

# ALL SAINTS' MALDON



# PARISH NEWS

April 2021

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday Services

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)  
09:30 am Sung Parish Eucharist (except first Sunday of the month).  
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09:30am Short all stories songs and age service of prayers.  
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### Prayer

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### Prayer

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*All Church Services have been restricted.  
Please see the Link or the website for times*

**Cover Picture: Beeleigh at Sunset by Geoff Dickman**



# THE PARISH LETTER

## Resurrection Cluedo or ‘just where *did* Jesus’ body go?’

This article is a chance to have a short look at all those involved in Good Friday and Easter Sunday and considers their motives and opportunities for moving Jesus’ body. Think of it like playing Resurrection Cluedo if you like. For a more scholarly version of this, do buy the book by [Frank Morrison](#), entitled ‘who moved the stone?’

Who had an opportunity to sweep in after Jesus died on the cross? The Romans, for starters, but why would they steal the body? Pilate comes across as being pleased to be rid of Jesus’ body, plus needing to keep the peace which was his main job specification. Having a nation of displeased Hebrews would not have done his career any favours and was best to be avoided. That is why he gave the Jewish authorities permission to guard the tomb themselves.

So perhaps they took Jesus’ body?

Well, again the same argument stands. If they had Jesus’ body, as soon as people started saying, ‘we have seen Jesus’, all the Jewish authorities had to do was say, ‘so have we’ and show them his dead body. They never did this, so obviously they never had the body.

Who else had access?

Well Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea took the body from the cross to the tomb, but they did this because they were trying to give Jesus a burial in accordance with scripture; a burial with respect and honour. The idea that they would then turn grave robbers on the Sabbath, not only dishonouring Jesus’ after having gone to such lengths to honour him, but also breaking their own Sabbath and cleanliness laws, is more than faintly ridiculous.

Even if they did sneak his body out somehow, the tomb was guarded and sealed and they would have had to have done it at night in a city full of pilgrims for the Passover. They would have had to do the transfer without being noticed and then pay all those involved enough for their silence to be bought for life. All this under the eyes of Roman and Jewish authorities’ who were desperate to find the body: highly unlikely at best.

So, perhaps it was the women who took the body?

They were in attendance throughout this period and there were several of them. Maybe they got the wrong garden? This last point is erroneous as how many gardens would there have been in Jerusalem with guards beside a sealed tomb? Also the disciples or even Joseph of Arimathea would have



pointed out to them eventually that the tomb was actually in *that* garden over there. There are several reasons why the women at the tomb are illogical suspects, chief among them being that Jesus' mother was one of the attendant women. How many mothers turn grave robber?

Secondly, they would then have proceeded to deceive all the disciples and indeed the apostles of the early church. This included Mary's other son James. He was killed for his faith in the risen Jesus. From what we know of Mary it seems outlandish to entertain this plot for any time at all.

But the disciples *were* suspected by the Jewish authorities and the Romans, if they could pretend that Jesus was still alive, they could foment the rebellion that some of them so desperately wanted.

And yet: they were cowards, hiding from the authorities, too scared even to venture out to see the tomb after the women had done so for them. Only one of them was at the crucifixion and despite spending three years with Jesus they had not quite grasped all he had wanted them to. For example telling them that this exact sequence of events was about to happen, but still being surprised. Better evidence than this though is what happened to the remaining 11 disciples afterwards. Do a bit of research and see how many of them died proclaiming that Jesus was indeed raised from the dead. You will be surprised not only by the number, but also by the manner of their deaths. Would you die for something that you knew to be a lie? It is largely unreasonable to suggest that the disciples did so either.

Jesus was seen on many occasions after his resurrection and we know from the reaction of the authorities that he was no longer in his tomb. So the best remaining argument is that maybe Jesus did not die at all; that he faked his own death.

Just for a minute, find a pencil and roll down your socks and knock your ankles together, not too hard because it hurts, but just once or twice. Hold them together a moment and then imagine someone else's hand doing that instead of your own. Now take the pencil and hold it alongside your ankles. It would be a nail that sort of length that would have gone through both ankles of someone being crucified.

I mention this because a) it would have left anyone with severe mobility issues and b) because Jesus being taken down from the cross would not have involved a fireman on a ladder gently lifting him down: he was dead, so the Romans would have torn him down. To those crucifying him, the nails holding Jesus there were more valuable than he was.

Before even considering that the Romans were highly proficient at crucifying people and the medical evidence of the blood and water having separated, Jesus was embalmed before being placed in the tomb which was then sealed from the outside. Crucifixion, more often than not, dislocates



joints in the arms (Shoulder, wrists, elbows).

Even if Jesus had survived being crucified and having a spear thrust in his side, it is inconceivable that anyone having endured those things after a severe flogging could, with dislocated limbs undo from the inside and in utter darkness the embalmed linen that encased him, before undoing the sealed tomb from the inside and then overpowering the guards, before folding his grave clothes neatly and walking off into the sunrise. This is not the film, [\*Shane\*](#).

Which is less troubling for you to believe; that Jesus faked his own death or that he really did keep his promises by defeating death and rising to life three days later?

Sherlock Holmes is famous for saying; ‘When you have ruled out the impossible, whatever is left, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.’ Take some time to consider for yourself this Easter where you think Jesus’ body went and maybe [do differently](#) in the coming days.

*Asa Humphreys*

## ONE YEAR ON

“So many people right across the country are anxious about employment, anxious about food, isolated from loved ones and feel that the future looks dark.” These are words from the Archbishop of Canterbury’s sermon on Easter Day 2020. Who would have thought that we are experiencing the same uncertainties this Easter!

Yet the Easter story remains one of hope overcoming darkness and despair. The women arrived at the tomb on Easter morning with mixed emotions, as they came to anoint Jesus’ body (Mark 16:1). They were confused, as they tried to make sense of Jesus’ death. Their hopes were dashed with an uncertain future. In the current pandemic, we too are left asking: Where is God in all this? Yet the young man at the tomb tells them not be alarmed: “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.” (6).

The women had forgotten Jesus’ promise to the disciples that He would die and rise from the dead. Jesus’ resurrection is also the sure foundation of hope for us in the present crisis. He turns our confusion and fear into joy and wonder! We can trust Jesus’ plan for the future of our world and lives, despite the fact that things can’t return to the way they were: “There needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a new normal, something that links to the old, but is different and more beautiful.” (Justin Welby).

*Taken from the Parish Pump website.*



## St Andrew's, A Brief History.

The present church building of St Andrew's was founded between 1160 and 1181 and remains from that period still exist. It is assumed that an earlier, Saxon building, predated the present one. The walls of the Church are of flint rubble, boulder clay and pudding stone, with dressings of limestone and clunch. The west end holds the remains of a Norman tower of unusually large dimensions and exceeds the width of the nave. It currently has a pyramidal roof that is tiled.

The basic shape of the church shows substantial rebuilding, most noticeably in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. As was evidenced in 1953 particularly high flood waters can still come close to the church itself and in the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century the high tide still used to come up to the churchyard.

At its founding the river came through what is now Heybridge Creek passed over marsh. was a massive flood up the existing river the course of the the Chelmer at volume of water foundations of the which collapsed onto the nave, producing a ruin.



main navigable Heybridge follow-known as and the Causeway, Around 1450 there event which silted bed and diverted Blackwater to join Beeleigh. This vast undermined the church tower,

This was restored, mainly by the efforts of Sir Henry Bouchier through his estate at Langford. The restoration is clear to see once within the church, with windows blocked and staircases foreshortened. The surplus salvaged materials were used to extend the chancel eastwards and the seawater stain remains on the nave walls.

In the style of a long ago prophet, the list of previous vicars at St Andrew's does include one other Priest who concurrently was responsible for multiple worshipping communities. Reverend John Pridden MA (1783 – 1797) was concurrently Curate at St Bride's, London (1783 – 1803), and Vicar of Little Wakering (1788) as well as serving Heybridge. Apparently he managed it by paying for a curate to take his Sunday services for him every week – a situation that we only know about because the Bishop formally investigated him! It probably helped that Communion only happened four times a year too!

The churchyard at St Andrew's is a rare wildlife treat – cared for by local volunteers, the wildflower garden behind the church is quite the sight to behold. Well worth a visit.

*Asa.*



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Dear Friend,

I am happy to write with the good news that we are soon able to return to corporate worship.

Overleaf, there is the pattern of worship arrived at after much discussion, which has now been agreed by all those who lead services and the Wardens of each parish. This, as I am sure you can appreciate, has been no small task and I am grateful for all the support I have received.

In the first instance, we'll have an hour of supervised private prayer on Palm Sunday. All Saints, Maldon and St Giles, Langford will commence at 0930 and St Andrew's, Heybridge will commence at 1115. On Monday 29th March, St George's will have a recorded service at 0930.

On Good Friday each church building will have a service – All Saints, Maldon, Communion at 0930 and St Andrew's, Heybridge, Communion at 1115. At 2pm St Giles, Langford and St George's, Heybridge Basin will both have an hour long service of prayer and reflection.

On Easter Sunday there will be a 6am Dawn Communion at St George's, Heybridge Basin, an 8am BCP Communion and a 0930 Communion at All Saints; a 0930 Communion at St Giles, Langford and an 1115 Communion at St Andrew's.

The new pattern will begin to take shape in the following weeks. We'll need to work together to let our parishes and congregations know the new patterns, but as everything else is beginning to restart too, we are at least in good company.

It is expected that Evening Worship will commence again in the summer, although obviously this remains contingent upon restrictions. When I take leave through the year, this pattern may alter slightly, out of the necessities of cover, but this is the agreed pattern going forward.

The Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral has said that our re-entry into worship will be ragged, but hopefully this will be a great opportunity for us to live out the great truth of Hamlet, that "there is a Divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them though we will."

Let us be praying that God will continue to shape us and our life of worship together in the coming weeks, months and years.

Thank you and God bless,

Reverend Asa Humphreys **(NB. see centre page for revised pattern of Services)**



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a country in the EU, European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland  
another country and you are the family member of someone who is from the EU, EEA or Switzerland

You can apply for 'pre-settled status' or 'settled status' under the EU Settlement Scheme. You might also be able to apply for British citizenship, but it is a good idea to apply for pre-settled or settled status too – it's faster and it's free.

It is worth applying to stay in the UK straight away. After 30 June 2021 you might be asked to prove your right to do things like get a job or use the NHS. Your family members might be able to apply to the scheme if you started living in the UK by 31 December 2020. It also depends on when they arrived in the UK and how they are related to you.

You usually have to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme online. There are a few situations when you must use a paper form. You don't need to be in the UK to apply.

Applications are made from: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

### **Case Study**

**I'm from Austria and I know I need to apply for Settled Status but I'm really confused about what documents I need in order to apply for my children and me. We've lived in England for six years and I'm worried that if we don't apply soon, we might have to leave.**

You should apply as soon as you can to avoid any delays. After 30 June 2021 you might be asked to prove your right to do things like get a job or use a service like the NHS. Having your status sorted will make this more straightforward.

To get settled status, you need evidence that you have lived in the UK for 6



months out of every 12 months for 5 years in a row. As you say you and your children have lived in the UK for six years, you should be eligible for this.

To apply, you will need to have a few things. These include a passport or national ID card, a digital photo, your National Insurance number, or proof of how long you have lived in the UK, a mobile number and an email address.

If you have been working, you can find your National Insurance number on your pay slip. If not, you can contact HM Revenue and Customs National Insurance Helpline on 0300 200 3500 to help find it.

It may be easier to make your children's application after you've made your own. This way you will be able to 'link' your child's application to yours, using the application number you got when you applied for yourself.

You can do this at any time after you have applied - you do not need to wait for a decision. And if your own application is successful, your child will get the same status as you.

To apply on behalf of your children, you will need to have proof of your relationship - for example, a birth certificate.

You can apply online:

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*Sally Babbage*

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## Divine Intervention?

A little boy was playing outside with his mother's broom in the garden. That night his mother realised her broom was still missing and asked her son to go out and bring it in.

When the little boy confessed he was afraid of the dark, his mother tried to comfort him: 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.'

Hesitantly, the little boy opened the back door and peered out. He called softly: 'Lord, please will you pass me the broom?'

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## Aminata Hid from the World — but Now Her Light Shines

Aminata's was born with a cleft lip and other children would make fun of the way she spoke and ate. She became withdrawn and would only nibble on food in hiding. Soon Aminata became malnourished and her body's development slowed. By the time she was 8 years old, Aminata's height and build resembled that of a 4-year-old.

Every day Aminata's mother cried because she couldn't afford the cleft surgery her daughter desperately needed. Then, one day Aminata's uncle heard on the radio that Mercy Ships was coming to Senegal to provide free surgeries for people in need.

He rushed to Aminata and drove her to our patient screening, but they arrived too late. Without giving up, he drove his niece straight to the Africa Mercy to see if she could be helped.

"This ship was our only hope," he said.

Aminata's family were overjoyed when she was accepted. Aminata was going to receive life-changing surgery! Her smile would be healed and she would be able to eat without shame.

After her surgery, Aminata healed knowing that her family had never given up on her

"We held on to the hope we had," her uncle said. "Now, she has so many more opportunities, and we are so blessed. We are so thankful for all that was done for our family."

Today, Aminata is no longer hiding from the world or living with the shame she had felt. Now she has wonderful friends and restored hope for her future.

*You can help to change more lives like Aminata's by becoming a supporter of Mercy Ships today. Website <[www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk)>*



**Before and After  
Surgery**

*Some years ago we supported Carol and Ashley Saunder's daughter who was volunteering on one of the Mercy Ships Ed.*



## *My Bible*

### **Reasons to believe in the power of the Bible**



‘My wife had three miscarriages before our first little boy arrived. In the aftermath of the third miscarriage, she got pregnant. I was anxious about the pregnancy not going to plan. I was hyper-sensitive, hyper-alert. I couldn’t envisage a future in which we would have a baby. I thought that was how it would always be.

‘I became a controlaholic. There were many parts of my life that I could control, but not this. I felt vulnerable and shocked, shocked at myself, at what was beneath the surface. I realised that life is a gift, not a right.

‘I was trying to control what I could: what my wife was eating, panicking if the baby moved. Most days there was a cloud of anxiety that settled on my mind that would not go away. It brought tensions in our marriage.

‘Psalm 127 became a very good friend in that period. It says, “Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain...Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb, a reward.”

‘That just reminded me of the bigger picture. I saw that a child’s life was totally a gift from God and can’t be manufactured or manipulated. It just stabilised me, I would say.

‘Toby is now three. His brother, Theo, is one. They fill our lives with joy. They’re a constant reminder of the gift to us and that God’s goodness has been expressed in that very tangible and concrete way. Toby was a gift to us at a time of longing and agony and prayer.

‘That helps us to hold Toby and Theo with a great sense of deep care and gratefulness and yet open-handedness as a gift from God. We don’t own them.’

*Taken from the Bible Society website*



## Deputy Warden's Waffle

Peter and I along with many of our generation have now had our second jab and the first one is now well under way for our children, now in their 50s. What an amazing rollout it is has been from the speed of the production of the vaccines down to the volunteers at the vaccination centres, seeing us safely through the well organised application of the vaccine. Alongside all that is the pain and heartache of so many deaths and the effects of long covid as well as the lockdowns. A time like no other! But we can give thanks for the technology that has made it possible for so much to be achieved in so many ways that would not have been possible such a short a time ago.

As you will see elsewhere in this magazine, our church is to be opened; on Palm Sunday it will be opened for Supervised Private Prayer from 09:30 for an hour; on Good Friday there will be a Communion Service at 09:30 and on Easter Sunday there will be an 08:00 Communion Service also a 09:30 Communion Service. You should note the revised pattern of services and times which are shown on the centre page of this magazine

I hope that we can continue to plan all the things in both church and personal life that have been put on hold for over a year. We look forward to the new ways of being church in a changed society, but not so different that we lose all the things that mean so much to us!

To all our friends within the church family and beyond, (specially Avril in hospital nursing a broken leg), we send our love and good wishes for a blessed Easter.

On a more personnel note, although it is now nine months since we moved to D'Arcy, we are still trying to sort ourselves out and finding tradesmen to carry out some of the work we require to be done; it seems very difficult to pin people down. However we are very happy here and the dogs are certainly enjoying the many footpaths around the village.

*Viv Clark - Deputy Churchwarden*

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## The Revised P

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>
All Saints	8am BCP Communion	8am BCP Communion	8am
	9.30am Lay Led Multi-Sensory Service <i>with Baptisms</i>	9.30am Communion	9.30 Ch Co Mu wi
St Giles	9.30am Lay Led Morning Prayer	9.30am Communion	9.30 Mo
St Andrew's	11.15am Communion	11.15am Lay Led Morning Praise <i>with Baptisms</i>	11. Co

The first Thursday of the month will see an 11am Communion at All Saints. Wednesday services are discontinued. Sunday Evening services shall remain in abeyance until restrictions permit.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
St George's	9.30am Communion	9.30am Communion	9.30am
	This service will be filmed for webcasting the following Sunday (e.g. when a funeral is arranged on a Monday morning)		

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>
MMU Evening Worship (GMT)	6pm Evensong St Mary's, Maldon	4pm Evensong All Saints, Maldon	4p Al
MMU Evening Worship (BST)	6pm Evensong St Mary's, Maldon	6pm Evensong All Saints, Maldon	6p Al

In keeping with local practice, there will be no services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



## Pattern of Services

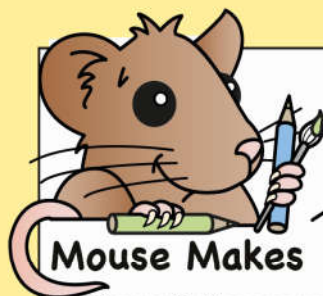
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
8am BCP Communion	8am BCP Communion	8am BCP Matins
10am Child-Friendly Communion Music on screens <i>with Baptisms</i>	9.30am Communion with prayers for Healing and Wholeness	9.30am Communion
10am Lay Led Morning Prayer	9.30am Communion	9.30am Communion <i>with Baptism</i>
11.15am Communion	11.15am Lay Led Morning Praise <i>With Baptisms</i>	11.15am Communion

Sunday Communion at St Andrew's and Friday Evening Prayer at St Giles will be permitted. Extra training will be provided, as desired, for those leading services.

Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> Monday
9.30am Communion	9.30am Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Monday. It will normally be Communion, but may be lay-led Morning Prayer (if permitted.) Appointed High Days and Holidays will have a service too.		

Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
4pm Evensong All Saints, Purleigh	4pm Prayer and Praise All Saints, Maldon	~
6pm Evensong All Saints, Purleigh	6pm Prayer and Praise All Saints, Maldon	~

There will be no Evening Worship during August.



## Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

### SON OF GOD

Matthew 3:16-17



### KING OF KINGS

Revelation 17:14

### PROPHET

Luke 24:19



### PRIEST

1 Timothy 2:5

### ROCK

1 Corinthians 10:4

### LORD

1 Corinthians 1:9

### AMEN

Revelation 3:14

### LIFE

John 11:25-27

### MESSIAH

John 1:41

### SHEPHERD

John 10:11

### LIGHT

John 8:12



### WORD

John 1:1-50



### BREAD

John 6:35

### CREATOR

1 John 1:3



### CHRIST

Matthew 16:16

### SAVIOUR

John 3:16-17

### HOLY ONE

Mark 1:24

### VINE

John 15:5



### DOOR

John 10:9



### WAY

John 14:6

### LAMB

John 1:29



V L I F E W D  
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# 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

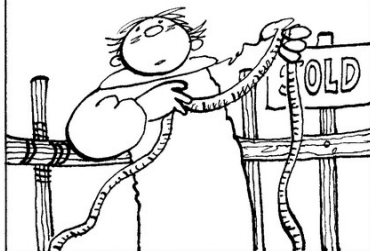


OH!  
NO!!



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.



YES - I CAN  
COME TO YOUR  
PARTY

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



# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Matthew 26: 20-25, 31-35, Mark 14: 17-21, 27-31  
Luke 22: 22, 31-34, John 13: 21-30, 36-38

The Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus.  
One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, had  
accepted money from them to betray him.

As Jesus and his disciples ate the  
Passover meal, Jesus said



What do  
you mean?

John was sitting  
next to Jesus, so  
Peter said



So John asked Jesus



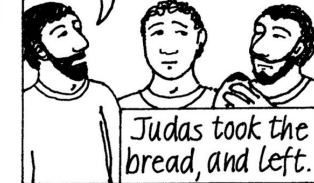
It is the person I give  
this piece of bread to.



Jesus dipped a piece  
of bread in sauce, and  
gave it to Judas.



What you are about to do  
you must do quickly.



Why has Judas gone out?



They continued  
the Passover meal



Jesus then told the rest of the  
disciples



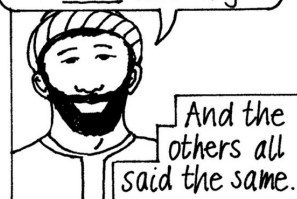
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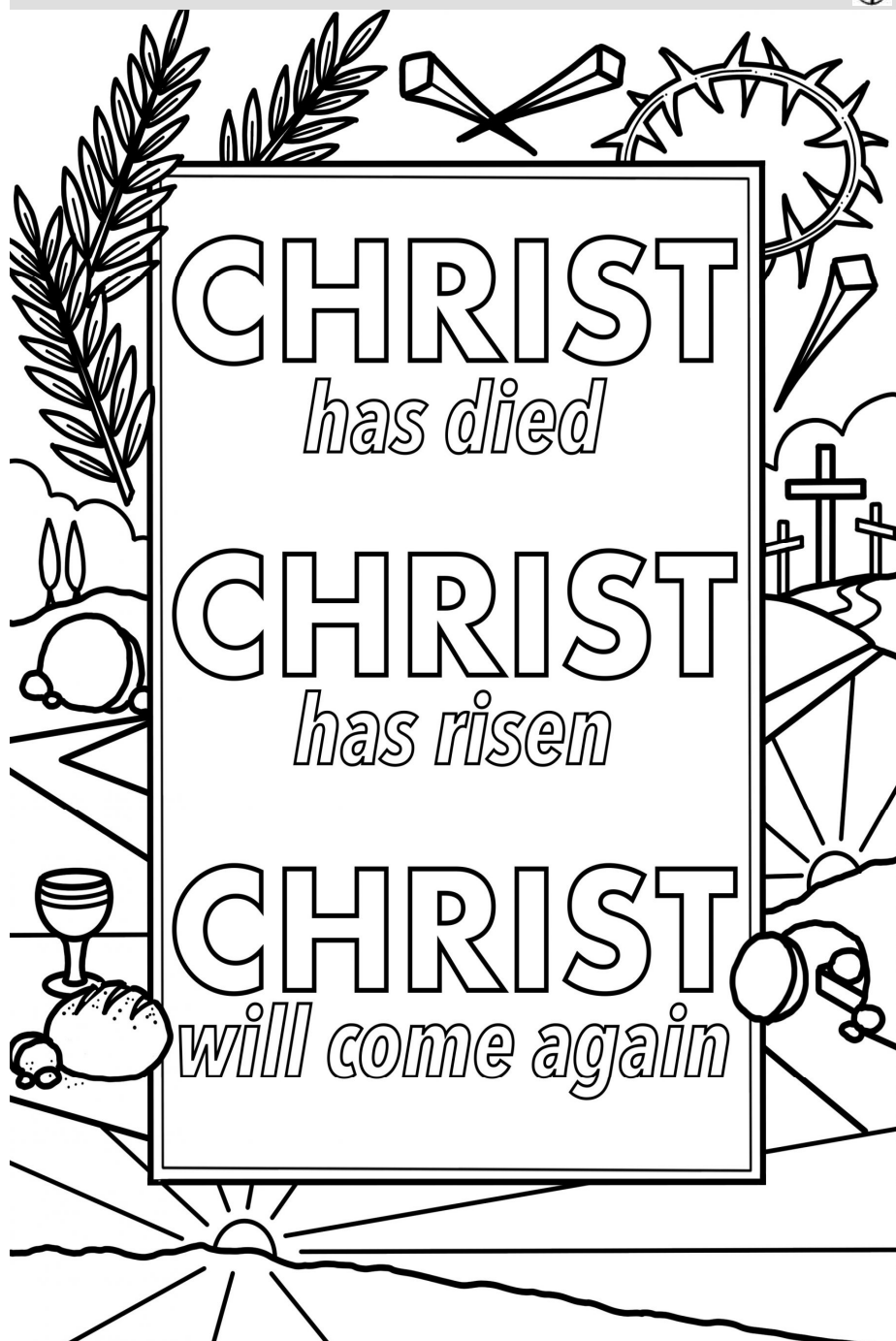


Before tomorrow morning  
you will have denied you  
even know me 3 times.



Even if I have to die, I  
will never disown you!







Changing the world  
with **women and girls**  
**act:onaid**

## **Education – especially of women and girls – transforms lives and communities.**

Educating girls specifically has enormous and far-reaching benefits. It reduces rates of child marriage, promotes healthier and smaller families, improves wages and jobs for women, and empowers women to become leaders at community and government levels. But around the world, nine million girls of primary school age will never start school or set foot in a classroom. This compares to about three million boys.

ActionAid believes a good quality, publicly-funded education should be available to all children.

We work in countries around the world to ensure that children receive the quality education that is their right.

In countries where girls are denied an education through risk of violence or child marriage, we set up girls' clubs and school committees so that girls can demand their right to education, free from abuse

### **Education helps girls break out of the cycle of poverty**

There is no dispute about the benefits of education, especially for girls.

- Better-educated women tend to **earn more, have better jobs, and invest their earnings into their families**. Every additional year of school a woman attends increases her wages by an average of 12 percent.
- Increasing girls' education **reduces infant and maternal mortality**. Educated mothers have fewer pregnancies, are less likely to give birth as teenagers, and are better able to access the maternal healthcare they need.
- Increasing girls' education **reduces child marriage**. Across 18 of the 20 countries with the highest prevalence of child marriage, girls with no education are up to six times more likely to marry as children than girls with a secondary education.

Education helps give women **the skills they need to take on leadership roles**, including political positions. In those roles, they are much more likely to advocate for policies that benefit family and community life, like improved education and social services.

*Taken from the ActionAid website*



*Nigel Beeton writes: 'I'm sure for many people isolated at home the time since Christmas has hung heavy. It can be challenging to make the most out of every day, and it is perhaps always a worthwhile exercise to consider our priorities:*

**Can it be Easter Already?**

Can it be Easter already?

Can that be really so?

The carols and the Christmas tree

Don't seem that long ago!

Can it be Easter already?

Do April showers splash?

The weeks gone by since Christmas day

Have gone in just a flash!

Can it be Easter already?

The time of Lent has passed

The forty days and forty nights

Went by so very fast.

If it is Easter already,

That time has sped away.

Perhaps it's time to ponder, pause

And savour every day!

*By Nigel Beeton*

*Taken from the Parish Pump website*



## 100 YEARS OF THE PCC

It's a hundred years since parish churches gained the power to run their own affairs, separately from what we now regard as local government.

The religious affairs of a parish, as well as its secular business had been controlled by a single committee, which met in the church and was known as the 'Vestry'. Then, in 1894, Parish Councils were formed to deal with secular matters; the Vestry continued to oversee church affairs until 1921, when Parochial Church Councils (PCC) were established. People still get confused by the two.

Churchwardens have been around since the 13th Century and legally 'own' the movable contents of the church. They are meant to maintain order in the church and churchyard, with the assistance of their staves, if necessary. In the event of serious disorder today, a mobile phone might be a safer instrument, with staves reserved for ceremonial occasions! Churchwardens are now chosen by parishioners, though the Incumbent (ie Vicar or Rector) has a limited right of veto.

Today, anyone on the Electoral Roll of the church (sorry, this is another confusion, for the secular Electoral Roll is entirely separate) can attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which elects the PCC. The Incumbent is an *ex officio* member, as are other licensed clergy and Churchwardens, members of the Deanery Synod, plus any member of the Diocesan Synod and General Synod who lives in the parish or is on the Roll. The Incumbent chairs the PCC, which elects a Vice-Chair and appoints a Standing Committee to transact business between meetings.

The purpose of a PCC, which must meet at least four times a year, is to consult together with the Incumbent "on matters of general concern and importance to the parish", and that includes the "whole mission of the Church". Did you know that changes to the forms of service, or the vesture or the minister, can only happen after consultation?

Inevitably, money and building maintenance take up a lot of room on the Agenda, though we all know they are less important than mission. It's a real challenge for every PCC member to pray for non-churchgoing parishioners and to find imaginative ways of introducing them to Christ and His Church.

If you've got this far and are a member of your PCC – congratulations – you are a hundred years old this year!

*Taken from the Parish Pump website.*



# HOLY DAYS

## 23rd April: St George of the Golden Legend

The Saint of an English Army before he was Patron Saint of England, St George may have been a soldier, but he was no Englishman. Some stories say that he was an officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror, and was martyred at Lydda in Palestine about the year 300 AD – supposedly 23rd April. Over the years St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages, of whom remarkable deeds were reported.

In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine gave St George a handsome write-up. The story runs thus:

One day, St George rode up to the heathen city of Sylene in Lybia, where he found the citizens in great distress. A neighbouring dragon had forced them to surrender two sheep each day for its dinner, and when the sheep gave out, two of their children; and now they were about to sacrifice the King's daughter, dressed as if for her wedding. St George encountered the little party by a stagnant lake, where the dragon lived, and persuaded the sobbing Princess to tell him why she was so miserable. At that moment the dragon appeared, looking inexpressibly revolting. St George charged forwards and drove his spear into the dragon's gaping mouth. To everyone's amazement, he tumbled the monster over and over.

Then St George borrowed the Princess's girdle, tied it round the dragon's neck, and persuaded her to lead it back to Sylene herself. The sight of her approaching with the befuddled dragon on its makeshift lead emptied the town. When the inhabitants timidly crept back, St George promised to behead the dragon if they would all believe in Jesus Christ and be baptised.

It was a most effective form of evangelism, for everybody said 'yes' at once. So, 15,000 people were baptised, and four carts were commissioned to remove the dragon's body.

St George thus became a symbol of the war against evil, and he is usually portrayed trampling the dragon of sin under his horse's hoofs. The Crusaders had a vision of him helping them against the Saracens at Antioch, during the first Crusade, and so brought the story of St George back with them from Palestine. Presently England put herself under the protection of the Saint. His day was declared a holiday in 1222. A red cross on a white field is the flag of St George.

*Taken from the Parish Pump Website*



## House of Lords Speech in the Debate on the Archbishops' Housing Commission Report 'Coming Home'

*The Archbishop today delivered his first speech after returning to the House of Lords as Archbishop of York. The debate was on the report 'Coming Home' by the Archbishops' Commission on Housing, Church and Community, and the case for setting out a long-term housing strategy. 24/03/2021*

My Lords, it is an honour to speak in this debate and support my dear brother, the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose visionary leadership in this and other issues of social policy draws people of faith and good will together in developing a narrative of hope.

As we emerge from the horrors and sorrows of Covid we have all become much more aware of our inter-dependence. Just as Covid cannot be dealt with anywhere until it is dealt with everywhere, so it is for other challenges facing our common life. When we cheered the NHS last summer we were also cheering a set of ideas that are precious to our national life; that is that we belong to each other, and that some things, like health are so basic that we cherish the fact that they are available to everyone at the point of need and regardless of one's ability to pay. Should not this principle apply to other things as well? Such as food on everyone's table? And a roof over everyone's head?

When we do consider the housing challenge facing our nation – and unfortunately, part of the challenge is that we have not done this in a sufficiently joined up way – we tend to think first of homeless people on our streets and the human tragedy and other political, policy and social failures this represents.

But this is just the visible misery on the surface of a larger and far more extensive set of challenges. Behind those who literally have nowhere to live, are the hidden homeless who move from place to place and sofa to sofa in temporary and insecure accommodation. Then there are those who are forced into inadequate and unsatisfactory housing because nothing else is available. And then there are those who cannot afford to live in the communities where they grow up and with it the concomitant damage to morale and social cohesion. This is a big and complicated challenge, affecting many millions of people, and not just the homeless, though they are our most immediate concern. Could we then take this opportunity of thanking those many amazing charities up and down the land who minister to the needs of those who currently live on our streets. The churches and other faith communities being very involved in this work.

But the other visible sign of the problems we face is less obviously a problem at first: it is the vast new estates we are building, where the housing may be very nice if you can afford it, but the chief motivation appears to be profit and the infrastructure needed to make houses into homes and homes into communities, is often lacking. There are of course marvellous exceptions to this. And we must build on them. Literally.

And this is what this Coming Home report is all about: establishing the values and finding the political will to tackle the housing challenge together with long term, joined up, solutions. This requires a reset in our attitude to housing, and in the way we approach seemingly intractable problems. The keyword is 'together'. We are



unlikely to make significant progress unless all parts of our society and all parts of government cohere around a common vision and, as this report identifies, a commons set of values that can then drive policy over a longer period of time, transcending the short term fixes that are so often dictated by even shorter election cycles.

This is a challenge. A challenge to all of us. To national, local and regional government; to landlords and landowners. But there can also exciting ways forward when we move together. And practical steps that can be taken. And, as the Archbishop of Canterbury has said, the Church itself must lead by example and face these challenge ourselves.

But working together will be helped by some sort of cross party recognition of the values and approaches outlined here. At the very least we should start by adopting a definition of affordable housing that is linked to income, as others have already said in this debate.

However, in the few minutes left to me of the five values identified here as being fundamental to our vision for homes and community, I want to focus on the last one: satisfying.

It would possible to build sustainable, safe, stable and sociable houses. But they wouldn't necessarily be things of beauty. They wouldn't be a source of joy.

I am delighted that this fifth element, that could so easily be seen as an optional extra, is kept in the mix, because it will encourage architects and builders and interior designers and those who are at the cutting edge of developing the new technology we need in order for our homes to be sustainable, to think and imagine how this can be achieved with beauty as well as with simplicity and economy, and we need to draw on some of the great architectural visions of our history and of European history in order to raise our expectations.

When being interviewed a few years ago – on the radio, I think - about my likes and dislikes, foibles and peccadillos, I was asked what is my favourite journey. I replied that I really liked driving round the M25 and up the A12. The interviewer looked askance. This was not the expected answer. But, of course, that was my favourite journey then, because that was my journey home. Now I would say how much I love the A64.

But my experience of joy and expectation when I turn the corner to arrive home, is not the experience of so many of our citizens. Either because they have no home. Or because their home is not what it should be. During this past year the inequalities of housing have, we know, callously accelerated the spread of COVID, where cramped conditions and lack of access to outside space have meant that those without good homes are also those without good health.

This must change. But to ask for such a change is not naive optimism. It is a vision of hope that can life our spirits and stiffen our resolve. To do it is within our grasp. It is a matter of policy and political will. It is the right thing to do. But it will also save us money in improved health, social cohesion and well-being.

This report is called Coming Home. It aims for nothing less than ensuring that everyone can come home, and find joy and stability in that home. My Lords, to build homes is to build community. To build community is to build stability. To build stability is to build peace. And isn't this the first responsibility of government?

*The Most Rev'd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York.*



*Continuing our correspondence between Eustace, rector of St James the Least, and his nephew.... Taken from the Parish Pump website.*



The Rectory  
St. James the Least

## **On the best way to run a church council meeting**

My dear Nephew Darren,

Thank you for inviting me to speak at your church council yesterday. I began to suspect that my theme of why Eusebius's dislike of Sabellianism led to his condemnation at the Council of Antioch in 324 was a little misjudged, when the only question I was asked after my lecture was if Eusebius was on Facebook.

I never realised how much technology is needed these days just to discuss church matters. It seemed that everyone had brought their laptop, so they could refer to all the diocesan briefing documents and reports that you mentioned. I've been in the diocese 40 years and have never heard of most of those papers. But then I find it too easy to delete the diocesan mailings, unread, with a click of my mouse.

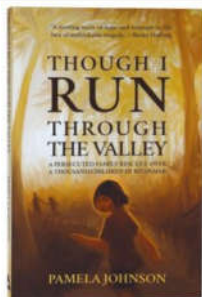
Our church meetings are far more traditional. Since the church floor seems to have been carved out of permafrost, our meetings circulate round members' houses. This introduces a nice element of competition, as each host tries to outdo the previous one in the baking of cakes. Meetings at Colonel Drinkwater's – a more inappropriate name one cannot imagine – are the shortest, since we are always promised wine once the meeting is over. It is remarkable how unanimity is achieved on every subject within minutes, and nothing appears under "any other business".

Mrs Eddington never troubles us with minutes, largely because she can rarely read the notes she takes. She just shares with us whatever she can decipher at our next meeting. Last month, she accidentally brought her shopping list instead, and so read that out. There followed a lively discussion on whether carrots from our local shop were better than those at the supermarket. When it was found out she intended to use them in a venison casserole, endless recipes were keenly debated.



We always leave our church meetings well fed, up to date with village gossip, and totally untroubled by any church council business. And the lack of any minutes ensures that I can then make all the decisions myself, between meetings. I think you will find our system has much to be commended.

Your loving uncle,  
*Eustace*



## *Book Reviews*

### **Though I Run Through the Valley By Pamela Johnson, Authentic, £9.99**

Amid decades of war and political strife in Myanmar one family has fought back with their weapon of choice – the Bible. Three generations of Emmerline's family have been living out their love for God by rescuing children who have been orphaned, abandoned or made destitute by their country's upheaval.

Daring to trust God, the family has made many sacrifices to provide a home for orphans so that the children of Myanmar can hope for a better future. Read this, and you will better understand what it was like being a Christian in a predominantly Buddhist Myanmar at a time of ethnic cleansing and military dictatorship.

Royalties from the sale of this book will go to Vision Beyond Borders and the Daw Gyi Daw Nge Orphanage.

*Taken from the Parish Pump Website*

**N.B.**

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## Dates for the Diary

Due to the current situation we are not including Dates for the Diary

## Lunch at All Saints

Soup – hot food- cakes

12:00-2:00

**No Lunches Until  
Further Notice**



## From the Registers

Nothing to Report this month





## Prayer Diary

### April 2021

1 Maundy Thursday	Christians in the Holy Land
2 Good Friday	The witness of all Churches in our Diocese
3 Easter Eve	Those who are newly Baptised and Confirmed
4 Easter Day	Christians throughout the world
5	Christians who are persecuted for their faith
6	Those suffering from cancer
7	Those addicted to alcohol
8	The unemployed
9	Our Area Bishops
10	Christian Youth Workers
11 Second Sunday of Easter	Our Ministry Team
12	All students returning to school
13	Businesses as we begin to ease Lockdown
14	The needy and hungry of the world
15	The sick and those who care for them
16	Our Diocesan Synod
17	Retired Clergy
18 Third Sunday of Easter	Our Area Dean
19	Staff and Students at All Saints' CofE School
20	Staff and Students at Wentworth School
21	Hospital and Hospice Chaplaincy Teams
22	Staff and Students at Plume School
23 St George	Churches dedicated to St George and members of The Scout Association
24	Residents of care homes in our Town
25 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Our Parish
26 St Mark	Churches dedicated to St Mark
27	The Royal School of Church Music
28	Maldon Food Pantry
29	The United Benefice of St Andrew, St George and St Giles, Heybridge and Langford
30	All Churchwardens



## ACTIVITIES

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Handbell Ringers	Susan Duke	01621 851623
Flower Group	Betty Smith	01621 854143
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Prayer Group		
Messy Church	Elaine Brown	01621 850484

To register your daughter's interest in joining either:  
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers  
please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)  
or call 0800 169 5901.

## PARISH OFFICE

Requests for Baptisms and Marriages should be made at the Parish Office situated in the Church - entrance via the main entrance door from the High Street - on 1st and 3rd Wed of the month between 7:00 and 8:00 pm



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