

A **very special thank you** to everyone who helped to make Tuesday evening's institution service such a memorable occasion - we feel well and truly welcomed! PS I rang the bell perfectly for Morning Prayer on Wednesday! *Fr Peter and Alison*

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** takes place on April 2nd, Notices and Nomination forms are displayed in the porch. Please add any names, provided the person being proposed has agreed that you do so. Copies of the reports and accounts will be available next Sunday DV *Ralph Howard*

The annual **Church Spring Clean** will take place during the week beginning 26th March. On Monday 27th March the pews will be cleared of hassocks and on Tuesday 28th March the church building team will be cleaning the walls etc. from 10 a.m. Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th general cleaning, dusting and polishing will take place. Hassocks will be replaced between 9am and noon both days - There is a list of jobs to be done on the old book bar in the church. If you are unable to help at these times, other jobs can be undertaken at a time more convenient to you. *Ernest and Dorothy Gelder.*

In Your Prayers: Please pray for all who live on West Avenue and Westfield.

Today is the last day for contributions to the next **edition of the magazine.**, to be published on Sunday 2nd April. Please let Arthur Talbot have them by the end of today.

Pilgrimage to Heptonstall: on the Wednesday of Holy Week, there are plans for a pilgrimage to Heptonstall [ringing the changes from Kirkstall Abbey this year]. There will be a chance to explore the church, eat and worship together, play games, and take part in a history trail [you don't have to do all those things, you can pick and choose according to age/agility/preference!]. If you're planning to join in, please sign up on the yellow sheet in the outer porch.

Details of all the **Holy Week and Easter** services will be available next week, for those who like to plan ahead.

Next Sunday is **Mothering Sunday**, and during the eucharists, bunches of daffodils, kindly donated and made up by Jean Hurst will be available in church.

This weekly bulletin gets put together and printed on Fridays, so if there is anything you would like including on it, please make sure that Fr Peter has it by 7am on Friday. He loves things by email, because that means he doesn't need to re-type them! Our grateful thanks to Arthur Talbot who has looked after the bulletin in recent times.

The Parish Church of St Matthew, Lightcliffe

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Sunday 19th March The Third Sunday of Lent

From wherever you have come, be it just round the corner or further afield, whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, **welcome to St Matthew's this morning.** We're glad to welcome you to worship here, and pray that you will find something that helps you.

Our worship today

8am	The Eucharist
10am	Parish Eucharist Hymns: 434, 335, 364, 53, 235, 231, 213, 458, 560
6.30pm	Evensong Hymns: 207, Psalm 46, 113, 118

Groups for **children**, and **young people** meet in the Nyamatara and St Aidan's rooms, and in the office during the 10am service: please feel welcome to join them.



Planned Giving: if you would like to know more about supporting St Matthew's financially, Peter Kirby [01274 698939] would be very happy to tell you more.

This week at St Matthew's

N= Nyamatara Room LC= Lady Chapel

Monday	7.30pm	Lent Group:Everyday God at Christ Church, Lightcliffe site
Tuesday	9.15am	The Eucharist [BCP]
	7pm	Choir Practice
	7.45pm	Bell practice
	8pm	Junior Church Leaders, N
Wednesday	7pm	The Eucharist, LC
Thursday	9.15am	The Eucharist, LC
	1.45pm	Lent Group:Everyday God, N
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Friday	6.15pm	Family Service

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Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace 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

FIRST READING: Exodus 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 1.18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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GOSPEL: John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**

Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen