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The Parish Magazine of St Wilfrid's Brayton including news from the Local Ecumenical Partnership at the Church of St Francis Thorpe Willoughby, and the Methodist churches at Brayton and Burn

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Welcome

to the April 2026 edition of *Connected*.

This month is all about the end of Lent and the Easter weekend. There are articles from the Revd. Roy Shaw on the importance of the resurrection, and I have Parish Pump to thank for texts on marmalade, Breakfast with Jesus, Maundy Money and Church Flowers. And a little bit on St George's Day.

Mrs Clarke provided the update on the MU.

May I wish you all a happy and joyous Easter. I'll be breaking my Lenten fast of beer, chocolate and cheese, with a splendid Sunday lunch at the home of Mrs Miggins. I cannot wait!

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pages. They will be collected by whoever delivers your copy of the magazine.

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Articles for *Connected* are always gratefully received, by the 11th of the month please.

John Clarke †

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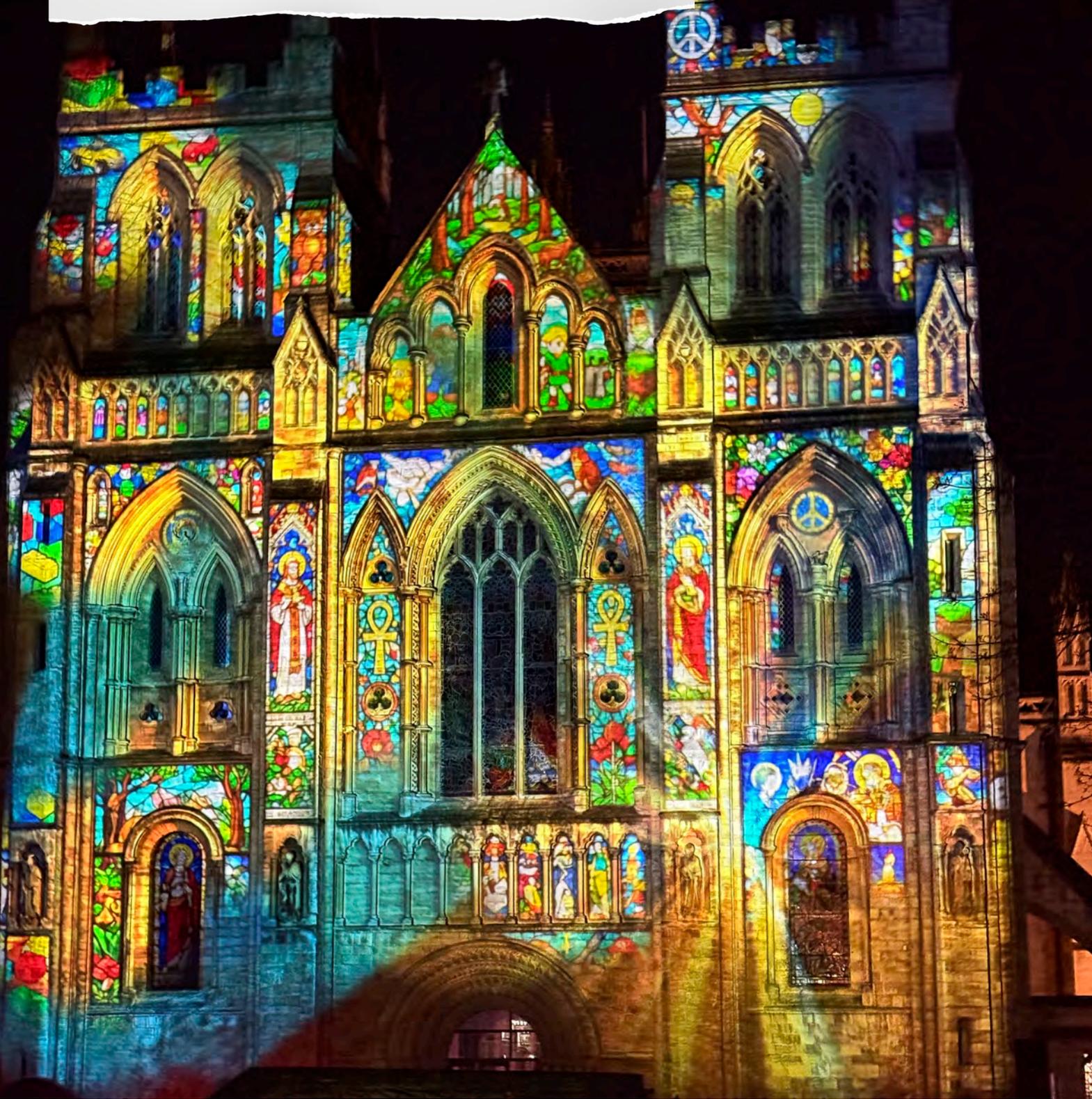
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The nice thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

Anon

Cover Image: the ceiling of St Wilfrid's. Bring a blanket, lay on the floor and marvel at the beautiful wooden trusses. Go on, you know that you want to...

#TheParishLastMonth



This month, I am delighted to share a couple of my pictures from the stunning Son et Lumiere display that took place on, and within, Selby Abbey in late February.

The event captivated visitors with its vibrant visuals and immersive atmosphere. Commissioned for Selby Light 2026, the videos and images were representative of Selby's communities, weaving together stories of the Town, its beliefs, characters, and history. It is lovely to see the 955-year old Abbey decorated in this very modern way

you replete.



HERBARIUM
FEBRUARY 2001



St Wilfrid's at Sunset by Mrs Clarke

Dear Friends

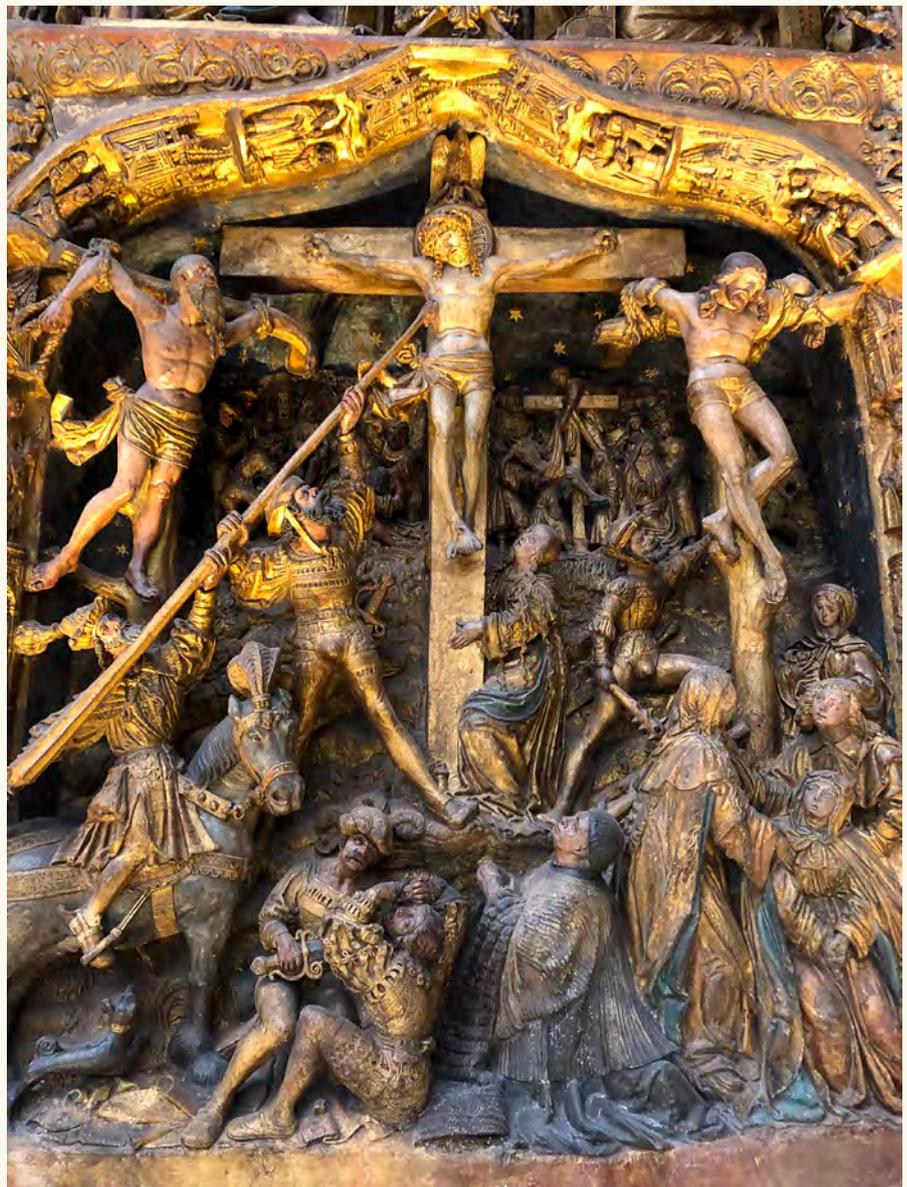
Resurrection life

Did you have 'a good Lent'? Were you able to make the journey with Jesus through the turmoil of those last days of His earthly ministry as He set His face to go to Jerusalem, knowing He would be killed there? I find the Lenten journey, particularly Holy Week (the week leading up to the crucifixion) harrowing, and by 3 o'clock on Good Friday - the hour at which Jesus traditionally died - I am wrung out.

All of which makes Easter Day and the weeks that follow, with the joy and reality of new life, so much the sweeter. No wonder Christians make this the most important day of the year - much more so than Christmas. God, in the resurrection of Jesus, has vindicated the way of love, truth, sacrifice and service, kindness and hope over the self-serving and grubby ways that seek power, self-advancement, privilege, hatred and division. Hallelujah!

It's all summed up in the poem 'Easter Wings' by the 17th century poet and priest George Herbert. For me, it's not the words of the poem so much as its shape - it's written in the shape of a butterfly's wings. Now that's clever; - to let both shape and words express something lovely, like the freedom and beauty of a butterfly on the wing. That sums up Resurrection life.

We are not asked to explain how the Resurrection took place. That is known to God alone, and we would trip ourselves up in all sorts of ways as we seek to find a rational

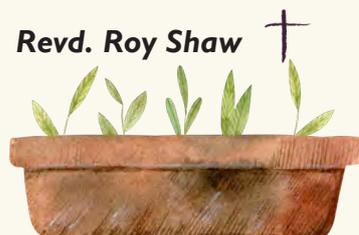


explanation as to how it happened. But we are invited to live it - yes, live the Resurrection in ourselves - as we ask the Risen Lord to lead us through each day. In time, this constant invitation to live out the Resurrection changes our whole being, as we try, in the words of Mother Teresa to 'do little things with great love.'

The more I try and live out Resurrection life (more properly, the more I allow Jesus to live the Resurrection life through me) the more boundless I find it to be. Which I guess is why God gives us a season - seven

weeks up till Pentecost - to allow this stupendous fact of the Resurrection to sink into us, call out a response from us.

Enjoy your Easter eggs, your Easter bonnets, your egg-pacing; in fact, have a great Easter. But don't let the Resurrection pass you by. It's the gateway to what Jesus calls 'life in all its fullness'.



Cry God for Harry!

The cross of St George, the flag of England, should be celebrated as a symbol of unity in our nation, rooted in our Christian heritage, a group of leading Church of England bishops from across the country have said.

In a joint statement, they urge people to embrace or rediscover our Christian heritage but also call for a fresh recognition of the meaning of the cross as the symbol of God's love for everyone.

They warn against the use of Christian symbols to intimidate others and call for a "mature debate" on the different impacts of migration, noting that churches can act as "spaces where different response to immigration can be listened to with respect and dignity".

The statement is issued by a working group of seven bishops set up late last year at the request of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to consider questions of national unity and diversity amid concerns about polarisation within society, as well as equipping local churches to help bridge divides.

Prompted by widespread discussion about the displays of flags in communities across England last summer and autumn, they say: "We rejoice

that the flag of St George is the national flag of England and contains a cross as a sign of our Christian heritage.

"This heritage should be celebrated.

"However, the flag cannot be owned by any one group or cause. Rather it is a symbol of unity, inclusion and our common life around which we

Drawing from their own experience of inter-faith engagement, the bishops argue that "the vast majority" of people of all backgrounds and faiths accept the country's Christian heritage and "want to unite behind the flag as a symbol of national unity and inclusion, based on our Christian



heritage and broader values of respect, compassion and care for all."

And they make a central invitation to people to come to their local church to explore the "true significance of the cross of Jesus Christ".

"There is little point claiming it as our heritage if we don't understand its meaning," they write.

"Thousands of local churches across the country stand ready to explore this meaning with people of all backgrounds in the communities we continue to serve."

all gather."

They warn against the use of Christian symbols, such as the cross or flags to intimidate others, observing: "Sadly, in recent months, we have seen these symbols used by people who, far from working for unity in the nation, are seeking to sow division and misunderstanding.

"This leaves many in our society feeling anxious and afraid and is a long way from loving our neighbour in the way that Jesus taught."

Parish Pump †

Breakfast With Jesus

“It is the Lord!” (John 21:7)
There is something very reassuring in the simple scene by Galilee’s lake, described on that post-Easter morning. Taking place there was the birth of a mighty world-wide adventure that has not ended yet! Was there ever a breakfast like it? They’d been fishing all night, but in vain.... until they heard a distant call from the shore: “How are you doing, guys?”

There is even the little detail in the instructions from the beach that it was to be on the right side of the boat that the net should be thrown out this time.

That Stranger. That voice! Suddenly the net was full of wriggling fish. It was like coming in at the start of the film again – (see Luke 5:6). Then Peter’s hundred-yard

splash to the shore... the charcoal fire and ‘large’ tilapia fish. Then the typical action of fishermen in counting the catch. How the Bible teems with stories.

And now breakfast on the beach, with Jesus Christ! It was a re-commissioning for the apostle Peter, who only days earlier had denied any knowledge of Jesus. From now on it would be different. “Feed my sheep,” said Jesus.

1. Whose call but Christ’s call? Peter would never be the same again. Those who have truly heard the call of Christ, will still be standing firm when revolutions explode, when finances plunge, when a church falls apart, when a country falls apart.

2. Whose word but Christ’s word? ‘Feed my sheep,’ were His words. Whoever we may

be teaching, Christ’s servant is to see to it that what is taught is Christ’s word and not one’s own. The power that brings forgiveness and resurrection life can only come from one source!

3. Whose flock, but Christ’s flock? ‘MY lambs... MY sheep’ – they were never ours! Realise this – and so much of the conflicts that can occur between the friends of Jesus will cease overnight.

Can you smell the tilapia fish grilling on that little fire by Galilee’s beach? The Stranger on the shore is calling YOU. Along with John, dripping wet in the boat, recognise that He is no stranger. “It is the Lord.”

Parish Pump †

What’s Orange, Sticky & Worth Preserving?

This month sees National Marmalade Week (18th – 25th April). If you really want to celebrate, go to Dalemain Mansion and Gardens in Cumbria, where they hold the World Marmalade Awards & Festival. It celebrates, preserves and promotes artisanal marmalades, with thousands of entries. (Even Paddington Bear will be in attendance!)

If you like marmalade, ever wonder where it comes from? One tradition traces it to a storm-damaged Spanish ship which took refuge in Dundee Harbour in 1700. It was full

of Seville oranges that the captain was desperate to sell before they went mouldy. A local down-on-luck merchant, one James Keiller, bought the lot. He didn’t know what to do with the oranges either, but fortunately he had a resourceful wife. She set about turning a shipload of Seville oranges into a preserve, and so the first marmalade factory was born.

Marmalade has been at the heart of British breakfasts for centuries. Winston Churchill fought the Second World War on it (washed down with a flute of Pol Roger each

morning). DH Lawrence wrote novels on it. Paddington Bear’s sandwiches were all marmalade. If you also want to get your fingers sticky, visit: www.marmaladeawards.com.

Parish Pump †



Mothers' Union

In March we had a very entertaining talk from Rita Braithwaite. Rita explained that she had had many different jobs, but one that lasted for about 30 years was housekeeping at a large house in Teesdale.

Rita and her husband applied to be housekeeper and farm manager on an estate, and when they were accepted for the posts her mum's comment was, "it's a good job they've not seen your bedroom". Rita was also lacking in the skill of cooking as apparently at the Bar Convent, where she was a pupil, they didn't expect ladies to have to cook for themselves and she'd had no cookery lessons. It seems that Rita enjoyed her job but regaled us with several instances of how the household saved money in the 1970s. They were still using utility blankets from the Second World War, and they had an original Hoover which was made of metal and very heavy. On the plus side the Hoover would overheat after



two hours, and so cups of tea and coffee could be enjoyed whilst it cooled down.

Our next meeting is on the 9th April, where the MU Wave of Prayer will be used. Looking further ahead we may partake

in Takeover Sunday in June. (All will be revealed later).

Jill Clarke †
On behalf of
Brayton Mothers' Union

Hymns for people aged 70 plus

Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up

Just A Slower Walk With Thee

Go Tell It On The Mountain, But Speak Up

Nobody Knows The Trouble I Have Seeing

Guide Me O Great Redeemer: I've Forgotten Where I've Parked The Car

Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One

When We All Get To Heaven, I'll Have A Nice Sit Down.

Jerusalem! I've Found My Hearing Aids!

Love Lift Me Up. My Knees Hurt

Blessed Insurance

Poor Thomas Between Sundays

I'm lost and bewildered,
All hope is now gone.
I cannot imagine
How life can go on.

My mind's in a turmoil,
I can't understand
How this could
have happened
To so good a man.

I'm tortured by thoughts of
Him hung on that tree;
The thorns and the nails;
In His face – agony.

It happened so quickly,
I still can't believe
He's dead and He's buried,
What did that achieve?

My friends are now saying
That Jesus has risen,
'We've seen Him and
heard Him,
He's out of death's prison!'

Howard Webber

I'd like to believe them,
I'm sure you would too,
But claims like
they're making
Just cannot be true.

Whilst no-one likes losing
A valuable friend,
There's no point pretending
The end's not the end.

They think they have
met Him,
But senses deceive;
Come. Show me His
wounds, then
Perhaps I'd believe.



Church Flowers

The General Synod recently backed a Diocesan Synod Motion from the Diocese of Worcester encouraging churches and cathedrals to explore ways of arranging flowers that are both beautiful and environmentally responsible.

The Sustainable Church Flowers movement began as a grassroots initiative in the small rural parish of Harpley, Worcestershire, when volunteers started exploring how traditional flower arranging methods could reflect the Church's commitment to caring for creation. It has since grown into a national and ecumenical network offering practical support to parishes, arrangers and clergy.

It encourages churches, wherever possible, to consider

using seasonal, locally sourced flowers and foliage, and to phase out single use floral foam - a 1950s era plastic product which cannot be recycled or composted, sheds micro particles when handled, and contains the equivalent of up to ten carrier bags' worth of plastic per block. The Royal Horticultural Society has already prohibited floral foam at its shows, including Chelsea, since 2021.

The motion highlights long established alternatives such as reusable vessels, twigs, moss, chicken wire, and metal "frogs", which for centuries enabled churches to create arrangements without single use plastics. It also celebrates the creativity of volunteers and the opportunity to support local growers and

community gardens.

The Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick, said: "The Sustainable Church Flowers movement rejoices in flowers and foliage in church, and encourages us to source them locally and seasonally wherever possible: remember Jesus on that hillside, rejoice in what's around you. Think simple, natural, beautiful."

The Sustainable Church Flowers provides online resources, tutorials and local ambassadors. More at: <https://suschurchflowers.com>

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Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday (2nd April) is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before His death: the washing of His own disciples' feet (see John 13). Jesus washed His disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be

an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.

Jesus and His close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as He, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last

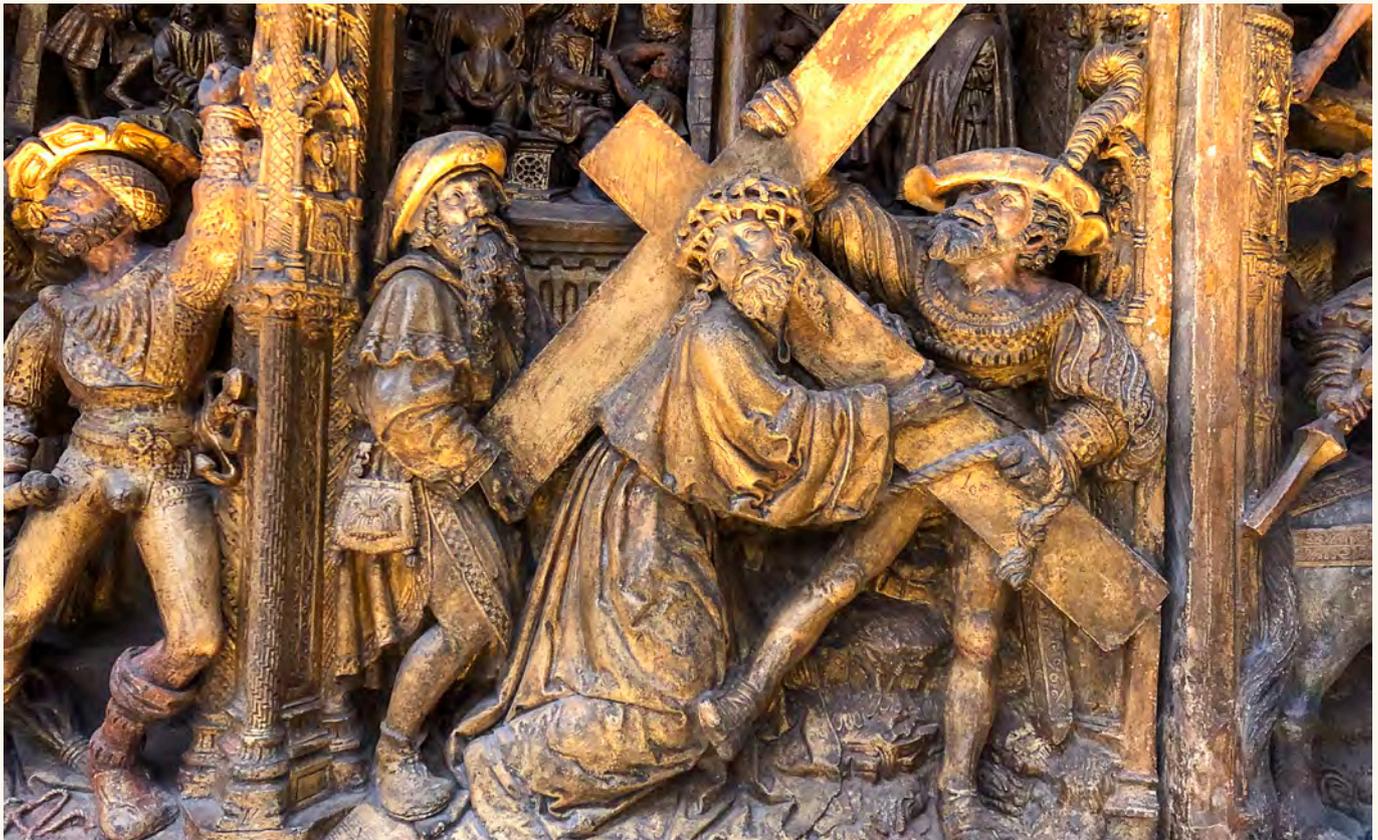
Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

Parish Pump †



A Maundy 4d Coin

What's the Big Idea: Lamentations



The Book of Lamentations consists of five laments over the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of Judah's leading inhabitants to Babylon. Tradition ascribes the book to Jeremiah, who witnessed Jerusalem's destruction in 586 BC. Each lament is an acrostic i.e. each verse begins in order with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet (except the fifth).

The themes of the laments can be summarised as follows: Jerusalem in Agony (1); the LORD's Anger (2); Judah's complaint against Adversity (3); Jerusalem's Anxiety (4); and Judah's prayer to the Almighty (5). Lamentations portrays the overwhelming sense of loss that accompanied the destruction of the city, along with its Temple with its worship and sacrifices.

However, the book is not simply concerned about Jerusalem's destruction, but for the lessons that can be learned from it.

Jeremiah sees the Babylonians as human agents of God's judgment upon Judah's sin. It was God Himself who destroyed the city and temple. However, God's action was not arbitrary, for the people had deliberately sinned against Him and broken their covenant with Him. Although the people's tears and cries for vengeance are understandable, God looks for a sincere heartfelt sorrow from the people. The book begins with lament, 'How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she who once was great among the nations!' (1:1), but finishes with repentance, 'Restore us to

yourself, Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old' (5:21).

However, in the middle of the book there is a reminder of God's goodness and faithfulness: 'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' (3:22-23).

Canon Paul Hardingham †



Reflecting Faith: Same Old, Same Old



Last time I wrote I suggested you listened carefully to your own internal thoughts and feelings before and after listening to a sermon – be it in church live or on a video or broadcast. Well, here we are at Easter, and guess what the sermon subject is likely to be? **Christ is risen – He is risen indeed!**

In so many ways it really could be ‘same old, same old’ and the preacher could just repeat last year’s sermon. Let’s face it, nothing will have changed in the Easter story in the last 12 months.

Or has it? For me, and I suspect for most folks, 12 months can be a ‘long’ time; and things change in our lives. Babies are born, youngsters change school, teenagers leave school, young people move out, friends die, accidents

happen, and pains and sorrows come and go.

Around all of that personal business the world turns: there are holidays, seasons, catastrophes, people hurting people, people caring for others and on and on it goes.

Things might repeat but they are never truly ‘the same’.

So it is with the Easter story. **Christ is risen – He is risen indeed!** Really? In the midst of my life and the world around me? In the centre of your life and your community?

Is it any less amazing today than it was last year, or the year before, or a decade previously or when the women went to the tomb that first Resurrection Day?

In so many ways I need to hear this story again – but anew. New, not just because the preacher will (hopefully)

have made it register with what’s happening around my small community today and new because I am not the same person I was a year ago – for better or worse!

I shall hear those words differently this year than ever before. **Christ is risen – He is risen indeed!**

Revd Dr Jo White †

This Month

Before you listen to this year’s Easter Sermon, think about the changes you’ve had in your life since last year and the world around us.

How much more do you need a living Christ today? May you say in your depths, with me:

Christ is risen – He is risen indeed!

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Creation holds collective breath
In darkness, cold and deep;
Has hope and joy been claimed by death?
Has love been laid to sleep?
The solid seal, the heavy stone
The chill of Friday's gloom
Leave faith to flicker all alone
Beside a borrowed tomb.

But, as the night begins to fray
The soldiers faint with fright!
An angel rolls the stone away
At dawn's first glint of light.
No linen shroud can hold Him now
The grave has lost its prize,
No thorns are seen upon His brow
As Love and Triumph rise!

Let hallelujahs wake the earth!
Let bell-sound rend the skies!
For Christ has won our second birth
By His triumphant rise!
The empty tomb, the open door
Proclaim the darkness gone;
Death was defeated evermore
On Easter's glorious dawn!

Nigel Beeton

From the Parish Registers

Church Floodlights

St Wilfrid's Church was, or will be, illuminated on:

7th March

Loving Birthday Memories of Gwynne Richardson

15th March

In Loving Birthday Memories of Ena Thompson

16th April

In Loving Birthday Memories of Bob Chappell

21st April

In loving memory of John Leedham

If you would like the church illuminated to celebrate a birth, baptism, birthday, marriage, anniversary, or the life of a loved one please contact Pat Griffiths on 01757 705793

Funerals

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

23rd February

Jonas Smith (Bimbo) (72) at St Wilfrid's

24th February

Philip Morris (79) at St Wilfrid's

2nd March

David Egbert Lee (91) at Pontefract Crematorium

2nd March

Tracey Collinson at St Wilfrid's

11th March

Kay Enion (80) at St Wilfrid's

17th March

Joyce Wood (90) at St Wilfrid's

23rd March

Geoff Hough (81) at St Francis'

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Why do people who know the least, know it the loudest?

Anon

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Service Roster for March

St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 1st April

Wednesday of Holy Week

9:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday

10:30am Holy Communion

Tuesday 7th April

10:30am Holy Communion at

Fernbank Court

Wednesday 8th April

9:30am NO SERVICE

Sunday 12th April

Second Sunday of Easter

10:30am Holy Communion

Monday 13th April

10:30am Holy Communion at **St**

Wilfrid's Court

Wednesday 15th April

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th April

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30am Joint Celtic Holy

Communion at **St Francis**

Wednesday 22nd April

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter plus

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10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 29th April

9:30am Holy Communion

St Francis

Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday

10am Holy Communion

Friday 3rd April

2pm At the Foot of the Cross

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday

10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 9th April

10am NO SERVICE

Sunday 12th April

Second Sunday of Easter

10:30am Methodist led Holy

Communion

Thursday 16th April

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th April

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30am Joint Celtic Holy

Communion at **St Francis**

Thursday 23rd April

St George's Day

10am Methodist led Holy

Communion

Sunday 26th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30am Morning Prayer

Thursday 30th April

10am Holy Communion

Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 5th April

8:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 12th April

10:30am United Service **with**

Burn

Sunday 19th April

10:30am United Service **at Burn**

Sunday 26th April

10:30am Morning Worship

Burn

Sunday 5th April

10:30am United Service **at**

Hambleton

Sunday 12th April

10:30am United Service **at**

Brayton

Sunday 19th April

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 26th April

10:30am United Service **at**

Hambleton

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 12th April

10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd April

10am Holy Communion



Coffee Corner

Saturday 4th April
10am - 11:15am
St Francis Church

Join us for top-notch refreshments, cake stall, books, and convivial company! **Pat**

Community Lunch

Wednesday 1st April
12noon-1:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

A simple lunch of soup, bread roll, and a dessert **with custard** for only £5 **Pat**

Craft Group Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th April
10am - 11:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

This month we will have Easter crafts for sale. A get together with good company, coffee and cakes. We hope to see you there! **June**

Coffeemates

Wednesday 29th April
10am - 12noon
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Join us for tea, coffee and fantastic homemade cakes! **Lynn**

Coffee for All

Every Tuesday
10am-11:30am
St Francis Church

Come along for coffee, tea and a chat. Everyone is welcome. **Pauline**

Methodist Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th April
10am-11:30am
Brayton Methodist Chapel

Proceeds this month will go to Diabetes UK. All are welcome to join us for a coffee and a chat **Lorraine**

Wellbeing

Tea@Two

Thursday 16th April
2pm-4pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

An afternoon of coffee, tea, cake and chat. Tickets only £8. **Pat**

Soup and a Song

Friday 24th April
10:30am-1pm
St Francis Church

Memory letting you down? Caring for someone with memory problems? Lonely or know someone who is? Enjoy a good sing-song? Join our happy group for an hour of song & fun, then share a meal of soup, butties and cake. 07921255988. **Rosemary**

Churchyard Tidying

Saturday 25th April
9:30am-12noon
St Wilfrid's Churchyard

Come and help maintain the flower borders, cut back the brambles, and empty the rubbish bins! Live the dream! **John**

Crafty Folks

St Wilfrid's Craft Group

Tuesday 14th April
2pm–4pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Everyone welcome, come along for good company and a cuppa. You may learn a new craft! **June**

St Wilfrid's Stitchers Group

Monday 27th April
1:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

We meet on the last Monday in the month. We enjoy any type of sewing, cross stitch, and embroidery of any kind, as well as patchwork. All welcome, further details from 01757 705793. **Pat**

St Francis Crafters

Every Wednesday
2pm-4pm
St Francis Church

We meet every Wednesday to knit, sew, crochet, craft and natter. Everyone is welcome! Or come along if you just want to chat! Contact me for more information on 01757 703892. **Margaret**

Women Matters

Mothers' Union

Thursday 9th April
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

At our next meeting we are using the "Wave of Prayer". **Jill**

Brayton WI

Monday 13th April
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

This month our speaker will be Jo Sharp telling us about "Women Pioneers in Science". Call me on 07840 750844 for more information. **Jean**

Camera, Action!

Cake, Coffee, Movie

Friday 17th April
10am - 12noon
St Francis Church

We encourage people to come along and socialise over coffee & cake. Doors open at 10am with lots of refreshments followed by the film starting at 10.30am. **Jan**

Play Reading

Tuesday 28th April
7pm–9pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

This month we shall read through some cutting edge drama, probably by Samuel Beckett or Alan Ayckbourn. **Helen**



St Wilfrid's Notices

St Wilfrid's Spring Fair

This year's St Wilfrid's Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 16th May, 2pm to 4pm. We hope you will be able to come along to join us and see what is going on. Please support this important fundraising event for St Wilfrid's! It will be great fun with lots going on, singing entertainment from Bourn Theatre Arts, things to join in with, see and buy! Would anyone like to run a church plant stall or any children's games? Other fun, fundraising stall ideas welcome! We also need prizes for the tombola.

Lis Middup

St Wilfrid's Situations Vacant

An amazing opportunity has arisen for a dynamic and forward looking person to expand their literary, interpersonal, and baking skills! The current PCC Secretary is standing down at the APCM, and a replacement is sought! Training will be given - in minute taking and baking if required. Apply in writing, or in person, to Ruth Breeze.

We also have vacancies in the communications department starting 1st May 2026, covering Parish printing, producing the weekly Pew & Reading Sheets, and the Monthly magazine *Connected*. More details from John Clarke

St Francis' Notices

Coffee, Cake and Movie @ St Francis

3rd Friday in each month: next showing 17th April 2026. Doors open at 10am with lots of refreshments followed by the film starting at 10.30am. We encourage people to come along and socialise over coffee & cake. Contact me on (01757) 707987, or tetleyjan@gmail.com for more details.

Jan Tetley

When a boy marries, two opinions prevail in the home that he is leaving - his mother thinks that he is throwing himself away, and his sisters know that the girl is.

Anon

#TheParishEastersPast



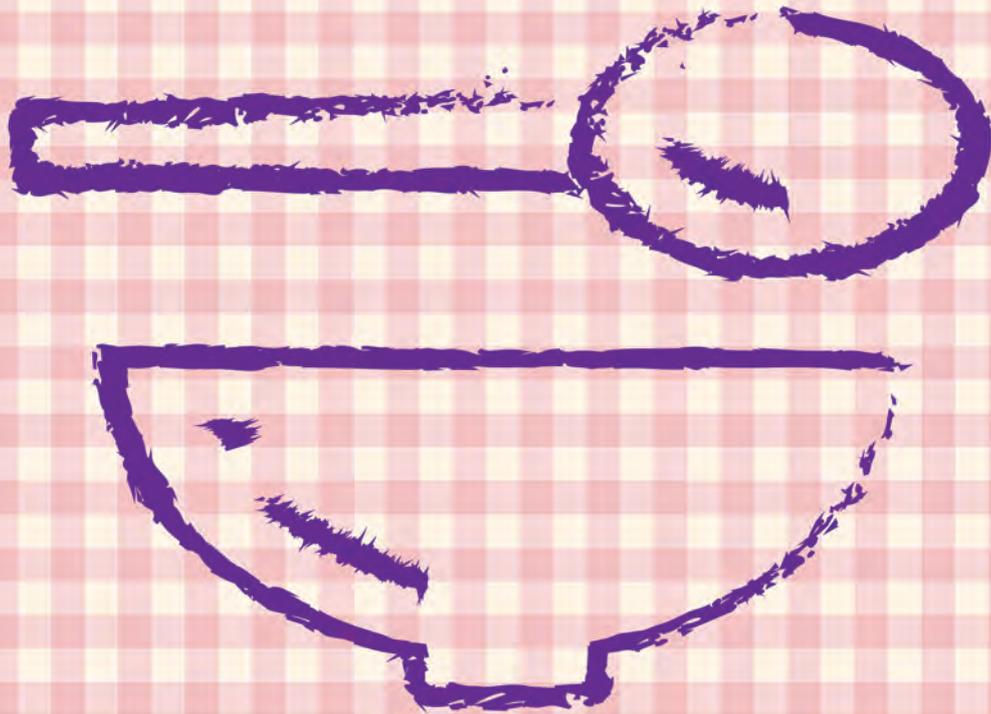
A selection of photographs of Easter activities from 2018. A splendid 'find the Easter Egg' game at St Francis, Sue Beevers getting stuck into a well earned

cuppa after creating the Easter Garden at St Wilfrid's, and Revd. Pete lighting candles at the early morning 5:30am vigil, also at St Wilfrid's. That was the year

that we had bacon butties and champagne afterwards!

John Clarke †

Community Lunch!



**Wednesday 1st April
12noon to 1:30pm in the
Parish Hall. Enjoy good
company plus soup and
dessert for only £5**

FOLLOW ALBERT! THE GREAT ST FRANCIS QUIZ NIGHT & SUPPER!

**SAT 11TH APRIL
7PM, FOX LANE, THORPE
TEAMS OF 6 PEOPLE
£8 PER PERSON
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
CALL SHIRLEY (707380)
OR JOAN (708128)!**



St Wilfrid's Spring Fair

16th May 2026
2pm - 4pm

Many stalls including
crafts, tombola, cakes,
jewellery, hand made
cards, refreshments,
games & activities
for children

Musical Entertainment
by Bourn Theatre Arts

St Wilfrid's Church, Brayton
For more details contact
Lis Middup 07770 440 214
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WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL

FROM 10AM TILL 12NOON

IN ST WILFRID'S PARISH HALL,

COFFEE, CAKE &
GREAT COMPANY!