

Selkirk & Ashkirk Parish Church

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Notices for week beginning 29th March 2026 HOLY WEEK

Sunday 29th March '26

9.30am Easter Choir rehearsal

11am **Joint Palm Sunday Service with Ettrick & Yarrow** in the Church
led by Rev Kwame Ahaligah followed by Coffee in the Hall

In our prayers this week

Church Family

Pray for those who live in Shawpark Crescent and their Elder/Visitor Pauline Davidson.

Community

Help us to notice how God blesses us this week and give Him thanks.

World prayer

We pray against extremism of all sorts, especially in religion and politics, and pray for patience, strength and courage for all peacemakers.

This week

Mon 30th Mar **10-11.30am** **“Needles and Pins”**
10.30-11.30am **Open Door Coffee, 12-1pm Lunch**
10.30-11.30am **Dominoes**

Wed 1st April **No Prayer Group**

Fri 3rd Apr **7pm** **Good Friday Service, Yarrow** led by Rev Kwame Ahaligah

Next Sunday

Apr 5th **7am** **Easter Sunday Service, Auld Kirkyard**
8am **Breakfast in the Hall**
9.30am **Easter Service with Choir, led by Rev Kwame Ahaligah**
6pm **Encounter**

Dates for your diary

Apr 10th **2pm** **Church Dance Group Meeting** in the Hall
Apr 25th **10am-1pm** **Congregational Conference in the Hall** (see more info)
Apr 28th **7pm** **Kirk Session, Church leadership Team** in the Hall
May 10th-16th **Christian Aid Week**
May 17th **2.30pm** **Service at Thornfield House**
May 24th **Pentecost Sunday**
2pm **Churches Together Meeting, S&APC Hall**

Selkirk Sunday Services 9.30am

Apr 12th **Café-Style Service** led by Rev Kwame Ahaligah
Apr 19th **Service** led by Rev Kwame Ahaligah
Apr 26th **Service** led by Rev Kwame Ahaligah
May 3rd **Service** led by Rev Kwame Ahaligah
May 10th **Café-Style Service** led by Rev Kwame Ahaligah
May 17th **Service** led by Jane Peers
May 24th **Service** led by Rev Kwame Ahaligah
May 31st **11am** **Joint Service at Kirkhope** led by Rev Kwame Ahaligah

Wednesday Service 11am in the Hall
Tea/coffee from 10.30am

More information

Church Welcome and Coffee

Do you enjoyed being welcomed at the church door? Do you enjoy the coffee and chat after the service? New volunteers needed in order to make it happen! We will be making up the new rota soon so please let us know if you would like to help. Full instructions given and you will be teamed with an experienced person. Speak to Fiona Corbett (welcome) and Anne Bethune (coffee).

HOLY WEEK

During Holy Week, there will be short reflective ecumenical services on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in St. John's Church at 6.30pm.**

All are invited to **St. John's Maundy Thursday service at 7pm**, and the **Good Friday service at Yarrow at 7pm.**

The **Walk of Witness** will begin at **St. John's at 10am on Good Friday**, and end with hot cross buns at St. Joseph's Hall.

A group of **Northern Cross pilgrims will arrive on Monday evening**; a meal will be organized for them in Connections; offers to provide B&B are invited.

Easter morning 7am in the Auld Kirkyard will be led jointly by the clergy.

Handels' Messiah

Abbey Consort : Eildon Singers on Sunday 5th April at 3pm in Melrose Parish Church. £15 (accompanied children free) Proceeds to My Name's Doddie foundation.

Church Dance Group

Anyone interested in being part of a new church dance group (male or female, aged 10-100!)? Speak to Thelma Rodriguez if you are interested, want more information or have any questions, and let her know if you will be able to come to an initial meeting on Friday, 10th April at 2pm, in the church hall. Thelma Rodriguez enidma3@yahoo.com

Congregational half-day Conference, Saturday 25th April, 10am - 1pm

You are invited and encouraged to attend this event next month here in the church hall. It is for elders, working group conveners and all members and fellow-worshippers. Rev. Peter Wood will be the main speaker. Themes will include "changing the culture" and a workshop on developing our 5-year Action Plan, based on the feedback from working groups. More details and a sign-up sheet will follow after Easter, but please mark this date in your diary.

Holiday at Home : "Down on the Farm " is our theme for our July outreach to older folk in our community. Are you interested in helping out? Come and join the team and have a ball!

Speak to one of us for more information.

Elma, Fiona, Myra, Jane, Isobel, Maisie, Anne

Notice from Scottish Borders Council

To inform you from Wednesday 25th March 2026, Scottish Borders Council will commence headstone safety inspections and remedial works in the following cemeteries:

- Auld Kirkyard, Selkirk
- Yarrow
- Southdean

Notices have been displayed at all sites since February 2026, advising of our intent to undertake these works. These Inspections are required as part of our duties as a Burial Authority to ensure public safety in cemeteries and burial grounds.

What to Expect:

Headstone Safety Inspections are carried out by our own specially trained staff following stringent procedures. Depending on the individual circumstances, any headstones identified as unsafe will be made safe by being either:

- Socketed securely into the ground
- Laid flat

Sometimes in very exceptional circumstances we cordon off a headstone and install appropriate signage.

Any headstone laid flat will have a notice installed adjacent, with information relating to the programme and contact details for further enquiries. Additional information is available via leaflets distributed across our contact centers and also online at: www.scotborders.gov.uk/headstonetesting

Memorial owners may wish to undertake their own repair works ahead of our Headstone Safety Inspections - the above website may be a helpful guide. If you have any queries around this please get in touch.

Community Engagement:

We kindly ask for your support in sharing this information with any local interest groups or individuals who may be affected or wish to be informed. The Council will also be promoting this initiative through its social media channels and dedicated webpages.

Respectful Approach:

We understand the sensitive nature of this work and assure you that all actions will be carried out with the utmost care and respect, and only where absolutely necessary.

Contact Information:

If you would like further information or wish to arrange a short demonstration at any of the listed cemeteries, please contact us on 0300 10

New Library Bookshelf

The new Library Bookshelf has arrived and is larger than we need. If you have any Christian books in good condition which you are happy to lend out/give to the library, please do so. We hope that this will be a useful resource for the church and visitors. Books may be borrowed for as long as needed, no register will be kept. We trust you!