

Church Window

The magazine for the parishes of

St. Peter's

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



&



St. Leonard's

Warmingham

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

Happy Easter to all our readers

April 2021

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Dear Friends,

It has been wonderful in March to reopen both our churches for worship, to witness people's delight at seeing each other once again and to meet some of you face-to-face for the first time. In April we will be resuming our full monthly pattern of Sunday services and that feels like a very positive step towards recovery from the pandemic as church communities.



April will see more change - this edition of the Church Window is the last that Gail is putting together, and I am personally so very grateful to her for her amazing work, and for her generosity in carrying on after she and Philip left the benefice. I know that that sentiment is shared by many!

An editorial team for the magazine has been put together of people from both parishes, and I will lead this for now. If there is anyone else who would like to join us, please get in touch ASAP. There will be some alterations to the magazine; initially we will be making the magazine slightly shorter. We would really welcome any constructive feedback or ideas, please pass these on to me.

As I write this letter we are approaching the awful landmark of a year since the covid-19 pandemic took hold in the UK and the first lockdown was declared. This is a time for prayer and reflection, and a time when possibly the most helpful thing we can do is to offer to God honest and open lament. The Revd Dr Steve Torr writes that "Lament is a Biblical prayer practice – undertaken by an individual or a community – in which raw emotions and questions are expressed to God in the midst of experiences of pain and suffering." He continues by explaining that he feels the most important reason for this is that lament "enables honest relationship with God amidst the most difficult moments of life, which in turn can open us up, as individuals or communities, to the healing work of God."

For those of us who have lost loved ones this year, it's particularly important that we give ourselves time to express what we are feeling, to God and to others. The normal rituals associated with grief and bereavement have been disrupted and delayed this year, and therefore so has our grieving. I would encourage everyone to use lament as a way of expressing to God the pain and frustrations of the last year. Jesus engages in biblical lament when he uses Psalm 22 at the cross, and there are other

psalms that can help us to express difficult emotions when we can't find the words. However, it may be that we just need to go and stand in a field and scream. And please do get in touch if a listening ear would help, I always have time to listen.

Psalm 22 begins "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and continues in heartfelt cries for 18 verses, but ends in praise and worship. The final words are a marvellous reminder that God has brought about restoration from the worst situations over and over again, and that we too should have hope for recovery, and that this should be the foundation of our honest lament:

"Future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it."

Revd Catherine Cleghorn

From our March registers



Baptisms will resume when we re-open fully for services again on Sundays.



Weddings can go ahead, but with only six people in attendance, where possible only in exceptional circumstances at the moment.



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"

Funerals Government guidance permits a maximum of thirty people attending, subject to the church carrying out a risk assessment and taking all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of coronavirus.

St. Peter's 9th Angela Glenys Jinks

Saturday Church



Saturday Church is held in Warmingham Village Hall from 9.45am with craft, stories, songs and worship for families of all ages.

Unfortunately we are still unable to meet in the Village Hall but please come along to

**St. Leonard's Family Service
on Sunday 11th April at 11.30am**

Theme: Easter – not the end

We will continue looking at the Bible in Eleven Objects

Object Number 8: Cross of Nails

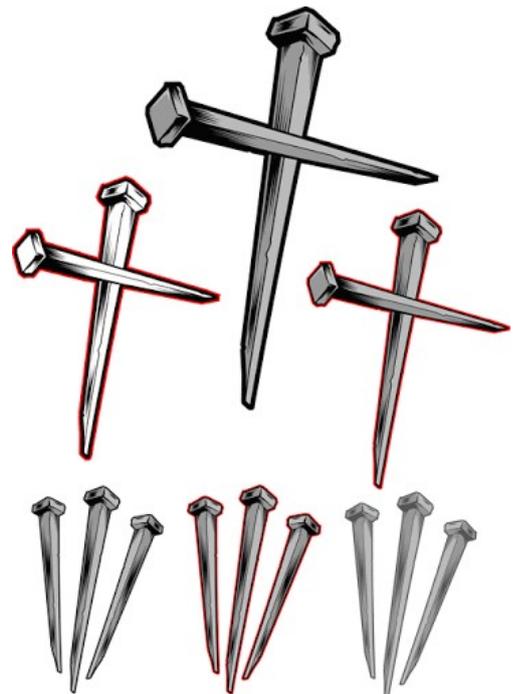
This will be a service on the lines of Saturday Church as we did for Mothering Sunday. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

In order to follow coronavirus regulations, masks need to be worn in church by adults and young people over eleven years of age. Social distancing must be observed. Families may sit in family bubbles.

Please let us know if you are coming along by emailing helan.isherwood@sky.com or ring Helan on 01606 841711.

Future Saturday Church dates

In Warmingham Village Hall (we hope):
8th May, 12th June, 10th July





Amazon Voucher Prizes: 1st £20 2nd £10 3rd £5

Entry/ Registration by **Wednesday 14th April**

Your team can be from 1 to 6 family members

Quiz hosts: Georgina and Akeem Ayilara

Register by emailing: georginaayilara@gmail.com

Entry is by donation to church funds: suggested £5 (min)

Let Janet Furber have your donation or use bank transfer (preferred)

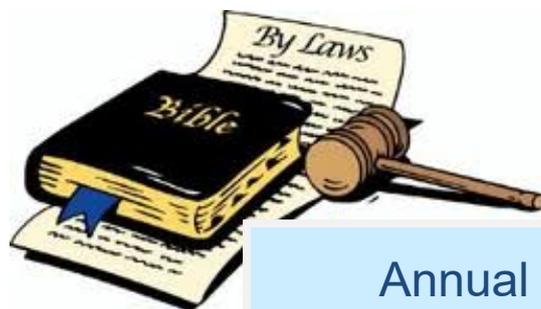
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Sort code: 202409

Please email Janet to confirm your donation lesjan@talktalk.net.



Annual Parochial
Church Meetings
following Morning Services

St. Peter's:

Sunday 25th April at 11.45am

St. Leonard's:

Sunday 9th May at 12.30pm

Walking to Warmingham

Sometime ago (*Church Window June 2019*) we drew attention to the footpaths linking the church in Church Minshull with those in Minshull Vernon and in Warmingham. I suggested that the footpath from St. Peter's to St. Leonard's would offer a shorter route than those by road and that Philip should try it. It was not a serious suggestion and I don't think Philip attempted it although he did show considerable interest.

If anyone from St. Peter's or St. Leonard's has walked the path then they have modestly kept quiet about it!

I have in years past several times walked the path from St. Bartholomew's to St. Peter's and the path to Warmingham Lane ends along Moss Lane but have not attempted the direct path from St. Peter's to St. Leonard's.

I shall reach my 85th birthday later this month and decided to try this path before my number comes up and before arthritis prevents such activity!

Saturday 6th March was a perfect day for walking - dry, sunny and calm - and so, in walking-boots with map and compass, I walked to St. Peter's and climbed the stile at 1.30pm.

A map of the route was included in the June 2019 edition. The path first follows the hedgerow on the right in a SE direction but soon joins the cart-track from Church Farm and turns left, continuing in a NE direction. There had been little rain for weeks but here the path was very wet requiring slight diversions to getting wet feet! At the Moats the path turns right and continues East.

The path takes one close to several wind turbines, passes the woodland where the Wellington bomber crashed (*St. Peter's mag. November 2013*) and, near Warmingham, skirts the newly established gas storage facility.

The stiles are well maintained and generally clearly marked but become more difficult to find as one nears Warmingham. It is helpful to note that as the path passes under the high-voltage power line it continues on the left side of the woodland into open fields. The next stile is difficult to see and is unmarked (ignore the little galvanized gate on the right and walk on the left side of the woodland aiming at the galvanized water-trough, and there is the stile in the corner on the right)

Over this stile, Warmingham "Mill" comes into sight and then - there is St. Leonard's!

The path now follows the river bank and to the left of what was the "Lake" behind Church Farm (*Church Window January 2020*) and as one reaches civilisation, the approach to St. Leonard's is over a well-kept grass area with daffodils lining the river bank. As I reach the Church, the clock is striking 3.00 so the journey took 1.5 hours.

We know (*Church Window December 2020*) that Catherine and Carl enjoy walking and so perhaps they would like to try it sometime, but it will be best to wait until it is a bit drier out there!

With better under-foot conditions and with the advantage of youth, I feel the journey could be made in less than 1 hour. David Hulse

By the Revd Tony Horsfall of Charis Training. More details at: www.Charistraining.co.uk.

Walking and talking

During the pandemic, I have enjoyed walking. In many ways, getting out daily for a good walk has not only helped me physically, but also bolstered my mental well-being. Often, I have arranged to walk with a friend, and we have enjoyed good conversation and fellowship.

Today I was walking alone, and I noticed it seemed further and to take longer. When you are walking and talking, you hardly notice the distance or the time. I am not usually able to think much when I am walking alone, but today the reminder came into my head of a saying: 'If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.'

It made me thankful for all the friends who have encouraged me this year and helped me to keep going. We can walk alone, and sometimes that's a good thing; but it is easier to be able to walk through life with others.

Who has walked with you this year? Do they know that you appreciate their companionship on the journey?

Lot's wife

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.'

His son looked up, concerned. 'What happened to the flea?'



**St Leonard's Church, Warmingham
Spring Prize Draw**

1st Prize: Gin Hamper
2nd Prize: Baking Hamper
3rd Prize Cider Hamper
also Picnic Hamper and other prizes

To be drawn on Sunday 2nd May at 12.30pm

Tickets available from church and from
Amanda Richardson 01270 526283
Janet Furber 01270 526393 or lesjan @talktalk.net

More information on events via Facebook or website.

April Fools' Day

Origins

Some historians believe that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582 when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. In the Julian calendar New Year began with the Spring equinox, around April 1st. People who were unaware of this or failed to recognise that New Year had moved to January 1st and continued to celebrate around April 1st became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called April Fools.

A common prank was to place a paper fish on their backs and refer to them as Poisson d'Avril or April Fish.



Earlier than this in Ancient Rome a festival known as Hilaria took place at the end of March. People dressed up in disguises and mocked or pranked fellow citizens.

There is also a theory that April Fools' Day is tied to the vernal equinox or the first day of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when mother nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.



April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland it was a two day event starting with "Hunting the Gowk" in which people were sent on phony errands. (Gowk means cuckoo bird - a symbol for a fool). These pranks continue to this day with young nurses and apprentices the world over being sent to another department for a long stand. They will be told to wait and then after some time a kind member of staff would explain the joke and send them back, often a little red faced. I know as this happened to me!!!

The second day was known as Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or signs saying "kick me" on them. I'm glad to say this seems to have died out.

Pranks

In modern times the pranks have become quite elaborate and have involved newspapers, radio and TV fooling whole countries.

In 1957 the BBC reported on a record spaghetti harvest showing footage of workers in the fields gathering armfuls of noodles from the trees.

In 1985 `Sports Illustrated` tricked readers into believing a rookie pitcher could throw a ball at over 168mph.

In 1998 Burger King advertised a left-handed burger and millions were duped into ordering it.

But for those of us without all this technical back up, I'm sure we've all used the upturned eggshell trick, the whoopee cushion, swapping salt with sugar, a coin stuck to the floor, and a favourite of many students, cling film over the loo!!!

Well if you are going to join in the fun of April Fools' Day and play a prank on someone, have fun but be safe and kind, nothing dangerous or humiliating please.

Having said that laughter is good for all of us, especially at the moment. Have fun and a very happy April Fools' Day to you all.

Gilly Gainsborough xx

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the eternal promise of Easter

Easter Hope

“So many people right across the country are anxious about employment, anxious about food, isolated from loved ones and feel that the future looks dark.” These are words from the Archbishop of



Canterbury's sermon on Easter Day 2020. Who would have thought that we are experiencing the same uncertainties this Easter!

Yet the Easter story remains one of hope overcoming darkness and despair. The women arrived at the tomb on Easter morning with mixed emotions, as they came to anoint Jesus' body. *‘But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.’* (Mark 16:4). They were confused, as they tried to make sense of Jesus' death. Their hopes were dashed with an uncertain future. In the current pandemic, we too are left asking: *Where is God in all this?*

The young man at the tomb reminds them that God is still in control: *“Don't be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.”* (Mark 16:6).

The women had forgotten Jesus' promise to the disciples that He would die and rise from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is also the sure foundation of hope for us in the present crisis. He turns our confusion and fear into joy and wonder! We can trust Jesus' plan for the future of our world and lives, despite the fact that things can't return to the way they were: *“There needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a new normal, something that links to the old, but is different and more beautiful. We must dream it, build it, make it, grasp it, because it is the gift of God and the call of God.”* (Justin Welby).

The Revd Dr Jo White reflects on what it can really mean to 'wait.'

Reflected Faith: with all your soul, strength and mind

This month I'm thinking about what we are all 'doing' in times of 'waiting'. It's very easy to just sit quietly and let the time pass by or just fill it in. Not exactly wasting time, but not using it for any useful purpose either.

But as Christians we live in expectation all the time, don't we? We live in the hope and promise of Christ's return – even though we don't know the 'when' or the 'where'.

Of course, there's waiting and there's waiting. I won't say I'm the most patient person I know! If the internet goes down or something mechanical takes a few seconds too long to process, you can often hear me chuntering. But there are other times when the waiting itself is precious. I'm thinking this month of when we receive the bread and wine at the distribution of Holy Communion.

Perhaps you have avoided church since the original lockdown in March, or been going but not receiving communion, or indeed you have been participating with an online service with your own equivalents at home. Whichever it is for you, cast your mind back to when you were last in that position – or indeed look forward to when we are all able to gather together again and we 'queue' to approach the altar.

Actually, we don't 'queue'. We 'process' to the altar. We join the procession – a line of like-minded people with a similar intention to receive Christ. A time of physical movement and spiritual anticipation for holding those elements of Christ Himself: God being placed into our hands. How amazing is that!

Divine Intervention?

A little boy was playing outside with his mother's broom in the garden. That night his mother realised her broom was still missing and asked her son to go out and bring it in.

When the little boy confessed he was afraid of the dark, his mother tried to comfort him: 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.'

Hesitantly, the little boy opened the back door and peered out. He called softly: 'Lord, since you're out there already, please will you pass me the broom?'

Easter morning, the 'Other' Mary

As the traditional Easter story is rehearsed again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary – not the mother of Jesus, but Mary of Magdalene, who stood by her at the cross and became the first person actually to meet the risen Christ.

That's quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by Jesus from 'seven devils' – New Testament language for some dark and horrible affliction of body, mind or spirit. As a result, her devotion to Him was total and her grief at His death overwhelming.

In church history Mary Magdalene became the 'fallen woman' a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus but there is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman' but the contrast is sublime, Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity. Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes.

The dark cloud from which she was delivered may have been sexual, we are not told. What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, He had risen – and the others drifted off. But Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to him that the body of 'her Lord' had been taken away and she didn't know where to find Him.

The man simply said her name 'Mary' and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug Him, but He told her not to touch Him because His resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the disciples and tell them she had met Him. She did – but they wouldn't believe her.

Her words – 'I have seen the Lord' – echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian gospel.

St. Peter's Calendar of Services

Date	Time	Service
1st April Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Holy Communion and stripping of the altar (<i>after the service</i>)
2nd April Good Friday	3.00pm	Reflective Service
4th April Easter Day	9.00am 10.45am 7.00pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong
11th April The 2nd Sunday of Easter	9.00am 10.45am 7.00pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong
18th April The 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.00am 10.45am 7.00pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong
25th April The 4th Sunday of Easter	10.45am 7.00pm	Holy Communion followed by APCM Evensong followed by Communion

The Way

Come, still your hearts, let troubles go
 For you believe in Me,
 And I am with you, I will show
 The way ahead of thee.

My Father's house has many rooms
 You know my words are so!
 My Spirit and my Word illumines
 The way that you shall go.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life
 Believe and you shall see
 The way through tempest and through strife
 To My eternity.

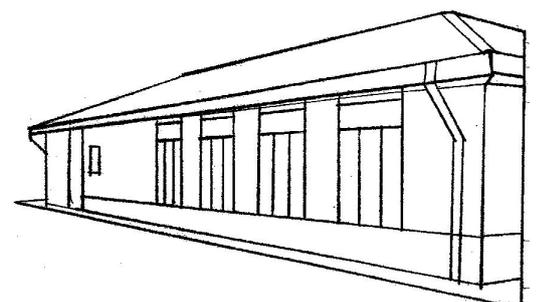
By Nigel Beeton

St. Peter's Readings

Date	Communion 10.45am	Reader	Evensong 7.00pm	Reader
4th April Easter Day	Acts 10: 34-43 Gospel: John 20: 1-18	Gillian Booth	Isaiah 25: 6-9 Luke 24: 13- 35	Chris Parkes Sandra Parkes
11th April The 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 4: 32-35 Gospel: John 20: 19-end	Stuart Moss	Isaiah 26: 1-9, 19 Luke 24: 1-12	Stuart Moss Chris Ward
18th April The 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 3: 12-19 Gospel: Luke 24: 36b- 48	Alan Culshaw	Deuteronomy 7: 7-13 Revelation 2: 1-11	Alison Bate John Edge
25th April The 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 4: 5-12 Gospel: John 10: 11- 18	Ron Gallimore	Exodus 16: 4-15 Revelation 2: 12-17	Chris Ward Ted Birmingham

St Peter's Community Hall, Minshull Vernon

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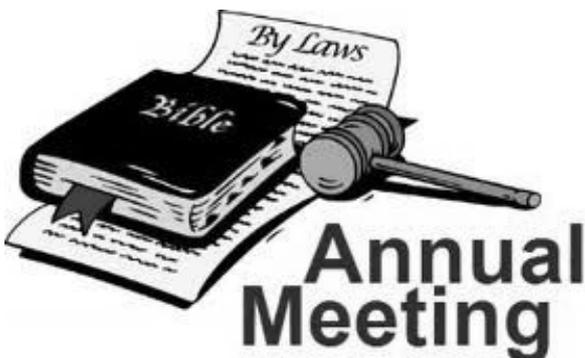
St. Peter's – Whose Turn is it?

Date	Sidespersons	Offertory	Cleaning	Altar Flowers
4th April Easter Day	Mr P Smith Mrs S Parkes	Not required at present	Mrs Darlington, Mrs Edge & Mrs Riley	Easter Flowers
11th April The 2nd Sunday of Easter	Mr R Hodson Mr M Vernon		Mrs Bergin	Easter Flowers
18th April The 3rd Sunday of Easter	Mr P Smith Mrs S Parkes		Mr & Mrs Gallimore	Mrs S Parkes
25th April The 4th Sunday of Easter	Mr P Smith Mr J Edge		Mrs Harvey & Mrs Simcock	Mrs D Riley



If you would like to add your name to the rotas, including St. Peter's refreshments rota, please speak to our Churchwardens:

St. Peter's - Ron or Patrick; St. Leonard's - Janet or Mike.
They would be really pleased to hear from you!



St Peter's – Assistant Churchwarden required

Please contact the churchwardens or Revd Catherine Cleghorn if you would like to know more about this role.

St. Leonard's – Calendar of Services / Rotas

Date	Time	Services	Sides- persons	Altar Flowers	Cleaning, once in the month
4th April Easter Day	11.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs L Case	Mrs S Moss	Sarah Richardson Kate Richardson and Helen Walker
11th April The 2nd Sunday of Easter	11.30am	Family Service SW – like Saturday Church	Mrs J Newton	Mrs S Moss	
16th April	7.00pm	Zoom Family Quiz Evening			
18th April The 3rd Sunday of Easter	11.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs S Richardson	Mrs J Price	
25th April The 4th Sunday of Easter	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion		Mrs J Price	

Sunday 2nd May

Wakes Queen Crowning and Family Service

at 11.30am in Church. More details in the Village News page 25

Sunday 9th May

APCM following the 11.30am morning service

St. Leonard's – Treasurer required

Please contact the churchwardens if you would like to know more about this role.

St. Paul's Pantry

Hightown, Crewe. CW1 3BY Tel: 01270 586186

Here's our monthly Foodbank data for February that you may wish to share with your congregations:-

Donations of food received weighed **2006kg** and we were able to help **212** people during the month.

If you are able to donate, we are currently running low on tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned ham, tinned corned beef, tea bags, rice, long life cakes/puddings, and tins/cartons of custard. We are open Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 3.30pm for donations at our rear entrance in St. Paul's Street.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes,

John Rivers

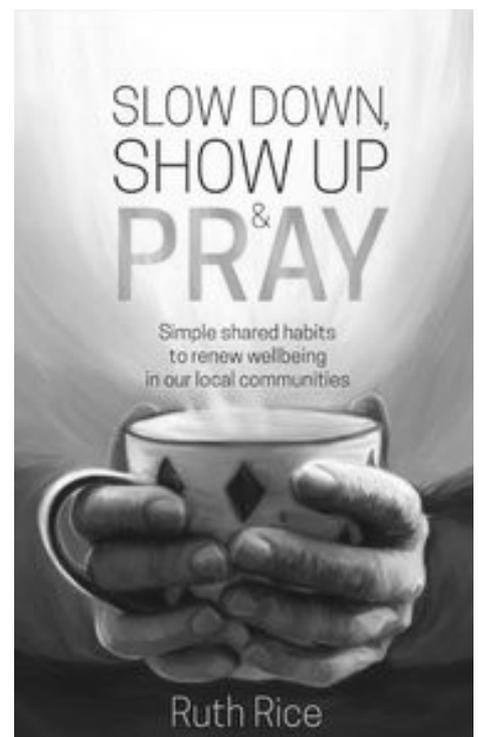
Communications & E-Commerce Co-ordinator

Slow Down, Show Up and Pray By Ruth Rice, Authentic, £9.99

Looking after our mental health has never been so important. Many of us want to find simple ways to help our wellbeing that we can fit into our everyday life.

After suffering her own mental health crisis, Ruth Rice set up the Renew Wellbeing charity, which helps churches to open safe spaces to help communities attend to their mental and emotional health.

Packed full of personal stories, resources and practical guidance, this book will enable you to maintain your own wellbeing. Be present. Be prayerful. Be in partnership.



Coronavirus reopening roadmap: comment from the Bishop of London

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Coronavirus Recovery Group, has recently responded to the Prime Minister's roadmap for reopening the country, saying that "we will refine our own advice for local churches in the weeks ahead.

"When the first lockdown was introduced last year, we were – as we are now – in the midst of Lent, a time of preparation and self-reflection for Christians as we look forward with hope to Easter.

"This has been an incredibly testing time for the whole world. But we have also seen remarkable signs of hope. The rapid development and distribution of vaccines has been a phenomenal achievement and the way in which people have reached out to others has been inspirational.

"Our churches have loved and served their neighbours perhaps like never before and found ways to meet and worship God together we would not have imagined just a year ago.

"As we look ahead to the prospect of easing of restrictions, we know it is still a long road. Yet Easter reminds us we always have hope."

Canon Paul Hardingham considers our national patron saint

23rd April St George's Day

The film *How to Train your Dragon* is set in a Viking village under attack by dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture them. However, when he catches the most dangerous one, Night Fury, he cannot kill it. This is because when he looks into the dragon's eyes, he sees that he is just as frightened as himself. Through their friendship, the people and dragons eventually come to live in harmony.

It's appropriate to think about dragons this month, when we remember St. George, England's patron saint, famed for slaying a dragon. Whether he actually killed a dragon is open to question! We do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23 April 303 AD.

So, we have here St George who slayed a dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. They seem like opposites: one a brave soldier and the other a weak boy! However, both acted according to their conscience, going against what people expected and not worrying about the cost to themselves. St George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in a daily life, despite the personal cost. We need to look into the eyes of apparent enemies and meet their hostility with love and compassion. And for all of us the most important place where we need to slay evil is in our own hearts. Don't forget that we have the power of the Resurrection at our disposal!



Our first ever National Park

Seventy years ago, on 17th April 1951, the Peak District National Park was established. It was Britain's first national park, and it was formed partly as a result of a mass trespass on Kinder Scout – the highest point of the park – just under twenty years earlier, which helped gain open access to moorland that had previously been in private hands and closed to walkers.

The precise effect and extent of the trespass, in which Young Communists were prominent, is still widely disputed by rambling associations.

The Peak District is mostly in Derbyshire, but includes parts of Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Staffordshire and Yorkshire. It is usually split into the higher Dark Peak and the gentler White Peak, in the centre and south of the district. Altogether it covers 555 square miles: it is reckoned that 20 million people live within an hour's journey of it.

It contains only one town – Bakewell – but several others, such as Buxton, are on the fringes. It is now the fifth largest of the thirteen national parks in England and Wales. The land within it is a mixture of public and private ownership, and there are many planning restrictions imposed by the national park authority to prevent inappropriate development. *Tim Lenton*



The good news about your forgetfulness

You know the scenario – you go into the lounge, and then wonder what you wanted. Or you need to make a phone call but can't find the phone. You go to the cash point and forget your pin number. Or your car keys are lost in the kitchen, but even when you find them and go shopping, you forget stuff on the list.

If at times you find yourself living in an annoying brain-fog, the good news is that it is not because you are ill or getting old. To varying extents, everyone does it.

A recent study at the University of Edinburgh has found that forgetfulness is as common in people in their 20s as it is in people in their 50s. Although some of the people in the study were worried about getting dementia, a neuropsychiatrist at the university reassured them: "People think that if you are starting to forget things – something like misplacing your keys – that is something to worry about. But it is normal."

Good reasons for forgetting things range from the fact that too much was happening in your life at the time, you were stressed about something, not paying attention to what you were doing, or just too busy thinking about something else entirely.

Nice

The nice thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

We are reading more books

More than 200 million print books were sold in the UK last year, according to an estimate from the official book sales monitor Nielsen BookScan.

It was the first time since 2012 that the volume of physical books sold has exceeded 200 million, and it was the biggest volume rise in the books market since 2007, says The Bookseller magazine.

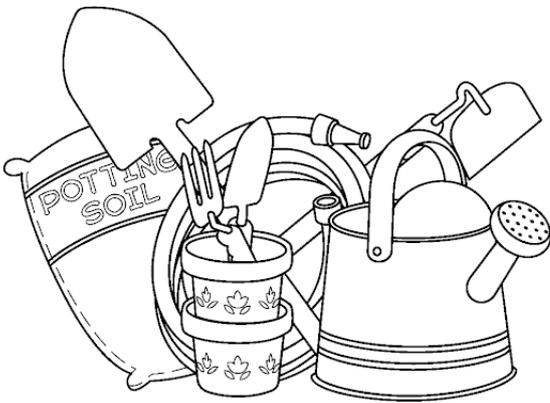
Chelsea Flower Show moves to the autumn

For the first time ever in its 108-year history, Chelsea Flower Show will not be held in the Spring, but in the Autumn.

The 2021 Chelsea Flower Show will now take place from 21st to 26th September. The Royal Horticultural Society, the show organisers, will still hold it at the Royal Hospital in Chelsea.

The hope is that by September, millions more people will be vaccinated, so that mass outdoor events will be able to happen safely. 140,000 people are predicted to attend this year's Chelsea, over the six days.

Sue Biggs, RHS director general, says: "We believe many designers and nurseries will look forward to working with different plants that would not be available or at their best in May. We will do our utmost to deliver a beautiful, uplifting and different RHS Chelsea safely in September 2021.



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In praise of the afternoon nap

A short nap in the afternoon improves your memory and keeps your brain more agile.

People who nap tend to speak more fluently, have greater mental agility, and remember things better than those who do not break up their day with sleep.

Even a five-minute nap can offer your brain a chance to down-time and replenish itself, so that it is 'good to go' again.

If you want longer than five minutes, try to stop at forty minutes, before you enter the deepest stage of sleep. If you do carry on, sleep for two hours, which is a full sleep-cycle. The study was published in the British Medical Journal.



Funeral of Angela Glenys Jinks 19/6/55 –17/2/21, St. Peter's Church, Tuesday 9th March – words from Richard's tribute

Angela Glenys Jinks was known as Ang – Angie – Mum and for the last six months Grandma.

She was born on the 19th June, 1955, to Tom and Kathleen Martin. They lived at Lee Forge Cottages, a lovely spot just outside Wybunbury and she went to the local primary school, Wybunbury Delves. They moved to Shavington when she around 11, and she attended Shavington High.

Angela had many holidays with her Mum and Dad and some other families – Cornwall was one of their favourite spots.

On leaving school at 16, she became secretary to John Bourne – Director at Manley's Auctioneers, Crewe. Richard had been an auctioneer there for around six years and they soon became on unofficial item. Angela loved market days chatting and joking with the farmers.

Richard and Angela soon became an official item - it was a little blue dress that sealed the deal! Together they enjoyed attending functions and parties, attending Young Farmers events and racing. After four years they became engaged and were married in 1978. They rented Grange Farm, which they were able to buy after a few years.

Ang opened a farm shop at home, which was ideal for her as she had regular customers to chat to.

In 1982 their first child Sarah came along, followed by Lucy and David. Not content with looking after three kids and running the house and gardens, Angela also went to night classes and qualified as a hairdresser. She soon had a full round of clients, with many farmers' wives amongst them. Some appointments were longer than others – the reason being tea, biscuits and gossip.

Angela never went out of the bedroom without being well dressed and with makeup on. She even carried on hairdressing when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, which she successfully overcame.

She was so proud of Sarah, David and Lucy who have done so well in their diverse professions. What they never expected was a grandchild, and when Polly arrived six months ago Richard and Angela were over the moon, as was everyone.

Sadly, Angela was diagnosed with Oesophageal cancer in November 2019, and learned in January 2021 that the cancer had spread. The family cared for her at home and she slipped away peacefully with them all at her side.

The family are incredibly grateful to all involved in her care, and to the many loved ones who have sent messages and cards. One message reads: “When she walked into a room, it lit up. Her smile, personality, and love made us all feel confident, warm and safe.” We can trust that Angela is with Christ now, forever free from pain and suffering, and at peace.

Chocolate – food of the gods!

The botanical name for the cocoa bean is *Theobroma* – which means ‘food of the gods.’ Millions of us obviously agree – half a million tons of it are consumed in Britain each year alone.

Chocolate makes us feel better. The chemicals it contains trigger the release of endorphins similar to those we naturally produce when we fall in love.

But nutritionists warn against using chocolate as a pick-me-up, especially in the evening. Chocolate eaten before bedtime can cause blood glucose levels to plummet during the night, which will disrupt your sleep. Chocolate eaten in quantity every day can lead to mood and energy swings, weight gain and poor immunity. If you have mad cravings for it, you could have a problem with blood sugar, or a deficiency in magnesium, copper, zinc or iron.

But occasional consumption of cocoa can provide medical benefits. Chocolate containing sixty per cent or more cocoa solids is rich in essential trace elements and nutrients such as iron, calcium and potassium, and many vitamins. Cocoa is also the highest natural source of magnesium.

Good as all this may be – most of us enjoy chocolate simply because of its high sugar and caffeine content. Chocolate simply gives you an instant sugar hit, providing a sudden burst in energy, unfortunately followed by a slump and the desire for another sugar-fix.

Mars Bar Cake

This quick and easy cake is a favourite in many families. We are not saying that it is good for you!

Ingredients: 3 Mars bars; 150g butter; 150g rice crispies; 150g chocolate

Method: In a pan, slowly melt the Mars bars and butter together. Remove from the heat and add the rice crispies, a little at a time, until they are covered with the mixture. Spread mixture onto a baking sheet and place in the fridge until hard. Melt the chocolate and cover the mixture with it. Return to the fridge for a further half an hour. Cut into pieces.

Warmingham Village News

Warmingham Wakes Service

Unfortunately we are unable to hold the annual Wakes event in May. However, our Wakes Queen, Jessica Price, is to be crowned at St. Leonard's Church **Wakes Service on Sunday 2nd May at 11.30am**. This will enable Jess to represent the village at any events that do occur in the summer.

The crowning will be by Mrs Kate Appleby, Principal at Warmingham Primary School.

Retiring Wakes Queen	Charlotte Lloyd
2021 Wakes Queen	Jess Price
Attendants	Rachel Walker
	Dani Kew
Rose Bud	Emily Beech
Bell Ringer	Frankie Beech
Crown Bearer	Oliver Price
Page Boy	Sebbie Barber

The church follows strict coronavirus regulations, so if you wish to attend the service please book a place with Janet Furber (01270 526393).

Warmingham & District W.I.

Unfortunately the Women's Institute is still unable to meet. We are, however, doing some walks within the rule of six.

Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome and for further information please contact Helan on 01606 841711 or helan.isherwood@sky.com

Village Hall News

Amid the newly planted beds at the side of the Village Hall, a new **Wild Flower Patch** has been laid. Many thanks to Sue Hetherington who has provided the wild flower carpet and settled it in. During the next few months we should see the hard work that has been put into these beds come to fruition.

St. Peter's April Book of Remembrance

- 2nd Alfred Moss (1973) 3rd William Wood (1997)
6th Marjorie Stewart (1999), Alan Edge (2006)
7th Herbert Henry Corsbie, (Priest) (1938)
9th Peter Eric Gains (Priest) (1992)
10th George Newton (1947), Alma Woods (1998)
12th Samuel Armstrong (1917), John (Jack) Siddall (2005),
Christine Walker (2010)
13th Robert Brown (1987), Christopher Hyde (1988), Norma Cope (2013)
14th George Griffiths (1966) 15th Henry Burgis (2003)
16th Mary Davenport (1879)
17th Margaret Lea (1998), Dorice Walker (1999)
18th Grace Charters (1987), May Shirley (2000)
21st Abigail Hourie (2004 – 30 days)
22nd William Tomkinson (1961), Nigel Barratt (2009)
23rd William Davenport (1879)
25th George Crawford 1917), Mary Astbury (1999), Eric Wood (2005)
27th Leslie Pollard (1999), Peter Foxley (2002), Helen Wickham (2020)
28th Emma Newton (1886), Wilfred McGrath (2014)
29th Samuel Crawford (1930), Frances Newton (1938),
Kenneth O'Brien (1994)
30th James MacDonald (1994), Eric Bartlem (2001)

Easter Prayer

Dear generous, loving Father,

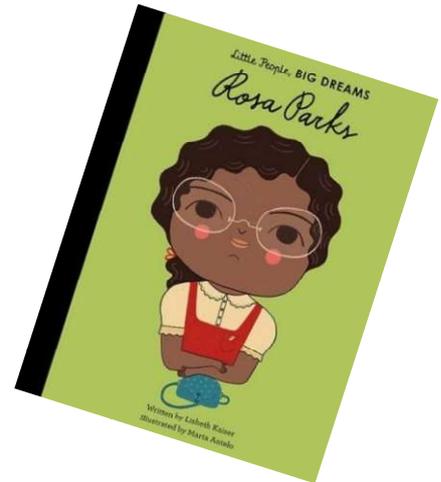
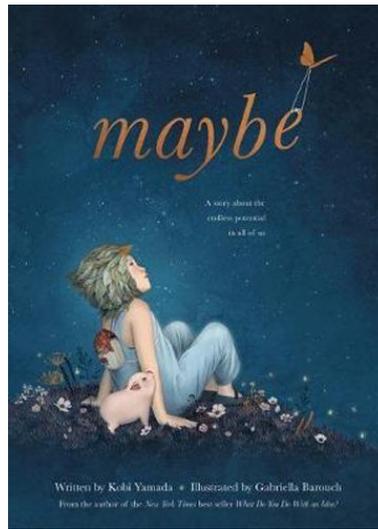
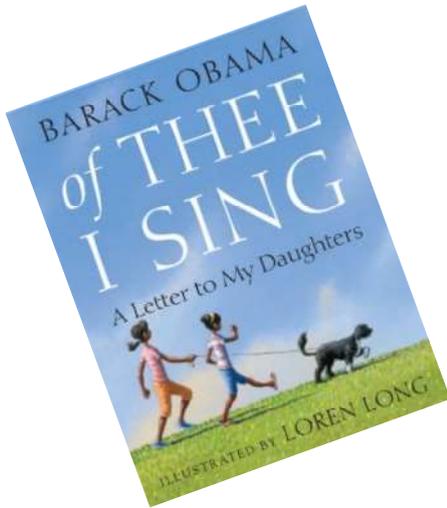
How can we thank you for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, for His life of obedience and servanthood, for His choosing to die that agonising death on a cruel cross, so that we can be forgiven, and most of all for His death-defeating resurrection on the first Easter morning and the gift of His Spirit to those who put their trust in Him?

We can't possibly thank you adequately Lord, but we want to try! Thank you, thank you Father, that Jesus, our Servant-King is alive, Lord of heaven and earth – and yet still serving us, so that we too can live and serve.

Help us to be your Easter people and live lives of faithful witness to the living Lord, empowered by your Holy Spirit, building in all that we think, say or do for your kingdom to come. Hallelujah! Amen. *By Daphne Kitching*

News from Warmingham CE Primary

On Monday 8th March, we welcomed everyone back into school. Some children arrived full of smiles, eager to come back but others were a little unsure – so much has happened in the last year. By playtime, the school was full of smiles and the classrooms were buzzing with excitement. It was wonderful to have the whole school back together once again.



This term our study theme has stemmed from the book 'Maybe, a story about the endless potential in all of us' by Kobi Yamada. It is a beautiful book which reminds us all that we have the potential to achieve anything – as long as we believe we can. Alongside this book we will be using the following books to introduce the children to significant people who have made a difference to the world:

- of thee I sing – A Letter To My Daughters by Barack Obama
- Little People, Big Dream books

The children spent their first day finding out about their new study themes. Otters, our Reception Class have been looking at 'dinosaurs'. They have learnt about the famous Paleontologist, Mary Anning whilst also learning lots of interesting facts about dinosaurs.

Hedgehogs' (Year 1&2) study theme has seen them undertake some superhero training. They have also thought about their bodies, how super they are and how we can make sure they stay fit and healthy. Alongside this, they have also studied the lives of some real-life superheroes learning who they were and how they've changed the world either by being part of a significant historical event or by standing up for injustice or human rights.

They'll be ending the term by reflecting on the question 'How am I inspired to change the world when I grow up?'

'Where can we fly to?' was the focus for Squirrels (Year 3&4) this half term. Their focus on Amelia Earhart has allowed them to learn about the world, different locations and how they differ from England, as they followed her journey around the world.

Badgers have found out what it was like to be a Victorian child. They have looked at Victorian lessons, school rules and punishments in depth before they discovered more about Queen Victoria. They also learnt about the huge changes in society during that time including the Suffrage Movement.



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Give your house an M.O.T.

It's Spring, and time to venture outside – to take a really good look at your house. How has it survived the winter? A spokesman for the National Home Improvement Council says: "For most of us, our homes are our biggest single investment. We need to look after them well." There are a number of things to look for:

Roof space: Venture up into your loft and check for signs of leaks through tiles or roof linings. Check timbers are sound, dry and free from woodworm.

Walls: Are your airbricks clear? Are there any cracks in your brickwork? Check for crumbling bricks, often caused by frost and loose rendering.

Chimneys and flues: If you don't fancy climbing up onto your roof, why not beg or borrow a pair of binoculars off someone and check for broken pots, missing pointing and loose chimney seals. Make sure your flues are clear from debris.

Gutters and pipes: Make sure that all your gutters and pipes are clear of twigs and leaves. You'll be surprised where last year's fallen leaves have ended up! Also, check for leaks in downpipes, as these can cause damp patches.

Floors: Many of us now have timber floors. Check for undue springiness – which can be a sign of rotting or weakened joints. Inspect your skirting boards for rot and woodworm.

Doors and windows: Check for rot or corrosion, missing putty and flaking paint. Make sure they open and close properly and are not warped. Check your locks for wear.

Paths: Finally, wander around the paths outside your house. Check for loose paving or broken slabs – a potential hazard. If you find problems, lay new paving – soon!

Most of these checks are things that you can carry out yourself. But if in doubt about your roof, your heating or your electricity, it is far better to call in an expert.

Red light

A woman was found guilty in traffic court and when asked for her occupation she said she was a schoolteacher. The judge rose from the bench. 'Madam, I have waited years for a schoolteacher to appear before this court.' He then smiled with delight. 'Now sit down at that table and write "I will not run a red light" one hundred times.'

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 26:20-25, 31-35, Mark 14:17-21, 27-31
Luke 22:22, 31-34, John 13:21-30, 36-38

The Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus.
One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, had
accepted money from them to betray him.

As Jesus and his disciples ate the
Passover meal, Jesus said



John was sitting
next to Jesus, so
Peter said



So John asked Jesus



It is the person I give
this piece of bread to.



Jesus dipped a piece
of bread in sauce, and
gave it to Judas.



What you are about to do
you must do quickly.



Why has Judas gone out?



They continued
the Passover meal



Jesus then told the rest of the
disciples

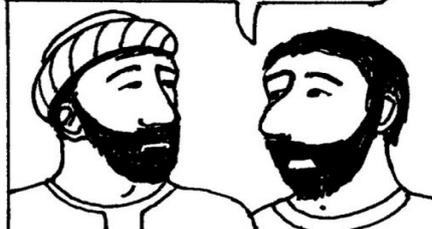
When the time
comes, you will
all run away.

'When the shepherd is struck,
the sheep scatter.'* * Zech 13:7

Peter said



Before tomorrow morning
you will have denied you
even know me 3 times.



Even if I have to die, I
will never disown you!



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