

DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

In recent days, signs of Spring have become noticeable. Snowdrops and crocuses make a bright splash of colour in the dark earth. Even daffodils are beginning to bloom. There may be further wintry weather to face, but the signs are there that brighter days will follow.

In years gone by, it was also the sign that the spring cleaning was looming and I can vividly remember days when rooms would be cleaned thoroughly from top to bottom, rugs were taken out to be beaten and everything was washed and polished to become spotless. What a rewarding feeling to see everything pristine again! Nowadays, we hear less of spring cleaning as it is something which may be done at any time but it is still a satisfying feeling when all is spick and span again. For many that includes a time when they de-clutter and get rid of things which encroach on their surroundings or when they recycle things which are no longer of any use to them. Surely it is better to pass things on to people who can use them rather than hoarding them and cluttering up our own homes.

We are in the season of Lent - a time when we may choose to de-clutter our lives, to get rid of habits and parts of our lives which can hinder our relationship with God. Through Jesus' example, we are shown how God wants us to live our lives, by loving God, our neighbours, families and friends. At times selfishness or just busyness can take over so that such important relationships are neglected, but Jesus reminds us that we "should love one another as he loves us". May we take time this Lent to de-clutter our lives and see through to the brightness of loving and being loved by Christ and by creating a more more loving, caring world around us?

Wishing you a blessed and loving Lent.

Liz

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 March 9.30 - Jesus for ALL followed by bacon butties

11.15—Morning worship led by Chris Wilcock

Sunday 11th March (Mothering Sunday)

9.30 - Jesus for ALL

11.15 — Communion service led by Judith Drake

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

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

OTHER EVENTS IN MARCH

Sunday 18th March - Sunday lunch at the Tyke

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

Some lovely tables with ideal gifts for Mothers' Day. Come along for a cuppa and a cake and browse what's on offer



THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 10.00 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.



EASTER EVENTS AND SERVICES

Wednesday 28th March 7.30 pm - short service of worship for Holy Week (details of other services held in Cullingworth, Harden and Wilsden available at the church and on line)

Good Friday 30th March 10.00-midday Children's activities followed by a short period of worship - everyone welcome

Good Friday 30th March 2.00-3.00 pm - Meditations at the Cross



Easter Sunday, 1st April 9.30 Jesus for All led by the Worship Team followed by bacon butties
11.15-Communion service led by Revd Liz Moy

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 contact 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



This month donations received for refreshments will be sent to the Zephaniah Trust, a local Christian charity that uses music and the arts to 'take light into dark corners' across Bradford and beyond.

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