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## Village Church Services April



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for up to date information.

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Lent 5</b>                                       |
| 9.30 am                     | Weston Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc) |
| 9.30 am                     | Leathley Morning Prayer (PMc)                       |
| 11.00 am                    | Fewston Morning Prayer (TMc)                        |

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Palm Sunday</b>            |
| 11.15am                      | Denton Morning Prayer (PMc)   |
| 11am                         | Fewston Holy Communion (TMc)  |
| 9.30am                       | Farnley All age Worship (TMc) |

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Easter Week</b>           |                        |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Maundy Thursday</b> |
| 7pm                          | Denton Holy Communion  |

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Good Friday</b>     |
| 11am                         | Fewston Morning Prayer |

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Easter Day</b>                                  |
| 9.30am                       | Weston Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD) |
| 9.30am                       | Leathley Holy Communion (TMc)                      |
| 11am                         | Blubberhouses Family Service (JC)                  |

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> |
| 11.15am                      | Denton Holy Communion (TMc)    |
| 9.30am                       | Farnley Holy Communion (TMc)   |

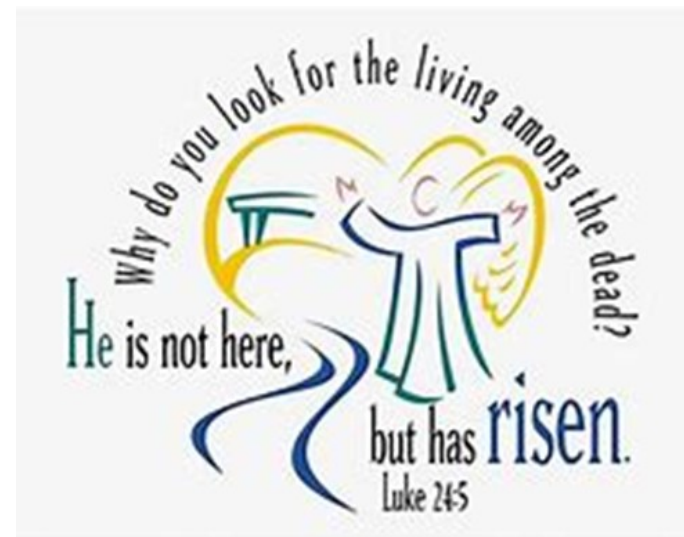
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| <b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>                       |
| 9.30 am                   | Weston Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc) |
| 9.30 am                   | Leathley Morning Prayer (PMc)                       |
| 11.00 am                  | Fewston Morning Prayer (TMc)                        |



## Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel April and May

|                                  |                     |                            |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm | Rev. Roger Smith    | Palm Sunday Holy Communion |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm | Rev. Roberta Topham |                            |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm   | Stirk               | Holy Communion             |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm   | Pitts               |                            |

## The Vicar's Monthly Message Easter



As I write this, we are still in the season of Lent but I know that later on in April we will all be celebrating Easter. The season when we all see new growth in the garden and see shoots forming on bushes and hedge rows, the season of renewal.

It reminds us that things that appear to have no life can be brought to new life; there is hope. Things in our own lives that may seem bleak can suddenly change and a shaft of light can appear on an otherwise dark horizon. The light of Christ is able to penetrate even the darkest situation. No matter what we may be experiencing in our lives at this time, we are never truly on our own.

The disciples all thought it was all over and became scared and frightened on Good Friday, yet on Easter morning the most glorious thing happened, Jesus physically showed us all that there is new life, a resurrection life.

May you and your family experience his resurrection power in your life this Easter.

Easter Blessings  
Teresa



## News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

Let us rejoice, "Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**" Happy Easter to each and everyone of you. I hope you and those you love are able to celebrate this special time in the life of the Church in a special and meaningful way.

Easter means different things to different people. Many folks in our communities focus on the celebration of Spring with the Easter Bunny, Easter egg hunts and activities, and even a nice holiday during the 2-week school break.

The new life that is seen all around us in nature is life-giving, isn't it. Out in the fields spring lambs jump and run all around. Our gardens have reawakened, and flowers are blooming with the promise that more is to come. Daylight hours are increasing and maybe, just maybe, it's feeling a bit warmer by the time you read this!

And of course, in the church we celebrate Christ's Resurrection. That all is not as it appears . . . even though we cannot physically see him, Jesus has risen from the dead. God's power and love has conquered the powers of death and evil. God has the final word . . . new life and love wins out. Because of this, Jesus is here with us and amongst us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is indeed the day for celebration!

At the core of our faith is the reality that God's love is real and it's transformative. It has the ability to change us and heal us. I don't know about you, but I receive much inspiration from hearing people share their faith stories. In one way, it helps me to see the risen Lord in daily life or to see the process where death leads to resurrection. A few years ago, I visited a church member in the hospital's Coronary Critical Care Unit. He had had a heart attack but was doing ok. He told me how this heart attack had knocked him off his feet, bringing him to his knees, literally. He had been frightened by this event and began to reflect more on his life. He said, 'being on my knees in prayer is where I should have been much sooner.' He said as he spent more time in prayer even in his hospital bed, he felt God's peace and presence. He wasn't scared any longer. That to me is how God's love transforms our hearts and minds. The risen Lord is active and cares deeply about every moment of our lives.

Where have you seen the risen Lord? Where have you seen new life rise up from something that had been barren/empty/or lifeless? Look around you, listen, and be curious. I trust there are signs of Easter everywhere for us to see and over which to rejoice.

With Easter hope and joy,  
~ Rev. Shannon

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## Farewell and 'Thank You' to the Benefice.

Hebrews 13:14

**<sup>14</sup>For here we do not have an enduring city,  
but we are looking for the city that is to come.**

In my early 20's after College I got a job as an engineer far from my northern roots in Essex. The church I joined had monuments along the path to the church door. One I noticed each time I passed had the inscription from Hebrews carved on it. It was while I was a member of that church that I felt called to ministry. As most clergy do I have moved about the country, making friends and putting down roots. Each time I felt God's call to move I remembered this verse. Every time has been difficult but this verse has always been a reminder that we are called to be pilgrims and never will we be completely at home until we reach our heavenly home.

Rosemary and I retired to Otley in 2012 and we quickly knew that we were guided here by God's hand. Now it is time to move again, this time not so much by God's call but by common sense.



Losing Rosemary in 2021 was as many of you have experienced yourself a great loss and it now seems time as I am now in my late 70's to move nearer my daughter and her family while I am still able to face a move. Jude and family moved last year from London to Didcot near Oxford and I am in the process of buying a small flat near to them. Hopefully all will be completed by the end of this month, (March).

It has been a great privilege to minister in the churches of the benefice and I have made some friends whose friendship I will always cherish.

So! A great big Thank You and my blessing to you as you read this letter and my prayers for the next stage of your pilgrimage.

Yours in Jesus Christ  
Stewart (Hartley)

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## Times of Prayer in Lent

Prayer is the Key that unlocks all doors

|                        |         |                             |               |
|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | 12 noon | All Saints                  | Farnley       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  | 12 noon | St Andrew                   | Blubberhouses |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | 12 noon | St Helen                    | Denton        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> April  | 12 noon | St Oswald                   | Leathley      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> April  | 12 noon | All Saints                  | Weston        |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> April  | 12 noon | St Michael &<br>St Lawrence | Fewston       |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April | 12 noon | All Saints                  | Farnley       |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April | 12 noon | St Andrew                   | Blubberhouses |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> April | 12 noon | St Helen                    | Denton        |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> April | 12 noon | St Oswald                   | Leathley      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April | 12 noon | All Saints                  | Weston        |



| From the Registers |                                       |  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Funerals           |                                       |  |
| 8th March          | Craig Paul Allanson                   | at Saint Oswald's<br>Leathley                    |
| Weddings           |                                       |  |
| 26th February      | Eva Taylor and Nicolas Maurice Clarke | at Saint Michaels and Saint Lawrence,<br>Fewston |

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### Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota for April & May

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> April  | Sue Wood       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> April | Julie Crowther |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> May    | Ann Chadwick   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> May   | Helen Coble    |

### Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for April & May

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> April  | Mrs J Cowgill    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> April | Tom & Ruth Raper |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> May    | Mrs H Pullan     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> May   | Sally Stanley    |



### Sponsor a colour front cover!

This month our front cover has been kindly sponsored by one of our readers, who also chose the cover image.

If you would like to do the same, to celebrate an event or a persons memory for instance, please contact the editor. The price at the moment is £30.

Thank you to our lovely sponsor this month who wanted a colour front cover for Easter.

Happy Easter.

## The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Saint Oswald's Leathley

is to be held on  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
at 9.30pm  
in the church.

All welcome

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## Fewston Foxy Ladies

We're making sunshine soaps on Tuesday April 15th 7.30pm. Come along to Fewston parochial hall and join us, as Rachael of Wharfedale Soaps shows us what to do. all welcome!

If you would like more information please contact

Gillian a ring on 01943 880362;  
Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741;  
Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423 806151

Looking forward to welcoming you all



## T&T

### Children's Favourites

We're having Malcolm Johnson coming to talk to us in April - it's time to remember Children's Favourites from the 1950s. It's a great talk, with music and slides, recalling the great children's entertainers, who often had a dark side!

So do come along on Tuesday 1st April 2pm at Norwood Social Hall. All welcome!

It is only £2 per person.

If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362

I have always got time for T&T!



## Fewston Parochial Hall

### Charity teas

Teas, lunches and homemade cakes  
Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April from 10.30am till 4.30pm.

All proceeds to Dementia U.K. and Manorlands Hospice

## Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the next meeting is the

10th April at 7pm at  
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## Leathley Parish Room Domino and Whist Drives 2025

Starting at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise stated)

### Friday 11th April

Friday 13th June

Friday 15th August

Friday 10th October - Whist Drive

Saturday 8th November – Family Domino Drive, 4:00pm start

Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included

(Vegetarian Option/Pizza on request)

Cash Bar- Raffle - Prizes

All welcome, whether a seasoned pro or never picked up a domino before, any age that can stay awake until about 9:30.

Please let us know by the evening of the Wednesday before to make sure we order enough pies & pizzas!

Over 16 to 90 - £5.00

Under 16 - £2.50

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## Norwood Social Hall

### Dominoes

Friday May 16th

### Domino dates 2025 for your diaries

Friday July 4th

Friday September 19th

Friday October 17th

Friday November 21st

Christmas Dominoes Friday December 12th 2025

Hope you can join us.

Pea and Pie Supper 7pm for a 7.15pm start.

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Weston and Denton

## Easter Walk and Egg Hunt

On Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Start at 2pm from Askwith Village Hall for a 3.5mile  
(5.5km) walk round Askwith with an  
Easter Egg Hunt on the way

All Welcome

## ANNUAL LITTER PICK

This year's litter pick  
organised by Washburn Parish Council  
will take place on

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

Please meet at 10am at Norwood Social Hall,  
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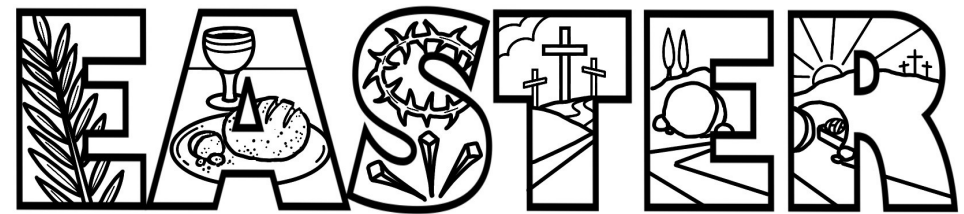
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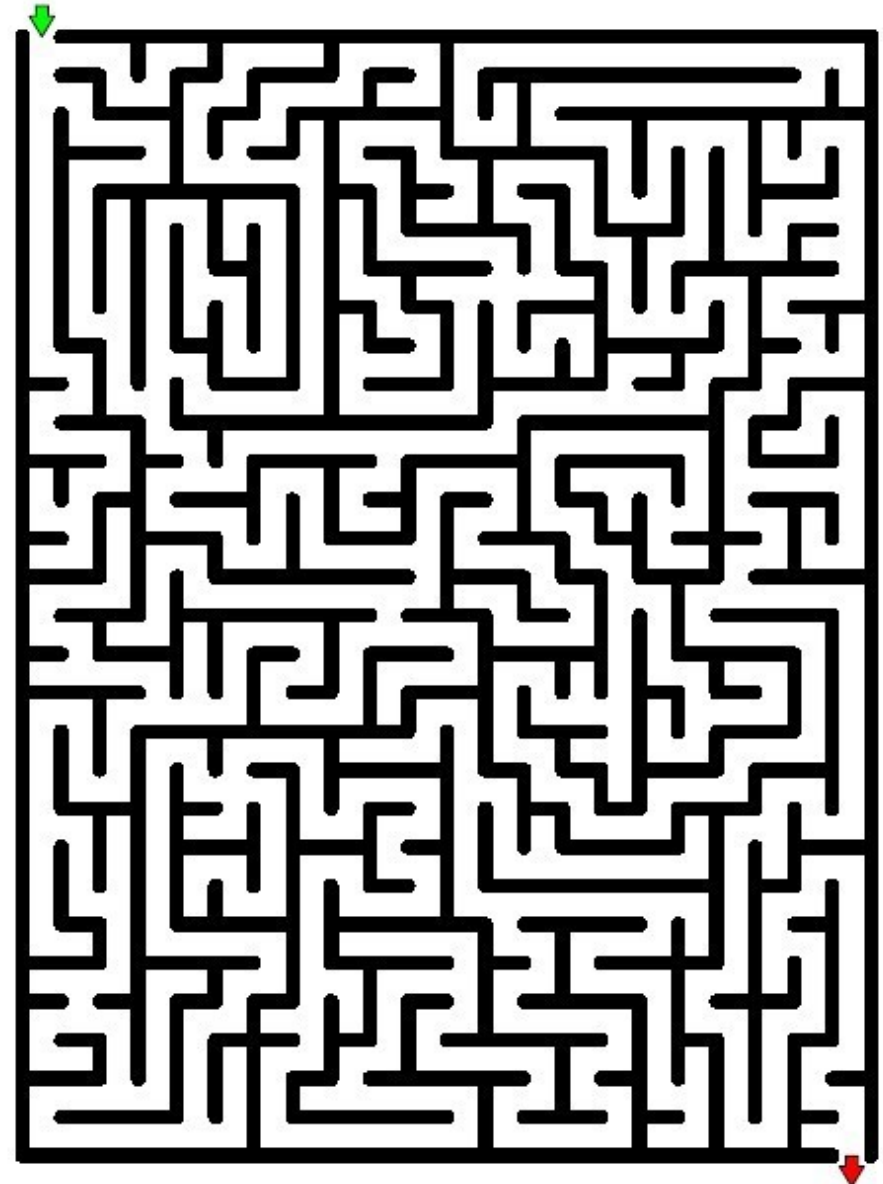
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## Bible Bite

### A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Lk 22:1-13, Mt 26:14-19, Mk 14:10-16

It was just before Passover, when Jews celebrate God rescuing them from Egypt. Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem.

The Chief Priests were plotting



Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



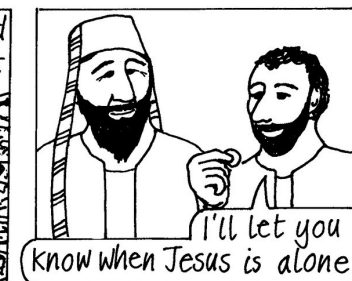
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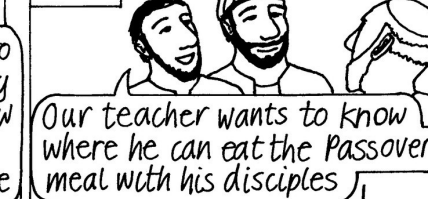
30 silver coins happened to be the same amount that had to be paid as compensation to the owner if a slave was killed Ex.31:32



Meanwhile, Peter and John asked Jesus...



They did, and asked the house owner



The room is upstairs on the roof, ready to use



Peter and John got the meal ready



That evening, Jesus and his 12 disciples went to the room to eat the Passover meal.



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come by His raising to new life!

**Jesus is risen!**  
The angel said:  
"Jesus ...is not here, for He  
has risen, just as He said."  
*Matthew 28:6*

**Jesus is here**  
Jesus said:  
"Where two or three  
come together  
in my name I am  
there with them."  
*Matthew 18:20*

**READ** the story of  
the resurrection in:  
*Matthew 28:1-10*  
*Mark 16:1-19*  
*Luke 24:1-49*  
*John 20:1-29*  
and *21:1-14*

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**Jesus will  
come again!**  
Jesus said:  
"I will come back  
and take you to  
myself so that you  
will be where I am."  
*John 14:3*

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# "Some tough talking"

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION JESUS BECAME VERY CROSS WITH THE PEOPLE WHO MADE LOTS OF RULES

YOU ARE BAD PEOPLE - YOU GIVE A TENTH OF YOUR HERBS, MINT, DILL AN CUMIN...

...BUT YOU FORGET ABOUT JUSTICE, MERCY AND HONESTY!

IT'S AS THOUGH YOU STRAIN AT A GNAT - BUT SWALLOW A CAMEL WHOLE!

YOU ARE LIKE A CUP THAT IS CLEAN ON THE OUTSIDE...

...BUT DISGUSTINGLY FILTHY ON THE INSIDE!!

YOU ARE LIKE A WHITEWASHED TOMB - SPARKLING CLEAN ON THE OUTSIDE...

...BUT FULL OF MOULDY OLD BONES!

JESUS DID NOT LIKE PEOPLE WHO MADE IT HARD TO FOLLOW GOD.  
See Matthew 23.23-27

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## All in the month of April

It was:

250 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1775 that American silversmith and folk hero Paul Revere made his famous midnight ride on horseback from Charleston to Lexington to warn residents that the British were about to attack.

Also 250 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1775 that J M W Turner, the British artist was born. Known for his landscapes and turbulent marine paintings.

175 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1850 that Madame Marie Tussaud, French artist known for her wax sculptures, died. Founder of Madame Tussaud's wax museum in London.

Also 175 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1850 that William Wordsworth died. A Romantic poet, he was Poet Laureate from 1843-50.

150 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1875 that Edgar Wallace was born. This British writer, playwright and journalist was best known for creating King Kong.

Also 150 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1875 that the game of snooker was invented by Neville Chamberlain, a British army officer stationed in India.

125 years ago, from 14<sup>th</sup> April - 12<sup>th</sup> November, that the 1900 Paris Exposition, a World's Fair, was held. Nearly 50 million people visited Paris that year.

100 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1925 that F Scott Fitzgerald's novel *The Great Gatsby*, was published.

80 years ago, from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1945 that the Battle of Okinawa, Japan took place. The largest amphibious assault in the Pacific War front, it was an Allied victory.

Also 80 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1945 that Adolf Hitler, Chancellor of Germany (1933-45) and dictator (1934-45) committed suicide along with his wife, Eva Braun.

70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1955 that Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced his retirement because of failing health. He was succeeded by Anthony Eden on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Also 70 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1955 that British nightclub hostess Ruth Ellis shot and killed her lover, David Blakely. On 13<sup>th</sup> July she was hanged at Holloway Prison, the last woman to be executed in the UK.

Also 70 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1955, that Albert Einstein, German-born American theoretical physicist, died. Considered the most influential physicist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Known for developing the special and general theories of relativity.

65 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1960 that Dr Martens boots went on sale in the UK.

50 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1975 that Microsoft, the computer software/hardware company, was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque New Mexico.

Also 50 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1975 that US President Gerald Ford gave a televised speech in which he announced that the USA's involvement in the Vietnam war was over, and all US aid to South Vietnam had ended. The war itself ended on 30<sup>th</sup> April, when North Vietnamese forces captured the South Vietnamese capital Saigon.

40 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1985 that Brazilian racing driver Ayrton Senna won the Portuguese Grand Prix. It was the first of his 41 Formula One wins.



## Washburn Heritage Centre

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS during the winter, from April onwards 11am until 4pm. Our Saturday menu is changing slightly, to offer toasted crumpets, toasted fruit loaf, cakes and drinks only. On Sundays we offer our full lunch menu. We welcome NEW VOLUNTEERS. If you can spare a few hours at the weekend once a month we would love to see you in the Tea Room. It's a busy environment, warm and friendly, but you are rewarded with cake!

Our new programme Visitors to the Valley continues apace and the exhibition is available to view inside the Heritage Centre. Do come and see us and pick up a leaflet.

To book a place at any of our events please contact Jenny at the office on 01943 880794 or email [centre@washburnvalley.org](mailto:centre@washburnvalley.org)

### Events in APRIL as follows:

TALK: Visitors and the making of Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal.  
Mark Newman  
Tuesday 8th April, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

This World Heritage Site that the National Trust now manages has been welcoming visitors for at least 350 years. In this talk we welcome Mark Newman, the National Trust's Archaeologist at Fountains and author of "Wonder of the North" its illustrated history. Mark explores the origins of the tourist trade in this part of Yorkshire and how it continues to shape the landscape. The gardens at

Studley Royal were, from the outset, designed to impress, though even the Aislabie family couldn't have anticipated the ever-rising tide of visitors who would seek them out with the aid of horsepower, then railway, bicycles, charabancs and finally the motor car. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

WALK: The high moor  
Thursday 10th April, 9.30am

This walk starts at Thruscross car park (charges apply) and takes us onto Rocking Moor. We pass Bramley Head and Spittle Ings, the house frequented by King George V when shooting on the Duke of Devonshire's estate. Curlews, lapwings and oyster catchers will accompany us on our 5.5 mile walk. There is a rough moorland section and some stiles. A delicious two-course lunch served at the Heritage Centre. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

TALK: A cosy evening with American friends and neighbours  
Wednesday 16th April,  
7.30pm – 9.00pm

What is it like not only to visit but also to live for a while in a foreign country? This is the experience of a number of Americans who come to work here for several years at a time. We will hear their experiences of living in England, understanding the language, customs, traditions and way of life and making new friends. How does their experience affect them and their families? Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

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## Washburn Heritage Centre



### MUSIC: Cantabile Choir

Saturday 26th April, 3.00pm – 4.30pm

We welcome the return of Cantabile chamber choir who will be entertaining us with a programme of beautiful choral music. Their repertoire will take you on a journey of song from the renaissance to the present day with music ranging from the familiar to the vibrant and new. The performance will take place in the church and followed by a light afternoon tea in the Heritage Centre. Cost £15 member, £18 non-member.

### TALK: Scoring for Yorkshire, Kevin Metcalfe

Tuesday 29th April, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Not quite as local as Blubberhouses, Headingley Cricket Ground is the hub of Yorkshire Cricket. Making a welcome return visit, after his appearance as Ted Hughes a Washburn Players theatrical production, Kevin will give an insight into the practicalities of keeping the score with all its complications. He will include anecdotes of some the great Yorkshire cricketers he has encountered. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

### **Advance notice of two events in May:**

#### SUPPER: 80th VE Day celebration

Thursday 8th May, 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Let us join in the nationwide celebrations with one of our three-course suppers, but not spam nor, indeed, boiled beef and carrots! There will be entertainment of a musical variety and 40's attire is encouraged, though optional. Cost £19.50 member, £24.50 non-member. Cash bar.

#### WALK: Spotting feathered visitors

Monday 19th May, 7.00am

Paul Wheatley, our wonderful bird expert will lead this early morning walk to alert us to the summer visitors to the Valley. Meeting at the Centre at 7am, Paul will remind us of the possible sightings before car sharing to a secret location. About 2-3 miles, the terrain may be muddy in parts so suitable footwear is essential. Breakfast buns shall be ready at the Centre on our return and we can discuss our experiences. Please book early for this walk as the maximum number we can take is 12. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

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## The Birds in Your Garden

### Adapting and specialising

I'm sure you've noticed that birds' beaks vary in shape and size to cope with their respective diets, but have you ever stopped to wonder how the different beaks work? A seed eating bird will need a strong beak capable of cracking husks to get at their kernels.

But even within seed eaters, competition for food means that further specialisation is needed to make the most of each type of seed. Finches are known for their diverse beak shapes, and each shape is linked to the bird's survival in its particular habitat. Natural selection plays a crucial role in shaping each bird's beak. They have strong jaw muscles and modified beaks with two grooves inside where they can lodge seeds and then use their tongues to rotate them as the mandibles do the crushing and dehusking.

But there is yet further specialisation to be found.

Chaffinches and Bramblings usually feed on the ground where disturbed soil has brought seeds to the surface, avoiding competition by targeting different size seeds, with the Chaffinch having a slightly smaller bill for smaller seeds.

Greenfinches prefer elm, Yew and hawthorn, and have large robust beaks to cope with these larger seeds. Goldfinches are even more specialist. They feed on small seeds, favouring

dandelions, thistles and Teasel, their fine, pointed bills allowing them to access the small seedheads.

Bullfinches prefer to peel the skin and pulpy flesh off their seeds, with short bills designed for the task.

Despite all this specialisation, finches will happily catch insects. Some species, such as Chaffinch and Goldfinch, will eat insects during the breeding season, and the majority of finch young are fed on easily digestible invertebrates.

Beaks are made up of two halves or mandibles, the outer layer of which is made of keratin (like our hair) and which, similarly, continues to grow and is worn down by everyday use. The upper mandible contains the nostrils at the base of the bill and both mandibles have cutting edges. The jaw muscles attach to the skull and lever the lower mandible allowing the bird to open and close its beak – the upper mandible does not move in most birds.

'Soft-billed' birds generally can't crack open hard seeds, with species like Wren and Starling having narrow bills to probe for insects. Starlings do have an extra feature to their beaks; their jaw muscles are extremely strong allowing them to open their beaks within the soil, uncovering insect larvae that might otherwise remain undiscovered. Blackbirds have a fruit-eaters' bill with a slightly hooked tip for plucking fruit and a broad base that allows them to swallow things whole.

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Short-term changes allow birds to adapt to their changing environment, for example, the shape of a bird's beak may alter during the year. A Great Tit's bill changes shape depending on what food is available. Adults eat seeds during the winter but switch to caterpillars in the spring. Subtle changes occur in their bills, which become longer and narrower during spring allowing them to feed more easily on invertebrates.

Looking to the future, and the inevitable heating of the world, it

seems that some species bodies are getting smaller while their beaks, from which they lose heat, are getting larger, providing more surface area to cool themselves. Whether this will be enough to help them survive, who knows?

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)).



### Events in Denton and Weston. Dates for your diary. Look out for further information!

|                                     |   |
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| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August    | - Parish BBQ. Denton Church car park from 2pm. Tickets in advance |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September | - Heritage Open Day. Weston & Denton churches; Teas at the Hall   |
| September or October date tbc       | - Harvest Supper  |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November  | - Christmas Fair, Denton Church 10am to 1pm                       |
| December date tbc                   | - Annual Nativity walk with Mary & Joseph                         |

Denton and Weston PCC has considered the Christian commitment of helping those less fortunate than ourselves and agreed to make a donation to a charity this year. The charity chosen is St George's Crypt in Leeds which reaches out to the homeless, the vulnerable and those suffering from addiction.

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## Washburn Parish Council

Washburn Parish Council covers the areas of Blubberhouses, Fewston, Norwood and Timble. The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and is a body of volunteers elected to represent the views of their community.

At the meeting of Council in early March the Council discussed current issues in the parish around highways, planning and maintenance and updates on county matters.

It was agreed that the Council will undertake a **litter picking day** in the parish on **Saturday 26 April**. Equipment will be provided for participants although you are encouraged to bring your own gloves. The arrangements are: Timble meet at the Robinson Library at 10.00am; Fewston meet at Parochial Hall 10.00am; and Norwood meet at Norwood Social Hall 10.00am. All are very welcome. Anyone who needs further details please contact Cllr Andrew Campbell. At the meeting of Council held in

January it was agreed to increase the parish budget for the upcoming financial year. The Council agreed a parish precept of £8,520 for the year 2025-26. This precept will be used to ensure local maintenance works carried out by the parish caretaker, upkeep of the Meagill Lane Chapel, and upkeep of parish defibrillators, as well as ensuring the Council meets its statutory obligations and responsibilities through the Parish Clerk.

The next meeting of **Washburn Parish Council will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025**, commencing at 7.15pm. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors commencing at 7.00pm.

Should you wish to contact any of your councillors please email [washburnpc@gmail.com](mailto:washburnpc@gmail.com) or for more information about your council please visit [www.washburnparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.washburnparishcouncil.co.uk)

### Dates for your Diary

The Friends of Blubberhouses Church commenced approx. 9 years ago in order to ensure that St Andrew's Church survived and continued. During this time, through hard work and dedication to fundraising, we thought we must share our financial progress with you, which to date is staggering a £35,316.31! A tremendous effort all round and THANK YOU for your continued support whether it is through donations, a Victoria sandwich or joining us at an event!

We look forward to seeing you at one of the up and coming events.

- Friday 1st August is Yorkshire Day and we are celebrating with a **BBQ and Ceilidh** at Fewston Parochial Hall - further details to follow.
- We will be doing the refreshments at **Fewston Parochial Hall** on the last weekend of July 26/27th.

Our February meeting was very much hands-on with members having a go at Zentangling, (mindful doodling which can produce some very artistic results), rediscovering knitting skills and making 4-part origami boxes with matching lids (Lesley Fidler is shown in the photo demonstrating the techniques). All were tackled with varying amounts of success but with much chat and laughter.

Our next three meetings cover diverse topics as, in March we will be hearing from Emma Ryott, an internationally acclaimed designer of stage costumes. In April a talk from Jayme Whittaker of Whitakers chocolates entitled *From*

*Factory to Hips!*". In May we will enjoy an evening of wellbeing

All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated). In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for walks locally with either a coffee or picnic stop. Please go to <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate> to view our activities.

If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI please contact Diane Hanline our President by email to [farnleyestatewi@gmail.com](mailto:farnleyestatewi@gmail.com).



## Recipe - Chocolate drops



This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1<sup>st</sup> December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend Marlene Wilkinson in her mothers possessions and reprinted again. She dedicated it to "Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions"

68 years later we are sharing the recipes again.  
Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

### Ingredients

2 eggs  
2 oz castor sugar  
2 oz Plain flour  
a pinch of salt  
1 oz cocoa  
1 teaspoonful of milk  
Vanilla essence (optional)

thick and creamy

- Fold in dry ingredients and the vanilla essence.
- Drop in small teaspoonfuls on to a baking sheet
- Bake in a moderate oven 10 to 15 minutes.
- When cool cover with cream

### Method

- Whisk eggs and sugar until

Miss Smith

## ... All in the month of April~ continued from page 29

Also 40 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1985 that the Coca-Cola Company changed the formula of Coca-Cola and launched it on the market as New Coke. The public were out-raged, and the original formula was restored within three months.

30 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1995 that Kenny Everett, DJ, comedian and TV entertainer, died. Known for his zany humour, characters and sketches.

Also 30 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1995 that the Oklahoma City bombing took place. A truck bomb exploded outside the Alfred P Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people and injuring 500 more. Timothy McVeigh was convicted of the bombing and executed in June 2001.

25 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2000 that Queen Elizabeth II awarded the Royal Ulster Constabulary the George Cross in recognition of its collective and

sustained bravery during the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

Also 25 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2000 that the 'The Big Number' change took place on the UK's telephone system. Many area codes were updated or replaced, and new ones created for mobile, freephone, local rate, national rate, and premium rate services.

20 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2005 that Pope John Paul II died. Succeeded by Pope Benedict XVI on 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Also 20 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales, married Camilla Parker Bowles.

15 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 that BP's Deepwater Horizon oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico exploded, killing 11 workers.





## Gardeners Corner



March is such a fickle month with the old saying "In like a lion, out like a lamb". The start didn't feel very lion-like with calm, sunny days and high temperatures to confuse us all. Now April is here at last bringing a really busy time in the garden.

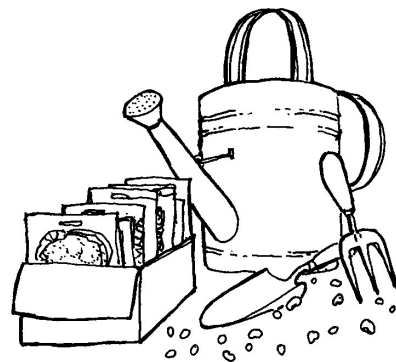
Hopefully the seeds sown indoors last month will have germinated. Pinch out the tops of sweet peas when about 3 – 4" high to encourage them to bush up and produce more flowers. Harden off before planting outside later in the month. When showing their first true leaves, tomato seedlings should be potted up individually. Sow courgettes inside to bring on before planting out in May. Prepare the vegetable garden beds so that hardy vegetables such as carrots, leeks, spinach and beetroot can be sown outside later in the month. Do watch out for slugs though as they will enjoy feasting on any new shoots.

The potatoes that you chitted earlier should be planted, traditionally on Good Friday, this year on 18<sup>th</sup> April. They can successfully grow in large containers, placing them on about 3" of compost and covering over. Then

as the leaves begin to show continue to add more compost until eventually the container is full. Alternatively plant outside in well mucked drills and cover, earthing up as the shoots appear to protect them from any late frosts and to make sure forming tubers are not exposed to light.

Apply a mulch, such as well rotted manure, garden or mushroom compost, around fruit trees and across the garden to help retain moisture and suppress weeds. Hardy fuchsias can be pruned right back to healthy buds and if you haven't already pruned those wonderfully colourful winter stems of dogwoods and willows, these should be cut hard back to encourage next winter's colour. The prunings can be used as supports around the garden, although watch out as they can take root!

Citrus plants will benefit from a high nitrogen summer feed – the Vitax proprietary soluble feed works well. Finally, do watch out for late frosts, covering flowering camellias and fruit blossom with fleece if frosts are forecast.



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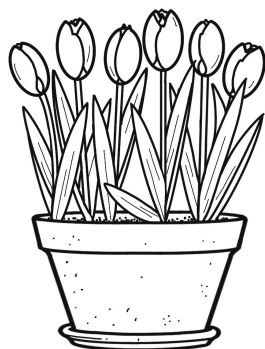
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"I'm really not sure about this trend  
for clergy dressing down, dear."

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...rumours that we would be giving out easter  
eggs are unfounded - er, there aren't any left!

## Next Contribution Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> April

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