

# Monthly Matters

May 2017

In the church calendar we are now in Easter season, journeying towards Pentecost. We had some wonderful services during Holy Week concluding with our Easter Day service which was very well attended. The sun shone brightly for us and all the eggs were found in the Easter egg hunt around the church yard afterwards.

The Easter message is one of hope and new life and this time of year, there are signs of new life all around us. In the crops we see growing in the fields around, cows and horses turned out in fields with lush grass and of course Bluebells. Bluebells have a brief season, only a few weeks of flowering but there is something very special about the sight of bluebells carpeting woods, or clumps of them dotted around, bringing a brightness and giving a clear sign that spring is definitely here.

We see new life in baptisms taking place in church as well at this time of year. It is very special for family and friends and also for the church community to welcome new babies and children into the life of the church, we look forward to welcoming lots of families in the months ahead.

It is good to take time to pause and enjoy this spring time and I pray that you will all have some space to relax and take in the beauty of this spring time and God's creation.

Poem Bluebell woods

Come walk with me through bluebell woods,

And see the proof of God's sweet love.

Long rays of sunlight trickling down, among the trees in search of ground.

A piece of heaven here below, creation at it's best on show.

With perfume drifting on the breeze, to guide us through this deep blue sea.

Bright sapphires dance in flickering light, while silent butterflies take flight.

And echoes of a distant thrush, we know that He is here with us.

By Elizabeth Mason, KMC

Rev Liz

## Wednesday 3rd

10.00 Holy Communion @ St James

## Sunday 7th - 4th Sunday of Easter

8.30am Holy Communion @ Burton Hastings

10.00am All age worship/Café Church

6.30pm Parish Eucharist @ St James

## Wednesday 10th

10.00am Holy Communion @ St James

## Sunday 14th - 5th Sunday of Easter

10.00am Parish Eucharist @ St James

6.30pm Evensong @ Burton Hastings

## Wednesday 17th

10.00am Holy Communion @ St James

## Sunday 21st - 6th Sunday of Easter

8.30am Holy Communion @ Burton Hastings

10.00am Parish Eucharist @ St James

6.30 Evensong @ St James

## Wednesday 24th

10.00am Lay Team led service @ St James

## Sunday 28th - 7th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion @ St James

10.00am Parish Eucharist @ St James

6.30pm Evensong @ Burton Hastings

## Wednesday 31st

10.00am Holy Communion @ St James

Serenity Space

Serenity space will be on 31st May at 7.30pm.



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# St James Pilgrims



A new study group which will begin on 3rd May called St James Pilgrims. We will be following a pilgrim study course which will take place in church at 7.30pm fortnightly.

## IT'S REMINDER TIME AGAIN

Coffee Morning 6th May 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 7th May (Café Church)  
Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st May

## MAY SOCIAL EVENTS

3<sup>rd</sup> May Ladies Natter Group

Curry Evening at the Agra Palace

6<sup>th</sup> May 10a.m. -12.30 Coffee Morning

13<sup>th</sup> May Men's Prayer Breakfast 8.30am

Followed by social time.

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](mailto:mm@stjameschurchbulkington.org.uk)

The May 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.

April Baptisms: Matilda May Powell, Alfie James Bevan. Arlo Quinn Bevan, Ava Jane Askew

## 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](mailto:saintjames16@icloud.com).

**Curate in Charge (from April 6th 2017)**

Reverend Liz Jones

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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**

## PARISH OFFICE

Rev. Liz now has a Parish Office in the village centre Tuesday - Friday.

Saturday in Church 10a.m. – 12noon.

## 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](http://www.thykingdom.co.uk)



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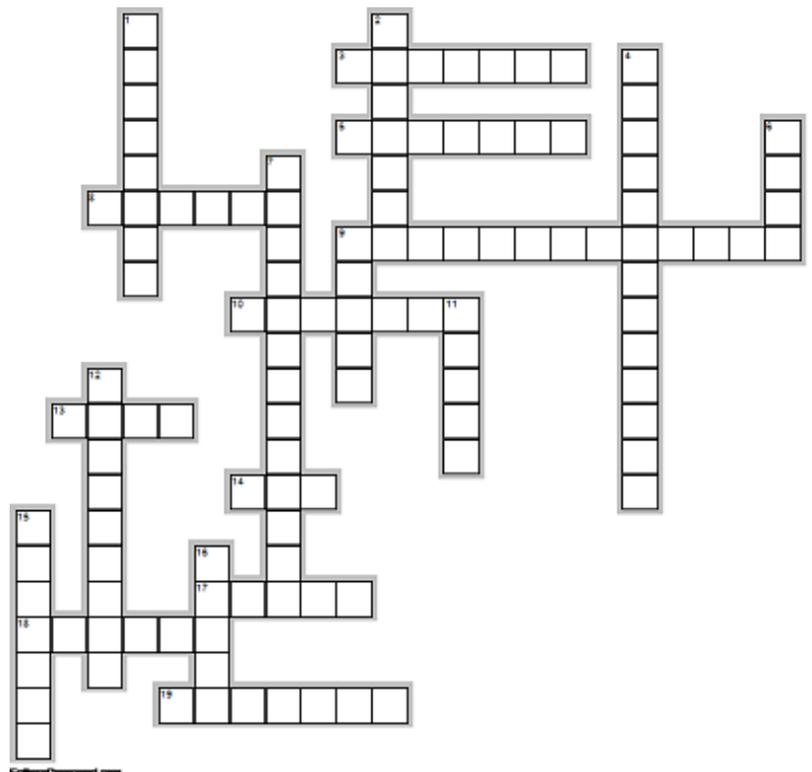
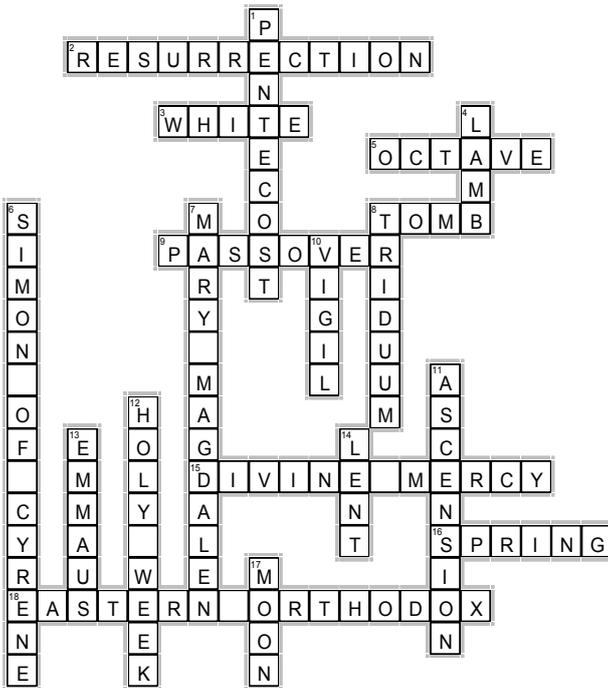
3. Christening
5. Giving 10%
8. Job's daughter
9. Often found in churches to represent the Resurrection of Christ
10. Writers
13. David played one of these musical instruments
14. Pot
17. Mount that Moses climbed
18. She lived in Bethany
19. Bundles of Wheat

**May Crossword**

Down

1. The father of Levi
2. Resurrected by Peter
4. Governing Body of the Church of England
6. And the \_\_\_\_ was upon the earth forty days and forty nights
7. This person can remove someone who is misbehaving in the church or church yard
9. cast out
11. Part of the bell rope
12. You'll find the altar in this part of the church
15. Lift up your voice like a ...
16. the second longest book of the old testament

**Solution to Easter Crossword in last month's**



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