

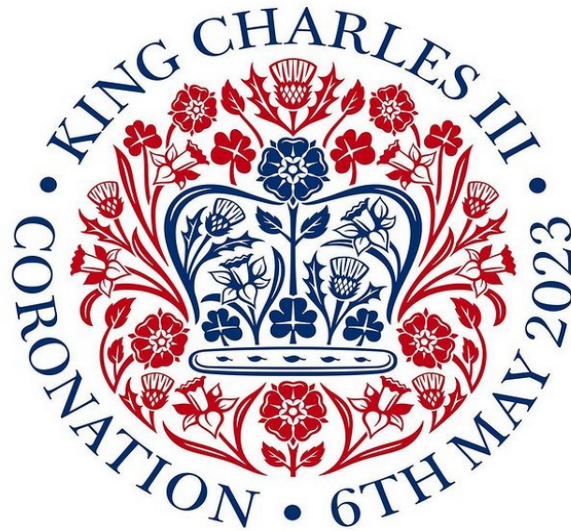
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10.30am to 2.00pm

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*For Jesus said: "I am the
Resurrection and the life...
whoever liveth and believes
in me shall never die."*

(John 1.26)

*"He has changed sunset into
sunrise, and through the cross
brought death to life"*

St Clement of Alexandria
c. 150-215 AD

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Rev Liz writes

Dear Friends,

What a lovely time of the year Spring is! A time of new life in creation with the beautiful blossoms, Spring flowers and the sounds of the new born birds and animals around us. We so need the beauty of our surroundings as we live in this somewhat disordered world - it gives us hope, restores our soul and assists us in what we call in our modern world - our wellbeing! We are drawing to the end of Lent now and as this month begins we mark the beginning of the Easter Season with Palm Sunday, a day when we celebrate with Jesus his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his way paved with palms. The triumphal atmosphere doesn't last long however as the excited crowds who welcomed Jesus are replaced by a baying mob and demand that he be crucified. Each year we read the story of the Passion and this year it is the turn of Matthew's gospel as we perform a dramatised reading of the events leading up to the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus. This acts as a springboard for the rest of Holy Week and allows us to enter into that journey through the pain and suffering which bursts into the glorious new life on Easter morning.



It is certainly for me the most special time of the year and the events of Easter underpin my own faith and those of other Christians. To help us with this, the choirs of St Peter's Church Newdigate and our own church choir here in Capel have been rehearsing the St Luke Passion by J.S. Bach which we will sing for you on Good Friday at St John the Baptist Church at noon. Hot cross buns and other refreshments will be available later that afternoon at 3pm in church also. The church otherwise is still laid bare as is traditional until that glorious Sunday morning when we unlock the church doors and are welcomed by festoons of glorious Spring flowers wherever we look along with their glorious scent. The flower fairies have been again - aka Joy, Helen and their wonderful helpers!

Speaking of flowers we are all very much looking forward to the King's Coronation and for the first time in many, many years, Capel Church is holding a **Flower Festival**. This is very exciting and the first one in my tenure for sure! The Coronation will be the theme and local groups are represented by the different arrangements. Teas will be served in the afternoons which will run from Saturday through to Monday. The festival is just part of the Capel Community Coronation programme and we are looking forward to the other wonderful events being planned. I am particularly looking forward to watching the Coronation itself in the Village Hall on the big screen with lots of you I hope. The evening before that we hope to raise much needed funds for playground equipment at Scott Broadwood School on the Friday, through Capel's Got Talent. After the Coronation, we plan to enjoy some patriotic singing at The Crown and of course on Sunday our churches will be hosting special services of commemoration. At Capel, we are hoping many families and children will join us, dressing up(?), with the crowns they made earlier (!) followed by a chocolate treasure hunt afterwards. You will see further details for all events elsewhere in this magazine!

Easter is the time we proclaim the risen Christ. Many said and still say "I don't believe it!" I pray that you may believe it, that you will encounter the risen Jesus in a way that speaks to you. That may be in worshipping with us or visiting our churches in a quiet moment but also as Mary encountered her Lord in the garden, Christ is simply all around us in his wonderful creation.

Happy Easter!

All blessings,

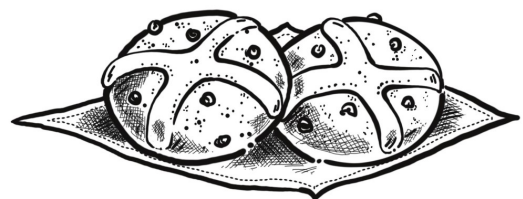
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CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS - APRIL 2023
at St John the Baptist, Capel & St Margaret's, Ockley

Please note: CW - service is from Common Worship 2005

APRIL

Sunday	2nd	Palm Sunday
	9.30am	Matins at Ockley
	10.30am	Family Communion at Capel
	3-5pm	Teas at St Margaret's Ockley
Thursday	6th	Maundy Thursday
	7.30pm	Surrey Weald Team Service of Holy Communion at St Mary Magdalene, South Holmwood
Friday	7th	Good Friday
	12.00pm	The St Luke Passion by J.S. Bach - sung by the united choirs of St. Peter's Newdigate and St John the Baptist Capel (<i>at Capel church</i>)
	3-5pm	Good Friday teas at St John's Capel
Sunday	9th	Easter Sunday
	9.30am	Easter Celebration CW with Holy Communion at Ockley
	10.30am	Easter Celebration CW with Holy Communion at Capel
	3-5pm	Capel teas
Monday	10th	Easter Monday
	3-5pm	Capel teas
Sunday	16th	Second Sunday of Easter
	9.30am	Matins at Ockley
	10.30am	Cafe Church at Capel
Sunday	23rd	Third Sunday of Easter
	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP at Ockley
	10.30am	Family Communion CW at Capel
	11.30am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - all are welcome to attend
Sunday	30th	Fourth Sunday of Easter
	9.30am	Parish Communion at Ockley

Don't forget you can find details of all events & services on our website!

[https://
www.capelandockley
church.org.uk/events-
calendar/](https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar/)

MAY

Saturday 6th to Monday 9th May
A Coronation Flower Festival at St John the Baptist Church
9am to 5pm each day * Teas to be served each afternoon

Sunday	7th	King's Coronation weekend
	9.30am	Service of Commemoration for the Coronation of King Charles III to be held in the Coronation Marquee on Ockley Green
	11.00am	Service of Commemoration for the Coronation of King Charles III at St John the Baptist Capel

We are very much hoping that our special services of Commemoration will be attended by many in our communities and that children in particular will take part by wearing the crowns they may have made at school, home or otherwise are invited to dress fittingly for the occasion!!

Café Church April 2023

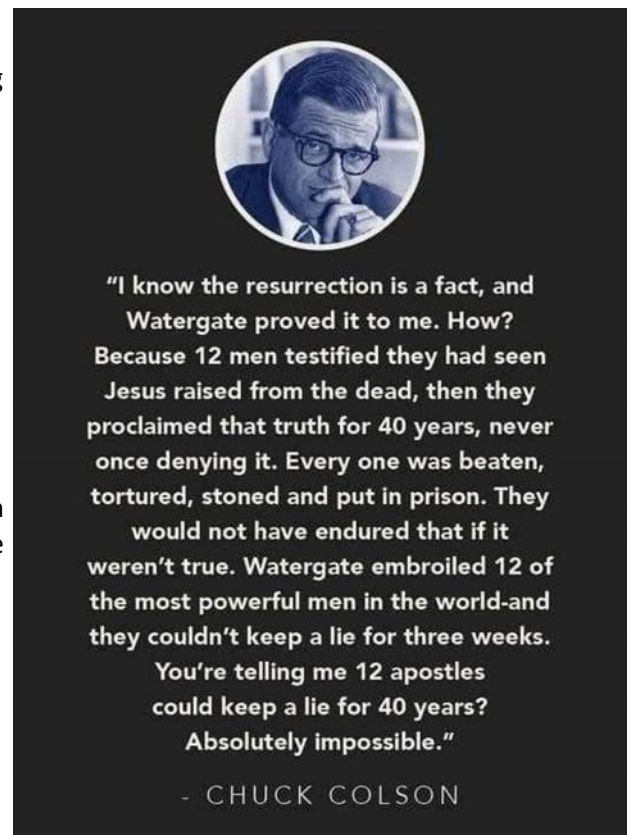


We've probably all heard stories about people who have it hard in life, turn to crime, end up in prison and then turn to God in their desperation. But that's not the story of Chuck Colson. He was a successful American attorney and political advisor who served as Special Counsel to President Nixon from 1969 to 1970. Once known as Nixon's "hatchet man", Colson gained notoriety at the height of the Watergate scandal, for being named as one of the Watergate Seven, and also for pleading guilty to obstruction of justice for attempting to defame Pentagon Papers defendant Daniel Ellsberg. In 1974, he served seven months in the federal Maxwell Prison in Alabama as the first member of the Nixon administration to be incarcerated for Watergate-related charges. He became a Christian shortly before Watergate then found himself on the wrong side of the law! But as a result of his fall from grace and time behind bars he founded the charity Prison Fellowship which continues to this day, over a decade after his death, to help thousands of prisoners, ex-offenders and families.

But it's not the amazing story of his life that bought him to mind this month. You see, he had something very interesting to say about Jesus, the person in whom he had put his faith before, during and after his time in prison. More specifically, he had something very interesting to say about the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross which we remember this month at Easter. There are those, of course, who deny that Jesus ever lived in spite of references to him in Jewish, Roman and Christian writings of the period. It seems there was never any debate in the ancient world as to whether Jesus of Nazareth was a historical figure. But when it comes to the resurrection you will even find people in church leadership who think it to be an unlikely event – which is a little odd given that the whole of the Christian faith is founded on Jesus rising from the dead! But while there are many studies, books, essays and articles to be found online supporting the evidence of those momentous events, I like the simplicity of Chuck's appraisal.

Bob

Bob Cranham



Café Church meets at St. John's, Capel
on Sunday 16th April at 10.30 am.
Expect free coffee and croissants, a warm
welcome, a band, some debate, a little poetry, a
lot of laughter and plenty more.

NEWS from the Pews

The Pavilion Café

We are open every Wednesday morning from 9am to 12 o'clock in the Cricket Pavilion on the green in Ockley.

We serve homemade cakes and savouries and offer a range of teas and fresh coffee. On the last Wednesday of the month we also serve bacon butties which are very popular.

We ask for donations and, after expenses, the money goes to charity. We like to donate to our local churches, local amenities and charities and also national ones.

We have become very popular over the years and there is plenty of parking and disabled access to the building.



This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

will be held after
the 10.30am
service at Capel on

Sunday 23rd April 2023

Everyone is welcome to attend

From the Parish Registers

In Memoriam

We remember with love
and mourn the loss of

Mary Elizabeth Campbell
6th February 2023

May she rest in peace
and rise in glory

Church Mailing List

Do you know of anyone who would like to be added to the Church mailing list? This would ensure they received the weekly notice sheets and readings, amongst other things.

If so, please get in touch with **Dineke van den Bogerd:**

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We must have their permission before adding them to the list. Thank you.

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'The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.'

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This notice will appear each month in InSpire and the contact details for our Safeguarding Officer and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor Jackie Broadfoot will be published in our weekly pew sheets as well as in the Church Contacts section in each issue of InSpire.

Don't forget to recycle your STAMPS AND OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Don't forget that you can drop off your used printer cartridges in the box in the church porch at Capel. These are sent to a recycling firm who give a small amount towards our church funds.

Also, don't forget to keep bringing your used stamps to church - again a box is in the porch at Capel.

Thank you

Editor: *This beautiful poem was forwarded to Rev Liz by it's author John Denman. Following a bereavement, John wrote: "My faith and visiting church has helped me get through this difficult time."*

St John The Baptist Church, Capel

Written by John Denman of Strood Green, Betchworth

It gives me so much pleasure,
When for God I need to search,
I find in life the answers,
In this humble beautiful church.

This beautiful sanctuary withstanding time,
Where ancient feet have trod,
To enter and to worship,
Graced by the hand of God.

It has become my sanctuary,
When I need to call in and pray
And always feel so welcome,
By the Congregation on the day.

The Congregation and the Choir
Sing in harmony to every ecclesiastical note,
Bringing emotion, nostalgia
And a lump to every throat.

I always leave rewarded,
In my mind an inner peace,
The Church has performed it's magic
And God has released me from my grief.

Of course there's another plus side,
I'm sure that most will agree,
There's usually a variety of cakes to eat
And a welcoming cup of tea!

We sit around and have a chat,
To everyone we meet,
Then leave the church completely satiated,
A pleasurable day complete!



Bell No.4 — A Special One

St John The Baptist Church, Capel

In May this year we will ring the bells here in Capel to celebrate the coronation of King Charles II. But how many people who listen to the bells on a Sunday, and other times, realise that one of our bells here in Capel has been associated with Charles I and Charles II, as it was cast in 1605.

When we rang last year for The Queen's funeral, it occurred to me as to how many Kings and Queens that bell may have rung for; either for a coronation or a funeral, so here is the list.-

James I (1603-1625)

Charles I (1625-1649)

Charles II (1649-1685 - England was a Republic until 1660 but Charles II dated his reign from his father's execution)

James II (1685-1688)

Mary II (1689-1694) & **William III** (1689-1702) Joint sovereigns

Anne (1702-1714) ®

George I (1714-1727)

George II (1727-1760)

George III (1760-1820)

George IV (1820-1830)

William IV (1830-1837)

Victoria (1837-1901)

Edward VII (1901-1910)

George V (1910-1936)

Edward VIII (1936-1936)

George VI (1936-1952)

Elizabeth II (1952-2022)

Charles III (2022 -)



An impressive list! I expect the bells were rung for most of the Kings or Queens - either for their coronations or funerals.

John Dale



King James I



King Charles I

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers what happened on Good Friday and Easter.

A Cross Attitude

In this Easter season, how does Philippians 2 help us to understand more about the cross?

Paul explains what Jesus did in this way: *'He did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage... And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross!'*

Jesus' example (v6-8)

Paul reminds us that Jesus, although He was fully God from eternity, entered our world as a man to take on a life of service. *'He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.'* He completely surrendered Himself, by identifying with all the weakness, problems, and frailties of human life. This took Him to the cross, where He rescued us from the power of sin and death, so that we might know God's eternal life.

Our Response (v3-5)

Paul says that our relationships should reflect the same attitude as Jesus: *'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.'* We should look out for the needs of others before our own. This will transform our relationships at home and church. How practically can we develop a *cross attitude*?

God's Purpose (v9-11)

The Resurrection demonstrates how God has exalted Jesus in triumph: *'Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name'* (v9). Our willingness to serve, like Jesus, will be rewarded by God, especially when we feel used or exploited.

'This is our God, The Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him, To bring our lives as a daily offering, Of worship to The Servant King' (Graham Kendrick)

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LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

There will be news on this thought-provoking Church of England Lent Course that was held recently in next month's issue!

More info is available at
www.churchofengland.org/LLF

Editor: This helpful overview is an edited version of an article that comes from: <https://christianity.org.uk/article/the-first-easter>.

2nd – 9th April – An overview of Passion Week

The events of Easter took place over a week, traditionally called Passion Week. It began on Palm Sunday. After all His teaching and healing, Jesus had built a following.

On the Sunday before He was to die, Jesus and His followers arrived at Jerusalem. The city was crowded. Jewish people were arriving to celebrate Passover. This commemorates how they had escaped from slavery in Egypt nearly 1,500 years earlier.

Jesus rode into the city on a young donkey. He was greeted like a conquering hero. Cheering crowds waved palm branches in tribute. He was hailed as the Messiah who had come to re-establish a Jewish kingdom.

The next day they returned to Jerusalem. Jesus went to the temple, the epicentre of the Jewish faith, and confronted money-changers and merchants who were ripping off the people. He overturned their tables and accused them of being thieves. The religious authorities were alarmed and feared how He was stirring up the crowds.

On the Tuesday, they challenged Jesus, questioning His authority. He answered by challenging and condemning their hypocrisy. Later that day Jesus spoke to His disciples about future times. He warned them about fake religious leaders; the coming destruction of Jerusalem; wars, earthquakes and famines; and how His followers would face persecution.

By midweek the Jewish religious leaders and elders were so angry with Jesus that they began plotting to arrest and kill Him. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Him to them.

Jesus and the 12 disciples gathered on the Thursday evening to celebrate the Passover meal. This is known as the Last Supper. During the evening, Jesus initiated a ritual still marked by Christians – Holy Communion – which commemorates His death. Jesus broke bread and shared it and a cup of wine with His disciples.

Judas then left to meet the other plotters. Jesus continued to teach the others and then went outside into an olive grove to pray. He even prayed for all future believers. He agonised over what was to come but chose the way of obedience. The Bible book, Luke, records Him praying, *'Father if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done'*. Minutes later Judas arrived with soldiers and the chief priests and Jesus was arrested.

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UK churches use lights and prayers to support Ukraine

Cathedrals were floodlit in the colours of the Ukrainian flag, candles were lit, and services, prayer vigils and other events were recently held across the country in churches to mark the first anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24th February.

Many of the Church of England's Cathedrals and churches held prayer vigils that included contributions from Ukrainian refugees.

In rural as well as urban areas, many parishes where families are still hosting Ukrainian refugees, opened their doors for prayer, reflection and music.

The Bishop of Bradford, Toby Howarth, said: "Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine one year ago has caused misery not only for Ukrainians, but has led to immense hardship for many others across the world."

Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, said: "The vigil gave us an opportunity to acknowledge the terrible pain and loss of the last year, to remember those who have died, and to pray for those in danger."

General Synod: Archbishop of Canterbury's recent speech in 'Living in Love and Faith' debate

"We are not divided but we disagree, and that is very painful. And I will use again the words close to those I used to the Bishops gathered at the Lambeth Conference on a very similar debate.

"For some, to question the inherited teaching damages witness and is sinful: you point out that in many provinces across the Anglican Communion any change might make the church a victim of derision, contempt and even attack for being part of what is called the 'gay church'. For we are often seen as the Mother Church.

"For others, you have not arrived easily at the conclusion that we need to change. You are not careless about Scripture. You do not reject Christ and His authority. But to question this change makes the church here and abroad a victim of derision, contempt, and even attack for being part of the perceived 'homophobic church'.

"Listening and loving is about what has been brought forward by the House of Bishops. It has been consulted extensively with the primates and many others in the Anglican Communion. What we are seeking is what we understand from the Spirit is right, not what is convenient or easy. There are no convenient or easy ways forward.

"What we have in this conversation and the decision we make, is at its heart the chance publicly to witness to Christ in the most difficult, distinctive and radical way – to disagree passionately and yet to be clear that we uphold our need for one another, and for the world, to come to the knowledge of being loved by God in Christ.

"Let me be clear on this point, we do that by saying to the world: unity in Jesus Christ is our common identity, and difference must be worked out within that identity.

"Even things that are so important and so painful for us, are not as important as the essential-ness of others. That is our witness to a world that throws others away, excludes them, divides in the face of disagreement.

"I know there is fear of a slippery slope, of what may or may not happen at some point in the future, but let us not give in to the fear of a future which we can neither predict nor control.

"Each of us will answer to God at the judgement for our decisions on this matter. We are personally responsible. I am supporting these resources, not I think because I am controlled by culture but because of Scripture, tradition and reason evidenced in the vast work done over the last six years so ably by so many.

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NEWS

"I may be wrong, of course I may, but I cannot duck the issue any more than anyone else here. I ask each member of Synod to vote with their Spirit-inspired consciences, scripturally and spiritually guided, and not because groups or lobbies or outsiders have told you to.

"So let us decide as we each conclude the Lord desires. Above all, let us debate remembering that all Christians are indispensable members of God's Church, all Christians, and whatever our views or theirs will remain so.

"And let us show that in how we speak, and let us show that in how we decide, and that we are above all the church that demonstrates the call of God to people whom He desires to know and love."

Safeguarding diocesan data 2019-21

New safeguarding data from a three-year period has recently been published by the Church of England.

The data is for new concerns reported to the Church in 2019, 2020 and 2021, and relates to all its work. The reports range from concerns about possible risk to direct allegations of abuse.

Over the three-year period, the overall number of concerns and allegations reported relating to both children and adults was reasonably similar: 2,420 in 2019, 2,245 in 2020 and 2,385 in 2021.

On average, just over a third related to Church Officers (which include clergy). Concerns and allegations regarding adults have increased with a reduction in the number relating to children.

Types of abuse have also been analysed, with a clear increase in reports of domestic abuse and a greater awareness of spiritual abuse. Referrals to statutory authorities and direct actions by the Church were also looked at.

The Church aspires to be a safe space where people who have experienced abuse in other parts of their life can disclose that abuse and be supported. It also seeks to minister – safely - to those who been perpetrators of abuse. In each of the three years reported here, over 60% of concerns and allegations were not about Church officers.

The Bishop of Manchester, David Walker, a member of the National Safeguarding Steering Group, said: "Safeguarding goes on in all our 16,000 churches every day of the year, in all its activities from worship to its many community projects and groups."

The launch of 'Bell Sunday' in May

If you like church bells, you will be pleased to hear that there is now an 'official' Bell Sunday – this year to be held on 14th May.

It will be held each year on the Sunday closest to 19th May. That is because 19th May is the feast day of St Dunstan, who way back in the 11th century had fun in experimenting with bell-forging. (Does anyone know if any of his bells have survived?)

The Central Council for Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR) has declared Bell Sunday to encourage churches to celebrate their bells and ringers in Sunday worship.

The CCCBR hopes that many local church towers will join in, and that, where possible, churches will open their towers to the public on the day, so that visitors can watch the bells being rung.

The Central Council's spokeswoman, Vicki Chapman, says: "With co-operation between church and bell-ringers, it may be possible for bell-ringers to be involved in a service on the day. Bell ringers could read lessons, give a talk, and demonstrate the playing of handbells. The church service could include bell-related hymns, bell-related prayers, and even bell-shaped biscuits with the after-service coffee."

"We hope that Bell Sunday will help raise awareness of the importance of bells in our communities, and also help strengthen relationships between clergy and bellringers."

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The St Luke Passion

On **Good Friday, 9th April at noon**, a combined choir from Newdigate and Capel churches will be singing the St Luke Passion in Capel church. We will sing the choruses and the chorales whilst saying the written narrative that is normally sung by soloists. A few of the chorales we will sing from the St Matthew Passion by JS Bach because they are more interesting. It is rarely performed today and there are few recordings available. The scores that we will be using have not been borrowed from the library for many years and only cost 4/- (20p) when new. The St Luke Passion is normally attributed to JS Bach, but it is probably this attribution that has resulted in its non performance.

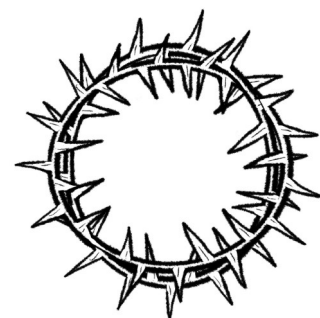
JS Bach is believed to have written five settings of the Passion, the most frequently performed being those according to St Matthew and St John. There is no conclusive evidence that he did write the St Luke version, but likewise there is nothing to say that he did not. Certainly, both Parry and Mendelson did not believe that JS Bach did write the St Luke Passion. Mendelson famously wrote to his friend Franz Hauser having heard that he had purchased the score saying, *"I am sorry that you gave so much money for the St. Luke Passion. It was not too much to pay for it as a manuscript of unquestioned authenticity, but it is just as certain that this music is not by him....You ask for what reason the Luke is not by Sebastian Bach? For internal reasons...; if that is by Sebastian, then I'll be hanged, and yet it is unmistakably his handwriting. But it is too clean; he must have copied this directly from somewhere else."* Franz Hauser had purchased the only score of the St Luke Passion that was partly written in JS Bach's hand, and partly by his son CPE Bach. If JS Bach did not write it, then why did he take the time to copy it out himself? It could be a copy of a score written by a pupil, a member of his family, or may even be one of his very early works. What is definitely known is that he performed it at least twice, the first being on Good Friday 1730.

Pope Leo the Great decreed that the Passions according to St Matthew and St John should be presented during Holy Week as early as the 5th century. At this time the texts would have been recited or chanted by a priest, and over time this developed by the 12th century with written music to denote the pitch and the drama required. By the time JS Bach's was writing his Passions the setting had become more dramatic and similar to later oratorios. The characters all have their own musical styles, and the horrors of the story and the reality of the death of Christ comes across through his scores. In many ways it is an opera with no acting, just reliance on the score and singing. When JS Bach was writing the theological practice and tradition was for Latin readings of the Passion Holy Week for Matthew Chapters 26 and 27 on Palm Sunday, Mark Chapters 14 and 15 was read on Tuesday and Luke Chapters 22 and 23 on Wednesday and John Chapters 18 and 19 on Good Friday.

The critics say that the St Luke Passion is not of the same standard of the St Matthew or the St John Passions, but then again little music is of the same standard as them. The St Luke Passion is certainly simpler and is not on the same scale, but many parts are Bach in character. This may be because JS Bach did arrange existing secular music in his Passions, and also because at the time of its first performance Bach has stopped writing solely for the church. After its first performance in 1730, JS Bach continued to direct yearly Passion presentations for Good Friday and sacred cantatas for the annual installation of his employer, the Leipzig Town Council, until his death in 1750.

So the Passion of our Lord according to St Luke may well have been composed by JS Bach, or it may be by another hand which JS Bach admired enough to copy it out and perform it himself at least twice. We will never know, but do come along on Good Friday and make your own decision as to if it is Bach enough to be JS Bach.

By Stuart Cole



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.



Why Easter will never go away

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man *did* rise?

At the end of St Luke's gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24:4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: 'You crucified Jesus, but God raised Him up!'

How did they know this? Because of direct personal experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But of course, each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So, did they pretend they had seen Him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, but we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds? That He recovered in the tomb, and then escaped? That the disciples nursed Him back to health? But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit. If the disciples had been hiding Jesus all along, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after Him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital, present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: 'He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me," and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.'

Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.



High Days & Holy Days in April

3rd April: Richard of Chichester, wanting to see more clearly, dearly and nearly

Ever wonder where the prayer ... *'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day'* comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

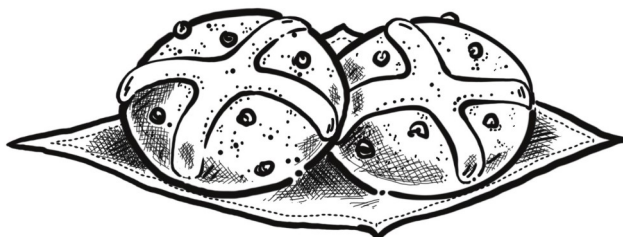
He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3rd April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full: *"Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."*

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Jesus' appearances after His Resurrection

The following list of witnesses may help you put all those references in order....

Mary Magdalene	Mark 16:9-11; John 20:10-18
Other women at the tomb	Matthew 28:8-10
Peter in Jerusalem	Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5
The two travellers on the road	Mark 16:12,13
10 disciples behind closed doors	Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25
11 disciples WITH Thomas	John 20:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:5
7 disciples while fishing	John 21:1-14
11 disciples on the mountain	Matthew 28:16-20
A crowd of 500	1 Corinthians 15:6
Jesus' brother – James	1 Corinthians 15:7
Those who saw the Ascension	Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8

Editor: This article is also reproduced for a second time for any that missed it in the March issue.



Capel has supported Traidcraft for over 30 years. As we said in the last issue of Inspire, Traidcraft has gone into administration due to its weak financial position. This was primarily brought on by Covid rapidly followed by the financial pressures and interest rates felt by ordinary people. We should remember that this has affected not only the suppliers to Traidcraft, but also Traidcraft's staff who have now all lost their jobs. We therefore will not be able to carry on selling Traidcraft products.

We have considered attempting to source our own Fairtrade products from suppliers. With Traidcraft we made a small profit for the church but unless we bought wholesale quantities in future this would not be possible. Whilst there are wholesalers we could deal with we would not be able to sell enough before the sell by dates. This is therefore not a feasible course.

However, it is still possible to buy many of the products previously stocked by Traidcraft:-

<https://biod.co.uk/> Cleaning products. Free next day delivery over £50.

<https://chooseliberation.com/> Peanut butter and other nuts. Free 48 hr delivery on all orders.

<https://divinecoffee.co.uk/> Coffee. Shipping £3.50 on all orders.

<http://fairtotrade.com/> Cards, wrapping paper and homewares from around the world.

<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/> Cards and chocolate for the Christian year. Free delivery over £79.

<https://pachamamaknitwear.com/> Hand knitted products from Nepal. Delivery £3.95.

<https://upcirclebeauty.com/> Beauty products cruelty-free, vegan, sustainable & UK-Made. Free delivery over £30.

<https://wearethought.com> Clothing. Free delivery over £49.

<https://www.cafedirect.co.uk/> Coffee. Free delivery.

<https://www.cycleofgood.com/> Goods made from bicycle parts. Free delivery over £35.

<https://www.equalexchange.co.uk/> Honey, chocolate, coffee and pulses. Delivery £5.99.

<https://www.jts.co.uk/> Food from Africa and Palestine. Free delivery over £50.

<https://www.made51.org/> Crafts made by refugees from UNHCR.

<https://www.mamamzungu.co/> Natural soap and lip balm from Uganda. Delivery £3.20

<https://www.namaste-uk.com/> Artisan home products

<https://www.sharedearth.co.uk/> Artisan home products

<https://www.ventforchange.co.uk/> Stationary. Free delivery over £25.

<https://www.premcrest.co.uk/> Wholesale Fairtrade products. Free delivery over £80

<https://zaytoun.uk/> Food and soap products from Palestine

<https://www.ethicalsuperstore.com/> Fairtrade products and many others. Free delivery over £50

In response to Traidcraft going into administration and other like minded companies struggling, Transform Trade, the trade justice charity, has launching a new fund to support the people that Traidcraft was about - the makers, growers and artisans. The world of ethical trade is under threat. In these circumstances, the already marginalised producers, will lose out. It is in contact with many producer groups as long-standing relationships dry up and challenges intensify, they intend to invest in things like equipment, training, product development and access to new markets. Transform Trade are seeking donations, and you can donate by following this link: [Transform Trade Producer Fund](#)

Or by sending a donation to Transform Trade, 5th Floor, 7-15 Pink Lane, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 5DW.

Thank you for your support of Traidcraft over the past years, We hope that you are able to support Fairtrade through the links above and other retailers in the future.

Stuart and Suzanne Cole

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear friends,

Welcome to the April issue—issue no 71! When I started the magazine in 2017 I wasn't sure we would still be producing it 70 issues later! In this issue, I'm delighted to include plenty of forthcoming Coronation information. This includes two articles (pages 22 & 23) that are reproduced in case anyone missed the March 2023 issue **'Ring for the King'** and **'Prayers for their Majesties and the Royal Family'** in the run up to the Coronation on Saturday 6th May. I think it's very nice of His Majesty to hold his special day on our son James' 29th Birthday! Hopefully, in our household we can celebrate the birthday and the Coronation in style! On page 9 we have an interesting article by John Dale on **Bell no 4 at Capel** and how many monarchs it may have rung for! On pages 20 & 21, there are details of the planned festivities and commemorations for both Capel and Ockley villages.

As we mark Easter day on Sunday 9th April, there are plenty of articles on Easter. On page 10 there is an article entitled **'A Cross Attitude'** where Canon Paul Hardingham asks— in this Easter season, how does Philippians 2 help us to understand more about the cross? On page 11 you can find an **overview of Passion Week** and on page 14 more details on **St Luke's Passion** that the combined choirs of Newdigate and Capel will be performing on Good Friday. On pages 15 & 16 you can find **'Easter the most Joyful Day of the year'** and **'Why Easter will never go away'**.

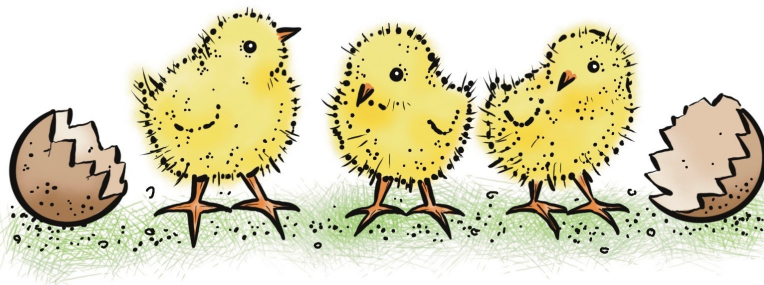


There is a beautiful and personal contribution sent to Rev Liz from John Denman of Betchworth. Please do see his poem written about St John the Baptist, Capel on page 8. It is wonderful to hear how our churches touch the lives of other people, not just those of us who worship there regularly. When I've popped in to put copies of InSpire in church, I have met people meeting one another in our church and happily taking their copy of InSpire from me 'hot off the press'! I hope that it reaches them and speaks to them of God and the events taking place in our happily united Parish. Early copies of InSpire were solely for Capel, but now it is very much for Capel & Ockley. I would be very grateful for any information on Ockley events etc. as I only have limited time and cannot research everything. So I would welcome any input on that one so that I can try to keep the coverage equal for Capel & Ockley.

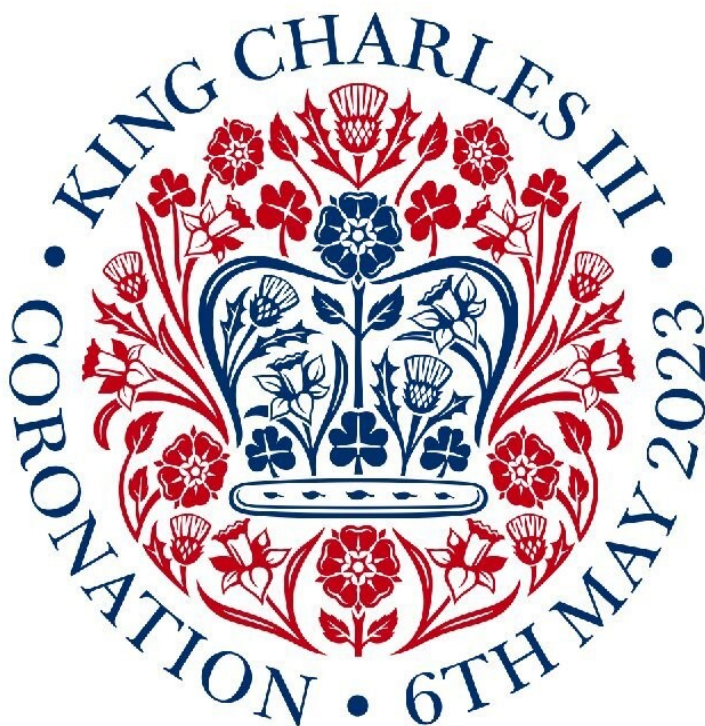
Some of the children have already broken up for the Easter holidays and if any are known to you, do share the **Junior InSpire** section on pages 31 & 31. I hope that both they, and the staff enjoy the Easter break. It's such a lovely time of year, with so much promise. Many years ago, my family and I used to go to see friends who owned a B & B in North Devon every Easter and they are such abiding fond memories of springtime in the hedgerows and masses of primroses in bloom covering the steep banks at the sides of the narrow lanes. They were very happy times indeed! Forty years later, I still love Spring time as everything wakes up and bursts to life again. I'm particularly fond of the beautiful lime green of the new leaves on trees that last for a short while before darkening. This annual burst of new life surely fits in with the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day and fills us with hope eternal. So I wish you all every blessing at Easter ...

"The Lord is Risen, He is Risen indeed Alleluia" HAPPY EASTER!

With my best wishes,
Suzanne



Ockley Celebrates H.M. The King's Coronation Sunday May 7th



Preliminary Running Order:

Open Air Church Service
Breakfast
Dog Show
Stalls
Tea Tent
Children's Coronation Mug
A Royal Visit
Mini Ocklympics
Cricket Match
BBQ

We are still in the early planning stages so no timings are available, please check the following social media & website for more details closer to the day.

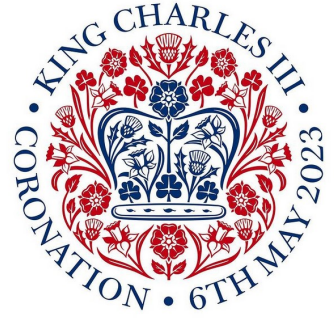
Facebook - The Ockley Society OR Ockley Village
Website - www.ockley.org.uk

Do you have an idea or something you would like to bring to the day?
Please contact Alan Hardy below.

We are looking for sponsors (£50 - £100) to help fund this event and keep it free for villagers to enjoy.

Please contact Alan Hardy on 01306 628059 or amh@amhi.co.uk if you can help.

Capel's Coronation Weekend 4th—8th May 2023



Capel will be celebrating the **Coronation of King Charles III** in May with a number of activities for all. We are currently planning the following and want to give you some advance notice in order to plan your diaries. Further details will be announced in the Parish Magazine in April and will be on posters nearer the time.

Thursday 4th May

12.00 Capel Lunches in the Crown with Coronation Chicken

Friday 5th May

The ever popular **Capel's Got Talent** in the Capel Village Memorial Hall. Doors open at 7.00 for start at 7.30. This will be a ticketed event with proceeds going to the Scott Broadwood School. £10 for adults, children under 12 free, £25 for a family ticket for two adults and two children over 12. There will be a cash bar. Tickets from capelboxoffice.co.uk. Numbers will be limited so book early. If you would like to participate please contact : capelsgottalent@gmail.com

Saturday 6th May - Coronation Day

The Coronation will be shown live on the big screen in Capel Village Memorial Hall for all to enjoy together. Time to be announced. Burgers, Bangers and Bubbly will be available. This is a free event however we will need to know numbers attending. To book a free space contact David on 07976-424256 or david_silliman@yahoo.com

The commencement of a weekend-long **Flower Festival in the Church** presented by some of the Capel groups. All are welcome to come and enjoy the displays. (for further details see the back page of this magazine).

Bell ringing to be timed with national bell ringing.

Afternoon teas at the Crown, followed by an evening of jollity including patriotic singing, food and drink.

Sunday 7th May

Special church service in the Church at 11.00am, including the involvement of children, followed by a chocolate Treasure Hunt in the Church grounds.

Afternoon teas at the Church.

Monday 8th May

The Big Help Out Day Plans are underway to improve the garden in front of Scott Broadwood School and a village litter pick. Volunteers are needed.

We sincerely hope you, your family and friends will be joining in the activities. Further details and times will be announced.

David Silliman



Editor: The following features on the forthcoming Coronation featured in March's issue too, but are repeated here for anyone that didn't see last month's issue.

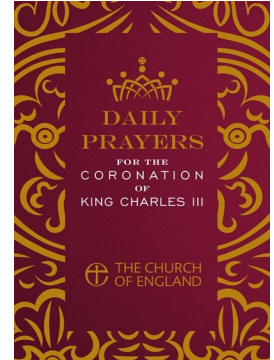
Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III

The Church of England is calling for a period of prayer leading up to the Coronation and has released a book of Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III.

Running from Easter Day (April 9) for 28 days, up to the day of the Coronation on May 6, the book provides daily themes, reflections and prayers for use by individuals, churches or groups.

The booklet is designed to help people pray for The King, The Queen Consort and the Royal Family and their calling to a life of public service; to pray for our nation and the world at this special time; to learn about the spiritual significance of the Coronation Service and contemplate the person of Jesus – the servant King.

Commending the book of Prayers, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop of York said: "We are delighted to offer this book to everyone who wishes to join us in praying for The King, The Queen Consort and the Royal Family as they prepare for the Coronation.



"Looking ahead to this historic moment in the life of our nation, we give thanks for His Majesty The King's example of lifelong public service to others.

"The Coronation will be a time to celebrate community, faith and service – values that are reflected in these prayers.

"Please set aside some time each day between Easter and the Coronation to pray with us for Their Majesties, the Royal family and our nation."

The book of prayers combines themed daily readings and shares features of the Coronation Ceremony, exploring the Christian symbolism behind it.

The readings also reflect the value that King Charles III places on charitable work, environmentalism, volunteering and community life.

Palm Sunday visit

It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, five-year-old Bobby was kept home from church with his grannie. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds and Bobby asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father explained.

Bobby was aghast. "I don't believe it! The one Sunday I don't go, and He shows up!"

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NEWS FROM THE BELFRY



Learn to Ring - for the King

A year on from our plans to ring for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee here we are again with a number of events being organised to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on 6th May. Many of these events will include the ringing of church bells. At St Margaret's in Ockley we expect to do our bit, just as last year.

Following the pandemic however bellringing is experiencing a marked shortage of ringers in that a number of them have not returned after the lockdowns, for various reasons, coupled with being prevented from recruiting normally for nearly 3 years.

Across the country we are actively seeking to train new bell-ringers who will be able to 'Ring for the King' when he is crowned on May 6th and after that. There has been a lot of interest generated in the press and on television resulting in a huge number of enquiries nationally.

Bell ringing is a wonderful hobby for people of all ages and there is something of interest to everybody, including:

- Teamwork – working as a team to ring changes together

- Physical and mental exercise – ringing is a technique that doesn't involve brute strength but coordination and technique to control the bell in split second timing

- Music – creating the changes and permutations bell-ringers call music

- Social – bell ringers are very sociable people and can often be found in a pub or coffee shop after ringing sessions.

- Friendship – bell-ringers have friends all over the UK and the world where bells are rung English style

For more information and a flavour for what's involved visit the website:

<http://www.bellringing.org/learntoring/>

Contact Sue, Ockley tower captain, and come along to watch and get an idea of what is involved. Learning to ring church bells is a structured process that takes a number of one-to-one sessions to be competent at 'handling' a bell. You don't have to be a churchgoer, there is no compulsion to stay for services. While almost anyone is capable of leaning to ring it is not easy and requires a lot of dedication to master. Are you up to the challenge? You too could be taking part in this unique occasion in a quintessentially English way.

Practice nights at St. Margaret's, Ockley, are on Wednesdays from 7.45 to 9.15, but if these do not suit there are practices at other towers locally, on different nights.

For more details call Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com



For more CORONATION NEWS ... see the back page for details of our forthcoming

CORONATION FLOWER FESTIVAL

on 6th/7th/8th May 2023

and

See page 9 for John Dale's article on
Bell no 4 at St John the Baptist, Capel



Art Exhibition at Guildford Cathedral



Art Exhibitions at the Cathedral

Iain McKillop – Through Passion: Stations of the Cross

We are pleased to welcome back to the Cathedral, British painter and art historian Iain McKillop, with his 'Through Passion: Stations of the Cross' exhibition. This new exhibition of 27 paintings uses the tradition of the Stations of the Cross, inviting us to travel with Jesus on his journey to his death and resurrection, and to pause at each image for reflection, prayer and contemplation.

The exhibition is now open until 10 April, fittingly running throughout Lent and Easter.



*Among their demands were bourbon
biscuits, double fees for weddings, and
Sundays off*

The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series.

Reflecting faith – Easter Flowers

Many types of flowers are used in churches, but during Easter, there is one that is especially loved: the Easter Lily. It is a tall, stately flower topped by large, graceful, white trumpet-shaped blooms.

While commercial bulb production of Easter lilies only began in the 19th century, Easter lilies make many appearances in both the Old and New Testaments, emphasising the flower's importance to Christianity. King Solomon spoke of them, and Christ referenced them, too.

These strikingly beautiful flowers are highly perfumed, with the central stamens covered in bright yellow or orange pollen. Unfortunately, the pollen can be a hazard, as it can permanently stain cloth due to chemicals it contains! For this reason, good florists and especially church flower arrangers will remove all the stamens before bringing them anywhere near church fabrics, or near to where ministers wearing white might brush against them.

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolise Christ because they embody purity - the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. This is also why lilies are identified with the Virgin Mary, and in artworks depicting the Annunciation to the Virgin they are often found in the angel Gabriel's hand.

The second reason that Easter lilies represent Christ is because of their life cycle. Each one grows from a bulb that for several years has lain quietly beneath the earth, before growing tall and stately, and blossoming into magnificent flowers. What a picture of Jesus' life and resurrection!

This month

Have a look around the church over Easter. Daffodils and Easter lilies are often displayed, because they are the first flowers of spring, when Nature is being reborn. Their life after the death of winter reminds us of the Resurrection. For we cannot imagine the death and the passion of Christ without having in mind the empty tomb, radiating hope. Christ's death has no meaning without His Resurrection.



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Why the stars are fading

By the time a child born today becomes an adult, they may be able to see fewer than half the stars that are currently visible.

This is not because the stars are fading, but because of ever increasing 'skyglow', or light pollution, which is brightening the night sky by 9.6pc on average each year.

So warn researchers at the German Research Centre for Geosciences. And the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) says that the change could see some of the fainter constellations – such as Cancer – fading away, along with astronomical features like the Orion nebula and Andromeda galaxy.

“At this rate of change, a child born in a location where 250 stars are currently visible, would be able to see only about 100 by the time they turned 18,” said one scientist.

Too much artificial light at night not only impacts our ability to see the stars, but affects animals and plants, who rely on daily and seasonal cycles to determine behaviour and physiological processes.

The researchers published their work in the journal Science.

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Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham continues his new series on the spiritual disciplines that help us to grow and deepen our faith. It will run throughout this year.

Spiritual Disciplines - Confession

This month we are looking at the practice of *confession*. *'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.'* (1 John 1:9). Confession enables us to enter fully into God's grace, as we are assured of forgiveness for our sin and shame.

It is the death and resurrection of Jesus that makes this a reality. On the cross he bore our sin in himself to put us right with God: *'God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.'* (2 Cor. 5:21).

In *'Celebration of Discipline'*, Richard Foster describes three aspects of confession:

Be Specific: It's easy to say, *'God, please forgive me because I sinned today,'* rather than being specific, *'God, I spoke angrily today... please forgive me.'*

Be Sorrowful: Confession is not primarily about feelings about sin, but having a deep regret at having offended the Father's heart.

Be Determined to Avoid Sin: Confession gives us a yearning for a holy life and avoiding sin. It is the *will* to be delivered from sin that we seek. This is a gift, as it can only be done in God's strength, not ours.

Some practical tips: Make confession part of our regular prayer time, using the pattern ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication).

Reflect on what you need to confess, asking God to speak into the situation and then pray with a trusted friend.

Write down those things that are making you feel guilty, pray and then tear the paper up into pieces. This is a physical reminder of the sin being taken away.

'At the heart of God is the desire to give and to forgive.' (Richard Foster)

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All part of the same BIG story of redemption

Ever wonder how the Old Testament fits in with the New Testament? They are not different stories, but different stages in one and the same story – of how God has reached out and rescued mankind.

Throughout the Old Testament there are references to a coming Messiah who will redeem His people. For Jesus did not come to abolish the Old Testament, but to fulfil it. As St Augustine put it long ago: "The New is in the Old concealed; the Old is in the New revealed." Above all, the Bible – both Old and New Testaments – is a portrait of Jesus Christ.

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Book Reviews

Honesty Over Silence – it's OK not to be OK **By Patrick Regan, SPCK, £9.99**

This book tackles topics that many find to be difficult, such as trusting God when life is painful, dealing with anxiety and depression, learning to look after ourselves, developing our character, and living with thankful hearts even in tough seasons.

It examines our strength in letting go of our need to be in control, as well as looking at how we can stop comparing ourselves to others, and instead live authentically and honestly as we grow into the people God has created us to be.

3 Days that Changed the World – the three most significant days in history **By Roger Carswell, 10Publishing £3.99**

The crowds shouted, 'Crucify Him!' ... So began the three most significant days in world history. Three life-changing days that have the power to transform your world.

Roger Carswell explains what led to the events of the first Easter, and shows how Jesus' death and resurrection still impacts our world — and each one of us — today.

God Save the King – the King's Coronation **By Alan Marsden & Roger Carswell, 10Publishing, 15p each, multi-buy discounts**

Evangelistic tract explaining the coronation of the new king, and pointing ultimately to our servant-hearted Saviour King who reigns over a different kind of kingdom. Ideal for giving out in the run up to King Charles' coronation.

Spirituality in Season: growing through the Christian Year **By Ross Thompson, Canterbury Press, £16.99**

We make Lent a special time for renewal, but much less has been written on the other seasons of the year. This resource explores the traditions that have shaped each season, the lectionary readings, and the liturgies observed across the ecumenical spectrum.



Bible in Ten: any book of the Bible cracked in ten minutes or less **By David Kitchen, BRF, £12.99**

For anyone who wants to crack open the Bible, poet, broadcaster and teacher Dave Kitchen provides a lively introduction to every single book in ten minutes or less. The book tells stories of success and failure, suffering and hope, home and exile, and a love that is stronger than death.

The 67 short, sharp snapshots cover every corner of a book that people sometimes don't know quite as well as they think they do. It's a way into a volume that is often on the shelves but far less frequently taken off them.

Lighting the Beacons – Kindling the Flame of Faith in our Hearts **By Jill Duff, SPCK, £12.99**

Highlighting stories from contemporary culture, Scripture and the writings of the saints, this book seeks to encourage those who are curious about the Christian faith, those who feel discouraged and those aspiring to be giants of faith and part of a transformed society.

It would be a good gift for those who yearn to be transformed by God. With study guides at the end of each chapter, it is also an ideal book for group discussion.

PRAYERS, PROSE & POEMS

Resurrection Light

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon.
When fear paralyses us
may your touch release us.
When grief torments us
may your peace enfold us.
When memories haunt us
may your presence heal us.
When justice fails us
may your anger ignite us.
When apathy stagnates us
may your challenge renew us.
When courage leaves us
may your spirit inspire us.
When despair grips us
may your hope restore us.
And when death threatens us
may your resurrection light lead us.
Amen.

Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

Risen Jesus,
We rejoice that you are alive and
with us.
Make us messengers of Easter
joy and hope
for all the world.
Amen

John 12

The tomb was a cave
and Lazarus asleep:
Jesus walked in the light
on a pathway of tears
carrying God's glory

He lifted His eyes,
called into the darkness:
Lazarus rose and came out

Jesus keeps on calling
into the darkness:
different names
different caves

by Tim Lenton

Our prayers may be
awkward. Our
attempts may be
feeble. But since
the power of prayer
is in the One who
hears it and not in
the one who says
it, our prayers do
make a difference.

– Max Lucado



Easter Prayer 2023

Thank you, Father, that you raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Day and that He is alive now and forever. Thank you that whoever believes in Him and turns away from selfish living and towards you can be forgiven through His name. Thank you that Jesus is the same today as He was then and will always be.

Thank you for the Bible - your inspired, unchanging, and living Word to guide us. Help us to hold fast to Your teaching and not to be led astray. Your Word is truth. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, that we might be Your faithful, fruitful Resurrection People.

In the name of our living Lord, Jesus.
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Church Teas 2023



TEAS AT St John the Baptist, Capel & St Margaret's, Ockley

Sunday 2nd April FIRST TEAS at Ockley 3-5pm

EASTER WEEKEND

Friday 7th April Teas at Capel 4-5pm (*please note time)

Sunday 9th April Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Monday 10th April Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 23rd April Teas at Capel 3-5pm

CORONATION WEEKEND

Sat 6th/Sun 7th/Mon 8th May **Flower Festival at St John's, Capel - Refreshments available**

Sunday 7th May Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 14th May Teas at Capel 3-5pm

LATE MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Sunday 28th May Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Monday 29th May Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 4th June Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 11th June Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 25th June Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 2nd July Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 16th July Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 30th July Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 6th August Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 13th August Teas at Capel 3-5pm

LATE SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Sunday 27th August Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Monday 28th August Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 3rd September Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 17th September Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 1st October Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 15th October Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 29th October Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 26th November Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 10th December Teas at Capel 3-5pm

<https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar/>

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-38, Jn 12:12-19

Thousands of people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast each year. This year Jesus and his friends went too.

Two miles outside Jerusalem Jesus said to two of his friends



Go into that village and bring back the donkey you find there.

If anyone asks, say 'The Lord needs it.'



So off they went...

and they found it as Jesus had said



Why are you taking our donkey?

The Lord needs it.



That's alright then

They brought it back to Jesus, and made a saddle from a cloak.



They spread more cloaks on the road to make it a way fit for a king.



Others cut palm branches and waved them.

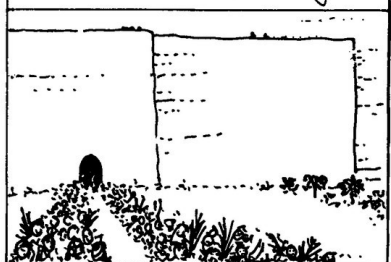


They shouted the traditional welcome to the Passover feast

God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!



As they got closer to Jerusalem the crowd grew.



Everyone shouted to welcome Jesus as king



The teachers of the laws were angry



Teacher, you should stop them calling you 'king'.

But Jesus replied



What they say is so true that even if I made them stop, the stones would shout!

Happy Easter!

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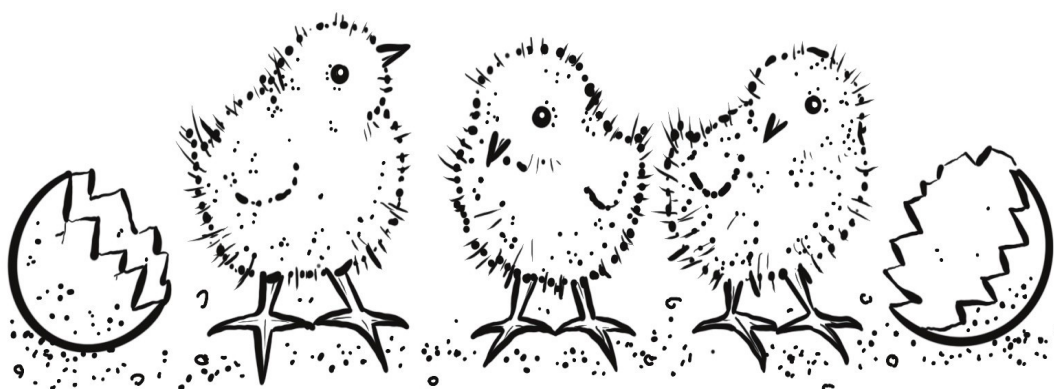
Don't forget There's a special
Coronation church service on Sunday 7th
May with a **CHOCOLATE TREASURE**
HUNT in the church grounds afterwards!
SEE YOU THERE!

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Passover
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WORD SEARCH SOLUTION on page 33



Crossword Clues

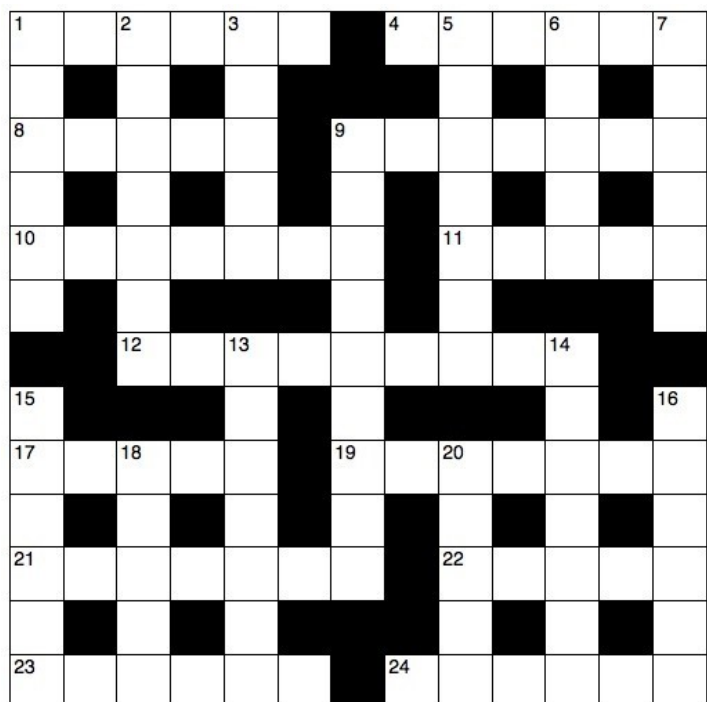
Puzzle
Solutions on
page 34!

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 (Genesis 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' (Exodus 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)



Medium Soduko

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Easy Soduko

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Bible Bites Wordsearch
SOLUTION



"Police? This is St Mary's Ladies' Knitting & Vigilante Circle. We've detained two gents trying to nick the church silver."

Puzzle Solutions

Easy Soduko solution

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Medium Soduko solution

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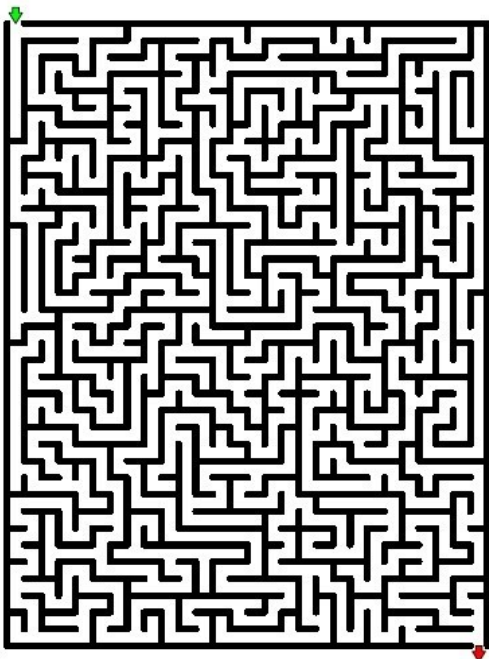
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ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

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.

Can you find your way around the maze?



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