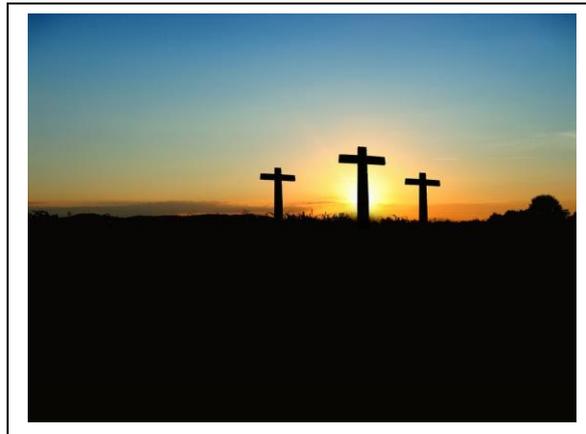


All Saints, Turvey
Newsletter
Easter 2017



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Eggs mean new life. Can you decorate a winner?

On March 1st we began the Lenten journey towards Jesus's last week, culminating in Jesus's death and resurrection. Lent presents us with a spiritual challenge: to become more like Christ in our Love, our Faith, our Hope, in our relationships at work and school and at home. Like Christ on the cross, we are all called to forgive. To forgive our enemies and to love them and pray for them. That is why Christian faith is such a difficult path. It involves getting our hands dirty, opening our hearts and minds and becoming more generous and loving. Lent is God's gift to us ; a time and a space to practice what we preach or rather to attempt to do better.

It is all about how we approach Lent. It is all about being real and so as always there is a time for fun. For faith is fun.

This Easter all of our churches in Carlton, Harrold, Odell, Turvey, Stevington, Podington and Wymington are taking part in our Easter Egg challenge. All of our schools have taken up the challenge and are eager to participate.

The Easter egg challenge is simple. We are inviting everyone to decorate an egg and bring it to one of our churches, all of which will be open over the Easter weekend (Saturday 15th April/Sunday 16th April/ Monday 17th April). We are also hoping that people will take some time out to visit the eggs in the churches and vote for the most creative one. Whilst at church you might also stop for a cream tea and pause for a prayer. There will be lots of prizes for the egg decorating and lots of different refreshments in the churches.

We will present the prizes at our special Team service at Wymington on Sunday 30th April. Our Family worship will be followed by a bring and share lunch. We hope to see you over the Easter Weekend and also on the 30th April.

Over the Easter weekend we will also be encouraging egg rolling after the Easter services and we hope you will start practicing during Lent. Egg rolling reminds us all that our faith is on the move: Going deeper into God.

We hope that you will join in the season of Lent. We hope that you will enter into the spiritual struggle and We hope that after careful preparation you will also enter into the fun of Easter by decorating an egg.

We believe that are many talented and creative people out there. Show up and prove us right.

Wishing you all strength for Lent, Hope in Holy Week and the Joy of Resurrection this Easter.

Happy Easter. God bless

Jacqueline and Peter

A reminder of what's happening over Easter at All Saints:

SPECIAL SERVICES:

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| Sun 9 th April | Palm Sunday. Liturgy of the Palms | 11am |
| Thur 13 th April | Maundy Thursday. Eucharist of the Last Supper | 7.30pm |
| Fri 14 th April | Good Friday. Solemn Liturgy | 2pm-3pm |
| | Good Friday. Music and Meditations | 7.30pm |
| Sun 16 th April | Easter Day Eucharist | 11am |
| Sun 30 th April | Chellington Team Service | 11am |

All 8 churches in the team at St Lawrence's, Wymington, followed by Bring and Share Lunch

EVENTS:

Children's Easter Workshop

Sat 8th April 2pm-4pm

At All Saints' Church. Cost £4 per family.



Egg Festival

Sat 15th - Mon 17th April - All Weekend

Visit the church to see the egg displays (including those from the children at Turvey Lower School) and vote for your favourite.....



Cream Teas in Church

Mon 17th April 3.30pm-5.30pm

Mon 1st May 3.30pm-5.30pm



All events are correct at time of going to press – please check the new activity notice boards in church and the website. Visit us at: www.allsaintsturvey.org.uk for the latest news, services and events....

KEY DATES:

Sun 9th April **Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting** **12.15pm**
Followed by a bring and share Lunch.

The Vestry meeting will take place immediately after the Church service on Sunday 9th April. This meeting - immediately prior to the APCM - is specifically for the Election of Church Wardens.

As you know we have a vacancy. If you are interested please speak to Rod Petty.

If you are on the Electoral Roll you are welcome to attend both meetings. If you are not on the electoral roll you may attend the Vestry Meeting only. We look forward to seeing you.

Existing P.C.C members are invited to stand again for another year and to confirm their willingness to do so prior to the A.P.C.M. We are looking for new P.C.C members to join us.

Vacancies: there is a **Church Warden, Secretary** and **Deanery Synod Representative** vacancy. (Note the Secretary position is *not including* the Administrator position and the role has the full support of the Church Administrator). Please speak to Heather Whelbourn or Rod Petty if you are interested or would like more detail.

Anyone on the electoral roll is invited to join the P.C.C or express an interest in one of the positions. Please contact one of the Church Wardens or Heather Whelbourn ideally before 9th April.

Bring and Share Lunch

This will follow the APCM as usual and a list for food donations will be put up in Church closer to the event. We hope you will join us for the A.P.C.M and the Lunch – always a very enjoyable social event.

Sun 11th June **Thanksgiving Service at 6pm**
Celebrating completion of the South aisle project

24th - 25th June **F.A.S.T. Festival of Flowers and Music**
Look out for posters and notices.

NOTICES FOR APRIL

Coffee Morning



April coffee morning is 10.30 a.m.- 12 noon on **Saturday 8th April** at 17 Bridge Street, Turvey by kind invitation of Heather and James Whelbourn. .

Just because it's a week until Easter doesn't mean you can't have your Easter treats early!

Come along for good coffee, tea, iced tea, cakes, eggs and raffle plus a bring and buy stall for which all contributions are gratefully received.

Last month's coffee morning raised a magnificent £254 -10 p towards Church funds.
A big thank you to Richard and Judith Bray for a very enjoyable time .

Lunch Club

April's Lunch Club will take place on **Friday 7th April** at the usual time of 12.30pm in the Village Hall. May's Lunch Club is on May 5th

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been affected by the recent thefts in All Saints' Turvey, All Saints', Odell and All Saints', Souldrop.

Please keep a watchful eye over our church buildings and those of our neighbours and if you see anything suspicious, do contact the Police

Easter Lilies

The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 15th April. Anyone who would like to be involved please contact Jacqui Darrington.

Donations for Lilies in memory of a loved one may be given to Jacqui Darrington or placed in an envelope and given to a church warden. If you would like to help decorate the church contact Jacqui – 881566

CHARITY

Please help if you can:

We are currently collecting good quality clothing and bric-a-brac for the Bedford Salvation Army charity shop. If you would like to donate, please bring to church on Sunday for Heather Whelbourn or call 01234 881728 if you need it collecting.

A recent email from the Salvation Army....



Dear Heather,

As a Salvation Army officer, it's my privilege to help people who have nowhere else to turn, and nobody to speak to. Much of our work goes by without attracting public attention or hitting the headlines. This is because The Salvation Army has never been the type of church and charity that seeks praise for its work. We just get on with the job at hand, serving the communities and people we are blessed to love and support.

We are currently experiencing a huge surge in demand for support from people who have nowhere to call home. The Salvation Army has always

been there for those who need us, so we've taken the decision to expand our homelessness services.

The expansion will allow us to help more people who are in great need. [People like Robbie, who at just 18 years old, turned to The Salvation Army for help.](#) He was threatened with a knife by his stepfather, and ran away from home with only a bagful of clothes, in fear of his life. We were able to give him a meal, a safe place to stay and a helping hand to get his life back together.

We are so grateful for your support. Without it, we wouldn't be there for the thousands of people who rely on us every day and night. So, thank you for everything you do, which allows us to be there for individuals who need us.

I hope you enjoy reading about our work.

May God bless you, and your family.



Lieut-Colonel Melvin Fincham
On behalf of all the members of The Salvation Army

Visit: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/keep-light-shining> for more information and Robbie's story...

Services at All Saints for April

| Date Colour | Calendar | Celebrant | Sunday | Service | Time |
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| 2nd April Purple | 5th Sunday of Lent | Rev. J. Curtis | 1st | Family Eucharist (with Stevington) | 09.30 am |
| 9th April Red | Palm Sunday | Rev. P. Turnbull | 2nd | Parish Eucharist (Liturgy of the Palms.) | 11 am |
| | | Lay Leader | | Evensong | 6 pm |
| 13th April White | Maundy Thursday | Rev. P Turnbull | | Eucharist with stripping of the Altar | 7.30 pm |
| 14th April Red | Good Friday | Rev. P Turnbull | | An Hour at the Cross | 2.00 pm |
| | | Rev. J Curtis | | Meditation & Music | 7.30 pm |
| 16th April Gold | Easter Day | Rev. J. Curtis | 3rd | Parish Eucharist | 11 am |
| 23rd April White | 2nd Sunday of Easter | Rev. J. Spray | 4th | Parish Eucharist | 11 am |
| | | Lay Leader | | Evensong | 6 pm |
| 30th April White | 3rd Sunday of Easter | | 5th | Team Service. At Wymington TBC | 11 am |
| 7th May White | 4th Sunday of Easter | Rev. P Turnbull | 1st | Family Eucharist | 09.30 am |

Please note the 1st Sunday of the month will be the Family Service at the new time of 9.30am. All welcome!

EASTER

Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. Without Easter there would be no Christianity. Without Jesus' suffering, his execution and subsequent resurrection there would be no Christianity, for however terrible the suffering was, it was part of God's plan for the salvation of humankind.

In Western Christianity, Easter marks the end of Lent, a period of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days (not counting Sundays).

The week before Easter, known as Holy Week, is very special in the Christian tradition: The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday and the last three days before Easter are Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (sometimes referred to as Silent Saturday). Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday respectively commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper and the Crucifixion.

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day,"
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.
(Charles Wesley)

From http://www.faihandworship.com/prayers_Easter.htm#ixzz4bsqNM9eV

Did you know?

What do eggs have to do with Easter?

Eggs illustrate new life, just as Jesus began his new life on East Sunday after the miracle of his resurrection.

When eggs are cracked open they are said to symbolise an empty tomb.

Originally eating eggs was forbidden in the week leading up to Easter (known as Holy Week). They were saved and decorated in the run-up to the celebration, and given to children as gifts. Sometimes they were coloured red, in recognition of the blood sacrificed by Jesus when he was crucified. Green was also used to symbolise spring re-growth after the winter.

The first chocolate eggs appeared in France and Germany during the 19th century.

As chocolate-making techniques improved the modern Easter egg as we know it was born – and remains very popular (and delicious).

Where does the Easter Bunny fit in to all of this?

Rabbits and hares have been associated with spring since ancient times. It is thought that the Anglo-Saxon Goddess of Spring, Eostre, had a hare as her companion, which symbolised fertility and rebirth.

It's hardly surprising that rabbits and hares have become associated with fertility as they are both prolific breeders and give birth to large litters in early spring.

The legend of the Easter Bunny is thought to have originated among German Lutherans, where the 'Easter Hare' judged whether children had been good or bad in the run-up to Easter.

Over time it has become incorporated into Christian celebrations and became popular in Britain during the 19th century.

Many children believe that the Easter Bunny lays and hides baskets of coloured eggs, sweets and sometimes toys in their homes or around the garden the night before Easter Sunday – much like Father Christmas delivering gifts on Christmas Eve. This has given rise to the tradition of the Easter egg hunt which is still popular among children today.

Why do we eat hot cross buns?

A hot cross bun is a spiced, sweet bun marked with a cross on top. They are traditionally eaten on Good Friday. The cross represents the crucifixion of Jesus, while the spices are said to remind Christians of the spices put on his body.

Hot cross buns appeared in the Oxford English Dictionary in 1733, but they have been around since before then.

Enriched, sweetened bread dough dates back to the Romans. Long before Christianity, loaves and buns were baked with symbols on them, one of which was a cross.

Small, spiced cakes were also baked to honour the Saxon goddess Eoestre, and to celebrate spring, but it was the Tudors who began to link the spiced currant buns we know today with feast days, celebrations and eventually Lent.

How is Easter celebrated around the world?

In many central and eastern European countries decorating eggs in beautiful patterns is especially popular.

In Switzerland, Easter eggs are delivered by a cuckoo and a fox in some areas of Germany.

The egg-giving tradition arrived in the United States in the 18th century brought by protestant German immigrants in the Pennsylvania Dutch area.

On Easter Monday, the President of the United States holds an annual Easter egg roll on the lawn of the White House for young children.

In the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland it is a day of remembrance for the men and women who died in the Easter Rising which began on Easter Monday 1916.

Easter Jokes:

Sunday school 1

Mrs Lewis, a Sunday school teacher asked her little children one Easter Sunday, as they were on the way to the church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'

Rebecca, a bright little girl piped up, 'Because people are sleeping?'

Sunday school 2

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Bobby stayed home from church with a baby-sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Bobby asked them what they were for.

'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father told him.

'Wouldn't you know it,' Bobby fumed, 'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'



Happy Easter!