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United Benefice of:  
Bolsterstone and  
Deepcar and Stocksbridge

**Loving God**



**Loving People**

## **Cornerstone Newsletter**

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### **April 2019**



Spotlight on ...



Let's Continue to **PRAY**

**Prayer** is the Holy Habit that we will be looking at during Lent.

There are some **LENT PILGRIM** books still available. It's not too late to use the later readings, reflections and prayers – a good **Holy Habit** to get into – regularly reading the bible, reflecting and praying.

The **LENT PILGRIM** books helped to get us into the habit of daily prayer and Bible reading. The **EASTER PILGRIM** books can help us cement that practice into our lives by continuing for another 40 days from Easter Sunday to Ascension Day.

The books will be available from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Don't forget to collect a copy in good time.

### **THY KINGDOM COME**

Thy Kingdom Come is an 11 day worldwide prayer initiative launched by the Church of England

May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup> (Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday)

The initiative concentrates on specifically praying for people we know to come to faith in Jesus. Look out for further details in next month's newsletter and in church.

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### **"Annual Parochial Church Meeting" (APCM)**

We are required by the Church of England and the Charities Commission to hold the meeting to report on how we have met the aims and objectives of the Church.

The meeting Elects the Wardens, PCC and Deanery Synod Members.

Importantly it gives church goers the opportunity to find out more about the Church.

The New Electoral Roll will also be available. Only those on the new roll can vote.

## Special Events and Activities in April

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – After Sunday Morning Services @ Christchurch

**Lent Lunch** – all proceeds going to support the work of the **Barnabus Fund**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 7.30pm @ St. Mary's

**Bolsterstone PCC meeting**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 1.30pm @ St. Mary's

**Last Lent Course Meeting – "Going Forward"**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm @ The Vicarage, Stone Moor Road, Bolsterstone

**SECOND MISSION PRAYER & PLANNING MEETING**

For anyone from all three churches interested in praying, planning and initiating mission across the Cornerstone Benefice.

Last time all 3 churches were represented and we felt God was asking us to STOP & LISTEN for GOD ideas not just GOOD ideas, before rushing off into lots of activity.

We prayed for a number of activities already happening (Phil Hall running Christian lunch clubs in Stocksbridge Junior School, Monthly Open the Book assemblies in St. John's Juniors & Royd infants, Michael knocking on doors, James Grayson's bible club in Stocksbridge High School, the Cornerstone Social Café, etc.)

A number of initiatives were mentioned for prayerful consideration for the future and an acknowledgement that each of us has finite time and resources and we have to stop or adapt some of the things we are already doing before adding something extra – not easy but necessary. Please join us if you can – contact Steve for further info.

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Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 10am until 1pm @ Christian Centre

**Easter Coffee Morning** with Easter gifts, cakes and light refreshments

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 9.45am @ St. John's

Just one **9.45am Service** followed by Annual Meeting

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 11.15am @ St. John's

**Deepcar and Stocksbridge APCM**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – From 12.00 noon @ Christian Centre

**Lent Lunch** – proceeds to **Barnabus Fund** (St. Mary's to help serve)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 6.00pm @ Christ Church

**Holy Habits Joint Churches Together Café Service**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – 7.00pm @ The Vicarage, Stone Moor Road, Bolsterstone,

**Christianity Explored** – all welcome

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April – 9.30am @ St. John's Church

**Craft, Coffee and Prayer**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am @ St. Mary's – Starts from Village Hall

**Palm Sunday Cornerstone Joint Service**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – 7.00pm @ St. John's

**Meditation**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – 7.00pm @ Christ church

**Folk Passion**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – 7.00pm @ St. Mary's (in the extension)

**Women's Fellowship Easter Eggstravaganza**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – 7.00pm @ St. John's

**Meditation**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April (Maundy Thursday) – 6pm @ St. John's

**Last Supper/Agape Meal**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April (Maundy Thursday) – 8.30pm @ Green Moor Methodist

**Short service before the lighting of the cross**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday) – 10.45am @ St. Mary's

**Good Friday Service**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday) – 12 noon @ The Precinct

**One hour silent witness**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday) – 2pm @ St. John's

**An hour at the cross (Music & Meditation)**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April (Easter Sunday) – **He is Risen - Alleluia**

9am & 10.45am @ St. John's, 10.30am @ Christian Centre & 10.45am @ St. Mary's

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 7.00pm @ The Vicarage, Bolsterstone

**Christianity Explored** – all welcome

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April – After 10.45am service @ St. Mary's

**Bolsterstone APCM followed by a Bring 'n' Share Lunch**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April – 4.00pm @ Christian Centre

**Exalt Service** - An opportunity to gather together and give glory to God

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 9.15am @ St. John's

**Open the Book Assembly Practice**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Please pray for

**Open the Book Assemblies in St. John's Juniors & Royd Infants**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 7.00pm @ The Vicarage, Bolsterstone

**Christianity Explored** – all welcome

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – 7pm for 7.30pm

**Deanery Synod**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 7.30pm @ St. Johns

**Deepcar and Stocksbridge PCC Meeting**

# ...He has risen!...

## HOLYHabits April & May

This and next month's Holy Habit is "Breaking Bread" looking not just at the Last Supper and Jesus' institution of the Communion Meal to remember his body broken and his blood shed for us, but taking the everyday (like bread) thanking God for it, breaking it, sharing it, and eating it. The hope is that this habit will help deepen our trust, knowing ourselves loved by God and challenged to offer Him our love, individually, as a church and as a community, through living alongside others as a thankful, broken, blessed and sharing people.

### Bread Song

It's not in the bread but in the breaking  
that the mystery of God's story is told.  
It's not in the seed but in the dying,  
not in the treasure but the digging for it.  
It's not in the mountain but in it's moving.

It's not in the wine but in the pouring out  
that the new world is purchased for the weary  
It's not in the cross but in the crucified,  
not in the nails but in the nailing.  
It's not in the grave but in the rising from it.

It's in the giving that the gift becomes life;  
it's in the living that the Word becomes flesh.  
It's in this taking, this receiving, this sharing of a supper,  
this pointing to a future that is promised and paid for  
and pressed into our hands;  
it's in this everyday mealtime miracle  
that the universe is born to new life.

*(Gerard Kelly)*

Find out more from the Cornerstone churches on 'A Church Near You'

- St. Johns Church - [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17495](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17495)
- Christian Centre - [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/22182](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/22182)
- St. Mary's Church - [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17490](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17490)

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#### St Mary's Church

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April Newsletter will be available from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Deadline for content is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April