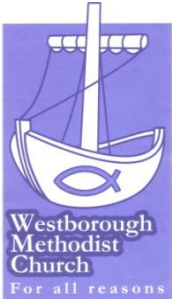


## **BEING CHURCH – Newsletter 54**

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021- PALM SUNDAY

**WESTBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH**

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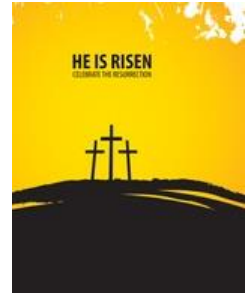


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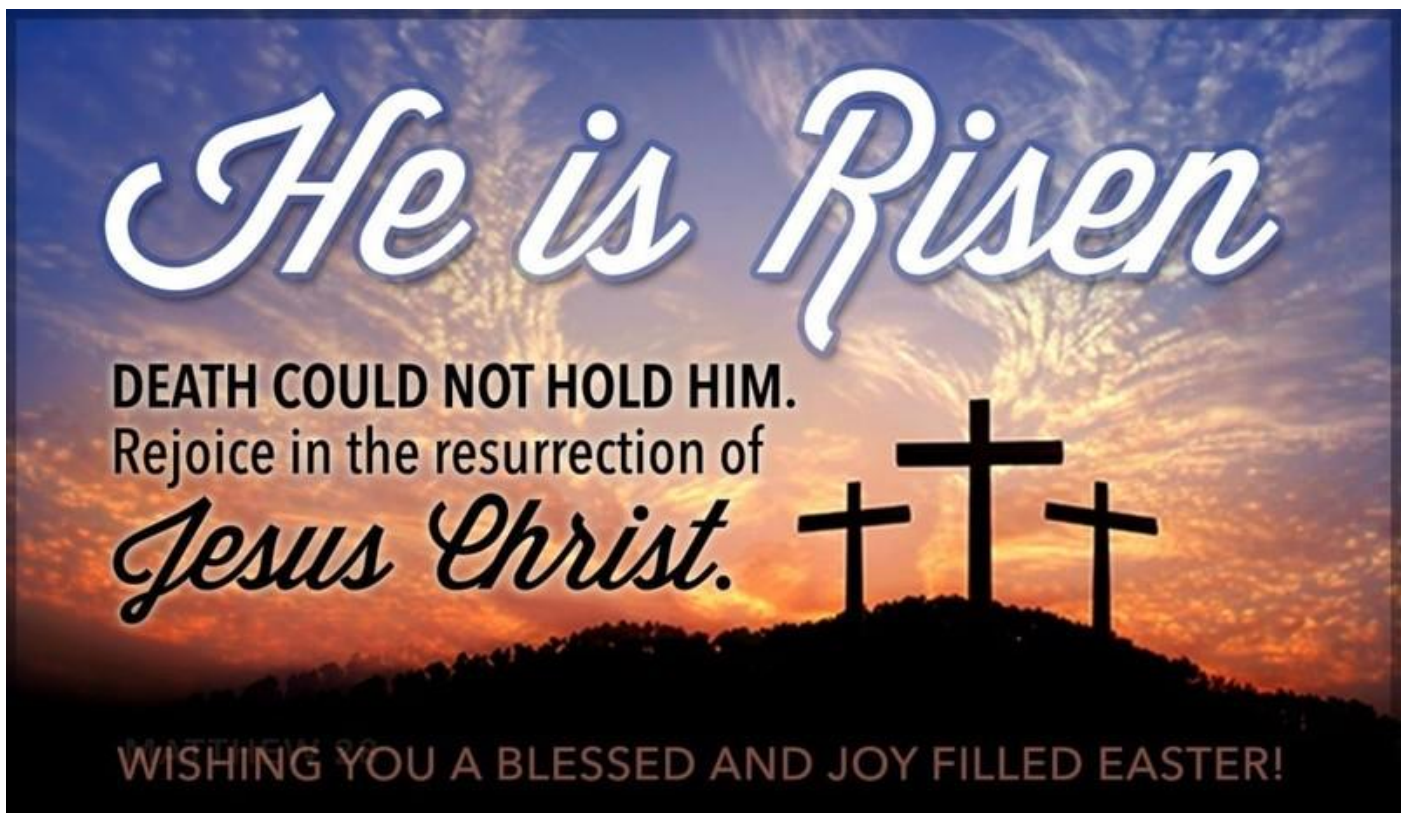
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**Minister:** Rev<sup>d</sup> Graham Morgan



**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE – 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
**10.30am Holy Communion with Revd Graham Morgan**



This newsletter is to keep us all in touch and to share information and any other items that may be useful or uplifting. **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME** to the Church Office

## PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>. April, 2021

The sufferings of the world are Yours, Eternal Christ, You bear the sin and shame of humankind as though they were Your own. The agony of rejection too is Yours, Suffering Lord, You face rebuff and loss in earthly flesh, Your friends slept in Your hour of need, and on the cross it was as though Your God had died.

Come now, that we who walk this holy day may sense the purpose of Your pain, find hope in every sorrowing memory of Your loss, and in Your frail mortality, find life. Amen.  
(Donald Hilton from "Called to praise")

### PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please send any requests for next week by Thursday)

**For GILL and family**

**ELLEN**

(Recovering at home after surgery)



### PRAYER HUB SCARBOROUGH

Prayer Hub Scarborough is available at [www.prayerhubscarborough.org](http://www.prayerhubscarborough.org)  
and on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram - @prayerhubboro



With regular prayers, resources and space for prayer requests.

Please do get in touch if you would like to know more [tom.nycmcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:tom.nycmcircuit@gmail.com)

*If you do not have internet access and would like to contribute a prayer please get in touch with Lesley by phone or post.*



**PRAYER HUB: WHATSAPP IS NOW AVAILABLE!** The group is a space for any prayers you have or wish to share, anything that you feel is on your heart and for any particular prayer requests that can reach the group and be prayed for, all in the touch of a button! To join, please email your number to [info@prayerhubscarborough.org](mailto:info@prayerhubscarborough.org) (Please note that your number will be visible to others in the group). All are welcome.

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK (April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021) EASTER DAY

With Mary, we have sensed a Presence beyond our explanation but have left the garden for a less disturbing place.

With two travellers we have walked the Emmaus road, hope fading but have not walked the path of trust.

With Thomas we have pleaded for certainty but have not welcomed the inner sight of faith.

We have seen a distant figure on the seashore but have not let hope leap beyond reason.

And we remain bereft, unless You, bright light of Easter morn, sunshine of God's heaven break into our shadowed lives with radiant resurrection truth.

Come, Risen Lord, come. Amen. (Donald Hilton from "Called to praise")



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to anyone celebrating at this time.

**If you have any remembrances, thanksgivings, celebrations or messages that you wish to share please let the Church Office know.** (Contact details on front page)

### **ALL WE CAN**

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1.17pm, All We Can is sharing positive and uplifting content on the theme of 'Colossians 1:17 – All Things Hold Together' – a series of encouraging broadcasts that you can watch and join in with from the comfort of your home. You can catch them on <https://www.facebook.com/allwecanuk>



Many thanks to everyone who has and continues to support, particularly during these difficult times, as we journey alongside in love, solidarity and support, learning more about how our precious regular gifts help to transform lives. Build Back Better is the aim and the challenge. As we begin to emerge from the latest lockdown, please start to consider how you might involve others in raising funds.

The next One Mission Sunday will be on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>. October.

### **THE NEXT “BIG SING” IS ON EASTER DAY, SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>. APRIL AT 4.00 P.M.**

You can be part of this event and raise your voices along with incredible Christian artists like Graham Kendrick, Noel Robinson, Celtic Worship and our very own National Methodist Choir. All performing to support All We Can's work with people in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Join in as the Easter story is retold - featuring Joanna Adyinka-Burford from CBeebies and young people from around the UK - and celebrate resurrection together! After The Big Church Sing, join All We Can on Facebook and YouTube for The Easter Sunday Party LIVE across the country - an 'egg-stravaganza' of fun, games, quizzes and some brilliant live guests.

Accessed on the Methodist Church You Tube channel  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTeKtVcU\\_BVasnmWVZk1JA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTeKtVcU_BVasnmWVZk1JA)

## WORSHIPPING FROM HOME



### NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST CIRCUIT SERVICE:

These services can be accessed **each week** via the North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWbxG6b8fSphBbPQFMYJWpw>

**Maundy Thursday Agape Love Feast** premieres at 7:30 p.m. - <https://youtu.be/dPFQOo-QmP8>

**Good Friday Reflection** – <https://youtu.be/hfWRg5Blp30>

**Easter Sunday Circuit Service** - <https://youtu.be/SdKIJT3q9qw>

**QUEEN STREET** offers its weekly service here <http://queenstreet.org.uk/worship>



### THE VINE AT HOME

The Vine at Home sheet is attached for your use. It is live-streamed every Sunday Morning at 10.30am on Budleigh Salterton, Exmouth and Lympstone Methodist Churches Facebook page. [Click here](#). It is then posted later onto The Worship Cloud Facebook page

**THE DISTRICT** all the monthly services are available to watch back on this page of the District Website: [www.yorkshirenemethodist.org/district-services/](http://www.yorkshirenemethodist.org/district-services/)

**CONNEXION** Methodist Connexion are providing a weekly service sheet (Contact Lesley for copy) The Connexion has also prepared a downloadable Easter service which can be used as part of your worship or given to those who aren't able to access online worship. It includes Easter hymns, readings and a reflection from the President of the Conference. [Downloadable Easter Service \(methodist.org.uk\)](#)

**DAILY HOPE** offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. **0800 804 8044** – **set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind.**

Join the **President and Vice-President live on Facebook** for their weekly chat and prayers at 12:45 pm every Monday

### TELEVISION

BBC 1: Sunday Worship at 10am  
Songs of Praise at 1.15pm

### RADIO

Radio 4: **Sunrise Service:**  
**Transforming Love 6.35am**  
Sunday Worship at 8.10am  
Something Understood at 23.30  
Weekday service at 9.45am LW

Radio York: Sunday Worship 8.00am  
Premier Radio

### **Circuit Sunday Services are available on CD (audio) and DVD (video)**

Please contact Graham or Emma via email or telephone Thanks to Hilary at South Cliff who prepares these.

**If you would like the complete 'Worship from Home' document please contact Lesley.**



## CIRCUIT NOTICES

### THE SOWING BEE



The Sowing Bee community continue to meet on zoom.

If you would like to join us Tuesdays 11.30am-1.30pm please contact Emma: [sowingbee13@gmail.com](mailto:sowingbee13@gmail.com)  
We meet next on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### AN INVITATION TO EXPLORE

You are invited to join us for an Explore session on zoom on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> 9.45am start.

Its Thinking Day – an opportunity to join in discussion & conversation to support those in training.

If you would like to come along please contact Emma to ensure you receive the zoom invite

### FOUNDATION MODULE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FURTHER COURSES

Two additional session dates for training are now being offered for April. Our records show that we have a large number of people in the circuit whose training needs refreshing, and we would urge you to book on to these as a priority.

This is a 3-hour training package, specifically updated to be delivered over "zoom", so people can receive this essential training in the comfort of their own homes.

The next sessions are: **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm**

If you wish to book on either course you will need to contact Esther (email: [nycmcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:nycmcircuit@gmail.com) )

### SPRING HARVEST HOME 2021

This is taking place online from 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of April and booking is now open.  
<https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21>

### ECG SCARBOROUGH 2021

Whilst the face to face event is cancelled for this year an online day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April is available. See the website for further details  
<https://www.ecgevent.org.uk/>

### WORD ALIVE 2021 PLUG INTO THE WORD

6th-9<sup>th</sup> April with material available in the following weeks

<https://wordaliveevent.org/news/2021-02/plug-into-the-word-6-9-april-and-beyond>

### SATURDAY SONGS

2 songs offered by engage and worship to reflect events on Easter Saturday  
[Easter Saturday Lament Song - engageworship](#)

## **MHA SUNDAY 2021**

The theme for MHA Sunday 2021 is relieving isolation and bringing hope, inspired by the book of Mark 5:1-20, MHA Sunday will be held on 13 June.

## **AN UPDATE ON THE 2021 METHODIST CONFERENCE**

The Conference Arrangements Committee has decided to work towards the Conference going ahead at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole between 24 June and 1 July.

## **BIBLE SOCIETY BIBLE TREKS**     [Bible Trek - Bible Society](#)

Our hope is that these films, along with the historical notes and reflections, will inspire your reading of the Bible. The films offer a vlog-style experience of key locations with Bible expert Andrew Ollerton.

1. Easter Series - Palm Sunday to the Resurrection.  
. See the story of Easter unfold – the week that changed everything

2. Jerusalem and the Old Testament series

Discover the sites where famous Bible events took place,

## **BAKING 2**

For those of you who are looking for recipes. As last week I haven't tried any of these but the mug cake looks like one even I can manage!

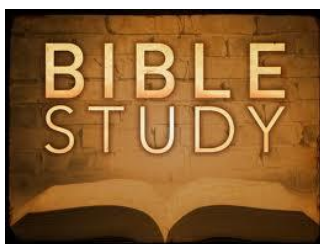
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<https://www.theguardian.com/food/2021/mar/27/liam-charles-recipe-for-easter-hot-cross-roulade>

### **Rev Brice**

Some readers may remember Brice who came from New Zealand in 2007 to Minister at Cross Hill Hunmanby for a year...and stayed for four! Brice died peacefully on Wednesday 24th March with his wife Judith and family at his side.

We remember Brice in so many ways....his floral arrangements in the Scarborough Spa for the Methodist Conference may come to mind....but those of us at Hunmanby will remember a caring, inspirational Minister who exemplified the love and grace of God in all he did. Liz



### **A WORD IN TIME BIBLE STUDY**     [John 19:38-42](#)

**These bible studies are available daily using the link below.**

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/the-bible/a-word-in-time/>

And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (v. 42)

**“The mission of Westborough Methodist Church is to offer the love of God, and to share our Christian faith, by meeting the needs of all people through pastoral care and service”**

## WORSHIP AT WESTBOROUGH FOR APRIL

**10.30am 4<sup>th</sup> April - EASTER SUNDAY – Revd G Morgan (Holy Communion)**

Reading and Hymns – (Please be aware there may be some differences in verses/words to StF)

Hymn 1 305 Up from the grave he arose  
Reading: John 20 v 1 - 18  
Hymn 2 298 Christ the Lord is risen today  
Hymn 3 313 Thine be the Glory

**PREACHERS** planned for 10.30am at Westborough for April

11<sup>th</sup> April – **Ms Clare Margaret** (change to original plan)

18<sup>th</sup> April – Revd Nigel Spencer

25<sup>th</sup> April – Revd Graham Morgan

28<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 10.30am, Midweek Holy Communion, Revd Graham Morgan  
(Hopefully midweek communion will continue on the last Wednesday of each month)



### **READERS**

Please contact Colin if you can read at morning worship during April.

### **METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN**

Envelopes are available for those who wish to contribute to the World Church Fund through Methodist Women in Britain. Please see Colin if you are unable to share in worship but wish to contribute, please contact him for an envelope.

### **Easter Bunny Tree**



## **WESTBOROUGH CHURCH SERVICES - GUIDELINES**

There will be stewards to guide you through the set up and maintain the stringent hygiene regimes – please follow their advice.

**YOU SHOULD FEEL SAFE AND COMFORTABLE IN WORSHIP.**

**Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am (Holy Communion)  
led by Revd Graham Morgan**

**ENTRY.** Please use the right hand side FRONT ENTRANCE door if you are able. Please leave the ramp entry for those who need to use it. Doors will not be open before 10am.

**FACE MASK.** Put on your face mask before entering the building. Keep it on until you leave the building after the service – unless you are medically exempt. (Face masks do not need to be worn whilst preaching or reading).

**SANITISER.** Please use the hand sanitiser straight away – it is at both entrances.

**TRACK & TRACE.** You MUST ensure your details are on the track and trace list. This is a legal requirement. QR code is at both entrances if you have downloaded the NHS Covid app

**WORSHIP AREA.** You will be directed to go straight up to the worship area via the right side steps. All of the service will be on the screen. It is advised that it should be 30-45 minutes in length. You may not sing. **Offertory plates are available at the top of the steps – it will be brought forward during the first hymn.**

**DISTANCING.** Stay 2 metres apart from each other or each 'bubble'. You will see that some chairs have been removed and some rows of the tip-up seats are not available to sit on. Please leave **THREE EMPTY SEATS** between individuals or 'bubbles'.

**HOLY COMMUNION.** The elements will be prepared using strict hygiene guidelines. Wafers are being used. They will be brought to you **at your seat** by stewards wearing masks and gloves. Please slide a single wafer off the plate using one finger.

**END OF SERVICE.** Please check that you have taken everything with you. Please queue 2 metres apart to leave by the left side steps. Leave the building by the left side front doors **as soon as possible. Please DO NOT STAY TO 'CHAT'.**

**TOILETS.** Only 2 people to be in the cloakrooms at any time – or 1 in the accessible toilets.

### **IF YOU FEEL ILL STAY HOME**

If you don't feel well or have symptoms of Covid-19 please stay at home.



## TIME TO ASK SOME BIG QUESTIONS?

# Pause Netflix. Try Alpha Online

Beginning Monday 19th April 2021

7pm via Zoom

To register, please email  
[tom.nycmcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:tom.nycmcircuit@gmail.com)

#AlphaOnline



Each week, we will be exploring some of the big questions about life and Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Whether you are a non-believer, ordained or somewhere in between - everyone is welcome and you're invited. For more details or to register, please email [tom.nycmcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:tom.nycmcircuit@gmail.com).

### FROM KATHERINE

#### Mary anointing Jesus' feet

This is something I learnt recently - Evidently back in 'Biblical Times' when a young woman was coming up to marriagable age i.e about 13 years of age, her father would buy a jar of perfume and it would be put on a shelf to be kept as her offering to the man she would marry. Until she married the jar would remain there. (Probably where the phrase 'being left on the shelf' comes from if a woman remains single.) So, Mary, being single, must have taken the alabaster jar of expensive perfume (Pure Nard as John tells us ... John 12:3), which was meant for her betrothal day, off the shelf -**signifying that she was, metaphorically speaking, becoming 'a bride of Christ'**. Hence she was declaring that her love for Jesus was deeper than that for any other person she had met or was ever going to meet.

This last little bit is something that I am adding as my own thoughts/points to ponder. Perhaps it also signified that she was one who had understood what the disciples didn't yet understand. Perhaps she had intuited that when he said that he was going 'somewhere where they couldn't follow' he was going to die/be killed in the very near future. Her senses of understanding may have been heightened by grief recently due to her brother Lazarus's death and resurrection only days earlier. We know she sat at Jesus' feet and listened intently to him. Everything he said would be hugely significant to her ... maybe Jesus had taken her to one side and said something on the lines of 'I am the only one who could have brought your brother back to life, but when I go to **my Father** it will be the faith of all you, my followers, who will bring me back into your hearts forever.'

After all it was when she HAD poured the perfume on his feet and wept over him that Jesus rebuked Judas and told him, (Judas) that there would always be poor people but that they 'would not always have me.'

It explains why the jar was there in the first place, why the perfume was of so high a quality, why there was so much of it, and also the significance behind the action. Amen



### **HANDEL'S MESSIAH AND EASTER FROM KING'S**

BBC2 is scheduling a version of the Messiah by The English National Opera Company specially for audiences at home on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6pm**. This is followed at 7pm by

music and readings for Holy Week with the choristers of the Choir of King's College, Cambridge and the King's Singers, directed by Daniel Hyde. The King's offering is repeated on Sunday morning at 6.55am.

### **A WALK ROUND SCARBOROUGH**

The link below has been brought to our attention for anyone looking for an outdoor walk.

<https://www.thescarboroughnews.co.uk/lifestyle/outdoors/in-pictures-the-sitwell-trail-a-guided-walk-which-shows-scarborough-at-its-best-3180355>

