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From Revd Liz

One of my favourite times of the year is springtime. It always fills me with great joy as I look around and see so many signs of new life in the tiniest spring flowers like the snowdrops which are then so quickly followed by crocuses, daffodils and blossom. Primroses too are one of my favourite flowers and they all look glorious when we have the spring sunshine too.



We are all so lucky to live surrounded by such beautiful countryside, yet near to the sea. The views as we drive around the countryside and the Blackwater are simply breath-taking. The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins writes: "Nothing is so beautiful as Spring" and one of my favourite hymns is 'Now the Green blade riseth'. MacLeod Campbell (J.M.C.) Crum (1872-1958) wrote this beautiful hymn - here are the lovely lyrics from that hymn for you to enjoy and ponder:

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

What a metaphor for Jesus' resurrection! It's no coincidence that Easter always falls in spring: we associate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with new life springing from the ground. It's something quite integral to the story, since Jesus rose from the dead at the key Jewish spring festival of Passover.

Easter is about new starts, new life, new birth which is often symbolised with images of eggs and chicks because they represent so powerfully 'new life'. The impact of what happened that first Easter are still relevant today. When Jesus died and rose, he did it for us. He offers us new life, eternal life with him; life that starts now but continues beyond

From Revd Liz - continued

this life and on into eternity.

As overwhelming, even incomprehensible, as the Resurrection of Jesus may be, the power of Jesus' risen life comes to us in small and big ways. God can touch our lives with Jesus' risen life at moments when we need it, at moments we do not know we need it, in ways we may not at first recognise, and in ways by which we know how precious each of us is to God.

This new life is one we are all invited to share in.

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

With my love and prayers

Revd Liz

What home gadgets do you regret buying?

You know what they are: those things you never knew you needed until you saw one in an advert. Then suddenly you felt that life would never be complete without one.

And so, you brought home the spiraliser that makes vegetables look like spaghetti. And the pasta maker that you can't quite figure out how to use. And the ice-cream maker that makes everything sticky and helped you put on another three pounds. And the robot vacuum which terrorises the cat. As for the bread maker, well at least it makes a good shelf on the kitchen counter.

If this is you, you are not alone. A recent survey by Saga has found that 65% of us have experienced 'gadget regret'. It occurs when we buy something and then wonder why we ever bothered, because who needs it anyway?

Top of the list of regrets is the spiralizer – 62% of us woke up one morning to realise that no one needs vegetables to look like spaghetti. Second place belongs to digital picture frames, which 52% of us regret buying. After that comes the pasta maker (45%), the ice-cream maker (42%), VR headsets (35%), the bread maker (31%), the internet-connected exercise equipment (31%) and finally, the robot vacuum (29%).

What do we do with all this stuff? 46% of us keep it, even when we don't want it. 15% of us try and sell the things, while a desperate 14% of us simply throw them away. And 19% of us grimly hang on to them for a year or so, before passing them on to an unsuspecting friend.

Parish Pump





All Saints' Church, Gt Braxted, CM8 3EN

You are welcome to join us for our services at any time.

Services of Parish Communion for 2026:

5th April 11.15 am Easter Day Parish Communion

3rd May 11.15 am Parish Communion

and on 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September, 4th October

Our usual pattern of services with Parish Communion at 11.15 am on the first Sunday of the month continues through until October.

On Sunday 20th December 11.15 am we invite you to join us for our usual Carol Service

Wedding couples establishing a qualifying connection are also able to attend St Luke's Tiptree, CO5 0SU any Sunday of the month at 9.30 am.

Our church is currently in vacancy.

While we recruit a new Team Vicar, for any enquiries please telephone Revd Liz Barnes, 01621 333027

or, contact our Team Administrator, Christine Hall

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Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

We will be holding an Agape meal and service as in previous years on Maundy Thursday, 2nd April. We will begin in the Hall from 5.30 for 6pm start with a simple bring and share meal. A list of suggested food items is in the church lobby for people to sign to show they are attending and what contribution they are able to make to the shared meal. You are also very welcome if you are unable to make a contribution of food. We intersperse the start of the service with the courses of the meal and then move into the church for the remainder of the Eucharist service, from the Peace onwards. The service ends with the stripping of all removable items from the Sanctuary, to signify how Christ was left alone to face his accusers. Volunteers are also needed to help set food out beforehand and clear away afterwards. If you are able to help with setting up and/or clearing away please let Wendy know.



CHAT FROM YOUR CHURCHWARDEN

As I type this chat to you the sun is shining through the window and I have to say it is a very welcome sight after many dull days.

I am writing to you as I have a number of interesting things to share with you and things you may like to participate in.

I will start with some Good News. As many of you know we have a Thursday Communion Service at 10am in St Luke's. I am pleased to report that attendance recently has been excellent with numbers climbing to 30!! There is always a lovely friendly atmosphere and the sermons are very thoughtful. If you are in the village at 10am on a Thursday you are welcome to join us.

170th Anniversary This year is St Luke's 170th Anniversary and we are not going to let this pass without celebration. The date is 17th October so please pop that date in your diary now! We are arranging some events around that weekend. We hope to have some concerts for you to enjoy and a History event to show the life of St Luke's over the 170 years. If you have any photos etc that you are willing to loan us please do let us know. On the Sunday we have Archdeacon Ruth Patten coming to preach which will be lovely. I do hope you will **ALL** come and join in these lovely events.

CHRISTMAS 2026 Yes I know it is early to start thinking about this, some of us do you know!!! We are having a Coffee Morning & Craft Event on Saturday 12th December and you are all invited!! We would like to have a bottle stall at this event so I am starting to collect bottles containing all sorts of things for this stall. Please may I ask if you have some bottles to donate I would be very grateful – thank you. Please bring them along to St Luke's and I will do what I have to do with them.

FOSL This group (Friends of St Luke's) is the fundraising arm of St Luke's and raises funds to maintain the high standard of maintenance in the Extension. Many Community groups use our Hall and from time to time things need to be replaced or repaired and FOSL raises the funds for that to take place. The recent project FOSL has worked on is the drive and we all use that and it is so good now. FOSL raises money by arranging various events from Games Afternoons, Concerts and Quizzes. I know many of you attend these and enjoy them please do continue to do that. I am going to ask you if you would be able to help at these events ie sell Raffle Tickets or make some teas? It is a lovely opportunity to meet the lovely people of Tiptree and help in keeping the Hall in its good condition. Please do let me know if you would be able to help, I look forward to hearing from you.

BIG PROJECT My final item is a big project. At some point in time our lovely church is going to require a new roof and this is going to be a big job and cost a lot. We are going to explore all opportunities for Grants and fundraising. I am arranging for a team of people to help with this and if you would like to join us please come along to our meeting on Thursday 16th April at 2pm at St Luke's. It would be lovely if you have knowledge of Grant Processes and fundraising but I am really looking for people who are willing to help. We can do this if we work as a team and I am sure you would enjoy the challenge.

Thank you for reading this chat. St Luke's is a lovely church in the heart of a lovely village and it is ours to enjoy in so many ways. I do hope we can do that for many years to come and with everyone's help we can.

Thank You

Sheila Gunson

(01621 816084 an answerphone is there if I am not)

Tiptree Food Bank



Open every Thursday 2 pm – 4 pm at
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Email: tiptree@colchester.foodbank.org.uk

Website: www.colchester.foodbank.org.uk



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How can the food bank help me?

If you are struggling to afford food, we may be able to help you. People in work or on benefits can use a food bank. **You will need a voucher** - these are issued by a wide variety of agencies including GPs, schools, housing officers, social workers, Job Centre. The full list is on the website.

You can also ring the **confidential helpline** on 0808 208 2138 or contact us for advice on how to get a voucher.

Once you have a voucher, you can collect a food parcel from us or we can deliver it to you if you live locally.

How can I help the food bank?

- **By donating food to us.** Donations can be brought to the following places in Tiptree: **The food bank** on Thursdays 2 pm – 4 pm, **ASDA** or **St Luke's Church** – see overleaf for the items most useful to us. Please only donate items that are unopened and in date.
- **By volunteering with us** on Thursday afternoons
- **By spreading the word** so more people know about the food bank

Food Bank Shopping List

Items suitable to be donated:

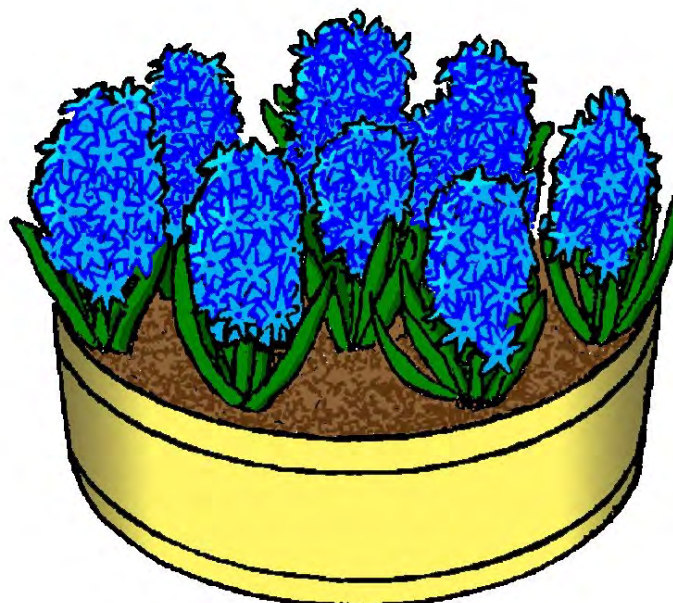
Long life milk
Breakfast cereal
Fruit juice
Tea
Coffee
Biscuits
Jam
Squash
Tinned vegetables
Soup
Baked beans
Tinned custard
Tinned rice pudding
Tinned fruit
Pasta
Rice
Pasta sauce
Tinned tomatoes

Tinned meat
Tinned fish
Tinned potatoes
Cereal bars
Crisps (6-pack)
Sugar
Treats
Toilet roll
Toiletries
Laundry detergent
Cleaning products

Please make sure that food is in date, preferably with a good shelf life.

Thank you for your kind support

List updated: August 2025



Books of the Bible

Canon Paul Hardingham

Old Testament: Jeremiah

Jeremiah is described as *'a true, honest, and God-revealing companion for the worst of times.'* (Eugene Peterson). He was a priest from the village of Anathoth, near Jerusalem. His ministry to Judah began in 626 B.C. and continued until after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

Jeremiah brought a message of judgment and hope: *'See, I have set you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.'* (1:10).

During Jeremiah's ministry, Judah had rejected the Lord for idols (2:13). They claimed to be God's people, yet they refused to heed God's word by refusing to be corrected and following false prophets who spoke what the people wanted to hear. Therefore, Jeremiah was the prophet of judgement. He called Judah to repent, but they refused (6:16-17). However, he also brought a message of hope. He preached that they should trust God (9:23-24) and that a faithful remnant would be restored to the land (23:3; 31:7-9).

Jeremiah was a reluctant prophet, who felt compelled to speak God's word (20:9). His life was characterised by sorrow, *'O my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me.'* (8: 18). His people continually refused to listen to him, rewarding his labour with rejection and persecution.

Much of Jeremiah's message remains relevant today, because we still fall into idolatry, whether it is wealth, talents or social standing. Sin requires repentance and restoration; obedience brings blessings and joy with it. However, Jeremiah also points to Christ, as the one who makes this possible. He showed great compassion for His people and shed tears for them. He suffered their ingratitude, but still forgave them.

Old Testament: Lamentations

The Book of Lamentations consists of five laments over the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of Judah's leading inhabitants to Babylon. Tradition ascribes the book to Jeremiah, who witnessed Jerusalem's destruction in 586 BC. Each lament is an *acrostic* i.e. each verse begins in order with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet (except the fifth).

The themes of the laments can be summarised as follows: Jerusalem in Agony (1); the LORD's Anger (2); Judah's complaint against Adversity (3); Jerusalem's Anxiety (4); and Judah's prayer to the Almighty (5). Lamentations portrays the overwhelming sense of loss that accompanied the destruction of the city, along with its Temple with its worship and sacrifices. However, the book is not simply concerned about Jerusalem's

destruction, but for the lessons that can be learned from it.

Jeremiah sees the Babylonians as human agents of God's judgment upon Judah's sin. It was God Himself who destroyed the city and temple. However, God's action was not arbitrary, for the people had deliberately sinned against Him and broken their covenant with Him. Although the people's tears and cries for vengeance are understandable, God looks for a sincere heartfelt sorrow from the people. The book begins with lament, *'How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she who once was great among the nations!'* (1:1), but finishes with repentance, *'Restore us to yourself, Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old'* (5:21).

However, in the middle of the book there is a reminder of God's goodness and faithfulness: *'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.'* (3:22-23).

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Further information from Margaret Peek 01621 810804
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Team Rector Update

Since Anne-Marie's departure a small group of people from all of the 5 parishes comprising the Heathland Parish Cluster (Tiptree, Messing, Inworth, Layer Marney and Layer Breton) have been meeting to draw up the Parish Profile, that is the document giving information about the job, individual parishes and the part of the Team Rector in the wider 18 parish Blackwater Team Benefice. Alongside this, there has been a meeting with Bishop Roger and Archdeacon Ruth with all 18 parishes to explain the process and two Team Council meetings. At all of these views were received as to the qualities of the person we are seeking which has been incorporated into the profile.

The draft Parish Profile was sent to both the Bishop and Archdeacon who responded very favourably suggesting only very minor amendments. The draft was then approved by the 5 Heathland Parishes PCC's and the advert went into the Church Times for the first time on the 27th February. The closing date for applications is April 13th with a potential interview date of 21st May.

Please pray that the right person will be called to be our new Team Rector and for the group responsible for the appointment process.

*I'll never forget the moment he went
Bearing his cross down the street...
The weight of it caused him to walk slightly bent
And unsteadily stand on his feet.*

*A compassion unbearable, mingled with shame,
Forever recorded the sight.
I'm sure that in some way we all were to blame
For what had gone wrong in the night.*

*I know it is claimed that he came back from death,
And nobody now needs to die,
But the mode of that calls for exceptional faith -
And if any should know it is I.*

*For I never saw him to speak to again
Well, not in his usual stance!
As he hung by the rivets so great was his pain
That his words meant far less than his glance.*

*I'll never forget that moment he went
Bearing his cross down the street.
The weight of it caused him to walk slightly bent -
The thought of it troubles me yet.*

Roger Taylor

Holy Week & Easter 2026

29 March 2026 - Palm Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion at St Luke's with dramatized Passion Reading

10.30am Holy Communion at Layer Breton with Passion Reading

2 April 2026 - Maundy Thursday

6.00pm Agape Meal & Holy Communion at St Luke's

3 April 2026 - Good Friday

1.00pm Stations of the Cross at St Luke's

1.00pm Messy Good Friday at St Luke's

2.00pm Reflective Service for Good Friday - at Layer Breton

2.30pm Family Service at St Luke's

4 April 2026 - Easter Eve

7.30pm Service of Light at Layer Marney

8.00pm Vigil & Service of Light at St Luke's

5 April 2026 - Easter Day

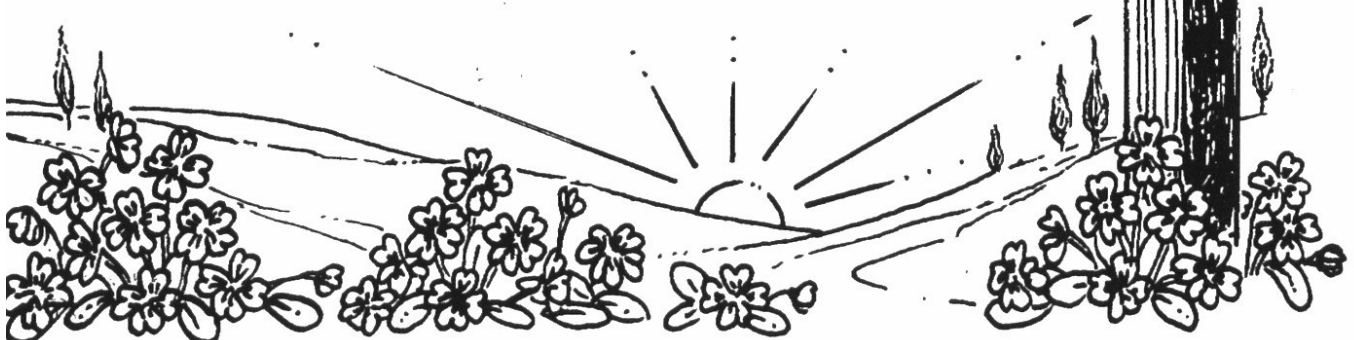
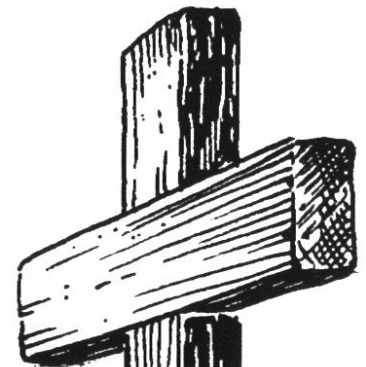
9.00am Holy Communion at Layer Marney

9.30am Family Communion at St Luke's

11.15am Parish Communion at Great Braxted

11.15am Parish Communion at Inworth

11.15am Parish Communion at Messing



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Weekly	Morning:	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Parent & Toddlers; Chair Yoga		Vocalise Choir
Tuesday	Tiptree Volunteers Coffee Morning, (2 nd & 4 th Tues)	Chair Pilates, Up in Lights Dance, Ballroom Dancing	
Wednesday	Slimming World, WEA (autumn/winter)		regular private booking
Thursday	Sound Collective Coffee Morning & Choir	U3A Choir (2 nd & 4 th Thurs)	
Friday	Tiptree Art Club	Chair Pilates	
Sunday	Coffee after Service	KYDS Youth Drama Society	

Monthly

Sunday	Sunday Club <i>please contact the church for details – thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com</i>
Monday	Singing for the Brain (Tiptree Community Hub Group – 2 nd & 4 th Monday)
Tuesday	Little City (3 rd Tuesday morning)
Wednesday	U3A Line Dance (2 nd Wednesday afternoon) Tiptree Tipplers (3 rd evening in month)
Thursday	U3A History (1 st afternoon), Tiptree Garden Club (1 st evening), Flower Club (2 nd evening), St Luke's Ladies Group (3 rd evening); U3A Tai Chi 1.30 pm & 2.30 pm (4 th Thursday)
Friday	Messy Church (1 st Friday afternoon), Priory Heath WI (2 nd Friday afternoon in the month) Games Afternoon (4 th Friday afternoon)

If you are interested in making contact with any of the groups listed, please contact the Hall Bookings Administrator on hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

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March 2026

Fooling around – the BBC's spaghetti farm

Probably the most famous April Fool's joke of all time was the 1960's BBC TV broadcast feature on the spaghetti farms of Italy. A BBC reporter interviewed Italian farmers about their work and the progress of the spaghetti plants in great detail. Spaghetti plants were filmed being carefully planted, and then being harvested. 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 25th March to 1st January. Not surprisingly, the change caused a lot of confusion and mistakes around the start of April. Others look even further back, to the ancient Roman feast of Hilaria, when the goddess Cybele was celebrated with pranks and jokes around the Spring Equinox, 25th March.



*My sermon today comes from
Apps Chapter 1 beginning at verse 2...*





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What's orange, sticky and worth preserving?

This month sees National Marmalade Week (18th – 25th April). If you really want to celebrate, go to Dalemain Mansion and Gardens in Cumbria, where they hold the World Marmalade Awards & Festival. It celebrates, preserves and promotes artisanal marmalades, with thousands of entries. (Even Paddington Bear will be in attendance!)

If you like marmalade, ever wonder where it comes from? One tradition traces it to a storm-damaged Spanish ship which took refuge in Dundee Harbour in 1700. It was full of Seville oranges that the captain was desperate to sell before they went mouldy. A local down-on-luck merchant, one James Keiller, bought the lot. He didn't know what to do with the oranges either, but fortunately he had a resourceful wife. She set about turning a shipload of Seville oranges into a preserve, and so the first marmalade factory was born.

Marmalade has been at the heart of British breakfasts for centuries. Winston Churchill fought the Second World War on it (washed down with a flute of Pol Roger each morning). DH Lawrence wrote novels on it. Paddington Bear's sandwiches were all marmalade. If you also want to get your fingers sticky,

visit: www.marmaladeawards.com.

Parish Pump

Never Far Away

Lester Amann considers how the risen Christ reveals Himself to us...

We can only imagine how the two travellers to Emmaus felt, knowing that Jesus had died. Gone were their hopes for a bright future. They thought God had let them down. They had suffered a cruel blow and were bewildered and upset.

In their grief, the risen Jesus came alongside them and spoke with them at length, but somehow, they didn't recognise Him. Why was this, and why did Jesus intend to leave them at Emmaus without first revealing who He was?

The answers may be found by looking back at the encounters Jesus had with people. He never forced His true nature onto anyone. Every individual had to make up their own mind as to who He was, and to decide if the things He said were true.

Today, Jesus does not 'gate-crash' into our lives. In a number of ways, He gently and persuasively reveals Himself. So, the story of the walk to Emmaus should encourage us each time we feel His absence; at those times when we thought He would step in and immediately solve our problems! On *our* journey of life, we can have times of sadness, and it can seem as though God is far away.

But while we are thinking that Jesus has left us alone, He is actually with us. He knows where we are and what we are feeling. He can quietly draw alongside us. Surprisingly, it can sometimes be in situations of sadness and solitude that Jesus 'speaks' to us more clearly.

We don't have to go off in search of some 'religious experience' or to a special 'holy place'. He is present in the here and now. Jesus is the unseen companion on every journey and the unseen guest at every meal. In His way and in His time, our Lord reveals Himself to us in different situations. We may be aware of His presence in surprising circumstances and on unexpected occasions. How important it is that we stay alert.

There will be times when we will be like those two men on the Emmaus Road, searching for answers. We will earnestly desire clear and direct answers to our questions and the knowledge, understanding or revelation may be slow to come. But, with Jesus, there are many lessons to be learnt along *our* Emmaus Road that would not have been discovered any other way.

Further reading: Luke 24:13-35

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*God's people have often been likened to diamonds - precious, hidden,
beautified by pressure and cut to capture light.*

*"Lord Jesus, I can't ... You never said I could. But you can, and always said you would.
That's all I need to know."*

Major Ian Thomas



Diary Dates for 2026

FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S

Events to be held in St Luke's Church Hall



21st February - 2pm

Beetle Drive

(Refreshments included)

14th March – 7.30pm

Quiz Night

(Hosted by Steve Scruton & Ian Wyatt of BBC Essex Radio)

25th April - 2pm

Afternoon Line Dance

(Refreshments included)

20th June - 2 pm

Afternoon Tea Dance

(Cream Tea included in ticket price)

26th September- 7.30pm

Dance through the Decades Music Night

(With our live DJ – Mick Boot)

3rd October - 7.30pm

Quiz Night

14th November – 7.30pm

Old Time Music Night

(With our Host – Tom Carradine)

Every 4th Friday throughout 2026 (2pm to 4pm)

Games Afternoons

For further information on any of the above events
please contact foslbookings@gmail.com

Remembering Francis Bacon

by *Tim Lenton*

Four hundred years ago, on 9th April 1626, Francis Bacon, philosopher and politician, died of pneumonia. He served as Attorney General of England and Wales (1613-17) and then Lord High Chancellor of England (1617-21). He was known as the “Father of Empiricism”, as his works influenced the scientific revolution in Europe.

Although involved in high-end politics, Bacon’s primary interest was in promoting a sceptical and methodical approach to scientific experimentation, which he saw as a way of glorifying God. A devout Anglican, he wrote that superficiality in science promoted atheism, but deep research “bringeth men’s minds about to religion”.

Bacon was born in central London in 1561 and was educated at home to start with because of poor health. His father was Lord Keeper of the Great Seal and his mother the daughter of a prominent Renaissance humanist. She was also sister-in-law of the powerful William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley.

Multi-talented and with a keen intellect, Bacon had a long career as a parliamentarian, being first elected as MP for a Cornwall seat in 1581, but also as a respected author and as a judge, where he was pro-Puritan but also had a reputation as a liberal-minded reformer who opposed religious persecution.

Bacon thrived when James I came to the throne in 1603, and he was knighted and adopted as an ally to the monarch. He also married the 13-year-old Alice Barnham, daughter of a Sheriff of London, but the marriage was probably not a happy one.

Although he was regarded by most as fair and compassionate, Bacon had strong and long-term enemies, including Sir Edward Coke, who charged him with 23 counts of corruption when as Lord Chancellor he accepted as gifts what seemed to some to be bribes. He was fined and imprisoned briefly but later pardoned by the King.

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Diocesan apportionment ends, in first steps to simplify C of E finances

As of January 2026, diocesan apportionment has ended, meaning dioceses will no longer make financial contributions to cover costs of centralised services managed by the National Church Institutions.

Most of these costs will now be covered by distributions from the Church of England’s national endowment fund (managed by the Church Commissioners), in an effort to help dioceses become more financially sustainable long-term, and to enable available diocesan funds to be spent on local parish ministry.

The centralised services which dioceses will no longer have to cover are: ministry training, Archbishops’ Council National Church responsibilities, grants, mission agency pensions and clergy retirement housing. This will mean a reduction in annual costs to dioceses of £20m.

A truly memorable day for the foodbank.

Colchester foodbank, of which Tiptree is a satellite, had an unexpected and truly memorable moment recently — we were invited to a very special VIP visit with King Charles III and Queen Camilla in Dedham on 5th February, as one of the first recipients of the King's Award for Voluntary Service.

Three weeks beforehand, all volunteers had been given the opportunity to put their names into a ballot for a 'special VIP event' taking place on Thursday 5th February. No further details were provided but Rev'd Ruth put her name into the ballot and thought no more of it until a phone call one evening less than two weeks before the event. Details were still very sketchy and everyone was sworn to secrecy until a few days later when the news of the King and Queen's visit was released to the press.

Five of the six of us who were going (sadly one volunteer didn't make it having got stuck in traffic) met up at Colchester Foodbank at Stanway at 8.15am to travel in foodbank directors' Armin and Nikki's cars. (Cars and occupants had to be pre-registered to allow access through the road-blocks). We were supposed to arrive at Dedham Hall by 9am but the traffic (it took us 20 minutes to get onto the A12) and approaching Dedham from the wrong direction – not once but twice! – meant that we didn't arrive until 9.30 when the car Ruth was travelling in promptly got stuck in the mud.

A quick check of our id's, we were handed a badge each and made our way through the rain down the muddy driveway toward the centre of Dedham. The police on duty didn't know where we were supposed to gather – and nor did we! Eventually we made our way to The Sun Inn where, thank goodness, we were expected and able to take refuge from the rain and enjoy a cup of coffee while we waited with many other organisations and charities for the arrival of their Majesties at around 11.30 (the weather had delayed them too!).

It was an incredible honour and something none of us will forget. We had the opportunity to chat briefly with both the King and Queen about the work we do across our communities. The King was pleased to learn that there was a branch of the foodbank in Tiptree and Queen Camilla shared her heartfelt view that foodbanks simply shouldn't be needed in this day and age — a sentiment that very much echoes our own motivations and mission.

Despite the truly dreadful weather (and relentless rain!), it was a lovely day, full of pride, recognition, and reflection on the impact our volunteers make every single week, with the King passing on thanks to all Volunteers for all they do.

Rev'd Ruth Hatchett
Lead Volunteer
Tiptree Foodbank

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Mothering Sunday

On Mothering Sunday at St. Luke's small posies of flowers were given out. These were generously obtained from the churchyard at All Saints, Great Braxted and collected by a small group and put together in the week beforehand. Here are some pictures (taken by Jane Lawrence) of the flowers and graveyard of Great Braxted.





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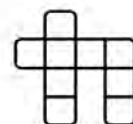
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Remembering the Hindenburg

By Tim Lenton

Ninety years ago, on 4th March 1936, the German airship *Hindenburg* made its first flight. It was the largest airship ever constructed, and when it was destroyed in a fire in May 1937, it ended the era of airship travel.

Airships had been developed from balloons – the first attempt at lighter-than-air travel pioneered in 1783 by the Montgolfier brothers – because they could be steered using rudders and engines. Representing advances in science, engineering and exploration, they fascinated creative minds.

Foremost among them was Ferdinand von Zeppelin, who founded the Zeppelin Company that designed and built the *Hindenburg*.

The causes of the crash were primarily the fragile nature of airships, their use of highly flammable hydrogen gas and combustible construction material, and in the case of the *Hindenburg*, the fact that it was attempting to land during a thunderstorm at Lakehurst, New Jersey. Thirteen passengers, 22 crew members and one ground worker died. The horrific fire was caught live on camera. Not surprisingly, it heralded the end of the airship era as far as commercial aviation was concerned.

However, that was also hastened by the destruction of the British-made R101 nearly seven years earlier, when it crash-landed safely in France during its maiden flight – again during bad weather – but immediately burst into flames and incinerated 48 of the 54 people on board.

The Church of The Holy Family and St Michael at Kesgrave in Suffolk was constructed in memory of Squadron Leader Michael Rope and those who died with him in the blaze. He was an early and successful designer of airships who worked on the R101 at Cardington n Bedfordshire.

Airships exist today in advanced and safer form. Their ability to land almost anywhere and carry large payloads makes them useful for observation and providing humanitarian aid in disaster-hit areas.

Parish Pump

Dawn chorus

If you sleep with your bedroom window open, you will know all about the dawn chorus around now. The birds are busy establishing their territorial rights, and the ‘early birds’ have probably already selected a nest site and started building.

The blackbird builds a solid cup of twigs, plant stems and leaves, lined with a thick skin of mud covered with finer grasses and leaves. The long-tailed tit forms a soft hollow ball of mosses, hair and wool, with a tiny hole as entrance. The wrens do it differently, with the male wren sometimes building several nests before his finicky mate will accept one. He gets his revenge, though, because he sometimes installs a second wife in one of the rejected sites.

Smile

Who'd be a mother?

Constant nagging didn't seem to provide any relief from having to clean up the bathroom after each of my three teenage children. After I cleaned it one day, I resorted to posting a sign that read: "Please leave the bathroom as you found it."

I noticed the bathroom was in the usual mess after my son used it, so I called, "Brian, how did you find the bathroom?" After a brief pause, he replied, "Straight down the hall, first door on the right."

On the road

A teenager was always asking his parents if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit one day, the father demanded of his son why he thought 'The Almighty' had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied: "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

Taxes

There will always be death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year.

Cleaned out

"Just cleared out some space in the freezer" sounds so much more productive than "I just polished off another pint of ice cream."

From a church notice-sheet

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Brown, our church warden, to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Sidesman

Sidesman to newcomer at church door: "Good morning. How far down do you wish to sit?"

Baffled newcomer: "Well, all the way, of course."

Commandment

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five- and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked: "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

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We hold 'national treasures for the common good' - new repairs fund announced

The Church of England's Director for Cathedral and Church buildings, Emily Gee, has welcomed the Government's Places of Worship Renewal Fund, and its willingness to invest in repairs and improvements for eligible parish and cathedral church buildings.

She said: "We also welcome the Government's recognition of the special role of historic churches in national life - church buildings are national treasures for the common good.

"They have huge spiritual, cultural and historical significance, and are major centres of practical assistance through food banks, lunch clubs and parent and toddler groups. They serve as a place of sanctuary, refreshment and cultural heritage throughout the UK.

"The vast majority of fundraising for the maintenance and repair of these buildings is done locally by heroic volunteers and Government support is crucial in helping them reach their targets - and we are really grateful for this ongoing support.

"However, we are very concerned that the end of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme - after more than 20 years - will mean added pressure on local fundraisers and inevitably a drain on other sources of funding. We will work with the wider sector and the Government to see how that burden can be alleviated.

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On the perils of small study groups

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are about to run an Alpha course in your parish; I am sure your bishop will be delighted. I remember him from my Oxford days. He was just starting his course as a gangly undergraduate when I was finishing my doctorate on Eusebius.

I recall him as a keen rugby player who took early morning dips in the Isis, who led intense discussions on Saint Paul's theology of 'the body' over cups of cocoa in the evenings in his rooms and who spent his holidays laying paths for the National Trust in the Lake District while lodging in Youth Hostels. He's exactly the sort of person who will empathise with your ministry – hearty, enthusiastic and overflowing with compassionate intensity. We were not close friends.

We tend not to go in for those sort of things, here at St James the Least of All, preferring matters a little more relaxed and understated. If we ever do hold discussion groups (and they are a regrettable necessity during Lent), they always start with a good lunch, finishing with coffee and one of Mrs French's excellent Madeira cakes. Once we have removed from the table, those who manage to stay awake will start to tackle the chosen topic.

However, we always seem to veer off to discussing more interesting matters, such as why Colonel Chorley is never allowed to sing solos in the choir anymore, or who moved Mrs Cholmondeley's flower arrangement from the font the previous week. Apparently, she has given notice that her weekly contributions on the plate will be much reduced unless an appropriate apology is received.

These matters may not seem as important to you as deciding what the 'white stone' in Revelation 4 is all about, but let me assure you that to members of our congregation, knowing why the second verse of the National Anthem is no longer sung at our Remembrance Services is of pivotal importance.

At 2.30pm we wake up those who have enjoyed an hour's slumber and totter off home, knowing we have once again done our bit for faith in the parish.

I am sure your own group will also return home after your sessions - even if a digestive biscuit and weak tea is all that has been offered – invigorated and braced to tackle the heathen in the parish. We all take our pleasures in different ways.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

From Messing & Inworth Parish online News

20 February 2026



[www.justgiving.com/page/essex-ukraine-mighty-convoy:](http://www.justgiving.com/page/essex-ukraine-mighty-convoy)

The Convoy leaves for Lviv on April 15th

Huge thanks to everyone who has already donated and offered financial and moral support.

We are just a few weeks from departure.

All the money we have raised so far has gone towards our target of £21,000.

The total is huge but in sight – we need just one more push to get to the required amount.

We are £3,000 short.

We have bought our flight home tickets and paid for our hotels – we have every faith we will reach our goal.

Can you help? One last donation, no matter how much, will help get the two ambulances and all the aid that goes in them. Ukraine is freezing cold and in dire trouble – please, once more, can you help?

With thanks and kindest regards

Andrew, Marco, Robert and Neal

All in the month of April

It was

50 years ago, on 3rd April 1976 that the UK won the 1976 Eurovision Song Contest with *Save Your Kisses for Me* by Brotherhood of Man.

400 years ago, on 9th April 1626 that Francis Bacon, philosopher and politician, died. He served as Attorney General of England and Wales (1613-17) and then Lord High Chancellor of England (1617-21). Known as the 'Father of Empiricism', as his works influenced the scientific revolution in Europe.

40 years ago, on 11th April 1986 that Halley's Comet made its closest approach to Earth during its most recent visit. It will return to Earth's vicinity in 2061 and 2134.

75 years ago, on 17th April 1951 that the Peak District National Park was established. It was Britain's first National Park

100 years ago, on 21st April 1926 that Queen Elizabeth II was born.

15 years ago, on 29th April 2011 that Prince William and Catherine (Kate) Middleton were married at Westminster Abbey in London. They were given the titles Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

All in the month of May

It was

415 years ago, on 2nd May 1611 that The Authorised Version (King James Version) was published and became the standard English language Bible

185 years ago, on 3rd May 1841 that New Zealand was declared a British colony.

65 years ago, on May 5th 1961 that Alan Shepard became first American in space

100 years ago, on 12th May 1926 that Britain's TUC called off the General Strike that had brought the nation to a standstill for 9 days

490 years ago, on 19th May 1536 that Anne Boelyn was beheaded in London and 30th May 1536, 11 days later, that Henry VIII married Jane Seymour.

45 years ago on 13th May 1981 that Pope John Paul II was shot in St Peter's Square, Rome.

140 years ago, on 26th May 1886 that actor and singer Al Johnson was born in St. Petersburg, Russia as Asa Yoelson.

Wordsearch

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 Gethesame 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.



Jesus
Ate
Last
Passover
Meal

Disciples
Warned
Betrayed
Bread
Blessed

Wine
Thanks
Drink
Covenant
Law

Old
New
Body
Blood
Gethsemane

Cup
Removed
Will
Easter
Approach
God



Tiptree Choral Society 2026 Programme

Many thanks to all who supported the Brahms German Requiem at the end of March.

By the time you read this, we will be rehearsing for our “Barn Concert” in a barn near Layer Marney on the 4th July. This will be a programme of lighter music and will feature some American items because of the date.

We will be joined by the Essex Concert Band who will be performing some of their repertoire. I hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy. It is also an opportunity to arrive early and enjoy a picnic with family and friends before the concert.

Our love affair with our phones

It was 150 years ago, on 10th March 1876, that the world’s first telephone call was made. Alexander Graham Bell called his assistant and said: “Mr Watson, come here. I want you.”

That phone call was the beginning of a worldwide addiction to phones. Phones spread quickly, constantly improved, and after more than 100 years of landlines, mobile phones arrived.

The first was introduced by Motorola in 1983 in the USA. The Motorola DynaTAC 8000X weighed nearly two pounds and cost around \$3,995.

The first smartphone, the IBM Simon Personal Communicator, was released in 1994, combining phone calls with PDA features like email, fax, and a calendar on a touchscreen. It was so expensive it sold only about 50,000.

But by the late 90s, the BlackBerry had become a top favourite, with its popular email and messaging services beloved by Barak Obama, among many others.

Then in 2007, Apple released the first iPhone, informally known as the iPhone 2G, with an advanced multi-touch interface and app ecosystem.

Fast forward nearly 20 years, and there are now about **7.5 billion** active smartphones in the world. The total number of all connections (SIMs/devices) now even exceeds the human population of about 8.3 billion.

‘He gave us eyes to see them’ – the screen at the east end

Have you ever thought how an actual church building might provide a series of visual aids to spiritual meditation? The Rev Michael Burgess considers the significance of the screen at the east end.

“I am the light of the world,” our Lord says in St John’s Gospel. He is the One who can bring sight and insight to those born blind, and vision to those who feel they live in a world of darkness. In Him is the glory of God and life for all people. That radiant glory greets those who visit Wymondham Abbey in Norfolk and look down the main aisle to see the wondrous screen at the east end depicting Christ in majesty surrounded by our Lady and the saints.

Ironically, the history of the Abbey in the Middle Ages was one of darkness and conflict, where disagreement severed the harmony of monks and townspeople. The Abbey was dissolved in the 16th century, but then restored to its former glory in the early 20th century. Ninian Comper began working on the screen in 1922, and it was completed in 1934.

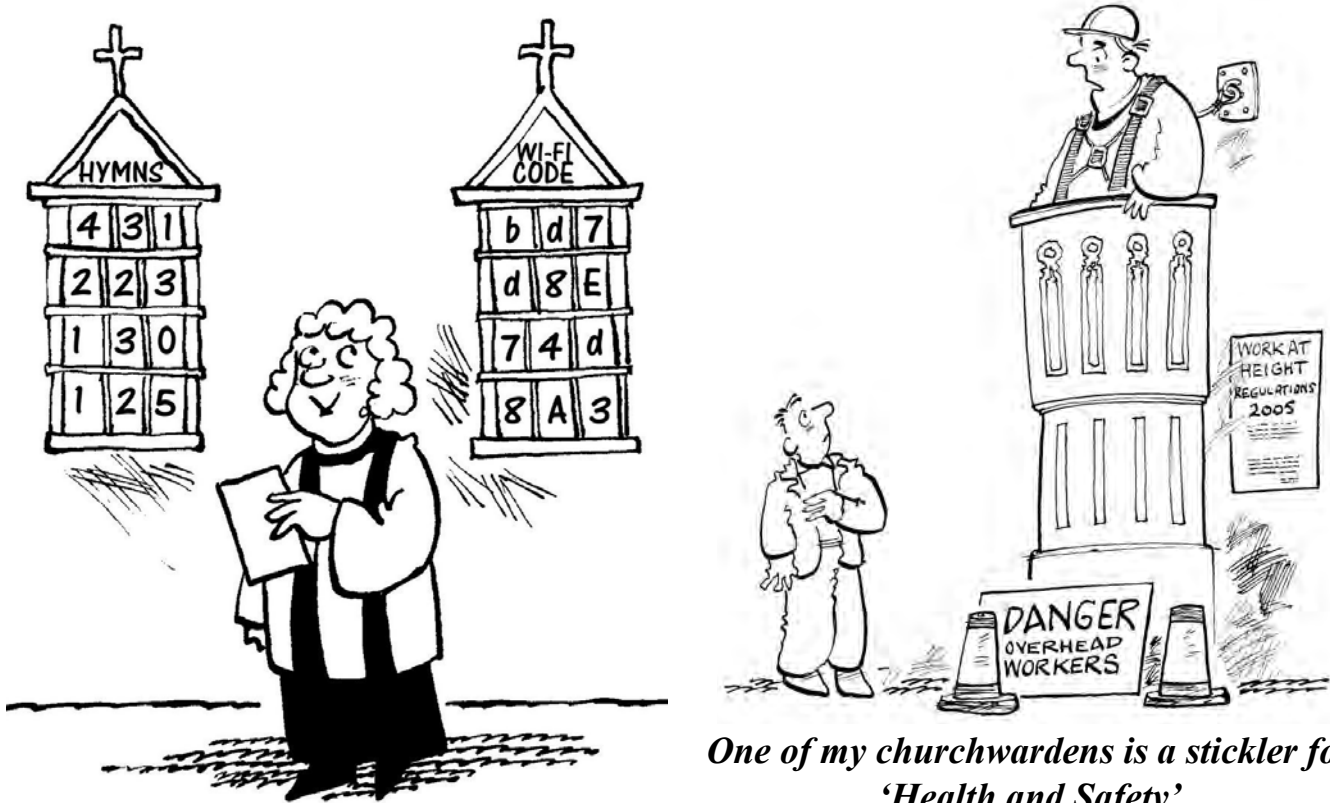


credit: Wikimedia Commons: Evelyn Simak / Wymondham Abbey - the chancel

In front of the screen is a large altar with a crucifix and six tall, stately candlesticks. Their lights are signs of Jesus the Light proclaimed by the dazzling central figure on the screen behind. Originally candlesticks would have stood on the ground before the altar, or lamps were hung above. In the 14th century candles were placed on the altar.

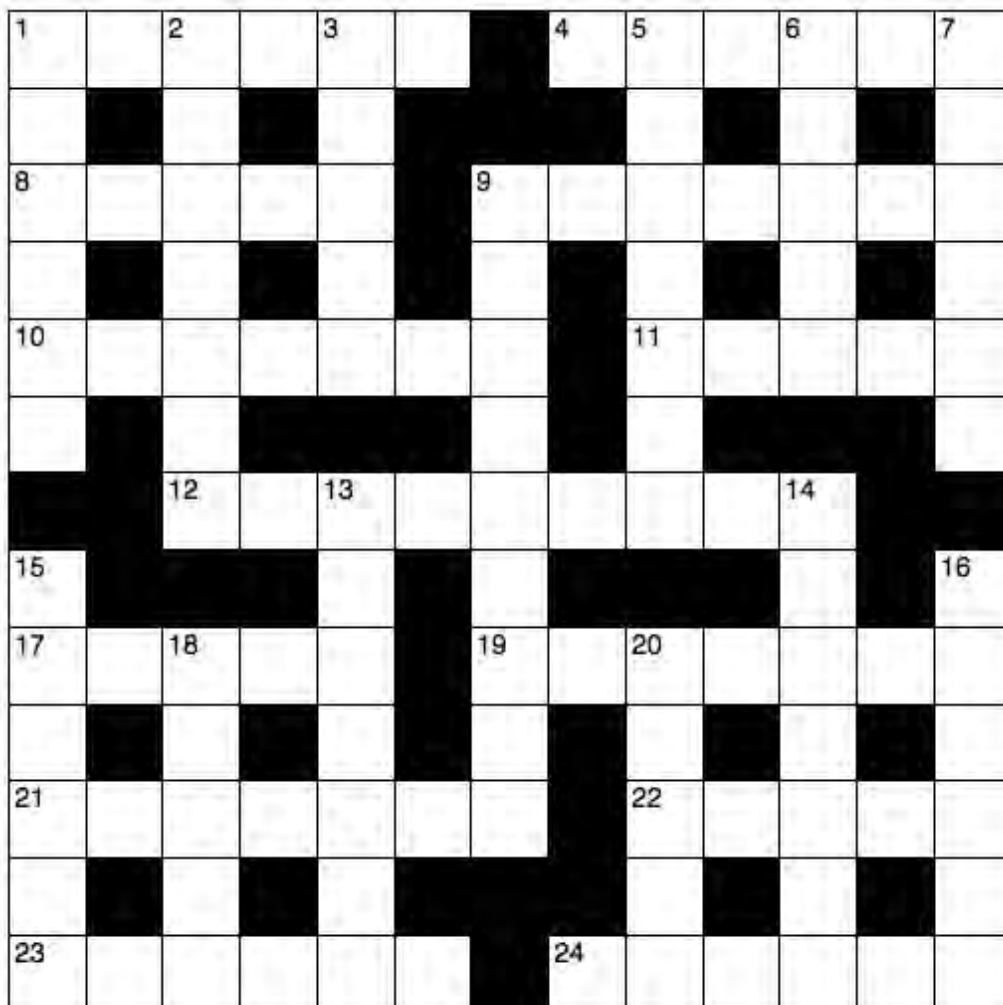
Aesthetic judgement will vary from person to person, and some may find tall candlesticks like these obtrusive, detracting from the sacrament of the altar. Whatever their size, when lit they announce that Jesus is the true light, who welcomes everyone to find nourishment and guidance for life’s pilgrimage in

communion at that table. Here at Wymondham Abbey I think the pilgrim visitor will find that the beauty and grace of these altar furnishings complement the great mystery of divine light celebrated in Ninian Comper’s masterpiece.



One of my churchwardens is a stickler for 'Health and Safety'

Crossword



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)

The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

OH! NO!!

BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT

ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR

ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

General Synod backs Sustainable Church Flowers motion

The General Synod recently backed a Diocesan Synod Motion from the Diocese of Worcester encouraging churches and cathedrals to explore ways of arranging flowers that are both beautiful and environmentally responsible.

The “Sustainable Church Flowers” movement began as a grassroots initiative in the small rural parish of Harpley, Worcestershire, when volunteers started exploring how traditional flower arranging methods could reflect the Church’s commitment to caring for creation. It has since grown into a national and ecumenical network offering practical support to parishes, arrangers and clergy.

It encourages churches, wherever possible, to consider using seasonal, locally sourced flowers and foliage, and to phase out single use floral foam - a 1950s era plastic product which cannot be recycled or composted, sheds micro particles when handled, and contains the equivalent of up to ten carrier bags’ worth of plastic per block. The Royal Horticultural Society has already prohibited floral foam at its shows, including Chelsea, since 2021.

The motion highlights long established alternatives such as reusable vessels, twigs, moss, chicken wire, and metal “frogs”, which for centuries enabled churches to create arrangements without single use plastics. It also celebrates the creativity of volunteers and the opportunity to support local growers and community gardens.

The Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick, said: “The Sustainable Church Flowers movement rejoices in flowers and foliage in church, and encourages us to source them locally and seasonally wherever possible: remember Jesus on that hillside, rejoice in what’s around you. Think simple, natural, beautiful.”

The Sustainable Church Flowers provides online resources, tutorials and local ambassadors. More at: <https://suschurchflowers.com>

General Synod approves motion to strengthen safeguarding

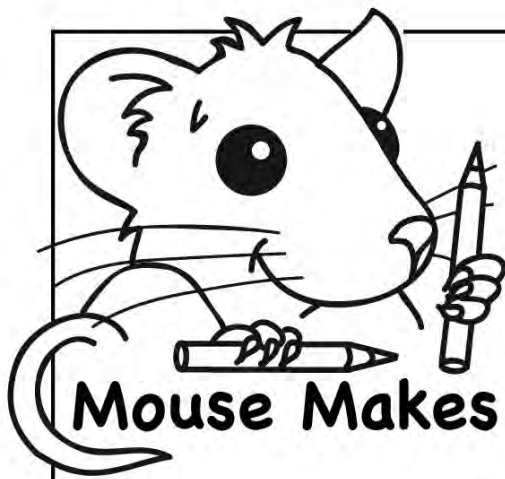
The General Synod recently voted to approve a new strategy designed to rebuild trust and deliver professional, independent safeguarding across the C of E.

At the core of the reforms is the creation of a new national safeguarding charity. This organisation will operate independently of Church hierarchy, governed by a majority-independent Board.

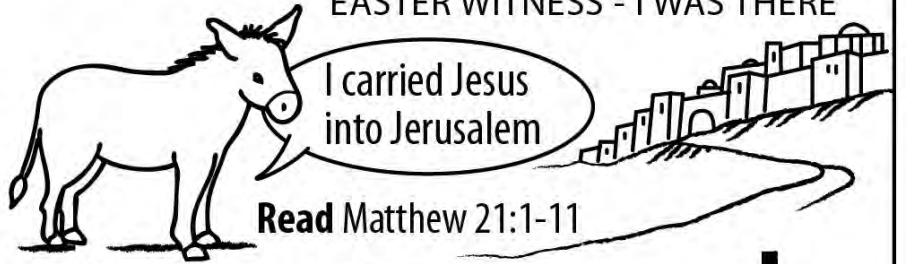
The charity’s lead safeguarding professional will oversee ‘protected’ operational powers. This will ensure that day-to-day safeguarding decisions remain entirely independent of Church leadership.

The Rt Revd Dr Joanne Grenfell, the Church of England’s lead bishop for safeguarding, said: "What has been agreed is a single, unified system that brings independence and scrutiny together. This is needed to rebuild trust. It will deliver consistency of practice at every level of the Church - from parish to palace."

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-and-independence#na>

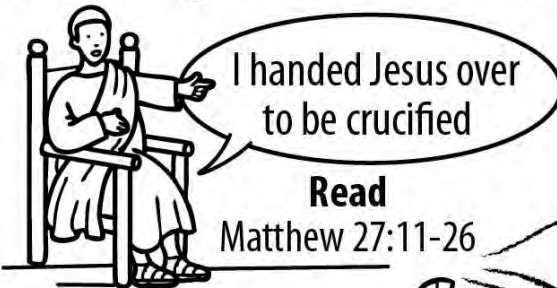


EASTER WITNESS - I WAS THERE



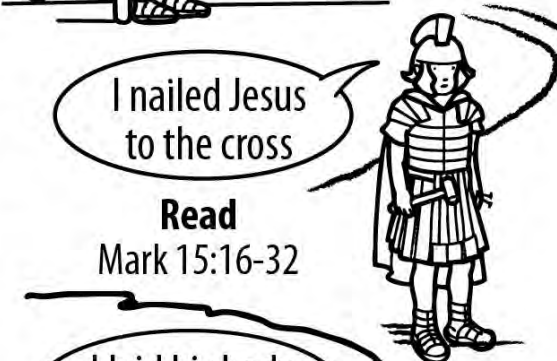
I carried Jesus into Jerusalem

Read Matthew 21:1-11



I handed Jesus over to be crucified

Read Matthew 27:11-26



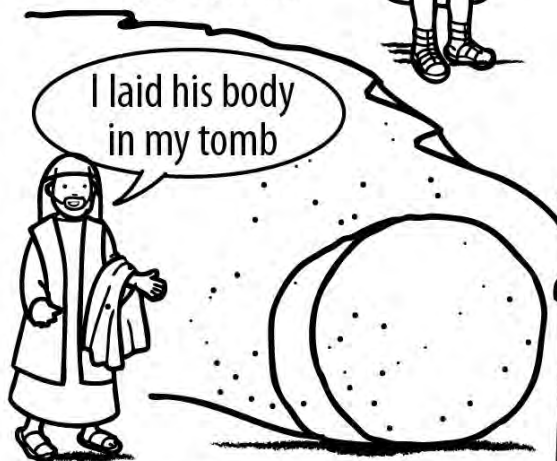
I nailed Jesus to the cross

Read Mark 15:16-32



We watched Jesus die

Read Mark 15:33-41



I laid his body in my tomb

Read Mark 15:42-47



I guarded the tomb

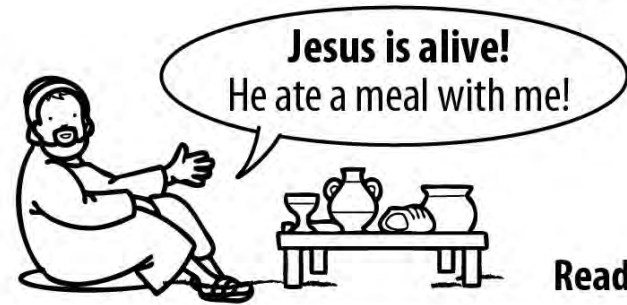
Read Matthew 27:62-66



We saw the empty tomb

and spoke to the angel

Read Matthew 28:1-10



Jesus is alive!
He ate a meal with me!

Read Luke 24:13-35

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St Luke's Ladies Group

- 19 February** Andrew Wiltshire - Talk to be confirmed
19 March Three Women of Special Operations Executive WWII - Kate Cole
15 April Mandy & Baloo the Police Dog (retired)
21 May Apron to Mortarboard - Sharon Gould
18 June AGM & Roy and Amanda Dancing Demonstration
16 July Fraud Protection - Tammy Blest (Essex Police)

Various local charities are supported every year.

Look out for details about outings on the noticeboards.

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

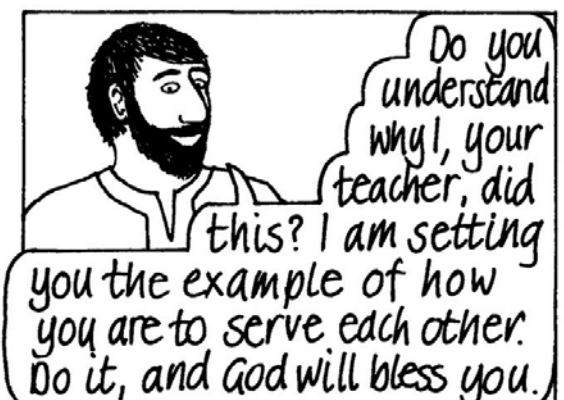
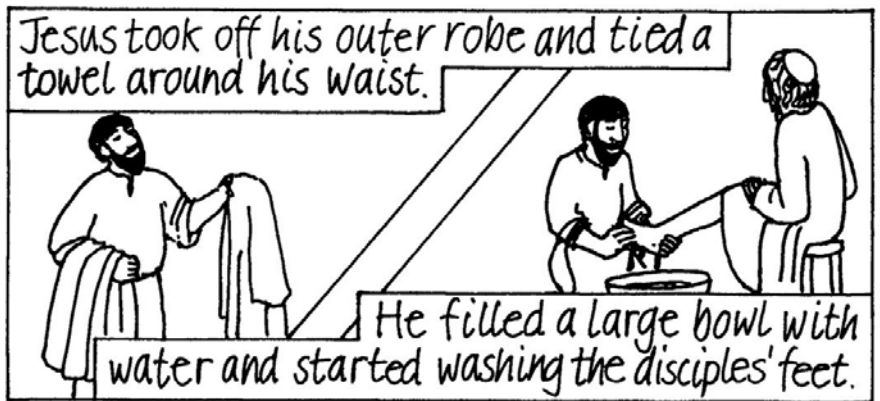
It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover with the special meal. The disciples were bickering again.

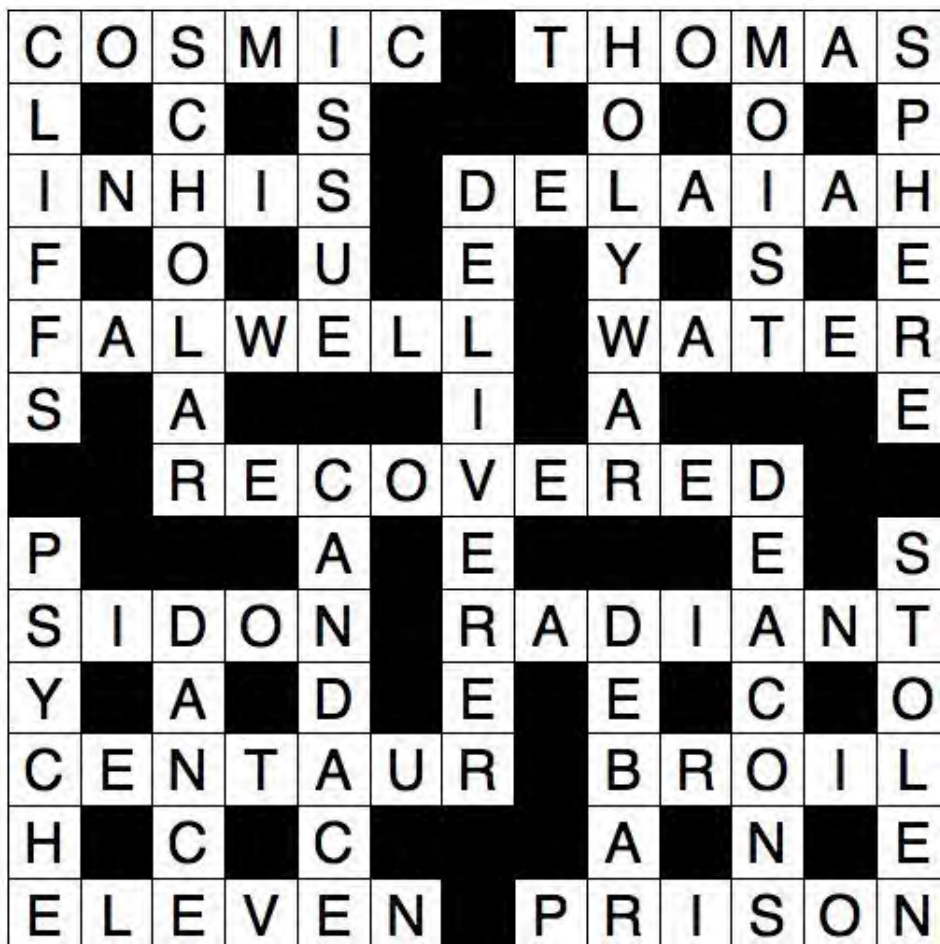


There was a reason why no-one wanted to be the least important - the roads were mud and everyone's feet got very dirty.

It was the job of the least important servant to wash everyone's feet...



Solutions:



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