

Darlington and Teesdale
Methodist Circuit

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PLAN: MARCH - MAY 2025

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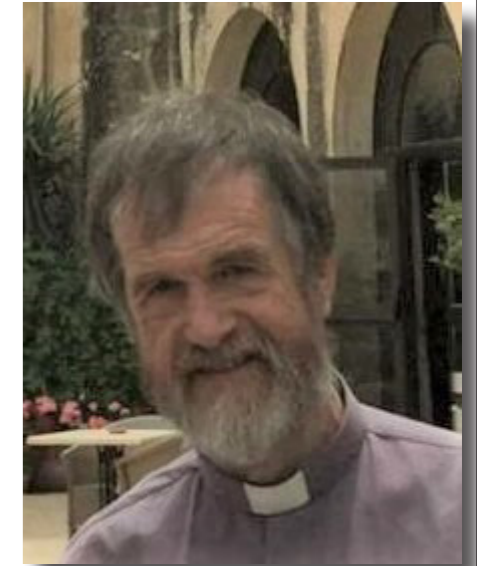
SPRING 2025 PLAN NO: 242	MARCH					APRIL				MAY			
	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th Mothers' Day	6th	13th Palm Sunday	20th Easter Sunday	27th	4th	11th	18th	25th
B. Castle 10:30am	G. Cutler HC	J. Selley	K. George	G. Cutler B	P. Collins	J. Howard	LA	J. Howard HC	S. Jaleel	A. Coustick	C. Nurse T	L. Daynes	Yemi HC / T
Barton 10:30am	J. Howard	G. Hume	G. Cutler HC	Yemi T	C. Nurse T	@ Parish Church	B. Carter	A. Coustick HC	Lorne Tallentire	B. Simpson	Ian Tallentire	S. Jaleel	K. George HC
Cockerton 10:30am	B. Simpson	C. Roberts	P. Clarke	C. Roberts HC	S. Sutcliffe	C. Roberts	Yemi T	C. Roberts HC	P. Collins	C. Roberts	J. Collins Ladies Group	C. Roberts HC	A. Coustick
Elm Ridge 10:30am	R. Burley	J. Howard	A. Coustick HC	Housegroup	P. Clarke P	R. Burley	P. Clarke P	P. Clarke HC	J. Collins	R. Burley	J. Howard	P. Clarke HC	Ian Tallentire
6pm						G. Hume					4pm Songs of Praise J. Howard		
Haughton 10:30am	J. Selley	LA	B. Carter	S. Sutcliffe	G. Hume HC	K. George	10am @ St. Andrews B. Simpson	G. Hume HC	J. Howard	Ian Tallentire	Yemi T	G. Morgan CA	G. Hume HC
3pm			WAVE					WAVE					WAVE
Hurworth 10am	S. Sutcliffe	LA	G. Hume HC	J. Howard	B. Simpson	Ian Tallentire	G. Hume P	K. George HC	C. Nurse T	J. Selley	P. Collins	G. Hume HC	Lorne Tallentire
Staindrop 10:30am	A. Coustick	-	C. Nurse T	A. Coustick	J. Howard HC	J. Collins	-	B. Simpson	LA	K. George HC	Lorne Tallentire	-	C Nurse T
6pm		G. Cutler					J. Howard HC					Ian Tallentire	
The Pathway 10:30am	Anglican Service	G. Cutler HC	B. Simpson	L. Daynes	UTCT	Anglican Service	J. Howard	Yemi HC / T	J. Tarn	Anglican Service	LA	A. Coustick Christian Aid	J. Tarn
2:30pm	J. Howard AT / HC					P. Collins AT	3pm Family Celebration			J. Howard AT			
The Well 10:30am	G. Hume HC	Yemi T	J. Selley	G. Bright	G. Bright	G. Hume HC	G. Bright P	10am S. Sutcliffe	LA	J. Howard	G. Hume HC	Ian Tallentire	G. Bright
Telephone Service 9am	M. Bagnall	M. Bagnall	S. Walton	M. Bagnall	Lorne Tallentire	J. Howard	M. Bagnall	TBC	Ian Tallentire	TBC	M. Bagnall	TBC	M. Bagnall
Media Service	G. Hume	G. Cutler	Ian Tallentire	J. Howard	G. Cutler	J. Collins	A. Coustick	Revs John Gavin	TBC	J. Selley	P. Collins	A. Coustick	G. Hume

PLAN CODES

HC Holy Communion
P Parade Service

LA Local Arrangement
T Transport needed
AT Afternoon Tea

VP Visiting Preacher
CA Church Anniversary



Dear Friends,

Lent, the Passion and Easter. No part of the Christian year is so endued with theology as these three seasons in the life of the church.

Easter sees us reflecting upon the unique act of God in resurrecting Jesus. On the third day God vindicates all that Jesus has done and all that He has been - His nature as God incarnate is seen clearly. For the disciples it was perhaps the first time that they recognised this. For Christians ever since the first Easter, the witness of the apostles affirms that the man Jesus, was not simply human, though He was certainly that, but also divine. The knowledge of the resurrection transformed the disciples and has the power to transform every one of us today. Easter stands four square as the pinnacle of the church's year.

The Passion, the two weeks leading up to Good Friday, show the agony of the human Jesus. Culminating in the cry from the cross "My God, My God why has thou forsaken me," (Mark 15:34) the crucifixion - the desertion of all around Him, even the disciples desert Him, and the words of Psalm 22 echo His sense of dereliction. The man of love stands alone. Deserted and lost, He faces His agony with no-one by His side. What can it mean for God incarnate to cry out in despair?

Lent looks ahead to the season approaching. How can we be prepared for events such as those recorded in Jerusalem, as Jesus faces his enemies 2,000 years ago? Prayer, fasting, giving up something we enjoy, sharing in Lent studies, simple personal preparation - all have their part. Freeing ourselves as much as we can from the ordinary routine of church life - we are encouraged to find a little extra time for spiritual discipline. Lent offers a peace in the midst of conflict, a peace we perhaps need more than ever in this year, 2025.

By the end of this Plan we will almost be ready for Pentecost, but for now we enter the season of repentance. May we draw close to Jesus as He journeys to the cross.

Rev. John Howard

Lectionary

2 March

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Ash Wednesday 5 March

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

9 March

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

16 March

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Luke 13:31-35

23 March

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

30 March

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

6 April

First Sunday of the Passion
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

13 April

Entry into Jerusalem
Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14 – 23:56
or Luke 23:1-49

20 April

Acts 10:34-43
or Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18
or Luke 24:1-12

27 April

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
or Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

4 May

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

11 May

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

18 May

Aldersgate Sunday
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

25 May

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5
John 14:23-29
or John 5:1-9

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