

Yester Bolton & Saltoun



Parish Newsletter

March 2020

I don't know about you, but I really quite enjoy watching TV via streaming services or recordings. That way, I don't have to wait for a new episode of a programme I like, but can watch as many as I like in one go (or at least, as many as busy-ness and tiredness levels permit!)

Recently I've enjoyed watching a fashion design competition. Now, I don't know very much at all about fashion design, but I did enjoy the programme which showcased a lot of these young designers' creativity and determination. As the show progressed, more and more designers were eliminated from the process, and the competition got fiercer. To start with, most of them had seemed really amiable and quite friendly, but now the rivalry really became obvious – with some certainly quite outspoken in their criticism of others. And do you know what happened? At the end, two designers faced each other in the final – and these two had consistently been the sweetest, most humble ones in the show. Their success might well have been down to their talent and creativity, but I wonder if it also had something to do with their character – with simply being nice and kind.

That's become a bit rarer in the world, it seems: the news is so full of stories of conflict, of people out only for their own success, not very much concerned with anyone else. The general tone of relating to one another also seems to have become somewhat rougher. And yet, there are also so many examples of kindness, when we look around us: so many people caring for others, helping through simple acts of helpfulness, or through supporting charities, by looking out for their neighbours and helping in the wider world in whatever way we can. Sometimes, the only thing needed is a smile for someone who's having a tough day.

As we begin the time of Lent, we have an opportunity to think about our lives, about how we are feeling, about how we relate to others, what we like about our lives and what we might want to change. Looking towards Easter, we know our celebration will signify once again a chance to make a fresh start. I hope you all have a lovely Spring. As ever, if you'd like a chat, or meet for a coffee, simply give me a call or send me an email.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Anikó

Crèche and All age services

As we saw at our wonderful nativity service, many of the families in our villages have young children. Therefore, from April, we will offer a crèche during the service on the last Sunday of each month (to coincide with the coffee and chat time before the service, too). We hope to welcome our youngest members there. If you would like to help with the crèche (on a rota basis), please speak to Jackie McCreery or Jenny Riddell.

Our next all age service will be on Easter Sunday, 11am in Yester Church, when we'll also have an Easter Egg hunt for the children. There are also all age services in Humbie Church, to which families from the whole parish (and beyond) are very welcome – the next ones take place on 1 March and 7 June, both at 9.30am.

Staying in touch

If you miss a service but would like to stay connected to our worship, you can listen to a sound recording of the service on our website (www.yesterboltonsaltounchurch.org/worship), or speak to Paul Sales about receiving these recordings on CD.

If you would like a visit, a chat over coffee, or to receive home communion, or if you would like to receive a weekly email with all the intimations, news, and service times and venue, please contact one of the elders or Anikó.

Upcoming events

- 8 March **Church AGM** follows the morning service.
- 14 March **Humbie Church Coffee Morning**, 10.30am-12noon in Humbie Village Hall.
Humbie Church is holding its annual coffee morning in aid of church funds on Saturday 14. Entrance includes coffee/tea/juice and delicious home baking! Adults £4 and children free. Baking, Savoury Corner (get something for your lunch, or dinner later), Preserves, Plants, Bric a Brac, Raffles - including for Hamper and crafts, Tombola, Face Painting and more. Everyone welcome.
- 15 March **Messy Church**, 4-6pm in the Fletcher Hall, East Saltoun.
For children of all ages (please bring an adult, though). This time, we'll explore the story of Abraham and Sarah, through crafts, games, songs and storytelling. There will also be a baby and toddler corner, and, as always, a shared supper for the children.
- 25 March **Bridge Afternoon**, 2-5pm in Gifford Village Hall. All the tables are spoken for (email family.gobourn@gmail.com) to go on the reserves list or to be contacted next time we run the event.
- 26 April **Church Soup Lunch** in Village Gifford Hall, after the service in Yester Kirk.
- 25 July **Church Garden Party**, 2-4.30pm in the Manse Garden, Gifford.
- 27-29 July **Holiday Club**, Humbie Church Stables.
After the great fun we've had at the Holiday Club last summer, we'll offer another three-day adventure this summer, from 27 to 29 July, 9.30-12.30am. It will again run in the Stables by Humbie Church. This year, we'll be using a time machine to go to different eras and meet people from Bible stories, and from the church today. The Holiday Club is for children of primary school age, including those starting P1 after the holidays, and places are limited. A registration form is available on the church website yesterboltonsaltounchurch.org

Choir hitting the right note

Throughout the coming year the choir plans to sing an anthem at the Sunday service approximately once a month. Under the tutelage of Malcolm Christine, this small choir is finding its feet and enjoying singing hymns in four parts and polyphony, in addition to bringing their voices together singing hymns during weekly services in all three churches.

Recently the choir has been working on a 16th Century piece by Thomas Tallis. 'The Tallis' as it's affectionately known, takes its message from the Gospel of John, Chapter 14, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments.' It may be familiar to many of you but each rendition will give its own character. Polyphonic singing can be traced back to the Middle Ages and has been a feature of worship for hundreds of years. In our small parish churches here we are fortunate to have a band of willing enthusiasts amongst our congregation who really enjoy the challenge.

Another piece for the Spring will be Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus*; one of his best known and best loved choral works.

Choir practises on a Monday afternoon in Yester church at 3.30pm; new members are most welcome.



Crossword Answers (Crossword is on the reverse of the Service Rota sheet):
 Across 1:air hostess, 6:unused 7: lambs 9: Bolton 10: vow 11: dare 13: trio 14: rag 15: llamas 17: detox 18: raises 20: increasing
 Down 1: Aln 2: Roscoe 3: oddly 4: talent 5: samovars 6: used 8: sawbones 9: Brighton 12: elixir 13: Tahiti 14: red 16: aorta 17: egg

For children of primary school age (incl new P1)
 27-29 July 2020, 9.30-12.30
 in Humble Church and Stables

Humble l/w Yester, Bolton
 and Saitoun Church

Booking will open on 13 April 2020 – spaces are limited
 - see humblechurch.org/holiday-club and yesterboltonsaltounchurch.org/holiday-club
 or call 01620 811193 for more info.

Summer Holiday Club

With a time machine we'll travel to different eras, to meet different characters from the Bible.



We'll have songs, indoor and outdoor games, crafts, snacks, and a lot of fun.

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Humble l/w Yester, Bolton and Saitoun Churches



Invitation

For children of all ages - please also bring an adult.

Join us for our next Messy Church, where we'll explore the story of Abraham and Sarah.



We'll have crafts and team games, a baby and toddler corner, and, as always, a story and song, and supper together

15 March 2020
 4-6pm
 Fletcher Hall
 East Saitoun

Lent services

We will start the season of Lent with a joint Ash Wednesday service, held on 26 February at 7pm in Yester Church, where those who wish can receive the sign of the ash cross. On 1 March, the first Sunday in Lent, our usual service will take place at 11am in Yester Church. For families with children, there'll also be an all age service that Sunday at 9.30am in Humble Church, where we'll find out more of what Lent is about. During the Sunday services, we will follow the Lent readings and themes, with a Passion service on Palm Sunday, 5 April, at 11am in Bolton Church. In Holy Week, we'll have a joint Maundy Thursday service at 7pm in Humble Church, with Holy Communion, and a joint Good Friday service at 7pm in Yester Church. On Easter Sunday, we'll celebrate with an all age service (with an Easter Egg hunt) at 11am in Yester Church.

Prayers

If you would like someone to pray for a particular situation, please write down brief details of the situation (using first names only, for confidentiality), and either hand them to Morag Swan or put them in one of the Prayer Boxes, which are provided in all the churches (along with pens and papers). There are also sheets with prayers by the boxes, which might help you in your own reflections. We have a Prayer Group who meets every month, and all prayer requests are included in their prayers, and of course, treated confidentially.

What's happening in our church?

Although we all usually only meet together on Sunday mornings, there is lots going on in our church community during the week. All of these would be very happy to welcome new people joining in!

Mondays, 2.30-4pm	Faith Discussion group meets in East Saltoun (every four weeks during the winter)
Mondays, 3.30-5pm	Every week: Choir practice in Yester Church
Tuesdays, 10am	Prayer Group in the small meeting room in the Session Rooms in East Saltoun (on the fourth Tuesday each month – next meetings on 24 Mar, 28 Apr, 26 May)
Tuesdays, 10.30am-12	Drop-in Coffee Morning in the Session Rooms in East Saltoun (on the fourth Tuesday each month – next on 24 Mar, 28 Apr, 26 May)
Wednesdays, 10.30-12	Drop-in Coffee Morning in Yester Church (on the second Wednesday each month – next on 11 Mar, 8 Apr, 13 May)
Wednesdays, 7.30pm	Every week: Knot Knits Knitting Group meets in the Session Rooms in East Saltoun
Thursdays, 2-3.30pm	During the winter: Knitting Group meets in Yester Church

We also have a Worship Team, a Social Planning Group, a Messy Church Team, and the Kirk Session with a Property Review Group and Finance Committee.

Our Church Family

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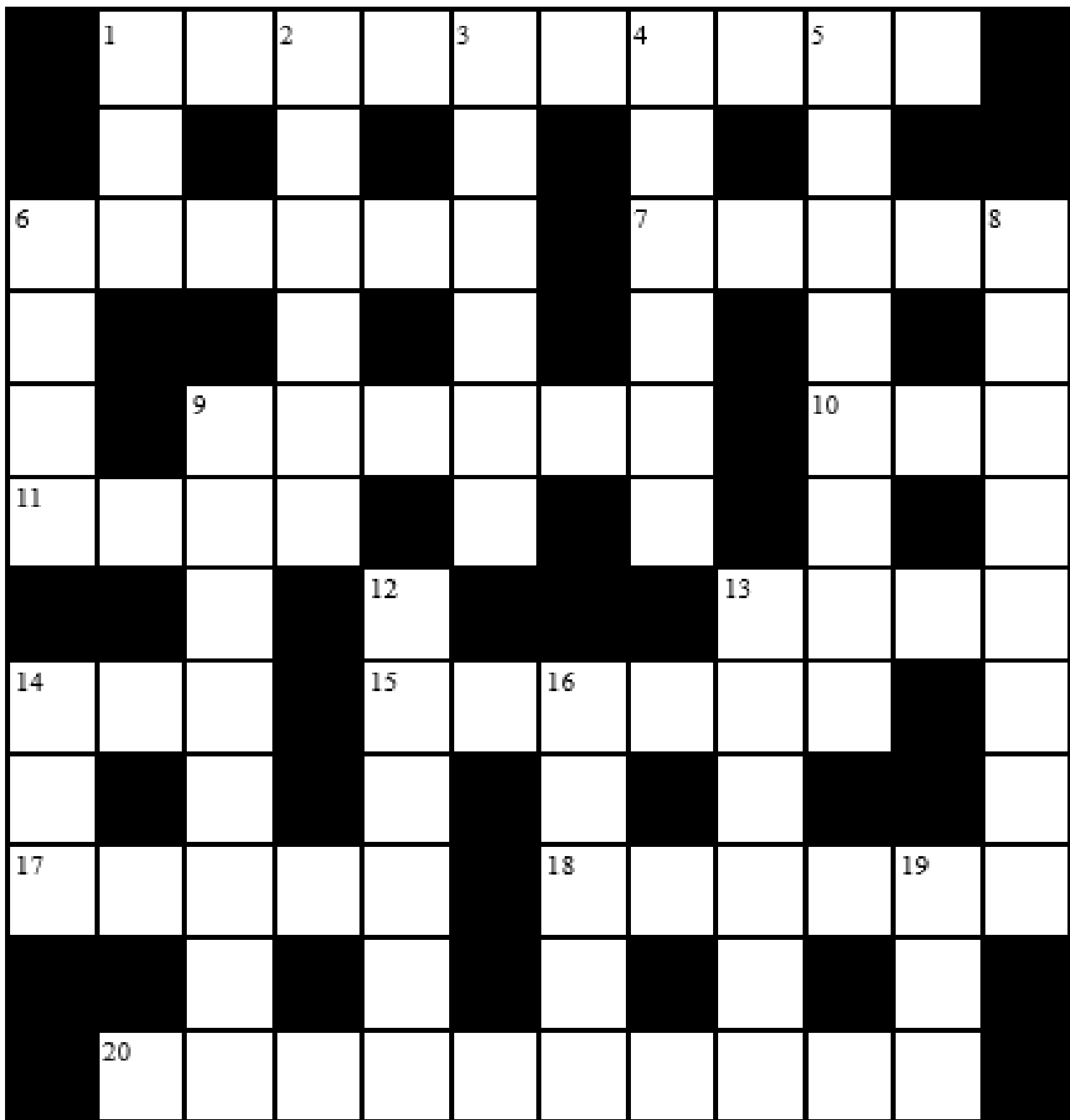


Church Services March – June 2020

All services take place at 11am except where noted below.

March	1	Yester		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	8	Bolton		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Communion service. AGM after service.
	15	Yester		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	22	Saltoun		The Rev Jim Black	
	29	Humbie	9.30am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Joint service with Humbie.
April	5	Bolton	Palm Sunday	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	9	Humbie	7pm Maundy Thursday	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Joint communion service with Humbie.
	10	Yester	7pm Good Friday	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Joint service with Humbie.
	12	Yester	Easter Sunday	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	All age service, followed by a short communion.
	19	Saltoun		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	26	Yester		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Crèche available. Baptism service. Soup lunch at Gifford village hall.
May	3	Bolton		The Rev John Smith	
	10	Yester		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Communion service.
	17	Saltoun		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	24	Yester		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Songs of Praise service.
	31	Bolton		Worship Team	Coffee/tea before service. Crèche available.
June	7	Yester		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	14	Saltoun		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Short communion after service.
	21	Yester		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	24	Saltoun	7pm Evening Service	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Joint service with Humbie.
	28	Bolton		The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Coffee/tea before service. Crèche available. Joint service with Humbie.

Humbie Kirk's all age services take place at 9.30am on 1 March and 7 June.



Crossword 02 set by *Margaret*

Across

1. She was sometimes referred to as a "Trolley Dolly". (3,7)
6. Not utilised. (6)
7. "We are poor little...who have lost our way. (5)
9. The remains of some of Robert Burns' family are to be found in this graveyard. (6)
10. "I...to thee my country". (3)
11. Dan takes a risk. (4)
13. Three musicians. (4)
14. This trade concerns clothing and fashion. (3)
15. S. American ruminants with woolly coats. (6)
17. After over-indulging at Christmas, some of us may need this! (5)
18. Lifts up. (6)
20. Becoming greater in size. (10)

Down

1. River in Northumberland. (3)
2. This Tanner was a tennis player in the 70s and 80s. (6)
3. David Bowie sang "Space...". (6)
4. Apparently, Britain has this. (6)
5. Russian urns for teamaking. (8)
6. Utilised. (4)
8. Slang word for surgeons or doctors. (8)
9. Graham Green's novel, ...Rock. (8)
12. Panacea; wonder drug. (6)
13. Largest island in French Polynesia. (6)
14. One of the colours of the Italian flag. (3)
16. The main artery in the body. (5)
17. Has to be broken to make an omelette. (3)

Answers inside the Newsletter.