



DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH

Website: www.denholmechurch.org.uk

This month we see the start of Lent, the time we remember that Jesus lived for 40 days in the wilderness preparing for the start of His ministry. Tempted three times by the devil he never gave in, even with his gnawing hunger and extreme discomfort. In the past it was observed as a time of penitential prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and even today some people decide to 'give something up' during the Lent period - chocolate, sweet things, alcohol or something else they enjoy. Some do it without really understanding why, perhaps to lose weight or be healthier, but for others it can be a time to focus on the humanity and self-sacrifice of Jesus. A time of reflection rather than penitential prayer.

Jesus is the truth to be believed, He is the leader to follow, He is the proof of the love of God for the whole of creation. The more we understand and know Jesus, the more faithfully we can serve Him. That's why each year at church during Lent, we organise a series of Bible study sessions so you can explore and develop your spiritual journey with others. It's informal, relaxed where we learn together and from each other. If you are interested this year we are looking a course developed by the Jesus Shaped People programme. It takes the form of an extended look at the prayer life of Jesus, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer. More details in the newsletter if you would like to join in.

Unusually the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday also coincides with another date in our calendar - Valentines Day, apparently it has been decades since they were both on the same day. But how appropriate, one is a celebration of love, the other a time for remembering through personal sacrifice how God showed his love for us. February then seems to be a month full of love - so let's share it with others by being thoughtful and considerate, kind and generous.

Wishing you joy and love,

Judith

Weekly Services:

Sundays 9.30 a.m.
Jesus for ALL—an informal pattern of worship with refreshments available throughout



11.15 a.m. Morning worship followed by refreshments

Denholme Shared Church is a partnership of the Baptist, Church of England and the United Reformed Churches.

In our worship and life, together we seek to stay faithful to the traditions of all three denominations

"One faith, three traditions"

MORNING WORSHIP THIS MONTH

Sunday 4th February 9.30 - Jesus for ALL followed by bacon butties
11.15—Morning worship led by Revd Suzy McCarter

Sunday 11th February 9.30 - Jesus for ALL 11.15 — Morning worship led by Revd Gordon Dey

Sunday 18th February 9.30 — Jesus for ALL 11.15 — Communion service led by Revd David Denton

Sunday 25th February 9.30—Jesus for ALL 11.15 — communion service led by Revd Liz Moy

OTHER EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 11th Feb - Sunday lunch at the Tyke

Tuesday 13th February at 6.30 pm - Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Beetle Drive. Fun for all the family. No charge but donations welcome



STARTING ON THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY AT 10.00 AM - A SIX WEEK LENT COURSE: "PRAYING LIKE JESUS"

Lent is a good time to reflect upon our path of faith. This year we're exploring the prayer life of Jesus and how we can grow in our own spiritual journey both as individuals and as the Church. Please come along and join us. Each session will be followed by a soup and roll lunch. It may be possible to have an evening session as well if there is enough interest.



FUTURE EVENTS

Friday 2nd March at 2pm - Women's World Day of Prayer - This is a joint service led by the Churches in Denholme, Harden, Wilsden and Cullingworth. The theme is "All God's Creation is very good" and has been put together by the women of Suriname. Everybody is welcome not just ladies.

Sat 10th March - 10-12.00 midday Spring Fundraiser - Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning

Tables £10 each - we've got some lovely tables booked already but there is still space. Please contact Janice 07807 627234 if you would like to reserve a table.



There is still a need for donations to the Food Bank; at present they are in need of meat/fish pastes, UHT milk, small sugar, tinned custard, jams and coffee. We are also collecting toiletries of any kind for a women's refuge in Bradford. Please leave at church or call us and we'll collect.



OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

Mondays 1.30-3pm—Yoga

Tuesdays 10.30-midday — Creative Writing Group

6.30—8pm—Yoga

Thursdays 7.15-9pm—Denholme Voices

Fridays 9.15-11.15am—Babes & Tots

For any queries or information about hiring a room please contact Anne Jay, Church Secretary



This month donations received for refreshments will be sent to Médecines Sans Frontières, an independent, neutral and impartial organisation that provides medical aid where its needed most.

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