

# PRUDHOE METHODIST CHURCH

Church website: [www.prudhoemc.org](http://www.prudhoemc.org)

Church Stewards: Sylvia Waters, Martyn Johnson, Anne Chapman, Judith Dunn\*, Ann Worthy\*  
\*on duty

## 19 March 2023 at 10.30am Mothering Sunday/Fourth Sunday in Lent

We welcome our own Ruth Johnson who will lead worship

Please stay afterwards for fellowship and refreshments served by Sylvia/Allan.

## Calendar for the coming week 20 – 26 March

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm Warm Space in the Cellar; 2-4pm Craft Club Stocksfield MC,  
7.15pm Prudhoe Gleemen

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 1-3.30pm Renew Wellbeing Oasis, a warm space in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm St MM CE Lent Group in our Cellar. Talk by PCDC All welcome

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-11.30am Bairns & Brews/open coffee morning in our Hall

10.30am-12.30pm Bereavement Café in the Cellar

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 8.30-9.30am ecumenical prayers at PMC

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Mr Brian Japes (NB British Summer Time!)**

The Preaching Plan, March-May 2023, is available online: [www.tynedalemethcircuit.org](http://www.tynedalemethcircuit.org)

There is a **copy on the church notice board**. New *Living Waters* and the 60 second sermon are also on the Circuit website.

The March-April edition of InterMISSION is available both online and paper copies

## ONGOING APPEAL FOR TURKEY / SYRIA EARTHQUAKE AND CHURCH TECHNOLOGY.

Peter Chapman will be accepting donations over the coming weeks for ongoing relief.

Cheques should be made payable to Prudhoe Methodist Church. Please place any gifts in an envelope marked **EARTHQUAKE or CHURCH**. Gift Aid if you are able.

PMC Warm Spaces (Mondays 10am until 2pm) will cease after the end of March. Anyone willing to start a new outreach? Speak to the church stewards.

## PRAYERS

- We remember all who are coping with bereavement, illness, loneliness or anxiety. May they feel God's comforting arms around them.

*I would like to thank everyone for their prayers cards and good wishes I have received over the past months. I am making good but slow progress. We have now been allowed to travel so we are spending the next few weeks staying with our son. Wishing you all many blessings this Easter Time. Alwyn .*

- Praying for a speedy response to David Calverey's visa application.
- Giving thanks for the safe arrival of a baby boy to Samantha and Rev Dan Freyhan

**Coffee Morning, 1<sup>st</sup> April (10am until 1 pm)**. YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU! Please spread the word, take a poster or flyers to pass on. Those unwanted presents/purchases will be gratefully received for our stalls. Anyone willing to bake please make a cake to serve with our drinks. Can you and a friend look after a stall? Monies raised will go to Children's Cancer North/Church refurbishment.

We are blessed with your generosity supporting so many worthy causes during the past weeks particularly when we are all coping with rising bills. If you are continuing to support the Foodbank all donations at PMC help local folk. A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

## Dates for your Diary

**Lent Bible Study on zoom Tuesday evenings 7pm:** *Journeying with Jesus:* Zoom link via Elizabeth/Gareth Veal.

**1<sup>st</sup> April** coffee morning with stalls in the foyers and in the Cellar, (the dancers will be upstairs but this is an opportunity to invite their families to join us). More details above.

**24 June** an event (to be decided) in the Hall. If you would like to offer suggestions regarding this event please talk to the church stewards.

**Methodist Women in Britain: Friday 24-Sunday 26 March:** District MWiB Retreat at Minsteracres led by Connexional MWiB President, Ruth Parrott. **Friday 14-Sunday 16 April:** Connexional MWiB Conference at Swanwick, Derbyshire. Guest Speaker Pam Rhodes.

**Sunday 26 March, 3pm** 'Bethlehem to Calvary', meditation by Ovingham Choir, St Mary Magdalene Church. **ALSO Sunday 2 April, 3pm** St Mary's Church, Ovingham

## **EASTER**

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| <b>Palm Sunday</b>     | 10.30am at PMC with Rev Fiona Calverey and Holy Communion                     |
| <b>Maundy Thursday</b> | 7.30pm Tenebrae Service at PMC with Rev Fiona Calverey                        |
| <b>Good Friday</b>     | 10.30am Joint service at Stocksfield MC led by Rev Fiona.                     |
| <b>Easter Day</b>      | 10.45am Joint service at Wylam MC with Rev Fiona Calverey and Holy Communion. |

**Transport will be available** – door to door! Please ask the church stewards. Car sharing recommended too.

## **Ecumenical:**

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| <b>Monday</b>        | 7.30pm Prayer at St Mary Magdalene;                                                              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>       | 7.30pm Stations of the Cross, Our Lady & St Cuthbert;                                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b>     | 7.30pm 'Seven Last Words of Jesus', The Gate;                                                    |
| <b>Thursday</b>      | PMC see above;                                                                                   |
| <b>Good Friday</b>   | 10am Holy Communion service at The Gate followed by Walk of Witness led by Pastor Bert Boonstra; |
| <b>Saturday</b>      | 6pm Easter Vigil, Our Lady & St Cuthbert;                                                        |
| <b>Easter Sunday</b> | Sunrise Service 6.30am at Old Cemetery led by Rev Dan Freyhan.                                   |

- Thank you to all those green fingered folk who have tended the church garden in the past. Martyn and Ruth have taken on more church responsibilities and are unable to continue looking after the garden. Any volunteers? We may have to pay for jobs we have all done voluntarily in the past.

The **tea/coffee rota** on the noticeboard has remained empty so the stewards are filling the gaps. Please take some of the workload off them by adding your name. **Thank You!**

If you have news to share in the notices contact Peter/Anne 01661833465; [Peter@thischurch.com](mailto:Peter@thischurch.com)

**DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR NEXT WEEKEND**