



Growing, Serving, Sharing

**Parishes of
Tweedmouth,
Spittal and Scremerston**

Weekly Notices Week Commencing 3rd February 2019

This Week's Services – 5 before Lent, February 3, 2019

Readings:

Ezekiel 43.27 - 44.4	p.876
1 Corinthians 13.1-13	p.1153
Luke 2.22-40	p.1028

Tweedmouth	All-Age Service 10:00am
Spittal	Holy Communion 09:00am
Scremerston	Evening Communion 6:00pm

Next week – 4 before Lent, February 10, 2019

Readings:

Isaiah 6.1-8[9-13]	p.690
1 Corinthians 15.1-11	p.1155
Luke 5.1-11	p.1032

Tweedmouth	Holy Communion 10:00am
	Modern Evening Service 6:00pm
Spittal	Morning Prayer 09:00am
Scremerston	Family Service 11:00am

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES

If you are new to us, we would love to get to know you. Please make yourself known to a member of the Welcome Team or the leader of the service afterwards.

Christingle for Candlemas

The All-age Service on **Sunday 3rd February** will be a Christingle, celebrating Candlemas. Families and youngsters are especially welcome.

Following the service there will be a party in the church hall where we will share in a light lunch and enjoy another quiz compiled by Phil.

Children & Youth

John & Lena Stephenson hope to develop a regular children's activity at the Jubilee Hall, Spittal. If you are able to help pioneer this new ministry, please contact John and Lena Stephenson on 07479 283706 or johnandlena2017@gmail.com

Sing Joyfully!

A concert by the 34-voice Andante a-cappella choir from the Scottish Borders with an eclectic mixed programme celebrating the joys of unaccompanied choral singing.

Songs by the English master composers William Byrd & Edward Elgar, together with a little jazz, a little folk, some more contemporary classical and a show tune or two or even three! For full details see- <https://andantechamberchoir.webs.com/sing-joyfully-spittal-c>

Bring your mother or remember your mother in a happy environment at this 'Andante' chamber choir concert at **St. John's, Spittal, on Saturday 30th March at 7.30pm.**

Refreshments in the interval, donations towards the much-needed repairs to the roof at the East end to stop the damp ruining the paintwork

Electoral roll

Joining the electoral roll of the church is a way of expressing that Scremerston, Spittal or Tweedmouth Parish Churches are your 'home' churches. 2019 is the year we have to do a complete update of the Electoral Roll in the spring. It's not too early to sign up though - there are forms at the back of each church. See Keith Escott (Scremerston), Moira Renton (Spittal) or Debbie Ferguson or Anne Wadey (Tweedmouth) if you have any questions.

Church directory

It's time to update the church directory and to make life easier we will do it at the same time as the electoral roll. We'd like to make it even more useful so if you have a particular talent that you could offer other church members, we would like to include that information as well.

Lent

This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March and runs to Holy week, which begins Monday 15th April.

Usually there are six weeks of Lent when we devote ourselves to a deeper life of studying the Scripture as a way of following Jesus.

The home groups will be sharing a course produced for the Church of England entitled '40 Days of Reflections on the Beatitudes' by Bishop Steve Croft.

Please let Diana Macnaughton dmacnaughton@btinternet.com know how many of you would like copies by Feb. 14th, so that she can order them together, as that will be more economical.

News, Events and General Information cont.

News from the Joswigs

A new newsletter has just been received from Andreas and Corinne Joswig, our mission-link partners. Copies are available at the back of the church, or contact Gordon Chapman for a copy via email.

Open the Book

Thanks to those who expressed words of encouragement to the Open the Book team after the presentation of Noah's story in Sunday's service. We hope you are excited by the news that over 300 children each month are hearing from God's Word in the two First Schools in the parish of Tweedmouth – and some staff are also present in the assemblies.

To help those of you who want to support the venture in prayer, we will aim to include details of each month's topic and date, so you can pray more specifically. On Tuesday, February 12th, we will tell the story of Joseph the Dreamer (which will doubtless include an impressive coat!) in Tweedmouth West and Prior Park schools. You might like to pray that the story will assure both children and staff that God never forgets us, even when we are going through difficult times, because he loves us.

If you are wondering if you could be part of the team, even on an occasional basis, please speak to Ros Richardson or one of the others on the team. There will be a training day in Belford on Monday, April 8th, which will give a fuller idea of what is involved and which anyone is welcome to attend without committing to signing up for the longer term!

Youth Group

The Youth Group are meeting next on Monday 4 February 6-7.15pm at Spittal Vicarage. All aged 9+ are welcome. We will make gingerbread and then eat it with Hot Chocolate. There will also be games and a look at a Bible story. Invite young people along who you know in this age range. Accessible to all. Any questions contact John or Lena Stephenson on 07479 283706

Praying for children and young people

It is important that POTSS work with children and young people makes prayer a priority. We plan to gather to pray about once a month and the first of these will be at St John's Spittal 7.45pm for one hour on Monday 11 February. There will be a range of activities to help us pray creatively. Please join us – it makes a difference when we pray.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us (1 John 5:14)

Extracts from Biblical Interviews

Imagined interviews from Biblical situations.

'People began the building work but then stalled, hadn't budgeted energy for it or thought it through. They needed to keep going, to persevere, so that's what I was trying to tell them to do, that it would be worth it in the end.'

Haggai 1 v 3-8, Psalm 127 v 1, Matthew 7 v 24-25

Prayer & Events Diary PAGE

The church meets regularly for prayer as follows:

Morning Prayer 8:15am Mon in Tweedmouth Church

Holy Communion: 10am, Wed in Tweedmouth - Other times as advertised.

Everyone is welcome to join with others in these times of worship and prayer.

Particular topics for public and private prayer this week include:

- For our PCCs preparing information for the Parish Profiles as together we pray for and seek a new Vicar.
- For the challenges ahead of us in 2019 for our country, our towns and our churches

Forthcoming Events

- **Sun 3-Feb 10am Tweedmouth All Age Christingle service for Candlemas followed by light lunch**
- Mon 4-Feb 6-7pm Spittal Vicarage, Youth group
- Tuesday 5-Feb 12.15 Tweedmouth Church funeral of former church member Nancy (Agnes) Crisp
- Tue 5-Feb 6pm St. John's Vicarage Mens' Bible study over a bowl of soup
- Wed 6-Feb Stepping Stones at 9:00 am St John's Spittal
- Wed 6-Feb 10:00 Holy Communion at Tweedmouth Church
- Thu 7-Feb Coffee & Chat at 9:00am at St John's Spittal
- Sat 9-Feb Jubilee Hall, Children's activity, volunteers please contact John and Lena Stephenson 07479 283706 johnandlena2017@gmail.com
- Sun 10-Feb 6pm Modern Evening service
support your own lay worship leaders, Rick, Barbara, and Mary
- Mon 11-Feb. 7pm St. John's Creative Church prep.
- Mon 11-Feb 7.30 - 8.30pm St. John's Church Prayers for our mission to young people and children
- Tue 12-Feb Open the Book in schools today "Joseph the Dreamer"
- Tue 12-Feb 6pm St. John's Vicarage Spittal Mens' night
- Tuesday 19th Feb. 6pm Spittal Vicarage Mens' Bible Study

Important contact information

Associate Priest: (available Sun-Wed only please)

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Notices should be sent to Gordon Chapman on g.chapman138@btinternet.com or call 01289 307466 by 5:00 pm on Thursday.