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*The great gift of Easter is Hope.*



**“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3v16-17**

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- 8.00 am Holy Communion – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
10.00 am OASIS All-age worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
10.00 am Morning Worship - 1st Sunday  
10.00 am Joint Communion – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
10.00 am Joint Service - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at  
St Nicholas or St Andrew's  
5.00 pm OASIS in the Afternoon - 1st Sunday  
6.00 pm JAHFA for senior school pupils - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

***Mondays*** 9.00 am Morning Prayer

***Wednesdays*** 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
10.00 am Holy Communion  
7.00 pm Evening Prayer

***Thursdays*** 9.00 am Prayer Space

## ***St. Nicholas Explorers***

After school club for 7-11s – **term time only**  
Allington Primary School – Wednesday 3.15 - 4.30 pm  
Palace Wood Primary School – Tuesday 3.20 - 4.30 pm

## ***Saturday Club / Messy Church***

Normally held on the 3rd Saturday morning of the month  
and advertised in **Grapevine**.

## ***Home Groups***

- Group 1 - meets on alternate Monday mornings at  
23 Buckland Lane. Contact tel: 752181 Rachel Norman
- Group 2 – meets on alternate Thursday evenings at various venues  
around the parish. Contact tel: 764913 Mary Garrett
- Group 3 - meets on Thursday afternoons 2.00pm - 3.00pm  
Contact Angela on 758641

## ***Pastoral Group***

This is available to bring Home Communion, or just pay a visit to anyone  
who needs it. Please phone Mary Garrett on 01622 764913

## Rev Chris Writes.....

Back in February I announced, to both churches, that Barry had been interviewed for, was offered and had accepted the position as rector of two parishes in east Kent – St Stephen, Lympe and St Peter & St Paul, Saltwood.



Barry has been with us here in these parishes for a few years now. He originally came to us on attachment as an ordinand in training from his church, St Peter's, Boughton Monchelsea, the intention being he would move on elsewhere once ordained – that is what usually happens.

A little way into his attachment I happened to approach the diocese to see if there was the possibility of taking on a curate as I felt that our churches offered a good training ground. This was not with the expectation that we would keep Barry, however the diocese clearly thought otherwise and offered him as curate to these parishes, once ordained. His ordination took place in July 2017, followed by his priesting a year later. The rest, as they say, is history.

It is amazing how quickly the time has gone by from when Barry first arrived here, to memories of his ordinations, first as deacon and then as priest, and now as he prepares to move on to his first incumbency. It has been a great privilege to see him grow into ministry and develop confidence in all the aspects of church life that are expected of those becoming a priest in the Church of England, of which there are many. It must be said the task of training, from my perspective, was made immeasurably easier by the fact that Barry threw himself into the role with enthusiasm, energy and a great deal of humility, bearing in mind he came to us with much life experience from his time in the Police.

I have no doubt that all the wisdom and understanding he has gained from his previous working life, coupled with what he has learned in his time in these parishes, will serve him well as the priest in those communities he now goes to be amongst as their priest. As the churches of St Nicholas, Allington and St Andrew', Barming Heath I believe we can be justly proud of having played a significant part in Barry's formation as that priest and be confident we send him, in the power of God's Holy Spirit, to serve others to the best of his ability.

Barry's last service here will be on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. This will be a joint benefice service at St Nicholas Church, at 10am. There will be a 'Bring and Share' lunch afterwards as we say our farewells to him and his wife Sarah and daughter Katie.

His licensing to the new parishes will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 7pm, at Lympe & Saltwood (I am unsure which church at present, but all will be

clear in due course). If there is enough interest in attending, we will investigate hiring a coach – please either sign up at one of our churches or contact me to let me know that you wish to go.

For now it just remains for me to say that I am sure we all will keep Barry, Sarah and Katie in our prayers as they prepare to move away from this area and into the new place where God is calling them to be present.

**Rev Chris**

*Hello!*



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self-isolating,  
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is here to help.

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# CORONAVIRUS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We are all becoming much more aware of the impact of this pandemic on everyday life – by the time you read this the situation will have moved on about three weeks, which is a long time when matters seem to change almost daily.

A major concern is that there will be many in our community who are left isolated and fearful. I have no doubt that individuals will rally round to help vulnerable neighbours where they can.

With that in mind I felt that it would be good if the local church could assist in some way. Therefore, please find below a church telephone number, and email address. If you are feeling isolated, or are having to self-isolate, and are unable to shop or pick up a prescription etc., then please do make contact and we will do our best to assist.

Equally if you just wish to speak to a friendly voice then please do make contact.

I am sure that we all hope for this situation to return to normal as soon as possible but in the meantime those of us who 'can' must 'do'.

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### **A prayer about the Coronavirus outbreak**

*Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your  
love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen*

## The spread of Coronavirus

Thorough and frequent hand washing with soap and water is recommended by the World Health Organisation as the first step to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

I don't know who first said, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness", but you won't find that phrase in the Bible. Ritual washings are practised by many religions, but they usually signify spiritual cleansing, not physical sanitisation. Piety isn't a substitute for hygiene, nor vice versa.

The Coronavirus, now called Covid-19, has been a daily news item for months, with the result that fear is spreading more rapidly than the disease itself. Stock markets throughout the world have plummeted; sales of disinfectant have soared. Sports fixtures have been cancelled, whole towns have been quarantined and worldwide trade is threatened.

Statistics change hourly, so anything quoted here will be out of date by the time you read it, but we need to put this plague (if that is what it is) into perspective. Do you remember the Ebola epidemic which swept through regions of Africa from 2014 onwards? More than one in three sufferers died from that virus, but there's now a vaccine which can be used when Ebola threatens. Past influenza pandemics have been nowhere near as severe. 'Asian Flu' in 1957, led to 3,550 deaths in England and Wales, or something like 2.4% of actual cases. In 2009, the fatality figure for the swine flu epidemic was about 0.026%. The figures for today's Covid-14 virus suggest that around 80% of cases are mild, 14% develop severe symptoms, 4% become critically ill and the death rate is 2%.

This virus was first publicised by Doctor Li Wenliang, who was detained and censured by the Chinese police for "spreading false rumours". Although he himself subsequently died of the disease, there can be no doubt that his courage saved many lives. There are echoes here of words from St John's Gospel: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." As for the people of China where the virus originated, the Bishop of Newcastle, Christine Hardman, tweeted a Sri Lankan poster, which shows the right Christian attitude. It says, "HATE THE VIRUS, NOT THE CHINESE.

Let's pray for them instead".

Amen. And do wash your hands.

**Parish Pump**

## The Changing

### *Reflections of Mary (Mark 16:1-8)*

Our eyes seeing the same mountains,  
The gentle touching of our hands,  
Simply breathing the same air,  
Pleasures unrecognised till now,  
Gone....  
In the changing.

In the certainty of our grieving,  
You surprise us, Lord,  
You are not where we know that you should be.  
In the moving of the stone, Lord,  
You surprise us,  
In our sorrow, we don't see your victory.

But you told us, Lord,  
Prepared us for the changing,  
In your grace, foretold the triumph of your death.  
In the changing from despair to resurrection  
You surprise us and transform us  
By rebirth.

Our opened eyes can see beyond the mountains,  
Now we're held forever in your arms,  
The air we breathe is your life-giving Spirit,  
Gloriously given.....  
In the changing.

*By Daphne Kitching*



## Murillo's 'St John the Baptist with the Lamb

The nursery rhymes we learnt as children often focused on lambs: Mary had a little lamb, Baa baa black sheep, Little Bo-Peep and Little Boy Blue. They come to mind in springtime when we see lambs in the field jumping for joy or bleating as they run to the ewes for warmth and safety.



Murillo, a 17th century artist from Seville, had that world of childhood in mind when he painted 'St John the Baptist with the Lamb.' He looks back to the little child of Isaiah 11 leading the animals, but also we are called to think of the adult John the Baptist, who sees Jesus walking by and exclaims, "Look, here is the Lamb of God." In the painting, St John is a child with his arms around the lamb. He stands on rocky ground with a reed cross at his feet that has the words 'Behold the Lamb of God' on the ribbon.

The painting hangs in the National Gallery, and it certainly lacks the strength and brilliance of other Spanish artists. But Murillo is telling us how the drama of salvation is played out by children and lambs. He is inviting us to look from that world of childhood to another part of Isaiah's prophecy, where he talks of the Messiah led like a lamb to the slaughter. We enter that drama of salvation in Holy Week this month. On Good Friday Jesus was led to His crucifixion, just as the lambs were being killed for the Passover.

We think of the world of Old Testament sacrifice, where the high priest on the day of Atonement would enter the Holy of Holies and sacrifice a ram. And we focus on Jesus who is for us both priest and sacrifice, and realise that there is a divine chemistry at work that leads us from Good Friday to Easter Day.

The writer of Hebrews meditates on this theme and proclaims that in Jesus we have a high priest of the good things that have come – eternal redemption. We are invited to appropriate that great gift for ourselves in this Holy Week of our salvation. So, we journey from the childhood days of Murillo's painting to Calvary and the Easter garden. And we can also journey beyond to the heavenly city, where Revelation tells us that all the nations walk by the light of that Lamb – the Lamb of God.

## Parish Pump

## THE ONE TRUE SACRIFICE

I am still looking at the Epistle to the Hebrews at the back of the Bible. Chapters nine and ten state very boldly that Jesus died on the cross and rose again so that for all time, people could receive forgiveness for their sins. Unusually, nothing is known about the writer or about the group to which he was writing, except from the text itself. This text takes a look back many centuries to the worship in a tent, comes forward to the days of Jesus and then comes forward again to when the author was writing, probably around thirty years after the crucifixion.



In those very early days, once the tent was set up, it was made into a holy place. In its first room was a lampstand or sacred light and consecrated bread. Behind a second curtain was a room called 'The Most Holy Place'. This had the golden altar of incense and the gold covered ark of the covenant. When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room and only once a year to make an offering for forgiveness of the sins of all the people, and this became known as the Day of Atonement.

Coming forward to the time of Jesus, modern sources suggest that this pattern of worship was now being carried out in the magnificent Temple in Jerusalem. It followed very much the teachings laid down in the Old Testament, and especially in the Book of Leviticus. At first glance it is not simply offering one kind of animal sacrifice for one thing. There is a lot more going on.

For instance, chapter three is about offering sacrifices for peace or fellowship, Chapter four begins with how to offer sacrifices to take away guilt. If the appointed priest sins unintentionally, he had to offer a young bull without defect. If the whole Israelite community sins unintentionally they must also bring a young bull. When a leader sins unintentionally he should bring a goat. If any member of the community sins unintentionally they had to bring a female goat. There are more instructions in other chapters and in other books of the Old Testament.

Scholars tell us that sometimes there can be different instructions for what appears to be the same thing. Nevertheless, it seems that the Temple Priest managed to put together a coherent system which, as far as we know, they ran fairly successfully.

But the system also had its difficulties. Different sacrifices had to be brought

for different kinds of things. After a little time, a sacrifice needed to be repeated. The ceremony of the Day of Atonement had to be followed each year, so did the celebration of the Passover.

Then, one Passover, a different man came into Jerusalem. Some said that he was a very holy man, perhaps even the one promised in the scriptures. Others said that he was only a son of a carpenter who did not even come from the right tribe to help with worship in the Temple. So worried leaders and a worried Roman Governor had the man put to death on a cross, the ultimate punishment used for the most serious offenders. Whatever that man had intended to do, it had surely all come to an end.

Yet a few weeks later, the previous followers of this man were preaching boldly that he had been Jesus, the holy Son of God. He had now risen and after a short time had gone to be with his Father in heaven. And his disciples had now received the Holy Spirit. They were joined by others who prayed and broke bread together.

About thirty years later, the author of Hebrews was now writing to his own group with great confidence. He tells them that we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all. So, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with full assurance that faith brings. (part of verses 10:10 and 10:22 NIV.)

*Note: sources used Encounter with God in Hebrews, Joy Tetley, 1995 and God with Us, Rowan Williams, 2017.*

## **Robin Hiam**

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### ***With Holy Week and Easter in mind...***

The world cannot bury Christ. The earth is not deep enough for His tomb, the clouds are not wide enough for His winding-sheet. *E Thomson*

Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless. *Charles M. Crowe*

Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf in springtime. *Martin Luther*

Spring bursts to-day, for Christ is risen and all the earth's at play. *Christina G. Rossetti*

Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals. *Charles M. Crowe*

Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life. *S.D. Gordon*

## **News from the Church in the UK**

### **Church minister was inspiration behind 'Great Escape'**

A Church of Scotland minister nicknamed 'Padre Mac' has been named as the inspiration behind the Great Escape. The Revd Professor Murdo Ewen Macdonald's "fiery sermons" motivated the famous breakout of a German Prisoner of War camp in March 1944, according to an author.

Dr Linda Barker said the Great Escape is often heralded as a plan master-minded by English officers, and the theme tune to the 1963 film of the same name is sung by England football fans.

The theologian has been given credit for a minor role in hiding tunnel sand in the famous break-out over the course of a year. However, the historian claims his influence was possibly far more significant, as he had previously made his own escape while in transit to a PoW camp.

He was a chaplain for the men of Stalag Luft III, including RAF Squadron Leader Roger Bushell, who has always been known as the mastermind of the Great Escape.

Dr Parker is the author of "Nearer My God to Thee: Airborne Chaplains in the Second World War," which examines the full story of padres who accompanied the airborne forces to all theatres of war between 1942-1945.

"Murdo Ewen Macdonald, known as Padre Mac, may have been the 'inspiration that led to many great escapes' during the Second World War," she said. "He was moved to Stalag Luft III, where the Great Escape would take place in March 1944. Here, he befriended Roger Bushell, and Harry 'Wings' Day, both instigators and organisers of the Great Escape.

"As a chaplain, he would have had access to all the troops and would have been able to speak with them, in confidence, to motivate them with the story of his own escape attempt."

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### **Church of England backs sports ministry**

Sports and fitness activities are to be championed as part of plans by the Church of England to reach more people with the message of the Christian faith and promote the wellbeing of communities.

Seven dioceses across the country in areas such as Birmingham, Gloucestershire, Kent, Lancashire, Norfolk and Surrey, are to take part in pilot projects to include sport and wellbeing into their mission.

The dioceses hope to help provide activities ranging from personal fitness classes to holiday football clubs, outdoor pursuits and even sports quizzes. In the Diocese of Gloucester, the Church of England is planning to develop a network of sport and wellbeing centres, with participants invited to explore and respond to the Christian faith.

In Lancashire, in the Diocese of Blackburn, sports quizzes are already arranged for churches by the group Christians in Sport and churches have been active in setting up holiday sports schemes and personal fitness classes.

**Charity of the Month**  
**A Rocha UK - Eco Church**

A Rocha UK (ARUK) is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to mobilising Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment.

Their response to the biblical mandate to care for the earth, and a demonstration of the Christian hope for God's world is shown through

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Saturday	9am - 1pm	Closed

## **1 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 as 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 Auntie 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 25<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **Parish Pump**

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### **Smile Lines**

#### **The Lord is my Shepherd**

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the Psalm, but little Charles did not find it easy to memorise much of anything. On the day that the children were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Charles stepped up to the microphone and began proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd...." He knew that much, but the rest of the Psalm suddenly deserted him. So he concluded bravely: "... and that's all I need to know."

#### **Environmentally friendly transport**

While driving in the countryside, a family caught up to an old farmer and his horse-drawn cart. The farmer obviously had a sense of humour, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign: 'Ecologically efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.'

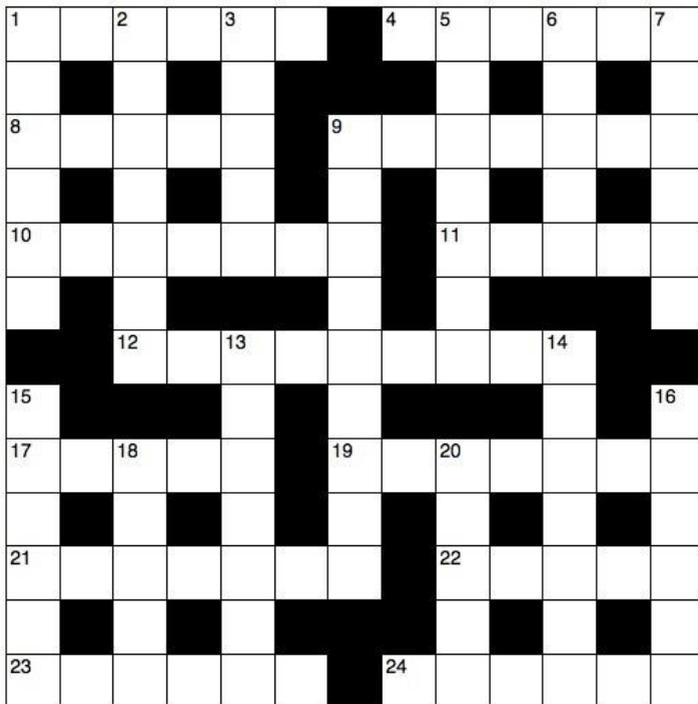
## Crossword for April

### 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)



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**Crossword Answers**

**ACROSS:** 1, Cosmic; 4, Thomas; 8, In his; 9, Delalah; 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.

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# Youth & Organisations News

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Along with all other organisations we have now ceased meeting for the duration of the current emergency. Fortunately a small number of us were able to meet on 17th March to take part in our annual Wave of Prayer when we pray for Mothers' Union and its' members around the world. We prayed especially for our link dioceses in Nigeria, Tanzania and South Sudan.

Copies of the current Diocesan Newsletter are available in church and if any member needs any further assistance please contact me.

**Chris Cook**  
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**Branch Leader**



## ALLINGTON CASTLE

The speaker at our February meeting was Mr Glyn Barham a professional photographer whose talk was entitled "Every picture tells a story". He showed us over 30 pictures taken in various places and some wedding photographs. There was a story behind every photograph he showed us but I think there were two which stood out from the rest. One was a picture of a murmuration of Starlings taken near Brighton and two skiers paragliding off a mountain in Switzerland.

**Joyce Foster**



## ALLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

It was certainly an entertaining evening when Jacqueline Aviolet, who replaced our booked speaker, gave her talk at our February meeting. She spoke about 'Christmas Vegetables and Fruit'. She quoted facts and figures on plants like Brussel Sprouts, Parsnips, Carrots, Tangerines, Satsumas etc and where they originally came from and all in a fun way.

We have a coach outing to Nymans on 11th July so don't forget to book your seats.

## Pam Blake

## WESTBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB

I took up bowls about 4 years ago, when I retired from work. I had gone along to an Open Day at **Westborough** and immediately got hooked on the game. The atmosphere



at the club was very welcoming and I soon discovered that bowls is quite an easy game to play, as it essentially consists of rolling a (mostly) round object (called a wood or bowl) up towards a small white ball (jack) in the distance. The tricky part is that the path of the bowl increasingly deviates from the straight and narrow as it slows down, so the skill lies in judging how hard to bowl the wood and in which direction.

At Westborough, we realise that it can be a bit daunting for beginners, so we hold special **tuition and prac-**

**tice sessions** for those just learning the game. These take place alongside the informal "roll-up" sessions that run twice a week at the club for all members. As our beginners get more confident and proficient, they are encouraged to join in with the other members' games, where they continue to be nurtured. For those that are interested, there is also the opportunity to participate in friendly matches that we play against other clubs in the mid-Kent area.

You may be thinking about taking up bowls but could be concerned about the cost involved. Certainly, to start with, there is minimal outlay as the only requirement is for players to have flat-soled shoes when they are on the green so that no damage is caused to the bowling surface. Most trainers are suitable, as long as they do not have any prominent ridges on the sole. We have a relaxed dress code for beginners, but those playing regularly are encouraged to wear the standard attire consisting of white collared shirt and grey trousers. Equipment such as bowls is available to borrow from the club.

If you fancy trying a game that involves some leisurely exercise and good company, please just get in touch with me. I can then answer any questions that you might have and arrange for you to come along to the club when the season starts in late April.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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## OPEN CIRCLE

I've enjoyed a bit of a variety in reading this month, moving from the life and works of the artist Camille Pissarro after reading *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffmann which was a fictionalised biography of Pissarro's mother, and then reading two crime thrillers as a contrast. These I bought at a charity shop as 'fillers' because we were away from home and I'd finished everything I'd brought with me. The first was *Strangers* by Paul Finch which was a page-turner but instantly forgettable. The second was *The Treatment* by Mo Hayder which was the first of hers I'd ever read. I enjoyed this much more and have picked up another one from the library.

I'm dipping into *Wilding* by Isabella Tree about the return of nature to a British farm. If you're a fan of *The Archers* on Radio 4 you'll know that one of the current story lines concerns a re-wilding project being run by some of the younger characters in the soap. I find it a very interesting concept, allowing nature to restore itself, but I must admit that the aptly-named Ms Tree bogs me down in too many statistics so that I'm struggling with her book. Very worthy but not really engaging, unfortunately.

Our book this month is *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout, a moving story about the relationship between a mother and daughter, which I enjoyed very much.

Next month Open Circle will be reading *Grandmothers* by Salley Vickers. I love her books and am looking forward to reading it. Meanwhile I'm half way through *The Casual Vacancy* by JK



Rowling which has been on my shelf for ages and which I'd thought I'd read, but I obviously haven't – or I'm more forgetful than I thought. I'm enjoying the back-stabbing politics of the local council in a small town as various candidates seek to replace a suddenly-deceased member.

Please contact me to confirm April meetings are still taking place!

**Dianne White 756660**

**ST NICHOLAS FELLOWSHIP**

At the February meeting was in the church and our numbers increased for our guest speaker Angela Redford. She gave a thorough-



ly enjoyable talk and insight on her recent cruise supported by many photos shown on the high level screens together with maps and memorabilia, Afterwards we all retired to the rear of the church for chat with tea/coffee and cake.

The next meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April has been cancelled unfortunately.

You are all most welcome to join us at any of our meetings, if you would like a copy of the 2020 Programme please get in touch.

**Michael Froude**  
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**MENS BREAKFAST**  
Unfortunately breakfasts are now cancelled until further notice.



## **Important Message**

**Because of the uncertainty surrounding the current emergency some of the events advertised in Grapevine this month may not take place so please check with the organiser nearer the time!**

**In the meantime - keep safe!**

**Editor**

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**Editor:** *The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

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My dear Nephew Darren

Your decision to place a notice board outside your church seems a good one – and its design in blue plastic with luminous red detachable letters seems entirely in keeping with the aesthetics of your building. Make sure that it is lockable, however, as an innocent notice saying 'all are welcome' may be modified by a devotee of anagrams to say something far less polite by the following day.

We recently replaced ours, which had disappeared shortly before last bonfire night. That the Scouts' bonfire had a board which closely resembled our old one in its centre was, I am sure, a complete coincidence. The Venture Scouts' collective smirk during the following week's Parade Service did give one pause for thought, and the Cubs' collapse into helpless laughter at the chorus 'So light up the fire and let the flames burn' only increased suspicion. On reflection, you may not have been wise to use your notice board to tell everyone your holiday dates. Certainly, various local burglars were tripping over each other inside the vicarage while you were away.

However, the note the last one left you, saying that next time he broke in, he would bring *you* something, since you had so little left, was quite touching. Inevitably, now that your church has a notice board, there will be open warfare over who is allowed to display notices on it. Will the Slimmers Club be seen as biblical? Why is the Ladies Guild notice twice as large as all the others? And do remember that while everyone will want space to display their notices, no one will ever remove them once the event is over. Plaintive announcements of Christmas parties in April or of Summer Fetes in November only serve to take people down memory lane.

Here's the best way to manage a notice board: create that panacea for all problems: a sub-committee. These poor people only ever exist in order to get the clergy out of tight corners and to make sure that matters are discussed at such inordinate length that every issue eventually dies a natural death. And if even that fails, you could have a quiet word with our Scouts before next year's bonfire night.

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Imogen Stone

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Barbara Hooker

Roger Simmons  
Christopher Boots  
Brian Jackson

Geoffrey Figgitt  
Kathleen Adams



## Psalm 22: Why have you forsaken me?

*'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'* (Psalm 22:1 & Matt 27:46).

*Where is God?* is a common question voiced today and shared by Jesus on the cross on the first Good Friday. This question is answered in the psalm, as we look through the lens of Jesus' crucifixion.

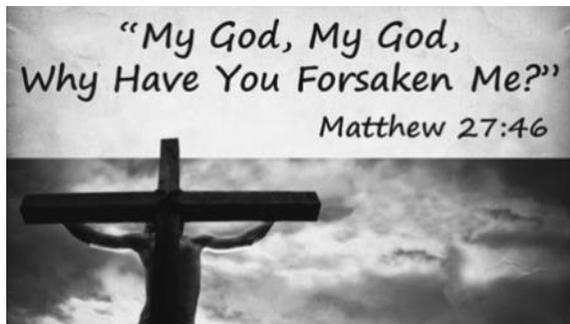
*It is a real question:* Both David and Jesus question God about the pain and darkness of their experience. It is a real question for all suffer, yet they are still able to hold onto a God of love, who has their lives in His hands: *'Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.'* (3).

*It requires faith to ask:* Their complaint about the apparent absence of God is not a sign of losing faith in Him. David remembers those who have trusted God in the past and been saved from their troubles: *'In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.'* (4). Just like Jesus on the cross, we are able to entrust ourselves *'to Him who judges justly.'* (1 Peter 2:23).

*It is answered in experience:* When David cried out to God, he experienced his deliverance: *'For He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help.'* (24). As a result, David was able to praise God and witness to His faithfulness.

The fulfilment of these verses are seen in Jesus' resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday. He was vindicated by God and has become the source of life and hope for all who trust themselves to Him. In answer to the question *'Where is God?'*, we hear the answer, *'Look to the cross of Jesus!'*

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Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with His disciples, He warned them He was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and His blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup might be removed from Him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. From Easter onwards we can only approach God through His Son, Jesus Christ, not on our own merit.



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Meal  
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Warned

Betrayed  
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Blessed  
Wine  
Thanks  
Drink  
Covenant  
Law

Old  
New  
Body  
Blood  
Gethsemane

Cup  
Removed  
Will  
Easter  
Approach  
God

## WHERE AND WHEN — ORGANISATIONS IN THE PARISH

		<b>Tel.enquiries</b>
<b>Mondays:-</b>		
Quilting Web	9.30am - 12.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall 2nd,4th,5th</i>	01622 710829
Zumba and Seated Exercise	9.15am - 11.15am	07999 444045
ALLARA Tai Chi	11.30am - 12.30pm	01622 752127
ALLARA Painting	1.30pm - 4.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	01622 759426
ALLARA Kurling	2.00pm - 5.00pm ~ <i>2nd &amp; 4th</i>	01622 686305
Flair School of Dance	4.00pm - 5.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07713 260452
Flair School of Dance	5.30pm - 6.00pm	07713 260452
2nd Allington Rainbows	4.30pm - 5.30pm @ <i>Allington School</i>	01622 685264
4th Allington Brownies	6.00pm - 7.30pm @ <i>Allington School</i>	01622 686527
Weight Watchers	6.30pm - 8.30pm	07888 740221
Allington Beaver Scouts	6.00pm - 7.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07770 227254
1st Allington Guides	7.15pm - 8.45pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	01622 672985
<b>Tuesdays:-</b>		
Tuesday Café	10.00am - 12 noon In Church	
Slimming World	9.45am - 11.45am ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07770 700688
Parent & Toddler Group	9.30am - 11.30am	07527 743438
ALLARA General Meeting	1.00pm - 4.30pm ~ <i>3rd</i>	01622 686305
1st Allington Brownies	5.45pm - 7.30pm	01622 685007
Trefoil Guild	7.00pm onwards ~ <i>Various locations 1st</i>	allingtontg@btinternet.com
Allington Scouts	7.30pm - 9.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07770 277254
<b>Wednesdays:-</b>		
Quilting Friends	9.30am - 12.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 1st &amp; 3rd</i>	01622 744170
Quilting Web	9.30am - 12.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 2nd,4th,5th</i>	01622 710829
ALLARA Keep Fit	10.30am - 11.30am	01622 756475
Sandra's Child Friendly Pilates	1.30pm - 2.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07837 783061
Maidstone Dance Academy	3.15pm - 6.15pm	01622 746835
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2nd Allington Brownies	6.15pm - 7.45pm	01622 753563
Light & Life Christian Fellowship	7.00pm - 8.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 1st,2nd,4th</i>	see Sunday
Allington Castle WI	7.30pm - 9.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 3rd</i>	01622 721170
Maidstone Circle Dance	8.00pm - 10.00pm ~ <i>1st</i>	01622 753090
<b>Thursdays:-</b>		
ALLARA Committee Meeting	10.00am - 12.00 ~ <i>Small Hall 1st</i>	01622 686305
Creative Art & Textiles	10.00am - 2.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall 3rd</i>	01622 695769
NHS Retirement Fellowship	11.00am - 1.00pm ~ <i>1st</i>	01622 670240
Sandra's Child Friendly Pilates	1.30pm - 2.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07837 783061
Mothers' Union	2.30pm - 4.30pm @ <i>Church 3rd</i>	01622 670240
Allington Cub Scouts	6.30pm - 8.00pm @ <i>Allington School</i>	07770 227254
2nd Allington Guides	7.00pm - 8.45pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	01622 685264
Allington Garden Club	7.30pm - 9.30pm ~ <i>1st</i>	01622 754855
Mid Kent Fuchsia Group	7.15pm - 10.15pm ~ <i>2nd</i>	01795 539722
<b>Fridays:-</b>		
Zumba	9.15am - 11.15am ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07999 444045
OASIS Café / Mums & Babes	9.30am - 12noon @ <i>Church 2nd</i>	07951 777854
Musical Playtime	10.00am - 11.00am	07901 712510
Allington Community Market	12noon - 3.00pm ~ <i>1st</i>	07747 822898
Jenny Tai Chi	12.30pm - 1.15pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07985 438296
St Nicholas Fellowship	2.30pm - 4.30pm @ <i>Church 2nd</i>	07917 123087
Flair School of Dance	16.15pm - 18.45pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07713 260452
<b>Saturdays:-</b>		
Messy Church / Saturday Club	Once a month as advertised	07951 777854
Men's Breakfast	8.30am - 9.30am ~ <i>Last</i>	01622 759278
Hearty Quilters	9.00am - 1.00pm ~ <i>1st</i>	01732 823383
1st Allington Rainbows	9.00am - 10.00am ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07742 846625
Flair School of Dance	10.00am - 1.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07713 260452
Clouds Youth Group	1.30pm - 4.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07886 566984
Mid Kent Metal Detecting Club	6.30pm - 10.00pm ~ <i>2nd</i>	01233 612312
<b>Sundays:-</b>		
Light & Life Christian Fellowship	11.00am - 1.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	josephanderson111@icloud.com
Light & Life Christian Fellowship	5.30pm - 9.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	josephanderson111@icloud.com
JAHFA	6.00pm - 7.30pm @ <i>Church 1st</i>	07951 777854

**All information is for reference only and may be subject to change  
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**April 2020**

**Please note that all services and gatherings at St Nicholas Church are currently cancelled because of the coronavirus situation.**

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