

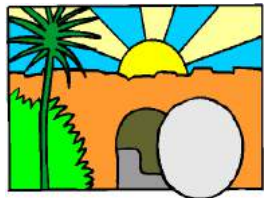
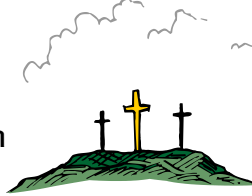
# EASTER SERVICES in South Barrow

## MAUNDY THURSDAY - 29th March

9.30 am St George's CE School Easter Service at St George's Church.  
7.30 pm Holy Communion at St George's Church (Ramsden Chapel)  
With Canon Gary Cregeen Preacher: Revd Robin Ham

## GOOD FRIDAY - 30th March

10.30 am Good Friday Service at St Aidan's Church  
With Revd Robin Ham. Preacher: Canon Gary Cregeen  
(followed by a lunch of Fish & Chips)



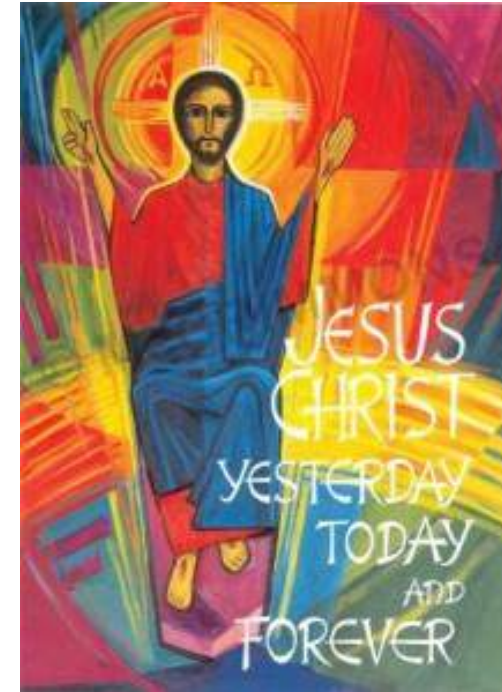
## EASTER DAY - 1st April

9.30 am: Easter Communion at St Aidan's  
with Canon Gary Cregeen Preacher: Revd Robin Ham  
10.30 am: Easter Communion at St George's  
with Revd Robin Ham

Come and explore Easter with us - you'll be amazed!

The Magazine of the Parishes of St Aidan's and  
St George's with St Luke's, Barrow-in-Furness

# TEAM TALK



**February & March 2018**

Team website: [www.sbtchurches.co.uk](http://www.sbtchurches.co.uk)



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Middle Hill,  
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Thursdays  
3.30 pm—5 pm  
Term Time Only

Homemade  
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snacks, crafts  
for kids, and  
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"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

**SBT CHRISTMAS FAIR** A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped and/or supported the Christmas Fair, held at St Georges. This was a happy occasion enjoyed by many and raised over £800!  
Well done everyone and thanks be to God!

## TEAM TALK

**The next edition of TEAM TALK will be in April 2018.  
News items and articles should be forwarded to ALISON OTTO  
by Sunday 18 March 2018 at the latest.**

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## THE COFFEE CLUB

The COFFEE CLUB has resumed for the autumn and happens fortnightly at Roose School, North Row, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month between 9.30 am and 10.30 am. Children in Year 6 will be provide cakes, so come along for a coffee and meet up with friends old and new!

## MOTHER'S UNION +

In the last edition of *Team Talk* we announced the closure of St Luke's Mother's Union. Since then, Janice Eadington, the Barrow and Furness Deanery Leader, has kindly offered to facilitate a 'MOTHER'S UNION +' group which will meet in the Pennington Room at St George's once a month. These gatherings will include a short service followed by tea and fellowship and are open to existing and potential Mother's Union members. The meetings will normally be at 2 pm on the following dates:



18 <sup>th</sup> January	Pennington Room, St George's
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Pennington Room, St George's
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Pennington Room, St George's
9 <sup>th</sup> April, Lady Day	Cartmel Priory
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Pennington Room, St George's
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Walney, St Mary's
9 <sup>th</sup> August, Mary Sumner Day	Coniston

For more information please contact Janice on telephone: 01229 580175 or e mail: [ceaderje@aol.com](mailto:ceaderje@aol.com)

## EASTER FAIR

At St Aidan's Hall  
Saturday 31 March  
1 pm until 3 pm

Easter Crafts & Treats!  
Homemade cakes! Tea &  
Coffee! All welcome!



## Sunday Worship during February & March 2018

4 February	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
11 February	*9.30 am All-Age Worship at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
18 February	*10.30 am Team Service at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
25 February	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Morning Worship at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
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18 March	*10.30 am Team Service (Confirmation—TBC) *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
25 March	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Morning Worship at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
1 April	EASTER DAY *9.30 am Easter Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Easter Communion at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy

*\*Refreshments will be served after these services.*

## The South Barrow Team Register

### Baptisms

17 December Etta Lily Minnican (B:23/7/17) ) at St George's  
 28 January 2018 Rhys John Scholes (B:2/6/03) at St George's  
 28 January Jordan-Lee Scholes (B: 7/2/07) at St George's  
 28 January Paige-Olivia Jesson (B: 31/5/17) at St George's

### Wedding

23 December Ben Hall & Jess Wilson @ St George's

### Funerals

*We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:*

14 December Thelma Whiteman (94) at Thorncliffe Crematorium  
 22 December Harry Jackson (75) at Thorncliffe Crematorium  
 3 January Ian Chinnock ('NeNe') (57) at Thorncliffe Crematorium  
 8 January Annie Southward (95) at Thorncliffe Crematorium  
 25 January Roy Gibson (74) at Thorncliffe Crematorium

*Enquiries about Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Weddings, Renewal of Marriage Vows and Funerals should be directed to any of the clergy (see page 2 for contact details) Thank you*

Pause for  
thought...



**Jesus -  
His  
Passion  
is for  
you**

## ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION

**Wednesday 14 February 2018**

11 am at St Aidan's Church with Canon Gary Cregeen, followed by soup & rolls in the Café Area (from 12 noon)

7.30 pm in the Ramsden Chapel, St George's with Revd Robin Ham

Do come along as we embark into Lent 2018 - everyone welcome!

## Pancake Special!

Family Cafe

Thursday 8th February  
50p per pancake with choice of toppings!

Tea & Coffee £1 with free Refill!

Hot Chocolate with cream & marshmallows £1!

All welcome!

**GOD CARES FOR YOU**

## LADIES FASHION SHOW & POP-UP SHOP

**Wednesday 18 April 2018**

at St Aidan's Church Hall, Newbarns

Doors open at 6.30 pm,  
show starts at 7 pm.

Tickets: £6, including refreshments (Tickets to be purchased in advance from Dorothy (01229 822731); Carole (01229 826017); Gwyneth (01229 825870) or Angela (07794 442586)

Fabulous prizes to be won at the show!

## Daily refreshment by Sophie Bannister (Crossway)

Let me ask you a question: how many cookery programmes have you watched in the last year? We all know about the Bake Off, naturally, but how many of these do you follow: Masterchef, Saturday Kitchen, Come Dine With Me, Eat Well for Less? Out of all the programmes you've watched, how many of the recipes featured on them have you actually cooked? Hundreds? Five? Or, none? Before you start wondering why I am quite so interested in your TV/culinary habits, let me draw a parallel with your devotional habits. After searching websites, apps, videos, podcasts, and books, I have come to the conclusion that you and I have literally hundreds of Bible-study resources available to us in a wide variety of accessible formats. But are we actually studying the Bible more? Have 'quiet times' (reading the Bible & praying at home) become more regular and rich as a result? Apparently not: **60% of Anglicans never read their Bible, 21% read their Bibles once or twice a year, and only 2% read it every day.** Which category do you fall into? The psalmist rejoices in, delights in, loves and longs for God and His Word. When was the last time we felt such hunger for God? You see, God's Word provides spiritual 'fuel' and hope and creates in us faithfulness and spiritual resilience. In order for this to happen we need the Lord to change our hearts. We need to pray that God would increase our desire for Him and for His Word, so that more and more our hearts burn within us with joy and recognition as we meet with Jesus in His Scriptures. For advice about daily Bible reading notes why not chat to Gary or Robin? They'd be happy to help!



## Heritage Day - Saturday 8 September 2018

The 28th September 2018 will be the 140th anniversary of the dedication of four Barrow churches: St Mark's, St John's, St Luke's and St Matthew's. All four churches were dedicated simultaneously at 11 am on this date in 1878. The Bishop of Carlisle officiated at St Matthew's; the Bishop of Hereford at St Mark's; the Bishop of Sodor & Man at St Luke's and the Archbishop of York at St John's. To commemorate this milestone event there is to be a Heritage Open Day event, organised by Susan Benson (the Archivist for Barrow Archives Office) at St Mark's on Saturday 8 September between 10 am and 4 pm to commemorate this milestone. St Mark's has been chosen for this special event as it the one which most closely resembled the churches as they were first built in 1878. The other three original church buildings were later demolished and rebuilt.

At this event archive material from each of the churches will be on display, along with information relating to the churches/parishes now. It is hoped that those who worship or worshipped at these churches in the past will be available to host the display relevant to the church they belong or belonged to.

As well as refreshments there will be activities for children which will include activities of an historical nature, provided by the Archive Centre.

At this stage you are asked to 'NOTE THE DATE' and if you have any photos or memorabilia about St Luke's in particular please let Alison Otto know a couple of months beforehand. Thank you.



## CONFIRMATION 2018

There is to be a Confirmation Service in South Barrow on Sunday 18 March with Bishop James. Adults and young people (school year 9 & upwards) who wish to confirm their faith in Jesus Christ please contact Gary Cregeen, the Team Rector (01229 877367); he will provide details of preparation which will help you in this important decision. Alternatively, if you would like to know more about Confirmation generally Gary or Robin will be glad to help you.



## 'REAL LIFE' BREAKFASTS

Saturday 10 March & Saturday 7 April 2018

10 am until 11.15 am at St George's

Join us for delicious breakfast buns (containing bacon, sausage or both!), good company and the opportunity to be encouraged and inspired by a 'real life' story of someone living out their Christian faith.

*NB Food will be served between 10 am and 10.45 am*

*(Donations, if desired)*



## MOTHERING SUNDAY -

an opportunity to give thanks and to celebrate mum's!

SUNDAY 11 MARCH

at 9.30 am (St Aidan's) & 10.30 am (St George's)

Why not invite someone to come along to church with you on this special day?

## Come and Sing... Hymns and Worship Songs

Saturday 24 February 2018 from 2 pm until 4.30 pm  
at Dalton Community Church, Wellington Street, Dalton, LA15 8AN

A singing workshop for all ages and abilities led by local singing teacher and conductor, Deborah Milledge.

Come and brush up on your singing skills, and apply them to singing a range of different styles of hymns and worship songs, traditional and modern.

Please register by contacting Margaret Harrison on 01229 466069

There will be a £5 charge, £2 for under 18's and after expenses, proceeds will go to Dalton Community Church's Refurbishment Fund.

Refreshments included.

Closing date to register—Tuesday 20 February 2018

## Moving Mountains (8-11 March, 2018)

### What is Moving Mountains?

Moving Mountains is a Cumbria-wide opportunity for churches to work together in reaching out to our communities with the good news of Jesus. It'll be happening on 8-11 March 2018, and Cumbrian churches will be joined by teams led by church leaders from across the UK. It's a chance for local churches to plan and do local mission, but with added support and the added encouragement that it'll be happening across the region.

### What's happening in Barrow?

As you'll know, in Barrow we have recently had the Believe in Barrow 2017 'Real Lives' week of events. Moving Mountains is a chance for us to build on that, with different churches running their own community events, as well as a couple of central events for churches to join together with. These will all happen under the banner of 'Believe in Barrow 2018 - Moving Mountains'.

### Will we have a team joining us in Barrow?

Yes, we're delighted to welcome the Bishop of Burnley, Philip North, who will be bringing a team of three or four with him. The idea is that this team will be able to help with different events, and in particular will be skilled in giving a short message/testimony about the Christian faith.

### What's happening in South Barrow?

Here are the key dates for your diaries:

**Thursday 8th March, 7pm** - Resourcing the Church in Urban Mission (with Pie & Peas) - Venue TBC — an evening for church leaders, PCCs, deacons.

**Friday 9th March** - St Aidan's & Beacon Hill Guest Supper Evening - with magic routine & Christian message - speak to Carole Williamson for tickets

**Saturday 10th March** - 10am - St George's Big Brekkie with Christian testimony

**Saturday 10th March** - 7pm - Moving Mountains 'Real Lives' at The Forum with former Gladiator 'Ace' & live music

**Sunday 11th March** - 9.30 (St Aidan's) & 10.30 (St George's) - Mothering Sunday Guest services with visiting speaker.

For more information, please speak to Robin.



## The Annual Parochial Church Meetings

will be held on **Sunday 15 April at 10.30 am**  
**within the context of worship at St George's**  
*(it would normally be a Team Service on this day)*

We will gather in church for a short time for an opening hymn, prayer and Bible reading before meeting separately, as St Aidan's and St George's, to elect our respective Churchwardens, members to the PCC's, and appoint stewards (sidespeople) for 2018/19. The Annual Parochial Church Meetings will also provide an opportunity to be updated on the different aspects of God's work in the parishes and Team, as well as a means of looking ahead to consider the opportunities and challenges in South Barrow and beyond. **Group leaders please forward your Reports to the PCC Secretary by Sunday 18 March at the latest please.** Do please make the APCMs a priority in your prayers and by seeking to be present.

10.30 am Worship together

10.50 am Separate APCM's

11.45 am Shortened Communion

12 noon Light refreshments

## CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

**The Electoral Roll is effectively a 'Roll of Membership' - it is a list of those who wish to identify with and support the local church and God's work here in South Barrow.** Please note - quite a few people's names are not on the Electoral Roll—might you have forgotten to register last year? If so, please check the Roll and if your name is missing and you are a regular worshipper at St George's or St Aidan's then please complete an Electoral Roll form by **Sunday 25 March** at the latest.

**REMEMBER:** Put your clocks FORWARD 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday 25 March!



**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT  
26 FEBRUARY—11 MARCH**



**Sit down for breakfast,  
stand up for farmers!**

As Martin Luther King famously said, 'before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world'. Despite our dependence on farmers and workers for the foods, drinks and products that we love, about 795 million people are undernourished globally.

The people who grow the food we take for granted can't always feed their own families. We can support farmers and workers to put food on the table for their families by harnessing the power of a Fairtrade breakfast.

The SOUTH BARROW TEAM is committed to supporting FAIR TRADE and will endeavour to use & promote Fairtrade products whenever possible.

**LENT LUNCHEAS AT ST GEORGE'S  
& TEARFUND'S EMERGENCY  
APPEAL**

Each Tuesday hearty homemade soup, with a bread roll, will be served between 12.15 pm and 1.15 pm. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards. All proceeds will be given towards the relief effort of the hundreds of thousands of people have fled violence in Rakhine state, Myanmar, since August 2017 with the majority seeking refuge in Bangladesh.

More than 655,000 people, mostly Rohingya women and children, are in urgent need of shelter, medical care, water and food after arriving exhausted and traumatised in overflowing camps and settlements in Bangladesh.

With more funds, TEARFUND and their partners can immediately respond to the growing needs of the people who have fled into Bangladesh with nothing, as well as help the overstretched communities hosting them.

Our support can help save lives. The issue is huge and is getting worse - donations from the Lent Lunches will help Tearfund and their partners demonstrate Christian Concern In Action. Be part of it!

**LENT 2018 :  
LOVE LIFE : LIVE LENT**

During Lent the existing Fellowship Groups will continue as Lent Groups, providing the opportunity for those who don't normally attend group to do so during Lent. These informal groups provide a great opportunity to meet with others to discover more of God, to explore the incredible claims of Jesus and to be encouraged to know Him better and to make Him better known. As we discuss the Bible there is opportunity to ask questions in a safe and friendly environment. There will also be space for prayer and reflection in order to love life : live lent.

When we celebrated Christmas a few weeks ago we were reminded that Jesus came into this world with the cross of Calvary in His heart and on His mind. He was literally born to die; He came in order to *"give His life a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:45). But Jesus also came to this earth *"to minister"* or *"to serve"*. This attitude of service is seen time and again in the personal encounters Jesus had while He walked this earth. In the run up to Easter, both on Sundays and during our Lent Groups, we will take a closer look at a few of the personal encounters of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels. Over the next few weeks we will see that an encounter with Jesus can be powerful and life-transforming. As we observe Jesus and His interactions with the people of His day, we will see how He will interact with anyone who will take the time to encounter Him, which includes you and me.

**Details of the South Barrow Team Lent meetings are as follows:**

**Tuesday at: 1.30 pm in the Pennington Room at St George's (Gary)  
8 pm at The Rectory, 98 Roose Road (Julie)  
8 pm at 33 Holebeck Road (Robin & Zoe).**

The Lent meetings will be relaxed, enjoyable, informative, & helpful and are open to everyone - why not come along!

For details of worship services in on Ash Wednesday, 14 February, please see page 4; also, details about Lent Lunches can be found on page 10.





## 'Relationship' more important than 'Religion'

Some years ago someone I had got to know socially stopped me outside the Post Office and 'out of the blue' he began telling me how he had a faith of sorts but it lacked meaning, purpose and comfort. He went on to tell me that increasingly 'religion did nothing for him' to which I responded, "Religion does nothing for me either." This was not quite the response he expected from the Vicar! Nevertheless, as the conversation continued the man told me of his concerns – he felt that the moral fabric of our country was being eroded, that the 'family' was being devalued, that the abuse of children (including that by priests and nuns) had angered him, and that the prevailing effects of global warming and the effects of terrorism painted a pretty bleak picture of the future.



Consequently, he went on to tell me of his endeavour to try to make sense of life and of his belief that there has to be something beyond this world; otherwise, life would be meaningless. For me, this was a 'privileged conversation' – spontaneous and honest, and I was particularly struck by this man's 'search' for truth, for meaning, and for purpose which, I believe, highlights a hunger for spiritual reality that exists in all of us, whether we acknowledge it or not. This is evident in the current vast array of spiritual and religious expression. Whether in some mainstream religion, a New Age approach or merely a DIY

superstition, people go shopping for a god. But where is 'the truth'?

Well, I want to suggest that the answer lies simply in the remarkable life of Jesus Christ - whose sacrificial death and astounding victory over death we celebrate at Easter. Yes – we 'celebrate' Jesus' death as well as His resurrection; hence, *Good Friday*. You see, as human beings we are made in God's image – an image that has been marred in everyone of us through what the Bible describes as 'sin' – which is whenever we reject God's ways and when we live as though He doesn't exist. *We all* have a natural propensity to be 'out of step' with God – *'we all sin and fall short of God's glory.'* Consequently, our friendship with God, who is holy, is damaged and requires a radical cure – one that is impossible for *us* to secure but which God, in His mercy, has made possible. God has provided the single means whereby we can be healed and restored! The Bible tells us that *'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him'* (John 3:16&17). This is the message of the Christian gospel ('good news')

### The Death of Christ

**The person:** who died was the "Christ" - the Messiah, literally the "anointed one". He was a fully human being but He was more than just

another person. He was the Son of God and He lived faithfully - the way we were meant to, blameless before God.

**The plan:** It was no mistake. Jesus died "according to the Scriptures". He is unique in the history of humankind as His life and death were both described hundreds of years before hand. Jesus fulfilled all that the Old Testament foretold.

**The purpose:** His death was "for our sins". The good news is that Jesus' death on the cross has made possible the forgiveness of our sins - which separate us from God. He came to provide the single means of pardon: by His innocent death on the cross in our place, He was taking the punishment we deserve for ignoring God. His resurrection is God's stamp of approval to this.



As a great Easter hymn puts it: *'There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin: He (Jesus) only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in'*. But Jesus didn't stay dead...

### The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Jesus' dying and being buried does not distinguish Him from others... Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed, or Marx all died and were buried. But, Jesus was raised from the dead by God and is alive today. This has never happened to anyone else in the history of the world. Jesus is unique.

Jesus' followers had been shattered when He died. They lived in fear behind closed doors. But, within days they were totally different: brave, excited, confident and creative! They told everyone their 'good news': "You crucified Jesus, but God raised Him up!" Jesus had risen from the dead! He appeared to Peter, to the twelve apostles, and to over 500 people at once. These eyewitnesses were not lying or hallucinating. They were willing to die for their belief that Jesus was alive. Also, it is significant that the first people who saw Jesus after His death were women. At a time when the testimony of a woman carried much less weight than that of a man, such unlikely witnesses actually support the reliability of Jesus' resurrection.

'Religion does nothing for you?' Well, what God desires for us is to have a living, personal **relationship** with Him, which has been made possible though the events of the first Easter.

May I wish you a meaningful and blessed Lent (which begins on Valentine's Day this year) and Easter. Why not use this time to 'examine your own heart and return to the Lord' - not a God who delights in 'religion' but a God who desires, and has made possible, a relationship that we can enjoy now and forever!



*Your friend & Team Rector,*  
*Gary Cregeen*