

 **The Wiverton News**
from your village churches and chapels

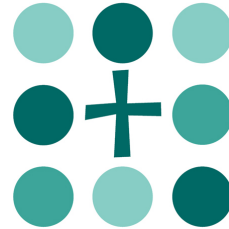
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New life in the Garden

<http://www.wivertonchurches.org.uk>

Easter, a story about a Gardener?



Dear Friends

Every now and again, a suggestion is made that Easter should be celebrated on the same date each year, in the same way that Christmas is. There are practical reasons for this, such as school holidays, but the very nature of the variable date gives our celebration a freshness each year.

Although the date may change, the story does not. But that doesn't mean that we should stop telling it. It has been my personal experience that there is something new in the story to appreciate every year. In the rhythm of the celebration of Palm Sunday, reflections through Holy Week, the despair of Good Friday and the joy and amazement of Easter Day, we see the rhythm of our own lives. Easter is about death and resurrection; about endings and beginnings, mistakes and new starts, about despair and celebration, slavery and freedom. Perhaps that resonates with your life. In John's Gospel, when Mary goes to Jesus' tomb that first Easter Day, she mistakes the resurrected Jesus for the gardener; Easter is about New life in the Garden.

*Easter is
about
New life in
the Garden*

Amidst the chocolate eggs and Easter bonnets we can find the Christ who died for us and in his resurrection gave us new life. No one actually saw what happened to Jesus between his burial on the first Good Friday and the empty tomb on Easter Day. But what we have all seen is the effect of his death and resurrection on millions of people over the last 2000 or so years. We see lives changing today, just as the lives of the disciples changed because of the man Jesus.

The Easter story doesn't change because God does not change; but our lives change because of the Easter story. I wish you a joyful Easter-tide.

Bronwen, Rector of the Wiverton Group of Parishes

Celebrating Easter Day

I read recently that one of the traditions associated with Easter is that having a hair cut on Good Friday will prevent toothaches for the rest of the year! Bearing in mind the number of chocolate eggs and bunnies we all eat two days later I have to say I'm a bit sceptical about that one. But it has to be said that there are lots of stories associated with Holy Week and Easter.

We are often told that Easter derives from a pagan celebration. It is true that the name "Easter" comes from an Anglo-Saxon word for April "Eostre-monath" (meaning the month of openings) and that's very appropriate given the *opened* and empty tomb of Christ's resurrection.

But we should remember that Christians celebrated the resurrection of Christ long before the word "Easter" was used. The early Christians used the word "Pascha" connected with the Jewish festival of Passover at which time Jesus was crucified. From this we get the word "Paschal" applied to Jesus as the "Paschal lamb". In our churches we light the "Paschal candle" on Easter day symbolising the light brought back to the world in Christ's resurrection.

There are many other Easter traditions and one of ours is the Sunrise service on Easter Day which we hold at St Mary's Colston Basset. This year it will be at 6.00am. It is an amazingly spiritual and joyful experience contrasting as it does with the sombre events of Good Friday. In our churches and chapels we celebrate Easter because it is the most important of all the Christian festivals. There are services for all ages and tastes across our villages. I hope you will find time to celebrate Easter with us.



**Colston Bassett Village Hall
Friday 23 April 2010, 7.30pm**



On The Edge: Kevin Tomlinson

An evening of improvised comedy theatre exploring those moments in life when we are 'On the Edge'.

As seen at the Edinburgh Festival where it received 5 star reviews.

Suitable for age: 8+

Advance Booking required

Tickets: £10 pp.(£6 for U16's) incl light snacks

Bar available Contact: David Lambert

Tel: 01949 832830

Elton Garden Party

The Old Rectory, Elton on the Hill

Saturday 22 May from 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Free entry for under 16's, £1 for adults

Plant & Produce stalls, Bric-a-brac,

Tombola , Refreshments,

Children's activities etc.

and much more

All proceeds to Elton Church

Enquiries to Mary Mackie 01949 850878



Bingham and District Choral Society

Our next concert will take place in St Mary's Church, Radcliffe on 8th May at 7.30pm. We are thoroughly enjoying rehearsing Samson by G. F. Handel, a work of great energy and contrasts. We have four soloists, Nikki Kennedy – Soprano, Katherine Allen – Mezzo-Soprano, James Edwards – Tenor and Simon Thorpe – Baritone. The Bingham Concert Orchestra will accompany, conducted by Neville Ward .

Tickets will be available in April from Bingham Library, National Dry Cleaners in Radcliffe and choir members. The price is £9.00 with children free if accompanied by an adult. For more information visit our website

www.binghamchoral.org.uk or phone Sylvia on 839991.

For the weeks following our concert we are inviting anyone who is interested to four weekly singing evenings to be held at Carnarvon School, Nursery Road, Bingham. These sessions will be on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.30pm on 19th and 26th May, 9th and 16th June 2010. The cost is only £15 for the entire course. There will be no auditions and all are welcome. Booking is necessary in order to have sufficient copies of the music which will be varied to suit a wide range of tastes. Ring David on 01949 20390 to book your place.



Little Saints

A group for babies and toddlers and their grown-ups. Every Friday in the School Room, Methodist Chapel, Nottingham Road, Cropwell Bishop from 11.00am to noon and 2.00pm to 3.00pm throughout the year including school holidays. Toys, crafts, tea/coffee, stories songs. **All welcome, no charge.**

Contacts for further information:

Roger a & Stella Winfield 0115 989 2103;
David and Anne Woodcock 0115 933 4256;
Revd Bronwen Gamble 0115 989 3172

Special Services:

Holy Week

Monday 29 March to Thursday 1 April

The daily office will be said at 8.00am in St Giles, Cropwell Bishop. All are welcome.

Maundy Thursday 1 April

6.45pm: A bring and share quiet **supper** for all ages at The Old School, Cropwell Bishop followed by 8.00pm

Holy Communion in St Giles.



Good Friday Pilgrimage 2 April

Starting at 11.30am St Giles's, Cropwell, walking to St John's, Colston Bassett for lunch about 1.00pm and on to St Andrew's Langar for hot cross buns and an all-age Good Friday service at 2.15pm. Join us where you can. All are welcome, all ages and dogs too.

Good Friday quiet reflections

7.30pm St John the Divine, Colston Bassett. An hour of quiet Meditations and music

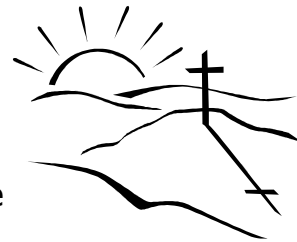


Holy week and Easter

Easter Day 4 April

Sunrise Service

6.00am St Mary's Colston Bassett
followed by breakfast in the Village
Hall.



Holy Communion services

8.00am St John's Colston Bassett
(Said BCP)

9.15am All Saints Granby (BCP)

9.15am St Andrew's Langar (All-age)

11.00am Holy Trinity Tythby ,11.00am St Michael, Elton

11.00am St Giles, Cropwell Bishop (All-age)

Other services (not Communion)

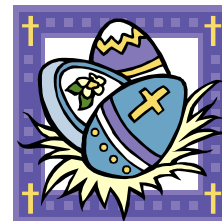
10.30am Methodist Church, Cropwell Bishop

Services for children

(and the young at heart)

11.00am **SWAS Children's Service**

Cropwell Butler Chapel



4.00pm **"Easter eggs and bonnets"**

St Giles, Cropwell Bishop. Come along with
an Easter bonnet or hat decorated for Easter
and join the Egg hunt in Church.

Children's Easter Activity morning

Join us for a fun time of stories, songs, games and activities including craft, painting, cooking ...

10.00am to noon, Maundy Thursday 1st April

at St Andrew's Langar

for Children aged 12 and under.

(pre-school children with a parent or carer) To register, please phone

Revd Bronwen Gamble 0115 989 3172

or pick up a form from school.



Fun for all!



Would you know how to save a life?'

For just two hours of your time you could learn simple life saving skills, by attending a Heartstart UK emergency life support course.

Heartstart UK is an initiative co-ordinated by the British Heart Foundation aimed at teaching members of the public what to do in an emergency situation.

This course is provided free of charge, and covers a range of skills including CPR, the recovery position and how to manage severe bleeding. At the end of the course you will receive a certificate of attendance. Heartstart courses will be held on:

18th May at Harby, 5th July at Cropwell Bishop, 16th September and 26th October. 7.00 pm start For further details of the courses or to book a place contact Jayne Whitehead 01949 860662

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www.squaredancing.com Navigate to Non dancers

Supper in Cropwell Bishop

A buffet supper is to be held by the Parochial Church Council of St Giles on Saturday 15th May at 7.30 pm in the Old School, Fern Road, Cropwell Bishop. The supper, for which there is no charge, will give us the chance to say thank you for the generous support of so many people in the past and to launch a new Promise Programme for St Giles.

At the supper we will explain how the Promise Programme can help us to support the ministry, mission and presence of the church in the village, to maintain the church building and to achieve our aims for the future. Nobody will be asked to make any decisions or donations on the day but just to think over what they have heard and consider how best they can help. If you would like to come to the supper, please contact Tim Travis (18, Church St., tel 9899557) by 1st May.

Do you have questions about life but have been too afraid to ask?

If so, why not try the **Alpha** course?

Following the success of last year's course we are holding another this year, commencing on 14th April until the end of June meeting every Wednesday evening. The course aims to respond to some of life's big questions from a Christian standpoint, looking at basic Christian beliefs. It is suitable for anyone who has little or no Christian background and those who want to re-ignite their faith. For further information please contact Louise Holliday, Katharine Bacon, Graham Freegard, Hilary Tabron or ring Edward Hine (07887 787890) or mail brongamble@hotmail.com

**A HUGE THANK YOU for all those
who attended and have supported us so far.
£350 was raised at the last 'do' in February.**

**So many many thanks again!
NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENING
Friday 28 May 2010**



Supper will include a main course
and a huge selection of home made puddings
You can taste as many as you can!

Bring your own wine/drinks. -- Raffle on the night.

Colston Bassett Village Hall - Time: 7.30 - 11pm

Ticket: £12

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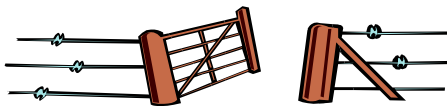
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0115 989 3172

or email attachments

brongamble@hotmail.com

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From the Registers 2010

Baptisms

7 March Joshua Caleb Leech St Andrew, Langar

Funerals

4 February Roy Matthews Wilford Hill

22 February Roger Milward St Andrew, Langar

26 February John William Henry Handley Wilford Hill

2 March George Albert Thornton Wilford Hill

15 March Sheila Milner All Saints, Granby

17 March Thomas James Kennedy Wilford Hill

23 March Robert Bilson Repton School Chapel

24 March Jean Winifred Sharpe Cropwell Butler Chapel

Burial of Cremated Remains

15 February John Vincent Welsh St Giles, Cropwell Bishop

18 February Minnie Gertrude Farr St Andrew, Langar

26 February William Ernest Lee Granby Cemetery

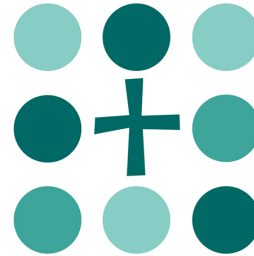
14 March Roger Milward St Andrew, Langar

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Enquiries

For baptisms, weddings, funerals, confirmation and admission to Holy Communion in the Church of England, plus all churchyard matters, contact Revd Bronwen Gamble.

For dedications, baptisms, weddings, funerals and membership in the Methodist Church contact Revd Christine Perry.