

NOTICES

Sunday 17 March 2013

10.45 am – Mr Doug Clements

Organ – Dorothy Bicknell

Readings: John 12:1-8 (p.134) & Psalm 126:1-6 (p.618)

The service will be followed by a SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING in the church. Won't take long - we hope you can stay.

6.30 pm - Choir practice

This week

Tuesday 19 March – 7.45 am Prayer Meeting at our church.
All are welcome.

Wednesday 20 March – 12 noon Lent lunch in the hall. All welcome.
- 7.30 pm Men's fellowship. Talk by Dennis Jones entitled 'Past and present in the Jung Frau Region'.

Thursday 21 March – 9.00 am Quiet Time
- 7.30 pm Management Committee

Happy Birthday to Nevill Joseph today.

Sunday 24 March 2013 – Palm Sunday

10.45 am – Jim Williams

Organ – Dorothy Bicknell

Holy Week and Easter 2013 at Garstang URC

Sunday 24th March

10.45 am **Palm Sunday Service.**

Tuesday 26th March

7.00 pm **Churches Together Ecumenical Easter Service at St Helen's in Churchtown**

Wednesday 27th March

12 noon–1.30 pm **Garstang URC - Lent lunch** of bread & cheese for **Christian Aid.**

Maundy Thursday 28th March

7.00 pm: **Agape Fellowship supper at Garstang Methodist Church followed by Holy Communion.**

Good Friday 29th March

6.00 am: **Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Walk** from Ss Mary & Michael's Church to Castle Hill.

3.00 pm:

Good Friday Service at Forton URC with Jim Williams, a service based on flashbacks of the passion and thoughts from the Gospels, Psalms and Poetry – Readers wanted! - followed by High Tea. All welcome.

8.00 pm:

Tenebrae Service at Garstang URC to reflect on the events of Good Friday.

Saturday 30th March

10am – 12.30:

Easter Coffee Morning at Garstang URC
Free Fairtrade coffee/tea and hot cross buns.
Children can make Easter gardens.
Come and join us!

Easter Day, Sunday 31st March

10.45 am: **Festival Service with adorning of the cross and All-age Communion.**
Don't forget your posy.

Maundy Thursday Agape meal & communion

GARSTANG METHODIST CHURCH, Thursday 28 March, 7.00pm

Please sign the list in the hall if you wish to go so we can give numbers to the Methodist Church.

The Mosque – what was that all about? After our recent visit to the Quwwat Islam Mosque, you are invited to reflect upon and share your thoughts with each other over the next few Sunday morning coffee breaks. Did you learn anything new about Islam? and did you learn anything new about Christianity? Were you impressed by the numbers attending non-sabbath prayer? Could you attend church 5 times a day? Did the Imam say anything that surprised you? Did any of your fellow Garstang congregation say anything of surprise? Did you see anything that Christianity and Islam have in common? Did you spot any insurmountable differences? Do these differences matter? The Imam offered to pray for us, for our rewards in heaven. Did your prayers include him and if so what blessings were you trying to bring him? (salvation, conversion, Holy reward etc...) Have a good think, pray and listen for God and then share and listen with your friends here in Garstang, allow those conversations to strengthen your faith and the congregation's faith. Jim

BIG DAY OUT – Saturday 29 June 2013 – Norbreck Castle Hotel

The Programme is now on the notice board with booking forms. £5 for over-18s, children FREE. **10 tickets up for grabs – see Stella.** Seats on a coach available, a list is on the notice board. Check www.nwsynod.org.uk for up-to-date info.