

# Church Window

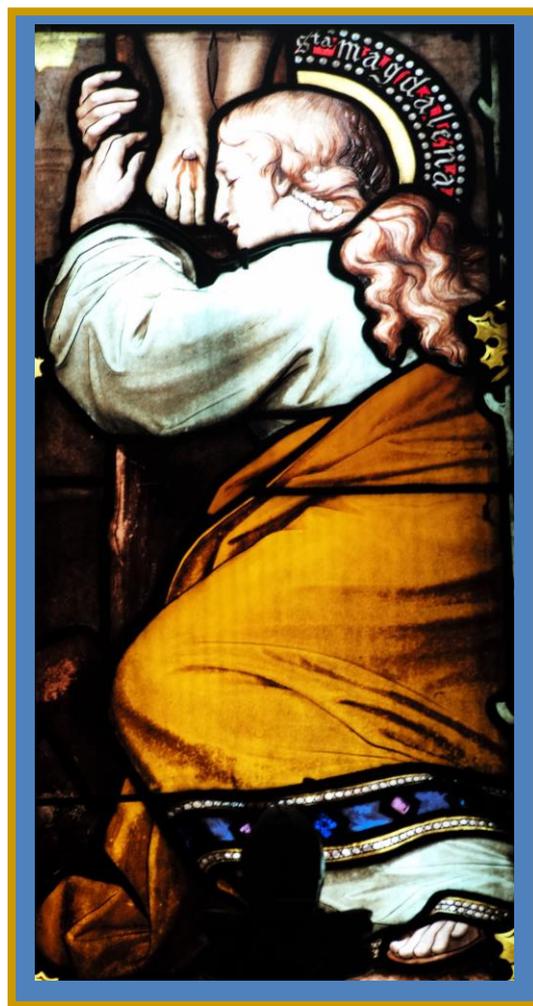
The magazine for the parishes of

## St Peter's

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



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## St Leonard's

Warmingham

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."  
*John 11:25-26*

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### Parish Safeguarding Officer:

#### Vacancies at St Peter's and St Leonard's.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is the key link between the diocese and the parish/s, concerning safeguarding matters.

It is a positive leadership role supporting and providing direction to the parish in good safeguarding practice.

They will have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and will seek to ensure the implementation of safeguarding policy and practice.

**The role can be taken by one person, or the role shared.** Support is provided by the diocese.

If you would like more information or to discuss the role please speak to Rev Paul North.

Often when things are empty, we are somewhat disappointed. You reach for your mug of tea, only to find it empty. You glance at the fuel gauge on your car, a costly empty. The engineer booked for an important repair fails to turn up, the empty promises resonating around your mind. Empty often leaves us feeling just that – empty inside. But when it comes to Easter empty means something altogether different.



There are plenty empty moments in that first Easter. At the last supper, when Jesus said one of his closest friends would betray him, then when Judas led the authorities to arrest Jesus. The emptiness of Peter when the cock crowed after his third denial of being one of Jesus' friends. The empty charges thrown at Jesus, the empty actions of Pilate. And despite Jesus telling his followers that he would be handed over to death, the emptiness and anguish of the cross.

The emptiness of Easter is obvious, and yet in emptiness great joy and hope is found. On Easter day the empty tomb changed everything.

Luke records

*On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke 24*

The empty tomb was the sign of full promises. The empty tomb confirmed Jesus' claim, "*I am the resurrection and the life.*" The empty tomb was a sign of hope and joy because it confirmed Jesus was who he said he was.

As John records

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. John 20*

Life can throw all sorts at us, much of which is challenging and can at times leave us feeling empty. This Easter, look to the empty tomb, be encouraged, see the hope and joy that it brings. The empty tomb showing Jesus as the resurrection and the life. And when Jesus talks about life, he is talking about life that is anything but empty,

*"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10.*

Happy Easter

## From our February Registers



### Baptisms

*We welcome you into the Lord's family*

St Peter's

5th Mitchell Jack Grice  
12th Rome-Saint Daniel Livingstone



### Weddings

*Bless these thy servants*



### Funerals

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

10th Committal for John William Epps  
13th Mary Bramall

## You can do this at home, leading up to Easter!

Why not put a small cross in your front window as Lent draws to a close, and Easter Week approaches? You can use a Palm cross or a wooden one. A cross is a visible reminder of the death of Jesus, and the Christian meaning of Easter and Resurrection.



## Easter Prayer 2023

Thank you, Father, that you raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Day and that He is alive now and forever. Thank you that whoever believes in Him and turns away from selfish living and towards you can be forgiven through His name. Thank you that Jesus is the same today as He was then and will always be.

Thank you for the Bible – your inspired, unchanging, and living Word to guide us. Help us to hold fast to Your teaching and not to be led astray. Your Word is truth. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, that we might be Your faithful, fruitful Resurrection People.

In the name of our living Lord, Jesus. Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

# Forthcoming Events at St Leonard's



## Warmingham Wakes

**Saturday 13th May 2023**

**1.30pm – 4.00pm**

St Leonard's Church Field, Warmingham CW11 3QP

In aid of St Leonard's Church Warmingham

Entrance fee: Adults £2 / Children 50p

Crowning of Warmingham Wakes Queen

Afternoon Teas, Fabulous Raffle

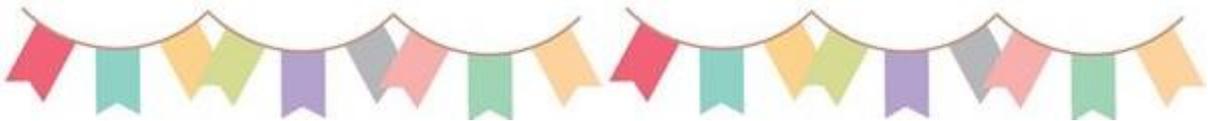
Dog Show, Brass Band, Maypole Dancing, Live Entertainment,

White Elephant stall plus many more stalls

The famous **Warmingham Duck Race** at 4pm



For more details, or if you would like to help at the Wakes, contact  
Amanda Richardson on 01270 526283 / 07771 782390.



## Wakes Queen and Retinue for 2023

Wakes Queen

Rachel Walker

Attendants

Eliza Newton

Francesca Bromhead

Anna Richardson-Rutter

Rosebuds

Isabelle Hunt

Elsie Chambers

Olivia Elliott

Penny Barton

Georgina Dillon

Eleanor Paterson

Bell Ringer

Ted Newton

Crown Bearer

Teddy Ryane

## Warmingham Wakes 13th May

We would appreciate donations of:

Good quality items for White Elephant stall / Tombola items

Chocolate - small and larger bars for children's chocolate tombola

Tombola items to Church

White Elephant items to 07771 782390 or at Church Farm, Warmingham

## St Leonard's Home Group

There is no Home Group meeting in April.

The next meeting is on **Monday 22nd May** at 2pm. Venue to be decided.



## Treasurer at St Leonard's

Our current Treasurer at St Leonard's Church is stepping down due to her work and family commitments, so we are looking for a volunteer to join the PCC and take on this valuable role.

Do you think you have the interest and skills to take on this important job? Please contact the Churchwardens to find out more. Details on page 2.

## St Peter's Church

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon

## Easter Celebration

Easter Sunday, 9th April 2023  
following the 10.45am Service  
in St Peter's Community Hall  
Easter Eggs, Tombola, Refreshments

**Eastertide Memorial Service  
for Lost Loved Ones in the Churchyard**

St Peter's Church, Minshull Vernon

**Sunday 23rd April, 7pm**

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service



**A Concert in Celebration of  
The Coronation of  
King Charles III**

**Wednesday, 3rd May at 7.30pm**

**St. Peter's Community Hall,  
Minshull Vernon CW1 4RD**



**Free Entry  
Raffle**

**Refreshments  
Retiring Collection**

## Silk Painting Workshop, Dorothy Clive Garden



A couple of Sundays ago I wasn't in church as I was attending this workshop. It had been given as a gift and I was really looking forward to it. I have to say I did feel a bit guilty as being a choir member is a commitment and I don't like letting people down.

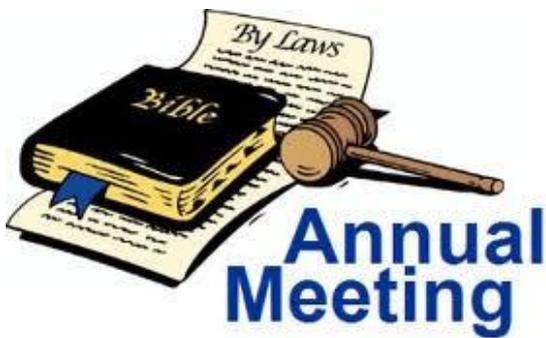
If you have never visited Dorothy Clive, you've missed a treat. The gardens are beautifully laid out with a small pond, glass houses, a meadow area, a wooded area with waterfall, a winter garden and a laburnum arch to rival Bodnant's.

There is a lovely tearoom, a small shop and some purpose built rooms where workshops, talks and meetings can take place.

It was in the newest of these buildings that the workshop took place. We were guided through each stage from stretching the silk, drawing the design and then painting. Once all these stages were completed the silk was enhanced with applique and embroidery. Quite a lot to get done in only four and a half hours, but we concentrated hard and were very happy with the results. Some people framed theirs but I opted to have my finished piece as a notebook cover.

I had voiced how I was feeling a bit guilty not being in church and a very elderly, thoughtful lady said something that has stuck with me. She said I'd rather be in a beautiful garden thinking about God than in church thinking about a beautiful garden.

I wouldn't want to miss church every week but with this little nugget I think I will now be happier if and when I have to. God really doesn't mind where you are thinking about him, just that you are.



Annual Parochial  
Church Meetings  
following Morning Services

**St Leonard's** APCM will be held on **Sunday 16th April** after the morning service, approx. 12.30pm. This will be followed by a PCC meeting.

**St Peter's** APCM will be held on **Sunday 23rd April** at 12noon in the Community Hall.



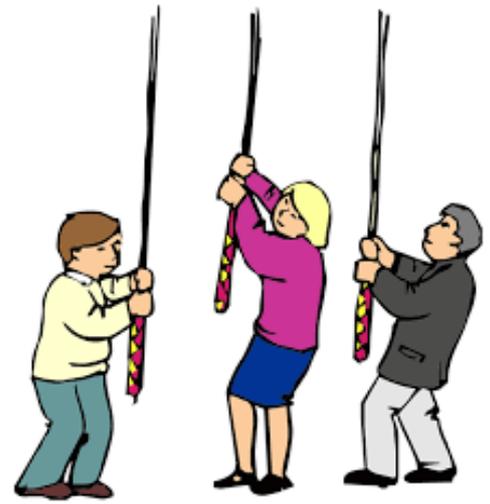
## Used Stamps

Please could you kindly pass on any used stamps from your post to Ruth Edge. Stamps can be left in St Peter's porch. They are collected in aid of St Luke's Hospice, which I am sure you all know is a wonderful facility, but it is entirely reliant on donations. As they say, "every little helps".

## The launch of 'Bell Sunday' in May

If you like church bells, you will be pleased to hear that there is now an 'official' Bell Sunday – this year to be held on 14th May.

It will be held each year on the Sunday closest to 19th May. That is because 19th May is the feast day of St Dunstan, who way back in the 11th century had fun in experimenting with bell-forging. (Does anyone know if any of his bells have survived?)



The Central Council for Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR) has declared Bell Sunday to encourage churches to celebrate their bells and ringers in Sunday worship. The CCCBR hopes that many local church towers will join in, and that, where possible, churches will open their towers to the public on the day, so that visitors can watch the bells being run.

The Central Council's spokeswoman, Vicki Chapman, says: "With co-operation between church and bell-ringers, it may be possible for bell-ringers to be involved in a service on the day. Bell ringers could read lessons, give a talk, and demonstrate the playing of handbells. The church service could include bell-related hymns, bell-related prayers, and even bell-shaped biscuits with the after-service coffee.

"We hope that Bell Sunday will help raise awareness of the importance of bells in our communities, and also help strengthen relationships between clergy and bellringers."

**St Leonard's** needs people between the ages of 10-70+. Physical strength is NOT required or musical ability. You will be assured of a friendly welcome – so why not come along and see for yourselves: What have you got to lose? NO pressure you may even enjoy this pleasurable pastime.

We practice every Thursday from 19.30 -21.00. Come along and have a chat. Contact Alan on 01606 737425 / 07977 209150.



### **St Peter's Community Hall, Minshull Vernon**

For hall bookings please contact Jane:  
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Tel: 07902 936490

# St Leonard's Calendar of Services / Rotas

Date	Times and services	Sides- persons	Altar Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning, once in the month
Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday	11.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)	Mrs J Newton	No Flowers in Lent	Janet F, Janet N, Anne
Sunday 9th April Easter Sunday	9.00am Easter Day Holy Communion	Mr K Newton	Mrs S Moss	
Sunday 16th April The 2nd Sunday of Easter	11.30am Family Communion	Ms N Archer	Mrs S Moss	
Sunday 23rd April The 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.00am Holy Communion	Mr S Moss	Mrs J Price	
Sunday 30th April The 4th Sunday of Easter	11.00am Joint Service at St Peter's, Minshull Vernon 1.00pm Baptism	Mrs J Sant	Mrs J Price	
Sunday 7th May The 5th Sunday of Easter	11.30am Coronation Service	Mrs J Baxter	Mrs F Noden	Sarah, Kate, Helen

## Warmingham Wakes

Saturday 13th May,  
1.30pm - 4pm  
St Leonard's Church

## Wakes Service

Sunday 14th May, 6.30pm in Church

## St Peter's Calendar of Services

Date	Times and Services	Readings and Readers 10.45am	Readings and Readers 7pm
Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday	9.00am HC 10.45am HC No Evensong	Philippians 2.5-11 <i>Chris Ward</i>  Matthew 21.1-11	No Evensong
Maundy Thursday 6th April			1 Corinthians 11.23-26  John 13.1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday 7th April	2pm Watch by the Cross	Hebrews 10.16-25  John 18.1-19	
Sunday 9th April Easter Day	9.00am HC 10.45am HC 7.00pm Evensong	Acts 10.34-43 <i>Ruth Edge</i>  Matthew 28.1-10	Colossians 3.1-4 <i>Alison Bate</i>  John 20.1-18 <i>Andrew Hollinshead</i>
Sunday 16th April The 2nd Sunday of Easter	9.00am HC 10.45am HC No Evensong	1 Peter 1.3-9 <i>Alan Culshaw</i>  John 20.19-31	No Evensong
Sunday 23rd April The 3rd Sunday of Easter	No 9am HC 10.45am HC followed by APCM 7.00pm Memorial Service	1 Peter 1.17-23 <i>Gilly Booth</i>  Luke 24.13-35	Eastertide Memorial Service for Lost Loved Ones
Sunday 30th April The 4th Sunday of Easter	9.00am HC 11.00am Joint Service at St Peter's No Evensong	1 Peter 2.19-25 <i>John Edge</i>  John 10.1-10	No Evensong
Sunday 7th May The 5th Sunday of Easter	9.00am HC 10.45am HC No Evensong		No Evensong

## St Peter's Rotas

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidespersons</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Altar Flowers</b>
Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday	Robert Hodson	Alan and Margaret Culshaw	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	No Flowers in Lent
Maundy Thursday 6th April				
Good Friday 7th April				
Sunday 9th April Easter Sunday	John Edge  Sandra Parkes	Paul and Margaret Harvey	Audrey Bergin	Easter Flowers
Sunday 16th April The 2nd Sunday of Easter	Patrick Smith	John Edge and Ann Hughes	Margaret Harvey and Valerie Simcock	Easter Flowers
Sunday 23rd April The 3rd Sunday of Easter	John Edge  Sandra Parkes	Philippa Goyer and Ann DeRuiter	John and Ruth Edge	Pat Davies
Sunday 30th April The 4th Sunday of Easter	Patrick Smith	Alan and Margaret Culshaw	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	Pat Davies
Sunday 7th May The 5th Sunday of Easter	Robert Hodson	Paul and Margaret Harvey	Audrey Bergin	Ruth Edge



## 1st April - Fooling Around by Canon David Winter

I was about six when I began to enjoy April Fool's Day. My older brother was very clever at appropriate hoaxes, not only deceiving me but also mum and dad. On the whole my childish efforts were encouraged. The day was full of laughs, even at school, where the teachers would try to trick us and all day long no one quite believed anything they were told. So it went on, year after year,

though I think it all seems a bit unsophisticated for the modern generation.

You couldn't say that, though, about probably the most famous April Fool's effort of all time. In the 1960's BBC TV broadcast a feature on the spaghetti farms of Italy. Even those of us who bought our spaghetti in the supermarket from the pasta shelves began to wonder if we'd been wrong. Italian farmers explained their work and the progress of the spaghetti plants was carefully filmed, from planting to reaping. And all in the BBC's most serious documentary manner. It took a while to appreciate that this was Aunty playing games. Whatever next!

The odd thing is that no one is quite sure of the origin of this very British tradition. Most attribute it to changes in Britain's calendar in the 1700s, when New Year's Day moved from March 25th to January 1st. Not surprisingly, the change caused a lot of confusion and mistakes around the start of April. Others look further back, to the ancient Roman feast of Hilaria, when the goddess Cybele was celebrated with pranks and jokes around the spring equinox, March 25th. Either way a touch of hilarity at the end of Lent does not seem amiss. Go to Greece, where the resurrection of Jesus is celebrated with fireworks and parties to see how it might work.

*Edited version of an article that comes from:  
<https://christianity.org.uk/article/the-first-easter>.*



### Heaven

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St Peter says 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"



## PALM SUNDAY

### Palm Sunday & Holy Week

The events of Easter took place over a week, traditionally called Passion Week.

It began on Palm Sunday. After all His teaching and healing, Jesus had built a following.

On the Sunday before He was to die, Jesus and His followers arrived at Jerusalem. The city was crowded. Jewish people were arriving to celebrate Passover. This commemorates how they had escaped from slavery in Egypt nearly 1,500 year earlier.

Jesus rode into the city on a young donkey. He was greeted like a conquering hero. Cheering crowds waved palm branches in tribute. He was hailed as the Messiah who had come to re-establish a Jewish kingdom.

The next day they returned to Jerusalem. Jesus went to the temple, the epicentre of the Jewish faith, and confronted the money-changers and merchants who were ripping off the people. He overturned their tables and accused them of being thieves. The religious authorities were alarmed and feared how He was stirring up the crowds.

On the Tuesday, they challenged Jesus, questioning His authority. He answered by challenging and condemning their hypocrisy. Later that day Jesus spoke to His disciples about future times. He warned them about fake religious leaders; the coming destruction of Jerusalem; wars, earthquakes and famines; and how His followers would face persecution.

By midweek the Jewish religious leaders and elders were so angry with Jesus that they began plotting to arrest and kill Him. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Him to them.

Jesus and the twelve disciples gathered on the Thursday evening to celebrate the Passover meal. This is known as the Last Supper. During the evening, Jesus initiated a ritual still marked by Christians – Holy Communion – which commemorates His death. Jesus broke bread and shared it and a cup of wine with His disciples.

Judas then left to meet the other plotters. Jesus continued to teach the others and then went outside into an olive grove to pray. He even prayed for all future believers. He agonised over what was to come but chose the way of obedience. The Bible book, Luke, records Him praying, '*Father if*

*you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done*'. Minutes later Judas arrived with soldiers and the chief priests and Jesus was arrested.

## **What is Maundy Thursday?**

Maundy Thursday is the 5th day of Holy Week. 'Maundy' comes from the Latin word for command, 'mandare'. On this day the Church looks back to Jesus' command to His disciples that they should: "Love one another as I have loved you."

On the evening of Maundy Thursday Jesus shared the Last Supper with His disciples, before going on to the Garden of Gethsemane and being arrested. It was the last evening He had with them before His crucifixion.



## **Good Friday, the day the Son of God died for you**

Good Friday is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. He was crucified at 9am in the morning, and died six hours later, at 3pm. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year, and is widely marked by the removal of all decorations from churches. In Lutheran churches, the day was marked by the reading of the passion narrative in a gospel, a practice which lies behind the 'passions' composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750). Both the St Matthew Passion and the St John Passion have their

origins in this observance of Good Friday.

The custom of observing a period of three hours' devotion from 12 midday to 3pm on Good Friday goes back to the 18th century. The 'Three Hours of the Cross' often take the form of an extended meditation on the 'Seven Last Words from the Cross', with periods of silence, prayer, or hymn-singing.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

## 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.

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.



## Reflecting faith – Easter Flowers

Many types of flowers are used in churches, but during Easter, there is one that is especially loved: the Easter Lily. It is a tall, stately flower topped by large, graceful, white trumpet-shaped blooms.

While commercial bulb production of Easter lilies only began in the 19th century, Easter lilies make many appearances in both the Old and New Testaments, emphasising

the flower's importance to Christianity. King Solomon spoke of them, and Christ referenced them, too.

These strikingly beautiful flowers are highly perfumed, with the central stamens covered in bright yellow or orange pollen. Unfortunately, the pollen can be a hazard, as it can permanently stain cloth due to chemicals it contains! For this reason, good florists and especially church flower arrangers will remove all the stamens before bringing them anywhere near church fabrics, or near to where ministers wearing white might brush against them.

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolise Christ because they embody purity - the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. This is also why lilies are identified with the Virgin Mary, and in artworks depicting the Annunciation to the Virgin they are often found in the angel Gabriel's hand.

The second reason that Easter lilies represent Christ is because of their life cycle. Each one grows from a bulb that for several years has lain quietly beneath the earth, before growing tall and stately, and blossoming into magnificent flowers. What a picture of Jesus' life and resurrection!

Daffodils and Easter lilies are the first flowers of spring, when Nature is being reborn. Their life after the death of winter reminds us of the Resurrection. For we cannot imagine the death and the passion of Christ without having in mind the empty tomb, radiating hope. Christ's death has no meaning without His Resurrection.

*Revd Dr Jo White*



## Hedgehogs need your help this Spring

During the winter when hedgehogs hibernate, their heart rate drops from around 190 beats per minute to just about 20. They breathe only once every few minutes. So, to rouse themselves from that depth of torpor and get back into normal life takes a huge surge of energy.

Which is where you can come in.

Hedgehogs are hungry in the Spring. Very hungry. Most of them will have slept until mid-March, and so will now be awake - but starving.

So why not put out some shallow dishes of meaty cat or dog food or cat biscuits and water? You can even buy or make special hedgehog feeders.

Hedgehogs have always been popular, but they are now sadly classed as 'vulnerable to extinction'. Numbers have been plummeting, and now there are less than one million left in the UK.

"With their coat of prickles and inquisitive nose, alongside a penchant for snuffling around our back gardens snaffling up slugs and earthworms, hedgehogs are a childhood memory of delight," said one scientist. "Sadly, hedgehogs might be banished to memories alone and lost as a source of wonder for our children and grandchildren."



The hall is the perfect venue for anniversaries christenings and naming days, engagements and everything in between.

Reservations can be made via -  
[bookings@warminghamvillagehall.org](mailto:bookings@warminghamvillagehall.org)  
or phone 01270 526111  
or 07484 906104.

# News from Warmingham CE Primary School

A host of golden daffodils from the children at Warmingham CE Primary.



Earlier this month, the children used watercolours to paint a picture of some daffodils. Above are some of their masterpieces from across the school. It's wonderful seeing how their skills develop from Reception through to Year 6.

## Mary Bramall

Mary was born at Pastures Farm, Gawsworth, the eldest of 3 children to Albert and Freda Turnock. Mary had a brother Albert Junior born 2 years later followed by sister Jean born 12 years later in 1946.

Mary was always destined to work on the farm and had to leave school at 14. She had no choice in the matter!

A large part of her early childhood was overshadowed by the war, with regular nights spent under the stairs with brother Albert during the many bombing raids. At 16 Mary started to assist with the Gawsworth Girl Guide Group. Mary met her husband Ron at the church youth club. They later married in 1955 when she was 21. Their first home was in Withington, where Susan and David were born. Later, they were back at Pastures Farm, where Diane was born. Mary worked hard looking after several hundred poultry while bringing up Susan, David and Diane, with Ron looking after the cows.

They still made time to support village events - church, school, WI, helping build a scout hut for the Cubs and Scouts. The family would be at Gawsworth Church every Sunday morning. In 1970 Ron and Mary obtained the tenancy of Newfield Hall Farm, Minshull Vernon. New friends were quickly made with amazing neighbours helping each other when needed. Mary and Ron became faithful members of St Peter's Church, Minshull Vernon, supporting its life in many ways.

Everyone who knew Mary will know how much she loved plants and gardening. In Newfield Hall Farm Mary and Ron created a large vegetable garden to support the farm shop they opened. Mary joined Warmingham WI and was a member until quite recently. For a while she was chair lady.

She also enjoyed crown green bowling. Mary was fiercely competitive and frowned on anybody who didn't take the game seriously. This applied both to bowls or a game of cards. No cheating!

Following Ron's sad loss to Motor Neurone Disease in 1986 Mary moved to Abbey Road. Here life was full. She enjoyed many holidays with friends including trips to China, Russia, South Africa. Her favourite was probably her time in Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

Throughout her life Mary enjoyed her Sunday mornings at church. Sunday after church was always family time. She took immense interest in her children and grandchildren. She was always ready to encourage and offer support and a hug.



Mary lived at Abbey Road until she was 86, but with her health declining she moved to Elm House at Nantwich where she was cared for with great kindness. Mary lived faithfully by her Christian faith and confidently shared the Christian hope of Resurrection. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

## St Peter's April Book of Remembrance

- 2nd Alfred Moss (1973)  
3rd William Wood (1997)  
6th Marjorie Annie 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 Herbert Armstrong (1917),  
John Edward (Jack) Siddall (2005), Christine Walker (2010)  
13th Robert Brown (1987), Christopher Hyde (1988),  
Norma Ann Cope (2013)  
14th George Henry Griffiths (1966)  
15th Henry Spencer Burgis (2003)  
16th Mary Davenport (1879)  
17th Margaret Emily Lea (1998), Dorice Walker (1999)  
18th Grace Charters (1987), May Shirley (2000)  
21st Abigail Kirkly Hourie (2004 – 30 days)  
22nd William John Tomkinson (1961), Nigel Russell Barratt (2009)  
23rd William Davenport (1879)  
25th George Crawford 1917), Mary Astbury (1999),  
Eric Edward Wood (2005)  
27th Leslie Pollard (1999), Peter Foxley (2002), Helen Wickham (2020)  
28th Emma Newton (1886), Wilfred McGrath (2014)  
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# Warmingham Village News

## April Diary Dates

Wednesday 5th	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 11th	Walk `n Talk	Sandbach	10.30am

## Warmingham & District W.I.

At the March meeting, after dealing with the business part of the agenda, the President, Caroline Dawson, welcomed the speakers for the evening - Ken and Margaret Ness and puppy "Crumble" who they were training as a "Hearing Dog".

Ken had brought a power point display which included videos of Crumble being trained. We were also shown the dogs working in a hearing person's home and the skills the dog required to help them in daily life. The training required patience and set phases of learning skills to achieve a successful dog. It was a most inspirational evening and quite a few members took away leaflets, particularly how to "sponsor a hearing puppy". Needless to say Crumble behaved impeccably!

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 5th April** when the speaker is Andrew Thwaite on the subject of "Easter Chocolates", which sounds tasty. The competition theme is "Amazing Eggs".

The **Craft Group** meet once a month on a Friday afternoon at the Market Tavern in Sandbach.

The **Book Group** meet on the third Monday of the month.

The **Darts Team** meet at the Market Tavern on Monday lunchtimes.

The W.I. meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm.

Visitors are always welcome and for further information please contact Caroline on 01270 526022.

## Walk 'n Talk

A walk in the Nantwich area was enjoyed in March. After following the path round the lake, the walkers took the path across the field to reach the canal.



Lunch was enjoyed at the Cheshire Cat and the walkers managed to dodge the rain at this time before returning along Welsh Row to the car park.



The next walk is on **Tuesday 11th April** when we will meet at Waitrose lower car park in Sandbach at 10.30am.

For more information contact Helan on 01606 841711

## **Warmingham Wakes: Saturday 13th May**

The annual Wakes event will be held on the church field on the afternoon of Saturday 13th May from 1.30pm.

### **Children's Fancy Dress Competition**

Children are invited to come along in Fancy Dress to compete for the Beryl Buckley Cup and other prizes. Either come to the Village Hall to walk with the procession or register at the church field with Helen Glendenning at 1.30pm.

### **Fun Dog Show**

This will be held on the church field with registration on the day. Classes start at 1.45pm.

Bring along your dog/s to take part in one of the eight classes and maybe reach the final "Best in Show" class.

Entry £3 per class or £5 for two classes.

### **White Elephant Stall**

Wanted – good quality items for the White Elephant stall. Please contact 07771 782390 or leave in the barn at Church Farm, Warmingham.

### **Tombola**

Donations for the Tombola stall can be brought to church.

There will also be a **Children's Chocolate Tombola** and donations for this (small and larger bars) can also be brought to church or given to a church member.

Are you able to help on the day?

Helpers are urgently needed, so if you can volunteer please contact Amanda 01270 526283 or Janet 01270 526393.

### **Books and Jigsaws**

We are collecting the above items for our stalls at Warmingham Wakes. If you have any items to donate would you please kindly contact Lesley & Adrian Crank - 01270 526226. Many thanks.

Items for Village News should be sent to [helan.isherwood@sky.com](mailto:helan.isherwood@sky.com)

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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-38, Jn 12:12-19

Thousands of people went to Jerusalem to  
celebrate the Passover feast each year.  
This year Jesus and his friends went too.

Two miles outside Jerusalem  
Jesus said to two of his friends



Go into that village and bring  
back the donkey you find there.

If anyone asks, say  
'The Lord needs it.'



So off they went...

and they found it  
as Jesus had said



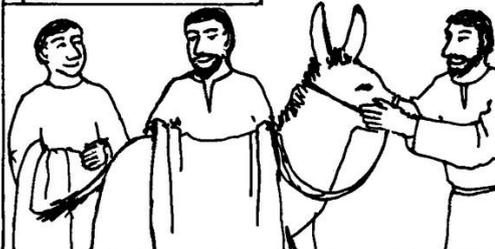
Why are you  
taking our donkey?

The Lord needs it.



That's alright then

They brought it back to  
Jesus, and made a saddle  
from a cloak.



They spread more cloaks  
on the road to make it a  
way fit for a king.



Others cut palm branches and  
waved them.

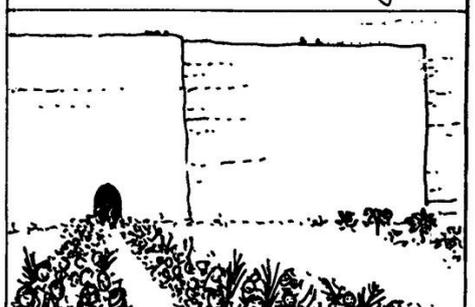


They shouted the traditional  
welcome to the Passover feast

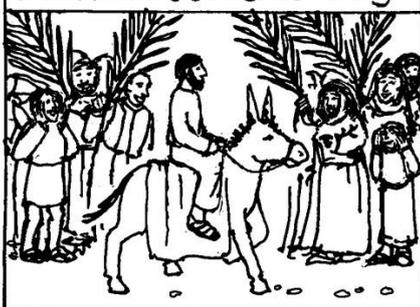
God bless the one  
who comes in the  
name of the Lord!



As they got closer to  
Jerusalem the crowd grew.



Everyone shouted to  
welcome Jesus as king



The teachers of the  
Laws were angry



Teacher, you should stop  
them calling you 'king'.

But Jesus replied



What they say is so  
true that even if I made them  
stop, the stones would shout!

