to be tractor driver!

Tockwith Children’s Partnership
Your community working together:
Tockwith Under 5s, TickTock Daycare and Tockwith School

Hopefully we are well and truly into spring now and enjoying some warmer weather. We’re looking forward to welcoming everyone back after Easter and re-starting the outside play so we can soak up the spring atmosphere! We will be getting those outside toys out and encouraging the children to have fun in the sun. One of this month’s activities will be planting flowers so we can watch them bloom over the next few weeks.

We look forward to you joining us outside 😊
DANCE TROUPE TO VISIT YORKSHIRE
A June date for your summer diary

On a recent visit to Bethlehem in January, we were privileged to spend an evening with a wonderful dance troupe of young Palestinian Christians.

They will visit England in June at the invitation of the Anglican Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales. There will be school visits, workshops and performances in public spaces, but the centrepiece of Baqoun's UK visit will be celebration events at selected venues.

These will combine dance, food, movement, celebration and drama in a wonderful evening of entertainment and information.

If any of the venues are near you, do go along. You are guaranteed an inspiring evening and an opportunity to learn more about the lives of these young Palestinians from Bethlehem.

Dates for the main concerts have now been confirmed and tickets will be available soon on their website: www.baqoun.org

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Tockwith Sportsfield

Tockwith has some of the best outdoor sporting facilities in the country and is home to the Bowls Club, Tennis Club and both adult and junior football teams. Why not come along and take part?

Hiring
The Sportsfield building comprises of changing rooms, showers, toilets and upstairs there is a large function room with a fully fitted kitchen. It is available for hire at competitive rates by regular users or occasional visitors for parties. All hire fees and donations are used for the upkeep of the building.

Contact
Hiring:  Dave Wilson  01423 358210
General:  Deryck Wilson  01423 358364
Sports clubs:  See contact details on relevant club sites

More information can be found at the Sportsfield website
www.tockwithsportsfield.weebly.com
At their meeting on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 Mr Stan Boyes introduced The Revd Uell Kennedy to give his talk “A Biography of Robert Burns” for whom the key dates are born 25th January 1759, died 21st July 1796.

What we know about Burns is down to a number of things as well as his poetry such as his day book, from his brother Gilbert and other people who wrote about him. A key characteristic of him was persistence, he would work and rework his poems to get the meter and rhyme to his satisfaction often writing to others for ideas and suggestions. Of course his persistence with women is well known. As part of a farming family in Ayrshire he was always looking for continuous improvements in agriculture, he collected Scottish music (words and music) from all over Scotland, took a keen interest in local history and from his conversations with sailors in the port of Irvine he heard about the American war and the storming of the Bastille in Paris.

Burns eventually married Jean Armour with whom he had several children, as well as with other women. Burns financial position was never very secure being partly dependent upon his success at having his work published. It was only after his death that his work was better appreciated particularly in Scotland and he became the “National Poet” of Scotland.

After a few questions the Chairman thanked Uell for his fascinating insight into the life of Robert Burns.

The meeting then went onto other business including details of the Summer Outing. The Club normally meets on the morning of the last Tuesday of the month in Long Marston Village Hall, which has a good car park.

New members and guests are welcome, contact the Secretary, Mr Bob Ellis on 01423 358 393.
The Society manage a small wood called Sandhole Wood Reserve off the bridle path between Tockwith and Bilton and which was planted in 1996. It has developed very nicely over the years but is now at the stage where some of the trees need to be removed. Advice was taken a few months ago and work has been ongoing since with only a few more trees to come down before the nesting season starts.

Over the years snowdrops and blue bells have been planted and this picture shows some of the snowdrops which are spreading well. The blue bells will be out in full at the end of April into May and it will be well worth having a look.

Ian Williams

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ACS is a local organisation dedicated to nature conservation and is a registered charity No 1000038
Contact Ian on 359196 if you want to help on the reserve.
Visitors are welcome to join us. Entrance is £3.00 which includes refreshment.

Do you enjoy painting or drawing? Perhaps you like the idea but have never got round to it. Whether you are a beginner or more experienced you will be most welcome at Tockwith Art Group.

Join us for two free (taster) evening sessions.

We meet on Monday evenings (school term time) from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Tockwith Village Hall.

We also host occasional demonstrations and workshops by professional artists. Visitors are very welcome to join us. Entrance is £3.00 (includes refreshments)

For more information contact: Janet tel: 01423 358253 or Donna 07532 461501

When you visit Church and you put some money in the collection – why not put it in a Gift Aid Envelope. It won’t cost you anything extra but it will benefit the Church 25p extra for every £1 you donate.
CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN 4TH – 6TH March 2016

On 5th and 6th March a group of Cowthorpe volunteers participated in the Clean for The Queen campaign designed to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen’s 90, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016. It is sad that such initiatives are necessary but as can be seen on many highways there are some people who consider it acceptable to throw litter or leave dog poo, albeit in plastic bags on the road side instead of taking it home to dispose of responsibly. We did not need to tackle the village itself but did need to tackle Wetherby Lane and parts of War Field Lane.

Our full team of litter pickers were: War Field Lane: Judith & Ralph Cornfield, Jane & James Scott with their children Lucy & Peter. Wetherby Lane: Mona & Pete Horstead, Jim & Jean Maclachlan, Mick & Christine Gee, Martin Perrett, Roger Marsden, Derm Tanner joined by Jacqui Marsden for bag collection and administration. 24 sacks of rubbish were collected plus a back axle and wheel together with brake drum.

What did they find? - War Field Lane: Feed bags, cans, plastic bottles, paper, sweet papers, household waste and dog poo in bags which owners failed to pick up to take home. Wetherby Lane: Similar paper, plastic bottles, discarded fast food wrappers and cups, beer cans, plastic bottles, numerous whisky bottles. Car parts- shattered windscreen, wheel, 6 wheel hubcaps, and an assortment of plastic bits from cars. The find which caused most hilarity? - was on Wetherby Lane towards the culvert at the left hand bend - discarded dildo, instruction manual and DVD (which was not of the Rolling Stones ‘60s classic ....). I am assured by the collectors each item was most definitely put in their sack! Article by Jacqui Marsden Secretary CCF photo courtesy of Anthony Hackforth
Lent and Easter have gone into the past. We have in imagination journeyed into the Desert and witnessed the temptations to which our Lord was subjected. Palm Sunday marks the start of Easter Week and the high point of the Christian calendar when for us God’s son atoned for the sins of the whole world. If we think about the state of the world and the pain inflicted on Christians throughout the Middle East we can form some idea of what our Lord suffered. Now it matters not whether it is the ancient faiths (the Copts) or Jews or Protestants, they all suffer alike the same barbaric cruelties.

We should register our praise for those brave souls who despite the dangers including the menace of airstrikes drive trucks laden with humanitarian relief supplies, their protection being the United Nations logo and/or the kickback to the local war lord. They would recognise Our Lord’s sufferings – the flogging, the carrying of the cross and the crucifixion – but his courage never wavered. even though He knew what was in store for Him..

And the glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday gives all of us hope that we may one day be admitted to heaven. Maybe we shall have doubts like Doubting Thomas which only faith can resolve. Maybe we shall walk to Emmaus and fail to recognise our travelling companion, despite His erudition and knowledge of the Old Testament. Those of us who have been privileged to visit the Holy Land will have brought back the powerful imagery of of the Bible brought to life.. For me the Church built where the five thousand were fed and the Sea of Galilee fishermen plying their craft as their ancestors did remain the most vivid impressions. I looked along the shore through a grove of trees, and almost expected Our Lord to come striding along the water’s edge, towards fishes being grilled on a small fire.

There were other moments and scenes which also made one fully aware of the nearness of God. By contrast we were taken up to the Golan Heights littered with burnt-out tanks, relics of Israels 1967 War with Syria and a coalition of other Arab states. Today we see the awesome scale of destruction in all the major cities of Syria and Iraq. Rebuilding, if or when a ceasefire holds, will be a global burden especially in financial terms and for everyone. It will also test the resilience and determination of the peoples affected, mainly Arabs. Perhaps the antidote to the murdering thugs might be the continuing support for reconstruction beyond what one would normally expect – a truly Christian act.

See you in CHURCH.
Archdeaconry of York Prayer

Generous God,
you look upon us with love and mercy.

Build up your people in this Archdeaconry of York, we pray,
and make your churches places of generosity and welcome,
that we might nurture disciples of your Son.

May we seek to work as partners in mission,
desiring the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit,
as we live out your Gospel in our parishes.

This we ask in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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After seven years, I’m leaving my role as Communications Officer with the Diocese of York, to study for a PhD. I’ve been offered a studentship by Leeds Trinity University, to research the relationship between faith and culture in Hull in 2017, when Hull is the UK’s City of Culture.

It’s been a real privilege to work with the churches and schools of this Diocese, helping share good news, manage bad news, and working out how best churches can communicate with their communities. I’ve always believed that people cannot know the good news of God, and what churches are really like, if we don’t tell them!

And those stories are there, right under your nose: we just need to get into a mind-set of sharing them. Communication won’t make your crib service, summer fete or flower festival a success, but no-one will come unless you tell them about it. Communication doesn’t make your church grow, but your church won’t grow without it. Communication isn’t the same as evangelism, but we can’t help people understand God’s love for them if they don’t know who God is.

The Diocese will be appointing another Communications Officer, but in the meantime Kirsty McCulloch, the Diocesan Secretary’s PA, will be handling any media enquiries on kmccullough@yorkdiocese.org or 01904 699503.

Eleanor Course
Imagine

John Lennon immortalised the word ‘imagine’, when he encouraged people to dream of a different sort of world, a better future. Such imagining is an important task for Christians, but our own vision is to be inspired by God and his values. Imagine a different world God’s vision for the future encompasses every aspect of our world and has no limits. The bible gives us an insight into God’s vision of a ‘new heaven and a new earth’ – everything will be transformed. But as we look around our world and the transformation that is needed, then such imagining isn’t always easy. In a complex world, beset with issues of great enormity, we can feel overwhelmed and fail to imagine a better future. Too often, we give up believing change is possible, we get used to injustice and discrimination and they become the accepted norm. When this happens, let us ask God to teach us how to ‘imagine’ afresh.

Imagine a different church
Most churches long to engage more meaningfully with their community and to see more people’s lives touched by the gospel. Churches want to flourish, they want to embrace mission, and they want to grow. In our diocese there are many examples of this desire being expressed in imaginative ways, either by breathing fresh life into traditional approaches or finding completely new ways to be church. Yet, in other places, churches struggle to imagine a different future or to see how it could happen.

Some have got stuck in past ways, an air of despondency has set in and it becomes hard to see new possibilities or imagine how anything could be done differently. Again, for some of us, there is the need to learn how to ‘imagine’ afresh and see a better future.

Imagining with God Our capacity to imagine a better future is deepened as we draw closer to God. It is found not in activity but in prayer, silence and contemplation – for it is here that we find God’s heart. As we journey through Lent, reflecting upon God’s character and seeking his Spirit afresh, let’s ask God to grow our vision for a different world and a different church. And as we imagine God’s new future, so let us work together to see it fulfilled. Let’s imagine...

The Ven Andy Broom,
Archdeacon of the East Riding
The Marston Moor Parish Prayer

God our father help us to
- Live for you
- Love each other
- Light the way ahead

So that all our villages, and the world at large, may know you

In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Covering the villages of Askham Richard, Bilbrough, Long Marston, Rufforth and Tockwith.

THE PARISH OFFICE - Parish Administrator Miss Laura Nulty

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The United Parish services are every first Sunday and, when there is one, every fifth Sunday at 10.00am. These services are an ideal opportunity for the parishes to get to know one another and to worship together in a larger congregation.

I do enjoy a cuppa! Yes, he really does!

This is our opportunity to meet each other, and for me to hear about you and yours! I’d like to come and meet you, so why not invite me round for a cuppa? I’m setting aside Wednesdays from 4 till 5, and hope you’ll phone me and fix a date- 01423 359003

Roy (the vicar)

Tickets for York Minster
The parish has an allocated number of free passes to York Minster for the use of parishioners. They may be borrowed for a day, and then returned to your local church. Details from the church secretary, or one of the churchwarden
Archbishop’s Pilgrimage
Coming to the Parish of Marston Moor

Archbishop Sentamu is visiting every parish in the diocese, in an extended pilgrimage which began late last year and will continue through part of this.

He will be here in our parish on the morning of Tuesday 26th April, and the afternoon of Friday 29th April. Visits have been arranged so that he can meet some of our school children, and some of our workplaces, and if you would like to join him for some of his pilgrimage, these are your opportunities;

Tuesday 26th April; 9 a.m. Pilgrimage prayers in Rufforth Church
Friday 29th April; 3 p.m. Bilbrough Village Hall; brief stop for refreshments
    3.30 p.m. Join the Archbishop in a walk over the fields to Askham Richard
    4.15 p.m. Pilgrimage prayers in Askham Richard Church
    4.45 p.m. Walk back to Bilbrough

I hope you will be able to join him and give him a welcome to our parish.

You can follow and share in Archbishop Sentamu’s journey on pilgrimage.archbishopofyork.org

Kirk Hammerton Methodist Chapel
Serving the villages from Great Ouseburn To Tockwith
Minister Rev Gail Hunt - Tel 01423 863298
Worship every Sunday at 10am unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 3rd April - Rev Gail Hunt
Sunday 10th April - Rev Gillian Roberston (Service to include Holy Communion)
Sunday 17th April – Mrs Ann Jackson
Sunday 24th April - Rev Paul Spurgeon & Rev Gail Hunt
(United service at St John’s)

Tockwith Fellowship group
Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month September > April

Thursday 7th April - 2:30pm - Gordon and Janet Smith “An afternoon of music”
At the Chapel Kirk Hammerton
Stephen Brown applauds an above-average Eastertide film

Risen (Cert.12A), a new film about the Resurrection reminds me of the forensic approach of Frank Morrison’s book Who Moved the Stone? In the present case, Joseph Fiennes (Shakespeare in Love) plays Clavius, a Roman military tribune commanded by Pontius Pilate (Peter Firth) to investigate why and how the tomb of Jesus is now empty. Factual appraisal, however, turns out to be like soap in the bath, forever slipping out of reach just when you think it’s firmly in your hand. The filmmakers’ challenge lies in keeping our interest in a well-worn story. The movie’s angle is to make Clavius agnostic. Too many people have seen the Lord for instant dismissal of their claim. The whole thing is very embarrassing for Pilate. He has the Emperor visiting him any day. The last thing he wants is a rabble fervently proclaiming their Messiah. Clavius has his work cut out. The film somewhat resembles one of those Scandinavian detective stories where the more information the investigator gathers, the less sure he is of what he knows. Ultimately, one has to ask if it would ever be possible to assess the testimonies of various witnesses unless also equipped with the eyes of faith. Cold research alone won’t do it.
What holds the film together is Fiennes’ subtle performance. His face is often a blank canvas – almost – with just enough hints that he is intrigued or touched by what he is being told. His difficulty is reconciling all that he is piecing together with the world he knows. “I have seen Jesus (referred to by the Hebrew name Yeshua in the film) die but that same man is alive again”. The Gospels recount a similar dilemma where disciples initially fail to recognize their Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus, cooking fish on a beach etc.
One could get very picky about the film’s inaccuracies. Pilate says “I’ve never seen a death so wished for, even by him. It’s as if he wanted to be sacrificed” which is in flat contradiction with the Gospels’ reading of Jesus’ mind. As with many other epics, Risen erroneously associates Mary Magdalene with dubious sexual morals but at least it’s funny. Clavius asks a platoon of soldiers “Who knows Mary Magdalene?” Many hands go up. The majority of characters are well-rounded – not something you can always say of biblical movies - although Cliff Curtis won’t be everybody’s idea of Yeshua. It’s a hard act to pull off without leaving a sickening scent of piety in the air. The film doesn’t dwell on the miracles. It judges that these are better spoken about than being seen. Only at the end does the film bungle this aspect. With all the technical wizardry now available to filmmakers Yeshua’s departure is little more than a cheap cosmic conjuring trick. Overall, Risen does a good job of telling the Easter story with cinematic verity and may even begin rolling that stone of doubt away for some non-believers.
Are you planning an event? Then why not use this page to give advance notice of it. All that is required is the name of the organisation, date and time and type of event and contact number for more information. Please forward your information to the editor by email nr.waller@btinternet.com, telephone 01423 358588 or write to him at Holmsdale, 3 Kendal Gardens, Tockwith, York. Don’t forget you can also supply more details of your event nearer to the time.

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Presented by Stephen Brown 7.30pm  
Tickets £3 from Keith Pope 01423 358 603 |
| Saturday 16th | Tockwith Church  
A concert by York Gospel Choir 7.30pm  
Angela Jenkins 01423 358067 |
| **MAY 2016** | |
| Monday 2nd | Bank Holiday Car boot sale  
Tockwith Show Field  
Sally-Anne Hannington 07702 624817 |
| Saturday 7th | 10am -4pm Tockwith Village Hall May Fayre  
To participate contact Fiona 358808 |
| Saturday 7th | Tockwith Juniors Awards Day  
Tockwith School  
Gary Allan 07801 455984 |
| Saturday 14th | Tockwith Festival  
Bands, beers and food  
Mark Smith 07595 414351 |
| **JUNE 2016** | |
| Friday 10th | Tockwith Village Hall  
Talk on Tracing Your Family Tree by Gary Marriner 7.30pm  
Tickets £3 from Keith Pope 01423 358 603 |
| Saturday 11th | Pims & Pork Party  
Tockwith Show President’s Charity  
11 Marston Road  Tockwith  
Tickets £7.50 from Sarah Burckhardt 01423 359522 |
| Saturday 25th | Tockwith Church – speciality show  
Illusion2Reality with illusionist Todd Alexander – spectacular show which defies logic  
Angela Jenkins 01423 358067 |
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*A reminder if you are planning events please notify me as soon as possible so that it can be included in the Village Diary this will hopefully prevent duplication of events which benefits no-one.........Ed 😊*
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Our grandchildren are a great delight in our lives and one of the most special times is when we pick them up from school. The walk home takes us past the local shop, where we often have to “pop in” to see if there is a comic or some sweets which are just waiting to be brought! However along with the “treats” on the journey home, also comes the conversations and it’s amazing what interesting question they ask as we saunter along. “Grandma, granddad, how...why...where...when...” ageless questions which address many situations and in them we can hear echoes of their mother, 25 years earlier asking the same things.

This inquiring nature is a great way through which we learn and the month of April takes us to the post Easter period in our Church calendar, and to a time when many questions were being asked, non less famous of course than the one raised by the disciple Thomas. Dismissing the joyfulness of the others Thomas refuses to believe that Jesus was alive, his questions deserved to be heard, a quick and glib answer wouldn’t do. How true that is, superficial, hasty answers can often do a lot of harm and the best questions are usually the ones which require a lot of wrestling with to find the answer.

Sometimes there may be of course no answers, but that doesn’t mean we should avoid asking and every now and again when doubts are voiced and honest feelings are expressed, we find another step of faith has been taken.

Just a thought
Every Blessings

Gail
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Tockwith Church
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Monday 4th April
Village Church Council AGM

Saturday 16th April 7.30pm
York Gospel Choir

Thursday 28th April 10am to 4pm
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Illusion 2 Reality with Todd Alexander

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Music Night
Andrew Clegg plays Spanish guitar/Sean Chriscole sings

Book swap – Books are available in the entrance to Church to swap or buy for 50p.

'Don't forget the Food Bank'
FOOD BANK DONATIONS can also be left in the entrance of the Church

Tockwith Church is open every Sunday 12 to 4pm

www.tockwithchurch.co.uk
York City Gospel Choir
in concert

Saturday 16th April 2016, 7.30pm at Tockwith Church

Tickets £10 Including light supper

From Angela: 01423 358067 Karen: 01423 358979