

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** takes place this morning, immediately after the 10am Eucharist, 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 are available from the foyer this morning. *Ralph Howard*

Our very grateful thanks to those who came to help with the **Spring Cleaning** during this last week - you'd be surprised at the places where dust can gather!

**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 chose according to age/agility/preference!]. If you're planning to join in, please sign up on the yellow sheet in the outer porch.

Junior Church are planning a **Children's Workshop** on Maundy Thursday between 2pm and 4.30pm—full details in the porch, or speak with Christine Stephenson.

**In Your Prayers:** Please remember in your prayers the soul of Harry Marsden, who has died in recent days, and those who live on Waverley Terrace and Wellburn Avenue.

If you'd like **breakfast** after the 6am Vigil Mass on Easter morning, you need to sign up for it in advance, as any extra unordered bacon has already been promised to Fr Peter, so there won't be any spare!

If you'd like to contribute towards the cost of **Easter flowers**, there is a plate in the foyer for contributions, and also a list in the porch to sign if you would like to pay for Easter Lillies.

Many members of **Junior Church** are away this weekend, along with three of their leaders, on a Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

If you're not able to be present on a Sunday, and have access to the internet, **this bulletin can now be downloaded each week** from the church website, which is at [www.lightcliffe.org.uk](http://www.lightcliffe.org.uk)

You might like to know that 60 children from Year 1 at **Lightcliffe VA School** visited St Matthew's this week, and asked some frighteningly perceptive questions of Fr Peter!

Could you commit to half an hour or more of prayer on **Maundy Thursday evening** between the end of the Eucharist and midnight? There is a rota in the porch...

## The Parish Church of St Matthew, Lightcliffe

welcome | worship | witness  
[www.lightcliffe.org.uk](http://www.lightcliffe.org.uk)

---

### Sunday 2nd April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent: Passion Sunday

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**. 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: 426, 389, 346, 126, 159, 409, 276, and 549
6.30pm	Evensong Hymns: 154, Psalm 119 vv 33-40, 216, 209

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
Wednesday	7pm	The Eucharist, LC
Thursday	9.15am	The Eucharist, LC
	1.45pm	Lent Group:Everyday God, N
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Friday	11am	Lightcliffe VA School Easter Service in Church
	6.15pm	Family Service

### Next Sunday: Palm Sunday

8am	The Eucharist
10am	Parish Eucharist
6.30pm	Evensong with Stations of the Cross

---

Vicar: Revd Peter Sutcliffe  
The Vicarage, Wakefield Road, Lightcliffe, HX3 8TH  
Tel: 01422 202424 Email: [peter.sutcliffe@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.sutcliffe@btinternet.com)

## ***The Fifth Sunday of Lent - Collect***

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31.31-34**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5.5-10**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

### **GOSPEL: John 12.20-33**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. ***Glory to you, O Lord***

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

### **Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen