

St Johns and Gamesley Newsletter. March 2024



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To prepare for worship, you will want to look at the planned readings

March 3rd	Exodus 20:1-17. Psalm 19,(or 19,7-end).1 Corinthians 1; 18-25. John 2, 13-22.
March 10th	Numbers 21, 4-9. Psalm 107, 1-3,17-22. Ephesians 2,1-10. John 3, 14-21.
March 17th	Jeremiah 31, 31-34. Psalm 51,,1-13(or Psalm 119, 9-16). Hebrews 5, 5-10. John 12. 20-33
March 24th	Mark 11, 1-11(or John 12, 12-16). Psalm 118, 1-2, 19-end.
March 29th	Isaiah 52, 13-end of 53. Psalm 22. Hebrews 10, 16-25 (or Hebrews 4, 14-16; 5,7-9). John 18,1-end of 19
March 31 st	Exodus 14,10-end; 15, 20-21. Romans 6, 3-11. Mark 16, 1-8.

Interregnum contact

Although we are in interregnum, all normal church services, as well as weddings, baptisms and funerals are available for the community.

There is a new email and telephone number for contacts and there will be monitoring the telephone and email during "business hours".

The email address is: SaintJohnsCharlesworth@gmail.com And the telephone number is: 07935556535

8.00 am services

Glossop wide 8.00 am services are held in St. Andrews church and the next service is 3rd March

Spring display for church noticeboard

Please could you email any photographs to Carol Eckersley relating to our lovely season of Spring so she can make a colourful display in our church noticeboard. All photos of plants, animals, scenes etc reflecting Gods beautiful planet are welcome. Email to: max.ecker17@btinternet.com

HOMEGROUP AT ST JOHNS

Homegroup provides an opportunity for us to share our lives, listen to God (exploring the bible) and pray together. We meet informally and intermittently throughout the year. The dates for our next meetings are:

We start up again on **Monday 4th, 11th and 18th March.** (Lent Theme)

We meet at 7.15pm at 16 Springmeadow and all are very welcome!

Contact Joy, Jan or Steve to find out more.

Open church

The next Open Church will be 10th March. This is Mothering Sunday and so the service will focus on that theme.

Please come along and support these special services

Men's Walking Group

Our February walk took place on Thursday 1st February and once again we were blessed with good weather for the time of year. The group all met at Henry Street, Glossop and we took the 61 bus to Whaley Bridge. We then walked along the trail by the canal in the direction of New Mills, stopping for a brew and bacon butty at The Bohemium Bus Cafe at Furness Vale. The cafe is quirky and fun and is housed in a big red double decker bus on the Industrial Estate there. Everyone really enjoyed this stop and the food and drinks were super.

Back on the trail we continued to New Mills where we had a further stop in The Tor Vale Brewery Tap. Another great spot where there is a large selection of locally brewed beers. After a quick half or so we then walked along the Millennium Walkway and through the Torrs Underground Park before joining the Sett Valley Trail which we followed all the way to Hayfield, just in time to catch the 61 bus back to Glossop.

A great day out. Good exercise, Good company and Good fun. We are a very friendly welcoming group and anyone wishing to join us is more than welcome to contact me for further details.

Ivan Taylor. Tel. 07756488909.

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on 24th March after the joint service at Gamesley.

9.30 am, coffee and croissants

10.00 am Morning Worship

11.00 am coffee followed by APCM

Lent challenge

A reminder that we are collecting chocolate and treats for the foodbank for Easter. Please support this venture by donating any Easter treats, Easter eggs, chocolate, chocolate biscuits etc. so that families can enjoy just a little treat for the season.



A Fund Raiser for The Children's Society

Glossop Ukulele Band are playing at Glossop Labour Club on Wednesday March 20th at 7.30pm in aid of The Children's Society. No entry fee but donations would be gratefully received. There will be a raffle and a quiz. The bar will be open. It would be great if you could support us. Any further details please ask Ann or John Howarth.

Easter Experience

We are again providing an Easter Experience telling the Easter story to the children from Gamesley and Charlesworth Schools. The children travel in small groups to different "immersive" experiences starting with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and ending with the empty tomb. The Garden of Gethsemane is recreated using collections of large potted plants and other foliage. If you can contribute any large plants in pots, please could you deliver them to church on 10th March.

We want your feedback and your input to the newsletter. Anything you would like included? Please let us know by contacting Monica on: Haggart914@gmail.com or speak to the wardens.