

## THE MINISTRY TEAM

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(Full team list on church notice boards and parish magazine)

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### PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday from 9.30—12:30pm

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### PARISH WEBSITE

[www.parishofmorpeth.org.uk](http://www.parishofmorpeth.org.uk)

**THE PARISH APCM WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 29th AFTER THE 10 am JOINT SERVICE AT ST JAMES**

### St AIDAN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Monday** Cuppa Club 9.30—12.30 **Tuesday** Bingo session 11.30-12.30

Playtime Plus 9.15-11.00 am **Wednesday** Playtime Plus 9.15-11.00

Homework Club 4.14-5.30 ; Carers' Support Group 1.30pm-3.00pm (monthly on last Wed.)

**Meeting dates and details of other groups available from Fliss (see opposite) or the Parish office 01670 503326**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### DATA PROTECTION

#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In order to comply with the general Data Protection Regulations, by May 2018, the parish must check all records of personal data and be able to identify: **WHAT is held; WHERE it is held; WHY it is held and prove it is held SAFELY**

If you are holding anyone's personal details or if you are a group leader, please advise Lindsey in the parish office (01670 503326) or Pauline Young (07779132452)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE OFFICE TO DETERMINE WHAT INFORMATION IS BEING HELD ABOUT THEM AND THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR IT TO BE DESTROYED**



# Morpeth Parish

St James the Great + St Mary the Virgin + St Aidan



**TODAY: SUNDAY 22nd APRIL—EASTER 4**

**4.00pm St Aidan Tea Time Church**

**NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 29th APRIL—EASTER 5**

**8.00am St James Holy Communion**

**10.00am St James Family Communion**

**Followed by the Annual Parochial Meeting**

**No Evening Service**

**Thought for Today** The people of Israel and the early Christian community understood the rapport between the shepherd and his sheep. In today's high tech world, we don't think of ourselves as dumb, submissive animals, but perhaps we are more like sheep than we care to admit. Like sheep, we seem to be oblivious of everything except the plot of grass that surrounds us here and now. We spend time feathering our little nests, unconscious of the wolves that surround us in the counter-culture in which we live. And, like sheep, we always think that the grass is greener on the other side, so we stray from the flock. But the image of the Good Shepherd and his sheep is forever in the Bible and in reality and truth, it fits every generation, even our own. Jesus says "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me." (John 10: 27). Perhaps we should set aside a quiet time each day to be still and learn to recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd. What a great blessing it is to be able to recognize that voice and to follow Him with great joy and confidence, wherever He may lead us.

**Today's Collect** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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| <b>New Testament Reading</b> | <b>Acts 4.5-12</b>    | <b>(p 117)</b>   |
| <b>New Testament Reading</b> | <b>1 John 3.16-24</b> | <b>(p 237-8)</b> |
| <b>Gospel Reading</b>        | <b>John 10.11-18</b>  | <b>(p 100)</b>   |

(page refs are for the NRSV pew Bibles (OT at front, NT at back))

**THIS WEEK: MONDAY to THURSDAY**

Morning Prayer at St James 9am to 9.30am

**WEDNESDAY**—"Journey" Group meets in St James Vestry at 7pm—contact Emily Gibson 07713474443

**Wednesday Home Group** meets at 15 Bankside, Allery Banks every second Wednesday. Next meeting **on 25th April at 7 pm**. Details from Revd Cooper

**THURSDAY**—Holy Communion at St Aidan's 9.15 am

**FRIDAY**—Celtic Prayer breakfast 8am at Costa, Bridge Street

**MORPETH DEANERY  
CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2018**

Bishop Christine will be coming to the parish on September 30th for our joint Morpeth Deanery Confirmation Service in St James Church at 10am.

If you are over 11 years of age, or an adult candidate who would like to consider being Confirmed, please speak to Simon as soon as possible, so that we can start to think about Confirmation classes and booking candidates into the service at St James.

**INTERCESSION TRAINING** all who lead intercessions are invited to come along to a two hour training event either **Saturday 28th April 9.30-12.30** or **Wednesday 2nd May 7.00pm-10pm**. Both events in **St James church**. Contact Harriet Gilfillan or David Parker.

**CURRY NIGHT at the Tandoor Mahal** on **Sunday May 20th at 6.30pm** to raise funds for **PIPPA TANNER**, a KEVI student, going to Mexico with M10. Tickets are £16 (poppadoms, starter, main and rice). Sign up sheets for tickets are at the back of church.



**FOR INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES AND SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR PARISH AND BEACON PROJECT FACEBOOK PAGES AND THE PARISH WEBSITE**

**NEXT MEETING of the WEDNESDAY HOME GROUP is on 25th April at 7pm at 15 Bankside. All welcome**

**MOVIE NIGHT at ST AIDAN'S**  
The Mission & Social Group event for May is a screening of "The Shack" an American Christian drama film (2hrs 30 min) in **St Aidan's on Sunday 13th May commencing at 6pm**. Tickets are **£5, to include refreshments**.

**WANTED! Daily newspapers for a prayer-space activity.** If you regularly buy a daily newspaper, could you please give it to Fliss, when you have finished reading it? Many thanks

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK—13th-19th MAY 2018** Janice Parks is seeking willing volunteers to collect house-to-house at Lancaster park during the week.

She can be contacted on 01670 512347 or at St Mary's.

**There will be an ecumenical service at 4pm on Sunday May 13th in St Robert's RC Church** and book and plant stalls on **Morpeth Market Place on Saturday 19th May from 9am—12 noon**.

**MORPETH FRIENDS of LEPRAS** Spring Coffee Morning in St Robert's RC Church Hall on **Saturday 5th May from 10am-12 noon**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**The Sick: Kate Booth, Mark Brown, Yvonne Heron, Dave Pope, Julia Wood, Vic Middleton, Mary Boyd, Louise Bell, Joyce Scott**  
**R I P: Jon Robert Heslop, Sylvia Hutton, Jimmy Locker, John Lowes, Linda Robson, Alice Hannet**

**PRAYER MINISTRY** is available at every service in the parish. If you would like someone to pray with you after Communion or at the end of the service, please approach one of the prayer team (look for their prayer team badges)

**LIFEPATH 2018—WANT TO HELP?**

An event for Year 4 school children held at Brinkburn Priory from Monday 25th-Friday 29th June. Volunteers welcome on any number of days for various roles. Contact Kirstine Davis, Harriet Gilfillan or anyone who has been before. Update leaflets with contact details are in all the churches.



**COFFEE & CHAT on the second Monday of every month,**

in the Chantry Tea Room. Details from Gena Fleming on 515741.