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A month of special interest

Sun 1 st	10.30am	1 st Sunday in Lent Own Arrangement in Schoolroom
Sat 7 th	10am	Coffee Morning (weekly)
Sun 8 th	10.30am	Rev B Scrivens: Communion Flowers: Christine and Ann
Mon 9 th	2pm	Ladies' Group
Sun 15 th	10.30am	Rev C Stirk Flowers: Marjorie Micklethwaite
Mon 16 th	2pm	Ladies' Group: Keep Fit
Fri 20 th	First day of Spring	
Sun 22 nd	10.30am	Mothers' Day Service Own Arrangement Flowers: Jean Batty
Mon 23 rd	2pm	Ladies' Group
	7pm	Circuit Meeting
Sun 29 th	10.30am	Rev M Olsen Flowers: Ken and Carol Scott
Mon 30 th	2pm	Ladies' Group

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**The Season of LENT**

Did you enjoy your pancakes?

All over the world there are different ways of celebrating Shrove Tuesday.

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

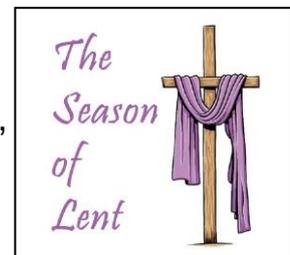
Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting. During Lent we remember the last days of Jesus's life.



On the first Sunday in Lent, we place bread and wine on the cross.

Throughout the following weeks, we will place a bowl and towel, a money bag, a crown and a robe, then a whip. These are all symbols of His life.

Lent is a sad time, a time of reflection of the sad times He endured. The cross represents a story to be told.



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Yes, my diary says "March 20th – first day of Spring." We've had our snowdrops and now the daffodils are showing their presence. Have you noticed the variety we have in our Garden of Remembrance outside chapel? Not only the daffodils, but the

camellia is showing buds. Surely it won't snow now? Thanks to those who maintain the garden so we can all enjoy the blooms and remember those for whom they were planted.

The eyes are wonderful indeed, for with them you can see
Big things like a sun, a moon, a mountain or a tree.
And little things like glow worms, seeds and snowdrops diamond bright,
Marvellous beyond all telling is the gift of sight.

Our 151st Church Anniversary service was taken by Rev Cameron Stirk. Everyone enjoyed the service and Communion. It was also Gift Day, when monetary gifts were received and blessed. The service was held in Church – it was good to be back in that setting with flowers on the altar, daffodils on the window sills, the cross and candle taking central place.

Due to its age, the building needs a lot of attention which we have discussed at recent meetings. Now we have to consider the priorities, get estimates, know the costs and make decisions.

It has been suggested we have a “Harvest of Hands”.

Many years ago we did just that – doing something with our hands to create items for sale: cakes, knitwear, cards, jewellery. One male member said, “It’s alright for the women but what can men do?” He was the church organist. After some thought he sat down and produced endless tapes of music – hymns and songs – for us to buy. If the suggestion takes off why not think how you could use your hands to make things for others to buy.

No doubt you will all have read the notes of the recent Chapel meeting with the list of events and dates for the rest of the year.

We invite you to ALL the services.

If you would like to come to the **Easter breakfast** on **Sunday 12th April**, please give your name to Jayne or Marjorie.

Make a note of the **Fishermen’s Choir** at 6pm on **Sunday 14th June**. It is always a well-attended service with friends from other churches.

There will be a **Harvest Lunch** after the Coffee morning on **Saturday 19th September** as part of the Harvest Festival weekend.

As always, we ask for your regular contributions for the children’s Christmas shoeboxes – we’re always happy to receive knitted items, stationery, small soft toys, combs and toiletries.



February was another month of dreadful weather making everyone feel really cold. The wind and rain were constantly battering us but our Coffee mornings and services often saw a full complement of people.

Our Sunday services in the Schoolroom vestry meant we were warm and comfortable whilst the heating in church was being sorted out.

At one service we had a lovely surprise when Tanya came with her 9 day old son Isaac. He slept through the whole service and even when Marjorie managed to get a cuddle.



In the early hours of Sunday 29th March, the clocks *spring forward* 1 hour. Our days will be lighter for longer, helping us all feel much better.



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**Thinking of you all:**

Sorry to say that Dorothy is still not well – we miss her at our services. Rosemary is walking on her own two feet again and her smile is much better now. Laura has moved into Water Royd House at Dodworth. She regularly attended church services, often doing the Bible readings and looked after the stall at coffee mornings – we are very grateful for all her contributions. We were sorry to hear that Arnold’s mum passed away a few weeks ago. He travelled back to Africa for the funeral. We remember him, and his family, in our prayers. We send special thoughts to Madeline after her recent horrible experience when shopping in the town centre. We look forward to welcoming her to the coffee mornings again.