



# Wigton Moor Church

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# Program



***AS WE ENTER LENT MAY WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY  
OF THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR  
THE APRIL CELEBRATION OF 'HE IS RISEN'***

# Letter from Alex

## For Everything a Season



By now I'm sure you've heard that my priorities are changing. For those of you that haven't, at Easter I will move my membership to the URC in South Leeds in preparation for my formal induction as their Lay Pastor soon afterwards. This is a very exciting time for all of us in Belle Isle and Dewsbury Road but something which

might not be so well celebrated at Wigton Moor. But I'm not worried about that at all.

I had a conversation with Kevin Watson, current synod moderator, who told me that he has known churches that have had long periods of sustained leadership and then when the old regime moved on, the church collapsed. At Wigton Moor this hasn't happened, quite the opposite. I have seen the church and its leadership grow in the last twelve months almost beyond recognition. I'm very proud to have played my part in that, and I will continue to be, albeit in a much smaller way. I'm still only down the road.

But others have decided to call time on their service. Alan has stepped down as treasurer, being replaced by Jenny, to whom we are all eternally grateful. As I type this Trevor is deciding when to call his tenure over this publication to a close. Times are changing.

So, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you all to consider your own callings. Is now your time to explore eldership? Perhaps membership has been on your mind recently? Do you want to do more for the church? If so, please step forward.

I travel to South Leeds safe in the knowledge that the future is bright for Wigton Moor, and I hope that as many of you will come to my induction as can make it (once I have a date...). We have been blessed with the leadership we have had for the last decade or two, but now God is doing a new thing. How are you involved?

With Blessings,

**PASTOR ALEX WALKER**

## Church News

The church meeting on 19 January was well attended, with a full agenda creating much discussion. The minutes are on the noticeboard in the coffee bar, so please make a point of reading them.

Later the same day Maureen, Moira and I did a quick “turn around” and attended the Ecumenical Unity Service at St Paul’s RC church on the King Lane at 4 PM. This is an annual event each January, and begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We each had a very small part in the service, as the organisers try to involve as many people as possible from the different denominations in Churches Together in Moor Allerton and Shadwell (CTMAS). Following the service we enjoyed refreshments and fellowship with friends from the other churches.

You will see from the Diary that we are hosting one of the World Day of Prayer services on Friday, 6 March at 11 AM. Alison had already arranged to lead the service before she knew she would be leaving Leeds as early as December. We are grateful that she is still prepared to honour this commitment and will be returning to Leeds for that reason.

Ruth Daniel has been unwell for some time, becoming more frail and unable to attend church. She is now in a care home where she can receive 24 hour care. The address is Carr Croft Care Home, Stainbeck Lane, Leeds LS7 2PS. We continue to hold Ruth in our prayers, as well as for her husband Peter and all their family.

We were sorry to hear the sad news that Gladys had passed away on 11 February, just a week after her 90th birthday. She had been ill for a number of years, and even when she received worrying news about her health she was always so brave and never complained or made a fuss. Gladys had been a member of Wigton Moor church for a long time, and until recently attended Sunday morning worship regularly, as well as the fortnightly Wednesday afternoon services. She was also one of the first “helpers” at Little Angels, when it began in January 2010. She was always willing to help when needed, especially anything that involved preparing refreshments. We send our condolences to her two sons, Paul and Mark as well as their families, and pray for God’s blessing to be upon them all.

As we prepare to welcome spring and lighter nights, remember to put your clocks forward on 29 March!

We continue to remember in our prayers Hilary, Pat and Joe Cole, Jean Francis and Kate, Trevor and Lesley, Joyce, and Kathryn, Mildred Keedy, Peter Morrish and Norma Simpson.

*Norma Hines*

# CHURCH DIARY

## MARCH

Sun	1st	9.30 am	Prayers in the Church Lounge
		10.30 am	Morning Worship including Holy Communion led by Moira
Mon	2nd	10-11am	Prayer meeting at Brenda's
		7.00 pm	Elders' meeting
Tues	3rd	2-4 pm	Community Coffee Stop
Thurs	5th	2-3.30 pm	Bible Study at Brenda's
Fri	6th	11 am	World Day of Prayer Service at Wigton Moor led by Alison Cross (formerly Devlin).
Sun	8th	9.30 am	Prayers in the Church Lounge
		10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Revd. Tony Lee
Tues	10th	2-4 pm	Community Coffee Stop
Wed	11th	2.00 pm	Midweek Service led by Moira
Thurs	12th	2-3.30 pm	Bible Study at Brenda's
Sun	15th	9.30 am	Holy Communion led by Moira
		10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Moira
Tues	17th	2-4 pm	Community Coffee Stop
Thurs	19th	2-3.30 pm	Bible Study at Brenda's
Sun	22nd	9.30 am	Prayers in the Church Lounge
		10.30 am	<b>Mothering Sunday.</b> Morning Worship led by Revd. Samantha Sheehan (URC University Chaplain for 18-25 year olds)
Tues	24th	2-4 pm	Community Coffee Stop
		7 for 7.30 pm	Mission and Care Leeds Partnership Meeting at Headingley St Columba
Wed	25th	2.00 pm	Midweek Service led by Alan
Thurs	26th	2-3.30 pm	Bible Study at Brenda's
Sun	29th	9.30 am	Prayers in the Church Lounge
		10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Anne Parker
Tues	31st	2-4 pm	Community Coffee Stop

## APRIL

Thurs	2nd	2-3.30 pm	Bible Study at Brenda's
Sun	5th	9.30 am	Prayers in the Church Lounge
		10.30 am	<b>Psalm Sunday.</b> Morning Worship including Holy Communion, led by Alex, followed by a Faith Lunch and <b>Church AGM</b>
Mon	2nd	10-11 am	Prayer meeting at Brenda's

### Advanced dates for your diary.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Nearly New sale.£5 per table + 20% of proceeds goes to church building fund. If any member of the congregation wants a table, book it with a member of the Committee.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2-4pm Cream Tea & Plant Sale.

Those of you with green fingers please prepare, with cuttings/seedlings/plants, for this event. Raymond and Edith are kindly running the plant table.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 10am Church garden Tidy ( to prepare for the following)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11.30am-4.30pm Fun Dog Show in church garden

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fair/BBQ

The Fundraising & Publicity Committee will value any help offered at these events, as many hands make light work!

Sheena Kelly

### *The Editor regrets...*

that after nearly 200 editions of Proclaim magazine since April 2003 he must now “put up his pen.” No issue, as far as is known, has ever been late – this is mainly due to the excellent and fast proof-reading by the team of Norma, Alison and Moira – even when I was in Canada one summer! My attempts, each month, to submit to them a perfect proof copy never succeeded. Also, a magazine depends upon contributions from its readers and I have usually been able to include each contribution in the relevant month, so thank you to everyone who submitted or alerted me to a wide range of topics.

My heart condition and a failing memory are the main reasons why I need to step down. I have just spent nearly a week in hospital with heart problems leading to oxygen deprivation, resulting in confusion – I phoned Lesley one morning to say, in rough voice, that I was about to be taken for an emergency operation, but I have no recollections of phoning her! She alerted family and eventually was able to establish from LGI that no such operation was planned, and then had to contact family again! She tells of other incidents of which I have no memory.

It is thus part of God’s plan regarding Proclaim, and His timing, that we now have our church website on which “Proclaim” items can be submitted and advertised and I mention below the details again for readers. This will be my last printed copy of Proclaim, so thank you all for your contributions over the years. If anyone would like to explore editing Proclaim I will be pleased to explain and help. If you need to have something on our website for all to read and/or need help please contact Drew.

I am still happy to receive items for Proclaim, edit and pass them on to Drew to be added to our website but will still print one-off advertising leaflets and posters.



## CHURCH WEBSITE update

We have a new secure website. It can be viewed by anyone with online access, using a computer, Smartphone or tablet. The website address is :

[www.wigtonmoorchurch.co.uk](http://www.wigtonmoorchurch.co.uk)

In the new website we've tried to set out what our church is about, and what goes on in the building each week – times are already set out, and once we have the relevant permissions we'll also add contact details.

We still need to decide how best to post sermons on the relevant page, and hope to replace some of the pictures on the site with better quality versions over time.

We've included details of special events e.g. the recent Table Top Sale, and the event surrounding the switching on the Christmas Lights. As such events take place, we will also try to post some pictures where possible.

Key details on both our Building Project and Fundraising activity have also been included, which we'll update from time to time.

You'll also find the most recent three editions of PROCLAIM. We would hope that many of the folks who have online access will opt to no longer receive a physical copy, which will reduce copying effort and costs, and impact on the environment.

Finally, the website has key contact information for everything which goes on at Wigton Moor, with the option of sending us an email with any comments or enquiries. The contact information also includes the church telephone (landline) number, which is now linked to an Answer Machine in the Vestry.

My thanks to Sheena, Jenny, David and Alex for their help in getting the website up and running so quickly.

Drew

## Holy Habits


**There are 10 Holy Habits identified in Acts 2: 42-47**

**2020 Wigton Moor Church Holy Habits Prayer Outline**


Over the next two years we aim to spend about two months focussing on each of these. As prayer underpins everything that we do we are starting with that and will look at lots of different aspects of both personal and corporate prayer. This plan has been sent to all those due to lead worship on the dates above in order that they will be able to help us with this, and everyone might like to look up some of these at home as you think about your own prayer habits.

Moira

Date	Focus	
February 23rd	Praying with the psalms Prayers of anguish	Job 30: 20-31 Psalm 13 Psalm 43
March 1st	Lord's Prayer part 2!	Matthew 6: 5-15
March 8th	How can we be the answer to prayer?	
March 15th	Introduction to next Holy Habit (Biblical teaching)	
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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020**  
*Praying with Zimbabwe*  
**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**



**11.00am** Wigton Moor U R Church  
High Ash Drive, Leeds LS17 8 RE

**2.00pm** Quaker Meeting House  
Street Lane, Leeds LS8 2RW

**2.00pm** St Augustine's R C Church  
Harehills Road, Leeds LS8 5HR

**7.00pm** St Andrew's U R Church  
Shaftsbury Avenue, Leeds LS8 1DS

**7.00pm** Salvation Army - Leeds Central Corps  
Nile Street Leeds LS2 7QY

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*Please contact the Church Secretary for further information about church activities.*

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**30 January 2020**

Dear Donors & Supporters,

Thank you very much for your cash donation of £200 and your regular donations of food. This is very kind of you.

The food donations continue to contribute towards food parcels for destitute asylum seekers and asylum seeking families living on £5 a day support from the Home Office. We also distribute toiletry packs each month and are very lucky that almost all of the emergency provision we hand out is made up of donations. Thank you for your support.

Last year the donations we received helped us to provide 2400 food parcels and 600 toiletry packs to destitute asylum seekers, 4800 hot meals to people accessing the PAFRAS drop-in and 1372 case work and support session to adult asylum seekers. 63 young people (aged 16-24) received case work from our *Young Migrants Matter* Project.

We held a warm Christmas party in December at the PAFRAS drop-in. We had live music from a fantastic two-piece Satnam Galsian and Luke Darlinson, the amazing Roundhay Ukulele Group got everyone in the Christmas spirit and there was even some dancing. Our very own Volunteer Coordinator, Emma McKee, performed with her band the Brigadista Collective. We distributed food parcels and Christmas presents to destitute asylum seekers and gave out toys and gifts to children. It was such a lovely atmosphere.

We look forward to sharing news about the important and vital work we do in 2020.

If you would like any further information about the work we do then please do get in touch with our Director, Karen Pearse, who will only be too happy to help: [karen@pafras.org.uk](mailto:karen@pafras.org.uk).

Thanks again for your donation and continued support, this means a lot.

Yours sincerely,

Snezhana Martynova  
Finance and Monitoring

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Please read the above "THANKYOU" letter from PAFRAS carefully and think about what you could do. Help is needed around the world at this time, especially regarding the Coron virus but we also have, on our doorsteps, under our noses, Refugees and Asylum Seekers who are desperate, only allowed to receive very little Government grants, aren't allowed to earn more and can be very close to starving and freezing in the winter time. Hugh will gladly advise you.