

# DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

How many sleeps until.....? How often have we heard children asking that question? We may even still think of things in those terms ourselves. How many sleeps until the holidays, until my birthday, until I see a special someone again? Or in the different phases of life - waiting for the birth of a baby, waiting to leave school - or to retire. The list grows. When anticipating a special event, waiting can be full of expectation and even excitement - we just want the time to fly by.

Sadly, we may also wait for events which are less pleasurable - an exam, a hospital appointment for a check-up or results, a job interview - or the more difficult times of life as we wait alongside those who are ill or suffering or those who are dying. Or waiting ourselves in such life events. Then, concern or anxiety can become part of our waiting time.

In any of the situations, the waiting is not in isolation from our everyday lives and often involves make preparations. Not only dealing with practical matters, but often needing to prepare ourselves mentally for what lies ahead. How do you prepare? By making lists? Or by talking things through with those you trust - or those waiting alongside you? Or is it a mixture of both?

On 6 March, the season of Lent begins. Traditionally, Lent is a time of waiting, of preparation for that joyful festival of Easter when we remember Jesus' great love for all people as he died on the cross and his resurrection from the dead showing that sin and death did not have the last word. Love conquers all. In the time preceding those events, Jesus' teaching and example demonstrated to his followers how God's love could change their lives for the better. The waiting time of Lent, gives us opportunity to reflect again on Jesus' message of love and consider how we can follow his example more closely and become more like the people God created us to be.

May God bless you in the waiting time this Lent,  
Liz

***Why not come along to a Lent Discussion Group as your time of preparation, there are sessions at Denholme and other churches in the area. Please see over for details***



### Weekly Services:

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



Sundays 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"

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

**Sunday 3 March** 9.30 - Jesus for ALL followed by bacon butties  
11.15 — Morning worship led by Malcolm Halliday (Reader at St. John's)

**Sunday 10 March** 9.30 — Jesus for ALL  
11.15 — Communion service led by Judith Drake

**Sunday 17 March** 9.30—Jesus for ALL  
11.15 — Morning worship led by Chris Wilcock

**Sunday 24th March** 9.30 - Jesus for All  
11.15 Communion service led by Bishop Toby

**Sunday 31st March**—9.30 - Jesus for All  
11.15—Morning Worship Revd Kevin Watson URC Yorkshire Synod Moderator



**Friday 1 March** 2.00 pm - World Day of Prayer, Trinity Church, Wilsden

**Wednesday 6 March** 7.00pm Service for Ash Wednesday St. Saviour's, Harden

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **SPRING FUNDRAISER AND TABLE TOP SALE**

**Saturday 6th April**

10.00-12.00noon Easter Tombola, Coffee and Cake Tables are limited and will cost £10 each, please contact 07879 684952 to book a table.



Each month donations received for refreshments are sent to a chosen charity. This month we're supporting Cancer Support Yorkshire.



## LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

This year the Churches Together Discussion Groups will be following the study guide 'Lent with Luke'. At Denholme the group will meet on a Thursday morning starting on the 14 March at 10.00am. The sessions will run for five weeks and be followed by a soup lunch. (For details of sessions at other local churches, including evening sessions please see the list in church).



**We're open every Wednesday between 10.00 am and midday.** Please call in - there'll be a brew and biscuits waiting.



## ITEMS FOR FOOD BANK AND WOMEN'S REFUGE

Your continued support and donations of non perishable food and toiletries are very much appreciated; these are forwarded to the relevant organisations on a regular basis.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

**Mondays** 1.30-3pm Yoga

**Tuesdays** 10.30-midday Creative Writing  
6.30—8pm Yoga

**Thursdays** 7.15- 9.00 pm Denholme Voices

**Fridays** 9.30 Babes & Tots

1.30pm Yoga for All

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

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