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Wheathill Benefice
and
Keinton Mandeville Methodist Chapel



Easter Activity Trail

Wednesday 16th April
10am - 12 Noon

Starting at Barton St David Village Hall

Come and Join us for a morning of free craft activities and storytelling
as we follow the Easter story from Palm Sunday to Easter Day

Further details from Rev. Jane Durham 07421 700 242

Suitable for all ages but children must be accompanied by an adult
Refreshments available

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Wheathill Benefice Organ Recital At Kingweston Church



Saturday, 17th May at 7:00pm

in aid of repairs to Keinton Mandeville church organ

A kaleidoscope of pieces from across the organ repertoire

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Matthew Redman,
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Wheathill Benefice Worship – April 2025

6th April	08:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville	10:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse
9th April	Wednesday, House Communion, Lydford on Fosse	
13th April	Palm Sunday Benefice Holy communion, Kingweston	
16th April	Wednesday, Holy Week Easter Activity Morning 10:00am to Noon Barton St David (Village Hall and Church)	
17th April	7:00pm Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, Kingweston	
18th April	2:00pm Good Friday – At the Foot of the Cross, Barton St David	
19th April	Holy Saturday Easter Garden & Egg Hunt, Lydford on Fosse	
20th April	Easter Day – 10:30am Holy Communion, Lydford on Fosse	
27th April	08:30am Morning Prayer	10:30am Holy Communion
Easter 2	Lydford on Fosse	Barton St David
	4:00pm Faith n'Fun Easter Egg Hunt, Keinton Mandeville	

Benefice Churches – Churches open for private prayer

The churches of Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville and Kingweston are now all open daily. Lydford church is normally open at weekends *except, due to local conditions, it is not open between mid June and mid September.*

Church Car Parks – In Keinton, Kingweston and Lydford it is now possible to give when you visit using the QR codes found on noticeboards or at the door.

If you use the churchyards or car park please do consider making occasional or regular donations towards their maintenance and their ongoing place in the lives of our communities.

Transport to Church, An understanding has been reached with **Wheathill Priory Community Transport** for those people who need lifts to Church Services. WPCT will try to assist on Sunday mornings, so if this applies to you or someone you know – **Please ring 07799 487 719**, preferably 48 hours in advance.

Thank you WPCT!

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Do you have questions for clergy ?

Do you wonder about things: –
faith, baptism, marriage, challenges or something else?

Jane will be in Newlands Farm Shop Cafe,
Keinton Mandeville

on

Wednesday, 24th April at 2:30pm

Come and join her there for tea/coffee and a chat

From the Registers

We offer out condolences to the family and friends of:

Mrs Diane Helen BAILEY who passed away in hospital on the 18th December 2024 aged 67. Her funeral service took place at St Mary Magdalene Church, Keinton Mandeville on 23rd January followed by her cremation at Yeovil Crematorium.

Mrs Janet PEARCE who passed away in hospital on the 8th January 2025, aged 90. Her funeral service and burial took place at St Mary Magdalene Church Keinton Mandeville on 29th January.

Mrs Patricia SOUTHWAY who passed away on the 31st January aged 68. Her funeral service and burial took place on the 27th February at St Mary Magdalene Church Keinton Mandeville.

Mrs Mavis Jane WALKER who passed away at Sandown Park Care Home on the 13th January aged 89. Her funeral service took place on 17th February at St Peter's Church, Lydford followed by a committal service at Mendip Crematorium.

Dear all

Holy week and Easter take us through the full gamut of emotions:

- Excitement on Palm Sunday as we remember Jesus entry into Jerusalem
- Confusion on Maundy Thursday as we learn of Jesus sharing a meal with the disciples
- Sorrow, as we remember the trial and Peter's denial
- Distress at the cross, watching Jesus die
- Confusion, turning into joy on Easter Day as we realise that he is with us forevermore

Easter Activity Morning – We will be exploring some of these at our *Easter Activity Morning in Barton St David on 16 April, start time 10:00am – 12:00pm*, with storytelling, craft making, food tasting, sharing tea, coffee, juice and hot cross buns.

Each trip around the trail will take about an hour, and you can start any time between 10:00am to 12:00pm. We start in the hall then continue in the churchyard and church before returning to the hall. Why not make the morning a part of your week before Easter?

Easter

Easter changes everything, and puts a new perspective on all of life. At the moment, life can feel quite tough and at times challenging, because of the world situation or maybe because of something that you're facing. Again please do join us for some of these services, remind yourself of the story and recall the difference it makes.

When the women go to look for Jesus at the tomb, Luke tells us that the angels say to them:

'Why do you look for the living among the dead, he is not here, he has risen'

The women and the disciples were not expecting the outcome of resurrection, they knew where Jesus was, but God surprised them beyond their imagining and expectations. Sometimes we're unsure what is happening, or how to respond to situations. You may find it helpful to use a prayer tree in thinking things through (*see below*) or to take time to stop, to wonder and to pray. But the good news is that we can do that because Jesus is alive and with us.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter.

Best wishes, Jane

Prayer Tree



Each of our churches now has a 'Prayer Tree'. Somewhere that you can leave a note of a prayer for a family member, friend, country, situation. You can give as much, or as little information as you like e.g. just initials, no name or a Christian name. There are labels by the trees.

The labels will be left on the tree until the next service in that church. At that point they will be removed, prayed for in the service and the tree starts again... In Barton the tree is near to the altar rail, in Keinton it is at the back behind the font, in Kingweston at the front and in Lydford near the font.

Please do continue to use the churches as a place to sit, ponder, think and pray and if you like leave something on the tree.

Your church needs you – All of our churches are looking for people to take part in their life, maybe by helping with cleaning or flower arranging, opening up and locking up. Or maybe by becoming a part of those who are involved in governance and organisation e.g. churchwardens and PCC members. What are you able to offer, and what might you gain from doing so. If you're interested please do speak to the relevant Warden or Jane Durham.

Wheathill Benefice Faith 'n Fun *'Jesus Lives: Follow Him'*

Details: 07421 700 242 Rev.jane.durham@gmail.com	16th April 10:00am to 12 noon Easter Activity Morning At Barton St David, starting in the Village Hall
All in Keinton Churchyard (or church if wet) at 4:00pm	24th April 2025 Easter Faith n' Fun in Keinton Churchyard

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Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – April 2025

Should you need to swap, please could you let Emma know as well as the person due to hand the key onto you.

Meanwhile, if anyone else would like to help with the locking and unlocking of the church, please call 223344.

Sunday 9 th Mar – Sunday 6 th Apr.	Sandra & Chris Weigh	224696
Sunday 6 th Apr – Sunday 13 th	Anthea Walton	223500
Sunday 13 th Apr – Sunday 20 th	Joanne Wallwork	223617
Sunday 20 th Apr – Sunday 27 th	Roger Locke	224287
Sunday 27 th Apr – Sunday 4 th May	Neill Thomas	223613

Ann Procter

Roy Procter, Jane and Robert Sweetman would like to thank everyone for their kindness since Ann Procter - dear wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother - died at home on the 3rd March 2025.

May she be blessed and rest in peace.

Keinton Mandeville Table Top Games Group

If you would like to come along for a drink and a chat or have a coffee/tea while playing table top games like **Scrabble, Boggle, Rummikub, Logo, cards, chess** etc. then why not come along to the group which meets in KM Village Hall. *We chat, drink tea and coffee and play table top games if we want to!*

If you would like to come along just for a coffee and a chat without playing any games then you will be made just as welcome. There is no charge as the sessions are funded by Keinton Mandeville Parish Council.

In addition to our usual variety of games we are hoping *that learning to play whist* will become more of a regular event. The first whist session which was held on March 19th was very popular and much enjoyed. Please keep an eye on the KM Facebook page nearer the time of our next session.

The group is open to anyone who would like to come, you don't need to live in Keinton Mandeville.

Dates are: *Wednesdays, on April 23rd, May 21st and June 18th
all between 10:00am and 12 noon.*

There is no need to book... just come along if you can. We look forward to seeing you and the kettle will be on!

Viv Lane & Claire Harding

Keinton Mandeville Village Hall and Playing Field

Our glass veranda is to be delivered on 15th April, *installation on the west wall will take 6 days so there may be some slight disturbance to hall hirers during this time.* The committee intends arranging a formal commissioning event when the weather improves, possibly in April.

There have been a few unfortunate incidents where hall hirers have not cleared up properly after use. Particularly two occasions during March when the chairs were stored haphazardly, tables stacked dangerously and the kitchen left unfit for use. *Please consider those who hire the hall after you.*

Hire Charges

We had to revise hire charges effective in April, although slightly increased, they remain competitive with all comparable halls in the area and there are reduced charges for Keinton residents.

It is possible to book combinations of the main hall, the kitchen and the committee room; the MUGA is available free to be used at any time but can also be booked for sole use.

Drive Access to the Village Hall

The lane leading to the hall is not a public highway and it is frequently used by pedestrians. For safety reasons *we ask for drivers' cooperation to limit their speed to below 10 mph and respect the safety of pedestrians.*

Village Hall Committee

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If you reside in any of these Villages, do not drive or have your own transport, or you find public transport (if it is available) difficult to access, you may be eligible to use the scheme.

Our Community Transport Scheme can be used for, but not necessarily restricted to, journeys up to 25 miles each way to:

- the doctor, dentist, hospital (if free transport is not available), post office, shopping
- friends or relatives (including when in hospital)
- local bus stops, bus stations or railway stations for onward journeys.

If you would like to use our Community Transport scheme please call us – 48 hours in advance – and we will do what we can to help:

Contact number is: 07799 487719.

We are always interested in drivers who can spare a few hours a month to join our team. Drivers are paid 45p per mile (the Government approved mileage rate) for each drive undertaken. If you would like to help, please call our coordinator on the above number.

Knit and Natter

At our Knit and Natter group we have been incredibly industrious these past few months. In addition to our own personal projects, we have also been involved in supporting local and national organisations.

We meet on Mondays 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Keinton Methodist Church Room, contact Emma Stevens on 01458 223344. New members are always welcome.

So come along for tea, chat and lots of laughter – oh and a fair bit of knitting too!



Keinton Mandeville Meet Up

(includes surrounding villages)



We guarantee a warm welcome for **Carers, the Cared for** and anyone who would benefit from getting together for fun, company, information on hot topics – Fraud, Fire Prevention etc. and availability of local support. We welcome attendees suggesting ideas for future speakers/topics. Everything is free including refreshments.

Where: Keinton Mandeville Village Hall TA11 6ES.

When: First Wednesday of the Month **Time** - 11:0am to 12:30pm.

For further information contact: jane.carers@outlook.com.

The Henry Livius Trust

The Livius Trust has two distinct aims: providing items, services and facilities at Keinton Mandeville Primary School; and advancing religion in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England in the Parish of Keinton Mandeville.

The Trustees are open to any proposals that accord with the Trust's aims.

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Parish Council Meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the village hall.
(check website for details)

Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

KEG arranged for the hedge to the south of Chistles Lane (*leading to the Village Hall*) to be given a spring trim and we are currently planting the verge with wildflowers and pollinator-friendly plants which will both look colourful and help our insect population. We are planning a walk along the Chistles Lane and other hedgerows sometime in late April or May – keep a look out for the date.

Adopt a Tree

You still have the chance to "adopt" a tree in the Community Copse which will cost nothing other than a little time every now and then to check on your tree and make sure it is healthy and free from weeds.

There is now a plan and list of the trees in the Copse, so do contact us for a plan if you'd like to adopt one.



Wildlife sightings

Please keep the sightings of hedgehogs - and any other wildlife - coming in. We have started a wildlife survey of the village using the mobile phone app "inaturalist." If this is successful it will be long-term project that will show if and how the wildlife in the village might change. Contact us (*details below*) for information on how to take part.

Wildlife Open Gardens

Our Wildlife Open Gardens event has *provisionally been set for the weekend of the 7th – 8th June* we'd love to know if you have a wildlife garden you'd like to share with others.

New Talks Series

Our new series of talks will begin on Saturday, 17th May (*details to follow*) with a "talk and walk" on the Legacy of Quarrying in Keinton. We'd also like to hear if you have any suggestions for other walks or events.

Our meetings are open to anyone to attend and we'd love to get more people involved in what we do. *KEG's next meeting is on Wednesday, 9th April at 7:30pm in the Quarry Inn.* Email: info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk

Facebook: (5) Keinton Environment Group (KEG) Facebook

Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Group
Mondays 10:30 am - 1:00pm at Catsham Nr Baltonsborough.

The Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Project welcomes people who are keen to get outdoors, learn new skills, share their skills or just have the opportunity to spend some time in a peaceful environment. Our main emphasis is on horticulture and rural craft activities which take place in our large vegetable, fruit and flower growing area.

Maybe you need an excuse to get out of the house or you just want to dip your toe into being around other people again. Whatever it is you're looking for we can always find gardening related activities to suit your mood and energy levels on the day.

We are a Covid secure site and we will be working outdoors in a socially distanced way. With two covered open sided sheltered areas and a large poly-tunnel we can cater for whatever the British weather throws at us! If you want to find out more please contact Ursula Casey at: ursula@wilderwoods.org.

Booking is essential and spaces will be limited to keep the group small.

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Wheathill Benefice Choir

"I don't sing because I'm happy, I'm happy because I sing!"
(William James - American philosopher)

On 23rd March, the choir had the great pleasure of singing in Barton St David Church, when the Benefice welcomed Michael, Bishop of Bath & Wells, for his first official visit to Wheathill.

Preparations for the services for Easter continue as the Church looks towards this special time, and the choir has some wonderful music to share with the congregations.

Choir Rehearsal Time

The choir has changed its rehearsal time to Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in Kingweston Church. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to come and sing, contact:

Rachel Willcox (r.kaywillcox@gmail.com);

Claire Harding (betweenlanes@live.co.uk)

or Rev Jane Durham (rev.jane.durham@gmail.com)

We would be glad to hear from you and new voices are always very welcome.



Lydford Third Tuesday Group

January

One of our members, Maggi, gave an interesting and moving talk about her 30 years working in animal welfare. Over the years Maggi and her colleagues saved hundreds of dogs and other animals from harrowing conditions. Some were cases of deliberate cruelty or neglect, but many involved owners that were unable to look after themselves – let alone their animals. It was a tough job that involved dealing not just with disturbed and dangerous dogs, but also with hostile and aggressive behaviour from their owners at times.

On a more heartening note, some of the dogs that were considered too disturbed to be re-homed, ended up being successfully fostered by Maggi herself.

February

In a break with tradition, 17 of us met up on a Saturday for an enjoyable pub lunch at The Cross Keys. *(This was in place of our usual Annual Review meeting in the village hall).*

Next Event – April 23rd at 2:00pm – Tour of Owen Barry factory in Street with tea and cake. Places are limited so will be offered to members first - £3 per person. An email will be sent to members with further details.

Some news

Annual Subscriptions have been reduced to £12:00 !

It's not too late if anyone would like to join for this year.

Women Visitors from Lydford and surrounding villages are welcome to ALL our events usually held at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall, West Lydford (unless otherwise stated).

For details of this year's programme or more information, please take a look at our website:

<https://thirtduesday.wixsite.com/thirtduesday>
or contact us at lydfordthirtduesday@gmail.com



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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

(Services are listed on page 2)

House Communion

Wednesday, 9th April in the Parish Hall at 3:00pm.

This is open to anyone in the Benefice to come along for a short Service of Holy Communion followed by Afternoon Tea. Should you require transport then please contact *Ralph Berry* on (01963) 240164 or mobile 07530 296 885.

Planting of Easter Garden and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, 19th April at 10:30am

in the Churchyard, West Lydford



This is open to all in the Benefice to come along with your children or grandchildren to help plant the Easter Garden and enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt.

Refreshments will be provided.



APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

Our APCM is being held on the 4th May after the 10:30 am service at 11:45am. All are welcome to come and hear what your PCC has been doing during the past year.

VE Day 80th Anniversary - 8th May 2025

There will be a short service at 9:00am on the 8th May.

This is followed by the ringing of bells, and bacon butties in the Village Hall.

(See next page)

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Come along to enjoy these delights, have a chat and perhaps take away a book or two from the selection offered. There are no charges and everyone is welcome!

On behalf of Walters & Pope Charity

The Walters and Pope Trust Fund (Lydford-on-Fosse)

- ❖ **HELP!** Do you know anyone in Lydford who needs help and/or support?
- ❖ It may be help with buying books for university.
- ❖ It may be help with buying tools or equipment for a new job.
- ❖ It may be support for someone who is ill, or who is caring for someone.

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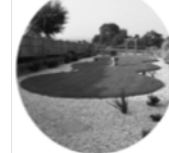
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Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Cllr David Sloggett who was co-opted on to the council at the last meeting.

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Thursday

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Schedule for Lydford on Fosse

09:00

The Rev. Jane Durham will take a short commemorative service at St Peters Church, West Lydford followed by a reading of the Proclamation

09:30

Raising of the Flag and the ringing of the Church bells

09:45

Refreshments of bacon butties, tea & coffee, and an exhibition of war memorabilia in the Parish Hall

18:00 (onwards)

Celebrations continue at The Cross Keys with a Fish & Chips supper, singing and dancing!

21:30

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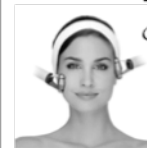
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Barton St David Mothers' Union

Tuesday, 8th April at 2:30pm

We will meet in the church for a short Easter service; afterwards we will go to Rosedale, Church Street for light refreshments courtesy of Wendy Eitzen.

Barton St David History Club

February 2025; Richard Raynsford kindly stepped in at short notice and took us on a photographic tour of a good selection of Somerset Churches and Chapels pointing out many interesting features for us to look out for on our travels around the county.

Then in **March;** Rob Butt shared with us his deciphering skills in *Reading and Understanding Medieval Documents*. This involves not only knowing a certain amount of Latin, but also how to look for clues in the context, identifying key elements like date, author, recipient and In significant vocabulary. To further complicate matters monks used to use a lot of shorthand symbols which need to be understood. Rob used sections of *the Domesday Book on Barton St David* to explain the process and challenged us to have a go!

Forthcoming Events in Barton Village Hall

Thursday, April 10th at 7:30pm - Professor Paul Hyland on "*Claver Morris - the Doctor's World at the Turn of the Eighteenth Century*". In 1686 Claver Morris, newly qualified and with little money, moved to Wells to set up a doctor's practice. There were no hospitals and '*modern medicine*' was in its infancy. He faced many challenges but by the time of his death in 1727 throughout Somerset and the West his reputation for treating all kinds of patients and diseases was outstanding.

He had many other interests including agricultural improvement projects at Glastonbury and Baltonsborough where he held land. His Queen Anne house still stands in the Liberty in Wells.

Thursday, May 8th at 7.30pm

Bryn Hawkins "*From Boy to Man in the Somerset Coalfield*"

Thursday, June 5th at 7.30pm

Kevin Patience "*The Man Who Never Was - Operation Mincemeat*"

Thoughts for Easter Time

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Lydford and District Gardening Club

Whilst having a month off is, in many ways, a wonderful thing, such relaxation and leisure can bring a few problems. In a similar way to the difficulties discovered when having to get a phone or computer-type thing to do something on an infrequent basis. If a system is used very regularly then even aged minds can remember the sequence of 'clicks' which are needed to access certain information or move bits of loose change from one account to another. However, if there is a lapse of time between doing something for a second or third time, then all sorts of problems can arise.

Passwords are forgotten or the one which accesses the subscription to 'The Beano' - (Other comics are, apparently, available) becomes confused with the one used to communicate with the family stockbroker. Chaos can ensue. And then to re-set a password you have to remember your favourite question and it can be tricky to be absolutely certain as to which of your childhood pets was in fact the first! Harvey the hamster or Bryan the budgie? So life can be a bit complicated and sometimes 'improvements' may not make things that much easier.

But in amongst this quicksand of existence certain things are set in stone. The weather is guaranteed not to be predictable. March has been so dry that a springtime hosepipe ban is almost a certainty! Plants which were drowning in late February are now parched and gloopy sodden clay soil became rock-hard concrete overnight. Daffodils are gloriously reliable and are putting on an excellent show at the moment and the most solid and dependable thing of all is the meeting of the Gardening Club on the second Tuesday of the month!

In February Abigail Willis came to talk about 'Amazing Garden Innovations'. Surprisingly her oration did not feature that funny little bit of wire which you always use to hang up the thermometer next to the door in the greenhouse. Perhaps there is a commercial future for that particular invention. All that is needed is a good patent lawyer and the thrust required to enter the 'Dragon's Den'.

And then in March, Chris Smith came to talk about vegetables. Lots of other things had a mention as well but veggies were at the forefront of his presentation which was offered in an old-school fashion without notes, visual aids, exhibits or other gimmicks. He spoke about what he knew and that appeared to be plenty. Word had obviously spread about his potential to entertain and the Parish Hall was filled, almost to capacity. More chairs had to be fetched from behind the stage curtain to accommodate all the members of the club who attended and the last time that this had happened was when the Cottage Brewery, of fond memory, began to distribute free beer!

Mr. Smith is the proprietor of Pennard Plants, a company based in half of the old walled kitchen garden which used to provide for Pennard House in East Pennard, near to the excellent Gould's cheese shop at Batch Farm. He has won Gold Medals at the Chelsea Flower Show but, seeking a simpler life, was now content to promote his wares in a calmer setting by the banks of the River Brue.

The nursery specialises in heritage vegetable seeds and seed potatoes yet also offers some edible plants and fruit trees. The business works on-line - www.pennardplants.com - but the nursery does have open days and the next one of these is on Good Friday, 18th. April. Many informative gems were offered including the reason for the absence of Pink Fir Apple seed potatoes this year and the rule that cucumber plants should be allowed to fill their pots before they are transplanted.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Club is on Tuesday, 8th April and it is the *annual trip to Brimsore Garden Centre* which is found in the leafy northern suburbs of Yeovil. Members should arrive by 18:00hrs to receive a cup of coffee, fight for a (shop sourced) biscuit and then buy all sorts of stuff at a 25% discount. *Please note the time - 18.00 or 6pm in old money.*

Spring is officially here and the weather is doing its best to provide supportive evidence. Gardens are clamouring for attention yet Mr. Smith was firm in his advice that it is best not to rush and get seeds and plants into the ground too early. Patience might be the best fertiliser.



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Easter Day

Details to follow

Talk 8

At his talk in February, Vyv Simson recalled his 'Convoy 64' trip to the Ukrainian border. Things didn't go entirely to plan but the trucks were able to deliver vulnerable supplies of many kinds for the people in Ukraine.

Vyv also introduced us to Anastasia – a Ukrainian lady currently living in North Cadbury. Anastasia brought delicacies using recipes from her homeland for us to sample. Very many thanks must go to Anastasia and to Vyv...!!

Talk 9

Our talk in March was about the inside world of football. Jon Collins gave a valuable, if mind boggling, insight into the way sponsorship works within football all over the world. Thank you Jon!

Talk 10

On Wednesday, April 16th – Please note the change of day! Steve McCullagh will be talking about his 'Top Gear type adventures' to Peru, Vietnam, India and Africa. This promises to be a very interesting evening. Please come and join us!!
(contact Alison on 223656, Celia on 224601 or Douglas on 223703 for tickets)

Hall Bookings

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Easter Activity Morning

On Wednesday, 16th April we are joining with the Parish Church for an Easter Activity Morning at Barton-St-David.

There will be various 'stations' reminding us about the Easter story. Each station will include an activity – Palm Crosses, making bread rolls, Easter gardens and more. The morning will run from 10:00am until 12noon, followed by refreshments at Barton Village Hall. See Front page of magazine and look out for further details.

Stop Press!!

We will be holding -

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On Tuesday 15th April

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Wishing you all a 'Happy Easter' !

Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton



'God is good ... all the time'!



When I was a priest in Nottingham, I remember thinking that as a parish we seemed to reflect more of the story of the crucifixion of Christ rather than His resurrection. Ours was a parish which had many personal stories of loss and suffering, of challenge and trial, and sometimes this made it difficult to lift our faces to the horizon to see the triumph and glory beyond the grave.

As we approach Easter, I want to encourage us to take time to *'walk the way of the cross'*, to notice God's grace as we do so, even in the painful moments as well as keeping our eyes fixed on the coming glory.

As I write this, I am catching glimpses of the kingfisher on its perch outside my study window. Always a delight! It sits on the branch across the moat in stillness, watching for the sign of a fish before it suddenly dives and then crests the water with its prize. A splash of colour rarely seen by many. It fills me with hope and joy, two gifts which I think Easter inspires.

Walking through Lent we are continually called to become conscious of our mortality and are reminded of the price Jesus paid on our behalf. Giving himself in death that we might have life. And we have that life because his death was not the end but the beginning of a new chapter, of life in all its fulness.

So, whatever the circumstances of your life this Easter, allow yourself to fully recognise and experience the challenges but never lose the prospect of the glory to come! *'God is good... all the time!'*

Bishop Ruth



Caring for creation

Snowdrop Extravaganza at Keinton Mandeville Church brought visitors from around the area to learn all about this tiny popular flower. Mickey Little, a well-regarded snowdrop specialist shared his knowledge with visitors who were invited to stay and enjoy a hot meal in the church.

The day also provided an opportunity to share information about the *eco initiatives undertaken and the work carried out to improve natural habitats in the churchyard.*

This Joyous Time of Year

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

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