

**2017**  
**SPRING NEWSLETTER**  
**GARVALD AND MORHAM CHURCH**



The sun is out, the sky is blue and so it must be Spring, and time for another newsletter from Garvald and Morham Church.

As usual, let's start with a big THANK YOU for your kind donations to our special collections. The Harvest collection for 'Farm Africa' raised £375. The Remembrance Sunday collection raised £200.00 for 'Poppy Scotland' and £330.00 was raised at the Christmas Eve service for 'Embrace the Middle East'. These are all very worthy charities that provide invaluable help and care for those in desperate need.

There was also a special collection at the Identity evening when £1053 was raised for the Great Mercy Centre in Kenya. Judith, the lovely lady who founded this centre, has been a visitor to Garvald and Morham, so this centre holds a special place in our hearts.

Currently the centre houses more than 150 needy, vulnerable and disadvantaged children providing education, food, clothing, medication and a home

The Identity evening for women took place back in October when we were treated to an evening of fellowship, music, food and an inspirational talk by Dr Lesley Penny. It was great fun and we are all looking forward to the next one!

Many of us are concerned about the welfare of refugees from the conflict in Syria. On 7<sup>th</sup> May, at 9:30am at Garvald, a speaker from the Scottish Bible Society will be visiting to talk about their work with Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Everyone is welcome.

Parts of Garvald Church date back to the 12th century, and it is starting to show its age! Grant applications are being prepared for the renewal of the roof, repairs to

the graveyard and an upgrade of the heating system. If you know of any funding opportunities, if you have ideas for fundraising or if you just have some useful advice, please contact Caroline McGregor (830349)

Please look out for the red **Christian Aid** envelope that will drop through your door between 14-20<sup>th</sup> May. You are always very generous in donating money to support the very poorest of the world's poor, regardless of creed or nationality. Please don't feel obliged to contribute, but every penny we raise is of vital importance.

We always mark the end of Christian Aid week with a barbecue at Garvald stables. This will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> May, immediately after the service. Please feel free to join us, even if you cannot make it to the service

**Easter** is fast approaching and there are several events being hosted by local churches:

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> April – **Meditation**  
(Words and Music)  
7:30 pm West Church

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> April - **Stations of the Cross** (readings/hymns)  
7.30 pm St Mary's Church

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> April – **Communion**  
7.30 pm Garvald Church

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April - **Walk of Witness.**  
11.45 am West Church meet

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> April – **Easter Service**  
9.30 am Morham Church

Remember the boxes in the Church porches for requests for prayer. If you would like a home visit, please contact the minister, John Vischer on 01629 822213, or the session clerk, Fiona Sheldon, on 01620 810200 or at [fionasheldon@btinternet.com](mailto:fionasheldon@btinternet.com).

May God bless you and keep you in the coming days.

Dates for Garvald Services : 9:30am

April: 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
May: 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>  
June: 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>  
July: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>  
August: 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>  
September: 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

Dates for Morham Services: 9:30am

April: 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>  
May: 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>  
June: 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
July: 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
August: 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>  
September: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>