

Bewsborough Bulletin

The weekly church newsletter for Barfreestone, Coldred, Guston, Eythorne & Elvington, Waldershare, Shepherdswell and Whitfield



This Week

Sunday 23rd March

9.00am | BCP Communion | St. Pancras'
10.30am | Morning Worship | St. Andrew's
10.30am | Let's Worship | Whitfield School Hall – Mayfield
10.30am | Let's Worship Communion | SS Peter & Paul's

Mon 24th March

10.00am | Let's Play | Elvington Community Centre

Wed 26th

9.30am | Let's Chat | Whitfield Rec. Pavilion

Thur 27th March

11.30am | Informal Communion | SS Peter & Paul's
12.30pm | Lent Lunch | Elvington Community Centre
7.00pm | Small Group for Lent | Whitfield

Fri 28th March

9.30am | Let's Play! | Whitfield Village Hall
1.30pm | Small Group for Lent | Eythorne
7.00pm | Alpha | The Vicarage, Whitfield



The Big Clear Up!



St Andrews churchyard clean up.

Saturday 29th March
0930 to 1100

All welcome.
Bring your own tools.
Tea, coffee and cake on offer to keep all that come along sustained!

Each of our churches has a **Local Church Council** for governance, that has the privilege and joy of making local decisions about the life and ministry of the church in the community it serves, in conjunction with the Rector, Revd. Sean. There are many exciting things going on with and among our communities and it is a great time to be part of these local church councils. Our LCC's are wonderfully well supported but are on the lookout for anyone who might like to be part of their local church team. If so, speak to your churchwarden or get in touch with Rev. Sean for more info.

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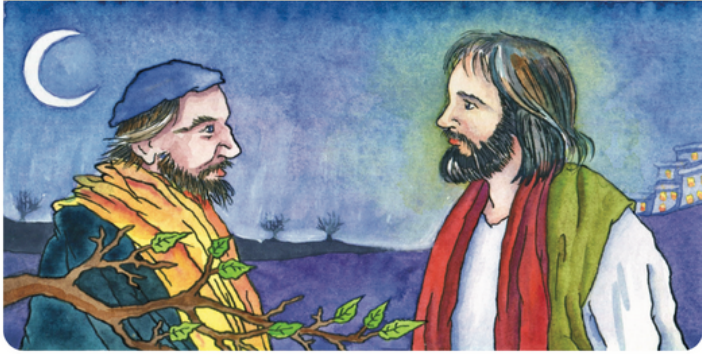
THE WONDER OF PRAYER

LENT – NOTICING GREEN SHOOTS

'Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.' (John 3:6 NLT)

God, Wellspring of Life -

- As we journey through Lent and the Coming of Spring, help us to notice signs of life in the wilderness places.
- As we draw near to you in worship, renew us for mission.
- As we encounter those who feel uprooted and displaced, show us how to be an oasis of refreshing.
- As the Church faces uncomfortable truths, root within us a determination to become a safer place for all.
- As our world rolls on the shifting sands of political change, bring us to faithful prayer.



The Absence

It is this great absence
that is like a presence, that compels
me to address it without hope
of a reply. It is a room I enter

from which someone has just
gone, the vestibule for the arrival
of one who has not yet come.
I modernise the anachronism

of my language, but he is no more here
than before. Genes and molecules
have no more power to call
him up than the incense of the Hebrews

at their altars. My equations fail
as my words do. What resources have I
other than the emptiness without him of my
whole being,
a vacuum he may not abhor?

by R. S Thomas (Welsh priest poet)

Lent Lunches



Thursdays during Lent - 12.30pm

@ Elvington Community Centre

Starting Thursday 6th March

A simple meal of homemade soup, bread
and cheese and a chance to journey together
this Lent over a shared meal.

no charge, but donations welcome



Loving God,
loving our communities,
growing disciples

Another opportunity to gather together during Lent,
and to journey with others.

Starting Thursday 6th March, our Lent lunch will be
offered at Elvington Community Centre from 12.30.
A lunch of soup, bread and some cheeses will be on
offer with an opportunity to share conversation and
fellowship, and encourage one another.

For Our Prayers

Please pray for the following people, all known
to God, who need our prayers and for those
who tend to them and show them love and care:

**Tallulah, Michael, Pauline, David, Alan Jones,
Suzie, Elsie, Ian M, Mark, Nick Stanley, David B,
Whitney, Tantely, Joyce C, Simisola Adedeji,
Karen, Janet. B, Margaret & Robin. S, Madge
and Jill.**

And a prayer for our continued Lenten journeys:

Your Word reveals to us a simple truth, that sin
entered this world through human folly
in believing we could be like you,
and permeated history through envy, selfishness
and greed. Yet sin, which holds us tight
within its grasp cannot resist a heart that is touched
by your grace through Jesus Christ, cannot contend
with Living Water pouring into hearts and souls.
Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin is defeated, and we can become
the people we were always meant to be,
by your grace through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sunday and Mid-Week Worship for March

2nd March Sunday next before Lent Green	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	St. Peter's, Whitfield	10.30 Whitfield Village Hall Let's Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm Communion
Wed 5th March ASH WEDNESDAY Purple	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	11.30am Communion for Ash Wednesday
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	7.00pm Communion for Ash Wednesday
9th March Lent 1 Purple	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	St. Peter's, Whitfield	10.30am Holy Communion
16th March Lent 2 Purple	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am Morning Worship
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	Shepherdswell Village Hall	3.00pm Messy Church
	St. Peter's, Whitfield	10.30am Whitfield School Let's Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm Evensong
Thur 20th March	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
23rd March Lent 3 Purple	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Morning Worship
	St. Peter, Whitfield	10.30am Whitfield School Let's Worship
	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	10.30am Morning Worship
Thur 27th March	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
30th March MOTHERING SUNDAY Purple	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Let's Worship Communion



13th April PALM SUNDAY Red	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am Morning Worship
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	St. Peter's, Whitfield	10.30am Holy Communion
	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	10.30am Let's Worship Holy Communion
Mon 14th April	St. Peter, Whitfield	8.00am Morning Prayer
	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	7.00pm Evening Service
Tues 15th April	St. Pancras, Coldred	8.00am Morning Prayer
	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	7.00pm Evening Service
Wed 16th April	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	8.00am Morning Prayer
	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	7.00pm Evening Service
Thur 17th April	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	8.00am Morning Prayer
	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Holy Communion
	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	7.00pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy - Communion
18th April GOOD FRIDAY	St. Martin's, Guston	8.00am Morning Prayer
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell Starting on Village Green	11.00am Cross Walk
	St. Peter, Whitfield	1.30pm Reflections on the Cross
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	7.00pm Tenebrae Service



H o l y w e e k



20th April EASTER DAY White/Gold	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am Easter Communion
	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am Easter Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Easter Communion
		1.00pm Baptism
	St. Peter's, Whitfield	10.30am Easter Communion
	St. Martin's, Guston	9.00am Easter Communion
	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	10.30am Easter Communion



Isaiah 55:1-9

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.



Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13:1-9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Celebrating 100 Years

Coldred Church Fete 2025

Each year on the last Friday evening in June, Coldred Church holds its annual fete on the village green.

This year on **Friday 27th June at 5.00pm** will be the 100th anniversary of this popular event and we hope it will be one of the most enjoyable yet.

We would very much welcome your help to make it a success.

If you feel able to offer your time to run a stall, to help in the tea tent, organise a new activity or help others with their activity please contact either Jonathan Bates on 07579 042061 or Sue Wadey on 07941 733303.

And whether you are able to help or not, please put the date in your diary now and make sure you come and support us!

To commemorate this centenary event, we are also producing a short booklet about life in Coldred over the last 100 years. If you have photographs, stories or anecdotes that you would like to share covering events in the village please contact Grahame Hood (grahamehood@btinternet.com) or Jonathan or Sue. Photographs of previous Fetes would be particularly interesting!

We look forward to hearing from you!

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QUIZ TIME

FRIDAY APRIL 11TH 2025

Shepherdswell Village Hall

7-00pm for 7-30pm start

**To book a table of up to 8 persons
contact Jane Hartridge**

on

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or

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£6-00 pp (payable on the night)

Quizmaster Adrian Newell

Please bring your own 'nibbles', drinks and glasses

Raffle and Heads 'n' Tails

Raising funds for St. Andrews, Shepherdswell

