

**Coldstream & District Parishes
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**We wish all of our members and friends a very
Happy and Joyful Easter!**

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OUR SEARCH FOR A MINISTER

I am delighted to inform you that our Nominating Committee has proposed Rev Kerr Wintersgill BA to be our new minister. The official Notice of Nomination is posted below.

All of our members are invited to attend the service on Sunday 19 April to hear Rev Wintersgill preach and to vote on whether to call him as our minister.

The Electoral Register for voting includes all members on the Communion Roll and all adherents. If you are unsure whether you are eligible to vote, please contact me.

Michael Rowe, Session Clerk

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

At a meeting held at Coldstream Parish Church on the 4th day of March 2026, the Nominating Committee chose the person who they wish to propose to the congregations of Coldstream and District Parishes linked with Eccles and Leitholm Parish Church to be our new minister. The name of the person proposed is Rev Kerr Wintersgill. Arrangements have been made for Rev Kerr Wintersgill, to conduct public worship in Coldstream Parish Church on Sunday the 19th day of April 2026 at 10.30 a.m. Immediately after that service, there will be a vote on whether or not Rev Kerr Wintersgill should be appointed as the new minister of these congregations of Coldstream and District Parishes linked with Eccles and Leitholm Parish Church. Anyone whose name appears on the Electoral Register of these congregations of Coldstream and District Parishes linked with Eccles and Leitholm Parish Church shall be entitled to vote. No-one else shall be entitled to vote.

Susan Patterson, Interim Moderator

LOOKING FORWARD TO EASTER

Hot cross buns and Easter Eggs are part of the joy of Easter, especially for children and chocaholics! They also speak to us about the events of Easter.

Hot cross buns are originally a Good Friday tradition, with the cross reminding us of the death of Jesus on a cross and the spices of the love and care of the women followers of Jesus who prepared spices to embalm his body.

The egg represents the stone that was placed to seal the entrance to the tomb, but which the women found rolled away on Easter morning – hence the tradition of rolling painted boiled eggs on Easter Day. Eggs are also a symbol of new life which breaks out through the shell.

When we follow the events of Holy Week and Easter in Church and during our Good Friday Walk of Witness through the town we know the outcome of the Resurrection, but the disciples of Jesus – women and men – were bewildered, puzzled and afraid on the first Easter morning. The message from the angels when they met the women at the empty tomb and the message of Jesus when he appeared to his disciples was “Do not be afraid”. It took time for the reality of what had happened to sink in, but over the following weeks more and more people met the risen Lord Jesus for themselves. The disciples overcame their fear and by the time of Pentecost they were ready to “go public” with their faith and to witness to the good news that Jesus had been victorious over death and brought forgiveness and new life to all who trust in him.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH HEATING

The installation of modern radiators to replace the old heating pipes under the pews should be completed at the beginning of April and our first service back in the Church will be on Easter Day.

OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday 29 March

Service in Coldstream Parish Church Hall at 10.30 a.m., followed by refreshments.

Thursday 2 April

Maundy Thursday Communion in Coldstream Parish Church at 7.00 p.m.

Friday 3 April

Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness starting from Henderson Park in Coldstream at 10.00 a.m. followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Easter Sunday 5 April

Easter Day all-age service in Coldstream Parish Church at 10.30 a.m., followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.
In Swinton, Easter morning vigil and fire followed by a short communion service at 8.00 a.m.

Easter Day Communion in Swinton Kirk at 10.00 a.m.



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www.coldstreamdistrictchurches.org.uk

and Facebook page *www.facebook.com/ColdstreamKirk*

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