

The Moat



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and the local community of Hobs Moat**



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Focal Point...

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!

On 21st April we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lewis Carroll's famous dialogue comes to mind - Alice laughed: "There's no use trying," she said; "one can't believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was younger, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

It's too easy to dismiss the resurrection as one of those 'six impossible things.' Contemporary thinking either dismisses so much as 'mere opinion' or makes rationalism the only test of reality. Faith is constantly played down as, at best, only personal preference, or, at worst, corrupting bias.

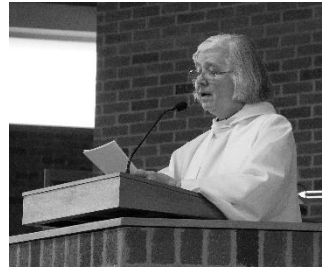
At the end of Mark's Gospel the women come very early to the tomb, find it empty and a young man in white sitting there. He tells them Jesus is risen and has gone ahead of them to Galilee. They are instructed to tell the others. And their response?

"They went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement has seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

What an ending? Of course, it isn't an ending at all. The story of Jesus does not end at a tomb, it goes on into life. According to Mark, the Risen Jesus goes before those who would be his followers - always. The new life of the Christ that began at the garden tomb is present today among all who would be his followers. Enjoy that new life now and into eternity.

With every Blessing,

Linda.





From The Musicians' Gallery...

Easter Day falling on 21st April this year, a 'late' Easter, reminds us that it is a moveable event. It comes on the 1st Sunday after the full moon of the Spring Equinox (21st March) and in fact the earliest day that we might celebrate Easter would be 22nd March. In Medieval times there was feasting, fasting and general jollifications in the weeks leading up to Easter Day beginning 9 weeks beforehand on the celebration of Septuagesima and ending on Trinity Day, about 8 weeks after. Approximately one hundred and twenty days in all!

Easter was the time to celebrate the start of the longer and warmer days, days when crops start to grow and longer hours could be worked in the fields. As a source of heat and light the sun was and still is, of enormous importance but in Medieval times it was also a cause of great rejoicing and celebrations in a way that it isn't today.

The ancient celebration of Light also fitted into Christianity - the sun's rising reflected the Son's rising to Heaven and shedding light and understanding of His promises of salvation, the shining victory over death.

We no longer celebrate the 120 days of Easter (can you imagine for example, however much we love, them having the children off school for 120 days?) but some of the other festivities are still with us: painted and decorated eggs, now so often made of chocolate and/or sugar - but most of us can cope with that! Also Morris Dancing, and the fun of All Fools Day.

Alongside the non-serious side of Easter is the greater cause to celebrate: Christ's Resurrection, exemplifying God's great love for us, the human race.

However, you choose to think of Easter and/or to celebrate, we at St. Mary's pray that you will be touched by God's caring love.

Every blessing,

Juanita

Thought for the Month



In a Canadian church the music director was teaching the choir a new anthem. *'Don't forget,' he urged, 'You wait until the tenors reach 'The Gates of Hell' and then you all come in.'*

Anonymous

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Holy Week - Sun 14th - Sat 20th April 2019

Holy Week is the week leading up to the important Christian festival of Easter, beginning on Palm Sunday, including Maundy Thursday and ending on Holy Saturday.



Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's triumphant arrival in Jerusalem to the cheers of the crowd. Members of a church's congregation hold small crosses made of palm leaf, both to remember the palm leaves which the people of Jerusalem waved when Jesus arrived, and to remember the cross on which he died.

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter. Christians remember it as the day of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and established the ceremony known as the Eucharist. The night of Maundy Thursday is the night on which Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter. It commemorates the Passion: the execution of Jesus by crucifixion. Good Friday is a day of mourning in church. During special Good Friday services Christians meditate on Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, and what this means for their faith.

Holy Saturday is the Saturday after Good Friday which is often, but wrongly, called Easter Saturday. The Easter vigil service is the first Easter service, and takes place on the night of Holy Saturday. The idea behind the service is for faithful Christians to wait and watch, hopeful and confident that Christ will return at midnight. The Easter, or Paschal, candle is lit during this service. The service traditionally begins outside the church, where minister and some worshippers gather around a fire - a charcoal brazier is common, where the Pascal candle is lit and taken into church as a symbol of the Light of Christ.

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Our Pancake Topping Top 5

Last month, we asked readers of The Moat magazine and members of the congregation at St. Mary's what their favourite pancake toppings were, and here are the results, which unsurprisingly sees good old Lemon Juice and Sugar in top spot.

1. Lemon Juice & Sugar
2. Maple Syrup
3. Orange Juice & Sugar
4. Nutella & Banana



And tied for 5th spot:

Strawberry Jam & Banana
Spinach, Fete Cheese, Mushroom & Red Onion
Grilled Bacon & Grated Cheese

Thanks to everyone who took part in our fun survey

“Cook’s Corner”

Honey Cake

Prep: 30 mins Cook: 60 mins

Ingredients

198g self-raising flour
2 eggs
1 tablespoon (15ml) water
Pinch of salt
142g butter
170g honey
113g soft brown sugar



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180 C/160c fan/Gas 4 and grease a 20cm tin.
2. Place butter, water, sugar and honey into a saucepan and heat until the butter has melted, stirring all the time.
3. Remove the pan from the heat and allow the contents to cool to blood temperature.
4. Gradually beat in the eggs.
5. Sieve in the flour and mix until smooth; do not over mix.
6. Put into prepared tin and bake for 50 minutes to an hour, until risen and firm to the touch.
7. Remove from tin and cool on a wire rack.

Recipe used by Solihull Beekeepers for their annual “Honey Show”

Courtesy of Chany Collins

“Saint of the Month” - April

Saint George

Saint George is the patron saint of England. He's popularly identified with England and English ideals of honour, bravery and gallantry - but actually he wasn't English at all. Very little, if anything, is known about the real Saint George. Pope Gelasius said that George is one of the saints "whose names are rightly revered among us, but whose actions are known only to God."



Facts in brief

Everything about Saint George is dubious, so the information below should be taken as mythical rather than real.

- Born in Cappadocia, an area which is now in Turkey
- Lived in 3rd century AD
- His parents were Christian
- Later lived in Palestine
- Became a Roman soldier
- Protested against Rome's persecution of Christians
- Imprisoned and tortured, but stayed true to his faith
- Beheaded at Lydda in Palestine
- 23rd April was named as Saint George's day in 1222

George is patron saint not only of England but also of Aragon, Catalonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Palestine, Portugal, Germany and Greece; and of Moscow, Istanbul, Genoa and Venice (second to Saint Mark). He's also patron saint of soldiers, archers, cavalry and chivalry, farmers and field workers, riders and saddlers, and he helps those suffering from leprosy, plague and syphilis. In recent years he has been adopted as patron saint of Scouts.

Hobs Moat Library Literary Litter Pickers

Chris Dunster here and I'm talking rubbish again. The Hobs Moat Literary Litter Pickers meet once a month from Hobs Moat Library and first started in September 2016. Since that time, we have collected 437 bags of litter plus various other detritus including car parts, water containers, a golf club, sheets of plastic and planks to name but a few. The group is relatively small but very consistent. Approximately 12 of us meet but it is usually the same 12 people every week. Occasionally we welcome a new member so when we first started 2 & half years ago there were 6 of us. I think the phrase "it's a slow burn" fits well. If we had more support, we would be able to cover a wider area. I would love to get to the point where we can start to tackle Old Lode Lane and the roads off there. Currently we tend to focus on this side of Lode Lane with the numbers that we have.

2nd Olton Beavers, who meet at St Mary's, are litter picking on the evening of Monday 1st April. If you happen to see them please thank them for their efforts as it will give them much warmth and encouragement.

If you wish to join in or know someone who you think may be interested please do get in touch. My contact phone number is 07703-757332 and email talkingrubbish@outlook.com. The next litter pick is on Tuesday 16th April from 10am to 11am followed by tea or coffee with biscuits afterwards.

Join the Literary Litter Pickers for an hour with tea and coffee served afterwards. Meeting once a month from Hobs Moat Library on the following dates during 2019:

Hobs Moat Library meet 10 - 11am:

Tuesday 16th April
Tuesday 14th May
Tuesday 18th June
Tuesday 9th July
Tuesday 17th September
Tuesday 15th October
Tuesday 12th November
Tuesday 10th December



Our Merry Band of Literary Litter Pickers



The Moat Players

As you will have read last month, 2019 sees the Moat Players celebrate their 60th anniversary. As part of our celebrations, we are holding a celebratory party on the evening of Saturday 11th May. This will be held in what we call “Our Home”, St. Mary’s Hall, and will be a black-tie event. During the evening we will be entertained

by the UK’s premier improv group, “The Noise Next Door”, as well as having a 3 course meal followed by a disco. Tickets for this will cost £15 per person and everyone is welcome to join us, so please call the ticket hotline on 07760 306605 or email us to book your ticket and join us for what should be a special evening as we celebrate our 60 years entertaining the people of Hobs Moat.

Rehearsals are going well for our special show to celebrate our 60th anniversary which we have called #MoatieMemories. The show will look back over the group’s history, and feature a murder mystery play, and comedy play, a pantomime, as well as many of our favourite songs. The dates for this show will be 6th, 7th & 8th June, and tickets now available to book by calling the ticket hotline.

We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in acting, working backstage or just have an interest in theatre, pop along to the church hall and say hello any Thursday or Sunday evening from 7.30 pm, or drop us an email to - hello@moatplayers.co.uk . If you use either Facebook or Twitter, you can keep right up to date with the group’s activities by Liking us on Facebook or Following us on Twitter, there are links to both of these on the home page of our website - www.moatplayers.co.uk .

2nd Olton St Mary’s Cubs

Do you remember the fun you had when you were younger? Playing outside until you were dragged home! How would you like to do all that again? **We need a big kid!**

OK... An assistant Cub leader. We need someone who is open, friendly and can engage with the cubs. If you have the drive then we have the resources and can help you build the group.

Please contact Emily at 2ndoltoncubs@gmail.com for more info

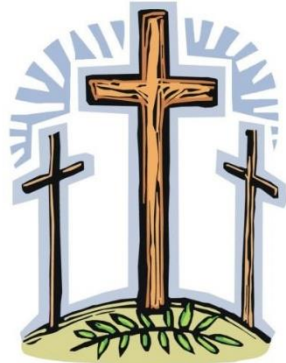
Puzzle Corner

As we continue to prepare for Easter, make yourself a coffee and sit down for 5 minutes and have a go at our fun word search puzzle

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



Saint Mary's Church, Hobs Moat, Solihull

PRAYER DIARY

APRIL 2019

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.

- Apr 1** Pray for Wellsford Ave., Harvard Road, & Melton Ave.
For all who care for the sick, the lonely and the homeless.
- Apr 2** 'Reflections' 11am.
Pray for Beamans Close, Lyndon Rd., Campden Green
For Schools in the parish, Governors, Staff and pupils.
- Apr 3** Knit & Natter 1-3pm.
Pray for Daylesford Rd., Eastbury Dr., Blaythorn Ave.
For those who dust and clean St Mary's Church.
- Apr 4** 9.30am. Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion & Lent Course.
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** Lent 5. Holy Communion 8am. All Age Worship 10am. APCM 11am.
Pray for Windrush Close, Hobs Meadow, Hobs Moat Road & Evenlode Rd.
For the witness of St Mary's Church to all who pass by.
- Apr 8** Pastoral Meeting 10am.
Pray for Westcote Close, Winchcombe Rd., Broadwell Rd.
For the staff and work of Lyndon Clinic.
For Linda our Priest in Charge.

- Apr 9 Kingsford Court Holy Communion 3pm.**
Pray for Castle Lane, Greyfort Cres., & Arundel Cres.
For our servers and those who assist at Communion.
- Apr 10 Knit & Natter 1-3pm.**
Pray for Dene Court Rd., Knightsbridge Rd., The Dell
For all who have disabilities which restrict their lives.
- Apr 11 9.30am.Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion & Lent Course.**
Pray for Onslow Cres., Summerfield Rd., Kimberley Rd.
For Juanita, our Director of Music and for Choir at St Mary's.
- 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 St Mary's Market 10-1pm.**
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 Palm Sunday. Holy Communion 8am. Parish Communion 10am.**
Pray for Dovehouse Lane, Dovecote Close, Redfern Close
For the elderly & their pets who help them.
- Apr 15 Pray for Castle Close, Faulkner Rd., Trinity Close**
For Shop keepers and their assistants
For the Pastoral Team who visit the sick.
- Apr 16 Pray for Cranhill Close & Rodney Close**
For those who wash and clean the altar linen at St Mary's.
- Apr 17 Knit & Natter 1-3pm.**
Pray for Old Lode Lane, Jillcot Rd., Jeremy Grove
For those who beautify St Mary's Church with flowers.

- Apr 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY. NO SERVICE IN MORNING.**
Holy Communion & Stripping of Sanctuary, Vigil 7.30pm.
Pray for Ebrington Ave., Glenside Av., Windsor Drive.
Pray for all Doctors & Specialists & all who care for the sick and lonely.
- Apr 19 GOOD FRIDAY**
Proclamation of the Cross 9.30am.
HBCT Walk of Witness 11.30am.
Pray for Merevale Rd., Odensil Green, Tanhouse Farm Rd.
Doctors & Staff at Hobs Moat Medical Centre and Meadowside Surgery.
- Apr 20 EASTER EVE. Vigil & Service of Light 8pm.**
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 EASTER DAY**
Holy Communion 8am. Parish Communion 10am.
Pray for Arlescote Rd., Frankton Close, Leafield Rd.
For God's blessing on all mothers, fathers and single parents
- 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.**
- Apr 24 Knit & Natter 1-3pm.**
Pray for Kelham Place, Kempsey Close, Farmstead Rd.
For those who advertise in 'The Moat' Parish magazine.
- Apr 25 Holy Communion 9.30am.**
Pray for St Mary's officers – Greg & Marina our Churchwardens,
Marina our PCC secretary, Vernon our Treasurer.
Pray for Highcroft Close, Norgrave Rd. Woodhall Croft.

- Apr 26** Pray for Meadow centre and its staff, for congregation members living outside the Parish, and all who use the Fitness Centre and Ice Rink.
- Apr 27** Pray for members of PCC committees: Children, Mission and Outreach, Buildings, Social and Fundraising.
- Apr 28** Easter 2. Holy Communion 8am. Parish Communion 10am.
Pray for HBCT; Hobs Moat URC, Lyndon Methodist, St Thomas More RC, Sheldon Community Church, St Giles, Sheldon, St Nicholas, Elmdon and St Mary's, Hobs Moat, RCCOG, Hermon Mar Thoma.
- Apr 29** Pray for all children, especially those who are ill-treated.
- 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 PRAYER DIARY, please send them to Revd. Linda Granner, either by Telephone 0121 743 4955 or Email: vicar@stmaryschurchhobsmoat.org



Making a difference in Lyndon

Lyndon Residents Association

“A gush of bird-song, a patter of dew, A cloud, and a rainbow's warning, Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue-- An April day in the morning” (Harriet Prescott Spofford)

“The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day. When the sun is out and the wind is still, You're one month on in the middle of May. But if you so much as dare to speak, a cloud come over the sunlit arch, And the wind comes off a frozen peak, And you're two months back in the middle of March” (Robert Frost)

After the heavy rain, strong winds and hail showers of recent weeks, let's hope that the worst of the winter weather is finally over and that spring has finally sprung!

What's been happening in Lyndon this month?

Well, a new cafe has opened - but it is not your usual run of the mill coffee shop. The cafe in Lyndon Road has been opened by the charity Changes UK, which offers support to those recovering from addiction. The community-run Changes cafe will employ people who have previously been supported by the charity.

The cafe with its stripped down floors and industrial style lighting is next door to the already established Small Changes charity shop, which is itself undergoing a refit and will be re-opening very soon. If you can spare a few hours each week to volunteer in the charity shop, call and speak to Karen Davenport or ring her on 07710 662561.

I mentioned last month that we had formed our own Lyndon Street Watch group. Our lovely PCSO Hayley Lake has now trained up our 20 or so volunteers, and already we've patrolled for well over 100 hours around Lyndon and Hobs Moat. We also joined forces on Saturday 2nd March with our friends from the LEOS neighbourhood police team and officers from Solihull Council to knock on doors to offer security advice and hand out free shed alarms in areas where shed break-ins have been a major issue. We will be conducting similar joint exercises in forthcoming weeks.

In total, around 300 people have now signed up to Street Watch schemes in Solihull, with no fewer than 21 groups having been set up. If you think this is something you'd like to get involved with, and you can commit to a minimum of 2 hours each month, please email chairperson@lyndonresidents.org for more details. For more information about Street Watch, click on <https://west-midlands.police.uk/get-involved>

A quick mention for the Great British Spring Clean which this year runs from March 22nd to April 23rd. The Olton & Hobs Moat Literary Litter Pickers have their usual litter picks within this time (Olton Library on Saturday 6th April, Hobs Moat Library on Tuesday 16th April) with additional events taking place on Saturday April 13th from Olton Library and other locations.

Check out your local library for details, go online at <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/> or check out the Facebook group Talking Rubbish in Solihull to find out more. Any extra help will be greatly appreciated, so do get involved!

Finally, just a reminder that our next residents meeting is at the Guides Hut on Brackleys Way on Thursday 16th May, starting at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, so come along and find out what is going on in Lyndon and have your say on the issues that affect you.

If you can't make it to our meetings, you can keep in touch by following us on social media on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LyndonResidents/> or Twitter <https://twitter.com/LRAB92> .

Thank you.

Keith Hamilton

Chairperson Lyndon Residents Association

Some of the Lyndon Residents Association Street Watch Group ready to go out on patrol around the local neighbourhood.



The Lyndon Residents Association Street Watch Group meet up ready to hand out shed alarms around the local neighbourhood



St. Mary's Second-Hand Bookstall

Help!!!

We are running short of second-hand books for our bookstall at St. Mary's ! All genres of books are suitable, so if you are looking to get rid of some of your old books, please let us know.

Sorry, we're unable to take magazines.

Either drop them at the back of St. Mary's or if you need someone to collect from you, please give Juanita a ring on 706-3819



Age UK Solihull

AGE UK SOLIHULL are launching a new Weekly Lunch Club SOON (hopefully May 19th) for people over the age of 60. Venue: Red Lion Pub, High Street, Knowle, B93 0LY. To be held on Thursdays between 12 - 3pm. You will be greeted by friendly staff

and volunteers from Age UK Solihull. A hot meal and tea and coffee will be provided by the pub and Age UK Solihull will organise activities/entertainment for members. Cost: £8 (£5 will go to the pub for the food/£3 goes to AUKE to pay for raffle, prizes, activities, etc). Please call us to register your interest and for further information - 0121 704 7846.



Easyfundraising



Did you know that when you shop online, you could be raising much needed funds for St. Mary's at no extra cost to yourself? All that you need to do is to set up an account with Easyfundraising, and then search for your shop via the website, and then when you shop online, a donation is made to St. Mary's.

Most major online retailers are now part of this scheme, so please start using the Easyfundraising website every time you buy anything on line, and let's start raising some easy money.

STEP 1 : Enter the following web address into your address bar :
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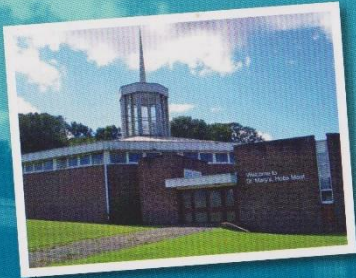
STEP 2 : Set up an account by using your email address and a password

STEP 3 : Search the list of retailers to find the shop you want

STEP 4 : Carry on with your shopping as normal

STEP 5 : Remember to log on to Easyfundraising every time that you shop online, or download the Donation Reminder to never miss a donation again

Friends of St Mary's Church



Welcome to
St. Mary's, Hobs Moat

Sharing the love of God
with all who live, work or
pass through this Parish

Friends of St. Mary's

The Friends of St. Mary's was formed to help us keep in touch with our friends who, in addition to the regular congregation, include those who have previously worshipped here, but have moved away over the years. We also welcome those who have had recent links through weddings, baptisms and funerals - and those who have just "popped" in to visit the church.

St. Mary's, in common with so many churches today, is challenged by a considerable expensive annual upkeep and ever-increasing running costs.

The Friends of St. Mary's are kept informed of news and developments at the church, whilst also providing much needed financial support.

If you feel you would like to keep in touch with us, and help to support us in the work we are doing, we would be delighted to hear from you.

The Friends of St. Mary's receive advance notice of special services and events, a copy of our newsletter, a copy of The Moat magazine and an invitation to the special annual service.

We have many friends near and far, who still feel strong connections with St. Mary's and we would welcome the opportunity of keeping in touch with you.

For more details, please email vicar@stmaryschurchhobsmoat.org

What's on at Hobs Moat Library - April 2019

Learn My Way

Want to improve your IT skills? Then the Learn My Way programme could be for you. It's a series of free online courses that can help bring you closer to employment.

Join us on Tuesday's at Hobs Moat Library from 2.00pm - 4.00pm to find out more.

Hobs Moat Striders & Strollers

The date for the next meeting is Friday 5th April. (10.15am for a 10.30am departure). This free walk in the Hobs Moat area is 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 meetings is Thursday 4th April. The theme for the next meeting is Weather.

Knit & Natter

The next meeting will be Tuesday 30th 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 12.30pm - 2.30pm

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 10.00am - 10.45pm (Term Time Only). No need to book.

Animal Antics

Animal stories and colouring for 2.5 years plus. The next meeting is Monday 1st April from 10.15am - 11.00am.

Daddy Rhyme Time

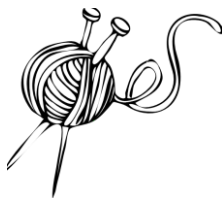
The next meeting will be Saturday 13th April from 10.30am - 11.00am. Rhymes for babies and toddlers. Refreshments will be served afterwards. This is an opportunity for Dads to meet.

Councillors Advice Surgery

Drop in service for advice and information. Takes place the last Saturday of the month, 10.00am - 12.00pm.

For further information please contact staff at:

Hobs Moat Library, Ulleries Road, Solihull. B92 8EB Tel: 0121 743 4592



St. Mary's Knit & Natter

We are a small, friendly group that meet every Wednesday between 1.00 - 3.00 pm at St Mary's Church, Hobs Moat. All are welcome to join us for knitting, crocheting and nattering. No previous experience is required - beginners looking to learn a new skill and established knitters willing to share knowledge and experience are welcome alike.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are an important part of our meetings; all that we ask is for a small voluntary contribution to cover the cost.

We have already knitted some teddies, but we are continuing to make many more. These will be donated to Birmingham Children's Hospital charity to bring a smile to the faces of children in their care.

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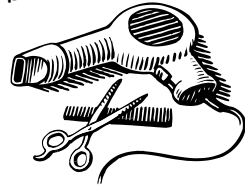
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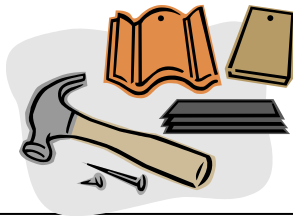
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Tuesday	2 nd	11.00 am	"Reflections" Service
Wednesday	3 rd	1.00-3.00 pm	Knit & Natter Group in the Chapel
Thursday	4 th	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion followed by Lent Group
Sunday	7 th	8.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am	LENT 5 Holy Communion All Age Worship Annual Parish Church Meeting
Monday	8 th	10.00 am	Pastoral Meeting
Tuesday	9 th	3.00 pm	Kingsford Court Holy Communion
Wednesday	10 th	1.00-3.00 pm	Knit & Natter Group in the Chapel
Thursday	11 th	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion followed by Lent Group
Saturday	13 th	10.00 am	St. Mary's Market & Car Boot Sale
Sunday	14 th	8.00 am 10.00 am	PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion Parish Communion with Procession
Wednesday	17 th	3.00 pm	Knit & Natter Group in the Chapel
Thursday	18 th	9.30am 7.30 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Flowers for Easter Holy Communion and Vigil

Friday	19 th	9.30 am 11.30 am	GOOD FRIDAY Proclamation of the Cross HBCT Walk of Witness
Saturday	20 th	8.00 pm	EASTER EVE Vigil and Service of Light
Sunday	21 st	8.00 am 10.00 am	EASTER DAY Holy Communion Parish Communion
Wednesday	24 th	1.00pm	Knit & Natter Group in the Chapel
Thursday	25 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
Sunday	28 th	8.00 am 10.00 am	EASTER 2 Holy Communion Parish Communion

Bible Readings for the Month

7th - Isaiah 43:16-21; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

14th - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Phi. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-end of 23.

21st - Isaiah 65: 17-end; Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18.

28th - Exodus 14: 10-end; Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19-31.



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The Moat, Next Issue...

Do you have an idea for an article for the next issue of The Moat?

Any ideas will be gratefully received and considered. They can either be put in the box at the back of Church, or emailed to stmarysmag@googlemail.com.

The final date for submissions of articles for the May issue of The Moat is Monday 15th April 2019.



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