

DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH

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Dear Friends

Welcome to Spring! At last the long dark nights and short grey days of Winter are behind us, or so we hope! As the daffodils bloom, the trees begin to bud and lambs appear in our fields our thoughts turn to Summer.

My lasting memory of April is singing the choral piece "All in the April Evening" as a junior Treble in our church choir. Written by Katherine Tynan with music by Sir Hugh Stevenson Robertson for the Glasgow Orpheus Choir it might be considered a sentimental analogy for the Passion narrative with images of bleating lambs heading home with their mothers. But every time I sung it, and it was many times, I still had the picture of Jesus being led from Jerusalem, beaten, humiliated and in pain to his crucifixion on the hill of Golgotha.

This Lent, in our study groups, we have been looking at Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem as told in Luke's gospel. We have been able to share together our feelings about this final chapter in Jesus' life and what it means for us today. In Holy Week we shall experience the last few days of his life in reflective services, a Maundy Thursday meal and handwashing and on Good Friday spend time at the foot of the cross.

But all this is a precursor to what will happen on Easter Day. As Jesus promised, in three days he rose in triumph from a hideous death and a lonely burial to glorious new life. Holding out the promise of life eternal for all those who follow him. By conquering death and by taking our sin upon himself on the cross he shows the immeasurable love he has for each one of us.

May I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter. He is risen! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ

Chris



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"

Sunday 7 April 9.30 - Jesus for ALL followed by bacon butties

11.15 — Morning worship led by Chris Wilcock

Palm Sunday 14 April 9.30 — Jesus for ALL

11.15 — Morning worship led by Janice Le Blancq



Holy Week Services -

Monday 15th 7.30 pm - Evening worship at St Matthew's Church, Wilsden

Tuesday 16th 7.30 pm - Evening worship at St John's, Cullingworth

Wednesday 17th 7.00 pm - Evening worship at St Saviour's, Harden

Thursday 18th 6.30 pm - Maundy Thursday meal at Denholme followed by service at 8.00 pm.

Good Friday - Easter Funtastic 10.00-11.30am Denholme; 2.00pm - An hour by the Cross, St Saviour's, Harden; 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross, St Matthew's, Wilsden

Easter Sunday 21 April 9.30 — Jesus for ALL
11.15 — Communion service led by Rev Ian Slater



Sunday 28 April 9.30 - Jesus for All
11.15 Communion service led by Revd Liz Moy

FUNDRAISER AND TABLE TOP
Saturday 6th April
10.00-12.00noon



EASTER FUNTASTIC

The real story of Easter in songs, stories, craft and activities

Good Friday

19th April

10.00-11.30pm



Wednesday mornings here at the Church building 10.00 am - midday

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.



Each month donations received for refreshments are sent to a chosen charity. This month we're supporting the Leprosy Mission. Any donations received by the Leprosy Mission before 27th April will be doubled by the UK Government. Help us make a difference to those suffering with this disease.

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

1.30-3pm Yoga for All

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