

26 February

The Last Sunday of Epiphany (the last Sunday before Lent)

Before the gospel:

Alleluia! Shine, Jesus, shine: fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light. Alleluia!

Sunday of the Transfiguration

Exodus 24¹²⁻¹⁸

2 Peter 1¹⁶⁻²¹

Matthew 17¹⁻⁹

Ps 99 The Lord our God is holy

After the gospel:
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OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, living God, when least expected when minds are dull and hearts are cold through sharpening word and warm affection revealing truths as yet untold

Break from the tomb in which we hide you to speak again in startling ways break through the words in which we bind you to resurrect our lifeless praise

Come now, as once you came to Moses within the bush alive with flame or to Elijah on the mountain by silence pressing home your claim

So, let our minds be sharp to read you in sight or sound or printed page and let us greet you in our neighbours in ardent youth or mellow age

Then, through our gloom, your Son will meet us as vivid truth and living Lord exploding doubt and disillusion to scatter hope and joy abroad

Then we will share his radiant brightness and, blazing through the dread of night illuminate by love and reason for those in darkness, faith's delight

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THIS WEEK



SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday 28 February 6pm to 7.30pm
Pancake Party *Whittington Village Hall*
Free entry – pancake mixture provided
Cook your own or let us do it for you
All your favourite fillings provided

Ash Wednesday 1 March 10am

Holy Communion for the beginning of Lent
full sung service with Hornby School staff and pupils present – everybody welcome

This Thursday 2 March 10.30am

'Senior moments' at *Hornby Institute* (especially for the over-60s but open to all): residential care and home care
Unique Home Care and Hillcroft Nursing Homes

Also this Thursday 2 March 7.30pm

Open Deanery Meeting to look at how the Deanery might re-organise its parishes into new groups/clusters. There is a unique opportunity at the moment, with Caton, Over Kellet, and Warton/Yealand all vacant. Also to answer questions posed by Bishop Julian, who is losing both his suffragan bishops this year, about what we want from our bishops, and how to structure the diocese (and recruit bishops) to fulfil those goals. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and take part. *Venue: Saint Paul's Caton (Brookhouse)*

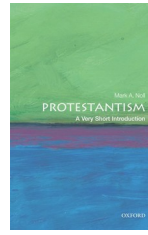
This Friday 3 March 2pm

Women's World Day of Prayer

prepared this year by Christian Women of the Philippines at *Tunstall Church* (a third of a mile down Church Lane LA6 2RQ) with refreshments after the service

STARTING NEXT WEEK

Lent Programme 2017



Our Lent Book for 2017 is **'Protestantism'** by Mark Noll, *available now at the back of church* £7.99 **£5.00**

Two Lent Groups will work through the book across five weeks, one meeting at 3 Montbegon in Hornby at 4pm on Monday afternoons, and the other meeting at Station House in Arkholme at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings.

Week 1 6/8 March
The Protestant Reformation in Europe
A catholic monk has a crisis of conscience, 500 years ago this year.
Chapters 1 and 2

Week 2 13/15 March
From a national culture to a personal faith
The American experience, evangelical awakenings, and the enlightenment.
Chapter 3

Week 3 20/22 March
Christianity without Chistendom
New challenges in a changing world
Chapter 4

Week 4 27/29 March
Going global
Missions, Pentecostals and independents
Chapters 5, 6 & 7

Week 5 3/5 April
Diversity everywhere
The agile church
Chapter 8

ALSO COMING UP

Tuesday 7 March 7.30pm
BAC at Goss House, Arkholme

Wednesday 8 March 12noon-1.15pm
Christian Aid **Lent Lunches** begin (series of four) weekly at *Saint Margaret's Hornby*

Saturday 18 March 9.30am to 3.30pm
Day conference for young women ages 16 to 40 with Bishop Libby Lane – morning and afternoon creche available, lunch provided. A small group is going from here. *Saint Leonard's Penwortham PR1 9JA*
Book places direct with Rosie Strachan on Blackburn (01254) 503078 or rosie.strachan@blackburn.anglican.org

Hornby annual parish meeting will be on Sunday 23 April – *please get reports to Sally Ewens by 12 March*

SUNDAY SERVICES

Hornby

10.45am Parish Communion **every Sunday**
8am Holy Communion on 5 & 19 March and 2 April

	Whittington	Arkholme	Gressingham
26 February	9.30am SW	-	9.30am HC
5 March	-	9.30am HC	3.30pm EP
12 March	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	8am HC
19 March	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	-
26 March	9.30am SW	-	9.30am HC
2 April	-	9.30am HC	6pm SoP
9 April	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	8am HC

HC – Holy Communion; SoP – Songs of Praise
SW – Service of the Word (service without communion)
EP – Evening Prayer (evensong)

Sunday School 10.45am in Hornby church
first Sunday of every month – 5 March then 2 April
Youth-led service 10.45am in Hornby church
third Sunday of every month – next one is 19 March
Midweek communion Wednesdays 10am in Hornby

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