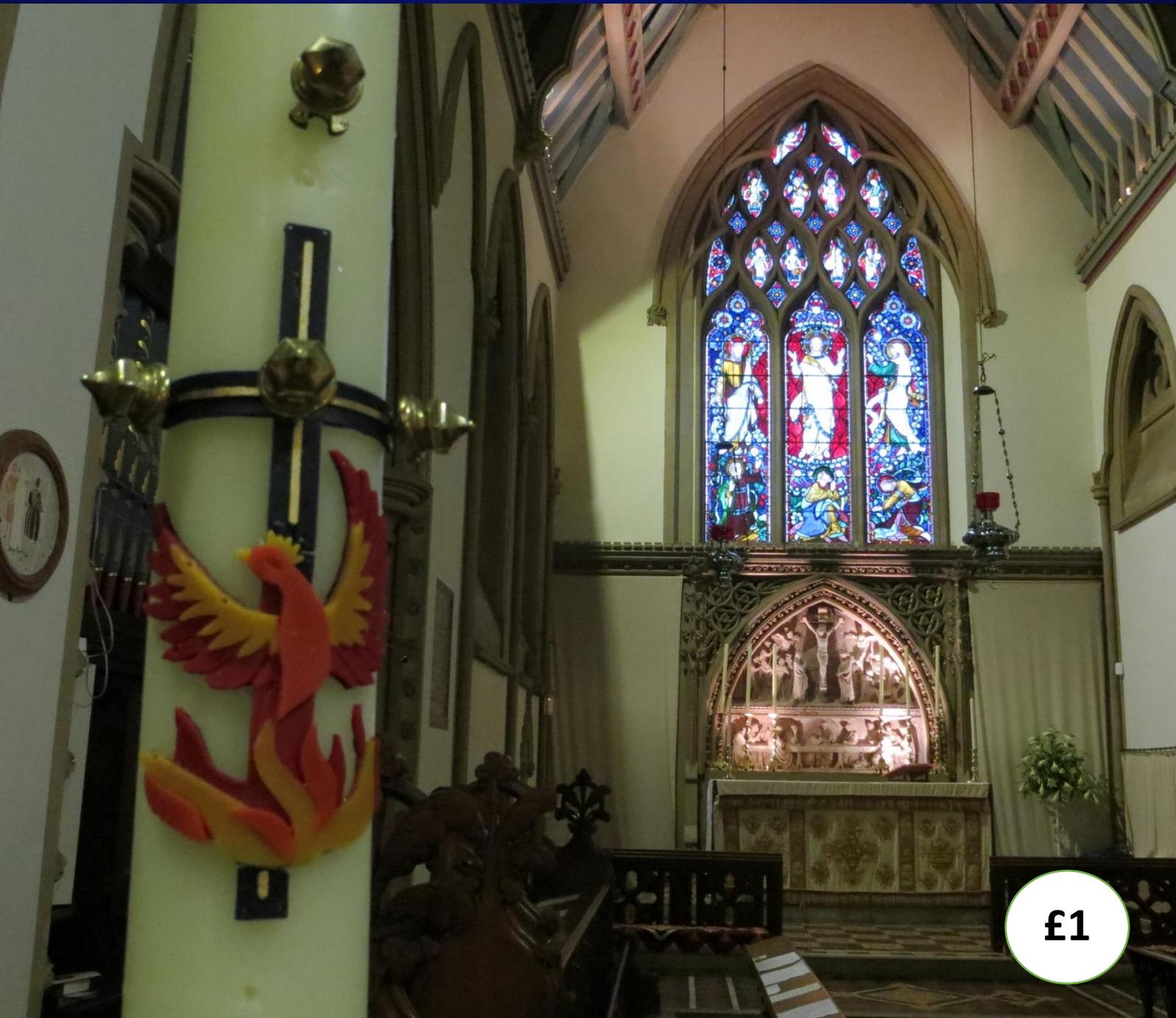


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## EDITORIAL

So, how is your Lenten journey going? Have you had the chance to attend any of the Lent course sessions on Tuesday afternoons and evenings? Discussions are thought-provoking and focus on the parables by way of addressing poverty and the needs of those on the margins of our society.

Thank you for all your articles, poems, items of interest and ideas for the magazine. We hope you enjoy this edition - there are lots of activities to share in as we move through Lent and prepare for Easter. In that vein, we draw your attention to the *pieta* wax sculpture currently being exhibited on the altar of the Lady Chapel at St Paul's Church. '*Pieta Realiste*' is a very moving work of art. See the article on p.24 to find out more. It will be on show until Easter Sunday.

It's a bit early but **Living Well in the End Times** will be back in May. Space is limited, so please speak with Julie or Keith to book a place (details below). This will be the last session they facilitate for us following Julie's wonderful news (p.14)! So, the early bird and all that...

### Change of date:

Christian Aid  
Coffee Morning is  
now 18<sup>th</sup> May. See  
p.33.

May you have a  
joyful Eastertide...  
*Alleluia! Christ is  
Risen! He is Risen  
indeed! Alleluia!*

Ann Grice  
Jane Clark  
The Editors

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## Living Well in the End Times...

is back on Tuesdays in May!

Run along the same lines as before, sessions  
will take place on:

May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

June 4th, 11th

10.45am - 12.15pm

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*Please speak to Mthr Julie or Keith Mintern to book a place.*

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## DEAR FRIENDS ...

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We often focus on feet in Holy Week, on the wonderful intimacy and inspiration of the foot-washing of Maundy Thursday. But from the very privileged point of view of a parish priest it is often hands which speak most eloquently of God.

Hands lift water over weary feet on Maundy Thursday, and then cradle them in soft towels which warm and comfort.

Hands bless. They break open bread. Hands are held out to receive God at the altar rail, open to God's heart, open to God's coming, open to God's grace, ready for the feathery weight of the Lifebread to settle and restore.



*Fr Richard Lamey, Rector*

Hands are thrust into icy water to raise tumbling streams which pour onto the shocked head of an infant. Fingers are thrust into oil which seals in the gifts of the Spirit when drawn onto head and hands - hands again, held open, to be marked with the cross.

Hands do other things too - they make coffee on a Friday afternoon, they tidy the garden of a neighbour who is in hospital, they hold out hymn books in welcome on a Sunday, they line up the chairs in Emmbrook Village Hall.

And hands offer peace, the peace the world is longing for, that peace which is all about belonging, homecoming, forgiveness, community. It is the peace which comes from knowing that Christ is in me and Christ is in you. Whatever else divides us or makes us see the world differently is as nothing compared to our belonging to Christ.

In shaking hands, in embracing, in sharing Christ's Peace, we come a little closer to being the people and community Christ is calling for us to become - a people grounded in the love and acceptance of Christ and then sent out into the world to use our hands and our lives to build the coming Kingdom of Love, of Heaven, the Kingdom of the Crucified and Risen King whose hands still bear the marks of the nails.

Easter is the festival of God's hands held out to us, his arms held wide to welcome us. We share his Peace when hand touches hand. And then we are sent out into the world to be his feet and heart and, yes, his hands, offering to all the same grace

and mercy that we have received first, striving always to build streets, communities and nations whose pulse is God's heartbeat.

**Christ has no body but yours,**  
no hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world,  
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
no hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

*Teresa of Avila*

*Fr Richard Lamey*

## EASTER LILIES

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There will be an opportunity to purchase Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one again this year. The cost remains at £2.50 per lily.

If anyone would like to purchase a lily, please let me have the donation and name of the person by Sunday 14th April. Donations/names may also be left with the Parish Office.

Any other donations towards the cost of the Easter lilies are always very welcome.

Sue Davenport



## ST PAUL'S SCOUTS EARLY BIRDWATCH

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**Early Birdwatch at St Paul's**, Churchyard,  
Saturday 6th April, 6.30am – 8.30am

Whilst working with us in the churchyard, St Paul's Scout Group have placed bird feeders at various points and are planning a Bird Watch on 6<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to come along and join in, you will be very welcome.

They are planning to have a quick breakfast afterwards. Is there anyone who is willing to support this? If so, please contact [Churchyard@spauls.org.uk](mailto:Churchyard@spauls.org.uk).

*Andy Clark*



## MAKING PALM CROSSES

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Palm Cross-making - Open House  
Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th April  
60 Valley Crescent, 2.30pm – 10pm

Don't worry if you do not know how to make palm crosses. Tuition will be available along with fellowship and tea/coffee and biscuits.

Please bring a pair of scissors - NOT your best ones as the palms tend to blunt them. For further information please ring or email me.

*Geraldine Lea ([geraldine.lea@ntlworld.com](mailto:geraldine.lea@ntlworld.com) / Tel: 0118 978 6420)*



## EASTER BREAKFAST

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**Easter Breakfast**, Sunday 21 April, Parish Rooms, after the Dawn Service until 9am. Donations to our Lent charity. Please sign up (sheets at the back of churches), so that we know for how many we shall be catering.

*Social Committee*



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## CONFESSIONS OF A PREACHER

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Acknowledging this reality, that my words can be stones rather than bread unless the Holy Spirit transforms them into Living Bread, is a great antidote to, and defence against, pride in a preacher.

The reality is that any real transforming effect of my preaching is the work of the Holy Spirit, NOT my exegesis, application, illustrations or oratory (all of which are necessary elements of faithful, biblical, relevant preaching).

Indeed, sometimes I feel very humbled, almost ashamed, that the Lord has used my inadequate preparation (yes, sadly) my lengthy rambling, and/or my lack of simple clarity, to effect such response in some hearers. To God Alone Be the Glory! Amen.

Adapted from "Kiwi-made Preaching" ...an initiative of Langham Partnership New Zealand.

*Patrick Mukholi*



### St Paul's Taverners



**1st & 3rd Tuesday in the Month**  
12.30pm, Broad Street Tavern

Are you free on a Tuesday lunchtime? Would you welcome the chance to chat with other like minded men over a bite to eat in a relaxed and friendly setting? It's not a club or a group but a gathering over food and a highlight in the week.

Normal Menu - usually under £11

Come as often or a rarely as you are able, although it will be very helpful to know how many are planning to coming each time.

More information, contact:  
**Keith Mintern**  
0118 327 7839 or  
email, [kmintern@aol.com](mailto:kmintern@aol.com)

## POEM: WILL YOU?

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Will you lay down your cloak for the man on a donkey?  
Will you wave your palms high as he passes you by?  
Will you cry out in joy, loud hosannas of praising?  
Will you feel his anguish without knowing why?

Will you sit at the table for friendship and feeding?  
Will you take of the bread and the cup and the wine?  
Will you recognise Him as he breaks bread before you?  
Will you know at that moment that He is Divine?

Will you take off your shoes for the Lord for your cleansing?  
Will you set aside pride to acknowledge his care?  
Will you see the example He set down before you?  
Will you know that His presence will always be there?

Will you acknowledge Him who you know to be Jesus?  
Will you call out His name or will you just lie?  
Will you hear the cock crowing those three times predicted?  
Will you cry out in pain when His name you deny?

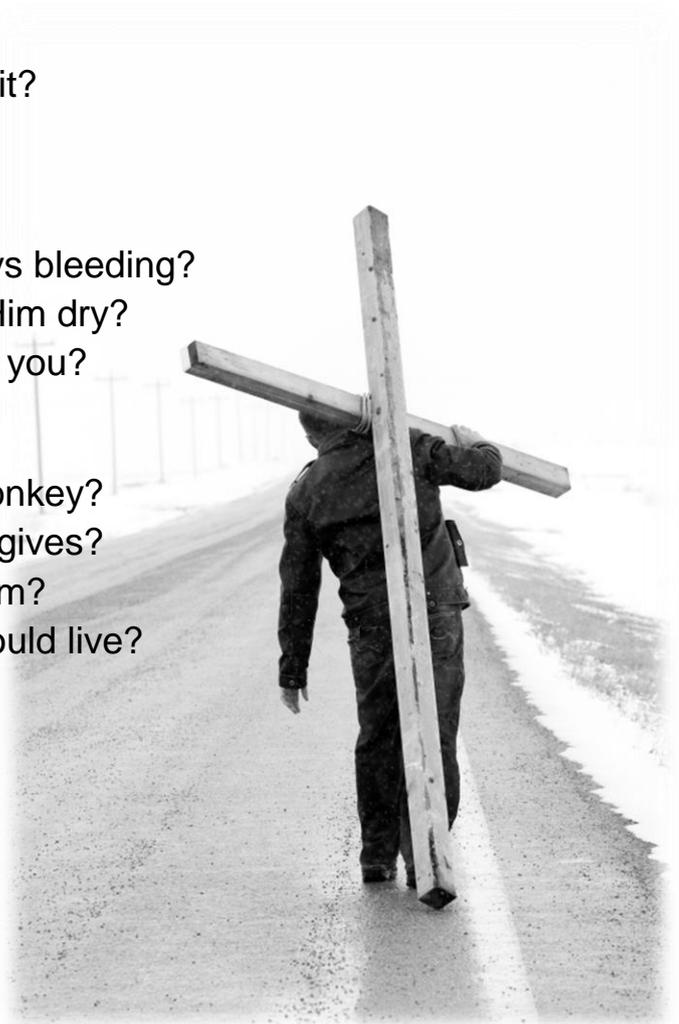
Will you stay awake at His desolation?  
Will you watch and pray as he sits there to wait?  
Will you be obedient to His direction?  
Will you leave him dejected, alone at his fate?

Will you lay down your whip for a man who lays bleeding?  
Will you know that your actions are stripping Him dry?  
Will you know His forgiveness as He is before you?  
Will you see His face as He walks out to die?

Will you lay down your life for the man on a donkey?  
Will you take up the cross for the One who forgives?  
Will you let go of self and rejoice in the freedom?  
Will you let the Lord show you the way you should live?

*ECH*

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# ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

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## **Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

### **What is the PCC?**

The PCC is responsible for supporting the Rector in the running and management of the Parish.

### **Who is on the PCC?**

The PCC consists of up to 15 elected lay members representing St Paul's and St Nick's. The following people are also automatically on the PCC by virtue of their office:

- The clergy of the Parish
- Those elected to represent the Parish on Deanery Synod
- The churchwardens and St Nick's Pro-Wardens

### **How are PCC lay members elected?**

They are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which this year is on Thursday 11th April at 8pm. We appoint Churchwardens and Pro-Wardens for the next twelve months and PCC members for a three-year term. Deanery Synod representatives were appointed in 2017 for a 4-year term starting on 1st June 2017.

To be eligible to serve on the PCC you have to:

- Be aged 16+
- Have been on the church electoral roll for at least six months
- Have received communion in the Church of England at least 3 times in the last year

### **What do PCC members do?**

PCC members have significant responsibility for the local mission of the Church, contributing to decisions about its strategic direction and use of resources. PCCs are charities and so PCC members are also charity trustees. They therefore have to accept ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of their PCC, ensuring that it is financially solvent and well run, and delivering its charitable outcomes. PCC members can also serve on a PCC Committee.

### **How often does the PCC meet?**

The PCC meets six/seven times a year. The meetings are normally held at 8pm on Mondays.

### **What happens at meetings?**

The Agenda and supporting papers are normally circulated about one week in advance. The meeting is chaired by the Rector or a churchwarden. The topics on

the Agenda are discussed and votes taken where formal decisions are required. Meeting minutes are taken and circulated by the PCC Secretary.

### **APCM 11th April 2019, 8pm**

At the meeting in April, we will need to elect or re-elect two churchwardens for St Paul's, two pro-wardens for St Nick's and up to four PCC members.

If you are interested in becoming a PCC member, please speak to Lesley, Fr Richard or one of the churchwardens as soon as possible.

Please consider whether you are called to stand, and also pray for the life and work of the PCC, its effectiveness, commitment and openness to the guidance of God.

*Lesley Ruddock*



### **\*\*\* THE REVD JULIE MINTERN – ANNOUNCEMENT! \*\*\***



**Revd Julie Mintern,**  
Assistant Curate

It was announced at all three churches on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, that the Revd Julie Mintern has been appointed to the position of Vicar of Lambourn Valley Benefice in the Archdeaconry of Berkshire.

Julie's installation, to which all are welcome, will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in St Michael & All Angels' Church, Lambourn. She will be presented by Canon David Knight, representing Christ Church Cathedral, instituted by the Bishop of Oxford and inducted by the Archdeacon of Berkshire.

Julie and Keith, her husband, are very much looking forward to their move but will be sad to leave the Parish of St Paul's, Wokingham where, for the last three years Julie has served her title post as Assistant Curate.

Congratulations, Julie!

*Fr Richard Lamey*

## THE WELCOME CLUB

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On Tuesday 12th March, we were entertained by Jean Hill who entertained us again with some of her poetry. Jean calls herself a "poor man's Pam Ayres", and this was her third visit to the Club.

She has some very amusing poems and stories and has published several books of them. She read a selection of her poems, mostly taking a sideways look at things in our society. Many of the poems were about injustices in society, for example with prisoners often being treated better than pensioners, and women and older people often coming off worse than others. But there were also lighter poems, for example about a (gay) bull called Keith, and about how we can improve our diets, getting our five-a-day from such items as a slice of lemon in the G and T, or having a chocolate orange. There was also a poem about the Christmas round-robin letter from an acquaintance you only met once about all the good things their wonderful family are doing as well as other people you don't know. Jackie thanked Jean, who stayed to have tea and home-made cakes with us, before the raffle was drawn.



**Next month:** Tuesday 9th April, we are to be entertained by Morris Dancers, who are likely to look for some audience participation. For further information concerning the Welcome Club please call Jackie on 0118 327 8739. Image: Keith Mintern

*Steve Kallenborn*

## FIRST STEPS – FEBRUARY

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As it was Valentine's day for our February gathering, Mthr Julie talked about love - about who we love and how God loves us. The children enjoyed making their craft flowers made out of heart shaped petals and decorating their heart shaped boxes.

Text & Images: Liz Gallagher



Children with their 'heart' craftwork.



Mthr Julie with some First Steps children with their craftwork.

## FIRST STEPS - MARCH

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We welcomed a new family at our March First Steps, which was exciting. Mthr. Julie told us about Palm Sunday. We walked round the church as the story unfolded and had to find the donkey for Jesus to ride and palms to wave as we shouted 'Hosanna' and we sang 'Sing Hosanna to the King' and 'Jesus' Love is Very Wonderful'. The children enjoyed making their donkey craft. It was a very joyous First Steps. Text & Images: Liz Gallagher

# WHAT LENT MEANS TO ME



*What Lent  
means to me*

A time to



A time for discipline



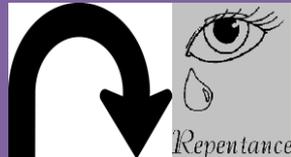
A time for forgiveness



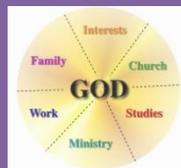
A time to share



A time for repentance



A time to focus



A time to be fair



A time to tune in



A time to listen



A time to pray



*Revd Patrick Mukholi*

## A VERY SPECIAL DAY

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Late in November my daughter Liz and I received a formal invitation from the Military Chaplain General to attend a service at the Guards Chapel at Wellington Barracks in London. The occasion, in the presence of the Queen, was to commemorate one hundred years of the Royal Charter being granted to the Royal Army Chaplains Department by King George VI. Of course we both accepted.



The reason for us being invited was that my father, a chaplain in the D-Day landings, had a copper cross made for him by Canadian soldiers shortly after he landed, to use in a little chapel they made for him in an out-house where he was stationed. He used the cross throughout his military career, and afterwards had it mounted on a staff for use as a processional cross for one of his parishes. It has since been used at various military events including the Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall. The Chaplain General wished to use it at the Guards Chapel service.

Liz and I spent the night in London and next morning, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, took a taxi to Wellington Barracks where we were met by a Ghurka soldier who escorted us through the maze of buildings to the chapel. The chapel is lovely. The nave was destroyed in the blitz and the rubble used for the foundations of the new nave. The chancel was not damaged, and which is so impressive. The huge curved apse glitters with bright colours of Christ in Glory all made of mosaics.

We found seats as near the front as possible behind those reserved for the VIPs, though we could not see a lot as all the chaplains, dressed in their best with lots of brass and braid, were so tall. It made the figure of the Queen look even tinier than she is.

The chaplain General conducted the service and the Roman Catholic bishop to the forces gave an excellent sermon with the parable of the Good Shepherd as his theme. There were several readings from chaplains' diaries from World War I to the present day, including an extract from my father's D-Day journal. Prayers were read by Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, and Hindu chaplains, first in their own language and then in English as they all come under the Army Chaplains Department. Of course, the chapel was packed and to join in with so many men's strong voices was very uplifting.

After the service there was a reception in a vast marquee and as Liz and I were the only female couple, we were well looked after and introduced to all sorts of important people who wished to know about the cross and my father, including his journal, *'To War Without Arms'* which was published at the end of March.

Finally, we saw an exhibition of specially commissioned paintings by a soldier who lost both legs in Afghanistan and as his PTSD treatment, took up art and writing as his therapy and has become very successful. The paintings show chaplains at work over the last one hundred years and are very moving.

Finally, we made our way home walking over Westminster Bridge bathed in glorious sunshine full of proud memories we will treasure for ever.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of *'To War Without Arms'*, please let me know.

Image: Georgina Spencer.

*Georgina Spencer*

## St Paul's Churchyard

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## THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

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'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
thought it scarcely worth his while  
to waste much time on the old violin,  
but held it up with a smile.

"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"

"A dollar, a dollar. Then two! Only two?  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"

"Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice;  
going for three..." But no,  
from the room, far back, a grey-haired man  
came forward and picked up the bow;  
then wiping the dust from the old violin,  
and tightening the loosened strings,  
he played a melody pure and sweet,  
as a carolling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,  
with a voice that was quiet and low,  
said: "What am I bid for the old violin?"  
And he held it up with the bow.  
"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?  
Two thousand! And who'll make it three?  
Three thousand, once; three thousand, twice,  
and going and gone," said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
"We do not quite understand.  
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply:  
"The touch of the Master's hand."  
And many a man with life out of tune,  
and battered and scarred with sin,  
is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd  
much like the old violin.

A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine,  
a game — and he travels on.  
He is "going" once, and "going" twice  
He's "going" and almost "gone."  
But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd  
never can quite understand  
the worth of a soul and the change that is wrought  
by the touch of the Master's hand.

*Myra 'Brooks' Welch*



Myra Welch would say that she heard a speaker address a group of students on the power of God to bring out the best in people. She said she herself became filled with light and that “*Touch of the Master’s Hand*” was written in 30 minutes!

The finished poem was sent anonymously to the editor of her local church news bulletin. She felt it was a gift from God and didn’t need her name on it.

*Text: [www.barefootsworld.net/touch.html](http://www.barefootsworld.net/touch.html)*

*Image: [www.setyourpathsstraight.wordpress.com/2017/01/16/the-touch-of-the-masters-hand](http://www.setyourpathsstraight.wordpress.com/2017/01/16/the-touch-of-the-masters-hand)*

*Teri Austen*

## LUCKY NUMBERS

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The Lucky Numbers draw took place after Communion at St Nicholas's on Sunday, 17th March. Many congratulations to the winners who were:

<b>£50</b>	<b>No. 67</b>	<b>Pam &amp; Tony Roberts</b>
<b>£25</b>	<b>No. 56</b>	<b>Michael Dyer</b>
<b>£15</b>	<b>No. 35</b>	<b>Petra Johnstone</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>No. 47</b>	<b>Alan Harrison</b>

For those Spire readers who are not shareholders in the Lucky Numbers Draw and would like to join this fun way of providing funds for the repairs and renewals to the Church, or just want further information about it, please contact Tony Roberts (0118 979 5351), Liz Gallagher (0118 989 1176) or Mary Cassidy (0118 979 5096) – or in person at church (Mary at St Paul's, Tony or Liz at St Nicholas).

*Tony Roberts*



## ON ENTERING ST PAUL'S CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME ...

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Though I have been teaching art workshops to children for almost 2 years in the modern building owned by the Church and just a stone throw from the Church itself, I had not, until recently, entered through its doors until my arranged meeting with the Rector, Richard Lamey.

When I entered through the solid wooden doors my breath was taken away and I could feel my eyes widen as I took in its beauty. It is true to say that as an Artist, I tend to see the beauty in most things, but I was astounded by what I saw and I have to say, I felt a shiver go down my back as I took in the sight. The amazing architecture, the pillars and carvings, the original pews, the arches echoing the internal structure and giving suggestion of its height as it rose upwards.

Walking down the centre aisle I found myself turning in every direction to take in the beauty (there's that word again!) and though it was an overcast day, the stained-glass windows reflected the full colour spectrum across the stone floors. The stained glass seemed to be everywhere, the stories on them lit up by the rays of light and warmth of a winter's sun. If the idea of the integration of so many windows are to bathe its parishioners in glorious light, then I have no doubt it fully meets its objective.

When I looked to the altar I was met with an amazing collaboration of carving and magnificent sculpture setting out the Last Supper and above it the power and drama of the Crucifixion. The symbolism of Christ sharing food and conversation, I saw echoed in the togetherness of the pews and I imagined for a moment the congregation sharing the same, the stories and well being spread from row to row. Then the strength and power of the crucifixion, the sheer acknowledgement of the sacrifice giving us all the reminder to be humble and grateful for what was given up in God's name.

My words, I should add are not of one of your congregation; in fact, I had not entered a church in many years but something I felt in St Paul's on that day took me back to my young childhood and the lessons taught at a small church Sunday School.

It is hard to explain how I felt but I can only assume that you understand and feel this way every time you attend a service.

*Russell Bignold, Painter and Sculptor*

## “PIETA REALISTE”: ST PAUL’S CHURCH, LENT 2019

*“After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus... asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths....*



*Pieta Realiste*, Russell Bignold. Image: Fr Richard

*Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden, there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.” John 19.38-42*

### **A Reflection**

The look on Mary’s face is the first thing you notice - possibly the only thing. You cannot take your eyes from the chasm of her mouth which is the chasm of her heart, of her hope, of her love, of her future. It is a look we have seen repeated every day since the crucifixion, in some distant country or close to home as a mother cradles her dead child, or a husband hugs his dead wife, or a child clings to their parent, dead.

There is no sense of, no space for, self-awareness, no attempt to maintain decency or control, no time to worry about what others might think. Mary is simply buried in

the immenseness of her loss. We are drawn into her grief because it is for us that she is suffering - because it is for us that Jesus died.

Her desolation cries across time and space and finds an echo today in Syria, in Afghanistan, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in the cries of a mother whose child has been stabbed to death on the street of an English city.

In a moment, others will come to help her, to lift the dead weight of her dead child and carry him to the place of burial where they will arrange his limbs and swaddle him in cloth. But her agonized scream will not be swaddled, or wrapped, or buried. It will grow. It will not be silenced. It will join with the cries of countless others, who have been forced to bury the child they bore in their womb and nursed and held and loved, the child imprinted on their heart and in their soul for always.

*Richard Lamey*

## **How The 'Pieta Realiste' Came To Be Made**

My journey to sculpt this Pieta started quite a few years ago during my honeymoon to Florence, Italy. Actually, it started a very long time ago when I was a child and first saw the sculptures of Michelangelo Buonarroti. Of course, these images from many art books could never show the real magnificence of the marbled sculptures but it gave me a sense of the power of creativity that is visioned within a man's mind. Later I was lucky to travel to Florence to see the great works of art and sculptures of Michelangelo, Bernini and Donatello and it was here that I saw the master's tomb.



I of course saw his magnificent 'David', linking bone and tendon to give the illusion of real life. The veins that run through the wrists and backs of the hands are masterful and the complexity of tension and relaxation of muscle is everywhere. However magnificent the sculpture of David is, and it is truly magnificent, it was seeing the Pieta for the first time that really moved me. To date, I have only seen the Belgian Pieta but it is as beautiful a sculpture as exists anywhere in the world. The intricate and delicate carving both in the Virgin Mary and the body of Christ is outstanding and the love between the two is clearly visible in the tenderness of their contact. I can honestly say that I was brought to tears.

I wanted to recreate a different vision of the Pieta. I wanted to show the moment of despair and recognition of the loss that Mary faced as a mother, despite her understanding of Christ's purpose. I wanted to also show the awkwardness and

difficulty of clinging to Christ's dead body and the tenderness of Mary's face to face touch at that moment. Rather than show the Virgin Mary as a young woman, I wanted to show her more mature and with bare feet that echoed the feet of Christ. I wanted to show the impact of Crucifixion on the body.

I hope you see some beauty in this sculpture, in this moment of hopelessness and grief and share that with the Virgin Mary. For me it's an honest moment, when everything is just brought to that realisation of loss, when anger jumps to the front of our range of emotions and before the feeling of acceptance quells and numbs our senses.

**Notes about the materials:** The sculpture is created in wax that is both moulded and carved by hand. It becomes softer in the hand to aid modelling and lends itself to a textured surface which can enhance the sculpture. It is supported by a metal armature that is threaded through the bulk and limbs which is designed to act as a support for the weight of the wax. At the wax becomes cooler, it will harden but still retain some flexibility: it will never harden as much as clay. Wax is often used for smaller sculptures or studies in preparation for a larger work which is called a 'marquette', so it is unusual to show this type of work to the public. Normally the marquette will be destroyed through the casting process when the sculpture is formed into bronze. Image: the Artist.

*Russell Bignold,  
Expressionist painter,  
Portrait and figurative  
artist working in oils*

*Sculptor working in wax, plaster and terracotta / [www.russellbignoldartist.com](http://www.russellbignoldartist.com)*

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## **THY KINGDOM COME - THE 2019 SERMON SERIES**

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As part of Choral Evensong @ 6.15 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

### **19<sup>th</sup> May: the Rev'd Mark Birch**

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Mark has been a Minor Canon at Westminster Abbey since January 2015. As Sacrist, he shares responsibility with the Precentor for the daily worshipping life of the Abbey and the many special services in both the Abbey and St Margaret's Church. He used to be Priest-in-Charge of the parish of St Faith, Chaplain at the Hospital of St Cross and Chaplain at Treloar College in Alton, in the Diocese of Winchester. Before that he was Chaplain at Helen and Douglas House in Oxford, and prior to that Chaplain and Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford. He served his curacy in Cirencester.

### **16<sup>th</sup> June: the Rev'd Jane Kraft**

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Jane has (wonderfully) been involved in the life of the Parish since she retired to Owlsmoor in 2015. She had previously served as Asst Curate of Finchley and Team Vicar of Chipping Barnet. She is also Associate Area Dean of Sonning.

### **21<sup>st</sup> July: Special Summer Celebration Evensong**

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Details still to be determined. More information will follow in due course.

### **15<sup>th</sup> September: the Rev'd Vusi Mabuza @ Woosehill Church**

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Vusi came on placement to St Paul's in 2017. He served, until recently, in the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman in South Africa. He now lives in Warfield and works at Windsor Castle while trying to work out how the Church of England functions!

### **20<sup>th</sup> October: the Rev'd Tina Molyneux**

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Tina is now the Diocesan Advisor on Discipleship. She is passionate about helping every single person to respond to God's call on their lives, and has developed

Personal Discipleship Plans (PDPs) as a way of helping people discern what God is calling them to. She lives near Maidenhead and was a senior HR manager and a Management Consultant before ordination.

## November the 17<sup>th</sup>: the Rev'd Nick Hudson

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Nick Hudson is currently Minister (Team Leader) at Wokingham Baptist Church. His only claim to fame is that as a boy he sang the first verse of Once in Royal David's City in the Carols from Kings College, Cambridge. That was a long time ago. He is now married with two teenage children, is an armchair fan of Manchester United, and still sings a bit when he gets a chance.

## DONATION - THE ROCK CHOIR

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On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, The Rock Choir, one of our regular users, presented Mthr Julie with a cheque of £1,000 that they would like to go towards a defibrillator to be sited at St Paul's Parish Rooms.

Rock Choir's cheque shall go into the Parish Rooms Trust account until we have enough funds to purchase one. The other part of the money is being raised by U3A and Women's Institute. We do not have timescales for installation as yet, but this is a wonderful resource that will be available for emergencies in due course.

Currently, the nearest defibrillator listed on the WBC website is sited inside the old red telephone box outside Wokingham Post Office, 16 Broad Street, Wokingham, RG40 1AA

*Vanessa Hemi, Parish Rooms Administrator*

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## SUE RYDER VOLUNTEERS

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Four members of our congregation regularly give up their time to help the Sue Ryder organisation in Wokingham. As they are always keen to recruit volunteers to either drive patients to and from Wokingham hospital, or to sit and chat with them (see advert at back of church) we asked Amanda Dean (Volunteer Service Coordinator) to tell us something about the organisation:

‘Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice is a 15-bed in-patient unit in Reading. We also have two, day services located in Newbury and Wokingham. All three sites provide expert palliative care and support for people across West Berkshire who are living with life-limiting conditions as well as supporting their families.

Our inpatient hospice offers round-the-clock assessment and specialist care to help manage patients’ symptoms. Our day services help people living with long term conditions to avoid unnecessary trips to hospital, as well as offering social opportunities alongside others experiencing similar circumstances. We also offer community services for people who prefer to receive palliative care at home.

Our expert team include doctors, nurses, care assistants, physiotherapists, occupational and complementary therapists, social workers and bereavement support workers. They all work seamlessly together to support people through most difficult times of their lives.

Our service is completely free to those who use it, however it costs us £13,000 a day to run all three sites in Berkshire. We do get statutory funding from the government, but it doesn’t cover all our costs and we have to raise £1.2 million every year. The money that is donated by our wonderful supporters stays within the local community. We rely heavily on those who donate to us through funeral donations, events fundraising and general DIY fundraising. The fundraising team love hearing about what our supporters are doing so please do get in touch! If you would like more information on fundraising please email [dokh.fundraising@suerydercare.org](mailto:dokh.fundraising@suerydercare.org)

### **Wokingham Services:**

Wokingham run services Monday to Friday 9am – 4.30pm service. Within the week we have day hospice services, which patients attend once weekly on either a Tuesday or a Wednesday. During these sessions they will be reviewed by a nurse who will manage their symptoms. During Day Hospice, the patients get a hot lunch and drinks.

Patients also have access to our free complementary therapy services (which include massage, aromatherapy and reflexology), psychology, physiotherapy,

occupational therapy and lymphoedema. They also get to socialise with other patients and our diversional therapist. Currently we have 19 patients who use our day hospice services.



The poster features the Sue Ryder logo in a white script font, with 'Wokingham Day Hospice' in a smaller, sans-serif font to its right. Below the logo, the title 'Day Hospice Volunteers' is written in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Underneath the title, a short paragraph in white text describes the requirements for volunteers. To the right of the text, there is a circular graphic containing a white teapot silhouette. Below the teapot, there is a small black circle. At the bottom of the poster, there is contact information, social media links, and a list of services provided.

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We also have a Thursday clinic where patients come to an appointment with a nurse to review them how ever often they require this. This includes symptom management, emotional support and advanced care planning. We currently have 5 patients attending this each week.

On a Friday, patients can attend our well-being group. This is strictly a social group to promote well-being. Patients can attend between 10am and 2pm, this again includes a free lunch and drinks. Currently 7 patients attend our well-being group each week.

We also have our dedicated community nurse specialists who work out of our building and they offer service which runs 7 days a week between 9.30 and 4.30pm during the week to the surrounding Wokingham area. We have one nurse who works across all three sites on a weekend. Our CNS's visit patients in their own homes who are too unwell or do not wish to attend our day services. They offer symptom management and advice on managing complex specialist palliative care needs. Many of our nurses also prescribe medication for our patients. Currently our CNS's have 82 patients.

Our service makes a huge impact in the lives of our patients and as one of our patients recently stated “You are my life line”.

We are currently looking for fabulous volunteers who would be willing to take on a driving role throughout the week, except Mondays! We are also looking for amazing day hospice volunteers for our Friday session.

We also welcome fundraising volunteers for events such as bucket collections and information days. If you would like more information on volunteering, please email me, [Amanda.dean@suerydercare.org](mailto:Amanda.dean@suerydercare.org).

*Keith Mintern and Amanda Dean, Sue Ryder Care*

## JUST FOR FUN



*Thank you to Jim Bell for sharing this with us.*

## MOTHERS' UNION IN OXFORD DIOCESE

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The Trustees in the Oxford Diocese were invited to the commissioning of our new Worldwide President in February at Southwark Cathedral. Having never been to that Cathedral or heard Archbishop Justin preach, I decided to go along. The seats in the nave were pretty full when we arrived so we sat in a side area to the right of the Archbishop, which seemed great till one of the 6 ladies with hats sat in front of me, so I had to work round her to see the new Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, introduced by our past World President, Lynne Tembey.



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The Archbishop commissioned Sheran, from Guyana, and the other new Trustees from UK and around the world. This is the first time there has been a Worldwide President from a country outside the UK.

It was great to have a steel band play at the beginning and end of the service. Archbishop Welby spoke of the "powerful force" that is Mothers' Union to the congregation of more than 600 friends, family and members. The service was attended by the High Commissioner of Guyana and The Bishop of the Diocese of Guyana. Sheran spoke of the Trustee Board now reflecting the truly global nature of The Mothers' Union movement.



*Southwark Cathedral.* Image: Jean Vaughan

The Archbishop talked of the adventure that has taken Mothers' Union from Mary Sumner in the countryside of England to a worldwide organisation on which people can depend. He urged us to "make ourselves known", so I'm beginning that here.

We were unable to take photos during the service, but I couldn't resist taking one of the nave as we left. If you get the chance to go to Southwark Cathedral, which is right beside Borough Market, then do so. There's a cafe so you can rest from the bustle of London too.

*Jean Vaughan, Oxford Diocese Mothers' Union*

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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### 1. If God forgives our sins, why do we need a priest to pronounce the absolution?

The key point here is that the priest is called to speak for God throughout the service and not for themselves. The priest is not saying that they themselves forgive sins - they are saying that God promises to forgive the sins of those who are penitent. Sometimes things feel more true, more immediate, more real when they are spoken in a clear voice from the front of Church using words given by God and the Church. It is the same with the blessing. We don't need the priest to tell us that God longs to be with us and to pour out his blessing upon us - but hearing the words spoken over us and to us make it more tangible. Both the absolution and the blessing remind us of key aspects of the nature of God and the way he sees the world and his people - he is forgiving, he is generous, he is present, and he is eager to be in relationship with us. The priest is simply one conduit of that outpoured love, in a very specific way.

### 2. Who wrote the Collects?

This is a slightly more complex question than you might imagine! Each of the collects which we use regularly in Church has a different source and origin. Some go back to the early Church. Some have been borrowed from other traditions. Some were written down by Archbishop Cranmer when he was putting together the Book of Common Prayer in the time of Henry VIII (translating them from the Latin) and some were written in the last 30 years by the Liturgical Commission of the Church of England who were trying to fill in gaps in the Book of Collects. The key thing with the Collects is that they are prayed together - they collect our thoughts and longings as one. They have a range of sources but one purpose - to bind us together as a people in the presence of God.

The final two questions for the moment will follow in the May magazine:

1. What is the point of a Deanery?
2. Who are angels?

Any answers for these questions, or the ones in this edition, to the Editor please.

*Fr Richard Lamey*

### ?? BOX OF QUESTIONS ??

- Have you ever wondered what Advent is all about, beyond the calendar?
- Have you ever noticed something on a Sunday morning that you would like to understand better?

The chances are that you are not the first person to wonder about the same thing.

There is a 'Box of Questions' at the back of Church so that people can ask questions about anything they want to, about Church or Christianity or St Paul's, or whatever.

Fr Richard will empty the box each Monday and publish his responses in the 'Your Questions Answered' section of Pews News and The Spire magazine.

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*[Small print: It's the law of the land that under 5s may not be given alcohol under any circumstance. The Eucharist is complete even if only the bread is taken. Can you please explain that to your child before the service begins? Thank you.]*

## WILTSHIRE PIE

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Here's a vegetarian recipe for those of you who may be avoiding meat during Lent.

### Ingredients

4oz brown lentils  
2lbs potatoes  
1lb carrots  
1 onion  
½ lb mushrooms  
2 courgettes  
1 red pepper  
1 small tin plum tomatoes / 2 tsp  
tomatoes puree  
A dash of Worcester sauce, salt &  
pepper to taste  
Sesame seeds for garnish

### Method

- Cook lentils (as directed)
- Cook potatoes and carrots
- Sauté onion, mushrooms, courgette and pepper
- Mix lentils and vegetable mix together
- Add seasoning
- Cover with potato and sprinkle with sesame seeds
- Bake in oven at 180°C until golden brown on top

*Ann Grice*



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## John 3:16

*16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

## CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP

My mushroom soup recipe was such a success at the Lent lunch (16<sup>th</sup> March) that several people asked me to publish it in the Spire. Accordingly, I share the recipe here. It is a winner of a soup!

<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Method</b>
¼ lb mushrooms ¼ lb mushroom stalks (or ½ lb mushrooms) 1 small onion (chopped) ¾ pint stock or water ½ pt milk 2oz butter 1oz flour Salt & pepper 1 dsp soya sauce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reserve one or two small mushrooms for garnishing and roughly chop the rest with stalks.</li><li>• Melt 1oz of butter a saucepan and add the chopped onion</li><li>• Cook for 2-3 minutes until onion is golden.</li><li>• Add the mushrooms then the stock and cook gently with the lid on for 15 minutes.</li><li>• In a small saucepan, melt the other 1oz of butter and stir in the flour, cooking and stirring well for 3 minutes.</li><li>• Place this roux in the warmed goblet, pour in the soup, add milk, seasonings and soya sauce.</li><li>• Blend for 30 seconds then pour into the saucepan.</li><li>• Reheat gently while preparing garnish – thinly sliced mushrooms which have been saved and simmer them for 2-3 minutes in very little salted water.</li></ul>

Serve soup with a few slices of the cooked mushrooms floating in each bowl.

Serves 3 - 4

*Alan Harrison*





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## MUSIC FOR APRIL 2019

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### 7th – Passion Sunday

#### **9.30am Parish Mass**

Hymns: 94, 90, 82, 83  
Setting: St Anne's Mass, *J Macmillan*  
Gradual: Ad te levavi, *I Ord-Hume*  
Anthem: Wash me thoroughly, *S S Wesley*

#### **6.15pm Solemn Evensong**

Responses: Plainsong  
Psalm: 35  
Hymn: 78  
Canticles: Fauxbourdons, *I Ord-Hume*  
Anthem: Wash me thoroughly, *S S Wesley*

### 14th – Palm Sunday

#### **9.30am Parish Mass**

Hymns: 509, 86, 464, 79  
Setting: St Anne's Mass, *J Macmillan*  
Gradual: Ad te levavi, *I Ord-Hume*  
Anthem: A Palm Sunday Antiphon, *D Morgan*

#### **6.15pm Service of Readings and Music for Passiontide**

### 18<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday

#### **8.00pm Sung Mass and Washing of the Feet**

Hymns: 512, 305, 270, 268  
Setting: Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*  
Anthem: Ubi Caritas, *M Duruflé*

### 19th – Good Friday

#### **2.00pm Liturgy of Good Friday**

Hymns: 92, 95, 272  
Anthem: Were you there? *R Chilcott*

### 21st – Easter Day

#### **5.30am Easter Dawn Service**

Hymns: 114, 125, 102, 120  
Setting: Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*  
Gradual: 'Agincourt' Alleluia  
Anthem: Surrexit Christus Hodie, *S Scheidt*

#### **9.30am All Together Mass**

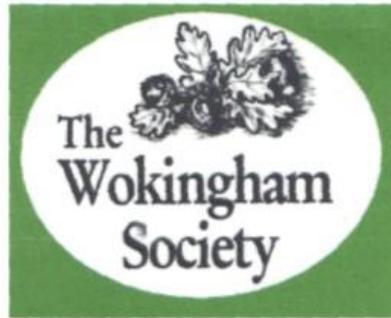
Hymns: 110, See what a morning, 108, 120  
Setting: Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*  
Gradual: 'Agincourt' Alleluia  
Anthem: My beloved spake, *P Hadley*

### 28th – Easter 2

#### **9.30am Parish Mass**

Hymns: 105, 118, 103, 113  
Setting: Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*





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## WEEK DAY SERVICES

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>
Monday	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Woosehill Church
	10.30am	House Mass (see weekly Pews News for details)
Thursday	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer, with Mass at 9.30am
Friday	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer
Saturday	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer
	9.00am	Rosary Prayers
	9.30am	Low Mass

## READERS & INTERCESSORS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Festival</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>
7 Apr	Passion Sunday	Rhoda Hart	Jenny Ellerbeck
14 Apr	Palm Sunday	John Griffin	David Ruddock
18 Apr	Maundy Thursday	Alice Irvine	Dawn Hardiman
19 Apr	Good Friday	David Ruddock	Peter Wells
21 Apr	Easter Liturgy	Clare Coombe	Rhoda Hart
21 Apr	Easter Day	Justin Elliott	Alan Harrison
28 Apr	Easter 2	Alice Buddin	Chris Merchant

## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 2 Apr	12.30pm	St Paul's Taverners, Broad Street Tavern
	2.30pm - 4pm	Lent Course - Dangerous Stories: 2 Tamar Way, Woosehill RG41 3UB
	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
	8pm – 9.30pm	Lent Course – Dangerous Stories, Woosehill Church
Wed 3 Apr	4.30pm – 7.30pm	Stitch Together, Parish Rooms
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Fri 5 Apr	2pm – 4pm	Coffee & Chat, Parish Rooms
Sat 6 Apr	6.30am – 8.30am	St Paul's Scouts Birdwatch, St Paul's Churchyard followed by breakfast in Parish Rooms
	9.30pm – 3.30pm	Churchyard Working Party
Sun 7 Apr	6.15pm	Solemn Evensong, St Paul's Church
Tue 9 Apr	2pm	The Welcome Club, Parish Rooms
	2.30pm – 4pm	Lent Course - Dangerous Stories: 2 Tamar Way, Woosehill RG41 3UB
	2.30pm – 10pm	Palm Cross-making Open House, 60 Valley Crescent, Emmbrook
	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
	8pm – 9.30pm	Lent Course – Dangerous Stories: Woosehill Church
Wed 10 Apr	4.30pm – 7.30pm	Stitch Together, Parish Rooms
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thu 11 Apr	9.15am	First Steps, Children's Chapel, St Paul's Church
	2.30pm – 10pm	Palm Cross-making Open House, 60 Valley Crescent, Emmbrook
	8pm	APCM, Parish Rooms
Fri 12 Apr	2pm – 4pm	Coffee & Chat, Parish Rooms
Sat 13 Apr	10.30am – 12.30pm	Choir Easter Rehearsal
Sun 14 Apr	9am	Palm Sunday Procession, St Paul's Jr School Car Park, Oxford Road
	9.30am	Parish Mass with Bishop Andrew, St Paul's Church
	10.50am	Gathering with blessing of Palms followed by 11am Eucharist, St Nicholas' Church
	6.15pm	Passiontide Sequence of Music & Readings, St Paul's Church
Mon 15 Apr	8pm	Mass with meditation on a miracle of Jesus, St Nicholas' Church, Emmbrook
Tue 16 Apr	12.30pm	St Paul's Taverners, Broad Street Tavern
	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
	8pm	Mass with meditation on a miracle of Jesus, Woosehill Church
Wed 17 Apr	7.30pm	Choir Practice
	8pm	Mass with meditation on a miracle of Jesus, St Paul's Church

<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 18 Apr	8pm	Solemn Mass with foot washing & stripping of the altars, followed by keeping watch until midnight: St Paul's Church
<b>Good Friday</b> 19 Apr	10am	Stations of the Cross for Children, St Paul's Drama:
	12 noon	Churches Together in Wokingham Market Place
	2pm	Good Friday Liturgy, St Paul's Church
<b>Holy Saturday</b> 20 Apr	3.30pm	Good Friday Liturgy, St Nicholas' Church
	9.30am – 3.30pm	Churchyard Working Party
	7pm	Service of Readings & Reflection, St Paul's
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 21 Apr	5.30am	Blessing of the Holy Fire and First Mass of Easter, followed by breakfast in the Parish Rooms
	8am	BCP Mass for Easter
Tue 23 Apr	9.30am	Joyful All Together Mass, St Paul's Church
	11am	Joyful Easter Eucharist, St Nicholas' Church
	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Fri 26 Apr	12.30pm	St Paul's Taverners, Broad Street Tavern
	2pm – 4pm	Coffee & Chat, Parish Rooms
Tue 30 Apr	2pm – 4pm	Stitch Together, Parish Rooms
	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Sat 18 May	10am – 12 noon	Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Parish Rooms




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# Special Holy Week and Easter Services

## at St Paul's, Wokingham and St Nicholas', Emmbrook

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### **Palm Sunday – April 14<sup>th</sup>**

8.00am	BCP Mass	St Paul's
9.10am	Procession of palms from St Paul's Junior School, followed by 9.30am Parish Mass with Bishop Andrew	St Paul's
10.50am	Gathering with blessing of palms followed by the 11.00am Eucharist. (Emmbrook Village Hall)	St Nicholas'
6.15pm	Service of Readings and Music for Holy Week	St Paul's

### **Monday (St Nicholas') Tuesday (Woosehill) Wednesday (St Paul's)**

8.00pm	Mass with meditation on a miracle of Jesus	
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### **Maundy Thursday – April the 18<sup>th</sup>**

8.00pm	Solemn Mass with foot washing & stripping of the altars, followed by keeping watch until midnight.	St Paul's
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### **Good Friday – April the 19<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am	Stations of the Cross for Children	St. Paul's
12.00pm	Churches Together in Wokingham Drama	Marketplace
2.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy	St Paul's
3.30pm	Good Friday Liturgy	St Nicholas'

### **Holy Saturday – April the 20<sup>th</sup>**

7.00pm	Service of Readings and Reflection	St Paul's
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### **Easter Day – April the 21<sup>st</sup>**

5.30am	Blessing of the Holy Fire and First Mass of Easter then breakfast in the Parish Rooms	St Paul's
8.00am	BCP Mass for Easter	St Paul's
9.30am	Joyful All Together Mass	St Paul's
11.00am	Joyful Easter Eucharist	St Nicholas'

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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