

SERVICES IN APRIL

Sundays at 8am

6 Apr Holy Communion

13 Apr no service

20 Apr no service in church (7am Easter Sunrise service on Hall Tower Hill)

27 Apr no service

Sundays at 11am

6 Apr Morning Worship

13 Apr Holy Communion

20 Apr Holy Communion for Easter Day

27 Apr Morning Worship (no Taizé today)

Wednesdays at 10.30

2 Apr Holy Communion

9 Apr Morning Worship

16 Apr Holy Communion

23 Apr no service

30 Apr Morning Worship



Sunday 6th April 2025

LENT 5

Passion Sunday

8am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship and Thanksgiving

Readings Philippians 3:4-14 and John 12:1-8



Easter's Sweet Message:

The Tradition of Chocolate Easter Eggs

The humble chocolate Easter egg has become one of the most loved symbols of the Easter season. Whilst children eagerly anticipate hunting for these sweet treasures hidden in gardens and homes, the chocolate egg carries deeper significance that connects to the heart of Easter's message of renewal and hope.

The egg itself has been a symbol of new life and rebirth across many cultures for centuries. Early Christians adopted the egg as a powerful symbol, connecting it to Christ's resurrection and the new life offered through faith. Just as new life emerges from what appears to be a lifeless shell, so too did Christ emerge from the tomb, bringing the promise of eternal life.

The tradition of chocolate Easter eggs began in Europe during the 19th century. While earlier traditions involved decorating real eggs, confectioners in France and Germany pioneered methods to create hollow chocolate eggs. By the late 1800s, these treats had become firmly established in Easter celebrations across Europe and eventually worldwide.

The transformation of the Easter egg into chocolate form carries its own beautiful symbolism. The outer chocolate shell must be broken to reveal the emptiness within, mirroring the empty tomb found on that first Easter morning. However, many chocolate eggs now contain surprises inside, reminiscent of the unexpected joy the disciples experienced upon discovering Christ had risen.

Isn't it remarkable how something as simple as a chocolate egg invites us into the profound mystery of resurrection? Perhaps, when you're tucking into a chocolate egg this Easter, you could be not merely indulging your taste buds, but participating in a sacred narrative that transcends time. A reminder of God's goodness, a momentary taste of divine grace that speaks to our souls in ways that words alone cannot.

As we enjoy our chocolate eggs this Easter, let us remember that they represent something far greater than a momentary indulgence. They connect us to ancient symbols of new life, remind us of Christ's resurrection, and offer sweet moments of joy to share with loved ones. In this way, even something as simple as a chocolate egg can help us experience the profound message of Easter—that love and life triumph over darkness and death.

But, don't eat them all at once!

Revd Jonathan Brennan

Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Probus Club **trip to Boston Wednesday 30th April**

If you would like to join us
see Colin Bond at the next Probus meeting or
give him a ring on Tel: 0113 281 3531 or contact
Email mail@bond07.plus.com or drop it to my home at
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BARWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Coffee Morning

SATURDAY 12th April 2025



Come and join us in the Chapel Schoolroom
Between 10 am – 12.00 noon

Admission £2.00 includes Refreshments
(Tea/Coffee)

Cake Stall/Raffle

Everyone Welcome

Proceeds to Seacroft Food Bank/Chapel Funds

BARWICK METHODIST CHURCH

In the Chapel Schoolroom

Friday 25th April 2025 at 2.30 pm

A True Picture of Emigration

A 19th Century journey from the farmlands
of Barwick to the fertile plains of Illinois

Presented By

John Burland

Admission £3.00

includes Refreshments

Proceeds to Barwick Methodist Church

Building Fund

Everyone Welcome