

Services This April

2<sup>nd</sup> April 9:30am, Holy Communion, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 6<sup>th</sup> April

9am BCP Communion, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 10:30am, The Breakfast Service, School Rooms, Long Buckby 10:30am, Morning Praise, All Saints, West Haddon

#### Palm Sunday - 13th April

9am, Holy Communion, St Peter and St Paul, Watford 10:30am, Morning Praise, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 10:30am, Holy Communion, All Saints, West Haddon 4pm, Tea Time Together, St Lawrence, Long Buckby

#### Monday - 14th April

9:30am, Holy Communion, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 7pm, Evening Prayer, All Saints, West Haddon

#### Tuesday - 15th April

9:30am, Holy Communion, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 7pm, Evening Prayer, All Saints, West Haddon **Wednesday - 16th April** 

9:30am, Holy Communion, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 7pm, Evening Prayer, All Saints, West Haddon **Maundy Thursday - 17th April** 

7pm, Tenebrae Service, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 7pm, Holy Communion, All Saints, West Haddon

#### Good Friday - 18th April

11am, Walk of Witness, Bakers Lane, Long Buckby 2pm, An Hour by the Cross, All Saints, West Haddon Easter Sunday - 20th April

9am, Holy Communion, St Peter and St Paul, Watford 9am, Holy Communion, St Michael and All Angels, Winwick 10:30am, Holy Communion, All Saints, West Haddon 10:30am, Family Communion, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 27<sup>th</sup> April

9am, Holy Communion, St Peter and St Paul, Watford 10:30am, Morning Praise, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 10:30am, The Family Service, All Saints, West Haddon

pening Times across our churches

St Lawrence, Long Buckby Open Monday-Saturday 10am-3pm

St Peter and St Paul, Watford Open Monday-Sunday, 10am-4pm All Saints, West Haddon Open Monday-Sunday, 9am-4pm

St Michael and All Angels, Winwick Open 24 Hours





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In CS Lewis's The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, the lion Aslan is put to death by the White Witch.

The stone table on which He is killed cracks in two, but Aslan meets with Lucy and Susan alive again. He explains the Witch's failure:

'her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, she would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack, and Death itself would start working backwards.'

This is a great picture of what Jesus' cross and resurrection has achieved. As Paul writes, 'I want to know Christ, to know the power of His resurrection' (Philippians 3:10). To understand the real Easter, we should experience the same power that raised Jesus from the dead!

New Hope: Like the girls in the story, Easter highlights the sadness and confusion that loss brings. Yet the resurrection of Jesus brings new hope, as it demonstrates the victory secured by the cross over sin, Satan and death. We can face life's difficulties knowing that Jesus walks beside us. New Love: Our relationships are often characterised by a lack of forgiveness, hurt and betrayal. Yet Jesus' resurrection opens the possibility of new love, as His power enables us to accept others and forgive them.

New Life: When we are trying to make sense of life, like the girls in the story, Jesus offers us a living relationship with Himself. It's a friendship with God through Jesus that can begin today and continue for eternity.

When Lucy met Aslan again, she cried: 'Oh, you're real, you're real!' We too can find the real Easter through a life changing encounter with the living Christ.

Every blessing Vevin

### Easter Thoughts in a Churchyard

It's a yearly paradox. You've brought some flowers to the churchyard to lay on the grave of a loved one. All around you are graves and headstones, reminders of the inevitable end of life's earthly journey. But it's Easter Day, and from within the church you can hear the singing: 'Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!' Perhaps then you notice a few other things. You're standing among the fresh daffodils and the grass that's suddenly green and growing again. For a moment you pause and reflect on the reverse of an old saying. In the midst of death – we are in life!

That essentially is what Easter is about – an annual reminder that death is not the end of the story. Cookham, in Berkshire, was once the home of the great 20th century painter, Stanley Spencer. Perhaps his most famous painting is 'Resurrection in Cookham Churchyard', which depicts local residents – many of them recognisable village characters – rising up out of their graves to be greeted by the risen Jesus, standing in the church porch. It's a glorious, vivid, shocking reminder of a great assertion. The graveyard is not a terminus, but a junction.

The resurrection of Jesus (and hence our resurrections, too) is the defining claim of Christianity. Christians don't follow the teaching of a prophet who died many centuries ago, or of a holy man whose life is an example to follow, excellent as that may be. They put their trust in a Saviour whom they believe is alive and with them now, and they also believe that through Him they too will move through the junction of death to the journey that lies beyond – a journey he talked about to His followers.

The annual paradox lies in the inescapable fact of death, indelibly represented by those graves and headstones, and in the equally inescapable fact that – in apparent defiance of all logic – human beings down the ages have clung to the belief that death is not the end.

Every culture has its story of the life beyond – the Elysian fields, Valhalla, Nirvana, Abraham's bosom. But only with the coming of Jesus, and the witnessed events of that first Easter morning, has our instinctive belief been given wings. The paradox is the heart of everything. Death is a fact, but life is greater than death. 'Because I live', said Jesus, 'you will also live'.



#### WHAT CAN I DONATE - HIGH DEMAND ITEMS

Tinned meat products – stew, casserole, meatballs etc Tinned fish – especially tuna





Longlife milk Squash **Baked beans** lam Dried Pasta **Biscuits Rice Pudding Tinned** fruit Mayonnaise Ketchup Tinned soup **Baking potatoes Cakes and Biscuits** Apples - especially mini apples for lunch boxes Carrots Shower Gel Liquid soap Laundry Gel or similar

Tea and coffee are also popular!

Washing up liquid







# Date for your Diary!

Jumble Sale 10am, The School Rooms, Long Buckby

# **An Easter Prayer**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father



# **The Restoration Group**



'A group from St Lawrence's men's restoration group visited 78 Derngate, Northampton on 22 March, ostensibly to soak in a little of our local culture. Faced with the work of the celebrated designer Charles Rennie Mackintosh, most said they were impressed but all went on to enjoy lunch even more, at the Sun Inn, Hardingstone. Thanks to all for coming along. The group's next trip will follow, hopefully, in early summer.

The men's restoration group is simply about the gentlemen of St Lawrence's Church getting together in relaxed but stimulating surroundings, three or four times a year, to talk and to be there to encourage each other.'

# sunday school

A Sunday School teacher invited her children to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday. One little boy wrote, "Dear God, we had a good time at church today. Wish You could have been there."

A Sunday School teacher had been explaining why Easter should matter to us, and wanted to make sure her group understood. So she asked, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin?"

All Ages Experience Easter

#### All Saints' Church West Haddon

11 am – 3 pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Hot Cross Buns - Coffee – Tea - Squash CHILDREN'S



You are warmly invited to visit All Saints. Come and experience Easter, through craft, prayer and the challenge of the church trail! Come with your family, a friend or on your own. You will find a warm welcome with tea, coffee, squash and Hot Cross buns. Do come! We look forward to seeing you. This is not an activity day where children are left, but designed to fit in with your busy days, letting you drop in, when most convenient for you. Children must be accompanied at all times.



# COME AND JOIN US!

# GAMES PALM PROCESSION REFRESHMENTS

Ever wonder where the prayer ... 'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day' comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3 April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full: "Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."





#### 321 is a course that invites you to see life the way Jesus does.

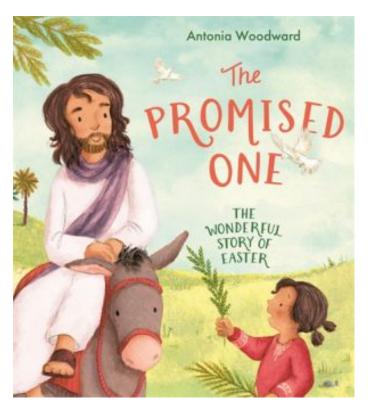
Inspired by Jesus' vision of reality, 321 is designed to help you think about God, the world and yourself through immersive videos and thoughtful illustrations.

Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Christian faith? To help discover what difference believing in Jesus can make to their lives?

The 321 course is coming soon, so be thinking about who you can invite as we love Jesus, share Jesus across our parishes.



### **Book Reviews**



#### Discovering Christianity – a Seeker's Guide to Faith and Theology

By Rowan Williams, SPCK, £10.99 In this thought-provoking but highly readable book, Rowan Williams explores the vital questions that go right to the heart of Christianity.

He covers: How does Jesus reveal God; Who or what is the Holy Spirit; Why do Christians treasure the Bible; and What's the point of theology?

Rowan Williams' guide to the essentials of the faith aims to show how Christian theology is based on the interplay of scripture, tradition and reason. The book will help you develop a broader and deeper appreciation of the positive difference Christianity continues to make in the world today. The Promised One – the wonderful story of Easter By Antonia Woodward, SPCK, £7.99

A colourfully illustrated bedtime picture book for 3-to-5-year-olds, covering Easter from Palm Sunday to Ascension.

It includes stories of how Jesus made sick people well, made food for thousands, and cared for the lonely and the needy. How He was like no one else, and the people believed the Promised One – God-on-earth – had arrived. Others were not so sure. But God always has a plan.

This is the story of God's plan, and how Jesus came for everyone, everywhere, for all time.

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# Women of Holy Week

An Easter journey in nine stories Paula Gooder with illustrations by Ally Barrett Women of Holy Week – an Easter Journey in Nine Stories By Paula Gooder, CHP, £10.99

In the style of her bestselling Phoebe, Paula Gooder uses her extensive biblical expertise to retell the events of the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension through the eyes of nine female characters she imagines accompanying Jesus during these momentous days.

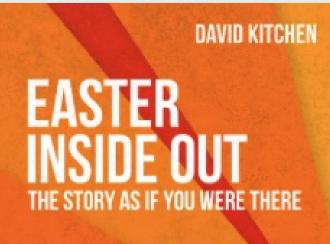
Accompanied by nine colour illustrations, each story brings to life the tension, drama and shock of the events of Holy Week, banishing any over-familiarity and helping readers enter into the Passion narrative in a deeper, more meaningful way.

Originally given as a series of addresses at Southwark Cathedral during Holy Week 2021, these nine stories are for all who long to encounter Jesus afresh through the Easter Story.

Easter Inside Out – the story as if you were there By David Kitchen, BRF, £12.99

Acclaimed storyteller David Kitchen reimagines the Easter narrative through a varied cast of characters, from Mary Magdalene to Caiaphas.

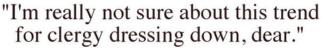
If you want to understand who might have been where and doing what as the Easter story unfolds, this book gives you answers. It also lets you sense what it could have been like to be one of those involved in the twists and turns of one of the most extraordinary stories in the whole of history.



A chance to see the story in your head, feel it in your heart and know that dead men don't eat fish

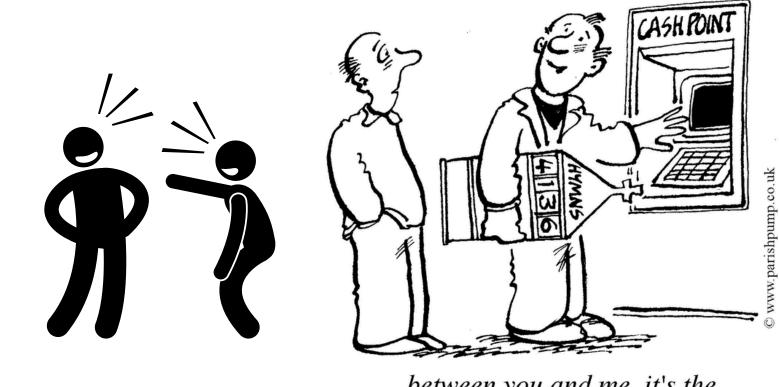
# Not too serious







Mary wished she'd never mentioned Fresh Expressions of Church



...between you and me, it's the only way I can remember my PIN number!



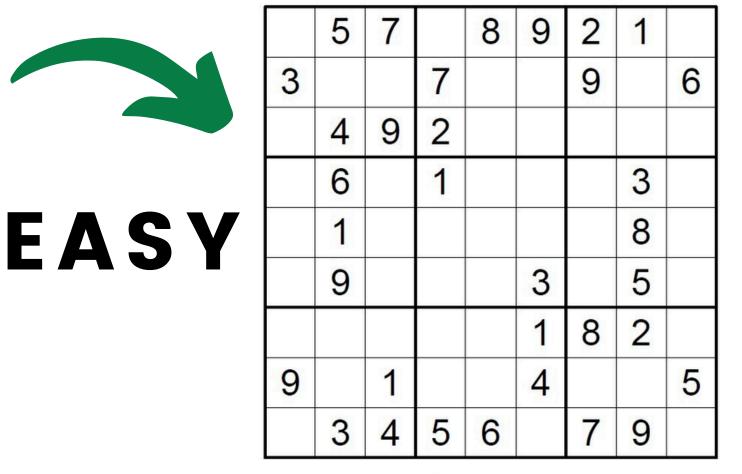


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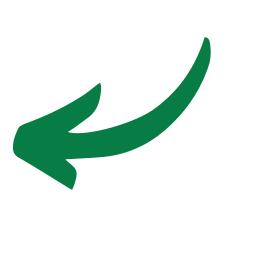
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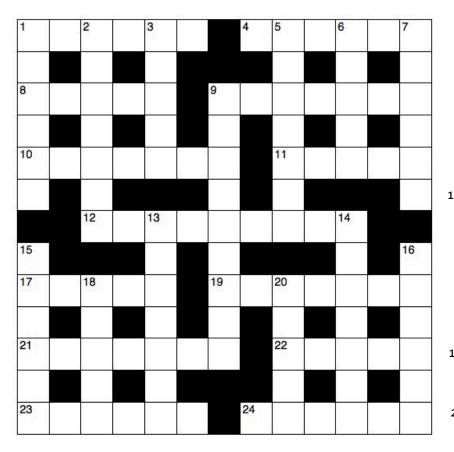
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### **Bible Crossword**



#### Across

Relating to the whole universe (6) 1 The disciple who made the remark in 8 4 Across (John 20:24) (6) 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I 8 will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3) He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the 9 scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7) 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry - (7) 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be 11 baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5) Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9) 12 Port from which Paul sailed on his last 17 journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5) 'Moses was not aware that his face was --19 because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7) Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse 21 (7) Grill (Luke 24:42) (5) 22 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to 23 the - apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)

24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in

— and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
  - 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
    - 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
  - 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
    - 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
      - 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
      - 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
  - 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
  - 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)

20 Bared (anag.) (5)

On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us. Jesus put an end to death by dying for us, and showed us the resurrection to ╋ come by His raising to new life!

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#### Mouse Makes

Jesus is risen! The angel said: "Jesus ... is not here, for He has risen, just as He said." Matthew 28:6

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**READ** the story of the resurrection in: Matthew 28:1-10 Mark 16:1-19 Luke 24:1-49 John 20:1-29 and 21:1-14

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MESSIAH • REDEEMER CHRIST • SON OF GOD **HOSANNA • PRAISE** 

Jesus will

come again!

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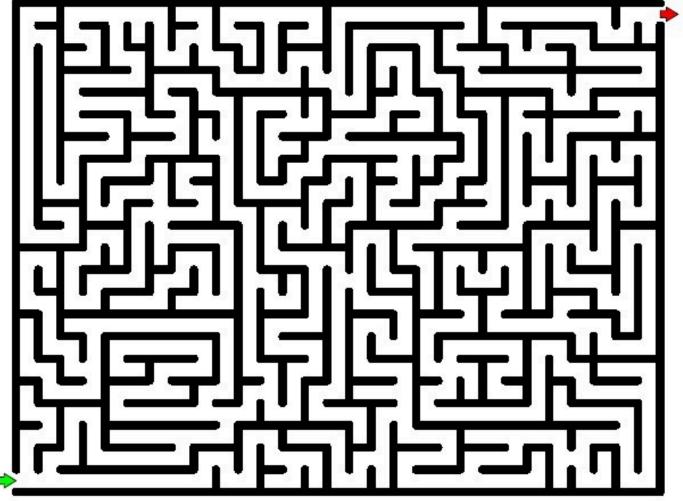
myself so that you

will be where I am."

John 14:3

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#### 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.

ד, Cliffs. ג, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. גז, Candace. גם, Debar. ג6, Stolen. ג8, Dance. גס, Debar.

#### Hard Sudoku

Easy Sudoku

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#### Wordsearch







# BAPTISMS

#### Interested in getting your child baptised?

Whether you call it christening or baptism we are here to welcome you and those being baptised as part of our church family. A baptism service is a special service where those being baptised will be prayed for, where parents and Godparents will make important promises, water is poured over the person being baptised to signify being made clean and often a sign of the cross is made, a candle is given to you in the service to help remind you to "Shine as a light in the world to the Glory of God". It's a special day for not only the person being baptised but all those family, friends and church members who are there to be part of it. Please do contact us and we'd be happy to talk with you about baptism.



# WEDDINGS

#### Have you considered a church wedding?

We are blessed to have wonderful church buildings in our benefice, in beautiful surroundings, where you can have a wonderful wedding as you make promises to God and each other in front of family and friends. Wedding services have declarations, vows, exchanging of rings, blessings and can include your own choice of readings, music and more, they are a joy to be part of. Church weddings are also surprisingly inexpensive and can help you have a very special wedding without breaking the bank. Contact us to find out how you can have your very special day with us.



## **FUNERALS**

#### We are here for you.

Firstly our sympathies for your loss. We know how hard times like this are and we as the church can be here to support you, not only with the funeral service itself but also afterwards with pastoral support and special services to help you commemorate and remember your loved ones life. We are happy to liaise with you and funeral directors to help you say goodbye to your loved one, services can be tailored to help reflect the life of the deceased so that even in the sadness of loss you can remember the love, the times you had together and look to the hope that a church funeral services gives. Do contact us or ask your funeral director to be in touch with us and let us support you in this difficult time.

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