

April Services for Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday

28th March 10am zoom church.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83747451613?pwd=czk1b3VWYmtN WmtwSUZxNXIC0StDUT09>
 Meeting ID: 837 4745 1613
 Passcode: Psalm121
 6.30pm Said Evensong at Rodden

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Communion at Rodden

Good Friday

9am zoom church
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81017824605?pwd=Q3RFaUF5UVFk bnB1UDRsa3hQV2p0Zz09>
 Meeting ID: 810 1782 4605
 Passcode: Cross
 2pm Service of Readings and music at the foot of the cross at Berkley.

Easter Day

6.30am Outside Dawn Service, St George's Beckington

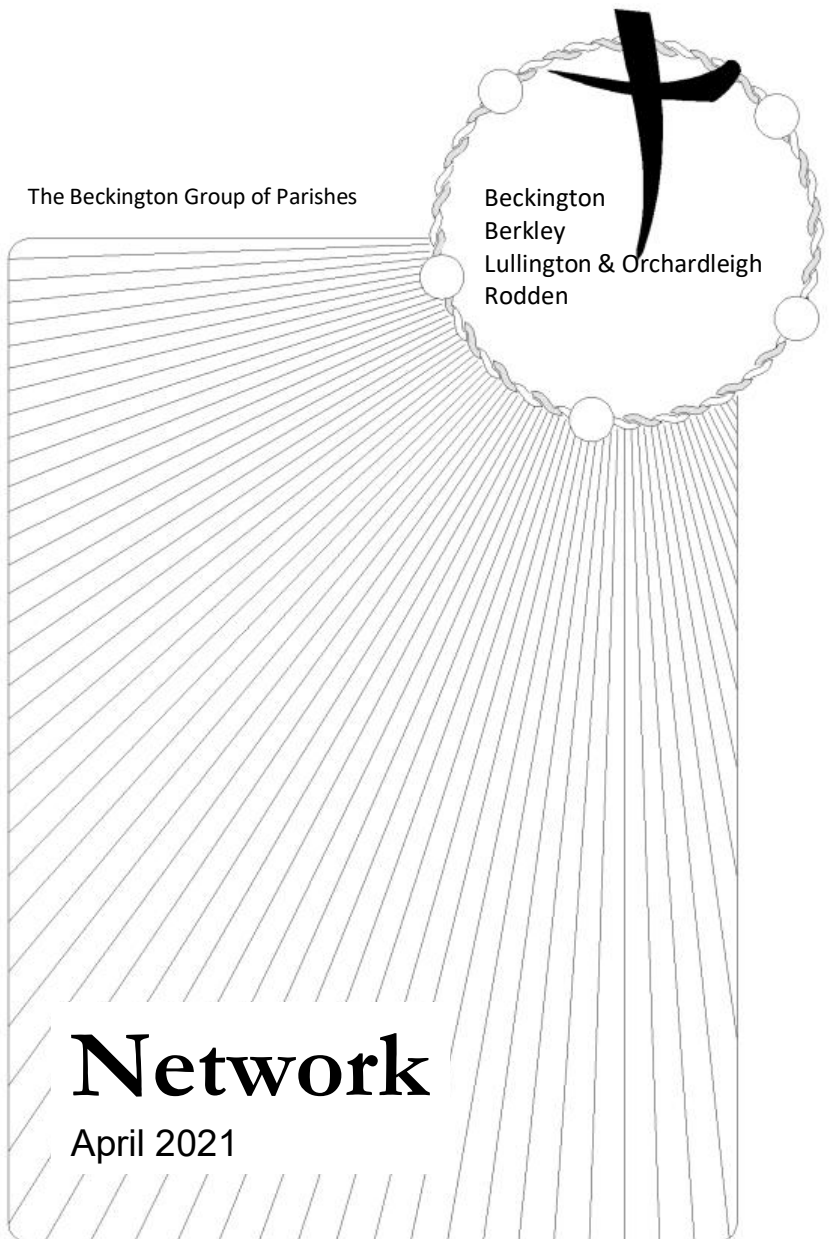
9.00am Communion at Berkley

10.30am Communion at Beckington
 Please book for this service via Maria Beaven 07940420596 maria.beaven@outlook.com

6.30pm Communion at Rodden

Please visit www.lullandorch.org.uk for details of services at Lullington & Orchardleigh.

Parish				
St. George's Beckington	4 th April	06.30am 10.30am	See Above	
	11 th April	10.00am	Communion with Berkley	
	18 th April	10.00am	BCP Matins	
	25 th April	10.00am	Holy Communion	
St. Mary's Berkley	2 nd April	2.00pm	Good Friday Service	
	4 th April	9.00am	Holy Communion	
	18 th April	9.00am	All Age Worship	
All Saints Rodden	1 st April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	
	3 rd April	6.30pm	Easter Communion	
	18 th April	6.30pm	Evensong	
Lullington & Orchardleigh	4 th April	11am	BCP Holy Communion	
	11 th April	11am	BCP Matins	
	18 th April	11am	BCP Matins	
	25 th April	11am	BCP Holy Communion	
Beckington Baptist Church	4 th April	3pm	Services each Sunday at 3pm to which all are welcome	



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Easter tide gives new hope as the wonder of the natural world continues to unfold. There is much joy in our hearts as we move gradually to a more relaxing way of life as more people receive vaccine jabs. We can have more confidence in being able to meet with each other in a less restricted way.

There will of course be those who will wish that the Easter Parades etc., at present still having to be modified, could take place as they did in the past. We note however that folk press on, determined to celebrate, but as we move forward, we know we will have to adjust to situations that we encounter. We may have to re-establish links that were put under stress during the pandemic, but hopefully, we will rejoice in renewing things that were important in the past, these being resurrected for joy in the future. Many in society, both those with nominal or active church allegiance, will rejoice that the most important change that April brings is that churches will be reopening again for corporate worship, albeit still abiding by Covid regulations. We will be able to gather with others to celebrate again the real impact of Easter; the message that has sustained Christians through thick and thin. People will want to rejoice in the fact that there is life beyond the end of this life, as proved by the Resurrection of Jesus on the first Easter Day. We will, however, long for restrictions to be lifted to allow the joyful singing of hymns of Easter Praise.

Those who would celebrate the true joy and hope of Easter will read the Gospel story (eg. Luke Ch. 22-Ch 24), telling of the events. The joy of Easter will be relived, celebrating collectively the demonstration of the love of God revealed in the life, teaching and death of Jesus; we honour him as God's gift of love to the world, by whom men and women can be made right with God. The fear of Death removed; the Grace of God discovered. In the prelude to Easter Day, we consider in depth the Passion of our Lord: the Last Supper at which the sacrament of Holy Communion was instituted, the agony in the garden, the betrayal by Judas, the mock trial and the brutal crucifixion. Following this we read of what might be deemed to be end of the story: the burial of the body, the closing and sealing of the tomb, the end. If this were indeed the end of the Jesus story, how sad we would be. Following death and burial, however, comes resurrection. The stone was rolled away to reveal an empty tomb; Jesus had risen, death defeated and the news that there is life beyond death. It is at this point that Christian faith began to develop as Jesus reveals himself first to Mary, and then to others of the disciples. In the weeks following, he appeared to many others who in turn believed. "He is not dead, He has risen!" It is the testimony of many who would sing; "Christ is risen, Hallelujah, Christ is Risen from the dead." I seek to serve a Risen Saviour who's in the world today: do you?

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St. George's Beckington

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To start with, we will be allowing some areas of grass to grow a little longer, and other areas to continue growing until the end of the summer in order to allow wild flowers to grow up, and to support the insect life. We have chosen these areas carefully and our gardener will mow and trim to keep the grass short around the front of the church and between the graves. We have also created a new compost bin and would ask that **all plant-based waste from the graveyard is placed in there, with non compostable waste in the green bins.** We are looking forward to collaboration with Beckington First School, and the local community in this exciting project.

In view of these plans, and recent distress caused by fouling in the

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April 18th
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Easter Prayer

Dear generous, loving Father

How can we thank you for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, for His life of obedience and servanthood, for His choosing to die that agonising death on a cruel cross, so that we can be forgiven, and most of all for His death-defeating resurrection on the first Easter morning and the gift of His Spirit to those who put their trust in Him?

We can't possibly thank you adequately Lord, but we want to try! Thank you, thank you Father, that Jesus, our Servant-King is alive, Lord of heaven and earth - and yet still serving us, so that we too can live and serve. Help us to be your Easter people and live lives of faithful witness to the living Lord, empowered by your Holy Spirit, building in all that we think, say or do for your kingdom to come. Hallelujah!
Amen.

Daphne Kitching



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Springmead School

Thinking about the needs of others

Springmead School has a firm commitment to charitable works and encouraging our pupils to proactively seek to help others; it is a core value, and one we take very seriously. As a school we support many charities but one in particular: *Mercy in Action*. This is a Bath based Christian charity, supporting street children in the Philippines to get an education. Over the last 19 years, the school has contributed money, resources and physical help to the work of this inspiring charity. In turn, the people involved-the organisers and the children we have helped-have been enormously grateful for the support; indeed, one of their school buildings is called Spring House.

Over the pandemic, the plight of the street children in Philippines has been made so much worse in every way. *Mercy in Action* have been asking for donations to fund food for the children so that when they go for lessons, they can have a meal too.

Last year we weren't able to have a charity week as the school was in lockdown; usually the school would raise over £2000. For social distancing reasons, we will not have a charity week again this year; instead, the school has funded two separate live Zoom discos for the younger and older children. Rather than asking parents to contribute to the cost of these events, we asked those that felt able to make a donation to *Mercy in Action* through

a 'Justgiving' page that was set up especially for the event. In this way, our children had a lovely event and at the same time we raised £595.

Anyone can donate to this worthy cause! Here is the page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mercy-in-action-uk-springmead-disco>

Madeleine Taylor

Berkley School

What an interesting few months we have all had, but the staff, pupils and parents at Berkley school have risen magnificently to the challenges of home schooling.

On a recent school monitoring visit before Christmas, our SIAMS Governor was able to see the Christian value of 'compassion' throughout the pupils' work and displayed in various forms in the different classes; a value that can help not just the children, but all of us during these different times.

The Christian value for last term was 'responsibility,' and as a board of Governors, it's reassuring to hear from the school senior leadership team that teachers and staff are taking the responsibility to ensure that children have an excellent home schooling provision; that the children are taking on the responsibility of learning, and, I am sure, helping their parents and carers with this new style of education.

With this term's Christian value being perseverance, we look forward to bringing this into our Governors meetings and seeing how

the children relate this to their everyday experiences.

As a school, we continue to encourage the Christian message through various forms, and having also recently welcomed Ronnie to our Governing Board, we look forward to her thoughts and ideas on how we can further develop our links with the church at Berkley School.

Liz Halliwell and Jo Cheshire
Co-Chair Governors

Here is a snap shot of the wonderful day we experienced on Friday 12th March.

Our Well-being and Spirituality Day

A day to stop and take time; a day to reflect for all members of our community. We felt this was the right time for the children to have a day focussed on themselves, their well-being and mental health. It addressed ways of coping, strategies for managing daily worries and anxieties, how to recognise our emotions, and who and what can help us to feel good. There were times to reflect and to open up to spirituality.

The children will experience a number of workshops throughout the day, for example, expression through art, healthy minds, and nutrition. Mrs Hooper and I have worked closely with Ian from IG sports who has specialist training within mental health, and with Mrs Knight, a drama and music teacher, to create a wide-ranging approach for the children. The children were able to take part in a range of

workshops ranging from expression through art, to drama and yoga.

Suzanne Thompson

Beckington School

It has been lovely welcoming all the children back to school this month. They have settled well back into routines and learning with their friends.

We planned a very practical science week for the children's return on 8th March. They were able to carry out all sorts of experiments and investigations which ignited their curiosity and love of learning. Some of the children had fun exploring ice and magnets, making fossils in jelly and predicting what would happen if you placed a gingerbread man biscuit into water, oil, vinegar or milk! The older children explored forces and created zip wires for a teddy bear: after creating a harness out of pipe cleaners, they had to find ways of reducing the friction so that teddy could travel faster down the wire.

There was lots of fun to be had during Book Week in March and there were some amazing book character outfits! The children enjoyed listening to stories read by different adults virtually and we have had some amazing photos of children reading a book in extreme places! The children also became inspired to write as authors and spent lots of time creating zig-zag books after comparing a story in a book with the film version. We now have a weekly collective worship

23rd April St George's Day

Have you seen the film *How to Train your Dragon*?

It's set in a Viking village under attack from dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture dragons. However, when he catches one of the most dangerous dragons, he cannot kill it when he sees that the dragon is just as frightened as he is. Through this friendship, the people and dragons eventually learn to live in harmony.

This month we celebrate St George, the patron saint of England. He is famous for slaying a dragon, a tradition which became popular in the Middle Ages. Whether he killed an actual dragon is open to question! However, we do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23 April 303 AD.

The contrast is clear: St George slayed the evil dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. However, they also have something important in common. Both acted according to their conscience, defying the popular understanding of those around them, and not worrying about the personal cost to themselves. St George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus before a pagan emperor, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in daily life, whatever the personal cost. However, we also need to be ready to look our enemies in the eye and meet their hostility with love and compassion. This is why we also remember this month that Jesus died and rose again, so that we might have God's power to do this in our lives.

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Calling all climate enthusiasts!

Concerned about climate change?
Keen to make a difference?

Beckington Parish Council is calling parishioners to help set up a sustainability group to identify different ways we can come together to reduce emissions, become more sustainable and to protect and enhance our parish, to make it an even better place to thrive.

The aim is to be imaginative, practical, enjoyable and community led.

Would you be interested in joining? It might be a project the whole family can participate in. **WATCH THIS SPACE!** We will keep you posted on the village Facebook page.

Paula Fox 07733 247365

EASTER



Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. **Christ has risen.** We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for the first Good Friday: Friday 7th April 30 AD or Friday 3rd April, 33 AD with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these two Fridays to be the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first

full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22nd March, which last fell in 1818. The latest is 25th April, which last happened in 1943.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month,' but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So, Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

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where the classes from Mells School join with the classes at Beckington online through Google Meet. It is lovely to be able to talk to them all at the same time and invite them to make contributions across the two schools.

We are also enjoying our collective worship videos with Reverend Ronnie, and are looking forward to completing the Easter story through these.

The children are enjoying our renewed focus on the learning gem powers. This half term our Christian value has been courage which matches well with emerald power, all about being brave and sticking at things even when they become tough. We want to promote resilience especially now the children are back in school. We wish everyone in our community a lovely Easter break.

Claire Chantler



**Beckington
Group
Mothers'
Union**

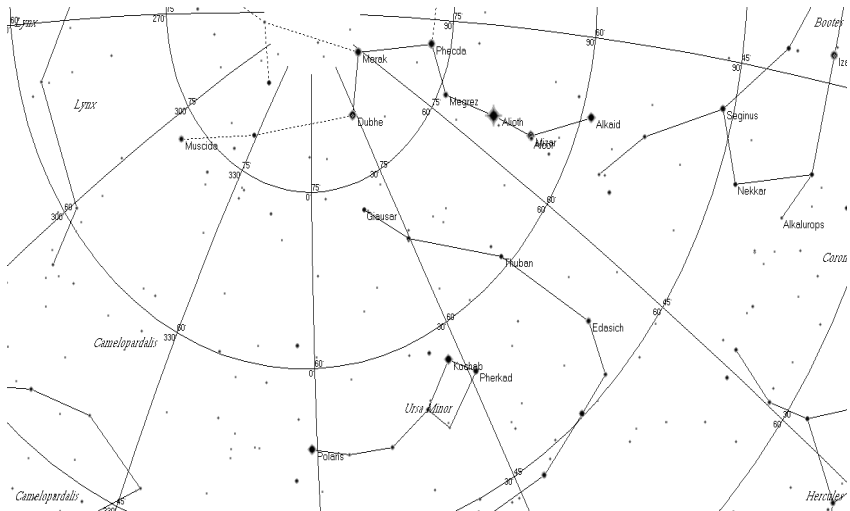
Our thanks to Rev Ronnie for hosting our Zoom meeting earlier this month, and for leading our opening worship. We listened to recorded music and hymns, and our readings were given by Susan and Glenys. During the service we all renewed our membership promises, a timely reminder of the aim and purpose of the Mothers' Union,

followed by the MU prayer. We were pleased our worldwide links liaison officer, Gay Curtis, was able to join with our meeting.

It was not possible to hold a service in church this year for Mothering Sunday, nor to distribute the traditional posies of spring flowers. As an alternative, bookmarks were available in church on the Sunday, and also on the following Wednesday, with people invited to take one, and give them to others as they wish. In recent years we have held a tea party to raise money for the Make a Mothers' Day campaign, but this year we were invited to send a gift individually to support the on-going work of MU projects for families worldwide. Jenny informed us of the various activities are taking place throughout the diocese, with many branches keeping in touch through Zoom. We can follow a Lent Course prepared by our MU Chaplain, Rev Wendy Mitchell and there is a monthly newsletter. Our visitor Gay was able to give us a good deal of up-to-date news from some of the dioceses with whom we are linked, in India and Africa. Understandably the news was grim, with huge numbers of people affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. Of particular concern is Tanzania, where the president is in denial and little is being done to address the situation.

We will not be able to meet in April, but we will keep in touch, and look forward to the easing of restrictions so that we can meet once more.

Rosemary Ball



Beckington Astronomical Society (BAS) www.beckingtonas.org

Early spring has certain attractions for viewing the night sky: the evenings are getting a bit warmer and the sky still gets really dark. There are various degrees of darkness: Civil (1-6), Nautical (6-12) and Astronomical (12 -18), and these are related to how far the centre to the Sun is below the Horizon (the figures in brackets are in degrees). In the middle of April, you would need to wait until about 11.00pm (GMT) for the sky to be really dark. You will be able to view the stars I mention in this article earlier in the evening. The map is for looking North at 9.00 pm GMT. Double stars are when two stars seem very close together. They may appear close together just because they are in the same direction. They may however be a true double in that they are orbiting each other due to their gravitational attraction. In the map there are two examples of double stars well known to amateur astronomers. In the 'tail' of the well-known constellation Ursa Major

(Plough or Big Dipper) There 'is' a double star Mizar and Alcor between Alkaid and Alioth. Mizar and Alcor are so close together on the map that my planetarium programme prints the names in the same place. This pair of stars, known as the 'Horse and Rider' by the Arabs, were considered as a test of good eyesight to see them as separate stars with the naked eye. The other double star is Polaris, the pole star. It is about 50th in order of brightness of stars we can see at our latitude, not particularly bright but so important because of it being almost exactly due North. One will need binoculars or a telescope to see the companion star of Polaris. Polaris which appears yellow is about 600 times brighter than its companion which is bluish. These stars are separated by 18 arc seconds so quite a challenge to 'separate' (about 1/200th of the width of the Moon). I believe Polaris may be a 'Double Double' but one would need a powerful telescope to see that. John Ball 830419

'Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us.'

He highlights the question of Jesus' identity: how can He save others, when He cannot save Himself from death? He failed to see that the cross itself was the means of salvation.

So - what kind of Messiah was Jesus?

The other criminal's response in his last moments is a moving expression of faith. When challenging the other man, he spoke of the utter injustice of the crucifixion:

"This man has done nothing wrong.'

He perceived the truth that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. In a wonderful picture of grace

'Remember me when You come into Your kingdom',

The second thief confessed his guilt and secured Jesus' forgiveness and mercy.

In reply, Jesus promised the man life from the moment of death;

'Today you will be with Me in paradise.'

Jesus used the picture of a walled garden to help the man understand His promise of protection and

security in God's love and acceptance eternally.

Each one of us has to choose how we react to Jesus on the cross. Do we want Him to 'remember' us when He comes into His kingdom, or not?

'For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God'
1 Peter 3:18

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(An editorial resource for church magazine editors)

For Sale or Wanted

Information Wanted

Network has received a request - Has anyone heard of the 'Edright Stone' in Beckington village and knows how it might be found? Please contact beckington.network@gmail.com and we will forward your information on. Thank you.

If you would like an entry in this column, please send it to Julie Evemy (see inside front cover). A suggested donation of £1 towards Network would be appreciated which can be left in the slot in the wall inside St George's church-when open. Private advertisements only please.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before His death: the washing of His own disciples' feet (see John 13). Jesus washed His disciples' feet for a purpose:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is '*mandatum novum do vobis*'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.

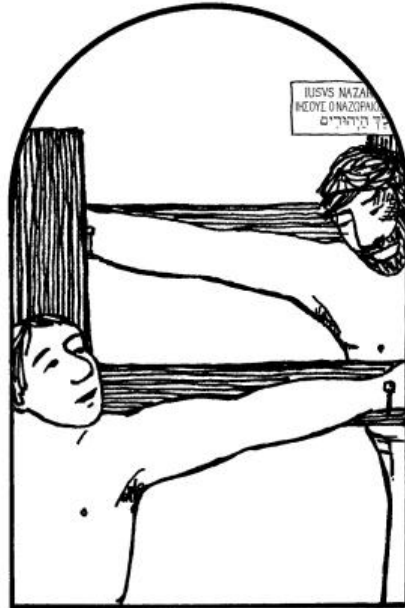
Jesus and His close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying

"This is my body' and 'this is my blood'

as He, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world.

John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

Good Friday Jesus and the thieves on the Cross



Luke's account of the crucifixion (Luke 23:32-43) emphasises the mocking of the crowd

'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself' (35,37,39)

In their view a Messiah does not hang on a cross and suffer. In considering the two men who were crucified with Jesus, we are also confronted with the issue of how Jesus secures salvation for us. The words of one of those crucified with Jesus reflected the crowd's taunts:

Friends of St George's: A silent auction of talents

Below is an amazing list of twenty-four "Lots".

Please carefully consider your top bid and email rectorronnie@outlook.com or drop a note through the Rectory Door- 8 Church Street, Beckington.

Please ensure you clearly state YOUR NAME. The Lot number and the description given below. YOUR PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL. And most important your TOP BID. **By noon on 10th April.** You can of course bid for more than one Lot! In the event of identical top bids participants will be offered a second chance.

1. 3 course meal for 5 (wine included)
2. Garage Restaurant - *dinner for four in a rustic setting*
3. Special afternoon tea for 6 including a glass of Fizz!
4. Three Hours Gardening by experienced couple
5. Recover your favourite silk lampshade
6. Ironing (one average load) *(Top three bids as we have three offers to iron)*
7. Three online Pilates lessons for an individual or small group of friends
8. Dog Walking or Dog sitting (2-4 hours)
9. Personalised home crafted gift cards
10. Two Jars of Rudge Honey harvested Autumn 2021. *NB £15 reserve*

11. Shopping Trip to Frome
12. Trip to a Garden Centre
13. Afternoon Tea for four on a veranda with stunning views
14. 'Made by Maria' chocolate brownies each month for a year" (i.e., 12 batches)
15. Garden Rotavating
16. Pressure hosing to clean a patio
17. 500g sourdough boule every 2 weeks for 2 months. *Commencing after 4th May*
18. A rustic Bird Feeder
19. A Hanging Bird Box
20. Three ½ hour piano lessons for a beginner
21. a jar of lemon curd x 3 months (i.e., a jar a month) and deliver it.
22. A homemade fruit cake
23. Garden Watering (to cover a holiday period)
24. Your weekly supermarket shop collected and delivered to your doorstep for 2 weeks- *Mornings only*

Village Agent News

Hello readers of the Network Magazine. Can it really be April already?

As I write, the spring sunshine feels warm on my face through the window and the daffodils on my morning walk today are a sign that hopefully the cold weather has left us for this year.

Being at home a lot more over the past couple of months has without doubt bumped up our fuel bills. The Centre for Sustainable Energy's Home Energy team are on hand to deal with fuel debt, help find cheaper fuel, aid in switching suppliers and much more – just watch this Talking Café they co-hosted with our Village Agent Wendy Rudd to see why it is so important to stay warm & how they help:

<https://youtu.be/Xjmw10nk9C0>. You can also complete their online referral form on their website:

<https://www.cse.org.uk/advice>

Don't forget you can also join our Community Oil Scheme and save in bulk orders of oil!

www.ccslovesomerset.org/oil. 50% of the small annual fee goes into our Crisis fund to help people in need in Somerset.

Crisis Fund

The Crisis Fund is distributed by our Village and Community Agents to help people in crisis situations and for whom a small grant can make a huge difference in their life – At this

time of crisis and hardship for many in our communities this need is greater than ever.

We have never actively fundraised before for the Crisis Fund, but this has been an unprecedented year, and our important 'pot' of funds has almost depleted due to unprecedented demand due to the Coronavirus. We would love to raise **£20,021 in 2021** for the Crisis Fund, and are asking you to get involved anyway you can with sponsored runs, bake sales (after lockdown!) - setting yourself any kind of #CrisisFundChallenge – or by simply and very kindly donating! Follow us on social media @RuralSomerset for updates and how to get involved!

Some examples of what these grants have been used for recently:

- To buy 2 mattress protectors for a carer who was supporting their loved one with night time incontinence
- To support a family with funeral costs after their teenage son died in a road accident
- To buy children's clothes for a family who had recently lost Dad to cancer
- To buy half a tank of oil for a lady with a chronic health condition who was struggling to heat her home
- Paying to PAT test and move a donated Fridge Freezer to a family in need
- To buy a washing machine for a carer who is struggling to keep up with washing demands

People in the Parish

This month, Network has been speaking with **Madeleine Taylor** from Springmead School in Beckington.

I came to the village twenty years ago with a tiny baby, a husband and a sister, and an audacious plan: to set up an Independent Preparatory School and Nursery in Sandy Hill House. With a background in teaching, personnel management and business management, and a firm Christian faith, we had the skills, energy (and the knowledge of God's love), for the task in front of us.

The property in Castle Corner has stood for centuries. In its past it has been a residential home for the elderly, a maternity hospital, a private residence, flats and even officer accommodation. With such a chequered past, the building had evolved in a bit of a higgledy piggledy way, and in 2000 it was in need of a serious make-over. It took seven months and 25 workmen to convert the building into a school. During that time, Steve and I, and baby Tom, lived sparingly in a small apartment onsite, working late into the night whenever Tom slept, doing a thousand jobs that always seemed to be ahead of us.

New to the village, we were welcomed with open arms by the congregation of St George's Church, many who are dear friends still, along with some lovely neighbours and villagers.

We opened our doors in April 2002 with just 4 children; today we have over 120 children.

In usual non-pandemic times, we enjoy working with the village school and other local schools. Our school offers parents a choice in the villages; it is homely but not a soft option as there is nowhere to hide in small classes, and every day is a rich, intense opportunity for learning. So far, each inspections team has said we are 'outstanding.' However, rather than outstanding, I consider ourselves to be driven and ambitious for the possibilities of each of our charges, both academically, and as importantly, as rounded individuals with sound human values.

The journey has not been easy: ten years ago Steve passed away; that wasn't part of my plan, neither was a pandemic! However, with the fabulous support of the school community and the church, we have survived, matured and grown. Three years ago I met a lovely man, Mike Chappell, my second chance of happiness. Tom is now twenty and studying for a degree in Performing Arts. Springmead, my 'second child,' now nineteen years old, continues to shine brightly and delights us all.

Thank you, Madeleine, for your time writing and sending your valuable contribution into Network.

CHRIST
Matthew 16:16

SAVIOUR
John 3:16-17

HOLY ONE
Mark 1:24

VINE
John 15:5

DOOR
John 10:9

WAY
John 14:6

LAMB
John 1:29

SON OF GOD
Matthew 3:16-17

KING OF KINGS
Revelation 17:14

PROPHET
Luke 24:19

PRIEST
1 Timothy 2:5

ROCK
1 Corinthians 10:4

LORD
1 Corinthians 1:9

AMEN
Revelation 3:14

LIFE
John 11:25-27

MESSIAH
John 1:41

SHEPHERD
John 10:11

LIGHT
John 8:12

WORD
John 1:1-50

BREAD
John 6:35

CREATOR
1 John 1:3

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

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- To buy food and drink for a client who had been struggling to get shopping during the lockdown. The Agent went shopping for the client to ensure she could eat and drink until the food bank was open

Please visit www.ccslovesomerset.org/somerset-crisis-fund/ to find out more. You can donate to a county wide 'pot' <https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/> or directly to Mendip at <https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/project/mendipcrisisfund/>

Active and In Touch and Frome Community Drivers.

On 1 January, two local charitable organisations which support people who are isolated and lonely, joined forces. **Frome Community Drivers**, established in 2016 by Morag Stuart, ensured the provision of volunteer drivers for medical appointments, social engagements, shopping trips and prescription collections. They are currently working hard to do shopping for essentials and taking vulnerable passengers for their COVID vaccinations.

Active and In Touch was established in 2011. Director Dougie Brown and his team of volunteers, help and befriend members, whilst trying to minimise their feelings of being lonely or isolated from the community. Together they are hoping to expand into the villages of East Mendip to help more people.

For more information or to become a volunteer please contact Morag on 07595591391 or e-mail hello@fromecommunitydrivers.org.uk.

Somerset Food Resilience Taskforce

We are still proud to be part of the county-wide initiative, and we organise, co-ordinate and deliver food boxes and precooked meals to those in need via our Agents, community groups/kitchens – over 20,000 items of food a WEEK are delivered – 200,000 since lockdown began last March – a staggering number!

As always, if you don't have access to the internet and you'd like to find out more or discuss how we can help you, please get in touch using either of the numbers below.

Stay safe, stay well and stay active!

Nic Edwards
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nicolae@somersetccc.org.uk

Standerwick, Berkley & Beckington WI

In March all our W.I. members received 2 lovely polyanthus plants, a gift from our institute and delivered by the committee members. A really lovely thought and much appreciated, brightening up the dull days and making everyone feel they were not forgotten. We also had a meeting on zoom for every member who was able to join in, on our usual meeting day and time. Our speaker was Kevin Little, a Fishmonger from Reading. His shop was in Smelly Alley which is a very small street running between the two main shopping streets in Reading. He worked in the shop for 47 years and was very well known in the area. He explained how the term 'Holy Mackerel' first become used. In the 1500s fish would be unloaded from the boats on the quay at whatever time the tide was right for them to come in. Unfortunately, if the fishermen came back on a Sunday, they could not unload their catch, as you were not allowed to work on a Sunday. The fishermen applied to the church to be allowed to do this, and it was agreed they could unload mackerel as it deteriorated quickly, hence the term 'Holy Mackerel.' One day he landed a Thresher Shark. This fish had a very long tail, about a metre long, and bony. He had no use for this, but 2 small boys came in and asked to buy it. He sold it to them and asked how they were getting home with this big tail. They said they were catching the bus to the other side of Reading! He



wondered what the other passengers thought and what they were going to do with it when they arrived home. The health inspector came one day and said he had too many flies in his shop. He must keep a fly book and write down how many flies in the shop at any time! You are only allowed 5 at any time: any more and you must chase them out! His wife had a new car and he was told that on no account could he put fish in it! One very cold winter's morning his van wouldn't start. He thought she would never know, so he went to Billingsgate market, came back in time to unload and open the shop. When he got back his wife was waiting – NOT PLEASED! He had bought some lampreys: an eel-like fish with a mouth sucker to suck blood from other fish. One had fallen into her lap.! She looked up, and saw that the escaped lampreys had attached themselves to the roof of the car and were swaying like a curtain. He survived.! He could have up to 400 different types of fish in his shop; turbot, halibut and cod are his favourites. We will be having another zoom meeting for members on 1st April when the speaker will be Emma Britten who was on radio Bristol. She has now left to become a celebrant. This should be a very entertaining talk.

Our competition held earlier in the year was very well supported with 25 entries. The winner of the art class was Janet Cooke with the picture below.

Marion Oxlade



Private Fostering

Is your child living with another family?

Have you been looking after someone else's child for 28 days or more?

Do you know a child that's being looked after outside their close family?

If so, the child may be living in a private fostering arrangement. The law says you must tell Children's Social Care if you know about any private fostering arrangements. This is so we can make sure the children are well looked after and to give support to their carers.

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or email: childrens@somerset.gov.uk

What is private fostering?

Private fostering is when a child or young person under 16 years old - or under 18 if they have a disability - lives with someone for 28 days or more who is not a close relative, guardian or person with parental responsibility. A close relative would be a parent, step-parent, aunt, uncle or grandparent.

People become private foster carers for all sorts of reasons. They might be a friend of the child's family. They could be someone who is willing to look after a child they do not know, for example if that child is on an exchange trip or have parents who live overseas.

If Children's Social Care has made the arrangement, or the person who is caring for the child is an approved foster carer, this is not private fostering.

What to do if you know of a private fostering arrangement

The law says you must tell Children's Social Care if you know about any private fostering arrangements.

If you think you are privately fostering a child or know about a child who is being privately fostered, then don't worry, it is allowed. But you do need to tell us - we have a legal duty to ensure that all children who are privately fostered are cared for in a safe and suitable environment.

To report a private fostering arrangement, please call our Contact Centre in confidence on 0300 123 2224 or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

For general enquiries please email:
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