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# Glossop Parish Church of All Saints

## Newsletter: April 2026

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### Prayer

#### **Bread for the Journey**

May there be bread for the journey, may there be friends along the way, may we dare to dream and laugh and love, and seek justice every day.

May God's presence give us wisdom, may God's presence grant us peace, may God's be the hand that gives us Strength, may we hope in the promised Feast.

Amen.

*Keri Wehlander*

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### Vicar's Voice

The beginning of April coincides with the Feast of the Resurrection - Easter. It is a season of celebration and hope, a time that speaks of renewal and invites a renewed sense of optimism.

Yet Easter does not offer an escape from the realities of our world. The challenges we face - conflict, division, and the constant stream of troubling news - remain very real. Instead, Easter gently challenges us to approach these worries differently. In a turbulent and uncertain time, its message can feel both fragile and quietly defiant: hope is still alive.

The Easter story itself does not begin with joy, but with grief, confusion, and fear. It meets us in those moments when life feels uncertain or even broken beyond repair. And

yet, it is precisely there that something new begins. The message of the resurrection is not that evil simply disappears, but that it does not have the final word.

In today's world, hope can sometimes seem naïve or out of place. Cynicism and weariness are often easier responses. But Easter invites us into a different way of seeing - a resilient hope grounded in the belief that renewal and healing are still possible.

This hope is often found in quiet, ordinary ways: in small acts of kindness, in choosing compassion over indifference, in the patient work of rebuilding what has been damaged. It reminds us that light does not need to be overwhelming to be powerful; even the smallest flicker can push back darkness.

Easter also calls us to live out that hope. It is not only something we receive, but something we embody - becoming agents of renewal within our communities, however small our contribution may seem.

As we reflect this Easter, the question for each of us is not simply whether the world feels hopeful, but whether we are willing to carry hope into it.

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## **Services in April**

**Easter Sunday** 5th April  
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Wednesday 8th April  
Mid-week Eucharist 12.00 noon

**First Sunday after Easter** 12th April  
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Wednesday 15th April  
Mid-week Eucharist 12.00 noon

**Second Sunday after Easter** 19th April  
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Wednesday 22nd April  
Mid-week Eucharist 12.00 noon

**Third Sunday after Easter 26th April**  
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

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## **Glossopdale Fairtrade**

hosted a coffee morning and prize-giving event at Central Methodist Church on Saturday 21st March, to celebrate local children who took part in this year's Fairtrade competition.

Invitations to the competition were sent to all 14 primary schools in Glossopdale, with additional entries received from a local Brownies group. The challenge was to design a family breakfast menu using as many Fairtrade products as possible.

Ten winners were selected and each received a certificate, a £10 gift voucher for a local bookshop, and Fairtrade chocolate goodies for Easter. The winning entries are now on display at Glossop Library.

The prizes were presented by High Peak Mayor Councillor Dom Starkey following the coffee morning, which was attended by parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support the children.

During the event, the choir from Padfield Community Primary School performed songs from around the world, celebrating the optimism, determination and resourcefulness of Fairtrade farmers and producers.

Chris Nudds, Chair of Glossopdale Fairtrade Group, said: "It's fantastic to see young people learning about Fairtrade and our shared responsibility for promoting fairness, respect and care for the environment. Their enthusiasm for Fairtrade is truly inspirational."

She added "Fairtrade remains the most visible ethical label in the UK, with around 5,000 certified products available, including cotton, gold, bananas, footballs, sugar, tea, chocolate, coffee, flowers and beauty products. These help provide sustainable livelihoods for almost two million farmers and workers around the world. Fairtrade is also the only ethical label in the UK that is independently certified."

Glossopdale joined the Fairtrade movement more than 25 years ago, and organisers say young people continue to play a key role in keeping the message alive. Local schools regularly run assemblies and projects about Fairtrade, encouraging children to think about where products come from and how they are produced.

Chris said: “Children and young people quickly learn that buying products with the Fairtrade logo ensures fairer prices for farmers and producers in the developing world, and lifts communities out of poverty.

“Buying fairly traded items also helps their communities invest in schools, health clinics, and clean water, as well as environmental protection to tackle the climate crisis and boost biodiversity.”

More information can be found at: [www.fairtrade.net](http://www.fairtrade.net)

The ten winning entries will be displayed in Glossop Parish Church after Easter.

### **Fair-trade fulfils the third Mark of Mission - Respond to human need by loving service**

The third mark is rooted in Jesus’s example of compassionate action, embodying the Kingdom of God’s presence through care for the sick, poor and vulnerable, reflecting the Great Commandment to love God and neighbour, and demonstrating that service is central to faith, transforming lives and society through practical love and justice.

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## **The Bishop of Norwich has been named one of the 100 most influential sustainability and climate leaders in the UK**

Bishop Graham Usher is the Church of England’s lead bishop for the environment and lead bishop for biodiversity in the Anglican Communion.

He said: “This recognition is for everyone in the Church of England working to protect the natural world and reverse biodiversity loss. It is part of our duty as Christians to care for and celebrate God’s wonderful creation – and speak up when we see it being harmed. Thousands of people in parishes across the country are seeking to reduce the carbon footprint of their churches, encouraging wildlife in churchyards, and ensuring recycling is part of church activities. We are working together to protect our God-given planet.”

The bishop regularly uses his platform as a leader in the Church of England and a member of the House of Lords, to advocate for the protection of the natural world, and to champion nature recovery.

He highlights the deep connection between Christian mission and ministry and caring for God’s creation.

He helped shape the Church of England's ambitious Net Zero Carbon 2030 programme and his work includes championing biodiversity recovery in churchyards and the national Eco Church initiative, as well as contributing to and scrutinising proposed environmental legislation as part of his role as a member of the House of Lords.

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## **Big Lent Walk**

### **THE BIG LENT WALK - 200KM IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE-SAVING WATER**

GLOSSOP ECUMENICAL CHURCHES WALKING GROUP committed to walk in fellowship and solidarity in aid of CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK for the third year running. They have walked over 3,000 kms and raised over £1,000! Donations will help to build a fairer, kinder, better world where everyone has enough to eat, where families can provide for themselves.

The extremes of floods or drought mean that communities need to learn new ways of growing food. With vital support through CAFOD people's lives are transformed.

Shorai shared what this support means to him:

“A good neighbour is someone who can help me in times of need — someone who can lift me when I'm drowning. It shows togetherness as a community, and love for one another.”

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO UNITED IN FELLOWSHIP WALKED, PRAYED AND DONATED TO THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

**Moira - Cafod representative for Glossop Catholic Churches**

**The Big Lent Walk fulfils the third Mark of Mission - Respond to human need by loving service**

The walking group, friends and supporters celebrated their achievement at Glossop Golf Course on Tuesday, March 31st.

Everybody welcome to join with the walking group each Tuesday lunchtime. Meet outside Glossop Parish Church at 12.30pm.

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## **Mothers' Union - Celebrates 150 years**

York Province, Mothers' Union 150th anniversary celebration - passed on the prayer capsule from Sheffield Diocese to Chester Diocese at All Saints, Glossop on Sunday 29th March.

It was a pleasure to welcome both representatives of Sheffield and Chester diocese along with Emily, Mothers' Union President of Derby Diocese to celebrate 150 years of Mother's Union. We remembered in prayer our founder Mary Sumner for her courage and foresight in founding the Mother's Union and all that Mothers' Union has and is accomplishing through out the world.

**Mothers' Union fulfils the third Mark of Mission - Respond to human need by loving service**

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## **Concerts in April**

### **17th April — Glossop Music Festival**

Spring Concert: Kitty Whately and William Vann

17 Apr 2026, 19:00 – 21:00 Glossop Parish Church, Church St S, Old Glossop, SK13 7RU  
Kathleen Ferrier award-winner and former BBC New Generation artist, Kitty Whately

### **24th April — Candlelight Concert**

Our concert on 24th April, will be Vivaldi & Mozart. Here are some featuring pieces:

Featuring Mozart's,  
Eine kleine nachtmusik  
Movements from Divertimento k.563

And Vivaldi's,  
Movements from Four Seasons  
Gloria  
Concerto in A minor 3rd Movement

### **26th April — Pennine Singers: Awakening**

From quiet night to gathering light

Featuring music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gerald Finzi, Eric Whitacre, Kate Rusby and Ysaye Barnwell

Sunday 26th April, 4.30 pm

Old Glossop Parish Church SK137RU

Tickets: £10, available on the door; under-18s free

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## **Half a million gather in London for biggest anti-far right demo, say organisers**

Report by Margaret Roberts *Licensed Lay Minister Pioneer 5th Mark of Mission: Creation Care Peak Deanery.*

The coach left Glossop at 6:30. There were 15 of us on board, with only a few knowing each other.

It took four hours to get down to London, but on the way at the service stations, we discovered other coach loads also going to the march.

With roads closed, the centre of London was gridlocked but our driver manoeuvred us to a dropping off point. Everyone else stayed with the Charities Block, which was Block G, but I wanted to find the Faith Block which was further down the line.

Earlier, there had been a service in Waterloo, which had been so large that an overspill service was created in the park.

It was wonderful to be with people from Christian Climate action and Green Christian, friends from all over the country. Also delightful was being with the Coat of Hopes again, singing over people who were trying on the coat of the first time, watching their faces as they eased it onto their shoulders and felt within its weight and warmth all the hopes that had been sewn into it.

I also had some wonderful conversations with people I had never met before such as a Benedictine monk who worked with refugee and asylum seekers.

After 2 hours, I began to get worried because the March was not marching and I had no idea where to get the coach back home. Reluctantly, I left the Christian block and went back to find the other that I'd come with, which wasn't an easy task given the number of people that were there.

At this point they had decided that it was no use waiting for the March to start because by the time it had reached the end it would be too late to get our coach back, so we set off across Hyde Park and joined the march as it was moving into Trafalgar Square.

It was awesome being with so many people who, despite any differences in ideology, had joined together to represent the vast number that oppose racism and division. There were so many disparate groups there, organisations that I would not have much connection with in any other sphere but as we were together, we proved that there is unity in diversity.

We found our coach and set back off home. Although we hadn't marched it was so encouraging to read the news reports and that we had been a small part of the half a million people who would set out to prove that love is stronger than hate.

**This fulfils the third mark of mission - Respond to human need by loving service**

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The Rt Revd Malcolm Macnaughton, Bishop of Repton in the Diocese of Derby, has announced his retirement. His final day in office will be April 30, 2026, marking the end of a long ministry. He plans to retire to Gloucester. Bishop Libby Lane (Derby) praised him as a "generous, gentle, and gracious colleague".

### **Celebrate the ministry of Bishop Malcolm**

#### *Festival Evensong for the Third Sunday of Easter*

The Bishop of Derby, together with The Dean of Derby invite you to a service of thanksgiving for the ministry of Malcolm, Bishop of Repton.

Derby Cathedral — Sunday, 19 April 2026 @ 17:15

Everyone is welcome to attend what will be a truly special service.

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## **Communication**

### **How to contact us**

Email - [davidridley@btinternet.com](mailto:davidridley@btinternet.com)

Telephone no - [07887 880272](tel:07887880272)/[07877 491456](tel:07877491456)

A church near you - <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13286>

Facebook - Glossop Parish Church

### **Communication available**

Weekly newsletter

Monthly newsletter

WhatsApp groups - Environmental concerns / Festive planning

A church near you - Peace and Quiet down loaded monthly.

Please contact us if you wish to receive either newsletter or you wish to join the WhatsApp groups.

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### **Easy fundraising**

Help raise much needed funds for Glossop Parish Church.

When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your cause.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=17040&invite=3B8ZBP&referral-campaign=c2s>

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***Home Communion:** If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their own home, please contact a member of the ministry team.*

### **Ministry Team**

**VICAR:** The Revd David Ridley

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**Honorary Assistant Priest:**

The Revd Norman Shaw

### **Readers:**

John Roberts

Margaret Roberts

Vince Ryder

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For more information about our activities please see [A Church Near You](#).

St Andrew's, Hadfield

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13287/>

All Saints', Glossop

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13286>

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For *Peace and Quiet* and more information of events, please visit:

[A Church Near You, Glossop Parish Church of All Saints.](#)

Peace and Quiet is offered online as an opportunity, whenever you need it, to take time out from the daily tasks, worries and fears which are our common experiences of life. Through words, music and pictures we encourage a time of calm 'mindfulness' and renewed hope.

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## **Prayer for the Holy Land**

O God of all justice and peace,  
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear  
which prevails in the Holy Land.  
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering;  
we pray for people of all faiths  
– Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.  
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence  
and the establishment of peace,  
we also call to you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.  
Guide us into your kingdom  
where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children  
– for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Archbishop Hosam Naoum رئيس الأساقفة حسام نعوم  
The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

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