



Darlington and Teesdale  
**Methodist** Circuit

**Darlington and Teesdale Circuit (I3/I)**  
**Registered Charity Number: 1132005**  
**PLAN: MARCH - MAY 2024**

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Michael Card wrote:

*“We have so many pictures in our minds of what a faithful life should look like. Unfortunately, the images we have conjured up flirt with fantasy when they must eventually embrace reality. Nothing ushers us towards this truth quicker than a painful situation, especially one we cannot control. What do we do when we walk faithfully and still suffer? How do we express our sorrow, confusion, anger, and doubt in prayer?”*



I have seen so many of our good Methodist people in that place, a place where there has been a good deal of struggle and the question has been asked by many of our loving brothers and sisters of the congregations “Why? O Lord, why?”

If we reflect upon the lives of those in the Bible who have encountered suffering, we learn the relevance of lament in our own lives. We worship a God who is not a Kwik Fit Fitter, or a Mr Fix-It, we worship a God of reality who feels what we feel, even more acutely. A God who sees the injustice of it all yet draws alongside with a tangible presence. I am not saying that God does not heal, but is healing always cure? The Lord begins His loving healing right where we are, in the confusion and shock of it all.

We may find ourselves in the position of not knowing what to pray, or if we even can pray. What unspeakable peace belongs to men and women, alone in creation, that when there are simply no words, no clear thoughts, no appropriate physical expressions... there are ‘sighs too deep for words’...and the promise of the Presence “*I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*”

Our Lenten studies walk us through the many prayers offered by Jesus, His disciples and the people whom He encountered? Sunday 5th May 2024 is Vocations Sunday, a day to think especially about our different vocations as followers of Jesus. Are you sensing God’s call upon you to lead others in prayer? Maybe a Worship Leader or a Local Preacher? If so, speak to your Minister, or a friend who leads worship about discerning a call.

With love and many prayers

Rev. Graham Cutler

SPRING 2024 PLAN NO: 238	MARCH					APRIL				MAY			
	3rd	10th	17th	24th Palm Sunday	31st Easter Sunday 7am GC	7th	14th	21st	28th	5th	12th	19th	26th
B. Castle 10:30am	G. Cutler HC	J. Selley	LA	LA	A. Coustick HC	G. Cutler	LA	Lorne Tallentire	J. Selley	B. Hutton	G Cutler HC	S. Sleightholme	B. Simpson
3pm													
Barton 10:30am	A. Coustick	G. Cutler HC	LA	J. Collins	K. George HC	At Parish Church	A. Coustick	C. Nurse T	B. Simpson	G. Cutler HC	P. Collins	LA	LA
Cockerton 10:30am	S. Sutcliffe	T. Boocock/ C. Roberts HC	K. George	Lorne Tallentire	C. Roberts HC	C. Roberts B	P. Law	T. Boocock / B. Simpson	LA	Ian Tallentire	J. Collins	T. Boocock / C. Roberts HC	C. Roberts
Elm Ridge 10:30am	K. George HC	J. Howard	T. Boocock / J. Howard	P. Collins	T. Boocock / J. Howard HC B	LA	J. Collins	K. George	J. Howard	<b>TBC</b>	T. Boocock / Yemi HC	C. Nurse T	LA
6pm						J. Howard				Easter Offering Service			
Haughton 10:30am	Ian Tallentire	LA	@ St. Andrews	B. Hutton HC	J. Bower HC	J. Collins	Yemi	A. Coustick	K. George	P. Collins	A. Coustick HC	B. Hutton CA	B. Hutton B
3pm													
H. Hill 10:30am	J. Howard HC	LA	B. Hutton P	Ian Tallentire	Yemi HC	LA	P. Collins	P. Law	B. Hutton HC	Lorne Tallentire	E. Morgan	@ Haughton	G. Cutler
Hurworth 10am	R. Andrew HC	B. Hutton P	S. Sleightholme	Yemi	B. Hutton HC	J. Howard	B. Carter	S. Sutcliffe	C. Nurse T	<b>TBC</b>	B. Hutton HC	B. Simpson	LA
Staindrop 10:30am	Lorne Tallentire	-	G. Cutler HC	C. Nurse T	J. Selley	B. Simpson	-	Ian Tallentire	A. Coustick	B. Carter	-	LA	J. Bower
6pm		P. Law					J. Howard HC				G. Cutler HC		
The Pathway 10:30am	-	Ian Tallentire	J. Tarn	G. Cutler UTCT	G. Cutler HC	-	LA	G. Cutler HC	LA	-	J. Tarn	G. Cutler HC	A. Coustick
2:30pm	D. Coggrave AT					S. Walton AT				J. Howard AT			
The Well 10:30am	B. Hutton HC	G. Bright	G. Bright	G. Bright	S. Sutcliffe	LA	G. Bright	B. Hutton HC	S. Sutcliffe	J. Selley	G. Bright	G. Bright	Yemi HC
Telephone Service 9am	B. Simpson	A. Coustick	G. Cutler	M. Bagnall	M. Bagnall	S. Walton	Lorne Tallentire	M. Bagnall	TBC	J. Howard	M. Bagnall	S. Walton	M. Bagnall
Media Service	G. Bright	Ian Tallentire	G. Cutler	A. Coustick	B. Hutton	J. Collins	D. Coggrave	J. Selley	S. Sleightholme	P. Collins	G. Cutler	J. Howard	B. Hutton

**PLAN CODES**

CA Church Anniversary  
 HC Holy Communion  
 P Parade Service

LA Local Arrangement  
 T Transport needed  
 AT Afternoon Tea

## Darlington Churches Hymn Books and Facilities

Barnard Castle	H&P, MPC, StF	CCLI ref: 3390	WL
Barton	H&P, MPcp		
Cockerton	StF, Pro	CCLI ref 74365	WL
Elm Ridge	StF, H&P, MPcp, Pro	CCLI ref 32479	WL
Haughton	StF, H&P, MP	CCLI ref 561024	
H. Hill	StF, H&P, MPcp, Pro	CCLI ref 88557	WL
Hurworth	H&P, MPCp, Pro	CCLI ref 252950	WL
Staindrop	H&P, SoF, StF		
The Pathway	H&P, SoF, StF	CCLI ref: 20247	WL
The Well	StF, H&P, JP, MPcb, Pro	CCLI ref: 828243	WL

### Key:

H&P	Hymns and Psalms
StF	Singing the Faith
MPcp	Mission Praise Complete
MPcb	Mission Praise Combined
Pro	Fixed Projector available, contact Steward for details
WL	Worship Leader/s available, contact Steward for details

### Church Stewards / Contact

Barnard Castle	Margaret Wills
Barton	Joan Marwood Marjorie Brentley - Hymns
Cockerton	Alison Hunter
Elm Ridge	Linda Gallop Tony Allen
Harrowgate Hill	Brian Simpson
Haughton	Valerie Tooth Ann Thubron
Hurworth	Eric Miller Hazel Neasham
Staindrop	Julia Petty
Pathway	Ruth Tallentire
Well	Graham Bright

## Local Preachers

Jean Sharp*	1960
David Hogg*	1963
Philip Law	1964
Sheila Walton	1964
David Armstrong*	1964
Beryl Coatsworth*	1964
Barbara Carter	1970
Lorne Tallentire	1976
Ian Tallentire	1979
Audrey Williams*	1986
Jennie Collins	1987
Peter Collins	1987
Christine Nurse	1990
Susan Jaleel	1990
Margaret Wearmouth*	1998
Pam Martin*	1999
Bill Bartle	2002
Debs Coggrave	2004
Janet Stark*	2004
Margaret Bower *	2006
Graham Bright	2006
Brian Simpson	2011
Stephen Sutcliffe	2015
Jenny Selley	2019

\* retired or currently not active

## Worship Leaders

Josie Pollard	Barnard Castle
Judith Tarn	The Pathway
Jan Cossins	Cockerton
Peter Gallop	Elm Ridge
Ali Dinsdale	Elm Ridge
Sue Seightholme	Elm Ridge
Mary Everitt*	Elm Ridge
Mary Haves*	Elm Ridge
Eric Miller	Hurworth
Jane Miller	Hurworth
Hazel Neasham	Hurworth
Lyn Hatch	Hurworth
Ben Connor	The Well
Morvyn Sanderson	The Well
Helen Hamilton	Harrowgate Hill

## Lectionary Readings for this Quarter

3rd March	Exodus 20: 1-17	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	John 2: 13-22
10th Mar	Numbers 21: 4-9	Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2: 1-10	John 3: 14-21
17th Mar	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Psalm 51: 1-12	Hebrews 5: 5-10	John 12: 20-33
24th Mar	Mark 11: 1-11	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	Mark 14: 1 - 15:47
31st Mar	Acts 10: 34-43	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	John 20: 1-18
7th April	Acts 4: 32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1: 1 - 2:2	John 20: 19-31
14th April	Acts 3: 12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3: 1-7	Luke 24: 36b-48
21st April	Acts 4: 5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3: 16-24	John 10: 11-18
28th April	Acts 8: 26-40	Psalm 22: 25-31	1 John 4: 7-21	John 15: 1-8
5th May	Acts 10: 44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5: 1-6	John 15: 9-17
12th May	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5: 9-13	John 17: 6-19
19th May	Acts 2: 1-21	Psalm 104: 23-34	Romans 8: 22-27	John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
26th May	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8: 12-17	John 3: 1-17

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