

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall
Living Thinking Loving Faith

*The Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday
with the baptism of Shewan Abubkari*

Sunday 30 March
at 10.00 am

Gathering

"Lent comes providentially to awaken us,
to shake us from our lethargy."

Pope Francis

Gathering

Introit: **Down in the River to Pray**, Trad. arr. M Noia

*As I went down in the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown
good Lord, show me the way.*

*O sisters / brothers / sinners let's go down,
come on down,
down in the river to pray,
show me the way.*

Welcome

The President and Preacher is Revd Dr Beth Keith
The Deacon is Shelley Johnston

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Jesus calls us here to meet him,
as through word and song and prayer
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.

Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.

Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

*John L Bell (b. 1949)
Graham Maule (1958 - 2019)
Tune: Lewis Folk Melody*

Prayers of Approach

May God be with you
and also with you.

O God, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community with each other;
to love and work,
to support and heal.

O God, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community with all people;
**to bring justice and hope,
freedom and truth.**

O God, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community
with the whole creation;
**to live in harmony,
To cherish and renew.**

Let us worship God who makes us one.

**EVER-BECKONING GOD,
you call us to leave behind falsehood
and seek our integrity in you:
may our hearts be open to your love
and our minds to your truth,
that we may learn to worship what is worthy
and to serve what is good,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Collect

God our mother,
you hold our life within you,
nourish us at the breast,
and teach us to walk alone.
Help us so to receive your tenderness
and respond to your challenge
that others may draw life from us,
in your name, **Amen**

Janet Morley

Introducing Shewan

Shewan, do you wish to be baptized? **I do.**

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support Shewan in prayer and by our example.

So I ask all present today:

Will you support Shewan on his journey of faith?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you help him to live and grow within the body of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

We all wander far from God and lose our way:

Jesus comes to find us and welcomes us home.

In baptism we respond to God's call.

Therefore I ask you, Shewan:

Do you turn to Jesus

I turn to Jesus.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Jesus welcomes you as his own.

Receive the sign of the cross.

Shewan is anointed with the oil of baptism

Remain faithful to your calling
as God remains faithful to you.

Let us affirm together the faith
into which Shewan is to be baptized.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every
family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts
through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth
Who is faithful for ever.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Baptism

Welcome

There is one God, one faith, one baptism

Shewan, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you in the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same loving God;
we welcome you.**

Shewan is welcomed by the congregation.

Attending

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Page 175 New Testament NRSV

Read by Mary-Jane Ryder

At the end the reader says,

Let us wait upon God's word of life.

Followed by quiet for reflection

Gradual Hymn

Lord, we thank you for our mothers,
for our sisters and our brothers,
fathers, children and all others
who make up the family.

Father, thank you for all carers,
those who strive to be the sharers
of all burdens, and the bearers
of your love in family.

Lord, we know when love is dying,
parents hear their children sighing;
let them never cease from trying
to find peace in family.

Lord, we thank you for all mothers,
for all nephews, aunties, brothers,
nannies, neighbours, grandads, others
who build up the family.

Father, Mother, ground of being,
you sustain beyond our seeing,
still, in Christ our brother, freeing
us to be your family.

Nick Jowett

German carol melody, arr. R Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

Tune: Quem Pastores

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 18.1-5 and 10-14

(at the end)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Preacher: Revd Dr Beth Keith

The sermon is followed by quiet reflection

Prayers of the People

Lead by Shelley Johnston

Let us pray

God, Spirit of infinite compassion;
may our lives reflect your love.

God of justice, truth and love;
**inspire us with your Spirit
to let your kingdom come. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Jesus says,

Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace,
such as the world cannot give.

Set your troubled hearts at rest and do not be afraid.

We meet in Christ's name
and share his peace.

John 14.27

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

God the Creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.

O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
Who once was no-one lost and alone.
I pledged to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my own.

O God the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
all things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together
to be the Church in which faith is sown.
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are His own.

John L Bell (b. 1949)
Mary MacDonald (1789 - 1872)
Tune: Bunessan

Abiding

Preparation

God of humility, we seek you,
bearing the offering of our lives,
needful of your grace.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

God our parent,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of truth and love.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father and Mother of us all,
we give you thanks for every gift of grace.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, with this bread and this cup
we remember how he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
Be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer & Communion

OUR FATHER in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The bread is broken

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All Christ once was and continues to be
is offered to us in bread and wine,
and in the company of others;
so come, let us celebrate the feast.

During communion the choir sings the anthem:

For the beauty of the earth by John Rutter (b. 1945)

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human
and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.*

Prayers of Commitment

Let us pray

**God of our pilgrimage,
you feed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.**

Blessing

May God bless us,
that in us may be found
peace, hope, joy and love;

and may the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ and Spirit of Life
rest upon you and all whom you love,
both living and departed, now and always.

Amen.

Final Hymn

As we go now, from this moment,
As we leave behind our time together,
May we walk with one another,
May we help each other on the way.

Final Hymn

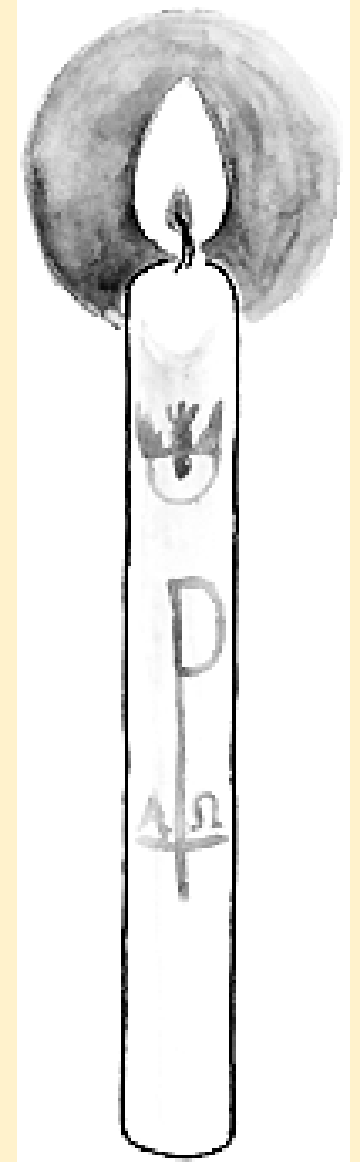
As we go now, from this moment,
As we go into the future together,
May we treasure one another,
May we realise how precious we are,
May we realise how precious we are,
May we realise how precious we are.

The Gift of Light

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.'

Receive the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**May God kindle in you
the flame of faith
the fire of love
and the torch of truth. Amen.**



Let us go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

Praeludium in C, BWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

Friendship Time

Refreshments are served at the end of the service, please stay if you can.

For those on Zoom, we hold a breakout group after the voluntary to which you are welcome.

REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

Everyone who wants to be on the new Electoral Roll need to sign up this year!

If you visit or know someone who cannot get to church but would like to be on the roll, please take a form to them and return it to us.

**Forms and information
at the back of church**



Mothering Sunday Tonight at 7pm

Holy Ground

A Service to explore Wellbeing, Healing and Wholeness especially for all those who find Mothering Sunday hard. Led by Louise Castle and Lizzie Illsley this is a reflective service with space to simply 'be' with God and receive anointing for healing & prayer. All welcome, no need to book.

LENT LUNCH

**A simple lunch will be offered
on 6 April.
All are welcome to stay.**

ST MARK'S CHURCH HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - 13 April

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Eucharist*

7pm Via Dolorosa

reflective service of readings and music

Maundy Thursday - 17 April

5.15pm Godly Play Story & Meal

Age 4+, please book in advance

8pm Last Supper, with stripping
of the altar and The Watch

**Service also on zoom*

Good Friday - 18 April

9.45am All Age Activities
crafts, walk and picnic

12-3pm Meditation
at the foot of the cross

Easter Day- 20 April

5.45am Taizé Dawn Service
on The Green

8am BCP Communion*

10am Festive All-Age Service*
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Palm Sunday - 13 April

All-Age

10am Gathering on the Green:
Re-Telling the story of Holy Week

Maundy Thursday - 17 April

Age 4+ please book in advance

5.15pm Arrivals and foot washing
5.30pm Godly Play Story & Meal

Good Friday - 18 April

All-Age

9.45am Crafts & Hot Cross buns
10.30am Porter Valley Walk &
Picnic (leaving from Church)

Easter Day- 20 April

10am Festive All-Age Service
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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THINKING FAITH

6 APRIL 7PM

Cross Talk - The Meanings of the Death of Jesus

How do you understand the death of Jesus? A victory? A sacrifice? How do you interpret the Bible? How does the death of Jesus make a difference to your life?



Each month, we explore a new topic. This month, come and hear, reflect, and ask questions about the death of Jesus with Ian Wallis, interviewed by Robyn Vesey.

Ian Wallis is a former Vicar of St Mark's with 35 years experience of ordained ministry. He has taught at Cambridge and Durham Universities among others. He helps church communities relate contemporary Christian practice to the original impulse of faith embodied in Jesus.

Wherever you are coming from, whatever you have been told, and whatever you believe, we hope you will join us for this open, thoughtful discussion.



Open Communion
is an inclusive
service for
LGBTQIA people
that meets once a
month.

Next service 4pm is
13 April
with a cup of tea
beforehand.

