

ALL SAINTS MALDON PARISH NEVVS

All Saints' Church info

APRIL

1st Sunday (2nd) Palm Sunday	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion All Age Eucharist - with procession	Fr John Fr John & Rev Jordan
Monday (3rd)	7.00pm	Compline & reflection	Alan
Wednesday (5th) Holy Week	7.00pm	Compline & reflection	Adrienne
Thursday (6th) Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Holy Communion The Watch (until 9.30pm	Fr John & Rev Jordan)
Friday (7th) Good Friday	09.30am 11.00am 2.00pm	Procession of Witness All Saints' Family Service Last Hour	e Fr John
Saturday (8th) Easter Eve	7.30pm	Easter Vigil	Rev Noelle
2nd Sunday (9th) Easter Day	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Followed by egg rolling	Fr John & Rev Jordan Rev Noelle
3rd Sunday (16th) Easter 2	8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong	Fr John Rev Noelle Alan
4th Sunday (23rd) Easter 3	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Adrienne Fr John

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'Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns!'
For, because Jesus lives, we need not fear death as the end of our lives approaches.

For Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection and the life... whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 1.26)

Paul explained: 'Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept....' I Corinthians 15:21

'Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!'

With all good wishes for a blessed and joyful Easter



The Parish Letter

You can't have one without the other!

I last wrote for Parish News in December, just as we were approaching Christmas. You may recall that I wrote about presents.

A few lines in the lyrics of a song, sung by Frank Sinatra come to mind as I write the Parish Letter for the April issue of Parish News. It was about love and marriage, but the lines from the lyrics are, 'Try, try, try to separate them, it's an illusion. Try, try, try and you only come to this conclusion...You can't have one without the other'

I'm also reminded of a poem by Steve Turner which I would like to quote below:

'Christmas is really for the children. Especially for children who like animals, stables.

stars and babies wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Then there are wise men, kings in fine robes,

humble shepherds and a hint of rich perfume.

Easter is not really for the children unless accompanied by a cream filled egg.

It has whips, blood, nails, a spear and allegations of body snatching.
It involves politics, God, and the sins of the world.

It is not good for people of a nervous disposition.

They would do better to think on rabbits, chickens

and the first snowdrop of spring.

Or they'd do better to wait for a re-run of Christmas

without asking too many questions about what Jesus did when he grew up or whether there's any connection.'

It's only when you get the full picture that you can fully understand what's going on. Its just not possible to pick-and-mix the bits you like or dislike of Jesus' life on earth.

The Church's year runs from Advent when we anticipate Christ's birth, into Christmas when we celebrate the birth,

encompassing Epiphany with the coming of the Wise Men and the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

We then move into Lent which gives us time to reflect, repent and renew, before we launch into Passiontide, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, to joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead. We can then proclaim, 'Jesus is risen. He is risen, indeed!'

I cannot see how any of us can ever get a full grasp on the wonder and mystery of Easter Day. Resurrection blows our minds.

God showed His love for the world by sending His only Son at Christmas. He

gave us His Son so that everyone who believes in Him would not be lost, but have eternal life. That love was shown on Good Friday, and then by sending the Holy Spirit to be with us until the second coming.

So, you see, you can't have Christmas without Good Friday and Easter – you can't have one without the other!

I hope you will take the opportunity of journeying from Palm Sunday, through Holy Week, until Easter Day. You will see listed elsewhere in this issue of 'Parish News' the services offered in our local churches..

Happy Easter, everyone!

ALL SAINTS PARISH NEWS

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UK churches use lights and prayers to support Ukraine

Cathedrals were floodlit in the colours of the Ukrainian flag, candles were lit, and services, prayer vigils and other events were recently held across the country in churches to mark the first anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24th February.

Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, said: "The vigil gave us an opportunity to acknowledge the terrible pain and loss of the last year, to remember those who have died, and to pray for those in danger."

Prayers for God's blessing for same-sex couples take step forward after Synod debate

The Church of England's General Synod has recently welcomed proposals which would enable same-sex couples to come to church after a civil marriage or civil partnership to give thanks, dedicate their relationship to God and receive God's blessing. Synod members also voted to "lament and repent" of the failure of the Church to welcome LGBTQI+ people and for the harm that LGBTQI+ people have experienced – and continue to experience – in churches.

General Synod: Archbishop of Canterbury's recent speech in 'Living in Love and Faith' debate

"We are not divided but we disagree, and that is very painful. And I will use again the words close to those I used to the Bishops gathered at the Lambeth Conference on a very similar debate.

"For some, to question the inherited teaching damages witness and is sinful: you point out that in many provinces across the Anglican Communion any change might make the church a victim of derision, contempt and even attack for being part of what is called the 'gay church'. For we are often seen as the Mother Church.

"For others, you have not arrived easily at the conclusion that we need to change. You are not careless about Scripture. You do not reject Christ and His authority. But to question this change makes the church here and abroad a victim of derision, contempt, and even attack for being part of the perceived 'homophobic church'.

"Listening and loving is about what has been brought forward by the House of Bishops. It has been consulted extensively with the primates and many others in the Anglican Communion. What we are seeking is what we understand from the Spirit is right, not what is convenient or easy. There are no convenient or easy ways forward.

"What we have in this conversation and the decision we make, is at its heart the chance publicly to witness to Christ in the most difficult, distinctive and radical way – to disagree passionately and yet to be clear that we uphold our need for one another, and for the world, to come to the knowledge of being loved by God in Christ.

"Let me be clear on this point, we do that by saying to the world: unity in Jesus Christ is our common identity, and difference must be worked out within that identity.

"Even things that are so important and so painful for us, are not as important as the essential-ness of others. That is our witness to a world that throws others away, excludes them, divides in the face of disagreement.

"I know there is fear of a slippery slope, of what may or may not happen at some

point in the future, but let us not give in to the fear of a future which we can neither predict nor control.

"Each of us will answer to God at the judgement for our decisions on this matter. We are personally responsible. I am supporting these resources, not I think because I am controlled by culture but because of Scripture, tradition and reason evidenced in the vast work done over the last six years so ably by so many.

"I may be wrong, of course I may, but I cannot duck the issue any more than anyone else here. I ask each member of Synod to vote with their Spirit-inspired consciences, scripturally and spiritually guided, and not because groups or lobbies or outsiders have told you to.

"So let us decide as we each conclude the Lord desires. Above all, let us debate remembering that all Christians are indispensable members of God's Church, all Christians, and whatever our views or theirs will remain so.

"And let us show that in how we speak, and let us show that in how we decide, and that we are above all the church that demonstrates the call of God to people whom He desires to know and love."

Church of England's Social Impact Investment Programme to invest £1.1m in Charity Bank

The Church of England's Social Impact Investment Programme has recently made a £1.1m investment in Charity Bank, and will take a 3.6% stake in the bank.

Charity Bank uses savers' money to provide much-needed loans to UK charities and social enterprises working to drive positive social change – bringing benefits for people, communities, and the environment.

Safeguarding diocesan data 2019-21

New safeguarding data from a three-year period has recently been published by the Church of England.

The data is for new concerns reported to the Church in 2019, 2020 and 2021, and relates to all its work. The reports range from concerns about possible risk to direct allegations of abuse.

Archbishops' Commission on Racial Justice releases Second Biannual Report

The Archbishops' Commission for Racial Justice has released the second of its biannual Racial Justice reports.

Mandated to drive 'significant cultural and structural change on issues of racial justice within the Church of England', the Archbishops' Commission's job is to support the implementation of the 47 recommendations of the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce

Church House Westminster achieves Bronze Eco-Award

Church House Westminster, which hosts some meetings of the General Synod together with some of the National Church Institutions, has been awarded an Eco Church Bronze Award for steps taken to help achieve net zero carbon.

The Eco Church Award, given by A Rocha UK, a Christian environmental charity, is given to churches and other church buildings that can demonstrate a movement towards greater sustainability and caring for the environment.

The Bishop of Chelmsford's Supporting St Andrew's College of Theology and Development in Kabare, Kenya Lent Appeal 2023



This year's Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal will be raising funds to support St Andrew's College of Theology and Development in Kabare, Kenya. The College plays a key role in providing residential training for new clergy and lay leaders for all five of our partner dioceses in Kenya. The College also serves its local community with courses in theology, business and ICT.

Chelmsford Diocese has a long history of supporting the College dating back to the 1980's when we were able to support the construction of the library, which was then named the Chelmsford Library. More recently, our Lent Appeal in 2019 supported the installation of a gravity-fed freshwater system for the campus, which was no mean feat as the college stands on the top of a hill!

Making use of the reliable water supply, this year's Lent Appeal seeks to raise funds to improve the shower and toilet facilities for students. The current accom-

modation blocks are old and have very basic facilities with no hot water. The college had only nine students when these facilities were built and now there is overwhelming demand with more than one-hundred and fifty students using them.

Through local fundraising efforts, over £3,000 has already been raised for the improvements. The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal is seeking to raise an additional £15,000 for the project.

Commenting on this year's Appeal, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop

of Chelmsford said: "This year's Lent Appeal will provide an opportunity for people in our Diocese to make an important contribution to the life of St Andrew's Theological College and with that, the Mission and Ministry of the Anglican Church in Kenya. St Andrew's College has been a key partner in the relationship with our five partner Dioceses of the Mount Kenya East region.

The funds raised through your donations will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of current students and help to attract new students to the college in the future." Here are some simple things you can do to help raise funds for

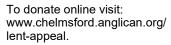
The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2023.

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Pioneers

Hello, my name is Helen from Maldon Pioneers. We are a group of people with moderate learning disabilities. We meet Monday mornings at All Saints Church in the D'Arcy room where we do a lot of activities together and discuss ideas for fund raising.

Does anyone have any bottle bags? Would it be possible to let me have them as we are going to have a stall outside the church on Carnival Saturday in conjunction with All Saints fair? They can be left at the back of the church.

Watch this space. I will be back again very soon. Love Helen.

TEN to TEN The RAMBLING GROUP

Our March walk was in and around Wickham Bishops. The weather was cold and bright; just right for a brisk spring walk! Setting off from the village hall, we headed towards the church but then took the footpath and track that goes gently down through woods and across fields towards the old Witham to Maldon railway line. Crossing the road, we came to the diminutive St. Mary's church, hidden away amongst the trees. Being so far from the village, the church has long since ceased to be used for services and is preserved by the charity 'Friends of Friendless Churches', currently in use as a glass workshop.

Following the path across the field towards Witham, crossing the river Blackwater (no more than a stream here) we soon came to the wooden trestle bridge which used to carry the trains across the river. Although obviously in serious need of some TLC, nothing appears to be happening due to a dispute over what needs doing and who is going to pay for it!

The path now enters Benton Hall golf club so we had to be careful to avoid flying golf balls as we made our way to the conveniently placed café in the centre of the course. After some welcome hot drinks and bacon rolls, it was back up the hill to Mope Lane, past some very desirable and no-doubt expensive, properties. Passing the church, we returned to the hall after a very interesting and enjoyable walk.

Next month's walk will start at 'ten to ten' on **Saturday 8th April**. For more information, please contact Sue Smith on 01621 854056. Everyone is welcome!

Peter Holmes

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Earthquake Appeal

Our Coffee morning raises over £500.00 for the Turkey/Syria earthquake victims . . .



Saturday February 25th

... was the date of the special Coffee Morning that was quickly organised in response to the huge earthquakes that wrought such terrible death and destruction in both Turkey and Syria during early February.

And, I have to say that I thought the response was brilliant. Dozens filled the tables at All Saints, tucking into teas and coffees, scones and cakes, all freshly made for the occasion, thanks to the ladies who pulled out all the stops to get them ready in time.

It also coincided with the Fine Art and Photography exhibition held by Avanti Photographics in



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the D'Arcy room on the same day (who also made a donation to earthquake fund) The coffee morning lasted no more than two hours but in that time managed to raise the handsome total of £560.00.

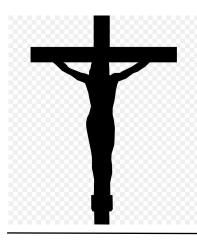
The Crucifixion - John Stainer

Our choir, under the direction of organist Dr. Stuart Pegler, gave an excellent performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion' on Passion Sunday, last month. The evening started at 6.30pm with a short introduction and prayers before the choir began with the first movement 'And they came to a place named Gethsemane'. For me, one of the highlights was movement nine the chorus, 'God so loved the world', which is often sung as a an anthem and on this occasion sung without organ accompaniment. It is a quote of



the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

This, I think, sums up God's message to the world.



The congregation joined in the singing of hymns for movements 5; 10; 13; 15 and the final movement 20, "For The Love Of Jesus" ("All For Jesus") - which has become another favourite.

"The Crucifixion" is a meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer by John Stainer text by W J Sparrow Simpson. It was composed in 1887 has 20 movements and is an oratorio for choir and organ. It relates to the New Testament narrative from the garden of Gethsemany until His death on the Cross.

Monday Fellowship April 17th

Will resume on Monday 17th April, 7pm at 14, Tenterfield Road (Noelle & Paul 07779491723). We meet fortnightly and will be starting to read the book of Esther. We have room for a few more people if anyone else would like to join us.





Beetle Drive

Saturday April 22nd (5.30pm)

We are arranging a Beetle Drive with supper in the D'Arcy Room—tickets are available from Colin and Elaine

Sunday Picnic Brunch May 7th (10.30am)

Picnic Brunch in the Vicarage Garden to celebrate the King's Coronation



Carnival Day Saturday Aug 5th (11.00-2.00pm) 'Cook-out' and stalls

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In Support of Graham

I refer to the article in the March magazine entitled "View from a Bystander" written by Revd Dr. Graham Blyth. The article was asking why members of the LGBTI community are not fully accepted into the Anglican Church. Graham wrote a compelling article with many biblical references and expressing heartfelt frustration and perhaps even anger that for half a century these people have not been allowed the privileges that those of us who are not of this nature do have. Even now in this 'enlightened age' same sex couples are not allowed to be married in our churches. I accept that not everyone will agree with Graham's views and that is democracy in action. Neither will I try to add to the arguments that Graham used as I fully support what he said and I have nothing technically to add to it. Instead, I will say a little about my own experiences with gay people, (A catch all phrase for ease of writing).

When I first started work in 1952 as an engineering student apprentice, to be openly gay (We used the word 'Queer' in those days) was illegal. I was working for a shipping company and at the end of my student time I went to sea for the Company as an engineering officer. My first ship was a passenger liner with cargo carrying facilities. We carried about five hundred passengers in three different classes. This necessitated a large catering staff, mainly men who did the cooking and stewarding and most of whom were gay. Being on a foreign going vessel meant there were no laws about being openly gay which attracted many of those who were stewards.

I have to say that I was never aware that anyone on board on the numerous voyages I made on such vessels ever had any trouble with gay people or ever excluded them from getting the same treatment as 'normal' people . That is not to say that everyone was best friends with everyone else all the time. We are all human and arguments and disagreements did of course take place. Why is this supportive of Graham's argument? It is to say that apart from rank or position on the ship all of us on board treated everyone else equally regardless of sexual orientation. Why does our church not do this? Importantly, there was aways a religious service every Sunday morning for passengers and crew. No obligation to attend, but importantly ANYONE and EVERYONE could attend if they wished to and were ALWAYS welcome.

I found this situation throughout my working life and whilst working with many gay people in all kinds of situations and in many different countries, never once did I find that sexual preferences came into any work I was ever involved in and never had a part to play in any projects I undertook.

So I wonder, forgetting sexuality, what is different about gay people and non gay people when it comes to our church? Are the gay people all bad? Are the non gay people always good? Ordinary people surely form the body of The Church of England, and I think should invite, without exception, all and sundry regardless of race, colour or sexual orientation to join us and to be able to be married in our church. I hope that those in our church who make such decisions are listening. I expect that not everyone reading this will agree with my opinion, and that would be understandable. We are all entitled to our opinion, and I would think, that there are many different ones on this subject. So be it.

Ken Downham

There will be a

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

in
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MALDON
on
MONDAY 22ND MAY 2023 at19.30
for the purpose of electing
TWO CHURCH WARDENS

All persons whose names are entered on the CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

OF THE PARISH and all persons registered in the parish and whose names are entered on the **REGISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS** by reason of such residence shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

Annual Vestry meeting

Opening Prayers and Bible Reading Election of two Churchwardens

The ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will follow this.

Only those persons whose names are entered on the **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THIS PARISH** are entitled to vote at this meeting.

AGENDA

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 16 May 2022

Matters Arising

Presentation of the Electoral Roll

Election of **three** members to the Deanery Synod

Elections of eight members to the Parochial Church Council

Appointment of Sides Persons

Annual Report of the PCC for 2022

Appointment of The Independent Examiner of Accounts

Treasurers' Report – To adopt the PCC Accounts for the year end 2022

To receive the report on the Fabric

To receive the report of The Deanery Synod

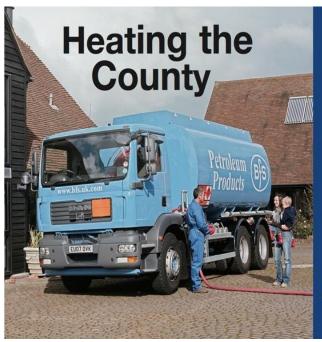
To receive the report of The Churches Together in Maldon

To receive the report of All Saints School Foundation Governors Safeguarding

Any Other Business proper to an Annual Parochial meeting

(please inform the Secretary of any matters prior to the meet-

ing) - Closing Prayers



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Why Easter will never go away

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man *did* rise?

At the end of St Luke's gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: 'You crucified Jesus, but God raised Him up!'

How did they know this? Because of direct personal experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But of course, each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So, did they pretend they had seen Him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, but we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds? That He recovered in the tomb, and then escaped? That the disciples nursed Him back to health? But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the

tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit. If the disciples had been hiding Jesus all along, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after Him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital, present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: 'He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me," and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.'

Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.



THE WALK OF the day the Son of **WITNESS**

God died for me

John 21 (17-23) (28-30)



"Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on either side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign. for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate. "Do not write 'The King of the Jews', but that this man claimed to be the king of the Jews."



Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them...

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

Good Friday is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. He was crucified at 9 a.m. in the morning, and died six hours later, at 3pm. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year, and is widely marked

by the removal of all decorations from churches. In Lutheran churches, the day was marked by the reading of the passion narrative in a gospel, a practice which lies behind the 'passions' composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750). Both the St Matthew Passion and the St John Passion have their origins in this observance of Good Friday.

The custom of observing a period of three hours' devotion from 12 midday to 3 pm on Good Friday goes back to the 18th century. The 'Three Hours of the Cross' often take the form of an extended meditation on the 'Seven Last Words from the Cross', with periods of silence, prayer, or hymn-singing.

'Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is rise

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him."

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her. "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are look-

ing for?"

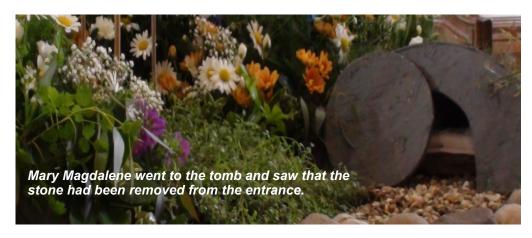
Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!"



Easter Service at All Saints 2019

John 20: 1-16





EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Morning, the 'Other' Mary

As the traditional Easter story is rehearsed again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary – not the mother of Jesus, but Mary of Magdalene, who stood by her at the cross and became the first person actually to meet the risen Christ.

That's quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by

Jesus from 'seven devils' – New Testament language for some dark and horrible affliction of body, mind or spirit. As a result, her devotion to Him was total and her grief at His death overwhelming.

In church history Mary Magdalene became the 'fallen woman' a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus but there is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman' but the contrast is sublime, Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity. Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes.

the B G question

Here are some of our latest big questions.
We have been looking at the British values in our Collective Worships.
What would your answers be?

Mutual respect

How do you show respect to people you don't know?

The way I show respect to other people I don't know, well I firstly start with a little smile and if it's a visitor I go up to them and ask them a question. But you always have to be polite to the person that you're meeting so then they know that you're a nice person. And just remember that you can also do these things as well.

— By Amalie

You can show respect to somebody that you don't know by smiling and being polite. You can also let them join in with what you are doing. Asking questions can also help you to make friends. — **By Elowen**

The rule of Law

What rule would you make that would make life better for everyone?

Don't skip school because when you're in upper school you won't be able to answer the questions.

Don't eat too much junk food because you might get sick.

Don't always go on technology because it's bad for your brain but good for learning games. It's good to have a mixture of stuff and it's good to get fresh air and good to get exercise too.

Don't always comment on what people look like or on what colour skin they have.

Don't always use other people's stuff just in case they don't want you to.

— By Charlotte

other **News** in school

On Friday March 3rd all of the KS1 children went on a school trip. Our topic at the moment is Castles so we went to Layer Marney Tower. When we arrived at Layer Marney Tower we saw a dragon that was red, small and feisty, it chewed people's hair and hands when we got off the coach. After that we did a tower tour with Jackie and went up spiral steps and it made us dizzy. We had to hold Mrs Jacques hands up and down the steps that looked like they would never end. There were 99 steps, they were very scary.

They went up halfway to 44 stairs and then we saw the old toilet. When people lived there it had a hole in the floor and it went in the cesspit. Then we went up to the top of the tower and it was very windy. Halfway down again we had a story about Mr Bump and the Knight.

After we did the tower we met Roger and we did archery and armour. We held a very

heavy and sharp sword and we tried on a chest plate and a helmet with a bonnet. It was very hot, we had to take it off straight away. Then we got to do archery. We had to try and shoot a cardboard knight with a real bow and arrow. Then we would go and collect them.

After we finished archery we did story telling. It was about a dragon called Wickedness. Then we did drama and acted like dragons and we showed our terrifying teeth. After lunch we went to make our dragon masks. They were colourful and we scared Mrs Jacques with them

Then we all went outside and did a picture hunt. We were on a quest to find pictures on shields. First we all went to go and see the chickens. Umiko speaks chicken and she spoke to them. They didn't stop making a noise and talking back. Then we walked over a big, beautiful bridge. Then we saw some funny goats and they nibbled our fingers. We got to stroke them. We tried to speak goatish, the teachers thought it was the goats but it was us.

I was so excited I did a tiny scream before I got on the coach. When we got there I was excited, I got tummy bumps because I was so excited. Some of it was a bit scary like when we went up the tower and tried on the helmet but it was very exciting too. If you have never been before you will probably like it so much that you will scream like Umiko and get tummy bumps like Uma.

By Uma and Umiko, (Year 2)

Music Workshop

By Elowen, Mylee and Amalie (Year 4)

On Wednesday 8th March some of the KS2 children took part in a music work-

shop by YuStudio. YuStudio is all about writing music using technology and is provided through Charanga, a music teaching and learning platform. Will from Essex Music Services came to visit us and teach us.

We enjoyed the music workshop as we could use the chrome books and put the head-





phones on and we don't use them very much any more. We also liked it so much because we had a visitor named Will. He was very nice, helped and liked listening to our ideas.

We liked putting the kicks in the music and hearing them. We also liked the beats that it had. They had really good rhythms and lots of beats. But you can't put too many beats or kicks in the music bar otherwise the music won't sound good. We liked doing the bar sounds. For example you click a button which is a kick sound and it makes the beat sound great.

By Amalie

We love music so it was a good opportunity to test our knowledge and have some fun. We loved listening to other people's music. Will was very kind to us and we learned lots from him. We are excited to see him again and we are sure to do this lots at home.

— By Mylee

We can't wait to teach our friends. We are really excited to teach the other children in our class and school. And hopefully we will remember what we have learnt!

— By Elowen

The story behind the story of 'Ben Hur'

(Luke 24:1-12)

There is a story to be told of the writing of *Ben Hur*, the book that became the 1959 block-buster film featuring Charlton Heston.

It was written in 1880 by Lew Wallace, an American lawyer, Union general during the Civil War, and then governor of the New Mexico Territory. (His statue still stands today on Washington's Capitol Hill).

Wallace had told his wife that he intended to examine the New Testament, and then write a book that would explode what he called "the myth of Christ's resurrection". Wisely, his Christian wife did not argue with him, but simply prayed.

The months passed, and Wallace read and reread the New Testament, and wrote and rewrote his draft chapters. Finally, he confided to his wife that he could not refute the resurrection of Christ, and that therefore his book would not be written.

Wallace's wife disagreed. She persuaded him to write his book, but from a new and different standpoint altogether. 'Ben Hur - a tale of the Christ' was the result. It is the story of a high-born Jewish man who is taken prisoner by the Romans, who encounters Jesus, and whose life is gradually transformed. Oh, and there is a battle at sea and a chariot race in the story as well!

In the past 143 years since it was written, 'Ben Hur - a tale of the Christ' has never been out of print.

The Prophecies of Old

Throughout the ages Prophets told that there would come Messiah And take this world from Satan's grasp and save us from the fire, but people wouldn't listen, no they laughed and said they're mad And when our Lord God heard of this it made him very sad.

As Daniel and Isaiah warned and also many others, Jesus came into this World a man, to unite us all as brothers.

But people were so blind that they could not even see, that the Lamb of God was here with us as they nailed him to a tree.

For just as it was written, so many times before, Jesus came again to life And stayed a little more.

In keeping with the scriptures our Lord rose to heaven again, to sit at God's right hand and to rule over his domain "I leave you not as orphans" he said before he went and as he keeps his Promises the Holy Ghost he sent.

Although this happened some two thousand years ago, One thing is still certain as all we Christians know; That Jesus Christ is coming back and time is drawing near But if you are a Christian you have no need to fear.

The tribulation lies ahead but we do not despair
Because long before that happens we will have met him in the air,
Then every knee shall bow and every eye shall see
That the Prophesies of long ago were meant for you and me.

Written by Helena Mary Reynolds.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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

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



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THROUGH THE FURNACE

BY F.E.READE

The Vicar accepted the invitation, for, although he had intended to pay several visits that afternoon, he saw that he must embrace the opportunity of making friends with these rather out-of-the-way parishioners, and he made up his mind to spend some time with them.

He and Mr Harvey enjoyed their talk about the china and other curiosities, some of which Mr Harvey had collected, and they went down to tea. Margaret poured it out and chatted brightly on various subjects. During the meal the Vicar happened to remark that the room upstairs was handsome and spacious.

"Yes," said Mr Harvey, with a sigh, "but it will stand empty in future; I shall never have the heart to use it again myself."

"Father," said Margaret, eagerly, "I was thinking of a use for that room just before Mr. Carlton called this afternoon, and I hope that you will both think I am right. We shall not be able to depend entirely upon the shop at first, and we must make both ends meet. Why shouldn't we have a lodger?"

"A stranger in our quiet home!" exclaimed Mr Harvey, in dismay.

"That room would make a splendid bedsitting room," continued Margaret, in a determined way; "it would just suit a young man in business or an office there are plenty of them here—and he could have his meals alone, or with us, which he would probably prefer. I think that it would be a good thing for you, father, and you would have some one to talk to, and his money would help enormously with the housekeeping, with good management. I should be able to keep Sally on then, to do the rough work, and I should have time to take turns with you in This is the fourth episode of a story found in an All Saints Parish Magazine dated January 1904—the first can be found in the January 2023 Parish News.

the shop."

"I don't like the idea of having a young man in the house, "said Mr Harvey. "Why not get a lady?"

"A lady would give far more trouble."

"But a young man who saw you every day might take a fancy to you," said Mr. Harvey nervously.

Margaret's cheeks flamed with indignation.

"As if I should allow him to do such a thing!" exclaimed she "Of course I should keep him at arm's length—he should never be anything but the lodger to me. I hope that I can show any young man that I am above such nonsense as love-making."

"What do you think of the plan, Mr Carlton?" said Mr Harvey.

The Vicar, who had been privately amused by Margaret's outburst, replied—
"I certainly think that it would be well for you to use your spare room to help you up the hill, and I think that Miss Harvey can quite be trusted to take care of herself."

He looked across at Margaret as he spoke, with a smile that was half kind, half mischievous, the kind of smile that a brother might bestow upon a sister whom he wished to protect and yet to tease. Margaret smiled back, and they were friends from that moment.

When Margaret took away the tea-things and disappeared Mr Harvey asked a question which showed the Vicar that he was anxious about his spiritual state. They talked long and earnestly, and Mr Harvey had to confess that his ideas on the subject of religion were perfectly vague and that he would need some plain definite instruction before he would be able to understand what God was willing

to give him and what He would require of him in return.

When the Vicar left the house he felt thankful that he had found in it one humble, teachable spirit.

"I have great hopes of the father," thought he, as he walked along, "and the daughter interests me deeply, but surely that pride of hers will have a fall."

CHAPTER II

On the same day that the Old Curiosity Shop opened its doors to the public, a card appeared in the upper window with the inscription—Bed-sitting room for a

Gentleman, and an advertisement to the same effect came out in the local paper.

People thronged into the shop all the morning, and Mr Harvey found himself a proud and busy man. Margaret had to leave her cooking to Sally's tender mercies and attend to small orders and tie up parcels, while her father was deep in conversation first with one important customer and then with another He came into the parlour at dinner-time flushed and excited.

"I feel as if I were be-

ginning to live, my dear," he exclaimed, "I must have been only vegetating hitherto. I had no idea that having something definite to do could give so much zest and interest to existence."

"Yes, father, there is nothing like work," replied Margaret, placing a pie on the table, with a slight frown, for Sally had allowed it to burn in the oven.

"I'm afraid that we cannot expect to have so many people in every day," continued Mr Harvey, as he began to eat his dinner with a quite unusual appetite.

"No," said Margaret, "and I noticed that even this morning, several came more to talk than to buy, but I daresay that there will always be enough business going on to occupy you in one way or another."

Dinner was just over when a sounding rat -tat came at the side door. Margaret went to answer it, for Sally was in the state of grubbiness too terrible to behold, and her father heard her voice in conversation with another female voice for about five minutes. Then the door closed and Margaret returned with a look of vexation on her face.



"What extraordinary people women are!" she exclaimed.

"That is a curious way to express yourself," said her father with a smile.

"I might have said silly." she replied. "The card in the window says bed-sitting-room for a gentleman, in plain, staring letters, and I have just had two ladies here, mother and daughter, asking in pretty mincing voices, 'Won't I take them in? They will give no trouble."

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

Parish Pump

Beware when the choirs meet

The Rectory St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

You agonised recently over your ecumenical service: who should be invited? Who should preach? What about the order of service? If you had attended our recent combined churches' choir festival, your own dilemmas would have seemed a little less acute.

At the pre-meeting, there was heated discussion about whether those choirs who normally wore robes would be comfortable standing among those who didn't. The more aesthetically sensitive worried whether St Agatha's pea green cassocks may clash with our red ones. Intending to be helpful, but phrasing it rather badly, someone suggested that the normally robed choirs should wear nothing. Colonel Wainwright was a little too quick to chuckle.

I began to wonder if a prize was to be awarded to the person who raised the greatest number of concerns: Should the choirs stay separate? Would the tenors be next to the altos or the basses? Where would extra seating be placed? Would the heating be on for the rehearsal? Then came what you would call the 'elephant in the room': of all the choirmasters, who would conduct and who play the organ? Tension mounted, and expressions grew grim. But before the committee started to dig trenches in my carpet and position howitzers under the desk, I briefly left the room, turned off all the electricity and claimed we'd had a power cut. This is a



useful device for truculent committees; sadly, it can be used only rarely.

Come the day, an uneasy truce lasted while everyone adopted the traditional solution to disagreement within congregations, and simply did exactly what they wanted. Some were robed, some were not, some choirs congealed in their own huddles, while others joyfully sat next to people from other churches – mainly so they could point out their neighbour's wrong notes. Some sang in the right key, some sang in the wrong key, some sang what sounded like quite different songs altogether.

The service ended with one choir thinking that the organist had played too loudly, while another choir thought that the conductor wasn't up to much. Everyone agreed afterwards that we must do it again, while firmly stating that if their own choirmaster didn't conduct next year, they wouldn't be there.

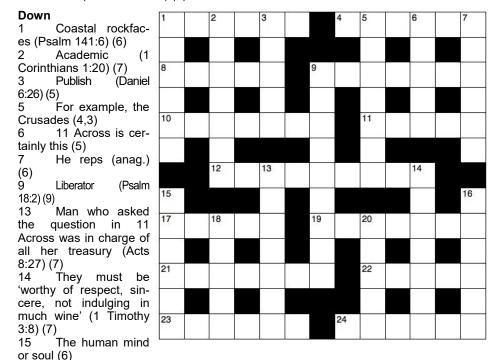
Thankfully, one fundamental thing on the day united them: they all said that our church was too cold, and they all went down to the pub afterwards to warm up.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

CROSSWORD

Across

- Relating to the whole universe (6)
- The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 'Unless I see the nail marks — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3) 8
- He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message 9 (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry (7) 10
- 'Look, here is . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5) 11
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5) 17
- 'Moses was not aware that his face was because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7) 21
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)



— ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)

'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is

- 'We played the flute for you, and you did not ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
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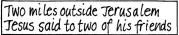
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A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Mt21:1-11,MK11:1-11,LK19:28-38,Jn12:12-19

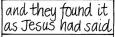
Thousands of people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast each year. This year Jesus and his friends went too.





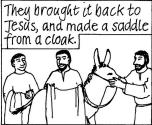
Go into that village and bring back the donkey you find there.) So off they went...









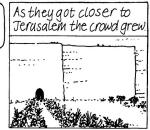






They shouted the traditional welcome to the Passover feast



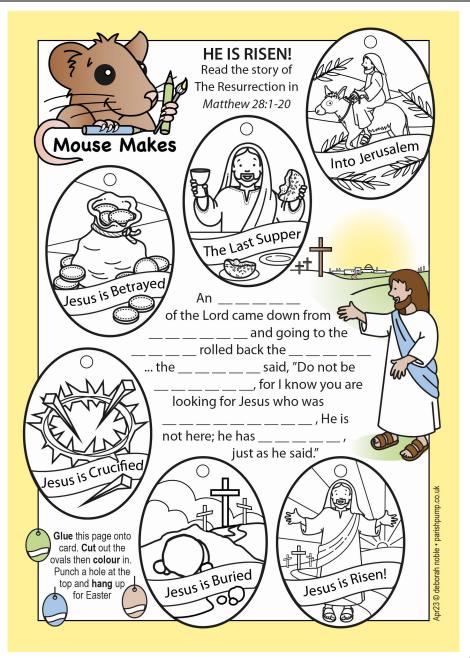








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Prayer Diary

April 2023

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	All Priests and Ministers of the Palm Sunday Monday of Holy Week Tuesday of Holy Week Wednesday of Holy Week Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Eve Easter Day	Church Our Ministry Team Our Parish Free Churches in Maldon St Mary's Parish, Maldon Christians in the Holy Land The witness of all Churches in our Diocese Those to be newly Baptised and Confirmed Christians throughout the world Christians who are persecuted for their faith Those suffering from cancer Chelmsford Cathedral Staff All who are bearing children All Midwives
15		All employed in Hospices
16	Easter 2	Retired Clergy
17		Those addicted to alcohol
18		The unemployed
19		Our Diocesan Bishop
20		Resolve for peace in Russia and Ukraine
21		Our Area Dean
22		The United Benefice of Heybridge with Langford
23	Easter 3 - St George's Day	Churches dedicated to St George and members of The Scout Association
24		Christian Youth Workers
25	St Mark	Churches dedicated to St Mark
26		The Royal School of Church Music
27		Maldon Food Pantry
28		All Churchwardens
29		Christians standing for Local Government
30	Easter 4	The King as he prepares for his Coronation

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FOR YOUR DIARY	APRIL 2023

	All Saints' 08.00	All Saints' 09.30	All Saints' 18.30 April- October 16.00 November-March	St Giles' 09.30	St Andrew's 11.15	St Georges' 09.30
First Sunday 2 April Palm Sunday	Holy Communion Fr John	ALL AGE EUCHARIST Fr John & Rev Jordan		Holy Communion Rev Andy Griffiths	Holy Communion Rev Andy Griffiths & Rev Jordan	
Monday 3 April Holy Week			7 pm Compline Alan			Holy Communion Rev Julie & Rev Jordan
Tuesday 4 April Holy Week				7pm Compline Julia		
Wednesday 5 April Holy Week			7pm Compline Adrienne			
Thursday 6 April Maundy Thursday			7.30pm Holy Communion Fr John & Rev Jordan (Preaching)		7.30pm SoW Lynne & Julia	
Friday 7 April Good Friday		11am Family Service Rev Jordan	2pm Last Hour Fr John			2pm Last hr Lynne, Julia & Rev Jordan
Saturday 8 April Easter Eve			7.30 Easter Vigil Rev Noelle			
Second Sunday 9 April Easter Day	Holy Communion Fr John & Rev Jordan	Holy Communion Rev Noelle		Holy Communion Canon John Brown & Rev Jordan	Holy Communion Fr John	
Monday 10 April						NO SERVICE
Third Sunday 16 April Easter 2	Holy Communion Fr John	Holy Communion Rev Noelle	Evensong 6.30pm Alan	Holy Communion Fr John	MP&P Lynne	
Monday 17 April						Holy Com- munion Fr John
Fourth Sunday 23 April Easter 3	Morning Prayer Adrienne	Holy Communion Fr John		11.15 United Benefice Service at St George's Fr John & Jordan		
Monday 24 April						NO SERVICE

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27th March
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