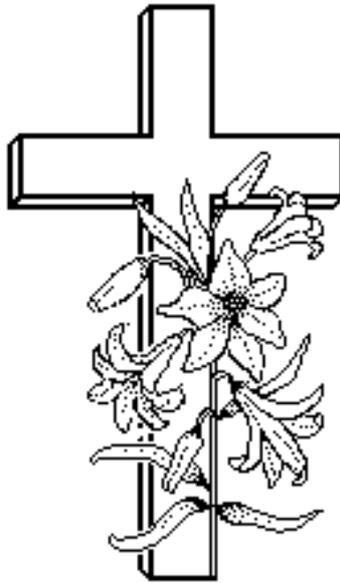




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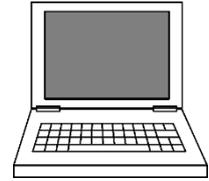


The great gift of Easter is hope.

Basil Hume

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Dear friends

Are you an early riser?

No, neither am I when I have a choice about it!

So it is with some trepidation that I invite you to set your alarm clocks for a very early hour on Easter morning! That is, if you would like to join me for a 'Sunrise Service' on Easter morning. (There is no guarantee we will see the sun, by the way!)

I know that some of you have supported such a service for many years now on Higger Tor. This invitation, however, is to an easy-access venue. We will be meeting at **5.45 a.m. at Charnock Recreation Ground, Carter Hall Lane** (just off White Lane) for a brief service. A simple breakfast will then be served at 6.30 a.m. at Gleadless URC.

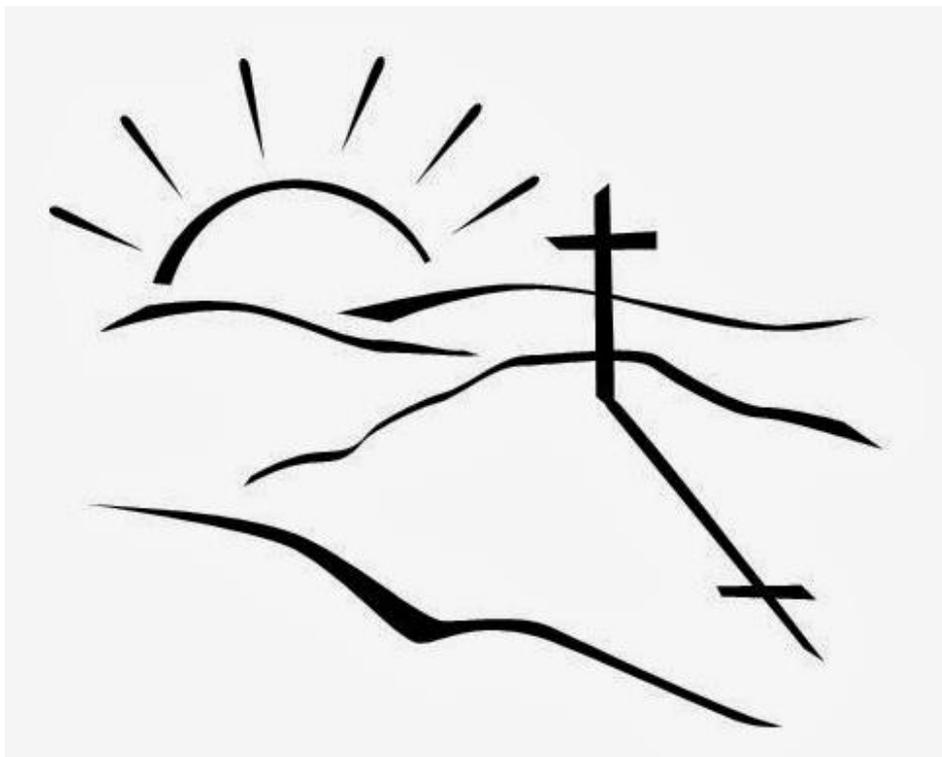
It is a sad fact about our modern world that our Easter season will pass the majority of people by with little regard. For many, the clearest sign that Easter has come and gone may well be the moment when the Easter Eggs go on special offer! Gone are the days when the life of our communities revolved around the shape of the Christian year and the celebration of Christian festivals.

We might shake our heads in sorrow at the wider world's lack of attention to the Christian story of self-offering and new life. There is a danger, though, that we too allow the season to pass as just one week, or just one day, like any other. For me, sunrise services have been one way in which I have, over the years, been helped to keep a sense of the special nature of Easter Day, and the joy it brings to us.

What about it? Even if this is not for you, I hope and pray that this Easter you will have a real sense of God's love outpoured in Jesus Christ our risen Saviour!

Yours in Christ,

Jamie





FAMILY NEWS

This month we start with some happy news. On February 26th Jenny Attrill became a grandmother. Her son, Nick, and his wife, Claire, had a son, who will be known as Jos. We send them all our congratulations and best wishes.

Ken Picken, Shona and Ian's son, is progressing well after undergoing heart surgery in Edinburgh.

Judith Norris is adapting to her new surroundings in the Moorlands Nursing Home, Hathersage, for respite care. We wish her well and remember her in our prayers.

We continue to remember the Harrison family as Rod recovers from his treatment.

As always we think of those in our church family who cannot attend worship owing to illness or infirmity.

Jane Studd

GRACE WARD

Mrs Grace Ward died on 11th March at the grand old age of 105. Her death comes as a bit of a blessing after so much endurance and suffering. She used to worship here before joining her daughter, Christine, in Reading. She helped at Dorcas and Totle Brook Club.

Molly Webb

SHEFFIELD TEAM MINISTRY LENT STUDY GROUPS

These will continue until 9th April. There are five groups running each week and you are welcome to join in at any of the venues which are as follows:

Mondays at 11 a.m. in the Norfolk Room at Central URC

Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. at Gleadless URC

Wednesdays at 12.30 p.m. here at Dore & Totley (bring your lunch)

Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. at 52 Kenwood Park Road (Jamie Kissack's home)

Thursdays at 1.30 p.m., again at 52 Kenwood Park Road.

Anne Dale

TRADCRAFT EASTER EGGS

If you have ordered any Traidcraft Easter eggs and have not yet collected them they will be available from the Traidcraft stall on 9th April.

Barry Wiles: 266 5695

GOOD FRIDAY

There will be a Good Friday Procession again. We shall be meeting at All Saints at 9.45 a.m. for a short prayer before leaving at 10.00 to walk down to Totley Rise Methodist church for a service.

Elaine Ferguson

HAPPY EASTER?

Not every Christian is free to celebrate Easter in joy and peace. Last year, as people were celebrating Easter in a park in Lahore, a suicide bomber targeted them killing 75 people and injuring a great many more, including many children, both Christian and Muslim.

The Bible Society describes Pakistan as one of the most dangerous countries in the world in which to be a Christian. They are in a tiny minority around 1.6% of the population. Most of them are rural people and 80% live below the poverty line. In the city they live in

slums and shanty towns. Most face exploitation, prejudice and oppression. Anthony Lamuel, who works for the Bible Society, describes how pressure on Christians has intensified since the 9/11 attacks on America because they are identified as “Westerners”, and there has been a spate of deadly attacks. The Bible Society office has armed security staff in the reception area and steel reinforced doors; in Anthony’s church - St. Andrew’s in Lahore- armed police officers stand guard in the tower during services

Despite the danger Anthony is committed to sharing God’s word. He focuses on young people, providing, for example, a full Sunday school curriculum for children and equipping seminary students. He has also launched a Bible-based literacy programme focused on women and girls because so many in that society are illiterate.

So, as you celebrate Easter this year, please pray for the Christians of Pakistan, and also those in North Korea, Iraq, Eritrea, Afghanistan and Syria where Christians also face persecution.

Anne Dale

CONSTANCE COLTMAN

Central URC are holding a celebration event on Saturday April 29th starting at 2 p.m. to mark the 100th anniversary of the ordination of the first woman minister into the Congregational church in 1917. There will be a film followed by an address from Rev’d Dr Kirsty Thorpe, a closing act of worship and light refreshments.

MAINTENANCE MORNING

This will be taking place on Saturday 6th May between 10 - 12 noon. Come along and help with various routine maintenance jobs. Tea and coffee provided! There will be a list of jobs in the Link. If you are unable to help on that morning but can tackle a job please tick it off on the list.

SPRING COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 1st April, 10 – 12 noon

Cakes, Coffee and Games

Come and join us and bring a friend.

Fund raising for Sheffield Carers Centre
charity no 1041250

Dore and Totley URC
Totley Brook Road
Sheffield

ELDERS' CONFERENCE

This will be held at Roundhay URC on Saturday 22nd April. The theme this year is *Getting to grips with mission in 21st century Yorkshire* and includes talks from Linda Rayner, the URC Fresh Expressions co-ordinator and Rev'd Jamie Kissack who has experience of community ministry at Hornsea. All elders, serving or otherwise are invited to attend.

MISSION AND CARE MEETING

The next MACS meeting will be at 7 for 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 26th April at St James' URC and will include a talk about the work of the PAIS students.

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

Christian Aid week this year is from 14th to 20th May. As well as collecting on some of the usual streets in our area, we have the option to collect at supermarkets (dates to be advised) or hold our own fund raising event. Please let Elaine know if you could help with any of these things.

GRACE FOOD BANK SHEFFIELD 
helping give hope to those in need

Currently there are shortages of tinned fruit and vegetables, white rice, mashed potato and porridge.

SYNOD

The Yorkshire Synod met on 11th March at the Bridge Church in Otley. There were three items of interest to report, the first of which was a short but well-presented film about Constance Coltman. She was the first woman to be ordained into the Congregational Union of England and Wales and 2017 is the centenary of this event. [See separate article about this event on Saturday 29th April at Central URC. *Editor*]

We had a presentation on “Walking the Way - living the life of Jesus today”. This emphasises that discipleship is a lifelong experience, and that in the social landscape of today Christians need to be ready to give an account of the hope that is in us. Walking the Way aims to refresh our habits of discipleship such as prayer, Bible study and fellowship, and to support discipleship in all the various areas of life. We shall be hearing more of this as the year progresses.

The third item was Appreciative Inquiry. This is the programme which is being trialled with a view to replacing the current Church Life Review format. Its aim is to focus on the positive aspects in our church life, to see the glass being half full, not half empty.

I will now say very positive things about the Church at Otley - the members were warm and welcoming and provided us with some very tasty current loaf. (However my lasting impression is sitting for several hours on very, very hard pews)

Anne Dale

LADIES' GROUP

On Wednesday 5th April there will be a musical evening at 8 Abbeydale Park Rise when we will share music that makes us laugh. Please let Jeanne have your song choices as soon as possible. There will also be a short musical quiz.

On May 3rd there will be a canal trip leaving at 7 p.m. from Tapton Lock. The trip will last two hours.

In June we shall be having a guided walk through Ecclesall Woods and in July we will be admiring more well dressings. Details to follow about these events.

Jeanne Clark

PRAY/LIVE

Feels she's reached the end of the line,
done her time, over and over again.
Crying out for hope amidst the pain,
nothing gained, just a waterfall of tears
intermingled with failure and loss, and fears.
What she craved nowhere to be found
except for the bottle of poison to drown in, over and over again.

Empty room, dark, cold and quiet, like a
sombre winter evening, no one speaking,
listening to sad replays in her head
of words she could never say, for fear of blame,
her nights filled with grief and dread.

More than just a fairy tale, trying to escape the
big bad wolf who reinvents himself over and over again.
In her world full of demons and bad dreams,
he knows her fragile, weakest moments, when she's
ready to throw it all away, to board the reckless
runaway train on the track of destruction, in a
moment of madness, despair and sadness, in a
carriage full of pain.

Pray to die, say goodbye ...
But someone Greater wants her to live,
to live her precious life,
to trust, to fight, to take the road that's right.
He chose her, He bought her, all in the name of love.

ANNIVERSARY TRIP

This year we shall be travelling to Selby to see its ancient abbey (one of the top twenty churches in England), its canal, its intriguingly named main street (Gowthorpe), and possibly 25 of its Three Swans logos – not to mention its small shops and many quaint tea houses.

We shall be catching the 8.27 train from Dore station, changing in Sheffield and York before arriving in Selby at 10.09. The journey back leaves Selby at 16.05 and, if all the trains run according to the timetable and there are no leaves on the line we should be back at Dore station at 17.21. Tickets should be bought on the train because of the specific route we're taking and cost £11.90 or £7.85 with a railcard. Please ask if you need further information.

Jeanne Clark

THE BESOM

This is a Sheffield charity which helps people who are being rehoused and are in need of items to equip their home. Items of furniture and electrical equipment must have the necessary kite marks and PAT tested labels. Helen Miller has more details.

WEATHER EXPRESSIONS

Robert Macfarlane has collected expressions describing weather condition which are much more poetic than 'pouring down'. How about *smirr* (extremely fine, misty rain, close to smoke in appearance), *letty* (enough rain to make outdoor work difficult) *shreep* (slowly clearing mist) and *sunscald* (a patch of bright sunlight on water). Icicle sounds quite boring after reading these more expressive words: *aquabob*, *clinkerbell*, *daggler*, *cancervell*, *ickle*, *tankle* and *shuckle*. Another expression I like, though less natural, is *witches' knickers* (an Irish expression referring to plastic snagged in a tree).

Jeanne Clark

PUZZLE (Answers)

1. These don't necessarily grow in a valley: lilies
2. One of Lynda Snell's step-daughters: coriander
3. Used to produce linen: flax
4. Poisonous root used by the Witches in *Macbeth*: hemlock
5. Used to make you whiter than snow: hyssop
6. The mud tsar can sort this one out: mustard
7. Went up higher to find this plant: rose
8. A dye from the crocus: saffron
9. AKA dove's dung: star of Bethlehem
10. Hip cream can sort this out: camphire

SYNONYM PAIRS

Fill each blank with one letter to turn these pairs of words into synonyms e.g. _TUMBLE; _RIP = STUMBLE + TRIP

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| 1. _COLD; _HIDE | 2. _AMBLE; _AGER |
| 3. _EARNING; _RAVING | 4. _ALLY; _CORE |
| 5. _AVER; _ALTER | 6. _ROUND; _OIL |
| 7. _ARROW; _LENDER | 8. _EJECTED; _AD |
| 9. _LIMB; _SCENT | 10. _HARP; _CUTE |
| 11. _ACTUAL; _RUE | 12. _HATTER; _RATTLE |
| 13. _OUCH; _BUT | 14. _INDICATE; _LEAR |
| 15. _WELLING; _BODE | 16. _HABBY; _AGGED |

As I helped a friend clear out her wardrobe, I couldn't get over the huge pile of clothes. "How do you keep all this in order?" I asked. "I have three groups," she said. "Normal days, chubby days and Those Were the Days."

I had a dream last night that the Grim Reaper was after me. To defend myself I hit him with the vacuum. It was a case of dicing with death. (Dyson!)

COFFEE ROTA

April 2nd Jeanne Clark and Vera Edwards
9th Liz Walkden and Liz Keech
16th Ella Lawrie and Isobel Frew
23rd Fiona Green and Margaret Warwick
30th Christine Smith and Marion Spiers

May 7th Anniversary lunch

FLOWER ROTA

April 2nd Jim Martin
9th Eileen Boler
16th EASTER
23rd
30th Shona Picken

SUNDAY MORNING DOOR STEWARDS

April 2nd Margaret and Richard Barron
9th Isobel Frew and Shona Picken
16th Jane and Rob Studd
23rd Ella and Neil Lawrie
30th Kath Taylor and Barry Wiles

DUTY ELDERS' ROTA

April 2nd Jane Studd
Communion Steward: Richard Groves
9th Margaret Warwick
16th Margaret Barron
23rd Anne Dale
30th Jean Fermie

April Diary

Sat	1	Spring coffee morning 10 -12 (see separate article)
Sun	2	Family service with communion at 10.30 a.m. led by Rev'd Zaidie Orr
Wed	5	Mid-week service at 11.30 a.m. led by Mr Frank Elliot-Wright This will be followed by a sandwich lunch. Ladies' group meet at 8 Abbeydale Park Rise 8 p.m. for a musical evening (See separate article)
Thurs	6	Social Club: Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m.
Sun	9	Palm Sunday family service at 10.30 a.m. led by Rev'd Jamie Kissack There will be a Traidcraft stall after the service.
Mon	10	Elders' meeting 7 p.m.
Tues	11	Totley Brook Club at 2.30 p.m. Cornwall and Devon by Mr Andrew Firth Service of Prayer for Help and Healing at 7 p.m.
Wed	12	Mid-week service at 11.30 a.m. led by Mr Peter Clark
Thurs	13	Maundy Thursday service at 7.30 p.m. led by Miss Anne Dale
Fri	14	Good Friday Procession at 9.45 a.m. (See separate article)
Sun	16	Sunrise service at 5.45 a.m. at Charnock Recreation Ground, followed by breakfast (see Muse for details) Easter service at 10.30 a.m. led by Mr Frank Elliot Wright
Mon	17	Copy date for May's Take Notice. All articles to Jeanne Clark by this date please.
Wed	19	Mid-week service at 11.30 a.m. led by Rev'd Brenda Hill

Sat	22	Elders' Conference for all serving/non-serving elders.
Sun	23	Family service at 10.30 p.m. led by Mr Peter Clark
Mon	24	Quarterly church meeting 7.30 p.m.
Wed	26	Mid-week service at 11.30 a.m. led by Mrs Christine Carrick MACS meeting at St James' church 7 for 7.30 p.m.
Sun	30	Family service at 10.30 p.m. led by Jean Kirk from Greaseborough URC

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Saturday 6th May maintenance morning between 10 – 12 noon

Sunday 7th May Church Anniversary followed by lunch

Wednesday 10th May Yorkshire Assembly at The Spa complex,
Scarborough

Saturday 13th May Anniversary trip to Selby

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd July: Windermere weekend

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Mon	T'ai Chi	11.30–12.30 p.m.
	Fitness League	1.45 – 2.45 p.m.
	Aerobics	6.30 – 7.30 p.m.
3 rd Mon	Photography Group	7.45 - 9.45 p.m.
Tues	Lunch Club	10 – 1.30 p.m.
	Fitness League	10 – 11 a.m.
	Yoga	1.15 – 2.45 p.m.
2 nd Tues	Totley Brook Club	2.30 – 4 p.m.
	Martial Arts	3.45 – 5.45 p.m.
Term-time	Beaver Scouts	6.15 – 7.15 p.m.
	W.E.A. Abbeydale Writers	7 – 9 p.m.
	Shine On: Ladies' choir	7.30 – 9 p.m.
1 st Tues	Totley Brook Quilters	7.30 – 9.30 p.m.
2 nd Tues	Service for Help and Healing	7 - 8 p.m.
Wed	Pilates	9.15 – 11.15 a.m.
	Coffee morning	10 – 12 noon
	Mid-week Service	11.30 – 12 noon
	Talented Tots Dance Class	1.45 – 2.45 p.m.
	DSPA Dance classes	4 – 6 p.m.
Term-time	Brownies	6.15 – 7.40 p.m.
1 st Wed	Ladies' Group - not often in church	8 p.m.
Thurs	Hastings Road Art Group	9.30 – 12 noon
	The Rock Choir	11.30 - 1.00 p.m.
	Pilates	1.30 – 2.30 p.m. 5.15 – 7.15 p.m.
	Social Club	7.30 – 9.30 p.m.
Friday	Pyjama Drama	9.30 – 11.30 a.m.
	Stretch & Tone Dance class	2 – 3 p.m.
	Contemporary Dance class	4 – 5 p.m.

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