

The Week Ahead

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| Mon 15 Apr | <i>no Morning Prayer - resumes 29th April</i> | |
| | 1.45pm | Mothers' Union Annual Ecumenical Service - Belmont |
| | 7pm | Prayer for Holy Week - Belmont |
| Tues 16 Apr | 2pm | Holy Communion - Pittington |
| Wed 17 Apr | 10.00am | Holy Communion - Belmont Heather Murray <i>no Cafe Church</i> |
| | 7pm | Prayer for Holy Week - Belmont |
| | 7.15pm | United Benefice Choir - Pittington |
| Thur 18 Apr | 7pm | <i>no "The Table" meal</i> Maundy Thursday Service with foot washing and vigil - Belmont |
| Fri 19 Apr | | |
| Good Friday | 10.30-12pm | Good Friday Family Activities - Belmont |
| | 12pm | An Hour at the Cross - Pittington |
| | 2pm | An Hour at the Cross - Belmont |
| Sun 21 Apr | | |
| Easter Sunday | 8am | Holy Communion (BCP) - Belmont Preside: Heather Murray |
| | 9.30am | Parish Eucharist - Pittington Leslie Morley |
| | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist - Belmont Preside: Heather Murray |

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The United Benefice of
St Mary Magdalene, Belmont
and St Laurence, Pittington



Sunday 14th April 2019 Palm Sunday

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| 8am | Parish Eucharist (BCP) - Belmont Heather Murray |
| 9.30am | Joint Benefice Eucharist - Pittington Heather Murray |

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards mankind
sent your Son our Saviour
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection...
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Hymns for the 10.30 service

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| 9 | All glory, laud and honour |
| 457 | Make way, make way |
| 563 | Praise to the Holiest in the height |
| 738 | We sing the praise of Him who died |
| <i>Sheet</i> | King of Kings, Majesty |
| 790 | You are the King of glory |
| 580 | Ride on, ride on in majesty |

Bible Reading
The Passion Narrative
Luke

Notices

For prayer this week:

We pray for Christopher Browne, Joyce Fry, Anne Johnson, Margaret Mechin and her niece who cares for her, Dorothy Potts, Pamela Uren and for all who are **housebound or infirm**.

We pray for those who are **unwell or in need** at this time, remembering especially Colin Bond, Sarah Davie, Andrew Dover, Joe Hardman, Mike Jackson, John Pagella, Audrey Roberts, Jackie Roberts, Trevor Uren and Ray Wilson.



We pray for all those who have been **bereaved**.

From Our Parish weekly prayer cycle, we pray for: Schools and Youth Work; Belmont Community Centre; couples married in the benefice churches; St Laurence's Church, Pitlington, congregation, Parochial Church Council and wardens; residents of Whiteoak Avenue, Gorsedale Grove, Beaumont Court, Kirkstone Drive, The Paddocks, Shepherd's Court, Belmont



The next monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will be in church on Mon 15th April at 1-45pm, when we will hold our annual Ecumenical service. The speaker will be from Re-use, a charity based in Chester-le-Street which uses donated food to make healthy meals for the community to enjoy. All are welcome to come and hear more about their work. Refreshments will be served.

Mayoral Assembly

Val Barron, form Communities Together in Durham, would like to draw this event to our notice.

Tyne and Wear Citizens are holding an assembly where the main candidates will be asked to respond to some issues the Real Living Wage, the rise of Hate Crime and how to tackle the mental health crisis. We need large numbers of people to help influence the candidates.

Please join us on Tuesday 30th April 2019, at 6.30pm. at the Tyne Theatre and Opera House in Newcastle.

Tickets are required but can be booked for free here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tyne-wear-citizens-mayoral-assembly-tickets-56500739232>

Durham Churches Together

Good Friday Witness gathers at St. Nicholas Church, Market Place at 11.45am for the Walk of Witness from 12 noon - 12.45pm. Everyone is welcome.

Bible Reading Notes

Will those who take the BRF Bible Notes please note that the next issue (May - August) are now available and are on the table in the Narthex. Please collect your notes and tick your name off the list on the brown envelope as having taken them - not forgetting to put your money for them (£4=60 or, for the large print ones, £5=85) in the envelope. If you are not currently taking these notes but would like to join those who ARE, please have a word with Patrick or Judith and we will be happy to get notes for YOU.

The "Banner" Rug

The Banner team have created a wonderful colourful rug, which can be seen in St Mary Magdalene church. It is for sale by a "sealed bid" auction and offers over £75 can be handed in a sealed envelope to Jean McGranaghan, Alan Port, Geoff Moore or Carol Bloomfield before Aril 19th.

The money raised will be used to buy special fabrics for the new artwork, which will be the nativity.

Transforming Toddler Groups Event

Are you thinking of starting out a toddler group? come and find out how your toddler group can be effective in helping parents, carers and toddlers to grow in their faith. Stonebirdge House Tuesday 14th May 1.30pm - 3.30pm OR Wednesday 15th May 10am - 12pm

Friday 19th April

St Mary Magdalene Church 10.30-12pm

Good Friday Family Activities, including Easter Egg Hunt

Bring a picnic lunch with you for after the activities

All age, but children must be accompanied by an adult

Book your place Eg83@live.co.uk



Living Life in Conflict

St Nicholas Church, Durham Thursday April 25th at 7.30pm

speaker: Dr Salim Munayer

Dy Munayer is a Christian Palestinian-Israeli who lives in Jerusalem He is the Executive Director and Founder of Musala Ministry of REconciliation, which has been bringing together Israelis and Palestinians since 1990. His wife, Kay Munayer, will also speak of her work with the Shepherd Society, supporting disadvantaged people in the West Bank.



We shall be continuing to accept gifts of non-perishable food items for local families in need on Easter Sunday, April 21st. All contributions made last week were taken to the foodbank in Waddington Street United Reform church (behind the bus station) in Durham.