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Services for April 2021

See the Rector's Letter on page 5 and the Service Arrangements item on page 6

	4 April I EASTER	11 April II Easter 2	18 April III Easter 3	25 April IV Easter 4
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW	11:00 Family Service	11:00 Holy Communion CW	11:00 Morning Service CW
Newnham	09:15 Holy Communion CW	17:00 Evening Service CW		
Charwelton	17:00 Evening Prayer BCP (Church)		09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church)	
Fawsley				09:15 Holy Communion BCP
Preston Capes		09:15 Holy Communion CW		17:00 Evening Prayer BCP

OTHER SERVICES

Mon 29, Tues 30th, Wed 31st March
Thursday 1 April 7.30pm
Friday 2 April
Tuesday 20 April 6.30 pm

Video Meditation available at www.knightleybenefice.org.uk
By Zoom Maundy Thursday
Video service available Good Friday
By Zoom ESOW

SUNDAY READINGS

Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

Date	Feast	Talk	First Reading	Gospel
1 Apr	Maundy Thursday			
2 Apr	Good Friday			
4 April	EASTER	A shock discovery	Acts 10:34-43	Mat 28:1-10
11 Apr	Easter 2 Sermon on the Mount	What are you here for?	Exod 19:16-22	Matt 5:1-2
18 Apr	Easter 3	Overdrawn applicants welcome	Isaiah 61:1-3	Matt 5:3-5
25 Apr	Easter 4	A good reflection	Rev 21:1-5	Matt 5:6-8
2 May	Easter 5	Peace & persecution	1 Peter 3:13-16	Matt 5:9-12



EDITORIAL

This month's magazine looks a bit thin and threadbare, which I suppose reflects the lack of activity in all sorts of areas, both church and village related.

However, it is good to see from the Diary that parishes are starting to make plans for the reintroduction of social and/or fundraising activities once Covid restrictions are lifted. It is after all so much easier to amend, or even cancel, provisionally made arrangements than it is to start trying to set up events at short notice. So "Good Luck" to all those doing the hard work. We all look forward to getting back to "normal"!

Thus, June and I have booked seats at the end of May for "Carousel" at the Kilworth Open Air Theatre - always excellent productions - and I will let you know later if our confidence in Covid arrangements was justified!

And on the subject of fund raising activities, may I draw your attention to the account on page 10 of Charwelton's move to reinvigorate the "easyfundraising" scheme under which online purchases from a huge range of retailers can generate donations to

your preferred charity (including PCCs!) at no cost to you. It's well worth exploring.

David

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THIS MONTH'S SUDOKUS

Puzzle No. 22

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Rating - Mild

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Rating - Difficult



THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Easter Basics

As I write this, I have spent the last couple of weeks being quite poorly, nothing life threatening but not a lot of fun and during that time I've really just wanted the basics, sleep, water, quiet, comfort. I didn't want to read, listen to the radio or even watch TV most of the time. Then as I started to improve I wanted more, but again, nothing too fancy. One day I found myself looking longingly at the advert on the back page of the TV mag, for home delivered ready meals. I really fancied the cottage pie but wasn't at all interested in the sweet and sour chicken.

After a year plus of Lockdowns and Covid-19 perhaps we too are a bit drained, a little exhausted, a bit tired. So here are the basics of Easter.

Long ago God saw when the world he created for us got broken, when we broke it and ourselves at the same time. Because God loves us he promised to come and mend that brokenness both in the world and in each and every one of us too. So that's what he did.

We had broken everything by trying to stand in God's place, so God came amongst us as one of us and stood in our place, his name was Jesus and he soaked

up the consequences of that brokenness and it killed him.

Three days went by, a long dark hopeless time with seemingly no end in sight.

Then suddenly, this God made man, this Jesus appeared again!



The God of life, of hope, of wholeness had conquered death and hopelessness and brokenness, not for his benefit, but for ours because he loves us; and because he loves us he wants us to share in his new life, his eternal hope and his true wholeness.

There's a lot more to discover about Easter, it's shocking, it's glorious, it's powerful, it's humbling, it overflows with God's love for the world and each and every one of us individually, but for the tired and the weary and the broken

this all you need to know: God loves you, there is hope and the proof is Easter.

Malcolm



BENEFICE PAGE

SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

Services will continue to be online at www.knightleybenefice.org.uk

Holy Week

On Monday to Wednesday in Holy Week there will be a short "Video meditation" available on our website www.knightleybenefice.org.uk
On Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm there will be a service on Zoom and the link to that will be posted again on the website.
On Good Friday there will be a video service available.

Services will hopefully begin again in our church buildings starting on Easter Day for some villages - see page 2. This is a temporary pattern as we move into a recovery phase and is subject to change or even suspension if the situation demands.

EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short service is held once a month on the Tuesday evening following the third Sunday at 6.30pm using Zoom until further notice. Led in turn by one of those who attends, there is always a brief talk about somebody inspirational. All are welcome to participate. If you are not already on the access list, please contact Gill Nelson via email gillian.nelson@talktalk.net. Next dates are Tuesday, April 20 and Tuesday, 18 May.

BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Despite not meeting up in person, there has been a lot of activity in the Gardening Club: membership is on the rise, photo-sharing via WhatsApp maintains contact between members and a seed-swap is currently underway. It's really simple to join, just email Rich on richgreen1975@icloud.com.

FARTHINGSTONE EVENTS

Farthingstone Events - please visit www.farthingstone.org.uk for more details
Farthingstone Foot Festival Saturday 5 June.
Walkers and Runners are invited to take part in this organised and sponsored annual cross country event linking our villages, half day or whole.
Farthingstone Open Gardens Sunday 20 June 2-6pm.

BOOK REVIEW

Penny Cory has kindly submitted this book review for your attention - many thanks Penny.

Hot Potato

If you thought this was going to be a recipe featuring spuds you'll be disappointed. This hot potato is of the educational, rather than the King Edward, variety but it's undoubtedly an issue very much in the news.

I'm sure you'll remember as a child being told "When you're older you'll look back on your school years as the best of your life." Well, we're all older and somewhat experienced in the ways of the world and, right enough, our school years do now seem magical. However, two books on my recent reading list provided compelling but contrasting accounts of schooling which were more traumatic than magical.

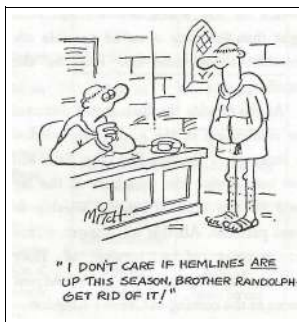
The first book sees a retired head teacher, Marie Stubbs, returning to the fray to run St. George's school in Marylebone. You'll recall this was the school whose Headmaster, Philip Lawrence, was stabbed to death by a pupil in 1995. In the aftermath of that atrocity the school declined to the point where it was placed in Special Measures. Turning the school around was a daunting task but, if you read

'Ahead of the Class', you'll see what an inspirational head Marie (later Lady) Stubbs turned out to be. I'm not afraid to admit that some of the episodes she describes brought a tear to my eye.

'Let Her Fly' by Ziauddin Yousafzai tells the story of a teacher in Pakistan who fought for equality of educational opportunity in a society where normally only the boys benefit. However, it was when he had his own daughter, Malala, that his determination really took hold. This book relates his battle to give Malala access to education and the near-fatal consequences of giving her a voice: her outspokenness resulted in an attempt on her life by the Taliban, from which she was lucky to survive. Reading this made me realise how lucky I was to have been brought up in a country where education is a common right.

Two contrasting books, equally moving and equally compelling. Together they brought home not just the indispensability of uninterrupted, universally-accessible, high quality education but also the potential long term damage to young people's development caused by the current pandemic.

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PARISH NOTICES

BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)

EASTER BUNNY

The Easter Bunny is planning to hop around Badby hiding Easter Eggs and hoping everyone will find the eggs and win prizes. More details will be on village and church Facebook pages and web sites nearer to Easter.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Huge thanks to the talented church flower arrangers who kindly made posies for Mothering Sunday weekend, and thanks also to everyone who took a posy and made a donation. Even though we couldn't hold a Mothering Sunday service, the porch looked wonderful and we made nearly £80 for church funds. Flower arrangements in the church porch will be provided by Ann Syred between March 27 & April 11 and Karen Alexander between April 11 & 25.

SOUP RECIPES

The soup and bread recipe book is now available, in aid of St. Mary's Church. There are 28 pages of delicious recipes, some new to you and some old standbys, but they are all favourites of the contributors. If you would like a copy please email judy.jordan27@gmail.com and you will receive a hard copy in return for a suggested contribution of £5 to St. Mary's.

DAVENTRY FOOD BANK

Daventry Food Bank is very grateful for all the contributions Badby residents are making. At the moment they also need plastic bags, so if anyone has more than they need please put them in the food box in the church porch.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Would you like to have the chance to win a monthly cash prize for as little as a couple of pounds a month? St Mary's Church is planning a monthly lottery. Each month a proportion of the funds will be given away in prizes with a larger cash prize once a

year and the rest will go to support St Mary's. It would help to know how many people might be interested so it can be set up appropriately in the next few months. If you are interested or have a question please contact Jim McBeth ideally by email at badbychurchlottery@btinternet.com or phone 07717 414664 / 01327 872836. Further details shortly.

COFFEE MORNING

We met in March on Zoom for a very cheerful cup of coffee and decided this is definitely the way forward for now. Come and join in if you feel like a chat. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10.30am for about an hour. Everyone is welcome – just let Judy Jordan know on judy.jordan27@gmail.com, and you'll be sent the link.

CHURCH ROOF REPAIR PROJECT

The Wolfson Foundation has generously granted £7,500 towards the work to repair rotting timber gutter supports and replace the asbestos cement tiles on the nave and chancel roofs etc. Only £28,500 more to find!

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Awaiting a decision when to open the chapel.

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BADBY & FAWLEY WI

For Thursday, April 8 at 7.30pm via Zoom, we have invited author Trevor Wood to talk about how he became a writer after spending his life as an officer in the Royal Navy. One of his books, 'Man on the Street' is his topic. This book has been read by a few of our WI members to much acclaim. For further information and access please contact Ann Skinner on 01327 871597.

COMING SOON – NEW BADBY WEBSITE

The new website announced last month is progressing well. A small group from the Parish Council and badbyvillage.com is working hard to transfer and test. The intention is to 'go live' by the end of April. Badbyvillage.com will continue to exist for some time, and visitors to it will be re-directed to the new site once it goes live. Full details of the new

site and how to be kept informed of things happening in Badby will be in next month's Link – get ready!

BADBY & FARTHINGSTONE CRICKET CLUB

The club is delighted to have reached agreement with Badby Parish Council on a long term lease for the Longroods cricket ground. This gives the club security of tenure for long term development and gives the council, village and district a viable and committed sports club.

With expansion planned into league, youth and women's cricket alongside regular Sunday and midweek friendlies, the club welcomes all new players – men, women, teenagers and children. Membership fees are: Full £50, Playing £30, Social £20, Junior £10. Please contact Andy Nightingale on andynightingale23@gmail.com.

With outdoor sports restrictions due to ease later this month, the club is looking forward to the start of nets sessions after an active close season. The season should start on time (Intra-club game April 11) with, depending on official ECB guidance, the first half of the season up to June 21 played under Covid safe regulations. After then the club are hoping to resume using the pavilion and providing teas!



[Acknowledgements to 'The Spectator']

NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning
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CHURCH

The porch gate is open each day to allow access to the food bank box. Please continue to donate food and toiletries and we will ensure they are delivered regularly to Daventry. The church itself is open for quiet reflection and prayer each Sunday between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Please observe government guidelines.

PCC

At our most recent PCC meeting held via zoom, the main subject discussed was the repair of the west window. Quotations have been received to reveal the extent of the repair and the likely costs. With no services or fundraising the cost of this work will have a serious impact on our already limited reserves. Despite our best endeavours we have not received any government grants or subsidies. To save the cost of regularly replacing the batteries in the roof alarm system it was decided to link it in to our electrical system, and in addition to proceed with our long overdue quinquennial inspection report.

NEWNHAM'S EASTER BUNNY...

Great news-the EB has been on the 'phone to us again and very kindly accepted our invitation! He'll be in the church grounds from 10.30-11.30 on Easter Sunday morning with surprises and treats for the children. All very welcome, come along and say Hi and show him your best hops.



Please observe distance and approach one family at a time to stay safe.



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound
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PACKHORSE PATH

Work on the new Packhorse Path running from the War Memorial to the Preston Capes crossroads is proceeding apace. This path was initiated last year by the late Derek Durrant, and following his sad and untimely death it is now being continued in his memory by a dedicated group of volunteer villagers,



funded by various donations and grants. All the scrub and undergrowth on the wide verge has been cleared, a winding rural path has been created and planted up with snowdrops, bluebells,

daffodils etc. and a double row of mixed hedging to separate the path from the road is almost complete.

It is a most attractive addition to the village landscape, and congratulations and thanks are due to all the volunteers.

DP

NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES

Following the sudden death of "Bobby" from Bobby's Newsagents in Woodford, following his accident, a replacement source of newspapers has now been found. Smith's Newsagents of Banbury are now providing a daily delivery service (to your door) with the papers arriving early in the morning (usually between 6.00 and 7.00am). If you wish to make use of this service please telephone 01295 268499 before 1100am any morning to make enquiries.

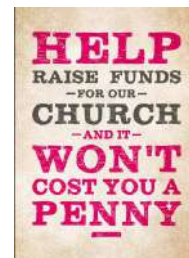
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100 CLUB

This months 100 club winner is No 61 J Lock. Congratulations to Jen!

FUND RAISING

The PCC's income from fund raising by our usual annual Big Band Concert, Harvest Supper and Sale, and Christmas Bingo was of course zero during 2020. That had a significant impact on our ability to pay our way and meet the expenses of the church



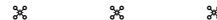
and so it is turning it's attention now to try to recoup some of that lost income. It plans to reinvigorate the "Easyfundraising" scheme under which a number (though sadly only a small number) of supporters have been involved for some years.

This is a scheme whereby purchases

you make online, from a participating retailers generates a donation by those retailers to a charity of your choice - in this case Charwelton PCC, at no extra cost to you!

Residents of Charwelton will be getting an explanatory flyer through their letter boxes very shortly giving all the details. Please consider trying to use this scheme and support your church.

DP



FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

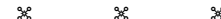
This will take place (all being well at the time) on Tuesday 25th May at 2pm in the church.

THANK YOU

After almost 10 years as our organist at Fawsley Church Cassandra is now stepping down. We thank her for all her support and wish her all the very best in her retirement.

DAFFODILS

Thank you to those who planted daffodil bulbs in the churchyard. They have produced a fine display this month.



PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Gerard Hoare

CHURCH FLOWERS

Resume on Saturday 3rd April; Easter flowers, all arrangers involved please.

RE-ARRANGED ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

For pandemic reasons this will now take place on Friday 28th May, at 1600 in Church. All members of the Church Electoral Roll are very welcome to attend and vote.

EASTER SUNDAY 4TH APRIL

There will be no service at Preston Capes on Easter Sunday. Please see the service plan on page 2.

GARDENER'S COFFEE MORNING AND PERFECT PLANT SALE

This will take place at Old West Farm, Little Preston on Monday 17th May from 10:00am to 13:00.

Bigger than in previous years this is a large occasion and the coffee, plants, raffle prizes and snacks are superb.

Drive in to ample car parking. Please put the date in your diaries now.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Please make use of the collection box just inside the church door for the non-perishable foods required.

Desired donations include tinned meat, fish and vegetables, tinned fruit, cooking sauces, coffee, UHT or powdered milk, cereals, tinned puddings, jam and instant mashed potato.

This is a really good cause to help those caught in the poverty or benefits and corona virus trap. Scilla Smith is our organiser, she moves contents to Towcester twice a month, and is happy to answer queries; tel 361347.

Please can we try to support this strongly?

VILLAGE HALL

We apologise for having to postpone the quiz planned for March, the new date is Saturday 24th April. As usual please let Sylvia know if you need an invitation. The quiz will start at 8.00 with the picture round which will be available on the village hall page of the Preston Capes website from 7.30.

The next Book club will be on Thursday 15th April and the book for this month is 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig. Please contact Debbie Cox for more information.

Don't forget we are still offering the use of Zoom, free to anyone living within the village. Please contact Sylvia Delacoe for more information.

BYFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE

A community Lateral Flow Device Testing Centre has opened at Daventry Leisure Centre.

Lateral Flow Device testing is otherwise known as rapid testing and is used in people who do not have symptoms of Covid-19.

The aim is to identify the one in three people who may be infectious without being aware, in order to reduce spread of the virus. Rapid testing enables swift action to be taken to protect colleagues and family members of those who test positive with COVID-19 and to reduce any onward risk of transmission.

Booking a test

The new site is open Tuesday to Saturday from 9.30am to 12pm and 1pm to 6.30pm, providing a wide variety of testing slots. Each test involves a swab of the mouth and nose and provides a result within 30 minutes.

- Testing slots must be booked online in advance
- Priority is given to workers in the following sectors:
- Health or social care
- Transportation
- Education or childcare (if not receiving regular rapid tests via the workplace)
- Essential shop, supermarkets or financial services
- Food production or processing
- Warehousing, packing or distribution
- Essential public sector services including waste, bin collections, security etc
- Construction, utilities or communications
- Agency workers.

DIARY

This diary records the proposed dates of any benefice, parish or village events. We hope that this will help those planning such events to know what else is going on and therefore be able to avoid any unhelpful clashes of dates.

If you know, or become aware, of events which ought to be recorded please let David Pound, or your village Link correspondent, know.

Events known about so far are:

April

- 12 Newnham APCM
- 21 Benefice Council
- 27 Badby PCC (& APCM?)

May

- 12 Newnham PCC
- 17 Preston Capes plant sale
- 23 Badby Open Gardens & teas in church

- 25 Badby PCC
- 26 Charwellton APCM
- 28 Preston Capes APCM & PCC

June

- 5 Farthingstone Foot Festival
- 12 Preston Capes Garden Feast
- 20 Farthingstone Open Gardens

July

- TBC Preston Capes Cook Out
- 14 Newnham PCC
- 27 Badby PCC
- 30 Preston Capes PCC

August

- TBC Preston Capes Croquet

September

- 5 Badby Horticultural Show
- 8 Newnham PCC
- 10-12 Badby Scarecrow Festival
- 24 Charwellton Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 28 Badby PCC

October

- 1 Preston Capes PCC
- 4 Preston Capes Harvest Supper and Sale
- TBC Preston Capes Magic Night

November

- 6 Preston Capes Fynniuss Fogg Music Night
- 10 Newnham PCC
- 23 Badby PCC
- 26 Preston Capes PCC

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Web site.

The Newnham Parish website can be found at; www.newnham-parish.org.uk Parish council meetings are currently being held via Zoom conference meetings on the internet. The next meeting will be on Monday April 12th at 7.30pm. The meeting agenda and joining details are on the notice boards and the web site.

Village Hall

The Village Hall is closed until further notice.

Dog Fouling – We have joined the ‘Paint means Poo’ campaign. It was agreed the parish council will join this campaign to highlight the ongoing problems with inconsiderate dog owners allowing ‘dog fouling’ around the village. If you own a dog, please take a bag with you to pick up after your animal.

Traffic Calming

The new VAS, ‘Vehicle Activated Speed’ sign, is being moved around various locations within the village along with the original machine.

First Aid Training

This continues to be ‘on hold’. The First Aid training, when it commences, will deal with CPR, recovery position and bleeds.

New Handy Person.

If you have any suggestions for work to be carried out around the village by Darron our ‘handy person’, please contact the parish clerk at; clerk@newnham-parish.org.uk

Parish Web Site.

Local businesses and organisations eg. ‘The Girl Guides’, ‘The Bellringers’ etc are invited to advertise their services or meetings on the Parish web site. There is no charge for this service.

Blocked drains/standing water on Badby Road/Bradbury Road.

NCC Highways have visited but the water remains. Consequently, a works order has now been raised and they shall be programming clearing of the gullies to the culvert. Being monitored and ongoing!

Street Doctor.

If you notice any damage to the road surfaces around the village, eg, ‘potholes’, please report the problem at; <https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/> You can also report blocked or overflowing drains.

Parish Council owned Land.

The Parish Council would like to know if any parish residents know of any areas of land which are known to be owned by the Parish Council other than ‘The Green’ and The Burial Ground so that they can update the Parish Asset Register.

New Handrails.

A new metal handrail is to be installed running down through the Churchyard to aid walking in wet and slippery conditions. Another will be installed on the steps beside ‘Hilltop’ on Church Street, at an appropriate height.

Maria's Kitchen

They continue to offer their excellent food either as a ‘take away’ or with a delivery service. To place orders please call 01327-876118.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

There are no qualifications required, just a desire to help the community. There is no interview process to pass. Councillors are all unpaid volunteers, working for the good of us all.

Access to a computer is required as our meetings are at present via the internet

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