



Deaf Church North East

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Service Times:
all 3 p.m.

York Diocese
1st Sunday
St. Denys' Church
Walmgate, York
3rd Sunday
St. Francis' Church
Barwick Way
Ingleby Barwick
Last Tuesday
Hull and East Riding
Deaf Institute

Durham Diocese
1st Sunday
Stockton Parish
Church,
High Street, Stockton
3rd Sunday
Sunderland Minster
4th Sunday
Holy Trinity Church,
Woodland Road,
Darlington

Newcastle Diocese
2nd & 4th Sundays
St. Andrew's Church
Newcastle
Mondays -
check website
St. Luke's Church
(at 12.15 pm)
Frank Street
Wallsend

All services are followed
by refreshments.

See dates on website

www.ndm.org.uk

Dear friends,

Welcome to March's newsletter. Easter is upon us once again, a time for giving & receiving Easter eggs. In this issue Rev'd Bill Rigby has written about Easter, Rev'd Linda Shipp has informed us of an event happening in April, I have put in some local church service dates & forthcoming events in 2008 for your diary. I hope you all have a happy Easter. Alma x

Easter



Easter Greetings in church always read like this. "Christ is Risen!" and everyone responds with great excitement, "He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!" Easter Sunday is one of a few 'days of obligation' when Christians are expected to be in church to share the celebration of the first Easter Day. But how do we arrive at this point?

We move from the season of Lent into Easter with a big bang on 23rd March. [See later on for the times and locations of services in your area.] All of us will have walked with Christ as he moves from his preaching, healing and teaching ministry towards Jerusalem. You may feel that you have simply stood and watched as He entered Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. Did you see the people laying down their coats and waving palm branches? That sort of thing only happens for a king. So on Palm Sunday we are remembering that Jesus is a King. He is the Son of God, who has come into the world to save us from our sins.

During the days of Holy Week clergy and people will tell and retell the story of all that happened as Jesus went about that city. He went to the Temple; he would see the Roman soldiers, eat with His disciples. On Maundy Thursday they prepared the Passover meal, telling the story of how Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt. Dressed ready for a journey they eat the Passover lamb, dry bread and bitter herbs. The story is of a journey to freedom.

Jesus takes the eleven disciples to a garden to pray. They think that Judas, the twelfth disciple, is doing some good work or other. However, he betrays Jesus, who is arrested and taken away. It all happens so quickly. Jesus is abused, tried, abused, judged and sent for execution. He is forced to carry a heavy cross through the narrow streets and out of the city.

There he is nailed to the cross, crucified along with 2 criminals. Shortly he dies an agonising death. Some of his friends ask the Romans if they can bury him. Lovingly they carry his body and place it in a new tomb. The story does not end there. You know how, the next day, some of the women went to the tomb. They had taken spices and ointment to clean and prepare the body for burial. The joy of the story is hidden behind the shock of finding the tomb empty. Jesus is not there. His body has gone. **By Rev'd Bill Rigby**



Taste and See – A day of bite-size spirituality organised by York Diocese

On 26th April in York there are going to be many workshops in many of the churches in the city, it is a chance to try out different ways of praying. I will be doing a workshop on praying through signing and will be based in the United Reform Church in Priory Street, York, just off Micklegate Street, about 10 minutes walk from the Minster.

The day starts in the Minster with coffee at 9.30 am followed by a talk by the Bishop of Selby, at 10.15, then everyone goes to the worship they have chosen at 11.15 am.

Lunch is from 12.30 to 2.00pm then there are other workshops until 3.45 when there will be a final act of worship, finishing at 4 pm.

I have decided to show what a service of Holy Communion can look like in the Deaf Church, using as few words as possible and making 'stations' to stop and pray with.

If you are interested in going to the day it will cost £10 and you can book through me. The best way to get there is to drive to a Park and Ride and then walk from the Minster to the Church.

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Forthcoming Events for 2008

Saturday 26th April - Bite Size Spirituality Day, York - Prayer through signing

Saturday 10th May - Ecumenical Service Pentecost - St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 14th June - Exploring Faith through Art, Hexham

Wednesday 9th July - Quiet Day, Wydale Hall - The Lord's Supper.

Saturday 6th September - Pilgrimage, Holy Island

Northumbria Deaf Church Service Dates

Sunday 16th March, 3.00pm, Sunderland Minster, Sunderland.

Sunday 16th March, 3.00pm, St Francis of Assisi, Ingby Barwick.

Monday 17th March, 12.15pm, St Luke's Church, Wallsend.

Sunday 23rd March, 3.00pm, St Andrew's Church, Newcastle upon Tyne

Sunday 23rd March, 3.00pm, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.

Sunday 30th March, 3.00pm, St Margaret's Church, Durham.

Sunday 6th April, 3.00pm, Stockton Parish, Stockton.



Church Services:

If you would like any of the following services signed:
Weddings Funerals
Baptisms Confirmation
or for more information
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**Have a look at the newly organised
and updated website.**
See all the photos on the website.

**Also posted on the website are our
forthcoming events.**

A Prayer for Easter

Christ is Risen! That is what we will sign on Easter Day. "He is Risen indeed!" Jesus has pointed the way to eternal life with God. Jesus is no longer dead but lives and shows himself to the disciples, his friends. Let us pray that He will come to us, lead us and guide us in the way that leads to new life with Him. **Amen**