

Monthly Matters

April 2017

'Oh to be in England now that April's there?'

Many of us would agree with poet Robert Browning's delight to think of the end of winter and the sure arrival of spring. And this year April coincides with our

Spring

celebration of the greatest event in human history, the suffering, death and rising again of our saviour Jesus Christ.

So what do you like best about April? I love watching the garden springing to life, especially with my favourite weeds – celandines and wild garlic. I didn't ask them to come, and the same is true of the birds; but my special favourites are the colourful and neat goldfinches and the handsome woodpecker.

This year we celebrate palm Sunday on April 9th, Good Friday on April 14th and Easter Day on April 16th. Poor St George got transferred to April 24th so that he will not clash with the second Sunday of Easter, (I wonder how many people will notice!) Something that we will all notice and celebrate is Rev Liz's commissioning as Curate for Bulkington and Burton Hastings on Thursday 6th April.

EASTER

So April 2017 will be a busy and memorable month. I began to look forward to it when I shared in the café service on March 12th. We kept saying that God loved the world so much that He gave His only, special son so that, believing in him we can come to share in the life of God's new age.

From winter to spring, from death to life, Alleluia!

Ken Sleeman. Reader

Sunday 2nd

10.00am Parish Eucharist @ St James

6.30pm Evensong @ Burton Hastings

Wednesday 5th

10.00am Holy Communion or alternative

Sunday 9th—Palm Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion @ Burton Hastings

10.00am All age worship/Café Church

6.30pm Parish Eucharist @ St James

Wednesday 12th

10.00am Holy Communion @ St James

Thursday 13th—Maundy Thursday

2pm Holy Communion @ St James

7.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion @ Burton Hastings

Friday 14th - Good Friday

10.30am All Age

12 Noon 'An hour by the Cross'

7.30pm Stations of the Cross @ Catholic Church

Sunday 16th - Easter Day

8.30am Holy Communion @ Burton Hastings

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 19th

10.00am Holy Communion @ St James

Sunday 23rd

8.30am Holy Communion @ Burton Hastings

10.00am Parish Eucharist @ St James

6.30pm Evensong @ St James

Wednesday 26th

10.00am Holy Communion @ St James

Sunday 30th

8.00am Holy Communion @ St James

10.00 am Parish Eucharist



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COMMISSIONING OF

REVEREND ELIZABETH JONES



Rev. Liz will be commissioned as
Curate in Charge of St James
Bulkington and Burton Hastings
here on 6th April at 7.30p.m.

Followed by refreshments.

All are welcome to attend.

IT'S REMINDER TIME AGAIN

Coffee Morning 1st April 10a.m. 12.30p.m.



As always your donations of cakes and help
are much needed and greatly appreciated.
Signup sheets at back of church.



Children's Ministry with craft activity on:
Sunday 2nd April - Children's Ministry with
craft activity
Palm Sunday 9th April- All Age with
children's craft activity
Good Friday 14th April - All Age with
children's craft activity
Easter Sunday 16th April - Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 30th April - Children's Ministry with
craft activity

EASTER LILIES



**Donations for
Easter Lilies**
**Please give to
Ginny Castledine
or Sue Turner**

Are you any good at Crosswords or Wordsearches,
I'd like to include one in each edition of Monthly
matters. I have a crossword creator so all I need is
clues and answers, so get your thinking caps on
and if possible email them to me using
mm@stjameschurchbulkington.org.uk

The first one is on the back page

The Parish Registers

Remembered in Prayer. We have a prayer space
in church where names can be added and
candles lit and where there are words of help
and encouragement. If you have someone you
would like named in prayers during services
please let one of the clergy know.

During March Funerals took place for: *John
Randle, Doreen Hutchings, Dennis Bowns, Ellen
Price and Margaret Haswell.*

We pray for their families and Friends as they
mourn the loss of their loved ones.

CONTACT US

**Baptism & Wedding enquiries should be made in Church
on any Saturday morning 10.00am – 12noon**

During the interregnum contact can be made on 07757 025880 or
saintjames16@icloud.com.

Curate in Charge (from April 6th 2017)

Reverend Liz Jones

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note **NEW** email address)



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SOCIAL GROUP



The 'Social Group' started with 3 people, its aim to hold the Parish together during Father Andrew's Interregnum. Over the intervening years we have organised Beetle Drives, Car Rallies, Harvest Suppers etc, but the support for such events has diminished. We are happy to continue to organise events, if they are wanted, but we will need a back-up team to help us with setting up events, and clearing away afterwards.

We should emphasise that it never was a 'Fund-Raising' group and we do not wish it to become one!

So three questions for you all:

Is a 'Social group' still a necessity within the Parish of St James?

Are you willing to be part of the 'back up team'?

Are there any Social Events that you would like us to organise?

Please convey your thoughts and answers to –
Pam, Ginny or Joy

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to this collection. The total raised was **£1093.10** which is an all time record.

Kay

PASTORAL TEAM

St James Pastoral Support Team is a group of church members who visit people within the community to offer pastoral support.

Additional members are required- please speak to Rev. Liz if you would like further information with a view to joining the team.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND CLEANING ROTA



A couple of people have requested to come off the Sunday Coffee and the Cleaning rota.

They both come around about every 5-6 weeks

If you are willing to assist with one of these duties or want to know more please speak to Pam Gibbs.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling Christians to join them in a global time of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, **25th May – 4th June** this year. They are asking us all to pray 'Come, Holy Spirit', that we may be empowered as witnesses to Jesus Christ; that God's kingdom may come in our lives, in this nation and beyond.

'Thy Kingdom Come' will culminate in Beacon Events – celebration services on the day of Pentecost – in Cathedrals and other venues in this country and beyond, including at **Coventry Cathedral** on Pentecost Sunday, **4th June 2017**. More details to follow – save the date!

To find out more and #Pledge2Pray visit www.thykingdom.co.uk



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REMEMBERED IN PRAYER



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We pray for: Marjorie Millar, Alasdair Rowan, Alan Gummery, Paul Towers, Reta Wright, Douglas Watson, Shane Audrey Perry, Michael Morgan former curate of this church and Yvonne his wife, who are both ill.

Those in our prayer corner. Also those who have died:

John Randle. Doreen Hutchings and Dennis Bowns, Len Smith, Helen Price and Margaret

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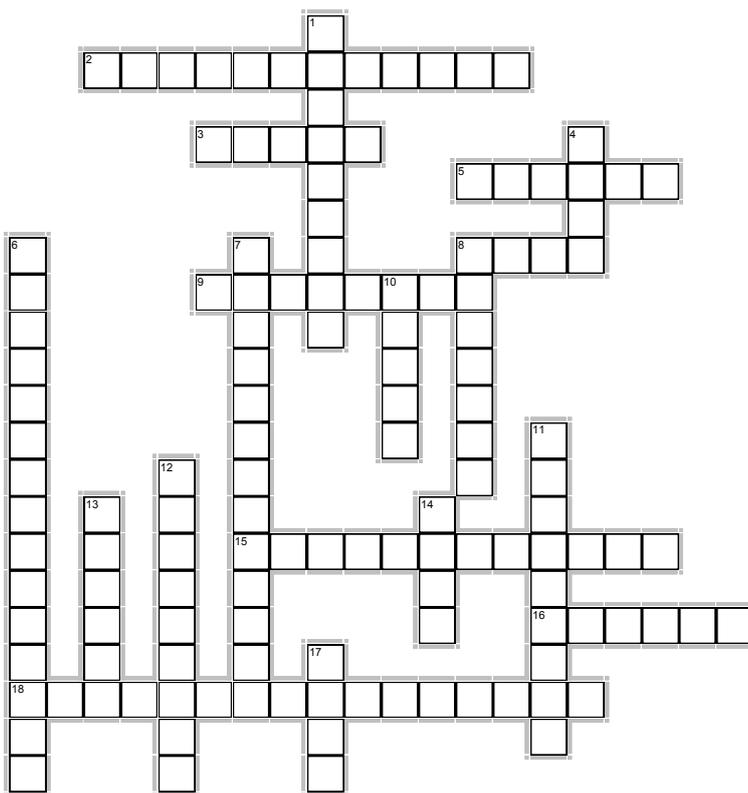
6. The legend of the Easter egg is derived from this man, who carried the cross of Jesus (3 words)
7. The first witness to the resurrection (two words)
8. The Paschal _____ (means "three days") runs from Holy Thursday until the evening of Easter.
10. Easter begins at this church service, celebrated the night before Easter Sunday
11. Holiday celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday
12. The week before Easter in the Church (2 words)
13. Two disciples were walking toward this village when they met the risen Jesus
14. Penitential season of fasting before Easter
17. The date of Easter is calculated based on the phases of the _____.

Across

2. Easter celebrates the _____ of Christ from the dead
3. The liturgical color of Easter
5. Eight day period from Easter Sunday until the next Sunday
8. The empty _____, what the disciples and others found when they looked for the body of Jesus
9. Jewish holiday celebrated around the time of Easter
15. _____ Sunday. The second Sunday of Easter (2 words).
16. Natural season when Easter falls
18. These Christians calculate the date of Easter differently, so sometimes we celebrate Easter on different Sundays (2 words)

Down

1. Holiday 50 days after Easter Sunday; the birthday of the Church
4. Traditional meat served at Easter; also a title of Jesus from the book of Revelation



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