

Heworth Methodist Church Notices
Saturday 5th April – Friday 25th April

Sunday 6th April

10.30am at Heworth. We welcome **the Rev David Bidnell** to lead our Morning Service of Holy Communion (Passion Sunday)

3.00pm to 5.00pm Messy Church

Sunday 13th April

10.30am at Heworth. We welcome **Amy Shephard** to lead our Morning Service. (Palm Sunday)

Holy Week

Thursday 17th April

6.00pm at Heworth: Maundy Thursday Meal, including Holy Communion, led by the Rev Ruth Duck. Please sign up in the foyer if you are attending.

Friday 18th April

10.00am at Heworth: Good Friday Reflections led by Alyson Christy, followed by East Yorks Churches Together 'Walk of Witness' from to St Aelred's to St Hilda's via Heworth.

Sunday 20th April

8.30am at Heworth: Easter Day Holy Communion led by the **Rev Dr John Schofield** followed by the Easter Breakfast. Please sign up in the foyer if you are planning on staying for breakfast

10.30am at Heworth: We welcome **John Bailey** to lead our further Easter service.

Saturday Coffee and Chat

10.00am to 11.30am in Church on the **5th and 12th and 19th April.**

Monday Prayers

9.00am in Church on the **7th and 14th April.**

Monday Drop-In

9.30am to 11.30am in Church on the **7th and 14th April (no drop in Easter Monday).**

Tuesday Together in Prayer

9.30am to 10.00am by zoom on the **8th, 15th and 22nd April.**

Wednesday Coffee Morning

10.00am to 11.00am in Field Court on the **9th, 16th and 23rd April.**

'Little Ducklings' Thursday Toddler Group

1.30pm to 2.50pm in Church on the **24th April.**

Banners, Knit and Natter

*The next meeting of the Group is in Church on **Tuesday the 15th April from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.***

Wednesday On-line Fellowship Meeting

Please note that the next on-line Fellowship Meeting will be on **Wednesday 7th May at 7.00pm**.

Preparing for our Easter Activities

Our Maundy Thursday meal and Easter Sunday breakfast will be happening once again, further details to follow, however if you would like to help with serving, please let Sarah H know. Thank you

Please sign up if you would like to donate food for the Easter breakfast.

Lent Lunches/Discussion

We will continue our Lent weekly Lunches (soup and a roll) and Discussion on **Tuesday's from 12.30pm to 2.00pm, please sign up in the hall if you would like to attend**. We will continue the theme 'Justice Seeking Church' by sharing part of the film **Tinderbox** and then exploring two or three questions arising from what we have seen and heard, the themes for each week are below:

8th April – resolutions; us and them or we?

15th April – seeking Justice; actions for a better future (no film)

***Tinderbox** is a rare and thought-provoking examination of injustice and conflict in Israel and occupied Palestinian territory. There are stories from a wide variety of contemporary voices as well as exploration of how history continues to play out in the daily lives on either side of the divide. This documentary film was released in 2022 and does not reference the events of the 7th October and the current war in Gaza.*

Community Easter Egg Drop - once again, with everyone's help, we are planning an Easter egg drop to streets in the locality. To do this we need donations of Easter eggs! If you feel able to help again there will be a basket in the foyer to collect your donation. If you would prefer to donate money, please give to Sarah H to buy eggs. The eggs will be labelled and delivered on Saturday April 19th. Thank you for supporting this wonderful community outreach!

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) – 2025 Review Under GDP Regulations, it is the joint responsibility of all in the Church to ensure that personal data is held and used appropriately. Our Church, along with others in the Circuit, is required to complete an annual Data Protection checklist. As part of this review, it is essential that we know who holds what information and for what reasons. If you have any current handwritten, printed or electronic lists which include any personal details (e.g. names, addresses, emails or telephone numbers) of fellow Church members or adherents (e.g. contacts for a Church group or a rota) please could you use the form attached to let me know by 1st May 2025. Printed copies of the form are also available. If you have any similar information because of a particular role or office you have had in the past, please could you return these written lists or documents for safe disposal e.g. old minutes, prayer diary or directories. If you are unsure or have any queries, please do contact me. Thank you, Linda
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Rev David Bidnell: Sabbatical

David will be on Sabbatical from the **7th April to the 7th July**. His focus will be on 'Identity', drawing on reflection visits to previous homes, in-depth reading of St John's Gospel and reconnecting with language learning (Italian)

David and Fiona are due to leave the Circuit in early August – David's final Service at Heworth will be on Sunday 27th July.

David's pastoral duties will be covered by the Rev John Heyward, including the Church Council on the 17th June and the General Church Meeting on the 1st June.

Planned Services to the end of April

6 Apr 10.30am Heworth Rev David Bidnell, HC (Passion Sunday)

13 Apr 10.30am Heworth Amy Shephard (Palm Sunday)

17 Apr 6.00pm Heworth Rev Ruth Duck HC Maundy Thursday meal

18 Apr 10.00am Heworth Alyson Christy Good Friday

20 Apr 8.30am Heworth Rev Dr John Schofield Easter Day followed by Breakfast

20 Apr 10.30am Heworth John Bailey

27 Apr 10.30am Heworth Alyson Christy

Save the Date - Our Church Anniversary will be on the weekend on 11 - 13th July and Ian Hill will be leading our worship on Sunday 13th July.

One Voice York - (an ecumenical group building faith relationships across York)

In the latest newsletter there is :

- information about the 'No one left behind project' as it gathers information about the ways in which faith, civic and community groups are supporting local communities
- Yahala Mataam - York's Refugee led pop-up restaurant and caterers. In April and May, they will be serving up a Syrian feast at the Citadel (suggested donation per person £20). Would you like to be part of a group table on 25th April or 30th May? Please let Alyson know