

Next Week's Services

Sunday 22nd April : Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Michael's, Catwick
Rev Mo Desborough
- 9.30am Family Communion at St Augustine's, Skirlaugh
including Explorers Club *Rev Andy Simpson*
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Bewholme
including Explorers Club *Fr Lawrence Trender*
- 11.00am Holy Communion at St James, Ellerby
Rev Andy Simpson
- 11.00am Holy Communion at St Margaret's, Long Riston
Rev Mo Desborough



From the Vicar

Hello all,

Alleluia He is Risen: He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Last week we had the story of doubting Thomas from John's gospel, this week we have the corresponding story from Luke, who doesn't single out Thomas for his doubts but reports that all the disciples doubted even in their joy in seeing the Risen Jesus. On Easter Sunday I preached about how the resurrection is an unbelievable event but also how it is

essential. If you have trouble believing in the resurrection you are in good company. Even the disciples had doubts in the face of the Risen Jesus himself. Doubts are not the opposite of faith: certainty is the opposite of faith. If you are certain you do not need faith – only doubts allow you to wrestle with what you are presented with and allow you to be drawn into a deeper truth. Certainty is literally a dead end!!!

Yours in Christ,
Revd Andy Simpson

Please note : the Vicar 's day off is Friday

Please take this leaflet home with you.

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LINKING THE CHURCHES AT BEWHOLME, CATWICK, LONG RISTON, RISE, SIGGLESTHORNE, SKIRLAUGH AND SWINE WITH ELLERBY

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This Week's Services

Sunday 15th April : Third Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) at St Michael's, Catwick
Mr Oliver Todd
- 9.30am Methodist Holy Communion at St Augustine's, Skirlaugh
Rev Colin Marchment
- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's, Swine.
Rev Andy Simpson
- 10.00am Together@10 at St Margaret's, Long Riston
including Explorers Club *Mrs Paula Evans*
- 11.00am Holy Communion at St Lawrence's, Sigglesothorne
Rev Andy Simpson

Interested in being Confirmed?

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship. This is confirmed by the laying on of hands by the bishop.

If you are interested in being confirmed, or someone you know might be interested, then please have a word with Andy or Mo.

**This year's Confirmation Service
will be Sunday 17th June at Skirlaugh**

Dates of preparation meetings will be announced soon.





This week's Bible Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3: 12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36b-48

BCP Readings

Ezek 34:11-16a, Psalm 23, 1 Pet 2:19-end, John 10:11-16

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Mon 9 th April	7.00pm	St Michael, Catwick
Wed 11 th April	7.00pm	St John the Baptist, Bewholme
Thu 12 th April	7.00pm	St James, Ellerby (& St Mary, Swine)
Mon 16 th April	7.30pm	Riston Village Hall (St Margaret's)
Tue 17 th April	7.00pm	St Lawrence, Sigglesthorne
Wed 18 th April	7.00pm	Rise Park (All Saints)
Wed 25 th April	7.00pm	St Augustine, Skirlaugh



Please pray for:

- the sick and those who care for them, including

Malcolm Head	Sara Lord	Elizabeth Dennison	
Ted Yates	Mary Picker	Shirley Beckett	Jean and John
Wendy & John	Neville	Ronnie Beaumont	Terry Frost
	Karen	Jacqui Parada	Andy & Michelle
	Pete Dunn	Kevin	George

that they may receive healing and comfort

(Names normally remain on the prayer list for 3 months unless we receive a further request.)

- the members of the pastoral care group and those they visit

- in the York Diocese

St Peter, Redcar

- in the Worldwide Church

The Church of Ireland. Archbishop Richard Clarke.

Meetings &



What's Happening

Tue 17 Apr 9.30-11.30am Cornerstone Coffee Shop at St Augustine's, Skirlaugh

If you know of anyone who would like to have Home Communion or a visit please contact Revd Andy

Children are very welcome at all our services, but many of our beautiful church buildings are ancient and have uneven floors and exposed heating pipes. Please ensure your children's safety at all times.