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Services**

Sunday 28th March



## From Your Rector

*“So many people right across the country are anxious about employment, anxious about food, isolated from loved ones and feel that the future looks dark.”* These are words from the Archbishop of Canterbury’s sermon on Easter Day 2020. Who would have thought that we are experiencing the same uncertainties this Easter!

Yet the Easter story remains one of hope overcoming darkness and despair. The women arrived at the tomb on Easter morning with mixed emotions, as they came to anoint Jesus’ body (Mark 16:1). They were confused, as they tried to make sense of Jesus’ death. Their hopes were dashed with an uncertain future. In the current pandemic, we too are left asking: *Where is God in all this?* Yet the young man at the tomb tells them not be alarmed: *“You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.”* (6).

The women had forgotten Jesus’ promise to the disciples that He would die and rise from the dead. Jesus’ resurrection is also the sure foundation of hope for us in the present crisis. He turns our confusion and fear into joy and wonder! We can trust Jesus’ plan for the future of our world and lives, despite the fact that things can’t return to the way they were: *“There needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a new normal, something that links to the old, but is different and more beautiful.”* (Justin Welby).

God Bless,  
Revd Jane



### True story

Several years ago, a notice appeared on the vestry noticeboard of a church in Hampshire, after a Holy Week performance of Stainer’s ‘Crucifixion’. The choirmaster wrote “‘The Crucifixion’ – well done, everyone!”

Later that day, someone had added, “The Resurrection – well done, God!”



**March 28th 6.00pm**  
**ZOOM ALL-AGE**  
**FAMILY SERVICE**



Palm Sunday

**Thursday 1st April**  
**8.00pm ZOOM SERVICE**



**MAUNDY**  
*Thursday*

**Holy Week**

**Prayer Stones**

These will be available  
to collect from  
St Bartholomew's Porch  
and the Rectory Drive  
(77 Thingwall Rd)  
from Sat 27th March



**FOR ZOOM**  
**JOINING DETAILS**  
**CONTACT REVD JANE**  
[rector@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk)

**Easter Day - April 4th**

**10.30am ZOOM SERVICE**

**6.30pm**

**ZOOM EVENING PRAYER**

**St Bartholomew's will be**  
**open for Private Prayer**

**8.00 - 11.00am**

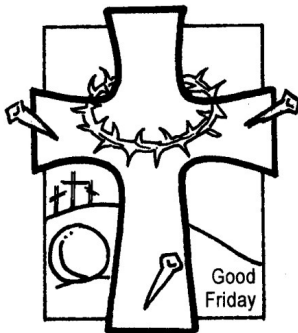
**Feel free to pop in**

Stay for a few minutes (or more).  
You will need to fill in a track and  
trace form, wear a face  
covering and  
follow  
social  
distancing.

*Easter...*  
*Christ is risen!*



**Good Friday**  
**2nd April - 2.00pm**  
**ZOOM SERVICE**



**Can you make**  
**an Easter Garden?**

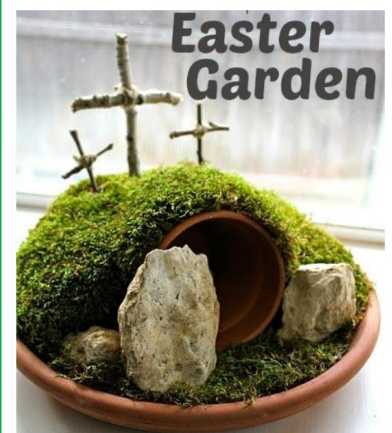
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and we will include them  
on our weekly notice  
sheet. There may even be  
a prize for the most  
creative one!

There will be a resource  
with ideas on the weekly  
email of 21st March 2021

**Holy Week Resources for use at home**

Weekly email and Facebook Page will have resources.

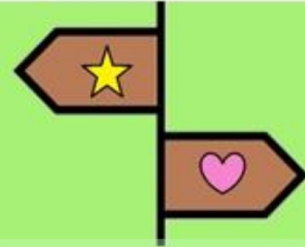
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then please just email me at [rector@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk)



*Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Easter*

# Easter Trail

Follow the trail of eggs and explore the story of Easter together.



**Starts at  
St. Bartholomew's Lychgate  
and finishes in Irby**

Complete the trail by  
6pm on Easter Day (4th April 2021).

Put your quiz sheet\* in the box  
(or you can email your answers to [rector@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk))  
at the end of the trail  
and collect a sticker from the box.

One completed sheet will be chosen  
(by drawing lots) and a prize awarded.  
The winner will be announced on our  
church facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>

\*Quiz sheets are available  
in the church porch



## MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

All parishioners are invited to two meetings on Monday 19th April at 7.30pm via Zoom (joining details are available by emailing the Rector), to hear reports on the activities and finances of the church during 2020 and to appoint members of the congregations as churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and members of the Deanery Synod.

### The Meeting of Parishioners

The only business during the Meeting of Parishioners is to elect or re-elect churchwardens. **They are appointed for a year and are legally officers of the bishop.** They work closely with the Rector and the PCC in reporting any issues, particularly in relation to the buildings or church grounds. There is a time limit of six consecutive years on an appointment as churchwarden. We should have two churchwardens, but at present we have only one and it is increasingly important to appoint another. If you are interested in this, please speak to the Rector or Liz Whitehead.

The Rector must receive nominations for churchwardens on the proper forms before the meeting begins. Nominations may not be made after the meeting has begun. Anyone who lives in the parish can vote in the Meeting of Parishioners.

### The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The PCC is responsible for maintaining the churchyard, the buildings and their contents. Deanery Synod members represent the parish at Synod meetings. During the meeting, we elect people to all these roles. We shall also receive written reports on what the PCC discussed in 2020, the church accounts and the organisations associated with the church.

PCC members are elected for three years, with four members retiring each year. At present, there are expected to be five vacancies for elected members, as Jon Oliver; Chris Williams and Roger Jackson will have reached the end of their term of office, Roger Dennison has retired. Four of these are until 2024 and one until 2022. Jon Oliver; Chris Williams and Roger Jackson may be re-elected. **We are hoping for new members who can bring fresh ideas and insights to our discussions and decisions.**

The current three-year term of office of our Deanery Synod representatives ends in 2023. At present, Julie Parmenter and Chris Smale represent us, leaving one vacancy

Anyone who has any interest in becoming more involved in helping with church activities should speak as soon as possible to the Rector, the Honorary Secretary or to any PCC member. Everyone can offer something – do not be put off just because you think you don't know enough about it.

Notices will be displayed in both churches and on the parish website (<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/>) with more details of the meetings. **Nomination forms for PCC members, deanery synod representatives and churchwardens are also available on the parish website or from the parish office.** These forms need to be returned (in physical form with signatures) to Revd Jane Turner, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB.

Finally, if there are any matters that you wish to bring forward for discussion, please inform the Rector or the Honorary Secretary before the meeting.

**G.J Barley (Hon. Secretary)**

## **St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston and St Chad's, Irby Annual Church Meetings**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by "Zoom" at 6.30 pm**

Because of the Covid-19 (coronavirus) lockdown, the Church of England had changed the regulations for Annual Meetings, deferring them for six months and authorising the use of Internet-based video technology such as Zoom.

20 people attended the meeting.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies (shown in alphabetical order) were received from Mrs B Appleyard, Mrs J DeBoorder, Mrs J Hodgson and Mrs P Hulme.

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (7<sup>th</sup> April 2019)**

The minutes had been published in the Church magazine which was available on the parish website and in paper form for those who cannot access the internet. Mrs J Trigg, seconded by Mr J Oliver, proposed that they should be accepted as a true and accurate record. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

### **Election of Churchwardens**

Mrs E Whitehead had been nominated by Mr A Peat, seconded by Mrs P Hulme. There were no other nominations and Mrs Whitehead was re-elected, the second post of churchwarden being left unfilled. The Rector said that it would be particularly important to elect a second churchwarden next year (April 2021) to enable Mrs Whitehead to train up a successor and gradually hand over her responsibilities. Churchwardens can serve a maximum of six consecutive years – Mrs Whitehead was first appointed in April 2017, so the final year possible for her to stand would be Spring 2022-23

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### **Approval of the Reports published in the Annual Report**

Dr P Robson, seconded by Mr P Samson, proposed acceptance of the entire Annual Report, which comprised:

Churchwarden's Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches

The Business of the Church Council in 2019

The Report on the financial affairs of the parish

The report on the Electoral Roll

The Report on the discussions of the Deanery Synod

The Junior Church

The St Chad's Seniors

Safeguarding

The Leprosy Mission

The Children's Society

Bellringers' Report

Evening Mothers' Union

1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Guides



3<sup>rd</sup> Irby Brownies

Tots and Tinies

The proposal was agreed unanimously.

### **The Financial Affairs of the Parish during 2019**

Mr Marley, the Treasurer, outlined the present financial position of the parish, referring to the financial report and accounts published in the Annual Report for 2019, which contained all the available information.

The Rector thanked Mr Marley for all the work he had undertaken to produce the accounts. She thanked the Finance Committee for their work throughout the year.

### **The Independently Examined Accounts for 2019**

Mr C Turnbull, seconded by Mrs J Oliver, proposed acceptance of the independently inspected annual accounts for 2019. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

### **Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts for 2020**

It was agreed unanimously that because of the lockdown, the Treasurer would arrange for an independent inspection of the accounts for 2020, with Mrs M Walker, Chartered Accountant, of Irby as the preferred person.

### **Safeguarding Arrangements**

A report by the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Kathryn Timmins, had been published in the Annual Report. The Safeguarding Report had been approved earlier in the meeting (minute 3(b)(8)).

### **Matters discussed by the Deanery Synod during 2019**

The account published in the Annual Report had been approved earlier (minute 3(b)(5)).

### **Election of three members of the congregations to represent the parish at the Deanery Synod until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

Mr R Jackson, seconded by Mr G Barley, proposed Mr C Smale, and Mr Smale, seconded by Mrs J DeBoorder, proposed Ms J Davies (previously Mrs J Parmenter). As there were no other proposals, Mr Smale and Ms Davies were declared to have been elected.

### **Election of four members of the Parochial Church Council to serve until 2023 and two to serve until 2020**

The nominations that had been received were:

Mrs J DeBoorder, proposed by Mr G Barley and seconded by Mr C Smale

Mr M Studholme, proposed by Mrs E Whitehead and seconded by Mrs P Neil

Mrs J Trigg, proposed by Mr C Smale and seconded by Mrs J DeBoorder

Mrs P Neil, proposed by Mrs J DeBoorder and seconded by Mr J Oliver

Mr G Barley, proposed by Mr J Oliver and seconded by Mr C Smale

As no other nominations were made, all those nominated were declared to have been elected. Four would serve for three years and one for two years. It was agreed that the person who would serve for two years would be decided by drawing lots at the first meeting of the PCC.

### **Other Business**

All those present joined Dr P Robson in thanking Mr R Turner for winding the church clock regularly and for continuing to ring the bell before services.

### **Rector's closing remarks**

The Rector thanked everyone who had helped in any way during the year and those who had attended the meeting, before closing the meeting with a prayer.

## The Electoral Roll

All Church of England parishes are required to maintain an electoral roll. Those people whose names are on the roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and to vote. They are also eligible for election on to the Parochial Church Council. The number of people on the electoral roll also determines how many representatives can be sent to the Deanery Synod where decisions may be taken that effect the churches within the deanery. It is therefore important that all those eligible should be entered on to electoral roll for this parish of St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby. Although the roll may be updated regularly a new roll has to be created every 6 years and 2019 was the most recent year in which this had to be done.

To be eligible applicants must be baptised, over 16 and  
*Either* Live within the parish boundary  
*Or* Have been a regular worshipper at St Bartholomew Thurstaston or St Chad Irby for at least 6 months.

### Electoral Roll

- Belong
- Participate
- Contribute

**Application forms** available on the parish website (<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/nomination-forms-and-electoral-roll-application-form.php>) or from the parish office. They **must be returned by Sunday 4th April 2021**. Please send to Electoral Roll Officer, c/o The Rectory, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB



## Could you be our Church Warden?

We currently only have one church warden. We need another.

Church wardens are elected for one year, but can serve up to six consecutive years if re-elected.



**The basic number of churchwardens is two for each parish.** There is no legal sanction if a parish does not have the full number, but it is important to ensure a full complement if at all possible. This is because a single churchwarden acting alone can be placed under an unreasonable burden. It is also unsatisfactory for a parish to be left without cover if a single churchwarden is unable to carry out his or her duties for a time, for example because of illness or unavoidable absence...

Churchwardens are chosen and hold office for only one year at a time. (From the "Guide to the Churchwarden's Measure 2001")

Church Wardens are appointed to serve the whole parish and not a particular church building or congregation and so anyone who is baptised, on the electoral roll, an "actual communicant" and aged over 21; can be considered for this role.

### WHAT IS A CHURCHWARDEN ?

A churchwarden is . . . . .

- The Bishop's officer
- A support to the Rector
- A leader in the PCC and the Standing Committee
- Responsible for some church property
- Responsible with sidespeople for order in church services
- A 'caretaker' during a vacancy

There is a booklet available which explains this in more detail. If you'd like to read it please let Revd Jane know. There will be no assumption that you wish to take on the role, just an understanding that you want to know more.

stir UP  
the gift  
of which  
God is in  
you  
2 Tim 1:6

**If you think God could be calling you to be our Church Warden or if you think someone else would be the right person to serve our parish in this way, then please speak to Revd Jane, Mrs Liz Whitehead (Church Warden) or any member of the PCC.**



It is now March again. A year in Lockdown, sometimes it feels as if it has been for ever, other times it seems to have flown by! The weather is slowly improving, spring flowers and blossoms are starting to bloom, it is not long until the clocks go forward and hopefully we are nearer to the end of lockdown.

I mentioned last time the leak outside my property, it has now been fixed, it turned out to be a blocked sewer further down the road.. it is such a relief not to have a stream running outside my gate posts. Also, talking about leaks, my chimney leaked and I had a large wet patch on my lounge ceiling. The chimney has been fixed and the ceiling repainted. Please , no more leaks!



I have been able to get out in the garden to do some tidying up, still a lot to do and the lawn looks more like a field, hopefully I will be able to cut it if it stays dry.

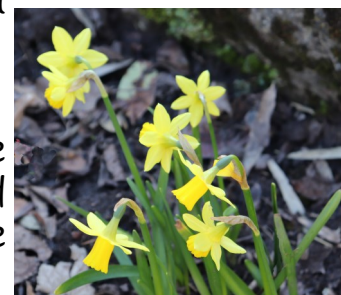
I have been doing quite a lot with my photography, taking some photographs but mainly learning how to edit them on my computer. Oh, the excitement when I finally managed to do something correctly. Unfortunately my computer has been playing up, I think I need a new one. I am looking into which would be the best for me.

I mentioned last time that my sister and I went to see the Cirque du Soleil, well we have booked to go again, at the O2 arena, in July 2022! I think that is what's called forward planning. I also hope to get to see her when the restrictions are lifted.

I plan to go and see my eldest daughter at Easter, I won't go inside, but, although my grandchildren are grownup they still like their Easter Eggs (so does their mother!)

I still enjoy Rev. Jane's Sunday evening service as well as the discussion group on a Wednesday. Between those , the photography group and a couple of other zoom meetings I only have Tuesdays and Saturdays zoom free. I will really miss them when "Normality" returns.

I have included a photograph of some daffodils, which originally came from Rev Jane as a sermon illustration, several years ago and they are still flourishing in my garden. To me they symbolize the enduring power of love.



Take care everyone and stay safe as things start to relax.  
Ruth.

## A Spring Poem...Wordsworth in Lockdown

I wandered lonely as a cloud,  
Two metres from the madding crowd,  
When all at once my name was called  
To enter Waitrose hallowed hall.

This was the pensioners' special hour  
I'd gone to get a bag of flour,  
But I forgot - when through the door -  
What I had gone to Waitrose for?

The Waitrose staff are extra kind  
I told them it had slipped my mind,  
They asked what else I had forgot  
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.

I phoned my wife again to ask.  
She reminded me of this special task.  
"I need some flour to bake a cake  
With all that cream you made me take!"

"Ah yes, I recall" I had to lie,  
I dared not ask what flower to buy,  
But then I saw them at the tills  
A bunch of golden daffodils.

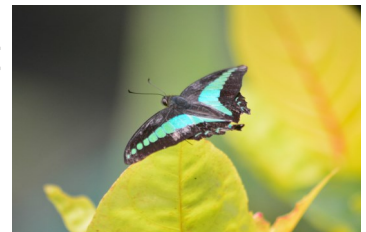
*Author unknown -  
submitted by Liz Whitehead*



The man whispered, "God, speak to me."  
And a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear.  
So the man yelled, "God, speak to me!"  
Thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen.  
The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you."  
A star shone brightly. But he noticed it not.  
And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle."  
And a life was born. But the man was unaware.  
So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me, God, and let me  
know that you are here!"  
Whereupon God reached down and touched the man.  
But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

Moral: Don't miss out on a blessing because it  
isn't packaged the way you expect.

*Source Unknown  
Submitted by Julie De-Boorder*



## Reflected Faith: with all your soul, strength and mind

*The Revd Dr Jo White continues her Reflected Faith series*

This month I'm thinking about what we are all 'doing' in times of 'waiting'. It's very easy to just sit quietly and let the time pass by or just fill it in. Not exactly wasting time, but not using it for any useful purpose either.

But as Christians we live in expectation all the time, don't we? We live in the hope and promise of Christ's return – even though we don't know the 'when' or the 'where'.

Of course, there's waiting and there's waiting. I won't say I'm the most patient person I know! If the internet goes down or something mechanical takes a few seconds too long to process, you can often hear me chuntering. But there are other times when the waiting itself is precious. I'm thinking this month of when we receive the bread and wine at the distribution of Holy Communion.

Perhaps you have avoided church since the original lockdown in March, or been going but not receiving communion, or indeed you have been participating with an online service with your own equivalents at home. Whichever it is for you, cast your mind back to when you were last in that position – or indeed look forward to when we are all able to gather together again and we 'queue' to approach the altar.

Actually, we don't 'queue'. We 'process' to the altar. We join the procession – a line of like-minded people with a similar intention to receive Christ. A time of physical movement and spiritual anticipation for holding those elements of Christ Himself: God being placed into our hands. How amazing is that!

*This month: What do you think about when you are processing and waiting for Holy Communion? Are you conscious of those around you or immersed in the moment? Do you pray quietly to yourself, join in with the singing or let your mind focus on the moment?*



Having missed Easter, Barry was still keeping Lent 2020



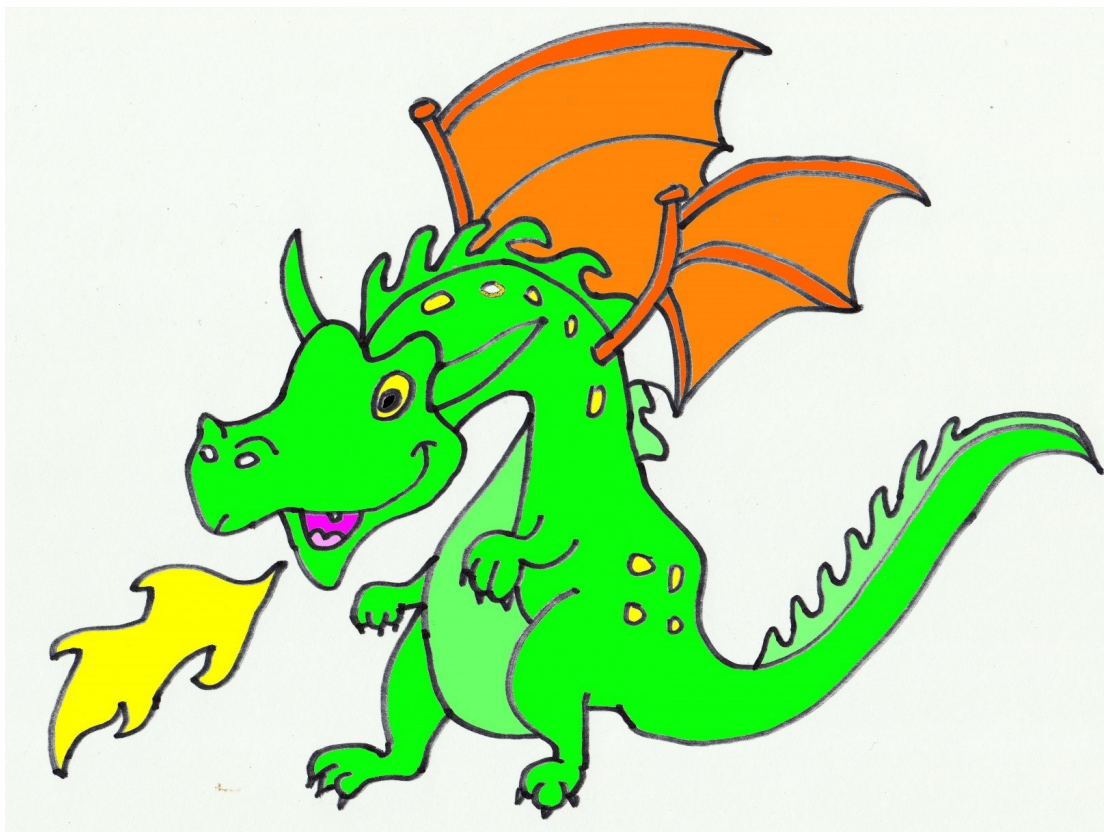
## St George's Day

The film *How to Train your Dragon* is set in a Viking village under attack by dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture them. However, when he catches the most dangerous one, Night Fury, he cannot kill it. This is because when he looks into the dragon's eyes, he sees that he is just as frightened as himself. Through their friendship, the people and dragons eventually come to live in harmony.

It's appropriate to think about dragons this month, when we remember St. George, England's patron saint, famed for slaying a dragon. Whether he actually killed a dragon is open to question! We do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23 April 303 AD.

So, we have here St George who slayed a dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. They seem like opposites: one a brave soldier and the other a weak boy! However, both acted according to their conscience, going against what people expected and not worrying about the cost to themselves. St George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in a daily life, despite the personal cost. We need to look into the eyes of apparent enemies and meet their hostility with love and compassion. And for all of us the most important place where we need to slay evil is in our own hearts. Don't forget that we have the power of the Resurrection at our disposal!





# DELIVERIES

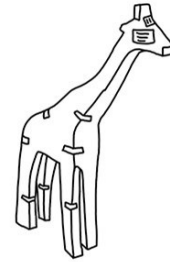
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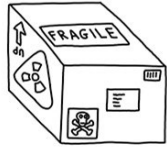
LETTERS ARGUING THAT THE CHURCH BUILDING IS BEING REOPENED TOO QUICKLY AND SLOWLY



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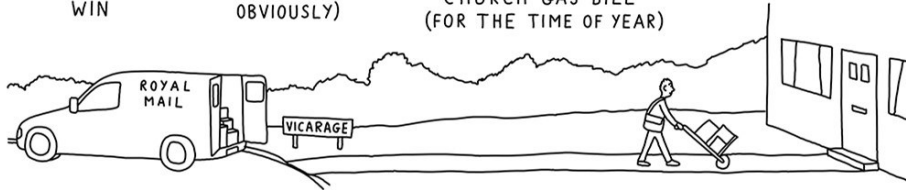
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QUANTITIES OF WINE (FOR COMMUNION, OBVIOUSLY)



VERY SMALL CHURCH GAS BILL (FOR THE TIME OF YEAR)



# EASTER WORDSEARCH

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life.

- passover
- bread
- wine
- body
- blood
- betrayal
- Jerusalem
- Pilate
- Judas
- Gethsemane
- trial
- crucifixion
- soldiers
- cross
- nails
- vinegar
- temple
- curtain
- tomb
- angel
- stone
- risen
- gardener
- Mary



## GOD IN THE SCIENCES:

### Science and Society: How Can We Approach New Ethical Issues?

Science tells us how the world works, and technology offers applications of that knowledge, but neither can tell us what we *ought* to do. All scientific discoveries or new technologies can be used to either help or harm others. For example, a smartphone can be used to stay in touch but also enables bullying.

It is important to get past our initial reactions: the 'yuk!' or 'wow!' These feelings may well change once we learn more about the science and other factors behind a new development.

Ethical thinking can be divided into three main categories. The **consequentialist** approach is demonstrated in Proverbs, when Wisdom calls young men to consider the outcome of their actions. Utilitarianism is a form of consequentialist ethic that tries to maximise the greatest good for the largest number of people affected, but unchecked it leaves minorities out in the cold.

**Duty or law-based** ethics start with intrinsic values, asking what is the correct course of action, or our duty? These values might be God-given, such as the ten commandments, or worked out by human reason. It is possible, however, to do harm while obeying the law, especially if someone asks 'What can I get away with?' Also, what happens when rules collide? For example, who should be treated first when resources are limited?

**Virtue ethics** are about building character, growing in wisdom and the fruit of the Spirit. There are plenty of biblical principles to guide virtuous living, such as the idea that we are 'made in the image of God' which supports the value of every human life (e.g., Genesis 1:26–27, Genesis 9:6, James 3:9–10), but the right decision can vary depending on circumstances

So how can we make ethical decisions about new technologies? **The five Cs** bring together a number of different types of ethical thinking into a helpful framework for decision-making.

**Clarify** the facts and key questions.

**Consider** our choices: what could we achieve?

**Constraints:** External - what must we do? ; Internal - how should we behave?

**Compare** the pros and cons of each approach.

**Choose** what is best, with all parties in mind.

Finally, we have to recognise that the information available to us will change over time, our knowledge of God and His word will keep growing, and we cannot avoid making mistakes - so our ethical decisions will need to be revisited and revised from time to time.

## **GOD IN THE ARTS : Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest**

I like the story of the vestry noticeboard of a church in Hampshire: after a Holy Week performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion', the choirmaster wrote: "The Crucifixion" – well done, everyone!' Later that day, someone had added, 'The Resurrection – well done, God!'

For the two disciples treading the road to Emmaus, there was no such sense of victory and celebration. Their minds and hearts were

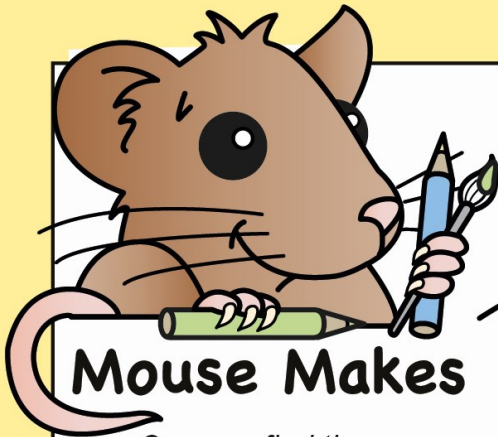


numb with the sense of loss and failure. They had seen their Lord tried and crucified. As Luke recounts that walk in his Gospel, he shows how it began with absence and loss, but journeyed to presence. It was a road that took the disciples from blindness and despair to sight and insight. They talked over past events with the stranger who joined them, and Luke uses ten different Greek words to describe that conversation – all stages in their understanding. And when they share a meal with the stranger, who becomes the host, taking the bread and giving thanks, then the understanding becomes vision and insight.

That meal is the theme of Caravaggio's painting of 1601, 'The Supper at Emmaus.' Caravaggio had a reputation for being a violent, irrational artist, given to bouts of anger and forced to spend part of his life in exile in Naples and Sicily. His paintings as well as his lifestyle shocked and provoked comment. This portrayal of Jesus with a plump, youthful face and his depiction of the apostles as ordinary labourers upset the church authorities. But by giving Jesus a beardless face, Caravaggio was trying to show Him in the new likeness of Resurrection – an Easter image of our Lord. The light from that Easter Jesus fills the scene as the two disciples look on, astonished and finally understanding.

When we read the Gospel, we are drawn into the scene. For Caravaggio the movement is the other way: the scene reaches out to us from the canvas. Look at the outstretched hand of Jesus, the elbow of one disciple and the left hand of the other: they are being projected into our world. And that basket of fruit, full of apples and figs and grapes, symbols of the fall and the eucharist: it is about to topple off the table and into our laps. It is an Easter encounter two thousand years ago, reaching out to us through light and shade and the skill of the artist.

In many ways the Gospel story in Luke is of an ordinary encounter between travellers and a stranger. But it is made extraordinary by the transforming power of the risen Lord, talking with the disciples in the open air and then going inside for a meal. However, the doors are not shut to us. For Caravaggio shows how that special moment of encounter for the two disciples can reach out to enter our world. And he shows the hand of the risen Lord beckoning us to step into that Easter world of sacrament and new life.



# Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

## SON OF GOD

Matthew 3:16-17



## KING OF KINGS

Revelation 17:14

## PROPHET

Luke 24:19



## PRIEST

1 Timothy 2:5

## ROCK

1 Corinthians 10: 4

## LORD

1 Corinthians 1:9

## AMEN

Revelation 3:14

## LIFE

John 11:25-27

## MESSIAH

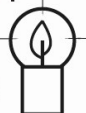
John 1:41

## SHEPHERD

John 10:11

## LIGHT

John 8:12



## WORD

John 1:1-50



## BREAD

John 6:35

## CREATOR

1 John 1:3



## CHRIST

Matthew 16:16

## SAVIOUR

John 3:16-17

## HOLY ONE

Mark 1:24

## VINE

John 15:5



## DOOR

John 10:9

THE WAY

## WAY

John 14:6

## LAMB

John 1:29



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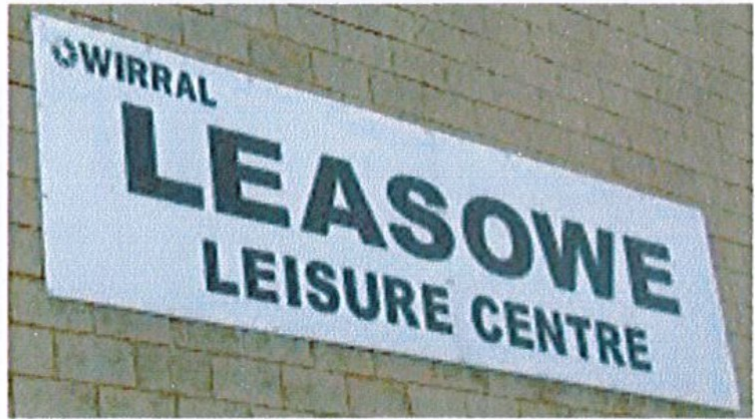


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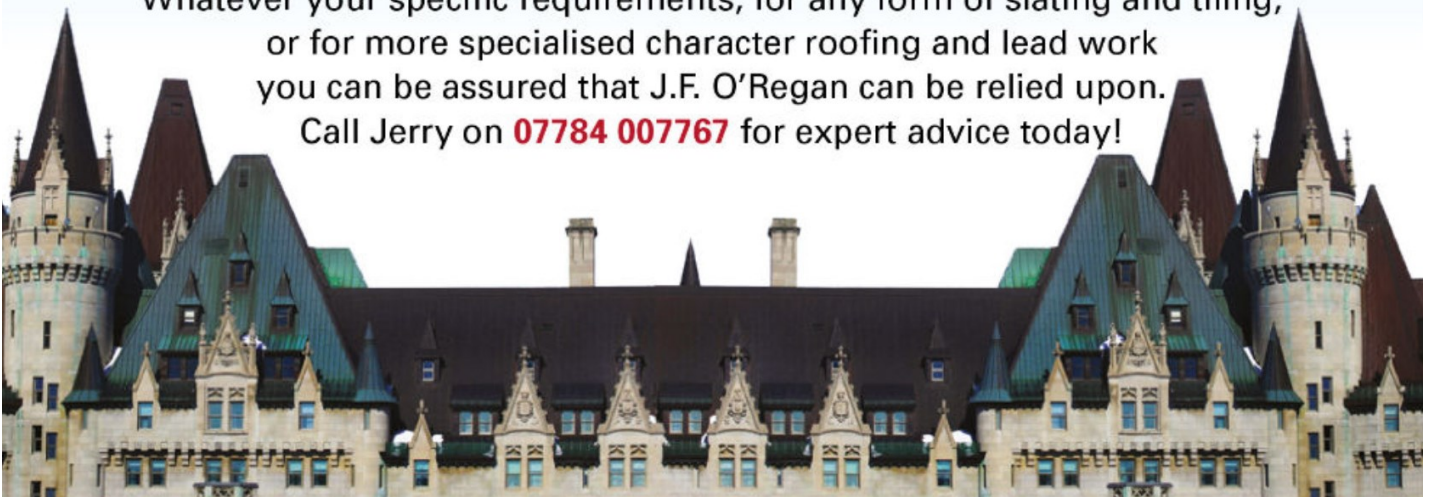
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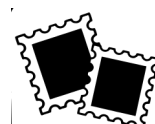
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### ZOOM Services:-

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- Mar 28th - 6.00 pm All Age Family Service**
- Apr 1st - 8.00 pm Maundy Thursday Service**
- Apr 2nd - 2.00 pm Good Friday Service**
- Apr 4th - 10.30 am Easter Day Service**  
**6.30 pm Evening Prayer**
- Apr 11th - 6.30pm Evening Prayer**
- Apr 18th - 6.30pm Evening Prayer**
- Apr 25th - 6.30pm Evening Prayer**

### PCC UPDATE RE CHURCH SERVICES following PCC meeting on 1st March 2021

The PCC acknowledges the need to remain cautious and patient, and aware of the most vulnerable and still shielding in our congregations. We need to allow for vaccination program to have its fullest effect and for the science to back up the proposed government roadmap. It was therefore agreed that we will not restart Sunday services until, as a country, we are able to move into Step 3 (May 17th at the earliest). Services will restart as soon as is practical after that date.

We will continue to provide a sermon via facebook, the weekly emails (including notice sheet, sermon, family together at home resource and other bits and bobs), and Evening Prayer via Zoom.

Contact the Rector if you want to be added to the weekly email list.

**St Bartholomew's will be open for Private Prayer on Easter Day 8 - 11am - Feel free to pop in**  
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