

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Hatfield, including Duncroft, Dunsville,
Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme



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ST LAWRENCE HATFIELD
29TH MARCH
PALM SUNDAY
10AM PROCESSION &
CHORAL COMMUNION

ST LAWRENCE HATFIELD
**STATIONS OF
THE CROSS**
DROP IN TUESDAY 31ST MARCH 12 NOON - 3PM
THE VICARAGE GARDENS
HOT CROSS BUNS & HOT DRINKS

ST LAWRENCE HATFIELD
**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**
@6:30PM
THE LORDS SUPPER
WASHING OF FEET
THE WATCH
& STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

ST LAWRENCE HATFIELD
GOOD FRIDAY
**LITURGY OF
THE PASSION**
@3PM

ST LAWRENCE HATFIELD
THE EASTER VIGIL
HOLY SATURDAY
@ 6:30PM
FOLLOWED BY PARISH PARTY
HOT LAMB SANDWICHES & WINE

ST LAWRENCE HATFIELD
EASTER SUNDAY
FESTAL EUCHARIST
@ 10AM

With thanks to Chris and Sennette Wroot's FaceBook page.

Life as a Vicar's Wife

People sometimes ask what its like to be a vicars wife. There isn't a job description! It's a role that looks different for everyone, but for me it has become a wonderful mix of family life, community, and opportunities to support others.

There are also some hidden parts of the role that people don't always see.

Sometimes people forget that vicars have wives and families at home. Ministry for the Clergy often brings extra Diocesan commitments, evening meetings and residentials away from home, which can mean juggling family life and ministry in creative ways! There can also be an unspoken expectation that the Vicars family should be a 'perfect family', but the truth is we are just a normal family. Our children are normal children, we have busy weeks, a messy house, school runs and all the usual ups and downs of family life.

One of the things I enjoy most is leading our Church toddler group Little Lions. It's such a joyful part of my role. It is so special to see the Church filled with little ones playing, laughing and exploring, while their grown ups enjoy a nice hot coffee and piece of cake with a chance to chat. As well as leading and setting up, I bring my two youngest Talitha and Judah, watching their own friendships grow is beautiful.

I also enjoy planning the children's activities and crafts for our Café Church Family Services, one of my favourite parts is to sit back at the end and watch as children joyfully play together and share fellowship with each other, it is an absolute privilege to watch their friendships grow within our Church.



Alongside this I serve as Secretary for the group 'Partners Together' in the Diocese of Sheffield. This is a supportive group for partners of clergy. Being married to someone in the ordained ministry can be a unique experience, so its lovely to help create spaces where people can share encouragement, advice and prayer.

I organise things like coffee meet ups, pub trips, family BBQs and walks as well as helping new partners when they arrive to the Diocese, I organised a fun trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife park too! And we have hosted a wreath making session here at Hatfield, and a family garden party here at The Vicarage. We have an annual AGM and an active WhatsApp group, which is a great place for people to

share life, ask questions and support each other.

One of the things I'm most excited about at the moment is a new initiative I've started called 'Rooted and Rising' – a gathering for clergy children in the Diocese of Sheffield.

Clergy children often grow up navigating experiences that many others don't have to think about – moving homes, changing schools and living with a parent who has a visible role in the community. Our own children found moving schools really difficult, and seeing the impact of that first hand made me realise how important it is for clergy children to know they are not alone.

'Rooted and Rising' is about helping clergy children feel seen, heard, valued and understood within the Diocese. It's a chance for them to meet other children who share a similar life and build friendships with people who understand their experiences.

The first event I'm organising is a soft play takeover, where children can come together simply to play and have fun, while parents have the chance to grab a coffee and chat with others who understand the unique rhythms of clergy family life.

Next in the pipeline is a family outdoor adventure day in September for all ages, and in the future we're hoping to organise a 10+ outdoor adventure residential especially for clergy kids.

My hope is Rooted and Rising will grow into something really special, a place where clergy kids can feel really rooted in who they are and confident as they grow.

Life as a Vicars wife and a mum often means wearing many different hats, and it is a joy to play a part in the life of the Church and the wider Diocesan family.

Joy Bishop – The Vicarage



Arrangements for Baptism (Christening) and Weddings

St Lawrence would love to celebrate your special day with you and your family. The first step in arranging a Baptism or a Wedding is to attend one of our services. Please introduce yourself to Chris our Vicar, who will speak with you about the next steps.

These are joyful and life changing events! Both require making serious promises before God and some preparation will take place before a date can be set.

Another option for Parents is a 'Thanksgiving Service' rather than a Baptism. This is a great way to celebrate the gift of a child with family and friends for those who aren't quite sure about God, but would still like to thank Him for the gift of a new life! Thanksgiving Services can be booked directly with Chris our Vicar and don't require any preparation.

Baptisms

Sullivan Nova Errington

Funerals

Margaret Mordue

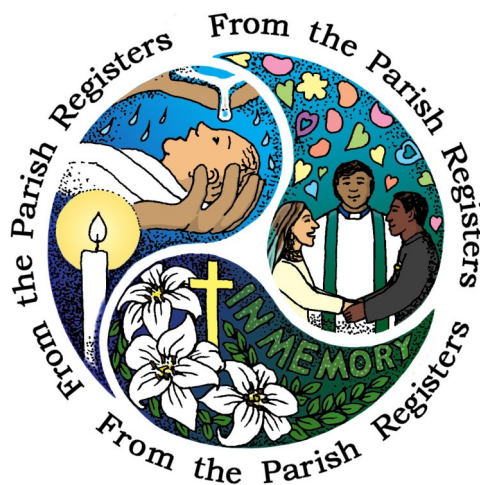
Brenda Scargill

William Geoffrey Orr

Neil Hotchin

Joyce Tetley

Patricia Meredith



Chris our Parish Priest is very happy to be contacted directly by email or phone to arrange a convenient time for any of the following;

A conversation for spiritual guidance and advice

The Sacrament of Confession

House Blessings

Visiting parishioners, especially the sick

Ministry at the time of death (day or night)

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

As you know we've been looking for new committee members for a very long time and there is good news on that front as we may have a new member joining us soon. If anyone else would like to join us we'd love to hear from you, we ideally need 2 new members.

We're looking forward to our **Coffee Afternoon at Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Chapel on Monday 23rd March**, we'll report back on the outcome next month.

It's a busy March as we're then at **Thorne Library Spring Fair selling our jewellery on Friday 27th March from 10 am to 12 noon** along with other stall holders selling their crafts, gifts and cakes.

On **Saturday 25th April we are having a Coffee Morning in Hatfield Library from 10am to 12 noon** with a raffle, Tombola, an 'edible' Tombola by DN7 Foodbank, and cakes by the fabulous Church bakers. There's a rumour there maybe homemade lemon curd by Vera too, fingers crossed.

Information – You can become a 'Friend' for a minimum donation of £5 per year. These subscriptions are the backbone of our fundraising efforts with all funds raised going only to maintain, conserve and restore our wonderful Grade 1 Listed building and grounds. Anyone can join us. For more information and to pay Membership renewal fees please contact **Jean Singleton, Eastby, Cuckoo Lane**, Hatfield, Doncaster, DN7 6QE. Tel 01302 842363.

Tina O'Hallloran



Each MONDAY coffee afternoon 13:30 -15:00 Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist

Each WEDNESDAY coffee after church at St Lawrence, Holy Communion at 10, chat, coffee, light a candle, sit quietly, 11-12:00

Each WEDNESDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Stainforth Methodist

Each THURSDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Dunsville Methodist, Greens Road.

Each THURSDAY chair exercise group 13:30-14:30 at Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall

Each SATURDAY 10-12 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church

Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday) This is a great group of helpful enthusiasts, and one of them WILL have a garden like yours, whether it's wild-life friendly intentionally or not!

Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) 2nd April *Local history group Steve Wilmot Brodsworth Hall.* You don't have to be a member to come to this friendly group, there's a remarkably small entrance fee to cover costs, and you will be made most welcome!

Every second Saturday in the month coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30– Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road



Hatfield Woodhouse Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Chapel Charity Coffee Afternoons

We can now accommodate dog walkers outside (our new table and chairs) and if it is raining in the back room.

Weekly Pop up stalls are back if you want to book, please see Mandy so call in any Saturday Morning when we can arrange a date for you.

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March

25th Saturday Thorne Rural Lions Coffee Morning in Hatfield Community Library from 10am to 12 noon. Home baking would be appreciated, it always sells well!

April

12th Sunday 2 till 4 pm, to do safeguarding training for as many people as need it, that is, ALL volunteers, in church. There will be tea and cake!

25th Saturday 10-12 coffee morning in Hatfield Community Library, a raffle, an edible tombola by DN7 Foodbank, home-made cakes and of course their ever popular Pre-Loved Jewellery!

Monday 27th Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Chapel Charity Coffee Afternoon in aid of Dadesley Crafting at St Catherine's with Artesian Craft Stalls **1 till 3pm**

Julie Parker, our delightful magazine contact at the Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Chapel has let us know :

“Thank you to all supporters from your Church, the Charity Coffee Afternoon in aid of Firefly Cancer Awareness raised £1464.75”

It's great to know that our churches work together in this way. –Editor

Sunday Service online

If you can't get to church there are many, but *VERY MANY* services to join in online. Some will be to your liking, others too loud, too solemn, just not you. But this one can be recommended as being “middle of the road”, with a variety of worship styles within the Anglican communion. It's the Church of England Sunday service, from all over the country. Including on 18th January one from St John's, South Hatfield!! (The vicar there is prettier than our vicar but the message is the same!) The words of hymns are clear on the screen, and you can fast-forward if you don't like that one!

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online>

Is God Calling You to Serve on the PCC?

Each year, as we approach our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (held this year on **Wednesday 22nd April in Church @ 7:30**) We pause as a church family to pray and discern who God may be calling into the shared ministry of serving on our Parochial Church Council. This year, St Lawrence has **three PCC vacancies**, and we are inviting the whole congregation to hold this in prayerful consideration.

Serving on the PCC is far more than attending meetings or dealing with paperwork. It is a ministry of stewardship, and care for the spiritual and practical wellbeing of our parish. PCC members work closely with the Incumbent, churchwardens, and one another to help shape the mission and governance of St Lawrence. At its heart, the role is about consulting and co-operating with the Incumbent and the wider Council on matters of importance to the parish, and helping to promote the whole mission of the Church. It is a calling to serve Christ and his people with integrity, humility, and a desire to see the parish flourish.

We are looking for people who worship regularly at St Lawrence and who are prayerful, thoughtful, and willing to listen as well as contribute. PCC members are expected to treat every person in the parish with dignity and respect, recognising each one as made in the image of God. This ministry requires a calm and constructive approach to discussion, a willingness to work collaboratively, and a commitment to confidentiality when handling sensitive matters. Above all, it calls for a gracious, Christ-like manner and a desire to build up the Body of Christ rather than pursue personal agendas.

The responsibilities of the PCC are wide-ranging. Together with the Incumbent, members share the privileges and responsibilities of governance, ensuring the proper administration of the church and its properties. This includes overseeing finances, making provision for staff salaries and the Common Fund, and ensuring that charitable responsibilities are fulfilled in line with Charity Law. Members take responsibility for the maintenance and repair of all church buildings, contents, and grounds, ensuring that work is completed to the required standard and that recommendations from the quinquennial inspection are carried out.

PCC members attend six meetings a year, every other month, usually on Monday evenings, as well as a Saturday Away Morning in June.



There is an expectation that papers will be read beforehand, that agenda items will be prayed over, and that members will listen to one another with openness and respect. Many members also serve on one of the parish's Working Teams, helping to support specific areas of ministry, such as Finance or the Barn Extension Project.

As trustees of the St Lawrence Church Charity, PCC members carry legal responsibilities as well as spiritual ones, and they attend an annual PCC Day for support and supervision with the Incumbent. All members sign and adhere to the PCC Code of Conduct, which sets out the standards of behaviour expected of those serving in this role. These have been introduced across the Church of England in recent times. Sadly poor behaviour within PCCs can cause real strain in the life of the parish and the Code of Conduct ensures that this type of behaviour can be addressed.

Modern PCC work also involves a degree of digital competence. Members need to be comfortable using email, accessing documents online, and using platforms such as iKnow Church and Zoom. They must also be willing to complete the Church of England's safeguarding training online and uphold the parish's safeguarding policies. None of this requires specialist expertise, simply a willingness to learn and engage.

Perhaps most importantly, **being a member of the PCC is not reserved for long-standing members of the congregation or those with particular professional backgrounds.** What matters is a heart for the parish, a desire to serve, and a willingness to work with others for the good of the whole church.

Sometimes God calls the confident; sometimes he calls the hesitant; often he calls the quietly faithful who never imagined this might be for them.



So as a church family, let us pray together:

Lord, who are you calling to serve on our PCC this year? Is it me? Is it someone I know? If you sense even the faintest nudge, please speak to Fr Chris. Let's trust that God will raise up the people we need for the next chapter of our life together at St Lawrence.

Blessings,

The Vicar.

March 2026 100 club

1st prize Marion Braiden

2nd prize Rosina Friar

3rd prize Noreen Friar

Congratulations ladies, have fun with your little windfall.

I can now reveal my new phrase for having a tantrum (drum roll) thermal throttled. I think it describes how I feel when the gremlin in my computer, mobile phone or clever television wake up, I honestly could explode with frustration. I get so annoyed with myself for not being able to manage simple things and when I see small children in push chairs managing mum's phone to watch whatever silence-inducing thing they watch I am amazed. At this point I must say I would prefer to watch mums talking to their children rather than talking on their mobiles but that is a rant for another day. So thank you to Fiona Anderson at Hatfield library for extending my vocabulary, I will try not to exhaust my new phrase but anyone else is welcome to adopt it. Mentioning the Library - why don't you join us to sing Friday nights at 6.30pm, we really enjoy ourselves singing relatively modern songs off a screen, in tune or not it doesn't matter it is the taking part that counts, its good for your memory, breathing and most of making friends.

Are you or would you like to be a bridge player? Monday afternoon in the library is the place to start, they were all beginners once and love to share their knowledge, no thermal throttling there. May be Tuesday morning Mah Jong or other games are better for you, or just call in to meet a friend and have a cuppa, you will always get a warm welcome.

Hatfield has supported 2 worthy cause recently £313.00 was raised for Yorkshire Cancer Research and £305,86 was raised for Diabetes UK, you are all so generous . The next coffee morning in the Barn is being held by Evelyn raising money towards the cost of going to Kenya in the summer 2027 with her school to assist a school project there. I am sure many of us know young people who have done similar trips in the past and have returned to us with a new understanding of life and the world .Please support her if you can.

We have a concert in Church Saturday 18th April at 7pm performed by

the Wheatsheaf Singers and Rawcliffe Harmonics it costs £8.00 tickets from church or pay on the door; it will be a joyful musical evening enhanced by the beauty of our Church.

Bishop Leah is coming to Hatfield to lead a Confirmation service at 7pm Thursday 11th June, if you are getting a nudge to move forward on your Christian journey it's never too late, this may be your moment. Please speak to our Vicar Chris.

Times and fashions change. When I was young children were seen and not heard and the only time I went as far as the choir stalls in my home Church was when my mother gave me a duster and trusted me with dusting the choir stalls, girls were not allowed to join the choir! So the great day came for my confirmation June 25th 1961, Bishop Glyn from Llandaff Cathedral officiated, I wore a white cardigan knitted by Auntie Hilda, a white blouse made by my mother and a white shop bought pleated skirt (a rare thing) we wore white veils supplied by Church and felt special and terrified in equal measure. The ceremony I am sorry to say is a blur, it was a while ago but the moment the Bishop laid his hands on my head will stay with me forever, it was the first time I felt God knew my name, it was awesome in the true sense of the word and really set me on my Christian journey. The journey has had its ups and downs but with God's help I keep trying to follow the path he set me on and am so grateful to all the people who have supported me through my life, many of whom are now living their perfect lives in the Lord. So, the Sunday after confirmation we all took our first Communion together. What a privilege to be able to kneel and receive Holy Communion at his table together, a wonder that continues. I have a mental image of Christians all over the world kneeling shoulder to shoulder sharing together, hence I will jump in front of people to fill the gap if people can't kneel in the rail gap at Hatfield, when my mother was alive I could see her and my siblings next to each other at Communion, my family as part of the family of God .

I pray this same joy will be given to those being confirmed by Bishop Leah this year.

Enjoy the Spring sunshine and the unfurling of Gods creation,

Vera x

Coffee & Cake

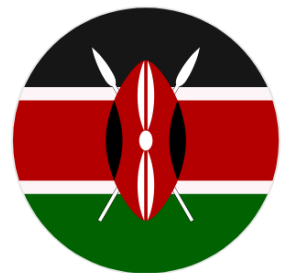
11th April

10am - 12pm

The Barn, Church Walk, DN7 6RX



Indulge your tastebuds with one of our lovely bakes alongside your Cuppa.



Raising money so I (Evelyn) can go to Kenya in summer 2027, to help build schools, buildings and bring clean water to the villages.

A letter from Evelyn

Hello, my name is Evelyn, and I am raising money to get to Kenya in the summer of 2027 for 4 weeks, where I will be helping make the local people's lives a better one. I could be helping build schools, homes and even help bring clean water to the villages that they currently must walk miles for. The life expectancy is lower than ours, at a life span of 66 years, whereas ours is at 80, this is very young and with these things, it could help to expand their life expectancy but also to give a roof and education to those who do not receive one now. I know the amount I need to raise is a lot (total £5,500), I'm almost at my first target of £500, but I am determined to raise it to be able to get to Kenya and make peoples lives a better one.


On Saturday 11th April 10am – 12pm, I am planning to do a coffee morning, where I will have a stall to sell items, some cakes and hot drinks!


This will take place in The Barn, Church Walk, DN7 6RX.

Thank you for reading,
Evelyn



Evelyn at a recent Lawrence's Place community cafe



 **HOLY WEEK 2026 @ ST LAWRENCE, HATFIELD**

PALM SUNDAY 29 MARCH

**9:15am Family Gathering
(Barn Field)**

**Breakfast • Donkeys • Palm Crosses
All ages welcome**

**10am Procession
& Choral Communion**

Meet on the barn field before 10am.

MONDAY 30 MARCH

9am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

**9:15am Morning Prayer
10am Said Eucharist**

MAUNDY THURS 2 APRIL

1pm Easter Family Crafts

6:30pm Choral Communion

Foot washing • Stripping of the Altar
• The Watch in the 'garden of gethsemane'

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL

3pm Solemn Liturgy
With the unveiling of the Cross

7pm Chrimsm Mass

(Sheffield Cathedral)

A stunning diocesan service — all welcome

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

9:15am Morning Prayer

**11:30am Outdoor Eucharist
(Vicarage Garden)**

**12–3pm Stations of the Cross
(Drop-in, Vicarage Garden)**

Outdoor stations • Hot cross buns • Hot drinks



HOLY SATURDAY 4 APRIL

9am Lawrence's Place

12 Noon Cleaning & Decorating

6:30pm The Great Easter Vigil

Fire • Readings • Hymns

Followed by Parish Party
Lamb Gyros & Wine!

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL

10am Festal Sung Eucharist

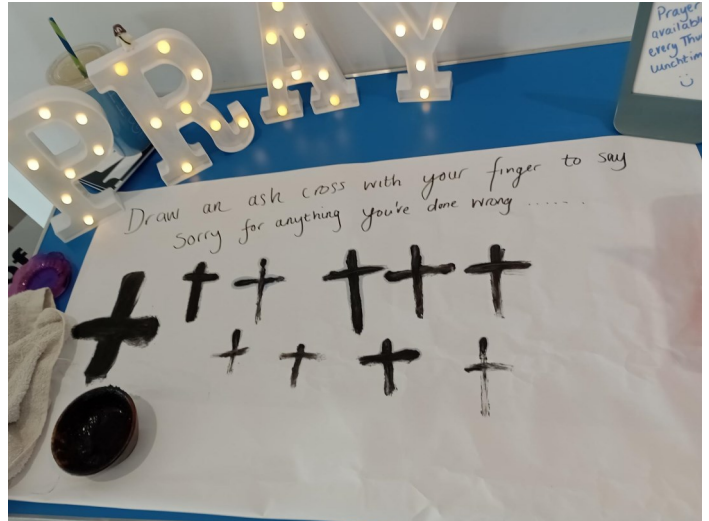
**4pm Family Celebration Service
(Vicarage Garden)**

Easter Egg Hunt • Refreshments

Diary of a Youth Worker

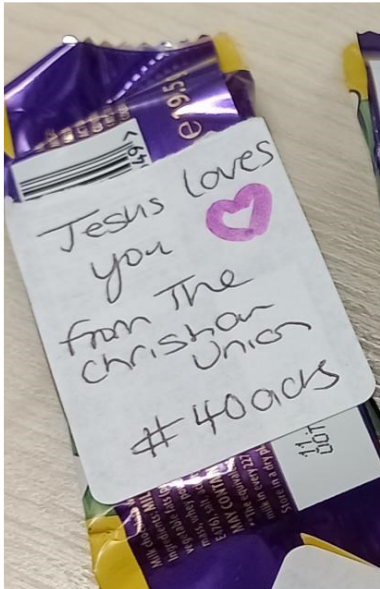
DIARY OF A YOUTH WORKER

March always sees my diary fill up with joyful extra events in the lead up to Easter. This year I have really enjoyed exploring some of the facets of the Easter story through my Pop-Up Prayers stations at Ash Hill Academy every Thursday Lunchtime. From writing down our big questions that we want to ask God (like Jesus did in the garden of Gethsemane), to asking for repentance using the left over ashes from Ash Wednesday, to writing down our worries and giving them to God by shredding them in a paper shredder. There have been many highlights, including some Year 9 girls deciding they wanted to have an Ash Cross on their



foreheads like we would do, even if they might get in trouble with their teachers! I have found common ground with one student who speaks to me each week trying to convince me that God doesn't exist, yet we hold similar opinions on ethics. My plan is to give out hundreds of mini-Jesus figures on my last prayer station before Easter and to offer prayer of salvation for anyone who wants to put their faith in Jesus. I am praying that some of the students might be bold enough to step out in faith!

Our little Christian Union afterschool club is also growing this term, with three new students attending. Our highlight has been preparing for a prayer walk around school where we blessed teachers by leaving painted stones and handing out chocolate bars with blessings on. I wrote a prayer which I will share below, and on every corridor we prayed this before setting off with chocolate. The teachers were very happily



surprised, and we even managed to hand one to the head! As our Christian students get bolder, please pray that even more come and join us each Thursday afternoon.

Dear Lord,

As we enter this corridor, bless every classroom that comes off it and every student that will walk through it.

We pray you will bless the

teachers for their dedication.

Let everyone that comes through here know they are loved by you.

Thank you for Ash Hill Academy and help it to continue to grow and thrive.

Amen.



Our youth group has been continuing their Bible Overview Series called "Six Beats, One Story" (do search for it, as the videos are very powerful!) and have made it into the New Testament. They also enjoyed a night at Jimmy Piggs for the "Youth Hub Hang Out Night" listening to live music from Benjamin Joel, a 15 year old worship leader from Consibrough, and eating plenty of treats! We are very proud that one of our group, Evelyn, is planning to go on a mission trip to Kenya with her school. It is such a joy to see some of our young people starting to live out their faith in active ways. Please do support Evelyn in her fundraising by donating or attending her upcoming coffee morning. [See pages 14 and 15]

Rachel Ridler

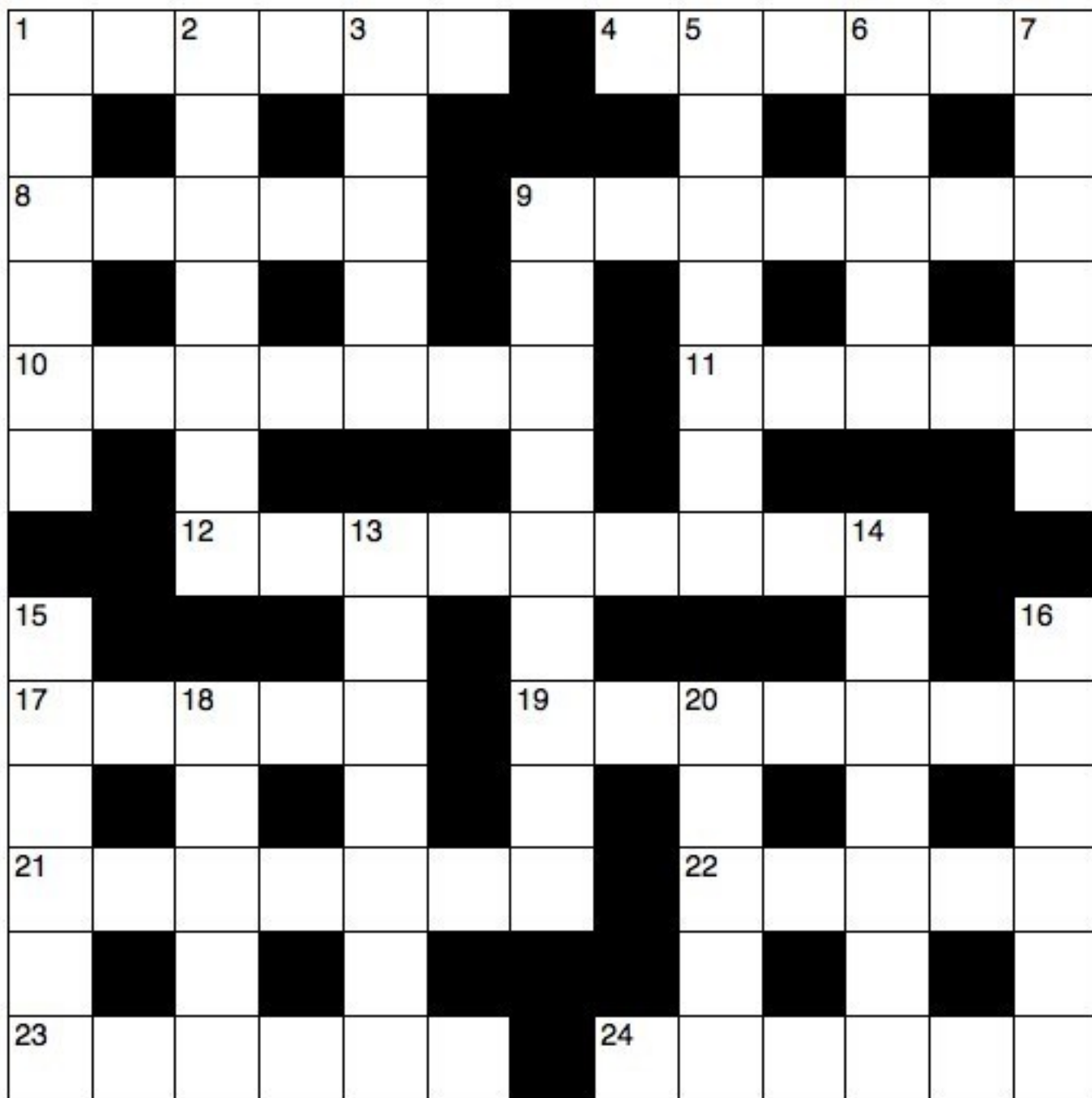
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A crossword, by popular request!



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)

- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
 15 The human mind or soul (6)
 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is —' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not —' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Answers

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Deliah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

Little Lions



Little Lions, our Church baby and toddler group for children aged 0-5 and their grown ups in our local area, continues to be a joyful and busy part of Church life. Little Lions has been growing wonderfully over the past few months and it has been a privilege to



welcome so many new families through our Church doors. Every week on a Thursday afternoon the Church is filled with giggles, chatter, creativity and lots of energy while the children explore and play together. Each week we follow a theme based around a children's book with a link to a Christian theme. We have done The Gruffalo and talked about being brave because we know Jesus, and the book 'The tiny seed' and thought about how our faith can grow. The children explore the book through sensory and messy play, a craft, themed snacks and we have lots of free play out too. We also do a 'Wild Little Lions' once every half term, an outdoor session in The Vicarage garden with lots of messy play, mud kitchen and a woodland trail!

Little Lions is a place where children can play and grow their friendships, and also a space for their grown ups to find friendship and belonging. Many families who come along may not yet feel connected to Church life, so this group is a simple and meaningful way to show them God's welcome and love.

Call for volunteers

The growth at Little Lions is fantastic to see, and with this growth comes opportunity, but also requires helping hands! We would love more members of the Church family to come and support Little Lions. You don't need to commit to every week, even coming along occasionally to lend a hand would be a huge blessing to our group.

Ways you could help at Little Lions

Come along at 12pm to help set up the Church ready to play
Join us during the session and be a friendly face for children and grown ups – chatting, playing and giving a warm welcome

Serve much needed tea and coffee to the grown ups

Help prepare and serve children's snacks

Lend a hand with washing up and tidying at the end

Every small act of help allows Little Lions to continue being a welcoming

and joyful space for families in our community.

Fundraising plans

We are hoping to raise some funds to create some special experiences for the children in our group.

A few things we have planned are: Buy caterpillars to watch grow into butterflies!

We are hoping to book Reptile Rendezvous to visit, who will bring a selection of animals like meerkats, snakes and a tortoise for the children to see and touch.

Funds raised will also go towards buying new and exciting toys for the children. If you can donate towards our group to help fund these experiences for the children we would be very grateful!

Little Lions is an important way our Church can bless local families and show God's love. If you would like to help, even occasionally, we would be delighted to hear from you. And if you would like to support the group through donations towards new toys and experiences for the children, that would also be hugely appreciated. Together we can continue to help Little Lions grow and keep it a joyful place where children and families feel welcomed, valued and loved.

Please also hold our team of amazing volunteers in your prayers, Pray for Joy, Abbie, Gill, Ben and Sarah.

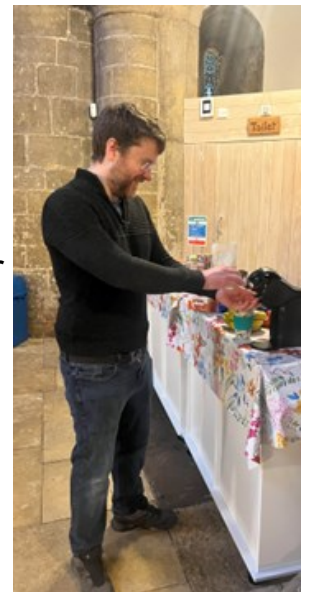
And pray for the children and families that come to our group.

If you can help in any way, please speak to Joy (our Vicars wife), to Mthr. Gill.

Joy Bishop –
The Vicarage



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A thank you from Paul Mordue

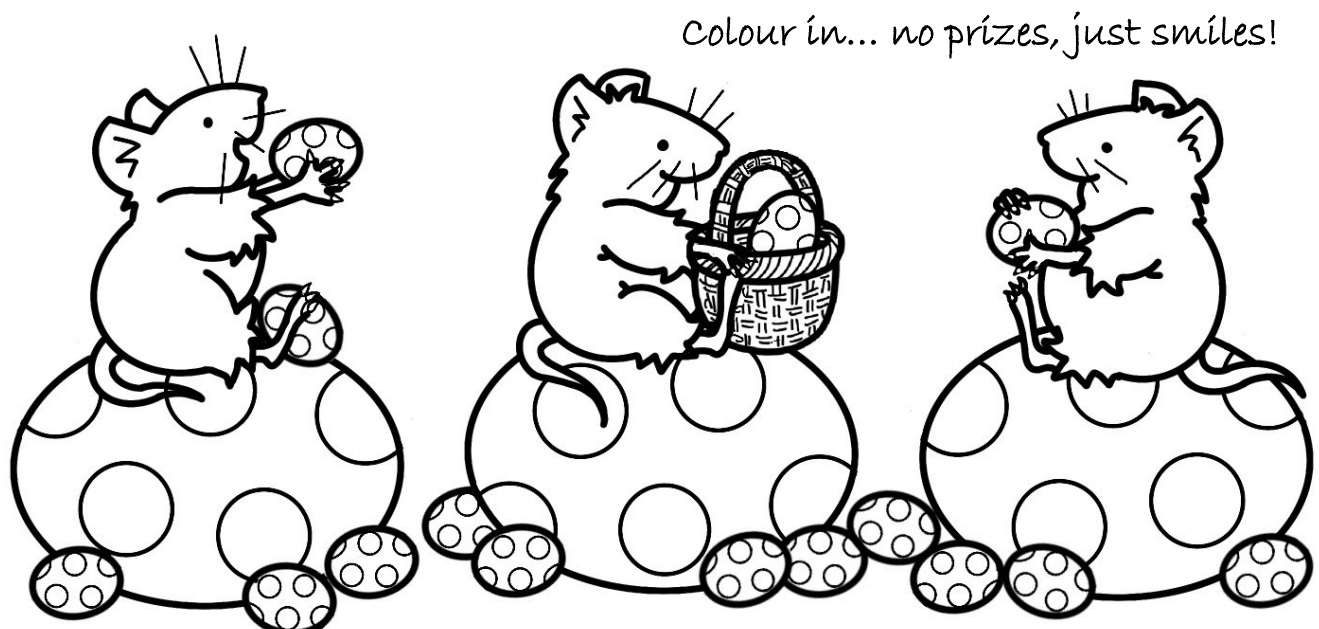
I would just like to take the opportunity from me and my family to thank all of you who were there to support us during my mum's sudden and very short illness, especially to all my church family.

I thank you especially for the beautiful cards and flowers sent to me, the kindness, care, support, and generosity given to myself and my family, we were all very deeply moved and we are so pleased that there were so many people in church and at the crematorium to give thanks for mum's life and to celebrate what an amazing lady she was.

On a personal note I would like to thank the Reverends Chris Bishop, Chris Wroot, Gill Salter, Paul Wilson, and Carol Rashid, who with Chrissy Grindle, Beryl Adamson and Viv Stubbs gave me wonderful strength, whether it was reading at the service, singing the Lord's my Shepherd by Stuart Townend so perfectly or just being my comfort . I also would like to say a special thank you to the Rev. Liz Turner Loisel has been there on the other end of the phone constantly.

My final thanks must be to simply everyone for the wonderful donations in memory of a dear and amazing Mum, to be spent on a new altar frontal and pulpit fall in green which incidentally was mum's favourite colour.

Everyone in their own special way has been such a comfort to me and my family. Thank you.



Poor Thomas – between Sundays

I'm lost and bewildered,
All hope is now gone.
I cannot imagine
How life can go on.

My mind's in a turmoil,
I can't understand
How this could have happened
To so good a man.

I'm tortured by thoughts of
Him hung on that tree;
The thorns and the nails;
In His face – agony.

It happened so quickly,
I still can't believe
He's dead and He's buried,
What did that achieve?

My friends are now saying
That Jesus has risen,
'We've seen Him and heard Him,
He's out of death's prison!'

I'd like to believe them,
I'm sure you would too,
But claims like they're making
Just cannot be true.

Whilst no-one likes losing
A valuable friend,
There's no point pretending
The end's not the end.

They *think* they have met Him,
But senses deceive;
Come. Show me His wounds, then
Perhaps I'd believe.

By Howard Webber

Read the next part of Thomas's story in John 20, verses 26-29, or here on page 28

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2020%2026->

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

As you know we've been looking for new committee members for a very long time and there is good news on that front as we may have a new member joining us soon. If anyone else would like to join us we'd love to hear from you, we ideally need 2 new members.

We're looking forward to our **Coffee Afternoon at Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Chapel on Monday 23rd March**, we'll report back on the outcome next month.

It's a busy March as we're then at **Thorne Library Spring Fair selling our jewellery on Friday 27th March from 10 am to 12 noon** along with other stall holders selling their crafts, gifts and cakes.

On **Saturday 25th April we are having a Coffee Morning in Hatfield Library from 10am to 12 noon** with a raffle, Tombola, an 'edible' Tombola by DN7 Foodbank, and cakes by the fabulous Church bakers. There's a rumour there maybe homemade lemon curd by Vera too, fingers crossed.

Information – You can become a 'Friend' for a minimum donation of £5 per year. These subscriptions are the backbone of our fundraising efforts with all funds raised going only to maintain, conserve and restore our wonderful Grade 1 Listed building and grounds. Anyone can join us. For more information and to pay Membership renewal fees please contact **Jean Singleton, Eastby, Cuckoo Lane**, Hatfield, Doncaster, DN7 6QE. Tel 01302 842363.

Tina O'Halloran

Economic definitions

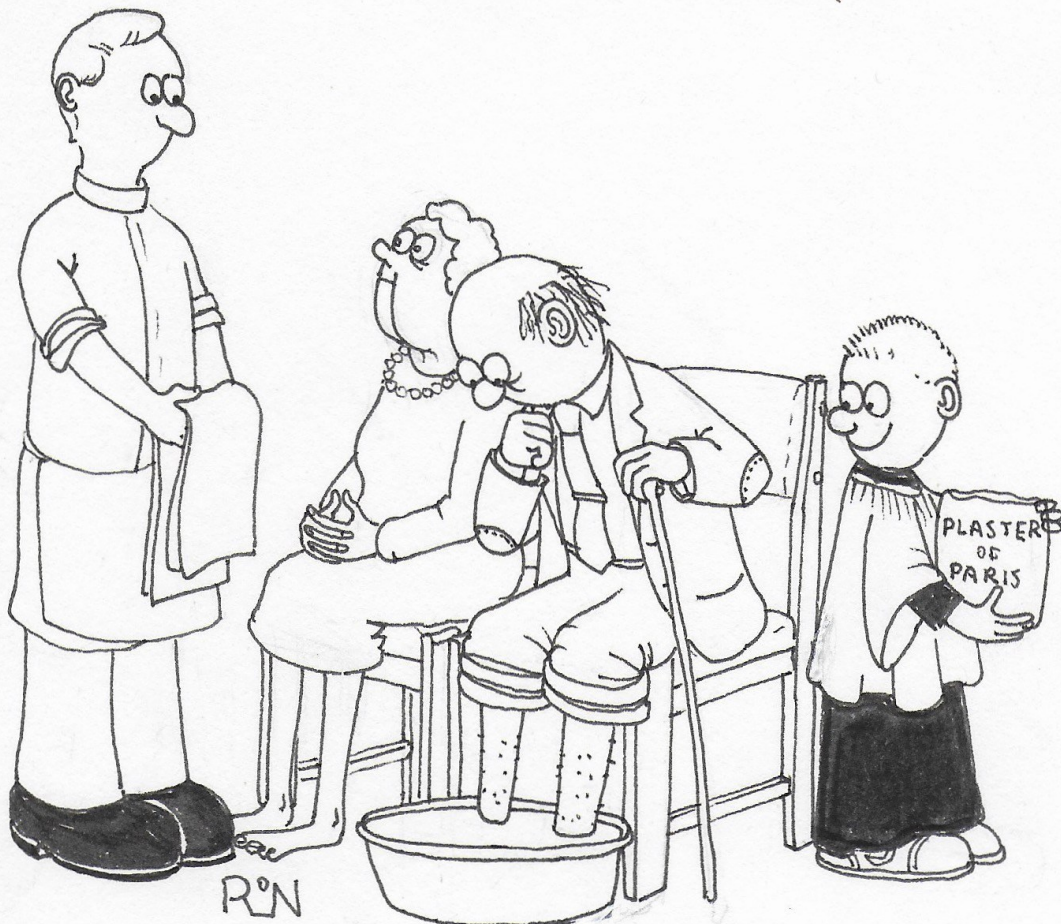


A recession is a period in which you tighten up your belt. A depression is a time in which you have no belt to tighten. When you have no trousers to hold up, it's a panic.

**God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen

Collect for Easter Day



Maundy
Thursday on
April 1st—
the last
temptation
of Eric



Hot-cross-buns; one-a-penny, two-a-penny buns; hot-cross-buns!

These words were first the cries of 19th-century street sellers. As dawn broke on Good Friday in Georgian London, the cobbled streets would begin to fill with sellers old and young, male and female, who competed to win customers with their loud exclamations. Carried in wicker washing baskets and kept warm with a cloth covering were rows of these special once-a-year treats: sweet fluffy buns flavoured with all-spice and marked with a cross scoured into the dough.

And we still enjoy them, why don't you try not eating them until Good Friday, you can make up for lost time later, but it's quite a meaningful thing to eat the first one on that day. A Lenten fast maybe..

The next bit of Thomas's story, from John, chapter 20, verses 24-29, from The Message. It explains the Sunday to Sunday reference in the poem on page 19...

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

Calling all volunteers!

We all know the unhappy situation that the Church of England has had recently with safeguarding histories. The Church is determined that this will never happen again, even once would be too many. So it is insisting that everyone who volunteers *in any capacity* undertakes basic safeguarding training, in every church in the Anglican communion.

At Hatfield we are very blessed to have many volunteers! And since all volunteers need safeguarding training it has been arranged that we can all do it together, in church, and tea and cake help most situations to run smoothly! So Chris Wroot has arranged for Michael - whose job it is - to come to church on Sunday 12th April, 2 till 4 pm, to do safeguarding training for as many people as we need. There will be lots, ALL the people who make coffee ever, ALL the people who welcome, ALL the people who clean the church, there will be lots of us! (Although never enough cleaners!)

So, in spite of the serious nature of what we will learn it will be quite a sociable affair.

Please put this in your diaries now, there won't be another chance to do it with everyone, although you can do it online if you prefer, or if you miss this occasion.

Our church is open!

It can't be as open as often as we would like, but increasingly people will come in when they see the door is open. So remember...it is open on

Mondays to Thursdays 9-10

Wednesdays 9-12

Thursdays 12-5

The first Saturday in every month 9-12

Every Sunday 9-12

Every first and third Sunday in the month 3:30-5:30

Every fourth Sunday 8-12.

If you see people coming in during service times just say there's a service but they're welcome to come and sit.



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Joining in on Facebook!

You can join Rev'd Gill or Rev'd Chris Wroot on Friday mornings at 8:30 for a short Morning Prayer— 10 minutes
Go to the St Lawrence Hatfield page and try it out!



Please ensure that copy for the magazine is with the editor by the 15th of each month, preferably in writing. This means that the magazine can be put together, printed and collated and in church by the last Sunday in each month, and to be delivered by the time of the first activities in the month.

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Worship times

Each Monday to Thursday Morning Prayer at 9:15 in church

Each Friday Morning Prayer on FB at 8:30

Each Wednesday 10.00 Holy Communion followed by Open Church from
11.00 – 12.00 join us for coffee, chat, light a candle, quiet prayer.....

Each Thursday 15:00 Holy Communion Service Book of Common
Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 5th April **EASTER SUNDAY**

10:00 Choral Communion

16:00 Family celebration service, in the vicarage garden.

Sunday 12th April **The Second Sunday of Easter**

10:00 Choral Communion

Sunday 19th April **The Third Sunday of Easter**

10:00 Choral Communion

16:00 Café Church

18:30 Worship Service

Sunday 26th April **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 BCP and Breakfast

10:00 Choral Communion



The pictures on the inside front page have been taken from
FB, Chris and Sennette Wroot's page, thank you.

The cover photo this month was taken by Tim and Sandra
Beadle during St Lawrence Disability Inclusion Group's trip
to Blackpool in October 2025, thank you.