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## Holy Week & Easter

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8:00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### 2 April – Good Friday

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### 4 April – Easter Day

9:30am Parish Eucharist on Facebook

11:00am St Mary's Kidz all-age service on Facebook  
*for all the family, check the website for more information.*

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## The Vicar writes

'What is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visitest him?'

I found these words, oddly enough, in a footnote of a book on chaos and complexity, which I'd received as the Physics prize in the Lower Sixth. As my knowledge of the Bible was mainly confined to the syllabus of GCSE Religious Studies (paper 2, Mark's gospel), I wasn't familiar with the psalms and these words hit me between the eyes. I can't now remember why a book on physics had cause to use this quotation, but it seemed me, in quite another context, to sum up a fundamental question we all ask: 'what is man?' To use a more recent translation, 'What are mortals that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings that you should seek them out?'

Besides books on physics, when I had the time I devoured books on philosophy, literature, mathematics, all, I suppose, in a quest to explore the meaning of life. What does it mean to be a human being? Are we just random collections of atoms? Or is there something more, some purpose, some meaning, to who we are and this universe in which we live.

The answers are written in a thousand places, and many more answers as yet unwritten, but I came to find the most profound answers to these questions told in the passion of Christ, and his resurrection. God became one of us, and lived, and died, giving himself for us, and rose again. In that sentence, I encompass the story in a few words. But I only really understand, on a level that is emotional, intellectual, and physical, when I had travelled through Holy Week, in 1997 at Magdalen College Chapel in Oxford. I hadn't yet even been confirmed, but I was a regular server at our Sung Eucharists, and stayed up during the Easter vacation to be an acolyte. The story of the Passion was familiar to me, of course, from those GCSE studies of Mark's gospel, but for me and a few friends from the chapel community in those days, the Passion came alive in liturgy and music. The stripping of the altar moved some of us to tears as Jesus was arrested on Maundy Thursday evening. In the bleakness of Good Friday, what God did for us in Christ made itself known to me more powerfully than ever. And as the new fire threw back the darkness early on Easter morning, I felt viscerally the power of the resurrection, the joy of the gospel, and understood in my heart God's promise that all will be well.

This, I believe, is the lens by which we can best answer that question, 'what is man?' In Holy Week and Easter we see that God, eternal and impassible, is not only mindful of us, but loves us, with a love stronger than death. Each and every one of us is made in the image of God, and made not just for this life, but to be held forever in the arms of God. Only with this lens, I have found, does the world and human life make some kind of sense.

So while it's a wrench to leave Ewell and the community here, it seems fitting to do so after we walk together, one more time, that story of Holy Week and Easter. I am sad that we can't do some in the normal way, with the ritual and music, that made the Christian faith come alive for me 24 years ago and almost every Easter since. I am sad not to be able to sing, one

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last time as Vicar of Ewell, the jubilant exultet at the Easter vigil, as the Paschal candle is blessed anew for the year ahead. We will, of course, observe the greatest week of the Christian year in the way that is right and appropriate for the circumstances of 2021, virtually and in the ways we may be able to meet. But it is still a loss not to do so as we would wish, one more loss set against so many of the past twelve months.

I suppose the experience of Holy Week 1997 reinforced for me the belief that Christianity is not just about intellectual faith, rationality, and feeling. It is also embodied. God seeks out human beings, and came to us, in the incarnation of Christ, not just as an idea, but as flesh and blood. In his earthly ministry, Jesus reached out to people not just in their minds and emotions, but brought healing to their bodies and challenged the injustice of society. The Christian faith can't be locked away in our heads, it has to be lived out. I think that's why it only fully made sense to me when the story of Easter was told not only with words, but with sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste - and in community. I have found the same here in Ewell, where our prayers are rooted in the soil where we live, where we care about our buildings and social life and our neighbours, not as things extra to our spiritual life, but integral to it.

And I suppose it is the same belief that gives me my interest in ecclesiastical law. We can't be Christians alone. If St Mary's Ewell - or any church - is to try to continue Jesus's work, we need structures, ways of making decisions and allocating resources. The law of the church shapes the Body of Christ on earth. At its best it can free us to be the communities God wants us to be. And so I hope to contribute something in teaching and research in canon law which may, with God's help, benefit his church. The real work of the church, of course, is what we've tried to do together in this village and surrounding area these past eleven and a half years, and which you will continue to do, after Easter and long into the future: sharing the love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell. May God bless you in all that you do.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Your friend and Parish Priest

Russell Dewhurst

**CAFE NESCO**

On Tuesdays in term time, students from NESCO are serving simple lunches in our church hall (London Rd, opposite the church) between 12 and 1.30pm.

Soup, sandwiches, salad, and cakes, with tea, coffee, and soft drinks.

Everyone welcome!

**Postponed till further notice**

**STOP PRESS**

**Resolution made by the PCC 22 March 2021**

At the present time, the number of COVID cases has gone down significantly from January when we suspended public worship, and most of the people at greatest risk have begun to be vaccinated. Having assessed the risks and the government roadmap, we are not yet ready to restore weekly worship, but consider it is right to open for the great festivals so that people can receive communion. However the intention is not to encourage all members of the congregation to attend this service, but those who after having considered their individual vulnerabilities to the virus still wish to attend they are welcome to do so. Therefore there will be a Eucharist open to the congregation on Easter Day and at Pentecost. On other Sundays the Parish Eucharist will remain online only. It is hoped that we will return to weekly services with a congregation from Pentecost onwards.

***If you wish to attend the 9:30am Parish Eucharist on Easter Day (4 April), please phone or email churchwarden Valerie Wood on 020 8393 5991 or [churchwarden1@stmarysewell.com](mailto:churchwarden1@stmarysewell.com). Only those who book a place can be admitted on this occasion. The number that can attend in person will be limited by the need to observe social distancing.***



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## IN CHURCH IN APRIL

### *The Churchwardens report:*

Once again, we are not able to say when and in what circumstances events in church will re-commence. This is under constant review and until we know more, we will continue with the present online basis, and, for those without internet access, by the monthly ministerial newsletters from Sue and Maggie.

During Holy Week the services we are offering at the time of writing are as follows:

**Maundy Thursday, 1 April:** 8:00pm live-streamed service at: [www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live)

**Good Friday, 2 April:** The Church will be open from 11:00am to 3:00pm for private prayer. Please remember to wear a facemask. Children's Stations of the Cross can be followed in the churchyard by individuals or family groups from 11:00am to noon. Self guidance booklets will be available

**Easter Day, 4 April:** 09:30am live-streamed Parish Eucharist at [www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live)

All our live-streamed services are recorded and are available afterwards on our Facebook page.

As we are all aware, 4 April is also a special day at St Mary's, which will be tinged with much sadness from the congregation and the whole parish. We have to wish Russell farewell as he is off to pastures new where he will be undertaking quite a different role to that of being the Vicar of a Parish Church. He leaves a transformed church, having introduced so many new and varied services, events, relationships not only with his parishioners and the whole Village but far beyond, and we have much to thank him for over the past eleven-and-a-half years.

Following Russell's departure we will continue the online 09:30 Sunday parish Eucharist services:

Sue is presiding on the 11 April and 2 May, both dates live-streamed from church at [www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live)

Maggie presiding on the 18 and 25 April by recorded/video from home at [www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/videos](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/videos)

St Mary's Kidz will continue online at 11:00am each

Sunday at [www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/videos](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/videos) ably managed by Sandi, our Children and Families Worker and available to watch online afterwards.

We are pleased to announce that commencing 8 April until further notice, the church will be open Thursday evenings from 5.30 to 6.30pm for private prayer, as we did for part of last year. Please remember to wear your face mask.

On Tuesday 13 April Jonathan's monthly recital will be Bach IV, broadcast at 1.05pm on Facebook. Please see our website for the programme.

The next of our popular parish quizzes will be on Wednesday 14 April at 8:00pm. Sign-up details will be in the Weekly Notes and in the mailing list nearer the time.

Please check with the website and Weekly Notes for any up-dates for all of the above services and events.

Discussions and meetings are on-going regarding the forthcoming interregnum and we already have in place the Clergy who will be presiding at the foreseeable Sunday services. As mentioned in last month's EPN, we reiterate that there is an online meeting with Danny Wignall, the Mission Enabler from the Diocese, and the PCC and certain key team members of St Mary's, on Sunday 28 March, following which the draft Parish Profile and Statement of Need will be progressed. We should have more to report in next month's issue of the EPN.

*Valerie Wood and Nicholas Allsopp, Churchwardens*

## PEACE AND REJOICING

Last January we included in the monthly letter from the Ministry Team that is posted to everyone without internet connection or who is especially isolated this blessing -

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

Amen.

The author is Peter Sutcliffe and the blessing is in the service of Morning Prayer in the Northumbria Community's Celtic Daily Prayer published by Collins. We have been given permission to share it with you in St Mary's Ewell Parish News.

We both use the Northumbria Community's Celtic Daily Prayer in their personal prayers and hope that you find the words of the blessing comforting. They assure us that Christ's love constantly surrounds us in our homes or wherever we are and whatever challenges we are facing. As we journey through this month and the months ahead without a vicar the words seem especially poignant. So too do the words about 'bringing you home rejoicing once again into our doors' as we look forward to the church doors being open again for us all to worship together from 23 May, which is the church's great festival of Pentecost!

*Maggie and Sue*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS FUNERALS

**I will come again and take you to myself  
(St. John 14:3)**

18 February	Rosemarie Dancer, aged 87
25 February	Sarah Maureen Kiggins, aged 85
4 March	Ann Rosina Lowe, aged 77

### *Ashes Interment*

3 March	Jeanette Nellie Jerome, aged 88
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## SHOULD WE FEED BIRDS?

"Feed the birds! Tuppence a bag"

I expect you will know this song from the classic musical 'Mary Poppins'. Though it is food for city pigeons the Bird Lady has in mind, the underlying thought leads me to consider the whole nature of putting out food for birds.

People ask me sometimes, should we feed birds at all? It is true we humans get a lot of pleasure from watching them as they congregate around the garden feeder; but is our pleasure the most important thing? Is feeding them harmful in any way? When do we stop feeding birds? Do we carry on all year? Here, and in next month's EPN, we can perhaps examine this subject, and bear in mind what the current thinking is.

There has been a significant shift in our attitude to the matter of bird feeding in recent years. At one time, it was most unusual for anyone to put food out for birds, at least in rural areas. For one thing, there were more birds about then, and always plenty of grain lying about in farmyards where sparrows and finches were happy to peck; if animals were out in the fields, some birds were always hopping around them, picking up insects. Admittedly a few people would chuck out left-overs such as bread-crumbs and other kitchen scraps, and birds would come to eat them. I think this situation began to change with primary school education - children love nature - combined with increased awareness of the existence of bodies such as the RSPB, and what these organisations strive to do. As I see it, there is some irony in that, as populations of many birds continue to decline, yet we are much more aware of the existence of birds in the general environment.

The consensus of opinion is that, on the whole, it does no harm to feed birds and may even be beneficial. It used to be thought that birds would become over-dependent on humans for food and lose the ability to find it for themselves. Although a case could be made for individual birds getting lazy, as it were, the evidence does not really suggest that, and the matter of feeding doing overall harm is very much in doubt. Extra energy gained from food that we provide helps them in the desperate search for food during the winter months. As insects become scarcer, the biology undergoes a change as insect-eating species switch diet. An example of this is the Blackcap, a type of warbler commonly seen in Ewell. Traditionally, this species used to migrate to southern Europe. It has been observed that more and more Blackcaps are staying on. It must be worthwhile for them to run the risk of starvation by doing so, and it is known they have adapted to a diet of seeds and berries all of which are in abundance at this time of year.

More recently, we have learned that the most crucial time of all for us to help birds is right now, that is, in early spring. In next month's edition of EPN, we can go into the question why this should be so.

## An Easter Prayer



The past year has seen each one of us 'locked in', away from what we thought of as normal life. A global pandemic has changed all our lives. But now there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel. Easter is very much upon us! So, as never before, let us truly greet our risen Lord.

Lord, Jesus, you have risen to new life! Alleluia!

Lord, this we may say but, often we remain deaf to hearing the good news and power of your resurrection story. Let it not be so this Easter tide. Even when we do hear the good news, we so often fail to respond and allow it to change us. Let it not be so this Eastertide.

So, Lord, we pray open our eyes that we may see your glory and recognise your renewing and life-giving spirit in the world around us. Help us to see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your ever-loving presence.

All too often, events, relationships, the pressures of everyday life seek to entomb us, shutting out the light. This has been even more true this past year. Where we have buried and ignored our compassion, sense of justice, mercy, humility, humanity, willingness to forgive, break open the tomb that engulfs us, we pray.

Lord, open our lives to your resurrection power! Raise up all that is dead and empty within us that we may live each day as you would have us live it. Lord, in you we have found a saviour no grave can withstand. Help us to find that miracle of new life that we too may live more fully in the knowledge of your saving grace.



## FROM OUR CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER

Hi Everyone,

**Grab a bag of M&M's and then  
read through the poem below**

This poem highlights for us the importance of Easter and how blessed we are to have been given a second chance by God. God sent His only son, Jesus to save us from our sins, so that we could live a life with Him in Heaven. Imagine how BIG of a sacrifice that was that God made, to give up his son, so that we could be forgiven. We are truly blessed by this gift and must not forget the greatest sacrifice of all that we have received. Let's remember the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus gave to us, this Easter.

### The SWEET truth of Easter

These candies tell a story - the best news you'll ever hear.

It's about Jesus dying on the cross, so that we could be brought near.

So, hold them and turn them and you will see the "M" become a "W", an "E" and then a "3".

The "E" stands for Easter. God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.

It reminds us of the cross and the way God rescued sinful man.

The "3" represent the 3 days Jesus spent in the grave".

By His death, His children He did save.

The "M" reminds us of the mercy the Messiah showed, as He died in our place.

And the miracle of the resurrection so we can see Him face to face.

The "W" reminds us that He alone is worthy of our worship and praise

And calls us to be His witnesses around the world for all of our days.

*By Bethany Tapp*

I hope that you all have a truly amazing Easter and that this time is one of hope, joy, empowerment and appreciation for the sacrifice Jesus gave for us.

Let us use this incredible blessing to make the most out of each new day and to live in a way that makes God proud.

All the best,

Sandi Keen

*Children and Families worker*  
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## FOOD BANK WISH LIST

For some parents, the easing of lockdown allowing children to return to school is a blessing not just because the children are being taught at school and able to see their friends again, but because they will be having a meal there as well. Whilst there are families struggling to make ends meet who have received very welcome food parcels during this time, they still have gas and electricity bills to pay so a hot meal eaten at school is a big help. Occasionally, for a specific reason, Foodbank gives small sums of money to those people who are in desperate need. If giving a donation instead of food is something that you would prefer to do, then visit the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank website where you can donate on line.

The items that Foodbank is asking for at the moment are - **Easter treats and small eggs (larger Easter eggs often get broken), tinned fruit, packet soup, long-life fruit juice, spaghetti-in-sauce, sanitary towels, UHT milk (blue and green only), kids toothpaste, noodles (i.e. super noodle, pot noodles, straight to wok noodles), pump soap, household cleaning, male deodorant, nappies (size 2, 4, 6 nappies and pants, 6+ nappies and pants).**

Not wanted - pasta (i.e. penne, fusilli, shell pasta and so on), pulses, tinned tomatoes, honey, marmalade, spreads and porridge.

On behalf of the Foodbank, thank you for your support.

*DB*

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



The World Day of Prayer service for our area held on Friday 5 March was, due to the virus, recorded and broadcast on St Mary's Facebook and YouTube. The number of people who viewed the service was about one hundred and ten which compares very favourably with the sixty or seventy who would normally attend the church service in person. As well as those who viewed the service, booklets were given out to about fifty people who did not have access to the internet making it one of the biggest 'congregations' the World Day of Prayer service has had for many years in the Ewell and Stoneleigh area. Thanks go to those who made the service possible in these difficult times.

*Dorothy Baxter*

## ROSEMARIE DANCER 29/04/1933 - 1/02/2021

Rosemarie was born in 1933 in Berlin. Her mother was born a Jew, her father a German protestant. At the start of the war in 1939, the Jews were given an ultimatum by Hitler. They could leave or face the consequences. Rosemarie's aunt managed to secure a position for our Gran as a live-in housekeeper and she could bring her child with her. So, Rosemarie escaped Nazi Germany to live a new life living in Manchester.

As many of her family as possible scattered to different parts of the world, America, Israel Czechoslovakia and the UK.

Life was not easy for the two of them, Rosemarie would tell me that her mother would often show her, her empty purse and say she had nothing. Maybe that's why, when more secure in later life, Rosemarie would always make sure she had a spare for nearly everything she needed - from light bulbs to pats of butter and frankfurters!

During the war Rosemarie was evacuated again, this time to the Lake District. Under Hitler's regime, Rosemarie's parents were divorced. Remarriage on both sides led to an extended family, here in England and in Germany. Rosemarie worked hard to make connections with them all. She was 16 before she saw her father again. When he passed away, she continued to maintain family contacts and enjoyed the relationships that grew with her two half-brothers, step-sister and step-mother. Her step-mother is still going strong at 100 years of age.

Rosemarie left school at the age of 16 and worked at Chester Library. It was through mutual friends there that she met Peter in 1957 over a game of scrabble. Through nearly 60 years of marriage this became the family game. The scrabble board would be brought out on many a festival, birthday, or celebration. Rosemarie would often say, with a twinkle in her eye, that her lack of a university education obviously put her at a disadvantage, but then always held her own and frequently beat the whole family - despite all of their degree qualifications! Nothing pleased her more than to score 50 bonus points for putting all 7 letters down at once, an annoyingly common occurrence. Over the years, she only got better as her love of the programme Countdown grew!



Rosemarie and Dad moved to Ewell in 1970, after a series of moves every 2 years. Married life had started in Winchester, then took them to Bury St Edmunds, Chelmsford and Chester until Dad's final position as Assistant County Treasurer in Surrey. Mark and Paul were born in Bury St Edmunds and Susan in Chelmsford. Rosemarie was a full time mother for many years and the family was well loved and looked after. Amongst her things are many, many photographs of her three children and of course her beloved grandchildren. She was immensely proud of them all.

From Rosemarie came the family's love of music. She encouraged all three children to explore the world of singing, piano, clarinet, flute and viola. It meant a lot to her that we all enjoyed singing. She was immensely proud of Mark's huge talent and got great joy from hearing his weekly organ voluntaries via YouTube throughout lockdown. A good soprano singer in her own right, she sang with choral societies and chamber choirs all her life - in Chester, then Ashted and Banstead. She had a clear, tuneful, accurate voice and was a great asset to the choirs she sang with. She was concert secretary for some years, for the St Cecilia Chorus, organised and efficient, the role suited her well. She was still singing with her choir this time last year.

When the children were more independent, Rosemarie ventured back into the world of work as a Dental Office manager in Epsom. Again, her organisational skills made her very well suited for the role and she worked there until she retired.

As lockdown struck, Rosemarie became unwell but soldiered on determined to remain independent for as long as possible. A short illness in December led her to a nursing home, whilst plans for her to come home were made. Her first dose of the vaccine was given... too late and she contracted the virus and simultaneously suffered a heart attack. She passed away in St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey.

Rosemarie gave kind words of support and advice to all she met - family and friends alike. She is much missed by all her family.



**THE ECO-GROUP'S TIP FOR APRIL**

Are you giving yourself an Easter treat?

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<p><b>ACCEPTED WASTE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 All brands of Non-savoury wrappers</li> <li>2 All brands of Cracker Wrappers</li> <li>3 All brand of Cake Wrappers</li> </ol> <p>See the picture above for what you can send in through this recycling programme. Then, every time you enjoy any biscuit, cracker or cake, save the packaging and send it on to TerraCycle®.</p> <p>Please note that we accept only flexible plastic packaging and not cardboard packaging, as these can be recycled through local council recycling.</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED WASTE</b></p> <p>Any brand of bread loaf bags</p> <p><b>Waste that is NOT accepted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baguette packaging</li> <li>• Bread roll packaging</li> <li>• Bagel, pretzel and crumpet packaging</li> <li>• Wraps, pitta breads, naans and garlic breadpackaging</li> <li>• Croissants, brioche and pastry packaging</li> <li>• Teacakes, fruit loaves and scones packaging</li> <li>• Doughnuts, cookies and muffin packaging</li> <li>• Cake, cake bars and slices packaging</li> <li>• Pancake and waffle packaging</li> </ul>
SWEETS	CRISPS & NUTS
<p><b>ACCEPTED WASTE</b></p> <p>All brands of plastic confectionery packaging are accepted in the programme, examples of which can be seen below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plastic chocolate and sweets pouches and bags</li> <li>Chocolate and sweets multipack outer plastic packaging</li> <li>Individual chocolate bar wrappers</li> <li>Plastic chocolate block wrappers</li> </ul> <p><b>Waste that is NOT accepted</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast, granola and energy bar wrappers</li> <li>• Aluminium foil, cardboard and paper wrappers. For example: individual foil and paper packets (like ROWNTREE'S® Fruit Pastilles or KITKAT® Biscuits) and cardboard tubes and boxes (like SMARTIES® or AFTER EIGHT®) are not accepted in this programme. These can be recycled via local council facilities.</li> <li>• Metal tins and rigid plastic trays or tubs. For example: QUALITY STREET® plastic tubs or DAIRY BOX® chocolate box packaging are not accepted in this programme. These can be recycled via local council facilities.</li> <li>• QUALITY STREET® wrappers</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACCEPTED WASTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any brand of nut packets</li> <li>Any brand of pretzel packets</li> <li>Any brand of popcorn packets</li> <li>Any brand of crisp packets</li> <li>Any brand of crisps, popcorn and pretzels multi-packs</li> </ul> <p><b>Waste that is NOT accepted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seed packets</li> <li>• Nutrient powder and topper packets</li> <li>• Dried fruit packets</li> <li>• Meat snacking packets</li> <li>• Crisp tubes</li> </ul>

If you gave up chocolate, biscuits, sweets or crisps for Lent, some of you may be giving yourselves an Easter treat! Or you might be giving yourself a treat anyway! The question is what to do with the packets as they can't go in our re-cycling bins? In past editions of EPN (November 2020 and February 2021) we've mentioned the wide range of items accepted by a company called TerraCycle. A useful summary is shown above.

You may wonder about the heading which mentions 'Cuddington Terracycle Scheme'. The summary was reproduced as part of the 'Cleaner Cuddington Campaign' in the free magazine 'The Cuddingtonian', which I receive as I live in Worcester Park in the ward of Cuddington. We're grateful for the opportunity to reproduce such useful information in EPN.

Our nearest Terracycle drop off points are -

- 233 The Greenway, KT18 7JE (just past Epsom Hospital going towards Ashted)

- 21 Highfield Drive, Ewell (Thanks to Caroline. You can contact Caroline at [c\\_keenan2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:c_keenan2004@yahoo.co.uk))
- Cunliffe Road, Stoneleigh (opposite the Post Office on Vale Road KT19 0PJ)
- Shadbolt Park, Salisbury Rd, Worcester Park KT4 7BX (use the entrance to the Shadbolt Park House Surgery)
- Knollmead, Tolworth KT5 9QP (in the road with Knollmead Primary School)

Through donating clean, flat packets and 'posting them' in the relevant bin you'll be saving landfill waste and raising money for charities!

If you have any ideas you'd like to feed in or a favourite tip to share please get in touch with me at:

[assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com](mailto:assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com) or 020 8337 6347.

Sue Ayling

## BACH ORGAN RECITAL 9 February 2021

Owing to building works, the Willis organ was not available for today's Bach recital. Instead Jonathan Holmes, St. Mary's Director of Music, performed the music on his own Viscount organ. What it is to have an organ at home! It makes a good sound, judging by what we can hear on the recording (on which this review is based).

The opening work was the **Toccat, Adagio and Fugue in C major, BWV 564** which dates from Bach's Weimar years, i.e. fairly early in his career. It was at Weimar that Bach wrote the majority of his organ works. Readers should note that the Italian word 'toccata' which appears so often in connection with Bach's music, simply means 'touch', and had been in use by composers before Bach. Very quickly – perhaps owing a lot to Bach himself who was extremely proficient on the organ – the word acquired connotations of virtuosity and so it has continued to this day. More modern composers have written toccatas. One such is the youthful Prokofiev who wrote a Toccata in C (opus 7) for himself to play (and thereby hope to dazzle his audience). This piece remains a challenge for all but the most skilful pianist. Bach's Toccata, Adagio and Fugue is unique among Bach's organ compositions in having a central slow movement, the Adagio. The idea of having a slow movement is actually reminiscent of concerto form, which is three movements Fast-Slow-Fast; Bach himself wrote several keyboard concertos. This particular toccata is unique for its extended passage for pedals only, one of the longest and most exciting that Bach ever wrote.

Readers will recall the name Catherine Winkworth in connection with my last Bach review. She was a 19th century translator into singable English of several German chorales. One of these which is still widely used in England is 'Dearest Jesu, we are here...' In German this is the chorale **Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier** and the catalogue number is BWV 730. Another chorale prelude - one that Winkworth did not translate – is **Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727**. This title translates as 'I do desire deeply'. During the course of his journey through all Bach's organ music, Jonathan has played several chorale preludes and has explained the place of a chorale prelude in a Lutheran service. It usually preceded a congregational singing of the chorale. So imaginative and virtuosic were the young Bach's chorale preludes that congregations allegedly could not follow the tune, and in due course he was asked to seek work elsewhere.

We have not said goodbye to Catherine Winkworth just yet, because she puts in a final appearance today in **Trio super Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wenden, BWV 656**. In Winkworth's translation the words begin 'Lord Jesus Christ, be present now'. Rather like the trio sonatas Bach wrote, this particular trio is ideal for organ with two manuals plus pedals, and, like the Toccata, Adagio and Fugue above, is reminiscent of concerto form. This chorale prelude rounded off the concert nicely with Bach's word-painting of the words 'eternal joy' as represented in the music.

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## BACSECT NEWSLETTER No 4 March 2021



I am sending this March newsletter around just at the time we would normally be over in The Gambia visiting the school and I have to say that 5 degrees in UK is not quite the same as 35 degrees in The Gambia!

The school has had a visit this week from the Ministry of Education who have gifted the school with some free face masks and soap and hand sanitizer which is really good news, although we are still having to ship out 2000 face masks this month. The officials were very happy with all the safety aspects at the school and made particular mention and praise of all the educational wall posters that are up in every classroom. We usually take as many as we can with us each time we visit.

We are just in the process of sending out 30 folding exam desks so that the school has facilities to spread children out into a meeting room and also take on new students.

Strict regulations banning any form of meetings or social gatherings come into force this week as the second wave of the virus continues to spread. Fortunately the school can stay open this time.

In state schools some children are now only going to classes 3 times in a week because of overcrowding so we are pleased that our class sizes are acceptable to the ministry.

The cost of living has risen dramatically and the school is to hold a charity day on Easter Saturday when they will distribute food, clothes and shoes to the local community in an effort to help those who live around the school.

Thank you so much for all your support.

Revd John Baxter

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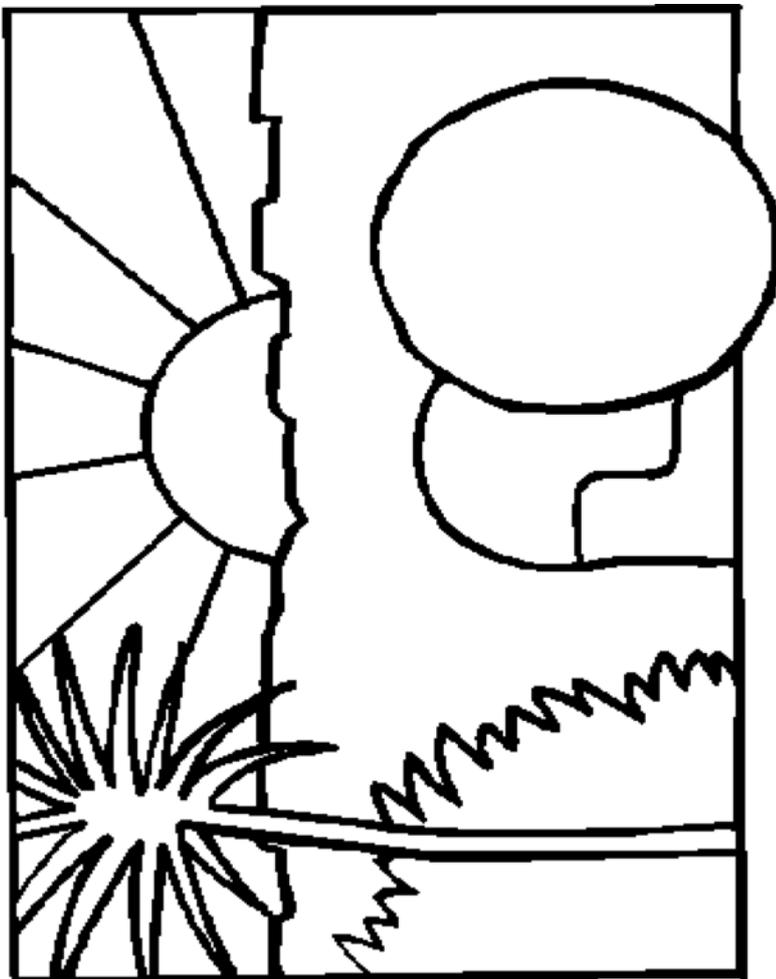
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# Young Church Mag

04 April 2021: Easter Day; Mark 16:1-8



Early on Easter Sunday morning, Mary Magdalen, Mary the mother of James, and Salome arrived at Jesus' tomb. The stone had been rolled away from the entrance!

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## Easter Eggs

Eggs at Easter, eggs to colour,  
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Dyed or patterned, real or handmade,  
For an egg-cup, nest or plate.

Eggs a-boiling, eggs a-rolling,  
Which one has the hardest shell?  
Who can roll their egg the farthest  
Without breaking? Who can tell?

Eggs in chocolate, crisp and hollow,  
Wrapped in silver paper tight,  
Easter taste and Easter newness  
Come with spring and sunshine bright.

Eggs are given, eggs are hidden,  
Brought by rabbits or by bells;  
Hide-and-seek in many countries,  
Children spot the coloured shells.

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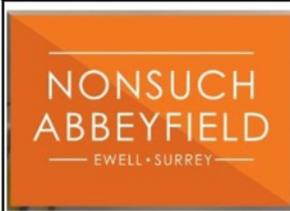


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If you would like to support St Mary's by regular

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