

12th April 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter

Collect

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

Bible Readings

[Acts 2:14a, 22-32](#)

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

[John 20: 19-31](#)

For Your Prayers

We keep in our prayers all in our community who are in any kind of need. Our prayers are asked particularly for Kathleen Kirby at this time.



We continue to pray for the end of war in and around Iran, in Ukraine in Gaza and in Myanmar. We pray for wisdom and calm amongst the world's leaders.

What's On This Week

Saturday 11 th April		10-12	Heatherycleugh	Churchyard Working Party
Sunday 12 th April	Easter 2	10am	Heatherycleugh	Eucharist
		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist
Monday 13 th April		9.30am	Stanhope-Hall	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 14 th April		2pm	Stanhope-Hall	Mothers' Union
		5pm	St John's Chapel	West Weardale Parish APCM
		8pm	Zoom	Faith Through Music
Wednesday 15 th April		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist
Thursday 16 th April		9.30am	Stanhope-Hall	Morning Prayer
		4pm	Stanhope – Methodist Schoolroom	Men's Pie Night
Saturday 18 th April		10-12	St John's Chapel	Churchyard Working Party
Sunday 19 th April	Easter 3	10am	St John's Chapel	Eucharist
		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist

More about this week ...

Working Parties

Help needed!

There will be working parties tidying the church grounds in Heatherycleugh and St John's Chapel over the next two Saturdays. Many hands make light work – everyone welcome.

This Saturday bacon butties and hot drinks will be available in Cowshill Village Hall, and the following Saturday a soup lunch will be offered in the Barrington Hall for the weary workers.



Faith Through Music

The Faith through Music group will be discussing one of Charles Wesley's popular hymns "And Can It Be That I Should Gain." As always, Richard will give a quick overview of the song, and



the circumstances of its composition, and will then chair a free flowing discussion, covering questions such as "Do we like/dislike the hymn," "how does the hymn speak to us" and "what do the difficult words mean."

The discussion will take place on zoom, at 20:00 on Tuesday 14th April, and would be fantastic to have a variety of folk, with different church backgrounds, to talk about it. So if you want to join a friendly and informative discussion, contact Richard via the newsletter, and he'll send you the Zoom invitation.

Men's Pie Nights

From Colin Smith:

Men's Pie Club will start in Stanhope on **Thursday 16 April at 16:00** (after Root and Branch) in the Methodist School Room and fortnightly thereafter. IT IS FREE. Men of any age are welcome. No cooking experience needed. All ingredients and equipment will be provided. We will also make soup so people can stay for pie and soup or take their pie home. It is a forum for men

to chat and maybe learn a new skill or broaden their taste in pies! Who knew pastry and pie making could be so much fun? Yes, you will be making pastry! A different pie will be made each session with meat and veg options, but it could be a fruit pie or a fish pie depending on what the group would like to make. Democracy in action. Gluten-free flour will be available to make gluten-free pastry.

Come along and, as John Lennon may have sung: “Give Pies a Chance” Contact Colin Smith at colinjohn.smith@btinternet.com or 07779 160 440

Looking Further Ahead:



“Oh God, it’s the Vicar!”

Graeme is planning to offer a series of one-night events throughout the Upper Dale for those who perhaps don’t attend church

regularly but would like to know more about the Christian faith. Come along and bring a curious friend!

Poster attached, please do publicise if you are able.

20th April Cowshill Village Hall

22nd April Eastgate Village Hall

26th May Stanhope Church Hall

27th May Frosterley Village Hall

1st June Barrington Hall, St John’s Chapel

All at 7-8.30pm

Behind Enemy Lines

Another production is planned from the Highlights Rural Touring Scheme. Friday April 24th in St Thomas' Church Hall. Full details on the attached poster



Electoral roll News

From Sue Andrews



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the parish of Stanhope, Rookhope and Frosterley will be held on Sunday 17 May after the service in the church hall. All most welcome.

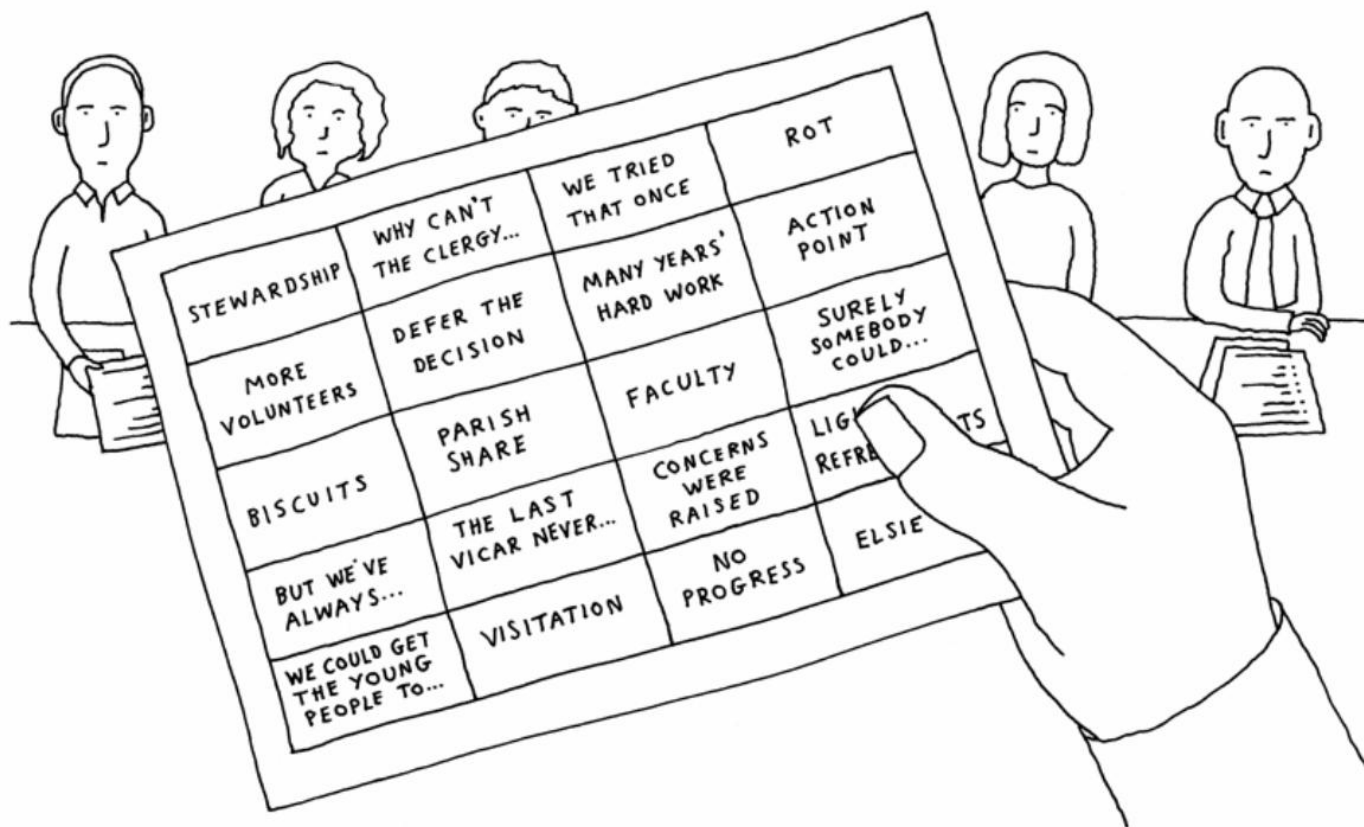
Last year we had to delete the

existing electoral roll under the 6 year cycle and everyone was invited to join the new roll. If you are unsure whether you are on the roll or would like to join, please contact Sue Andrews (pccstthomas@gmail.com). Two weeks before the meeting the roll will close, so don't leave it too late! Being on the electoral roll entitles you to vote at the APCM.

And finally...

P.C.C. BINGO

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OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL



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General Information

To add any items of news to this newsletter please contact Sandie Barton at westwardalenews@gmail.com. Photos of church events etc. would be lovely (but do make sure any people in the photos have given their permission!)

The deadline is 3pm on Thursday for issue by email on Friday. Sandie is also happy to add people to the circulation list, on request.

Durham e-News: a regular email from the Diocese for worshippers and people with an interest in the diocese. It contains the latest news and features from the Diocese, and can be delivered directly to your inbox. To sign up simply fill in your details via this link: [Diocesan newsletter](#).

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To arrange a baptism, marriage or funeral please contact Rev Heather Ross as above.

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