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27 Mar Lent 3	11.00 FS JB RF DF		9.30 HC SH		9.30 FS RW	5.00 EP AL		9.30 HC JC	
3 Apr Mothering Sunday	11.00 MP BG	11.00 HC JC			8.00 HC (Said) AL		10.30 FS LH		
10 Apr Lent 5	11.00 HC AL JB				9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC JC		9.30 HC SH	
17 Apr Palm Sun	11.00 HC SH		10.00 FS AS		9.30 MP JR / JL		9.30 HC SH		
21 Apr Maundy Thu	7.30 pm HC SH								
22 Apr Good Fri	Noon-3pm Quiet Prayer				7.30pm Good Fri Service SH				
24 Apr Easter Day	11.00 FC LH JB	11.00 HC JC	At Hough		9.30 HC SH	5 p.m. HC AL	11.00 HC SH	9.30 HC JC	
1 May Easter 2	11.00 MP RW	11.00 HC AL			8.00 HC (Said) LH				
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BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP SERVICES
MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 2011

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3 Apr Mothering Sunday	11.00 MP BG	11.00 HC JC			8.00 HC (Said) AL		10.30 FS LH		
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17 Apr Palm Sun	11.00 HC SH		10.00 FS AS		9.30 MP JR / JL		9.30 HC SH		
21 Apr Maundy Thu	7.30 pm HC SH								
22 Apr Good Fri	Noon-3pm Quiet Prayer				7.30pm Good Fri Service SH				
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