

DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH

Website: www.denholmechurch.org.uk



Dear Friends

Just at the moment it might not seem as if Spring is just around the corner. The "Beast from the East" keeps rearing it's ugly head bringing extremely unseasonal temperatures and snow. But nature has a way of battling through. Whilst out walking my dog last weekend I was heartened to see daffodils and crocuses defying all the odds and pushing through the snow. Nothing, it seems, can prevent God's creation from asserting itself.

It is no wonder, therefore, that our ancestors decided to celebrate the great Christian festival of Easter at this time of year. Springtime is a time of new life. Nature shakes off the sleep of winter and starts all over again. At one time it was tradition to "Spring Clean" when paintwork was scrubbed, carpets taken out and beaten and windows cleaned. A time of renewal and revival. A time of looking forward with joy and excitement. Summer will soon be here!

And that's what Easter is all about. On Good Friday Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice by dying on the cross for our sins. For three days he lay in the cold and dark of a tomb. But on Easter morning he rose from the dead bursting the bonds of death. He was victorious over death and sin and was resurrected to new life.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection we have the hope that for all who believe in him eternal life is possible. A re-birth into fellowship with him.

This Easter let us praise and rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and all that it means. As St. Paul says in his First Letter to the Corinthians - "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

May I wish you all a blessed and joyful Easter. He is risen! Alleluia!

Chris

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"

EASTER WORSHIP

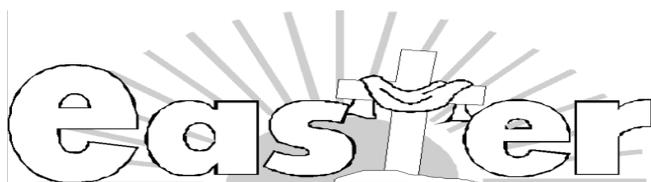
Wednesday 28th March 7.30 pm - a short Jesus for ALL led service to mark Wednesday of Holy Week

Good Friday, 30th March 10.00 am
Easter Funtastic - the REAL story of Easter in songs, crafts and activities. Come and join us.

2.00-3.00 pm - Meditations at the Cross



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



Sunday 8th April 9.30 am - Jesus for All led by the Worship Team

11.15 am - Communion Service led by Janice Le Blancq

Sunday 15th April 9.30 am - Jesus for All led by the Worship Team

11.15 am - Communion service led by Revd Liz Moy

Sunday 22nd April 9.30 am - Jesus for All led by the Worship Team

11.15 am - Morning worship (to be confirmed)

Sunday 29th April 9.30 am - Jesus for All led by the Worship Team

11.15 am - Morning worship led by Revd Suzy McCarter

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 (closed now until 20 April)

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY



Starting on Sunday 20th May (Pentecost Sunday) - Spirit Filled Church - a ten week programme rooted in the life of the early church - those who formed the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. Spirit Filled Church examines how the early disciples continued to "live out" the principles that Jesus had modelled and which re-shaped their lives; an exciting opportunity to explore through worship and discussion. Watch this space!

Saturday 19 May 10am-midday
Coffee morning and plant sale in aid of Christian Aid



Each month money received for refreshments etc is forwarded to a chosen charity—this month we're supporting Denholme Hanging Baskets

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