

**Thought for the day**

“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”

*Pope Francis*

**The Gift of Year's** with Susan Collier and Linda Sykes continues on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May. The sessions will start at 12 noon. Please bring a packed lunch.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 16 Alness Drive (Louise & Roy). TTBC

**Annual leave** Both the Parish Secretary and our Caretaker will be taking annual leave Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 inclusive. Could we ask if anyone would be prepared to make sure our Premises are clean and ready for all who use our facilities, for 5 mornings that week please? We would be looking at 1 hour starting at 8am each morning. Please contact the Office if you would be prepared to Volunteer. Many thanks in advance.

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**St Edward the Confessor Church**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

*Hello and welcome to St Edward's Church*

**Services**

Sunday 11th May – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	
<b>8.30am Holy Communion</b> <i>President: The Revd Canon Richard Carew</i> <i>Preacher: Martin Bailes</i> <b>10.00am Holy Communion</b> <i>President: The Revd Canon Richard Carew</i> <i>Preacher: Martin Bailes</i>	<i>Acts 9: 36-end</i> <i>John 10: 22-30</i>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>10.00am Holy Communion</b> <i>President: The Revd Canon Richard Carew</i> <i>Preacher: Gill Stamp</i>	<i>Acts 13: 13-25:</i> <i>John 13: 16-20</i>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May - APCM	
<b>08.30 am No Service</b> <b>10.00am All Age Communion followed by the APCM</b>	<i>Acts 11: 1-18</i> <i>John 13: 31-35</i>

### **Church Opening Times Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Monday 1.30-3.00pm, Tuesday 9.30-3.00pm

Wednesday 9.30am-3.00pm, Thursday 11.00am – 3.00pm

Friday 12.30-3.00pm

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am-12.00	Café open
	1.30-4.00pm	
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am-12.00	Café open
	1.30-4.00pm	
	10.00-11.00am	Exercise for Fitness
	10.30-11.30am	Happy Hour
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30-9.30pm	Alpha Course part 2
	9.30am-12.00	Café open
	1.30- 4.00pm	
	12.00	Praying in Company
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00- 8.30pm	Youth Group
	8.30-9.00pm	Pret a Manger Distribution
	9.30am-12.00	Café open
	1.30- 4.00pm	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am-12.00	Exercise for Fitness
	10.30am 12.00 noon	Little Ted's
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30-7.30pm	Choir Practice
	9.30am – 12.00 noon	Railway Group Meeting
	2.00pm	Welsh Hymn Singing Festival in Church

**Alpha Course** continues Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 2pm here at St Edward the Confessor Church. All welcome to listen or sing. Free admission with collection.

**New Electoral Roll 2025** Following the preparation of the new Roll, please check that your name is now on the Roll display at the back of Church.

**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](mailto: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 "70k 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.

A Bake sale will take place **after the 10'o'clock service today**.

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. **Christian Aid envelopes** are also at the back of Church.

**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

**York Association of the National Trust** meet here regularly and they have organised a trip to East Riddlesden Hall/Haworth on the 21st May 2025 costing £35.00 which includes the coach, gratuities, Bronte Vicarage talk & entrance fee. There are a few spaces left on the coach and if this appeals to you, please contact Catherine Brophy [chair@yant.org.uk](mailto:chair@yant.org.uk) Forms are at the back of church with further details.

**Dringhouses Memories** is planned for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.30-11.30.

**Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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.  
(or)

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

**Acts 9: 36-end**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**John 10: 22-30**

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

**Prayer after Communion**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**