

## CALENDAR

### **Mothering Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00am All Age Family Service for Mothering Sunday. (not communion) All welcome**

6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30pm Messy Church Planning Meeting

7.30pm Methodist Lent Group ( see below)at Mo and Peter Lucas

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

12noon **'Inspiring Books'** Lenten Meditation led by Richard Adams

12.30pm **Lent Lunches** in the Cottage. Do invite your friends to come along.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00am Vacancy Prayers in South Transept.

7.30pm Lent Group ( See below)at Max and Monica's

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

7.00pm Choir Practice

### **Lent 4 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)**

**9.30am Parish Communion (CW)**

**6.00pm Evening Prayer (said)**

**HOME GROUPS FOR LENT:** The two groups are using different materials. The Methodist-run group, at West Cheynes, Stagshaw Road, tel: 634208 are looking at a series called 'Moving into the Neighbourhood', developed by ministers in the Tyne Valley. The Anglican-run group at 11 Crofts Avenue, tel: 632707 are using a course designed to go with the 'LiveLent' booklet. Everyone is welcome at either group

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Our flower ladies always have some lovely arrangements on Easter Sunday. They would really appreciate monetary donations towards them, please, a box is available at the back of the church on a Sunday or alternatively you may put a donation in an envelope clearly marked EASTER FLOWERS and put it in the wall box at the back of church.

## THE PARISH OF CORBRIDGE

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HALTON AND NEWTON HALL

### **Mothering Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

You are most welcome to our service this morning. Please stay after the service and chat to each other over coffee, juice and biscuits.

This morning the Messy Church Team will lead our worship.

Mothering Sunday is a popular day when Christians choose to use the occasion to think about all things which concern motherhood.

We give thanks for the Church as Mother, Mary as the mother of Jesus, we remember that God cares for us like a mother and last but not least we give thanks for our own mothers.

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Lent and it is a time of special thanksgiving. It is a day in Lent when flowers abound in all churches and when people are encouraged to share a time of refreshment in the penitential season.

A very warm welcome to our service this morning. Please do stay after the service and have a chat over coffee.

**COLLECT FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY:** God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **A reading from Exodus 2: 1 – 7**

A man from the family of Levi married a Levite woman. The woman became pregnant and had a son. She saw there was something special about him and hid him. She hid him for three months. When she couldn't hide him any longer

she got a little basket-boat made of papyrus, waterproofed it with tar and pitch, and placed the child in it. Then she set it afloat in the reeds at the edge of the Nile.

The baby's older sister found herself a vantage point a little way off and watched to see what would happen to him. Pharaoh's daughter came down to the Nile to bathe; her maidens strolled on the bank. She saw the basket-boat floating in the reeds and sent her maid to get it. She opened it and saw the child—a baby crying! Her heart went out to him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrew babies."

Then his sister was before her: "Do you want me to go and get a nursing mother from the Hebrews so she can nurse the baby for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said, "Yes. Go." The girl went and called the child's mother.

Pharaoh's daughter told her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me. I'll pay you." The woman took the child and nursed him.

After the child was weaned, she presented him to Pharaoh's daughter who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses (Pulled-Out), saying, "I pulled him out of the water."

### **Verses from 2 Corinthians 1:3 & 4**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

### **Verses from John 19 25-27**

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

### **We pray for:**

- The sick, especially: Dick Steele, John and Liz Sykes, Nicholas Craig, Eileen Hopkins, Christopher Cuthbert, and those known to us
- Years' mind Ian Dodds and Fyvie Bruce

**LiveLent - Let Your Light Shine** takes you on a six week discipleship journey in 2018 through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness. Download the app onto your iPad or phone.

**MARCH FETE:** we will be holding a fundraising fete on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm to 4.00pm in church. We are looking for items for stalls, please see the flyer.

Easter egg decorating competition – please see separate leaflet

All proceeds raised will go towards extending the memorial garden in the churchyard. If you are able to help, speak with Suzette or Linda. Information on the noticeboard.

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March CATHEDRAL SERVICE 11.00am** The service provides an opportunity for all, lay and ordained, to renew their commitment to the service of Christ and his people.

**PARISH NEWS:** was emailed out this week. Paper copies are available for those who do not get the electronic version. If you would like to receive the Parish News by email please see the churchwardens

**STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION:** Palm Sunday evening (25<sup>th</sup> March) at 6.00pm. Further details on the noticeboard and additional flyer.

**VACANCY:** The post of Vicar for Corbridge with Halton and Newton Hall has been advertised this week.

