

Dates for your Diary

Hope at Easter Celebration Weekend 6th-9th April

(See separate sheet for details of each event)

Thursday 13th April— Maundy Thursday Supper at 7:00 pm

Friday 14th April—Good Friday Service at 10 am (separate activities for children) followed by walk—bring a picnic

Sunday 16th April—Sunrise service at St Paul's Churchyard 6:30 am (followed by breakfast at the Bishop's House)

Sunday 16th April—Easter Day Family Communion at 10 am



Next Messy Church—Saturday 20th May, 4-6pm. in Forton School Hall

What's on at St James' Church?

We meet every Sunday at 10 am. All are welcome.

Sunday School meets during the first part of the service

Creche available

Men's breakfast on first Saturday of month at 8:30 am.

Who's who at St James Shireshead?

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Shireshead Vicarage

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Churchwardens:

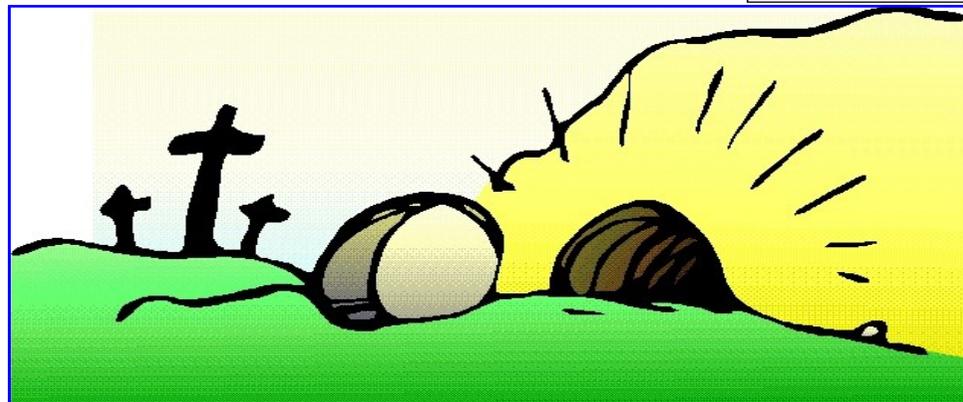
Mrs Hilda Dugdale, tel 01524 791540

Mr Andrew Dodgson, tel 01524 383375

Spotlight

Update from St James Shireshead

Spring 2017



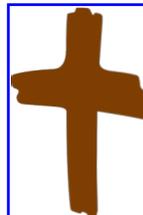
Easter

At Easter millions around the world unite in their testimony that Jesus Christ died. He died with a loud cry, a spear thrust following to make sure he was dead. He was buried in a tomb. Yet on the third day the tomb was empty.

Then the appearances began at different times, against all the expectations of men and women who had given up hope. The answer to the age-old questions "If a man dies shall he live again?" was there in front of their eyes. If with me you conclude that only one person has ever won the advantage over death then may you rejoice in a joyful, positive Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

+Bishop Geoff

We warmly invite you to join with us as we celebrate Easter at St James



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(followed by breakfast in the Bishop's House)



The Work of EAPPI

We welcomed Emily Richardson, Jean Pearson's niece, to our Sunday service at St James, Shireshead on March 12th. Emily spent two years doing charity work in Lebanon, is a fluent Arabic speaker and most recently has worked in Israel. She gave us a most moving and thought provoking illustrated presentation on the work of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) which sends volunteers to Israel and occupied Palestine. Emily spent three months working as an Ecumenical Accompanier (EA) in the city of Hebron in the occupied West Bank.

Israel has controlled the West Bank since the Six-Day War in 1967. The West Bank is home to many Jewish holy sites, like the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron,

that Jews were previously cut off from but Israeli control of the West Bank means military administration of a territory which is home to thousands of Palestinians.

Emily described the daily hardships and dangers faced by a Palestinian family that she had got to know, whose part of Hebron has been occupied by extremist Israeli settlers and whose street, once bustling, is eerily empty. As international observers, EAs can help protect vulnerable communities at risk of violence from Israeli settlers. They support peace activists (both Israeli and Palestinian) and together they bravely stand at checkpoints manned by Israeli soldiers. Under international humanitarian law, an occupying army is responsible for the protection of civilians, but here they are the cause of fear. The EAs monitor movement at the checkpoints and help to reduce the human rights abuses of Palestinian civilians and try to ensure that they are allowed access to their land, jobs, schools and medical care.

Emily is passionate about the work of EAPPI and challenged us to get involved. She stressed the need to bring the unjust human rights situation to the attention of the wider international community in the hope that one day a peaceful solution may be found and Palestinians and Israelis together will be able to enjoy the precious freedoms we take so much for granted.

Sheila Wolfendale



Talking Jesus Mission

'Talking Jesus' mission weekend (2-5 March) in the Diocese of Durham brought together twenty five Bishops and their teams from across the northern half of the Church of England. Each team joined local churches in the sixteen deaneries across the diocese – from the Tyne to the Tees and the Dales to the Sea – at more than 450 community events with the aim of sharing the gospel.

The four of us who joined Bishop Geoff spent a busy weekend in the Auckland Deanery in and around Spennymoor, a town seven miles south of Durham. Our weekend included Messy Churches, grill-a-bishop (with questions) lunches, café churches, shoe polishing, and even a trip to the pub: which goes to show that the gospel can be shared anywhere, even over a pint.

For those of us visiting this was a valuable opportunity to share our faith and to encourage local churches in doing mission. For each parish the weekend provided a fresh opportunity for them to proclaim the good news of God's love to their local communities. By 'Talking Jesus' we were inviting people into the heart of our Christian faith, which is to have a life changing encounter with Jesus.

Ross Jesmont



Music and Masterpieces

Easter is a time for both reflection and celebration of all that Jesus made available to us through His death and resurrection.

We invite you to join with us for a celebration of Easter through music and well known paintings on Sunday 9th April at 4 pm with an augmented choir. Hope to see you there!

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Baptism 26th March – Samuel Sydney Wild