

INTERCESSIONS

The Church

Pray for our Diocese, for Sentamu our Archbishop, for Martin our Bishop, Richard our Archdeacon and our local Clergy. Pray for the Primates of the Anglican Communion and our communion of Churches.

The World

Please pray for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, and for all those who have lost their homes. Pray for progress in Iraq and Afghanistan and for peace between Israel and its neighbours. Remember the victims of all terrorist attacks and their families. Remember those hungry or oppressed.

Our Local Communities

In our Group of Parishes we pray for:

Boston Spa: Grove Gardens, Wharfeside, St. Mary's Church;

Clifford & Bramham: Albion Terrace, Nursery Way, Chapel Lane;

Walton & Thorp Arch: Thorp Arch Parish Council.

The Sick

Pray for all who face great difficulties in their lives at this time and for all carers. Please pray for:

Boston Spa: Bill Parkinson, Gill Rastrick, Eileen Maclay, Jeanne Kerr, Pam Clarke, Alexandra Royle, Rita and Don Donaldson, Antony Burgess, Louie Moore, Irene Shaw, Tony Webster;

Clifford & Bramham: Annie Dykes, Julie Hicks, Meg Kitson, Nora Sanderson, Olive Warrington, Janette Webb, Cicely Clegg;

Walton: Emma Fenton (née Shaw).

The Departed

Pray for the repose of the souls of Eric Broom and all who have died recently. We also remember those from our parishes whose anniversaries are at this time.

† *May they rest in peace and rise in glory* †

GROUP OFFICE

The office is open Monday to Friday, 11.00 - 1.00pm. Information, news and events for publication in this newsletter should be forwarded to the Group Office and to St. Mary's web-master, contact details below.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ON-LINE NEWS & EVENTS:

1.00pm, Friday 12th March 2010

Lower Wharfe Group of Parishes SERVICES NEWS AND EVENTS

For the fortnight commencing

Sunday 7th March:

[Third Sunday of Lent]

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63. 1-9
1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13. 1-9

Response to Psalm:

My soul thirsts for you, O my God.

All Parishes:

8.00am Group Holy Communion at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Church:

8.00am Group Holy Communion.

8.40am Lent in-between breakfast at St. Mary's, "Reusing", see *Notices and News*.

9.30am All Age Worship.

6.00pm Night Prayer.

All Saints' Thorp Arch & St. Peter's Walton:

9.30am Joint Holy Communion at All Saints' Church.

All Saints' Bramham:

10.00am Parish Eucharist.

3.30pm Bramham Discoverers, followed by Childrens' Service at 4.15pm.

St. Luke's Clifford:

3.30pm Holy Eucharist.

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AARON ATTEMPTS TO HIDE THE CALF

Monday 8th March: [Edward King, bishop, 1910 Felix, bishop, 647 Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest, poet, 1929]

3.45pm Christian Meditation Group at 197 High Street, Boston. Spa.

5.30pm X-odus Bible Study at 3 Wighill Lane, Walton.

7.30pm Baptism Enquiry meeting, St. Mary's Room.

Tuesday 9th:

7.30pm Lent Lecture in St. Mary's Room, see *Group Notices and News*.

Wednesday 10th:

10.00am Group Holy Communion at All Saints' Thorp Arch.

10.30am Morning Coffee at St. Mary's.

1.30pm Bramham All Saints' Pram Service in Village Hall.

6.30pm X-odus meeting at 3 Wighill Lane, Wton.

7.30pm St. Mary's PCC in St. Mary's Room.

Thursday 11th:

6.45pm St. Mary's Choir practice (juniors), adults join at 7.30pm.

Friday 12th:

9.00am Celtic Morning Prayer at St. Mary's School.

9.30am Rascals meet in St. Mary's Room.

10.00am Group Holy Communion at All Saints' Bramham.

7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Luke's.

7.30pm Holy Mackerel meet in St. Mary's Room.

Saturday 13th:

10.00am Group Holy Communion at St. Mary's.

10.00am Coffee in St. Mary's Room.

Sunday 14th March:

[4th Sunday of Lent]

Readings: 1 Samuel 1. 20 - 28; Psalm 127. 1 - 4
Colossians 3. 12 - 17; John 19. 25b - 27

Response to Psalm:

It is the Lord who builds this house.

All Parishes:

8.00am Group Holy Communion at All Saints' Thorp Arch.

St. Mary's Church:

8.40am Lent Breakfast at St. Mary's, "Lord of Energy", see *Notices and News*

9.30am Parish Eucharist.

12.00nn Holy Baptism of George Joseph Tomlinson.

6.00pm Night Prayer.

St. Peter's Walton & All Saints' Thorp Arch:

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church.

All Saints' Bramham:

10.00am Methodist Service.

St. Luke's Clifford:

11.00am Holy Eucharist.

GROUP NOTICES AND NEWS

* **2010 LENT LECTURES AT ST. MARY'S** "The Story of Faith through Five Objects". Join us for some very interesting and informative evenings in St Mary's Room at 7.30pm each Tuesday during Lent, commencing February 23rd. Our speaker is The Revd. Greg Hoyland, lecturer in Theology at York St John's University. Light refreshments will be available before the meeting.

* **LENT IN BETWEEN BREAKFASTS**, 8.40am at St. Mary's, commencing on Sunday 21st February for five weeks. Stay after the 8.00am service or come early for the 9.30am service and enjoy a continental style breakfast with a short reflection for Lent, led by the Lay Worship Group. Everyone is invited!

* **ST MARY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** 21st April 2010. All AGM Reports should be submitted to the Parish Administration Office ideally by the end of February but definitely before 21st March.

* **CHRISTIAN AID** "Count Your Blessings" is a meaningful exercise for Lent. See the *Justice and Peace* notice board at St. Mary's Church and pick up a leaflet!

* **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2010:** Friday evening 2nd July to Monday morning 5th July. Accommodation (£149.25 for full board) is available at The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, (Note this year we do not have a driver so are unable to provide group transport, Pilgrims would therefore have to make their own travel arrangements). A booking deposit of £20 is required by Friday 25th March to confirm your place. To reserve accommodation and to obtain information on Travel and Public Transport contact the Parish Administrator Shirley Elphick.

* **COFFEE FOR CASSOCKS** in St Mary's Room 10.00am to 12 noon on Saturday 20th March. St Mary's Junior Choir members are growing and funds are badly needed for Cassocks and Surplices. We have coffee, cakes, a gift stall and a raffle, **all we need is you!** Admission £1

* **LAZY SAFARI SUPPER** - Friday 23rd April. Good Food, Good Cause and Great Company! Join your hosts at 7.30pm (we'll give you their name and address) for a welcome drink and to enjoy your first two courses, then at 9.15pm meet your fellow travellers at St Mary's for coffee and dessert, finishing at 10.30pm (Travel light, hand luggage only; you just need your ticket and your wine). Tickets £15 per person from Ann Wivell, Tel: 01937 843727 or Chris Rattray, Tel: 01937 842625. (All proceeds for St Mary's Church).

* **CELEBRATE SPRING** with Daffodil Day on 20th March. Make a donation and wear a pin for the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal. Collectors are also needed (30 mins on Boston Spa High Street). If you can help please contact Rachel Bentley on 01937 842732 or 07976 621496

* **LUNCHTIME CONCERTS** 1.00pm at Boston Spa Methodist Church. Next concert Friday 12th March, Ian Peak (Saxophone and Clarinet) accompanied by Beryl Pankhurst. Light lunches (soup, sandwiches and cake) are served from 12.00 noon. Contact Gerald Payling on 01937 842027 for more information.

FUTURE EVENTS

20th March: 10.00am "Coffee for Cassocks" coffee morning in St. Mary's Room, see *Notices and News*.

26th March: 7.30pm Holy Mackerel meet in St. Mary's Rm.

26th March: 70's Night at St. John's School for the Deaf. Tickets £10 including supper from Paul Martin 849687 or Kate Kennedy 541210.

27th March: 4.00pm First Holy Communion meeting (session 5) followed by (5.00pm) Family Bring and Share Supper.

21st April: 7.30pm St. Mary's Church Annual General Meeting.

23rd April: 7.30pm Lazy Safari Supper for St. Mary's, see *Group Notices & News*.

7th May: Discoverers meet in St. Mary's Room.