



# Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter April and Easter 2014

## Worship

6 <sup>nd</sup> April	10:45 a.m.	Trevor Hume
<b>Lent 5</b>	6:00 p.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle <i>at Marske</i>
13 <sup>th</sup> April	10:45 a.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle: Baptism of Max John Walker
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle <i>at Marske</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00 p.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle: Communion
<b>Mauudy Thursday</b>		
18 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30 a.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle <i>at Marske</i>
<b>Good Friday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle <i>at Newcomen</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> April	8:30 a.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle: Communion
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	10:45 a.m.	Lynn King
	6:00 p.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle: Communion <i>at Newcomen</i>
27 <sup>rd</sup> April	10:45 a.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle: General Church Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle: Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> May	10:45 a.m.	Revd. Arthur Harbottle: United Service
	6:00 p.m.	Thelma Hobday

Ask the vast majority of folk what comes into their mind at the mention of Easter and I am sure that very near the top of the list will be "eggs". In so far as they represent new life I have no problem with that. But Easter is so, so much more. Have you ever wondered what a chicken understands of the world outside its shell before it hatches, or even a baby while still in its mother womb? They can't even begin to imagine the wonders of the world outside even if they are capable of thinking about it - but the enormity and wonder still exists even though they cannot imagine it!

Easter is about the Resurrection of Jesus, the fact that even beyond his death on the cross his followers became aware that Jesus still existed. To them he was still alive - well, he certainly was not dead! So profoundly were they aware of his presence, despite it being humanly beyond all likelihood and understanding, that some stood in front of religious and political leaders to bear testimony to it. Others later were killed rather deny what they knew! They could believe of something beyond the "shell" or outside the womb and they were not shy about telling others!

In recent years the saying "One life - live it" has seen an increasing prominence, and I can't argue with that even though it is mostly humanists who proclaim it! For I am convinced that life is bigger than just the human, physical bit we so easily see and that it is part of something beyond our imagining which includes a life beyond death in what we describe as Spiritual form.

Now, that is the promise of Easter; the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus - that death is not the end, but only the end of our physical lives. Outside physical life is something we struggle to comprehend let alone imagine, the fullness of which we will only appreciate after we have "hatched." Just because we cannot imagine it, let us not close our minds to the fullness of the whole of life which is offered us by faith in Jesus Christ - life in eternity in the full presence of God, a God who loves us - loves you - so much he wants to spend forever with you. Now that is something to celebrate!  
Happy Easter!

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## Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who is "Counting your Blessings" this Lent. I'm happy to send off money for you or the form tells you how to send it yourself.

Christian Aid week is 11th - 17th May this year. Christian Aid week serves a number of purposes including raising money for and awareness of the work of Christian Aid both in long-term, sustainable projects and crisis work.

It also allows us to witness for Christ, showing that, for us, being Christians is not just a Sunday thing. As usual, there are a number of ways you can get involved, if you want to. House collections remain very effective and if anyone is able to help then please see me. If anyone feels able to post envelopes but not collect them then that would help our regular collectors. Some people also get envelopes from me just for family and friends and that also is very useful. I'm also going to have a red (Christian Aid's colour) stall on the 18th May after Church so any red items you'd like to donate would be gratefully received.

Thank you, Sandie

## Church Meetings

- Sunday 27th April      General Church meeting following a shortened morning service
- Tuesday 29th April      Worship Committee meeting at 7 p.m.  
This meeting is open to all local preachers

Future Events			
April	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Evening Meal for Easter
June	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Network Dinner
July	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea with Barry playing Piano and Keyboard
September	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Beetle Drive with Pie and Peas

**Marjorie** would like to thank everyone for their cards and greetings she received for her **90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

## **Power Praise at Marske**

Worship in a contemporary style.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - All Welcome

**Community Lunch Club** eats midday Tuesday

**Fellowship** meets 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday

2<sup>nd</sup> April - Devotional: Rev Chris Eddy  
9<sup>th</sup> April - Rob and Margaret Nightingale:  
Talk and pictures on Smiles foundation  
16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> speaker to be confirmed

**Thursday @Church** meets at 7:30 p.m.

April 24<sup>th</sup> - Can there be a just war?

**Friday @10** for Prayer and meditation:

April 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.

## **Easter Meal**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
6.00 p.m.

2 course meal  
plus tea or coffee

Donations  
please for the  
**chocolate  
themed stall**

Tickets £7.50 from  
Ann or Marion

## **Circuit Prayer Meetings**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon at Zetland Park  
Followed by Soup and Sweet lunch  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. at Moorsholm

### **News from Skelton.**

The circuit service planned for 3.00 p.m. on 6<sup>th</sup> April has been postponed to 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **Next Newsletter**

Please let Paul have items for the next  
newsletter by 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Either on Sunday or by email to:  
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