

Thought for the day

“There lives more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds.”

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Alpha Course starting Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.30pm. Sign-up forms are at the back of Church and on the coffee tables in the Café area.

Welsh Hymn Singing Festival 2025 ‘Cymanfa Ganu’ Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2pm here at St Edward the Confessor Church. All welcome to listen or sing. Free admission with collection.

A 4 week course on ageing well with Susan Collier and Linda Sykes on Sunday May 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. The first Sunday we will start at 1pm, subsequent sessions will start at 12noon. Leaflets and the sign-up sheet is at the back of Church.

Bakers’ Basket – we would be most grateful for caster sugar, chocolate bars, sunflower oil, eggs, baking margarine & light brown sugar. Many thanks.

Garage Sale – Saturday 28th June 2025 at 16 Alness Drive (Louise & Roy)

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St Edward the Confessor Church
Sunday 27th April 2025
Second Sunday of Easter

Following Jesus, we are Called to be Caring, Committed and Courageous.

Hello and welcome to St Edward’s Church

Services

Sunday 27th April – Second Sunday of Easter	
8.30am Holy Communion President: The Revd Canon Richard Carew Preacher: Gill Stamp 10.00am Holy Communion President: The Revd Canon Richard Carew Preacher: Gill Stamp 3.00pm Baptisms	<i>Acts 5: 27-32</i> <i>John 20: 19-end</i>
Thursday 1st May -Philip & James	
10.00am Holy Communion Service Leader: Gill Stamp Resident & Preacher: The Revd Canon Richard Carew	<i>Ephesians 1:3-10</i> <i>John 14: 1-14</i>
Sunday 4th May – 3rd Sunday of Easter	
8.30am BCP Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service 6.30pm Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing	<i>Acts 9: 1-6</i> <i>John 21: 1-19</i>

Church Opening Times Monday 28th April - Friday 2nd May

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday -closed

Thursday 11.30am-3.00pm, Friday 12.30-3.00pm

Monday 28th	8.30am – all day	Dearne Electrical Works around the church & car park
	9.30am-12.00 1.30-4.00pm	Café open
Tuesday 29th	8.30am – all day	Dearne Electrical Works around the church & car park
	9.30am-12.00 1.30-4.00pm	Café open
	10.30-11.30am	Happy Hour
	10.00-11.00am	Exercise for Fitness
Wednesday 30th	8.30am – all day	Dearne Electrical Works around the church & car park
	9.30am-12.00 1.30- 4.00pm	Café open
	12.00	Praying in Company
	7.00- 8.30pm	Youth Group
	8.30-9.00pm	Pret a Manger Distribution
Thursday 1st May	9.30am-12.00 1.30 – 4.00pm	Café open
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am-12.00	Exercise for Fitness
Friday 2nd May	10.30am-12.00	Little Teds
	9.30am-12.00	Café open
	1.30-4.00pm	

VE Day Thursday 8th May – 12.00 noon a shared lunch or pay £5.00 for lunch followed by a talk. Signup sheet at the back of Church. Thank you. Louise Robinson.

Easter Raffle – raised £72.00 and was won by Josie who comes to our Happy Hour Group.

Last Call for New Electoral Roll – every 6 years we have to renew the Church’s Electoral Roll. If you are on the existing roll, **you will have to re-apply!** If you are **NOT** on the roll but are baptised, over 16, a resident of the Parish or attend worship here, you may apply to join the roll. Joining the roll can be a way of confirming your commitment to the St Edward’s Community and to our vision and it also allows you to take part in the life of the wider Church of England at Deanery, Diocese or even national level. The roll is a register of people who are able to elect other people in the church which means that you can vote on any relevant issues at the APCM and stand for election to the PCC. Application Forms are available from the Parish Office or at the back of Church. Forms in PDF format can be emailed to you by contacting the Office and when completed, email to electoralroll@stedsdringhouses.org. Forms **must** be completed and returned by **Sunday 27th April 2025**. Thankyou. Nigel Pells.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on **Sunday 18 May 2025 in church following the 10.00 Service**, which will be the only service that day. Please attend if possible. There are two meetings - the first is devoted to electing the two Churchwardens to serve from that date until the meeting next year. The second meeting includes electing people to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC). There are currently **twelve** vacancies on the PCC, **five** representatives to serve for three years, **three** to serve for two years and **four** to serve for one year. These are very important roles as Trustees of the church. Please do consider standing for election to the PCC to make important decisions for the future of the church. Nomination forms are available on the website or by email from pcc@stedsdringhouses.org. Paper copies are available from the Parish Office. The Agenda and papers for the meeting will be available on the website and paper copies in Church from the beginning of May.

Christian Aid is 80 years old this year! Cake Stall and 70 k during May

In order to celebrate and raise money for this charity, which provides both emergency support in response to world disasters and ongoing development work, we are organising a Cake stall during Christian Aid week 11-17th May 2025.

This will take place **after the 10’o’clock service on Sunday May 11th**. Please do come with your purse or card on that morning. (Any bakers who wish to take part please let Rachel Bailes know rachel.bailes@btinternet.com)

Rachel will also be attempting to cycle ‘70k during May’ for Christian Aid. As a relative beginner this will be a personal challenge! Please let her know if you would like to sponsor her.

Brunswick Organic Nurseries which is one of our Connections Partners for the next 3 years, has received a top award at the Farm Shop and Deli Retailer Awards. It is named Best Small Farm Shop in the country. The highlight is the excellent work in the community and how they engage people with Learning Disabilities supporting them to have independence through retail opportunities. The shop is open every day and can be found off the Solar System Cycle Path in Bishopthorpe. Helen Dawe

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
 you have given your only Son to die for our sins
 and to rise again for our justification:
 grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
 that we may always serve you
 in pureness of living and truth;
 through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Risen Christ,
 for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
 open the doors of our hearts,
 that we may seek the good of others
 and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
 to the praise of God the Father.

Amen.

Acts 5: 27-32

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

John 20: 19-end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God our Father,
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ
 you have assured your children of eternal life
 and in baptism have made us one with him:
 deliver us from the death of sin
 and raise us to new life in your love,
 in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen