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**ALL
SAINTS'
& HOLY
TRINITY**
WEEKLY E-NEWS



There was, as some of you may have noticed, no E-News last week. It was unfortunately, a small casualty of the Parish Profile, which rather took over everything in sight for some time. For those wondering, it is essentially our “sales brochure” for the parishes, designed to help attract the right vicar for our next chapter. Thank you for your patience while that was being created.

In the meantime, things have not been standing still. Andrew has now left us, which still feels a slightly strange thing to write, and the Churchwardens have already had a further Zoom with the Archdeacon to begin working through what comes next. So whilst one chapter has clearly closed, another has wasted no time in getting underway.

If a little while ago it felt as though things were gently gathering pace, this week has taken a rather more direct approach and simply arrived all at once.

Because there is, of course, plenty going on. Parish life continues in its usual fashion, with that familiar ability to produce one more thing at precisely the moment you thought you were nearly done. Reassuringly normal, in its own way.

And yet, alongside all of this, there is the unmistakable sense that something has shifted. Andrew’s time with us has come to an end, and although much remains the same, it feels different. It is there in conversations, in passing moments, and in that slight pause before the next step.

It makes for a week that feels full in every sense. Busy, certainly, but also thoughtful, and just a little bit significant.

So we take it as it comes. Getting on with what needs doing, making space where we can, and holding on to the quiet understanding that, whatever this new chapter brings, we step into it together.

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Pew Sheet

Third Sunday of Easter

19 April 2026

HYMNS

649 – The King of love my shepherd is

72 – Bind us together Lord

428 (T.2) – Love divine all loves excelling

19 – All my hope on God is founded

SERVICES THIS WEEK

19 April	9.45am	Sung Eucharist Holy Trinity Meldreth
	11.00am	Sunday @ 11 All Saints' Melbourn
26 April	9.45am	Sung Eucharist All Saints' Melbourn

Save the date

All Saints' will be holding their May Market on 16 May and always there is a request if you are dividing plants to please save some for the event. Please speak to Nicola, Sue C or Pat, also if anyone has any spare plant pots, they would be happy to collect them.

Also calling all our lovely cake makers. If you are able to make a cake either for our cake stall or to sell on refreshments, please speak to Kimmi.

Save the date

Friday 19th June at 7pm Holy Trinity Meldreth.

Award-winning pianists play Grieg, Chopin and Rachmaninoff.

Safari Supper Sat 18 July

All Saints' will be hosting a Safari Supper on Saturday 18 July. It promises to be a fun & sociable evening following the familiar format known to many and ready to be discovered by others. If you are interested in hosting diners for a starter, main course or dessert, or would simply like to find out more, please speak to Diane Blundell, Gill Sutcliffe, Jane Brett or Kimmi.

Sunday 19 April 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the
disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence
with us,
that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness
and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either **Acts 2:14a. 36-41**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Or **Zephaniah 3:14-end**

PSALM Psalm 116:1-3. 10-end
(or 116:1-7)

R Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my
supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul."
How shall I repay the Lord
for all the benefits he has given to me? **R**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants. **R**

O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 1:17-23**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Or **Acts 2:14a. 36-41**

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only

stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" Jesus asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

POST COMMUNION

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his
disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming
work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



Gra-cious is the Lord and righ-teous.

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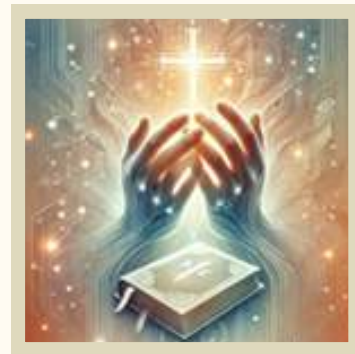
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Prayer Requests

We are happy to receive your prayer requests. Please let us know if there is anything or anyone specific you would like to pray for.



Prayer and Bible study groups

Prayer group meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

On the third Wednesday of the month, a group meets for Bible study.

Both groups meet between 11.00 and 12.00.

If you would like to join either or both groups, you will receive a warm welcome.

Please contact Pat Smith for more information.

Home Visits

If you are ever housebound or unable to attend church due to illness and wish to receive Holy Communion or prayers for the sick, please contact us to arrange a home visit.





A Church Near You is a website created by the Church of England to let people know more about churches across England. On this website each church has its own pages which hold lots of important information about the church including service times and events.

Please do look at the entries for Meldreth and Melbourn. If you log on to the website, you can find a church by entering the village name or postcode and selecting from the churches it gives you within a certain geographical area. (If you put in your own postcode it will bring up your local church first) we would be pleased to have your feedback on updates.

www.achurchnearyou.com

SERVICES FOR MAY 2026

Date	Time	Type of Service	Location
3 May	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
10 May	8.00am	Servive of the Word (tbc)	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
17 May	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	11.00am	Sunday @ 11	All Saints', Melbourn
24 May	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
31 May	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth

The Perils of the Pew Sheet



Last Sunday I produced the pew sheet for the first time. Just a small, straightforward weekly sheet, I thought. A few hymns, a couple of notices, print it off, job done. After all, I seem to manage a rather long e-news each week without too much difficulty.... most of the time.

Well, what I actually produced was a beautifully laid out, entirely confident pew sheet featuring completely the wrong hymns. Not slightly wrong. Not nearly right. Gloriously last week. Which meant that while the pew sheet was happily suggesting one thing, the hymn board on the wall was saying something entirely different and, as I hadn't put those up, there was a pretty good chance they were correct.

I, meanwhile, was blissfully unaware until one of the choir very helpfully pointed it out. There is a very particular sort of moment when that happens. You smile, nod, glance down... and in the space of about three seconds go from "that can't be right" to "oh no, that is entirely right" to a sort of internal "well, that's that then."

At this point there is absolutely nothing to be done. No quiet swap, no quick fix, no escape.

What followed was that wonderfully British moment where everyone notices, nobody says anything, and we all quietly decide to go with the board and carry on as if this had been the plan all along.

Printing them in the first place had already been something of an event. The parish printer, now installed in my office after its move from the vicarage, was clearly not entirely on board with the arrangement. It took coaxing, persuasion and a certain amount of determination before it agreed to produce anything at all, and even then it did so with the air of something that felt it had been inconvenienced.

Then there is the question of numbers, which is never quite right. Too few and they disappear at speed, leaving latecomers scanning the pews like they are trying to locate a spare seat at a wedding. Too many and you've printed too many.

And all of this for one small weekly sheet.

Honestly.

Oh well. Never mind. Must do better. Moving swiftly on....

NEWS

Easter in Melbourn and Meldreth

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday at All Saints' has a very different feel to the rest of the week. It is a smaller service and quieter by its nature, and that changes how everything is experienced. There is less movement and less distraction, and you are more aware of what is happening as the service unfolds.



The service included the foot washing, which always stands out. It is one of those moments where everything slows and people stop and watch what is happening, and it did exactly that here. It does not need building up or explaining, it simply happens and people take notice. Andrew led it in his usual way, engaged and natural, and the service moved forward easily.

As the service moved into the vigil, there was no obvious break, it simply shifted. The lights were dimmed, and readings followed the striking of the clock, which gave the evening its rhythm and marked the passing of time.

The vigil itself was quiet, calm and peaceful. It was dark outside, and the stillness and the quiet of the church all added to it, making it a really lovely experience to be there.

Good Friday

Good Friday followed the now familiar pattern across the parishes, beginning in Meldreth before moving on to All Saints', with people joining in at different points as the day unfolded.

The morning started at Holy Trinity with the Family Service and crafts, and it was exactly what it needed to be. Lively, busy, properly engaged, with plenty going on and people involved rather than simply watching from the sidelines. It gave the day a real sense of momentum before everything began to shift.

From there, the Walk of Witness made its way across to All Saints', with Peter carrying the cross and others, including Andrew, following behind, with Hilda

very much part of it all. It is one of those parts of the day that just gets on with itself, people falling into step as they go, and Hilda keeping up with the rest as if it were the most ordinary thing in the world.

On arrival at the Community Hall, there was the welcome opportunity to stop and share a warm bowl of soup. This is always one of the best parts of the day. Not just a pause, but a proper chance to gather, talk, catch up and enjoy one another's company before everything moves on again. There is usually a quiet awareness that time is ticking, but no real desire to rush it.

The afternoon service at All Saints' then brought a clear and immediate change in tone. The Veneration of the Cross was quieter, more contained, shaped by readings and hymns, and centred on the Passion Gospel, narrated by Andrew and taken up by members of the congregation taking on the various parts, including Jesus, Pilate and the Chief of Priests. It was a very moving service, simply done, and one that held people's attention from beginning to end.



Easter Eve

Easter Eve has a very particular feel to it. It is never the busiest service of Holy Week, nor does it try to be, but that is part of what gives it its character. It comes in that space between the sorrow of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Day, carrying something of both. There is quietness in it, but also expectation. It feels reflective, still, and full of pause, while already beginning to turn towards resurrection and light.

At All Saints' this year, that sense was very much there, though with an added layer that could not be ignored. This was Andrew's final service at All Saints', and so alongside the natural rhythm of the liturgy sat a gentle awareness that this was a moment of both celebration and farewell.



From the start there was a feeling that this was not quite an ordinary Easter Eve. The service began in low light and gradually moved into brightness as the story turned, with candles adding depth and drawing everyone into the unfolding of it. It is a simple movement, but one that never loses its impact.

The service itself held that balance well. Shaped by readings and reflection, it gave space for people simply to be present within it. Nothing felt overdone, and nothing needed to be.

Those involved in making the service happen will probably admit that it felt slightly different from usual. Not in any dramatic way, just that awareness sitting in the background, making everything feel a little more significant than it might otherwise have done.

There is something about Easter Eve that lends itself to that kind of experience. The darkening light outside, the stillness within, and the slow movement towards light create a space that is peaceful and reflective, a genuinely good place to be. This year, that stillness held not only the story of resurrection, but also the quiet marking of an ending.





As the service drew to a close, Andrew spoke briefly, saying that while he is looking forward to his new role, it is bittersweet because of the people he leaves behind. It was simply said, and gently felt by many.



Afterwards, over in the hall, many gathered to say goodbye. There was time to talk, to catch up, and to say thank you in that unhurried way that matters. A few words were shared, along with a presentation and a poem

which managed to be both appreciative and gently humorous, striking just the right balance for the occasion. Andrew responded in the same spirit, with warmth and plenty of humour, rounding things off in his usual way.

It was not a heavy moment, nor was it meant to be. Simply a genuine expression of thanks for all that has been shared, and a fitting way to mark Andrew's final service at All Saints'.

Easter Day



Easter Day at Holy Trinity was full of colour and life, the church looking its best and carrying that unmistakable sense that this is no ordinary Sunday. There is something about Easter morning that lifts everything, and this year that feeling was very much there from the start.

Alongside the joy of the day sat the quiet awareness that this would be Andrew's final Easter in the benefices. It was not something that needed to be said outright, but it was there all the same, giving an added depth to what was already a significant occasion.



The service held that balance with ease. It was celebratory without becoming overdone, and reflective without losing its brightness. The music, in particular, stood out. Toni, together with her sister Claire, had set one of Andrew's favourite prayers, the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester, to music. Sung by the choir, it was a genuinely moving moment, and one that, for once, left Andrew not knowing quite what to say.



He led the service as he always has, with warmth, presence, and a clear appreciation for the people around him. It felt like a natural conclusion to the week, and a very fitting way to mark his final Easter morning here.



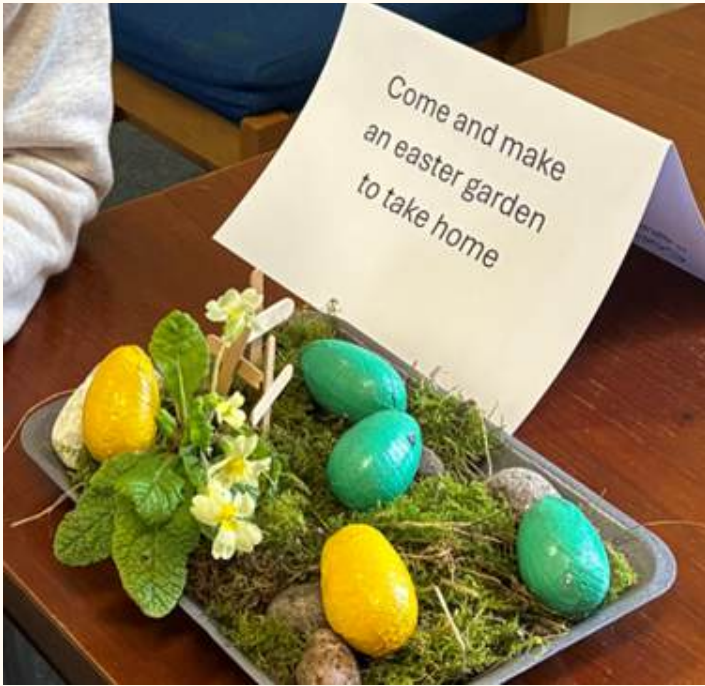
After the service, things carried on over in the Meeting Room. People gathered, conversations overlapped, and there was that steady sense of no one being in any particular hurry to leave. Canapés and a glass of wine appeared, which always adds to an occasion.

The choir had clearly decided the moment needed one more addition. A seagull was presented to Andrew in honour of Brighton and Hove Albion, followed by a song set to When the Saints Go Marching In, which he took in good spirit. It was received with enthusiasm and brought plenty of smiles.

It was a warm and joyful way to celebrate Easter Day, and to mark Andrew's final Easter in the benefices, with exactly the right balance of appreciation, humour and lightness.



Good Friday Service and Craft Morning at Holy Trinity



Pat organised a truly lovely service for families in the village this year. We watched a very moving play on the story of Jesus' crucifixion beginning and ending with the hymn 'There is a green hill far away'. Beautiful reading by Frances and members of the congregation acting the main biblical players. Six families attended together with our usual friends - the biggest congregation we have ever had on a Good Friday.

The service was followed by an excellent and fun craft morning. Colouring in, icing biscuits and making an Easter garden were among the many activities for the children. Coffee, fruit juice and hot cross buns were on offer, followed by finding Easter eggs in the churchyard, all much enjoyed by everyone. A bit thank you to Pat and all the helpers.

Julie Draper



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If you would like to contribute towards our Development Fund, please scan the QR code or use the link below.

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Travel Talk with Gayle



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Twice the Destinations, None of the Stress

Have you ever found yourself wishing you didn't have to choose just one destination?

Perhaps you're drawn to wildlife and wide-open landscapes, yet also long for a few peaceful days by the sea. Or maybe you would enjoy exploring a vibrant city before retreating somewhere calm and restorative.

That is the beauty of a twin-centre holiday.

A twin-centre journey simply combines two destinations into one thoughtfully planned trip. The pleasure lies in contrast of adventure followed by rest, culture followed by coastline or exploration balanced with relaxation. For many travellers, particularly those taking a long-haul flight, it makes sense to experience more than one place while you are there. When carefully arranged, it never feels rushed. Instead, it feels complete.

Of course, organising such a holiday independently can seem complicated. Flights must connect smoothly, transfers need to align, and the second destination should complement the first rather than overwhelm it. When everything flows naturally, however, the result is seamless and deeply satisfying.

Over the coming editions, I'll share a few twin-centre combinations that work especially well. Each offers contrast, comfort and a sense of balance.

We begin with a pairing that is both uplifting and restorative.

South Africa & Mauritius

From Wildlife to White Sands

Few combinations blend adventure and relaxation quite so beautifully as South Africa and Mauritius.

South Africa offers striking scenery and remarkable wildlife. Many journeys begin in Cape Town, a city framed by mountains and sea. A cable car ride up Table Mountain reveals sweeping views across the coastline, while the V&A Waterfront provides galleries, shops and welcoming restaurants. Nearby, the vineyard towns of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek offer rolling countryside and leisurely wine tastings in historic estates.



For those who love nature at its most powerful, a safari experience is unforgettable. Reserves such as Kruger National Park allow travellers to see elephants, lions and other magnificent animals in their natural surroundings. Early morning game drives, guided by

experienced rangers, are both peaceful and thrilling. Evenings often end with quiet reflection beneath a vast African sky.

After the excitement and discovery of safari, Mauritius provides a gentle and graceful change of pace.

This Indian Ocean island is known for its calm lagoons, soft sandy beaches and warm hospitality. Days unfold slowly here. You might stroll along the shore, visit colourful markets or explore botanical gardens filled with tropical blooms. The island's blend of African, Indian and French heritage is reflected in its cuisine and architecture, creating a rich yet relaxed atmosphere.

There is no pressure to rush. The rhythm of Mauritius invites you to unwind, perhaps with a swim in clear turquoise waters, a quiet afternoon beneath palm trees or a sunset dinner overlooking the ocean.



The contrast is what makes this twin-centre journey so memorable. South Africa awakens the senses with its landscapes and wildlife; Mauritius soothes them with sunshine and stillness.

Together, they create a holiday that feels balanced. Uplifting without being exhausting, indulgent without excess.



Twin-centre travel does not need to feel complicated. When thoughtfully designed, each stage flows into the next, allowing you to enjoy two distinctive experiences without stress or uncertainty.

If combining destinations appeals to you, I would be very happy to talk through the possibilities. Sometimes, the most rewarding journeys are those that allow you to see more and yet feel completely at ease.



**Please get in touch if you have any questions.
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email at gayle@thetraveldirector.co.uk**

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
16 May	10.00am - 1.30pm	May Market	All Saints' Church
7 June	2.00pm - 4.00pm	The Big All Saints' Cream Tea	All Saints' Community Hall
19 June	TBA	Festival du Piano	Holy Trinity Church
27 June	11.00am	Summer Fête	Holy Trinity Church
14 July	7.00pm	This is My Theatre Production: The Great Gatsby	All Saints' Church
18 July	TBA	Safari Supper	Locations in Melbourn followed By All Saints' Community Hall
23 August	2.00pm	Dahlia Day	18 Greenbanks Melbourn
5 September	7.00pm	Friends of Holy Trinity This is My Theatre Production: The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland	Holy Trinity Church
13 September	1.30pm - 4.30pm	Friends of Holy Trinity 21st Anniversary Classic Car Show	Holy Trinity Church
25 September	TBA	Festival du Piano	Holy Trinity Church

17 October	7.00pm	All Saints' Quiz Night	All Saints' Community Hall
24 October	7.00pm	Cambridge Rock Choir	All Saints' Church
14 November	10.00am - 1.30pm	Christmas Fayre	All Saints' Church
28 November	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Tidings and Tinsel	All Saints' Community Hall
16 December	7.00pm	This is My Theatre Production: A Christmas Carol	All Saints' Church



Diocese Daily Prayers

Friday 17 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of The 5folds Team Ministry, its parishes of Over, St Michael And All Saints Long Stanton, Swavesey, Willingham. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Stephen Dove, The Revd Janet Tiplady, The Revd Ed Green. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Canon Jan Payne and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for the Theological Education Institution of Ridley Hall and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Warri - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 18 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of Waterbeach. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Paul Butler, The Revd Dr Simon Bradford, The Revd Jackie Metcalfe, The Revd Sarah Newns. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s):

Mrs Jane Oakes and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for all organists, church choirs, and music groups and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Washington - The Episcopal Church

Sunday 19 April

Today we begin praying for the Deanery of Shingay, served by the Rural Dean. We pray for those that support the office of our Archdeacons and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

3rd Sunday of Easter

Easter Day.

Monday 20 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of Bassingbourn. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Helen Orr, The Revd Amanda O'Neill. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Ms Erica Coomber, Mr Simon Morris, Mr Stephen Renwick and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for all who lead study, nurture, and fellowship groups and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Wau - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tuesday 21 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Thriplow, its parishes of Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth, Thriplow. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd David Lee and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for all food banks, homeless shelters and credit unions and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Wellington - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Anselm, Abbot of Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109



Wednesday 22 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of Melbourn. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister: Mrs Pat Smith and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for those supporting the work of the Arbory Trust and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Wernyol - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Thursday 23 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of Meldreth. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister: Mrs Pat Smith and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for all churchwardens, PCC secretaries and treasurers and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Wiawso - The Church of the Province of West Africa

George, Martyr, Patron of England, c304

Friday 24 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of The Orwell Group, its parishes of Arrington, Barrington, Croydon with Clopton, Orwell, Wimpole. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Felicity Couch. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mr Malcolm Barrett, Mrs Amanda Tuck and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for the Theological Education Institution of Westcott House and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Willochra - The Anglican Church of Australia

Mellitus, Bishop of London, 624 & the Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003



All Saints' Bonus Ball 2026

Still Time to Join the Fun



The All Saints' Bonus Ball for 2026 is now in full swing, and our monthly draws are well under way.

With £50 up for grabs each month and plenty more chances to win ahead, now is a perfect time to get involved. For just £12 for the whole year, your chosen number is entered into every remaining draw, giving you a year-long

flutter while supporting a very good cause.

Some Bonus Ball numbers are still available, including some "favourites", so do have a think before they disappear. If you held a number last year and have not yet renewed, please get in touch soon, as unclaimed numbers will now be released.

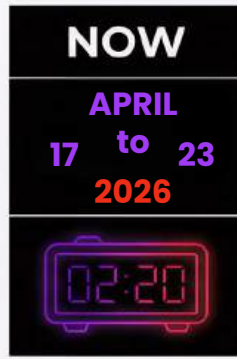
Every number sold helps support the care and future of All Saints', keeping our church at the heart of village life.

To renew or choose a number, please contact Kimmi.

Good luck to everyone in the next draw.

A MOMENT IN TIME

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



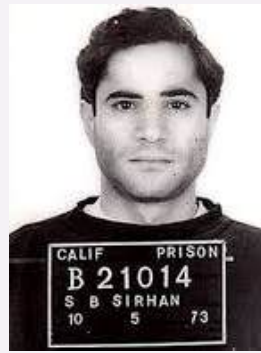
17 April

1956 - Premium Savings Bonds introduced in Great Britain

1964 - The Ford Mustang was officially unveiled by Henry Ford II at the New York World's Fair

1969 - Sirhan Sirhan was convicted of assassinating U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy

2021 - The funeral of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh



18 April

1809 - First run of 2,000 guineas horse race at Newmarket

1949 - The first 'Bob-a-Job week' began

1956 - Prince Rainier III of Monaco married American actress Grace Kelly



19 April

1770 - Explorer Captain James Cook sighted the eastern coast of what is now Australia

1948 - Chiang Kai-shek elected President of Nationalist China

1958 - The legendary English footballer Bobby Charlton made the first of his 106 appearances for England

1986 - Michael Spinks beats Larry Holmes in 15 for heavyweight boxing title



20 April

1653 - Oliver Cromwell and 40 musketeers forcibly dissolve the English Rump Parliament

1968 - British politician Enoch Powell makes his controversial "Rivers of Blood" speech

1968 - Pierre Trudeau sworn in as Canada's 15th Prime Minister

1981 - Steve Davis became the world snooker champion at 23 years of age



21 April

1509 - Henry VIII becomes King of England following his father's death

1689 - William III and Mary II are crowned joint monarchs of England, Scotland, and Ireland

1918 - German flying ace Manfred von Richthofen, known as the "Red Baron," is shot down and killed over France

1926 - Queen Elizabeth II was born

1954 - Georgi Malenkov becomes premier of USSR

1983 - £1 coin introduced in the United Kingdom

2019 - Ukrainian comedian Volodymyr Zelenskyy wins the country's presidential election in a landslide victory



22 April

1500 - Portuguese navigator Pedro Álvares Cabral becomes the first European to land on the coast of Brazil

1876 - Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky completes his ballet "Swan Lake"

1930 - The London Naval Treaty is signed by the US, Britain, and Japan to regulate submarine warfare

1969 - First human eye transplant is performed

1972 - Sylvia Cook and John Fairfax became the first people to row across the Pacific Ocean

1994 - Former President Richard M. Nixon dies after suffering a stroke four days earlier

Every Year - Earth Day



23 April

1348 - King Edward III founds the Order of the Garter, England's highest order of chivalry

1564 - William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-upon-Avon

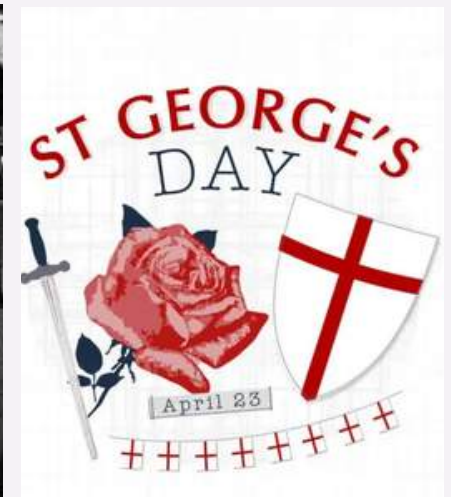
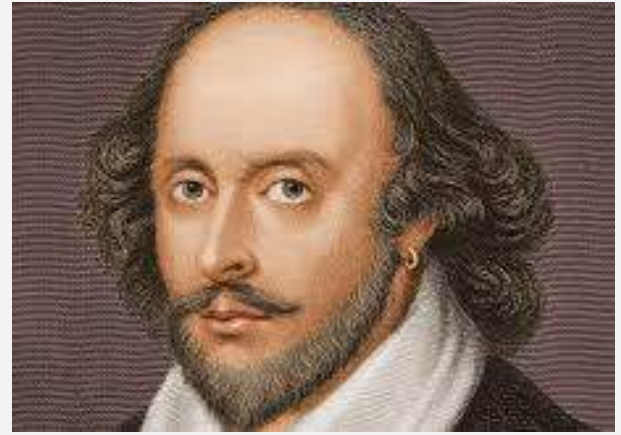
1661 - Charles II was crowned King of England

1915 - The death, aged 27 (from an infected mosquito bite) of the English poet Rupert Brooke

2003 - Beijing closes all schools for two weeks because of the SARS virus

1982 - The launch of the Sinclair ZX Spectrum computer

Every Year - St George's Day



CHILVERS *Chuckles*



This feature page is here to bring you a little levity, laughter and fun each week. With Peter Chilvers' quick wit and charm leading the way, we hope this space will brighten your day and keep you coming back for more.

Stay tuned for weekly snippets to make you smile!



You gotta laugh....



Joe Bloggs, a small time jewel thief, came home after robbing a nearby country house and began to saw the legs off his bed.

When his wife asked him what he was doing he replied that he wanted to lie low for a while.



Policeman in witness box. "This woman came up to me when I was in plain clothes and tried to pass off this five pound note, m'lud"

Judge: "Counterfeit"

Policeman in witness box. "Yes, m'lud, she had two."

Saint of the Week

19 April

Pope Saint Leo the Great



The Faith by
which we live
shall never vary
in any age...
for one is the
faith which
santifies the
Just of all ages.



Pope Leo I, known as Leo the Great, was one of the most influential leaders of the early Church, serving as Bishop of Rome from 440 to 461. Living during the final years of the Western Roman Empire, he combined theological clarity with remarkable diplomatic skill, helping to shape both Christian doctrine and the role of the papacy.

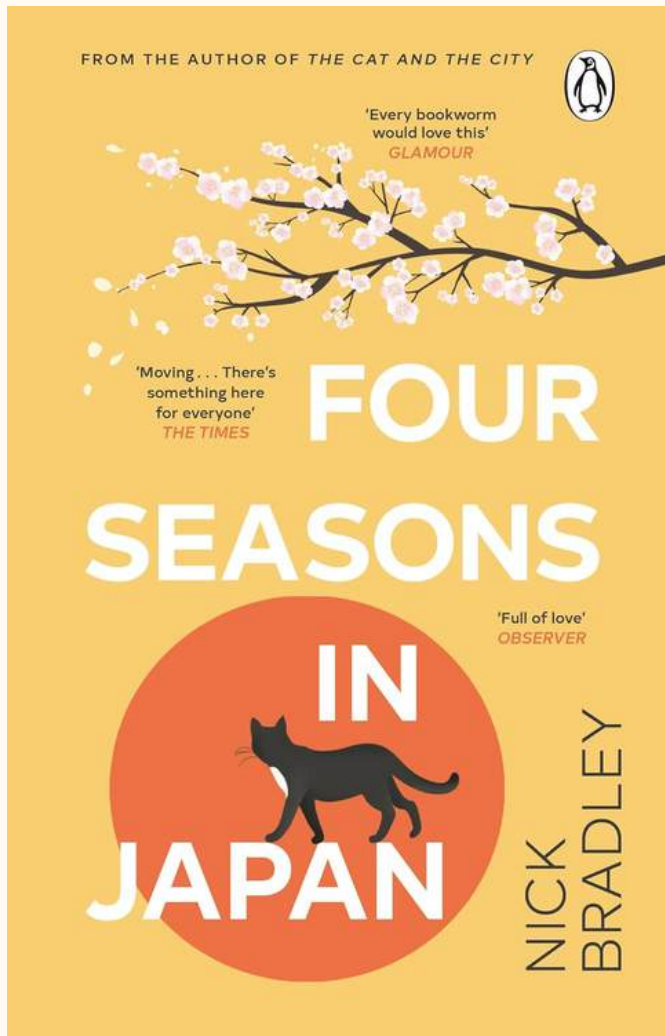
Leo is best remembered for his decisive contribution to Christological teaching. His famous Tome of Leo, a letter addressed to the Council of Chalcedon in 451, articulated the belief that Christ is one person in two natures, fully divine and fully human. This teaching became central to orthodox Christian doctrine and remains foundational across many traditions today.

Beyond theology, Leo demonstrated courageous leadership in times of crisis. He is traditionally credited with persuading Attila the Hun to turn back from invading Italy in 452, an event that secured his reputation as both a spiritual and civic protector. Whether embellished or not, the encounter symbolises the growing moral authority of the papacy in a changing world.

Leo also worked to strengthen the structure and voice of the Church, emphasising the special role of the Bishop of Rome as successor to St Peter. His sermons and letters reveal a pastor deeply concerned with the spiritual life of his people, urging charity, humility and steadfast faith.

Recognised as a Doctor of the Church, Leo the Great's legacy endures as a model of leadership that unites intellect, courage and pastoral care in service of both Church and society.

Our E-News Weekly Book Recommendation



FOUR SEASONS IN JAPAN

Nick Bradley

Four Seasons in Japan by Nick Bradley is a reflective and quietly engaging novel about identity, purpose and the unexpected power of stories to reshape a life. Set in modern-day Japan, it follows Flo, an American translator living in Tokyo who feels stuck. Her work has dried up, her confidence has faltered and her relationship has reached its natural end, leaving her unsure of what comes next.

Everything changes when Flo discovers a mysterious book left behind on the Tokyo subway. Drawn in immediately, she begins translating the novel, an

an impulsive decision that brings new focus and meaning to her life. The story she works on follows two characters in rural Japan over the course of a year, charting the development of their relationship through moments of tension, tenderness and change.

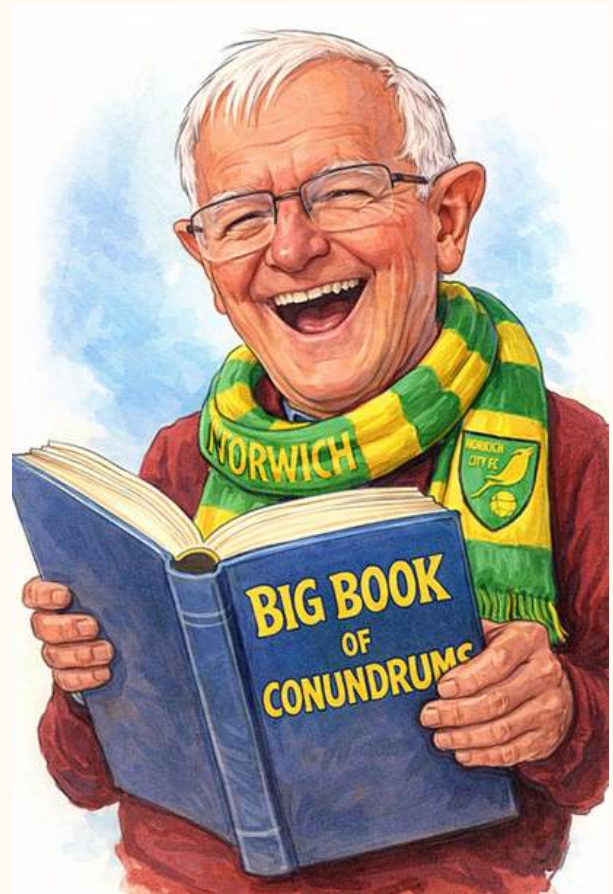
As Flo becomes increasingly absorbed, the novel begins to mirror aspects of her own experience. The emotional pull of the story leads her beyond translation and into a search for the book's elusive author. Gradually, the boundaries between her life and the text begin to blur, raising questions about connection, coincidence and the nature of storytelling itself.

Structured around the passing seasons, the novel captures both physical and emotional transitions with subtlety and care. Bradley's writing is understated yet immersive, drawing attention to small details and quiet shifts. Ultimately, Four Seasons in Japan is a thoughtful exploration of how stories can open new paths, offering renewal and direction when life feels uncertain.



Peter was ploughing through the very large book of conundrums left behind by Revd Andrew, when he spotted something that made him chuckle. It reminded him that the hymn numbers were a little awry on Sunday. Leaving the book behind, he wondered if the choir would get the answer, but the real question is, can you?

I am not the words.
I am not the sound.
Lose hold of me
And both may still be found,
Yet never where they ought to be.
What am I?

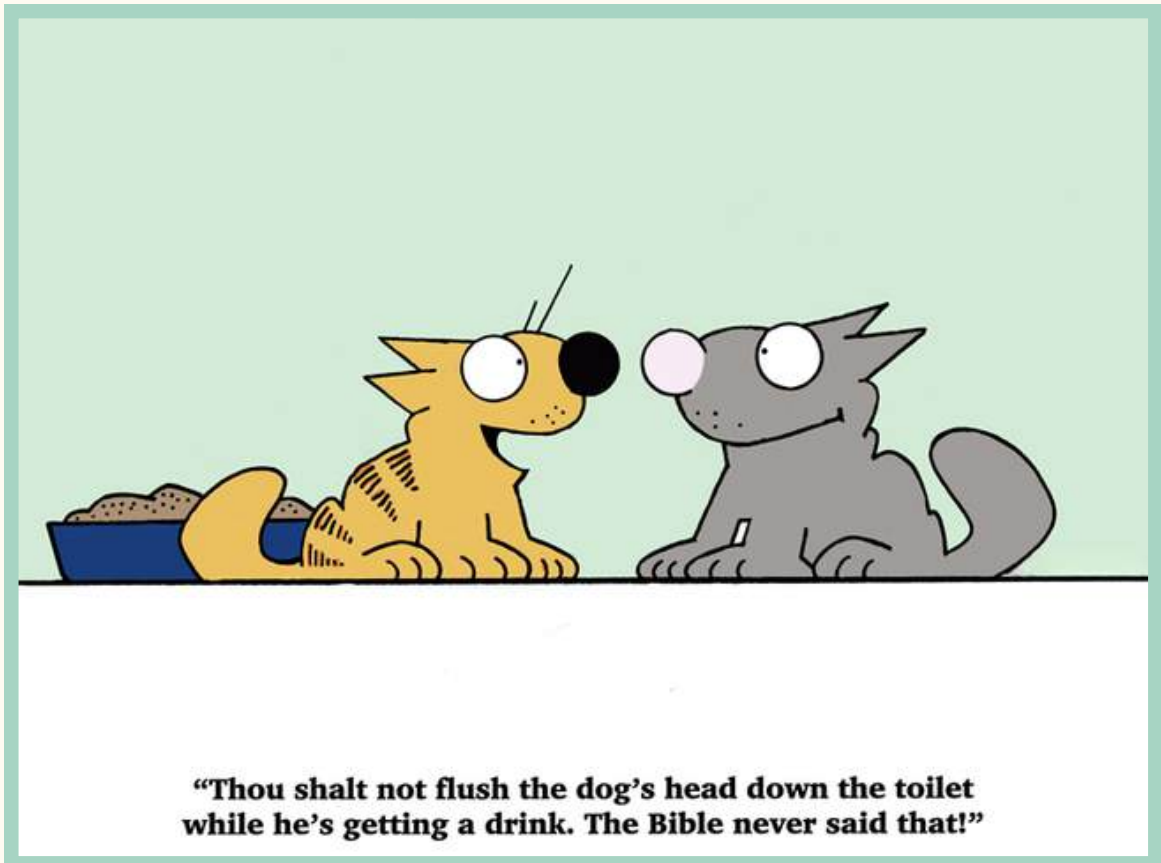


Have a guess and email us your answer.

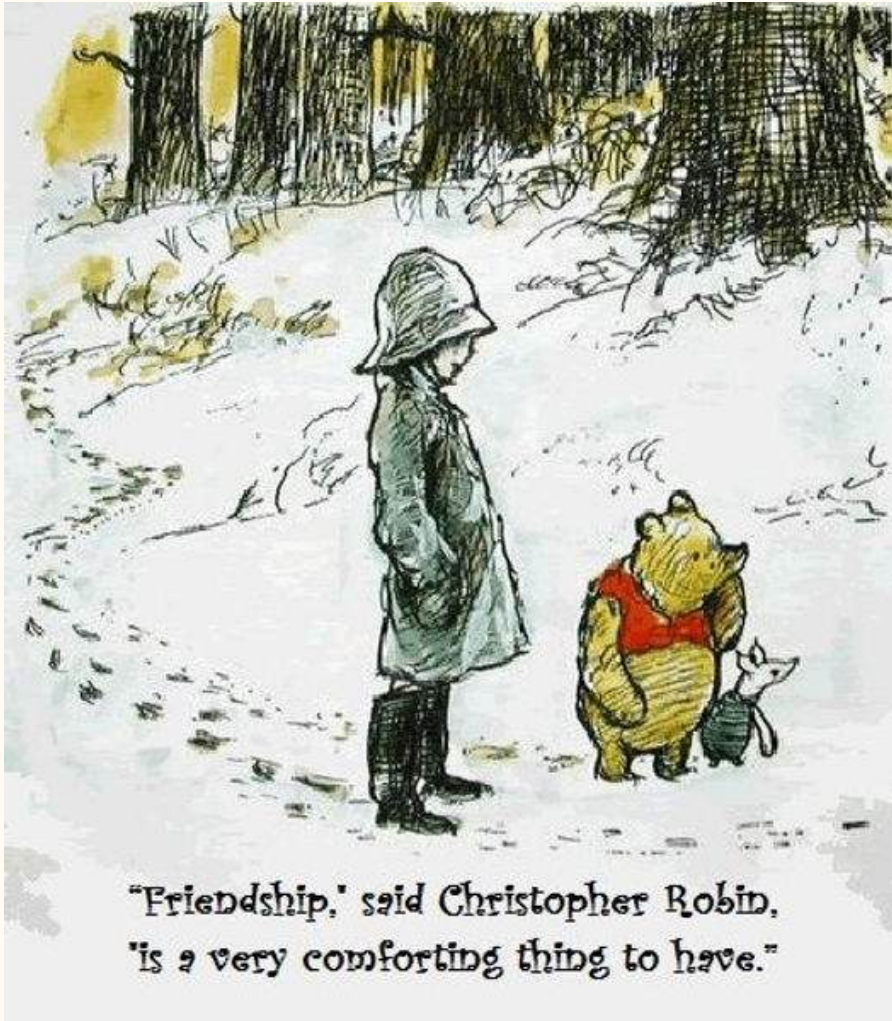
Answer in next week's e-news.

*Answer to last week's conundrum:
Cardboard boxes*

FAITH & FUNNIES: DIVINE LAUGHTER



WINNIE WISDOM



WHAT'S ON



2026 RAS Members' Exhibition

At Royston
Museum

Royston ARTS Society

Affordable
Art by Local
Artists

roystonarts.org.uk



Thursday 12 March
- Sunday 19 April

Thursday - Sunday

10am - 4pm

Free Entry

Scan code for
an exhibition
preview



MELDRETH BOWLS CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 17th April
7:00pm

- Enter your team of up to six people
- Tickets £10 with Ploughman's Supper
- Bar and Raffle

To enter a team please call
01763 262116



MELDRETH BOWLS CLUB
(opposite Meldreth Church)



BINGO NIGHT

at Bassingbourn Primary School ★

Friday 17th April

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Doors open 6:30pm - Eyes down 7pm

Tickets:

- 3 Books - £5
- 6 Books - £10

Prizes!

Who will win the **Full House?**

Vouchers & Cash to be won!



BYOB



Teas, Coffees & Cake for sale

RAFFLE!

Bring your friends & join the fun!

Adults Only!

Help support our school community!



SPRING FAIR

& GIFT DAY

SATURDAY 18 APRIL

STEEPLE MORDEN CHURCH

10am to 2pm

SCHOOL CHOIR TO SING AT 1.30PM

RAFFLE – TOMBOLA – ART & CRAFT - PLANTS

CAKES – JAMS - REFRESHMENTS

School of Prayer

How to pray

Is God listening?



What is prayer?



My prayer life bores
me... how can I
change?

Am I doing it right?

Sat 18th April , 10am - 3pm
All Saints Church, Barrington
Tea and coffee provided,
please bring your own lunch.

Contact Revd Felicity Couch 01223 207212
fcouch@btinternet.com



In Full Swing



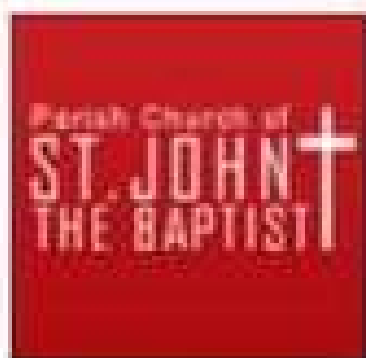
**THE BIG BAND SOUND
ACROSS THE DECADES**

7:30PM , SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2026

**ST. ANDREW'S BAPTIST CHURCH,
ST. ANDREW'S STREET, CAMBRIDGE.**



Tickets £15



CHEESE and WINE

SATURDAY 18th APRIL, 7:00PM

ROYSTON PARISH CHURCH

Tickets £12

Tickets must be purchased in advance for catering purposes

To book tickets scan the QR code, or visit the website below



<https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/qb/NzcwMi0yNw/t>

Ticket price includes cheese, crackers and a glass of wine or sparkling elderflower.

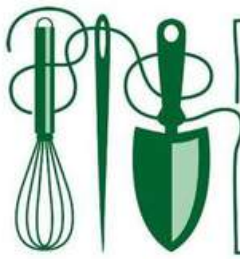
Additional drinks available for a charge.

PROCEEDS IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS



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back!*

**ROYSTON
COUNTRY
MARKET**



**COUNTRY
MARKETS**
COOK • CRAFT • GROW

The very best selection of home produced products and delicious home cooked foods including ...

- **Cakes** • **Biscuits** • **Savouries** • **Pickles** • **Preserves** • **Jams**
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Every Saturday From 21st March 9.00AM to 12.00PM
The Corn Exchange Royston, Herts SG8 9JR

DAILY NEWS 

MAKERS & PRODUCE MARKET

**NEW AND EXCITING MARKET
COMING TO HARSTON**

**MAKERS AND PRODUCE
MARKET**

**SUPPORT
LOCAL**



**SHOWCASING AN
INCREDIBLE RANGE
OF LOCAL
PRODUCERS,
AMAZING FOOD,
JEWELLERY,
BEAUTY, HOMEWARE
AND CRAFTS.**

**SUNDAY 19TH APRIL
10AM TILL 2PM
HARSTON VILLAGE HALL
20 HIGH STREET
HARSTON
CAMBRIDGE
CB22 7PX**



FREE ENTRY

**MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A STALL CONTACT:
queeniesfoodandcraftsevents@gmail.com**

Thursday 23rd Apr 2026

Showing in Orwell Village Hall

1hr 39m + interval

BASED ON THE PLAY BY ALAN BENNETT

JENNIFER SAUNDERS

BALLY GILL

DAVID BRADLEY

RUSSELL TOVEY

WITH DEREK JACOBI

AND JUDI DENCH

ALLELUJAH



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"A ROUSING,
POT-BANGING SUCCESS"



ROBBIE COLLIN, DAILY TELEGRAPH



Based on the play by Alan Bennett and with an all star cast, this is a warm, humorous and deeply moving story about surviving old age. When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back. The film celebrates the spirit of the elderly patients whilst paying tribute to the deep humanity of the medical staff battling with limited resources and ever-growing demand.

7pm for tea coffee & chat - film starts at 7.30pm

Members £5. Guests £6. Up to 2 under 18s per adult FREE

www.orwellfilmclub.co.uk

ORGAN RECITAL

Church of St John the Baptist,
Royston



Organist

SEAN MAXWELL

24th April

7:30pm

FREE
ADMISSION

with retiring collection

**BUNTINGFORD
LIVE!**

St. Mary The Virgin
Westmill SG9 9LN

**Friday
April 24th
7.30pm**

TICKETS £5

Scan the code or visit
buntingfordlive.org

Also available through
Buntingford library.

LICENSED BAR 18

*Please bring cash to purchase
drinks as WIFI in the church
is unreliable*



Music
for an
**April
Evening**

**Featuring
students from
St. Edmund's College**

Director of music
Andrew O'Brien is bringing
a group of talented young
musicians to entertain us
with a variety of solo and
ensemble works.

The Curiosity Fair
presents



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at David Rayner building Scotsdales
Garden Centre, Cambridge Road CB22 5JT

April 25th & 26th

Sat 10.30 to 4pm

Sun 10 to 2.30pm

£1.50 Admission



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Let's turn the 'Big C' Around



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The CURIOUSITY FAIR

2026



VINTAGE & MAKERS MARKET

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Cambridge Rd
Gt Shelford CB22 5JT



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11-4
Sundays
10-2.30
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March 21 / 22 • April 25 / 26
July 11 / 12 • October 17 / 18



Manor Farm, Bourn
14 Alms Hill CB23 2SH

10 - 4
& 2 Entry

June 27 • Sep 12 • Nov 7



SPRING MARKET 2026



**SATURDAY
25TH APRIL**

11 AM - 3 PM



PIONEER NURSERY
BALDOCK LANE, WILLIAN
LETCWORTH, SG6 2AE

FAMILY FUN IN FULL BLOOM



**FOOD & CRAFT STALLS
MEET THE ANIMALS - LITTLE GARDENERS CLUB**



HAUXTON CENTRE
PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

**ENTRANCE £15 PER PERSON
INCLUDES FOOD**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM
SATURDAY 25TH APRIL**

Join us for a fun evening full of challenges at our quiz night.
Entrance includes quiz and a lovely ploughman's platter.

Maximum of 8 people to a table.

Quiz starts at 7pm.

Licensed Bar.

Age - 18 and over



Scan QR code for tickets & catering purposes



Friends of
**Barrington
Church**

AN EVENING WITH **HOT NUMBERS** AND **PIXIE BREWING**

Simon Fraser and Aureja & Simon Jupp
share their passion for doing what they love
doing in the world of coffee and beer.

This exciting talk will take us along a journey of evolution in independent business life. A behind the scenes look at what drove them to take the leap of faith to open the doors, and the trials and tribulations of growing and maintaining their businesses and keeping their passion alive.

We'll end the evening with some tastings!

Chaired by **Oliver Thain of CambsCuisine (the Royal Oak)**

SATURDAY 25 APRIL
Barrington Church CB22 7RE



Drinks from 7pm
Talk at 7.30pm



Tickets £5 from
friendsof barringtonchurch@gmail.com
or on the door

SECOND HAND AND NEARLY NEW BOOK FAYRE



Saturday 2nd May....10.00am – 4.00pm

Monday 4th May.... 10.30am – 4.30pm

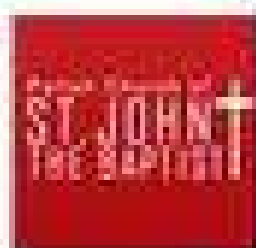
Closed Sunday 3rd May

To be held in

Royston Parish Church

Refreshment available

All proceeds in aid of church funds



Ashwell
at Home



FEATURING

Ashwell

FARM

to fork

festival

Sunday

10th

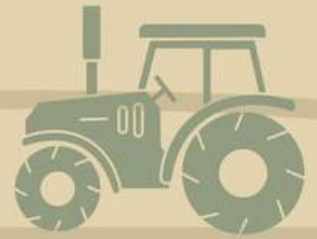
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ENTRANCE WITH WRISTBAND

ENTRY £10 ADULTS OR £8 IN ADVANCE

(under 18's free when accompanied by a paying adult)

FARMERS QUESTION TIME, FOOD TRUCKS FEATURING LOCALLY SOURCED FOOD,
VINTAGE CAR RALLY, FARM ANIMALS, RURAL POLICE TEAM, CRAFTS, MUSIC
AND MUCH MUCH MORE...



A Cuppa and a Chat at Coffee Stop



Come along to the All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn for our weekly Coffee Stop, held every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.00pm. Here, you can enjoy a good cup of tea or coffee along with some biscuits in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. It's a nice opportunity to take a break, catch up with old friends or make some new ones, all while supporting a good cause.

The Coffee Stop is more than just a chance to enjoy a hot drink; it's a community gathering that helps bring people together and supports the ongoing efforts of the Supporters of All Saints' (SOAS) in maintaining and enhancing our church and its activities. So, why not drop in this Saturday? We'd love to see you there and share in the simple pleasure of good company and a hot drink.



theWI

INSPIRING WOMEN

Ladies of Melbourn and surrounding areas, are you looking for a vibrant community to connect with? Look no further than Melbourn WI! Bringing together women of all ages for fun, friendship, and a variety of fantastic activities.

Held every fourth Wednesday of the month at 8pm at All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn. Meetings feature informative and humorous speakers, creative workshops, and plenty of opportunities to chat and socialise. And of course, no gathering is complete without tea, cake, and sometimes even wine!

Whether you're looking to make new friends, learn something different, or simply have a good time, Melbourn WI is the place to be. Why not go along and pay a visit, nothing to lose and they'd love to have you join them!

For more information, email MelbournWI@gmail.com.
A warm welcome awaits you!

Melbourn & Meldreth Women's Group



The Melbourn and Meldreth Women's Group is a friendly organisation that gathers monthly, alternating between All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn and the Meeting Room at Holy Trinity Church in Meldreth. Their meetings commence at 7:45 pm and last for approximately 90 minutes, with a small fee of £2 to cover costs. Refreshments are provided afterwards, allowing a great opportunity for socialising.

For more information about the group or if you need a lift to a meeting, please contact any of the committee members: Diane Blundell on 01763 221415, Sue Toule on 01763 260955, Angela Leach on 01763 262793, or Janet Backer on 01763 2214924.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS

is unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Complete the activity below.

The words below have been written in code. Use the letters in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 3-8-15-19-5 _____

2. 11-9-14-4-14-5-19-19 _____

3. 20-18-21-19-20 _____

4. 1-4-15-16-20 _____

5. 6-1-13-9-12-25 _____

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7. 16-18-15-13-9-19-5-4 _____

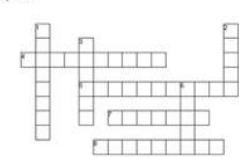
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CHOOSE	KINDNESS	TRUST	ADOPT
FAMILY	TRUTH	PROMISED	PLAN

FAMILY	BELONG	PROMISED	INHERITANCE	PURCHASED
KINDNESS	TRUST	GUARANTEE	ADOPT	BELIEVE
CHOOSE	PRaise	WISDOM	HEAVENLY	SECRET
PLAN	FREEDOM	PLEASURE	SPIRITUAL	BLESSED

is unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Complete the activity below.



CROSS

- Remaining the same
- Money or property left to children by their parents
- The ability to go wherever one chooses without restriction
- Assurance that something will be done as promised, to make certain

DOWN

- A considerate and thoughtful act
- To have selected something from several possibilities
- A group of persons consisting of one or two parents and their children
- To take into one's family and raise as one's own child

UNCHANGING	INHERITANCE	CHOOSE	FREEDOM
GUARANTEE	KINDNESS	FAMILY	ADOPT

is unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Complete the activity below.

CO

PANL 3

WDSIOM 4 1

TSURT 2 5

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is unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

If you would like copies of activity sheets for children emailed to you each week, they are available on request by contacting Pat Smith on 01763 262575

USEFUL INFORMATION SECTION



SUFFOLK & CAMBRIDGESHIRE



Supporting the Blood Runners

Blood Runners are requesting donations of your old, **outdated mobile phones** and **used printer ink cartridges**. You can drop them off in the collection box located at All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn.

The proceeds from dismantling the phones and used printer ink cartridges will support the Blood Runners (SERV) charity. This organisation has volunteers who deliver human tissue for the NHS to hospitals and laboratories throughout the East of England. The funds raised will help maintain the charity's vehicles, primarily motorbikes.

The charity greatly appreciates your donation, and you might spot a Blood Runner on the local main roads as they speed by, carrying out their vital work for the NHS.



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Refresh your knowledge

Whether you're a new or experienced trustee, the Charity Commission's 5-minute guides will help you increase your knowledge and understanding so that you can fulfil your trustee role with confidence

Each of the 5-minute video guides gives short and clear advice on the key topics all trustees need to know.

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Making decisions
Managing finances

www.beingacharitytrustee.campaign.gov.uk



Everyday Faith



Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day of the week, not just on Sundays.

The idea for Everyday Faith is twofold. The app forms part of one of the Church of England's objectives of missional discipleship: "To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday." But the app also responds to overwhelming demand from our users for an app that delivers inspirational reflections year-round rather than being focussed on seasonal content during Lent and Advent. We wanted to create a space encouraging Christians to grow in their faith daily.

Everyday Faith is about where and how we encounter God as we go about our lives. Where is God in our daily lives? How do we find God in the fullness of everyday life? Whether you wish to develop your faith or support others in theirs, Everyday Faith is designed to support you in your life discipleship or vocational journey.

The app will provide you with carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme.

The Everyday Faith app is optimised for Apple devices running iOS 15.0 and above, and Android 14 and above.



Just Search for
Everyday Faith

Safe Spaces



Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales.

The service is open to anyone over 18 who lives in England and Wales. If you live outside of England and Wales, but suffered abuse by someone in the Church or as a result of your relationship with the Church of England, Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales, we will always endeavour to provide support, but this may be limited due to the services that are available outside of England and Wales.

Safe Spaces Helpline:

0300 303 1056

Monday to Friday: 09:00–21:00

Saturdays: 09:00–13:00

Sundays: 13:00–17:00

www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk



Don't forget to join our WhatsApp Group

Find out what's happening and hear all the news. Be the first to receive updates on all of our events, delivered straight to your phone.

Please use the QR code to join, alternatively contact Kimmi with your mobile number and we will be very happy to add you.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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How to Support Us

Parish Giving Scheme

A simple way to support us is by using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). This is an innovative and efficient donation management service that supports churches in the United Kingdom. Designed to streamline the process of regular giving, the PGS simplifies administration for parishes while maximising financial contributions from donors. The scheme allows parishioners to make their donations through a Direct Debit system, offering flexibility with monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions. One of the key benefits of PGS is its automatic Gift Aid collection, which significantly enhances the value of donations at no extra cost to the donor or the parish. To cover card payment processing costs and additional bank charges, PGS charges 1.5% of the gift's value. However, this is offset by passing the full 25% value of HMRC's Gift Aid contribution back to the church. 'One-Off Gifts', making a single payment using your Debit, Credit Card or Apple/Google Pay wallet is also another option.

This scheme reduces the administrative burden on churches and volunteers by managing the entire donation process, including setting up direct debits, processing payments, and handling Gift Aid claims. Donors also benefit from the ease of adjusting their giving amounts and schedules to suit their financial circumstances, creating a more consistent and reliable income stream for the churches.

Launched in 2011, the PGS has grown steadily, supported by the Church of England and other Christian denominations, and is praised for its effectiveness in sustaining church activities and community outreach programs. By adopting the Parish Giving Scheme, churches can focus more on their mission and ministry, assured of a stable financial foundation.

Donors can either log in to use their existing account or continue as a guest if they haven't registered with PGS before. For easy access please use the QR code below:



Easy Fundraising Scheme

Another excellent way to support us is by signing up to the Easy Fundraising Scheme. The Easy Fundraising scheme is a simple yet effective way for churches, organisations, schools, charities, and community groups to raise funds without asking supporters for direct donations. This online platform partners with over 7,500 retailers, including major brands and small businesses, to facilitate a donation every time a supporter shops online.

Here's how it works: supporters sign up for free on the Easy Fundraising website and select a cause to support. When they shop online through the platform, a percentage of their purchase price is donated to their chosen cause at no extra cost to the shopper. The donation rates vary depending on the retailer, but the contributions can quickly add up with regular use.

The scheme benefits both supporters and organisations. For supporters, it provides a convenient way to contribute to their favourite causes without spending extra money. For organisations, it offers a steady stream of fundraising income with minimal effort required. They can track donations, promote their cause through the Easy Fundraising tools, and engage their community to maximise contributions.

Easy Fundraising is especially advantageous for churches and small charities that do not have the resources for traditional fundraising campaigns. By leveraging everyday online shopping habits, it transforms routine purchases into valuable support, making it a popular and accessible fundraising solution.

You can support All Saints' and Holy Trinity by signing up, follow the links:



All Saints' Church Easyfundraising page:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsmelbourn/>

Holy Trinity Church Easyfundraising page:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holy-trinity-meldreth/

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