



PARISH OF
RINGWOOD

Ringwood Link

The Church of England in Ringwood,
Poulner, Bisterne, Ellingham, & Harbridge
www.ringwoodbenefice.org.uk

*Christ is Risen,
He is Risen Indeed!*



ABOUT US

The Parish of Ringwood with Ellingham and Harbridge lies on the western edge of the New Forest and the south-western border of Hampshire. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester, in the Deanery of Christchurch, within the Church of England.

Ringwood Parish is proud to be part of Ringwood Benefice

What is Ringwood Benefice?

Ringwood Benefice is a family of six Church of England churches, covering the communities of Ringwood, Poulner, Ellingham, Harbridge, Bisterne, and St Leonards and St Ives.

We share a common vision to

'Discover Life & Make a Difference'

This vision seeks to deepen our life together in Christ and our own personal discipleship, and then to share this life across our communities, homes, and workplaces.

We have four 'big' goals to live out our vision:

Goal 1

Family

Have a toddler group, Messy Church, and All Age service in Ringwood, Poulner and St Leonards & St Ives.

Goal 2

Worship

Grow three new worshipping communities.

Goal 3

Community

Launch two social enterprises in Ringwood and Poulner that foster community.

Goal 3

Ministry

Revitalise, reimagine, and re-establish rural ministry.



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MINISTER'S LETTER

Revd. Ian Whitham

JOHN 12. 20-33 GOOD NEWS

A few years ago when I lived in the forest, we went to a festival which was remembering the role that the New Forest played during the Second World War. At any of these festivals there are lots of side shows, and one was a dog show, and in that dog show they had a category for the most ravishing rescue dog.

My daughter Amy decided it would be a great idea to enter Millie our rescue dog. We all felt as a family that she stood no chance of winning but thought it would be fun to do. So, Millie was paraded around the arena. Part of the competition was to hear the story about the rescue dog and Amy, who is very good at acting did a great job in telling Millie's sad story. Well, the results came in. Third place was announced, second place was announced, and then, across the loudspeaker came the words, "Millie Whitham has won the most ravishing rescue dog in the New Forest competition." I fell off my deck chair with laughter as I and the rest of my family who were there could not believe she had won, but it was great fun and a great feeling to think that we'd actually won something for a change. So, if you didn't know, we own the most ravishing rescue dog in the area.

It is this kind of feeling of joy, that the



disciples were feeling in the first few verses of John chapter 12, because they had just witnessed the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It seemed like the whole world was full of joy at the sight of Jesus on a donkey. What is more, people were joining because of the miracle that Jesus had just performed in raising Lazarus from the dead. It even seems that the Pharisees were about to give up, in verse 19 they say something like, what can we do? It seems like everyone loves him.

So, you think Jesus would be positive and yet in the verses 20 to 33, Jesus starts talking about his death. He talks about his soul being troubled, and even talks about being raised up on a cross, not the kind of thing you would expect Jesus to be talking about when everything is going so well for him. So, what is going on? For me, the key to what Jesus is talking about here is in verse 32, when Jesus talks about the whole world being drawn to him once he is lifted on the cross.

I started this article with a feel-good story with a happy ending. Millie won, and the story of Jesus ends with Him winning and overcoming death itself, which we remember on Easter day. However, Jesus first had to die on the cross which we remember on Good Friday. So why did Jesus have to die? I think the apostle Paul in the letter to the Romans hits the nail on the head when he writes, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," "There is no one righteous, not even one." (Romans 3. Verses 10 & 23) and it is because of this Jesus had to die, to pay the cost of our sinfulness. This is why the Jewish people had to regularly give sacrificial sin offerings in the Temple, for themselves and the nation, but each offering was only temporary.

But Jesus' death paid the cost for sin permanently. Nevertheless, I hear some of you ask, "what is sin?". Well, simply put, it is our rebellious hearts against God, saying we don't need God, we want to live our lives our way, just like Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden. This has created a wall between us and God, but when Jesus died on that cross he broke that wall down, and we can now have a loving and living relationship with God and receive forgiveness. All we need to do is put our faith and trust in Jesus and follow Him. Jesus in these verses saw the big picture, His heart was heavy at that moment, but He knew on Easter morning there would be great joy as He would have overcome sin for us all, ushered in a new dawn for all of humanity and a new hope. This is for me indeed good news.

God bless and have a great Easter.
Ian

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all of my Church family for the thoughtful cards and messages that I received following the death of my dear Ivor.

Your love and prayers have given me and the family great comfort and strength at this difficult time.

From Margaret Groves and family.

MORNING PRAYER

Download the free 'Zoom' App on any device
and enter the Meeting ID & Password

Monday 7.30am - Morning prayer
Meeting ID: 307 879 502 Passcode: 489898

Wednesday 8.15am - Prayer & Bible study
Meeting ID 842 5692 5855 & Passcode: 489898

Thursday 7.30am - Morning prayer
Meeting ID: 307 879 502 Passcode: 489898



ST PETER
& ST PAUL
RINGWOOD

Can you spare some time?
Volunteer for the fundraising team!



Please contact the office if you can help

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on the 01st day of April 2021 and ending on the 14th day of April 2021.

** The revision must be completed at least 15 days, but no more than 28 days, before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.*

After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council and displayed in the church for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person is—

- (a) is baptised,
- (b) is aged 16 or over, and
- (c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.

Any error discovered in the Roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

At least 14 days' notice must be given.

Dated this 18th day of March 2021

Signed: Linda Lloyd

Church Electoral Roll Officer

Address: 67 Spittlefields, Ringwood, Hants, BH24 1QH

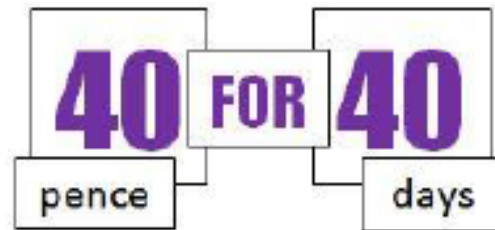
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A Lent Appeal starts 17 February



Christchurch
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to support Nyakatara Health Centre, Kinkiizi Diocese Uganda

There's an acute shortage of staff in Ugandan Health Centres – many have less than 50% posts filled. Rural areas are worse than urban. Kinkiizi is rural, remote and finds it hard to attract staff so offering accommodation is an advantage in this competitive market.

Christchurch Deanery began funding building a 3 apartment block for NHC in 2016, an ambitious project but one that could make a real impact on staffing. Now its almost complete!

Just one more unit remains unfinished needing about £3000 for completion.



Christchurch House



Join in with the 40 x 40 Lent appeal and help provide this vital facility for health care in Kinkiizi. Just save 40p each day during Lent and you will finish with £16. A simple thing but it will make an enormous difference! Every single penny raised will go to Kinkiizi.

Let's get it finished and see the joy on 2 more nurses like these midwives moving in earlier this year!

Donate online to KAG
Christchurch Deanery Synod Kinkiizi account
SC 52 21 34 Ac No 25750807

Or through your church to claim Gift Aid

Kinkiizi Diocese Overseas Mission Partner with Christchurch Deanery
For more information ask your church or contact
Kinkiizi Action Group Chair Gill Tybjerg gillytybjerg@btinternet.com 07745 049824

REGULAR SERVICE PATTERN FROM APRIL

We are delighted that physical services will resume from April. The Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul will also re-open for private prayer from Palm Sunday. Easter services can be found on pages 14 & 15 .

ST PETER & ST PAUL

RINGWOOD

1st Sunday:

- 11.00 Morning Prayer

2nd Sunday:

- 11.00 Holy Communion

3rd Sunday:

- 11.00 Morning Prayer with Baptism

4th Sunday:

- 11.00 Holy Communion

ST PAUL'S

BISTERNE

1st Sunday

- 18.00 Evensong with Holy Communion

3rd Sunday:

- 10.30 Matins

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

POULNER

1st Sunday:

- 10.30 Morning Worship

2nd Sunday:

- 10.30 Morning Worship

3rd Sunday:

- 10.30 Holy Communion

4th Sunday:

- 10.30 Morning Worship

ST MARY & ALL SAINTS

ELLINGHAM

1st Sunday:

- 11.15 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday:

- 17.30 Evensong

3rd Sunday:

- 11.15 Matins

4th Sunday:

- No service

ALL SAINTS

HARBRIDGE

4th Sunday:

- 10.00 Matins

5TH SUNDAY

JAN, MAY, AUG & OCT 2021

Where a month has a fifth Sunday a whole Benefice service usually takes place in one of churches - Details will be made available nearer the time.

WEEKDAY HOLY COMMUNION

ST PETER & ST PAUL, RINGWOOD

Every Wednesday at 10.30am



It is a legal requirement to wear a face covering in church buildings unless you are exempt.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter services listed on pages
14 & 15

APRIL

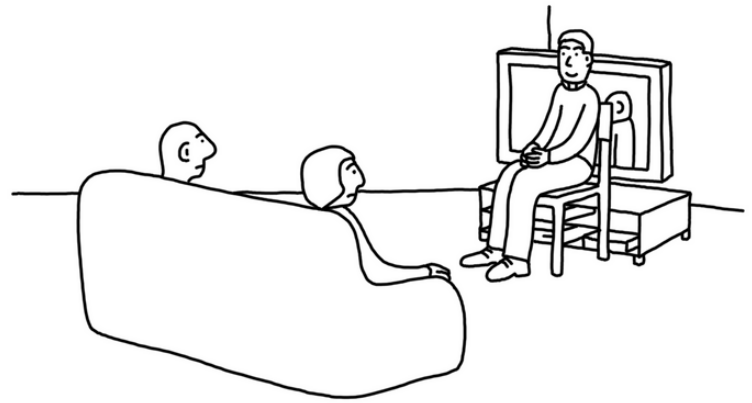
- 1 Maundy Thursday
 - 2 Good Friday
 - 3 Holy Saturday/Easter Eve
 - 4 Easter Sunday
 - 12 7.30pm St Peter & St Paul AGM
 - 13 7.30pm St John's AGM
 - 15 11am All Saints, Harbridge AGM
 - 22 10am St Mary & All Saints,
Ellingham AGM
 - 23 St Georges Day
 - 29 7.30pm The Parish of Ringwood
with Ellingham and Harbridge APCM.
- If the government guidance allows this will take place at the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood.

The St Paul's, Bisterne AGM date is to be confirmed.

If you would like further details about the Church AGM's or the Parish APCM please contact your local warden or the church office.

MAY

- 03 Bank holiday
- 08 VE Day
- 09 Rogation Sunday
- 13 Ascension Day
- 13-23 Thy Kingdom Come
- 16-22 Mental Health Awareness Week
- 23 Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
- 30 Trinity Sunday
- 31 Bank holiday



ONLINE CHURCH

WATCH ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

Weekly Communion

- Every Wednesday at 10.30am
Watch on Facebook & YouTube

Every Sunday:

- 09.30 Sunday Live
- 10.30 King's Kids: The Sunday School
(during term time)
Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9640 5813
Passcode: 489898
- 11.00 Live-streamed service of
Holy Communion - Watch online
<https://cutt.ly/GkhjiDa>
or call 01425 543304 and press 1 to
listen live

Every Tuesday

- 2pm Thought for the Day

APRIL READINGS

4 - Easter Sunday
John 20:1-20

11 - The Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35

18 - The Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:12-19

25 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:5-12

EASTER, the most joyful day of the year

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.



...rumours that we would be giving out easter eggs are unfounded - er, there aren't any left!



Maundy Thursday, time to wash feet

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 'maundy' 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, THE DAY THE SON OF GOD DIED FOR YOU

Good Friday is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. He was crucified at 9am in the morning, and died six hours later, at 3pm. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year, and is widely marked by the removal of all decorations from churches. In Lutheran churches, the day was marked by the reading of the passion narrative in a gospel, a practice which lies behind the 'passions' composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750). Both the St Matthew Passion and the St John Passion have their origins in this observance of Good Friday.

The custom of observing a period of three hours' devotion from 12 midday to 3 pm on Good Friday goes back to the 18th century. The 'Three Hours of the Cross' often take the form of an extended meditation on the 'Seven Last Words from the Cross', with periods of silence, prayer, or hymn-singing.

EASTER MORNING, THE 'OTHER' MARY

As the traditional Easter story is rehearsed again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary – not the mother of Jesus, but Mary of Magdalene, who stood by her at the cross and became the first person actually to meet the risen Christ.

That's quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by Jesus from 'seven devils' – New Testament language for some dark and horrible affliction of body, mind or spirit. As a result, her devotion to Him was total and her grief at His death overwhelming.

In church history Mary Magdalene

became the 'fallen woman' a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus but there is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman' but the contrast is sublime, Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity. Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes.

The dark cloud from which she was delivered may have been sexual, we are not told. What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, He had risen – and the others drifted off. But Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to him that the body of 'her Lord' had been taken away and she didn't know where to find Him.

The man simply said her name 'Mary' and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug Him, but He told her not to touch Him because His resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the disciples and tell them she had met Him. She did – but they wouldn't believe her.

Her words – 'I have seen the Lord' – echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian gospel.

EASTER SERVICES 2021

IN OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS
AND ONLINE



PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY 28TH MARCH

- **8am BCP Holy Communion**
All Saints Church, St Leonards & St Ives
- **9.30am Palm Sunday Live**
Premiered on Facebook & YouTube
- **10am Holy Communion**
All Saints Church, St Leonards & St Ives
- **11am live-streamed service of Holy Communion**
The service will be live-streamed from St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood.
Watch online on Facebook & YouTube or listen to the service on the phone 01425 543304 (option one)
The church will open after this for private prayer until 4pm

HOLY WEEK

*MONDAY 29TH MARCH
TO WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH*

- **10am - 4pm Private prayer**
St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood will be open for private prayer
- **7pm Taizé service**
All Saints Church, St Leonards & St Ives

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL

- **10am - 4pm Private prayer**
St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood will be open for private prayer
- **Online retreat**
Watch on Facebook & YouTube
- **7pm Holy Communion**
All Saints Church, St Leonards & St Ives
- **7pm Tenebrae Service**
The service will also be live-streamed. Watch online on Facebook & YouTube or listen to the service on the phone 01425 543304 (option one)

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY 2ND APRIL

- **10am Good Friday Contemplation**
All Saints Church, St Leonards & St Ives
- **10am Churches Together Virtual Walk of Witness.** Watch on the Churches Together Facebook page
- **10am - 4pm Private prayer**
St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood will be open for private prayer. There will be meditation, prayers and scripture between 12pm & 3pm
- **11am Service of meditation and hymns**
St Mary & All Saints Church, Ellingham
- **8pm Breaking Day, a Riding Lights Production.** Filmed remotely in an innovative lockdown style, Breaking Day is a virtual passion play for Easter 2021. Contact us for details.

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL

- **8pm Easter Eve service**
St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL

- **9.30am Easter Sunday Live**
Premiered on Facebook & YouTube
- **10am Matins**
All Saints, Harbridge
- **10am Holy Communion**
All Saints Church, St Leonards & St Ives
- **10.30am Holy Communion***
St John the Baptist, Poulner
*Please contact Steve Wood or Peter Jackson to book your seat
- **11am Holy Communion Service**
St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood
The service will also be live-streamed. Watch online on Facebook & YouTube or listen to the service on the phone 01425 543304 (option one)
- **11.15am Holy Communion Service**
St Mary & All Saints Church, Ellingham
- **6pm Evensong & Holy Communion***
St Paul's, Bisterne
*Service to be confirmed at time of printing



The Parish of
RINGWOOD with ELLINGHAM
and HARBRIDGE



TREASURER NEEDED

The Treasurer for the 5 churches in the Parish is stepping down after many successful years as the financial brain of the Church. The PCC now needs a successor to continue the crucial role of keeping a finger on the financial pulse, overseeing the financial information produced by our bookkeeper and advising the Finance Committee and the PCC on financial matters.

Could this be you?

If you (or, if not you, someone you know) feel that you would relish being at the heart of the workings of the Parish, and you would like to know more, **please email the Church Warden, Mrs Jacqueline Brown, at jacqueline.brown@ringwoodbenefice.org.uk**



PHIL DYKES IS MOVING ON

By Mark Collinson, Director of Ministry

After being in the Diocese of Winchester for thirteen years, Phil Dykes is moving to a new role in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich as Diocesan Mission Enabler.

Phil began in Winchester as Chaplain to Winchester University and contributed to clergy leadership training for three years, prior to becoming the Adult Discipleship Adviser in 2011. His role evolved into the Evangelism, Church Growth and Fresh Expressions Advisor, during the time when the team moved to Wolvesey, and subsequently became the School of Mission.

Phil says, 'My heart has always been to serve and enable local church ministry by offering consultancy and training in different forms. I have been grateful for the opportunities and space I have been given to develop my area of responsibility and grow in ministry.'

Latterly his role was Church Growth Missioner, and he leaves behind the legacy of hundreds of laity who have been trained in the Bishop's Commission for Mission, the Bishop's Permission to

Preach, in Licensed Ministry and curacy Training, and the new programmes for Benefice Ministry Teams and Church Planting.

His wife, Katrina, also ordained, served first as Chaplain to St Swithun's School, and has been in the Anna Benefice for nearly 5 years. She is also moving with Phil to take over another rural benefice just outside Ipswich.

Phil has been a valued and trusted colleague amongst clergy and laity across the diocese and amongst DBF staff. We will miss his commitment to training the whole people of God and wish both Katrina and him God's blessing in their new ministries. Until his successor is appointed, please do refer enquiries related to his area of ministry from April onwards to myself or our team administrator, Wendy Atkinson.



"It's not quite as bad as it looks – they're only withholding payment until we publish our expenses."

THY KINGDOM COME 2021



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury invites people around the world to join, encouraging Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus.

The wave of prayer runs between Ascension and Pentecost, and in 2021 will take place from May 13th - May 23rd.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered between Ascension and Pentecost to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Since 2016 more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

It is a simple idea: We ask people to pray in whatever way they want, and with whoever they want, for others to come to know Jesus Christ.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

Thy Kingdom Come continues to grow, especially in its ecumenical reach of different churches and denominations involved. It has been amazing how many ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part this year – along with churches from over 65 different denominations in 178 countries around the world.

The effects have been remarkable. It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Will you join us? More information about how you can be involved will be available after Easter.

EASTER FAITH IN ATHEIST RUSSIA

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence.

Then a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: 'Christ is risen!'

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, 'He is risen indeed!' It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people that God does not exist when they have already encountered Him?

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APRIL NEWS

The Ringwood Mothers' Union members are very much looking forward to when they can meet up again, hopefully soon. For Mothering Sunday we made and gave posies with love to those members living alone as this year was difficult for them missing out on family visits on Mothering Sunday.

The National Mothers Union Make a Mothers Day Appeal has raised over £71,000 for the MU work worldwide.

Thirty Four Members from around the world including our world wide President Sheran Harper and the CEO Bev Jullien have been joining in the United Nation's Conference on the Status of Women which was especially working on Domestic Abuse and Modern Day Slavery.

The Winchester Diocese held their Spring Information Day On Zoom which was an opportunity for leaders and members to catch up on all Diocesan and National News. We continue to record our monthly Cathedral Prayers for YouTube and Facebook which is reaching out to members across the Diocese and further afield and hopefully many will have managed join our Lady Day Service on 25th March.

Stella Roberts

For more information about the Mothers' Union please see www.mothersunion.org or contact Sue Brinkman on 01425 474982



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A really big HELLO to you Messy Church fans out there.

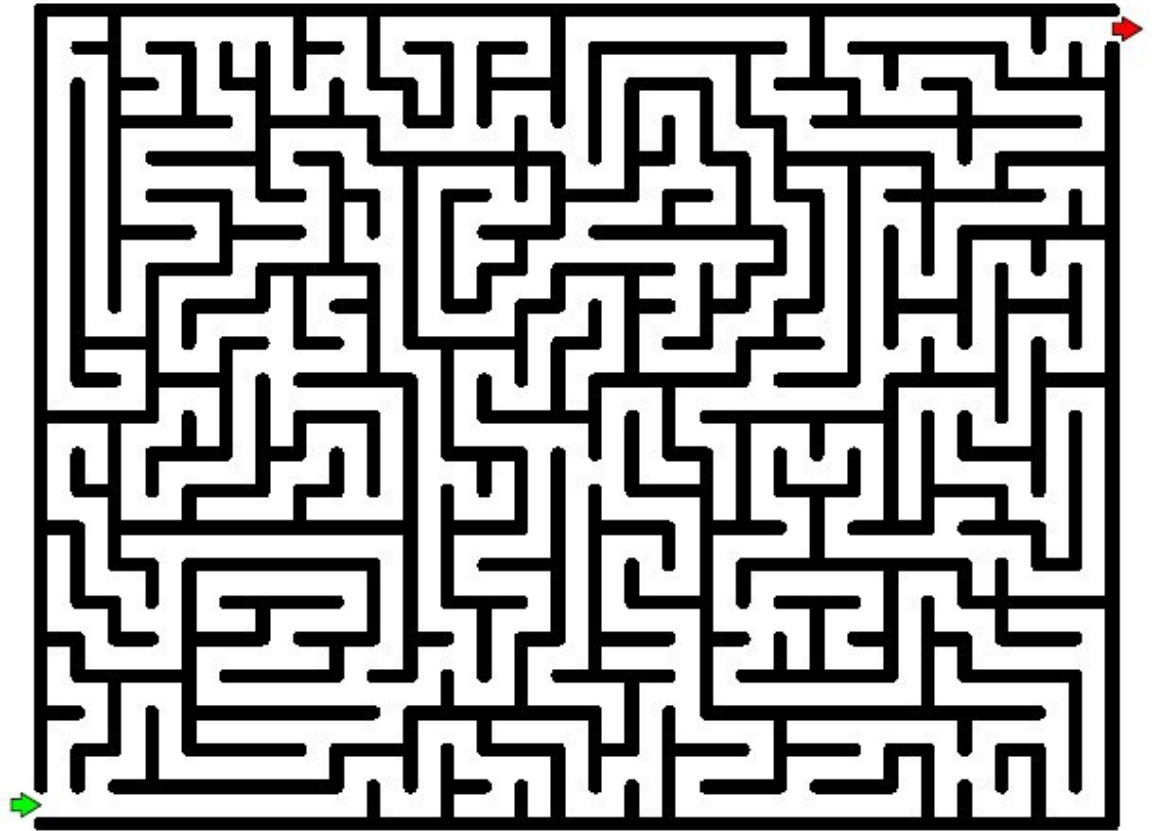
We're hoping you all had a good time in March, in spite of March's "many-weathers". And isn't it brilliant the days are getting lighter and longer? Yay!! 😍 Alas, we still can't hold Messy Church at St Peter & St Paul in Ringwood or at St John's in Poulner. 😞 However, no need to be too sad because we've produced another fun ONLINE Messy Church 😊 just for Easter. It was posted at the end of March and you can catch up with it by tuning into the Ringwood Benefice YouTube channel. And look out for Messy Church coming up at the end of April too!! We're really spoiling you, aren't we?

Have a really GREAT Easter working your way through all the chocolate eggs and sharing the goodies! At the same time, don't forget to share the really Good News of Jesus and TUNE IN to Messy Church. 😎

Bye for now and stay safe.

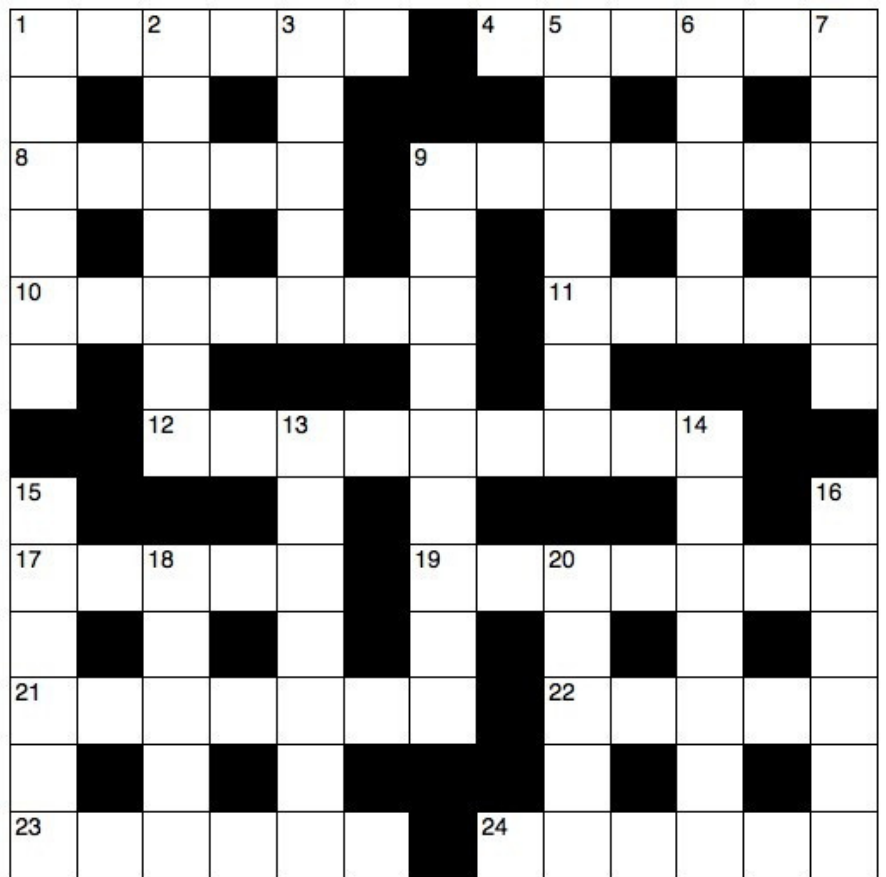
The Messy Church Team

COFFEE BREAK



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| betray | Judas |
| disown | John |
| denied | accepted |
| tomorrow | bread |
| sheep | quickly |
| prison | person |
| sauce | Passover |
| Jesus | disciples |
| Peter | shepherd |
| leaders | money |



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks ___ ___ hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry _____ (7)
- 11 'Look, here is _____. Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Gen 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was _____ because he had spoken with the Lord' (Ex 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the _____ apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in _____ and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is _____' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not —' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 25

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Crossword answers - See page 23

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delilah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



FUNERALS

We commend into God's hands

March 2021

Jeremy Thomas, aged 66

Jean Wilkinson, aged 87

Ivor Groves, aged 91

Christopher Bushnell, aged 76

The Parish held no baptisms or marriages during March 2021

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
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listed on page 4**

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Mrs Vanessa Linda (Harbridge)

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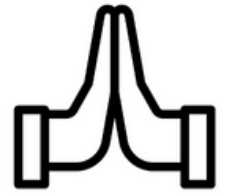
Monday 7.30am

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