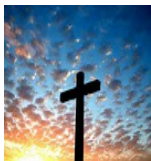




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THE VICAR WRITES



Do you remember the toothpaste advert which had the premise that if you used that product you too could walk around with a ring of confidence shining around your head!?

It may be that you feel confident in many or just some aspects of life - but is Christian faith something you can be confident in these days? How confident are we in sharing or showing others our faith in God?

In a society where often Christian values are not held as relevant, do we have a tendency to keep our heads down? Let's remember we're in good company: the disciples had the benefit of eating, walking and sharing with Jesus, yet they lacked confidence; Peter swore he never knew Jesus and John Mark ran off naked in his haste to get away!



Jesus got his confidence from his baptism and God's assurance; from his understanding of Scriptures which sustained him during his testing in the desert for 40 days, and from his deep relationship with God the Father, kept alive through prayer and regular worship. Can those things help us too? Here are some confidence boosting promises:

'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you.' Isaiah 43: 1-2

'For God so loved the world, that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3: 16

'If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they live in God.....God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.' 1 John 4: 15

We are called for a purpose, to keep the flame of integrity alive, to encourage the discouraged and love the unloved, to tell of the amazing Lord Jesus we have discovered and point towards a better way.

As we approach and journey through Easter we can have confidence in Jesus who went to the cross in our place to take away our sins and who broke the power of sin and death through his amazing resurrection. The disciples on the day Jesus was crucified had no confidence whatsoever and yet three days later were full of excitement and joy, they had complete confidence in the risen Jesus whom they had seen, touched, talked and walked with.

There are opportunities over the next three months to be encouraged. Join us for the Lent course ***'Finding a Voice'***, at the ***Easter Services*** and for the ***Walk of Witness*** from St Michael's Shotwick to St Nicholas' Church on Good Friday.

As we carry the cross across the fields we are reminded of the journey that Jesus took. It's humbling to carry a cross. It's gives confidence in Jesus, the Son of God, who loved us enough to carry his cross all the way to Calvary.

Cathy

CHURCH MATTERS

NESTON & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

An Ecumenical Matter

As a member of the group of eleven churches across Neston we have had the joy of joining in with several ecumenical activities over the last year. There was the service outside Sainsbury's last summer celebrating HM The Queen's 90th birthday and a Harvest service to support the local Foodbank.

The last week in January saw several churches taking part in the annual pulpit exchange where the ministers swap churches for a day! I had the joy of going to Neston Methodist church and I received a very warm welcome. It was a great privilege to worship with them.

At St Nicholas' Church the congregation really enjoyed the ministry of **Mark Thomas from Little Neston Methodist Church** and he was very well received. It's been a wonderful opportunity for our local churches to show how we can all be united in worship and in our desire to serve others within our community.

This summer we will be working together on a **Big Bible Prayer Event** hosted at St Mary and St Helen's in Neston. From Monday 22 May to Friday 26 May

each church will prepare and run an interactive activity around prayer in the Bible.



Stories including Jonah, Hannah and Jesus in the boat will be displayed as well as the Psalms and the Lord's Prayer.

Local schools are being invited to come along and take part in the activities. It will also be open to any visitors to come along and to just look or to join in.

If anyone is interested in helping to create our story station or helping as a volunteer during the week please let me know.

Cathy

LENT COURSE

This year our Lent course is based upon the film "The King's Speech" and is called "Finding a voice". The course helps us explore how we can be confident in our faith as we watch how King George VI steps out in faith and trusts Lionel Logue to help him overcome his stammer.

It's an inspiring course and will be held weekly through Lent at the Vicarage in Burton on Tuesday evenings starting on **Tuesday 7 March at 8.00pm.**

If you have never seen the film it is being shown at Little Neston Methodist Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 2 March and anyone is welcome to go along.

'THE FRIENDS'



The Friends of St Nicholas' Church

scheme, launched last December, has attracted an excellent initial response. We now have many new members and we have started the ball rolling towards reaching our target of an annual income of £20,000.

So sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who have kindly joined '**The Friends**' and who have very generously committed to make regular annual contributions to the cause or who have made a one-off donation for this year. All funds will go towards ensuring the Church flourishes and is maintained for the benefit of the whole community. It has been a great start made possible by the warm spiritedness of our initial donors. And, of course, we look forward to building on this achievement later this year as more people from our wider community choose to become involved as '**Friends**' and lend their support for the preservation of the church, its building and ancient churchyard.



Ancient Historic Church

We have a series of events planned for the year which currently include:

Saturday 3 June - Vicarage Garden PIE & PINT EVENING

*Featuring ale from Burton's own
Britman Brewery.*

Saturday 13 May - Church Concert MUSICAL EVENING

Featuring Local Musicians

Saturday 1 July - Church Concert ORGAN RECITAL

*Recital by Paul Rudd, formerly of
Hexham Abbey*

Other Events Planned

*Tour of Chester Cathedral
Autumnal Wine Tasting Evening*

We would also like to say a big '**Thank You**' for the offers of help from local residents with organising and running the '**Friends of St Nicholas' Church** scheme and its various events.

We would welcome any other input or suggestions from readers as we want '**The Friends**' to be your organisation for St Nicholas' Church and for our local community.

Robin Cowan

BISHOP WILSON SCHOOL



Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary
"The joy of The Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10

School Children Celebrate the Chinese New Year!

On Friday 27 January the children at Bishop Wilson CE Primary School, together with the onsite pre-school children, joined in the Chinese New Year events celebrating the '*Year of the Rooster*'.

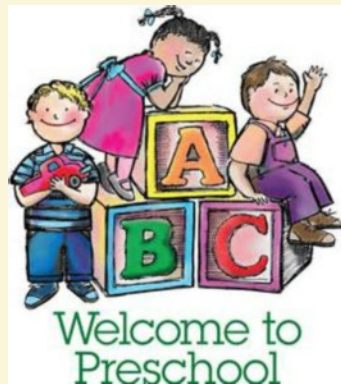
Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival in modern Mainland China, is an important Chinese festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional Lunisolar Chinese calendar. A Lunisolar calendar is one with dates that indicate the moon phase and time of the solar year.

All the children were invited to a Chinese lunch consisting of chicken fried rice, Char Siu vegetable noodles, vegetable spring rolls, prawn crackers & sweet chili sauce, and of course, no celebration would be complete without jelly & ice cream for dessert!

Our Pre-school celebrations took place over the entire week, with children finding out about Chinese traditions and sampling Chinese food.



BISHOP WILSON PRE-SCHOOL



'Pre-School' is based at Bishop Wilson School and open from 9:00am - 3:00pm term time,

The Pre-School works alongside the early years foundation stage. Ofsted registered for children from 3 - 5 years.

Funding places available

For more information please contact Louise :

☎ 0151 353 0465

Our recent Annual General Meeting was an opportunity to thank Josie Isaacs for leading our Mothers' Union for the last four years. Josie has put hours of her time into planning and arranging a varied programme, leading us at meetings, visiting sick members and representing us at Deanery and Diocesan meetings - and always with an encouraging smile. Thank you Josie. We were also able to thank our secretary, Ruth Chesworth and treasurer, Hazel Huxley who both do a superb job and are happy to continue.

Presenting, on our behalf, each of these ladies with baskets of spring plants was our new leader, Ann Rudd. Thank you Ann. We look forward to this new chapter under your expert leadership and can assure you of our support.

At the meeting we were pleased to welcome a few members who have been unable to attend for a little while and we remembered members who have died during the past year and are missed by us all: Dorothy Jones, Betty Coppack and Margaret Emmett.

Very special to us are our members who, for whatever reason, are unable to be with us at meetings. We keep them in our prayers and visit them when we can.

Looking ahead...we look forward to Lenten Meditation in church on Wednesday, 15 March which will be

led by the MU Diocesan Chaplain, Rev'd. Canon Chris Humphries.

On Saturday 25 March at 10.00am we will be preparing the bunches of posies in the vestry for Mothering Sunday. On 26 March at the Mothering Sunday service, Ann Rudd will be commissioned as Branch Leader and Anne Parsons as assistant. Also, new members are to be enrolled.

Joan Colwell will speak at our meeting on Wednesday, 19 April. Her subject is "Mugs"! Do come along and join us. It sounds fascinating.

On Wednesday 26 April it is the Diocesan Festival in the Cathedral starting at 11.00am.

On Wednesday 17 May Hazel Huxley has arranged an outing to Speke Hall. Hazel's trips are always enjoyable and we look forward to a happy day out.



We are always pleased to welcome new people to our meetings so do come and join us if you can. A copy of our programme is on the notice board in the church porch and other copies are available from committee members.

Anne Parsons

MOTHERING SUNDAY

HISTORY OF MOTHERING SUNDAY

On most Sundays in years gone by churchgoers in England worshipped at their nearest parish church often referred to as the 'daughter church'. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, people would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.

Many historians think that it was the return to the 'mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family. As they walked along the lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or to give to their mother as a small gift.

TRADITIONAL FOODS

Mothering Sunday was also known as Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed that day. Originally, both Old and New Testament lessons on mid-lent Sunday made a point of food. The Gospel reading from the New Testament told the story of how Jesus fed 5,000 people with only five loaves and two small fish.



"Now there was much grass in the place; so the men sat down, in number about five thousand. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted."

John 6:10-12

SIMNEL CAKE

The food item specially associated with Mothering Sunday is the Simnel cake; a fruit cake with two layers of almond paste, one on top and one in the middle. The cake is made with 11 balls of marzipan icing on top representing the 11 disciples (Judas is not included). Traditionally, sugar violets would also be added.

The name Simnel probably comes from the Latin word *simila* which means a fine wheat flour usually used for baking a cake.

However, there's a legend that a man called Simon and his wife Nell argued over whether the cake for Mothering Sunday should be baked or boiled. In the end they did both, so the cake was called after both of them: hence the name Sim-Nel!

MARCH

The Month for Mothers

Friday 3 March is the Women's World day of Prayer. This is a global ecumenical movement of Christian women.

In more than 170 countries, women come together on the first Friday in March to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The event aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and churches in fellowship and understanding.

At 2.00pm on 3 March a service celebrating this event will be held at Neston Parish Church. There will also be an evening service at St George's Church in Thornton Hough starting at 7.30pm.

Sunday 28 March is Mothering Sunday - the fourth Sunday of Lent. Although it's often called Mothers' Day it has no connection with the American festival of that name. Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

Today Mothering Sunday is a day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers.



A Poem for

Women's World Day of Prayer

Who are we?

*We are women born of the past
generations,
we are women present in the here
and now,
we dream of a future that is yet to
be.*

Who are we?

*We are women made up of all
nations and all races,
we include people from all
countries of the world,
we come from down the road and
round the corner.*

Who are we?

*We represent all cultures and
languages,
we consist of all ages and abilities,
we embrace strangers as
neighbours.*

Who are we?

*We are called to be God's people,
welcoming, embracing, relating,
creating,
woven together into God's
community on earth.*

THE GOSPEL WRITERS

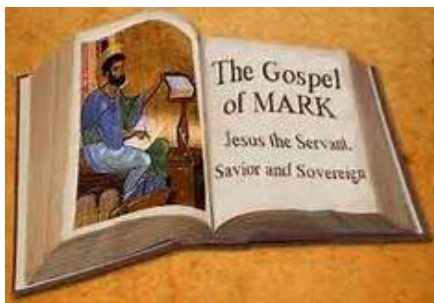
This is the first of four articles that look at the writers behind the four gospels in the New Testament.

PART 1 – THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MARK

In contrast to their order in the New Testament, the first of the four gospels to be written was that according to Mark. It was probably written between AD 65 and 75, at least thirty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Mark's gospel was not the earliest book of the New Testament to be written. Paul's letters to the churches he founded were written much earlier.

Mark was not a disciple of Jesus and we are not really sure of his true identity. Some think he was the young man who ran naked from the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:51) or the companion of Barnabas and Paul on one of their journeys (Acts 12:25) or the friend of the writer of 1 Peter (1 Peter 5: 13) However, as Mark was the most common name in the Roman Empire at that time, we have no way of definitely identifying him.

It appears that he was most probably a member of a Christian community in Rome and that he very likely knew the disciple, Peter, very well.



Key verse: Mark 16: 6

'Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here.'

A 15 minute start:

Chapters 1,6,10, 14 – 16

Or just read it all in one go, it's not that long!

Before Mark wrote his gospel, stories about Jesus circulated in the Early Church both verbally and in writing. The main source of these would, of course, be the disciples. The reason Mark decided to bring these together into a gospel was, probably, the passing of many of the original twelve disciples, in many cases through martyrdom. Mark took these stories and wove them together into his gospel. Rather like a seamstress making a bedcover out of different coloured or patterned squares of cloth, Mark assembled them in the way he felt they would go together best, acting both as an editor and writer.

Mark's gospel is very short - you can read it all in a couple of hours. It is not a life story of Jesus and has little chronology except for the last week of Jesus' life, to which Mark devotes a quarter of his gospel.

It starts with Jesus, as a man, being baptised by John the Baptist and ends abruptly at chapter 16 verse 8 with the women fleeing from the empty tomb. The rest of chapter 16 - verses 9 to 20 - is an addition to the gospel, written by someone else at a much later date.

Scholars are divided in their opinions whether Mark originally finished his gospel on such an abrupt note. Some think Mark's original ending was lost, others that he died before he could complete it while others feel that was the way Mark intended to end it, leaving the reader to draw the conclusion, through faith, that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

By writing the first gospel, Mark paved the way for the others. Indeed, as we shall see, his gospel acted as a blueprint, particularly for the writers of Matthew and Luke who copied great chunks of Mark's gospel into their own writings.

Part 2 of 'The Gospel Writers' will appear in the next edition of the Parish Magazine

GOOD FRIDAY

Walk of Witness

Shotwick to Puddington
and on to Burton

A half hour service at St Michael's
Shotwick at

2:00pm on Friday

14 April will be

followed, for

those who are able,
by a walk across the

fields and lanes via Puddington
to St Nicholas' Church in Burton

where there will be hot cross buns,
tea and coffee.

There will then be another short
service from 4.00pm at St Nicholas'
Church as we remember and reflect
upon that first Good Friday.



Praying for One Another

We include
on the weekly pew
sheets the names of
people who, for whatever reason,
would like to be remembered in our
prayers. Someone's name will only be
included with their permission and we
will pray for them in the services and
keep them in our own prayers.

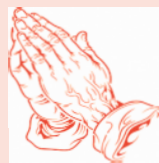
*If you would like a prayer please
either email or ring Cathy Helm.*



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HYMN STORIES

*I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all
Wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all
In the Dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe
And the Pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John –
They came with me
And the Dance went on.*

*I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame;
The holy people
Said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung me high,
And they left me there
On a Cross to die.*

*I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black –
It's hard to dance
With the devil on your back.
They buried my body
And they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance
And I still go on.*

*They cut me down
And I leap up high;
I am the life
That'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
If you'll live in me –
I am the Lord
Of the Dance, said he.*

The Lord of The Dance



This popular hymn was written in 1963. It owes much to the traditional Christmas Carol “Tomorrow shall be my dancing day”.

Sydney Bertram Carter was an English poet, folk musician and Quaker. He was born in Camden Town, London and studied at Oxford University. During the war he served, as a committed pacifist, in the Friends' Ambulance.

Carter wrote the lyrics ‘Lord of the Dance’ as an adaptation of Joseph Brackett’s ‘Simple Gifts’ as a tribute to Shaker music. He once said “I did not think the churches would like it at all. I thought many people would find it pretty far flown, probably heretical and anyway dubiously Christian. But in fact people sing it and, unknown to me, it touched a chord . . . it's the sort of Christianity I believe in.”

Sydney Carter further explained “I see Christ as the incarnation of the piper who is calling us. He dances that shape and pattern which is at the heart of our reality. By Christ I mean not only Jesus; in other times and places, other planets, there may be other Lords of the Dance. But Jesus is the one I know of first and best. I sing of the dancing pattern in the life and words of Jesus”.

COMMUNITY

LIBRARY SERVICE – USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Cheshire West Mobile Library will be at Gladstone Village Hall on the following dates:

17 March 7 April 28 April
19 May & 9 June

It will be in the Car Park in Burton from 12 noon until 12.45pm and it will be on Puddington Village Green on the same dates from 11.10am until 11.50am.

BURTON MANOR GARDENS

Burton Manor Gardens Limited is running a successful programme of talks and courses, aimed at following on from the education programme run by the College and stimulating an interest in the Manor and its gardens. All visitors are welcome to the gardens, which are opened daily between 10.00am – 4.00pm and until 6.00pm between April and October, with free admission.

Future courses are listed at burtonmanorgardens.co.uk.

New volunteers to the team are welcome. There is a wide variety of opportunities to join the dedicated, enthusiastic and hardworking team of Volunteers. Please call 0151 345 1107 if you are interested in joining.

BURTON CRICKET CLUB

The season starts on 15 April and runs until late September. As well as playing friendly matches on a Thursday and Sunday, we now have league matches on Tuesday and Saturday. If you are interested in playing please contact Kevin Jackson:

k.jackson@ntlworld.com or

 07468 579815

YOGA CLASSES

Since they started before Christmas the yoga classes in the Gladstone Hall have proved an overwhelming success. Two are held on Tuesdays – mornings from 10.00am – 11.30am and evenings from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Another session takes place at the Sports and Social Club on Mondays from 9.30am – 10.30am.

Organiser Andrew Collin can be contacted  0780 272 7258,

WEDDING RECEPTIONS

There have been two very impressive receptions at Gladstone Village Hall in the last year – and there are three more planned for 2017 (and another booked for 2018!) Now a ‘wedding team’ has been formed to promote the hall as an ideal venue for couples celebrating their big day. Says Connie Draper:

“The feedback is very encouraging and our recent investment in the hall’s impressive kitchen is starting to pay off”.

The team also liaises with ***Cathy Helm Vicar of St Nicholas’ Church*** to encourage local residents and their families to use the church for wedding ceremonies.

For more information on the special rates available – and a tour of the hall’s facilities (including recent photographs of previous receptions held) please contact the wedding team:

 0151 336 3679

BURTON VILLAGE

Summer Festival

Saturday 10 June - *Save the date!*

Come along and see a huge range of classic cars, tractors and stalls – not forgetting the Burton Festival speciality of a ‘fly-past’.

Refreshments will be available including Barbecues, Teas and Coffee, a Bar and Beer Tent, plus amusements and attractions for the children.

SPRINGTIME

**Briarfield Garden
The Rake, Burton**

**Open Sunday 23 April
1.00pm - 5.00pm**

£4 entry. Also large plant sale all in aid of Claire House Children's Hospice.

Teas also available at Church.



VOLUNTEERS

Be it for work experience or for your Duke of Edinburgh Award or just to help out in your community St Nicholas' Church is looking for an army of helpers!

- Helpers for Messy Church*
- Magazine distributors (local to you)*
- Church cleaners*
- Foodbank Co-ordinator*

Please contact the Vicar, Cathy Helm

Village Memories - John Roe

I have memories of a library service at Gladstone Village Hall from around 1945, and hearsay information going back to approximately 1907, when the Hall was first utilised as a part time Library.

In 1946 there was a library room upstairs in part of what is now 'the upper room'. It was at the far end of a corridor, and had a fireplace, three windows for maximum light, and book shelves full of books belonging to the Gladstone Village Hall.

The librarian at that time was a volunteer villager, Miss Patty Mealor, who had been opening the library every Friday afternoon for two hours and had been doing so since 1923 (if not earlier) when the Hall was given to the Village Hall Trustees.

In or around 1947 it was taken over by Neston Library, and their Head Librarian, Miss Daisy Taylor, would be in attendance for the two hour time slot. She would travel on the 103 Crosville bus arriving at the terminus at 13.25, carrying two shopping bags full of 'new exchange books' and be set up and open for 14.00. Dozens of regular subscribers attended, and to those from distant parts of the village it was a social event.

When Miss Taylor retired the new head librarian, Miss Mary Whitehouse, took over, continuing well into the 1960s. However, in the early 1970s the service was replaced by Cheshire Mobile Library Services, and continued as a weekly event into the 1990s.

The mobile service continues to this day and is now on a three weekly cycle.

PUDDINGTON VILLAGE

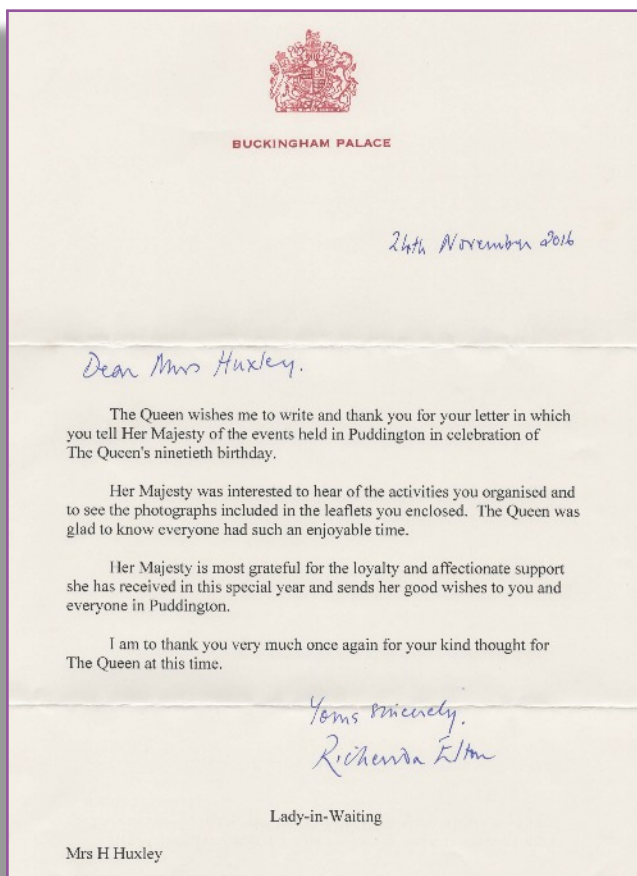
Letter and note from HM The Queen to Residents of Puddington Village

The Puddington Society has existed for over 35 years. As part of its constitution its committee organises gatherings on the Village Green and other events including talks of historical and topical interest.

The Society undertakes a varied and eclectic programme of events but has always celebrated significant milestones associated with Her Majesty The Queen, including all the Jubilee celebrations.

Following the Queen's recent 90th Birthday celebrations some of the leaflets, programmes and newsletters were forwarded to Buckingham Palace.

As a consequence the Society received a letter of thanks and a card from the Palace addressed to Hazel Huxley as Chair of the Puddington Society.



CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Home Group Meetings



The 'St Nicholas Church Home Group' meets regularly at Danes Court, Mudhouse Lane, Burton.

Everyone is welcome to join this friendly and informal study group which meets on specific Wednesday evenings during the month at 8pm at Danes Court, Mudhouse Lane.

Contact Tony Carter
☎ 0151 336 5446

CAFÉ CHAT

An informal and relaxed opportunity to chat with friends about faith, family and anything else that comes up!



Held on the last Thursday of the month at **Elephant Coffee Lounge & Bar Parkgate** starting at 8.00pm.

For more information contact
Ruth Abbott ☎ 0151 342 5032

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

5 January	Dorothy Sproston
8 February	Pauline Golding
27 February	Daniel Braceland



HOLY COMMUNION & LUNCH

Burton Sports & Social Club

Monday 6 March at 11.30am
Monday 3 April at 11.30am
Monday 8 May at 11.30am

Although primarily intended for those who have difficulty accessing the Church building, all are very welcome to attend.

Contact

Basil Keys ☎ 936 1403 or
Jen Williams ☎ 328 1006



YOUTH CHURCH



Messy Church is a fun and interactive way for children of all ages to learn about the Bible stories through games, craft and story time. Plus a two course meal for young and old is included!

4.00pm to 6.00pm.

Saturday 18 March - Gladstone Hall

Saturday 1 April - Church

Saturday 15 April - Egg Rolling

Vicarage Garden 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Saturday 20 May - Church

If you're able, please come and join the fun – Contact Cathy Helm

☎ 07471 890 827

FLORI BUNDA

*March brings breezes loud and shrill,
stirs the dancing daffodil.*

*April brings the primrose sweet,
Scatters daises at our feet.*

*May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
Skipping by their fleecy dams*

(Sara Coleridge)

Spring - such a wonderful time of the year!

Already lovely Galanthus Nivalis (snowdrop) are showing their



pretty white blooms in various clumps in the garden. The first Camellia to flower was the unnamed white. The white blooms contrast so well with the dark green shiny foliage.

Sometimes it is difficult to keep the garden tidy in the early months of the year but it does assist during the hectic time in spring. Many wet leaves have been removed from the borders and the Buddleia Davidii hard pruned. In the autumn two roses were transferred from the large border and to date appear to be settled in their new plot.

Winter Aconites are so lovely with their yellow flowers and green foliage. Some new plants have been purchased and hopefully they will thrive.

The greenhouse has been tidied once again and seed trays etc. filled with compost to warm up (hopefully) awaiting the sowing of the many seeds



including sweet peas which will be sowed in March.

New growth and blooms seem to pop up everywhere and even with the recent cold snap a small clump of yellow crocus have appeared.

Many varieties of birds have visited the garden, i.e. blue, great and long tailed tits, many blackbirds, a pair of robins and once again the brief appearance of the sparrow hawk.

Tasks to be getting on with...

March

- Fill the seed trays with compost

- Sow seeds and later 'prick out'

- Dead head the Hydrangeas

April

- Weeds will begin to take advantage

- Hand weed new flowers & seedlings

- Hoe between rows in the seedbeds

May

- Attend to tubs and containers, which will soon form a flourishing outdoor display once summer is on the way

Good gardening,

Flori Bunda



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- 5 First Sunday of Lent
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6:30 pm Evensong
- 8 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 12 Second Sunday of Lent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 15 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 19 Third Sunday of Lent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 22 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 26 Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 29 10.15am Holy Communion



April

2	Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Evensong
5	10:15 am Holy Communion
9	Palm Sunday 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Morning Worship
12	10:15 am Holy Communion
13	Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Holy Communion
14	4:00 pm Good Friday Service
16	Easter Day 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Communion
19	10:15 am Holy Communion
23	Second Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Morning Worship
26	10:15 am Holy Communion
30	Third Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Morning Worship and Baptism 11:15 am APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

May

3	10:15 am Holy Communion
7	Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Evensong
10	10:15 am Holy Communion
14	Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Morning Worship
17	10:15 am Holy Communion
21	Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Communion
24	10:15 am Holy Communion
28	Sunday after Ascension Day 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Morning Worship
31	10:15 am Holy Communion

June

4	Pentecost 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Evensong
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