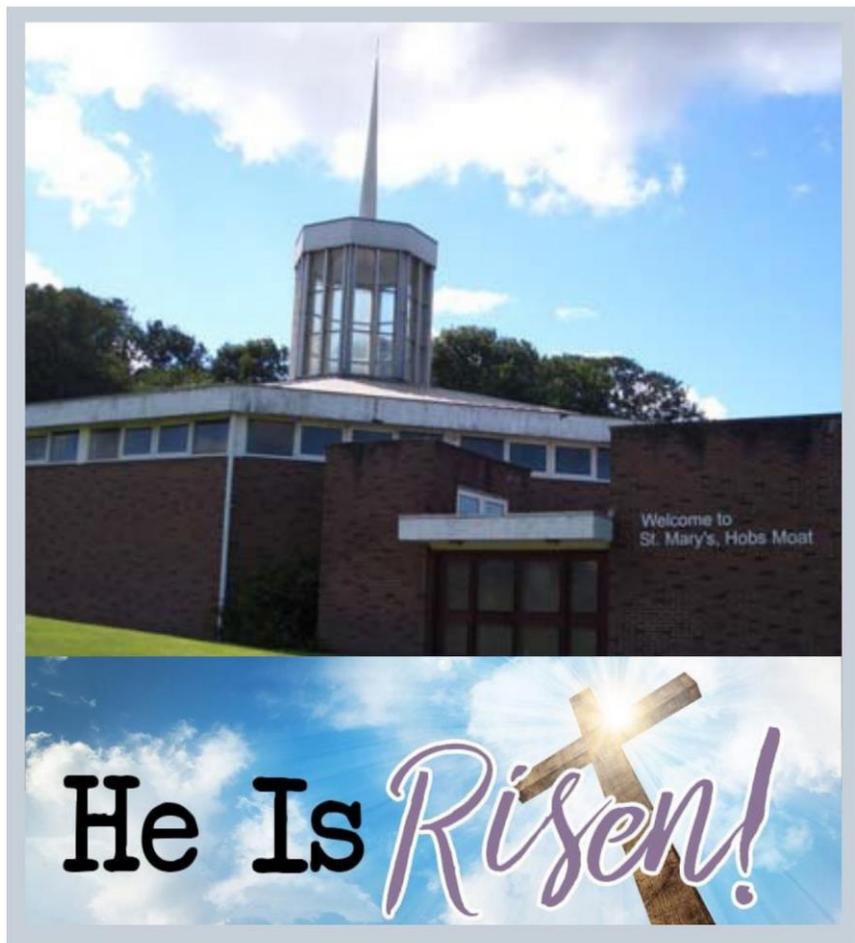


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Focal Point...

Sadly, the world seems a very dark and frightening place at the moment with daily news of the war in Ukraine, together with the awful suffering it's carrying in its wake to so many people. It is so important that we pray for them, and do whatever we can to help them.



April 10th sees the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week in the Christian calendar. Palm Sunday sees the start of Jesus' journey towards his cross, riding on a donkey through the streets of Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday is the day when Jesus washes his disciples' feet in an act of humility and service, to teach us to do likewise. After the foot washing, Jesus enters the darkness of Gethsemane to prepare himself for his death on the cross on Good Friday. Good Friday of course sees Jesus die on his cross in the most painful way of crucifixion. Jesus' death on the cross was to redeem the whole world, also to show each one of us the extent of his love.

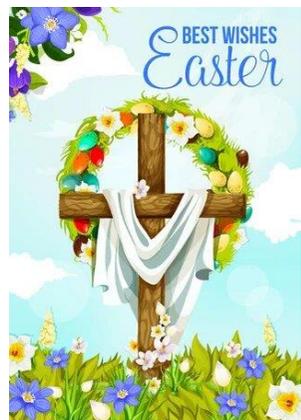
After the dramatic events of Holy Week, we come to celebrate the joy of Easter Day, when Jesus after three days laying dead in a tomb, rose again, promising new life to all who believe in him, and that he would be with them always.

I hope you will all have a good positive experience of Holy Week and come to a very joyous Easter. Enjoy your easter eggs!

I leave you with verse 11 from Psalm 139.

*Darkness is not dark to you,
The night is as bright as the day,
Darkness and light to you are both alike.
Amen.*

Every blessing to you all, Jan Turner



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Psalm 18 Verse 32



Thought for the Month

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The Top 10 Hymn Countdown Continues

No. 8 : Amazing Grace

"Amazing Grace" is a Christian hymn published in 1779, with words written in 1772 by the English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton (1725-1807). It is an immensely popular hymn, particularly in the United States, where it is used for both religious and secular purposes.



Newton wrote the words from personal experience. He grew up without any particular religious conviction, but his life's path was formed by a variety of twists and coincidences that were often put into motion by others' reactions to what they took as his recalcitrant insubordination. He was pressed (conscripted) into service in the Royal Navy. After leaving the service, he became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. In 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel off the coast of County Donegal, Ireland, so severely that he called out to God for mercy. This moment marked his spiritual conversion but he continued slave trading until 1754 or 1755, when he ended his seafaring altogether. Newton began studying Christian theology and later became an abolitionist.

Ordained in the Church of England in 1764, Newton became curate of Olney, Buckinghamshire, where he began to write hymns with poet William Cowper. "Amazing Grace" was written to illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day of 1773. It is unknown if there was any music accompanying the verses; it may have been chanted by the congregation. It debuted in print in 1779 in Newton and Cowper's *Olney Hymns* but settled into relative obscurity in England. In the United States, "Amazing Grace" became a popular song used by Baptist and Methodist preachers as part of their evangelizing, especially in the South, during the Second Great Awakening of the early 19th century. It has been associated with more than 20 melodies. In 1835, American composer William Walker set it to the tune known as "New Britain" in a shape note format; this is the version most frequently sung today.

With the message that forgiveness and redemption are possible regardless of sins committed and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God, "Amazing Grace" is one of the most

recognisable songs in the English-speaking world. Author Gilbert Chase writes that it is "without a doubt the most famous of all the folk hymns". Jonathan Aitken, a Newton biographer, estimates that the song is performed about 10 million times annually.

It has had particular influence in folk music, and has become an emblematic black spiritual. Its universal message has been a significant factor in its crossover into secular music. "Amazing Grace" became newly popular during a revival of folk music in the US during the 1960s, and it has been recorded thousands of times during and since the 20th century.

Easter Around the World

The Christian celebration of Easter is marked in around 95 countries across the world. As well as the many festivities directly relating to the resurrection of Christ, it's also a time for a host of other surprisingly diverse secular cultural events and traditions, from throwing buckets of water to reading crime novels. Here are just some of the highlights.



Europe

While most European countries have their own take on Easter, one tradition that unites many countries in north western Europe is the lighting of Easter Fires, usually on or before Easter Sunday. While they are often called 'Judas fires' and form part of religious celebrations, the custom is thought to predate Christianity and to have originally been a celebration of the end of winter and the arrival of spring.

In the UK eggs chocolate eggs are exchanged, or hidden by the 'Easter Bunny', and the holiday is also often celebrated by decorating real eggs, making of Easter bonnets or baskets and the baking of fruit-filled 'Hot-cross buns' on Good Friday. Another famous tradition is the giving out of 'Maundy Money' by the Queen on Maundy Thursday, an event whose origins lie in remembrance of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples before the Last Supper.

In France the church bells do not ring for three days from Good Friday as a token of mourning for the crucified Christ. Easter morning sees children watch the sky to see the bells ‘fly back from Rome’, while their elder family members hide chocolate eggs for them to find.

Italians celebrate with a Paschal feast of roasted baby lamb and a crown-shaped bread studded with coloured candied eggs. Dramatic processions take place including ‘devils’ rampaging around Prizzi and locals in Trapani carrying life-sized wooden sculptures through the streets for 10 hours. Easter processions are also spectacular in Spain, with special celebrations of note taking place in Valladolid, Malaga and Seville.

The Germans call Easter Ostern, and celebrations include the lighting of Easter Fires and preparing special meals. Unique festivities take place in Traustein, where riders in traditional Bavarian costume take part in an Easter horseback parade and there’s a sabre dance to celebrate the victory of spring over winter. In the village of Oberammergau a special Easter Passion Play takes place every 10 years.

In Sweden, this time of year is called Påskdagen and is predominantly a secular holiday, celebrated with a meal of eggs, herring, and Jansson’s Temptation (potato, onion and pickled sardines baked in cream) and where children may dress up as ‘Easter witches’. Meanwhile, close by in Norway many use the holiday to read mystery books and watch deceptive series, calling it Paaskekrim or ‘Easter-Crime’.

In several Central European countries including Slovakia and Hungary, Easter Monday is known as Šmigus-Dyngus, meaning Wet Monday, and sees the men in the community throwing buckets of water at women, who then respond with the same the next day.

Asia

Christians in Jerusalem, Israel, mark Good Friday by walking the same path they believe Jesus took before his crucifixion, many with their own crosses, before attending mass. Pilgrims also congregate for an Easter sunrise service at the Garden Tomb.

In the Philippines bloody Easter rituals see some Filipino Catholics whip their backs with blades and bamboo sticks in religious penance as a form of worship and supplication.

Africa

Many Christian communities in Africa celebrate with an Easter Vigil, for which the church is decorated by ‘Vitenge’ and ‘Kanga’, clothes formed into shapes including butterflies and flowers. Mass is followed by traditional dances held outside the church and a celebratory meal.

The Americas

One of the USA’s most famous Easter celebrations is the White House’s Easter Egg roll, hosted by the first family and Easter egg hunts and decoration are popular throughout the country.

In Bermuda, Good Friday is celebrated by flying home-made kites and eating codfish cakes and hot cross buns and in Haiti, Holy Week sees colourful parades and traditional “rara” music played, apparently mixing Catholic and Voodoo traditions.

In Mexico, Easter celebrations involve two big observances, Semana Santa (Holy Week) and Pascua (Resurrection Sunday to the following Saturday). Starting on Palm Sunday, Semana Santa sees Passion Plays take place and locals buy special elaborately woven palms from outside churches, before hanging them on their doors to ward off evil. Easter Sunday morning marks the start of Pascua, where great celebrations follow the morning service, with towns often having fêtes including stalls and even fairground rides.

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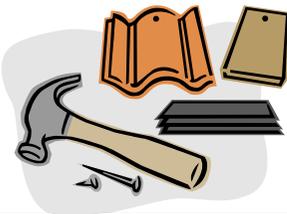
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In Loving Memory - Emily Brown (Pem)



On 4th March we held a funeral in our church for a remarkable lady, Emily Brown, better known to us as Pem. She died on St. Valentine's Day aged almost 105 years. She was a member of the Mother Union for many years. Her skill at knitting and sewing was amazing. Many articles in our church were partly decorated by Emily. She was a kind, gentle lady, loved by the congregation. We will miss her, but we will not forget her.

Zay Osborne

Memorial Service for Rev. Peter Roe

We have now arranged a Memorial Service for Dad on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 11.30 am at St Thomas' Church, Church Street, Garstang, Preston, PR3 1PA.

Those who wish to attend will be very welcome. If anyone wishes to attend, we would appreciate it if we could be advised via email for catering purposes to this address: phrmemorial@gmail.com

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Regards

Jo Ravenscroft and Fran Westlake

Saint Mary's Church, Hobs Moat, Solihull

PRAYER DIARY

Lord God, through our prayers help us to purify our desires & our worship; help us in all things to seek your purpose for us. Amen.

April 2022

- Apr 1** Pray for Wellsford Ave., Harvard Road, & Melton Ave.
For all who care for the sick, the lonely and the homeless.
- Apr 2** Pray for Beamans Close, Lyndon Rd., Campden Green
For Schools in the parish, Governors, Staff and pupils.
- Apr 3** Lent 5. Parish Communion 10.00am
Pray for Daylesford Rd., Eastbury Dr., Blaythorn Ave.
For those who dust and clean St Mary's Church.
- Apr 4** Pray for Dallimore Close, Norbury Grove, Cloudsley Grove
For all who are in employment & those unemployed.
- Apr 5** For all organisations who use our Hall each week.
Pray for Ulleries Rd., Burford Close, Colesbourne Rd.
- Apr 6** Pray for Elkstone Close, Brackleys Way & Moordown Ave.
For those who are housebound especially Church members.
- Apr 7** Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross 9.30am
Pray for Windrush Close, Hobs Meadow, Hobs Moat Rd & Evenlode Rd.
For the witness of St Mary's Church to all who pass by.
- Apr 8** Pray for Westcote Close, Winchcombe Rd, Broadwell Rd.
For the staff and work of Lyndon Clinic.
For Sue and other visiting clergy who take services for us.

- Apr 9 Pray for Castle Lane, Greyfort Cres., & Arundel Cres.
For our servers and those who assist at Communion.**
- Apr 10 Palm Sunday. Parish Communion 10.00am
Pray for Dene Court Rd., Knightsbridge Rd., The Dell
For all who have disabilities which restrict their lives.**
- Apr 11 Pray for Onslow Cres., Summerfield Rd., Kimberley Rd.
For all who contribute to the music for our worship.**
- Apr 12 Pray for Highwood Av., Oakham Way, Gosford Walk
For those who work at Land Rover Factory and all who
travel through the Parish to work each day.**
- Apr 13 Pray for Berwood Grove, Rodney Rd., Dursley Close
For those who prepare “The Moat” Parish Magazine
Editor, Printers, Assembly Team, Distributors and Readers**
- Apr 14 Maundy Thursday. Morning. Prayer and Stations of the Cross
9.30am
Pray for Dovehouse Lane, Dovecote Close, Redfern Close
For the elderly & their pets who help them.**
- Apr 15 Good Friday. Morning. Prayer and Stations of the Cross 9.30am
Pray for Castle Close, Faulkner Rd., Trinity Close
For Shop keepers and their assistants
For the Pastoral Team who visit the sick.**
- Apr 16 Easter Eve. Service of Holy Fire and Evening Prayer 8.00pm
Pray for Cranhill Close & Rodney Close
For those who wash and clean the altar linen at St Mary's.**
- Apr 17 Easter Day. Parish Communion 10.00am
Pray for Old Lode Lane, Jillcot Rd., Jeremy Grove
For those who beautify St Mary's Church with flowers.**

- Apr 18 Pray for Ebrington Ave., Glenside Av., Windsor Drive.
Pray for all Doctors & Specialists & all who care for the sick and lonely.**
- Apr 19 Pray for Merevale Rd., Odensil Green, Tanhouse Farm Rd.
Doctors & Staff at Hobs Moat Medical Centre and Meadowside Surgery.**
- Apr 20 For all sick people especially those in hospital.
Pray for Mayswood Rd., Linsey Rd., Cophams Close
For Sidesmen & women who welcome all who come to St Mary's services.**
- Apr 21 Morning Prayer 9.30am
Pray for Arlescote Rd., Frankton Close, Leafield Rd.
For God's blessing on all mothers, fathers, single parents and grandparents.**
- Apr 22 Pray for Charingworth Rd, Leam Cresc., Lammas Close.
For those who serve coffee after our 10am services.**
- Apr 23 Pray for Evenlode Close, Lode Lane, Hillhampton Close.
For those who are sick at home and in hospital.
For Lyndon Residents Association.**
- Apr 24 Easter 2. Parish Communion 10.00am
Pray for Kelham Place, Kempsey Close, Farmstead Rd.
For those who advertise in 'The Moat' Parish magazine.**
- Apr 25 Pray for St Mary's officials – Greg & Marina our Churchwardens, Marina our PCC secretary, Vernon our Treasurer.
Pray for Highcroft Close, Norgrave Rd. Woodhall Croft.**
- Apr 26 Pray for congregation members living outside the Parish, all who use the Fitness Centre & Ice Rink.**
- Apr 27 Pray for members of the PCC.
For Parkview Day Centre.**

Apr 28 Morning Prayer 9.30am

**Pray for HBCT; Lyndon Methodist, St Thomas More RC,
Sheldon Community Church, St Giles, Sheldon, St Nicholas,
Elmdon, Herman Mar Thoma, St Mary's, Hobs Moat and the
Redeemed Christian Church of God.**

**Apr 29 Pray for all children, especially those who are vulnerable.
Cubs and Beavers who meet in our hall.**

**Apr 30 Pray for the Emergency Services' Police, Fire and Ambulance.
Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and other ministries within
the Church.**



**If you have items, subjects or topics for inclusion in St. Mary's Monthly
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What's on at Hobs Moat Library in April

***NEW* Remember When**

Come along to our new reminiscence group on Tuesday 26th April at 2.15pm. Everyone welcome.

U3A Poetry Group

Come along to the U3A Poetry Group to share poems and discuss. Date for the next meeting is Monday 11th April from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Please contact library for more details.



Hobs Moat Striders & Strollers

Dates for the next meetings are Friday 8th & 22nd April (10.15am for a 10.30am departure). These free walks in the Hobs Moat area are led by trained volunteers. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Refreshments are provided afterwards. The walk last up to an hour. The walk is suitable for everyone but if you are unsure, please come along and find out more details. The volunteers will be able to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Reading Café

Come along to our Reading Café for a comfortable, informal and enjoyable morning. The café runs 10.30am-12.00pm. Date for the next meeting is Friday 1st April.

Knit & Natter

Date for the next meeting is Tuesday 26th April. 10.30am- 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Craft & Chat

Drop in for a friendly chat, try some crafts and be creative. These sessions taking place every Tuesday from 10.30am - 12.00pm.

Literary Litter Pickers

Run by volunteers from within the community for the benefit of the community. Join the litter pickers for an hour with refreshments afterwards. Next meeting is Tuesday 12th April. 10.00am - 11.00am. Meet at Hobs Moat Library.

Family History Explorers

Using Ancestry and Find My Past volunteers are on hand to help you trace family members. New starters and established groups meet monthly. Takes place every Saturday from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Please enquire at the library for dates.

Little Hobbits

Stories, rhymes and colouring for under 5's.

Every Thursday 10.15am - 10.45pm (Term Time Only). Booking essential

Animal Antics

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The Moat Players

We have now started learning some the songs for our next show, “Return to the Spotlight”, and are really enjoying being back together as a group. It is still not too late to join us for this show, so if you are interested, just pop along to the church hall any Thursday or Sunday evening at 7.30 pm, and you will be made very welcome. Even if you do not want to appear on stage, there are plenty of other aspects of the group to get involved with, so just come along and find out all about us.

We have recently launched our latest social media account, using the TikTok app, where we'll be posting video clips from rehearsals, etc. over the coming months, so look us up and Like our page.

Juanita's Puzzle Corner

It is said that working on puzzles is good for the brain so we hope you find our puzzle corner stimulating.



Last month's puzzle used words of 4 letters which could be found in the main words "Hobs Moat" and here are the answers:

1) Hoot, 2) Oats, 3) Boot, 4) Soot, 5) Moth, 6) Oast, 7) Atom, 8) Tomb

In this month's puzzle you are asked to un-scramble the letters below to make two words with the same meaning.

1. py yf jo hap ul
2. ol nd ki nev ent be
3. rr dd ge we ing ma ia
4. rma ho in sp it fi al ry
5. ge en hu us or mo

I hope you enjoyed the puzzle, and the answers will appear in next month's Moat Magazine.

With all good wishes for a Happy Easter,
Every Blessing, Juanita

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From the Archives

As Oberammergau was mentioned in our Easter Around World section, we have delved back into the archives for some reports written back in 2000 regarding a trip to Oberammergau by some members of the church, along with a photograph taken during the trip.



OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Two years ago when a trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2000 was proposed I began saving my pennies to join the trip. On 6th July we boarded the coach for Heathrow and our flight to Munich where our coach and courier arrived to take us to Meiring valley and our four star hotel which had swimming pools, sauna, haute cuisine and toilets which were beyond belief. The setting was idyllic and peaceful with views over the mountains and lush green meadows from our balconies.

Our holiday had begun. We visited Aachensee by train, took a boat trip round the lake to visit Rattenberg. At Innsbruck we minted our own coins and explored the ancient city. We visited Seefeld, saw a glacier and took a trip in a cable car to view the world from a great height; creation takes on another dimension in this environment. We walked, sang, danced laughed and generally got on well together, well for most of the time!

Then we travelled through the valleys and mountains to the small Bavarian town of Oberammergau, where the promise was made many years ago to stage the Passion of Christ every ten years to save the village from elimination by the black death. Oh what a promise!

The play is performed to an audience of 5,000 five days a week from Easter to September regardless of the weather, so we were pleased that the rain stopped although the performers are covered. The performance lasts all day. The players go on stage for their specific part and then return to the normal days work. During our stay we saw many of the characters around the village. We stayed with a member of the Jerusalem crowd and "Jesus" popped in to the bar where another of our group was staying.

As the show began the story of Jesus' Passion came to life. The joyous crowds in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday made us feel jubilant and happy. However the cries of "Crucify him" when Jesus was beaten made one of our party want to shout out to stop the cruelty. Our feelings towards Judas changed. There were arguments within the high council for and against Jesus being crucified, none of which were clear cut. The crucifixion was beyond belief; we had many mixed emotions. How people must have felt on that first Good Friday is hard to understand.

To say this marvellous presentation was a wonderful experience is an understatement. No words can explain how we felt as we walked out of the arena, leaving the space behind for the next days audience. We were all deep in thought marvelling at our recent experience.

I remember all the things that happened during the holiday with happy thoughts. Thank you to Peter Walker for organising the holiday and to Pat for putting up with him disappearing to sort things out. Thank you both from everyone on the trip to Oberammergau.

Rita Kerry

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

It is over 20 years ago that Pat, my wife, first told me that she wanted to go to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play and we have managed it at last. I registered our group in January 1997, yes three and a half years ago, and finally led party of twenty, nine from St Mary's, last week. The first week we stayed at Inn Valley near Innsbruck at a lovely hotel in wonderful surroundings. It was peaceful and we were well pampered. We walked in the meadows rich with beautiful flowers surrounded by wooded mountains capped with fresh snow. We enjoyed outings to lakes including a journey up a rack and pinion railway, a ride in a cable car, and a visit to Innsbruck, churches and a monastery where we listened to an organ recital by a professor of music. We had great fun at the evening of Austrian entertainment, especially for those who "chose" to go on the dance floor. We got to know each other a lot better. One special happening that will remain with me was a simple Eucharistic service led jointly by Rev Ian McMaster and a Scottish minister whose party teamed up with ours. The service took place in a room set aside for us in the hotel and several members of both group took part. I recall the carved wooden dove on the ceiling symbolising the peace and love there.

We then travelled to the Bavarian village of Oberammergau for a two night stop to see the play. Betty McMaster will be writing about the play in next month's magazine, suffice to say that it was an indescribably moving and emotional experience. It will not be forgotten, especially each Good Friday.

The village is completely taken over by the play which happens every ten years following a solemn vow taken by the villagers before the altar in 1633 that they would re-enact the Passion of Jesus if they were delivered from the ravages of the Black Death. They were and, with one or two exceptions in the war years they kept their promise. The hospitality we were given, staying as most of us did in private homes, was exceptional. We were so well fed and looked after by the villagers most of who take part in the play. Jesus was played by the postman.

All in all we had a wonderful holiday. God willing I will be organising a further visit in 2010. Don't be late in booking your place; it's a really worthwhile thing to do.

Peter Walker



A Poem for Ukraine

**Woke up warm and safe in my bed.
While someone else heard bombs over their head.
I jumped into a nice hot shower,
While someone else has lost all power.
I hugged my family, we were all together,
While others said goodbye, possibly forever.
While I fear the money that I will spend,
Others worry of losing the country they defend.
In the time it took for me to write this post,
Many have lost the things they love most.
So, when I start to bitch and want to complain,
I will stop myself and pray for Ukraine.**

-Art Smith



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18

Jesus' tomb had been sealed with a large stone.
Very early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends went to put spices on his body.

How will we move the stone from the entrance?



But when they got there...

the stone had been moved and the tomb was empty... except for an angel.



Don't be afraid! God raised Jesus to life and he isn't here. Go and tell the disciples.



They fled to tell the others...



but they didn't believe them.

Peter and John ran to the tomb to look.



They saw the tomb was empty and only the cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in lying there. So they went back to the others.

Mary Magdalene stayed by the tomb, crying. She didn't understand that Jesus was no longer dead. When she looked in the tomb there were 2 angels.

Why are you crying?



I don't know where his body is!

Someone behind her asked Who are you looking for?



Have you taken his body?

Mary



Then she recognised Jesus!

Teacher!



Don't cling on to me - I can't stay now. Go and tell my disciples I am alive.

So Mary went back and told the others the amazing news!



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St Mary's Diary for April

Sunday	3 rd	10.00 am	LENT 5 Parish Communion
Wednesday	6 th	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday	7 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9 th	10.00 am	St. Mary's Market & Car Boot Sale
Sunday	10 th	10.00 am	PALM SUNDAY Parish Communion
Wednesday	13 th	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday	14 th	9.30 am	MAUNDY THURSDAY Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross
Friday	15 th	9.30 am	GOOD FRIDAY Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross
Saturday	16 th	8.00 pm	EASTER EVE Service of Holy Fire and Evening Prayer
Sunday	17 th	10.00 am	EASTER SUNDAY Parish Communion
Wednesday	20 th	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday	21 st	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	24 th	10.00 am	EASTER 2 Parish Communion followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meetings
Wednesday	27 th	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday	28 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer

Bible Readings for the Month



Readings for April:

3rd Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

10th Isaiah 50:4-9a, 17-18; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

17th Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

24th Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31



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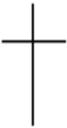
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