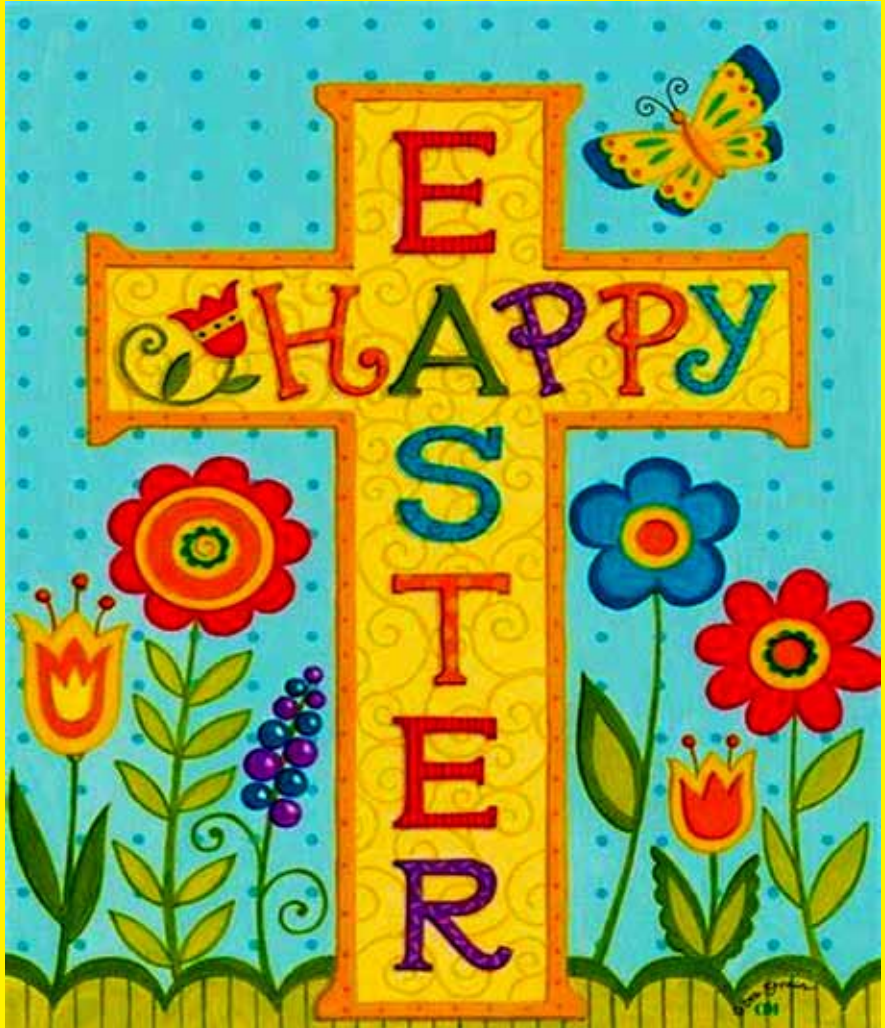


# Parish News

*Kington, Huntington & Titley*

April 2023



# **SARGEANTS BUSES FOR KINGTON**

From 1st January 2022

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Mill Street, Kington  
Herefordshire  
HR5 3AL

**HEREFORD** 461 via Lyonshall 462 via Eardisley

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**Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON**

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**Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON**

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**Departs Bus Station, KNIGHTON**

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# THE KINGTON PARISHES



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**St Stephen, Old Radnor**      **St Mary, Kinnerton**      **St Peter, Titley**  
[www.kingtonparishes.org.uk](http://www.kingtonparishes.org.uk)

## CLERGY

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## *Letter from the Dean of Hereford*

### **On choosing a story**

I always find Easter difficult to write about, which seems absurd because it is the most important and exciting time of the Christian year. The problem is that Easter- the Resurrection of Jesus- is massive and world-changing, but only if it is seen in the light of the human condition, life, suffering, and death. Without the context, it looks like a weird story of a dead god bounding back to life and scaring the big bad Romans and wicked religious people- Boo! It's like something you might read in a book of myths and legends. And then there is the tricky business of the Christian claim that it is neither the stuff of myth nor legend because Jesus is still alive and active in billions of lives today. If you were creating a global religion from scratch you wouldn't start with all this. It's far too complicated.



But every day, I and countless others stake all that we are and will be on Easter and the person at its heart. We may be fools or we may be right. No priest or scientist, no philosopher or politician can prove it one way or another this side of the grave. And so we just have to choose which story we prefer to live by. Cue considerable decanal pinching from Bob Hartman, but it boils down to this:

The first story says: *A very long time ago, there was a series of accidents. Energy and matter and molecules collided and somehow, you are here today. By accident. Your fate is random and only fleetingly important to you and a few loved ones*

The second story says: *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And you are here, not by accident, but because he designed you and loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.*

The first story goes on: *The fit live, the weak die, the vocal and the strong dominate. Survival is the game. Look out for number one.*

The second story goes: *Blessed are the meek, the poor and the peacemakers. Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends.*

The first story concludes: *You die. You decay. The end.*

But the second story doesn't have an end. For Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die"*

In church, we celebrate that second story daily, especially over Holy Week and Easter. It is your story and mine. Come and see...

*Sarah*

## Views in a Vacancy

### Living Stones (1 Peter 2.5)



Dear Readers,

An interregnum, yes, but life goes on, thanks to all those helping in any way, and perhaps especially to those who are providing cover for our services.

On our walks Giles and I have been noticing the enduring beauty and stability of the wonderful stone walls which line so many of our streets and pathways: miles of them, some dry stone walling, others cemented, but in every case made up of hundreds and thousands of heavy stones, every one different, selected, unique and put in place by a pair of human hands, and some, as in the lane up to the Ridge, colonised by mosses, pennyworts and so on. And it's got me thinking about building. Like these walls, the Church, not just the building, but the people, the Body of Christ, has been built up in much the same way by thousands of humans and, Jesus said, "on a Rock" (Matt.16). It too is colonised, at its best, by things of great beauty: fellowship, wonderful architecture, music, prayer and worship, inspired art, literature, love and compassion, thanksgiving etc.. And education.

Yes, for education too is about building. As a verse of David Winter's from the school hymn book "Come and Praise" puts it: *Everybody's building...All over the world, Everywhere, Where we're living, Wherever children grow. And their lives are shaped as the moments go, Minds are building, plans are laid, And slowly, slowly, Somewhere, somebody's life is made. Everybody's building....*

Are we not fortunate to have two excellent schools in Kington? providing the rock on which young people, like living stones, each one unique, are helped to build up their lives alongside others? It's so easy for us to take all that for granted, like the volunteers I wrote about last month, or like those walls I find so amazing. So I'd like to draw your attention to an article in this month's magazine submitted by one of the 48 pupils from Lady Hawkins' School who have responded to a competition – to write something creative and connected in some way with oak trees like those growing in the school field. Those entries have just been judged, meticulously, by Allan Lloyd, an enthusiastic volunteer (what a task!), and the editor of the Parish News has welcomed this entry, "The Three Trees" for inclusion right away, for it happens to fit the Easter season especially well. Taking inspiration from another published story, the pupil has used her initiative to create her own version for the competition.

The teacher, Karen Moss, who promoted the competition in school, has prefaced the piece with a few words about it. And in the May edition, we'll include, likewise, Allan's comments and a printout of the winning entry. Happy building, Denis.

*Editor's Note: The entry of "The Three Trees", with the preface by Karen Moss, is printed on pages 19 and 20.*

## **St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON**

As Easter approaches so we look forward to the extra opportunities for worship it offers and thank the Rural Dean for keeping so many of the services we enjoy in the calendar.



### **PALM SUNDAY**

The Palm Sunday Eucharist with the distribution of palm crosses will be at 10a.m., we hope that we may have a donkey to lead a procession from the lych gate. In the evening we shall have a Tenebrae Service at 6pm. This is an ancient and moving service.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY.**

We shall celebrate the Eucharist and the Last supper at 7p.m.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

On Good Friday we gather at St. Mary's with fellow Christians from other churches at 10am. for a Walk of Witness through the town. Hopefully this year we shall be able to join the residents at Kington Court for the final part of the witness.

At 2pm, you are invited to St Mary's to share in the Last Hour of the Cross.

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

April 8th promises to be an action packed day. It is Messy Church Activity Day from 11am. to 1.30pm. This will include activities, lunch an Easter Egg Hunt and we would like to set up an Easter Garden. If any adult would like to help us in preparing for this garden so that children can put the finishing touches to it please contact Eileen Thomas on 01544 230859.

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

We look forward to welcoming you to our Eucharist Service at 10a.m.

### **OTHER DIARY DATES.**

**Wednesday, April 12th, 3.30pm to 5pm.** This is the time for LEGO enthusiasts. We look forward to seeing the regulars and invite you to bring a friend along.

**MONDAY MAY 1st.** A fund raising event at Hergest Croft Spring Fair. We are planning to run a book and bric a brac stall so of course we need items to sell but NOT clothes or electrical items and we ask that they are in good condition please. The Parish House will be open on Saturday April 29th from 10am. to 1pm to receive the goods. This will give us time to sort items before the day. We look forward to seeing you that morning and if you can spare an hour to help sort that will be appreciated. Any queries contact Ann 01544 230271

When you receive your Parish News for April The Rev. Ben will already be licensed for his ministry in Wales. I know that he appreciated that a party from our Benefice travelled to

Barmouth for his licensing. It was good to unite to wish Ben and Jean well in their new life in N. Wales. Our thanks go to Phillip Sell who worked very hard to organise a mini bus for the occasion.

Rodney and I send greetings to you all for a happy and blessed Easter

### Coffee Rota.

1st Sunday in month	M.Giilling and B Thompson (when Beryl Is Better) currently J. Price
2nd Sunday	C. Robinson and J. Reid
3rd Sunday	J. Price and M. Cooke
4th Sunday	E. Roche and S. Lacey.

If there is anyone who would like to join this Rota on a Sunday following the service, please get in touch with Ann. Even a name of someone who would step in if we are short would be appreciated.

*Ann Edwards*



**MESSY CHURCH**

Come and join us for:

Activities Songs Food  
Crafts Games Stories

**Special Easter Messy Church**  
at  
**St Mary's Church, Kington**

**Saturday 8th April**  
**11am - 1.30pm**  
Activity Day with lunch,  
songs, music and games  
**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Come and help make an Easter Garden**  
**All welcome**

## St Mary's LEGO CLUB

**Wednesday**  
**12th April**  
at  
**St Mary's  
Church  
Kington**  
**3.30 - 5pm**

Thousands of bricks  
Lots of mini figures  
Loads of fun!

Refreshments

Children to be  
accompanied by an  
adult please.

## The New Rural Dean introduces himself ...

I'm Mike Kneen, and following the retirement of Guy Wilkinson as our Rural Dean, the Bishop asked me if I would take over the role. I thought it might be a good idea to introduce myself and to give you all my contact details, which are at the bottom of this article, should you need to get in touch.



You might be asking “what is a Rural Dean?” It’s a quaint old post in the C of E, a cross between Clergy Shop Steward and Bishop’s Officer for the Deanery. Along with our Lay Co-Chair (Vacant by the way ... do you know someone who could fill THAT role?), I am jointly responsible for the running of the Deanery Synod. I have some pastoral care for the Clergy of our Deanery, and am also responsible for parishes that find themselves in an “Interregnum” or Vacancy – as we are here in the Kington group of parishes.

Until recently I was Rector of the Leominster Team with its 22 parishes as well as being Rural Dean for the Leominster Deanery.

I come from a science and engineering background, having studied Civil Engineering and later Biochemistry for my chosen field of Sewage and Water Treatment and Pollution Control. In my late twenties, I then went on to study Theology at Durham University in preparation for ordination at Hereford Cathedral in 1986. I have worked in rural Shropshire and Herefordshire ever since, and so am more than familiar with the delights and challenges alike of our village and small market town communities and their churches.

I remain very interested in the environment and the plight of our natural world – both from a Christian faith and a Technical perspective (the two belong together, by the way) and have an interest in everything from soil microbiology to renewable energy generation! In my spare time, I am an enthusiastic (but not over competent) vegetable grower. I am also a qualified Steam Loco Driver on the Severn Valley Railway, keeping up some of my engineering skills on the hot and oily side! You may have met me before, disguised in scrubs and a mask, as I was one of the temporary Admin Assistants for the Covid Vaccination Programme both at Kington Surgery and Leominster Sports Centre Vaccine Clinics!

I very much look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks, and to working with the Kington Parishes over these months.

With my best wishes,

Mike.

*The Revd Prebendary Michael Kneen,  
Rural Dean of Kington and Weobley  
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mjkneen@btinternet.com*



## Kington Parishes Service Schedule for this month

*Dependant on Government announcements,  
please see our website for up to date information.*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCho108zE6VUpNGQAmmfA9OA>

### **Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday**

*Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians2:5-11, Matthew 27:11-54*

8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kinnerton
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Old Radnor
7.00pm	Tenebrae Service	Kington

### **Thursday 6th April:**

*Exodus12:1-4, 11-14, Psalm116: 10-end, 1Corinthians11:23-26, John13:21-32*  
7pm, Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Kington

### **Friday 7th April: Good Friday**

*Isaiah52:13-end of 53, Psalm22, Hebrews10:16-25, John18:1-end of 19*

8:30am	Morning Prayer and Litany,	Huntington
8:30am	Morning Prayer and Litany,	Titley
10:00am	Churches Together Walk of Witness,	Kington. (Starts at St Mary's)
2:00pm	Last Hour of the Cross,	Kington
4:00pm	Making of Easter Garden and Easter Egg Hunt,	Titley
6:00pm	Evening Prayer	Old Radnor

### **Saturday 8th April: Easter Eve**

1130 Messy Church Easter Egg hunt and making of Easter Garden Kington

### **Sunday 9th April: Easter Day**

*Acts10:34-43, Psalm 118:1,2,14-24, Colossians3:1-4, John20:1-8*

8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Huntington
8:30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kinnerton
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
10:00am	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
6:00pm	Holy Eucharist:	Old Radnor



### **Sunday, 16th April: Easter 2**

*Acts2:14a, 22-32, Psalm16, 1Peter1:3-9, John20:19-end*

10.00am:	Morning Praise:	Kington
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Old Radnor

### Sunday, 23rd April: Easter 3

Acts2:14a,36-41, Psalm116:1-3,10-end, 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke24:13-35

10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Kinnerton
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Huntington

### Sunday 30th April: Easter 4

Acts2: 42-end, Psalm23, 1Peter2:19-end, John10:1-10

10:00am	Group Eucharist	Titley
4.00pm:	Lambing Service in Old Radnor	

*All services at Kington are live streamed.*

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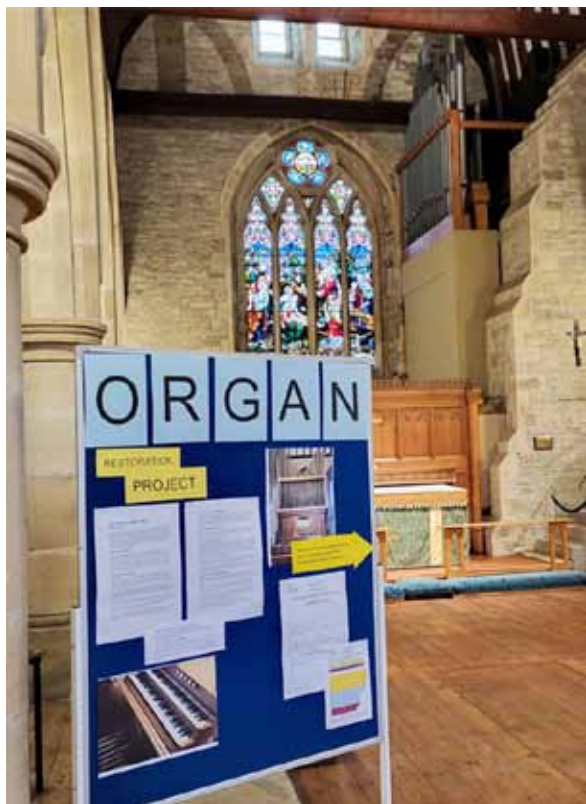
## St Mary's Church Organ Appeal

Since my update last month, I am pleased to tell you that we now have sponsorship for 14 of the 30 pipes for the new trombone stop. The total is edging towards £35,000.

If you would like to make a contribution towards this huge restoration project, please do get in touch. Or you can take a Sponsorship Form from the display board in St Mary's Church. The board gives full details of the work required and what we have raised to date. You can see which pipes still await sponsorship. If you don't feel able to sponsor a whole pipe, you might feel able to make a small donation. Even a £10 donation, once gift aided (if you are a UK tax payer) will give £12.50 towards the project. As they say elsewhere 'every little helps'!

During the next few weeks, we hope to have positive responses to our first batch of funding applications. I will let you know of the outcome in the next Parish News. Other applications are in the *pipe-line*!!

*Philip Sell,  
Director of Music at St Mary's*





## KINGTON PARISHES SERVICES: HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

### Sunday, 2nd April: Palm Sunday

8.30am: Holy Eucharist: Titley  
10.00am: Holy Eucharist: Kington  
11.30am: Holy Eucharist: Kinnerton  
6.00pm: Junior Praise: Old Radnor  
6:00pm Tenebrae Service



### Maundy Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April: 7pm Eucharist at St Mary's, Kington



### Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April:

8:30am Morning Prayer and Litany, Huntington  
8:30am Morning Prayer and Litany, Titley  
10:00am Churches Together Walk of Witness,  
Kington. (Starts at St Mary's)  
2:00pm Last Hour of the Cross, Kington  
4:00pm Making of Easter Garden and Easter Egg  
Hunt, Titley  
6:00pm Evening Prayer at Old Radnor

### Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Eve

11:30am Messy Church, Easter Egg Hunt and making of Easter Garden

### Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April EASTER DAY

8.30am: Holy Eucharist: Huntington  
8.30am: Holy Eucharist: Kinnerton  
10.00am: Holy Eucharist: Kington  
10.00am: Holy Eucharist: Titley  
6.00pm: Holy Eucharist: Old Radnor



### Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April: Easter 2

10.00am: Holy Eucharist, Titley  
10:00, Morning Praise, Kington  
6.00pm: Evening Service: Old Radnor

**NB All services in Kington are lived streamed. [www.kingtonparishes.org.uk](http://www.kingtonparishes.org.uk)**



## A Message from the Editor

Welcome to the April edition of the Parish News, and I hope you enjoy reading it. I am very grateful to the people who send me in articles for publication, and I am always pleased to include any items of interest, particularly accounts of life in Kington and its surrounding villages in days gone by. You don't have to send it in by computer or typed in any way. I'm always glad to receive handwritten articles which Alison willingly types up for me.

This month is the start of a new advertising year in the Parish News, and I am very pleased that most of our regular advertisers have renewed again for the next 12 months. In addition, we have some new advertisers, and I am pleased to welcome:

- Border Domestic - appliance repairs; Lynhales Hall - nursing home;
- Grumpie Grampies - hot and cold food and baker's shop ;
- OTM Grounds Care - garden, ground work and tree surgery;
- Stuart Hurds - oil fired boiler maintenance; Pets Corner - pet food
- Paul Hebron - UPVC conservatories, doors and windows

Finally, for the May edition of the Parish News, I will not be able to get the copies into St Mary's by the 4th Sunday of the month ie. 22nd April, due to various other commitments. The following Sunday is a 5th Sunday, and I realise that there will be no service in the church on that day, but I will try to get the copies into the church by Friday 28th April. I hope this will not cause too much inconvenience. Happy Easter!

*Freda*

## KINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

next meeting

**THURS 20th April**

**7.30pm**

**"Preserving the harvest far beyond  
jams and chutneys"**  
with Kevin Alviti

**at the Masonic Hall Headbrook**

**All Welcome**



## Kington Art & Craft Market

Time is flying by and before we know where we are the Art and Craft market will be re-opening for 2023. Here is a list of dates for this year..

April 15th  
Sep 16th  
Dec 16th

May 20th

Oct 21st

More info next month.

June 17th

Nov 18th

July 15th

Nov 25th

Aug 19th

Dec 9th

*Anna King - AK Crafts  
anna@akcrafts.co.uk*

## More Motoring Memories 1973 - 79

Having rescued the Rover from the scrap yard, we decided to re-assess our transport requirements, which in a large part were determined by working in a rural parish in North Hampshire. Ecchinswell with Symonton and Bishops Green covered an area seven miles long and three miles wide, with separate and distinct communities, linked by narrow lanes.

For work a motorcycle seemed a sensible solution. I purchased an LE Velocette for £30. A comfortable machine with excellent weather protection, and you could keep reasonable clean. I purchased a white crash helmet, goggles, and gauntlets. A dark overcoat completed the kit. The local policeman also had an LE Velocette for local patrols. This led to several humorous incidents of mistaken identity!

In those distant days we enjoyed local deliveries of bread and milk among other necessities. On one Saturday afternoon we ran out of bread, so decided to take the LE and find Mike our bread man. I saw his van travelling along a village lane. I overtook the van and waved it down. Mike stopped, would down his window and asked what he had done wrong. "Nothing," I replied, "I only want a loaf of bread". "Phew, that was a relief," he replied, "I thought you were the local bobby!" The next case of mistaken identity worked in reverse. Our neighbour called to confirm Babysitting times and dates. With much laughter, she told us that seeing me coming along a road, she stepped out into the middle of the road and waved me down, only to discover it was the local policeman. Fortunately, we enjoyed a good relationship with our local constabulary.

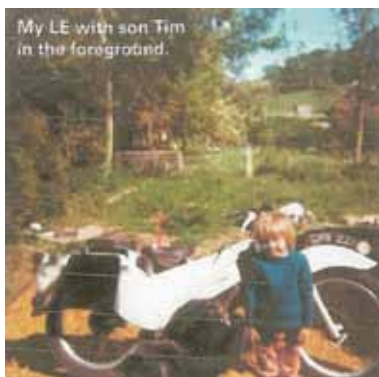
Another journey, well-remembered, involved a trip to Chipping Sodbury to visit my elder brother. Sonia and the family were enjoying a break with her parents in Tangmere. All went well on the outward journey; however, as I set out for home at about 8.30pm the bike wouldn't start. We checked plugs, points, and fuel. Eventually we managed to start the bike and I set off with hope and a little trepidation.

The journey would normally take about one and a half hours. Some two hours later I decided to check the oil, without stopping the engine. I was still ten miles from home! I arrived home just before closing time at the local pub, only two hundred yards from the vicarage. Calling in, I asked for a pint of best bitter, and was given it on the house, with kind words from the landlord, "You look as though you need it!"

Arriving home I looked in the mirror, and saw an ashen grey face looking rather weary, with oil and grease outlining where my goggles had been.

Our next adventure, again linked with work, was forming a choir, equipping the children, mainly from Bishops Green, and providing transport in the shape of an ex-Portsmouth Fire Tender that we converted into an 18-seater minibus. That's another story from some forty years ago!

*Tony Jardine*



**CROOSE Beatrice Eleanor (Betty) passed away peacefully on 13th January 2023.**

Further to the acknowledgement in last months Parish News, we should like to personally thanks Bill Rowlatt, former proprietor of Oak Tree Funeral Services, who not only directed Mum's funeral service with such Dignity and Compassion, he made a very sad and difficult time much easier for the family.

We would like to thank him very much for his support and unwavering friendship.

Thank you Bill.

*Colin and Tanya (Croose)*



## **Kington Community Lunch**



**12.30pm  
Wednesday  
19th April**

If you would like a hot meal and company please join us at the Parish House.

**Contact 230683**



## **KINGTON YOUTH CLUB OPEN WEDNESDAYS**

3:30<sub>pm</sub> - 5:30<sub>pm</sub> ALL WELCOME  
5:30<sub>pm</sub> - 7:00<sub>pm</sub> Yrs 9 - 11 ONLY



**@ The Old School Room  
Bridge Street Baptist Church**

Through this gate & upstairs on the left : )



[kingtonyouthclub.org](http://kingtonyouthclub.org)

# ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

## Easter Services:

7th April – 8.30am Good Friday Morning Prayer & Litany

9th April – 8.30am Easter Sunday Eucharist

## APC + PCC Meetings:

Our annual APC Meeting, followed by a PCC Meeting will be held in church on Wednesday 26th April commencing at 7:00pm.



## Village Hall Activities:

The following events and activities will be taking place at Huntington Village Hall during April:

### Sunday 16th April – 3:00pm – Spring Afternoon Tea:

A wide range of delicious homemade sweet and savoury treats, tea, coffee, raffle and a good chat. £5 per person. Please book in advance with Pippa Lloyd – pippalloyd@btinternet.com or 01544 370693

### Thursday 20th April – 7:30pm - Flicks in the Sticks:

‘Good Luck to You, Leo Grande’ starring Emma Thompson. Admission £5.

This will be the last film until the autumn.

### Sunday 23rd April - 10.00 to 11.15am - Yoga:

Join us for an enjoyable and relaxing session with Rai. £6.00 per person. No need to book, just bring your own mat and a warm blanket.

*Gigi Luscombe – Secretary*

## Easy Sudoku

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## What's flowering at Hergest Croft Gardens this month!

After the mammoth deluge of snow during the second week of March, our team of diligent and hard working gardeners have been toiling away relentlessly to ensure that our stunning collection of plants and shrubs are looking at their very best.

This month is the perfect time to view a wonderful selection of Hellebores, Magnolia, Daffodils and Spring bulbs that are in flower now and bursting with colour.

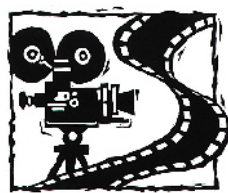
Hergest Croft Gardens in Kington stretches over 70 acres with glorious views towards the Black Mountains and next to the Offa's Dyke Path. These horticulturally important gardens contain more than 5,000 rare trees, plants and shrubs. Open weekends during March and then daily from 1st April until the end of October. Gift shop and Tearoom serving an array of delicious home made cakes and light lunches. Please see our website for further details [www.hergest.co.uk](http://www.hergest.co.uk)



## Flicks in the Sticks at Brilley & Michaelchurch Village Hall

**Thursday 6th April: Living, 7.30 pm, tickets £5**

Bill Nighy has been Oscar nominated for this wonderfully sensitive performance in this poignant, deeply felt film. 1950s London: A widower and civil servant, Williams is a lonely man who leads a quiet and simple life. But everything changes when he receives some shocking news. Embarking on a voyage of discovery, he meets seaside bohemian and launches a passionate campaign to make a difference to the world – and to live his life fully – before it's too late.



Doors open at 7pm. Don't forget to bring your own refreshments.

Advance booking only - please book and pay for your tickets online at [pay-brilley.co.uk](http://pay-brilley.co.uk)

Please note that if you do not get an almost immediate email confirmation, then your payment has not gone through and you will need to try again!



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**Saturday 22 April at 7.30pm**



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This free event has been made possible by a  
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The Ludlow Concert Band is a charitable Trust  
and all members are volunteers.



## ST PETER'S CHURCH TITLEY NEWS

**Flowers.** All Ladies for their windows for Easter.

**Readers.** Easter Day David.

### **Titley Remembers.**

It is with great sadness that we remember the passing of a remarkable lady, Phyllis Lewis who died on 7th March aged 89years. Phyllis lived all her life either in Titley or very close to it. She was the one person everyone went to when they wanted something done. We all remember the fantastic flower festival in 1994. It was Phyllis who took charge of all the flowers and the arrangements in the church. For many years she was churchwarden at our church and also an active member of the Village Hall Committee and president of Titley WI. She led the way with the fete and it will never be quite the same not to see her as you enter the field selling the draw tickets.

We send all our best wishes to David and Sue, her children and all their families. May she now rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **Lent Lunch.**

An excellent lent lunch was held in the village hall on February 25th. It was a great turnout and the fantastic sum of £350 was raised which was donated to St Michaels Hospice to help them

with the outstanding work they carry out. Thank you to everyone who came and it was lovely to see Ben and Jean there just before they left for Harlech. Special thanks are extended to everyone who donated the food for the lunch and to everyone who made the delicious homemade soup.

### **Annual General Meetings.**

The AGM for the Village Hall is at 7pm on Thursday 13th April and the Church AGM is at 7pm on Tuesday 25th April. Please do try and get to these meetings and have your say on how your hall and church is run.

### **Easter Services.**

Although we have no vicar, all of our Easter Services will go ahead as normal. Please look at the church notice board for full details nearer the time.



*Dick*

## Not a Proper Gardener (Part 29)

Well, I've planted the potatoes and sown more broad beans but, warned by the forecast of another week of winter (in mid-March) I'm holding back any more sowing outside for a while. The variety of potato I've chosen again is Nadine, a second early of excellent flavour which is said to be a bit frost resistant. I was glad to be able to get it in Turners as I believe it's not that commonly grown in the south. The broad beans are Bunyard's Exhibition, my favourite, though I did wonder about trying Field Beans, recommended by a gardener on the television as more productive, smaller pods but lots more of them. A recent survey resulted in mixed opinions, some in favour, some not. So I'll leave that for now anyway. Shouldn't be greedy anyway.



We've not been able to harvest much greenery, save for Emma's salads, to see us through the hungry gap, and, alas, there are no stinging nettles yet! But we've excellent parsnips and plenty of frozen and bottled fruit. And as soon as the promised cold snap is over, I shall be ready to sow my seed tapes; but we do need some rain. Meanwhile, Emma's been tying up the raspberry canes, helped by Giles the string-boy, and we've watered in some sulphate of potash round them. And I've at last got round to attending to the two composters which needed some TLC. In fact I have to admit to being a proper improper gardener, who's not much good at composting. When I see gardeners on television digging out their black, crumbly, sweet-smelling (so they say) material, I go green with envy. I think I really need to make a third composter out of a few pallets and then use the three in sequence, properly (that goes against the grain!) and not just willy-nilly, and I must not let it all get too dry.



And now, March 8th, it's snowing quite heavily and we shall have to knock the stuff from the netting tops of hoops and cages. The way it's clothing the trees is truly beautiful. I love snow, but wish it would keep off the roads. And it's not uncommon in March. In fact I think it's more likely now than at Christmas. I recall one Easter morning biking out to take an early service at Huntington only to discover 4" snow in the churchyard.

Meanwhile on the window sills are some extra broad bean plants, ready to plant out when it's warmer, some cosmos for the borders, and some leeks, almost ready to pot on a bit. And in the propagator, sweet peas and, when I can find time, tomato seeds for plants ready to follow on from the broad beans in the greenhouse, now a foot high and soon to flower.

Emma's putting out extra food for the birds, hoping that the nasty black cat which has a strong hunting instinct, will not like the snow. I wonder whether the spawn in the pond will survive? Only a couple of days ago the frogs were riding their noisy motorbikes again, tirelessly, round and round in the pond.

I'm always aware that, by the time you read this (if you do) it'll be ancient history. Soon we'll be in April. Happy Gardening.

*Denis Parry.*

## Three Oak Trees- Creative Writing Competition

We are delighted to have been given the opportunity to enter a creative writing competition, launched by Denis Parry, over the last few weeks at Lady Hawkins' School. Inspired by the oak trees planted in our school field, our students fully engaged with the creative writing task and they produced a wide range of imaginative and inspiring creative writing stories for the competition. We had a total of 48 entries, ranging from Year 7 to Year 11 and we would like to thank Allan Lloyd for judging our entries. A whole-hearted thank you to Denis Parry for organising and launching this fantastic competition with us. It was an enjoyable and enthusing experience for our students and the competition gave them the opportunity to showcase their creativity in the community.



*Miss K. Moss  
Head of Communications Faculty, Lady Hawkins' School*

### THE THREE OAK TREES

Once there were three oak trees on the top of a hill overlooking a small valley. There they discussed their hopes and dreams.

The first oak said, "Some day I hope to be a treasure chest. I want to be filled with gold, silver and precious gems! I'll be decorated with intricate carvings and everyone will see my beauty."

The second oak spoke next, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take Kings and Queens across the seas and sail to the far corners of the earth. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally, the third oak said, "I want to stay right here and grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will look up into my branches as I stand on this hill and think of the heavens and how close I am to reaching them. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

(All of us have dreams just like the trees in 'The Legend of Three Trees!')

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodcutters came upon the trees. When one of them came to the first oak tree he said, "This looks like a strong and beautiful tree, I think I would be able to sell this tree to a carpenter," And he began to cut the oak tree down. The oak tree was very happy because he knew that a carpenter could make him into a treasure chest just like he dreamed.

At the second oak tree another woodcutter spoke, "This looks like a strong tree too. I should be able to sell this tree to a shipyard." The second oak tree was even happier than the first oak tree because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the other woodcutter saw the third oak tree, the oak tree was frightened because he heard the woodcutter say, "I don't have any special need for this oak tree, but I'll just cut it down and see later if I have any need of it."

The third oak tree thought his dreams would never come true now!

When the first oak tree arrived at the carpenter's, he was surprised to be made into a simple feed-box for animals. He was placed in a barn and filled with hay so the animals could eat. This was not what the first oak tree had dreamed of, or prayed for, and he was very disappointed.

The second oak tree was taken to the shipyard, but he wasn't made into a large ship. He became a plain fishing boat with only the strength to carry a few fishermen. His dreams of being a mighty ship, carrying Kings and Queens across the sea, faded away.

The third oak tree was cut up into large ugly beams then left all alone in the darkness.

Many years went by and all three oak trees forgot about their hopes, their dreams and their prayers. Finally, one day a man and a woman came to the barn to stay because there was no room anywhere else. The woman gave birth to a baby boy while she was there, and she placed him in the hay in the plain, simple feed-box. The man wished he could have made a proper crib for this baby but this feed-box would have to do. Somehow the first oak tree felt the importance of this event and knew that he had indeed held the greatest treasure of all time.

Some years later a group of men got into the small fishing boat made from the timber of the second tree. One of them was tired and fell fast asleep. A great storm came up, and the second oak tree did not think he was strong enough to keep the men safe. The other men in the fishing boat then woke the man who was asleep, and he said, "Peace!" and the storm suddenly stopped. Now the second oak tree knew he had indeed carried the King of Kings.

About three years later, someone came and pulled the third oak tree's beam from the dark shed. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop on top of a small hill, they nailed the man to the oak tree. Then they raised it into the air for him to die there. She shuddered in shame. When Sunday morning came though, the third oak tree suddenly came to realize that it was indeed strong enough to stand on the top of a hill for all to see and know that he was closer to heaven than he could ever have imagined.

That was better than being the tallest tree in the world!

*By Aaina Theres.*

### **Community Shop Dates**

29 Mar - 4 Apr	Kington Walking Festivals
5 Apr - 11 Apr	New Radnor Hub
12 Apr - 18 Apr	Presteigne & Borders Floral Arts
19 Apr - 25 Apr	Kington WI
26 Apr - 2 May	Kington Horticultural Society

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# KINGTON WALKS

Registered Charity number: 1172022

Kington Walking festival remains one of the many great things that Kington has to offer. Old friends continue to return year after year for the festival, and new friends are made each year as people discover Kington for the first time during our walking festivals.

Kington Walks came into existence in 2011 when Bernard Ray, the chair of Kington Chamber of Commerce, successfully applied for Kington to become a Walkers are Welcome town. Around this time Martin and Pam Peek were driving through Crickhowell and noticed a sign in the hedge advertising the Crickhowell Walking Festival. Martin decided at this moment that Kington would be the perfect location to hold its own walking festival. It wasn't right for Kington to remain a secret any longer. With support from Herefordshire Council and Kington Town Council, Martin put together a committee of volunteers to start the complicated work of organizing Kington's first walking festival. First they needed to find someone who could keep the committee on task. Fortunately Barbara Barrett was available to take on this role and Martin's initial idea became a reality in September 2012. More than 400 walks were sold at this first walking festival, keeping the pubs busy and walkers happy.

Kington Walks and its walking festivals have become an important part of Kington's festival calendar ever since. We now hold two annual walking festivals, in April and September.

In 2017 Kington Walks became a charity with the aim of promoting community participation in healthy recreation by encouraging and enabling people to participate in regular walks as a form of exercise in Kington and the surrounding area. Our work focusses on:

- Walking Festivals
- Footpath maintenance:
- Kington Walking for Health

## **Our 2023 Spring Walking Festival will take place on 21st to 23rd April.**

All the work carried out by Kington Walks is done so by enthusiastic volunteers from Kington and the surrounding area. They all enjoy a love of the outdoors and walking. We are always looking for volunteers to join us. If you fancy being a part of Kington Walks please contact us or take a look at our website:

[www.kingtonwalks.org](http://www.kingtonwalks.org),

[info@kingtonwalks.org](mailto:info@kingtonwalks.org), 07708 668316





## *Reader Writes*

So we are now into the second year of the wretched and dangerous war in Ukraine. Since Putin's attack launched on 24 Feb last year it is thought that some quarter of a million Ukrainians and Russian servicemen have died already. Putting aside environmental and climate breakdown that is certainly going to change all of our lives radically over the coming decades, this war is the most dangerous and intractable threat to face Europe since World War 2. We know what we all hope for. But in a moment of inevitably enfeebled taking stock, with a spiritual dimension in mind, what should we actually be doing?



Six months ago there seemed to be more hope in a diplomatic solution. Diplomats certainly thought so; soldiers were more sceptical. Meanwhile history keeps pointing us to 1939 and the breaking storm of Hitler's wars. At the same time, we should recognise that Western Europeans, especially the UK, have been privileged to live in a bubble of security and prosperity where wars are other people's problems, (apart from the ones we have helped start). The invasion of Ukraine has pricked that bubble and is forcing us to take a practical position and see it through.

Pacifists take a clear line and refuse to engage in war; significantly there seems to be a strong anti-war movement in Germany. Ukraine's friends and allies in terms of support haven't hesitated to judge Putin to be evil and dangerous, and his attack on Ukraine illegal. Just-war arguments unhesitatingly support Ukraine in defending herself and reclaiming her legal borders. War here is judged not the worst option and Ukraine must win for all of our sakes. But it is with a heavy heart that we lament our own complicity in the middle eastern conflicts and our hypocrisy in dealing with Russia. The torture scandal of Abu Ghraib in Iraq comes to mind, and the torrents of dirty Russian money that passed through "Londongrad".

Bringing it back closer to the personal, we all know that there are no easy lines that clearly mark good from bad and right from wrong. War is horrible and cruel. The more you read about it the more you hate it and are compelled to pray for peace, with justice. Solzhenitsyn said that the line dividing good from evil doesn't divide nation from nation or, of course, a Russian from a Ukrainian, but it travels through the heart of every human being. That is the nature and sadness of a fallen world where Satan remains at large and dangerous until our Lord returns.

The psalms are full of war, and were clearly often written under extreme circumstances; I think of David who was hunted and persecuted by King Saul. Jerusalem, later, was besieged and sacked and its people driven into exile. Justice was a theme the psalmists urgently pleaded for in prayer. We, ourselves, should act justly, care for the refugee fleeing war and destitution, follow Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan, and when necessary be prepared to fight a war. I heard that a church in Ukraine, dispersed in basements and hiding in wrecked buildings, recited Psalm 31 as their prayer for their country; *"In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!"* Amen.

*Robert MacCurrach*

## Wild and Wet Weather in New Zealand

After three long years of being kept out of New Zealand due to the Pandemic, I finally managed to book a flight leaving on the 27th December 2022 to see my two sons. After two long flights, one of 12 hours to Singapore, and then a connecting flight of 9 hours to Auckland, and crossing goodness knows how many time zones, I landed in Auckland on 29th December 2022. I travelled to my youngest son Nick's new property situated in a small village called Hunua, south of Auckland and away from the hustle and bustle of the city. It is beautifully quiet, and sometimes the only sound you can hear is the Cicadas in the trees – and for such small insects they can be deafening!

The weather for the first week was typical Kiwi Summer with sunshine and showers causing some very humid conditions. On the 9th January 2023 we were advised by NZ MetWeather that there was a Tropical Storm approaching which could cause problems with gale force winds and significantly heavy rain. It gradually got downgraded to an ex-Tropical Storm and became known as Cyclone Hale. By the evening of the 9th January, the wind picked up and the rain arrived. It was heavy rain, and with the wind behind it was noisy too! I was woken at 3.00am by a vivid flash of lightning and loud crack of thunder. The thunder storm carried on for a good half an hour with some forks of lightning colliding with others causing huge flashes of light which was quite impressive. The following morning, we began to hear on the radio of the effect of Cyclone Hale on the North Island. Auckland Airport itself was flooded and had to close for three days, and in one of the most popular tourist regions, the Coromandel Peninsula just north east of Hunua, holidaymakers had been advised to leave the area although some decided to wait out the storm. There was flash flooding after almost 7ins of rainfall (a month's worth in 24hours) causing landslips and blocking roads meaning both residents and holidaymakers were stranded there for several days. Pictures appeared in the New Zealand Herald newspaper of houses and supermarkets flooded, drain-covers being sent flying with the force of the water, and power cuts mostly affecting north and central Auckland. The flooding had been exacerbated by King Tides around the coastal region. New Zealand has experienced Cyclones in previous years, but this was described as an extreme weather event. Nick's property is situated at the top of a hill, and apart from having to repair the driveway and clear a blocked drain, we were not too badly affected

At the beginning of February Cyclone Gabrielle was forecast to hit the Auckland Area yet again, and a National Emergency Message was sent from the Government to everyone, advising them to stay at home, don't go out, and make sure you have enough provisions for three days. With which there was a panic buying frenzy with the top of the list 'must have' toilet rolls, as well as flour and crisps, clearing supermarket shelves in half a day! The Cyclone duly arrived on the afternoon of Sunday 12th February 2023 at about 3.00pm





with relentless rain and strong winds and carried on until about dawn on Monday 13th February. It was very calm and still for the rest of the day until about 7.00pm on Monday night when it started raining heavily, although weirdly quiet as there was no strong wind to blow it about. This continued well into Tuesday morning and my son Nick was unable to get to work as there were two trees which had fallen across the shared drive. I



I looked out of my window at about 8.30am to see the valley completely flooded, and quickly realised we also had a power cut. Having no power meant we were unable to access the water from the water tanks on the property as it is reliant on electricity to pump the water to the taps etc. Fortunately, between us we managed to gather enough water to make my sons a cup of tea on the gas hob before they tackled the fallen trees with chainsaws. It took them most of the morning to clear the trees from the drive, and when they finally got to the bottom of the drive they discovered that the gravel driveway had been moved sideways by the sheer power of the water and dumped in the field to the left. Also there were some sections of the post and rail fences on the field boundaries which had simply been washed away. It was impossible to leave the property for about 3 days as the surface of the drive where it joined the access road over the bridge to the main road was so badly damaged that the only vehicles which could get over were 4 x 4 vehicles, or at least those that could navigate the giant potholes safely!

Fortunately, it was strangely calm all morning whilst the tree felling and clearing was happening, and we were beginning to think the worst was over and the storm had passed. The MetOffice had been warning of strong gale force winds for the Tuesday night and sure enough it blew with a vengeance. Winds of up to 80 to 90mph were battering us, and we watched/heard the wind change direction quite a few times. This seemed to be the tail end of the cyclone which had gone north and then turned round and headed south again. It then continued travelling to the middle of North Island causing even more damage and cutting some communities off completely.

Challenging as it had been for us, we subsequently discovered that some neighbours had lost everything with their houses washed down the hills with the landslips, or made so unsafe that they had to leave. Some poor folk had to watch a mature Orchard at the back of their property disappearing down the hill as the weight of the water driven landslip literally took out all the apple trees, breaking the trunks as they hurtled down the hillside. It was horrific to see the damage done.

*NB. A Tropical Cyclone is a cyclone in the tropics with an eye, strong wind, rain & lightning. Strength categorised from 1-5.*

*An Ex-Tropical Cyclone (or just Cyclone) is a cyclone not in the tropics, has strong wind, rain, maybe lightning. No category system.*

PS. I'm not saying my time in New Zealand was a complete disaster, as I did manage to have a brilliant holiday in between the two Cyclones when the weather was lovely!!!

*Pam Arnold*

## News From the Museum

### Museum Opening Times

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th April 10am - 4pm.

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presents a talk on

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### **The Cannon Ball**

We have a cast iron cannonball weighing approximately ten pounds at the museum. Some could weigh as heavy as 386 pounds. It was dug up in the garden of Mr G, Jones of The College, on the Hergest Road. It is said that he carried the ball as far as Church Bank and let it roll down into Kington. How did Mr Jones stop the cannonball at the right place? Does anyone have information about this?

Research has shown that the first balls were made from dressed stone, and that by the 1300s the first iron ones were made. As everyone knows naval ships had cannons firing using explosives, and Hereford had its own Roaring Meg defending the castle.

Cast iron cannons were introduced by a French artillery engineer - Samuel J Besh - after 1450. They had the capacity to reduce traditional English castle fortifications to rubble.

Castle Hill was known as Kington in the Fields in the 13th Century, but the cannonball is later than the date when the castle was demolished.

There was the battle of Pilleth near Presteigne in 1402, when Owain Glyndwr defeated the English. I ask if a cannonball from there could reach Kington? Another battle was at Evenjobb. The Welsh said it was an even job because neither the Welsh or the English soldiers won. It is said that that is how Evenjobb acquired its name.

The battle of Mortimer's Cross in 1461 in the War of the Roses was a famous battle, but not on the road that a cannonball could fall off the back of a cart to Kington. I know that cannonballs can travel quite a distance when shot.

Apparently horses were requisitioned from the farms to pull the carts that carried the cannonballs and other ammunition to the battle sites. Did it fall from a cart on the way to a battle? Or was it a war memento? A cannonball is rather a heavy object to carry home.

Our reserch has been unable to answer the question of how a cannonball came to Kington. Do any readers have any other information?

*Wendy Jones, Secretary*



## April Crossword

### 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)

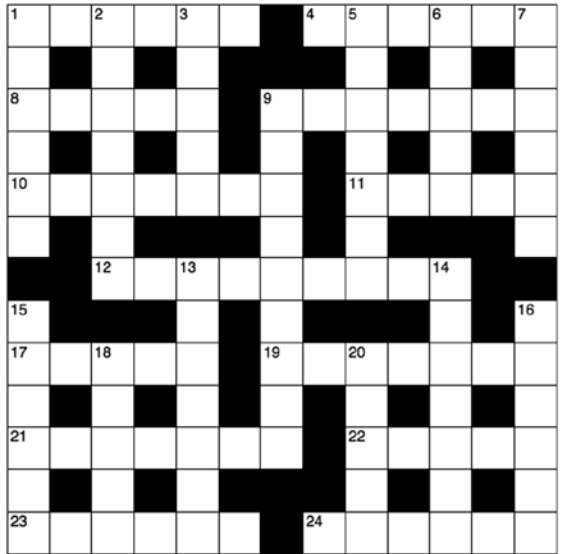
14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)

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)



### Answers to March Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation.

17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.

DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's.

13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.

## P & Q's Lent KBC

Throughout the period of Lent, 22 February to 6 April, we will continue our Friday 4pm group at Kington Baptist Church. We start with a cup of tea and a chat and then spend our time in the Book of Psalms – sharing thoughts and questions. All are welcome. *R. Ross*



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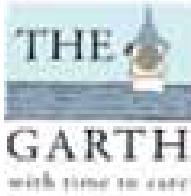
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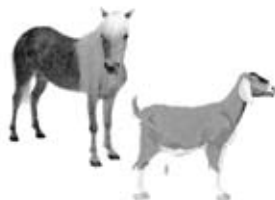
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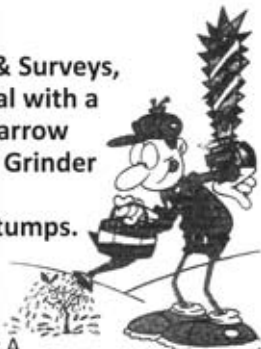
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