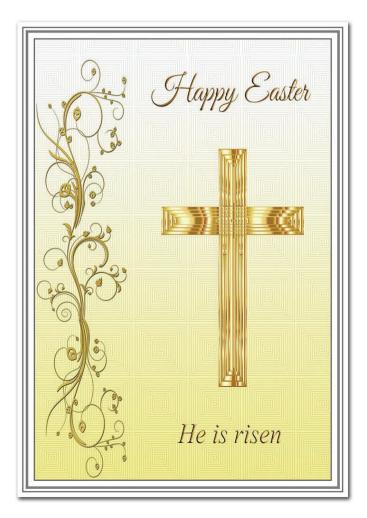


ST. MARY'S, CUBBINGTON

PARISH NEWS

April 2025

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, CUBBINGTON. CV32 7JT Priest-in-Charge Reverend Ann Hall



St. Mary's Church

Easter
Sunday
20th April
at
10.00am

A few words from Revd Ann

Last month, as a church we were just entering Lent, a season when as Christians we are called to share in Jesus's wilderness experience. A time when we may have personally chosen to give 'things' up, alongside also spending time in prayer and reflection as part of our journey of discipleship. Whilst the giving up of 'things' is only for a short period of time, focusing time on prayer and discipleship needs to be ongoing.



as these are what is needed to support us developing our faith, alongside building and growing a relationship with God, things that will sustain us for our ongoing journey through life.



If we look at the early disciples, their lives were in twined with Jesus, prayer was a core part of who they were and following was what they did, firstly around the shores of Galilee, before journeying with Jesus to celebrate the Passover festival in Jerusalem. I wonder as they set off, did the disciples realise that this was actually going to be the final week of Jesus life, how this 'Holy' week, was going to mark the start of what today, we call the 'Easter story'.

An amazing story which begins with Jesus's triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem, surrounded by crowds waving palm branches and crying 'Hosanna'. Then as the events of the week unfolded, I wonder did the disciples start to feel uneasy by Jesus's actions.

As the disciples celebrated the Passover together, did their feelings of excitement return, before again being tinged with bewilderment or surprise, when Jesus acting as a servant washed their feet. Then, as they shared bread and wine, were they saddened when he told them that one of the disciples would betray him and another would deny him. As the night continued, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, before being



arrested by the Jewish authorities, handed over to the Romans to be tried, before being condemned to be crucified. After his death Jesus's body was taken down from the cross and hurriedly laid in a borrowed tomb.



But we know the story doesn't end there, following his death, some women went to the tomb early in the morning, and the stone covering the entrance had been rolled away and Jesus was no longer there, he had risen from the dead. Jesus was alive and had conquered death, just when all seemed lost, the new life Jesus promised broke through, the disciples despair was replaced by joy and that same joy is available to all of us today.

Jesus went to the cross for each of us; this amazing freely offered gift of love is available to us all. My prayer for everyone this Easter time, is we will all once again be reminded of and experience for ourselves, the joy and hope those early disciples discovered and over time begin to share it with others.

SERVICES FOR APRIL

DATE APRIL	SERVICES		
WEDNESDAY 2 nd	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	
SUNDAY 6 th	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 13 th	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	
Thursday 17 th MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30pm	Holy Communion Stripping of the Sanctuary	
Friday 18 th	10.00am	Family Service	
GOOD FRIDAY	2.00pm	Hour by the Cross	
	7.30pm	Readings and Hymns	
SUNDAY 20 th Easter HE IS RISEN	10.00am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 27 th	8.30am 10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion ALL AGE SERVICE	
	10.00am	ALL AGE SERVICE	

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERALS				
Thursday 20 th Feb	Barrie JOHNS			
Wed 5 th March	Pauline Margaret GURNEY			
INTERMENT OF ASHES				
Sat 15 th March	Ceila Vera Alice OSBORNE			



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CUBBINGTON Little Miracles

Little Miracles is a twice monthly get-together during term time for babies, toddlers and those who care for them.

Held in the Parish Room at the church from 10.30am until 12 noon, on **Tuesdays 1**st, **8**th **and 29**th **April**, We hope you will come and join us for a mix of play, songs and of course, plenty of chat, tea and coffee.

It wouldn't be possible for us to run our Guiding meetings without our amazing volunteers and this month we want to recognise Joy Lingard who has received her 50 year long service award.

Joy started her leadership at 2ndCubbington Guides in 1974 and then became a Leader at 2ndCubbington Rainbows when she opened the Unit in 1991. Over the years Joy has led hundreds of girls in Rainbows and

Guides and given them amazing experiences at camps, cookouts, sleepovers, campfires, trips and meetings as well as being the cook for our Brownie Pack Holidays. She has

supported girls by volunteering her time and sharing her skills to give

them a space to have fun, learn new skills and build their confidence.

We had a wonderful service at St Mary's Church led by Reverend Ann and Jo King to thank Joy for her years of dedication to 2nd Cubbington Girlguiding, which is when Joy was presented with her award by Warwickshire District Commissioner, Nicola Lomas.

We are welcoming new members to our Units all the time so if you would like to find out more visit girlguiding.org.uk or email 2ndcubbingtonstmarys@gmail.com



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Cubbington









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Saturday 5th April

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Good Friday 18th April - Service at 9.00 a.m.
Easter Sunday 20th April - Morning service at 10.30 a.m.

Midis Ladies Group

Meets two Tuesdays each month at 2.00 p.m.
Contact Pat Maddison. maddisonpa2017@gmail.com
On 8th April 2025 the speaker will be Rev. Tina Brooker.

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The last few weeks since half term have flown by and it feels like we are hurtling towards Easter! The school calendar is always very busy and this time of the year is no different. Staff have been planning ahead for the rest of the year and the children have so many trips, events, assemblies and sporting events to look forward to. We have celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as book characters and holding a brilliant 'Extreme Reading' competition! We also held shared reading sessions with children reading with other children from different classes and The Nurture Room nursery children also joined in. Our Year 6 pupils have now received their secondary school offers and this is always a key milestone for children as there is the realisation that their primary school years are coming to an end. However, our job has been to prepare children for this very occasion and help them manage their nervousness, anticipation and excitement about what lies ahead. Over the years, I have crossed paths with numerous former Cubbington pupils. I always love seeing how they have grown and developed into wonderful young people and adults. We regularly welcome past pupils back into school to undertake work experience where they work alongside teachers and teaching assistants, and they get to see school from a completely different perspective. Hopefully some of these pupils will become the teachers of the future.

At the other end of our age range we are preparing to offer places to our new Reception children who will join us in September 2025. This an equally exciting time for everyone involved and we cannot wait to meet them all to welcome them to start their journey at Cubbington.

Juliet Jones Head teacher

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I am taking part in the Great Wall of China Trek in May 2025 fundraising for Acorns Children's Hospice. With 6-8 hours a day of tackling a hilly terrain, this will be the 'climb of a lifetime'! The trek is 5 days long and will take the group to a remote section of The Wall, from Gubeikou to Jinshanling and Simatai. Many sections of The Wall are unrestored and scarred by battles of the past.

Acorns Children's Hospice runs three hospices – Birmingham, Worcester and Walsall. They provide a homely environment where children take part in a variety of fun and therapeutic activities, from arts and crafts to hydrotherapy.

Children visit Acorns for short breaks, end of life and emergency care, whilst providing families with a much-needed break from caring round the clock.

It costs around £10 million every year to run Acorns' three hospices and the majority is raised by the public.

As a family, we have supported Acorns for a number of years. Whether it was organising a bake sale with the kids in our street during the pandemic, donating toys and clothes to Acorns shops or walking the West Highland Way in 2023, we continue to fundraise and we couldn't do it without the help of friends, colleagues and neighbours.

I would like to thank O'Brien Contractors and Inn Express for sponsoring me £200 each in exchange for having their logos printed on my trek tops and to Bebas Café for raising £500 by putting on two Greek Nights last autumn!

You can sponsor me via my Just Giving page: www.justqiving.com/page/gw-acorns-china-trek

Many thanks for your generosity and support, Gabi Ward

Bird Watch by T. Pie

We had a welcome spell of good weather early in March and, all of a sudden, it seemed that spring had arrived, with spring bulbs in flower and blossom beginning to appear on trees and bushes. By this time many of our resident birds, keen to steal a march on the summer migrants that will start to appear in our parish in April, were already in song, establishing and keeping territories and trying to attract mates. The best singers are arguably the Blackbird and the Robin, with the Wren also due a mention if for no other reason that the sheer volume that this tiny bird is able to deliver. I would have added Song Thrush to this list, but it has been some time since I have seen or heard one in our area.



One other territorial 'song' that I have heard in the environs of the church this spring is the drumming of a Great Spotted Woodpecker and my garden feeders are being visited fairly regularly by this species. I read somewhere that this drumming action imparts an impact force on the bird's brain of around 1,000 times that of gravity!

Another family of birds that will start nesting in March and into April is the tits. Two species, Blue Tit and Great Tit, are easily seen, and two further ones, Coal Tit and Long-tailed Tit are there if you look for them. There are other members of this family resident in the UK, but the chances of seeing any of

them in our village are miniscule to zero.

Finally, a reminder that you should avoid disturbing nesting birds and doing so may be illegal. So please keep away from any suspected nest sites and, as a general rule, avoid hedge cutting and tree pruning during the nesting season between the start of March and the end of August.

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