

Order of Service

Please stand as the Bible is brought into church.

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn: 274 *'God is love, his the care'*

The Lord's Prayer & Prayers of Approach & Praise

Hymn: 523 *'Give me joy in my heart'*

Family Church Time

Prayer for Mothers Notices, Offering and Dedication.

Musical Interlude while children go to their separate activities.

Psalms 32 from "Psalms Now" by Leslie F. Brandt.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn: 353 *'There's a wideness in God's mercy'*

Gospel Reading Luke Chapter 15 Verses 1 to 3 & 11b to 32

Comment & Prayer

Hymn: *'Our Father God in heaven'*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn: 518 *'Father I place into your hands'*

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: 415 *'You shall go out with joy.'*

Blessing & Threefold Sung Amen

Please remain standing as the Bible is taken out of the Church

A very warm welcome to all visitors to our church this morning. A warm welcome also to Revd Kay Alberg and our thanks for leading our worship today. Thanks also to our Orchestra for the music, to Trish Wright for our flowers and to our Readers this morning.

Tea & Coffee will be served in the Hall upstairs after Worship. All are welcome. Fairtrade goods are also on sale.

LENT MEETINGS Please see Notice in Vestibule about Lenten Meetings at MMC on 2nd April and St Roberts on 6th.

NOTICES Continued:-

Sunday 7th April at 10 30 am Morning Worship led by Mr Steve Collinson and with Celebration of Communion led by Revd. Suzanne Hamnett

This service will be followed at 11.45 am by our **Annual General Meeting** and **also** by an **Extraordinary Church Meeting** immediately following the AGM to discuss one issue, the future of the Manse.

Monday 8th April at 7.00 pm in the Vestry Managers Meeting

Wednesday 10th April at 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm Lunchtime Concert given by The Bottlebank Band – 4 Folk Fiddlers Extraordinary. Tickets £3 at the door. Doors open at Noon with Tea, Coffee & Biscuits available.

Sunday 14th April at 10.30 am Morning Worship for Palm Sunday led by our Elders.

AND at 3.30 pm Cradle Roll Service.

Sunday 14th April at 6.00 pm a Church Fund-raising Concert is being held in the Sanctuary given by Iona Brown & Alexandra (Sacha) Raikhlina – both Principal First Violinists of Royal Northern Sinfonia.

Tickets cost £8.00 to include tea, coffee and cake during the interval and are now available from Gillian or Ken Irvine (515870) or from Tourist Information Centre at The Chantry. These are two brilliant violinists with great personalities. Please support this fund-raising event.

Wednesday 17th April at 12.30 Midweek Service in the Church.

Tea & Coffee available from Noon.

Thursday 18th April at 7.30 pm Service for Maundy Thursday led by Revd. David Grosch-Miller. This service is joint with Morpeth Methodist Church.

Friday 19th April at 10.00 am Service for Good Friday Joint with Morpeth Methodist Church at MMC – Howard Terrace. This will be followed by the annual Walk of Witness at approx. 11.00 am.

Sunday 21st April at 10.30 am Morning Worship for Easter Day with Celebration of Communion led by Revd. David Grosch-Miller.

Our Father God in Heaven

1 Our Father God in heaven
on whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given
for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers,
a home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers
we bring our thankful songs.

3 Our Father God in heaven,
to you we lift our prayer,
that every child be given
such tenderness and care,
where life is all for others,
where love your love displays:
for God's good gift of mothers
let earth unite in praise!

2 What wealth of God's bestowing
for all the world to share!
what strength of heart outgoing
to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows
are held in her embrace.

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NOTICES

THIS EVENING Sunday 31st March at 6.00 pm in the Church there will be the Final Concert of the Wansbeck Musical Festival. This will indeed be the final event as WMF has decided to close completely after this year. Entry will be free with performances by Class Winners and presentation of various Prizes & Awards.

Monday 1st April at 7pm in the Tandoor Mahal Restaurant 17 Bridge Street, Morpeth, Fund-raising Dinner for displaced persons – see Notice in Vestibule

Wednesday 3rd April at 12.30 Midweek Service in the Church.
Tea & Coffee available from Noon.

AND at 7.00 pm the Vacancy Committee meet in the Vestry

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