

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

27th March 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Easter services and events

Good Friday to Easter Bank Holiday

FLAX textile artists Wordsworth 250 exhibition at Seathwaite parish rooms. Refreshments served.

Maundy Thursday, 14th April, 5pm, Broughton

Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, with the washing of feet and the last Holy Communion before Easter.

Good Friday, 15th April

10am - Walk of Witness from St Mary's, Broughton, to the High Cross, followed by hot cross buns.

3pm – Good Friday service at St Cuthbert's, Kirkby, using material from the Archbishop of York's *The Nail*.

Easter Sunday, 17th April

6am – Dawn service at St Cuthbert's, Kirkby, with Holy bonfire, Holy Communion, breakfast to follow. Services at 9.30 (Ulpha), 11am (Broughton), 6pm (Kirkby) as per usual third Sunday arrangements.

This Week

Monday (*Stephen is away in London*)

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7.30pm – House group, Oak House, Broughton

Wednesday

11.30am – Holy Communion, Broughton Mills.

7.30pm – Youth drop-in, Broughton Methodist Church. Leaders' meeting from 7.10pm.

Thursday

9.00am – Coffee at Broughton Methodist Church

10.00am – Lent Study, Broughton Methodist Church

10am-12noon – Community Post Office and Coffee at Kirkby Community Centre and then **1-3pm** at the Browfoot Room, Ulpha (Foodbank Collection also)

3.30pm – Last Quest Club of this term.

Friday

5.00pm – Choir practice, St Mary's Broughton

Saturday

10am-12noon – Easter coffee morning at Kirkby Methodist Church. All welcome!

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew
the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 2:1-10

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:11-20

- ¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
¹² Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?
¹³ Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.
¹⁴ Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.
¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
¹⁸ The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.
²⁰ He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

A reading from St Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴ who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶ If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Luke 2:33-35

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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

Prayer after Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

