



Group News

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Dear Friends,

Easter is past, the celebration over... so what does resurrection mean to us now?!? I often wonder if we understand resurrection only as pointing to life after death, by which I mean physical death, or do we understand that it can impact on our lives today? Do we need to wait for eternal life to begin in the hereafter or does it start now?

I've been reflecting on the events of twelve months ago here in the manse. There was turmoil as the old kitchen and bathroom were ripped out and dust covered everything. But the turmoil brought about a transformation that I have enjoyed ever since. And I believe that Jesus wants us to enjoy new life here on earth and to live in his resurrection power now. The prophets of old spoke about God's ways of justice and peace for the people on earth. God is interested in our lives here.

This month we'll be looking at one of the Minor Prophets since Joel is our book for this month. As with many of the prophets Joel's message was one of seeking God's ways of living this earthly life but he pointed, too, to the day when God would pour out his Spirit on all people. This was a prophetic word which Christians believe was fulfilled at Pentecost. And if we are to work with God to continue Christ's work of transforming this world so the all people have a better quality life then we will need God's Spirit to help us.

Life can be changed for the better in many ways but it may mean some discomfort for us. The pain and agony of Jesus on the cross was his not ours, thank goodness but we may still need to challenge the structures of today and unsettle the dust of complacency if we are to see change. And God's power, God's Spirit is there to help us and that power is the same power that brought about the resurrection of Jesus.

So let us live in as post Easter people working with God to ensure that the people of earth can enjoy new life here and now.

Blessings,

Meg



Vision4Life Bible Page

As part of Year 1 of Vision4Life focuses on the bible perhaps this page will help you to find different ways into the bible... and maybe you'll even enjoy doing so!!!

Word Search

This month's book is **JAMES**. He is thought to be the brother of Jesus and the James who became head of the early Church in Jerusalem. Jesus lived as part of a human family and this word search contains some of the family relationships to Jesus and their names. Can you also match the relationships to the names?

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- mother James
- Mary father
- Joseph cousin
- Judas Simon
- Joses brother
- John

Look up Mark 6:3 and Galatians 1:19 to help you.

Who were James and his brothers? Were they sons of Mary and Joseph or sons of Joseph by a previous wife who had died and so step-brothers to Jesus? Is there anything in the bible which may help us here? Consider why Jesus on the cross passed on the responsibility of his mother to his disciple, John.

James is the English form of the Hebrew Jacob or Yacobus. Joseph would be Joses, Simon would be Simeon and Judas would be known as Judah. John would be Yoachin and Mary in Hebrew would be Mara. And Jesus would be known as Yeshua.

Can you find one of these Hebrew names in the word search?

Quiz

1. Where in the Bible would you read about the life of David?
2. Who woke up after his wedding to find he had married the wrong woman?
3. How old was Jairus's daughter when Jesus healed her?

Vision for Life Bible Book Club

As are aware all of our churches in the East Cleveland Group are now signed up to our Vision4Life Book Club. This entails the reading of a different book of the bible each month with the theme of worship on the fourth Sunday of each month prepared to look at that book.

For May you are invited to read JOEL, one of the Minor Prophets, and here is a little background information and some guidelines for your reading.

The book of Joel has been chosen because this year Pentecost is at the end of May and Simon Peter quotes from Joel when the Spirit came at Pentecost. The quote in Acts, chapter 2, is part of the traditional reading at Pentecost.

The name 'Joel' means 'The Lord is God' and he spoke out in a time when the people of Israel had forgotten that the Lord was their God. During a time of severe drought when a terrible

plague of locusts had devoured what crops there were he spoke out regarding the need to repent. As a prophet he was successful because the people did repent and turn back to God.

The O.T. book dedicated to him is not very long. His encouragement towards repentance is succeeded by a forth-telling of The Day of the Lord when God would judge the nations and usher in a new age when God would pour out his Spirit on all people.

What do you think Joel would say to the society in which we live today?

If God at Pentecost fulfilled the prophecy regarding pouring out his Spirit on all people, how should that affect us today?

Remember, if you have any questions or comments, put them in the Book Club box in your church.

Manse Prayers

Manse Prayers are held every Tuesday at 8.45am and everyone is welcome to attend. Venues are as follows:

- 5th May** Guisborough (prayers for Lingdale)
- 12th May** Marton (prayers for Linthorpe)
- 19th May** Redcar (prayers for Redcar)
- 26th May** Guisborough (prayers for Guisborough)
- 2nd June** Marton (prayers for St Andrew's, Marton)

Guisborough: 31 Oakley Close
Marton: 10 Farington Drive
Redcar: 31 Torcross Way

2010 Trip to Iona

Catey is thinking of organising a trip to Iona during the summer of 2010. Would anyone vaguely interested in going please speak to Catey in order that she can know the likely take up of such a trip to help with planning? It would be planned to take place during the school holidays next year.

Answers from April edition

Easter Story Word Search

Quiz

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| 1. BARABBAS (Matthew 27:16) | 5. EMMAUS (Luke 24:13) | 9. PASSOVER (Mark 14:1) |
| 2. COCK CROWED (Mark 14:72) | 6. GARDEN (John 19:41) | 10. PILATE (Mark 15:1) |
| 3. CROSS (Luke 23:26) | 7. GETHSEMENE (Mark 14:32) | 11. TOMB (Luke 24:1) |
| 4. CRUCIFIED (Luke 23:33) | 8. JUDAS (Matthew 26:47) | 12. RESURRECTION (Philip's 3:10) |
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1. Which king of Israel was the great-grandson of Ruth and Boaz? KING DAVID
 2. Who were the only people of Jericho to be saved when the Israelites conquered the town? RAHAB and her family
 3. Who was the first person to see Jesus after the resurrection? MARY MAGDALENE

Teesside South East Mission Partnership Leadership Team Meeting

Held at Redcar URC on 26th March 2009

The Mission Partnership Leadership Team meets every two months to work towards the vision of Enabling Mission within the Northern Province of the URC, as set out in the Five Marks of Mission.

Below is a selection of the highlights from this meeting as an illustration of some of the recent work being done on behalf of the churches:-

VISION4LIFE: The Mission Partnership Bible day is to be held in St Columba's church on Saturday, 9th, May from 10.00am until 4.00pm. The day is entitled: ***Bringing the Bible Alive*** and the draft programme was discussed.

Vision 4Life – and Around the Churches:

Guisborough Church decided to read the Gospel of Mark as their opening activity. This will culminate, after four or five weeks, in a Book Club Sunday when the Gospel will be unpacked during the course of a service. The church continues to serve the residents at the Belmont Care Home – by arranging monthly services.

St Andrew's Marton & Nunthorpe have organised different groups within the fellowship to be responsible for organising the Book Club month. In April the book of James will be studied – as it will be in other churches in the East Cleveland Group. The children with Meg will be doing the study in April and in all services the needs of the children's will be taken into account. The Graphic Bible may be used as a visual aid.

Stockton and Billingham Churches will be arranging events after morning service – while providing soup, roll and a sandwich. Messy Church will be one activity – being a very Bible focussed in its format. This has registered some success bringing in new people.

Heritage work will start on the Yarm Lane building after Easter to secure the fabric of the

property. A commitment to remain on this site was made on the understanding that the council intended to regenerate the surrounding area. Unfortunately this has not happened and councillors are unable to give any indication as when some action will happen. Together churches in the area (Sal' Army, Methodists and URC) have leafleted the outer ring of housing to bring awareness of the churches presence. It is hoped that in the course of time some positive response will emerge from this initiative.

Billingham Church members have spent time creating banners depicting the festivals of the church year. Hung in the sanctuary they have added much to appearance of the church.

Redcar Church are now working with the agency One church One hundred Uses. The Citizens Advice Bureau will be taking up part of the building – and it is hoped that the church will eventually become a 'community hub' which will release the burden of the cost of maintaining the full building.

Lingdale Church has a manse that has suddenly become vacant after a period of 19 years and it will be difficult for it to be upgraded because of lack of resources. The way forward for the small congregation seems to be with an emphasis on children's work and by developing a link with the Baptist Church.

Tees Valley Mission: David Whiting, Stockton Community Chaplain, reported that the economy was now the big issue within the Mission's remit. Rachael Harrison, Vicar of New Marske and Wilton, (40% industrial Chaplain in Wilton) has recently been interviewed on this subject and the Northumbria Industrial Mission has produced a paper on this issue.

THRIVE – Church Action on Poverty and Oxfam are working in this area of social deprivation – caused by unemployment. A conference in the Tees Valley, between faith groups and the community and voluntary sectors seeks to find

some answers – by working together and helping each other.

Linthorpe Church: Engaging with the work of Vision 4Life as reported earlier.

St Andrew's Mission, Thornaby: An internal dispute, within the church fellowship, has sadly resulted in a reduced congregation – but the members continue to work well for the Mission in the local area.

SYNOD FINANCE AND PROPERTY:

Jane Tomlin reported on the current situation, viz:

- There will be a levy on the sale of buildings in the Synod and a cap on grants for the next three years because of the difficult financial position of Synod.
- A big deficit on expenditure will mean a restriction on staffing at Synod.
- Small emergency and disabled access grants are available from a fund limited to £50,000.

Staffing: A Property Officer has been appointed for six months to survey all of the property in the Synod so that the data update not only as taking stock but for redeployment reasons – such as knowing the position, availability, and suitability of manses for incoming ministers

SYNOD PASTORAL COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS:

A main concern of the committee is the perceived view of the North East as understood by most people - within the country as a whole – so that our area is often not considered as an attractive proposition as a place to live in. People don't have the vision to see the potential of the north and this has affected our ability to recruit new ministry to our Province.

A paper entitled: *Challenge to the Church* suggests that the way forward is to empower lay leadership to take control in the future. The concept of a church with a minister and people cannot be sustained in the long term – with other forms organisation being required and needing to be seriously considered.

Keld Project: The manse has been redeveloped and other parts of the project are free standing – and self sufficient.

Energy for Life: This event is an alternate activity held in those years when, as now, there is no General Assembly. There did not appear to be any significant support for this from the churches present – and the Synod will need to enquire as to whether there are sufficient people in the North East, who wish to attend, for transport to be organised.

Future Events: In the Mission Partnership we have:

- Bible Day, as mentioned earlier in the notes, Saturday, 9th, May, in St Columba's Church, Billingham.

Prayer Day, Saturday, 28th, November in the Friends Meeting House, Great Ayton.

SYNOD & MODERATOR INPUT

Rowena, the Synod moderator, spoke about a number of Synod events and other initiatives coming up in future months, viz:

Synod event- Acts now and Then. Churches are asked to copy out a section of the Acts of the Apostles. On a piece of paper a modern version of the selected passage with accompanying pictures can be done. All contributions, from around the province, will be gathered in one volume

The Big Read: Luke's Gospel will be read in Durham Cathedral – with ecumenical groups reflecting on the various passages of scripture.

Pilgrimage: St Cuthbert's Way, 20 - 25th, July. This event is a 62 mile spiritual and physical journey of faith.

TLS (Training for Learning and Service) Taster Days: members are asked to promote the latest day on Wednesday, 1st, April at Queens Park, Stockton. This course helps people to grow spiritually – starting with a foundation course and then following on with courses on pastoral care and community.

Ray Tunnicliffe



TEESSIDE SOUTH EAST MISSION PARTNERSHIP

MAY GATHERING

SATURDAY, 9TH MAY, 2009

'BRINGING THE BIBLE ALIVE' St Columba's U.R.C.,
Marsh House Avenue, Billingham

Programme

10.00am Arrivals and tea/coffee

10.15am Worship

10.30am Choice of workshops

- 1) **MEMORY** (Rev David Whiting)
- 2) **GODLY PLAY** (Rev Meg Robb)

11.30am Workshop

OUR ROOTS IN THE OT

(Rev Ken Harris)

12.30pm Lunch (*bring your own*)

1.15pm Choice of workshops

- 1) **DRAMA** (Rev Jan Maxwell)
- 2) **IMAGINATION** (Rev Ruth Crofton)

2.15pm Communion

2.45pm Tea/coffee and depart

There will be activities for children throughout the day.

You can come for a session or the morning or the afternoon.. or, if you are free, why not come for the whole day? If you need transport, please ask.

Synod Prayers

Prayers for May are as follows:-

Week beginning 3rd May

Billingham LEP; Falstone & Kielder; Wark LEP; Rev Janet Flawn

Week beginning 10th May

Ponteland; Stamfordham LEP; St. Aidan's, Hexham; Haltwhistle

Week beginning 17th May

St John's, Wideopen; Rev Philip Gray; Horsley and John Knox, West Denton; Rev John Paul

Week beginning 24th May

St John the Evangelist LEP, Kingston Park; Rev Roger Mills
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Week beginning 31st May

Pentecost - The Mission of the Church

Summer Camp at Crathorne

From 3pm on the 4th July to 3pm on July 5th there is going to be a Children's Summer Camp at Crathorne. This will be a time of fun and games, camp team challenges, a night hike and more – oh, and lots and lots of sleep!

Indoor activities will be available if it is wet! Please see Catey (01642: 471778) if you haven't already got an application form. Tents will be provided, but you need to bring your own sleeping bag and pillow etc. Strictly no midnight feasts will be allowed in the borrowed tents! Sorry!

Christian Aid Week

10th to 16th May 2009

St Cuthbert's Way Pilgrimage 20th to 25th July 2009

62 miles of spiritual and physical exercise - walk all the way or any part of it - Further details on Synod website

Lingdale

Elijah Wedgwood - 1914-2009

Elijah was born on the 21st December 1914. He was one of five children, there was George William, Edith, Ethel and Olive. After his school days he worked for his father. Elijah joined the volunteer Fire Service at Skelton. At the outbreak of the World War Two he was seconded to Middlesbrough's Park Road South's station.

Elijah met a young Geordie lass from Bedlington in Northumberland by the name of Roslyn Bainbridge. They were to marry and bring up two children. Michael and Paul.

After the war Elijah worked for the Skinninggrove Iron Works, as a chauffeur.

Elijah was quite an athlete. In his younger days he used to like running, this must have set him up for a long career in Badminton; He played in many village halls and local schools around the area, he was quite an accomplished player.

He was one of the founder members of Scaling Dam Sailing Club and was there during the time they were raising money to build the Club House. He also manned the Safety Boat when he wasn't racing. Elijah also rode and bred horses and he frequently rode with the Glaisdale Hunt.

Roslyn passed away after a long illness in June

Joint Service

There will be no service at Lingdale on 10th May as we are taking part in a joint service at All Saints Church, Skelton at 6pm.

Susan

1990. He later married Anna, with their mutual love of horses and holidays they had many happy years together.

The last 4 years of Elijahs life have not been his best and he had to move, due to his failing health, into Castle Court Nursing home in Boosebeck. The staff there treated him like a king. He left there by Ambulance on Sunday 15th March to James Cooke University Hospital, he never returned.

It was little known that Elijah was a regular attendee to the URC Church in Lingdale. I am sure he believed in Jesus Christ, he wasn't there just to sit his 'Entry to heaven exam'.

He knew that there was something bigger and better still to come.

Flower Rota

3rd May	Miss S Griffiths
17th May	Mrs J Coulthard
24th May	Mr B Dove
31st May	Mr A Thompson
7th June	Mrs M Saunders

Lingdale Calendar

Elders meeting 7.00pm 20th May

Weekly

3rd Sunday of month 4.00pm Messy Church followed by Kids Praise at 6pm.

4th Wednesday of month 2.00pm Worship at Prospect Place

Linthorpe

Coffee After Morning Worship

29th Mar Macmillan Nurses
£8.00 H Kettlewell

4th Apr Macmillan Nurses
£14.00 H Kettlewell

Many thanks to those who give so generously to this and the other worthy causes.

Scripture Readers

3rd May S Mapplebeck
10th May Parade
17th May J Haverson
24th May M Gilmour
31st May F Rowe

Church Flowers

3rd May C Tovey
10th May TBA
17th May R Winn
24th May I Stevely
31st May E Williams

Rotas

	Vestry	Porch
3 rd May	R Harris	G Dodds
10 th May	M Gilmour	S Mapplebeck & C Tovey
17 th May	J Harper	H Kettlewell
24 th May	J Haverson	S & D Knox
31 st May	R Harris	E Williams

Coffee/Tea After Worship

3 rd May	RNLI	G Williams
10 th May	Scouts	G Rathbone
17 th May	Children With Liver Disease	S & D Knox
24 th May	Guide Dogs For The Blind	J & P Horbury
31 st May	Macmillan Nurses	H Kettlewell

Communion Preparation

17th May P Horbury & M Tilley

Linthorpe Calendar

For Your Diary

Sat 9th May 10.00 – 2. 45pm Mission Partnership Event: St Columba's URC Billingham - 'Bringing The Bible Alive'

Tue 12th May 7.30pm Church AGM Jameson Lounge

Guisborough

It is with some trepidation that I take up the baton from Maureen. I hope it won't be just me contributing each month and that there will be some variety of voice.

My first task is a pleasant one. I have been asked to pass on thanks from Moira Ward to all those who joined her in prayer for her grandson Ross. After major surgery and a lot of pain, he is now well and long may this continue so he can enjoy the activities and pleasures of all healthy boys.

We can all learn from the young. Our Junior Church has been using Godly Play in their lessons which has been a great success. It is less like school but we all seem to learn more from

it. There is an acceptance of each child's contribution which encourages sharing of ideas and there are no right and wrong answers. I get to help out once a month and find this approach very interesting and rewarding. Christine puts a lot of work in with her artistic talents and careful preparation. It is hoped that a cupboard will be purchased to store the materials for Godly Play in memory of our late member Bob McDonald. This will provide a fitting and lasting memorial and help to pass on the Gospel he lived by to the next generation.

At the end of March we unpacked Mark with Meg to help us. Many of us had managed to read the whole book that month and were surprised what a good read it turned out to be. The

pace is relentless and moves rapidly to the events of Holy Week. There is a secret in Mark which is fully revealed on Palm Sunday. We all learned more of the life and times of Jesus and the places he visited. We now look forward to examining James after Easter.

I really enjoy studying and many were supportive and interested when I did an M.Sc. in Palaeopathology a couple of years ago. I am now beginning to answer the call to TLS with a view to accreditation as a lay preacher. I went to the recent taster session at Queen's Park and learnt a lot about the courses available. It is possible to study just for interest without assessment and accreditation or you can take it a stage further and obtain a degree. The foundation course is Bible led and seems similar to what we do in Bible Studies, or in this Bible year for Vision 4 Life, just taking it a bit deeper. It would enhance the experience to have others to study with in the weekly meetings, as well as the pleasure of meeting fellow students from all over the North East at the special

weekends away. If anyone has been thinking about TLS, but been reluctant to go it alone, now might be a good time to take the leap of faith. I'm happy to be contacted and Meg or Catey have my contact details ails.

I had another new experience this week. We had a wonderful Agape meal on Maundy Thursday and it was good to share with others from the Group and elsewhere. Ken took me to one side, like the choirboy who has to sing the solo at the Nine Lessons and Carols, and asked me to lead worship outside our church for the Good Friday Walk of Witness. When the time came I was so nervous I was shaking. It is one thing to speak to a small congregation of friends in a familiar church and quite another to speak into a microphone in the middle of Westgate. Catey showed me how it should be done with a powerful mes-

Guisborough URC Rotas

Date	Vestry	Communion	Door	Flowers
May 3rd,	R Tunnicliffe		M Houston	D Harris
May 10th,	D Moore	D Cross	J Bulmer	V Beattie
May 17th,	B Ward		D Beattie	J McGregor
May 24th,	M Baird		D Houston	D Collins
May 31st,	J Reynolds		M Robson	J Bulmer

Guisborough Calendar

Sat	2 May	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast – Guisborough Christian Fellowship at 32, Thames Avenue.
Sat	9 May	10.00am - 4.00pm	Mission Partnership – Bible Day at St Columba's URC, Billingham.
Sat	9 May	10.00am - 12 noon.	Farmers' Market – Church Open Day. Volunteers welcome.
Tue	12 May	7.15pm	Elders meeting (<i>Provisional date only</i>)
Tue	12 May	7.30pm	Church Meal Out
Sun	17 May	10.00am	Guiz Kids – Guisbro' Churches JC's joining together at Prior Purselove Sports Centre.
Thu	21 May	7.15pm	Finance and Property Committee meeting (<i>Provisional date</i>)
Sun	24 May	11.00am	Discovering Guisborough – walk around to find hidden, or special features of the town.

Weekly

Tuesdays	12.30pm	Bible Study
Thursdays	9.30am – 11.45am	Coffee Morning
Thursdays	11.30am	Quiet Time - Prayers and reflections with Catey, Meg, Ken and some of us

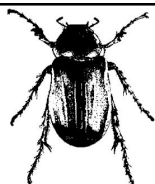
sage at the Market Cross. I still have so much to learn.

I shall be travelling on Easter Sunday to visit friends in France. It will seem wrong somehow not to be in church. I'm leaving my Magnolia in

full bloom but when I return the blossom will be out on our cherry tree. Spring has truly sprung and by the time you read this, I can say Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Donna Moore

Redcar



Beetle Drive

with Faith Supper

**Saturday May 23rd
at 5pm**

Tickets: Adults £2, Children £1.
Available from Mrs Evelyn Robertson .



Ascension Day Service

May 21st 2009 at 8am

A service of Stations of the Cross at Errington Woods.

If you would like to attend and need a lift please contact Rev Catey.

Church meeting - Sunday 10th May

There will be a Church meeting at 11.45am, after morning worship. Please try to come to hear the news of the Church.

Churches Together in Redcar

SANDCASTLE BUILDING COMPETITION

To celebrate the Year of the Child

Sunday 3rd May 2009

at 2pm

Meet next to the slipway in front of the town centre. All ages can join in and prizes will be awarded for the best Sandcastle built on the day.

Registration from 2pm, building will commence at 2.30pm!

Bring your own buckets and spades!

Jack's Diary

I love this time of year when I can get out and do some serious gardening. Bob assumes he knows a lot but he doesn't have the trained eye and green fingers that I have or should I say paws. I can't understand him, he really does not appreciate my help. I moved a hydrangea and put it in the pond, it looked as if it needed watering, I received no thanks, he just tutted and took it back to it's original place, but he'll have a job finding the lavender bush I planted behind the bin. There's no soil there but I did my best. I found lots of canes and scattered them all over the grass, very artistic, half an hour later they were all gone.

Well that's it I'm not helping anymore.

Oh! But isn't God's creation truly wonderful.

Then He commanded 'Let the earth produce all kinds of plants, those that bear grain and those that bear fruit' and it was done.

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Redcar Calendar

Weekly

Thursday	9.30am	Prayers
	10.00-11.30am	Pop-in Centre

St Andrew's

Family News

Congratulations to Carol and Tony on the birth of their baby daughter, **Milly Rose**, a lovely new sister for Charlie and Olivia. Our best wishes and prayers go to all the family.

Pam Munkley - At the time of writing, Pam is a patient in James Cook Hospital. She remains unwell, but hopes to return home in the next few days. Whilst Pam may not be well enough to be out and about, visitors will be welcome.

Please keep both Pam and her family in your prayers at this time.

Doreen Moody - Congratulations to Doreen who has recently celebrated her seventieth birthday. She is also convalescing following surgery to her foot and hopefully will be fully mobile again shortly.

Ladies Fellowship

At our April meeting we had a lovely talk from Joan Burton on her experiences in the Red Cross during the Second World War. We could have sat there all night listening to her interesting stories. Thank you Joan.

Our last meeting of the session will be our AGM and Annual Dinner on Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 12.00 for 12.30pm at the King's Head, Newton-under-Roseberry.

Una and Joan's Coffee Morning

Thursday 7th May 10.30am to 12noon

At 8 Towthorpe, Nunthorpe

Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall

Tickets £1.00 available from Una and Joan.

Proceeds in aid of church funds

Bible Studies

As part of Vision4Life Bible Year we had agreed to begin a Bible Study session again. It may be that we join with Nunthorpe Methodist people and offer a choice of days, times and venues. Peter Etwell enjoyed the Lent course at the Methodist Manse and it would be good to work together on such ventures. So, look out for details in the near future when Meg and Rev Sue Greenwood have arranged something.

Churches Together Prayers

Our Churches Together ask that we focus our prayers for our local churches as below. During week beginning

3 rd May	St Mary's Church of England
10 th May	Nunthorpe Methodist Church
17 th May	St Bernadette's RC Church
24 th May	St Andrew's URC, Marton
31 st May	Marton Methodist Church

St Andrew's Calendar

Mon 18 th May	3.00pm	Informal Worship at Elmridge
Wed 27 th May	2.30pm	Communion Service at Kirkley Lodge. Everyone is welcome

Weekly

Wednesday	9.30am	Prayers
Sunday	After Worship	Traid Craft Stall (Last Sunday in month)
Boys Brigade		Details available from ministers and church elders

Holy Week

It has become increasingly evident to us over the years that, in order to celebrate Easter Day, it is necessary to experience again the events of Holy Week-not just Palm Sunday. To this end, being the ecumenists we are, we chose to share with our brothers and sisters in Christ who worship at neighbouring churches. So come with us on our journey.

First stop:-Attending on Monday 6th April a rendering by the Levendale Singers of the Passion Chorale The Crucifixion by John Stainer. On Tuesday we shared a time of worship centred around perfumes-from myrrh to anointing with a jar of pure nard-led by Sue Greenwood for the regulars at Nunthorpe Methodist coffee morning. Wednesday evening in the hall Chapel at St. Mary's Nunthorpe a few of us joined Janet, their lay reader who led a thoughtful meditative service with thoughts on the fulfilment of prophecies. Maundy Thursday at St Andrew's was this year based on the thoughts and reactions of four characters who witnessed the trial of Jesus - Philip, Judas, a temple policeman and Annas. Good Friday began with a walk of witness from Nunthorpe to Marton Methodist (though we

did it the lazy way); during the sombre reflective hour which followed we were convinced of ways in which we deny and betray our Lord today. That evening we joined St Bernadette's congregation for a thoughtful and moving service based on a pattern of Taize chants with intercessions bringing the stations of the cross right to the 21st century.

So through the week we followed the sequence of adulation and hosanna to scheming, deceit, betrayal and suffering- fully ready by Easter Day to really celebrate and sing with wonder "Jesus Christ is Risen Today - Alleluia".

Footnote:- In case you have spotted an omission we did not boycott St.Cuthbert's, Marton - our visit to them was at the beginning of Lent when, during Ash Wednesday service the cross of baptism is imprinted on the forehead with ashes to symbolise penitence.

John and Shirley

Rosemary Fund

Thanks to the support of customers at St Andrew's and beyond. All the ducks, bees and ladybirds were sold out adding £99.20 to the "Rosemary Fund".

Preachers

	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May
Marton	9.30am C Morrison	M Robb Parade	L Bustard	M Robb Family Serv	D Harris
	6.30pm				
Lintho	11.00am C Morrison	M Robb Parade	J Harper Communion	K Harris	J Harper
Guisbo	9.30am M Robb Communion	D Harris	M Robb	C Morrison	M Robb
Redcar	11.00am K Harris Communion	C Morrison	M Robb	J Harper	K Harris
Lingdale	6.00pm M Robb Communion	Joint Service At All Saints	C Morrison	C Morrison	K Harris

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