

# Heworth Methodist Church

## Notices for 3 weeks

### Saturday 21st March - Friday 10th April 2026

#### Sunday 22nd March

**10.30am.** We welcome **Ralph Frankland** to lead our service - **Lent 5 – Forgiveness and Salvation**

**8.00pm.** **Zoom service** (log in details below)

#### Sunday 29th March

**10.30am.** We welcome **Sarah Haslam** to lead our **Palm Sunday service**

#### Easter Services at Heworth

##### Thursday 2nd April

**6.30pm.** **Maundy Thursday Meal** led by **Rev John Hayward** (please sign up in the foyer to take part in this special meal) including Communion

##### Friday 3rd April

**10.00am.** **Good Friday reflection** led by **Rev Sue Swires** followed by Hot Cross Buns, then East of York Churches **Walk of Witness**, ending at St Hilda's.

##### Sunday 5th April

**8.30am.** **Easter Communion** led by **Rev Ruth Duck** followed by **Easter Breakfast** (please sign list in foyer)

**10.30am.** **Easter Praise** led by **Alyson Christy and Sarah Haslam**

**Saturday Coffee and Chat**

**10.00am to 11.30am** in the Church Hall on the **21st, 28th March and 4th April**

**Monday Prayers**

**9.00am** in Church on the **23rd and 30th March**

**Monday Drop-In**

**9.30am to 11.30am** in the Church Hall on the **23rd, 30th March and 6th April.**

**Monday Toddler Group**

**9.30am to 11.30am** in Rooms 4 and 5 on **23rd March.**  
Toddlers will break for Easter returning on **13th April.**

**Wednesday Coffee Morning**

**10.00am to 11.00am** in Field Court on the **25th March, 1st and 8th April.**

**'Little Ducklings' Thursday Toddler Group**

**1.30pm to 2.50pm** in Rooms 4 and 5 on **26th March.**  
Toddlers will break for Easter returning on **16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Banners, Knit and Natter**

**2.00pm** in the Church Hall on **7th April (Fortnightly)**

### **Wednesday On-line Fellowship Meeting**

The next on-line Fellowship Meeting will be held on **1st April at 7.00pm**

### **Easter Egg Drop 2026**

**Saturday April 4th** Messy Church **Community Easter Egg Drop**, 10am onwards, starting from church.

### **Pastoral Secretary Vacancy**

Are the gifts of caring, communicating and co-ordinating within your calling?

Are you willing and able to help the church administrator keep membership lists up to date?

Could you be part of a team that helps support precious pastoral contacts and pastoral visitors? (other team members include church administrator, safeguarding contact, Lay-Pastor)

If you feel you might have something to contribute, then please speak with Alyson to discuss further.

*Thank you - Alyson*

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### **Lent Lunches continue on 24th March**

For Lent 2026 the Worship Group have developed a different approach to Lent.

Lent is traditionally a time of preparation for Easter, and in particular the events of Holy Week. The story of Jesus'

journey to the cross is described in each of the gospels, but so too are the stories of some of the people around Jesus and much of the narrative is explaining what they are experiencing. This year we have tried to explore the experiences of some of those around Jesus who witnessed and were involved in different parts of the narrative.

We hope that can lead us to a deeper understanding of Jesus' Passion, but also by looking at different peoples experiences we can hope to better understand our own faith and how we respond to times when our faith feels to be under stress.

Some of the people we shall be thinking about are the obvious choices, but others may seem to be more in the shadows of the Easter story, but we believe that each individual or group of people has something to say to all of us.

During Lent we shall be holding our Tuesday lunch groups discussing the chosen witness of the previous Sunday in more detail. We shall either be looking at the story of the individual in more depth or at the implications in our lives of their experience.

Please register on the sheets in the foyer if you would like to attend.

### **Church Anniversary – 200 years of Methodism in Heworth**

We are planning events throughout the year to mark this special anniversary – Watch this space.

### **Monday Drop in group Appeal for help**

We are now running short on regular volunteers to help on a Monday morning between 9 and 11.30am. It can be as little or as often as you'd like. It can just be for emergency cover when holidays, family and life leave us a little short. It just helps to share the load and ensure that we have sufficient people to offer a welcome to anyone who calls in. For mor information please contact Sheila on 01904 633190 or 07708 608 371. Thank you.

### **Hedgehog Survey 2026**

St Nicks are planning to conduct a hedgehog survey this year focusing on hedgehog presence in Hull Road Park, using footprint collection tunnels.

Hedgehogs are a key indicator species and are also at risk here in the UK. Urban populations are more stable than rural ones, but they face many threats from traffic and robotic lawnmowers to pesticides and lack of connected habitat. Previous surveys (2024,2025) have established hedgehog presence at St Nicks Local Nature Reserve, and we would like to confirm if they are also present in neighbouring Hull Road Park - this site is a bit different in terms of habitat, and it will also confirm how portable the survey method is.

We are inviting members of York's community groups to take part in this exciting citizen science project which

will bring insight into how these iconic mammals interact with the park's terrain. The survey will take place for one week each month, from April to October inclusive. Volunteers can sign up to help for as little or as much as they wish. We are looking for both physical and digital volunteers to participate (digital volunteers will check footprint photographs). Volunteers will receive advice and support from the Citizen Science team at St Nicks. This project is open to volunteers of all ages.

We have arranged two volunteer briefing sessions in March as follows:

Saturday, 21st March 1pm-2:30 pm Choose 2 Café, Hull Road Park, Alcuin Avenue, York, YO10 3TQ

Thursday, 26th March 5.30pm - 7pm Environment Centre, St Nicks, Rawdon Avenue, York, YO10 3FW

Please email [miranda@stnicks.org.uk](mailto:miranda@stnicks.org.uk) to confirm attendance.

### **Circuit Celebration- Save the Date - Sunday 12th July 2026**

Including farewell service for Rory Dalgliesh.  
More details coming soon.

### **District Advanced Safeguarding Training Dates:**

In person:

April 23rd 2026 - Bridlington (Bridge)- Sewerby - [453 Sewerby Rd, Bridlington North Ward YO15 1ER](#)

May 21st 2026 - York - Lidgett Methodist Church

July 13th 2026 - Ripon and Lower Dales - Harrogate  
Road [Harewood Rd, Ripon HG4 1TG](#)

Please note that booking is only available for the circuits  
where venues are confirmed.

Booking is available [here](#)

2025/26 Online dates are [available here](#)

Please see Wendy if you are unsure when your training  
is due.

### **Planned Services to the end of April**

2<sup>nd</sup> April 6.30pm – Rev John Hayward (Maundy  
Thursday) HC

3<sup>rd</sup> Apr 10.00am – Sue Swires (Good Friday) Followed by  
the EYCT Walk of Witness to St. Hildas

5<sup>th</sup> April 8.30am – Rev Ruth Duck (Easter Sunday)

5<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am – Alyson Christy and Sarah Haslam  
(Easter Sunday)

12<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am – Elizabeth Stockdale

12<sup>th</sup> April 3.00pm – Messy Church

19<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am – Elisa Main

26<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am – Rev Neville Simpson (Heworth 200)

26<sup>th</sup> April 8.00pm – Zoom service

Next Digest for 2 weeks from Saturday 11th April Copy should be with Wendy ([hmcnotices@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hmcnotices@hotmail.co.uk)) by the **morning of Weds 8th April.**

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