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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – March 2024
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

Chocolate. I love chocolate. Nothing quite beats a nice hot cup of tea or coffee and good bit of chocolate. Dark, milk, white, flavoured, plain... I just love the stuff. I probably love it a bit more than I should, but it's wonderful stuff. And with Easter coming up, I am excited!



It seems strange to be writing in early February, for the March magazine, about Easter. It feels very early this year and I'm sure it'll sneak up on us before we know it. I certainly don't feel prepared for it. But then that feeling is, in many ways, quite apt.

Thinking back to that first Easter, I don't think anyone was prepared. Deceit and betrayal in the dead of night. A kangaroo court cobbled together to convict this disruptive preacher. Sentenced to death before there could be a voice of appeal. His followers shocked, confused, unprepared and lost.

Then a couple of days later, unprepared again, the news reaches them that Jesus has been seen again, alive. That the one who had died and been raised to life again. Once more shocked, confused and unprepared.

There was one who was totally prepared however. One who not only knew this was all going to happen, but had planned it this way. Jesus himself. This had been the plan all along. People had become distant and separated from God, but God wanted to be close again. So Jesus came. Died. Rose again. All of this to bring us back to God, to help us build a relationship with him. To be close to him.

It doesn't matter how prepared and ready we are. It doesn't matter if we have life all wrapped up and sorted or if we don't have a clue what we're doing. We can trust Jesus. We can follow him and his great plans for our lives.

So this Easter, as we enjoy whatever our personal favourite chocolate treats are. As we enjoy this lovely tasty gift, let's remember again the greatest gift. That Jesus came, freely for everyone, to welcome us into relationship. That the creator of everything died and rose again so that we could be close to him. That he loves us and cares about us, always. Whoever we are.

Happy Easter!

Revd Matt Bianchi (Mission Priest)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral: Dederick Wright at Basingstoke Crematorium on 30th January

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd March

- 9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion
- 5.00pm Herriard – Evensong

Sunday 10th March (Mothering Sunday)

- 10.00am Herriard – Mothering Sunday Family Service
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Mothering Sunday Service
- 10.00am Weston Patrick – Mothering Sunday Service
- 5.00pm Tunworth – Mothering Sunday Evensong

Thursday 14th March

- 10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 17th March

- 9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Herriard – Morning Worship
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

Thursday 21st March

- 10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday)

- 9.00am Tunworth – Family Service
- 10.00am Herriard – Family Service
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Palm Sunday Service
(gather at the pond from 9.30 if processing up the hill)
- 5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

Thursday 28th March (Maundy Thursday)

- 7.30pm Odiham – Benefice CW Communion Service with Tenebrae

Friday 29th March (Good Friday)

- 8.00am Tunworth – Good Friday Reflective Service
- 10.00am Herriard – Good Friday Reflection
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Good Friday Family Workshop
- 11.00am Upton Grey – Informal Service

Sunday 31st March (Easter Sunday)

- 9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am Herriard – Family Communion
- 10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion
- 10.00am Weston Patrick – CW Holy Communion

CHURCH NEWS

Mothering Sunday

On March 10th all four of our churches have services celebrating Mothering Sunday:

10.00am Herriard – Mothering Sunday Family Service

10.00am Upton Grey – Mothering Sunday Service

10.00am Weston Patrick – Mothering Sunday Service

5.00pm Tunworth – Mothering Sunday Evensong

Services and Events for Easter 2024

Across our benefice we have a host of services and events over the Easter season and we would love you to join us. Please take a look below to see what's going on. **The Revd Simon Butler** (Benefice Rector)

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

7.30pm Odiham – CW Holy Communion with Tenebrae

Please see the article by Chris Dudgeon on the next page.

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

8.00am Tunworth – Reflective Service

10.00am Upton Grey – Good Friday Family Workshop

10.00am Herriard – Good Friday Reflection

11.00am Upton Grey – Informal Service

The quiet reflection of Good Friday precedes the joy of Easter Day.

EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Herriard – Family Communion

10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

10.00am Weston Patrick – CW Holy Communion

Easter marks the high point of the Church year. It is a season of joy and celebration for Christians across the world as we give thanks for Jesus's resurrection and victory over death.

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HOT CROSS BUNS!



Good Friday Family Workshop...

Friday 29th March 10:00 - 11:00

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Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion with Tenebrae

The name Maundy Thursday comes from the word mandatum, 'commandment'. In John 13.34 we read that Jesus said to his disciples at the Last Supper: 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' It contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

On Maundy Thursday we will be meeting together in All Saints Church, Odiham at 7.30pm for a quiet and reflective service as we take time to prepare ourselves and to walk with Christ towards the horror of the cross and the joy of Easter Day. Our service will fall into two parts. The first part will be a communion service during which we will recall the institution of the Lord's Supper, and enact Christ's command to 'do this to remember me'.

The second part will be a Tenebrae, which is a service of shadows in which darkness symbolically encroaches as we step closer to Christ's death on Good Friday. The service is structured around nine short readings and after each reading a candle is extinguished, until the church is in darkness, and we leave quietly as we prepare for Good Friday.

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon
Vicar, All Saints Odiham

Lent Lunches and Lent Course

Lent Lunches are taking place for Upton Grey, Herriard and Tunworth - please see details in the village sections of this magazine. A Lent Course 'Thoughts of God' is being held at All Saints Odiham in February/March - please see details on the next page.

THOUGHTS OF GOD

Exile, truth, and the longing for home.

A Lent Course based on the film

The Man Who Knew Infinity

Join us over four weeks of Lent as we explore some significant Christian themes raised by the acclaimed film by Matt Brown which explores the contrasting lives of two Cambridge mathematicians G H Hardy and Srinivasa Ramanujan. Using the film as our base we will explore the Biblical themes of faith and exile, friendship with God, the longing for home and the nature of truth, as we wrestle with some of the fundamental issues of life, love and faith.

All Saints Church, Odiham, Tuesdays 7.30-9.00pm

February 27th - Film Night: *The Man Who Knew Infinity*

March 5th - Life in a foreign land

March 12th - What is truth

March 19th - Bridging the gap and homeward bound

To book a place, please email sam@moretolife.church or joanna@moretolife.church, or call the benefice office on 01256 703791

Coffee & Cake

All Saints Tunworth, St Mary's Upton Grey and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are continuing with their regular coffee/cake sessions. The March events are:

- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, **All Saints Tunworth**, at 10.30am on Thursday 7th March.
- Coffee & Cake Drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall**, 11.00am-1.00pm on Monday 25th March (plus drop-in Lent Lunch in the Village Hall on Monday 11th March from 12.30 to 2.00).
- Coffee morning at **Weston Patrick Village Hall**, 11.00am-12.30pm on Wednesday 27th March.

Tea or coffee, slice of cake, chat. Open to all, very informal, no need to book, just turn up. All ages welcome!

Lay Vocations Morning: Saturday 6th April, 9.30-12.30

Do you think God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve Jesus Christ, but are unsure of what your next step might be? Join Bishop David and the Winchester School of Mission team at All Saints Church Hall, St Leonards & St Ives, to explore the pathways available. All are welcome to join us for this morning - no strings or expectations attached.



Lay Vocations Morning

Saturday 6 April, 9.30am – 12.30pm

All Saints Church Hall,
St Leonards & St Ives,
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Do you think God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve Jesus Christ? But unsure of what your next step might be?

Join Bishop David and the Winchester School of Mission team, to find out more about lay vocations and the pathways available.



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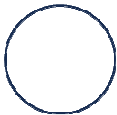
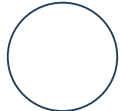
Hi everyone!

By the end of this month, it will be Easter – but how does Easter make you feel?

For most of us, Easter is a very happy day, isn't it? It's the day we celebrate Jesus coming back to life after he died on the cross on Good Friday. But it's interesting to think about what Jesus' friends might've been feeling on that day.

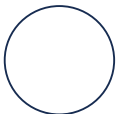
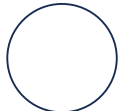
I wonder if you've ever played that game, where you've sat opposite someone and they've tried to make you laugh. Maybe you've held out for 30 seconds? Maybe a minute? Maybe you started laughing before they even did anything! 😊 We all know our faces show the way we feel. Sometimes we try to hide it, but we're not always so great at hiding how we feel. Today, I don't want you to hide it! I want you to read this story, and as you do, I want you to doodle faces to show how the people in the story feel about what is happening.

It was early in the morning on the first day of the week when some women went to visit the tomb where their friend, Jesus, had been buried. He had been crucified and died on a cross.



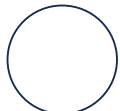
He was buried in a borrowed tomb and the women were going to put spices on His body.

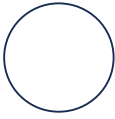
When they arrived at the tomb, the women discovered that the stone that had covered the entrance had been rolled away.



When they looked inside the tomb, they had the biggest surprise of all. The tomb was empty! They thought someone had stolen Jesus' body.

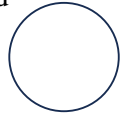
Suddenly, two men in bright shining clothes came and stood beside the women. In their fright, they bowed down with their faces to the ground.





The men spoke to the women and said, 'Jesus is not here; He has risen! Don't you remember what He told you when He was in Galilee?'

Then the women remembered what Jesus had told them and they were no longer afraid. Their fear turned to happiness and they went back and told Jesus' disciples what they had seen and that Jesus had risen, just as He had told them He would.



What a happy day!

You and I have reason to be happy on Easter Day. We're happy because we know that Jesus rose from the grave and that He lives forever. But we're also happy because we know that the Bible tells us that when he died and came back to life, he was able to get rid of everything we ever did and give us a brand new start. Now that is something to be happy about, isn't it?

God Bless and see you next time!



Helen Chatfield
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Farming news

I love this time of year as the days really start drawing out and the birds are in full song long before dawn. We've had a fantastic showing of snowdrops and aconites in the woods and garden here at the dairy. We even had a short spell of dry weather in early February that enabled us to apply slurry to all our grassland. This will give the grass an early boost of growth and save us spreading too much bagged Nitrogen which is not only costly but will increase our carbon footprint. As I've said before, the more of our homemade 'fertiliser' we can use ourselves the better.

It's a joy to finally get out around the fields after winter checking fences and clearing fallen limbs in anticipation of letting the heifers and young stock out to graze sometime in March or early April. By which time the fields should be dry enough and the grass growing. Of course, we have been known to be under a foot of snow then but as Dad always says, "it's not going to last long at this time of year". Last spring was so wet that for the first time ever we didn't roll any of our paddocks, so fingers crossed the weather is kinder this year. Rolling pushes in any stones that the frost has pushed up and ensures good contact between soil and roots. When we mow the fields for silage, we don't want any soil or stone contamination as that will inhibit fermentation in the silage clamp and ultimately limit forage intake for the cows. With that in mind, I've been out setting mole traps as mole hills are a major source of soil contamination. After two weeks of numerous setting and resetting of traps, I've caught the grand total of one! That's a long way off being able to make my own mole skin waistcoat but I shall persevere.

Some other little critters we're having trouble with are mice. Not field mice or dormice which we try and leave habitats for but those house mice you find in your biscuit tin. (Or maybe you don't!). It turns out that the robots we milk the cows with make a very enjoyable adventure playground. When a cow is being milked the robot dispenses feed nuts to her which as she eats, she invariably drops a few morsels at her feet. This is a mouse buffet. They take the morsels into the inner workings of the robot where the circuit boards and motors make for a nice warm dining room. To stop them eyeing up the electric cables and milk lines for dessert we have set several mouse traps in each of the four robots. We have tried various baits and have come to the conclusion that

homemade chocolate cake is their favourite. The dead mice can then provide food for some of their predators.

Talking of which, I read this in the Sunday Papers: “There are now 14,000 breeding pairs of Barn Owls after farmers and landowners helped volunteers put up nest boxes”. There were only 12,000 breeding pairs in 1930 and then less in the 1980’s as old barns were converted into houses or offices. This is one of many positive initiatives farmers and landowners are involved with when it comes to providing food and protecting the environment.

On that note, you will probably have noticed that European farmers are causing havoc with tractors blocking major roads in France, Italy, Germany and Holland amongst others. ‘Farmers are revolting’ the news feeds enjoy saying. As I see it, and this is putting it very simplistically, the underlying reason for this is that food has to be cheap and plentiful enough for people to afford it. If it isn’t, socially and politically there will be unrest or worse. With all the health & safety and environmental regulations we have when producing food in the UK and Europe, it makes food more expensive than in other parts of the world. It is then obviously tempting for Governments and retailers to allow cheaper alternatives to be imported from countries where standards are nowhere near as high. We’re very fortunate in having such a vast choice of food outlets in this country but please check or ask where your food comes from and how it’s been grown. Buying avocados, beans or beef that has been grown or reared in a desert halfway around the world will not be the most environmentally or welfare friendly food available.

Sorry, bit of a rant to finish on but, as governments are now finding out, it’s all very well making promises but being green and environmentally friendly costs money. Our parishes are in some of the most beautiful countryside anywhere in the world, shaped by centuries of agriculture, forestry and habitation. Long may they stay that way.

Joe Ives

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February Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club winners

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**Your invitation to support the Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club
2024/5**

Now is the time to sign up for another year of our 100 Club. **For just £24 for the year you have a monthly chance to win £100 or £40.**

The 100 Club is the principle fundraiser for the Village Hall contributing to the maintenance and running costs. If you haven't already joined the 100 Club we encourage you to do so; for those already subscribing, please continue! It's a worthy cause with the chance of winning your donation back.

The 100 Club works like this: all entries are put in a pot every month: half the money goes in prizes, with an award of **£100** – hence the name. The second prize is usually around **£40**. The other half of the money goes towards the running costs of the village hall. You are welcome to buy as many numbers for the monthly draw as you like.

First Prize **£100**, Second Prize c.**£40**. Each entry (or number) costs **£24 for 12 monthly draws**.

You can make payment by cheque to: Upton Grey Village Hall Committee. Cheques can be left at Rowan Croft, Weston Road. If you can pay by Bank Transfer our account is Upton Grey Village Hall Committee Sort Code 09-01-51 Account No 86355505. Please add your name and Post Code. You can also pay with cash to Wendy Stanway or Sam Clough (best to put your details on the envelope!).

Thank you!

Sam Clough and the Village Hall Committee
ugvh100@gmail.com

Lent Lunches

Please note changes from previous notices.

All lunches are simple soup and cheese affairs and begin at 12.30 (finish 2.00pm). There is no charge, but guests are invited to donate to the charity chosen by the hostess of the day. Everyone is welcome, but for the March 6th and March 19th lunches do please let your hostess know that you would like to come. (For the March 11th lunch just drop in - there will be plenty of room in the Village Hall.) Lenten lunches are lovely social occasions and a good way of marking the season.

Wednesday, 6th March, The Old Post House, Bidden Road.

Hostess: Frances Yeowart 07774 163217

Monday, 11th March, Village Hall

Hostess: Suzanne Newcombe (suzanne@moretolife.church)

Tuesday, 19th March., Barn Cottage, Weston Road

Hostess: Jill Lestrille 862131

Any queries please ring **Jill Lestrille on 862131**

Drop-in events
Upton Grey Village Hall

Lent Lunch
Soup, bread & cheese
Monday 11th March 12.30-2.00

Coffee & Cake drop in
Monday 25th March 11.00-1.00

All welcome!



St Mary's Upton Grey
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Palm Sunday March 24th Upton Grey

Our Palm Sunday tradition continues this year as we meet at the pond for the start of the service and then walk up Church Street behind a donkey. It's a great service for all ages.

Please gather at the pond from about 9.30, ready to start there at 9.45. If you don't feel able to do the walk up the hill, please join us in church for 10.00.

Upton Grey Horticultural Society - Spring and Summer Shows 2024

Rather sadly, our popular March and August shows will be rested for 2024. I retired as Team Lead (after many years) at the conclusion of last year's summer show and, although willing to remain as part of the team, I am no longer willing to be the lead. We are a small team of volunteers and whilst some have other duties within it, none are willing to take on the lead. We are therefore looking in earnest for a willing volunteer to lead the team as well as others to boost the team's numbers to share the roles, or to help on the days leading up to the shows and on show days themselves, so we can come back in 2025. For your information, we are members of the Royal Horticultural Society and as such have to adhere to rules and guidelines, although we have a free rein on everything else not covered.

We thank you for your valued support over the years whether it was entering your lovely exhibits or helping in various ways to make the shows successful. If you would like to see the shows continue into the future, then please do let me know soon if you can help in any way, and especially if you're interested in the role of Team Lead, as we wouldn't like these lovely community events to die. **June Hunt 01256 862719**

From the Parish Chairman

The Spring Show in the Village Hall, and the Summer Show on Church Meadow, have been the most wonderful occasions for children and adults alike to showcase their skills, with flowers, cakes, drawings, photos, and so much more. They have been exceptional events that have brought the village together, for many years. June and the Committee have given freely of their time and skills, to the benefit of all us villagers.

We offer them a huge and heartfelt vote of thanks. They have been magnificent.

Hopefully there will be a volunteer for Team Lead – please contact June. It is an important role and a very worthwhile and traditional way to continue to make our village an inclusive community, with a vibrant life.

With many thanks to June and all the members of her committee.

Charles Holroyd, Parish Chairman

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Concert of Organ and Choral Music to mark the inauguration of the new Walker Pipe Organ in St Mary's Church

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The concert ended with drinks and delicious canapés kindly donated by members of the PCC and gave everyone a chance to mingle and enjoy a thoroughly excellent evening. **Frances Yeowart**



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Safari Supper Saturday 16th March 2024

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Upton Grey Ladies Group

Upton Grey Ladies Group meets every month, either for a pub lunch, theatre outing, garden or National Trust visit etc. We usually meet during the first week of the month and most often on a Thursday. We number between 30 and 40 members and would welcome new members to join us.

Viv Anscombe 01256 862455

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS

www.herriard-pc.gov.uk

www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk

Herriard Village Group on <http://www.Facebook.com>

Herriard Annual Litter Pick - Sunday 3rd March

Please meet at the Herriard Hub car park between 11.00 and 12.00 to collect your litter picker and a refuse bag. Children must be accompanied. Refreshments will be available for litter pickers after. Come along and help to keep our village free from litter.

Herriard Parish Council Meeting

Monday 4th March at 7.30pm at Herriard Village Hub. All welcome.

Herriard Gardening Club – Tuesday 5th March 6.30pm, Herriard Village Hub

Claire Mitchell garden designer and trained RHS horticulturalist with a passion for sustainability will be giving a presentation about climate change and sustainability in the garden on Tuesday 5th March at 6.30pm at the Herriard Village Hub.

She will bring gardening into the 21st century in an environmentally friendly, ethical way and cover what it means for how we garden and how we can all improve our gardens and green spaces, without costing the earth.

The event is open to all, and the cost is £5 per person payable on the night at the door and will include a glass of Prosecco. It is organised by the Herriard Gardening Club.

Please book your place by emailing debbie@debbie-bridle.com in order that we have idea of numbers.

Herriard Prayer Group

If you or anyone you know would like to be included in our prayers please contact suzanne@moretolife.church or fiona@ashmeadow.co.uk.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM is on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.00pm in The Herriard Hub.

LENT and EASTER

at St Mary's Herriard with Winslade



Mothering Sunday

– Sunday 10th March at 10.00am

Family service with gift of posies



Good Friday Reflection

– Friday 29th March at 10.00am

Easter Day –

Family Communion service at 10.00am

followed by our annual Easter Egg hunt



St Mary's Church, Herriard with Winslade

Herriard/Tunworth Lent Lunches 2024

**A simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese
followed by a short Bible study and reflection**

Venue: Herriard Hub

All welcome!

Time : 12.00-1.30

Friday 23rd February

Friday 1st March

Friday 8th March

Friday 15th March

Friday 22nd March



St Mary's Church, Herriard
All Saints Church, Tunworth

TUNWORTH NEWS

Coffee & Cake: Thursday 7th March, 10.30am

On the first Thursday of the month we meet for Coffee and Cake in the church porch. Please do join us if you are at home and fancy taking a break from online work.

Prayer Hour: Saturday 2nd March, 9.00am

On the first Saturday of the month we have a Prayer Hour. We meet and pray in the church for everyone in the parish. If you would like to join us or would like us to pray for a particular matter then please contact Mark.

Mothering Sunday Evensong: 10th March, 5.00pm

Evensong in All Saints on 10th March at 5.00pm will celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Good Friday: 29th March, 8.00am

All Saints will hold a Reflective Service for Good Friday on 29th March at 8.00am.

Easter Sunday: 31st March, 9.00am

The service on Easter Sunday is BCP Holy Communion at 9.00am.

Tunworth Home Group: 6th & 20th March

The Tunworth Home Group usually meets fortnightly on Wednesdays at 8.00pm for one hour, at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. The March dates are Wednesday 6th and 20th. If you would like to know more or to join, then please contact Gabrielle.

Herriard and Tunworth Lunches

The Lunch Group usually meets once a month on a Friday from 12.00 to 1.30 at the Herriard Hub, to look at a Bible passage with a focus on practical Christianity. During Lent there are lunches every week – please see notice on the previous page.

Tunworth APCM 11th April at 7.30pm

The Tunworth Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in All Saints Church on Thursday 11th April 2024 at 7.30pm.

WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Weston Coffee Mornings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, so it will next take place on Wednesday 27th March, from 11.00am. Please do join us for coffee, cake and chat.

We have a celebration of Mothering Sunday on Sunday 10th March at 10.00am and then Evensong on Sunday 24th March at 5.00pm. Our wonderful choir will be singing at Evensong, and all are welcome to come along and join us.

Our Easter Day service, 31st March, with Holy Communion will be held at 10.00am.

Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett's Home Group will be joining all those at the Lent Course held at Odiham Church starting with the film 'The Man that knew Infinity' on Tuesday 27th February followed by three further weekly discussion sessions on 5th, 12th and 19th March during Lent.

Please see the poster in this magazine for further details or contact Linda Scard on 01256 703294/07801 039717 or linda@moretolife.church

Coffee Morning
Weston Patrick Village Hall
Wednesday
27th March
11.00-12.30

Then on the fourth Wednesday of
each month

Join us for Coffee & Cake
All ages welcome!



St Lawrence
Weston Patrick
www.moretolife.church

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

**North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union**

Unfortunately we had to cancel our meeting in February, so we will hold our delayed AGM on Monday 4th March. We will also make plans for the rest of the year, and in particular our knitting project for this year.

There is also a Diocesan Information Day at St Gabriel's Church in Popley, Basingstoke, on Tuesday 12th March from 10.00am to 2.00pm when we will be hearing about the work of the charity *Stop Domestic Abuse* who run refuges for women escaping from domestic abuse. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us for this meeting and learn how each of us can help to support those who suffer from domestic abuse.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com or 01252 845011.

Films at the Cross Barn Odiham**March 15th**

Film 'The Miracle Club' (Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates, Laura Linney, Agnes O'Casey)

'...gently humorous, mildly sentimental, but thanks to its excellent cast, contains moments of real dramatic tension' - Irish Independent

March 22nd

Film 'Napoleon' (Joaquin Phoenix, Vanessa Kirby)

'An awe-inspiring achievement' - BBC Culture

April 19th

Film 'One Life' (Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn, Helena Bonham Carter, Lena Olin, Jonathan Pryce)

'A remarkable WWII story' - Time Out

'With riveting performances by the extraordinary Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter and Johnny Flynn plus every supporting actor, it moved me beyond words' - IMDb.

Doors open at 7.00pm, performance starts at 7.30.

Coffee/tea, wine and ice cream available at all events.

Purchase tickets online at www.thecrossbarn.org.uk, £7.00.

**The Jubilee Choir: Fauré Requiem, All Saints Church, Odiham
Sunday 17th March at 6.30pm**

Join the Jubilee Choir for a performance of the wonderful *Requiem* and *Cantique de Jean Racine* by Gabriel Fauré. Tickets are £15, free for those under 18, and are available from www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham High Street or Lynn Lymer on 07837 571708.

Luminosa First Concert of 2024, 23rd March, All Saints, Odiham

Alton based choir Luminosa is delighted to announce their first concert of 2024, returning to the beautiful All Saints Church in Odiham, where you can see them perform Mozart's famous *Mass in C Minor*.

Luminosa hopes you can join them for an evening to remember on Saturday 23rd March at All Saints Church, Odiham at 7.00pm. Generous sponsorship from Hattingley Valley Wines and Knight Frank allows tickets to be available at just £15 for adults (under 12s-£5), available on Ticketsource (www.luminosamusic.com). There will be a retiring collection in support of the work of Asthma and Lung UK.

North Warnborough and District Garden Club

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our next meeting on Thursday 28th March 2024 in the North Warnborough Village Hall at 2.30pm.

On this occasion Geoff Peach will talk to us about 'Topiary and Hedging'. It's a new topic for the club which should be interesting.

Competitions will be - A vase of spring flowers and Three varieties of narcissi.

Visitors are always welcome. Information on our website. <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>

Out and about taking in the fresh air!

In our newsletter, which is on our website, we like to share what our different groups are doing! For example, each month, the Creative Writing groups publish their stories and poems, the Book Groups recommend some 'good reads' and the Craft and Painting & Drawing share their latest projects.

We now have a new addition '**Pam's Corner**' where one of our gardening enthusiasts (called Pam!) suggests local gardens worth getting out and visiting during the coming month. Her first selection focused on **Snowdrops** and included Welford



Park, Little Court and Timber Hill. This month her theme is **Daffodils** and **Rhododendrons**, and her recommendations are Beechenwood Farm, Roke Lane and Ramster Garden, near Chiddingfold.



The **Walking for Pleasure** group not only enjoys the exercise, the chatting and a pub lunch but often find points of interest on their travels. Highlights include The Totem Pole and ancient remains from Leptis Magna discovered on a walk around Virginia Water; and The Watts Memorial Chapel, described as Romanesque Revival, equally striking, but an amazing sight in Compton.

The **Nordic Walking** group is also out every week in all weathers, with the exception of the most icy, snowy, windy or rainy conditions; apparently even they're not that crazy! And although not outside, an activity enjoyed by a growing number members is **Pickle Ball**. They play fortnightly on a Friday afternoon at Hart Leisure Centre and the focus is on inclusivity and enjoyment rather than out-and-out competitiveness.



If you would like to know more, please visit our website. www.odihamu3a.org.uk



National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

PEAT-FREE: You can't fail to have avoided coming across these two words. If, like me, you like to propagate your plants - be it seeds, cuttings or division - I wonder if you have also had the same varying degrees of success using Peat-Free Compost. I know that many gardeners have no problems at all. Maybe I'm in a minority. The January issue of the

RHS magazine *The Garden* had an interesting article entitled *Get Ready to Go PEAT FREE*. The basic points I took from this article are as follows: the main difference seems to be watering and feeding; peat-free is more free-draining, so the nutrients leach out, therefore more regular and earlier feeding is required; treat peat-free compost as part of your growing medium: depending on the use, it should have other matter added - this can be your own garden compost, leaf mould, composted bark, sand and grit, or loam. Happy Planting!

The Hampshire 2024 Yellow Book is now available in all the normal places, but if you have problems getting one of our 2024 County Booklets, please let me know and I can post one to you.

So, what gardens to visit in April? Very close to Upton Grey is a 'garden' opening for the first time this year:

New for 2024: Lord Wandsworth College, Long Sutton, Hook RG29 1TB. Opening Saturday/Sunday 13th/14th April, 11.00am to 3.00pm. Admission £3.50, children free. Cashless payment available. Refreshments: home-made teas. Lord Wandsworth College is set in 1,200 acres of rolling farmland and wooded valleys. The main college campus is set around formal lawns with mature paper bark maples, cedar trees, cherry trees, and magnolias. The herbaceous borders are planted with an array of tulips, daffodils, and alliums. A South African inspired border runs the full length of the new science centre.

An old favourite, which is opening twice in 2024, is:

Old Thatch and Millennium Barn, Spratts Hatch Lane, Winchfield RG27 8DD. Opening Sunday 14th April 2.00pm to 6.00pm. Admission £5.00, children free. Cashless payment available. Refreshments: home-made teas. This chocolate-box thatched cottage has featured on film and TV, and has a smallholding alongside the Basingstoke Canal (unfenced). You can enjoy a succession of spring bulbs, a profusion of wildflowers, perennials and homegrown annuals pollinated by our own bees and fertilised by the donkeys, who await your

visit. There are over 30 named clematis and rose cultivars. Sometimes lambs in April and donkey foals in the summer. Weather permitting, you may get a ride on a John Pinkerton Barge from the car park across from the Barley Mow, along the canal, to the garden.

Happy Garden Visiting.

Pat Beagley (Head of Publicity) pat.beagley@icloud.com

Volunteering Fair, 2nd March, Hart Shopping Centre 9.00am-3.00pm

Hart Volunteer Centre, in partnership with Fleet Lions, are hosting a Volunteering Fair on the 2nd March at the Hart Shopping Centre in Fleet from 9.00am until 3.00pm. Here you can talk to local community organisations who are currently looking for help and speak to the Hart Volunteer Centre team who are on hand to answer any volunteering related questions.

If you would like to Get Involved in 2024 then do visit. For further information you can email hartvc@hartvolaction.org.uk or call 01252 627070.

Mayor's Spring Concert, Saturday 2nd March, The Anvil at 7.30pm

The Basingstoke Area Youth Orchestra and Choir returns to The Anvil showcasing some of the best musical talent from across the borough. The wind, strings, percussion, guitar, and vocal ensembles will perform well-known favourites. The Anvil Box Office tel 01256 844244 website www.anvilarts.org.uk

The evening will also feature the guest choir *Hampshire Harmony* to celebrate their 60th anniversary, in a programme that will appeal to all.

This 'one night only' concert is a great opportunity to support your community, whilst raising money for the Mayor's charity appeal. This year's concert will support Shopmobility Basingstoke and Citizens Advice Basingstoke and Tadley.

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £12 per hour. Tables and chairs are also available to hire. There are kitchen facilities, including china, cutlery & glasses, central heating, sound system, stage and disabled access. If you don't know the hall, we would be happy to show you round. To book, or if you have any questions, please contact Jane Hanbury 01256 862681 email: ajhanbury@btinternet.com.

The Herriard Village Hub, Herriard, available for hire: wedding receptions, functions, parties, meetings, and events. Fully licensed bar, full kitchen facilities, garden, tables, chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. To reserve, please see booking form found at www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk, or contact Tracy Crawford on 07769 220390 or bookings@herriardvillagehub.co.uk.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – MARCH 2024

NB: All Church Services are listed under CHURCH NEWS near the front of the magazine

MARCH DATES

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| 3rd Mar | Sun | Herriard Annual Litter Pick, Herriard Hub | 11.00am |
| 4th Mar | Mon | Herriard Parish Council Meeting, Herriard Hub | 7.30pm |
| 5th Mar | Tue | Herriard Gardening Club, Herriard Hub | 6.30pm |
| 5th Mar | Tue | Lent Course, All Saints Odiham | 7.30pm |
| 6th Mar | Wed | Lent Lunch, The Old Post House, Bidden Road, UG | 12.30pm |
| 11th Mar | Wed | Lent Lunch, UG Village Hall | 12.30pm |
| 12th Mar | Tue | Lent Course, All Saints Odiham | 7.30pm |
| 16th Mar | Sat | Upton Grey Safari Supper | |
| 17th Mar | Sun | Jubilee Choir – Fauré, All Saints Odiham | 6.30pm |
| 19th Mar | Wed | Lent Lunch, Barn Cottage, Weston Road, UG | 12.30pm |
| 19th Mar | Tue | Lent Course, All Saints Odiham | 7.30pm |

ADVANCE DATES

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| 2nd-5th Apr | | UG Easter Junior Tennis Coaching | 9.00-12.45 |
| 11th Apr | Thu | APCM, All Saints Church, Tunworth | 7.30pm |
| 14th Apr | Sun | APCM, St Mary's Church, UG | 11.00am |
| 23rd Apr | Tue | APCM, Herriard Hub | 7.00pm |
| 8th Jun | Sat | St Mary's Upton Grey Village Fete | 2.00-5.00pm |
| 5th-8th Aug | | UG Summer Junior Tennis Coaching | 9.00-12.45 |

REGULAR EVENTS

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| Each Mon/Thu | Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham | 2.00pm |
| Each Sat | Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham | 10.00am |
| Each Mon | Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington | 10.00am |
| Each Tues | Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington | 5.00pm |
| Each Thu | Coffee, Tea & Cake Morning, Hub, Herriard | 10.00am |
| Every 1st Thurs | Coffee & Cake, Tunworth church porch | 10.30am |
| Every 1st Saturday | Prayer Hour, All Saints Tunworth | 9.00am |
| 2nd & 4th Monday | Coffee Morning, Upton Grey Village Hall | 11.00am |
| Every 4th Wed | Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall | 11.00am |

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