

We give thanks to all who lead our worship

		March 3rd Third Sunday in Lent	March 10th Mothering Sunday	March 17th Fifth Sunday in Lent	March 24th Sixth Sunday in Lent	March 31st Easter Day	April 7th Second Sunday of Easter	April 14th Third Sunday of Easter	April 21st Fourth Sunday of Easter	April 28th Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 5th Sixth Sunday of Easter	May 12th Seventh Sunday of Easter	May 19th Pentecost	May 26th Trinity Sunday / Aldersgate Sunday
Lectionary Year B 2024		Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 35b Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
BISHOP AUCKLAND DL14 6EN	10:30 am	Thorne	Gibson	Pinkney HC	Bean AAW	Pinkney HC	E. Hird	Watson	Pinkney AGM	J. Hird	Pinkney HC	J. Spencer	Pinkney HS	Nodding
COCKFIELD DL13 5EN	10:30 am 6:00 pm	J. Hird -	Bean -	Nodding -	Payne HC/US -	J. Spencer -	Thorne -	10.45am Payne HC -	Gibson -	Payne -	- J. Spencer EO	Armstrong -	E. Hird -	Watson HC -
DENE VALLEY DL14 8UE	3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Pinkney HC -	Pinkney -	Swinbank -	Pinkney -	Pinkney HC -	- Payne	- Watson	- Pinkney	- Holliday CW	- EO at Cockfield	- J. Hird	- Pinkney HC	- Holliday MWoL/CW
ETHERLEY DL14 0HZ	9:30 am 10:00 am	- Bean	Payne HC -	Payne -	- Thorne	9.15 Payne HC -	- J. Hird	- Pinkney	Payne HC -	- Nodding	- E. Hird	- Gibson	Payne HC -	- J. Spencer
HAMSTERLEY DL13 3PP	10:30 am	Pinkney	PS	10.45am Payne HC	PS	PS	Ward	PS	10.45am Payne HC	PS	Swinbank	PS	10.45am Payne HC	PS
HEIGHTINGTON DL5 6PP	9:30 am	E. Hird	PS	PS	PS	PS	Payne HC	PS	PS	PS	Thorne	PS	PS	PS
NEWTON AYCLIFFE DL5 5DH	11:00 am	Payne HC	Thorne	Watson	E. Hird	11.15 Payne HC	Payne	J. Spencer	Swinbank	Pinkney HC	Gibson	J. Hird	Bean	Payne HC
SHILDON DL4 1AH	10:30 am 2.30 pm	Gibson -	10.45 Payne HC -	J. Spencer -	Armstrong -	10.15 Payne HC -	Bean -	Nodding -	E. Hird -	- Payne HC	J. Hird -	Thorne -	- Payne HC	Pinkney -
WITTON PARK DL14 0DG	8.00 am - 10:30 am 6:00 pm	- - - Barrett CA	- - Pinkney/Swinbank MC -	- - - Watson	- - - Pinkney	8am Pinkney HC - - Bean/Swinbank - -	- - - Simpson	- - Bean/Swinbank MC -	- - - WT	- - - Pinkney HC	- - - EO at Cockfield	- - - Pinkney/Bean MC -	- - - Payne	- - - WT
WOODHOUSE CLOSE DL14 6PD	9:30 am 10:00 am	Payne -	- Watson	- Thorns HC	- Pinkney	- Hutchinson HC	- Gibson CW	Payne HC -	- Thorns	- Watson HC	- Armstrong	- Thorns HC	- Nodding	Payne HC -
AAW:All Age Worship AGM:Annual General Meeting B:Baptism CA:Chapel Anniversary CW:Café Worship EO:Easter Offering HC:Holy Communion HS:Homemakers Service MC:Messy Church MWoL:Methodist Way of Life PS:Parish Service US:United Service WT:Worship Team														

Holy Week:

Monday 25th	10.00	Witton Park - Quiet Day 10am -2pm Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch.
Wednesday 27th	19.00	Newton Aycliffe - Holy Week Reflections
Thursday 28th	18.30	Bishop Auckland - Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday 28th	19.00	Shildon HC - Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 29th	09.45	Witton Park - Good Friday Service
Friday 29th	10.00	Shildon - Good Friday Service, followed by Shildon Churches United Witness at 11.00
Friday 29th	14.30	Dene Valley - Walk of witness, followed by a Good Friday Service at 15.00 and tea at 16.00
Friday 29th	14.30	Cockfield - Good Friday Service

Conference encourages every ordained Presbyter to keep one day free from Circuit responsibilities. Please respect that day except of course for emergencies:

Rev David Payne - Tuesday

Rev Rachel Pinkney - Friday and Saturday (Day off and study day)

Please send any dates for the next plan to Jenny by Monday 8th April, thank you.

LOCAL PREACHERS		2000	Clifford Holliday
1955	Maureen Howe*	2000	Evelyn Swinbank
1958	Raymond Horner*	2000	Robin Young
1960	Margaret Dack*	2003	Joyce Hird
1967	Jeanne Spencer	2005	Christine Bennett
1985	Harry Kipling	2007	Susan Thorne
1985	Margaret Nodding	2010	Carol Bean
1992	Andrew Robinson	2010	Gwen Morrison*
1997	Jane Armstrong	2013	Edwin Hird

*Preachers no longer on Active Service

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LICENSED LAY READER	Roger Gibson
CHURCH OF ENGLAND AUTHORISED LAY MINISTER	Jonathan Ward
WORSHIP LEADER - Newton Aycliffe	Marion Anderson

VISITING PREACHERS

Janet Barrett: West Durham Methodist Circuit

Rev Barry Hutchinson: WHC

Maureen Simpson: East Durham Methodist Circuit

Rev Joanne Thorns: Church of England

A message from the Superintendent Minister:

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the latest Plan, for the period March-May 2024. Covering so many of the important events of the Christian year, what an important quarter this is! The calendar takes us from the 3rd Sunday in Lent, through to Passion Sunday, then Palm Sunday, the events of Holy Week and the celebration of the glorious resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day. Then, without much of a pause for breath, there is still time to work through to Ascension Day, the celebration of the birth of the Church at Pentecost and finally Trinity Sunday. The first Sunday of the next Plan takes us back to Ordinary Time.

In this quarter, we plumb unfathomable depths, but by the grace of God, we soar to unimaginable heights. God seeks us out and redeems us in Jesus Christ, and, as the Methodist Baptism service describes it, “plants us into the Church of Christ,” where we might be nurtured and strengthened in faith.

Sunday worship guides us through these changing liturgical seasons, but there will also be opportunities in local churches to think, pray and reflect further. Look out for these of the Circuit website (www.basmethodistcircuit.org.uk). You may also wish to access the resources produced by the Methodist Church (www.methodist.org.uk) – particularly those for Lent under the title, ‘Unbounded love,’ from the famous hymn of Charles Wesley.

I ask God’s blessings on each of you in these changing seasons.

Yours in Christ’s love, David.

P.S. Beware! My diary reckons British Summer Time begins on Easter Day – an hour is lost!

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March - April - May 2024

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