

Choral Concert in aid of
Christ Church Duns and Re-tweed

Friday 3 May at 7:30 pm
Music Room

Marchmont House

andante

CHAMBER CHOIR

SING
JOYFULLY



featuring the newly restored
Marchmont organ
Organist: Paul Starkey

Tickets: £13.50 / £11.50
(includes interval refreshments)

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You unicorns really need to hurry up and
sort out your differences!

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Regular Events

Contemplative Prayer: Contemplative Prayer Mondays at 4.30pm. Venues to be announced, phone for details 01361 883315.

Bible Study Group: 10.00 am at 16, Murray Street on Wednesdays.

Meeting Point: Wednesday, April 24th at 2.30 pm, when Genny Dixon will tell us about John Muir.

Sunday Services (10.30 am)

7th April: HC Andy Lester
Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3. 4b-14; John 12.1-8

14th April: Palm Sunday: All Age Comm Rev Bill Landale
Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 118.1-2,19-29; Philippians 2.5-11
Luke 19.28-40

21st April Easter Day: HC Rev Grace Redpath
Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; 1
Corinthians 15.19-26; Luke 24.1-12

28th April: HC: Rev Sheila Cameron
Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

FOODBANK UPDATE

The number of referrals in February was 37 which fed 50 adults and 13 children. This is the highest number of referrals in a single month we have ever recorded.

As always many thanks for your supply of food. It is amazing how stocks fluctuate. Ten days ago the stocks were reasonably healthy but a week can make a big difference. The demand keeps coming! We are in critical stage in regard to the following staple foods. In other words we have run out of the following:

**Pasta sauce; Tinned fruit; Tinned rice and custard;
Long grain rice; Coffee; Long life milk.**

Our supplies of the following are low:

Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Jam/Marmalade.

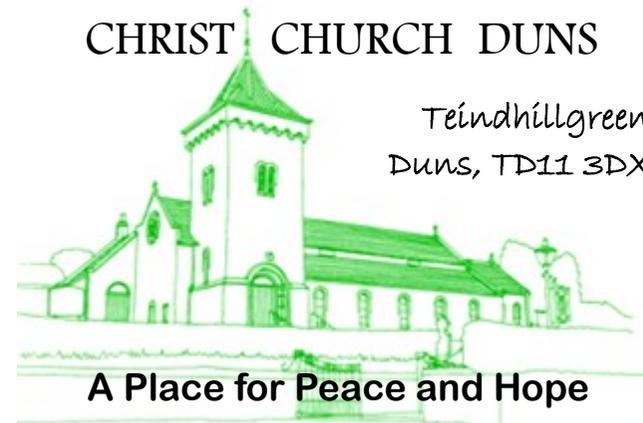
Thank you for your dedication to keep the food supplies flowing. We are very grateful.

Every blessing,

Charles

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Seeking to be a family of caring people growing in the knowledge and love of God through Jesus Christ and expressing that love, with the help of the Holy Spirit, through our relationships with one another and our service and witness in the community.

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**Material for inclusion in the May newsletter should
be submitted as soon as possible and by
Tuesday, April 23rd at the latest..**

Email: newsletter@christchurchduns.org

Vestry Update



We are getting closer to the arrival of our new Priest-in-Charge and this period of waiting is difficult. We, as a vestry, communicate very effectively these days via the newsletter, email, the website and Facebook. In spite of all that, there is a lot going on and there has been some rumour and misinformation that can be easily addressed.

The facts are:

- 1) Chris and Pauline are moving in on 29th/30th April by which time the Rectory will have been decorated and any necessary repairs carried out.
- 2) Chris's Collation Service will be on 20th May. We believe it starts at 7pm but watch out for further confirmation. Chris isn't allowed to preside over a service until after 20th May but he will be around in the three towns and plans to attend services in each of the Churches on the Sundays between arriving and 20th May.
- 3) At Chris's request, Andy Lester is liaising with him and the other two vestries to finalise the clerical rota for June, July and August. This is so that Chris knows where and when he has to be each Sunday and so we can fill any gaps rather than scrambling about at short notice with Chris trying to coordinate it all once he arrives. Ultimately we may have to change the time of our main Sunday service so that Chris can do two services on a rotating basis but he's asked we keep things as much the same as possible until he gets here and gets a feel for how best to accommodate us all.
- 4) Each of the three churches will continue to be responsible for their own non-clerical rota, exactly as it is now and has been for many years. Helen Page is taking over our rota and our thanks go to Janet Starkey for stepping up in an interim capacity to do our current rota when Joan became ill.

Preparations are continuing and we now have a near-final draft of a Memo of Agreement between Chris, the Diocese, Christ Church, St Ebba's and

St Mary's. We were assisted in the discussions and drafting by Godfrey Robson, Diocesan Secretary, to make sure the document is consistent with Canon Law, broadly similar to other Group arrangements and fair to all parties. The document was unanimously approved by our Vestry at the last meeting and will now be signed subject to final approval by Diocese.

Finally- Please support the fund-raising concert and raffle at Marchmont House on Friday 3rd May. Posters will be going up and tickets available from the usual outlets. Even if you can't go, please consider making a donation equivalent to the price of a ticket.

As always, the Vestry represents the congregation in the stewardship of the Church. Please talk to any Vestry member if you have any questions or comments on the matters reported here or anything else that you think needs attention.

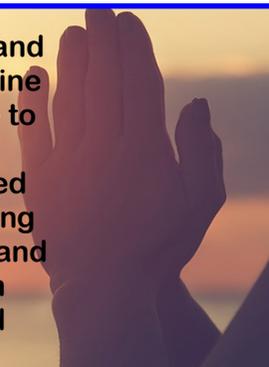
And please pray for Chris and Pauline and for the mission and ministry of our Church and of the whole Berwickshire Group as we end the interregnum and begin a fresh chapter.

With my very best wishes

Peter Estibeiro

Continue to Pray for Marlene and David. Pray for Chris and Pauline as they prepare for their move to Christ Church.

Remember that Freda and Ted will still be mourning the passing of their respective loved ones and pray that God's gentle touch brings them both solace and peace.



Q: What did Jonah do for three days in the belly of the big fish?

A: Sang, of course! Everybody sings in Wales!

Q: What sort of lighting did Noah have on the ark?

A: Not arc lighting - flood lighting!

Q: Who was the straightest man in the Bible?

A: Joseph. Pharaoh made a ruler out of him.

Q: Who was the most popular actor in the Bible?

A: Samson. He brought the house down.

PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE!

It was a very hasty decision of mine to join a party of 28 fellow Christians and non Christians (some of whom I was meeting for the first time), to go on a Pilgrimage to The Holy Land, but it was a good decision: to visit the Holy Sites, to bathe in the Dead Sea and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ was amazing! WOW!

Our trips took us to several of the major sites mentioned in the Bible where Jesus performed most of his miracles.

For the first few days we were in a hotel in Jerusalem, just outside the old City Wall. For our first trip we visited Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, Erin Karem (where the Church of St John the Baptist's birthplace is), Bethlehem, Shepherds Fields and the Via Dolorosa. We visited little chapels at some of the Stations of the Cross, the Western Wall where Bar and Bat Mitzvahs take place, Holy Sepulchre, the Dead Sea, Mount Zion and Bethany, visiting Jeel al-Amal boys' home and school, where water can be cut off at a moment's notice at the whim of the authorities. On to St Peter in Gallicantu (High Priest's House) - the lowest level of which is the cell/cave where Jesus spent the night. We went down to the cell.

For the second part of our Pilgrimage we headed to Tiberias visiting the Jordan Desert, where we celebrated the Eucharist, a unique experience. We travelled to the River Jordan through minefields (no joking) where John baptised Jesus. The river was very very muddy and narrow - lots of people of different creeds and nationalities where there to be baptised. On to Northern Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum and finally crossing the Sea of Galilee in a large fishing boat. The engine was turned off and the waters were calm and it was so silent, it was magical and you could imagine the disciples fishing. Our final trip was just before we headed to the airport; it was to Haifa also visiting Caesera Marina. There are lots of places we visited but I couldn't mention them all but they will all stay in my memory and heart for ever.

It is always very moving to make a Pilgrimage especially to The Holy Land, there is so much to see and experience and learn. All these wonderful places were so powerful and touched every one of us in various forms not all at the same time but we all felt very moved. Reading the Gospels will never be the same again for me and by visiting the Holy Land the Pilgrims got a chance to meet a few local Palestinian and Israeli Christians.

What a thrill it was to be part of a group of Pilgrims, what fun we had, lots of laughs but also lots of profound personal experiences. A trip I recommend and for me I'm so pleased I didn't hesitate to say Yes I will go!!

Joan Noble