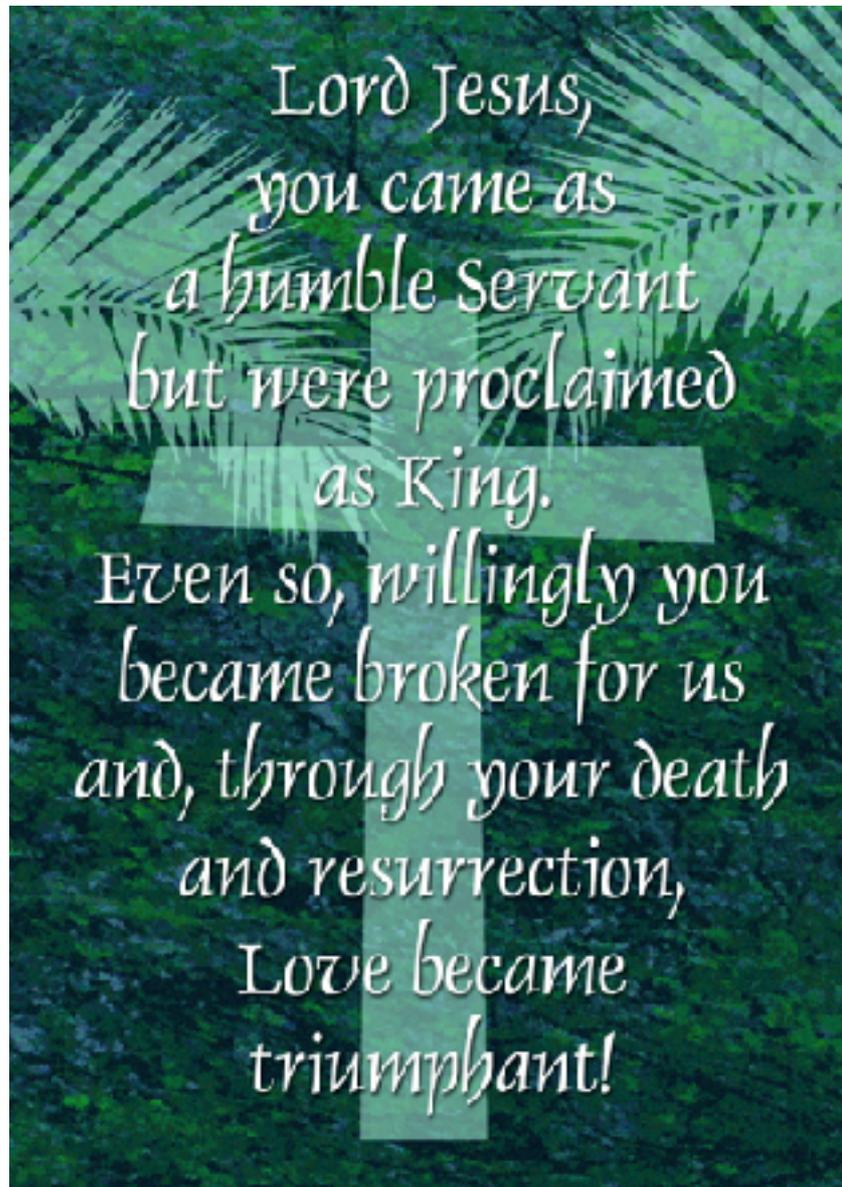


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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the April 2022 edition of Keynotes.

It's hard to believe we are witnessing yet another global conflict which is resulting in millions of civilians, children and their families, being forced to leave Ukraine and move to other countries for safety.

Russian's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February prompted the largest influx of refugees to head to Europe since WW2 and in 12 days, since the start of the war, more than two million people fled Ukraine. By 7 March, 474 people, including 29 children, had been killed and 861, including 44 children, injured (source: Statista).

We hope and pray these shocking figures do not continue to rise and there's an end to the conflict soon. And as we enter into the most important season of the Christian calendar, we will continue to support Ukrainians with prayer, support fund-raising initiatives and donate items for them where we can.

St Peter's will be busy with Holy Week activities which begin with our Palm Sunday service on 10 April and culminate with Easter day celebrations on 17 April. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are equally important dates and we're delighted to hear that on Maundy Thursday, William and Maggie Holden will be at St George's Chapel, Windsor, as William is receiving a specially-minted Maundy coin from the Queen. William was nominated by Bishop Martin and is one of only 96 men from around the country to be chosen for this honour. He represents the Chichester Diocese, as well as St Peter's, and we look forward to finding out more in the June issue of Keynotes. A well-deserved accolade William, congratulations!

Other upcoming events include our first Friday of the month 'open church' morning. If you, or anyone you know fancies some delicious homemade cakes with coffee/tea, head to the church on 1 April/6 May between 10.30am and 12pm. There's also 'St Peter's at 4' on the first Sunday of the month (3 April/1 May, 4pm) with all-age craft, worship and fun.

And finally, if you know someone who can't get to our parish Eucharist on a Sunday at 10am, why not ask if they'd like to join the service online?

A happy and peaceful Easter to all our readers.

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## WOMEN'S SOCIAL

We are enjoying returning to our twice-monthly gatherings and several members met at Bankers in Brighton for a fish and chip lunch. Jane Cummings invited us to a coffee morning in her home. She was assisted by Georgette and, as usual, we enjoyed lively conversation and delicious refreshments.

In April we hope to enjoy a visit to a garden centre and coffee at Carol's home.

Members celebrating birthdays in April are Rosemary (5<sup>th</sup>), Sandy (25<sup>th</sup>), Beryl (22<sup>nd</sup>). Congratulations to you all.

Maggie Keeling



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## Holy Week and Easter Services

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**

Holy Communion 7.45pm

### **Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10am All-age worship

7pm Tenebrae: a service of meditations on Christ's passion.

### **Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Sunrise Service - 6am

10am All-age Eucharist



**God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.**

**Revelation 21.4**

## **Prayer List Requests**

Each Sunday we pray for people in any kind of need.

These may be the names of people on the prayer list which is printed in the pew Sheet each week. The names are not read out individually during Sunday Intercessions, but are prayed for individually at the monthly Wednesday Prayer Service.

This is a lovely, peaceful, prayerful time in The Old Church. Please join us.

The date of the next Wednesday Prayer Service will be on the Pew Sheet.

### **St Peter's Pastoral Care Group**

**Our Pastoral Care Group exists to offer entirely confidential help and support on any pastoral matter.**

**Perhaps you would like a friendly visitor for a good chat now and then, help with transport, a name included in our prayer list at Church, some professional advice which we can help find, or an offer of Communion at home?**

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## Parish Giving Scheme

St Peter's Church is a registered charity (1166661) and therefore relies solely on your generosity.

Please will you consider signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) to support our services, both in Church and online, and our outreach, which includes events such as our Lunchtime concerts, by giving a regular amount either monthly or quarterly. No amount is too small.

PGS uses the direct debit scheme and pays the funds into our Church account monthly together with gift aid if you are a tax payer.

The payments are easily cancelled or amended and can be increased automatically each year in line with inflation.

Further information on PGS or to sign up to the scheme can be done via the website [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) or by telephoning 0333 002 1260 and quoting our Church reference of 101040082. There are also manual forms that can be completed if you would rather, at the back of Church.

Your support would be very much appreciated.

Mandy Gander  
Treasurer

**WANTED - If anyone has any unwanted ceramic or terracotta medium/large containers that I could pot up and sell at the Summer Fair, please speak to me or leave a message on 01273 774848. I can collect. Thank you.**

**Barry Ward**

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

I was delighted that St Peter's were able to hold this important service this year.

Formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer, the name was changed in recent years to stress that it is an all-inclusive service. The service is compiled by Christian women from around the world and this year's service was represented by the women of England, Ireland and Wales. The concept was several years in the making but, as always, it had a very pertinent message for today's world.

On entry, people were given a service sheet and a sunflower seed which represents hope. By an amazing coincidence, the sunflower is the National Flower of Ukraine and this significance was very poignant.

The service was quite well attended but we would have been very happy to welcome more. I still find it disappointing that more men don't feel it is something they can connect to. I know that the five men who were there were moved as much as the rest of us! The singing of "The Day Though Gave Us Lord" brings into sharp focus the fact that the same service is celebrated around the world from first sunrise to sunset. Do please try and come next year to the service at All Saints' on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

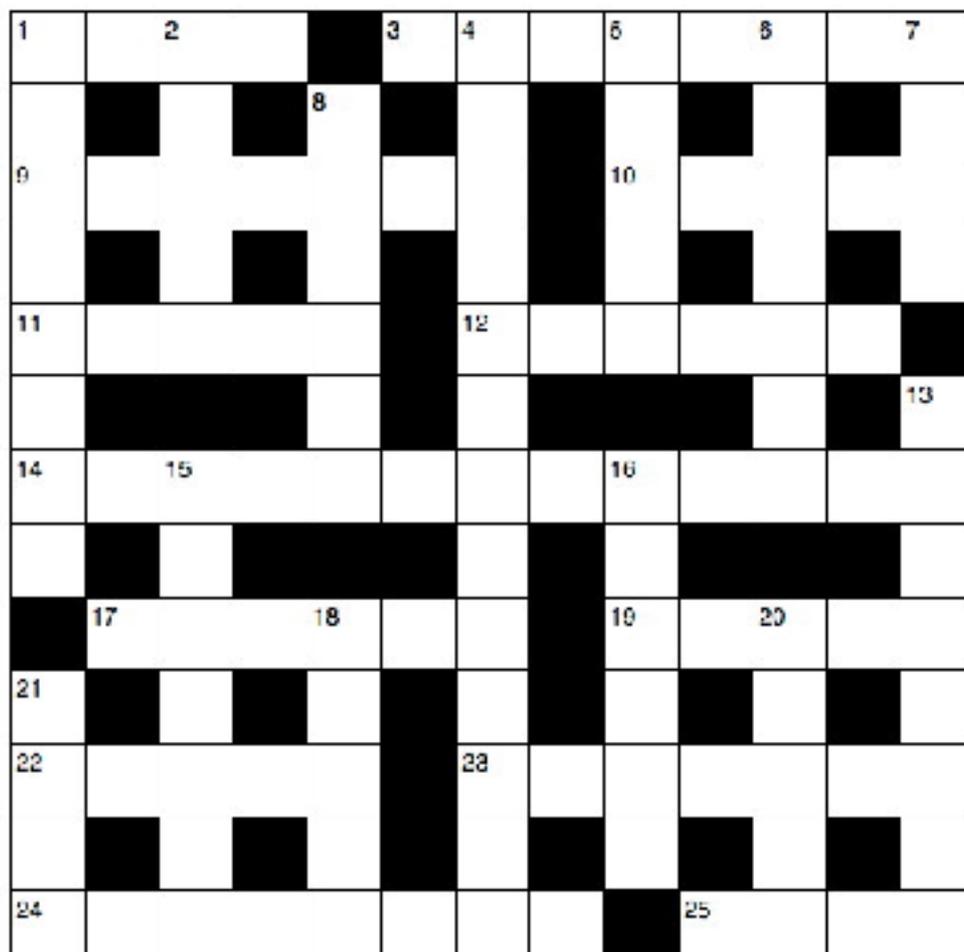
I would like to thank Gill Evans for leading us on the organ, Rev Tim and David Keeling for ensuring the smooth operation of the sound system and Pam Miles, Jane, Moz, Carol and Sandy for providing refreshments and all the St Peter's family for giving our guests such a warm welcome.

Maggie Keeling

## Crossword clues

### Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)



## **Down**

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

## **The best position in which to pray**

Three theologians at a conference centre sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," said one, and backed up his claim by quoting a number of New Testament texts on humility in Greek.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." He quoted a few texts on praise in Latin.

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor." He quoted a few texts on penitence in Hebrew.

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Sorry to interrupt," he said, "but the best praying I ever did was in English, hanging upside down from a telephone pole!"

## **Common Pipistrelle** by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

I spend way too much time in graveyards (especially considering that I'm going to spend an awful lot of time in one in the future). But they are great places to look for Pipistrelle bats. At this time of year, adult Pipistrelles are emerging from their winter hibernation and taking flight. Above Sussex, the night sky is a battlefield of deafening cries as Pipistrelles swoop and swirl, plummet and pounce at their insect prey.

The acrobatic anarchy overhead goes unnoticed by us humans. Our hearing is limited and when it comes to night vision we're as blind as, well, something with really bad eyesight...in fact anything but a bat. Bats have excellent vision. But it certainly isn't their best sense.

Echolocation is one of the animal world's most incredible superpowers. A Pipistrelle shouts, the shout hits something and bounces back. This echo is instantly analysed in an amazing brain and tells the bat how far away the object is and whether it's a mosquito, a moth or a mansion. To get the maximum information from their echo, Pipistrelles yell at high frequencies (45 kHz, we can only hear up to 20 kHz). And these shouts are loud; pneumatic drill or jet fighter loud. Up to 110 decibels in some species. A bat would deafen itself if it heard its own shout. So Pipistrelles have to disengage their ears, then shout, then turn their hearing back on, listen for the echo, analyse, then start all over again. All at the rate of 10-15 times a second. This gives bats an amazing, multi-layered awareness of their surroundings. But it's tricky (and impolite) to shout when you're eating, so once a moth is in the mouth the bat has to chew-shout-listen-chew-shout-listen to avoid a collision.

There are 17 different species of bat in Sussex. Our smallest – the Common Pipistrelle – is also the one you're most likely to see around your gardens. Back in the 80's there were just four TV channels, two types of videocassette and one species of Pipistrelle in Britain. But in the 90's, scientists discovered that some Pipistrelles were echolocating at higher frequencies (55 kHz); a Montserrat Caballé to the Common Pipistrelle's Freddie Mercury. These are the Soprano Pipistrelles. There's now a third: Nathusius' Pipistrelle. By affixing lightweight metal rings to this species' wings,

researchers have discovered that these bats are migrating to Sussex from as far away as Latvia. An amazing journey for an amazing animal.



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**Psalm 23.6**

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## **People and Places of the Bible**

In line with keeping the matter on which I focus parallel with our Bible Study, this month I will look at aspects of the theme of our Lent Course, Journey Through The Bible.

### **The Bible Overview**

The Bible is fundamental to our faith. Not just the New Testament but the Old Testament, and the Apocrypha. At our Sunday Eucharist we usually have the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel readings which are selections chosen to reflect the Church's year.

The Christian Bible consists of 39 books in the Old Testament, 18 books in the Apocrypha, and 27 books in the New Testament. This count is as published in the New Revised Standard Version but there are variations between the denominations some not regarding the Apocrypha as canonical.

The Bible is a library of books relating to the revelation of God to people and nations. It is not to be taken as giving scientific explanations for creation or other matters, it is just a theological document. The original books were written in one of three languages, Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek by a mix of people living in different political and economic environments. As time has gone by scholars and archaeologists have researched more and more their origins. Also, to arrive at the English we read in our Bibles, the books have often gone through the process of being translated several times. Nowadays those working on translation of the books of the Bible go to the earliest available original sources and bring into account their knowledge of life in those times.

We need to remember that any language is dynamic. Meanings of words change with time and place. With our language, English, witness the word "hardware" which used to mean things like utensils or tools not so many years ago whereas now it is computer equipment. As regards place, take the example of bonnet and boot of a car which are hood and trunk in America. So, when translating from the original language it is important to know where and when the original was written. Also, it is a further help if something is known

about the writer, their position in society could influence their language of the region where they lived.

In her Introduction to her book, “The Bible, The Biography”, Karen Armstrong says “When a word is spoken, the ethereal is made flesh; speech requires incarnation – respiration, muscle control, tongue and teeth. Language is a complex code, ruled by deep laws that combine to form a coherent system that is imperceptible to the speaker, unless he or she is a trained linguist. But language has an inherent inadequacy. There is something left unsaid, something that remains inexpressible. Our speech makes us conscious of the transcendence that characterises human experience”.

Prior to the Authorised Version (1611) there were several English versions of the Bible, Wycliffe, Tyndale, Coverdale, the Geneva Bible and the Bishops’ Bible to name some of them. The Authorised Version, or King James Bible as it is also known, was the work of fifty four clergy, among them Lancelot Andrews who was a former Bishop of Chichester. This came to be the Bible for the English-speaking nations of the world. Later, because of the growth in Biblical scholarship and the availability of the results of archaeological research as well as changes in the English language brought about pressures for revision. This has led to a large number of different translations over the last seventy years.

## **Journey Through The Bible**

In five weeks, we will journey from “In the beginning God created heaven and earth” to “Surely, I am coming soon, Amen, come Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen”

During this time, we will be lead on a journey in which we will see how God works through fallible people who are all tainted by sin. The different names as authors are all the mouthpiece of the ultimate author, God.

In the first session, Tim took us from God’s act of creation, his handing it over to human care and the fall from grace to the Patriarchs. Here we encountered that mysterious figure, Melchizedek, both Priest and King, mentioned also, in Psalm 110 and an important figure in the letter to Hebrews. We then moved on to God’s covenant with Abraham because of his trust in God’s promise of being the

Father of a nation when he and his wife were past the age of child-bearing. Then came Jacob whose sons gave us the twelve tribes of Israel. With the help of Joseph, Jacob's family go into Egypt and over four hundred years grow into a threat to the Egyptians that they were oppressed. God raises up a leader not only to bring them out of Egypt but to give them the Law. Details of this are found in Leviticus and Deuteronomy. We finished with the Numbers and the two survivors from the wandering in the wilderness, Caleb and Joshua. That completed a swift journey through the Pentateuch.

All sessions will be recorded and will be available from the website.

William Holden



Leviticus confirmed it - Rob's pullover  
was an abomination

## **REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES**

### **SUNDAY**

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School (except for the first Sunday of the month)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 4.00 pm - St Peter's @ 4 family service

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## **PARISH EVENTS DIARY**

**The following events taking place in April and May as notified are:**

**Friday 22nd April - Free lunchtime concert - Massimo Redaelli on violin - 1.10pm**

**Friday 13th May - 'Come Fly with Us' paper aeroplane event 3pm until 5.30pm**

**Saturday 14th May - Free lunchtime concert - Hangleton Brass Ensemble - 1.10pm**

**Sunday 22nd May - Rogation Sunday - Bring and share lunch in the Community Centre followed by 'Beat the Bounds' walk straight after the Church service**

**Please continue to keep me informed of events that you have planned or know about by sending a message to our email address which is [stpetersadmin@zoho.com](mailto:stpetersadmin@zoho.com)**

**The deadline for the May issue is 7th April**

Thank you to everyone that contributes to our Church financially.

It is usually at this time, the start of a new tax year, that we all review our finances. When considering your giving to St Peter's, please bear in mind that our parish contribution will be £72,500 this year which is roughly an increase of 5% on 2021.

Thank you for your continued support.



## THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABOUR

This item is being written in the second week of March with the days lengthening but with the temperature still rather low and the occasional frost. Once April comes the longer days will give more time to complete the following tasks if not already done.

1. Weed round all trees, bushes, and canes so that the plants and not the weeds get the maximum benefit from the goodness in the soil. This will be a continuing task in the coming months.
2. Spread leaf mould and compost to condition the soil and increase moisture retention.
3. Check for broken branches and tidy up all fruit trees.
4. Tie back the new blackberry shoots.
5. Feed with fertilisers to encourage healthy growth.
6. Pinch out leaves at end of grape shoots to restrict growth, encourage fruiting and keep the shape.
7. If dry when blossom on fruit trees/bushes water to help it set.
8. Replace broken cages and stakes.
9. It is still not too late to plant some rhubarb. Try this in tubs. Remember, never force rhubarb plants that were forced last year!

The work done now is crucial for the harvest. We pray that there are no late frosts once the blossom comes.

The Fruit Farmer

### Look at it this way

Every evening I turn my troubles over to God. Why not? He's going to be up all night anyway.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR GARDEN?

- 1) Lift and divide established border plants now, like Hostas, to improve vigour and create new plants for your garden.
- 2) Pinch out the tips of Fuschias and Sweet Pea plants to encourage bushy growth this summer.
- 3) Divide Primroses once they have finished flowering.
- 4) Plant Rhododenron bushes once the threat of frost has passed and the ground is moist.
- 5) Tie in Climbing Roses.
- 6) Prune you Penstemons now - cut back all the old shoots to the base provided there is new growth at the bottom of the plant. If there are no new shoots at the base cut just above the lowest set of leaves.
- 7) Finish cutting back any dead foliage on perennials or ornamental grass plants to make way for new growth.
- 8) Prune Forsythia as soon as they have finished flowering, cutting back to strong, young shoots.
- 9) Tie in Honeysuckle and Clematis stems.
- 10) Deadhead Daffodils and Tulips as the flowers finish, but leave foliage intact, allowing it to die back naturally.
- 11) Top dress containers with fresh compost. If the containers are already full, replace the top 5cm of old compost with fresh stuff.
- 12) Keep on top of weeding now that the weather is warming up. Run a hoe through beds and borders.
- 13) Sow lawn seed now on well prepared soil and keep the soil moist while it germinates.
- 14) For an instant lawn, lay new turf this month and keep well watered until it is established.
- 15) Apply specialist lawn weed killer to your lawn wherever moss and weeds are a problem.



## **COME INTO MY KITCHEN.....**

One of the tray bakes we shared following the World Day of Prayer service was this one for parkin which I have been asked to include. I hope you enjoy it.

### **PARKIN**

200g butter, plus extra for greasing  
1 large egg  
4 tbsp milk  
200g golden syrup  
85g treacle  
85g light soft brown sugar  
100g medium oatmeal  
250g self-raising flour  
1tbsp ground ginger

Heat the oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. Butter a deep 22cm square cake tin and line with baking parchment. Beat the egg and milk together.

Gently melt the syrup, treacle, sugar and butter together in a large pan until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat. Mix together the oatmeal, flour and ginger and stir into the syrup mixture, followed by the egg and milk.

Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 50 minutes – 1 hour, until the cake feels firm and a little crusty on top. Cool in the tin then wrap in more parchment and foil or keep in an air-tight container.

Keep for up to five days before eating if you can – it'll become softer and stickier the longer you leave it, up to two weeks.

With the invasion of Ukraine, I thought we might share some traditional recipes from there.

## **BORSCHT**

Serves 4 – 6

1tbsp vegetable oil or 15g butter  
3 medium size beetroot, peeled  
1 large carrot, peeled and diced  
1 stick of celery, diced  
1 large waxy potato, diced  
1 onion, finely chopped  
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped  
1½ litres beef stock  
½ green cabbage, finely shredded  
2 tomatoes, peeled and chopped, or 2 tbsp tinned tomatoes  
flaked sea salt  
freshly ground black pepper

### To serve

300g sirloin steak  
soured cream or crème fraîche  
1tbsp dill

Heat the oil or butter in a large heavy-based saucepan. Add the beetroot, carrot, celery, potato, onion and garlic, then saute for a couple of minutes until they are well combined and coated with the oil. Add the stock and season with salt and pepper.

Bring the soup almost to the boil, then cover and simmer for about 15 minutes. Add the cabbage and tomatoes. Cover the pan and leave the soup to simmer for another 20 minutes. Taste for seasoning and add more salt and pepper if needed.

Trim the fat off the steak. Heat a griddle pan until it is smoking and cook the steak for just a couple of minutes on each side. Remove from the pan and leave it to rest for 5 minutes, then slice as thinly as you can and add any meat juices to the soup.

To serve, divide the strips of steak between the soup bowls and ladle the soup on top. Add dollops of soured cream or crème fraiche and a sprinkling of dill.

The next recipe is for Deruny, potato pancakes which in Ukraine are popular for breakfast, as an appetiser or a side dish.

## **DERUNY**

Makes about 16 pancakes

4 large waxy potatoes (about 2lbs)  
1 small white onion  
1 large egg  
3 tablespoons plain flour  
1 tsp salt  
¼ tsp baking soda  
grapeseed or vegetable oil for frying

Peel potatoes and onion.

Take a large bowl, grate potatoes and onion (on the star shaped grater), taking turns and mixing the grated mixture as the onion juice will keep the potatoes from browning.

Add flour, egg, sour cream and mix it well, then add 1tsp of salt and some black pepper. Batter should still be liquid enough for you to ladle it.

Warm up a skillet with 2-3 tbsp oil over a medium/high heat.

Add 1 heaped tbsp. of mixture at a time to the skillet and fry on one side until golden brown in colour, then flip over and fry for the same amount of time.

Serve warm with soured cream.



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## **APRIL SEASONS, FESTIVALS & SAINTS DAYS**

This month Easter is a little later so we will look at Palm Sunday as well as the Triduum.

### **Palm Sunday**

The date of the first observance of Palm Sunday is uncertain. A detailed description of a palm processional celebration was recorded as early as the 4th century in Jerusalem. The ceremony was not introduced into the West until much later in the 9th century.

Today, Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday as it is referred to in some Christian churches, is the sixth Sunday of Lent and the final Sunday before Easter. Worshippers commemorate Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

On this day, Christians also remember Christ's sacrificial death on the cross, praise God for the gift of salvation, and look expectantly to the Lord's second coming.

Many churches including Lutheran, Roman Catholic Methodist, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Moravian and Reformed traditions, distribute palm branches to the congregation on Palm Sunday for the customary observances. These observances include a reading of the account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, the carrying and waving of palm branches in processional, the blessing of palms, the singing of traditional hymns, and the making of small crosses with palm fronds.

In some traditions, worshippers take home and display their palm branches near a cross or crucifix, or press them into their Bible until the next year's season of Lent. Some churches will place collection baskets to gather the old palm leaves to be burned on Shrove Tuesday of the following year and used in the next day's Ash Wednesday services.

Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of Holy Week, a solemn week focusing on the final days of Jesus' life. Holy Week culminates on Easter Sunday, the most important holiday in Christianity.

## **Triduum**

The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, is continued through Good Friday with the celebration of the passion of the Lord on Holy Saturday, reaches its high point in the Easter vigil, and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

The Season of Lent ends on Thursday of Holy Week. Then the Church remembers the death and resurrection of Jesus during the Easter Triduum. These three days are the most important time of the Church year.

### *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper and that Jesus gave himself in the Eucharist. We recall that Jesus chose his apostles to serve and lead the Church. Remembering that Jesus washed their feet at the Last Supper, the priest washes the feet of members of the congregation. Holy Thursday is a special day for all priests since it is a day to mark the beginning of the ordained priesthood.

The evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is a beautiful and joyful celebration. During the singing of the Gloria, the church bells are rung and then remain silent until the Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday night. Because Holy Thursday is a feast day of the Blessed Sacrament, there is a procession of the Eucharist after the Mass to an altar of repose set up for the occasion. Then the main altar is stripped bare.

### *Good Friday*

On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus. According to an ancient custom, Mass is not celebrated on this day or before the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The celebration of the Lord's passion and death takes place in the afternoon. There are three parts to the liturgy of the day: The Liturgy of the Word; the Veneration of the Cross; and Holy Communion with Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday.

## *Easter Vigil*

On Holy Saturday the Church meditates on the suffering and death of Jesus. Then the Church gathers to celebrate the Easter Vigil. The celebration of the Easter Vigil should take place at night, beginning after nightfall or ending before the dawn of Sunday.

The Easter Vigil has four parts: The Service of Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the Liturgy of Baptism; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

During the Service of Light, all the lights in the church are turned off and a fire is prepared outside the church. Then the fire is blessed, and the Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire. The candle is carried into the dark church. It is a sign of Christ, the Light of the World, who has overcome the darkness of sin and death. The lighted Paschal Candle provides the only illumination. Then, from the flame of the Paschal Candle, members of the congregation light the small candles that they are holding. The flame is passed from person to person until everyone is holding a lighted candle. The light from the Paschal Candle and all the small candles provides the only illumination in the church during this portion of the liturgy. This section concludes with the singing of the Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet.

During the Liturgy of the Word, the story of God's great love for us is proclaimed in readings from the Old and New Testaments. There are seven Old Testament texts. Although it would be preferable that all seven Old Testament readings be proclaimed, the number of readings may be reduced if the circumstances necessitate. However, three Old Testament readings should be proclaimed. Minimally, two Old Testament readings must be proclaimed. The readings recall the great events of salvation, beginning with creation itself and were selected to dispose people to celebrate the sacraments of Christian initiation with great faith.

During the Liturgy of Baptism, those who have been preparing for Baptism and their godparents are called forward. The priest and ministers then go to the baptismal font, if this can be seen by the congregation. Otherwise a vessel of water is placed in the sanctuary. After the candidates are baptised, all present stand with lighted candles and renew their baptismal promises as a sign that they share the new life of Jesus through his resurrection. The newly baptised and confirmed await their first sharing in the Eucharist.

The Easter Vigil concludes with the celebration of the Eucharist. This is a joyous sharing in the sacrificial meal of Jesus Christ, Lord and Risen Saviour.

### **Liturgical Colours**

On Holy Thursday for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, white is used to signify the joyful events this liturgy recalls.

Red for the Good Friday liturgy signifies the passion and death of Jesus.

For the Easter Vigil, white signifies the joy of Christ's resurrection. Gold may also be used since this is the most important and joyous celebration of the liturgical year.

### **Symbols for the Easter Triduum**

Bread and the cup of wine recall the institution of the Eucharist by Our Lord at the Last Supper.

The cross recalls the crucifixion and death of Jesus on Good Friday.

The Paschal Candle and water represent the light and new life of Christ's resurrection and of our baptism.

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## MONEY MATTERS - Figures for February 2022

### Receipts

Planned Giving	£	2761
Income tax recovered	£	531
Community Centre Income	£	1110
Investment income	£	1787
Collections/other giving	£	68
Fundraising	£	178
Keynotes subs/adverts	£	206
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6641</b>

### Payments

Parish Contribution	£	6042
Salaries	£	682
Utilities and Insurance	£	352
Rectory/Rector's expenses	£	444
PCC reimbursement of expenses	£	79
Community Centre running costs	£	175
Upkeep of services	£	212
Aldrington School donation	£	1000
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>8986</b>

**Year to date deficit £3,209**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Reading, Commemorations &amp; Intentions</b> Calendar for April (Year C)
<b>Fri</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<i>Frederick Denison Maurice, teacher, priest, 1872</i> <i>The work of the Foodbank</i>
<b>SAT</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<i>Our sidespeople at St Peter's</i>
<b>SUN</b> <b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 2.4b-14</b>
<b>MON</b> <b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Our PCC at St Peter's</i>
<b>TUES</b> <b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>St Peter's Bloomers</i>
<b>WEDS</b> <b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Our pastoral care team</i>
<b>THURS</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Our Curate, Jan Butter &amp; his family</i>
<b>FRI</b> <b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Our sacristans</i>
<b>SAT</b> <b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, martyr, 1945</i> <i>All expectant mothers</i>
<b>SUN</b> <b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Isaiah 50.4-9a Philippians 2.5-11 Luke 22.14- End 23</b>
<b>MON</b> <b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Monday in Holy Week</b> <i>Christian Unity before the Cross of Christ</i>
<b>TUES</b> <b>12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> <i>The clergy of our Diocese</i>
<b>WEDS</b> <b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> <i>Victims of political and social violence</i>
<b>THURS</b> <b>14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Exodus 12.1-14 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-17,31b-35</b>
<b>FRI</b> <b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday Isaiah 52.13 -53.end Hebrews 4.14-16;5.7-9 John 18.1-19.42</b>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reading, Commemorations &amp; Intentions</b> Calendar for April (Year C)
<b>SAT</b> <b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Easter Eve or Holy Saturday</b> <i>Those who are to be baptised</i>
<b>SUN</b> <b>17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Easter Day</b> <b>Acts 10.34-43 1 Corinthians 15. 19-26 Luke 24.1-12</b>
<b>MON</b> <b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Monday of Easter Week</b> <i>Our pastoral ministry at St Peter's</i>
<b>TUES</b> <b>19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday in Easter Week</b> <i>Our Lay Ministers of Communion</i>
<b>WEDS</b> <b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday of Easter Week</b> <i>Our serving team</i>
<b>THURS</b> <b>21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>Thursday in Easter Week</b> <i>Our sidespeople</i>
<b>FRI</b> <b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>Friday of Easter Week</b> <i>Our Bible Study Group at St Peter's</i>
<b>SAT</b> <b>23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>Saturday of Easter Week</b> <i>Our sacristans</i>
<b>SUN</b> <b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Acts 5.27-32 Revelation 1.4-8 John 20.19-31</b>
<b>MON</b> <b>25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Our understanding of the Gospels</i>
<b>TUES</b> <b>26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Mark the Evangelist transferred from 25<sup>th</sup> April</i> <i>All theologians</i>
<b>WEDS</b> <b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894</i> <i>All writers on religious subjects</i>
<b>THURS</b> <b>28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr, 1841</i> <i>All missionaries</i>
<b>FRI</b> <b>29<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Catherine of Siena, Teacher, 1380</i> <i>For all women clergy and theologians</i>
<b>SAT</b> <b>30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator of the scriptures, 1922</i> <i>All translators of the scriptures</i>

And finally.....

Dear Almighty, All-powerful Father God,

You brought light and hope out of darkness and despair. You brought life out of death when you raised Jesus that first Easter Day. Thank you that the tomb is forever empty and that Jesus is forever alive!

No matter what is going on, no matter how little we understand, help us to hold on to the Easter truth – Jesus is risen! He is alive today and in Him we can put our trust, completely and confidently.

Because of Jesus, death is defeated. Because of Jesus, the best is yet to be. Love wins! Hallelujah! We praise you, Lord, in Jesus name, Amen.

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