

THE EDGE

Welcome to the March edition of The Edge, the Newsletter for the Benefice of Easington with Skeffling, Keyingham, Ottringham, Patrington, Welwick and Winestead parishes.

If you have anything that you would like to share with us all through the newsletter, then please get in touch with any of the Church contacts or let Alisdair know about it.

A reflection from Alisdair

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.*

*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.*

*Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.*

*Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.*

*You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.*

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

*Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.*

*Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.*

*Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.*

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

None of us are keen to look under the carpet where we have swept everything that we find painful.

Lent is an invitation to do that in a safe space, to be reassured that God's mercy and forgiveness are real, and through that to recognise we are free to get on with life with determination and enthusiasm.

Not because painful and shameful things have been swept under the carpet, but because they are identified and properly dealt with by someone who is truly holy and compassionate.

In the face of our weakness and frailty, may each of us use these weeks of Lent with courage in the light of God's holiness and compassion.

God's peace be with you, Alisdair.

It's not too late to join one of the Lent Courses being held in the Deanery

The Tear Fund Course called **Open** is being held at St. Matthew's Withernsea on Wednesdays at 12 noon after the Midweek Service and is led by Ros Macgregor. The course includes Reflections, Prayers and Poems for Lent. It is free and everyone is welcome! For more information please contact Ros 07403 678454 or email ros.mac@btinternet.com

A Church Urban Fund Course called **Growing Good** takes place on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Thorngumbald, with refreshments served from 7pm. The course discusses ways of reaching out into your parish and growing your church. This course is also free and informal. You will be made most welcome! For more information please contact Philip West 01964 603199 or email philipwest@pwwest.karoo.co.uk

9am Friday Morning Prayer venues:

- 3rd March – Welwick
- 10th March – Patrington
- 17th March – Winestead
- 24th March – Ottringham
- 31st March – Keyingham

Anyone is welcome to join in. It lasts about twenty minutes, there is a psalm, a reading, sometimes a bit of a discussion, and we pray for the local church and community, and whatever else seems right.

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

Please check your church notice board, the South Holderness Deanery Facebook page & newsletters, etc. for other services and updates

St. Nicholas, Keyingham

Sunday 19th at 9:30am – Holy Communion

St. Patrick, Patrington

Sunday 5th at 10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 12th at 11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 19th at 10.30am – Morning Prayer service **TO BE CONFIRMED**

Sunday 26th at 10.30am – Morning Prayer

All Saints, Easington

Sunday 5th – Holy Communion service **CANCELLED**

Sunday 26th at 3pm – Tea Party Service

St. Wilfrid, Ottringham

Sunday 26th at 11.00am – Holy Communion

St. Mary, Welwick

Sunday 5th at 11.00am – Holy Communion

St. Germain, Winestead

No services

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

All Saints, Easington – FareShare shop from 11am til 1pm every Friday with food available in the church, at reduced prices. Fundraising stalls available, at no cost, to other churches and local enterprises.

Wednesday group – whilst these meetings are not happening for now, watch this space for further news.

Patrington have their parish lunch in the church hall on 21st March at 12 for 12.30 - tickets £7. The menu is chicken, potatoes, carrots and peas and to follow, meringue nests with ice cream and fruit, followed by tea and coffee. Tickets available from Maureen (contact at 630960)

Also, in **St Patrick's Church** on 25th March, commencing 2pm, the Friends of St Patrick's have organised a Fashion Show. Tickets are £5 available from Malcolm and Maureen.

Welwick pop-in – every Thursday in the village hall, call in for a cuppa, delicious cake and a chat from 10:00 til 12:00

Ottringham Community Lunch – first Wednesday of each month at 1pm in the Watts Arms.

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