**Maundy Thursday 2nd April**

7pm Tenebrae Service with HC, Peak Methodist Church at Bakewell, led by Rev Fran Johnson & Graham Johnson.

Good Friday 3rd April

10:30am Peak Methodist Church at Bakewell led by Rev Tim Morris.

Lent Study Groups***'Holy Habits: Following Jesus' at Bakewell Methodist Church & Hathersage Methodist***

Church: A journey looking at the Holy Habits in the life and passion of Jesus, drawing us into a deeper experience of discipleship in today's needy world and living the way of life both he and the early church modelled. For a copy of the booklet (suggested donation £5), please contact Rev Tim (tim.morris@methodist.org.uk or 01433 650305).

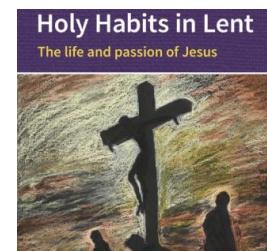
Sign-up sheets at Bakewell and Hathersage.

Bakewell Methodist Church – in the sanctuary

Wednesdays as follows: 18th, 25th February; 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March
2pm-3pm (refreshments from 1.45pm)

Hathersage Methodist Church - in the Lounge

Tuesday mornings or evenings as follows:
24th February; 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March
11am -12noon (refreshments from 10.45am)
& 7pm – 8pm (refreshments from 6.45pm)
All welcome

***Bible Society's 'Lent Encounter 2026' at Fountain Square Church, Tideswell & Christ Church, Litton***

Litton: Journey through the Psalms this Lent and explore how these ancient songs speak to topics of creation, grief, justice, forgiveness and worship – and how they point us to Jesus.
A Churches Together in Tideswell Lent group led by Rev Carole Marsden & Rev Fiona Kouble.

Fountain Square Church, Tideswell: Friday mornings at 11am on February 20th, 27th; March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th; April 10th, 17th.

Christ Church, Litton: Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm on February 25th; March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; April 8th, 15th, 22nd.

Please sign up with either Rev Carole or Rev Fiona to order handbook at the subsidised cost of £5.

Healing on the Streets in Bakewell (HOTS)**HOTS in Bakewell**

1st March
5th April
3rd May

HOTS Prayer Meetings

23rd February
30th March
27th April

Dear Friends,

"A Messy Lent"

By the time you read this and we start the March-May plan we will be very much in the season of Lent. Once upon a time people would see Lent as a season of preparation, contemplation and fasting (apart from Mother's Day) leading up to the great feast of Easter.

Now I'm obviously not doing very well at this. I won't tell you what I got for the A-level RE exam (while at Cliff College of all places), otherwise you'd be wondering how I ever got to "vicar school", but I'm not very good at all of this. I start off with good intentions, with the best and most holiest of ideas as to how I can navigate my way through Lent, and turn out better the other side. But it can last for a few days, or in bad year, a few hours!

So where am I going wrong? I just wonder if it might be better to start with one small change, one thing that I could do differently this year. That one thing might just be the defining activity that will transform my Lent this year.

Because, let's face it, life is messy! And what I would be trying to do is have 40 days of an un-messy life! But Lent starts off messy. Just watch me make pancakes! Some people in my house are glad it's only once a year with all the cleaning up to do!



I take inspiration from the rock piles, or 'stone stacks' that have appeared on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne (and I guess in other places too) over the years. They are unkempt, vulnerable, crazy, misshapen and yes, messy. Not a well-honed, or beautifully crafted cairn. But a random stack of stones, contributed to by each person who has come along and added their stone to the pile. They look great, and several together are a work of art.

So my plea this year is, don't try to be too holy. Don't try to be too saintly. Don't see Lent as an opportunity to put everything in order and lead a blameless life. Life is complicated, life is messy and life will get in the way of what you are trying to do to focus on your Lenten journey.

So be kind to yourself, and others. Have a Messy Lent. Yes, do what you can to reflect on the themes of wilderness and temptation and start taking something up - tackling injustice, speaking up for the needy, supporting the Food Bank. But don't worry if you don't achieve all you set out. The most important thing to remember for me is that, as Jesus experienced, God was with him in the desert, and in fact took him there in the first place!

Your minister and friend

Rev Tim Morris

Peak Methodist Circuit Preaching Plan

March-May 2026

	1 March	8 March	15 March	22 March	29 March	5 April	12 April	19 April	26 April	3 May	10 May	17 May	24 May	31 May
			Mothering Sun		Palm Sun	Easter Sun							Pentecost Aldersgate	
Bakewell 10:30 am	Atkins	LA	Morris HC	Sharp	Thomas	Atkins HC	J Rand	G Johnson	Morris	Donoghue	P Rand	Smith	Johnson HC	Morris
Bamford 11.00 am	At PC	LA WDP	At PC	Morris HC	NS	At PC	Simpson	At PC	Thomas	At PC	Morris CA HC	At PC	LA	NS
Calver 10:45 am	NS	NS	Thomas	NS	NS	NS	NS	Morris HC	NS	NS	NS	Atkins	NS	NS
Castleton 10:45 am	Simpson	NS	NS	NS	Morris*	Sharp HC	NS	NS	NS	Hunter	NS	NS	NS	NS
Edale 3:00 pm	NS	NS	NS	NS	P Rand	NS	NS	NS	Morris HC	NS	NS	NS	NS	Morris
Hathersage 10:30 am	Morris	J Rand HC	US @ PC	Simpson	Atkins	Morris HC	LA	F Johnson	Sharp	Thomas	Donoghue	Edwards	Morris HC	P Rand
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Hope 10:30am	NS	The Hub Brook	NS	The Hub Brook	@ Castleton PC	NS	The Hub Brook	NS	The Hub Brook	NS	The Hub Brook	NS	The Hub Brook	NS
7:30pm	NS	NS	Hub Praise Brook	NS	NS	NS	NS	Hub Praise Brook	NS	NS	NS	Hub Praise Brook	NS	NS
Sparrowpit 2:45 pm	NS	Morris	NS	NS	NS	NS	LA	NS	NS	NS	Morris HC	NS	NS	NS
Fountain Square 10:30 am	9.30 At PC	9.30 B&W Perry	Edwards HC	Marsden CW & AGM	Marsden	9.30 @ PC 10:30 @FSC	9.30 B&W Perry	Thomas	Marsden CW/HC	9.30 At PC	9.30 B&W LA	Marsden HC	Perry CW	Edwards
Woodlands 2:30 pm	NS	NS	Morris	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	J Rand	NS	NS
Youlgrave 10:30 am	Edwards	Morris	LA	Thomas	11am US@PC	11am US@PC	P Rand	LA	Atkins	Morris HC	Sharp	Simpson	Thomas	Sharp

Service Key: AAW-All Age Worship; B&W-Breakfast & Worship; CA – Church Anniversary; CW-Cafe Worship; HC-Holy Communion; LA-Local Arrangement; MC-Messy Church; NS-No Service; PC-Parish Church; U-United Service; WDP – World Day of Prayer

*Palm Sunday procession starts at St Edmund's Parish Church, Castleton, followed by the service at Castleton Methodist Church.