

# Tadcaster Benefice

the churches of St Mary's Tadcaster, St Andrew's Newton Kyme, St Mary's Kirk Fenton & St John the Baptist  
Kirkby Wharfe & Ulleskelf

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**



## Services on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March

10am Mothering Sunday service on zoom  
8.30pm Night Prayer on zoom

## Services on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March

10am Morning Prayer service on zoom  
4pm Afternoon church on zoom  
8.30pm Night Prayer on zoom

**All our Zoom services use**

**Meeting ID: 9861012744**

**password 377646**

**or click the link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9861012744>

## Regular online sessions to join in with:

The below are our standard weekly online sessions happening.

Day	Time	Activity
Monday	09.30	Zoom Prayers
	10.00	Team meeting (not open to the public)
	19.30	Fellowship Group on zoom
Tuesday	09.30	Facebook Live prayers
	10.30	Toddler Zoom Story time
	19.00	Choir Group (not open to the public)
	20.30	Zoom Compline
Wednesday	09.30	Facebook Live prayers
	7.30	Bellringers group (not open to the public)
Thursday	09.30	Facebook Live prayers
	11.00	Zoom quiz
	19.30	Lent Group on zoom
Friday	09.30	Facebook Live prayers
	20.30	Zoom Compline
Saturday	11.00	Coffee morning
Sunday	10.00	Zoom worship
	20.30	Zoom Compline

## Zoom Services on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March

10am zoom - Join us for a traditional service of morning prayer.

4pm zoom - This new style of service is an exciting precursor to a new afternoon church.

Next Sunday we hope to listen to Archbishop Stephen talking about how important children are in God's eyes.

When we can have in person worship, Afternoon church would enable families to explore faith together: both indoors and outdoors, through discussion and activities.

We hope many families will come and be church in this way together.

More details to follow!

## Mothering Sunday

On Mothering Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have a zoom Mothering Sunday service for the Benefice at 10am.



At the Mothering Sunday service at **St. Mary's, Tadcaster** we would normally give out a posy of flowers, as we aren't able to do that this year we have chosen to instead offer something else and will have a basket with small bags of sunflower seeds available for all to collect from outside church on Mothering Sunday. Please do collect some seeds on your daily exercise.

We'd love you to share pictures of your sunflowers with us as they grow, share them on our social media pages or send pictures to Rachel on email/whatsapp 07545 516949. If you are from one of our other parishes and would like some sunflower seeds please get in touch with Rachel who will get some to you – *there are more than enough for all!*

**St. Mary's, Church Fenton** will be giving out posies of flowers to all who play a caring role in our lives. Flowers will be available from outside: **Church Fenton Village Hall between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March.** Please do collect a posy of flowers from them on Saturday.

## Easter bags



As part of our mission and community outreach in each parish of our Benefice we are putting together Easter bags, these will contain items to use from Palm Sunday through to Holy Week, bible reflections, activities and the items useful for our Easter zoom services. On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March we plan to give out the bags at our four churches. We will have bags for children and bags for adults. We will also be giving an Easter bag to each child at Kirk Fenton Primary school.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of these bags please get in touch with Rachel Hughes, 07545 516949, [stmarystadcaster@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystadcaster@gmail.com), any contributions to the cost will be gratefully received.

## Monday Fellowship group

Monday's Fellowship group is cancelled, the church zoom account is needed for a PCC meeting.

## Lent course on zoom

We've been enjoying the sessions of our lent course, don't worry if you haven't joined yet each week is standalone so it's not essential to attend each week, you are very welcome to join the next session. The course is 7.30pm on Thursdays during lent on zoom. We are using 'The Nail' by Archbishop Stephen. It is available to purchase as paperback or electronic version from:

[The Nail - Stephen Cottrell - SPCK Publishing,](#)

[The Nail by Stephen Cottrell | Fast Delivery at Eden | 9780281066353,](#)

[The Nail - Being part of the Passion: Amazon.co.uk: Cottrell, Stephen: 9780281066353: Books](#)

If you aren't able to purchase the book please don't worry, contact Rachel, [stmarystadcaster@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystadcaster@gmail.com), who will be able to assist with getting some of the text needed for sessions to you.



## Hidden Treasures appeal for summer wear!

Hidden Treasures will be open on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April to receive donations only, nothing will be available for purchasing. For the relaunch of Hidden Treasures on 12<sup>th</sup> April the volunteers would like to refresh stock with summer items, if you've been having a clear out and have summer items please do bring them down on 10<sup>th</sup> April. The volunteers are also appealing for any unwanted items of school uniform, particularly the current uniform for Tadcaster Grammar School.

*Please do not drop off donations at any other time than Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April.*

## Thought for the weekend.

### Sanctuary



I wonder for Mother's Day how many mums get the gift of some 'me' time or maybe even some pampering, such as a sanctuary spa voucher! Last Saturday, some 21 of us enjoyed a Benefice Sanctuary Day. Much in the same way that a spa day allows you to retreat and treat yourself, so this spiritual detox gave us space to retreat from the frustrations of the pandemic. We entered into God's sanctuary, a space of prayer and contemplation with God. Kevin and Anne Roberts from ReSource led us gently, following Jesus' example, as he sought time to be with his Father.

To begin we considered when Jesus entered into the home of Peter's mother in law, took her by the hand and healed her of her fever. We considered how Jesus extends to us his same intimate, personal and powerful touch. Jesus wants to heal us from our dis-ease of body, mind or spirit. What ever has been taken away Jesus longs to restore, filling us with the fullness of the presence of God.

The day of reflection was interspersed with silence, music, images and short homilies on different Bible passages. We made space to welcome God's Holy Spirit and we listened. Through the words of the living Lord to Ezekiel we then surveyed our metaphorical dry bones, those things we had lost and the dried up experiences of many in the valley of the shadow of Covid-19. As the day progressed we left our private thoughts and engaged more in shared discussion about our churches in relation to the pandemic. We lamented those in our church family who we have missed. We called out our loss of sharing Holy Communion.

After a time of lament we turned our attention to the early church that also underwent sudden change due to its pandemic of persecution. It helped us frame our discussions around how God redeems us and loss is often won over by considerable gain. God can take something old and renew and transform it in such way as to endue it with a new purpose and direction. The early church lost its settled way of being, broke out of Jerusalem and became an itinerant church. Kevin shared a startling photo of a young ash tree growing within the split carcass of a dead oak tree. This was a metaphor for something new growing in place of something less dynamic and falling away.

Towards the end of our time we thought about how when we resume worship in churches this won't be 'going back' to what was over a year ago. We recognised that Jesus invites us to travel into new ways of being church. We spent time with two questions:

What do you think your own church may need to learn from this enforced suspension of 'normal' church life?

Is this an opportunity to think of changing things? If so, what might this include?

Answers were wide ranging. We delighted in the fact that we were church with no walls. People outside the church have been able to engage with what we do online and in fact studies show that 40% of people are much more favourable towards the positive role that church can play in society. We were thankful for the online experience that has enabled a mix of old and new worship styles and has allowed people who couldn't come to church for health reasons to still engage. We wondered about a hybrid way of worshipping that encompasses physical in person worship alongside some online presence.

Perhaps you can ponder the same questions? These are interesting times. Let's wonder and pray into where God is leading us.

## Selby District Community Patchwork

After the success of the Tadcaster Community Patchwork the Tadcrafters Group have been asked to put together a patchwork for the whole of Selby district. If you would like to do a patchwork for St Andrew's, St John's or St Mary's Church Fenton you can find out more information here: [Community Patchwork – Tadcrafters \(wordpress.com\)](#)

## A focus on prayer during February, and 'say one for me'

On the railings of st Mary's, Tadcaster and St Mary's, Kirk Fenton you will find a 'say one for me' prayer postbox. Please add any prayer requests you have to the post boxes, Rev Lucy is checking the boxes every few days and will pick up any prayers left.



## Supporting your church financially

You may wish to set up with your bank a regular standing order to donate or make a one off donation. The bank details for the churches are:

<b>St Mary's, Tadcaster</b> (Use Tadcaster PCC for bank account name) Sort code: 40-44-01 Account number: 40800236	<b>St Andrew's, Newton Kyme</b> Sort code: 55-81-11 Account number: 03604608
<b>St John the Baptist, Kirkby Wharfe &amp; Ulleskelf</b> (use Kirkby Wharfe & Ulleskelf PCC for bank account name) Sort Code: 60-21-13 Account number: 52078361	<b>St Mary's, Kirk Fenton</b> (Use St Mary's Parochial Church Council Church Fenton) Sort Code: 40-41-45 Account number: 71459309

St Mary's Tadcaster also have an online giving platform:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b1885189-18db-49f4-9887-0090ab23929e>

or use the camera on your mobile phone to scan the QR code:



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