

**Thought for the Day**  
**“We live in a very polarised society....the church is one of the few bridges which can reach across to different sides of that polarised society.”**  
**Bishop David Sheppard.**

**Holiday Club!** -the dates for this year's Holiday Club will be 23rd-27th July with a service (and hopefully BBQ) on Sunday 29th July. If you are keen to help as a leader or helper, please can you note down the dates and let me know. Holiday Club can't run without a large and vibrant team of volunteers, so if you're at all interested please come and talk to me about what happens and what opportunities there are for volunteering.

I am also hoping to have a group of people that would be happy to be the planning team for the week. If you would be interested in doing this, please let me know. Thanks. Katie Hobson Children and Families Minister.

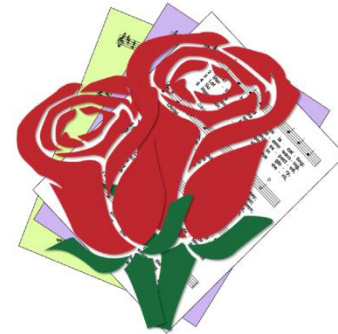
**Extended Choir for Easter.** If you would like to sing with the extended choir for our Easter day service (1st April @ 10.00am), you would be most welcome to join us. There are 3 rehearsals from 6.30-7.30pm in church on Fridays 9th, 23rd and 30th March. Minimum 2 rehearsals (though great if you can do all 3). If you would like more information, ask Angela (707481) or Bridget (701799).

**THE OCCASION CHOIR** is giving a Concert “Britain..... With Love” in English Martyr’s Church Hall, Dalton Terrace on Friday, 16th March, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8.00 and are available on the door. The Choir is always pleased to welcome new singers, so if you would like to join us, drop in at St Edward’s on any Thursday evening or contact Charles Croft on 709300

**An important date for your diary**

The service for the Collation of The Rev Richard Carew will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

**Plastic Pens** - I’ve just taken in the first caddy full to St Nicks and they want to pass on their thanks to everyone who contributed! It’s back in place for us to refill. Dorothy Reed.



**St Edward the Confessor**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Mothering Sunday**

*Hello and welcome to St Edward’s. If you are visiting, please make yourself known so that we can welcome you.  
 Refreshments available in the Community Hall after the 10am service. All welcome.*

*We do not take a collection during the services. A plate is available for donations at the back of the church, at the beginning and end of each service. All donations are gratefully received and there are several ways to give on a regular basis. Please ask! If you use a white gift aid envelope, please fill in all the details or we cannot reclaim the tax.*


Gluten-free wafers available at communion.  
 Please inform a sidesperson if you require one

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Mothering Sunday**  
**8.30am HC 1 Samuel 1:20 - end p 252; John 19: 25b-27 p111**  
**Leading Philip Cousins Preaching Chris Elliott**  
**10.00am HC Readings as above**  
**Leading John Young Preaching Chris Elliott**  
**6.30pm Holy Communion Colossians 3:12-17 p199; John 3: 14-21 p90**  
**Leading Michael Sargent**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Passiontide**  
**8.30am BCP HC Jeremiah 31: 31-34 p746; John 12: 20-33 p103**  
**10.00am Family Communion Readings as above**  
**11.30am BCP HC Readings as above**  
**6.30pm Evening Prayer Exodus 7: 8-24p55; Romans 5: 12-end p151**  
**Church Open Monday – Friday**

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| <b>Mon 12th</b>              | 9.00 – 12.30   | Little Teds   |
|                              | 7.00pm         | Community Matters – Let's Talk " <b>Education</b> " with Alison Birkinshaw OBE (Principal York College) |
| <b>Tues 13th</b>             | 7.30pm         | STEDY at 149 Tadcaster Road   |
| <b>Wed 14th</b>              | 12.00 noon     | Communion in Company  |
|                              | 7.00pm         | Wisemen at the Cross Keys   |
| <b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup></b> | 2.00 – 4.00pm  | Townswomen's Guild  |
|                              | 7.00 – 9.00pm  | Local History Group   |
| <b>Fri 16th</b>              | 12.00 – 2.00pm | Lunches   |
| <b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup></b>   |                | Books & Bake sale in aid of Sport Relief  |
|                              | 12.30pm        | Promise Bring & Share Lunch   |

 **Who will YOU invite?** Invitation cards for the Alpha course are available at the back of Church. Please think of people you know who are not committed Christians but may be interested in discovering more. The first part of the Alpha course will start on the evening of April 17th for six weekly sessions.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of Christian faith. It is for anyone who is curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

**Community Matters – Let's talk "Education"** 19<sup>th</sup> March 7pm in the church extension. Issues faced by our young people in education. Alison Birkinshaw OBE Principal & Chief Executive of York College.

**St Edwards Garden:** a request for plants. We would like to add to our Heuchera bed. A few extra of Heuchera and Hellebores plants would be welcome to fill in gaps in the coming weeks, please. Contact Mark on 792154.

**Little Teds - Mondays, 10:30am - 12pm** (during term time)

Our midweek service for Pre-School children and their grownups. We start with drinks and a snack and then 'play the bible' with toys and crafts related to the story. We then go into the church for a short, fun service that includes singing and prayers that the children can join in with.

**Seeds - Wednesdays fortnightly, after school** (during term time)

An informal midweek service for Primary aged children and their grown ups. We start with a drink, snack and craft/messy activity and then continue with a

short service for the children, with interactive story telling and creative prayer time. For more details see the porch article this month or contact Katie Hobson **Flower team** having had a 'sabbatical' during lent, we are now looking forward to decorating the church for Easter. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of flowers for Easter you can contact Jill Harrison after the 10 am Sunday services or see Wendy in the Parish Office. Thank you. **FAIRTRADE STALLS** -Thank you shopping with us as part of Fairtrade Fortnight. We took £708.50 on Sunday which will make a real difference to many farmers' lives. Well done to everyone who placed their stickers on the world map accurately. It was surprising how many different countries our goods came from. Additional goods were sold on Monday to Little Ted's and visitors to the cafe bringing the total to over **£750** ...even more than last year. Helen Dawe and the Fairtrade team.

**Car-parking at the Holiday Inn** – this is no longer allowed!!! Beware as you will be fined £100!!!

**Macmillan Nurses** – thank you for the donations, £14.88, collected during the Daffodil appeal.

**Sport Aid** – following the 10.00am service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a book and bake sale in the hall in aid of Sport Relief.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** – Thanks everyone a very enjoyable and topically themed service shared with our friends from St James the Deacon and West Thorpe. Donations made £201.50. Thank you. Louise.

**St Edward's charitable giving** -we currently set aside 5% of our regular income to share with other charities, following Biblical teaching to share generously with others. This is divided into shares between the chosen charities. The amounts given for 2017 are listed below:

£1,332.59 each to: Away From It All Holidays, Refugee Action York and United Society Partners in the Gospel.£666.29 each to: Accomplish Children's Trust, Jessie's Fun, Send a Cow & Clergy Discretionary Fund  
Thank you to all, it makes such a big difference. Paul Shepard.

**New packs of Weekly Giving envelopes** for April 2018 - March 2019 are available at the back of Church.

**Revised Church Directory - over 90 photos's now included.** -a draft copy of the revised Church Directory is available for checking at the back of Church on Sundays and in the Parish Office during the week. Please check your details even if you have not submitted a photo. Ex-directory information is not shown but can be checked in the office. Please mark any changes on the draft or notify the office. Please initial the entry if it is OK. Head and shoulder photos can still be e-mailed to the Church Office.

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