

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

May the peace of the Lord be with you
always

This month's letter is from the Rev Don Maciver

Easter symbols

The egg is a powerful Easter symbol - it symbolises the total change God has worked in the resurrection of Jesus.

Just looking at the yellow and white liquid of eggs alone, we could never imagine what they would become – something alive with feathers and a chirp! Other Easter symbols include the seed, or acorn. Just looking at a seed we can never imagine what colour it may turn out to have - similarly with a caterpillar.

These are resurrection symbols because they become something else, totally unforeseen and beautiful – and yet there is continuity: the egg becomes a chicken; an acorn becomes an oak-tree; a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

Resurrection symbols also take human form! It may be someone overcoming an addiction, something they have despaired of ever happening in their lives – or when people overcome evil with good – or when a person finds faith and their lives are so different. Each is the same person, but now transformed; they have new life, new hopes, and new possibilities.

In the Gospel accounts, Jesus is not at first recognised by those who loved and knew him. The Risen Jesus is the same, but different. This is a way of saying that Jesus was not resuscitated, but was resurrected.

The risen Jesus Christ has promised to take us with him, to transform our present weakness into the

likeness and beauty of his risen humanity. We too will be the same, but different.

As Paul puts it: *So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body* (1Corinthians 15:42-44).

Don Maciver

Please remember in your prayers this month:

All who live in Newlands Park Road, Newlands Avenue, Cleveland Avenue, North Leas Avenue, Highdale Avenue, Givendale Road and Maple Drive; Northstead Shops & Businesses; all staff and pupils of St Peter's School and Northstead School; all involved with Northstead Methodist Church.

SUNDAY SERVICES

28th – 2nd Sunday of Easter

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion (please note new time)

5th – 3rd Sunday of Easter

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Worship

12th – 4th Sunday of Easter

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion

19th – 5th Sunday of Easter

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10.30 am All Age service

26th – 6th Sunday of Easter

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion

REGULAR SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Every morning except Wednesday at 8.30 am –
Morning Prayer in the chapel

Wednesdays at 10 am – Holy Communion

READINGS

28th Acts 5: 27 – 32 (Page 119 NT)
John 20: 19 – end (Page 112 NT)

5th Acts 9: 1 – 6 (Page 123 NT)
John 21: 1 – 19 Page 112 NT)

12th Acts 9: 36 – end (Page 124 NT)
John 10: 22 – 30 (Page 100 NT)

19th ALL AGE SERVICE

26th Acts 16: 9 – 15 (Page 132 NT)
John 14, 23 – 29 (page 106 NT)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUPS

Every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday of the month:

JAM Club - for children aged from 3 to 7 years

Stepping Stones - for children aged 8 to 11

Y-zone for older children and young people.

Creche facilities are available for children under four years.

NEW SERVICE TIME

Please note that the 10 am Sunday Services now start at 10.30 am. Any notices will be read out at 10.20, and the service will begin promptly at 10.30.

MAPLE COURT

Do you enjoy talking to people? Would you be interested in befriending someone at Maple Court? No previous experience required and no training is needed. For more information contact Anna King on 3758852, or annaking@freeuk.com.

ST MARK'S ARTS FESTIVAL

Sunday 19th – Monday 27th May

Sunday 19th at 6 pm – Grand Opening Evening. VIP Guests, cheese and wine

Every day from 10 am to 7 pm – Art & Photography Exhibition & Sale

Monday 20th at 7.30 pm – Staxton Singers open rehearsal

Tuesday 21st at 7 pm – Film Night, a showing of the film Christopher Robin. Christopher Robin, now a family man, embarks on a journey with Winnie-the-Pooh to find his friends. Once reunited, the gang travel to the big city to help Christopher rediscover the joy of life.

Wednesday 22nd at 7 pm – Scalby School makes Music

Thursday 23rd at 6.45 pm – A Unique Literary Evening with published authors and poets.

Friday 24th at 7.30 pm – Scarborough Community Choir in Concert

Saturday 25th at 7.30 pm – Mike Leigh, 'The Singing Vicar', and friends

Sunday 26th at 6.30 pm – Thanksgiving Praise Service

Monday 27th at 5 pm – Exhibition & Sale Closes.

ROTAS FOR MAY

Sidespersons:

- 5th Derek Sedman & Chris Wood
12th James Giddings & Pam Caton
19th Pat McEvoy & Rosemary Monsey
26th Nia & Trevor Bland

Tea & Coffee:

- 5th Sally-ann Wilson & Lindsey Redford
12th Nia Bland & Ros Rowntree
19th Margaret & Richard Neighbour
26th Chris Johnson & Julie Chappell

CALENDAR

4th from 9.30 am to 4 pm – Well Being Taster day in the Community Hall

4th at 3.30 am – Men's Breakfast at St Mary's Church and Community Hall, Cloughton. The cost of breakfast is £2.

11th at 8.30 am – Ladies' Breakfast in the Community Hall. The cost of breakfast is £2.

20th at 2.30 pm – Holy Communion at Maple Court, Barrowcliffe Road. All are invited to attend this event and to help the residents to follow the service.

23rd at 12 noon – Ecumenical Lunch at Wreyfield Methodist Church. A soup lunch with a short thought of the day.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

This will begin in 1st of May in church, and will be based on the Sermon on the Mount.

The themes for each week are as follows:

1st – Blessed are the poor in heart /Blessed are those who mourn

8th – Blessed are the meek / Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

15th – Blessed are the merciful / Blessed are the pure in heart.

22nd – Blessed are the peacemakers / Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness.

29th – No session (Half term)

Also, from 30th April at 7.30 pm – Follow on Alpha Course, every week, led by the Rev Don Mciver at 38 Newlands Avenue, YO12 6PS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 1st June – Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge Sponsored Walk. More details from Grahame Adamson on 07443 933652.

Saturday 15th June from 2 to 4 pm – Summer Fair

Saturday 22nd June at 7.30 pm – Arwell Price & Friends from Opera North.

Sunday 23rd June at 3 pm – Confirmation Service

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE HALL

Mondays – Staxton Singers

7 – 9.30 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays– Parent & Toddler Group

10 – 11.30 am (Term time only)

Tuesdays:

Knit & Natter Group from 1.30 pm

Skyliners Wind Band 7 – 10 pm

Wednesdays:

Pilates from 9 – 10 am

Rainbows 4.30 – 5.45 pm (Term time only)

Brownies 6.00 – 7.15 pm (Term time only)

Guides 7.30 – 9.00 pm (Term time only)

Fridays:

Mini Music Group

10 – 10.45 am and 11 am to noon

CHURCH FLOWERS

Flowers have been donated this month in memory of Dorothy Johnson, Michael Dykes and Eric Johnson.

To find out more about St Mark's Church, please visit our website: <http://stmarksscarborough.org.uk>, or find us on Facebook: St Mark's Church Scarborough.

Please send any notices for next month's newsletter no later than the 20th of June to:
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. We have a deaf loop for those with a hearing aid. We also have large-print notice sheets and hymn books available. The toilet and baby change is situated near the main entrance of church. Please join us in the hall after the 10 am service for tea or coffee. All our proceeds go to Christian Aid. We hope you enjoy our new monthly newsletter, please let us have your comments.