The Week Ahead

Mon 10 April	*no Morning Prayer this week*	
	1.45pm	Mothers' Union Meeting Belmont Parish Hall
Tues 11 April	11.15am	Mothers' Union Prayers Durham Cathedral
Wed 12 April	10.00am	**Holy Communion -** Belmont *no Cafe Church*
	7.15pm	United Benefice choir practice
Thu 13 April	**Maundy Thursday**	
		no The Table meal
	7pm-9pm	Last Supper meeting with washing of feet and followed by vigil
Fri 14 April	**Good Friday**	
	12pm	An hour at the cross - Pittington
	2pm	An hour at the cross - Belmont
Sun 16 April	**Easter Sunday**	
	8am	**Holy Communion (BCP)** - Belmont Miranda Threlfall-Holmes
	9.30am	**Parish Eucharist** - Pittington Leslie Morley
	10.30am	**Parish Eucharist with Baptism** - Belmont Miranda Threlfall-Holmes

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

Sunday 9th April
Palm Sunday

8am	**Parish Eucharist (BCP) -** Belmont Miranda Threlfall-Holmes
10am	**Palm Sunday Procession** **from St John's Chapel Pittington**
10.30am	**Palm Sunday Service at St Laurence, Pittington** Miranda Threlfall-Holmes

The Collect

True and humble king
Hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen

Bible Readings

Psalm 118.19-24
p711
Mark 11.1-11
p1172

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Notices

For prayer this week:

We pray for Connie Smith and Anne Johnson and for all who are **housebound or infirm.**

We pray for those who are **unwell or in need** at this time, remembering especially Christopher Browne, Mandy Callum, Philip Coils, Sarah Davie, Sue Davie, Bob Kitching, Florence Hall, Richard Harrison, Anne Jackson, Mike Jackson, Christine Kendall, Jenny and Matthew Litobarski, Betty Neil, Dorothy Potts, Mary Reynolds, Audrey Roberts, Jackie Roberts, Beryl Rudge, Margaret Stout, Clare Straughan, Jenny Straughan, Amy Tate, Pamela Uren, and Noreen Wright.

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, Pittington, congregation, Parochial Church Council and wardens; residents of Whiteoak Avenue, Gorsedale Grove, Beaumont Court, Kirkstone Drive, The Paddocks, Shepherd's Court, Belmont

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

The April Meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on 10th April in Belmont Parish Hall starting at 1.45pm. This is a week earlier than normal because of the Easter Bank Holiday. The monthly Mothers' Union Cathedral prayers will be held the following day, 11th April at 11.15am. Our branch will be taking the prayers at this short service.

Abanaa New Life Choir
7pm 29th April
Carrville Methodist Church

Abanaa is a Ugandan African children's choir who will be singing at Carrville Methodist Church. Tickets can be obtained from Andy Longe at Carrville Methodist Church or the church website www.carrvillemethodist.org.uk or the Facebook page.
Five hosting families are also needed; would you be willing to host two children and their chaperone? Separate rooms are needed, but mattresses on floors are fine. Please see Andy for details.

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Rota for 10.30 service

The rota for the 10.30 service from April until July will be drawn up shortly. Please let Alan Port or Carol in the office know of your availability as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Weekend away

15th - 17th September
Scargill House, North Yorkshire
"God's loving presence in my life"
Led by Kevin Dunne with a visit from Bishop Paul on Sunday 17th.
Cost will be £133 per person, with a small supplement for en-suite rooms. Under 25s will be paid for by BET
Booking forms now available in the Narthex

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Crisis in Central Africa

For the next few weeks, there will be a box in the narthex for donations in response to the crisis in central Africa. The money collected will be sent to Christian Aid to help their famine relief fund.

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...because I'm a girl

Rachel Moberly is supporting the Plan campaign, which is trying to encourage more girls into education in countries such as Kenya and Sierra Leone where the alternative could well be child marriage. She is aiming to raise £1000 and has already raised £800. In order to raise awareness of the campaign, on 7th April, Rachel is going to **shave her head!** She will be in church for you to give towards her charity next week, but if you can't wait, you can donate via the website:
www.justgiving/rachelshead

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Splat and Messy Church
St John's, Neville Cross
10am Good Friday

Splat is for children in year 6 or above; Messy Church is for younger children. Messy children need an adult with them.

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Bible Reading Notes

Will all those who take the Bible Reading Fellowship Notes please be aware that the next set of Notes (May-August) are now available. Also there you will find an envelope into which you should put your payment (the Notes have increased in price and are now £4.40). Please tick your name off the list on the envelope indicating whether or not you have paid.

Patrick Holroyd

The **Bible Reading Fellowship** have produced a sampler of Liz Hoare's notes on 'Easter with Matthew' from New Daylight, which is free to download. It contains two weeks of readings that will take you through Holy Week and beyond. They would like to share this with as many people as possible. Go to brfonline.org.uk/eastersampler to sign up to their mailing list and to download your own copy.

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Easter Flowers

The Churches will be filled with flowers again on Easter Sunday. Contributions towards the cost will be gratefully received at both churches! Donations can be given to Norma Brown at St Laurence and Ida Johnson at St Mary Magdalene.

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