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Please contact the Rector to arrange baptisms, weddings or funerals.

To receive Communion at home please contact a member of the ministry team.
Confession, spiritual direction and the ministry of healing are offered by the clergy
by appointment.

Increase the Parish Church's income by £10,000 for the price of a cup of coffee

- **Give up one cup of coffee per week & donate the money to the church**
- **100 people x 1 coffee per week (£2.50) > £10,000**
- **With Gift Aid = £12,500**
- **Save it up and donate on a significant date to you (birthday, anniversary, etc)**
- **Maintain your normal giving**
- **Start now !**



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Church AGM 2022 will be held on Wednesday 11th May at 7pm in church.
There are 2 vacancies for the PCC. Anyone wishing to be nominated please
contact Jenny Harris.

The Curate's letter

2 April 2022

18 Siskin Road



Dear friends,

Our journey through the season of Lent continues, and I reflect on all that it has already brought. Often a season when we strip things back and seek out a closer walk with God. We typically give up treats or luxuries that we normally enjoy, or undertake a discipline of prayer or fasting that enables our focus on Christ and his sacrifice for us. Perhaps we fast in order to experience a real hunger for God's presence, or we follow a course of Bible reading or study in order to enter into a deeper understanding of scripture and God's will for our lives.

Our Lent group has been considering the themes from the film *The Greatest Showman*, and some have been surprised by the challenges thrown up by it. For example, what it is we really dream of achieving in life, and what is important to us? Does our society exclude certain people based on their looks, class, ethnicity or sexuality? What does it take to be accepted in society – or for us to accept those who are different from us? How might we extend God's generous love and hospitality amongst our community, and follow Christ's example of abundant love poured out?

As we consider the situation of our world, we have seen the mass exodus of people from their homeland in Ukraine and lamented with them at the situations of insecurity, homelessness, grief and fear that they are having to endure. These things cause our hearts to move, and when we bring them to God in prayer we discover his Spirit responds and moves with us. This might be in acts of compassion or courage, in generosity to others, in the peace found in Christ's promises or in our gradual turning to God's will. As you pray and reflect during this Holy Season may you find the presence and peace of God in your life.

Every blessing

Debbie

Assistant Curate

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK at UPPINGHAM PARISH CHURCH

MONDAY 11TH APRIL Holy Communion at 10a.m. and Stations of the Cross at 7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL Holy Communion at 10a.m. and Compline with Choir at 8.30p.m.

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL Holy Communion at 10a.m. and Reflections at 7.00p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14TH APRIL, Eucharist with Washing of Feet at 7.30p.m. followed by Watch of Prayer until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY, 15TH APRIL, Children's Service at 10a.m. Proclamation of the Cross at 2p.m. Tenebrae at 7.30p.m.

EASTER SATURDAY, 16TH APRIL, Said Evening Prayer at 5.30p.m.

EASTER DAY, 17TH APRIL, Sunrise Service on the Middle (Newtown Road end) at 5.55a.m. Holy Communion at 8.00a.m. Sung Eucharist at 10.45a.m.

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Belton, St Peter: Easter Day Eucharist at 9.00a.m.

You are welcome to join us online for our monthly Service of the Word
(check the website for details)
or listen to the service by phoning 01572 497004

On the farm this springtime...

After 2 months of not much happening on the farm, the spring-like weather has coincided with the lambing all in a rush! To date, we have 25 and are waiting for the



Jacob Ewes to start, as these are the most interesting mixture of colours. We do have one black lamb who was one of triplets born to the first ewe. Best at this moment not to mention mint sauce...

As the weather continues to behave [*this was mid-March! Eds*] the lambs and ewes have been turned out onto a fresh paddock, with the grass growing well. We are still waiting for the calves to arrive any

day now, fingers crossed. The bulls, having gained enough weight, have gone to market. Last year's calves have also been turned out, which caused lots of bucking and rearing – a lovely sight to behold.

Now, we have gained a miniature Shetland pony. India received a phone call from a horse sanctuary to ask if she could find a home for him. There was no doubt, once he was seen: one proviso, however, he had to keep his name – TYRONE – and he is now settling in well. Although Jack and Teddy are a lot bigger, nobody has told him this, and he will soon be 'top man' with his nickname Tiny T to his friends.



Jeff Whelband

Help for Ukraine

Linda Bosworth reports...

Anne Touchin and I have been 'collection points' for help and donations towards the Ukrainian crisis. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of Uppingham and beyond. Keren Edwards and I drove to PCH, where we are Chaplaincy volunteers, on Tuesday March 15 with 9 huge bags of toiletries and £400 cash to be received by a delighted Ukrainian member of staff at the Hospital, who assured us that the money would be used to help fuel the vehicles that are leaving Peterborough, with the goods bound for the Polish border. She was so grateful for our donations, as well as for all the support being given by staff and friends at the Hospital. Anne and I continue to be 'collection points' for more donations, toiletries and cash especially welcome. Keren and I will continue to make regular Tuesday trips to PCH. Thank you all!

The Crystal Ball

Music for April 2022

With Mothering Sunday now behind us, we turn our full attention first of all to the approaching drama of Passiontide; and for the first time since 2019 we have a full programme of services for this, the climax of the Church's year. For Passion Sunday itself (3 April), we have Tallis's poignant setting of *Salvator mundi* ('O Saviour of the world'), replete with anguished 'false relations' in the harmony; this anthem will also form part of our observation of Tenebrae in Holy Week. And for Palm Sunday, we bring out once more the final chorus of the St Matthew Passion by Schütz, *Praise to thee, Lord Jesus*, in which the now elderly composer harks back to a powerful earlier style of writing, reminiscent of such masters as Monteverdi.

Holy Week contains the usual elements: Compline on Tuesday; Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday evening, including Tallis's *If ye love me*, followed by the stripping of the altars to Psalm 22; a Proclamation of the Cross on Good Friday afternoon, with the Passion Gospel sung to plainsong and Victoria, plus Stainer's *God so loved the world*; Tenebrae on Good Friday evening, with the Lamentations sung to plainsong and Tallis by a choir seated in the ringing chamber; but there will be no sung service for Holy Saturday this year.

And then we have the familiar but welcome swing from sadness to joy as Easter arrives. *This joyful Eastertide* begins our Easter Day worship as usual, with Richard Shephard's *Sing, choirs of heaven* (a paraphrase of the Holy Saturday *Exultet*) and the Hallelujah chorus to reinforce the sense of celebration.

To conclude the month, Choral Evensong will be sung on 24 April. Our anthem will be Stanford's imposing setting of *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*, with Tye's uplifting version of words from Psalm 113, *Praise ye the Lord, ye children*, as the introtit and the energetic Stanford in B flat for the canticles; and we shall repeat Philip Radcliffe's imaginative and tuneful responses, which we sang for the first time in February.

This time last year we were contemplating a second Holy Week and Easter without any choir; this year, let us be grateful that we can return to a full celebration of the most joyful feast in the calendar. Cliché it may be, but we so often don't appreciate what we have until we lose it. Come and join us in giving thanks!

Succentor

The MU Triennial Service in Peterborough Cathedral was a wonderfully poignant occasion, when Jill Cannings officially handed over the role of Diocesan President to Helen



Lynett – except that Jill could not be there in person, having contracted Covid. Jill had done much of the planning of the service and was due to deliver the sermon, but in the event it was read by our Chaplain, Revd Deborah Marsh. Jill's son James represented her by carrying the Diocesan Banner, and he presented it to Helen at the appropriate moment. There were many banners paraded, making a colourful display; the Diocesan banner is the one with the blue globe which has resided in our church for the last three years.



The members of Rutland Deanery were responsible for the refreshments afterwards (not an afternoon for considering your waistline!) The Cathedral staff kindly put out tables and chairs, enabling the congregation to sit and chat whilst enjoying their refreshments. Thank you to all who contributed to the tea; special mention should go to Georgie,



who not only baked cakes but iced shortbread biscuits with the MU logo as well!

Message from Jill Cannings...

to everyone online: I am offering midday prayers on Zoom on the **4th Tuesday** of each month. I will open the link from about 12.15, to enable people to chat and join. I will lead midday prayers from 12.30. This time is chosen in the hope that our DP Helen can join us.

Here are the details of the link:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84506284356>

Meeting ID: 845 0628 4356

Zoom has proved very useful, though it's not for everyone. We will see how popular this proves to be. I hope it will remind people of the strength of the MU tradition of midday prayers, and provide us with the opportunity to catch up across the diocese.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

We have experienced a mix of joy and sorrow this month.

I start by reflecting on the sad news of the death of Stephanie Pattinson. She was a loyal supporter of the MU for many years, and was always ready to offer help and support; latterly she has been a committee member. This photograph was taken last year at our Garden Party to celebrate the life of Mary Sumner which was also our first proper opportunity to gather together after lockdown. She is greatly missed.



Several of our members have contracted Covid recently; I think I may say that all had a miserable few days, but we can be thankful that no-one required hospital treatment and all have recovered at home, though the effects of tiredness etc seem to linger well beyond the infection itself.

Our March meeting didn't run quite as planned, but nevertheless was a most enjoyable occasion. The speaker should have been Valerie Anslow from the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough, but I heard only on the previous evening that she had succumbed to Covid. Rector Rachel was willing to step in, but at 9.40am Sue Dixon volunteered to give her talk on Pembrokeshire, planned for September! She used to live in the north of Pembrokeshire, in a delightful area, full of history, and not especially a tourist spot. She went home to collect the memory stick, and was back in time to serve the teas as well! We thank Sue most heartily for stepping in, and we hope to invite Valerie at a later date.

Tuesday April 12th at 10am is the date of our next meeting, when we shall hear from two of our own members, Linda Bosworth and Keren Edwards about their volunteering in local hospitals. Their talk has an intriguing title – do come and find out more!

We have two adjacent events in May. On **May 11th** Ketton Branch have arranged the Quiet morning and lunch at Edenham, cost £16. We already have five members booked in; if you would like to go you do need to pre-book, so please contact me asap. Transport will be arranged nearer the time. The previous day **May 10th** is our own meeting when we will hear from Bekkie Wright, the Methodist minister; her talk is entitled 'Coming Home'.

Final reminder – don't forget we have a Saturday market stall this year. The date is **July 16th** and we shall need lots of things to sell.

Janet Wardle (829923)

St. Peter's Church Belton w Wardley



We have faithfully been observing Lent with prayer and fasting, with sacramental worship on Sundays and contemplation in church. Our prayers this past month have been for the building up of community life and for the mental health of our young people. We have enjoyed the breaking of the Word together and seek to build up our common life in developing our reach to the parish through our continuing programme of household conversations. We look forward to the times of warmer weather that may enable our church to receive more visitors and have been developing our Refreshment Station for walkers and visitors alike.

We enjoyed the sound of the bells being rung when visiting ringers, doing a tour of Leics & Rutland, came to ring the bells of St Peter's Church one day in March.

Mothers' Sunday

We enjoyed an extra community gathering on this special day in Lent when tea and cakes were served and flower posies could be made for distribution to some of the ladies in Belton. Some of the children from Belton pre-school did some fabulous artwork to help us celebrate this special day and brought their mums along. Our special guest was *Fruitsheep* who made an appearance in the church scurrying between the pews before enjoying a nap in Curate Debbie's arms.



In the community

Flowers were distributed at Belton House and we continue to enjoy meeting the residents for worship and praise.

Services and Events in April

Date	Time	Details
3 rd April Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
	3.00 pm	Service in Belton House
Wednesday 6 th April	7.00 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
10 th April Palm Sunday	9:00 am	Holy Communion with palm crosses (cw)
Holy Week		Services in Uppingham Parish Church
15 th April Good Friday	3.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
17 th April Easter Day	9:00 am	Holy Communion with palm crosses (cw)
	10.00 am	Celebration of Easter for families with Easter Egg hunt and Easter animals
24 th April Second Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)

Prayer Station

In response to the situation in the Ukraine, our prayer station remains in the church where you are welcome to come and light a candle to pray for peace.

*Lord Jesus – you wept over the sins of your city,
On the Ukraine – Lord, have mercy.*

*Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division,
jealousy and bitterness. On us, Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.
Grant us peace: Lord, have mercy.*

Across

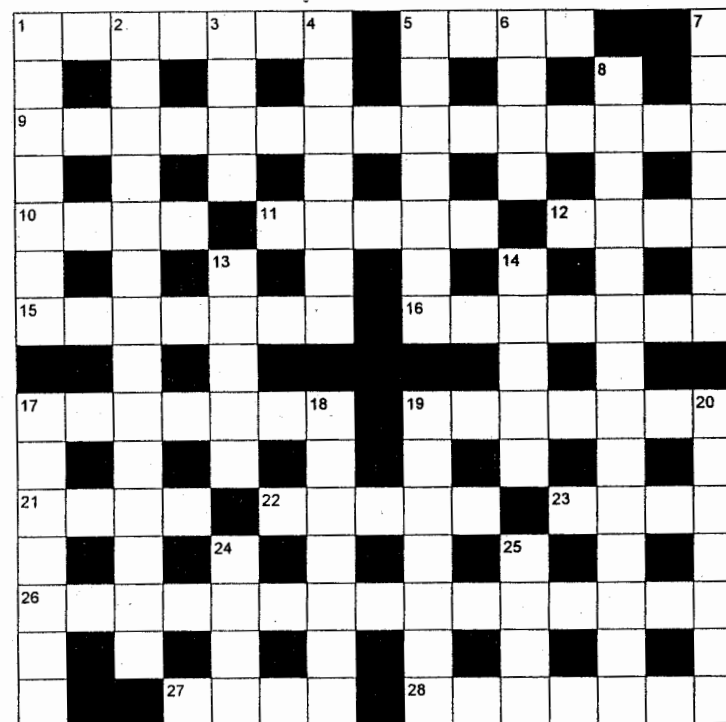
- 1 'For that sabbath . . . was an ____' (John 19) (4,3)
- 5 See 22
- 9 Zero returns in line from Easter hymn (4,2,4,5)
- 10 By our own efforts carrying possession of a second person (4)
- 11 United to make reparation (5)
- 12 Sang awkwardly, causing a problem (4)
- 15 Digital native, one immersed in clear philosophy (7)
- 16 Steady run wandered off course (7)
- 17 'That Truth to keep, that Life to win, Whose 27 ___ flow' (George Doane) (7)
- 19 Incomplete cheque rewritten for universal article in this language (7)
- 21 Note love in London (4)
- 22,5ac Occasions of prayer preceding Ash Wednesday? (5,4)
- 23 Press club (4)
- 26 Oriental Christians, free from heresy? (7,8)
- 27 'That Truth to keep, that Life to win, Whose ___ 17 flow' (George Doane) (4)
- 28 Put down again, it's said, and passed on (7)

Down

- 1 25 reassembled over there – that's lovely (7)
- 2 'And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and ____' (Mark 15) (4,2,3,5)
- 3 Ineffectual type to fall gently (4)
- 4 State of Mexico deduced from feline in Chinese capital (7)
- 5 What one requires: a Democrat with a beginning of sense (7)
- 6 'Ye are a chosen generation', wherein the time is found (4)
- 7 Bishop, maybe, got older and coped (7)
- 8 Date when the First Eucharistic Prayer was used? (6,8)
- 13 Australian individual encountered at the seaside (5)
- 14 Eco-friendly part of course (5)
- 17 Area of church where aspirates are traditionally dropped (4,3)
- 18 Sad songs from last men (7)
- 19 Even more unusual, a strange queen (7)
- 20 Added – or taken away (7)
- 24 Check nothing, but forbid (4)
- 25 Henry involved in brief visit (for a Romany) (4)

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by Succentor



SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

