

Services in the Benefice for April: (cont..)

Sunday April 26th: Easter 4

8.30 Holy Communion: Aldbrough

10.30am Parish Communion: Mapleton

10.30am Morning Praise: Withernwick

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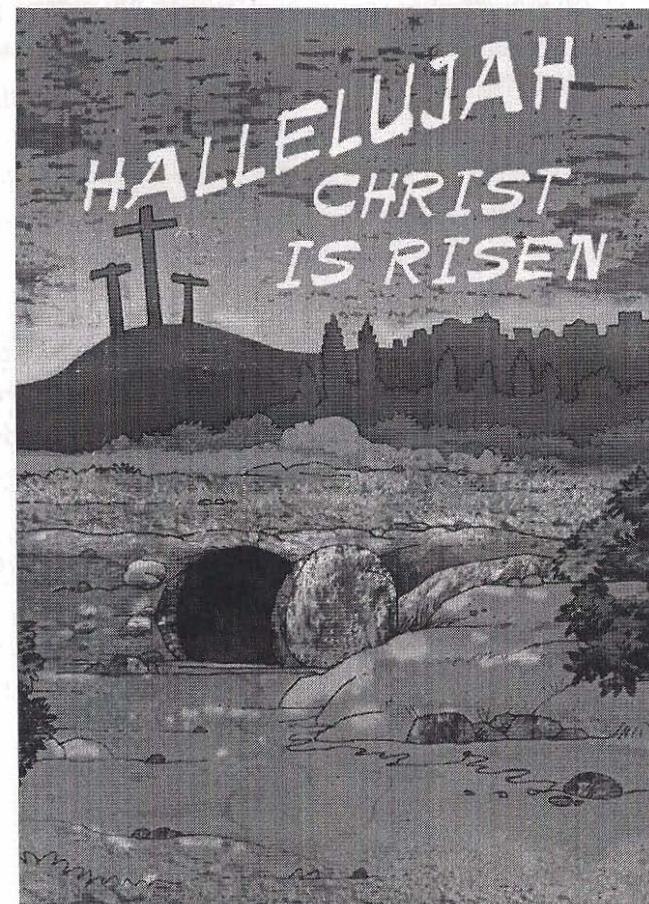
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**The Parishes of Aldbrough,
Mapleton & Goxhill with Great
Hatfield & Withernwick**

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From The Vicar April 2015

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Such words echo throughout our churches on Easter Day. It is perhaps the most joyful day of the year for Christians, as we replace the austerity of Lent with an abundance of colour and praise. In many ways the message of Easter is so simple that it can be explained in a few minutes - or can it?

The resurrection of Jesus is the defining claim of Christianity and yet how do you make sense of the Resurrection? It is something completely incomprehensible. Yet the belief that Jesus did indeed rise from the dead undergirds the whole of our Christian faith.

If we read the Gospel accounts of the resurrection we discover that those early followers of Christ also struggled with this. Take for example the Gospel of Luke which says 'they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement'. The Gospel appointed for this year is Mark, the shortest and most concise of all the Gospels, but its original ending was so abrupt that more verses had to be added later: 'Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid'. Those women must eventually have told others otherwise there would have been no 'Good News'!

Fear, joy and amazement do perhaps sum up this most miraculous event. Meeting Jesus is sometimes gentle but equally fearful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life-changing. But the resurrection of Jesus is not some puzzle waiting to be solved, it is a present day reality. Christians do not simply follow the teaching of a prophet, who died many centuries ago, or of a holy man whose life is an example to follow, excellent as that may be. Jesus' continuing impact is that thousands upon thousands of people in

every generation have put their trust in a Saviour whom they believe is alive and who accompanies them through life, and yes even through death.

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence. Then a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: 'Christ is risen!'

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, "He is risen indeed!" It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people who have already experienced God that He does not exist?

As we prepare to celebrate this great Festival we cannot escape knowing of the carnage that is being carried out in Syria, Nigeria, Libya and many other places. Easter commemorates Christ's victory over evil and yet, unless we choose to live in fantasyland, we somehow have to relate such atrocities with this 'victory'. Jesus did not escape death, neither did he promise his followers a trouble-free world. Christ's death was no accident but typical of the evil deeds human beings mete out to each other. Innocent suffering did not begin in Jerusalem and will not end there. But the crucifixion was a calculated risk: God's costly and unexpected intervention in human affairs. Christ's way of sacrifice, forgiveness and reconciliation is God's ultimate offer to the human race. Accepting this offer is not easy, but accept it we must.

With many blessings this Eastertide!

Revd Anne

Withernwick Ladies Group, April

We met together for the A.G.M. in February, welcoming new members and old and reviewed the previous year's events before beginning the planning for 2015/16. Looking back we realised such a lot had been achieved in the meetings, outings , fund raising events and community ventures and hope that the programme for the coming year will do the same. In March we listened to the work of Fairtrade with Margaret Knapton which helps farmers and craftsmen to raise standards of living in countries throughout the world by fair payments for their products. Each of us can help in small ways by buying items in supermarkets and at Fairtrade stalls. We are hoping to hold a coffee morning and sale of goods soon, details to come. Planned forthcoming talks include Sailing with Lord Nelson, The Parish Chest, The Great Wall of China and visits to Sewerby Hall, Burton Constable and the celebration of Yorkshire Day.

Next month April 8th we welcome Karen Boyle who will speak on environmental issues 7pm in St Alban's. All welcome, please join us.

Delilah our last canine partner trainee has passed her advance training & in a couple of weeks she going to be a Partner, thanks Amber-Louise

We're having a coffee morning at **St Alban's** on Saturday, 18th April, from 10am till midday.
We shall have tea/coffee, cake stall, tombola,
white elephant stall and raffle
all proceeds towards our ailing roof.

What will you discover at **YORK MINSTER** in 2105? Anyone wishing to visit York Minster is reminded that we have Parish passes available. If you would like to make use of them please speak to one of the PCC Secretaries or to Revd Anne.

Prayer of Easter Hope

Dear Father,

When we have lost someone we love, the world seems very dark. Sometimes we might feel that our world has ended, and it's hard to turn round and glimpse any light ahead.

But you, Lord, know all about that, and you care.

You sent Jesus to overcome death and lead us into the light of his forgiveness and freedom - to new and eternal life.

Help us Lord, like Mary, to turn away from the darkness death wants to scare us with, and to reach out to you.

Help us to take courage, strength and confidence from the reality of Jesus' resurrection.

He is alive and we are his. There is nothing to fear. All shall be well. Hallelujah. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month', but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' - a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Why **Easter eggs**? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.



A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

We shall be starting the very popular Pilgrim course again on Monday 13th April. This time the topic will be The Ten Commandments and as before there will be sessions at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. You are most welcome to come along even if you can't manage all the 6 sessions.

Women's world day of Prayer - Thank you

Thank you to everyone who took part & attended the service on the 6th March at St Bartholomews. An enjoyable time was had by all, including refreshments afterwards. Thank you to Ruth Skinner for being our organist, also to Janette for baking the Johnny cake recipe, it was delicious. If anyone would like a copy of the recipe I have printed some off.

The collection raised £62, which will go to help women in the Bahamas this year. Beverley Taylor

Little Fishes Mum & Toddler group

We have moved the venue of this group to The Chapel, Aldbrough. At the moment we hold our sessions once a fortnight on a Thursday Morning 10.30-11.30. We don't have sessions in school holidays, So with Easter the next session will be held Thursday 16th April We have a fun filled hour of activities, singing & games for little Ones. Mums, Dads & grandmas are welcome, come along for a Coffee & a chat.

As some might know RSPB Bempton Cliffs opens again. A brand new up to date visitors centre is open and all new view points i have seen look great. Far better views of the Sea birds Also i have been away for a few days in Devon, by coach holiday on the way back through Evesham, on the fields never seen so many Buzzards, must have seen 12 at least
regards John Witty

Services in the Benefice for April: EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Sunday March 29th: Palm Sunday

10.30am Meet in Mapleton Car Park

- procession to Church for Parish Communion

Monday

7.00pm Evening Prayer/Meditation:
ALDBROUGH

Tuesday

7.00pm Evening Prayer/Meditation: GOXHILL

Wednesday

10.00 Holy Communion: Aldbrough

7.00pm Evening Prayer/Meditation:
WITHERNWICK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Holy Communion: ALDBROUGH
GOOD FRIDAY

2.00pm An hour before the cross

- a service of hymns and readings: WITHERNWICK

EASTER DAY April 5th

10.30am Family Communion: Aldbrough

6.00pm Book of Common Prayer Evensong: Mapleton

Sunday April 12th: Easter 2

10.30 Parish Communion: Mapleton

Sunday April 19th: Easter 3

10.30am Family Communion: Withernwick

HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday April 21st

10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

