



# *From the Curate*

**The Reverend Sonia Marshall**

Dear Friends,

May every blessing be yours this Eastertide! The reward of faith and devotion is joy... joy that does not change with circumstances but the surer, lasting joy that comes with faith in our Risen Lord.

Our Model Railway weekend on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April will also, we hope, be a joyful occasion as we celebrate both the late John Andrews' love of this hobby and his support of this Church over the years.

Why is it that so many church folk, both clergy and lay, are so fascinated by railways, full scale and model? Some would say it's because, on a smaller scale, it mirrors the work of God in creation, looking down on an ordered world, seeing the results of invention and ingenuity, the power of steam, the wonders of electricity. To make a system or layout work you need faith that the project is achievable and devotion to carry it out ... not to mention patience through the long hours involved.

There is however another good reason: Railways bring people together. We are all part of God's world and all our communications help us to perceive it. Reaching destinations safely involves each part of the system working in harmony and obeying commands laid down for our good. That's just as true for our spiritual well being as it is for the functioning of our transport systems and leisure time models of them!

*Sonia Marshall.*

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## in this month's priory news ...

Dear all,

Like the late-blooming daffodils, this month's edition is back with a vengeance. We have a full and varied selection of items in time for Easter.

We have several Priory Church events this month, including our first Railway Weekend and our Annual Parish Meeting. In addition, we are invited to the Methodist Church's dramas group production, *Making Waves*, and the first exhibition by the Deepings Art Club. I am particularly looking forward to seeing the children's production on Easter Sunday after the service.

Thank you for your excellent response this month.

Warmest wishes,

*Bet.*

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<b>Cooking with Margaret.</b> This month Margaret gives us Salmon and Leek Parcels. (P13).	<b>Did You Know</b> about DSJ United Charities? Carol Precey fills us in. (P9).
Please support Paul and Jacob Boswall on their <b>Green Wheel Charity Bike Ride.</b> (P11).	Martin's brief report of <b>News from the PCC.</b> (P7).
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Tony's view of things from <b>Wardens' World.</b> (P8).	<b>Cover picture:</b> Priory Church Lady Chapel window. [Photo courtesy of Dave Washbrooke.]

Thank you to those who have sent in articles for Priory News. Contributions and suggestions are very welcome. Please let us have your prayers, poems, comments, reminiscences and anything else you'd like to share. Please send copy to:

**priorynews@dsj.org.uk**

Please let us have your contributions for the **May** edition of Priory News **BEFORE** the deadline, **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.** Thank you for your help.

# CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 2010

<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <i>(No 9:30am Communion Service this week)</i> Sung Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar followed by the Watch of Prayer
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
		7:30pm	Way of The Cross (for children) in Church followed by Good Friday activities
		9:30am	Good Friday Liturgy followed by Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament if desired
		10:30am	
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Easter Eve</b>
		12:00 noon	Wedding of Steven Ashley Bannister & Danielle Marie Wilson
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>(No 8 o'clock service today)</i>
		9:00am	Easter Liturgy
		10:15am	E-A-S-T-E-R Spells Easter! (Children's Church presentation)
		6:00pm	Festal Evensong
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>		<i>(No 9:30am Communion Service this week)</i>
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Friday</b>		<i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martyr, 1945</i>
<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>		<i>William Law, Priest and Writer, 1761</i> <i>William of Ockham, Teacher, 1347</i>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>(LOW SUNDAY)</b>
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist
		6:00pm	Evening Prayer
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion followed by Home Communions
		7:45pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship
<b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Friday</b>		<i>Practice Night:</i>
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
<b>17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 noon	Wedding of Colin Ian Beard and Diane Louise Garratt
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist
		6:00pm	Evening Prayer
<b>19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Monday</b>		<i>Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012</i>
<b>21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		<i>Anselm, Abbot, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109</i>
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion
		7:30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Hall
<b>23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>Friday</b>		<i>George, Martyr, Patron of England, 304</i>
			<i>Practice Night:</i>
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>		<i>Mellitus, Bishop of London, First Bishop at St. Paul's, 624</i>
		10:00am	Model Railway Weekend begins

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am Holy Communion  
10:00am Sung Eucharist  
6:00pm Evening Prayer

26<sup>th</sup> Monday

*Mark the Evangelist*

27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

*Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894*

29<sup>th</sup> Thursday

*Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the faith, 1380*

9:30am Holy Communion

30<sup>th</sup> Friday

*Practice Night:*

6:45pm Choir

7:30pm Ringers

1<sup>st</sup> May Saturday

*Philip and James, Apostles*

2<sup>ND</sup> MAY SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am Holy Communion  
10:00am Sung Eucharist  
6:00pm Choral Evensong

4<sup>th</sup> May Tuesday

*English Saints & Martyrs of the Reformation Era*

6<sup>th</sup> May Thursday

9:30am Holy Communion followed by Home Communion

7<sup>th</sup> May Friday

*Practice Night:*

6:45pm Choir

7:30pm Ringers

8<sup>th</sup> May Saturday

*Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, 1417*



## REGISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2010

**BAPTISMS:** *We welcome into the Lord's family:*

14<sup>th</sup> Ryan James Dix

**FUNERALS:** *We commend to God's keeping:*

1<sup>st</sup> Laura Jean Jibb



### HOUSE GROUP

7:30pm Wednesdays  
at 45 Crowson Way, DSJ.  
**All welcome!**



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## An open letter to the PCC

I have been given to understand that the Rural Dean has met with certain members of the PCC prior to their last meeting when they discussed the provision of a new minister. As the Rural Dean was the preacher in Church last Sunday 28th, I question why we, the congregation, were not told of the latest developments, if not by her then perhaps by our Chair of the PCC. To me it was an ideal opportunity missed to keep us informed of why it is taking so long to find us a new vicar.

When will we be told what is happening??

*A concerned parishioner  
(Name & address supplied).*

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Dear Bet,

### Re: More on church lighting

I felt moved to write on the issue of the church lighting. As I rode back from the southerly direction from Peakirk one Friday evening in February I was greeted by our beautiful illuminated church spire on the horizon; what a sight that must be for those that have taken the back road route from Peterborough after a hard day's work - beautiful.

On another occasion I was riding back from House Group about 9.30 in the evening up Linchfield Road. There I was greeted by our floodlit battlements of the Priory. Once again a welcoming sight from the North. Then on my nightly dog walks with Jessica I proceed out of Frognall Eastward and I get to the first sharp bend and there, greeting me, is the floodlit view of Crowland Abbey. So despite all the global warming theories through emissions from power stations, John says light the spire to inspire. God Bless.

*John Fisher.*

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## THANK YOU

The family of Stella Moerman would like to thank the Priory Church community for their support and prayers leading up to, and during, her funeral. The whole family was moved to tears at the sight of so many people packed into our church to pay their respects to Stella and we thank each one of them for coming.

We would particularly like to thank Sonia for a moving and personal service both in church and at the crematorium, Phillip Spratley for playing the organ, plus the sides-persons, Doris Belaires and Liz Spratley for taking time out of their busy lives to support us. The flowers by Pauline Brooksbank and Christine Masters were delightful and we were very grateful that they could be displayed in church during Lent.

The catering by Bill and Margaret Flegg was wonderful, as usual, but the way that fresh hot and cold food and refreshments kept on coming to feed so many over 3 hours was amazing and drew comments from many of our friends. It was also very nice that Bill and Margaret were supported by Stella's friends from church and the WI that she loved so much.

We feel very lucky to have had the support of our own curate and Church friends at this time.

Thank you.

*Maarten, Johanna and Victoria and all of the family.*

# Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will this year be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. This annual meeting is a most important event in our Church calendar. It is the opportunity for everybody in the congregation to get up to date on everything to do with the running of the Priory Church here in Deeping St James.

Those of you who have been before will know that during the meeting we will elect Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) and sidespersons (if there is such a word!). Nomination lists will be available at the back of Church for a few weeks before the meeting – do consider whether you could serve in any of these capacities, or whether you might encourage others to do so. We also review the operation of the various sub-committees of the PCC (Fabric, Mission, Pastoral, Social and Worship) and there also opportunities to serve on some of these committees, even if you do not wish to be elected to the PCC itself.

Another regular feature is the presentation of our Financial Accounts – whether we like it or not, a vital factor in the life of our Parish Church.

This year, most importantly, I will be able to give you a full report on progress towards getting a new Priest – and by the time we get to the meeting I believe that I will have positive news to share with you.

There will be plenty of time for you to ask questions of all those who carry out work on your behalf – the Curate, Churchwardens, members of the PCC and leaders of our many Church groups. We'll also be able to thank them for all their hard work.

Light refreshments will be available and I look forward to seeing you all there.

*Martin Fisher.*

## News from the PCC - or Not!



My apologies to all those who have missed my monthly reports of PCC business. This is partly because our meetings have not fitted in very well with the deadlines for “Priory News” and partly because there has been little of any significance to report.

Our most recent meeting was entirely taken up with a discussion about the Vacancy. I know that many of you are very concerned about what is happening and I can assure you that we have been working hard with the Deanery and the Diocese to ensure that a Priest is appointed to minister to the Parish. Although there is still nothing definite to say at the moment, it is my intention to give a full report on the whole matter at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Martin Fisher – Chairman.*



## Wardens' World

Recently, thanks to the good offices of my dear wife, I have been re-making the acquaintance of people I knew, or at least felt I knew. This may seem odd, considering they have all been dead more than 300 years, but some years ago I had reason to study in depth the changing lives and culture of our forebears in the 17th century, a time of colossal social change and tumult, accelerated by scientific discovery, religious tensions and, especially, civil war between parliament and the king's government.

Hard for us to imagine now but early in the 17th century well-mannered children were expected not to sit in the presence of adults but, unless invited, to instead either stand or kneel. There were sumptuary laws which prescribed the clothes people should wear according to their position in life so that for example only the nobility could wear silk. Such attitudes, and many others, were bound to change with the rise to wealth, power and influence of what we now call the middle classes. Probably no-one epitomises the tensions of those changing times better than Isaac Newton, who did so much to unlock the secrets of the physical world with reason and the science of mathematics, yet spent an equal amount of time dabbling in alchemy and trying to interpret the Book of Revelations. Not for nothing is he sometimes known as 'the last magician'.

The book which has transported me back in my mind to England in the 17th century is Claire Tomalin's scholarly but very readable biography of Samuel Pepys, bought for me by Christine at the Ladies' Fellowship jumble sale (price 50p!) What extraordinary times the great diarist lived through, from the Civil War in his boyhood to the Restoration, the great bubonic plague, the fire of London, and national humiliation when the Dutch sailed up the Medway and destroyed much of the English fleet. It is surely impossible not to feel great sympathy for the people of the times. The book has in turn led me to the Internet, to browse at leisure through Pepys's wonderful diary, so vivid one is transported directly in to his life and times, and the lives and preoccupations of those around him.

The people of the 17th century, living through such momentous times of change and confusion, often felt 'the world turned upside down', and this is reflected in their art, and especially their poetry. Yet they went on with their lives as best and as cheerfully as they could. At St James's we are also faced with difficult changes and uncertainty. In the words of the song 'laughing or weeping the world will go on' – and so shall we.

*Tony Masters.*



## News from the Tower

We feel that some thanks should be given to various people who keep the church and its services going, including the church wardens and their committee, all who help with the flowers and cleaning etc. and the junior church leaders. Then there is the

choir with John Worthington and Philip Spratley on the organ. Also thanks to John for his work in producing the magazine, Bet for editing and the magazine delivery team.

The BIGGEST THANKYOU must go to the Rev. Sonia Marshall. Without Sonia where would our church be today? Since Mark Warrick left she has kept the whole church system working. So, from the "Tower Shower" once again a BIG THANKYOU, Sonia.

We are currently organising a tower tour around Rutland Water area for early May. This gives some of the ringers who have only rung our bells the chance to try other bells of various weights.

We welcome anybody who has rung in the past or who wishes to learn. Please contact: Richard, Brenda or Mike.

*Mike Gentle. [And sincere thanks to the "Tower Shower" for all their much appreciated work. Bet.]*



## Did You Know ...

... that years ago benefactors died and left their property in Trust for subsequent generations living in Deeping St James? Income generated was divided up and distinct areas to qualify for grants were laid down - for Relief in Need, Relief in Sickness, Relief in Education and for Community Purposes. These benefactions are now administered by Deeping St James United Charities.

Each year The St Thomas' Day, Charity grants the sum of £25 to each widow aged 60 or over who has lived in Deeping St James for at least 3 years.

You may have heard of the Book Grant, where an annual book allowance is made available to young people from Deeping St James who attend University with an equivalent amount for those students pursuing more vocational courses. Full details are on the charities web site ([www.dsjoinedcharities.org.uk](http://www.dsjoinedcharities.org.uk)).

You may not have heard, however, of the times that Trustees step in to help with transport costs where a loved one is sent to hospital or of the home alterations that we have contributed to where an elderly or sick person can no longer use their existing facilities. Trustees have helped young families with the purchase of furniture, white goods or school trips. In co-operation with the Men's Group they have bought equipment for the disabled.

In the community too they can provide help for Public Purposes. Deeping St James United Charities recently helped fund the alterations in the Priory Church Hall, paid for the benches at Manor Way and at the moment are in the process of sprucing up the piece of land they own by the riverbank in time for Deeping St James in Bloom and for the continued use of residents in the village.

Fortnightly, United Charities fund a Citizens Advice Session in the Institute - the next one being on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk of United Charities is in the Institute on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9am and noon and would be happy to help with preliminary enquiries, which are treated with the utmost confidentiality. If

you or anyone you know needs help please do call (344707 email: [dsjunedcharities@btconnect.com](mailto:dsjunedcharities@btconnect.com) ).

*Carol Precey.*



## **Priory Church Coffee Group**

The Coffee Morning will be held in the Church Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00am. Everyone welcome.

*Carole Mills, Secretary.*

## **Church Ladies' Fellowship**

The CLF Lunch on 26th February raised £ 240.50 for funds, a big thank you to all who attended and to those who helped on the day.

The CLF Rummage sale held on 6th March raised £ 111.00 for funds, thanks again to all those who helped.

*Margaret Flegg.*



## **Teddy's Update**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has had the pattern and made Teddys. I have taken a picture of some of them that are currently waiting for despatch. As you can see they are all individuals and will be loved by a child somewhere in the world.

If there are any bears out there ready to start their journey I would be happy to collect them and start them on their way just give me a call. There is no final date but I do hope to send the majority in the next week or so.

Thank you.

*Carol Precey.*



## **Railway Weekend**



The Priory Church will be holding a Railway Weekend on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in memory of the late John Andrews.

There will be model layouts of different gauges in the church hall and a second hand stall. In church there will be an interior of a working signal box with regular demonstrations of how it works and an opportunity to try out your hand. Also in church there will be continuous DVD, an exhibition of photographs, together with railway relics and nostalgia. On display will be one of two surviving share issue for the Market Deeping Railway which, of course, never materialised.

Lunches and snacks will be available as well as tea, coffee and soft drinks.

Everyone! Do not plan anything for this weekend as you may well be needed.

*Philip Spratley.*



## **Green Wheel Charity Bike Ride**

Jacob and I will be attempting to fulfil a long held ambition this Easter; to cycle the Peterborough Green Wheel outer rim in a day. Jacob's idea - and he tells me it will be 80 kilometres long and within our capabilities. I will go with him to provide moral support and the security of knowing

that he will have a companion with him if things go wrong.

Jacob has planned the expedition and has suggested that we should take this opportunity to raise money for a local charity that I think is close to all of our hearts - The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. He e-mailed the trust and requested that any money raised should be ear-marked for the Deepings Lake Site, and this request was accepted. This little corner of God's Kingdom is enjoyed and appreciated by many of us at the Priory Church, and I am sure that most of us are aware that it relies solely upon volunteers and donations to keep up its own high standards of management and conservation.

We have left a sponsorship form on the notice board by the main door into church, and hope you are able to support us in some way. It would be wonderful to be able to hand over a significant cheque to the warden at some stage after we have recovered from our exertions. Thank you.

*Paul Boswall.*

## **Memories of the Church Ladies' Fellowship**

Rationing had finally finished in 1952 and in the next year the Coronation of the beautiful young Queen Elizabeth had raised the national spirits and given everyone fresh hope and optimism.



Rogation Sunday Service, 1955 or 1956

Deeping St James had a new Vicar, a young, handsome and charismatic Welshman named Rev Urien Evans. He enlivened the Church in every way. The pews were full for Sunday services and at Festivals extra seats had to be brought in to accommodate all the worshippers. There were so many candidates for places on the P.C.C. that there were serious ballots.

The Vicar's wife, Mrs Jan Evans, was also young and energetic and took over the role of President of the Young Wives' Fellowship with enthusiasm. It was her idea to extend the Group into one that also

met in the evening, giving the women some free time without their children. This was in 1955, the date from which the Fellowship counted its rebirth.

More interesting Speakers were booked; at that time more people were taking holidays in Europe and were pleased to come and show their holiday slides on their new projectors; organizers of charities gave talks about their work and we had the chance to try new hobbies and skills. Most popular were the demonstrations, like the ones offered by Boots, whose young ladies came to demonstrate the use of their NO.7 cosmetics and gave some lucky ladies a free facial.

The heavy white crockery of the Church Workers' Guild was replaced with pretty primrose cups, saucers and plates. The Hall had a makeover when the ceiling was lowered, new gas heaters installed and a new floor was laid. Then, in 1960, there was a special service of thanksgiving to mark the building of the extension and the stage area.

Seeing the success of the ladies Group, not only as a social club but also as a help in parish and church affairs, the Rev Urien Evans, together with his friend Mr Jim Sandercombe, started the Deeping Men's Group and, like the Ladies' Group, made it open to any man who wished to join.

The village was stunned when Rev and Mrs Evans announced that they were leaving us to accept a living in Cornwall that was under Crown patronage at Breage, near Penzance.



Presentation by Gordon Crowson to Rev Urien and Mrs Jan Evans on leaving the parish.  
L-R: The Jones family - Urien, Angela, Jan, Roger

*To be continued ...*

*Nancy Titman.*



## Deepings Art Club Exhibition

An exhibition of the Deepings Art Club (SAA Branch) will be held on Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April between 10:30am and 5:30pm at The Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping (next to Toninos). This will be the first exhibition by this lively and talented group of artists. There will be over 70 paintings on display (many for sale).

Free admission. For further information please contact me.

*Anne Smart.*



## Making Waves

If you would like a good laugh, go and see 'Making Waves', the latest production of the Methodist Church's drama group A.C.T.S. on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The sketches, based on Biblical themes, are hilarious yet thought-provoking and will give you a new insight into some well-known stories. Interlude music by their Worship Group will add to the enjoyment of the evening.

Tickets @ £5 are available from Sandra Holden.

*Adrian Browne.*

## Cooking with Margaret

**Salmon and Leek Parcels** (*Kindly sent to us by Susan*)



### Ingredients

- 4 leeks, trimmed and finely chopped
- 25g butter
- 100g full-fat crème fraîche or cream cheese
- 6 sheets filo pastry
- 2 skinless salmon fillets

### Method

- 1) Heat oven to 200°C/ fan 180°C/ Gas 6. Put the leeks into a large saucepan with 3 tbsp water and a couple of knobs of butter. Cover, then cook for 10 mins until tender. Remove from the pan, allow to cool, then mix with the crème fraîche and some seasoning.
- 2) To assemble the parcels: Brush a sheet of pastry with melted butter, then lay 2 more sheets on top, brushing with butter between each layer. Place a salmon fillet in the centre, season, then spoon over half the leek mixture. Fold the ends over the top, pull up the sides and scrunch together to enclose. Repeat for second parcel.
- 3) Brush both parcels with melted butter. Put onto a lightly greased baking sheet, then cook for 20-25 mins until browned and crisp.



*Margaret Flegg.*

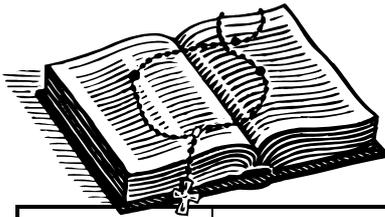
Delicious served with a green salad.

# ROTAS FOR APRIL

		Servers	Sidespersons	Intercessions
<b>THU 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>			
	<b>7:30pm</b>	John Sellars Simon Marshall		Niccy Fisher
<b>FRI 2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>			
	<b>10:30am</b>	Geoff Armstrong		
<b>SUN 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Chris Halley Simon Marshall	<b>Team B:</b> Joy Cunningham, Ann Meekings	Bet Washbrooke
	<b>6:00pm</b>	John Sellars		
<b>SUN 11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	<b>10:00am</b>	John Sellars Paul Boswall	<b>Team C:</b> Cled Bennett, Adrian Hallam, Tim Hitchborn	John Marsh
	<b>6:00pm</b>			
<b>SUN 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Paul Boswall	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	<b>10:00am</b>	Simon Marshall Chris Halley	<b>Team D:</b> Kim Hallam, Graham Hardy, Trevor Harwood	Richard Gamman
	<b>6:00pm</b>			
<b>SUN 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	<b>10:00am</b>	John Sellars Simon Marshall	<b>Team E:</b> Liz Bridgeman, Bill & Margaret Flegg	Sonia Marshall
	<b>6:00pm</b>			
<b>SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	<b>10:00am</b>	Chris Halley Paul Boswall	<b>Team F:</b> Doris Bellairs, Christine Masters, Val Wilde	Tony Masters
	<b>6:00pm</b>	John Sellars		

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<b>THU 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>				
	<b>7:30pm</b>	Tony Masters	Cled Bennett		
<b>FRI 2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>				
	<b>10:30am</b>	Martin Fisher	Niccy Fisher		
<b>SUN 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Joy Cunningham	Graham Hardy	Bill & Margaret Flegg	
<b>SUN 11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Jacob Boswall	John Marsh	Christine Payne Ann Meekings	
<b>SUN 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Trevor Harwood	Liz Bridgeman	Pat Feek Doris Warner	
<b>SUN 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Bill Flegg	Roger Bridgeman	Martin & Niccy Fisher	
<b>SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Niccy Fisher	Adrian Hallam	Dick & Anthea Wray	

	<b>Sunday Coffee</b>	<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<b>Brasses</b>
<b>SUN 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	Bill & Margaret Flegg	EASTER	Janet Lill Marion Stevens	Joan Dyke
<b>SUN 11<sup>TH</sup></b>	Ann Bennett Penny Hebblewhite	Vacant		
<b>SUN 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	John & Sue Marsh	Margaret Flegg	Dick & Anthea Wray	
<b>SUN 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	Diane Templeton Johanna Jones	Joan Dyke		
<b>SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b>	Pat Feek Doris Warner	Mr Bond	Josie Waghorn Joy Cunningham	



## READINGS FOR APRIL

<b>THU 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>			
	<b>7:30pm</b>	Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14	1 Cor 11: 23-26	John 13: 1-17, 31-35
<b>FRI 2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY (GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY)</b>			
	<b>10:30am</b>	Isaiah 52:13-end; 53:1-end	Hebrews 10: 16-25	John 18:1-end; 19:1-end
<b>SUN 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>EASTER DAY</b>			
	<b>9:00am</b>	Isaiah 65: 17-end	Acts 10: 34-43	John 20: 1-18
	<b>6:00pm</b>	Psalm 66: 1-11	Isaiah 43: 1-21	1 Cor 15: 1-11
<b>SUN 11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (LOW SUNDAY)</b>			
	<b>Morning</b>	Acts 5: 27-32	Revelation 1: 4-8	John 20: 19-31
<b>SUN 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
	<b>Morning</b>	Acts 9: 1-20	Revelation 5: 11-14	John 21: 1-19
<b>SUN 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
	<b>Morning</b>	Acts 9: 36-43	Revelation 7: 9-17	John 10: 22-30
<b>SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b>	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
	<b>Morning</b>	Acts 11: 1-18	Revelation 21: 1-6	John 13: 31-35
	<b>Evening</b>	Psalm 98	Daniel 6: 1-23	Mark 15:46-end; 16:1-8



# *Bishop's Letter*

Dear Friends

## **By George, its Easter!**

This year Easter falls early in April and, of course, as usual St. George's Day falls towards the end of the month.

Celebrating St. George is especially significant in England, and 23rd April is also the birthday of William Shakespeare. So our Patron Saint and most iconic poet and dramatist combined to fuel our sense of national pride, and may even contribute to that air of effortless superiority which seems to come over English people at this time of the year.

But this should be tempered by the fact that this red-letter day in our national calendar falls within the season of Easter. This is the season when we celebrate Jesus breaking free from the bonds which bind us, so that borders and boundaries become not barriers but meeting places.

National pride is an important part of our identity as citizens who belong to a particular place, with all that its history and culture means to us and those around us. It can be cause for celebration and bring us together in positive ways. But it can also mutate into the worst kinds of nationalism which set people over against one another and release the dogs of war. "My country right or wrong" can never be an acceptable rallying cry for those who know themselves to be citizens of the world, and members of the human family transcending national boundaries.

This will be especially true for those who live by faith in the resurrection of Jesus. During the Easter season we are reminded of how He commissioned the disciples to take the good news of His risen life to the uttermost parts of the earth, and it was clearly not going to be subject to border controls or lines on a map.

At the heart of Easter is a message for all people at all times and in all places. It is the ultimate antidote to the worst excesses of nationalism and patriotic fervour. This may be something the people of this nation will need to bear in mind as we prepare for a General Election, so that global as well as local considerations inform our decisions and our destiny.

+ John Lincoln