

## MAIN MARCH SERVICES

### Sunday at 8am

- 03 Mar Holy Communion  
10 Mar no service  
17 Mar Holy Communion  
24 Mar no service  
31 Mar Sunrise service

### Sunday at 10.30

- 03 Mar All Age  
10 Mar Holy communion for MOTHERING SUNDAY  
17 Mar Holy Communion  
24 Mar PALM SUNDAY in the Methodist Chapel  
31 Mar Holy Communion for EASTER in All Saints'

### Wednesday at 10.30

- 06 Mar Holy Communion  
13 Mar Morning Worship  
20 Mar Holy Communion  
27 Mar Morning Worship

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



8.00 Holy Communion  
!0.30 All Age worship with  
Thanksgivings and Banns

## Lent Course 2

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

2pm in the Methodist Schoolroom.

## Revision of Church Electoral Roll

2024 is a year for preparation of a **revised** Electoral Roll. If your name is already on the roll, you need do nothing. Not sure? check the list on the noticeboard in the porch. Not on? ask one of the church wardens for a paper copy of form2\*.

## The Annual Parish Meeting is on

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm  
To attend the meeting your name must be on the Church Electoral Roll. Closing date Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

\*Form 2 is also available as a Word.doc or PDF from  
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## Message from the Rector

### A True Fast

I'm sure that most of us have been to quite a few weddings over the years. They are always a celebration of a union between two people who love each other and are committing themselves to each other for a life-long relationship. And there's always food!

In Matthew's Gospel, the disciples of John the Baptist raise the question about why Jesus and his disciples don't fast. Jesus' response to John's disciples is to think about why they are fasting in the first place. Jesus points out to John's disciples that he and his disciples are not fasting because they are feasting. It is as if they are a wedding – they are in celebration mode because they are in the presence of the Bridegroom, Jesus himself. Nobody goes to a wedding and doesn't partake in the party food without good reason. Fasting is for another time, another place.

Fasting is encouraged in the Bible, but only for a specific time or a specific purpose. Jesus fasted in the wilderness, and this is remembered in our Lenten season, when it has been traditional to undertake a fast of our own, albeit in more specific terms of going without something important

## Benefice Services and Events for Easter

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> "COURAGE" prayer stations 6-8pm Barwick

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday 10.30 am Barwick

### Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday



10.30am in Barwick Methodist Church

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Reflection 7.30pm Thorner

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Reflection 7.30pm Barwick

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Reflection 7.30pm Scholes

Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion and stripping of altars

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Barwick

10-12 noon Messy Easter for families

2pm Seven Last Words - meet outside All Saints'

Good Friday Scholes

10-12 Family Event

2pm Last Hour By The Cross

Good Friday Thorner

2pm Last Hour By The Cross

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday Taizé 6.30pm Thorner

### Sun 31<sup>st</sup> EASTER DAY

7am Sunrise service, Hall Tower Hill

Holy Communion 10.30am Barwick

# COURAGE

**Tuesday 5th March  
from 6pm to 8pm**

**Come and explore our call to be courageous during Lent as we seek to re-connect with God through inter-active prayer stations.**

**Come any time between 6pm & 8pm and stay as long as you need.**

## **BARWICK METHODIST CHURCH**

Come to our Spring Coffee Morning

SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Come and join us in Barwick Village Hall

Between 10 am – 12.00 noon



Admission £2.00 includes Refreshments (Tea/Coffee)

Cake Stall/Raffle/Tombola and other stalls

Everyone Welcome

Proceeds to Barwick Methodist Church Building Fund



to us to remind ourselves of the sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus fasted too, but for a purpose – to prepare himself for his public ministry.

The strictest sense of the word ‘fast’ is to give up food, but that is not always possible or appropriate for everyone.

There is a broader sense to the way in which we are called fast. It can be giving up, but it can also be taking up, and it should always be about deepening our relationship with God. If we need to give up something for a period to remind us of this, then we should that. But we might need to take something up to achieve this as well. Perhaps that is making a deliberate effort to find more time to pray and read the Bible. Perhaps it is getting involved in social action, or volunteering to help others.

In the Old Testament God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to remind us about how we should fast, and these words are a challenge to us to today:

This is the kind of fast day I’m after:

to break the chains of injustice,  
get rid of exploitation in the workplace,  
free the oppressed, cancel debts.

What I’m interested in seeing you do is:  
sharing your food with the hungry,

inviting the homeless poor into your homes,  
putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad,  
being available to your own families.  
*(Isaiah 28.6-8 – Message Translation)*

Revd Jonathan Brennan

### Banns



Banns will be read today  
for the second time for  
Jade and Josh.



Please pray for this couple  
as they prepare for their  
wedding , and the next stage in their life together.



### Coffee morning Saturday 16th March

10 -12 in the Village Hall  
Admission £2 including tea/coffee and a biscuit  
All welcome



## Barwick Monday Ladies Fellowship

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15

### “Bedpans and False Teeth”

47 years in the NHS by Nurse Denise Adlard

£3 including light refreshment

All are welcome

### Thanksgivings

We have three families bringing their child  
for thanksgiving today;



Tess and Tom are bringing Reeva  
Jess and Dean are bringing Kane  
Niki and Owen are bringing Rowan.



Please keep these families in your prayers as their children  
start on their journey of faith.

